

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.

Date :

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1 April, 1944

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

- (1) "WARREGO" "YMS.336" "SC.737" escorting Convoy GB.70 ("SEA MARLIN" "C.CLEARE" "W.BEAUMONT" "POINT SAN PEDRO" "PULGANBAR") en route Langemak to Milne Bay (via Lae and Buna) were due 1100/1.
- (2) "SC.650" departed Milne Bay 0530/31 for Langemak but diverted to assist "ML.819" aground on Cape Vogel. "WATO" (tug) departed Milne Bay 1130/31 also to assist.
- (3) "TEAK" (AN) proceeding Milne Bay due April 2.
- (4) "VAN BUREN" "OGDEN" (DE) escorting "G.F.ELLIOT" proceeding Milne Bay due April 2.
- (5) "BARCOO" (PF) escorting "PANAMA EXPRESS" from North Foreland 1500/30 until 0600/31, then returning Milne Bay.
- (6) "MILDURA" (AMS) escorting "ESSO BAYWAY" departed Milne Bay 1500/30, later detaching to proceed Grafton Passage ETA 1500/1.
- (7) "LEOPARD" (IX) en route Caloundra to Milne Bay ETA 1500/4.
- (8) "YMS.50" proceeding to Thursday Island ETA 1600/1.
- (9) "BROOME" (AMS) conducting Grafton Passage A/S patrol.
- (10) "YMS's 11, 72" departed Caloundra 2245/31 Mar. for Cairns, for onward routing to Thursday Island and Darwin.
- (11) "YMS.70" departed Cairns 0700/31 for Brisbane ETA 1600/3.
- (12) "WHYALLA" (AMS) departed Caloundra 1823/31 for A/S patrol Sandy Cape area.
- (13) "MANUNDA" (AH) departed Sydney 1301/30 for Port Moresby ETA 0500/5.
- (14) "GEELONG" (AMS) departed Brisbane 1247/29 for Wide Bay.
- (15) "WARRNAMBOOL" (AMS) departed Sydney 0903/30 for A/S to Smoky Cape and return.
- (16) "POLLUX" (AKS) departed Milne Bay at 1100/28 for Sydney ETA 1300/2.
- (17) "ROCKHAMPTON" (AMS) en route Cairns to Sydney ETA 2200/4; thence to proceed to Port Adelaide by April 12 for refit.
- (18) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "INVERELL" escorting "FENNANT" to depart Thursday Island forthwith.

(c) In Harbour:

Admiralties:

Combat Units 5 DD : "THORN" "STEVENSON" "STOCKTON" "SWANSON"  
"GRAYSON"  
Escorts 18 PT : 1 DE: "HARMON" 1 ML: 425 2 YMS: 8, 46  
Auxiliaries 4 : "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "SAN PABLO" (AVP)  
"ETAMIN" (AK) "CHETCO" (AT)  
Merchantmen 6 : "P.BILLINGS" "J.P.BRADLEY" "P.T.DODDRIDGE"  
"B.MATTHEWS" "G.V.L.MEYER" "LYMAN STEWART"

Cape Gloucester:

Escorts 2 : 1 YMS: 313 1 PC: 1132  
Merchantmen 4 : "T.CRAWFORD" "H.T.RAINEY" "J.ROSSITER"  
"A.THOMAS"

Talasea:

Combat Units 14 PT  
Auxiliaries 1 : "HILO" (AGP)

Saidor:

Combat Units 12 PT  
Escorts 2 : 2 SC: 735, 982  
Merchantmen 2 : "JOHN I.NOLAN" "TIMOSHENKO"

Langemak:

Combat Units 20 FT  
Escorts 24 : 6 AMS: "BENDIGO" "ARARAT" "BUNBURY" "BENALLA"  
"COWRA" "STAWELL" 2 PC: 476, 1122  
4 YMS: 53, 315, 316, 334  
4 ML: 424, 805, 806, 816  
8 SC: 637, 648, 734, 744, 746, 747, 750,  
981.

Auxiliaries 11 : "TANGIER" (AV) "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "MERKUR" (AF)  
"VICTORIA" (AO) "BOOTES" "CELENO" (AK)  
"HUMPHREYS" "BROOKS" (APD) "TULSA" (PG)  
"BAYOU ST. JOHN" "SONOMA" (AT)  
Merchantmen 33 : "H.L.ABBOTT" "J.C.BAROSA" "BORGFRED"  
"D.F.BARRY" "J.BURROUGHS" "P.CHANDLER"  
"W.E.CHANNING" "T.M.COOLEY" "J.W.DAVIS"  
"COLORADO" "J.DOTY" "P.S.DUPONT" "ISOLATOR"  
"JAPARA" "E.JOHNSON" "LAKE ORMAC"  
"W.MCCRACKEN" "N.E.MACK" "MACTAN"  
"J.W.MELDRUM" "MORMACSEA" "S.G.PORTER"  
"RAMO" "A.ROBINSON" "SEA WITCH" "W.SPARRON"  
"CLAUS SPRECKLES" "J.ROSS" "STAGEN"  
"W.L.SUBJETTE" "ED.N.WESTCOTT" "S.M.WHITE"  
"YOCHOW"

Lae:

Escorts 2 : 2 ML: 428, 430  
Merchantmen 9 : "BOTH" "CAPE SPENCER" "A.S.HEWITT"  
"D.E.HUGHES" "W.S.LADD" "L.MERRITT"  
"NORINDIES" "RING IARDNER" "G.L.SMITH"

Buna - Oro Bay:

Combat Units 8 DD : "WILKES" "HOBBY" "GILLESPIE" "NICHOLSON"  
"ROE" "WELLES" "KALK" "REID"  
Escorts 10 : 2 PF: "LONGBEACH" "GLENDALE"  
KAPUNDA (AMS) 3 YMS: 71, 314, 393,  
1 ML: 816 2 PC: 1119, 1123 1 SC: 736  
Auxiliaries 15 : "TRINITY" (AO) "SANDS" "HERBERT" "SCHLEY"  
"KANE" (APD) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "POYANG" (AE)  
1 ARD "PING WO" (ASIS) "WINK" (IX)  
"POINT LOMA" (AT) "MORESBY" (AGS)  
"WESTRALIA" (APA) "RICEL" (AR) "DOBBIN" (AD)  
Merchantmen 16 : "ALCIBIADES" "R.S.BEAN" "BONTEKOE"  
"A.S.DUNIWAY" "M.FULLER" "M.T.HERRICK"  
"JANSSENS" "KARSIK" "MORMAGGULL"  
"F.M.QUINONES" "RAJAHSTAN" "REINJST"  
"J.SINGER" "O.SKINNER" "R.STUART"  
"WICHITA FALLS"

Kiriwina Is:

Merchantmen 2 : "AN HUI" "GEO. LUKS"

Woodlark Is:

Escorts 3 : "WAGGA" (AMS) 2 YMS: 50, 335  
Merchantmen 2 : "D.D.FIELD" "J.S.MANSFIELD"

Goodenough Is:

Escorts 1 AMS  
Auxiliaries 6  
Merchantmen 3

: "GOULBURN"  
: "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA"  
: "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "MIZAR" (AF) "COUCAL" (ASR)  
: "MANA" "M.THWAITES" "VAN SWOLL"

\* Milne Bay:

Combat Units 2 CA  
3 CL  
15 DD

: "SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"  
: "NASHVILLE" "PHOENIX" "BOISE"  
: "HURCHINS" "DALY" "BACHE" "MULLANY"  
: "ABNER READ" "AMMEN" "BEALE" "BUSH" "ARUNTA"  
: "WARRAMUNGA" "ERBEN" "WALKER" "HALE" "ABBOTT"  
: "STEMBEL"

12 PT

\* Note: Special operational movements forward of Milne Bay not shown.

Escorts 3 PF  
7 SC  
5 AMS

: "SAN PEDRO" "CORONADO" "WORCESTER"  
: 699, 703, 732, 738, 741, 742, 748  
: "KIAMA" "BUNDABERG" "CASTLEMAINE" "BOWEN"  
: "GYMPIE"

7 PC : 477, 1120, 1124, 1131, 1132, 1133, 1134

5 YMS : 9, 10, 48, 52, 73

6 ML : 427, 431, 801, 802, 817, 818

Auxiliaries 22

: "AASE MAERSK" (AO) "HALF MOON" (AVP)  
: "GILMER" (APD) "OTUS" "EURYALE" (AS)  
: "KOOPA" (AGP) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "YUNNAN" (AE)  
: "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG) "SHEPPARTON" (AGS)  
: "SOLACE" (AH) "RESERVE" (AT) "TRIANGULUM" (AK)  
: "ANDREW DORIA" "VILLALOBOS" "PANDA" (IX)  
: "ALABASTER" (PYC) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS)

Merchantmen 74

1 ARD 3 YP: 278, 280, 283  
: "E.G.ACHESON" "ALCOA PATRIOT" "ARANSAS PASS"  
: "AUN" "W.B.AYER" "J.BARBARA" "BARBARA C"  
: "S.K.BARLOW" "S.K.BOLIVAR" "J.G.BRADY"  
: "S.BRANNON" "BRITISH HONOUR" "J.CABRILLO"  
: "CAPE DOUGLAS" "CEPALU" "CITY OF PHILADELPHIA"  
: "CONTESSA" "J.DEERE" "F.H.DODD"  
: "DON MARQUIS" "WM.DYER" "L.L.DYCHE"  
: "EMPRESS SILVER" "ESSO HARRISBURG"  
: "ESSO MANHATTAN" "JOHN EVANS" "G.E.K.FITCH"  
: "EXIRIA" "M.FLINDERS" "HADLEY" "A.B.HAMMOND"  
: "J.HENRY" "B.F.IRVINE" "KATOOMBA"  
: "L.S.KELLY" "O.KELLY" "LURLINE"  
: "F.B.LINDERMANN" "J.MCLEAN" "B.MATTHEWS"  
: "MEXICO" "MIDWEST FARMER" "MONTAUK POINT"  
: "W.V.MOODY" "NARVIK" "T.NELSON"  
: "JEAN NICOLET" "NORAB" "NORIKIWA" "PAHUD"  
: "JAMES D.PHALAN" "AGWI PRINCE" "M.ROBERTSON"  
: "A.REHAN" "W.B.ROGERS" "SEA BARD" "SHAWNEE"  
: "SIBIGO" "W.C.SQUIRE" "STANVAC WELLINGTON"  
: "T.W.SYMONS" "TABINTA" "J.THOMAS"  
: "M.THORNTON" "THUNDERER" "GEO.VANCOUVER"  
: "VAN DER LIJN" "M.WALKER" "WEST CACTUS"  
: "J.M.WHISTLER" "H.V.WHITE" "K.D.WIGGIN"  
: "D.WRIGHT" "E.YOUNG"

Port Moresby

Escorts 1  
Merchantmen 11

: ML: 426  
: "BALIKPAPAN" "CANBERRA" "E.CHAMBERS"  
: "C.DARROW" "GORGON" "HANYANG" "G.R.HEBARD"  
: "MONTORO" "ORMLISTON" "STIKLESTAD" "TAROONA"

Merauke:

Escorts 1

: SC: 731

Thursday Is:

Escorts 5

: 2 YMS: 49, 50 3 AMS: "KALGOORLIE" "INVERELL"  
: "PIRIE"

Auxiliaries 2

: "BUNGAREE" (CM) "POLARIS" (AGS)

Cairns:

Escorts 9

: 3 AMS: "GLENELG" "TOWNSVILLE" "BALLARAT"

Auxiliaries 4

1 PC: 479 3 ML: 804, 811, 820 2 YMS: 47, 51  
: "PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD "GANYMEDE" (AK)  
1 YP: 291

Townsville:

Auxiliaries 1

: "SHIKELLAMY" (AOG)

Mackay:  
 Auxiliaries 1 : "HERON" (AVP)

Gladstone:  
 Auxiliaries 2 : 1 YDG 1 ARD

Brisbane:  
 Escorts 5 : 1 PS: "SWAN" 2 SC: 745, 749 2 ML: 808, 821  
 Auxiliaries 11 : "WHIPPOORWILL" (AW) "ALGORAB" (AKA) "GOLDSTAR"  
 (AG) "KURUMBA" (AO) "TASMAN" (AH)  
 2 YP: 233, 236 "PYRO" (AE) "CARONDOLET"  
 "KAILUA" "ST. MARY" (IX)

Sydney:  
 Combat Units 1 CL : "HOBART" (Refitting)  
 2 DD : "VENDETTA" "STUART"  
 Escorts 15 : 1 PF: "GASCOYNE" 2 PS: "SAVORGNANDE" "BRAZZA"  
 5 AMS: "COLAC" "DELORAINNE" "ECHUCA" "GLADSTONE"  
 "KATOOMBA" 4 AS: "KYBRA" "YANDRA" "AB. CRIJNSSSEN"  
 "DOOMBA" 3 ML: 807, 822, 823  
 Auxiliaries 4 : "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "OCTANS" (AF) "CALEDONIAN"  
 SALVOR" (ARS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG)

Melbourne:  
 Escorts 2 AMS : "LITHGOW" "PREMANTLE" (Refitting)  
 Auxiliary 1 : "YUMA" (AT)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Buin Shortlands - Night March 28-29 PT boats received indications of 3 possible submarines off South West Bougainville Coast.
- (2) Empress Augusta Bay - P.M. March 29 our ground troops completed consolidation of Hill 260. Additional 202 dead Japs have been counted. Our patrols operating north of the perimeter report the enemy apparently fighting a rearguard action.  
 P.M. March 28 U/S destroyers bombarded enemy positions East of Torokina perimeter. During the nights March 28/29 U/S destroyers bombarded enemy ground positions Empress Augusta Bay area.
- (3) New Ireland - Photos Kavieng March 30 reveal Kavieng and Panapai runways still unserviceable; 1 fighter, 2 bombers at Kavieng and 16 small craft mostly barges in the Harbour.
- (4) Simberi Island - At 0600/29 U/S carrier based aircraft attacked and probably destroyed a small vessel West of Simberi Is. with a rocket strafing attack. The vessel was forced to beach.
- (5) Rabaul - Photos March 30 reveal Lakunai, Eobera, Rapope and Keravat runways unserviceable and the coral strip at Vunakanau unserviceable but the concrete strip serviceable. A total of 6 aircraft were revealed on the airfields and one flying boat and one floatplane in Harbour. Shipping comprised 271 barges.
- (6) New Britain - A.M. March 30 10 R.A.A.F. Kittyhawks attacked the Pondo Point-Ubili area and a/a positions on Carove Island.
- (7) Hollandia - March 31 68 Liberators again struck Hollandia and Cyclops airfields dropping 140 tons of various type bombs, including incendiaries.  
 Photos of Hollandia dromes taken prior to our heavy attack March 30 reveal a total of 239 aircraft on all strips, while photos taken following the strike March 31, revealed only 77 remaining, including some possibly damaged, indicating a total of 162 aircraft destroyed on the ground, while an additional 23 definites and 12 probables were claimed destroyed in the area. Our losses for these two days operations included 1 fighter.
- (8) Hollandia-Vanimo - Shipping sightings this area: March 29 and 30 indicate continued small type shipping activity. Sightings March 30 indicated 3 small Coastal freighters and approximately 40 barges in the area between Humboldt Bay and Vanimo.
- (9) Wewak-Aitape - Further sightings of barges were reported in this area March 30, indicating constant movement along the Coast between Hollandia and Wewak.  
 At least 8 barges were visible around Wewak March 30.  
 A.M. March 30, 5 transport aircraft were observed on But airfield, but all four strips in Wewak area were reported practically deserted. Another report indicates a total of 7 fighters of undetermined serviceability were observed grounded this area A.M. March 30. March 31, Wewak area was struck by Bostons and Mitchells, but full details are not yet available.

- (10) Greenwich Island - Five Soupac Destroyers attacked enemy installations at Kapingamarangi (Greenwich Is.) March 28 (see Naval Incidents).
- (11) Admiralty Island and Emirau Is. - Our ground forces continue to consolidate their positions.

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2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At sea to 1200/1:

- (1) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting "W. PROUSE" departed West Bay 1600/31 for Darwin ETA. 2000/1.
- (2) "WILCANNIA" (AMS) escorting Convoy TD.49 (3 MV) departed Thursday Island 0827/29 for Darwin ETA. 1130/2.
- (3) 13 Submarines on Patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Escorts	4	:	1 AMS: "LATROBE"	3 ML: 429, 809, 816
Merchantment	1	:	"J.W. TROY"	

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Kai Island - Photos March 30 reveal 6 aircraft including 5 fighters on Langgoer strip. Nil aircraft at Faan where runway appeared serviceable.
- (2) Timor - Night March 30 3 Beauforts and 7 Mitchells attacked Penfoi. A.M. March 31 8 Beaufighters attacked shipping in Tenau Harbour and Semoae Strait strafing 3 small coastal freighters one of which was believed destroyed, also scoring hits on 2 large oil barges and several other small craft including barges encountered in the area. Several of these small craft were also believed destroyed.

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At sea to 1200/1:

"DUNTRON" (AP) departed Adelaide 1630/28 for Fremantle ETA 0600/2.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat Units	1 CL	:	"ADELAIDE"	
Escorts	6	:	"HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS)	1 SC: 739 3 ML: 812 824, 826
Auxiliaries	8	:	"WANGANELLA" (AH) "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" (AM) "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR)	1 YP: 826 1 ARD.

Exmouth Gulf:

Auxiliaries	3	:	"CHILDS" (AV) "W.P. PRESTON" (AVD)	1 YP: 288
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B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Truk - Further details of successful Soupac Liberator daylight raid on Truk March 29, indicates of the 90 intercepting fighters encountered during this attack the following damage was inflicted by our aircraft:
- |             |                    |
|-------------|--------------------|
| 31 fighters | Destroyed          |
| 12 "        | Probably destroyed |
| 10 "        | Damaged            |

(1) Truk (contd) - At 1930/29 6 Cenpac Liberators also attacked Eten and Moen Islands starting fires.

At 0415/30 2 Soupac Liberators again bombed Truk scoring hits on Dublin and Moen. At 1153/30 another 11 Soupac Liberators again bombed Moen from 18,000 feet scoring hits on runway and revetment area. 30-40 enemy fighters intercepted of which 11 were destroyed and 2 other probably destroyed, for the loss of 1 Liberator and 5 others damaged.

Photos of Moen air strip, March 30 reveal 18 fighters 4 dive and 20 medium bombers.

(2) Woleai - Midnight March 30 - 3 Souwestpac Catalinas again bombed Woleai causing fires. Possibly 6 airborne enemy aircraft were sighted during the attack, but no interception was reported.

(3) Palau - Dawn March 30, strong U/S Task force, including carriers, from Centralpac commenced heavy air attacks on Palau Island. A convoy of 19 merchant vessels and combat Units, including 1 Battleship, 1 light cruiser and 2 destroyers, observed heading away to the North West from Palau March 29 - were probably retiring from the area in anticipation of our attack.

(4) Marshalls - A.M. March 25 our forces occupied Namu Atoll, 40 miles South East of Kwajalein)

A.M. March 29 Centralpac Dauntless, Mitchells and Corsairs, and Hellcats, continued their attacks on Wotje, Mille, Jalhit, and Taroa.

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### C. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

#### ENEMY FORCES

Submarine activity - A German submarine was located by D/F in the area about 200 miles S.W. of Ceylon, night 29-30 March. This unit may be responsible for a sinking prior to midday 29 March, as indicated by wreckage and a raft seen by aircraft in this area at that time. The victim may be a trawler which is reported overdue at Colombo.

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#### NAVAL INCIDENTS

(1) Palau - No details are yet available concerning a heavy U/S Task force strike on Palau which commenced dawn March 30.

A U/S submarine reports scoring 2 probable torpedo hits on the battleship reported retiring to the North West from Palau March 29. This vessel was later reported to be steaming at 22 knots, indicating that these forces were apparently retiring to the North West in anticipation of our heavy attack on this base.

(2) Kapingamarangi (Greenwich Is.) - 5 Soupac Destroyers bombarded this Atoll area March 28, destroying practically all buildings with the exception of 1 concrete structure which was damaged. 572 rounds of 5" and 430 rounds of 40 mm. were expended during the attack. Nil opposition was encountered and nil shipping or float planes observed in the area.

(3) Manokwari (New Guinea) - March 28 a U/S Submarine reports sinking a medium cargo vessel at Manokwari and sighting another small vessel escorting many barges in this area.

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#### ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

- (1) Increased naval and air strength Malayan theatre.
- (2) Withdrawal of forward positions in Bismarcks.
- (3) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North Coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.
- (4) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.
- (5) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive submarine activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marianas
<u>BB</u>	-	(4) IDAHO NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA TENNESSEE	-	MUSASHI
<u>CV (L)</u>	-	-	-	(2) ZUIHO RYUHO
<u>CA</u>	(2) AUSTRALIA SHEROPSHIRE	-	-	(6) ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI MYOKO HAGURO MAYA
<u>CL</u>	(4) BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX * HOBART	(8) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONT PELIER DENVER HONOLULU ST LOUIS BIRMINGHAM * LEANDER	-	(3) OYODO YUBARI NOSHIRO
<u>CL (T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA
<u>AV/CVS</u>	TANGIER	(2) WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	-	(2) AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	(2) HALF MOON SAN PABLO	BAILLARD	-	3
<u>DD</u>	(29) ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA REID AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS HOBBY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES STOCKFON STEVENSON THORN ABNER READ ROE GRAYSON NICHOLSON WILKES	Approx. 45            ERBEN WALKER HALE ABBOTT STEMBEL	-	20

\* Non-effective

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marianas
<u>S</u>	(7) BASHAW BLACKFISH DACE DARTER FLOUNDER SCAMP SILVERSIDES	) ) ) On Patrol ) ) ) )	15	25
	(4) S.42 S.47 BLUEGILL CERO	) ) At Milne Bay ) )		
	K.9	At Sydney		
	K.12	At Melbourne		
	Approx. 85	Approx. 110	?	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	(11) H.T.ALLEN KANIMBLA WESTRALIA ALGORAB GILMER KANE SCHLEY SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS HERBERT	10 APA 10 APD 5 AKA		
<u>AGC</u>	BLUE RIDGE		-	-
<u>AS</u>	(2) OPUS EURYALE		?	?
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN		-	-
<u>AR</u>	(3) RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS	PROMETHEUS		
<u>AIRCRAFT</u> (N.E.Area only)				
Fighters (incl. 18 twin-eng.)		190		
Light & M/Bombers		133		
Torpedo & D/Bombers		2		
Flying Boats		1		
Floatplanes		14		
Obsn A/c		20		

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CA</u>	-	(2) NACHI } <u>Poss.</u> ASHIGARA } <u>Japan</u>
<u>CL</u>	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	(3) ABUKUMA TAMA KISO
<u>DD</u>	9	10
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx. 4



3. CENTRAL PACIFIC - EMPIRE

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	(14)	INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA IOWA WASHINGTON NEW JERSEY MASSACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA * OKLAHOMA	(5)	ISE YAMASHIRO HYUGA YAMATO MUTSU (prob. sunk)
<u>CV</u>	(6)	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL	-	
<u>CV(L)</u>	(7)	COW PENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY * INDEPENDENCE	(3)	TAIHO (en route South) HITAKA * HAYATAKA
<u>(T)</u>	-				HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	(25)	COPAHEE SANGANON SUWANMEE CHENANGO CORAL SEA BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU SANTEE CASABLANCA CORREGIDOR ALTAMAHA	WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MANILA BAY NATOMA BAY MEHENTA BAY	(5)	CHITOSE JINYO KAIYO * OTAKA * UNYO
<u>CA</u>	(13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE	-	
<u>OCA</u>	-			6	
<u>CL</u>	(7)	SANTA FE SAN DIEGO MOBILE BILOXI	OAKLAND * RENO * CONCORD	(3)	* NAGARA * NATORI * ISUZU
<u>CL(T)</u>	-				KASHII
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-			5	
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 85			20 (several repairing)	
<u>(S)</u>	Approx. 30			Approx. 25	
<u>AS</u>	?			2 (one repairing)	

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

CL TRENTON

\* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

	Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
	-	(3) QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN	(4) NAGATO KONGO HARUNA FUSO
<u>CV</u>	-	(2) ILLUSTRIOUS SARATOGA	(2) ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV (E)</u>	-	(4) BATTLER UNICORN SHAH RANEE	CHIYODA
<u>CA</u>	-	(6) SUSSEX SUFFOLK HAWKINS FROBISHER LONDON CUMBERLAND	(6) AOBA KUMANO SUZUYU CHIKUMA MOGAMI TONE
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	(9) CARADOC NEWCASTLE CEYLON DANAE KENYA TROMP GAMBIA EMERALD VAN HEEMSKERK	(4) YAHAGI OI KINU * KITAGAMI
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(2) CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	* KAMOI
<u>XCL</u>	-	(2) CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	-
<u>DD</u>	-	Approx. 27	25
<u>SS</u>	(13) ANGLER LAPON ) BLUEFISH MINGO ) BOWFIN NORWHALE ) CABRILLA PUFFER ) GUNNEL RASHER ) HADDO RATON ) HAKE )	Approx. 15 On Patrol	17 (incl. 6 German)
	(11) BILLFISH JACK ) BONEFISH RAY ) COD REDFIN ) CREVALLE ROBALO ) FLASHER K.15 ) HOE )	At Fremantle	
<u>AS</u>	(2) PELIAS ORION		
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area only)</u>			
Fighters (incl. 12 twin-eng)		107	
Light & M/Bombers		39	
Torpedo & D/Bombers		-	
Flying boats		-	
Floatplanes		42	
Obsn. A/c		16	

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.

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Date : 2 April, 1944

PART I.4. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/2:

- (1) "ML.819" aground on Cape Vogel. "WATO" (Tug) departed Milne Bay 1130/31 to assist.
- (2) "LOEPARD" (IX) en route Caloundra to Milne Bay ETA 1500/4.
- (3) "BROOME" (AMS) conducting Grafton Passage A/S patrol.
- (4) "YMS's 11, 72" departed Caloundra 2245/31 Mar. for Cairns, for onward routing to Thursday Island and Darwin.
- (5) "YMS.70" departed Cairns 0700/31 for Brisbane ETA 1600/3.
- (6) "YP.291" departed Cairns 1000/1 for Thursday Is. ETA 1200/4.
- (7) "SHIKELIAMY" (AOG) departed Townsville 1830/1 for Brisbane ETA 1530/4.
- (8) "WHYALLA" (AMS) departed Caloundra 1823/31 for A/S patrol Sandy Cape area.
- (9) "DOOMBA" (A/S) departed Sydney 0854/1 on A/S patrol to Smoky Cape and return.
- (10) "MANUNDA" (AH) departed Sydney 1301/30 for Port Moresby ETA 0500/5.
- (11) "GEELONG" (AMS) departed Brisbane 1247/29 for Wide Bay.
- (12) "POLLUX" (AKS) departed Milne Bay at 1100/28 for Sydney ETA 1300/2.
- (13) "ROCKHAMPTON" (AMS) en route Cairns to Sydney ETA 2200/4; thence to proceed to Port Adelaide by April 12 for refit.
- (14) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "GANYMEDE" (AK) to depart Cairns 1200/2 for Milne Bay.
- (2) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) to depart Caloundra 1900/2 for Milne Bay ETA China Strait 0800/8.
- (3) "BUNDABERG" "CASTLEMAINE" "BOWEN" (AMS) to depart Milne Bay 3 April for Langemak to relieve "BENDIGO" "COWRA" "ARARAT" (AMS)

(c) In Harbour:Admiralties:

Combat Units	7 DD	: "THORN" "STEVENSON" "STOCKTON" "SWANSON" "GRAYSON" "ROE" "STEMBELL"
Escorts	20 PT 6	: 1 DE: "HARMON" 2 SC: 747, 750 1 ML: 425 2 YMS: 8, 46
Auxiliaries	6	: "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "ETAMIN" (AK) "CHETCO" "SONOMA" (AT) "COUCAL" (ASR)
Merchantmen	6	: "F.BILLINGS" "J.P.BRADLEY" "P.T.DODDRIDGE" "B.MATTHEWS" "G.V.L.MEYER" "LYMAN STEWART"

Cape Gloucester:  
Escorts 4 : "STAWELL" "BUNBURY" (AMS) 1 YMS: 313  
1 PC: 1122  
Merchantmen 3 : "T.CRAWFORD" "H.T.RAINEY" "J.ROSSITER"

Talasea:  
Combat Units 14 PT  
Auxiliaries 1 : "HILO" (AGP)

Saïdor:  
Combat Units 12 PT  
Escorts 2 : 1 PC: 1132 1 SC: 982  
Merchantmen 3 : "JOHN I.NOLAN" "TIMOSHENKO" "COMARA"

Langemak:  
Combat Units 21 PT  
Escorts 20 : 1 PF: "SAN PEDRO" 5 AMS: "BENDIGO" "ARARAT"  
"BENALLA" "COWRA" "KAPUNDA" 1 PC: 476  
2 YMS: 315, 316 4 ML: 424, 803, 806, 816  
7 SC: 637, 648, 650, 734, 744, 746, 981  
Auxiliaries 11 : "TANGIER" (AV) "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "MERKUR"  
(AF) "VICTORIA" (AO) "BOOTES" "CELENO" (AK)  
"HUMPHREYS" "BROOKS" (APD) "TULSA" (PG)  
"BAYOU ST.JOHN" (AT) "MINK" (IX)  
Merchantmen 35 : "H.T.ABBOTT" "J.C.BAROSA" "J.BURROUGHS"  
"P.CHANDLER" "W.E.CHANNING" "T.M.CODLEY"  
"J.W.DAVIS" "COLORADO" "J.DOFY" "P.S.DUPONT"  
"M.FULLER" "M.GRIFFITHS" "ISOLATOR"  
"JAPARA" "W.McCRACKEN" "N.E.MACK" "MACTAN"  
"MANA" "J.W.MELDRUM" "MORMAGULL"  
"MORMACSEA" "S.G.PORTER" "F.M.QUINONES"  
"A.ROBINSON" "SEA WITCH" "W.SPARRON"  
"CLAUS SPRECKLES" "J.ROSS" "STAGEN"  
"R.STUART" "W.L.SUBJETTE" "A.THOMAS"  
"ED.N.WESTCOTT" "S.M.WHITE" "YOCROW"

Lae:  
Escorts 2 : 2 ML: 428, 430  
Merchantmen 12 : "D.F.BARRY" "BORGFRED" "BOTH" "CAPE SPENCER"  
"A.S.HEWITT" "D.E.HUGHES" "W.S.LADD"  
"L.MERRITT" "NORINDIES" "RING LARDNER"  
"R.STUART" "G.L.SMITH"

Buna-Oro Bay:  
Combat Units 1 CL : "PHOENIX"  
7 DD : "WILKES" "HOBBY" "GILLESPIE" "NICHOLSON"  
"WELLES" "KALK" "REID"  
Escorts 15 : 2 PF: "LONGBEACH" "GLENDALE" 1 PS: "WARREGO"  
5 YMS: 53, 71, 314, 334, 336, 393  
1 ML: 816 2 PC: 1119, 1123 3 SC: 735, 736  
737  
Auxiliaries 14 : "TRINITY" (AO) "SANDS" "HERBERT" "SCHLEY"  
"KANE" (APD) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "POYANG" (AB)  
1 ARD. "PING WO" (ASIS) "POINT LOMA" (AT)  
"MORESBY" (AGS) "WESTRALIA" (APA) "RIGEL" (AR)  
"DOBBIN" (AD)  
Merchantmen 16 : "ALCIBIADES" "R.S.BEAN" "BONPEKOE" "F.H.DODD"  
"A.B.HAMMOND" "A.S.DUNWAY" "M.T.HERRICK"  
"JANSSENS" "KARSIK" "RAJAHSTAN" "J.SINGER"  
"O.SKINNER" "J.M.WHISTLER" "WICHITA FALLS"  
"D.WRIGHT" "E.YOUNG"

Kiriwina Is:  
Merchantmen 2 : "ANHUI" "GEO.LUKS"

Woodlark Is:  
Escorts 3 : "WAGGA" (AMS) 2 YMS: 50, 335  
Merchantmen 2 : "D.D.FIELD" "J.S.MANSFIELD"

Goodenough Is:  
Escorts 1 AMS : "GOULBURN" (AMS)  
Auxiliaries 5 : "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "KANIMBLA" "MANOCRA"  
"H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "MIZAR" (AF)  
Merchantmen 3 : "REIJNST" "M.THWAITES" "VAN SWOLL"

Milne Bay:  
Combat Units 2 CA : "SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"  
2 CL : "NASHVILLE" "BOISE"  
15 DD : "HUTCHINS" "DALY" "BACHE" "MULLANY" "ABNER  
READ" "AMEN" "BEALE" "BUSH" "ARUNTA"  
"WARRAMUNGA" "ERBEN" "WALKER" "HALE" "ABBOTT"  
7 PT : "HARRISON"

\* Milne Bay (Contd.)

\* Note: Special operational movements forward of Milne Bay not shown.

Escorts	5 PF	:	"CORONADO" "WORCESTER" "VAN BUREN" "OGDEN" "BARCOO"
	7 SC	:	699, 703, 732, 738, 741, 742, 748
	5 AMS	:	"KIAMA" "BUNDABERG" "CASTLEMAINE" "BOWEN" "GYMPIE"
	7 PC	:	47, 1120, 1124, 1131, 1132, 1133, 1134
	5 YMS	:	9, 10, 48, 52, 73
	6 ML	:	427, 431, 801, 802, 817, 818
Auxiliaries	29	:	"AASE MAERSK" (AO) "HALF MOON" (AVP) "MEDUSA" (AR) "GILMER" (APD) "HARRY LEE" "ZEILIN" "ORMSLEY" "WINDSOR" (APA) "VIRGO" (AKA) "OPUS" "EURYALE" (AS) "KOOPA" (AGP) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "YUNNAN" (AE) "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG) TEAK (AN) "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) "SOLACE" (AH) "RESERVE" (AT) "TRIANGULUM" (AK) "ANDREW DORIA" "VILLALOBOS" "PANDA" (IX) "ALABASTER" (FYC) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) 1 ARD 3 YP: 278, 280, 283
Merchantmen	70	:	"E.G. ACHESON" "ARANSAS PASS" "AUN" "W.B. AYER" "J. BARBARA" "BARBARA C" "S.K. BARLOW" "W. BEAUMONT" "S.K. BOLIVAR" "J.G. BRADY" "S. BRANNON" "BRITISH HONOUR" "J. CABRILLO" "CAPE CLEARE" "CAPE DOUGLAS" "CEPALU" "CITY OF PHILADELPHIA" "CONTESSA" "J. DEERE" "DON MARQUIS" "WM. DYER" "L.L. DYCHE" "G.F. ELLIOT" "EMPRESS SILVER" "ESSO HARRISBURG" "ESSO MANHATTAN" "JOHN EVANS" "G.E.K. FITCH" "EXIRIA" "M. FLINDERS" "HADLEY" "J. HENRY" "B.F. IRVINE" "KATOOMBA" "L.S. KELLY" "LAKE ORMAC" "J. LANE" "LURLINE" "F.B. LINDERMANN" "J. MCLEAN" "B. MATTHEWS" "J. LYKES" "MEXICO" "MIDWEST FARMER" "MONTAUK POINT" "W.V. MOODY" "NARVIK" "T. NELSON" "JEAN NICOLET" "NORAB" "JAMES D. PHALAN" "POINT SAN PEDRO" "AGWI PRINCE" "M. ROBERTSON" "A. REHAN" "W.B. ROGERS" "SEA BARD" "SEA MARLIN" "W.C. SQUIRE" "T.W. SYMONS" "TAWALI" "J. THOMAS" "M. THORNTON" "THUNDERER" "GEO. VANCOUVER" "VAN DER LIJN" "M. WALKER" "WEST CACTUS" "H.V. WHITE" "K.D. WIGGIN" "
Port Moresby:			
Escorts	1	:	ML: 426
Merchantmen	11	:	"BALIKPAPAN" "CANBERRA" "E. CHAMBERS" "C. DARROW" "GORGON" "HANYANG" "G.R. HEBARD" "MONTORO" "ORMISTON" "STIKLESTAD" "TAROONA"
Merauke:			
Escorts	1	:	SC: 731
Thursday Is:			
Escorts	4	:	2 YMS: 49, 50 2 AMS: "KALGOORLIE" "PIRIE"
Auxiliaries	2	:	"BUNGAREE" (CM) "POLARIS" (AGS)
Cairns:			
Escorts	10	:	4 AMS: "GLENELG" "MILDURA" "TOWNSVILLE" "BALLARAT" 1 PC: 479 3 ML: 804, 811, 820 2 YMS: 47, 51
Auxiliaries	3	:	"PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD "GANYMEDE" (AK)
Mackay:			
Auxiliaries	1	:	"HERON" (AVP)
Gladstone:			
Auxiliaries	2	:	1 YDG 1 ARD
Brisbane:			
Escorts	5	:	1 PS: "SWAN" 2 SC: 745, 749, 2 ML: 808, 821
Auxiliaries	11	:	"WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "ALGORAB" (AKA) "GOLD STAR" (AG) "KURUMBA" (AO) "TASMAN" (AH) 2 YP: 233, 236 "PYRO" (AE) "CARONDOLET" "KAILUA" "ST. MARY" (IX)

Sydney:

Combat Units	1 CL	:	"HOBART" (Refitting)
	2 DD	:	"VENDETTA" "STUART"
Escorts	14	:	1 PF: "GASCOYNE" 1 PS: "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA"
		:	6 AMS: "COLAC" "DELOIRINE" "ECHUCA"
		:	"GLADSTONE" "KATOOMBA" "WARRNAMBOOL"
		:	3 AS: "KYBRA" "YANDRA" "AB. CRIJNSSEN"
		:	3 ML: 807, 822, 823
Auxiliaries	4	:	"BISHOPDALE" (AO) "OCTANS" (AF)
		:	"CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG)

Melbourne:

Escorts	2 AMS	:	"LITHGOW" "FREMANTLE" (Refitting)
Auxiliaries	1	:	"YUMA" (AT)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Empress Augusta Bay - Another hill feature outside Eastern sector of the perimeter was occupied by our troops 30 March, after 30 enemy had been killed. Patrols to the N.W. as far as Laruma River made no enemy contact. On the track to Numa Numa towards the N.E. patrols met some enemy resistance probably continued rearguard action.

During 30 March coastal targets were attacked by 6 Dauntless and 9 Avengers and 6 fighters.

On 31 March coastal targets and river crossings were effectively attacked by 27 Dauntless and 12 Avengers.

- (2) Numa Numa - On 31 March Numa Numa supply area was bombed and strafed by 25 Aircobras and Lightnings.

- (3) Rabaul - At 1108/30 Vunapope was bombed by 24 Mitchells starting fires and exploding a probable ammunition dump. At 1110/30 Vunakanau was bombed by 36 Dauntless 22 Avengers which scored hits on both the concrete and coral runways and on gun positions. Simultaneously the S.W. portion of Rabaul town was raided by 10 Lightnings dropping incendiaries and starting large fires.

Also a.m. 30 March shipping in Keravia Bay was attacked by 18 Dauntless and 6 Avengers. Confirmed hits were scored on a small freighter and the hulk of a warship described as a destroyer. Later Dauntlesses scored further hits on the hulk and sank a small freighter in a cove N.W. of Praed Point.

Between 1940/30-0245/31 Vunapope and Rataval supply areas were bombed intermittently by 6 Mitchells. At 1050/31 Lakunai airfield was attacked by 50 Dauntless and 18 Avengers. 10 gun positions were hit in addition to the runway. At 1145/31 a small freighter which had been hit on 30 March was again attacked by 6 Avengers and 6 Dauntless. Also a.m. 31 March Rataval and Vunapope supply areas and N.E. portion of Rabaul town were bombed by 23 Mitchells, 14 Lightnings, 11 Warhawks. At 1515/31 warehouses and supplies in the Talili Bay area were bombed by 17 Dauntless 12 Avengers.

During 31 March fighter sweeps around E.E. New Britain and Southern New Ireland destroyed 3 trucks, a gun position, an ammunition dump, sank 2 barges and completed the destruction of the cargo vessel previously attacked in Keravia Bay.

- (4) Admiralty Islands - Pityilu Island was completely occupied by our forces by 1230/30 and the island cleared of enemy except for a few snipers by 1530/31: 58 Japs were killed during the operation, our casualties were 7 killed 15 wounded.

On Manus Island mopping up continues accompanied by a drive South from Lorengau.

After shelling by our surface craft landings were made by our forces 1 April on Ndirilo and Koruniat Islands (immediately N.W. of Los Negros Island). Some opposition was encountered from Koruniat but Ndirilo was completely occupied by 1800/1.

On Los Negros Island several Japs had been killed whilst attempting to cross Loniu Passage to Manus Island.

Natives report through patrols landed by PT boats that there are no Japs left in the Southwestern - Western - North coast area of Manus Island from Alacrity Point to Bunbralis Mission.

Up to 1800/31 total known enemy dead in the Admiralties numbered 2810 with an estimated total of 4-500 remaining effectives scattered in small groups.

(5) Talasea Area - Patrols operating East from Talasea report some enemy contacts including approximately 30 Japs at Kongo (on the trail at the base of Stettin Bay).

(6) Wakde - Photographs midday 31 March show: -  
Wakde airfield : 24 F 13 LB 21 MB  
Sawar : 7 F 1 LB  
(13 miles East  
Wakde on main-  
land)

This is the first time that aircraft have been reported on Sawar aerodrome.

(6) Hollandia - Sightings during the air strike 31 March include several small probable sea trucks, luggers and a number of barges off the coast in addition to approximately 100 barges scattered over Sentani Lake.

(7) Aitape - a.m. 31 March, co-ordinated with the heavy air strike on Hollandia, Tadji airfields were raided by 23 escorted Bostons. At approximately 1100/1 Tadji area was again bombed and strafed by 44 Mitchells and one squadron of Bostons with fighter escort. A large building was set on fire and another demolished while the stores and personnel areas were well covered during the strikes.

(7) Hansa Bay Area - The stores and camp areas at Uligan were bombed and strafed 0800/31 by 12 Bostons and similar targets at Bogia at 1430/31 by another 12 Bostons.

(8) Bogadjim Area - Our advanced elements moving up the Bogadjim road reached the outskirts of Yaula on 31 March against slight opposition. A number of enemy prepared positions in this area have been evacuated.

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## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (i) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/2:

- (1) "INVERELL" (AMS) escorting "PENNANT" departed Thursday Island 2145/1 for Darwin ETA 1100/4.  
(2) 13 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

##### Darwin:

Escorts	6	:	3 AMS: "COOTAMUNDRA" "LATROBE" "WILCANNIA"
			3 ML: 429, 809, 816
Merchantmen	5	:	"J.W.TROY" "W. PROUSE" "SUVA" "M. FLINDERS"
			"H. MOLLER"

### (ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Ceram Island - On 1 April Boela was bombed by 7 Liberators.  
(2) Timor - At 1900-2000/31 Penfoei airfield and surrounding buildings were bombed by 6 Beauforts and 7 Mitchells with unobserved results.  
Photographs 1 April show nil serviceable aircraft at Penfoei, 33 barges at Tenau and 2 small sea trucks previously damaged, now beached.

## SOUTH WESTERN AREA

### (i) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/2:

Nil.

#### (b) In Harbour:

##### Fremantle:

Combat Units	1 CL	:	"ADELAIDE"
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Fremantle (Contd.)

Escorts	6	: "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 <u>SC</u> : 739 3 <u>ML</u> : 812, 824, 826
Auxiliaries	9	: "WANGANELLA" (AH) "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" (AM) "DUNTRON" (AP) "ORION" "FELIAS" (AS) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) 1 <u>WP</u> : 288 1 <u>ARD</u>
<u>Exmouth Gulf:</u>		
Auxiliaries	3	: "CHILDS" (AV) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) 1 <u>YP</u> : 288

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B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Woleai - At midnight 31 March-1 April, aerodromes, buildings and installations on Woleai were bombed by 2 Liberators and 2 Catalinas.
- (2) Truk - A final assessment of shipping shown in photographs of Truk 29 March gives the following:- 3 destroyers, 1 flak barge, 5 cargo vessels, 1 patrol craft, 220 barges. Visual sightings not covered by photographs may increase the above by 3 destroyers, 3 submarines, 1 cargo vessel.  
At 1820-2000/30 Moen, Param, Fefan, Uman and Dublon Islands were bombed by 19 Cenpac liberators. Fires and explosions were caused particularly at Dublon Island.
- (3) Carolines - Marshalls - On 30 March light and medium strikes were carried out by Cenpac aircraft at Ponapai, Taroa, Mille, Jaluit and Wotje.

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ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

- (1) Increased naval and air strength Malayan theatre.
- (2) Withdrawal of forward positions in Bismarcks,
- (3) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North Coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.
- (4) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.
- (5) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive submarine activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marianas
<u>BB</u>	-	(4) IDAHO NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA TENNESSEE	-	MUSASHI
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	-	(2) ZUIHO RYUHO
<u>CA</u>	(2) AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	-	(6) ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI MYOKO HAGURO MAYA
<u>CL</u>	(4) BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX * HOBART	(8) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONT PELIER DENVER HONOLULU ST LOUIS BIRMINGHAM * LEANDER	-	(3) OYODO YUBARI NOSHIRO
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA
<u>AV/CVS</u>	TANGIER	(2) WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	-	(2) AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	(2) HALF MOON SAN PABLO	BALLARD	-	3
<u>DD</u>	(30) ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA REID AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS HOBBY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES STOCKTON	Approx. 45  NICHOLSON WILKES STEVENSON THORN ABNER READ ROE GRAYSON SWANSON ERBEN WALKER HALE ABBOTT STEMBEL	-	20

\* Non-effective

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marianas
SS	(7) BASHAW BLACKFISH DACE DARTER FLOURDER SCAMP SILVERSIDES	On Patrol	15	25
	(4) S.42 S.47 BLUEGILL CERO	At Milne Bay		
	K.9	At Sydney		
	K.12	At Melbourne		
	Approx. 85	Approx. 110	?	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	(17) H.T.ALLEN (APA) KANIMBLA MAN OORA WESTRALIA HARRY LEE ZEILIN ORMSLEY WINDSOR ALGORAB (AKA) VIRGO GILMER (APD) KANE SCHLEY SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS HERBERT	6 APA 7 APD 4 AKA		
	BLUE RIDGE		-	-
<u>AS</u>	(2) OTUS EURYALE		?	?
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN		-	-
<u>AR</u>	(3) RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS	PROMETHEUS		
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area only)</u>				
	Fighters (incl. 14 twin-eng.)	170		
	Light & M/Bombers	110		
	Torpedo & D/Bombers	2		
	Flying Boats	1		
	Floatplanes	12		
	sn A/c	19		

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CA</u>	-	(2) NACHI ) Poss. Japan ASHIGARA )
<u>CL</u>	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	(3) ABUKUMA TAMA KISO
<u>DD</u>	9	10
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx. 4.

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC - EMPIRE

ALLIED FORCES.

ENEMY FORCES

<u>I</u>	(14)	INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA IOWA WASHINGTON NEW JERSEY MASSACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA * OKLAHOMA	(5)	ISE YAMASHIRO HYUGA YAMATO MUTSU (prob. sunk)
<u>CV</u>	(6)	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL	-	
<u>CV(L)</u>	(7)	COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY * INDEPENDENCE	(2)	HITAKA * HAYATAKA
<u>C(L)</u>	-	-	-		HOSHO
<u>CV(B)</u>	(25)	COPANEE SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO CORAL SEA BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU SANTEE CASABLANCA CORREGIDOR ALTAMAHA	WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KALININ BAY KIRKUN BAY MANILA BAY NATOMA BAY NEHERTA BAY	(5)	CHITOSE JINYO KAIYO * OTAKA * UNYO
<u>CA</u>	(13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE	-	
<u>OCA</u>	-	-	-		6
<u>CL</u>	(7)	SANTA FE SAN DIEGO MOBILE BILOXI	OAKLAND * RENO * CONCORD	(3)	* NAGARA * NATORI * ISUZU
<u>CL(F)</u>	-	-	-		KASHII
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	-	-		5
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 85				20 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u>	Approx. 30				Approx. 25
<u>AS</u>	?				2 (one repairing)

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

TRENTON

\* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
<u>BB</u> -	(3) QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN	(4) <del>NAGATO</del> KONGO HARUNA FUSO
<u>CV</u> -	(2) ILLUSTRIOUS SARATOGA	(2) ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u> -		TAIHO (en route)
<u>CV(E)</u> -	(4) BATTLER UNICORN SHAH RANEE	CHIYODA
<u>CA</u> -	(6) SUSSEX SUFFOLK HAWKINS FROBISHER LONDON CUMBERLAND	(6) AOBA KUMANO SUZUYU CHIKUMA MOGAMI TONE
<u>CL</u> ADELATDE	(9) CARADOC NEWCASTLE CEYLON DANAE KENYA TROMP GAMBIA EMERALD VAN HEEMSKERK	(4) YAHAGI OI KINU KITAGAMI
<u>AV/CVS</u> (2) CHILDS W. B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	■ KAMOJ
<u>XCL</u> -	(2) CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>XAC/XCVS</u> -	?	-
<u>DD</u> -	Approx. 27	■ 25
<u>SS</u> (13) ANGLER LAPON ) BLUEFISH MINGO ) BOWFIN NORWHAL ) CABRILLA PUFFER ) GUNNEL RASHER ) HADDO RATON ) HAKE )	Approx. 15  On Patrol	17 (incl. 6 German)
(11) BILLFISH JACK ) BONEFISH RAY ) COD REDFIN ) GREVALLE ROBALO ) FLASHER K.15 ) HOE )	At Fremantle	
<u>AS</u> (2) PELIAS ORION		

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area only)  
Fighters (incl. 26 twin-eng.) 173  
Light & M/Bombers 39  
Torpedo & D/Bombers 115  
Flying Boats -  
Floatplanes 42  
Obsn A/s 16

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. 796

Date: 3 April, 1944

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

- (1) "SC.741" "YMS.393" "SC.650" "ML.431" escorting Convoy BG.74 due Buna 0800/3, ETA Lae 0200/4, Langemak 0800/4.
- (2) "YP.283" departed Milne Bay 1215/2 ETA Langemak 1000/4.
- (3) "MAETSUYCKER" (AH) departed Milne Bay 1300/2 for Langemak ETA 1800/3.
- (4) "HOPEWELL" "LA VALLETTE" (DD) proceeding Cape Sudest due daylight April 3.
- (5) "BUNDABERG" "CASTLEMAINE" "BOWEN" (AMS) were to depart Milne Bay 3 April for Langemak to relieve "BENDIGO" "COWRA" "ARARAT" (AMS)
- (6) "ML.819" refloated, proceeding to Milne Bay in tow of "WATO" (AT)
- (7) "WARREGO" (PS) escorting for 200 miles "CONTESSA" who departed Milne Bay 1200/2 for Sydney ETA 1400/7. "WARREGO" to detach at 1400/3, RV with "FRED.C.AINSWORTH" and escort to Milne Bay.
- (8) "PC.1119" departed Milne Bay 0500/2 to RV with "PORCUPINE" (IX) and escort to Milne Bay ETA China Straits 0800/4.
- (9) "PC.1131" departed Milne Bay 1800/2 to RV with "CARE GOD" and escort to Milne Bay.
- (10) "MIZAR" (AF) departed Milne Bay 0715/1 for Brisbane ETA 1300/4.
- (11) "GANYMEDE" (AK) departed Cairns 1430/2 for Milne Bay ETA 1230/4.
- (12) "BROOME" (AMS) conducting Grafton Passage A/S patrol.
- (13) "YMS's 11, 72" departed Caloundra 2245/31 Mar. for Cairns, for onward routing to Thursday Island and Darwin.
- (14) "YMS.70" departed Cairns 0700/31 for Brisbane ETA 1600/3.
- (15) "YP.291" departed Cairns 1000/1 for Thursday Island ETA 1200/4.
- (16) "SHIKELLAMY" (AOG) departed Townsville 1830/1 for Brisbane ETA 1530/4.
- (17) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) departed Caloundra 1900/2 for Milne Bay ETA China Straits 0600/8
- (18) "WHYALLA" (AMS) departed Caloundra 1823/31 for A/S patrol Sandy Cape area.
- (19) "DOOMBA" (A/S) departed Sydney 0854/1 on A/S patrol to Smoky Cape and return.
- (20) "MANUNDA" (AH) departed Sydney 1301/30 for Port Moresby ETA 0500/5.
- (21) "GEELONG" (AMS) departed Brisbane 1247/29 for Wide Bay.
- (22) "ROCKHAMPTON" (AMS) en route Cairns to Sydney ETA 2200/4; thence to proceed to Port Adelaide by April 12 for refit.
- (23) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "LONGBEACH" (PF) escorting "ANDREW DORIA" (IX) to depart Langemak so as to arrive Sudest at 0700/4, whence "ANDREW DORIA" proceeds Milne Bay.
- (2) "PIRIE" (AMS) escorting "R.P.WARNER" "GEORGE EASTMAN" to depart Thursday Is. for Darwin as soon as possible.

(c) In Harbour:

Admiralties:

Combat Units 2 DD : "GRAYSON" "ROE"  
20 PT  
Escorts 5 : 1 DE: "HARMON" 1 AMS: "BENALLA" 1 SC: 755  
2 YMS: 8, 46  
Auxiliaries 5 : "OYSTER BAY (AGP) "SAN PABLO" (AVP)  
ETAMIN" (AK) "CHETCO" "SONOMA" (AT)  
Merchantmen 13 : "F.BILLINGS" "J.P.BRADLEY" "P.T.DODDRIDGE"  
"B.MATTHEWS" "G.V.L.MEYER" "LYMAN STEWART"  
"E.JOHNSON" "MORMACSEA" "RAMO" "W.J.SUBJETTE"  
"J.BARBARA" "J.BURROUGHS" "S.M.WHITE"

Cape Gloucester:

Escorts 3 : "COWRA" (AMS) 1 PC: 1122 1 ML: 423  
Merchantmen 4 : "T.CRAWFORD" "H.T.RAINEY" "J.ROSSITER"  
"A.THOMAS"

Talasea:

Combat Units 14 PT  
Auxiliaries 1 : "HILO" (AGP)

Saidor:

Combat Units 12PT  
Merchantmen 2 : "JOHN I.NOLAN" "TIMOSHENKO"

Wemak:

Combat Units 1 DD : "BEALE"  
21 PT  
Escorts 25 : 2 PF: "SAN PEDRO" "LONG BEACH"  
4 AMS: "BENDIGO" "ARARAT" "BUNBURY" "STAWELL"  
3 PC: 476, 1123, 1132 3 YMS: 313, 315, 316  
4 ML: 424, 803, 806, 816  
9 SC: 637, 648, 734, 744, 746, 747, 750, 981,  
982  
Auxiliaries 14 : "TANGIER" (AV) "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "MERKUR" (AF)  
"VICTORIA" (AO) "CELENO" (AK) "HUMPHREYS"  
"BROOKS" "KANE" "SCHLEY" (APD) "WESTRALIA" (APA)  
"TULSA" (PG) "COUCAL" (ASR) "MINK"  
"ANDREW DORIA" (IX)  
Merchantmen 26 : "H.T.ABBOTT" "BORGFRED" "P.CHANDLER"  
"W.E.CHANNING" "T.M.COOLEY" "COLORADO" "J.DOTY"  
"M.FULLER" "ISOLATOR" "JAPARA" "W.MCCRACKEN"  
"MACTAN" "MACKAWAO" "MANA" "J.W.MELDRUM"  
"MORMACGULL" "S.G.PORTER" "F.M.QUINONES"  
"A.ROBINSON" "SEA WITCH" "W.SPARRON"  
"CLAUS SPRECKLES" "J.ROSS" "STAGEN"  
"ED.N.WESTCOTT" "YOCNOW"

Lae:

Escorts 3 : 2 ML: 428, 430 1 AMS: "KAPUNDA"  
Merchantmen 10 : "D.F.BARRY" "BOTH" "CAPE SPENCER" "A.S.HEWITT"  
"D.E.HUGHES" "L.MERRITT" "NORINDIES"  
"RING LARDNER" "R.STUART" "G.L.SMITH"

Buna - Oro Bay:

Combat Units 1 CL : "PHOENIX"  
12 DD : "WILKES" "HOBBY" "GILLESPIE" "NICHOLSON"  
"WELLES" "STEMBEL" "STOCKTON" "THORN" "SWANSON"  
"STEVENSON" "KALK" "REID"  
Escorts 13 : 2 PF: "CORONADO" "GLENDALE"  
8 YMS: 53, 71, 314, 334, 336  
1 ML: 816 2 SC: 736, 737  
Auxiliaries 12 : "TRINITY" (AO) "GILMER" "SANDS" "HERBERT" (APD)  
"BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "POYANG" (AE) 1 ARD  
"PING WO" (ASIS) "POINT OMA" (AT) "MORSEBY" (AGS)  
"RIGEL" (AR) "DOBBIN" (AD)  
Merchantmen 17 : "BALIKPAPAN" "R.S.BEAN" "BONTEKOE" "F.H.DODD"  
"A.B.HAMMOND" "A.S.DUNIWAY" "JANSSENS" "KARSIK"  
"J.SINGER" "NARVIK" "O.SKINNER" "C.E.SMITH"  
"VAN SWOLL" "J.M.WHISTLER" "WICHITA FALLS"  
"D.WRIGHT" "E.YOUNG"

Kiriwina Is:

Escort 1 : "GYMPIE" (AMS)  
Merchantmen 2 : "ANHUI" "GEO.LUKS"

<u>Woodlark Is:</u>			
Escorts	3	:	"WAGGA" (AMS) 2 YMS: 50, 336
Merchantmen	2	:	"D.D.FIELD" "J.S.MANSFIELD"
<u>Goodenough Is:</u>			
Escorts	1	:	"GOULBURN" (AMS)
Auxiliaries	4	:	"CARTER HALL" (LSD) "KANIMBLA" MANOORA"
Merchantmen	1	:	"H.T.ALLEN" (APA)
<u>Milne Bay:</u>			
Combat Units	2 CA	:	"SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"
	2 CL	:	"NASHVILLE" "BOISE"
	14 DD	:	"HUTCHINS" "DALY" "BACHE" "MULLANY" "ABNER READ" "AMMEN" "BUSH" "ARUNTA" "WARRAMUNGA" "ERBEN" "WALKER" "HALE" "ABBOTT" "HARRISON"
	7 PT		
*Note: Special operational movements forward of Milne Bay not shown.			
Escorts	4 PF	:	"WORCESTER" "VAN BUREN" "OGDEN" "BARCOO"
	6 SC	:	699, 703, 732, 738, 742, 748
	4 AMS	:	"KIAMA" "BUNDABERG" "CASTLEMAINE" "BOWEN"
	6 PC	:	47, 1120, 1124, 1132, 1133, 1134
	5 YMS	:	9, 10, 48, 52, 73
	5 ML	:	427, 801, 802, 817, 818
Auxiliaries	29	:	"AASE MAERSK" (AO) "HALF MOON" (AVP)
		:	"MEDUSA" (AR) "HARRY LEE" "ZEILIN" "ORMSLEY"
		:	"WINDSOR" (APA) "VIRGO" (AKA) "OTUS"
		:	"EURYALE" (AS) "KOOPA" (AGP) "AMYCUS" (ARL)
		:	"YUNNAN" (AE) "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG) "TEAK" (AN)
		:	"SHEPPARTON" (AGS) "SOLACE" (AH)
		:	"BA YOU ST. JOHN" "RESERVE" (AT) "BOOTES"
		:	"TRIANGULUM" (AK) "VILLALOBOS" "PANDA" (IX)
		:	"ALABASTER" (PYG) "CAMERIAN SALVOR" (ARS)
		:	1 ARD 2 YP: 278, 280
Merchantmen	62	:	"E.G.ACHESON" "ARANSAS PASS" "AUN"
		:	"ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "BARBARA C" "S.K.BOLIVAR"
		:	"J.G.BRADY" "W.N.BYERS" "J.CABRILLO"
		:	"CAPE CLEARE" "CAPE NEWENHAM" "CAPE DOUGLAS"
		:	"CITY OF PHILADELPHIA" "M.DALY" "G.DAVIDSON"
		:	"J.DEERE" "J.W.DAVIS" "DON MARQUIS"
		:	"L.L.DYCHE" "G.F.ELLIOTT" "ENA" "EMPRESS SILVER" "ESSO MANHATTAN" "JOHN EVANS"
		:	"EXIRIA" "M.GRIFFITH" "HADLEY" "KATOOMBA"
		:	"L.S.KELLY" "W.S.LADD" "LAKE ORMAC" "J.LANE"
		:	"F.B.LINDERMANN" "J.MCLEAN" "J.LYKES"
		:	"MONTAUK POINT" "W.V.MOODY" "NORLAGO" "NORAB"
		:	"T.NELSON" "JAMES D.PHALAN" "AGWI PRINCE"
		:	"M.ROBERTSON" "A.REHAN" "REIJNST" "W.B.ROGERS"
		:	"SEA BARD" "SEA MARLIN" "W.C.SQUIRE"
		:	"STANVAC WELLINGTON" "T.W.SYMONS" "TAWALI"
		:	"J.THOMAS" "TWO HARBOURS" "M.THORNTON"
		:	"THUNDERER" "GEO.VANCOUVER" "M.WALKER"
		:	"WEST CACTUS" "K.D.WIGGIN" "J.WING"
<u>Port Moresby:</u>			
Escorts	1	:	ML: 426
Merchantmen	8	:	"CANBERRA" "E.CHAMBERS" "C.DARROW" "HANYANG" "G.R.HEBARD" "O.KELLY" "MONTORO" "STIKLESTAD"
<u>Merauke:</u>			
Escorts	1	:	SC: 731
<u>Thursday Is:</u>			
Escorts	4	:	2 YMS: 49, 50 2 AMS: "KALGOORLIE" "PIRIE"
Auxiliaries	2	:	"BUNGAREE" (CM) "POLARIS" (AGS)
<u>Urnns:</u>			
Escorts	10	:	4 AMS: "GLENELG" "MILDURA" "TOWNSVILLE" "BALLARAT" 1 PG: 479 3 ML: 804, 811, 820
		:	2 YMS: 47, 51
Auxiliaries	6	:	"PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD "TANCRED" (AT)
		:	1 AFD 1 YOG: "LEOPARD" (IX)
<u>Mackay:</u>			
Auxiliaries	1	:	"HERON" (AVP)
<u>Brisbane:</u>			
Escorts	5	:	1 PS: "SWAN" 2 SC: 745, 749 2 ML: 808, 821
Auxiliaries	10	:	"WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "ALGORAB" (AKA) "KURUMBA" (AO) "TASMAN" (AH) 2 YP: 233, 236
		:	"PYRO" (AE) "CARONDOLET" "KAILUA" "ST.MARY" (IX)

Sydney:

Combat Units	1 CL	:	"HOBART" (Refitting)
	2 DD	:	"VENDETTA" "STUART"
Escorts	14	:	1 PF: "GASCOYNE" 1 PS: "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA"
		:	6 AMS: "COLAC" "DELOIRINE" "ECHUCA"
		:	"GLADSTONE" "KATOOMBA" "WARRNAMBOOL"
		:	3 AS: "KYBRA" "YANDRA" "AB.CRIJNSSEN"
		:	3 ML: 807, 822, 823
Auxiliaries	5	:	"BISHOPDALE" (AO) "OCTANS" (AF) "POLLUX"(AKS)
		:	"CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG)
<u>Melbourne:</u>			
Escorts	2 AMS	:	"LITHGOW" "FREMANTLE" (Refitting)
Auxiliaries	1	:	"YUMA" (AT)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) San Cristobal - At approximately 0235/2 a submarine was sighted by aircraft 175 miles South of San Cristobal.
- X (2) Empress Augusta Bay - During night 31 March barge hideout at Maririci River mouth was bombarded by destroyers supported by a Catalina. During the day ending 1500/1 an undetermined number of Japs were engaged on the hill feature East of the Torokina perimeter. The enemy broke contact and withdrew. Other hostile groups have been located moving eastwards across the upper reaches of the Torokina River. All evidence indicates the complete defeat of the enemy subsequent to his recent offensive and the withdrawal of remnants to the North and East.  
On a.m. 1 April, Maririci River mouth was again bombed by 12 Dauntless and 12 Avengers.
- (3) Buka Passage - On 1 April the dock at Porton Plantation was damaged during an attack by 14 Dauntless.
- (4) Numa Numa - The supply area at Numa Numa was attacked p.m. 1 April by 12 Warhawks.
- (5) Bismarek Airfields - Photographs 1 April show all runways in the Bismarcks to be unserviceable. Only 9 aircraft are shown on all fields: 1 F, 2 LB at Kavieng, 2 F at Lakunai, 3 F at Tobera, 1 LB at Vunakanau.
- (6) Rabaul - At 0915/1 Rataval supply area (Talili Bay) was bombed by 28 Dauntless 25 Avengers. A violent explosion and many fires were caused. At 0930/1 the Vunapopoe supply area was bombed by 24 Mitchells as a result of which the entire Southern part of the area was covered by fires and smoke. At 0930-1010/1 wharf installations were bombed by 20 Warhawks 12 Aircobras. Huge billows of smoke rose from the Toboi wharf and from an oil and coal wharf as a result. Also on 1 April a sweep for possible shipping in Keravia Bay was conducted by 24 Dauntless and 14 Avengers with negative results but hulks present in Simpson Harbour were hit instead in addition to 2 large barges under way.
- (7) Dyaul Island - At 1352/1 an enemy submarine was attacked by aircraft approximately 15 miles South of Dyaul Island.
- X (8) St. Matthias Group - At 1830/30 a torpedo attack on PT boats near Emirau Island was reported.
- (9) Admiralty Islands - Mopping up continues on Los Negros and Manus Islands our patrols being particularly active in search of the remaining Japanese on Manus Island who are believed to be fleeing towards Mount Dremsel, (South central portion Manus Island). In addition to the total known dead at 1800/31 numbering 2813, 1100 Japs are estimated to have been killed or rendered ineffective leaving 4-500 estimated effectives scattered in small groups. At 0945-1050/2, designated targets on Rambutyo Island (Easternmost of the Admiralty Group) were bombed and strafed by 9 Mitchells.
- (10) Ubili - Local sources report that a large number of enemy were still camped on the West bank of the Pandi River mouth on 31 March. Between 24 Mar and 28 Mar., 449 Japs passed through Eaea and on 29 Mar. 989 well armed Japs passed through. At 1515-1645/1 targets in this area were strafed by 4 Kittyhawks.



- (11) Witu Islands - At 0830/2 A/A positions on Garove Island were bombed and strafed by 12 Kittyhawks.
- (12) Wewak - Bad weather prevented the scheduled strike at Wewak on 2 April and only 3 Liberators and 22 Bostons reached the objective, attacking the camp area on Kairiru Island at 1030-1220/2. In addition a barge sweep was successfully conducted by 16 Kittyhawks which set on fire 12 barges on Muschu and Kairiru Islands, also a fuel dump.
- (13) Hansa Bay - At noon 2 April secondary targets, including A/A positions, at Hansa Bay were attacked by 32 Liberators which were unable to reach Wewak. There was no interception.
- (14) Bogadjim - Patrolling continues both in the coastal sector around Kaliko (5½ miles S.E. of Bagadjim) and along Bagadjim Road meeting isolated enemy opposition. Minor enemy counter attack was launched in the area South of Yaula night 31 March-1 April but was repulsed with casualties.

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## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

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

- (1) "INVERELL" (AMS) escorting "PENNANT" departed Thursday Island 2145/1 for Darwin ETA 1100/4.
- (2) 14 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

#### Darwin:

Escorts	6	:	3 AMS: "COOTAMUNDRA" "LATROBE" "WILCANNIA"
		:	3 ML: 429, 809, 816
Merchantmen	5	:	"J.W.TROY" "W. PROUSE" "SUVA" "M. FLINDERS" "H. MOLLER"

### (ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Ambon - Photographs 1 April giving partial coverage of Namlea airfield show: 5 MB, 1 LB, 1 F, all 4 runways probably serviceable and increased dispersal facilities.
- (2) Timor - At 1930/1 Lautem airfield was bombed by 7 Dutch Mitchells starting large fires.
- Southern Philippines - At 1000/1 5 cruisers and 5 destroyers were observed entering the Gulf of Davao from the East and 2 large laden tankers with 3 destroyers escorting entering from the South.

## 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

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

- (1) "WANGANILLA" (AH) departed Fremantle 0806/1 proceeding out of S.W.P.A.

#### (b) In Harbour:

#### Fremantle:

Combat Units	1 CL	:	"ADELAIDE"
Escorts	6	:	"HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739
		:	3 ML: 812, 824, 826
Auxiliaries	9	:	"ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" (AM) "DUNTROON" (AP)
		:	"ORION" "PELIAS" (AS) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR)
		:	1 YP: 286 1 ARD

#### Exmouth Gulf:

Auxiliaries	3	:	"CHILDS" (AV) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) 1 YP: 288
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B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Truk - At 2040-2230/31 March Eten, Dublon and Moen Islands were raided by 21 Cenpac Liberators starting large fires and heavy delayed explosion. Ineffective interception was attempted by 2 enemy aircraft.  
At 0435/1 Dublon Island was bombed by a Soupac Liberator causing a large fire.
- (2) Marshalls - On 31 March light and moderate raids were conducted on Wotje (bombing and strafing by 20 Dauntless 4 Hellcats, 21 Corsairs), Mille and Jaluit

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ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

- (1) Concentration of naval and air strength in Southern Philippines following allied naval offensive in Central Pacific.
- (2) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North Coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan and Kuriles.
- (3) Increased use of submarines for transportation purposes in Marshalls - Bismarcks - Solomons.
- (4) Continued use of barges and small coasters for coastal transportation in forward areas.
- (5) Continued submarine offensive in Indian Ocean by Japanese and German units.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

BB

(4) IDAHO  
NEW MEXICO  
PENNSYLVANIA  
TENNESSEE

CA

(2) AUSTRALIA  
SHROPSHIRE

CL

(4) BOISE  
NASHVILLE  
PHOENIX  
\* HOBART

(8) COLUMBIA  
CLEVELAND  
MONT PELIER  
DENVER  
HONOLULU  
ST LOUIS  
BIRMINGHAM  
\* LEANDER

AV/CVS

TANGIER

(2) WRIGHT  
CHANDELEUR

XAV/XCVS

(2) HALF MOON  
SAN PABLO

BALLARD

DD

(33) ARUNTA  
WARRAMUNGA  
STUART  
VENDETTA  
REID  
AMMEN  
BACHE  
BEALE  
BUSH  
DALY  
MULLANY  
HUTCHINS  
HOBBY  
KALK  
GILLESPIE  
VELLES  
STOCKTON  
NICHOLSON  
WILKES  
STEVENSON  
THORN  
ABNER READ  
ROE  
GRAYSON  
SWANSON  
ERBEN  
WALKER  
HALE  
ABBOTT  
STEMBEL  
HARRISON  
HOPEWELL  
LA VALLETTE

Approx. 45

\* Non-effective

ALLIED FORCESENEMY FORCES

<u>Southwest Pacific</u> <u>(Eastern Section)</u>		<u>South Pacific</u>	
<u>SS</u>	(8) BASHAW ) BLUEGILL ) BLACKFISH ) DACE ) DARTER ) FLOUNDER ) SCAMP ) SILVERSIDES )	On Patrol	15
	(3) S.42 ) S.47 ) CERO )	At Milne Bay	
	K.9	At Sydney	
	K.12	At Melbourne	
<u>PT</u>	Approx. 85	Approx. 110	?
<u>APA</u> ) <u>AKA</u> ) <u>APD</u> )	(17) H.T.ALLEN (APA) KANIMBLA MANOORA WESTRALIA HARRY LEE ZEILIN ORMSLEY WINDSOR ALGORAB (AKA) VIRGO	GILMER (APD) KANE SCHLEY SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS HERBERT	
<u>AGC</u>	BLUE RIDGE		-
<u>AS</u>	(2) OTUS EURYALE		?
<u>A</u>	DOBBIN		-
<u>AR</u>	(3) RICEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS	PROMETHEUS	

AIRCRAFT (N.E.Area only)  
Fighters (incl. 9 twin-eng.) 115  
Light & M/Bombers 89  
Torpedo & D/Bombers 2  
Flying Boats 1  
Floatplanes 12  
Obsn A/c 14

2. NORTHERN PACIFICALLIED FORCESENEMY FORCES

<u>CA</u>	-	(2) NACHI ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	(3) ABUKUMA TAMA KISO
<u>DD</u>	9	10
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx. 4.

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC.

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

			<u>Mandates</u>		
			<u>Philippines</u>	<u>Empire</u>	
<u>BB</u>	(14)	INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA IOWA WASHINGTON NEW JERSEY MASSACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA * OKLAHOMA	(4) NAGATO FUSO KONGO HARUNA	(6) ISE YAMASHIRO HYUGA YAMATO * MUSASHI MUTSU (prob. sunk)
<u>CV</u>	(6)	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL	-	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	(7)	COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY * INDEPENDENCE	(2) RYUHO ZUIHO	(2) HITAKA * HAYATAKA
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	-	-	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	(27)	COPAHEE SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO CORAL SEA BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU SAMPEE CASABLANCA CORREGIDOR ALTAMAHA	WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MANILA BAY NATOMA BAY MEHENPA BAY OMMANEY BAY	CHIYODA	(5) CHITOSE JINYO KAIYO * OTAKA * UNYO
<u>CA</u>	(13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE	(8) ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI MYOKO HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI	MAYA
<u>OCA</u>	-	-	-	-	6
<u>CL</u>	(7)	SANTA FE SAN DIEGO MOBILE BILOXI	OAKLAND * RENO * CONCORD	(3) YUBARI NOSHIRO YAHAGI	(4) * NAGARA * NATORI * ISUZU * OYODO
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA	KASHII
<u>CVS</u>	-	-	-	(2) AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO	-
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 85		25-30		20 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u>	Approx. 30		25		Approx. 25
<u>AS</u>	?		?		2 (one repairing)

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

CL TRENTON

\* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	<u>Southwest Pacific (Western Section)</u>	<u>Eastern Fleet Area</u>	<u>East Indies-Malaya</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	(3) QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN	-
<u>CV</u>	-	(2) ILLUSTRIOUS SARATOGA	(2) ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	TAIHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	(4) BATTLER UNICORN SHAH RANEE	
<u>CA</u>	-	(6) SUSSEX SUFFOLK HAWKINS PROBISHER LONDON CUMBERLAND	(3) AOBA KUMANO SUZUYU
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	(9) CARADOC NEWCASTLE CEYLON DANAE KENYA TROMP GAMBIA EMERALD VAN HEEMSKERK	(3) OI KINU KITAGAMI
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(2) CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	* KAMOJ
<u>XCL</u>	-	(2) CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>DD</u>	-	Approx. 27	15-20
<u>S</u>	(14) ANGLER LAPON ) BLUEFISH MINGO ) BOWFIN NORWHAL ) CABRILLA PUFFER ) GUNNEL RASHER ) HADDO RATON ) HAKE K.15 )	Approx. 15  On Patrol	17 (inc. 6 German)
	(10) BILLFISH JACK ) BONEFISH RAY ) COD REDFIN ) CREVALLE ROBALO ) FLASHER HOE )	At Fremantle	
	(2) PELIAS ORION		

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area only)

Fighters (incl. 26 twin-eng.)	182
Light & M/Bombers	48
Torpedo & D/Bombers	115
Flying Boats	-
Floatplanes	42
Obsn. A/c	16

British - MOST SECRET  
U.S. - SECRET

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. 797

Date: 4 April, 1944

PART I

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/4:

- (1) "SANDS" (APD) escorting "BOOTES" (AK) departed Cape Sudest 1800/3 for Cape Gretin.
- (2) "BUNDABERG" "CASTLEMAINE" "BOWEN" (AMS) departed Milne Bay 1000/3: "BUNDABERG" "BOWEN" proceed direct to Langemak ETA 1600/4: "CASTLEMAINE" arrives Buna 0800/4, departs 1400/4 for Langemak ETA 0800/5: On arrival to relieve "ARARAT" "BENDIGO" "COWRA" (AMS)
- (3) "WARREGO" (PS) escorting for 200 miles "CONTESSA" who departed Milne Bay 1200/2 for Sydney ETA 1400/7. "WARREGO" to detach at 1400/3, RV with "FRED.C.AINSWORTH" and escort to Milne Bay.
- (4) "PC.1131" departed Milne Bay 1800/2 to RV with "CAPE GOD" and escort to Milne Bay.
- (5) "PC.1120" departed Milne Bay 1000/3 escorting "STANVAC WELLINGTON" until 2100/3, thence proceeding to RV with "GANYMEDE" (AK) at 0700/4 and escort to Milne Bay ETA China Strait 1230/4.
- (6) "PC.1133" departed Milne Bay 2309/3 to RV with "KOTA INTEN" and escort to Milne Bay.
- (7) "SC.699" departed Milne Bay 1600/3 for Port Moresby ETA 0700/5.
- (8) "MANUNDA" (AH) departed Sydney 1301/30 for Port Moresby ETA 0500/5.
- (9) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) departed Caloundra 1900/2 for Milne Bay ETA China Strait 0600/8
- (10) "LEOPARD" (IX) was to depart Cairns 0700/4 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/5.
- (11) "BALLARAT" (AMS) conducting Grafton Passage A/S patrol.
- (12) "YMS's 11, 72" departed Caloundra 2245/31 Mar. for Cairns, for onward routing to Thursday Island and Darwin.
- (13) "MILDURA" (AMS) towing 1 APC departed Cairns 1100/4 for Brisbane ETA Caloundra 1000/8.
- (14) "MIZAR" (AF) departed Milne Bay 0715/1 for Brisbane ETA 1300/4.
- (15) "SHIKELLAMY" (AOG) departed Townsville 1830/1 for Brisbane ETA 1530/4.
- (16) "SC.745" departed Caloundra 0212/4 for A/S patrol Sandy Cape area.
- (17) "WARRNAMBOOL" (AMS) departed Sydney 1000/3 for A/S patrol Smoky Cape and return.
- (18) "ROCKHAMPTON" (AMS) en route Cairns to Sydney ETA 2200/4; thence to proceed to Port Adelaide by April 12 for refit.
- (19) 3 submarines on patrol

(b) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "PIRIE" (AMS) escorting "R.P.WARNER" "GEORGE" "EASTMAN" to depart Thursday Island for Darwin as soon as possible.
- (2) "BARCOO" to depart Milne Bay approx. 7 April for Townsville for boiler cleaning.

(c) In Harbour:

Admiralties:

Combat Units 2 DD : "GRAYSON" "ROE"  
20 PT  
Escorts 5 : "SAN PEDRO" (PF) "BENALLA" (AMS) 1 SC: 735  
2 YMS: 8, 46  
Auxiliaries 8 : "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "SAN PABLO" "TANGIER" (AV)  
"GUNSTON" "HALL" (LSD) "CHETCO" "SONOMA"  
"RESERVE" (AT) "MINK" (IX)  
Merchantmen 13 : "J. BARBARA" "F. BILLINGS" "J. P. BRADLEY" "  
"J. BURROUGHS" "P. T. DODDRIDGE" "E. JOHNSON"  
"LYMAN STEWART" "B. MATTHEWS" "G. V. L. MEYER"  
"MORMACSEA" "RAMO" "W. J. SUBJECTTE" "S. M. WHITE"

Cape Gloucester:

Escorts 3 : "COWRA" (AMS) 1 PC: 1122 1 ML: 423  
Merchantmen 4 : "T. CRAWFORD" "E. T. RAINY" "J. ROSSITER"  
"A. THOMAS"

Talasea:

Combat Units 14 PT  
Auxiliaries 1 : "HILO" (AGP)

Saider:

Combat Units 12 PT  
Merchantmen 2 : "JOHN I. ROLAN" "TIMOSHENKO"

Angemak:

Combat Units 1 DD : "BEALE"  
21 PT  
Escorts 28 : 5 AMS: "ARARAT" "BENDIGO" "BUNBURY" "KAPUNDA"  
"STAWELL" 3 PC: 476, 1123, 1132  
4 YMS: 313, 315, 316, 393  
5 ML: 424, 431, 803, 805, 816  
11 SC: 637, 648, 650, 734, 741, 744, 746,  
747, 750, 981, 982  
Auxiliaries 8 : "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "HUMPHREYS" "BROOKS" (APD)  
"WESTRALIA" (APA) "MAETSUYCKER" (AH) "TULSA"  
(PG) "GOUGAL" (ASR) 1 YB: 283  
Merchantmen 26 : "BORGFRED" "BOTH" "P. CHANDLER" "W. E. CHANNING"  
"T. M. COOLEY" "COLORADO" "J. DOTY" "M. FULLER"  
"ISOLATOR" "JAPARA" "W. MCCrackEN" "MACTAN"  
"MACKAWAD" "MANA" "J. W. MELDRUM" "MORMAGGULL"  
"S. G. PORTER" "F. M. QUINONES" "A. ROBINSON"  
"SEA WITCH" "W. SPARRON" "CLAUD SPRECKLES"  
"J. ROSS" "STAGEN" "ED. N. WESTCOTT" "YOCROW"

Are:

Escorts 2 : 2 ML: 428, 430  
Auxiliaries 1 : "PANDA" (IX)  
Merchantmen 9 : "D. F. BARRY" "CAPE SPENCER" "D. E. HUGHES"  
"L. MERRITT" "NORINDIES" "RING LARDNER"  
"J. SINGER" "G. L. SMITH" "R. STUART"

Buna - Oro Bay:

Combat Units 15 DD : "WILKES" "HOBBY" "GILLESPIE" "NICHOLSON"  
"AMMEN" "WELLES" "STEMEEL" "STOCKTON" "THORN"  
"SWANSON" "STEVENSON" "KALK" "REID" "HOPEWELL"  
"LA VALLETTE"  
Escorts 9 : 2 PF: "CORONADO" "GLENDALE"  
5 YMS: 53, 71, 314, 334, 336 1 ML: 816  
1 SC: 737  
Auxiliaries 13 : "TRINITY" (AO) "GILMER" "HERBERT" "KANE"  
"SCELEY" (APD) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGG) "POYANG" (AE)  
"PING WO" (ASIS) 1 ARD "POINT LOMA" (AT)  
"MCHESBY" (AGS) "RIGEL" (AH) "DOBBIN" (AD)  
Merchantmen 17 : "BAL IKPAPAN" "R. S. BEAN" "BCNTEKOE" "F. H. DODD"  
"A. B. HAMMOND" "A. S. HEWITT" "A. S. DUNIWAY"  
"JAHSSSENS" "KARSIK" "NARVIK" "O. SKINNER"  
"G. L. SMITH" "VAN SWOLL" "J. M. WHISTLER"  
"WIGHTA FALLS" "D. WRIGHT" "E. YOUNG"

Kiriwina Is:

Escort 1 : "GYMPIE" (AMS)  
Merchantmen 2 : "ANHUI" "GEO. LUKS"

Woodlark Is:

Escorts 3 : "WAGGA" (AMS) 2 YMS: 50, 335  
Merchantmen 2 : "D. D. FIELD" "J. S. MANSFIELD"



Goodenough Is:  
Escorts 1 : "GOULBURN" (AMS)  
Auxiliaries 4 : "CAPTER HALL" (LSD) "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA"  
"H.T.ALLEN" (APA)  
Merchantmen 2 : "W.GRENPELL" "K.D.WIGGIN"

■ Milne Bay:  
Combat Units 2 CA : "SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"  
3 CL : "NASHVILLE" "BOISE" "PHOENIX"  
9 DD : "HUTCHINS" "DALY" "BACHE" "MULLANY"  
"ABBER READ" "BUSH" "ARUNTA" "WARRAMUNGA"  
"HARRISON"  
7 PT

■ Note: Special operational movements forward of Milne Bay not shown.

Escorts 5 PF : "VAN BUREN" "OGDEN" "BARCOO" "LONGBEACH"  
"EL PASO"  
6 SC : 705, 732, 736, 738, 742, 748  
1 AMS : "KIAMA"  
5 PC : 47, 1119, 1124, 1132, 1134  
5 YMS : 9, 10, 48, 52, 73  
6 ML : 427, 801, 802, 817, 818, 819

Auxiliaries 32 : "VICTORIA" "AASE MAERSK" (AO) "HALF MOON" (AVF)  
"MERKUR" (AF) "MEDUSA" (AR) "HARRY LEE"  
"ZEILIN" "ORMSLEY" "WINDSOR" (APA) "VIRGO" (AKA)  
"OTUS" "EURYALE" (AS) "KOOPA" (AGP) "AMYCUS" (AR)  
"YUNNAN" (AE) "SUBQUEHANNA" (AOG) "TEAK" (AN)  
"SHEPPARTON" (AGS) "SOLACE" (AH) "WATO"  
"BAYOU ST. JOHN" (AT) "ETAMIN" "TRIANGULUM" (AK)  
"ANDREW DORIA" "PORCUPINE" "VILLALOBOS" (IX)  
"ALABASTER" (PYC) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS)  
1 ARD 2 YP: 278, 280

Merchantmen 57 : "H.L.ABBOTT" "E.G.ACHESON" "ARANSAS PASS" "AUN"  
"ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "BARBARA C" "S.K.BOLIVAR"  
"W.N.BYERS" "J.CABRILLO" "CAPE GLEARE"  
"CAPE NEWENHAM" "CITY OF PHILADELPHIA" "M.DALY"  
"G.DAVIDSON" "J.DEERE" "J.W.DAVIS" "DON MARQUIS"  
"L.L.DYCHE" "G.F.ELLIOTT" "ENA" "EMPRESS SILVER"  
"ESSO MANHATTAN" "JOHN EVANS" "EXIRIA"  
"M.GRIFFITH" "HADLEY" "L.S.KELLY" "W.S.LADD"  
"LAKE ORMAC" "J.LANE" "F.B.LINDERMANN"  
"J.MCLEAN" "J.LYKES" "MONTAUK POINT" "W.V.MOODY"  
"NORLAGO" "NORAB" "T.NELSON" "AGWI PRINCE"  
"M.ROBERTSON" "A.REHAN" "REIJNST" "W.B.ROGERS"  
"SEA BARD" "SEA MARLIN" "W.C.SQUIRE"  
"T.W.SYMONS" "TAWALI" "J.THOMAS" "TWO HARBOURS"  
"M.THORNTON" "THUNDERER" "GEO.VANCOUVER"  
"M.WALKER" "WEST CACTUS" "J.WING"

Port Moresby:  
Escorts 1 : ML: 426  
Merchantmen 8 : "CAMBERRA" "E.CHAMBERS" "C.DARROW" "HANYANG"  
"G.R.HEBARD" "O.KELLY" "MONTORO" "STIKLESTAD"

Merauke:  
Escorts 1 : SC: 731

Thursday Is:  
Escorts 4 : 2 YMS: 49, 50 2 AMS: "KALGOORLIE" "PIRIE"  
Auxiliaries 3 : "BUNGAREE" (CM) "POLARIS" (AGS) 1 YP: 291

Cairns:  
Escorts 9 : 3 AMS: "GLENELG" "BROOME" "TOWNSVILLE"  
1 PC: 479 3 ML: 804, 811, 820 2 YMS: 47, 51  
Auxiliaries 5 : "PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD "TANCRED" (AT)  
1 AFD 1 YOG

Rocky:  
Auxiliaries 1 : "HERON" (AVP)

Brisbane:  
Escorts 8 : 1 PS: "SWAN" 2 AMS: "GEELONG" "WHYALLA"  
2 SC: 745, 749 1 YMS: 70 2 ML: 808, 821  
Auxiliaries 9 : "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "ALGORAB" (AKA) "KURUMBA"  
(AO) 2 YP: 233, 236 "PYRO" (AE) "CARONDOLET"  
"KAILUA" "ST.MARY" (IX)

Sydney:

Combat Units	1 CL	:	"HOBART" (Refitting)
	2 DD	:	"VENDETTA" "STUART"
Escorts	15	:	1 PF: "GASCOYNE" 1 FS: "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA"
		:	6 AMS: "COLAC" "DELORAIN" "ECHUCA"
		:	"GLADSTONE" "KATOOMBA"
		:	4 AS: "KYBRA" "YANDRA" "AB.GRIJNSSEN" "DOOMBA"
		:	3 ML: 807, 822, 823
Auxiliaries	5	:	"BISHOPDALE" (AO) "OCTANS" (AF) "POLLUX" (AKS)
		:	"GALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG)

  

<u>Melbourne:</u>			
Escorts	2 AMS	:	"LITHGOW" "FREMANTLE" (Refitting)
Auxiliaries	1	:	"YUMA" (AT)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

1. Admiralty Islands - Early a.m. 2 April an enemy submarine was contacted by PT boats between Lou Island and Los Negros Island. No attack was made.
2. Cape Hoskings Area <sup>S</sup> Movement of enemy troops eastwards along the Coastal trails in the Cape Hoskings area continues. During the night of 2-3 April, 3 enemy barges were engaged and damaged by PT boats North of Tarobi village (eastern shores Commodore Bay) 0900/2 possible barge hideout at Tarobi was strafed by 4 Kittyhawks.
3. Hollandia - The airfields at Hollandia were dealt a very severe blow a.m. 3 April. The aerodromes were attacked by 67 Liberators and 169 Bostons and Mitchells with strong fighter escort. Approximately 400 tons of bombs were dropped and over 275,000 rounds fired on enemy aircraft on the airfields. Very heavy destruction to enemy aircraft on the ground is claimed while in combat 26 enemy fighters were shot down - 24 by our fighters and 2 by our bombers. Our losses amounted to 1 fighter. The 3 main operative aerodromes at Hollandia were all rendered temporarily unserviceable.  
At 1100/3 a 9 ship convoy including probably 2 large and four small sea trucks, with 3 small escorts, was seen by aircraft Bougainville Bay, 20 miles east of Humboldt Bay, believed heading South East. The convoy was apparently attacked later, but results are not yet to hand.
4. Wewak - Liberators over Wewak, approximately 1135/2, reported 3 small freighters alongside jetties south of Wewak town, in addition to the usual barges and small craft in the area.
5. Bogadjim - At 1000/2 a bivouac area near the Pulpa River mouth (Erima Plantation) was bombed and strafed by 12 aircobras. Aircraft sightings p.m. 2 April included 5 trucks along the road between Bogadjim and Madang with supplies and drums scattered around.
6. Horn Island - At 0815/2 possible enemy reconnaissance plane was located approximately 50-80 miles N.E. Horn Island.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/4:

- (1) "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS) escorting Convoy DT.48 (1 MV) departed Darwin 1012/3 for Thursday Island ETA 0900/3.
- (2) "INVERELL" (AMS) escorting "PENNANT" departed Thursday Island 2145/1 for Darwin ETA 1100/4.
- (3) 20 submarines on patrol

(b) In Harbour:Darwin:

Escorts	5	:	2 AMS: "LATROBE" "WILCANNIA" 3 ML: 429, 809, 816
Merchantmen	4	:	"J.W.TROY" "SUVA" "M.FLINDERS" "H.MOLLER"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

1. Kai Island - At 1025/3 Langgoer airfield was bombed by 27 Liberators dropping about 58 tons of bombs. The aerodrome was well covered and fires started, followed by a large explosion. 3 or 4 possible small sea trucks and a number of barges were observed in the Langgoer and Toeal Island area.
2. Timor - At 1915-1950/2 target areas at Lautem were bombed by 5 Beauforts with unobserved results.  
At 1940-2000/2 Penfeeil airfields and the adjacent barracks were bombed by 7 Mitchells which started fires.
3. Lombok Strait - On 27 March a cargo vessel of unreported size was attacked off Lombok Strait (See Naval Incidents).
4. South China Sea - At 1000/3 1 U.S. Submarine reported 2 "TONE" class heavy cruisers and 2 destroyers between Great Natocna and South Natocna Islands, heading towards Singapore. One torpedo hit was scored but further details are not available.  
At 1820/3 1 large aircraft carrier and 2 destroyers were also observed in the same vicinity also heading for Singapore.

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA -

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/4:

- (1) "WANGANELLA" (AH) departed Fremantle 0806/1 proceeding out of S.W.P.A.
- (2) "YO288" departed Exmouth Gulf 1025/2 for Fremantle

(b) Proposed Movements:

"DUNTROON" (AP) to depart Fremantle 1300/4 for Sydney.

(c) In Harbour:

Fremantle

Combat Units	1 CL	:	"ADELAIDE"
Escorts	6	:	"HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739 3 ML: 812, 824, 826
Auxiliaries	9	:	"ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" (AM) "DUNTROON" (AP) "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) 1 YP: 1 ARD

Exmouth Gulf

Auxiliaries	3	:	"CHILDS" (AV) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) 1 YP: 286
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(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Perth - At 1000/3 a possible submarine sighting 300 miles west of Perth was reported.

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B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

Truk - Truk was attacked by Soupac aircraft 2 April, but details are not yet to hand. Photos prior to this strike show no aircraft visible on Eten Island, and the runway unserviceable. 1 small cargo vessel and 50 barges are visible on Dublon Is.

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NAVAL INCIDENTS

Lombok Strait - On 27 March a U.S. Submarine sank a cargo vessel laden with fuel off Lombok Strait.

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ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

- (1) Concentration of naval and air strength in Southern Philippines following allied naval offensive in Central Pacific.
- (2) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North Coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan and Kuriles.
- (3) Increased use of submarines for transportation purposes in Marshalls-Bismarcks - Solomons.
- (4) Continued use of barges and small coasters for coastal transportation in forward areas.
- (5) Continued submarine offensive in Indian Ocean by Japanese and German Units.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

<u>BB</u>	-	(4) IDAHO NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA TENNESSEE	-
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	(4) NATOMA BAY CORAL SEA CORRIGEDOR MANILA BAY	-
<u>CA</u>	(2) AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	-
<u>CL</u>	(4) EOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX * HOBART	(8) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELIER DENVER HONOLULU SP LOUIS BIRMINGHAM * LEANDER	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	TANGIER	(2) WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	(2) HALF MOON SAN PABLO	BALLARD	-
<u>DD</u>	(29) ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA REID AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS HOBBY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES STOCKTON NICHOLSON WILKES STEVENSON THORN ABNER READ ROE GRAYSON SWANSON STEMBEL HARRISON HOPEWELL LA VALLETTE	Approx. 45	-

\* Non-effective

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
	<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	
<u>SS</u>	(3) BLUEGILL ) BLACKFISH ) On Patrol FLOUNDER )		15
	(2) SILVERSIDES ) TUNNY ) On Passage		
	(3) S.42 ) S.47 ) At Milne Bay CERO )		
	K.9	At Sydney	
	K.12	At Melbourne	
<u>FP</u>	Approx. 85	Approx. 110	?
<u>APA</u> )	(17) H.T.ALLEN (APA)	6 APA	
<u>AKA</u> )	KANIMBLA	7 APD	
<u>APD</u> )	MANOORA	4 AKA	
	WESTRALIA		
	HARRY LEE	GILMER (APD)	
	ZEILIN	KANE	
	ORMSLEY	SCHLEY	
	WINDSOR	SANDS	
	ALGORAB (AKA)	HUMPHREYS	
	VIRGO	BROOKS	
		HERBERT	
<u>ABC</u>	BLUE RIDGE		-
<u>AS</u>	(2) OTUS BURYALE		?
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN		-
<u>AR</u>	(3) RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS	PROMETHEUS	

<u>AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area only)</u>	
<u>Fighters</u> (incl. 9 twin-eng.)	115
<u>Light &amp; M/Bombers</u>	89
<u>Torpedo &amp; D/Bombers</u>	2
<u>Flying Boats</u>	1
<u>Floatplanes</u>	12
<u>Obsn A/c</u>	14

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CA</u>	-	(2) NACHI ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	(3) ABUKUMA TAMA KISO
<u>DD</u>	9	10
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx. 4

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

			<u>Mandates</u> <u>Philippines</u>	<u>Empire</u>
<u>BB</u>	(14) INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA IOWA WASHINGTON NEW JERSEY MASSACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA * OKLAHOMA	(4) NAGATO FUSO KONGO HARUNA	(6) ISE YAMASHIRO HYUGA YAMATO * MUSASHI MUTSU (prob. sunk)
<u>CV</u>	(6) ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL	-	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	(7) COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY * INDEPENDENCE	(2) RYUHO ZUIHO	(2) HITAKA * HAYATAKA
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	-	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	(25) COPAHEE SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND MASSAU SANTEE CASABLANCA ALTAMAHA	WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MEHENTA BAY OMMANEY BAY	CHIYODA	(5) CHITOSE JINYO KAIYO * OTAKA * UNYO
<u>CA</u>	(13) BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE	(8) ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI MYOKO HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI	MAYA
<u>OCA</u>	-	-	-	6
<u>CL</u>	(7) SANTA FE SAN DIEGO MOBILE BILOXI	OAKLAND * RENO * CONCORD	(3) YUBARI NOSHIRO YAHAGI	(4) * NAGARA * NATORI * ISUZU * OYODO
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHIMA	KASHII
<u>AV/OVS</u>	-	-	(2) AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO	-
<u>SO</u>	Approx. 85	-	25-30	20 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u>	Approx. 30	-	25	Approx. 25
<u>AS</u>	?	-	?	2 (one repairing)

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

OL TRENTON

\* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	<u>Southwest Pacific (Western Section)</u>	<u>Eastern Fleet Area</u>	<u>East Indies - Malaya</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	(3) QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN	-
<u>CV</u>	-	(2) ILLUSTRIOUS SARATOGA	(2) ZUIKAKU ) Poss. en SHOKAKU ) route Philippines
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	TAIHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	(4) BATTLEER UNICORN SHAH RANEE	
<u>CL</u>	-	(6) SUSSEX SUFFOLK HAWKINS FROBISHER LONDON CUMBERLAND	(3) AOBA KUMANO ) Poss. en SUZUYU ) route Philippines
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	(9) CARADOC NEWCASTLE CEYLON DANAE KENYA TROMP GAMBIA EMERALD VAN HEEMSKERK	(3) OI KINU KITAGAMI
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(2) CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOY
<u>XCL</u>	-	(2) CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>SS</u>	(20) ANGLER LAPON ) BLUEFISH MINGO ) BOWFIN NORWHAL ) CABRILLA PUFFER ) GUNNEL RASHER ) HADDO RATON ) HAKE DARTER ) ARCHERFISH K.15 ) TANG DACE ) BASHAW SCAMP )	Approx. 27	15-20
	(10) BILLFISH JACK ) BONEFISH RAY ) COD REDFIN ) CREVALLE ROBALO ) FLASHER HOE )	Approx. 15 On Patrol At Fremantle	17 (incl. 6 German)
<u>AS</u>	(2) PELIAS ORION		

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area only)

Fighters (incl. 26 twin-eng.)	127
Light & M/Bombers	48
Torpedo & D/Bombers	-
Plying Boats	-
Floatplanes	42
Obsn. A/c	16



British - MOST SECRET  
U.S. - SECRET

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. 798

Date: 5 April, 1944

PART I

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At sea to 1200/5:

- (1) "PC1134" departed Milne Bay 1400/4 escorting "REIGNST" southbound  
"PC1134" later detaches and returns Milne Bay.
- (2) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) departed Caloundra 1900/2 for Milne Bay ETA China Strait 0600/8
- (3) "TASMAN" (AH) departed Brisbane 2055/3 for Milne Bay ETA 0800/8
- (4) "LEOPARD" (IX) departed Cairns 0700/4 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/6
- (5) "YB291" departed Thursday Island 1620/4 for Cairns ETA 1830/6.
- (6) "YMS49" departed Thursday Island 1620/4 for Cairns ETA 1850/6.
- (7) "CALAMARES" (AF) was to depart Gladstone 0630/5 for Port Moresby  
ETA 1400/8
- (8) "BALLARAT" (AMS) conducting Grafton Passage A/S patrol.
- (9) "MILDURA" (AMS) towing 1 APC departed Cairns 1100/4 for Brisbane  
ETA Caloundra 1000/8
- (10) "SC.745" departed Caloundra 0212/4 for A/S patrol Sandy Cape area.
- (11) "WARRNAMBOOL" (AMS) departed Sydney 1000/3 for A/S patrol Smoky  
Cape and return.
- (12) 3 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "PYRO" (AE) to depart Brisbane about April 5 for Langemak
- (2) "PIRIE" (AMS) escorting Convoy TD50 ("R.P. WARNER" "G. EASTMAN")  
to depart Thursday Island 1300/5 for Darwin
- (3) "YMS's 11, 72" to depart Cairns 0800/6 for Thursday Island ETA  
Ince Point 1400/9: for onward routing to Fremantle via  
Darwin.
- (4) "VENDETTA" (DD) escorting "LURLINE" to depart Sydney 1600/5,  
detaching at 159th. meridian and returning to Sydney.
- (5) "BARCOO" to depart Milne Bay approx. 7 April for Townsville for boiler  
cleaning.

(c) In Harbour:

Admiralties:

Combat Units	4DD	:	"GRAYSON" "ROE" "HOBBY" "GILLESPIE"
	19 PT		
Escorts	6	:	"SAN PEDRO" (PF) "BENALLA" (AMS) 1 SC:735 2 YMS: 8, 46 1 ML: 425
Auxiliaries	9	:	"OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "TANGIER" (AV) "GUNSTON HALL" (LSD) "CHETCO" "SONOMA" RESERVE (AT) "MINK" (IX) "VICTORIA" (AO)
Merchantmen	13	:	"J. BARBARA" "F. BILLINGS" "J. P. BRADLEY" "J. BURROUGHS" "P. T. DODDRIDGE" "E. JOHNSON" "MORMACSEA" "GRAMO" "W. J. SUBJECTTE" "S. M. WHITE" "LYMAN STEWART" "B. MATTHEWS" "G. V. L. MEYER"

Cape Gloucester:  
 Escorts 4 : "COWRA" (AMS) 2 PU: 1122, 1123 1 ML:423  
 Merchantmen 4 : "T.CRAWFORD" "H.T.RAINEY" "J.ROSSITER"  
 "A.THOMAS"

Talasea:  
 Combat Units 15 PT  
 Auxiliaries 1 : "HILO" (AGP)

Saidor:  
 Combat Units 11 PT :  
 Merchantmen 3 : "JOHN I.NOLAN" "TIMOSHENKO" "YOCHOW"

Langemak:  
 Combat Units 1 DD : "BEALE"  
 28 PT  
 Escorts 27 : 8 AMS : "ARABAT" "BUNDABERG" "CASTLEMAINE"  
 "BOWEN" "BENDIGO" "BUNBURY" "KAPUNDA"  
 "STAWELL" 2 PG: 476, 1132 2 YMS: 316, 393  
 5 ML: 424, 431, 803, 806, 816  
 10 SC: 637, 648, 650, 734, 741, 744, 747,  
 750, 981, 982  
 Auxiliaries 10 : "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "HUMPHREYS" "BROOKS" "SANDS"  
 (APD) "BOOTES" (AK) "WESTRALIA" (APA)  
 "MAETSUYCKER" (AH) "TULSA" (PG) "COUCAL" (ASR  
 1 YP: 283  
 Merchantmen 25 : "BORGFRED" "BOTH" "P.CHANDLER" "W.E.CHANNING"  
 "T.M.COOLEY" "COLORADO" "J.DOTY" "M.FULLER"  
 "ISOLATOR" "JAPARA" "W.MCCRACKEN" "MACTAN"  
 "MACKAWAO" "MANA" "J.W.MELDRUM" "MORMAGGULL"  
 "S.G.PORTER" "F.M.QUINONES" "A.ROBINSON"  
 "SEA WITCH" "W.SPARRROW" "CLAUD SPRECKLES"  
 "J.ROSS" "STAGEN" "ED.N.WESTCOTT"

Lae:  
 Escorts 2 : 2 ML: 428, 430  
 Auxiliaries 1 : "PANDA" (IX)  
 Merchantmen 9 : "D.F.BARRY" "CAPE SPENCER" "D.E.HUGHES"  
 "L.MERRITT" "MORINDIES" "RING LARDNER"  
 "J.SINGER" "G.L.SMITH" "R.STUART"

Buna-Oro Bay:  
 Combat Units 14 DD : "WILKES" "NICHOLSON" "HARRISON" "WELLES"  
 "STEMEEL" "THORN" "SWANSON" "STEVENSON"  
 "KALK" "REID" "ERBEN" "WALKER" "HALE"  
 "ABBOTT"  
 Escorts 9 : 2 PF: "CORONADO" "GLENDALE"  
 5 YMS: 53, 71, 314, 334, 336 1 ML: 816  
 1 SC: 737  
 Auxiliaries 17 : "TRINITY" (AO) "GILMER" "HERBERT" "KANE"  
 "SCHLEY" (APD) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "POYANG" (AP  
 "ZEILIN" "ORMSBY" "WINDSOR" "HARRY LEE" (APA)  
 "VIRGO" (AKA) "MEDUSA" (AR) 1 ARD "POINT LOMA"  
 (AT) "RIGEL" (AR) "DOBBIN" (AD)  
 Merchantmen 21 : "BALIKPAPAN" "R.S.BEAN" "BONTEKOE" "F.H.DODD"  
 "CITY OF PHILEDELPHIA" "W.DUNBAR" "A.B.HAMMOND"  
 "A.S.DUNIWAY" "JANSSENS" "KARSIK" "GEO.LUKS"  
 "NARVIK" "SEA BARD" "O.SKINNER" "C.L.SMITH"  
 "VAN SWOLL" "M.WALKER" "J.M.WHISTLER"  
 "WICHITA FALLS" "D.WRIGHT" "E.YOUNG"

Kiriwina Is.  
 Escort  
 Merchantmen 1 : "ANHUI"

Woodlark Is:  
 Escorts 3 : "WAGGA" (AMS) 2 YMS: 50, 335  
 Merchantmen 2 : "D.D.FIELD" "J.S.MANSFIELD"

Woodenough Island:  
 Combat Units 1 DD : "STOCKTON"  
 Escorts 1 : "GOULBURN" (AMS)  
 Auxiliaries 4 : "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA"  
 "H.T.ALLEN" (APA)  
 Merchantmen 2 : "W.GRENFELL" "K.D.WIGGIN"

Milne Bay:

## Combat Units

2 CA : "SHERPESHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"  
 3 CL : "NASHVILLE" "BOISE" "PHOENIX"  
 11 DD : "HUTCHINS" "DALY" "BACHE" "MULLANY"  
 "ABNER READ" "BUSH" "ARUNTA" "WARRAMUNGA"  
 "AMMEN" "HOPEWELL" "LAVALLETTE"

1 PT

Note: Special operational movements forward of Milne Bay not shown.  
 Escorts 5 PF : "VAN BUREN" "OGDEN" "BARCOO" "LONGBEACH"  
 "EL PASO"

1 PS : "WARREGO"  
 7 SC : 703, 732, 736, 738, 742, 746, 748  
 2 AMS : "KIAMA" "GYMPIE"  
 7 PC : 47, 1119, 1120, 1124, 1131, 1132, 1133  
 7 YMS : 9, 10, 48, 52, 73, 313, 315  
 6 ML : 427, 801, 802 817, 818, 819

## Auxiliaries

27 : "AASE MAERSK" (AO) "HALF MOON" (AVP)  
 "MERKUR" (AF) "OTUS" "EURYALE" (AS)  
 "KOOPA" (AGP) "AMYCUS" (AR) "YUNNAN" (AE)  
 "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG) "TEAK" (AN) "MORSEBY"  
 "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) "SOLAGE" (AH) "WATO"  
 "BAYOU ST JOHN" (AT) "ETAMIN" "GANIMEDE"  
 "TRIANGULUM" (AE) "ANDREW DORIA" "PORCUPINE"  
 "VILLALOBOS" (IX) "ALABASTER" (PYC)  
 "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "PING WO" (ASIS)  
 1 ARD 2 YP: 278, 280

## Merchantmen

62 : "H.L.ABBOTT" "E.G.ACHESON" "F.C.AINSWORTH"  
 "ARANSAS PASS" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "BARBARA C"  
 "ANSON BURLINGHAME" "S.K.BOLIVAR"  
 "BIRCHCOULIE" "W.N.BYERS" "J.CABRILLO"  
 "J.C.CALHOUN" "CAPE COD" "CAPE NEWMENHAM"  
 "M.DALY" "G.DAVIDSON" "J.DEERE" "DONMARQUIS"  
 "L.L.DYCHE" "G.F.ELLIORR" "ENA" "EMPRESS"  
 "SILVER" "F.A.EILERS" "ESSO MANHATTAN"  
 "JOHN EVANS" "EXIRIA" "M.GRIFFITH" "HADLEY"  
 "A.S.HEWITT" "L.S.KELLY" "C.KING" "KOTA INTEN"  
 "W.S.LADD" "LAKE ORMAC" "ED.LANDER" "J.LANE"  
 "F.B.LINDERMANN" "J.MCLEAN" "J.LYKES"  
 "H.MONROE" "MONTAUK POINT" "W.V.MOODY"  
 "NORLAGO" "NORAB" "T.NELSON" "ACWI PRINCE"  
 "M.ROBERTSON" "A.REHAN" "W.B.ROGERS"  
 "W.C.SQUIRE" "M.STEWART" "T.W.SYMONS"  
 "TAWALI" "J.THOMAS" "TWO HARBOURS" "M.THORNTON"  
 "THUNDERER" "GEO.VANCOUVER" "A.E.WATTS"  
 "WEST CACTUS" "WELTEVREDE" "J.WING"

Port Moresby:

Escorts 2 : 1 ML 426 1 SC: 699  
 Auxiliaries 1 : "MANUNDA" (AH)  
 Merchantmen 8 : "CANBERRA" "E.CHAMBERS" "C.DARROW" "HANYANG"  
 "G.R.HEBARD" "A.HILL" "O.KELLY" "SEIKLESTAD"

Merauke:

Escorts 1 : SC 731

Thursday Island:

Escorts 3 : 1 YMS 50, 2 AMS: "KALGOORLIE" "PIRIE"  
 Auxiliaries 2 : "BUNGAREE (CM)" "POLARIS" (AGS)

Cairns:

Escorts 10 : 2 AMS: "GLENELG" "TOWNSVILLE" 1 PC: 479  
 3 ML: 804, 811, 820, 4 YMS: 11, 47, 51, 72  
 Auxiliaries 5 : "PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD "TANCRED" (AT)  
 1 AFD 1 YOG

Townsville:

Escort 1 : "BROOME" (AMS)

Mackay:

Auxiliaries 1 : "HERON" (AVP)

Brisbane:

Escorts 8 : 1 PS : "SWAN" 2 AMS: "GEBLONG" "WHYALLA"  
 2 SC: 745, 749 1 YMS: 70 2 ML: 808, 821

Auxiliaries 11 : "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "ALGORAB" (AKA) "KURUMBA"  
 (AO) "SHIKELLAMY" (AOH) 2 YP: 235, 236  
 "PYRO" (AE) "MIZAR" (AF) "CARONDOLET" "KAILUA"  
 "ST MARY" (IX)

Sydney:

Combat Units	1 CL	:	"HOBART" (Refitting)
	2 DD	:	"VENDETTA" "STUART"
Escorts	15	:	1 PF: "GASCOYNE" 1 PS: "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA" 6 AMS: "COLAC" "DELOIRINE" "ECHUCA" "GLADSTONE" "KATOOMBA" "ROCKHAMPTON" 4 A/S "KYBRA" "YANDRA" "AB. CRIJHSSEN" "DOOMBA" 3 ML: 807, 822, 825
Auxiliaries	5	:	"BISHOPDALE" (AO) "OCTANS" (AF) "POELUX" (AKS) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG)

Melbourne:

Escorts	2 AMS	:	"LITHGOW" "FREMANTLE" (Refitting)
Auxiliaries	1	:	"YUMA" (AT)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

1. Empress Augusta Bay - Reports to 1500/3 stating that Japanese are in retreat in the North and North East of our perimeter, pursued by allied patrols, and are being harassed by artillery and machine gun fire.  
At 1005/2 enemy gun positions were bombed by 6 Avengers and at 1425/2 the Purjata River bridge received 6 direct hits from the 6 Avengers. P.m. April 2 3 barges were attacked by allied aircraft and surface craft off Motubena Point. a.m. April 3, the Tekessi river area was bombed by allied destroyers and 2015/3 3 barges were attacked by a Catalina south of Motubena Point.
2. Kilinailau Island area - At 0345/4 possible submarine was indicated 45 miles North of Kilinailau Island.
3. New Ireland - Between April 1 and April 3 enemy motor transport and barges were attacked by Soupac fighters destroying 14 trucks and 8 barges and damaging 15-20 sea trucks.
4. Kavieng - Night April 2-3 Panapai was harassed by Soupac Catalina and the following night Kavieng was harassed by another Catalina.
5. Admiralties. - To 1800/3 known enemy dead in the Admiralties were 2,839: total remnants of the enemy garrison were estimated at 400-450 troops. On April 3 increased enemy activity was reported by allied patrols in the South eastern corner of Manus Island, where the Japanese are occupying previously prepared defences and enemy strength is greatly increasing as stragglers arrive.  
At 1330/3 Rambutyo Is. was occupied by allied forces without opposition.
6. Rabaul - Between April 1 and April 3 sustained attacks were carried out on Rabaul by Soupac aircraft. Night April 1-2 Vunapope was bombed by 5 Mitchells. At 0800/2 South Eastern Rabaul was bombed by 12 Lightnings. At 0835/2 the Malaguma Road was bombed by 9 Aircobras and 21 Kittyhawks. At 1055/2 Raluana was bombed by 7 Mitchells followed by 60 Dauntless and 23 Avengers. At 1120/2 Lakunai was attacked by 22 Mitchells. At 1450/2 a supply area at Talili Bay was bombed by 15 Dauntless 12 Avengers.  
Night April 2-3 Rabaul was harassed by 6 Mitchells. Between 0920-0940/3 Vunakanau was bombed by 22 Dauntless, Tobera by 37 Dauntless and Talili Bay by 24 Avengers. At 0940/3 the North eastern sector of Rabaul was struck by 23 Mitchells. At 1025/3 Keravia Bay was attacked by 18 Lightnings and 44 Aircobras and Kittyhawks. At 1505/3 Talili Bay was bombed by 6 Dauntless and 6 Avengers.  
Photographs 0805-1005/3 show 104 barges in the Rabaul area.  
On April 3 2 PT type boats were strafed by Soupac fighters in Keravia Bay.
7. Open Bay area - 2030/2 an enemy submarine was attacked in Open Bay by PT boats which fired 7 torpedoes. 1 explosion was felt but results were otherwise unobserved. At 2045/2 1 barge was sunk and 1 barge captured, together with 1 prisoner, by our PT boats in the same area.
8. Hollandia - At 1117/3 2 vessels were indicated 35 miles NNE of Humboldt Bay.

9. Wewak - At 1106/4 personnel and stores areas at Wewak and Boram were attacked by 52 Liberators dropping 412 x 1000 lb. bombs. The bombing was reported to be unusually excellent, starting many small and medium fires and 1 large fire in the personnel area between Boram and Moen. Several buildings were destroyed and a number of grounded aircraft. No interception was reported and apparently nil ack ack.
10. Bunabun Harbour - At 1055/4 ack ack positions at Bunabun Harbour were bombed by 8 aircobras and 2 Kittyhawks. 2 guns are believed destroyed.
11. Madang - At 2125/2 3 empty barges heading south towards Madang were sunk by our PT boats, and 1 barge was damaged. 2 machine gun positions and 1 37 mm gun in the Harbour area were silenced, and a large fire probably a fuel dump was started, visible at 15 miles.
12. Bogadjim area - Night 31 March to April 1 no enemy casualties known in the counter attack reported in Summary 796, para. 14, are 15 killed and 20 wounded.

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2/ NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/5:

- (1) "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS) escorting Convoy DT.48 (1 MV) departed Darwin 1012/3 for Thursday Island ETA. 0900/6.
- (2) 20 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Escorts	6	: 3 AMS "LATROBE" "WILCANNIA" "INVERELL"
		3 ML: 429, 809, 318
Merchantmen	5	: "J.W.TROY" "SUVA" "M.FLINDERS" "H.MOLLER"
		"PENNANT"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

1. Dutch New Guinea - At 1328/5 enemy aircraft heading SSW was sighted 20 miles North of Cape Valsch.
2. Kai Island - Photographs April 3 show probably nil serviceable aircraft at Langgoer and nil aircraft Doeroa. 12 hits are shown on the runway and others across the dispersal areas at Langgoer. The runways at Doeroa are serviceable. Servicing of the runway is in progress at Lefoeer, where an extensive new dispersal loop has been cleared North of the West end of the strip.  
12 barges are shown at Langgoer and 11 small merchant vessels at the north end of Rosenberg Strait.
3. Tanimbar Islands - Between 1426-1506/4 strafing attack was carried out on Larat and Yamdena Islands by 3 Beaufighters.
4. Timor - Between 2030-2042/3 Barracks area and runway at Penfoei was bombed by 6 Mitchells.
- X 5. Philippines - Davao - At 1100/3 1 probable aircraft carrier escorted by 2 destroyers was reported South of Davao heading north.

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/5:

- (1) "WANGANELLA" (AH) departed Fremantle 0806/1 proceeding out of S.W.P.A.
- (2) "YP288" departed Exmouth Gulf 1025/2 for Fremantle.

(b) Proposed Movements:

"DUNTROON" (AP) to depart Fremantle 1300/4 for Sydney.

(c) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat Units  
Escorts

1 GL : "ADELAIDE"  
6 : "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739  
3 ML : 812. 824. 826

Auxiliaries

9 : "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" (AM) "DUNTROON" (AP)  
"ORION" "PELIAS" (AS) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR)  
1 YP: 1 ARD

Exmouth Gulf:  
Auxiliaries

3 : "CHILDS" (AV) "W.B.PRESTON" (AVD) 1 YP: 286

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B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

1. Truk - Between 0705-0800/1 Dublon town was bombed by 14 Cenpac Liberators starting large fires. Between 2045-2210/2 buildings and warehouses at Dublon were bombed by 22 Cenpac Liberators starting fires. 3 fighters intercepted.

At 0445/2 Dublon was harassed by a Soupac Liberator and at 1140/2 Dublon, Nanko and Eten Islands were bombed by 31 Soupac Liberators dropping 46 tons of bombs. Large fires were started and damage was done to warehouses, piers, and 1 large shop building. 40-60 enemy fighters intercepted. Incomplete report indicates that 25-30 were destroyed. 5 Liberator s were lost but the entire crew of one was rescued.

Photographs 1240/2 show the following aircraft :

	Eten	20 F.	- D/B	- F/P	- F/B
Dublon	2	20	3	1	

2. Ponape - <sup>carrier</sup> 2 carrier vessels and 50 barges are shown in the area. Between 1115/1 - 2045/2 Ponape was attacked by light and medium Cenpac Bombers.
3. Ujelang - At 0400/2 an enemy submarine was attacked by aircraft 155 miles S.E. by E. of Ujelang.
4. Marshalls - A delayed report states that 11 additional atolls in the Marshalls have been occupied, mostly without resistance. Between 31 March and April 1 Jaluit Taroa Mille and Wotje were subjected to repeated attacks by Cenpac medium and light bombers operating in groups of 6-20

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ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

- (1) ~~Concentration of naval and air strength in Southern Philippines following allied naval offensive in Central Pacific.~~
- (2) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North Coast New Guinea East Indies, Malayan and Kuriles.
- (3) Increased use of submarines for transportation purposes in Marshalls-Bismarcks - Solomons.
- (4) Continued use of barges and small coasters for coastal transportation in forward areas.
- (5) Continued submarine offensive in Indian Ocean by Japanese and German Units.

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	
<u>BB</u>	-	(4) IDAHO NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA TENNESSEE	-
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	(4) NATOMA BAY CORAL SEA CORRIGEDOR MANILA BAY	-
<u>CA</u>	(2) AUSTRALIA SHEPESHIRE	-	-
<u>CL</u>	(4) BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX * HOBART	(8) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELIER DENVER HONOLULU ST LOUIS BIRMINGHAM * LEANDER	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	TANGIER	(2) WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	(2) HALF MOON SAN PABLO	BALLARD	-
<u>DE</u>	(29) ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA REID AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS HOBBY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES STOCKTON NICHOLSON WILKES STEVENSON THORN ABNER READ ROE GRAYSON SWANSON STEMBEL HARRISON HOPEWELL LA VALLETTE	Approx. 45	-

\* Non-effective

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

<u>SS</u>	(3) BLUEGILL BLACKFISH FLOUNDER	) ) )	On Patrol	15
	(2) SILVERSIDES TUNNY	) )	On Passage	
	(3) S.42 S.47 CERO	) ) )	At Milne Bay	
	K.9	)	At Sydney	
	K.12	)	At Melbourne	

<u>PT</u>	Approx. 85		Approx. 110	?
<u>APA</u> )	(17) H.T. ALLEN (APA)		6 APA	
<u>AKA</u> )	KANIMELA		7 APD	
<u>APD</u> )	MANOORA		4 AKA	
	WESTRALIA			
	HARRY LEE	GILMER (APD)		
	ZEILIN	KANE		
	ORMSLEY	SCHLEY		
	WINDSOR	SANDS		
	ALGORAB (AKA)	HUMPHREYS		
	VIRGO	BROOKS		
		HERBERT		

<u>AGC</u>	BLUE RIDGE			-
<u>AS</u>	(2) OTUS EURYALE			?
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN			-
<u>AR</u>	(3) RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS		PROMETHEUS	

<u>AIRCRAFT</u>	
Fighters	115
(inc. 9 twin-eng)	
Light & M/Bombers	89
Torpedo & D/Bombers	2
Flying Boats	1
Floatplanes	12
Obsn. A/c	14

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>CA</u>	.		(2) NACHI ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND		(3) ABUKUMA TAMA KISO
<u>DD</u>	9		10
<u>SS</u>	10		Approx. 4



3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

			<u>Mandates</u> <u>Philippines</u>	<u>Empire</u>
<u>BB</u>	(14) IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA * OKLAHOMA	-	(6) YAMATO ISE YAMASHIRO HYUGA * MUSASHI MUTSU (prob. sunk)
<u>CV</u>	(6) ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL	-	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	(7) COPPERS BELLEAU WOOD MONPERREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY * INDEPENDENCE	(2) RYUHO ZUIHO	(2) HITAKA * HAYATAKA
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	-	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	(23) COPAHEE SANGAMON SUNANNEE CHENANGO BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU B SANTIE CASABLANCA ALTAMANA	WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MEHERTA BAY ORMANEY BAY	CHIYODA	(5) CHEFOSE JINYO KAIYO * OTAKA * UNYO
<u>CA</u>	(13) BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE	(5) ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI MYOKO HAGURO	MAYA
<u>OCA</u>	-	-	-	6
<u>CL</u>	(7) SANTA FE SAN DIEGO MOBILE BILOXI	OAKLAND * RENO * CONCORD	(2) YUBARI HOSHIRO	(4) * NIAGARA * WATORI * ISUZU * OYODO
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHIMA	KASHII
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	-	(2) AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO	-
<u>IL</u>	Approx. 85	-	15-20	20 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u>	Approx. 30	-	25	Approx. 25
<u>AS</u>	?	-	?	2 (one repairing)

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

CL TRENTON

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\* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies - Malaya

<u>BB</u>	-	(3) QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN	(4) NAGATO FUSO KONGO HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	-	(2) ILLUSTRIOUS SARATOGA	(2) ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	TAIHO
<u>CV(S)</u>	-	(4) BATTLE UNICORN SHAH RAMEE	
<u>CA</u>	-	(6) SUSSEX SUFFOLK LONDON CUMBERLAND HAWKINS FROBISHER	(6) AOBA KUMANO SUZUYA TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	(9) CARADOC NEWCASTLE CEYLON DANAE KENYA TROMP GAMBIA EMERALD VAN HEEMSKERK	(4) YAHAGI KINU KITAGAMI OI
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(2) CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	* KAMO I
<u>XCL</u>	-	(2) CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>DL</u>	-	Approx. 27	25
<u>SS</u>	(20) ANGLER LAPON ) BLUEFISH MINGO ) BOWFIN NORWAL ) CAERILLA PUFFER ) GUNNEL RASHER ) HADDO RATON ) HAKE DARTER ) ARCHERFISH K.15 ) TANG DACE ) BASHAW SCAMP )	Approx. 15  On Patrol	17 (incl. 6 German)
	(10) BILLFISH JACK ) BONEFISH RAY ) COD REDFIN ) GREVALIE ROBALO ) FLASHER HOE )	At Fremantle	
<u>AS</u>	(2) PELIAS ORION		

AIRCRAFT (East Indies only)  
Fighters 184  
Light & M/Bombers 57  
Torpedo & D/Bombers -  
Flying Boats •  
Floatplanes 58  
Oban A/c 28

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

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

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Date: 6 April, 1944

PART IA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREAEASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/6:

- (1) "PC.1120" departed 2130/4 to RV with "SHELDON CLARK" at 0700/5 and escort to Milne Bay.
- (2) "PC.1131" departed Milne Bay to RV with "LEOPARD" (IX) at 1500/5 and escort to Milne Bay ETA 1200/6.
- (3) "SC.698" escorting "STICKLESTAD" departed Port Moresby 1400/5 for Milne Bay ETA 1600/6.
- (4) "MANUNDA" (AH) departed Port Moresby 1130/5 for Townsville ETA 0500/8.
- (5) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) departed Caloundra 1900/2 for Milne Bay ETA China Strait 0600/8.
- (6) "TASMAN" (AH) departed Brisbane 2055/3 for Milne Bay ETA 0800/8.
- (7) "YMS's 11, 72" departed Cairns 1812/5 for Thursday Island ETA Ince Point 1400/9; for onward routing to Fremantle via Darwin.
- (8) "YP.291" departed Thursday Island 1620/4 for Cairns ETA 1830/6.
- (9) "YMS.49" departed Thursday Island 1620/4 for Cairns ETA 1850/6.
- (10) "GALANARES" (AF) departed Gladstone 0830/5 for Port Moresby ETA 1400/8.
- (11) "SP. MARY" (IX) was to depart Brisbane 0800/6 for Cairns ETA 1400/10.
- (12) "BALLARAT" (AMS) conducting Grafton Passage A/S patrol.
- (13) "PYRO" (AE) was to depart Brisbane April 5 for Langemak ETA April 11.
- (14) "MILDURA" (AMS) towing 1 APC departed Cairns 1100/4 for Brisbane ETA Caloundra 1000/8.
- (15) "SC.745" departed Caloundra 0212/4 for A/S patrol Sandy Cape area.
- (16) "DOOMBA" (A/S) departed Sydney 0801/5 on A/S patrol to Smoky Cape and return.
- (17) "VENDETTA" (DD) escorting "LURLINE" departed Sydney 1536/5. "VENDETTA" detaches at 159th meridian and returns Sydney.
- (18) 3 submarines on patrol

(b) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "TOWNSVILLE" (AMS) to depart Cairns 1800/6 for Townsville ETA 0700/7.
- (2) "POLLUX" (AKS) to depart Sydney April 7 for Brisbane, departing thence April 13th for Milne Bay.
- (3) "GASCOYNE" (PF) to depart Sydney p.m. April 6th for Milne Bay.
- (4) "BARGOO" to depart Milne Bay approx. 7 April for Townsville for boiler cleaning.

(c) In Harbour:Admiralties:

Combat Units	5 DD	: "GRAYSON" "ROE" "HOBBY" "GILLESPIE" "PRINGLE"
	19 FT	
Escorts	6	: "SAN PEDRO" (PF) "BENALLA" (AMS) 1 <u>SCB</u> 735
		2 <u>YMS</u> : 8, 46 1 <u>ML</u> : 425

Admiralties (Contd.):

<u>Auxiliaries</u>	10	:	"OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "TANGIER" (AV) "GUNSTON HALL" (LSD) "CHETCO" "SONOMA" "RESERVE" (AT) "MINK" (IX) "VICTORIA" (AO) 1 YP: 283
<u>Merchantmen</u>	13	:	"J. BARBARA" "F. BILLINGS" "J. P. BRADLEY" "J. BURROUGHS" "P. T. DODDRIDGE" "E. JOHNSON" "LYMAN STEWART" "B. MATTHEWS" "G. V. L. MEYER" "MORMACSEA" "RAMO" "W. J. SUBJETTE" "S. M. WHITE"
<u>Cape Gloucester:</u>			
<u>Escorts</u>	2	:	1 PC: 1123 1 ML: 423
<u>Merchantmen</u>	4	:	"T. CRAWFORD" "H. T. RAINEY" "J. ROSSITER" "A. THOMAS"
<u>Talasea:</u>			
<u>Combat Units</u>	15	PT	
<u>Escort</u>	1	:	PC. 1122
<u>Auxiliaries</u>	1	:	"HILO" (AGP)
<u>Merchantmen</u>	2	:	"MELINGA" "DEUTGAN"
<u>Saider:</u>			
<u>Combat Units</u>	11	PT	
<u>Merchantmen</u>	3	:	"JOHN I. NOLAN" "TIMOSHENKO" "YOCHOW"
<u>Langemak:</u>			
<u>Combat Units</u>	28	PT	
<u>Escorts</u>	22	:	6 AMS: "BUNDABERG" "CASTLEMAINE" "BOWEN" "BUHEURY" "KAPUNDA" "STAWELL" 2 PC: 476, 1132 1 YMS: 393 5 ML: 424, 431, 803, 806, 316 8 SC: 537, 648, 650, 734, 741, 747, 750, 981
<u>Auxiliaries</u>	11	:	"PORTUNUS" (AGP) "HUMPHREYS" "KANE" "HERBERT" "GILMER" "BROOKS" "SANDS" (APD) "BOOTES" (AK) "WESTRALIA" (APA) "TULSA" (PG) "COUGAL" (ASR)
<u>Merchantmen</u>	21	:	"BORGFRED" "BOTH" "P. CHANDLER" "W. E. CHANNING" "T. M. COOLEY" "COLORADO" "J. DOTY" "M. FULLER" "JAPARA" "W. MCCRACKEN" "MACTAN" "MACKAWAO" "MANA" "MORMAGGULL" "F. M. QUINONES" "A. ROBINSON" "SEA WITCH" "J. SINGER" "J. ROSS" "VAN SWOLL" "ED. N. WESTCOTT"
<u>Lae:</u>			
<u>Escorts</u>	2	:	2 ML: 428, 430
<u>Auxiliaries</u>	1	:	"PANDA" (IX)
<u>Merchantmen</u>	9	:	"D. F. BARRY" "CAPE SPENCER" "D. E. HUGHES" "L. MERRITT" "NORINDIES" "RING LARDNER" "SEA BARD" "G. L. SMITH" "R. STUART"
<u>Buna-Oro Bay:</u>			
<u>Combat Units</u>	15	DD	"WILKES" "NICHOLSON" "HARRISON" "WELLES" "THORN" "SWANSON" "STEVENSON" "KALK" "REID" "ERBEN" "WALKER" "HALE" "ABBOTT" "HOPEWELL" "LA VALLETTE"
<u>Escorts</u>	14	:	3 EF: "CORONADO" "GLENDALE" "LONGBEACH" 6 YMS: 53, 71, 314, 316, 334, 336 1 ML: 816 1 SC: 744 3 AMS: "ARARAT" "BENDIGO" "COWRA"
<u>Auxiliaries</u>	16	:	"TRINITY" (AO) "SCHLEY" (APD) "BLUE RIDGE" (AG) "PCYANG" (AP) "ZEILIN" "ORMSLEY" "WINDSOR" "HARRY LEE" (APA) "VIRGO" (AKA) "MEDUSA" (AR) "MAETSUYCKER" (AH) 1 ARD "POINT LOMA" (AT) "RIGEL" (AR) "DOBBIN" (AD) "MERKUR" (AF)
<u>Merchantmen</u>	21	:	"BALIKPAPAN" "R. S. BEAN" "BONTEKOE" "F. H. DODD" "CITY OF PHILADELPHIA" "W. DUNBAR" "EXIRIA" "A. S. DUNIWAY" "ISOLATOR" "JANSSENS" "KARSIK" "GEO. LUKS" "NARVIK" "O. SKINNER" "G. L. SMITH" "W. C. SQUIRE" "M. WALKER" "J. M. WHISTLER" "WICHITA FALLS" "D. WRIGHT" "E. YOUNG"
<u>Kiriwina Is:</u>			
<u>Merchantmen</u>	1	:	"AMUI"
<u>Woodlark Is:</u>			
<u>Escorts</u>	4	:	"WAGGA" (AMS) 2 YMS: 50, 335 1 SC: 737
<u>Auxiliaries</u>	1	:	"BAYOT ST. JOHN" (AT)
<u>Merchantmen</u>	2	:	"D. D. FIELD" "J. S. MANSFIELD"

Goodenough Is:  
 Combat Units 2 DD : "STOCKFON" "BEALE"  
 Escorts 1 : "GOULBURN" (AMS)  
 Auxiliaries 4 : "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "KANIMBLA" "MANCORA"  
 "E.T.ALLEN" (APA)  
 Merchantmen 2 : "E.D.WIGGIN" "F.A.EILERS"  
Milne Bay:  
 Combat Units 2 CA : "SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"  
 3 CL : "NASHVILLE" "BOISE" "PHOENIX"  
 16 DD : "HUTCHINS" "DALY" "BACHE" "MULLANY"  
 "ABNER READ" "BUSH" "ARUNTA" "WARRAMUNGA"  
 "AMMEN" "STEMBEL" "RADFORD" "JENKINS"  
 "NICHOLAS" "O'BANNON" "TAYLOR" "FLETCHER"  
 1 PT  
 \* Note: Special operational movements forward of Milne Bay not shown.  
 Escorts 4 PF : "VAN BUREN" "OGDEN" "BARCOO" "ELPASO"  
 1 PS : "WARREGO"  
 8 SC : 703, 732, 736, 738, 742, 746, 748, 982  
 2 AMS : "KIAMA" "GYMPIE"  
 6 PC : 47, 1119, 1124, 1132, 1133, 1134  
 7 YMS : 9, 10, 48, 52, 73, 313, 315  
 6 ML : 427, 801, 802, 817, 818, 819  
 Auxiliaries 31 : "KILTY" "WARD" "CROSBY" "TALBOT" "NOA"  
 "DENT" (APD) "AASE MAERSE" (AO) "HALF MOON"  
 (AVP) "OTUS" "EURYALE" (AS) "KOOFA" (AGP)  
 "AMYCUS" (AR) "YUNNAN" (AE) "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOC)  
 "TEAK" (AN) "MORESBY" "SHEPPARTON" (AGS)  
 "SOLACE" (AH) "WATO" (AT) "ETAMIN" "GANYMEDE"  
 "TRIANGULUM" (AE) "ANDREW DORIA" "PORCUPINE"  
 "VILLALOBOS" (IX) "ALABASTER" (PYG)  
 "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "PING WO" (ASIS)  
 1 ARD 2 YP: 278, 280  
 Merchantmen 70 : "H.L.ABBOTT" "E.G.ACHESON" "F.C.AINSWORTH"  
 "ARANSAS PASS" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "BARBARA C"  
 "ANSON BURLINGHAME" "S.K.BOLIVAR"  
 "BIRCHCOULIE" "W.N.BYERS" "J.CABRILLO"  
 "J.C.CALHOUN" "CAPE COD" "CAPE NEWENHAM"  
 "M.DALY" "G.DAVIDSON" "J.DEERE" "DON MARQUIS"  
 "L.L.DYCHE" "G.F.ELLIOTT" "ENA" "EMPRESS  
 SILVER" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "ESSO MANHATTAN"  
 "JOHN EVANS" "M.GRIFFITH" "GRANDE RONDE"  
 "A.B.HAMMOND" "A.S.HEWITT" "L.S.KELLY"  
 "O.KELLY" "C.KING" "KOTA INTEN" "W.S.LADD"  
 "LAKE ORMAC" "ED.LANDER" "J.LANE"  
 "F.B.LINDERMANN" "J.MCLEAN" "F.F.MELDRUM"  
 "J.LYKES" "H.MONROE" "MONTAUK POINT"  
 "W.V.MOODY" "NORLAGO" "NORAB" "T.NELSON"  
 "S.G.PORTER" "C.SPRECKLES" "STAGEN"  
 "AGWI PRINCE" "M.ROBERTSON" "A.REHAN"  
 "W.B.ROGERS" "W.S.SPARRON" "M.STEWART"  
 "T.W.SYMONS" "TAROONA" "TAWALI" "J.THOMAS"  
 "TWO HARBOURS" "M.THORNTON" "THUNDERER"  
 "S.TURMAN" "TUNG SONG" "GEO.VANCOUVER"  
 "A.E.WATTS" "WEST CACTUS" "WELTEVREDEN"  
 "J.WING"  
Port Moresby:  
 Escorts 1 : 1 ML: 426  
 Merchantmen 6 : "CANBERRA" "E.CHAMBERS" "C.DARROW" "HANYANG"  
 "G.R.HEBARD" "A.HILL"  
Merauke:  
Thursday Is:  
 Escorts 4 : 1 YMS: 50 2 AMS: "COOTAMUNDRA" "KALGOORLIE"  
 1 SC: 731  
 Auxiliaries 2 : "BUNGAREE" (GM) "POLARIS" (AGS)  
Cairns:  
 Escorts 8 : 2 AMS: "GLENELG" "TOWNSVILLE" 1 PC: 479  
 3 ML: 804, 811, 826 2 YMS: 47 51  
 Auxiliaries 5 : "PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD "TANCRED" (AT)  
 1 APD 1 YOG  
Townsville:  
 Escort 1 : "ERCOOME" (AMS)  
Mackay:  
 Auxiliaries 1 : "HERON" (AVP)

**Brisbane:**  
**Escorts** 8 : 1 PS: "SWAN" 2 AMS: "GEELONG" "WHYALLA"  
 2 SC: 745, 749 1 YMS: 70 2 ML: 808, 821  
**Auxiliaries** 10 : "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "ALGORAB" (AKA) "KURUMBA"  
 (AO) "SHIKELLAMY" (AOH) 2 YP: 235, 236  
 "PYRO" (AE) "MIZAR" (AF) "CARONDOLET"  
 "KAILUA" (IX)

**Sydney:**  
**Combat Units** 1 CL : "HOBART" (Refitting)  
 1 DD : "STUART"  
**Escorts** 15 : 1 PF: "GASCOYNE" 1 PS: "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA"  
 7 AMS: "COLAC" "DELORAINÉ" "ECHUCA"  
 "WARRNAMBOOL" "GLADSTONE" "KATOOMBA"  
 "ROCKHAMPTON"  
 3 A/S: "KYBRA" "YANDRA" "AB.CRIJNSSEN"  
 3 ML: 807, 822, 823  
**Auxiliaries** 5 : "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "OCTANS" (AF) "POLLUX" (AKS)  
 "GALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG)

**Melbourne:**  
**Escorts** 2 AMS : "LITGOW" "FREMANTLE" (Refitting)  
**Auxiliaries** 1 : "YUMA" (AT)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

1. Empress Augusta Bay - During the 24 hours ended 1500/3, enemy forces retreating north and east from Torekina perimeter were contacted by our pursuing troops.  
 A.M. 3 April the camp area at the Tekessi River mouth was shelled by destroyers.
2. Buka Passage - During the night 4-5 April 6 enemy barges were attacked by P.T. boats in the Southern Matchim Bay and all were sunk: all personnel were believed eliminated. It is thought that the barges may possibly have been awaiting a supply submarine.
3. Rabaul - All air strikes scheduled for Rabaul 4 April were cancelled due weather.
4. St Mathias Group - At 1400/5 submarine was contacted by U.S. destroyer 50 miles west of Cape Siemens but the contact was lost after one attack.  
 A damaged enemy torpedo bomber was found in this same vicinity and sunk by gun fire.
5. Admiralty Islands - On 4-5 April minor enemy attacks were reported on Manus Island where mopping up continues and no attack was made on Rambuto where the enemy are thought to have fled to the bush.
6. Hollandia - At about noon 5 April anti-aircraft positions and warehouses along the waterfront were heavily attacked by aircraft but full details are not yet available. Shipping observed in the Humboldt Bay area would appear to include one small to medium merchant ship and 3 or 4 sea trucks in addition to a number of barges and small craft.
6. Hollandia-Wewak - Shipping sightings about noon 5 April along this section of the coast include 1 small freighter at or near Vanimo and 2 small to medium ships in Sissano Lagoon.
7. Hansa Bay area - At 0905-0950/4 buildings and a barge along the coast between Bogia and Dove Point were strafed by 12 Aircobras.
8. Bogadjim area - In the coastal sector on 4 April enemy fire was encountered by a patrol from the west bank of Kavenau River. On the same date our troops moving up Bogadjim Road reached a point approximately half mile N.E. Kwato (or about 9 miles S.W. of Bagadjim) without enemy contact. Much abandoned stores and equipment were found along the road.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/6:

- (1) "PIRIE" (AMS) escorting Convoy TD.50 ("R.P.WARNER" "GEO.EASTMAN")  
departed Thursday Is. 1313/5 for Darwin ETA 1530/8.  
(2) 20 Submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Escorts	6	: 3 AMS: "LATROBE" "WILCANNIA" "INVERELL"
		3 ML: 429, 809, 816
Merchantmen	5	: "J.W.TROY" "SUVA" "M.FLINDERS" "H.MOLLER"
		"PENNANT"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- X (1) Gulf of Davao - At 1400/5 7 ships, probably light cruisers or destroyers, were sighted at the southern entrance to the Gulf of Davao heading South at 22 knots.
- (2) Kiamana - Midday 5 April Kiamana was bombed by 5 Liberators with unobserved results. Some shipping, probably small ships, was observed at Kiamana.
- (3) Sorong - Midday 5 April targets in the Sorong vicinity were bombed by 5 Liberators.
- (4) Kai Islands - Photos 5 April give the following aerodrome intelligence  
Langgoer - 1 fighter present, runway temporarily unserviceable due recent bombing.  
Faan - Runway serviceable. No aircraft.  
Doulah - Runway serviceable. No aircraft.  
Doercoeah - Runway serviceable. Probably no aircraft.  
Letfoear - Runway not yet serviceable. Work still in progress.  
At Langgoer 2 small merchantships and some 20 barges are shown near Toeal.
- (5) Timor - At 1850/4 Lautem was bombed by 3 Beauforts. At 1900-2000/4 warehouses area and former barracks at Kupang were bombed by 5 Beauforts.
- (6) Broome-Derby - A.m. 5 April enemy reconnaissance plane was over the Broome - Derby area.
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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/6:

- X (1) "SUFFOLK" (CA) proceeding Fremantle ETA 0915/7.  
(2) "RANEE" (CVE) proceeding Fremantle ETA not known.  
(3) "DUNTROON" (AP) departed Fremantle 1255/4 for Sydney ETA 2359/11  
(4) "WANGANELLA" (AH) departed Fremantle 0806/1 proceeding out of S.W.P.A.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat Units	1 CL	: "ADELAIDE"
Escorts	6	: "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739
		3 ML: 812, 824, 826
Auxiliaries	7	: "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" (AM) "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS)
		"CHANTICLEER" (ASR) 1 YP: 288 1 ARD

Exmouth Gulf:

Auxiliaries	3	: "CHILDS" (AV) "W.B.PRESTON" (AVD) 1 YP: 286
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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

Espiritu Santo - At 2130/3 an enemy submarine was contacted by U.S. destroyer about 80 miles east of Espiritu Santo.

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C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Truk - At 1200/5 a hospital ship was sighted by aircraft 250 miles W.S.W. of Truk on course 2850.
- (2) Ponape - At 1409/3 the airfield at Ponape was bombed by 5 Mitchells scoring hits on both old and new strips. No aircraft or shipping was sighted.
- (3) Marshalls - A.M. 3 April Jaluit was bombed by 13 Dauntless 7 Mitchells and 4 Hellcats with 18 tons of bombs dropped. A small vessel at Jabor was set on fire, also the dock area.  
A.M. - noon 3 April, Taroa was bombed by 7 Mitchells 12 Hellcats and Wotje by 13 Corsairs.  
Shortly after noon 5 April 2 enemy submarines were attacked by aircraft respectively at 500 miles N.E. of Wotje, and 510 miles E.N.E. of Wotje. The former unit was probably destroyed.

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ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

- (1) Concentration of naval strength Malayan area.
- (2) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North Coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan and Kuriles.
- (3) Increased use of submarines for transportation purposes in Marshalls-Bismarcks-Solomons.
- (4) Continued use of barges and small coasters for coastal transportation in forward areas.
- (5) Continued submarine offensive in Indian Ocean by Japanese and German Units.

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1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd)

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

<u>SS</u>	(3) BLUEBILL ) BLACKFISH ) FLOUNDER )	On patrol	15
	(2) SILVERSIDES ) TUNNY )	On Passage	
	(3) S.42 ) S.47 ) CERO )	At Milne Bay	
	K.9	At Sydney	
	K.12	At Melbourne	
	Approx. 85	Approx. 110	?

<u>APA)</u>	(17) H.T.ALLEN (APA)	6 APA
<u>AKA)</u>	KANIMBLA	7 APD
<u>APD)</u>	MANOCORA	4 AKA
	WESTRALIA	
	HARRY LEE	GILMER (APD)
	ZEILIN	KANE
	ORMSLEY	SCHLEY
	WINDSOR	SANDS
	ALGORAB (AKA)	HUMPHREYS
	VIRGO	BROOKS
		HERBERT

AGC BLUE RIDGE -

AS (2) OTUS ?  
EURYALE

AP DOBBIN -

AR (3) RIGEL PROMETHEUS -  
PLATYPUS  
AMYCUS

AIRCRAFT  
Fighters  
(inc. 9 twin-eng) 85  
Light & M/Bombers 70  
Torpedo & D/Bombrs. 2  
Flying Boats 1  
Floatplanes 12  
Obsn. A/c 12

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

CA - (2) NACHI  
ASHIGARA

CL (3) DETROIT  
RALEIGH  
RICHMOND (3) ABUKUMA  
TAMA  
KISO

ED 9 10

SS 10 Approx. 4

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

			<u>Mandates Philippines</u>	<u>Empire</u>
<u>BB</u>	(14) IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA * OKLAHOMA	-	(6) YAMATO ISE YAMASHIRO HYUGA * MUSASHI MUTSU (prob. sunk)
<u>CV</u>	(6) ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL	-	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	(7) COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY * INDEPENDENCE	-	(4) RYUHO ZUIHO HITAKA * HAYATAKA
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	-	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	(23) COPAHEE SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU SANTEE CASABLANCA ALTAMAHA	WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MEHENTA BAY OMMANEY BAY	CHIYODA	(5) CHITOSE JINYO KAIYO * OTAKA * UNYO
<u>CA</u>	(13) BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE	(5) ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI MYOKO HAGURO	MAYA
<u>OGA</u>	-	-	-	6
<u>CL</u>	(7) SANTA FE SAN DIEGO MOBILE BILOXI	OAKLAND * RENO * CONCORD	(2) YUBARI NOSHIRO	(4) * NAGARA * NATORI * ISUZU * OYODO
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHIMA	KASHII
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	-	(2) AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO	-
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 85	-	15-20	20 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u>	Approx. 30	-	25	Approx. 25
<u>AS</u>	?	-	?	2 (one repairing)

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

CL TRENTON

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies - Malaya

<u>BB</u>	-	(3) QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT REHOWN	(4) NAGATO FUSO KONGO HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	-	(2) ILLUSTRIOUS SARATOGA	(2) ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	TAIHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	(4) BATTLER UNICORN SHAH RANEE	-
<u>CA</u>	-	(6) SUSSEX SUFFOLK LONDON CUMBERLAND HAWKINS PROBISHER	(6) AOBA KUMANO SUZUYA TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	(9) CARADOC NEWCASTLE CEYLON DANAE KENYA TROMP GAMBIA EMERALD VAN HEEMSKERK	(4) YAHAGI KINU KITAGAMI OI
<u>AV/GVS</u>	(2) CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	* KAMO I
<u>XCL</u>	-	(2) CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>DP</u>	-	Approx. 27	25
<u>SS</u>	(20) ANGLER LAPON ) BLUEFISH MINGO ) BOWFIN NORWHAL ) CABRILLA PUFFER ) GUNNEL RASHER ) HADDO RATON ) HAKE DARTER ) ARCHERFISH K.15 ) TANG DACE ) BASHAW SCAMP )	Approx. 15	17 (incl. 6 German)
	(10) BILLFISH JACK ) BONEFISH RAY ) COD REDFIN ) CREVALLE ROBALO ) FLASHER HOE )	On patrol	
		At Fremantle	
<u>AS</u>	(2) PELIAS ORION		

AIRCRAFT (East Indies only)

Fighters	193
Light & M/Bombers	57
Torpedo & D/Bombers	-
Flying Boats	-
Floatplanes	58
Obsn. a/c	28

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

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

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Date: 7 April, 1944

PART IA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREAEASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/7:

- (1) "PC.1119" to escort for 200 miles "ESSO MANHATTAN", departing Milne Bay 1500/6. On completion, "PC.1119" returns Milne Bay.
- (2) "PC.1131" departed Milne Bay 1830/6 to RV with "ACONCAGUA" at 0700/7 and escort to China Strait then RV with "TJISADANE" at 2350/7 and escort to Milne Bay.
- (3) "MANVINDA" (AH) departed Port Moresby 1130/5 for Townsville ETA 0500/8.
- (4) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) departed Caloundra 1900/2 for Milne Bay ETA China Strait 0600/8.
- (5) "TASMAN" (AH) departed Brisbane 2055/3 for Milne Bay ETA 0800/8.
- (6) "CALAMARES" (AF) departed Gladstone 0830/5 for Port Moresby ETA 1400/8.
- (7) "YMS.50" departed Thursday Island 1557/6 for Cairns ETA 0600/9.
- (8) "YMS's 11, 72" departed Cairns 1812/5 for Thursday Island ETA Ince Point 1400/9; for onward routing to Fremantle via Darwin.
- (9) "ST. MARY" (IX) was to depart Brisbane 0850/6 for Cairns ETA 1400/10.
- (10) "BALLARAT" (AMS) conducting Grafton Passage A/S patrol.
- (11) "PYRO" (AE) was to depart Brisbane April 5 for Langemak ETA April 11.
- (12) "MIDURA" (AMS) towing 1 APC departed Cairns 1100/4 for Brisbane ETA Caloundra 1000/8. (Delayed en route by weather).
- (13) "WIZAR" (AF) was to depart Caloundra 0830/7 for Milne Bay ETA 1300/10; for onward routing to Goodenough Island.
- (14) "GASCOYNE" (PF) was to depart Sydney 1500/6 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/11.
- (15) "SC.745" departed Caloundra 0200/4 for A/S patrol Sandy Cape area; to remain on patrol until 1200/8 or until relieved by "SC.749"
- (16) "DOOMBA" (A/S) departed Sydney 0801/5 on A/S patrol to Smoky Cape and return.
- (17) "VENDETTA" (DD) escorting "LURLINE" departed Sydney 1536/5. "VENDETTA" detaches at 159th meridian and returns Sydney.
- (18) "MONTPELIER" "CLEVELAND" (CL) "FULLUM" "GUEST" "BENNETT" "HUDSON" "RADFORD" departed Port Purvis 0600/5 for Sydney.
- (19) 3 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "KALGOORLIE" (AMS) escorting "THEDENS" to depart Thursday Island p.m. April 7 for Merauke.
- (2) "GLENELG" (AMS) to depart Cairns 1200/7 for Milne Bay ETA 0800/9.
- (3) "ROCKHAMPTON" (AMS) to depart Sydney 1000/8 for Adelaide.
- (4) "POLLUX" (AKS) to depart Sydney 1700/8 for Brisbane, departing thence April 13th for Milne Bay.
- (5) "BARCOO" to depart Milne Bay approx. 7 April for Townsville for boiler cleaning.

(c) In Harbour:

Admiralties:

Combat Units 3 DD : "HOBBY" "GILLESPIE" "PRINGLE"  
19 PT  
Escorts 5 : "BENALLA" (AMS) 1 SC: 735 2 YMS: 8, 46  
1 ML: 425  
Auxiliaries 10 : "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "SAN PABLO" (AVP)  
"TANGIER" (AV) "GUNSTON HALL" (LSD) "CHETGO"  
"SONOMA" "RESERVE" (AT) "MINK" (IX)  
"VICTORIA" (AO) 1 YP: 283  
Merchantmen 13 : "J. BARBARA" "F. BILLINGS" "J. P. BRADLEY"  
"J. BURROUGHS" "P. T. DODDRIDGE" "E. JOHNSON"  
"LYMAN STEWART" "B. MATTHEWS" "G. V. L. MEYER"  
"MORMACSEA" "RAMO" "W. J. SUBJETTE" "S. M. WHITE"

Cape Gloucester:

Escorts 2 : 1 PC: 1123 1 ML: 423  
Merchantmen 4 : "T. CRAWFORD" "H. T. RAINEY" "J. ROSSITER"  
"A. THOMAS"

Talasea:

Combat Units 15 PT  
Escorts 1 : PC. 1122  
Auxiliaries 1 : "HILO" (AGP)  
Merchantmen 2 : "DEUTGAN" "MELINGA"

Idor:

Combat Units 11 PT with 1 LST acting as AGP  
Merchantmen 3 : "KATOOMBA" "TIMOSHENKO" "YOGHOW"

Langesak:

Combat Units 3 DD : "REID" "STEVENSON" "THORN"  
28 PT  
Escorts 22 : 2 PF: "BARCOO" "SAN PEDRO"  
6 AMS: "BUNDABERG" "CASTEMAI NE" "BOWEN"  
"BUNBURY" "KAPUNDA" "STAWELL"  
2 PC: 476, 1132 1 YMS: 393  
5 ML: 424, 431, 803, 806, 816  
8 SC: 637, 648, 650, 734, 741, 747, 750, 981  
Auxiliaries 11 : "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "HUMPHREYS" "KANE" "HERBERT"  
"GILMER" "BROOKS" "SANDS" (APD) "BOOTES" (AK)  
"WESTRALIA" (APA) "TULSA" (PG) "COUCAL" (ASR)  
Merchantmen 22 : "BORGFRED" "BOTH" "P. CHANDLER" "W. E. CHANNING"  
"T. M. COOLEY" "COLORADO" "J. DOTY" "M. FULIER"  
"JAPARA" "W. MCCrackEN" "MACTAN" "MACKAWAO"  
"HANA" "MORMACGULL" "JOHN I. NOLAN" "F. M.  
QUINONES" "J. ROSS" "A. ROBINSON" "SEA WITCH"  
"J. SINGER" "VAN SWOLL" "ED. N. WESTCOTT"

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Escorts 2 : 2 ML: 428, 430  
Auxiliaries 1 : "PANDA" (IX)  
Merchantmen 10 : "D. F. BARRY" "CAPE SPENCER" "D. E. HUGHES"  
"L. MERRITT" "NORAB" "NORINDIES" "RING LARDNER"  
"SEA BARD" "G. L. SMITH" "R. STUART"

Buna-Oro Bay:

Combat Units 14 DD : "NICHOLSON" "HARRISON" "WELLES" "SWANSON"  
"KALK" "ERBEN" "WALKER" "HALE" "ABBOTT" "WILKES"  
"HOPEWELL" "LA VALLETTE" "ROE" "GRAYSON"  
Escorts 14 : 3 PF: "CORONADO" "GLENDALE" "LONGBEACH"  
6 YMS: 53, 71, 314, 316, 334, 336 1 ML: 816  
1 SC: 744 3 AMS: "ARARAT" "BENDIGO" "COWRA"  
Auxiliaries 15 : "TRINITY" (AO) "SCHLEY" (APD) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC)  
"POYANG" (AP) "ZEILIN" "ORMSLEY" "WINDSOR"  
"HARRY LEE" (APA) "VIRGO" (AKA) "MEDUSA" (AR)  
1 ARD "POINT LOMA" (AT) "RIGEL" (AR) "DOBBIN"  
(AD) "MERKUR" (AF)  
Merchantmen 24 : "ANSON BURLINGAME" "BALIKPAPAN" "R. S. BEAN"  
"BONTEKOE" "CAPE COD" "CITY OF PHILADELPHIA"  
"F. H. DODD" "W. DUNBAR" "A. S. DUNIWAY"  
"G. M. ELLIOT" "EXIRIA" "JANSSENS" "KARSIK"  
"GEO. LUKS" "NARVIK" "O. SKINNER" "C. L. SMITH"  
"W. C. SQUIRE" "M. WALKER" "A. E. WATTS" "J. M.  
WHISTLER" "WICHTTA FALLS" "D. WRIGHT" "E. YOUNG"

Kiriwina Is:

Merchantmen 1 : "ANHUI"

<u>Woodlark Is:</u>			
Escorts	4	:	"WAGGA" (AMS) 2 YMS: 50, 335 1 SC: 737
Auxiliaries	2	:	"BAYOU ST. JOHN" (AT) "TEAK" (AN)
Merchantmen	2	:	"D.D.FIELD" "J.S.MANSFIELD"
<u>Goodenough Is:</u>			
Combat Units	2 DD	:	"STOCKTON" "BEALE"
Escorts	1	:	"GOULBURN" (AMS)
Auxiliaries	4	:	"CARTER HALL" (LSD) "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA" "H.T.ALLEN" (APA)
Merchantmen	3	:	"F.A.EILERS" "ISOLATOR" "K.D.WIGGIN"
<u>Milne Bay:</u>			
Combat Units	2 CA	:	"SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"
	3 CL	:	"NASHVILLE" "BOISE" "PHOENIX"
	24 DD	:	"HUTCHINS" "DALY" "BACHE" "MULLANY" "ABNER READ" "BUSH" "ARUNTA" "WARRAMUNGA" "AMMEN" "STEMBEL" "JENKINS" "NICHOLAS" "O'BANNON" "TAYLOR" "FLETCHER" "HOWERTH" "SCHROEDER" "DASHIELL" "STEVENS" "JOHN ROGERS" "MCKEE" "MURRAY" "RINGGOLD" "SIGSBEE"
	1 PF	:	
Escorts	5 DE	:	"LOVELACE" "MANNING" "NEUENDORF" "JAMES E. CRAIG" "EICHENBERGER"
	3 PF	:	"VAN BUREN" "OGDEN" "EL PASO"
	1 PS	:	"WARREGO"
	9 SC	:	699, 703, 732, 736, 739, 742, 746, 748, 982
	2 AMS	:	"KIAMA" "GYMPIE"
	6 PC	:	47, 1119, 1120, 1124, 1132, 1134
	7 YMS	:	9, 10, 48, 52, 73, 313, 315
	6 ML	:	427, 801, 802, 817, 818, 819
Auxiliaries	35	:	"KILTY" "WARD" "CROSBY" "TALBOT" "NOA" "DENT" "DICKERSON" (APD) "HOGAN" "PERRY" (DMS) "AASE MAERSK" (AO) "HALF MOON" (AVP) "OTUS" "EURYALE" (AS) "KOOPA" (AGP) "AMYCUS" (AR) "WHARTON" (AP) "YUNNAN" (AE) "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG) "MORESBY" "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) "MAETSUYCKER" "SOLACE" (AH) "WATO" (AT) "ETAMIN" "GANYMEDE" "TRIANGULUM" (AK) "ANDREW DORIA" "PORCUPINE" "LEOPARD" "VILLALOBOS" (IX) "ALABASTER" (PYC) "CAMBERIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "PING WO" (ASIS)
	1 ARD	:	2 YP: 278, 280
Merchantmen	74	:	"H.L.ABBOTT" "E.G.ACHESON" "F.C.AINSWORTH" "ARANSAS PASS" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "BARBARA C" "S.K.BOLIVAR" "BIRCHCOULIE" "J.BUCHANAN" "WM.BYERS" "J.CARRILLO" "J.C.CALHOUN" "S.CLARKE" "CAPE NEWENHAM" "CAPE HENRY" "M. DALY" "G.DAVIDSON" "J.DEERE" "DON MARQUIS" "L.L.DYCHE" "BNA" "EMPRESS SILVER" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "JOHN EVANS" "M.GRIFFITH" "GRANDE RONDE" "A.B.HAMMOND" "A.S.HEWITT" "L.S.KELLY" "O.KELLY" "G.KING" "KOPA INTEN" "W.S.LADD" "LAKE ORMAC" "ED.LANDER" "J.LANE" "N.LUCKENBACK" "F.B.LINDERMANN" "J.LYKES" "J.MCLEAN" "J.F.MELDRUM" "H.MONROE" "MONTAUK POINT" "W.V.MOODY" "NORLAGO" "T.NELSON" "B.T.OSBORNE" "OZARK" "S.G.PORTER" "POELAU LAUF" "A.REHAN" "M.ROBERTSON" "W.B.ROGERS" "URIAH M.ROSE" "AGWI PRINCE" "C.SPRECKLES" "STAGEN" "W.S.SPARRON" "M.STEWART" "STICKLESTAD" "T.W.SYMONS" "TAWALI" "J.THOMAS" "J.M.THOMPSON" "TWO HARBOURS" "M.THORNTON" "THUNDERER" "S.TURMAN" "TUNG SONG" "GEO.VANCOUVER" "WEST CACTUS" "WELTEVREDEN" "W.WILLIAMS" "J.WING"
<u>Port Moresby:</u>			
Escorts	2	:	1 ML: 426 1 PC: 1133
Merchantmen	8	:	"CANNERRA" "E.CHAMBERS" "C.DARROW" "HANYANG" "G.R.HEBARD" "A.HILL" "ORMISTON" "TAROONA"

<u>Thursday Is:</u>			
Escorts	3	:	2 AMS: "COOTAMUNDRA" "KALGOORLIE" 1 SC: 731
Auxiliaries	2	:	"BUNGAREE" (CM) "POLARIS" (AGS)
<u>Cairns:</u>			
Escorts	8	:	1 AMS: "GLENELG" 1 PC: 479 3 ML: 804, 811, 820 3 YMS: 47, 49, 51
Auxiliaries	6	:	"PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD "TANCRED" (AT) 1 AFD 1 YOG 1 YP: 291
<u>Townville:</u>			
Escort	1	:	"TOWNSVILLE" (AMS)
<u>Mackay:</u>			
Auxiliaries	1	:	"HERON" (AVP)
<u>Brisbane:</u>			
Escorts	7	:	1 PS: "SWAN" 2 AMS: "GEELONG" "WHYALLA" 1 SC: 749 1 YMS: 70 2 ML: 808, 821
Auxiliaries	8	:	"WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "ALGORAB" (AKA) "KURUMBA" (AO) "SHIKELLAMY" (AON) 2 YP: 235, 236 "CARONDOLET" "KAILUA" (IX)
<u>Sydney:</u>			
Combat Units	1 CL	:	"HOBART" (Refitting)
	1 DD	:	"STUART"
Escorts	14	:	1 PS: "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA" 7 AMS: "COLAC" "DELORAINÉ" "ECHUCA" "WARRNAMBOOL" "GLADSTONE" "KATOOMBA" "ROCKHAMPTON" 3 A/S: "KYBRA" "YANDRA" "AB. CRIJNSSEN" 3 ML: 807, 822, 823
Auxiliaries	5	:	"BISHOPDALE" (AO) "OCTANS" (AF) "POLLUX" (AKS) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG)
<u>Melbourne:</u>			
Escorts	2 AMS	:	"LITHGOW" "PREMANTLE" (Refitting)
Auxiliaries	1	:	"YUMA" (AT)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- Buin Base - At 0946/5 Kara airfield was bombed by 12 Mitchells covering the strip and parking mat with 18 tons of bombs. At 0950/5 Kahili airfield was bombed by another 12 Mitchells with 18 tons of bombs.
- S.W. Bougainville - At 0027-0324/6 a possible enemy submarine contact was made by PT boats off S.W. coast Bougainville.
- Empress Augusta Bay - P.M. 3 April a barge hideout in southern Empress Augusta Bay was bombarded by a destroyer. Ground activity 4 April was limited to patrols which reported finding many graves and unburied Japs. During the night 4-5 April Jaba River mouth was bombarded by a destroyer. On 5 April enemy positions on Hill 280 (on left bank of upper Saua River) were attacked by 12 Dauntless 12 Avengers supporting our ground forces. Other positions around the perimeter were attacked by 10 Dauntless. Ground activity up to 1500/5 our patrols were active north and East of the perimeter killing 51 Japs in one sector capturing mortars, machine guns and ammunition.
- Buka Passage - At 1108/4 Buka Passage airfield and seaplane base were bombed by 10 Mitchells which were unable to penetrate the weather front to Rabaul.
- Rabaul - Photographs 5 April show :-  

<u>Lakunai</u>	- 1 Fighter; runway serviceable
<u>Vunakanau</u>	- 1 L/Bomber; concrete runway serviceable
<u>Tobera</u>	- 3 Fighters; runway unserviceable
<u>Rapopo</u> and-	
<u>Keravat</u>	Nil aircraft; runway unserviceable.

Photographs 6 April show exactly the same aircraft and runway conditions, except that Rapopo is being repaired. Duke of York airfield is not yet operative. Photographic coverage of the Harbour 6 April shows the usual 2 small freighters and 219 barges with



5. Rabaul (contd) - complete coverage except for Keravia Bay - only 40%. 2 Float Planes were also present.
6. New Ireland airfields - Photos 6 April show Kavieng strip serviceable but Panapai, Borpop and Namatanai all unserviceable. No aircraft are visible on any of the fields.
7. Admiralty Islands - Ground activity 4-5 April is limited to active allied patrolling with minor enemy contacts throughout Manus Island and Rambutyo.
8. Wakde - At 2220-2320/5 Wakde Island airfield was bombed by 4 Catalinas followed a few minutes later by 6 Army Liberators. Shortly before 0420/6 the same target was raided by 6 Navy Liberators. During the series of attacks both ends of the runway and parking area were well covered by fragmentation and demolition bombs and incendiaries. Many fires and explosions were caused. 4 enemy aircraft were airborne but no interception was attempted.
9. Hollandia - Final details of the air strike midday 5 April on ack ack positions, warehouses and stores dumps, mainly around the jetty area, relate that 48 Liberators, 72 Mitchells and about 90 Bostons were involved, covered by 65 Lightnings. Over 320 tons of assorted bombs were dropped, and 250,000 rounds of .50 and .30 calibre. Many large fires were started and stores dumps destroyed. Several barges alongside the jetty were hit and blown up also possibly 1 ship. There was no interception and ack ack dwindled as raid progressed.
10. Aitape - Alexishafen - At 2135/4 3 heavily laden enemy barges were intercepted by PT boats off Bunabun on a Northerly course. 2 barges were sunk and the third, which escaped was possibly damaged.
- From dawn till dusk 5 April Coastal targets between Aitape and Alexishafen were the objectives of 112 Thunderbolt and Kittyhawks fighter and bomber sorties. 2 Serviceable aircraft at Tadji were destroyed and extensive damage inflicted at various points.
- On 6 April, the coastal area from But to Alexishafen was again the objective of 39 Thunderbolts, Kittyhawks and Aircobras. Amongst other targets was a vessel described as 7-10,000 ton stack aft ship at Wewak, which was dive bombed and strafed by 17 Kittyhawks, and left burning fiercely as a result of 2 direct hits and several near misses.
11. Bogadjim - Our advance elements progressed up the Bogadjim road 5 April to Bridge No. 7, approximately 6 miles S.W. of Bogadjim, without enemy attack.

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2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/7:

- (1) "PIRIE" (AMS) escorting Convoy TD.50 ("R.P.WARNER" "GEO.EASTMAN") departed Thursday Island 1313/5 for Darwin ETA 1530/8.
- (2) 20 Submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Escorts	6	:	3 AMS: "LATROBE" "WILCANNIA" "INVERELL"
			3 ML: 429, 809, 816
Merchantmen	5	:	"J.W.TROY" "SUVA" "M.FLINDERS" "H.MOLLER"
			"PENNANT"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Geelvink Bay - At 1215/5 a small sea truck was observed by aircraft north bound in Roemberpon Strait (western shores of Bay)  
Photos 5 April show that work is continuing on the airfields of Moemi and Ransiki in the Waren area.
- (2) Kiamana - Shipping seen by the Liberators attacking Kiamana at 1305/5 (refer yesterday's summary No.799) included 1 small freighter transport 3 seatrucks 1 large unidentified vessel and some barges in the Kiamana Harbour.  
Photographs, however, only cover 1 small merchantship and 8 barges but this may not represent complete coverage.  
2 fighters and 1 transport plane are visible in photographs of Utarom airfield. No.1 runway is serviceable, and No. 2 runway is nearing completion.
- (3) Sorong - Photographs 5 April show 6 medium bombers 3 fighters including 1 twin engine on the Jefman Island airfield. Samateu runway is surfaced and serviceable with increased dispersal areas. Activity continues at Cape Noejew.
- (4) Timor - Night harassing raids on Timor towns were maintained 5-6, 6-7 April: 2 Beauforts raided Dilli, 6 Mitchells raided Penfoei on both nights, and Lautem was raided night 6-7 April by 3 Beauforts. Fires were started in all targets. At 1115/6 Hansisi on Semace Island (S.E.Timor) was bombed and strafed by 8 Beaufighters, whichs hattered a large building, at least damaging 3 barges and heavily strafing a large (200 ft) oil barge in Pelican Bay.
- (5) Davao - A.M. 5 April a United States submarine sighted an aircraft carrier presumably leaving Davao Gulf.
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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/7:

- (1) "ADELAIDE" (CL) escorting "RUYS" proceeding Fremantle ETA 1600/8  
(2) "RANEE" (CVE) proceeding Fremantle ETA not known  
(3) "DUNTROON" (AP) departed Fremantle 1255/4 for Sydney ETA 2359/11.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat Units	1 CA	:	"SUFFOLK"
Escorts	6	:	"HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739 3 ML: 812, 824, 826
Auxiliaries	7	:	"ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" (AM) "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) 1 YP : 288 1 ARD

Exmouth Gulf:

Auxiliaries	3	:	"CHILDS" (AV) "W.B.PRESTON" (AVD) 1 YP : 286
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B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Truk - Dublon and Eten Islands were raided 0100-0330/4 by 20 Cenpac Liberators and 1 Soupac Liberator. 3 enemy fighters ineffectively attempted interception.
- (2) Ponape - At 2300/3 an old strip at Ponape was bombed by a Liberator, and at 1000/4 the new strip was bombed by 6 Mitchells.

- (3) Marshalls - The following localities were raided 4 April by Genpac aircraft;
- Jaluit - 15 Mitchells, 15 tons bombs.
  - Taroa - 21 Mitchells)  
16 Hellcats ) 29 tons bombs.
  - Mille - 6 Corsairs (twice) - 12 tons bombs.
  - Wotje - 20 Dauntless)  
13 Corsairs ) 9 tons bombs.
- (2) Wakde - A small cargo vessel and 3 barges were sighted at Wakde on 4 April. The cargo vessel was subsequently sunk by Liberators.

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ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

- (1) Concentration of naval strength Malayan area.
- (2) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North Coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan and Kuriles.
- (3) Increased use of submarines for transportation purposes in Marshalls-Bismarcks - Solomons.
- (4) Continued use of barges and small coasters for coastal transportation in forward areas.
- (5) Continued submarine offensive in Indian Ocean by Japanese and German Units.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

<u>BB</u>	-	(4) IDAHO NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA TENNESSEE	-
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	(4) NATOMA BAY CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR MANILA BAY	-
<u>CA</u>	(2) AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	-
<u>CL</u>	(6) BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX MONT PELIER CLEVELAND # HOBART	(6) COLUMBIA DENVER HONOLULU ST LOUIS BIRMINGHAM # LEANDER	-
<u>AV/GVS</u>	TANGIER	(2) WRIGHT, CHANDELEUR	-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	(2) HALF MOON SAN PABLO	BALLARD	-
<u>DD</u>	(52) ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA REID AMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS HOBSY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES STOCKTON NICHOLSON WILKES STEVENSON THORN ABNER READ ROE GRAYSON SWANSON STEMBEL HARRISON	FRINGLE HOPEWELL LA VALLETTE FULLAM GUEST BENNETT SCHROEDER DASHIEL STEVENS JOHN ROGERS MCKEE MURRAY RINGGOLD SIGSBEE ERBEN WALKER HALE ABBOTT RADFORD JENKINS NICHOLAS O'BANNON TAYLOR FLETCHER HOWERTH	Approx. 35 - - -

# Non-effective

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>	
		<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	
<u>SS</u>	(3)	BLUEGILL ) BLACKFISH ) FLOUNDER )	On patrol	15
	(2)	SILVERSIDES ) TUNNY )	On passage	
	(3)	S.42 ) S.47 ) CERO )	At Milne Bay	
		K.9	At Sydney	
		K.12	At Melbourne	
<u>PF</u>		Approx. 85	Approx. 110	?
<u>APA)</u> <u>AKA)</u> <u>APD)</u>	(22)	H.T.AILEN (APA) KANIMELA MANOORA WESTRALIA HARRY LEE ZEILIN ORMSLEY WINDSOR ALGORAB (AKA) VIRGO	KANE (APD) GILMER SCHLEY SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS HERBERT TALBOT CROSBY NOA DENT DICKERSON KILTY WARD	6 APA 7 APD 4 AKA
<u>AGC</u>		BLUE RIDGE		-
<u>AS</u>	(2)	OTUS EURYALE		?
<u>AD</u>		DOBBIN		-
<u>AR</u>	(3)	RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS	PROMETHEUS	
				<u>AIRCRAFT</u> - Fighters 112 (inc. 15 twin-eng) 90 Light & M/Bombers 2 Torpedo & D/Bombers 1 Flying Boats 27 Floatplanes 20 Obsn A/c

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CA</u>		-	(2) NACHI ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	(3)	DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	(3) ABUKUMA TAMA KISO
<u>DD</u>		9	10
<u>SS</u>		10	Approx. 4

3. GENERAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

			<u>Mandates Philippines</u>	<u>Empire</u>
<u>BB</u>	(14)	IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA * OKLAHOMA	(6) YAMATO ISE YAMASHIRO HYUGA * MUSASHI MUTSU (prob. sunk)
<u>CV</u>	(6)	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	INTREPID ESSEK BUNKER HILL	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	(7)	COMPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY * INDEPENDENCE	(4) RYUHO ZUIHO HITAKA * HAYATAKA
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	-	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	(23)	COPAHEE SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU SANTEE CASABLANCA ALTAMAHA	WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MEHENTA BAY OMMANEY BAY	CHIYODA (5) CHITOSE JINYO KAIYO * OTAKA * UNYO
<u>CA</u>	(13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE	(5) ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI MYOKO HAGURO MAYA
<u>CGA</u>	-	-	-	6
<u>CL</u>	(7)	SANTA FE SAN DIEGO MOBILE BILOXI	OAKLAND * RENO * CONCORD	(2) YUBARI NOSHIRO (4) * NAGARA * NATORI * ISUZU * OYODO
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KASHII
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	-	(2) AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO	-
		Approx. 120	15-20	20 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u>		Approx. 30	25	Approx. 25
<u>AS</u>		?	?	2 (one repairing)

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

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\* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies - Malaya

<u>BB</u>	-	(3) QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN	(4) NAGATO FUSO KONGO HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	-	(2) ILLUSTRIOUS SARATOGA	(2) ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	TAIHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	RANEE	(3) BATTLER UNICORN SHAH	-
	SUFFOLK	(5) SUSSEX LONDON CUMBERLAND HAWKINS FROBISHER	(6) AOBA KUMANO SUZUYA TOME CHIKUMA MOGAMI
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	(9) CARADOC NEWCASTLE CEYLON DANAE KENYA TROMP GAMBIA EMERALD VAN HEEMSKERK	(4) YAHAGI KINU KITAGAMI OI
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(2) CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	■ KAMO I
<u>XCL</u>	-	(2) CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>DD</u>	-	Approx. 27	25
<u>SS</u>	(20) ANGLER LAPON BLUEFISH MINGO BOWFIN NORWHAL CABRILLA PUFFER GUNNEL RASHER HADDO RATON HAKE DARTER ARCHERFISH K.15 TANG DACE BASHAW SCAMP	} } } } On patrol } } }	17 (incl. 6 German)
	(10) BILLFISH JACK BONFISH RAY COD REDFIN CREVALLE ROBALO FLASHER HOE	} } } At Fremantle }	
<u>AS</u>	(2) PELIAS ORION		

AIRCRAFT (East Indies only)

Fighters	107
Light & M/Bombers	36
Torpedo & D/Bombers	-
Flying Boats	-
Floatplanes	43
Obsn. A/c	25

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

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

No.

Date :

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8 April, 1944

PART ISOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREAEASTERN AREA(i) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/8:

- (1) "WILKES" "NICHOLSON" (DD) departed Cape Sudest 7 April for Langemak.
- (2) "BENDIGO" (AMS) was to depart Milne Bay a.m. 8 April for Cairns for boiler cleaning
- (3) "MAETSUYCKER" (AH) departed Milne Bay 1300/7 for Brisbane ETA 1600/10.
- (4) "CALAMARES" (AF) departed Gladstone 0830/5 for Port Moresby ETA 1400/8.
- (5) "YMS's 11, 72" departed Cairns 1812/5 for Thursday Island EPA Ince Point 1400/9: for onward routing to Fremantle via Darwin.
- (6) "YMS.50" departed Thursday Island 1557/6 for Cairns ETA 0600/9.
- (7) "MIZAR" (AF) departed Caloundra 0830/7 for Milne Bay ETA 1300/10: for onward routing to Goodenough Island
- (8) "GASCOYNE" (PF) departed Sydney 1500/6 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/11.
- (9) "ST.MARY" (IX) departed Brisbane 0850/6 for Cairns ETA 1400/10
- (10) "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS) was to depart Thursday Is. a.m. 8 April for Sydney.
- (11) "GLENELG" (AMS) departed Cairns 1531/7 for Milne Bay ETA 1000/9.
- (12) "YP.291" was to depart Cairns 1700/7 for Brisbane ETA. 1000/11; calling at Palm Island en route.
- (13) "TOWNSVILLE" (AMS) departed Townsville 1914/7 for Sydney ETA 1600/11, for annual refit.
- (14) "MILDURA" (AMS) towing 1 APC departed Cairns 1100/4 for Brisbane: delayed en route by weather.
- (15) "PYRO" (AE) was to depart Caloundra 0830/8 for Milne Bay ETA about 0700/12 for onward routing to Cape Gretin.
- (16) "SC749" departed Caloundra 2102/7 to relieve "SC745" on Sandy Cape A/S patrol.
- (17) "ROCKHAMPTON" (AMS) was to depart Sydney 1000/8 for Adelaide.
- (18) "LITHGOW" (AMS) escorting "K.12" was to depart Port Phillip Heads 1730/7. "YANDRA" (A/S) to RV at 0700/10 and escort "K.12" to Sydney: "LITHGOW" to detach and proceed Brisbane.
- (19) "YUMA" (AT) with tow to depart Port Phillip Heads 1315/7 for Brisbane.
- (20) "DUNTROON" (AP) departed Fremantle 1255/4 for Sydney ETA 2359/11.
- (21) 3 Submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) towing 1 LOT to depart Caloundra 1800/8 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/15
- (2) "POLLUX" (AKS) to depart Sydney 1700/8 for Brisbane, departing thence April 13th. for Milne Bay.
- (3) "BARCOO" to depart Milne Bay approx. 7 April for Townsville for boiler cleaning.

(c) Convoy Procedure:

The following arrangements for the protection of shipping approach-



ing or leaving New Guinea are to be brought into force immediately. Previous instructions (see Summary No. 783, 21 March 1944) are cancelled if conflicting herewith:

(1) Continuous patrol by one group of three or more escort vessels is to be maintained off the South Eastern approaches to Milne Bay (the area bounded by lines joining the following points:

10°55' S. 150°34' E.  
 11°30' S. 149°42' E.  
 13°36' S. 151°07' E.  
 13°02' S. 152°00' E.

(2) The following classes of vessels are to be escorted by vessels detached as necessary from this group, when within 200 miles of Milne Bay if Westward of 150°E, and when North of 14°S, if to Eastward of 150°E:

- (i) Troopships carrying more than 2000 troops
- (ii) Aircraft carriers and capital ships proceeding independently
- (iii) Specially important Naval Auxiliaries.

(3) Other shipping to proceed unescorted under cover of the above-described patrols.

(d) In Harbour:

Admiralties:

**X** Combat Units 1 DD : "PRINGLE"  
 19 PT  
 Escorts 4 : "BENALLA" (AMS) 2 YMS: 8, 46, 1 ML: 425  
 Auxiliaries 9 : "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "SAN PABLO" (AVP)  
 "TANGIER" (AV) "GUNSTON HALL" (LSD) "CHETCO"  
 "SONOMA" "RESERVE" (AT) "MINK" (IX)  
 "VICTORIA" (AO)  
 Merchantmen 12 : "J. BARBARA" "F. BILLINGS" "J. P. BRADLEY"  
 "J. BURROUGHS" "E. JOHNSON" "LYMAN STEWART"  
 "B. MATTHEWS" "G. V. L. MEYER" "MORMACSEA" "RAMO"  
 "W. J. SUBJETTE" "S. M. WHITE"

Cape Gloucester:

Escorts 1 : 1 ML: 423.  
 Merchantmen 4 : "T. CRAWFORD" "H. T. RAINEY" "J. ROSSITER"  
 "A. THOMAS"

Alasea:

Combat Units 15 PT  
 Escorts 2 : 2 PC: 1122, 1123  
 Auxiliaries 1 : "HILO" (AGP)  
 Merchantmen 2 : "DEUTGAN" "MELINGA"

Saidor:

Combat Units 11 PT with 1 LST acting as AGP  
 Escorts 2 : "BUNBURY" "STAWELL" (AMS)  
 Merchantmen 3 : "J. G. BRADY" "TIMOSHENKO" "C. L. SMITH"

Langemak:

Combat Units 3 DD : "REID" "STEVENSON" "THORN"  
 28 PT  
 Escorts 26 : 1 PF: "SAN PEDRO"  
 5 AMS: "BUNDABERG" "CASTLEMAINE" "BOWEN"  
 "KAPUNDA" "GYMPIE"  
 3 PC: 476, 1120, 1124  
 5 YMS: 53, 334, 393, 71, 314  
 4 ML: 424, 431, 803, 806  
 8 SC: 637, 648, 650, 734, 741, 747, 750, 981  
 Auxiliaries 12 : "FORTUNUS" (AGP) "HUMPHREYS" "KANE" "HERBERT"  
 "GILMER" "BROOKS" "SANDS" (APD) "BOOTES" (AK)  
 "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG) "WESTRALIA" (APA)  
 "TULSA" (PG) "COUCAL" (ASR)  
 Merchantmen 33 : "ANSON BURLINGHAME" "BONTEKOE" "BORGFRED"  
 "BOTH" "P. CHANDLER" "W. E. CHANNING"  
 "CITY OF PHILADELPHIA" "T. M. COOLEY" "COLORADO"  
 "P. T. DODDRIDGE" "J. DOTY" "M. FULLER" "JANSSENS"  
 "JAPARA" "KARSIK" "GEO. LUKS" "MACTAN"  
 "MACKAWAO" "MANA" "MORMACGULL" "F. M. QUINONES"

Langemak (Contd.)  
Merchantmen (Contd.)

: "J.ROSS" "SEA WITCH" "J.SINGER" "W.C.SQUIRE"  
 "M.THORNTON" "VAN SWOLL" "M.WALKER"  
 "ED.N.WESTCOTT" "J.M.WHISTLER" "D.WRIGHT"  
 "YOCROW" "E.YOUNG"

Isle:

Escorts 2 : 2 ML: 428, 430  
 Auxiliaries 1 : "PANDA" (IX)  
 Merchantmen 15 : "BALIKPAPAN" "D.F.BARRY" "CAPE SPENCER"  
 "F.H.DODD" "A.S.DUNNIWAY" "A.B.HAMMOND"  
 "D.E.HUGHES" "L.MERRITT" "KATOOMBA" "NORAB"  
 "NORINDIES" "RING LARDNER" "SEA BARD"  
 "G.L.SMITH" "R.STUART"

Buna-Oro Bay:

Combat Units 13 DD : "HARRISON" "WELLES" "SWANSON" "STEMBEL"  
 "KALK" "ERBEN" "WALKER" "HALE" "ABBOTT"  
 "HOPEWELL" "LA VALLETTE" "ROE" "GRAYSON"  
 Escorts 9 : 4 PF: "CORONADO" "GLENDALE" "LONGBEACH"  
 "BARCOO" 2 YMS: 316, 336  
 1 PG: 1132 2 SC: 735, 744  
 Auxiliaries 15 : "TRINITY" (AO) "SCHLEY" (APD) "BLUE RIDGE" (AG)  
 "POYANG" (AP) "ZEILIN" "ORMSLEY" "WINDSOR"  
 "HARRY LEE" (APA) "VIRGO" (AKA) "MEDUSA" (AR)  
 1 ARD "RIGEL" (AR) "DOBBIN" (AD) "MERKUR" (A)  
 "PORCUPINE" (IX)  
 Merchantmen 8 : "CAPE COD" "W.DUNBAR" "G.W.ELLIOT" "EXIRIA"  
 "NARVIK" "O.SKINNER" "A.E.WATTS" "  
 "WICHITA FALLS"

Kiriwina Is:

Merchantmen 1 : "ANHUI"

Woodlark Is:

Escorts 3 : "WAGGA" (AMS) 2 YMS: 50, 335  
 Auxiliaries 1 : "TEAK" (AN)  
 Merchantmen 2 : "D.D.FIELD" "J.S.MANSFIELD"

Goodenough Is:

Combat Units 4 DD : "STOCKTON" "BEALE" "HOBBY" "GILLESPIE"  
 Escorts 1 : "GOULBURN" (AMS)  
 Auxiliaries 4 : "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA"  
 "H.T.ALLEN" (APA)  
 Merchantmen 3 : "F.A.EILERS" "WEST CACTUS" "K.D.WIGGIN"

Milne Bay:

Combat Units 2 CA : "SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"  
 3 CL : "NASHVILLE" "BOISE" "PHOENIX"  
 23 DD : "HUTCHINS" "DALY" "BACHE" "MULLANY"  
 "ABNER READ" "BUSH" "ARUNTA" "WARRAMUNGA"  
 "AMEN" "JENKINS" "NICHOLAS" "O'BANNON"  
 "TAYLOR" "FLETCHER" "HOWERTH" "SCHROEDER"  
 "DASHIELL" "STEVENS" "JOHN ROGERS" "MOREE"  
 "MURRAY" "RINGGOLD" "SIGSBEE"

Escorts 41 1 PT : 5 DE: "LOVELACE" "MANNING" "NEUENDORF"  
 "JAMES E.CRAIG" "EICHENBERGER"  
 3 PF: "VAN BUREN" "CGEN" "EL PASO"  
 1 PS: "WARREGO"  
 10 SC: 699, 703, 732, 736, 737, 738, 742, 746  
 748, 982

Auxiliaries 37 : 4 AMS: "KIAMA" "BENDIGO" "ARARAT" "COWRA"  
 5 PG: 471, 1119, 1132, 1134  
 7 YMS: 9, 10, 48, 52, 73, 313, 315  
 6 ML: 427, 801, 802, 817, 818, 819  
 "KILTY" "WARD" "CROSEY" "TALBOT" "NOA"  
 "DENT" "DICKERSON" (APD) "HOGAN" "PERRY" (DMS)  
 "AASE MAERSK" (AO) "HALF MOON" (AVP) "OTUS"  
 "EURYALE" (AS) "KOOPA" (AG) "AMYCUS" (AR)  
 "WHARTON" (AP) "YUNWAN" (AE) "MORESBY"  
 "SHEPPARTON" (AG) "TASMAN" "SOLACE" (AH)  
 "BAYOU ST.JOHN" "POINT LOMA" "WATO" (AT)  
 "ETAMIN" "GANYMEDE" "TRIANGULUM" (AK)  
 "ANDREW DORIA" "LEOPARD" "VILLALOBOS" (IX)  
 "ALABASTER" (PYC) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "CAMBRIAN  
 SALVOR" (ARS) "PING WO" (ASIS) 1 ARD  
 2 YP: 278, 280

Milne Bay (Contd.)  
Merchantmen

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: "H.L.ABBOTT" "E.G.ACHESON" "ACONCAGUA"  
"F.C.AINSWORTH" "ARANSAS PASS"  
"ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "E.D.BAKER" "BARBARA C"  
"R.S.EEAN" "S.K.BOLIVAR" "BIRCHCOULIE"  
"J.BUCHANAN" "WM.BYERS" "J.GABRILLO"  
"J.C.CALHOUN" "S.CLARKE" "CAPE NEWENHAM"  
"CAPE HENRY" "M.DALY" "G.DAVIDSON" "J.DEERE"  
"DON MARQUIS" "L.L.DYCHE" "ENA"  
"EMPRESS SILVER" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "JOHN EVANS"  
"M.GRIFFITH" "GRANDE RONDE" "A.S.HEWITT"  
"ISOLATOR" "S.JACKSON" "KATOOMBA" "L.S.KELLY"  
"O.KELLY" "C.KING" "KOTA INTEN" "W.S.LADD"  
"LAKE ORMAC" "ED.LANDER" "J.LANE"  
"N.LUCKENBACK" "F.B.LINDERMANN" "J.LYKES"  
"W.S.MCCRACKEN" "J.MCLEAN" "J.F.MELDRUM"  
"H.MONROE" "MONTAUK POINT" "W.V.MOODY"  
"JOHN I.NOLAN" "NORLAGO" "T.NELSON"  
"B.T.OSBORNE" "OZARK" "S.G.PORTER" "AGWI PRINCE"  
"POELAU LAUT" "A.REHAN" "H.ROBERTSON"  
"A.ROBINSON" "W.B.ROGERS" "URIAH M.ROSE"  
"C.SPRECKLES" "STAGEN" "W.S.SPARRON"  
"M.STEWART" "SICKLESTAD" "T.W.SYMONS"  
"TAWALI" "J.THOMAS" "J.M.THOMPSON"  
"TJISADANE" "TWO HARBOURS" "THUNDERER"  
"S.FURMAN" "TUNG SONG" "GEO.VANCOUVER"  
"VAN OUTHORN" "WELTEVREDEN" "W.WILLIAMS"  
"S.WILLISTON" "J.WING"

Port Moresby:

Escorts 2  
Merchantmen 5

: 1 ML: 426 1 PC: 1133  
: "CANBERRA" "G.DARROW" "HANYANG" "G.R.HEBARD"  
"TAROOMA"

Thursday Is:

Escorts 1  
Auxiliaries 2

: 1 SC: 731  
: "BUNGAREE" (GM) "POLARIS" (AGS)

Cairns:

Escorts 8  
Auxiliaries 5

: 1 AMS: "BALLARAT" 1 PC: 479  
3 ML: 804, 811, 820 3 YMS: 47, 49, 51  
: "PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD "FANCRED" (AT)  
1 AFD 1 YOG

Townsville:

Auxiliaries 1

: "MANUNDA" (AH)

Mackay:

Auxiliaries 1

: "HERON" (AVP)

Brisbane:

Escorts 6  
Auxiliaries 8

: 1 PS: "SWAN" 2 AMS: "GEELONG" "WHYALLA"  
1 YMS: 70 2 ML 808, 821  
: "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "ALGORAB" (AKA)  
"KURUMBA" (AO) "SHIKELLAMY" (AOH)  
2 YP: 235, 236 "CARONDOLET" "KAILUA" (IX)

Sydney:

Combat Units 3 CL  
7 DD

: "HOBART" (Refitting) "MONTPELIER" "CLEVELAND"  
: "STUART" "VENDETTA" "FULLAM" "GUEST" "BENNETT"  
"HUDSON" "RADFORD"

Escorts

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: 1 PS: "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA" ✓  
6 AMS: "COLAC" "DELORAINNE" "ECHUCA"  
"WARENAMBOOL" "GLADSTONE" "KATOOMBA"  
4 A/S: "KYBRA" "AB.GRIJNSSEN" "DOOMBA" "YANDRA"  
3 ML: 807, 822, 823

Auxiliaries

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: "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "OCTANS" (AF) "POLLUX" (AKS)  
"CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG)

Melbourne:

Escorts 1

: 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" (Refitting)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

1. Empress Augusta Bay - a.m. 6 April pillboxes and machine gun positions East of the Torokina perimeter were bombarded by a U.S. destroyer.

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2. Rabaul - At 1108/6 Lakunai was bombed by 22 Mitchells covering the runway satisfactorily. Photographs 7 April, however, show Lakunai runway still serviceable.

At 1100-1130/6 the supply area at Talili Bay was bombed by 29 Dauntless 25 Avengers with escort while the area behind Toboi Wharf was bombed by 34 Lightnings and Warhawks.

During a fighter sweep 6 April the 100 ft. barge was strafed and left sinking in Simpson Harbour.

3. Admiralty Islands - Land activity 5-6 April was confined to mopping up operations on Manus and Rambutyo Islands.
4. Jacquinet Bay - At 0400/6 an enemy floatplane bombed PT boats operating off Cape Kwoi. The bombs missed.
5. Saidor - At approximately 2300/6 an enemy medium bomber raided Saidor causing a few casualties but no significant damage.
6. Bogadjim - Our forward elements having reached Bridge No. 7 (6 miles S.W. Bogadjim) met an enemy ambush p.m. 5 April.
7. Karkar Island - At 0615-0715/7 buildings and gun positions at Kavilo Bay were shelled and mortared by 11 PT boats with 11 Mitchells co-operating. Many buildings were destroyed.
8. Bunabun - During the night 6-7 April 5 enemy barges beached near Dove Point were destroyed by PT boats. Shore batteries and rifle fire were encountered but only minor damage was suffered by the PT boats.
9. Alexishafen-But - Fighter sweeps a.m. 5 April, involving 13 Kittyhawks, strafed and believed killed all of a party unloading a lugger near Wewak, also set on fire 2 grounded aircraft at Tadji. Another sweep p.m. April 5, involving 8 Kittyhawks, attacked shipping off Cape Boram and off Muschu Island. A sea truck was set on fire by strafing and 12 barges also strafed and left burning fiercely.
- Similar fighters sweeps 7 April, involving 47 Aircobras and Kittyhawks, attacked Dagua airfield setting on fire 3 grounded aircraft of which one was serviceable, also setting on fire several of 17 barges seen near Wewak. One Kittyhawk was lost.
- At 1335/7 Boram aerodrome was bombed by 2 reconnaissance Mitchells and 2 grounded aircraft were destroyed by direct hits.
10. Hollandia - At 1045/7 reconnaissance aircraft observed one small tanker and several barges in Hollandia Bay.

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NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/8:

- (1) "PIRIE" (AMS) escorting Convoy TD.50 ("R.P.WARNER" "GEO.EASTMAN") departed Thursday Island 1313/5 for Darwin ETA 1530/8.
- (2) "KALGOORLIE" (AMS) escorting "THEDENS" departed Thursday Island 1600/7 for Merauke ETA 1230/8.
- (3) "WILCANNIA" (AMS) escorting 2 MV departed Darwin 0500/8 for Thursday Is.
- (4) 20 submarines on patrol

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Escorts	5	: 2 AMS: "LATROBE" "INVERELL"
		3 ML: 429, 809, 816
Merchantmen	3	: "J.W.TROY" "SUVA" "H.MOLLER"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

1. Kai Islands - At 0923/7 Langgoer aerodrome and nearby A/A positions were bombed by 23 Liberators starting large fires. 8 small ships were observed at Toeal and another 2 at Doeroea.
2. Southern Philippines - At 1715/6 an enemy surface force estimated to comprise 5 heavy cruisers, 1 light cruiser, 4 destroyers was observed off the Southwestern extremity of Mindanao on a Westerly course.

### 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

#### ALLIED FORCES

##### (a) At Sea to 1200/8:

- (1) "ADELAIDE" (CL) escorting "RUYS" proceeding Fremantle ETA 1600/8.
- (2) "RANEE" (CVE) proceeding Fremantle ETA not known.

##### (b) In Harbour:

###### Fremantle:

Combat Units	1 CA	:	"SUFFOLK"
Escorts	6	:	"HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739 3 ML: 812, 824, 826
Auxiliaries	7	:	"ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" (AM) "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) 1 YP: 288 1 ARD

###### Exmouth Gulf:

Auxiliaries	3	:	"CHILDS" (AV) "W.B.PRESTON" (AVD) 1 YP: 286
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### B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

#### ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Truk - At midnight 4-5 April Dublon Island and Moen Island were attacked by 20 Cenpac Liberators starting numerous fires. 4 enemy planes intercepted and one was destroyed and another probably destroyed. 2 Liberators are missing possibly due to a collision over the target. At about the same time an enemy tanker attacked by 2 Navy Liberators off Moen was probably sunk.

At 2053-2231/6 Dublon Island was again attacked by 34 Scupac Liberators. Excellent results were reported including fires and explosions. One enemy aircraft ineffectually attempted interception.

- (2) Ponape - At 0735/5 Ponape airfield was bombed by 6 Mitchells escorted by 7 Corsairs.
- (3) Marshalls - At 0800-0900/5 Wotje was twice attacked by 10 Dauntless, on the first occasion escorted by 13 Corsairs and on the second occasion aided by 12 bombing Hellcats.  
On 5 April Jaber (Jaluit Atoll) was bombed by 12 Mitchells, 13 Dauntless, 11 Hellcats and 3 Venturas.  
Other air strikes were conducted 5 April on Mille and Taroa.

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#### ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

- (1) Concentration of naval strength Malayan area.
- (2) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan and Kuriles.
- (3) Increased use of submarines for transportation purposes in Marshalls - Bismarcks - Solomons.
- (4) Continued use of barges and small coasters for coastal transportation in forward areas.
- (5) Continued submarine offensive in Indian Ocean by Japanese and German units

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

<u>BB</u>	-	(4) IDAHO	-
		NEW MEXICO	
		PENNSYLVANIA	
		TENNESSEE	
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	(6) NATOMA BAY	
		MANILA BAY	
		SANGAMMON	
		SUWANNEE	
		CHENANGO	
		SANTEE	
<u>CA</u>	(2) AUSTRALIA	-	-
	SHROPSHIRE		
<u>CL</u>	(6) BOISE	(6) COLUMBIA	-
	NASHVILLE	DENVER	
	PHOENIX	HONOLULU	
	MONTPELIER	ST LOUIS	
	CLEVELAND	BIRMINGHAM	
	* HOBART	* LEANDER	
<u>AV/CVS</u>	TANGIER	(2) WRIGHT	-
		CHANDELEUR	
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	(2) HALF MOON	BALLARD	-
	SAN PABLO		
<u>D</u>	(53) ARUNTA	Approx. 35	-
	WARRAMUNGA	PRINGLE	
	STUART	HOPEWELL	
	VENDETTA	LA VALLETTE	
	REID	FULLAM	
	AMMEN	GUEST	
	BACHE	BENNETT	
	BEALE	SCHROEDER	
	BUSH	DASHIELL	
	DALY	STEVENS	
	MULLANY	JOHN ROGERS	
	HUTCHINS	MCKEE	
	HOBBY	MURRAY	
	KALK	RINGGOLD	
	GILLESPIE	SIGSBEE	
	WELLES	ERBEN	
	STOCKTON	WALKER	
	NICHOLSON	HALE	
	WILKES	ABBOTT	
	STEVENSON	RADFORD	
	THORN	JENKINS	
	ABNER READ	NICHOLAS	
	ROE	O'BANNON	
	GRAYSON	TAYLOR	
	SWANSON	FLETCHER	
	STEMBEL	HOWERTH	
	HARRISON	HUDSON	

\* Non-effective

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

<u>SS</u>	(8) BASHAW DACE )		15
	BLACKFISH DARTER )	On patrol	
	BLUEGILL FLOUNDER )		
	CERO SCAMP )		
	(2) SILVERSIDES )	On passage	
	TUNNY )		
	(2) S.42 )	At Milne Bay	
	S.47 )		
	K.9	At Sydney	
	K.12	At Melbourne.	

Approx. 85

Approx. 110

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<u>APA</u>	(22) H.T.ALLEN (APA)	KANE (APD)	15 APA
<u>AKA</u>	KAN IMBLA	GILMER	1 APD
<u>APD</u>	MANOORA	SCHLEY	8 AKA
	WESTRALIA	SANDS	
	HARRY LEE	HUMPHREYS	
	ZEILIN	BROOKS	
	ORMSLEY	HERBERT	
	WINDSOR	TALBOT	
	ALGORAB (AKA)	CROSBY	
	VIRGO	NOA	
		DENT	
		DICKERSON	
		KILTY	
		WARD	

AGC BLUE RIDGE

AS (2) OTUS  
EURYALE

AD DOBBIN

AP (3) RIGEL PROMETHEUS  
PLATYPUS  
AMYGUS

AIRCRAFT  
Fighters (incl. 15 twin-eng.) 127  
Light & M/Bombers 90  
Torpedo & D/Bombers 2  
Flying Boats 1  
Floatplanes 27  
Obsn. A/c 20

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>CA</u>	-	(2) NACHI
		ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	(3) DETROIT	(3) ABUKUMA
	RALEIGH	TAMA
	RICHMOND	KISO
<u>DD</u>	9	10
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx. 4

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

			<u>Mandates</u> <u>Philippines</u>	<u>Empire</u>
<u>BB</u>	(14)	IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA * OKLAHOMA	(6) YAMATO ISE YAMASHIRO HYUGA * MUSASHI MUTSU (prob. sunk)
<u>CV</u>	(6)	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	(7)	COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY * INDEPENDENCE	(4) RYUHO ZUIHO HITAKA * HAYATAKA
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	-	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	(21)	COPAHEE BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU CASABLANCA ALTAMAHA CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR KITKUN BAY	WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY MEHENTA BAY OMMANEY BAY	(6) CHITOSE CHIYODA JINYO KAIYO * OTAKA * UNYO
<u>CA</u>	(13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE	MAYA
<u>OCA</u>	-	-	-	6
<u>CL</u>	(7)	SANTA FE SAN DIEGO MOBILE BILOXI	OAKLAND * RENO * CONCORD	(4) * NAGARA * NATORI * ISUZU * OYODO
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHIMA	KASHII
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	-	(2) AK ITSUSHIMA NOTORO	-
<u>DF</u>	Approx. 120		10-15	20 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u>	Approx. 30		25	Approx. 25
<u>A</u>	?		?	2 (1 repairing)

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

CL TRENTON

\* Non-effective



5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Malaya

<u>BB</u>	-	(3) QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN	(4) NAGATO FUSO KONGO HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	-	(2) ILLUSTRIOUS SARATOGA	(2) ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	TAIHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	RANEE	(3) BATTLER UNICORN SHAH	-
	SUFFOLK	(3) SUSSEX LONDON CUMBERLAND	(11) AOBA KUMANO SUZUYA TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI MYOKO HAGURO
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	(8) GEYLON KENYA GAMBIA NIGERIA NEWCASTLE DANAE TROMP EMERALD	(5) YAHAGI HOSHIRO KINU KITAGAMI OI
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(2) CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	■ KAMO I
<u>XCL</u>	-	(2) GANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>DD</u>	-	Approx. 27	30
<u>S</u>	(14) ANGLER BLUEFISH CABRILLA CREVALLE FLASHER HADDO HAKE HOE MINGO PADDLE REDFIN RATON K.14 K.15	} Approx. 15  } On patrol	17 (including 6 German)
	(12) BILLFISH BONEFISH BOWFIN COD GUNNEL ROBALO JACK LAPON NORWHAL PUFFER RASHER RAY	}  } At Fremantle	
<u>AS</u>	(2) PELIAS ORION		

AIRCRAFT (East Indies only)

Fighters	121
Light & M/Bombers	36
Torpedo & D/Bombers	-
Flying Boats	-
Floatplanes	43
Obsn. A/c	19

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

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

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Date :

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9 April, 1944

PART IA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREAEASTERN AREA(i) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/9:

- (1) "WHITEHURST" (DE) escorting "PRESIDENT MONROE" (AP) proceeding Milne Bay ETA about 1200/9.
- (2) "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) departed Milne Bay 1500/8 for survey duty vicinity Kegawan Island (15 miles S.E. of Normanby Island).
- (3) "BUSH" (DD) departed Milne Bay 0800/8 for Cairns ETA 1700/9
- (4) "BENDIGO" (AMS) escorting "EMPIRE SILVER" (AO) departed Milne Bay 1320/7 ETA Grafton Passage 1200/9. "BENDIGO" to undergo boiler cleaning at Cairns.
- (5) "BARCOO" (PF) departed Milne Bay 1430/7 for boiler cleaning at Townsville, ETA Townsville 0730/10.
- (6) "MIZAR" (AF) departed Caloundra 0830/7 for Milne Bay ETA 1300/10: for onward routeing to Goodenough Island.
- (7) "GASCOYNE" (PF) departed Sydney 1500/6 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/11.
- (8) "MAETSUYCKER" (AH) departed Milne Bay 1300/7 for Brisbane ETA 1600/10.
- (9) "PYRO" (AE) was to depart Caloundra 0830/8 for Milne Bay ETA about 0700/12 for onward routeing to Cape Gretin.
- (10) "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS) departed Thursday Island 1330/8 for Townsville ETA 0800/11: for onward routeing to Sydney.
- (11) "YMS's 11, 72" departed Cairns 1812/5 for Thursday Island ETA Ince Point 1400/9: for onward routeing to Fremantle via Darwin.
- (12) "ST. MARY" (IX) departed Brisbane 0850/6 for Cairns ETA 1400/10.
- (13) "YP.291" was to depart Cairns 1700/7 for Brisbane ETA 1000/11; calling at Palm Island en route.
- (14) "TOWNSVILLE" (AMS) departed Townsville 1914/7 for Sydney ETA 1600/11, for annual refit.
- (15) "MILDURA" (AMS) towing 1 APC departed Cairns 1100/4 for Brisbane: delayed en route by weather: ETA 1000/11.
- (16) "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) towing 1 LCT to depart Caloundra 1800/8 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/15.
- (17) "SG.749" departed Caloundra 2102/7 on Sandy Cape A/S patrol.
- (18) "POLLUX" (AKS) departed Sydney 1647/8 for Brisbane ETA 0700/10.
- (19) "ROCKHAMPTON" (AMS) departed Sydney 1131/8 for Adelaide ETA 0600/12.
- (20) "LITHGOW" (AMS) escorting "K.12" departed Port Phillip Heads 1730/7. "YANDRA" (A/S) to RV at 0700/10 and escort "K.12" to Sydney: "LITHGOW" to detach and proceed Brisbane. "K.12" to exercise en route with "WARRNAMBOOL" "DOOMBA" "KYBRA" "ML's 813, 825".
- (21) "YUMA" (AT) with tow to depart Port Phillip Heads 1315/7 for Brisbane.
- (22) "DUNTROON" (AP) departed Fremantle 1255/4 for Sydney ETA 2359/11.
- (23) 3 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "VENDETTA" (DD) to depart Sydney about 1200/9 for Brisbane.

(c) Convoy Procedure:

The following arrangements for the protection of shipping approaching or leaving New Guinea are to be brought into force immediately. Previous instructions (see Summary No. 783, 21 March 1944) are cancelled if conflicting herewith:

(1) Continuous patrol by one group of three or more escort vessels is to be maintained off the South Eastern approaches to Milne Bay: the area bounded by lines joining the following points:

10°55' S. 150°34' E.  
11°30' S. 149°42' E.  
13°36' S. 151°07' E.  
13°02' S. 152°00' E.

(2) The following classes of vessels are to be escorted by vessels detached as necessary from this group, when within 200 miles of Milne Bay if Westward of 150°E, and when North of 14°S, if to Eastward of 150°E:

- (i) Troopships carrying more than 2000 troops
- (ii) Aircraft carriers and capital ships proceeding independently
- (iii) Specially important Naval Auxiliaries.

(3) Other shipping to proceed unescorted under cover of the above-described patrols.

(d) In Harbour:

Admiralties:

Combat Units	2 DD 19 PT	: "WILKES" "NICHOLSON"
Escorts	9	: "BENALLA" (AMS) 6 YMS: 8, 10, 47, 48, 51, 46 1 ML: 425 1 SC: 747
Auxiliaries	9	: "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "TANGIER" (AV) "CHETCO" "SONOMA" "RESERVE" (AT) "MINK" (IX) "CENTAURUS" (AK) YP: 283
Merchantmen	15	: "J. BARBARA" "F. BILLINGS" "J. P. BRADLEY" "J. BURROUGHS" "E. JOHNSON" "KARSIK" "LYMAN STEWART" "B. MATTHEWS" "G. V. L. MEYER" "MORMACGULL" "MORMACSEA" "RAMO" "W. J. SUBJETTE" "VAN SWOLL" "S. M. WHITE"

Cape Gloucester:

Escorts	1	: 1 ML: 423.
Merchantmen	3	: "T. CRAWFORD" "J. ROSSITER" "A. THOMAS"

Talasea:

Combat Units	15 PT	
Escorts	1	: 1 PC: 1123
Auxiliaries	1	: "HILO" (AGP)
Merchantmen	2	: "DEUTGAN" "MELINGA"

Saidor:

Combat Units	11 PT with 1 LST acting as AGP	
Escorts	2	: "BUNBURY" "STAWELL" (AMS)
Merchantmen	3	: "J. G. BRADY" "TIMOSHENKO" "C. L. SMITH"

Langemak:

Combat Units	3 DD 28 PT	: "LA VALLETTE" "O'BANNON" "HOPEWELL"
Escorts	21	: 5 AMS: "BUNDABERG" "CASTLEMAINE" "BOWEN" "KAPUNDA" "GYMPIE" 4 PC: 476, 1120, 1122, 1124 1 YMS: 393 4 ML: 424, 431, 803, 806 7 SC: 637, 648, 650, 734, 741, 750, 981
Auxiliaries	16	: "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "SCHLEY" "HUMPHREYS" "KANE" "HERBERT" "GILMER" "BROOKS" "SANDS" (APD) "BOOTES" (AK) "ETAMIN" (AK) "VICTORIA" (AO) "WESTRALIA" (APA) "TASMAN" (AH) "TULSA" (PG) "COUCAL" (ASR) "GUNSTEN HALL" (LSD)

Langemak (Contd.)

Merchantmen 24 : "ANHUI" "ANSON BURLINGHAM" "BONTEKOE"  
 "P.CHANDLER" "W.E.CHANNING" "CITY OF  
 PHILADELPHIA" "COLORADO" "J.DOPY" "M.FULLER"  
 "JANSSSENS" "JAPARA" "GEO.LUKS" "MAGTAN"  
 "MACKAWAO" "MANA" "F.M.QUINONES" "J.ROSS"  
 "J.SINGER" "W.C.SQUIRE" "M.WALKER"  
 "T.RAINEY" "J.M.WHISTLER" "D.WRIGHT"  
 "E.YOUNG"

Lae:

Escorts 2 : 2 ML: 428, 430  
 Auxiliaries 1 : "PANDA" (IX)  
 Merchantmen 12 : "EAL IKPAPAN" "D.F.BARRY" "CAPE SPENCER"  
 "F.H.DODD" "A.S.DUNNIWAY" "A.B.HAMMOND"  
 "NORAB" "RING LARDNER" "SEA BARD"  
 "G.L.SMITH" "R.STUART" "ED.N.WESTCOTT"

Buna-Oro Bay:

Combat Units 27 DD : "HOWERTH" "STOCKTON" "STEVENSON" "THORN"  
 "REID" "JENKINS" "NICHOLAS" "TAYLOR"  
 "STEVENS" "JOHN ROGERS" "MCKEE" "MURRAY"  
 "RINGGOLD" "SCHROEDER" "DASHIELL" "SIGSBEE"  
 "FLETCHER" "HARRISON" "WELLES" "STEMBEL"  
 "KALK" "ERBEN" "WALKER" "HALE" "ABBOTT"  
 "ROE" "GRAYSON"  
 Escorts 14 : 5 PF: CORONADO" "GLENDALE" "LONGBEACH"  
 "SAN PEDRO" "BARCOO"  
 6 YMS: 53, 315, 334, 336, 71, 314  
 1 PC: 1132 2 SC: 735, 744  
 Auxiliaries 14 : "TRINITY" (AO) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC)  
 "POYANG" (AP) "ZEILIN" "ORMSLEY" "WINDSOR"  
 "HARRY LEE" (APA) "VIRGO" (AKA) "MEDUSA"  
 "RIGEL" (AR) 1 ARD "DOBBIN" (AD) "MERKUR"  
 (AF) "PORCUPINE" (IX)  
 Merchantmen 17 : "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "BORGERED" "CAPE COD"  
 "CAPE NEWENHAM" "S.CLARKE" "T.M.COOLEY"  
 "P.T.DODDRIDGE" "EXIRIA" "D.E.HUGHES"  
 "KATOOMBA" "KOTA IMFEN" "LAKE ORMAC"  
 "NARVIK" "O.SKINNER" "M.THORNTON" "A.E.WATTS"  
 "WICHITA FALLS"

Woodlark Is:

Escorts 3 : "WAGGA" (AMS) 2 YMS: 50, 335  
 Auxiliaries 1 : "TEAK" (AH)  
 Merchantmen 2 : "D.D.FIELD" "J.S.MANSFIELD"

Goodenough Is:

Combat Units 3 DD : "BEALE" "HOBBY" "GILLESPIE"  
 Escorts 2 : "GOULBURN" "ARARAT" (AMS)  
 Auxiliaries 4 : "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA"  
 "H.T.ALLEN" (APA)  
 Merchantmen 3 : "F.A.EILERS" "WEST CACTUS" "K.D.WIGGIN"

Milne Bay:

Combat Units 2 CA : "SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"  
 3 CL : "NASHVILLE" "BOISE" "PHOENIX"  
 9 DD : "HUTCHINS" "DALY" "BACHE" "MULLANY"  
 "SWANSON" "ABNER READ" "ARUNTA" "WARRAMUNGA"  
 "AMEN"

Escorts 41 1 PT : 5 DE: "LOVELACE" "MANNING" "NEUENDORF"  
 "JAMES E.CRAIG" "EICHENBERGER"  
 3 PF: "VAN BUREN" "OGDEN" "EL PASO"  
 1 PS: "WARREGO"  
 10 SC: 699, 703, 732, 736, 737, 738, 742,  
 746, 748, 982  
 3 AMS: "KIAMA" "GLENELG" "COWRA"  
 4 PC: 471, 1119, 1132, 1134  
 5 YMS: 9, 52, 73, 313, 315  
 6 ML: 427, 801, 802, 817, 818, 819

Auxiliaries 36 : "KILTY" "WARD" "CROSBY" "TALBOT" "NOA"  
 "DENT" "DICKERSON" (APD) "HOGAN" "PERRY" (DMS)  
 "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG) "AASE MAERSK" (AO)  
 "HALF MOON" (AVP) "OTUS" "EURYALE" (AS)  
 "KOOPA" (AG) "AMYCUS" (AR) "WHARTON" (AP)

Milne Bay (Contd.)

Auxiliaries  
(Contd.)

Merchantmen

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: "YUNNAN" (AE) "MORESBY" (AGS) "SOLACE" (AH)  
 "BAYOU ST. JOHN" "POINT LOMA" "WATO" (AT)  
 "G.ELLIOTT" "GANYMEDE" "TRIANGULUM" (AK)  
 "ANDREW DORIA" "LEOPARD" "VILLALOBOS" (IX)  
 "ALABASTER" (PYC) "GOLDSTAR" (AG)  
 "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "PING WO" (ASIS)  
 1 ARD 2 YP: 273, 280  
 : "H.L.ABBOTT" "E.G.ACHESON" "ACONCAGUA"  
 "F.C.AINSWORTH" "ARANSAS PASS" "E.D.BAKER"  
 "BARBARA C" "S.K.BOLIVAR" "BIRCHCOULIE"  
 "J.SUCHANAN" "WM.BYERS" "J.CABRILLO"  
 "J.C.CALHOUN" "CHIEF CHARLOT" "J.CHOTEAU"  
 "M.DALY" "G.DAVIDSON" "J.DEERE" "DON MARQUIS"  
 "L.L.DYCHE" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "JOHN EVANS"  
 "M.GRIFFITH" "GRANDE RONDE" "ISOLATOR"  
 "S.JACKSON" "L.S.KELLY" "M.C.KERR" "C.KING"  
 "W.S.LADD" "ED.LANDER" "J.LANE" "J.H.LANE"  
 "N.LUCKENBACK" "F.B.LINDERMANN" "J.LYKES"  
 "J.MCLEAN" "J.F.MELDRUM" "MONMOUTH" "H.MONROE"  
 "MONTAUK POINT" "W.V.MOODY" "NORINDIES"  
 "NORLAGO" "T.NELSON" "B.T.OSBORNE" "OZARK"  
 "S.G.PORTER" "AGWI PRINCE" "POELAU LAUT"  
 "A.REHAN" "M.ROBERTSON" "A.ROBINSON"  
 "W.B.ROGERS" "URIAH M.ROSE" "SEA WITCH"  
 "C.SPRECKLES" "W.S.SHARRON" "STICKLESTAD"  
 "T.W.SYMONS" "TAWALI" "J.THOMAS" "J.M.  
 THOMPSON" "TJISADANE" "TWO HARBOURS"  
 "THUNDERER" "S.TURMAN" "GEO.VANCOUVER"  
 "VAN OUTHORN" "WELTEVREDEN" "W.WILLIAMS"  
 "S.WILLISTON" "J.WING" "YOCHOW"

Port Moresby:

Escorts 2  
 Auxiliaries 1  
 Merchantmen 7

: 1 ML: 426 1 PC: 1135  
 : "CALAMARES" (AF)  
 : "ALDINGA" "CANBERRA" "C.DARROW" "HANYANG"  
 "G.R.HEBARD" "TAROONA" "GEN.VERSPIJK"

Thursday Is:

Escorts 1  
 Auxiliaries 2

: 1 SC: 731  
 : "BUNGAREE" (CM) "POLARIS" (AGS)

Cairns:

Escorts 7  
 Auxiliaries 5

: 1 AMS: "BALLARAT" 1 PC: 479  
 3 ML: 804, 811, 820 2 YMS: 49, 50  
 : "PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD "TANGRED" (AT)  
 1 AFD 1 YOG

Townsville:

Auxiliaries 1

: "MANUNDA" (AH)

Wackay:

Auxiliaries 1

: "HERON" (AVP)

Brisbane:

Escorts 8

: 1 PS: "SWAN" 3 AMS: "BROOME" "GELLONG"  
 "WHYALLA" 1 YMS: 70 2 ML: 808, 821  
 1 SC: 745  
 : "ALGORAB" (AKA) "KURUMBA" (AO)  
 "SHIKELLAMY" (AOH) 2 YP: 235, 236  
 "CARONDOLET" "KAILUA" (IX)

Auxiliaries 7

Sydney:

Combat Units 3 CL  
 7 DD

: "HOBART" (Refitting) "MONTPELIER" "CLEVELAND"  
 : "STUART" "VENDETTA" "FULLAN" "GUEST"  
 "BENNETT" "HUDSON" "RADFORD"

Escorts 14

: 1 PS: "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA"  
 5 AMS: "COLAC" "DELORAINNE" "ECHUCA"  
 "GLADSTONE" "KATOOMBA"  
 1 A/S: "AB.CRIJNSEN"  
 3 ML: 807, 822, 823

Auxiliaries 4

: "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "OCTANS" (AF)  
 "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG)

Melbourne:

Escorts 1

: 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" (Refitting)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

1. Empress Augusta Bay - During 6 April enemy positions on the Jaba River mouth were bombarded by destroyers.  
By 1500/7 the area immediately East of the Torokina River mouth had been cleared of Japs: 15 pillboxes were destroyed. Intermittent enemy ground contacts were reported by patrols East of the perimeter during the previous 48 hours, although many dead Japs were found.
2. New Ireland - At 1030/7 Kavieng airfield was attacked by 30 Dauntless and 15 Avengers: the runway was well covered by bombs. One Dauntless was lost. Photographs 8 April show Kavieng and Panapai runways unserviceable and no aircraft present although earlier visual reports related that more than 15 serviceable bombers were present in revetments at Kavieng and one bomber was seen to be taking off. Borpop airfield remains inoperative.
3. St. Matthias Group - At 0640/7 a submarine contact was obtained by U.S. destroyers 45 miles S.W. of Mussau Island. Two attacks resulted in a large oil slick.
4. Admiralty Islands - Up to 1000/8 known enemy dead totalled 2,912 and many more undiscovered bodies are believed to be lying about in the swamps. Approximately 400 effectives remain and mopping up of these continues.
5. Rabaul - During the night 6-7 April Kokopo and Talili Bay supply bases were raided by 6 Mitchells.  
a.m. 7 April the supply centres at Talili Bay and gun positions around Simpson Harbour were bombed by 9 Mitchells, 39 Dauntless, 35 Avengers and 53 fighter bombers. Many fires were started and much damage inflicted.  
Also a.m. 7 April Vunakanau was attacked by 11 Mitchells and Tobera by 13 Mitchells. Photographs 8 April show the condition of runways and aircraft present to be unchanged thus:-

Lakunai	1 F	runway serviceable
Vunakanau	1 LB	concrete runway serviceable
Tobera	3 F	runway unserviceable
Rapopo )		No aircraft
Keravat )		Runways unserviceable.
6. Hansa Bay - Nubia and Potsdam Plantations were bombed and strafed 1130-1145/8 by 30 escorted Bostons as alternative target to Hollandia, which was not reached on account of weather.
7. Wewak - At approximately 1130/8 the stores and personnel areas at Cape Moem and Brandi Plantations were bombed and strafed by 59 escorted Mitchells as alternative target to Hollandia, which was not reached due to bad weather. At about the same time similar targets at But were attacked by 8 Liberators.
7. Aitape - Preliminary reports from aircraft in flight relate that 2 small freighters were attacked 30 miles W. N.W. of Aitape.
8. Hollandia - At approximately 1130/8 Hollandia town and neighbourhood were bombed by 40 escorted Liberators. Many fires were started including one fuel dump. There was no interception.

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2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/9:

- (1) "WILCANNIA" (AMS) escorting 2 MV departed Darwin 0500/8 for Thursday Is.  
(2) 20 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Escorts 6 : 3 AMS: "LATROBE" "INVERELL" "PIRIE"  
3 ML: 429, 809, 816  
Merchantmen 5 : "J.W.TROY" "SUVA" "J.MOLLER" "R.P.WARNER"  
"GEO.EASTMAN"

Merauke:

Escort 1 : "KALGOORLIE" (AMS)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

1. Kai Islands - Photos a.m. 7 April show one fighter and transport plane at Langgoer, no aircraft at Faan where runway is serviceable. These photos confirm the presence of at least 7 small merchant ships near Toeal.  
2. Timor - At 2115-2140/7 Penfoei barracks area was bombed by 6 Mitchells. At 0240/8 Lautem was bombed by 3 Beauforts.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/9:

- (1) "RANEE" (CVE) proceeding Fremantle ETA not known.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat Units 1 CA : "SUFFOLK"  
1 CL : "ADELAIDE"  
Escorts 6 : "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739  
3 ML: 812, 824, 826.  
Auxiliaries 7 : "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" (AM) "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS)  
"CHANTICLEER" (ASR) 1 YP: 288 1 ARD

Mouth Gulf:

Auxiliaries 3 : "CHILDS" (AV) "W.B.PRESTON" (AVD) 1 YP: 286

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B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

1. Marshalls-Carolines - Wotje was thrice attacked by Cenpac aircraft at approximately noon 6 April respectively by 13 bombing Corsairs, 10 Dauntless and lastly by 10 Dauntless and 11 Hellcats. Only meagre ack ack was encountered during the first and last attacks and none by the second. After dark 6 April Wake was attacked in two waves involving 20 Liberators. Other light and medium air strikes were conducted 6 April by Cenpac aircraft on Mille, Tarea, Jaluit and Ponape.  
2. Western Carolines - Details concerning the U.S. aircraft carrier strike on Palau, Yap, Ulithi and Woleai are now to hand and are shown in Naval Incidents.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

1. Western Carolines -

Details of results of the U.S. Aircraft-Carrier Task Force attacks on Palau on 30 and 31 March (E. Longitude date), on Yap and Ulithi on 31 March and on Woleai Atoll (including Maraion Island in this atoll) on 1 April are summarised hereunder:-

Shipping: 28 ships were sunk at Palau or at sea and 17 ships damaged, set on fire or beached at Palau in addition to several small craft destroyed or damaged at Ulithi and Woleai (including Maraion Island in Woleai Atoll) detailed as follows:-

Sunk at Palau:-

2 destroyers
1 unidentified combat ship
5 oilers (3 large, 1 medium, 1 small)
16 cargo vessel (2 large, 6 medium, 8 small)
1 patrol vessel

Sunk at sea by  
ship's gunfire:- 3 small ships

Total 28 ships

Damaged at Palau:-

1 destroyer
1 large repair ship
3 oilers (1 medium, 2 small)
12 cargo vessels (1 large, 2 medium, 9 small)

Total 17 ships

Aircraft: A total of 160 aircraft were destroyed and 54 probably destroyed or damaged. Of these, 93 were shot down and 29 probably shot down in combat over Palau, 39 were destroyed and 20 probably destroyed or damaged on the ground or on the water at Palau: at Woleai 7 were destroyed and 5 probably destroyed either in combat or on the ground: in repelling attacks on our ships on 29 and 30 March, 17 enemy planes were shot down by our fighters and 4 by A/A

Heavy damage was inflicted on ground installations at all objectives particularly Palau.

No damage was suffered by our surface forces and our aircraft losses totalled 25 planes involving the loss of 18 aircraft personnel.

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ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

- (1) Concentration of naval strength Malayan area.
- (2) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan and Kuriles.
- (3) Increased use of submarines for transportation purposes in Marshalls - Bismarcks - Solomons.
- (4) Continued use of barges and small coasters for coastal transportation in forward areas.
- (5) Continued submarine offensive in Indian Ocean by Japanese and German units.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
	<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	
<u>BB</u>	-	(4) IDAHO NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA TENNESSEE	-
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	(6) NATOMA BAY MANILA BAY SANGAMMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO SANTEE	-
<u>CA</u>	(2) AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	-
<u>CL</u>	(6) BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX MONT PELIER CLEVELAND * HOBART	(6) COLUMBIA DENVER HONOLULU ST LOUIS BIRMINGHAM * LEANDER	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	TANGIER	(2) WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	(2) HALF MOON SAN PABLO	BALLARD	-
<u>DD</u>	(51) ABBOTT ABNER READ AMMEN BACHE BEALE BENNETT BUSH DALY DASHIELL ERBEN FLETCHER FULLAM GILLESPIE GRAYSON GUEST HALE HARRISON HOBBY HOPEWELL HUDSON HUTCHINS JENKINS JOHN ROGERS KALK LA VALLETTE MCKEE	MULLANY MURRAY NICHOLAS NICHOLSON O'BANNON RADFORD REID RINGGOLD ROE SIGSBEE SCHROEDER STEMBEL STEVENS STEVENSON STOCKTON SWANSON TAYLOR THORN WELLES WALKER WILKES ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA	Approx. 35 -

\* Non-effective

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

<u>SS</u>	(8) BASHAW BLACKFISH BLUEGILL CERO	DACE DARTER FLOUNDER SCAMP	}	On patrol	15
	(3) SILVERSIDES TUNNY K.12		}	On passage	
	(2) S.42 S.47		}	At Milne Bay	
	K.9			At Sydney	

<u>PT</u>	Approx. 85		Approx. 110	?
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<u>APA</u> <u>AKA</u> <u>APD</u>	(22) H.T.ALLEN (APD) KANIMBLA MANOORA WESTRALIA HARRY LEE ZEILIN ORMSLEY WINDSOR ALGORAB (AKA) VIRGO	KANE (APD) GILMER SCHLEY SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS HERBERT TALBOT CROSBY NOA DENT DICKERSON KILTY WARD	15 APA 1 APD 8 AKA
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<u>AGC</u>	BLUE RIDGE	-
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<u>AS</u>	(2) OTUS EURYALE	?
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<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	-
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<u>AR</u>	(3) RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS	PROMETHEUS
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AIRCRAFT  
Fighters  
(incl. 15 twin-eng) 131  
Light & M/Bombers 90  
Torpedo & D/Brs. 2  
Flying Boats 1  
Floatplanes 27  
Obsn. A/c 20

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>CL</u>	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	(2) NACHI ASHIGARA (3) ABUKUMA TAMA KISO
<u>DD</u>	9	10
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx. 4

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

			<u>Mandates</u> <u>Philippines</u>	<u>Empire</u>
<u>BB</u>	(14) IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA * OKLAHOMA	-	(6) YAMATO ISE YAMASHIRO HYUGA * MUSASHI * MUTSU (prob. sunk)
<u>CV</u>	(6) ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL	-	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	(7) COMPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY * INDEPENDENCE	-	(4) RYUHO ZUIHO HITAKA * HAYATAKA
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	-	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	(21) COPAHEE BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU CASABLANCA ALTAMAHA CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR KITKUN BAY	WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY MEHENTA BAY ORMANEY BAY	-	(5) CHITOSE CHIYODA JINYO * OFAKA * UNYO
<u>CA</u>	(13) BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE	-	MAYA
<u>OCA</u>	-	-	-	6
<u>CL</u>	(7) SANTA FE SAN DIEGO MOBILE BILOXI	OAKLAND * RENO * CONCORD	YUBARI	(4) * NAGARA * NATORI * ISUZU * OYODO
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHIMA	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	-	(2) AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO	-
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 120		10-15	20 (several repairing)
<u>S</u>	Approx. 30		25	Approx. 25
<u>AS</u>	?		?	2 (1 repairing)

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

<u>CL</u>	TRENTON	-
<u>DD</u>	9	-

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	<u>Southwest Pacific (Western Section)</u>	<u>Eastern Fleet Area</u>	<u>East Indies-Malaya</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	(3) QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN	(4) NAGATO FUSO KONGO HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	-	(2) ILLUSTRIOUS SARATOGA	(2) ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	TAIHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	RANEE	(3) BATTLEER UNICORN SHAH	KAIYO
<u>C</u>	SUFFOLK	(3) SUSSEX LONDON CUMBERLAND	(11) AOBA KUMANO SUZUYA TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI MYOKO HAGURO
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	(8) CEYLON KENYA GAMBIA NIGERIA NEWCASTLE DANAE TROMP EMERALD	(5) YANAGI NOSHIRO KINU KITAGAMI OI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>AV/GVS</u>	(2) CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMO I
<u>XCL</u>	-	(2) CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>DD</u>	-	Approx. 27	30
<u>SS</u>	(16) ANGLER BLUEFISH CABRILLA CREVALLE COD FLASHER HADDO HAKE HOE JACK MINGO PADDLE REDFIN RATON K.14 K.15	} } } on patrol } } } } }	Approx. 15
	(10) BILLFISH BONEFISH BOWFIN GUNNEL LAPON NORWHAL PUFFER RASHER RAY ROBALO	} } } At Fremantle } }	17 (incl. 6 German)
<u>AS</u>	(2) PELIAS ORION		

AIRCRAFT (East Indies only)  
 Fighters 121  
 Light & M/Bombers 36  
 Torpedo & D/Bombers -  
 Flying Boats -  
 Floatplanes 43  
 Obsn. A/c 19

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

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

No. 803

Date: 10 April, 1944

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

- (1) "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) departed Milne Bay 1500/8 for survey duty vicinity Kegawan Island (15 miles S.E. of Normanby Island).
- (2) "MORESBY" (AGS) departed Milne Bay 0700/9 on survey duty.
- (3) "SC.698" "YMS.315" "ML.816" escorting Convoy BG.79" departed Milne Bay 0900/9 for Langemak ETA 1200/11.
- (4) "PING WO" (ASIS) departed Milne Bay 1450/9 for Buna ETA 1500/10
- (5) "WARREGO" (PS) departed Milne Bay 0830/9 escorting "F.C.AINSWORTH" till 0100/10.
- (6) "COWRA" (AMS) departed Milne Bay 1000/9 escorting "WELTEVREDEN" till 0600/10; then returning Milne Bay.
- (7) "SOLACE" (AH) departed Milne Bay 1130/9 for Brisbane ETA 1200/12.
- (8) "POINT LOMA" (AT) departed Milne Bay 1135/9 for Sydney ETA 1030/17.
- (9) "GASCOYNE" (PF) departed Sydney 1500/6 for Milne Bay; to RV at 1700/10 with "HERMITAGE" (AP) and escort to Milne Bay.
- (10) "MIZAR" (AF) departed Caloundra 0830/7 for Milne Bay ETA 1300/10; for onward routing to Goodenough Island.
- (11) "TANCRED" (AT) towing 1 AFD and 1 YOG departed Cairns 0620/9 for Milne Bay ETA forenoon April 13th.
- (12) "PYRO" (AE) was to depart Caloundra 0830/8 for Milne Bay ETA about 0700/12 for onward routing to Cape Cretin.
- (13) "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS) departed Thursday Island 1330/8 for Townsville ETA 0800/11; for onward routing to Sydney.
- (14) "ST. MARY" (IX) departed Brisbane 0850/6 for Cairns ETA 1400/10
- (15) "MAETSUYCKER" (AH) departed Milne Bay 1300/7 for Brisbane ETA 1600/10.
- (16) "SC.731" departed Thursday Is. 1158/9 for Cairns ETA 1500/11; to dock for propeller repairs.
- (17) "TOWNSVILLE" (AMS) departed Townsville 1914/7 for Sydney ETA 1600/11, for annual refit.
- (18) "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) towing 1 LCT to depart Caloundra 1800/8 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/15.
- (19) "MILDURA" (AMS) towing 1 APC departed Cairns 1100/4 for Brisbane; delayed en route by weather; ETA 1000/11.
- (20) "VENDETTA" (DD) departed Sydney 1214/9 for Brisbane ETA 1200/10; for onward routing to Milne Bay.
- (21) "SC.749" departed Caloundra 2102/7 on Sandy Cape A/S patrol; on relief at 1200/11 to return to Brisbane.
- (22) "LITHGOW" (AMS) escorting "K.12" departed Port Phillip Heads 1730/7. "YANDRA" (A/S) to RV at 0700/10 and escort "K.12" to Sydney; "LITHGOW" to detach and proceed Brisbane. "K.12" to exercise en route with "WARRNAMBOOL" "DOOMBA" "KYBRA" "ML's 813, 825"
- (23) "ROCKHAMPTON" (AMS) departed Sydney 1131/8 for Adelaide ETA 0600/12.

- (24) "YUMA" (AT) with tow to depart Port Phillip Heads 1315/7 for Brisbane.  
 (25) "DUNTROON" (AP) departed Fremantle 1255/4 for Sydney ETA 2359/11  
 (26) 7 submarine on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "WHYALLA" (AMS) to depart Caloundra 2200/10 to relieve "SG.749" on Sandy Cape A/S patrol: on relief about 1200/15 to return to harbour.  
 (2) "STRAHAN" (AMS) to depart Sydney when ready about April 15 for Milne Bay: on arrival transferred to operational and administrative control N.O.I.C. New Guinea: to work up at Milne Bay.

(c) Convoy Procedure:

The following arrangements for the protection of shipping approaching or leaving New Guinea are to be brought into force immediately. Previous instructions (see Summary No. 783, 21 March 1944) are cancelled if conflicting herewith:

- (1) Continuous patrol by one group of three or more escort vessels is to be maintained off the South Eastern approaches to Milne Bay: the area bounded by lines joining the following points:

10°55' S. 150°34' E.  
 11°30' S. 149°42' E.  
 13°36' S. 151°07' E.  
 13°02' S. 152°00' E.

- (2) The following classes of vessels are to be escorted by vessels detached as necessary from this group, when within 200 miles of Milne Bay if Westward of 150°E, and when North of 14°S, if to Eastward of 150°E:

- (i) Troopships carrying more than 2000 troops  
 (ii) Aircraft carriers and capital ships proceeding independently  
 (iii) Specially important Naval Auxiliaries.

- (3) Other shipping to proceed unescorted under cover of the above-described patrols.

(d) In Harbour:

Admiralties:

Combat Units	2 DD	: "WILKES" "NICHOLSON"
	19 PT	
Escorts	9	: "BENALLA" (AMS) 6 YMS: 8, 10, 46, 47, 48, 51 1 ML: 425 1 SC: 747
Auxiliaries	9	: "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "TANGIER" (AV) "CHETCO" "SONOMA" "RESERVE" (AT) "MINK" (IX) "CENTAURUS" (AKA) YP: 283
Merchantmen	15	: "J.BARBARA" "F.BILLINGS" "J.P.BRADLEY" "J.BURROUGHS" "E.JOHNSON" "KARSIK" "LYMAN STEWART" "B.MATTHEWS" "G.V.L.MEYER" "MORMACGULL" "MORMACSEA" "RAMO" "W.J.SUBJETTE" "VAN SWOLL" "S.M.WHITE"

Cape Gloucester:

Escorts	3	: 1 AMS: "CASTLEMAINE" 1 PC: 476 1 ML: 423
Merchantmen	3	: "T.CRAWFORD" "J.ROSSITER" "A.THOMAS"

Talasea:

Combat Units	15 PT	
Escorts	1	: 1 PC: 1123
Auxiliaries	1	: "HILO" (AGP)
Merchantmen	2	: "DEUTGAN" "MELINGA"

Saidor:

Combat Units	11 PT with 1 LST acting as AGP	
Escorts	3	: "BUNBURY" "STAWELL" "BOWEN" (AMS)
Merchantmen	3	: "J.G.BRADY" "C.L.SMITH" "TIMOSHENKO"

Langemak:

Combat Units	3 DD	:	"LA VALLETTE" "O'BANNON" "HOPEWELL"
Escorts	28 PT		
	21	:	3 AMS: "BUNDABERG" "KAPUNDA" "GYMPIE"
			4 FC: 1120, 1122, 1124, 1132
			2 YMS: 336, 393
			4 ML: 424, 431, 803, 806
Auxiliaries	15	:	8 SC: 637, 648, 650, 734, 735, 741, 750, 981
			"PORTUNUS" (AGP) "SCHLEY" "HUMPHREYS" "KANE"
			"HERBERT" "GILMER" "BROOKS" "SANDS" (APD)
			"BOOTES" ("ETAMIN" (AK) "VICTORIA" (AO)
			"WESTRALIA" (APA) "TASMAN" (AH) "TULSA" (PG)
			"GUNSTON HALL" (LSD)
Merchantmen	23	:	"ANHUI" "ANSON BURLINGHAME" "BALIKPAPAN"
			"P.CHANDLER" "W.E.CHANNING" CITY OF
			PHILADELPHIA "COLORADO" "J.DOTY" "M.FULLER"
			"A.B.HAMMOND" "GEO.LUKS" "MAGTAN" "MANA"
			"F.M.QUINONES" "H.T.RAINEY" "J.ROSS"
			"J.SINGER" "W.C.SQUIRE" "M.THORNTON"
			"M.WALKER" "A.E.WATTS" "J.M.WHISTLER"
			"E.YOUNG"

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Escorts	2	:	2 ML: 428, 430
Auxiliaries	1	:	"PANDA" (IX)
Merchantmen	10	:	"D.F.BARRY" "CAPE SPENCER" "F.H.DODD"
			"A.S.DUNNIWAY" "RING LARDNER" "SEA BARD"
			"G.L.SMITH" "R.STUART" "ED.N.WESTCOTT"
			"D.WRIGHT"

Buna-Oro Bay:

Combat Units	26 DD	:	"STOCKTON" "STEVENSON" "THORN" "REID"
			"JENKINS" "NICHOLAS" "TAYLOR" "STEVENS"
			"JOHN ROGERS" "MCKEE" "MURRAY" "RINGGOLD"
			"SCHROEDER" "DASHIELL" "SIGSBEE" "FLETCHER"
			"HARRISON" "WELLES" "STEMBEL" "KALK" "ERBEN"
Escorts	9	:	"WALKER" "HALE" "ABBOTT" "ROE" "GRAYSON"
			5 PF: "CORONADO" "GLENDALE" "LONGBEACH"
			"SAN PEDRO" "BARCOO"
			3 YMS: 71, 314, 316
			1 SC: 744
Auxiliaries	13	:	"TRINITY" (AO) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "POYANG" (AP)
			"ZEILIE" "ORMSLEY" "WINDSOR" "HARRY LEE" (APA)
			"VIRGO" (AKA) "MEDUSA" "RIGEL" (AR) 1 ARD
			"DOBBIN" (AD) "PORCUPINE" (IX)
Merchantmen	16	:	"ACONCAGUA" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "CAPE COD"
			"CAPE NEWENHAM" "SL.CLARKE" "T.M.COOLEY"
			"P.T.DODDRIDGE" "EXIRIA" "D.E.HUGHES"
			"JANSSENS" "KOTA INTEN" "LAKE ORMAC" "NARVIK"
			"NORAB" "O.SKINNER" "A.REHAN"

Woodlark Is:

Merchantmen	2	:	"D.D.FIELD" "J.S.MANSFIELD"
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Goodenough Is:

Combat Units	3 DD	:	"BELAE" "HOBBY" "GILLESPIE"
Escorts	1	:	"GOUBURN" (AMS)
Auxiliaries	5	:	"CARTER HALL" (LSD) "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA"
			"H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "LEOPARD" (IX)
Merchantmen	6	:	"M.GRIFFITH" "HANYNAG" "GENERAL R.L.HOWZE"
			"S.G.PORTER" "WEST CACTUS" "K.D.WIGGIN"

Milne Bay:

Combat Units	2 CA	:	"SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"
	3 CL	:	"NASHVILLE" "BOISE" "PHOENIX"
	10 DD	:	"HUTCHINS" "DALY" "BACHE" "MULLANY" "SWANSON"
			"ABNER READ" "ARUNTA" "WARRAMUNGA" "AMMEN"
			"RADFORD"
Escorts	1 PT		
	39	:	6 DE: "LOVELACE" "MANNING" "NEUENDORF"
			"JAMES E.CRAIG" "EICHENBERGER" "WHITEHURST"
			3 PF: "VAN BUREN" "OGDEN" "EL PASO"
			9 SC: 703, 732, 736, 737, 738, 742, 746, 748, 982.
			4 AIS: "KIAMA" "GLENELG" "ARARAT" "WAGGA"
			4 FC: 471, 1119, 1131, 1134
			7 YMS: 9, 52, 53, 73, 313, 334, 335
			6 ML: 427, 801, 802, 817, 818, 819

Milne Bay (Contd.)

Auxiliaries	34	:	"KILTY" "WARD" "CROSEY" "TALBOT" "NOA" "DENT" "DICKERSON" (AFD) "HOGAN" "PERRY" (DMS) "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG) "AASE MAERSK" (AO) "MERKUR" (AF) "HALF MOON" (AVP) "OTUS" "EURYALE" (AS) "KOOPA" (AG) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "PRESIDENT MONROE" "WHARTON" (AP) "YUNNAN" (A) "BAYOU ST JOHN" "WATC" (AT) "G.ELLIOTT" "GANYMEDE" "TRIANGULUM" (AK) "ANDREW DORIA" "VILLALOBOS" (IX) "ALABASTER" (PG) "GOLDSTA" (AG) "TEAK" (AN) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) 1 <u>ARD</u> 2 <u>YP</u> : 273, 280
Merchantmen	78	:	"H.L.ABBOTT" "E.G.ACHESON" "ARANSAS PASS" "E.D.BAKER" "BARBARA C" "S.K.BOLIVAR" "BORGFRED" "BIRCHCOULIE" "BOTH" "J.BUCHANAN" "WM.BYERS" "J.C.CALHOUN" "J.M.CAREY" "CHIEF CHARLOT" "J.CHAUTEAU" "F.CUHL" "M.DALY" "G.DAVIDSON" "J.DEERE" "DONMARQUIS" "L.L.DYCHE" "F.A.EILERS" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "JOHN EVANS" "FALLEN IMBERS" "GRANDE RONDE" "GREY LAG" "HOPEGREST" "ISOLATOR" "S.JACKSON" "JAPARA" "KATOOMBA" "L.S.KELLY" "O.KELLY" "M.C.KERR" "C.KING" "W.S.LADD" "ED.LANDER" "J.H.LANE" "H.LUCKENBACK" "F.B.LINDERMAN" "J.LYKES" "MAKAWAO" "J.MCLEAN" "J.F.MELDRUM" "MONMOUTH" "H.MONROE" "MONTAUK POINT" "W.V.MOODY" "NARUIM" "NORINDIES" "NORLAGO" "T.NELSON" "B.T.OSBORNE" "OZARK" "AGWI PRINCE" "POBLAU LAUT" "M.ROBERTSON" "A.ROBINSON" "W.B.ROGERS" "URIAH M.ROSE" "SEA WITCH" "C.SPRECKLES" "STICKLSTAD" "M.M.STEWART" "T.W.SYMONS" "TAWALI" "J.THOMAS" "J.M.THOMPSON" "TJISADANE" "TWO HARBOURS" "S.TURMAN" "GEO.VANCOUVER" "VAN OUTHORN" "W.WILLIAMS" "S.WILLISTON" "J.WING" "YOCHOW"
<u>Port Moresby:</u>			
Escorts	1	:	1 <u>ML</u> : 426
Auxiliaries	1	:	"CALAMARES" (AF)
Merchantmen	7	:	"ALCOA POLARIS" "ALDINGA" "CANBERRA" " "C.DARROW" "G.R.HEBARD" "TAROONA" "GEN.VERSPIJK"
<u>Thursday Is:</u>			
Escorts	2	:	2 <u>YMS</u> : 11, 72
Auxiliaries	2	:	"BUNGAREE" (CM) "POLARIS" (AGS)
<u>Cairns:</u>			
Combat Units	1 DD	:	"BUSH"
Escorts	9	:	2 <u>AMS</u> : "BALLARAT" "BENDIGO" 1 <u>PC</u> : 479 4 <u>ML</u> : 804, 805, 811, 820 2 <u>YMS</u> : 49, 50
Auxiliaries	2	:	"PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 <u>ARD</u>
<u>Townsville:</u>			
Escorts	1	:	1 <u>PF</u> : "BARCOO"
Auxiliaries	1	:	1 <u>YP</u> : 233
<u>Mackay:</u>			
Auxiliaries	1	:	"HERON" (AVP)
<u>Brisbane:</u>			
Escorts	8	:	1 <u>PS</u> : "SWAN" 3 <u>AMS</u> : "BROOME" "GEELONG" "WHYALLA" 1 <u>YMS</u> : 70 2 <u>ML</u> : 808, 821 1 <u>SC</u> : 745
Auxiliaries	12	:	"ALGORAB" (AKA) "KURUMBA" (AO) "COUCAL" (ASR) "POLLUX" (AKS) "SHIKELLMY" (AOG) 2 <u>YP</u> : 236, 291 "MANUNDA" (AH) "CARONDOLET" "KAILUA" (IX) 2 <u>YT</u>
<u>Sydney:</u>			
Combat Units	3 CL 6 DD	:	"HOBART" (Refitting) "MONTPELIER" "CLEVELAND" "STUART" "FULLAM" "GUEST" "BENNETT" "HUDSON" "HALFORD"
Escorts	12	:	1 <u>PS</u> : "CAVORGAN DE BRAZZA" 6 <u>AMS</u> : "COLAC" "DELORAIN" "ECHUCA" "GLADSTONE" "KATOOMBA" "STRAHAN" 1 <u>A/S</u> : "AB.CRIJNSSEN" 4 <u>ML</u> : 807, 809, 822, 823
Auxiliaries	4	:	"BISHOPDALE" (AO) "OCTANS" (AF) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG)
<u>Melbourne:</u>			
Escorts	1	:	1 <u>AMS</u> : "FREMANTLE" (Refitting)



(ii) ENEMY FORCES

1. Empress Augusta Bay - During the 24 hours ended 1500/8 our forces advanced East of the Torekina River mouth encountering only scattered resistence. In the area East of the perimeter the enemy was encountered in prepared positions. In the area N.E. of the perimeter only a few possible stragglers are reported.
2. Kavieng - Between 2300/7-0515/8 Kavieng airfield area was raided by 4 Mitchells. Earlier a.m. 8 April Kavieng airfield was strafed by 16 Corsairs including 2 grounded fighters both of which appeared serviceable. However, photographs 0750/8 show Kavieng and Panapai runways both to be unserviceable and no operative aircraft present. It is considered that the sighting report of 15 serviceable bombers in revetments on 7 April (refer yesterday's Summary No. 802) concerned in fact 11 known unserviceable planes which have not been moved for 2 months and are no longer mentioned in the photographic reports.
3. Admiralty Islands - Mopping up continues on Manus and Los Negros Islands and in support roads and villages on Western Manus Island were dive-bombed and strafed 9 April by 20 Kittyhawks.
4. Rabaul - a.m. 8 April the Talili Bay supply centre was bombed by 17 Avengers starting fires and causing an explosion: Lakunai was bombed by 24 Mitchells and 30 hits are estimated in the centre of the runway: Other positions around Rabaul were bombed by 40 Dauntless and 55 fighter/bombers. Two large explosions and tall flames were caused near the oil and coal wharves and photos confirm the demolition of three heavy gun positions.
5. North-eastern New Britain - Local sources report 8 April that Japs are still occupying the Pandi River mouth (N.E. Ubili) and that positions are being prepared in the Eastern end of Jacquinot Bay around Bilanbun.
6. Hansa Bay - At about noon 9 April 41 escorted Liberators attacked gun positions at Awar and Nubia Plantations with about 80 tons of assorted bombs from 250-1000 pounds. The target areas were well covered and 13 heavy guns are reported as silenced and probably destroyed. One huge explosions followed and a large fuel fire started. One Liberator was lost to A/A.  
Early daylight 10 April targets at Hansa Bay were bombarded by 3 destroyers but results are not yet to hand.
7. Wewak - Shortly after 1100/9 Wewak and Dagua A/A positions were bombed by 14 Liberators and the stores depot areas at Cape Moem and Wewak Peninsula were bombed and strafed by 83 Bostons. Fighters escorted. Piles of stores were set on fire and a number of barges destroyed or damaged.
8. Aitape - At approximately 1115/9 the Tadji airfield area was bombed by 55 escorted Mitchells which dropped mainly incendiary clusters. The whole area was well covered and many fires were started.  
At 1450/9 an enemy submarine was strafed by aircraft approximately 30 miles North of Aitape on course 250°. An oil trail resulted from the strafing.
9. Aitape-Hollandia Coast - At 1110/8 two 700 ton camouflaged freighters were bombed and strafed by a reconnaissance Mitchell. One ship was claimed as definitely sunk and the other probably sunk.

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2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/10:

- (1) "WILCANNIA" (AMS) escorting Convoy DT.49 (2 MV) departed Darwin 0535/9 for Thursday Island ETA 2000/12.
- (2) 16 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "THEDENS" to depart Merauke 1600/10

(c) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Escorts 6 : 3 AMS: "LATROBE" "INVERELL" "PIRIE"  
3 ML: 429, 809, 816  
Merchantmen 5 : "J.W.TROY" "SUVA" "J.MOLLER" "R.P.WARNER"  
"GEO.EASTMAN"

Merauke:

Escort 1 : "KALGOORLIE" (AMS)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

1. Wakde Island - At 0316/9, the runway at Wakde Island was bombed by one Liberators scoring 4 hits on the strip and starting an intense fire.

At 1345/9, a medium merchant ship 5 miles East of Wakde Island on course 300° was attacked unsuccessfully by aircraft.

2. Ambon area - At 0050-0100/9 Namlea waterfront was bombed by 2 Catalinas.

At 1016/9, a small convoy comprising 1 medium freighter-transport and 2 escort vessels just off Central North coast of Boeroe Island on course 95°, probably heading for Ambon, was attacked by 6 Liberators but results are not yet assessed.

3. Timor - At 0230/9, Penfoei barracks area was bombed by 7 Mitchells starting small fires.

At 0320-0420/9, Lautem was bombed by 3 Beauforts.

At 0730/9, barracks at Soe village (inland, 53 miles E.N.E. of Koepong) were bombed and strafed by 6 Beaufighters. Buildings were set on fire also a petrol dump.

At 2110-2200/9, the barracks at Penfoei were again attacked by 5 Mitchells starting an intense fire.

4. Celebes Sea - At 1130/8, a U.S. submarine sighted 1 heavy cruiser, 1 light cruiser, 1 destroyer in central Celebes Sea on course 255°, speed 18 knots. At the same time 1 probable destroyer was seen heading West through Basilan Strait.

5. South China Sea - At 1945/8, a U.S. submarine sighted 4 cruisers, 5 destroyers near Natona Island heading towards Singapore. This force is thought to be the same as that sighted p.m. 6 April heading West through Basilan Strait, estimated to comprise 5 heavy cruisers, 1 light cruiser and 4 destroyers.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/10:

(1) "RANEE" (CVE) proceeding Fremantle ETA not known.

(b) Proposed Movements:

(1) "SUFFOLK" (CA) escorting 2 MV to depart Fremantle April 11th proceeding out of S.W.P.A.

(c) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat Units 1 CA : "SUFFOLK"  
1 CL : "ADELAIDE"  
Escorts 6 : "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739  
3 ML: 812, 824, 826  
Auxiliaries 7 : "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" (AM) "ORION" "FELIAS" (AS)  
"CHANTICLEER" (ASR) 1 YP: 286 1 ARD

Mouth Gulf:

Auxiliaries 3 : "CHILDS" (AV) "W.B.PRESTON" (AVD) 1 YP: 296

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

1. Marshalls-Carolines - At 0845/7, Wotje was attacked by 13 Dauntless 13 Corsairs.  
At 0800-0920/7 Jaluit was attacked by 12 Mitchells and at 1455/7 by 13 Dauntless 11 Hellcats.  
At 1020/7 Ponape was attacked by 8 Mitchells.  
a.m. 7 April, Maloelap was bombed by 17 Mitchells and 12 Hellcats.
2. Woleai - At 0100/9 an 8 ship convoy comprising 1 large and 4 medium merchant ships with 3 escort vessels 50 miles N.W. of Woleai on course 130° was attacked by a patrol Catalina. No hits were scored.  
At about the same time Woleai Atoll was bombed by another Catalina.  
Later, shipping at Woleai, presumably the above convoy after arrival was attacked but results are not yet complete.

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ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

- (1) Concentration of naval strength Malayan area.
- (2) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan and Kuriles.
- (3) Increased use of submarines for transportation purposes in Marshalls - Bismarcks - Solomons.
- (4) Continued use of barges and small coasters of coastal transportation in forward areas.
- (5) Continued submarine offensive in Indian Ocean by Japanese and German units.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II.

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	
<u>BB</u>	-	(4) IDAHO NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA TENNESSEE	-
<u>CV (E)</u>	-	(6) NATOMA BAY MANILA BAY SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO SANTÉE	-
<u>CA</u>	(2) AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	-
<u>CL</u>	(6) BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX MONT PELIER CLEVELAND * HOBART	(6) COLUMBIA DENVER HONOLULU ST LOUIS BIRMINGHAM * LEANDER	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	TANAGER	(2) WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	(3) HALF MOON SAN PABLO HERON	BALLARD	-
<u>DD</u>	(52) ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA ABBOTT ABNER READ AMMEN BACHE BEALE BENNETT BUSH DALY DASHIELL ERBEN FLETCHER FULLAN GILLESPIE GRAYSON GUEST HALE HALFORD HARRISON BOBBY HOPEWELL HUDSON RUTCHINS	JENKINS JOHN ROGERS KALK LA VALLETTE MCKEE MULLANY MURRAY NICHOLAS NICHOLSON O'BANNON RADFORD REID RINGGOLD ROE SIGSBEE SCHROEDER STEMBEL STEVENS STEVENSON STOCKTON SWANSON TAYLOR THORN WELLES WALKER WILKES	Approx. 35 -

\* Non-effective

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

<u>SS</u>	(7) BASHAW CERO )		
	BLACKFISH DACE )	} On patrol	15
	BLUEGILL DARTER )		
		FLOUNDER)	
	(2) TUNNY )	On passage	
	K.12 )		
	(2) S.42 )	At Milne Bay	
	S.47 )		
	SILVERSIDES	At Brisbane	
	K.9	At Sydney	

<u>PT</u>	Approx. 85		Approx. 110	?
<u>APA</u> )	(23) H.T. ALLEN (APA)	KANE (APD)	15 APA	
<u>AKA</u> )	KANIMBLA	GILMER	1 APD	
<u>APD</u> )	MANOORA	SCHLEY	8 AKA	
	WESTRALIA	SANDS		
	HARRY LEE	HUMPHREYS		
	ZEILIN	BROOKS		
	ORMSLEY	HERBERT		
	WINDSOR	TALBOT		
	ALGORAB (AKA)	CROSBY		
	CENTAURUS	NOA		
	VIRGO	DENT		
		DICKERSON		
		KILTY		
		WARD		

<u>AGC</u>	BLUE RIDGE		-
<u>AS</u>	(2) OPUS		?
	EURYALE		
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN		-
<u>A</u>	(3) RIGEL	PROMETHEUS	
	PLATYPUS		
	AMYCUS		

AIRCRAFT

Fighters	
(incl. 15 twin-eng)	130
Light & M/Bombers	89
Torpedo & D/Bombers	2
Flying Boats	1
Floatplanes	27
Obsn. A/c	20

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>CA</u>	-	(2) NACHI
		ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	(3) DETROIT	(3) ABUKUMA
	RALEIGH	TAMA
	RICHMOND	KISO
<u>DD</u>	9	10
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx. 4

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>	
		<u>Mandates</u> <u>Philippines</u>	<u>Empire</u>
<u>BB</u>	(14) IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA * OKLAHOMA	(6) YAMATO ISE YAMASHIRO HYUGA * MUSASHI MUTSU (prob. sunk)
<u>CV</u>	(6) ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	(7) COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY * INDEPENDENCE	(4) RYUHO ZUIHO HITAKA * HAYATAKA
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	(21) COPAHEE BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU CASABLANCA ALTAMAHA CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR KITKUN BAY	WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY MEHENTA BAY OMMANEY BAY	(5) CHITOSE CHIYODA JINYO * OPAKA * UNYO
<u>GA</u>	(13) BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE	MAYA
<u>GL</u>	(7) SANTA FE SAN DIEGO MOBILE BILOXI	OAKLAND * RENO * CONCORD	6 (4) * NAGARA * NATORI * ISUZU * OYODO
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHIMA
<u>AV/GVS</u>	-	(2) AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO	-
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 120	10-15	20 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u>	Approx. 30	25	Approx. 25
	?	?	2 (1 repairing)

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

<u>GL</u>	TRENTON	-
<u>DD</u>	9	-

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	<u>Southwest Pacific (Western Section)</u>	<u>Eastern Fleet Area</u>	<u>East Indies-Malaya</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	(3) QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN	(4) NAGATO FUSO KONGO HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	-	(2) ILLUSTRIOUS SARATOGA	(2) ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	TAIHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	RANEE	(3) BATTLER UNICORN SHAH	KAIYO
<u>CA</u>	SUFFOLK	(3) SUSSEX LONDON CUMBERLAND	(11) AOBA KUMANO SUZUYA TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI MYOKO HAGURO
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	(8) CEYLON KENYA GAMBIA NIGERIA NEWCASTLE DANAE TROMP EMERALD	(5) YAHAGI NOSHIRO KINU KITAGAMI OI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(2) CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	* KAMOJ
<u>XCL</u>	-	(2) CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>DD</u>	-	Approx. 27	30
<u>SS</u>	(16) ANGLER BLUEFISH CABRILLA GREVALLE COD FLASHER HADDO HAKE HOE JACK MINGO PADDLE REDFIN RATON K.14 K.15	} Approx. 15. On patrol	17 (incl. 6 German)
	(10) BILLFISH BONFISH BOWFIN GUNNEL LAPON NORWAL PUFFER RASHER RAY ROBALO	} } } } } } At Fremantle	
<u>AS</u>	(2) PELIAS ORION		

AIRCRAFT (East Indies only)  
Fighters 120  
Light & M/Bombers 36  
Torpedo & D/Bombers -  
Flying Boats -  
Floatplanes 43  
Obsn. A/c 19

TOP SECRETBritish - MOST SECRET  
U.S. - SECRETGENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARYPart I: Allied and Enemy Activity.  
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PART IA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA. EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/11:

- X (1) "ERBEN" "WALKER" "HALE" "ABBOT" (DD) departed Cape Sudest 0600/10 proceeding out of S.W.P.A.
- (2) "SC.703" escorting 4 LCT departed Cape Sudest 1800/10 for Langemak ETA 1600/11
- (3) "GOULBURN" (AMS) departed Milne Bay 1530/10 to RV with "PYRO" (AE) at 1400/11 and escort to North Foreland; to depart Milne Bay a.m. April 12 for Langemak ETA 1800/13.
- (4) "GLENELG" (AMS) departed Milne Bay about 0610/9 escorting "KATOOMBA" (for Townsville ETA 1800/12). "GLENELG" escorts for 200 miles thence returns to Milne Bay.
- (5) "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) on survey duty vicinity Kegawan Island (15 miles S.E. of Normanby Island.
- (6) "MORESBY" (AGS) departed Milne Bay 0700/9 on survey duty.
- (7) "TANCRED" (AT) towing 1 AFD and 1 YOG departed Cairns 0620/9 for Milne Bay ETA forenoon April 13th.
- (8) "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) towing 1 LCT to depart Caloundra 1800/8 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/15.
- (9) "SOLAGE" (AH) departed Milne Bay 1130/9 for Brisbane ETA 1200/12.
- (10) "POINT LOMA" (AT) departed Milne Bay 1135/9 for Sydney ETA 1030/17.
- (11) "VENDETTA" (DD) departed Brisbane 2030/10 for Milne Bay ETA 0900/13.
- (12) "SC.731" departed Thursday Island 1158/9 for Cairns ETA 1500/11; to dock for propeller repairs.
- (13) "WHYALLA" departed Caloundra 2200/10 to relieve "SC.749" on Sandy Cape A/S patrol at 1200/11; on relief about 1200/15 to return to Brisbane.
- (14) "TOWNSVILLE" (AMS) departed Townsville 1914/7 for Sydney ETA 1600/11, for annual refit.
- (15) "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA" (PS) was to depart Sydney a.m. 11 April, proceeding out of S.W.P.A.
- (16) "LITHGOW" (AMS) escorting "K.12" departed Port Phillip Heads 1730/7. "YANDRA" (A/S) to RV at 0700/10 and escort "K.12" to Sydney; "LITHGOW" to detach and proceed Brisbane. "K.12" to exercise en route with "WARRNAMBOOL" "DOOMBA" "KYBRA" "ML's.813, 825" April 11 and 12.
- (17) "RANEE" (CVE) proceeding Melbourne ETA approx. April 12.
- (18) "ROCKHAMPTON" (AMS) departed Sydney 1131/8 for Adelaide ETA 0600/12.
- (19) "YUMA" (AT) with tow to depart Port Phillip Heads 1315/7 for Brisbane.
- (20) "DUNTRON" (AP) departed Fremantle 1255/4 for Sydney ETA 2359/11
- (21) 8 submarines on patrol.



(b) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "OMMANEY BAY" (GVE) to depart Brisbane 1100/12 proceeding out of S.W.P.A.
- (2) "PC.1131" to depart Milne Bay so as to RV at 0700/12 with "FIRE ISLAND" and escort to Milne Bay.
- (3) "YMS's 11, 72" to depart Thursday Island 1830/11 for Groote Island ETA Port Langdon 1130/13.
- (4) "GEELONG" (AMS) to depart Caloundra 1300/11 for Milne Bay ETA 0600/13.
- (5) "CARONDOLET" (IX) to depart Caloundra 1600/12, ETA China Strait 1400/18.
- (6) "STRAHAN" (AMS) to depart Sydney when ready about April 15 for Milne Bay: on arrival transferred to operational and administrative control N.O.I.C. New Guinea: to work up at Milne Bay.

(c) In Harbour:

Admiralties:

Combat Units	2 DD 19 PT	: "WILKES" "NICHOLSON"
Escorts	9	: "BENALLA" (AMS) 6 YMS: 8, 10, 46, 47, 48, 51 1 ML: 425 1 SC: 747
Auxiliaries	9	: "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "TANGLER" (AV) "CHETCO" "SONOMA" "RESERVE" (AT) "MINK" (IX) "CENTAURUS" (AKA) YP: 283
Merchantmen	15	: "J.BARBARA" "P.BILLINGS" "J.P.BRADLEY" "J.BURROUGHS" "E.JOHNSON" "KARSIK" "LYMAN STEWART" "B.MATTHEWS" "G.V.L.MEYER" "MORMAGGULL" "MORMACSEA" "RAMO" "W.J.SUBJETTE" "VAN SWOLL" "S.M.WHITE"

Cape Gloucester:

Escorts	3	: 1 AMS: "CASTLEMAINE" 1 PC: 476 1 ML: 423
Merchantmen	3	: "T.CRAWFORD" "J.ROSSITER" "A.THOMAS"

Talsea:

Combat Units	15 PT	
Escorts	1	: 1 PC: 1123
Auxiliaries	1	: "HILO" (AGP)
Merchantmen	2	: "DEUTGAN" "MELINGA"

Saidor:

Combat Units	11 PT with	1 LST acting as AGP
Escorts	2	: "BOWEN" "STAWELL" (AMS)
Merchantmen	3	: "J.G.BRADY" "C.L.SMITH" "TIMOSHENKO"

Langemak:

Combat Units	3 DD 28 PT	: "LA VALLETTE" "O'BANNON" "HOPEWELL"
Escorts	27	: 4 AMS: "BUNDABERG" "BUNBURY" "KAPUNDA" "GYMPIE" 4 PC: 1120, 1122, 1124, 1132 5 YMS: 71, 314, 315, 336, 393 5 ML: 424, 431, 803, 806, 816 9 SC: 637, 648, 650, 698, 734, 735, 741, 750, 981
Auxiliaries	22	: "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "SCHLEY" "HUMPHREYS" "KANE" "HERBERT" "GILMER" "BROOKS" "SANDS" "KILTY" "CROSBY" "NOA" "DENT" "WARD" "TALBOT" (APD) "BOOTES" "ETAMIN" (AK) "VICTORIA" (AO) "WESTRALIA" (APA) "TASMAN" (AH) "TULSA" (PG) "GUNSTON HALL" (LSD) "FORGUPINE" (IX)
Merchantmen	25	: "ANHUI" "ANSON BURLINGHAME" "BALIKPAPAN" "CAPE NEWENHAM" "P.CHANDLER" "W.E.CHANNING" "CITY OF PHILADELPHIA" "COLORADO" "M.DALY" "J.DOTY" "A.B.HAMMOND" "GEO.LUKS" "MACPAN" "MANA" "P.M.QUINONES" "H.T.RAINEY" "URIAH M.ROSE" "J.ROSS" "J.SINGER" "W.C.SQUIRE" "M.THORNTON" "M.WALKER" "A.E.WATTS" "J.M.WHISTLER" "E.YOUNG"

D:

Escorts	2	: 2 ML: 428, 430
Auxiliaries	1	: "PANDA" (IX)
Merchantmen	13	: "D.F.BARRY" "CAPE SPENCER" "F.H.DODD" "A.S.DUNIWAY" "GREYLAG" "LAKE ORMAC" "NORLAGO" "RING LARDNER" "SEA BARD" "G.L.SMITH" "R.STUART" "ED.N.WESTCOTT" "D.WRIGHT"

Buna-Cro Bay:  
Combat Units

26 DD

: "STOCKTON" "STEVENSON" "THORN" "REID"  
 "SWANSON" "HOBBY" "JENKINS" "NICHOLAS"  
 "TAYLOR" "STEVENS" "JOHN ROGERS" "MCKEE"  
 "MURRAY" "RINGGOLD" "GILLESPIE" "RADFORD"  
 "SCHROEDER" "DASHIELL" "SIGSBEE" "FLETCHER"  
 "HARRISON" "WELLES" "STEMBEL" "KALK" "ROE"  
 "GRAYSON"

Escorts

12

: 5 DE: "LOVELACE" "MANNING" "NEUENDORF"  
 "JAMES E. CRAIG" "EICHENBERGER"  
 5 PF: "CORONADO" "GLENDALE" "LONGBEACH"  
 "SAN PEDRO" "BARCOO"  
 1 YMS: 316 1 SC: 744

Auxiliaries

20

: "TRI NITY" (AO) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGG) "ZEILIN"  
 "ORMSLEY" "WINDSOR" "HARRY LEE" (APA)  
 "VIRGO" (AKA) "MEDUSA" "RIGEL" (AR) "HAMILTON"  
 "LONG" "HOGAN" (DMS) "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG)  
 "TRIANGULUM" (AK) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "PING WO"  
 (ASIS) "YUNNAN" (AE) 1 ARD "DOBBIN" (AD)  
 "ANDREW DORIA" (IX)

Merchantmen

18

: "ACONCAGUA" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "W.N. BYERS"  
 "CAPE HENRY" "CAPE GOD" "S.L. CLARKE"  
 "T.M. COOLEY" "P.T. DODDRIDGE" "ERINNA" "EXIRIA"  
 "D.E. HUGHES" "JANSSENS" "KOTA INTEN" "NORAB"  
 "O. SKINNER" "A. REHAN" "VAN OUTHORN"  
 "S. WILLISTON"

Woodlark Is:

Merchantmen

1

: "J. S. MANSFIELD"

Goodenough Is:

Auxiliaries

5

: "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA"  
 "H.T. ALLEN" (APA) "LEOPARD" (IX)

Merchantmen

6

: "D.D. FIELD" "H. GRIFFITH" "GENERAL R.L. HOWZE"  
 "S.G. PORTER" "WEST CACTUS" "K.D. WIGGIN"

Milne Bay:

Combat Units

2 CA

: "SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"

3 CL

: "NASHVILLE" "BOISE" "PHOENIX"

9 DD

: "HUTCHINS" "DALY" "HACHE" "MULLANY" "BEALE"  
 "ABNER READ" "ARUMTA" "WARRAMUNGA" "AMMEN"

Escorts

35

: 1 DE: "WHITEHURST" 1 PS: "WARREGO"  
 4 PF: "VAN BUREN" "OGDEN" "EL PASO" "GASCOYNE"  
 8 SC: 732, 736, 737, 738, 742, 746, 748, 982  
 4 AMS: "KIAMA" "COWRA" "ARARAT" "WAGGA"  
 4 PC: 471, 1119, 1131, 1134  
 7 YMS: 9, 52, 53, 73, 313, 334, 335  
 6 ML: 427, 801, 802, 817, 818, 819

Auxiliaries

26

: "DICKERSON" (AFD) "PERRY" (DMS) "AASE MAERSK" (AC)  
 "MIZAR" "CALAMARES" "MERKUR" (AF) "HALF MOON"  
 (AVP) "OTUS" "EURYALE" (AS) "KOOPA" (AG)  
 "HERMITAGE" "PRESIDENT MONROE" "WHARTON" (AF)  
 "BAYOU ST. JOHN" "WATO" (AT) "G. ELLIOTT"  
 "GANYMED" (AK) "POYANG" (ASIS) "VILLALOBOS"  
 (IX) "ALABASTER" (PYC) "GOLDSTAR" (AG)  
 "TEAK" (AN) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS)

Merchantmen

73

1 ARD 2 YP: 278, 280  
 : "H.T. ABBOTT" "E.G. ACHESON" "ALCOA POLARIS"  
 "ARANSAS PASS" "E.D. BAKER" "BARBARA C"  
 "D. BELASCO" "S.K. BOLIVAR" "BORGFRED"  
 "BIRCHCOULIE" "BOTH" "J. BUCHANAN" "J.C. CALHOUN"  
 "J.M. CAREY" "CHIEF CHARLOT" "J. CHAUTEAU"  
 "P. CUHL" "G. DAVIDSON" "J. DEERE" "DON MARQUIS"  
 "L.L. DYCHE" "F.A. EILERS" "EMPIRE HAMBLE"  
 "JOHN EVANS" "F. EVERS" "FALLEN TIMBERS"  
 "GRANDE RONDE" "HANYANG" "HCPECREST"  
 "ISOLATOR" "S. JACKSON" "JAPARA" "E.S. KELLY"  
 "O. KELLY" "M.C. KERR" "C. KING" "W.S. LADD"  
 "ED. LANDER" "J.H. LANE" "H. LUCKENBACK"  
 "F.B. LINDERMAN" "J. LYKES" "MAKAWAO" "J. MCLEAN"  
 "J.F. MEDDRUM" "MONMOUTH" "H. MONROE"  
 "MONTAUK POINT" "W.V. MOODY" "NARVIK"  
 "T. NELSON" "B.T. OSBORNE" "OZARK" "AGWI PRINCE"  
 "POELAU LAJT" "M. ROBERTSON" "A. ROBINSON"  
 "W.B. ROGERS" "SEA WITCH" "C. SPRECKLES"

Milne Bay (Contd.)Merchantmen  
(Contd.): "STICKLESTAD" "M.M.STEWART" "T.W.SYMONS"  
"TAWALI" "J.THOMAS" "J.M.THOMPSON"  
"TJISADANE" "TWO HARBOURS" "S.TURMAN"  
"GEO.VANCOUVER" "W.WILLIAMS" "J.WING" "YOCHOW"Port Moresby:Escorts 1 : 1 ML: 426  
Merchantmen 7 : "ALDINGA" "CANBERRA" "G.R.HEBARD" "MUNGANA"  
"SEA CAT" "TARDONA" "GEN.VERSPIJK"Thursday Is:Escorts 2 : 2 YMS: 11, 72  
Auxiliaries 2 : "BUNGAREE" (CM) "POLARIS" (AGS)Cairns:Combat Units 1 DD : "BUSH"  
Escorts 9 : 2 AMS: "BALLARAT" "BENDIGO" 1 PC: 479  
4 ML: 804, 805, 811, 820 2 YMS: 49, 50  
Auxiliaries 3 : "PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD "ST. MARY" (IX)Townsville:Escorts 2 : 1 PF: "BARCOO" 1 AMS: "COOTAMUNDRA"  
Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YP: 233Mackay:

Auxiliaries 1 : "HERON" (AVP)

Brisbane:Combat Units 1 CVE : "OMMANEY BAY"  
Escorts 8 : 1 PS: "SWAN" 3 AMS: "BROOME" "GEELONG"  
"MILDURA" 1 YMS: 70 2 ML: 808, 821  
1 SC: 745  
Auxiliaries 13 : "ALGORAB" (AKA) "KURUMBA" (AO) "COUCAL" (ASR)  
"POLLUX" (AKS) "SHIKELLAMY" (AOG)  
2 YP: 236, 291 "MANUNDA" "MAETSUYCKER" (AH)  
"CARONDOLET" "KAILUA" (IX) 2 YPSydney:Combat Units 3 CL : "HOBART" (Refitting) "MONTPELIER" "CLEVELAND"  
6 DD : "STUART" "FULLAM" "GUEST" "BENNETT" "HUDSON"  
"HALFORD"  
Escorts 11 6 AMS: "COLAC" "DELORAINNE" "ECHUCA" "GLADSTONE"  
"KATOOMBA" "STRAHAN"  
1 A/S: "AB.CRIJNSSEN"  
4 ML: 807, 809, 822, 823  
Auxiliaries 4 : "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "OCTANS" (AF)  
"CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG)Melbourne:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" (Refitting)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

1. Empress Augusta Bay - Enemy positions around the Torokina perimeter were attacked 9 April by 9 Dauntless and 25 Avengers.  
At 0525-0535/10 enemy artillery landed about 12 shells on one of the Piva airstrips damaging several aircraft.  
On 9 April the area East of the Torokina River mouth for about 1½ miles, as far as Mavavia, was occupied by our troops. During the month 8 March to 8 April, a total of 5,370 enemy dead have been counted.
2. Kavieng - Photographs 9 April confirm that the Kavieng and Panapai landing strips are unserviceable and no operative aircraft are present on the airfields. These photographs also show the Coastal Defence Battery at North Cape is being rebuilt. In the general Kavieng-Panapai area 6 heavy and 13 automatic ack ack positions have been abandoned, but on the other hand 4 other ack ack positions previously unoccupied are now occupied.
3. Nissan Island Area - On 8 April, an allied party was landed on Nuguria Island (about 60 miles NNE of Nissan Island), and found natives friendly stating that there had been no Japs there for several months.
4. St Mathias Group - During the night 8-9 April a reconnaissance party was landed on Mussau Island. This party later returned without incident, reporting no Jap activity on the Island.
5. Admiralty Islands - On 9 April Pak Island (11 miles East of Los Negros Is.) was occupied by our troops. No enemy contact was made although some 30-40 emplacements and some m/g ammunition was

- found. 11 Kittyhawks supported the landing.
6. Rabaul - Between 1935/8 and 0415/9 the Harbour front was bombed by 7 Mitchells. One enemy twin-eng. fighter attempted interception, also another unidentified type enemy aircraft. At 0900/9, Rapopo runway was bombed by 34 Dauntless and 12 Avengers, and photos show 25 hits on the runway. At 1000/9 the runway at Vunakanau and surrounding gun positions were effectively bombed by 59 Dauntless and 23 Avengers. At 1006/9 Lakunai runway was bombed by 23 Mitchells which claimed 65 hits. Also a.m. 9 April supply centres at Ralum and Vunapope were bombed by 53 Warhawks, Aircobras and Lightnings. The whole areas were left ablaze. Photographs, 9 April show the concrete runway at Vunakanau to be the only serviceable landing strip on all the Rabaul fields. The aircraft position remains unchanged with 3 fighters at Tobera, 1 fighter at Namatanai, and 1 L/Bomber at Vunakanau. Coverage of the Harbour shows the usual 2 small ships, and probably not over 200 barges..
7. Bogadjim Area - Our patrols are active in the area reported 9 April minor contacts only in the Coastal Sector, and no contact in the Yaula and Aiyu area along Bogadjim Road.
8. Madang - Hansa Bay - At 1000-1030/10 targets at Hansa Bay were attacked by 61 Liberators co-ordinated with destroyer bombardment, as mentioned in yesterday's summary No. 803 (See Naval Incidents).
9. Hollandia - Photos taken 5 April, on which date a heavy air strike was conducted against A/A positions and supplies, show the following :-
- |                      |     |      |      |
|----------------------|-----|------|------|
| Hollandia Airfield.  | 1 F | 1 LB | 2 MB |
| Cyclops "            | 3 F | -    | -    |
| Sentani "            | 2 F | 1 LB | -    |
| Total 10 A/c whereof | 6 F | 2 LB | 2 MB |
- There was no interception during our air attack on this date. The total of 10 aircraft present on the three fields compares with a total of 288 aircraft present on 30 March.
10. Wakde Island Area - Photos 5 April show 68 aircraft on Saivar and Wakde Is. airfields thus :-
- |                      |      |      |       |
|----------------------|------|------|-------|
| Wakde                | 16 F | 2 LB | 1 MB  |
| Saivar               | 18 F | 2 LB | 19 MB |
| Total 58 A/c whereof | 34 F | 4 LB | 20 MB |
- This figure compares with a total of 68 planes present on 31 March.

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2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/11:

- "KALGOORLIE" (AMS) escorting "THREDENS" departed Merauke 1600/10 for Thursday Island ETA 1330/11.
- "WILCANNIA" (A/S) escorting Convoy DT.49 (2 MV) departed Darwin 0535/9 for Thursday Island ETA 2000/12.
- 16 Submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Escorts	6	: 3 AMS: "LATROBE" "INVERELL" "PIRIE"
		3 ML: 429, 809, 816
Merchantmen	6	: "J.W.TROY" "SUVA" "J.MOLLER" "R.P.WARNER"
		"GEO. EASTMAN"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- Ambon Area - At 0100-0130/10 Halong Seaplane base was bombed by 2 Catalinas. The original target of shipping in Manipa Strait (between Boeroe and Ceram Islands) was not located with the exception of 1 unidentified 200 ton vessel, heading S.E., which was not attacked.

Photos of the convoy contacted a.m. 9 April off the North coast Boeroe Island, on course 90 degrees confirms

presence of 1 freighter transport (5-7000 tons) and 1 mine-layer.

2. Portugese Timor - Photos of airfields 10 April show :-  
Dilli 1 fighter, 1 bomber.  
Fuiloro No aircraft - only 1 runway in use.  
Lautem No aircraft  
Cape Chater 1 Bomber.

At 0245-0300/10 Dilli was bombed by 3 Beauforts.

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/11:

Nil

(b) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "SUFFOLK" (CA) escorting 2 MV to depart Fremantle April 11 proceeding out of S.W.P.A.

(c) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat Units	1 CA	: "SUFFOLK"
	1 CL	: "ADELAIDE"
Escorts	6	: "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739 3 ML: 812, 824, 826
Auxiliaries	7	: "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" (AM) "ORION" "FELIAS" (A) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) 1 YP: 286 1 ARD

Exmouth Gulf:

Auxiliaries	3	: "CHILDS" (AV) "W.B.PRESTON" (AVD) 1 YP: 296
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B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

1. Woleai - Catalinas attacking shipping Woleai night 9-10 April, found 1 freighter transport (estimated to be 9000 tons), 1 large sea truck, and possibly 6 unidentified escort vessels in the Lagoon. Hits were scored on the larger merchantship, and near misses, which are considered to have caused damage, were scored on the smaller merchantship. The landing strip was bombed by another 2 Catalinas.
2. Truk - Midnight 8-9 April, Dublon town wharf and fuel storage area was attacked by 12 Liberators; 2 hours later the Eten Is. airfield was bombed by 1 Liberator.
3. Marshall's - Carolines - Wotje was bombed and strafed twice a.m. 8 April by Cenpac aircraft involving 20 Dauntless, 13 Corsairs, and 11 Hellcats. Other light and medium raid were conducted 8 April by Cenpac aircraft on Mille, Tarea, Ponape, Jaluit.

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NAVAL INCIDENTS

X Madang-Hansa Bay:

Commencing at 0900/10, a force of 3 United States Destroyers with fighter cover, co-operating with a strong force of Liberators, attacked Hansa Bay. Shellfire from the Destroyers raked the Awar and Nubia Plantations and completely devastating Malagasa (or Laing) Island. The Awar and Nubia Plantations were also the main target for the co-operating force of 6 Liberators, which dropped 227 tons of bombs. The destroyers continued on down the coast and bombarded both Uligan and Madang.

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ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

- (1) Concentration of naval strength Malayan area.
- (2) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North Coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan and Kuriles.
- (3) Increased use of submarines for transportation purposes in Marshalls-Bismarcks - Solomons.
- (4) Continued use of barges and small coasters for coastal transportation in forward areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

<u>BB</u>	-		(4) IDAHO	-
			NEW MEXICO	
			PENNSYLVANIA	
			TENNESSEE	
<u>CV(E)</u>	OMMANEY BAY		(6) NATOMA BAY	-
			MANILA BAY	
			SANGAMON	
			SUWANNEE	
			CHENANGO	
			SANTEE	
<u>CA</u>	(2) AUSTRALIA		-	-
	SHROPSHIRE			
<u>CL</u>	(6) BOISE		(6) COLUMBIA	-
	NASHVILLE		DENVER	
	PHOENIX		HONOLULU	
	MONT PELIER		ST LOUIS	
	CLEVELAND		BIRMINGHAM	
	* HOBART		* LEANDER	
<u>AV/CVS</u>	TANGIER		(3) WRIGHT	-
			CHANDELEUR	
			POCOMOKE	
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	(3) HALF MOON		(2) BALLARD	-
	SAN PABLO		COOS BAY	
	HERON			
<u>DD</u>	(52) ARUNTA	JENKINS	Approx. 35	-
	WARRAMUNGA	JOHN ROGERS		
	STUART	KALK		
	VENDETTA	LA VALLETTE		
	ABBOTT	MCKEE		
	ABNER READ	MULLANY		
	AMMEN	MURRAY		
	BACHE	NICHOLAS		
	BEALE	NICHOLSON		
	BENNETT	O'BANNON		
	BUSH	RADFORD		
	DALY	REID		
	DASHIELL	RINGGOLD		
	ERBEN	ROE		
	FLETCHER	SIGSBEE		
	FULLAM	SCHROEDER		
	GILLESPIE	STEMBEL		
	GRAYSON	STEVENS		
	GUEST	STEVENSON		
	HALE	STOCKTON		
	HALFORD	SWANSON		
	HARRISON	TAYLOR		
	HOBBY	THORN		
	HOPEWELL	WELLES		
	HUDSON	WALKER		
	HUTCHINS	WILKES		

\* Non-effective

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

<u>SS</u>	(8) BASHAW	DACE	)		15
	BLACKFISH	DARTER	)	} On patrol	
	BLUEGILL	FLOUNDER	)		
	CERO	SCAMP	)		
	(2) TUNNY		)		On passage
	K.12		)		
	(2) S.42		)	} At Milne Bay	
	S.47		)		
	SILVERSIDES			At Brisbane	
	K.9			At Sydney	

F                      Approx. 85    Approx. 110    ?

<u>APA</u> )	(23) H.T.ALLEN (APA)	KANE (APD)	15	APA
<u>AKA</u> )	KANIMBLA	GILMER	1	APD
<u>APD</u> )	MANOORA	SCHLEY	8	AKA
	WESTRALIA	SANDS		
	HARRY LEE	HUMPHREYS		
	ZEILIN	BROOKS		
	ORMSLEY	HERBERT		
	WINDSOR	TALBOT		
	ALGORAB (AKA)	CROSBY		
	CENTAURUS	NOA		
	VIRGO	DENT		
		DICKERSON		
		KILTY		
		WARD		

AGC                      BLUE RIDGE    -

AS                      (2) DTUS    ?

                                 EURYALE

AD                      DOBBIN    -

AR                      (3) RIGEL    PROMETHEUS

                                 PLATYPUS

                                 AMYCUS

<u>LSD</u>	(3) CARTER HALL			<u>AIRCRAFT</u>	
	GUNSTEN HALL			Fighters	
	EPPING FOREST			(incl. 15 twin-eng)	126
				Light & M/Bombers	89
				Torpedo & D/Bombers	2
				Flying Boats	1
				Floatplanes	27
				Obsn. A/c	20

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>CL</u>	(3) DETROIT		(2) NACHI
	RALEIGH		ASHIGARA
	RICHMOND		(3) ABUKUMA
			TAMA
			KISO
<u>DD</u>	9		10
<u>SS</u>	10		Approx. 4



3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

			<u>Mandates</u> <u>Philippines</u>	<u>Empire</u>
<u>BB</u>	(14) IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA * OKLAHOMA	-	(6) YAMATO ISE YAMASHIRO HYUGA * MUSASHI MUTSU (prob. sunk)
<u>CV</u>	(6) ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL	-	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	(7) COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY * INDEPENDENCE	-	(4) RYUHO HITAKA ZUIHO * HAYATAKA
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	(20) COPAHEE BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU CASABLANCA ALTAMAHA CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR KITKUN BAY	WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY MEHENTA BAY	-	(5) CHITOSE CHIYODA JINYO * OTAKA * UNYO
<u>CA</u>	(13) BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE	-	MAYA
<u>CL</u>	(7) SANTA FE SAN DIEGO MOBILE BILOXI	OAKLAND * RENO * CONCORD	YUBARI	(4) * NAGARA * NATORI * ISUZU * OYODO
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHIMA	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CURTISS	-	(2) AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO	-
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 120	-	10-15	20 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u>	Approx. 30	-	25	Approx. 25
<u>AS</u>	?	-	?	2 (1 repairing)

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

CL TRENTON  
DD 9

\* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

	<u>Southwest Pacific (Western Section)</u>	<u>Eastern Fleet Area</u>	<u>East Indies-Malaya</u>
<u>B</u>	-	(3) QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN	(4) NAGATO FUSO KONGO HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	-	(2) ILLUSTRIOUS SARATOGA	(2) ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	TAIHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	RANEE	(3) BATTLER UNICORN SHAH	KAIYO
<u>CA</u>	SUFFOLK	(3) SUSSEX LONDON CUMBERLAND	(11) AOBA ATAGO KUMANO TAKAO SUZUYA CHOKAI TONE MYOKO CHIKUMA HAGURO MOGAMI
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	(8) CEYLON NEWCASTLE KENYA DANAE GAMBIA TROMP NIGERIA EMERALD	(5) YAHAGI NOSHIRO KINU KITAGAMI OI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(2) CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOJ
<u>XCL</u>	-	(2) CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>DD</u>	-	Approx. 27	30
<u>SS</u>	(16) BLUEFISH HOE ) CABRILLA MINGO ) CREVAILE PADDLE ) COD PARGO ) FLASHER REDFIN ) HADDO RATON ) HAKE K.14 ) JACK K.15 )	Approx. 15 On patrol	17 (incl. 6 German)
	(11) ANGLER NORWHAL ) BILLFISH PUFFER ) BONFISH RASHER ) BOWFIN RAY ) GUNNEL ROBALO ) LAPON )	At Fremantle	
<u>AS</u>	(2) PELIAS ORION		

AIRCRAFT (East Indies only)  
 Fighters 120  
 Light & M/Bombers 36  
 Torpedo & D/Bombers -  
 Flying Boats -  
 Floatplanes 43  
 Obsn. A/e 19

TOP SECRETBritish - MOST SECRET  
U.S. - SECRETGENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

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

No. 805

Date : 12 April 1944

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

- (1) "GLENDALE" (PF) proceeding Lae - Cape Sudest ETA 2000/12.
- (2) "PG.1131" departed Milne Bay 0650/11 to RV at 0700/12 with "FIRE ISLAND" and escort to Milne Bay.
- (3) "GOULBURN" (AMS) departed Milne Bay 1530/10 to RV with "PYRO" (AE) at 1400/11 and escort to North Foreland: to depart Milne Bay a.m. April 12 for Langemak ETA 1800/13.
- (4) "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) on survey duty vicinity Kegawan Island (15 miles S.E. of Normanby Island.)
- (5) "MORESBY" (AGS) departed Milne Bay 0700/9 on survey duty.
- (6) "TANCRED" (AT) towing 1 AFD and 1 YOG departed Cairns 0620/9 for Milne Bay ETA forenoon April 13th.
- (7) "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) towing 1 LCT departed Caloundra 1800/8 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/15.
- (8) "VENDETTA" (DD) departed Brisbane 2030/10 for Milne Bay ETA 0900/13
- (9) "KALGOORLIE" (AMS) was to depart Thursday Island 0700/12 for Cairns.
- (10) "YMS.11" aground vicinity Thursday Island.
- (11) "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS) departed Townsville 1635/11 for Sydney ETA 1500/15
- (12) "OMMANEY BAY" (CVE) was to depart Brisbane 1100/12.
- (13) "POINT LOMA" (AT) departed Milne Bay 1135/9 for Sydney ETA 1030/17.
- (14) "GEELONG" (AMS) departed Caloundra 1300/11 for Townsville ETA 0600/14: for onward routing Milne Bay
- (15) "WHYALLA" departed Caloundra 2200/10 on Sandy Cape A/S patrol: on relief about 1200/15 to return to Brisbane.
- (16) "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA" (PS) departed Sydney 1400/11 for Noumea.
- (17) "YUMA" (AT) with tow departed Port Phillip Heads 1315/7 for Brisbane.
- (18) "LITHGOW" (AMS) escorting "K.12" departed Port Phillip Heads 1730/7. "YANDRA" (A/S) to RV at 0700/10 and escort "K.12" to Sydney: "LITHGOW" to detach and proceed Brisbane. "K.12" to exercise en route with "WARRNAMBOOL" "DOOMBA" "KYBRA" "ML's 813, 825" April 11 and 12.
- (19) "RANEE" (CVE) proceeding Melbourne ETA approx. April 12.
- (20) 8 Submarines on Patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "BUNBURY" (AMS) to be sailed Langemak-Milne Bay when ready.
- (2) "SWAN" (PS) to depart Caloundra 1300/13 for Milne Bay ETA 1300/17.
- (3) "CARONDOLET" (IX) to depart Caloundra 1600/12, ETA China Strait 1400/18
- (4) "ECHUCA" (AMS) to depart Sydney p.m. 12 April for Brisbane for onward routing to Milne Bay
- (5) "STRAHAN" (AMS) to depart Sydney when ready about April 15 for Milne Bay On arrival transferred to operational and administrative control N.O.I.C. New Guinea: to work up at Milne Bay.

(c) In Harbour:

Admiralties:

Combat Units 19 PT  
Escorts 10 : "BENALLA" "BUNDABERG" "STAWELL" (AMS)  
6 YMS: 8, 10, 46, 47, 48, 51 1 SC: 747  
Auxiliaries 7 : "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "TANGIER"  
(AV) "MINK" (IX) "VICTORIA" (AO) "EPPING  
FOREST" "GUNSTON HALL" (LSD)  
Merchantmen 15 : "J. BARBARA" "F. BILLINGS" "J. P. BRADLEY"  
"J. BURROUGHS" "J. D. DOTY" "E. JOHNSON" "KARSIK"  
"LYMAN STEWART" "NORMACGULL" "NORMACSEA"  
"RAMO" "W. L. SUBJETTE" "VAN SWOLL" "S. M. WHITE"  
"M. THORNTON"

Cape Gloucester:

Escorts 3 : 1 AMS: "CASTLEMAINE" 2 PC: 476, 1132  
Merchantmen 3 : "T. CRAWFORD" "J. ROSSITER" "A. THOMAS"

Talasea:

Combat Units 15 PT  
Auxiliaries 1 : "HILO" (AGP)

Saidor:

Combat Units 11 PT with LST acting as AGP  
Merchantmen 3 : "ANSON BURLINGHAME" "J. G. BRADY" "TIMOSHENKO"

Lengemak:

Combat Units 28 PT  
Escorts 24 : 4 AMS: "BOWEN" "BUNBURY" "KAPUNDA" "GYMPIE"  
2 PC: 1122, 1123  
5 YMS: 71, 314, 315, 336, 393  
4 ML: 424, 803, 806, 816  
9 SC: 648, 650, 598, 703, 735, 741, 743,  
750, 981.  
Auxiliaries 21 : "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "SCHLEY" "HUMPHREYS" "GILMER"  
"BROOKS" "SANDS" "KILTY" "CROSBY" "NOA" "DENT"  
"WARD" (APD) "BOOTES" "ETAMIN" (AK) "CHETCO"  
"SONOMA" "RESERVE" (AT) "WESTRALIA" (APA)  
"TULSA" (PG) "PORCUPINE" (IX) 1 YT: 156  
1 YP: 283  
Merchantmen 22 : "ANHUI" "BALIKPAPAN" "CAPE NEWENHAM"  
"P. CHANDLER" "W. E. CHANNING" "CITY OF PHILAD-  
ELPHIA" "COLORADO" "M. DALY" "A. B. HAMMOND"  
"GEO. LUKS" "MACTAN" "MANA" "P. M. QUINONES"  
"E. T. RAINEY" "SEA BARD" "URIAH M. ROSE" "J. ROSS"  
"C. E. SMITH" "W. C. SQUIRE" "A. E. WATTS"  
"J. M. WHISTLER" "E. YOUNG"

Lae:

Escorts 3 : 2 ML: 428, 430, 431  
Auxiliaries 2 : "PANDA" (IX) "TRIANGULUM" (AK)  
Merchantmen 11 : "D. F. BARRY" "CAPE SPENCER" "F. H. DODD"  
"A. S. DUNIWAY" "LAKE ORMAC" "NORLAGO" "RING  
LARDNER" "J. SINGER" "R. STUART" "ED. W. WESTCOTT"  
"D. WRIGHT"

Buna-Oro Bay:

Combat Units 31 DD : "HOPWELL" "O'BANNON" "STEMBEL" "STOCKTON"  
"STEVENSON" "THORN" "REID" "SWANSON" "HOBBY"  
"JENKINS" "NICHOLAS" "TAYLOR" "STEVENS"  
"JOHN ROGERS" "MCKEE" "MURRAY" "RINGGOLD"  
"GILLESPIE" "RADFORD" "SCHROEDER" "DASHIELL"  
"SIGSBEE" "FLETCHER" "HARRISON" "WELLES" "KALK"  
"ROE" "GRAYSON" "LA VALLETTE" "WILKES"  
"NICHOLSON"  
Escorts 17 : 6 DE: "LOVELACE" "MANNING" "NEUENDORF"  
"JAMES E. CRAIG" "EICHENBERGER" "WHITEHURST"  
3 PF: "CORONADO" "LONGBEACH" "SAN PEDRO"  
1 YMS 316 5 SC: 637, 736, 742, 732, 982  
2 PC: 1120, 1124.  
Auxiliaries 22 : "TRINITY" (AO) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "ZEILIN"  
"ORMSLEY" "WINDSOR" "HARRY LEE" (APA)  
"VIRGO" (AKA) "MEDUSA" (AR) "KANE" "HERBERT"  
(APD) "GENERAL R. L. HOWZE" (AP) "MIZAR" (AF)  
"GEORGE ELLIOTT" (AK) "TASMAN" (AH)  
"HAMILTON" "LONG" "HOGAN" (DMS) "SUSQUEHANNA"  
(AOG) "PING WO" (ASIS) "YUNNAN" (AE) "DOBBIN" (AD)  
1 AHD

Buna-Oro Bay (contd)

Merchantmen

14

:"ACONCAGUA" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "CAPE HENRY"  
 "S.L.CLARKE" "T.M.COOLEY" "P.T.DODDRIDGE"  
 "D.E.HUGHES" "JANSSENS" "KOTA INTEN" "NORAB"  
 "O.SKINNER" "A.REHAN" "S.WILLISTON" "J.EWING"

Woodlark Island:

Escorts

1

: 1 ML: 817

Merchantmen

1

: "J.S.MANSFIELD"

Auxiliaries

1

: "TEAK" (AN)

Woodenough Island:

Escorts

1

: "P.O.1133"

Auxiliaries

5

: "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA"  
 "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "LEOPARD" (IX)

Merchantmen

5

: "D.D.FIELD" "M.GRIFFITH" "S.G.PORTER"  
 "WEST CACTUS" "K.D.WIGGIN"Milne Bay:

Combat Units

2 CA

: "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE"

3 CL

: "NASHVILLE" "BOISE" "PHOENIX"

9 DD

: "HUTCHINS" "DALY" "BACHE" "MULLANY" "BEALE"  
 "ABNER READ" "ARUNTA" "WARRAMUNGA" "AMMEN"

1 PT

Escorts

37

: 1 PS: "WARREGO"  
 4 PF: "VAN BUREN" "OGDEN" "ELPASO" "GASCOYNE"  
 9 SC: 699, 734, 736, 737, 738, 742, 744, 746  
 7485 AMS: "KIAMA" "COWRA" "ARARAT" "WAGGA"  
 "GLENELG"

4 C: 477, 1119, 1121, 1134

7 YMS: 9, 52, 53, 73, 313, 334, 335

7 ML: 424, 425, 427, 801, 802, 818, 819

Auxiliaries

32

: "DICKERSON" "TALBOT" (APD) "PERRY" (DMS)  
 "AASE MAERSK" (AO) "CALAMARES" "MERKUR" (AF)  
 "HALF MOON" (AVP) "OTUS" "EURYALE" (AS)  
 "KOOFA" (AGP) "RIGEL" (AR) "AMYCUS" (ARL)  
 "HERMITAGE" "PRESIDENT MONROE" "WHARTON" (AP)  
 "BAYOU ST. JOHN" "WATO" (AT) "GANYMEDE" (AK)  
 "POYANG" (ASIS) "VILLALOBOS" "ANDREW DORIA"  
 (IX) "ALABASTER" (PYC) "GOLDSTAR" (AG)  
 "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) 2 APD 2 ARD 1 YOG  
 3 YP: 278, 280, 449.

Merchantmen

74

: "H.T.ABOOTT" "ALCOA POLARIS" "ARANSAS PASS"  
 "E.D.BAKER" "D.BELASCO" "S.K.BOLIVAR"  
 "BORGFRED" "BIRCHCOULIE" "BOTH" "F.BUCHANAN"  
 "W.N.EYERS" "J.C.CALHOUN" "J.M.CAREY" "CHIEF"  
 CHARLOT "J.CHATEAU" "CAPE COD" "F.J.CUNEL"  
 "G.DAVIDSON" "J.DEERE" "DON MARQUIS" "L.C.  
 DYCHE" "F.A.EILERS" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "JOHN EVANS"  
 "F.EVERS" "EXIRIA" "FALLEN TIMBERS" "GRANDE  
 RONDE" "HANYANG" "HAWAIIAN SHIPPER" "ISOLATOR"  
 "S.JACKSON" "L.S.KELLY" "O.KELLY" "M.C.KERR"  
 "C.KING" "KOTA GEDE" "W.S.LADD" "EDLANDER"  
 "J.E.LANE" "N.LUCKENBACH" "F.B.LINDERMANN"  
 "J.LYKES" "J.MCLEAN" "J.W.MELDRUM" "MONMOUTH"  
 "H.MONROE" "MONTAUK POINT" "W.V.MOODY" "NARVIK"  
 "T.NELSON" "B.T.OSBORNE" "OZARK" "AGWI PRINCE"  
 "POELAU LAUT" "M.ROBERTSON" "A.ROBINSON"  
 "W.B.ROGERS" "SEA CAT" "SEA WITCH"  
 "SOMMELSDITCK" "C.SPRECKLES" "BICKLESTAD"  
 "T.W.SYMONS" "TAWALI" "J.THOMAS" "J.M.THOMPSON"  
 "TJISADANE" "S.TURMAN" "GEO.VANCOUVER"  
 "VAN OUTHORN" "W.WILLIAMS" "S.WILLISTON"  
 "YOCROW"Port Moresby:

Escorts

1

: 1 ML: 426

Merchantmen

3

: "ALDINGA" "G.R.HEBBARD" "MUNGANA"

Thursday Island:

Escorts

1

: 1 YMS: 72

Auxiliaries

2

: "BUNGAREE" (CM) "POLARIS" (AGS)

Cairns:

Combat Units

1 DD

: "BUSH"

Escorts

10

: 2 AMS: "BALLARAT" "BENDIGO" 1 PG: 479  
 1 SC: 731 4 ML: 804, 805, 811, 820

2 YMS: 49, 50

Auxiliaries

3

: "PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD "ST MARY" (IX)

Townsville:  
 Escorts 1 : 1 PF "BARCOO"  
 Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YP : 233

Mackay:  
 Auxiliaries 1 : "HERON" (AVP)

Brisbane:  
 Combat Units -  
 Escorts 8 : 1 PS: "SWAN" 2 AMS: "BROOME" "MILDURA"  
 1 YMS: 70 2 ML: 808 821 2 SC: 745, 749  
 Auxiliaries 14 : "ALGORAB" (AKA) "KURUMBA" (AO) "COUGAL" (ASR)  
 "POLLUX" (AKS) "SHIKELLAMY" (AOG)  
 2 YP: 236, 291 "MANUNDA" MAETSUYCKER"  
 "SOLACE" (AH) "CARONDOLET" "KAILUA" (IX) 2 YT.

Sydney:  
 Combat Units 3 CL : "HOBART" (Refitting) "MONTPELIER" "CLEVELAND"  
 6 DD : "STUART" "FULLAM" "GUEST" "BENNETT" "HUDSON"  
 "HALFORD"  
 Escorts 12 : 7 AMS: "COLAC" "DELOIRINE" "ECHUCA" "GLADSTONE"  
 "KATOOMBA" "STRAHAN" "TOWNSVILLE"  
 1 A/S: "AB.CRIJNSSSEN"  
 4 ML: 807, 809, 822, 823  
 Auxiliaries 5 : "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "OCTANS" (AF) "DUNTRON" (AF)  
 "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG)

Melbourne:  
 Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "PREMANTLE" (Refitting)

Adelaide:  
 Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" (Refitting)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- Empress Augusta Bay - At 0750/11 12 large shells landed near Torokina strip. Preliminary reports indicate that there were nil casualties, and only slight damage.
- Admiralties - On 10 April mopping up continued on Manus Is. where 15 Japanese were killed and 1 wounded. On 11 April small parties of Japanese were reported to be hiding in caves on Rambutyo Is. Known enemy dead in the Admiralties to 11 April were 2,962.
- Western New Britain - Up to 11 April enemy casualties in the Western New Britain area total 4,252 killed, and 298 prisoners. Details are as follows :-
 

	Killed	Prisoners
Stettin Bay-Talasea area	209	50
Kulu River-Emeline Bay area	343	125
Rein Bay-Cape Gloucester Area	3,700	123
	<u>4,252</u>	<u>298</u>
- Cape Gloucester Area - At 0730/11 a surfaced submarine was reported 12 miles NE of Cape Gloucester: but a subsequent search by surface craft and aircraft in unfavourable weather conditions was negative.
- Saidor - Between 2225 and 2245/9 6 unidentified aircraft were seen to the NW of Saidor. During the night 10-11 April there were 4 alerts at Saidor and 3 bombs were dropped wounding one.
- Bogadjim Area - On 10 April our Patrol up the Mindjim River had reached the centre of Bogadjim Plantation and reported no contacts: indications of enemy activity were reported however, near Baumonna (2½ miles WSW Bogadjim). Native reports, not considered reliable, state there are many Japanese at Erima Plantation but none at Bogadjim.
- Uligan Harbour Area - During the night 7-8 April 4 enemy barges were encountered by PT boats at Neptune Point. The PT's damaged all four barges and probably sank 1, despite intense machine gun fire from the barges and heavy calibre fire from shore batteries.
- Hansa Bay - Between 1000 and 1030/9 an apparently serviceable bomber was strafed by 4 Aircobras on Condor Strip: the aircraft caught fire. 30-40 Japanese were strafed in the same area. A.m. 11 April a/a batteries and stores at Hansa Bay were again bombed by 54 Liberators dropping 420 1000 lb. bombs. 2 batteries and 2 dispersed stores areas were completely covered with bomb bursts.

9. Wewak-Boram - On 11 April a/a positions and personnel areas at Wewak-Boram were bombed and strafed by 36 Bostons followed by 46 Mitchells: 59 tons of 100 lb and 500 lb bombs were dropped: slight medium and light a/a was silenced by the low level attack and nil aircraft was encountered by the Mitchells. 10 barges were sunk along the Coast by fighters.
10. Aitape - At 1450/9 a fully surfaced submarine 32 miles North of Aitape on Course 250° was attacked by a Reconnaissance Liberator. Numerous hits at the water line and on the conning tower were scored in 2 strafing runs before the submarine submerged. Much oil was seen in the swirl and a 1 gallon red drum rose to the surface: no further traces were seen during the 70 minute search by the aircraft.
11. Hollandia - At 1400/11 8 gun boats and 1 destroyer were reported by aircraft in Hollandia Harbour. One of the vessels was put out of commission. These vessels are possibly smaller craft - perhaps, armoured escort barges.
12. Wakde Island - At 1159/11 a submarine was sighted by aircraft 165 miles North by East of Wakde Island on course 290°. The aircraft strafed the conning tower and bombed the submarine. After the submarine dived no oil slicks were observed.
- At 1245/9 15-20 fighters and 6-8 M.Bombers were sighted by a patrol aircraft on the strip at Wakde Is. The same aircraft sighted 5 medium sized merchant ships in Maffin Bay (8 miles West by South of Wakde Island on the mainland). The same aircraft attacked 1 cargo ship of 800 tons, 7 miles SE of Wakde Island on course 300°. (A preliminary report of this attack in Summary No. 803 stated that the ship was a medium merchant vessel).

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2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/12:

- (1) "PIRIE" (AMS) escorting 2 MV was to depart Darwin 0500/12 for Thursday Is.
- (2) "WILCANNIA" (A/S) escorting Convoy BT.49 (2 MV) departed Darwin 0535/9 for Thursday Island ETA 2000/12.
- (3) 16 Submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Escorts	6	: 3 AMS : "LAITROBE" "INVERELL"
		4 ML : 429, 809, 814, 815
Merchantmen	3	: "H.MOLLER" "R.P.WARNER" "GEO.EASTMAN"

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/12:

"SUFFOLK" (CA) escorting 2 MV was to depart Fremantle April 11 proceeding out of S.W.P.A.

(b) Proposed Movements:

Nil

(c) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat Units	1 CL	! "ADELAIDE"
Escorts	6	: "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739
		3 ML: 812, 824, 826

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA (contd)

Fremantle (contd)

Auxiliaries 7 : "LARK" (AM) "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS) "ISABEL" (PY)  
1 YP: 288 1 ARD "CHILDS" (AV)

Exmouth Gulf:

Auxiliaries 2 : "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) 1 YP: 286

Albany:

Auxiliaries 1 : "CHANTICLEER" (ASR)

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B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

1. Carolines - At 0730/9 new airfield installations at Ponape were bombed by 6 Mitchells and 8 Corsairs.
2. Marshalls - On 9 April Jaluit, Wotje, Taroa and Mille were bombed and strafed by light and medium Cenpac bombers.

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ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

1. Concentration of naval strength Malayan area.
2. Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North Coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan and Kuriles.
3. Increased use of submarines for transportation purposes in Marshalls-Bismarcks - Solomons.
4. Continued use of barges and small coasters for coastal transportation in forward areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
	<u>Southwest Pacific</u> <u>(Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	
<u>BB</u>	-	(4) IDAHO NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA TENNESSEE	-
<u>CV(E)</u>	(2) OMMANEY BAY RANEE	(6) NATOMA BAY MANILA BAY SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO SANTEE	-
<u>CA</u>	(2) AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	-
<u>CL</u>	(6) BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX MONTPELIER CLEVELAND * HOBART	(6) COLUMBIA DENVER HONOLULU ST LOUIS BIRMINGHAM * LEANDER	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	TANGIER	(3) WRIGHT CHANDELEUR POCOMOKE	-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	(3) HALF MOON SAN PABLO HERON	(2) BALLARD COOS BAY	-
<u>DD</u>	(48) ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA ABNER READ AMMEN BACHE BEALE BENNETT BUSH DALY DASHIELL FLETCHER FULLAM GILLESPIE GRAYSON GUEST HALFORD HARRISON HOBBY HOPEWELL HUDSON HUTCHINS JENKINS	JOHN ROGERS KALK LA VALLETTE MCKEE MULLANY MURRAY NICHOLAS NICHOLSON O'BANNON RADFORD REID RINGGOLD ROE SIGSBEE SCHROEDER STEMBEL STEVENS STEVENSON STOCKTON SWANSON TAYLOR THORN WELLES WILKES	Approx. 40 -

\* Non-effective

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

<u>SS</u>	(8) BASHAW BLACKFISH BLUEGILL CERO	DACE DARTER FLOUNDER SCAMP	) on patrol	15
	K.12		On passage	
	(2) S.42 S.47	)	At Milne Bay	
	(2) SILVERSIDES TUNNY	)	At Brisbane	
	K.9		At Sydney	

Approx. 85

Approx. 110

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<u>APA)</u>	(23) H.T.ALLEN (APA)	KANE (APD)	15 APA
<u>AKA)</u>	KANIMBLA	GILMER	1 AFD
<u>APD)</u>	MANOORA	SCHLEY	8 AKA
	WESTRALIA	SANDS	
	HARRY LEE	HUMPHREYS	
	ZEILIN	BROOKS	
	ORMSLEY	HERBERT	
	WINDSOR	TALBOT	
	ALGORAB (AKA)	CROSBY	
	CENTAURUS	NOA	
	VIRGO	DENT	
		DICKERSON	
		KILTY	
		WARD	

AGC BLUE RIDGE -

AS (2) OTUS  
BURYALE ?

A DOBBIN -

AR (3) RIGEL  
PLATYPUS  
AMYCUS PROMETHEUS -

<u>LSD</u>	(3) CARTER HALL GUNSTEN HALL EPPING FOREST		<u>AIRCRAFT</u>	
			Fighters	
			(incl.15 twin-eng)	126
			Light & M/Bombers	77
			Torpedo & D/Brs.	2
			Flying Boats	1
			Floatplanes	27
			Obsn. A/c	20

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>CA</u>	-	(2) NACHI ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	(3) ABUKUMA TAMA KISO
<u>DD</u>	9	10
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx. 4

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

			<u>Mandates Philippines</u>	<u>Empire</u>
	(14) IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA * OKLAHOMA	-	(6) YAMATO ISE YAMASHIRO HYUGA * MUSASHI MUTSU (prob. sunk)
<u>CV</u>	(7) ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL HORNET	-	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	(7) COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY * INDEPENDENCE	-	(4) RYUHO HITAKA ZUIHO * HAYATAKA
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	-	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	(21) COPAHEE BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU CASABLANCA AITAMAHA CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR WHITE PLAINS	BRETON MIDWAY SAVO ISLAND PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MEHENTA BAY	-	(5) CHITOSE CHIYODA JINYO * OTAKA * UNYO
<u>CA</u>	(13) BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE	-	MAYA
<u>OCA</u>	-	-	-	6
<u>CL</u>	(8) SANTA FE SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN MOBILE	BILOXI OAKLAND * RENO * CONCORD	YUBARI	(4) * NAGARA * NATORI * ISUZU * OYODO
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHIMA	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CURTISS	-	(2) AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO	-
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 120	-	10-15	20 (several repairing)
<u>S</u>	Approx. 30	-	25	Approx. 25
<u>AS</u>	?	-	?	2 (1 repairing)

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

CL TRENTON

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5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>Southwest Pacific (Western Section)</u>		<u>Eastern Fleet Area</u>		<u>East Indies-Malaya</u>	
<u>BB</u>	-	(3)	QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN	(4)	NAGATO FUSO KONGO HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	-	(2)	ILLUSTRIOUS SARATOGA	(2)	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	-		TAIHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	(3)	BATTLER UNICORN SHAH		KAIYO
	SUFFOLK	(3)	SUSSEX LONDON CUMBERLAND	(11)	AOBA KUMANO SUZUYA TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI MYOKO HAGURO
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	(8)	CEYLON KENYA GAMBIA NIGERIA NEWCASTLE DANAE TROMP EMERALD	(5)	YAHAGI NOSHIRO KINU KITAGAMI OI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-		KASHII
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(2) CHILDS W.B. PRESTON		ALBATROSS	■	KAMOI
<u>XGL</u>	-	(2)	CANTON CHITRAL	-	-
<u>DF</u>	-		Approx. 27		30
<u>SS</u>	(16) BLUEFISH CABRILLA CREVALLE COD FLASHER HADDO HAKE JACK HOE ) MINGO ) PADDLE ) PARGO ) REDFIN ) RATON ) K.14 ) K.15 )		Approx. 15 On patrol		17 (incl. 6 German)
	(11) ANGLER BILLFISH BONFISH BOWFIN GUNNEL LAPON NORWHAL ) PUFFER ) RASHER ) RAY ) ROBALO )		At Fremantle		
<u>AS</u>	(2) PELIAS ORION				

AIRCRAFT (East Indies only)  
 Fighters 121  
 Light & M/Bombers 48  
 Torpedo & D/Bombers -  
 Flying Boats -  
 Floatplanes 43  
 Obsn. A/c 23

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. 806

Date : 13 April 1944

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

- (1) "GLENELG" (AMS) escorting "PYRO" (AE) proceeding Langemak ETA 2230/13.
- (2) "MORESBY" (AGS) departed Milne Bay 0700/9 on survey duty.
- (3) "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) towing 1 LCT departed Caloundra 1800/8 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/15.
- (4) "BALLARAT" (AMS) escorting "ISLANDER" departed Cairns 0621/12 for Thursday Is ETA 1400/14: thence Merauke and return to Thursday Is.
- (5) "KALGOORLIE" (AMS) departed Thursday Is 0700/12 for Cairns.
- (6) "GEEELONG" (AMS) departed Caloundra 1300/11 for Townsville ETA 0600/14: for onward routeing Milne Bay.
- (7) "MANUNDA" (AH) departed Caloundra 1316/12 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/16.
- (8) "SHIKELLAMY" (AOG) departed Brisbane 1900/12 for Milne Bay ETA 0900/18.
- (9) "OMMANEY BAY" (CVE) departed Brisbane 0900/12 proceeding out of S.W.P.A.
- (10) "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS) departed Townsville 1635/11 for Sydney ETA 1500/15.
- (11) "POINT LOMA" (AT) departed Milne Bay 1135/9 for Sydney ETA 1030/17.
- (12) "WHYALLA" departed Caloundra 2200/10 on Sandy Cape A/S patrol: on relief about 1200/15 to return to Brisbane.
- (13) "ECHUOA" (AMS) was to depart Sydney p.m. 12 April for Brisbane for Brisbane for onward routeing to Milne Bay.
- (14) "YANDRA" (A/S) escorting "K.12" to Sydney, exercising en route with "WARRNAMBOOL" "DOOMBA" "KYBRA" "ML's 813, 825"
- (15) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "BUNBURY" (AMS) to depart Langemak 0700/14 for Milne Bay.
- (2) "BUNGAREE" (CM) to depart Torres Strait 14 April for Bowen ETA 0800/17 and Townsville ETA p.m. 18 April: returning thence to Thursday Island by about 24 April.
- (3) "KALGOORLIE" (AMS) to depart Cairns about 15 April for refit in Sydney: to tow "SCOTCH CAP" (AT) if practicable.
- (4) "SWAN" (PS) to depart Caloundra 1300/13 for Milne Bay ETA 1300/17.
- (5) "CARONDOLET" (IX) to depart Caloundra 1200/13, ETA China Strait 1200/20.
- (6) "STRAHAN" (AMS) to depart Sydney when ready about April 15 for Milne Bay. On arrival transferred to operational and administrative control N.O.I.C. New Guinea: to work up at Milne Bay.

(c) In Harbour:

Admiralties:  
Combat Units 19 PT  
Escorts 10 : "BENALLA" "BUNDABERG" "STAWELL" (AMS)  
6 YMS: 8, 10, 46, 47, 48, 51 1 SC: 747  
Auxiliaries 7 : "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "TANGIER"  
(AV) "MINK" (IX) "VICTORIA" (AO) "EPPING FORES"  
"GUNSTON HALL" (LSD)  
Merchantmen 15 : "J. BARBARA" "F. BILLINGS" "J. P. BRADLEY"  
"J. BURGHOUS" "J. D. DOTY" "E. JOHNSON" "KARSIK"  
"LYMAN STEWART" "MORMAGGULL" "MORMACSEA" "RAMO"  
"W. L. SUBJETTE" "VAN SWOLL" "S. M. WHITE"  
"M. THORNTON"

Cape Gloucester:  
Escorts 3 : 1 AMS: "CASTLEMAINE" 2 PC: 476, 1132  
Merchantmen 3 : "T. CRAWFORD" "J. ROSSITER" "A. THOMAS"

Talasea:  
Combat Units 15 PT  
Auxiliaries 1 : "HILO" (AGP)

Saidor:  
Combat Units 11 PT with 1 LST acting as AGP  
Merchantmen 2 : "ANSON BURLINGHAME" "TIMOSHENKO"

Langemak:  
Combat Units 28 PT  
Escorts 23 : 4 AMS: "BOWEN" "BUNBURY" "KAPUNDA" "GYMPIE"  
4 PC: 1120, 1122, 1123, 1124  
4 YMS: 71, 314, 315, 336  
4 ML: 424, 803, 806, 816  
7 SC: 648, 698, 703, 735, 743, 750, 981  
Auxiliaries 22 : "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "SCHLEY" "HUMPHREYS" "GILMER"  
"BROOKS" "SANDS" "KILTY" "CROSBY" "NOA" "DENT"  
"WARD" (AFD) "CENTAURUS" (AKA) "BOOTES"  
"ETAMIN" (AK) "CHETCO" "SONOMA" "RESERVE" (AT)  
"WESTRALIA" (APA) "TULSA" (PG) "LEOPARD"  
"PORCUPINE" (IX) 1 YT: 156  
Merchantmen 20 : "BALIKPAPAN" "J. G. BRADY" "CAPE NEWENHAM"  
"P. CHANDLER" "W. E. CHANNING" "CITY OF PHILAD-  
ELPHIA" "M. DALY" "A. B. HAMMOND" "MACTAN" "MANA"  
"B. MATTHEWS" "G. VON L. MEYER" "F. M. QUINONES"  
"H. T. RAINEY" "URIAH M. ROSE" "J. ROSS"  
"C. L. SMITH" "W. G. SQUIRE" "A. E. WATTS"  
"J. M. WHISTLER"

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Escorts 3 : 3 ML: 428, 430, 431  
Auxiliaries 4 : "GENERAL R. L. HOWZE" (AP) "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG)  
"PANDA" (IX) "TRIANGULUM" (AK)  
Merchantmen 11 : "D. F. BARRY" "F. H. DODD" "A. S. DUNWAY"  
"LAKE ORMAC" "NORLAGO" "RING LARDNER" "J. SINGER"  
"R. STUART" "VAN OUTHORN" "ED. N. WESTCOTT"  
"D. WRIGHT"

Buna-Oro Bay:  
Combat Units 30 DD : "HOPEWELL" "O'BANNON" "STEMBEL" "STOCKTON"  
"STEVENSON" "THORN" "REID" "SWANSON" "HOBBY"  
"JENKINS" "NICHOLAS" "TAYLOR" "STEVENS"  
"JOHN ROGERS" "MCKEE" "MURRAY" "RINGGOLD"  
"GILLESPIE" "RADFORD" "SCHROEDER" "DASHIELL"  
"SIGSBEE" "FLETCHER" "WELLES" "KALK" "ROE"  
"GRAYSON" "LA VALLETTE" "WILKES" "NICHOLSON"  
Escorts 19 : 6 DE: "LOVELACE" "MANNING" "NEUENDORF"  
"JAMES E. CRAIG" "EICHENBERGER" "WHITEHURST"  
4 PF: "CORONADO" "GLENDALE" "LONGBEACH"  
"SAN PEDRO" 2 YMS: 316, 393  
Auxiliaries 19 : 7 SC: 637, 650, 736, 741, 742, 752, 982  
"TRINITY" (AO) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "ZEILIN"  
"ORMSLEY" "WINDSOR" "HARRY LEE" (APA)  
"VIRGO" (AKA) "MEDUSA" (AR) "KANE" "HERBERT" (APD)  
"MIZAR" (AF) "GEORGE ELLIOTT" (AK) "HAMILTON"  
"LONG" "HOGAN" (DMS) "PIEG WO" (ASIS)  
"YUNNAN" (AE) "DOBBIN" (AD) 1 APD

Buna-Oro Bay (Contd.)

Merchantmen	20	:	"ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "ALCOA POLARIS" "E.D.BAKER" "J.BUCHANAN" "CAPE HENRY" "CEFALU" "S.L.CLARKE" "T.M.COOLEY" "P.T.DODDRIDGE" "J.EVANS" "D.E.HUGHES" "JANSSENS" "O.KELLY" "KOTA INTEN" "NORAB" "OZARK" "O.SKINNER" "M.M.STEWART" "A.REHAN" "J.M.WING"
<u>Woodlark Is:</u>			
Escorts	1	:	1 ML: 817
Merchantmen	1	:	"J.S.MANSFIELD"
Auxiliaries	1	:	"TEAK" (AN)
<u>Goodenough Is:</u>			
Combat Units	1 DD	:	"HARRISON"
Escorts	1	:	"PC.1133"
Auxiliaries	4	:	"CARTER HALL" (LSD) "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA" "H.T.ALLEN" (APA)
Merchantmen	5	:	"D.D.FIELD" "M.GRIFFITH" "S.G.PORTER" "WEST CACTUS" "K.D.WIGGIN"
<u>Milne Bay:</u>			
Combat Units	2 CA	:	"AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE"
	3 CL	:	"NASHVILLE" "BOISE" "PHOENIX"
	10 DD	:	"HUTCHINS" "DALY" "EACHE" "MULLANY" "BEALE" "ABNER READ" "ARUNTA" "VENDETTA" "WARRAMUNGA" "AMMEN"
	1 PT	:	
Escorts	38	:	1 PS: "WARREGO" 4 FF: "VAN BUREN" "CGDEN" "EL PASO" "GASCOYNE" 9 SC: 699, 734, 736, 737, 738, 742, 744, 746 748 5 AMS: "KIAMA" "COWRA" "ARARAT" "WAGGA" "GOULBURN" 5 PC: 477, 1119, 1121, 1131, 1134 7 YMS: 9, 52, 53, 73, 313, 334, 335 7 ML: 424, 425, 427, 801, 802, 813, 819
Auxiliaries	38	:	"DICKERSON" "TALBOT" (APD) "PERRY" (DMS) "AASE MAERSK" (AO) "CALAMARES" "MERKUR" (AF) "HALF MOON" (AVP) "OTUS" "EURYALE" (AS) "KOOPA" (AGP) "RIGEL" (AR) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) "HERMITAGE" "PRESIDENT MONROE" "WHARTON" (AP) "BAYOU ST. JOHN" "TANCRED" "WATO" (AT) "GANYMEDE" (AK) "POYANG" (ASIS) "VILLALOBOS" "ANDREW DORIA" (IX) "TASMAN" (AH) "ALABASTER" (PYC) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) 3 AFD 2 ARD 2 YOG 4 YP: 278, 280, 283, 449.
Merchantmen	75	:	"H.T.ABBOTT" "ACONGAGUA" "ANHUI" "ARANSAS PASS" "D.BELASCO" "S.K.BOLIVAR" "BORGFRED" "BIRCHCOULIE" "BOTH" "W.N.BYERS" "J.C.CALHOUN" "J.M.CAREY" "CHIEF CHARLOT" "J.CHATEAU" "CAPE GOD" "CAPE LOSS" "CAPE SPENCER" "F.J.CUNEL" "G.DAVIDSON" "J.DEERE" "DON MARQUIS" "L.C.DYCHE" "F.A.EILERS" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "F.EVERS" "EXIRIA" "FALLEN TIMBERS" "FIRE ISLAND" "GRANDE RONDE" "HANYANG" "HAWAIIAN SHIPPER" "ISOLATOR" "S.JACKSON" "L.S.KELLY" "M.C.KERR" "C.KING" "KOTA GEDE" "W.S.LADD" "ED.LANDER" "J.H.LANE" "N.LUCKENBACH" "G.LUKS" "F.B.LINDERMANN" "J.LYKES" "J.MCLEAN" "J.W.MELDROM" "MONMOUTH" "H.MONROE" "MONTAUK POINT" "W.V.MOODY" "NARVIK" "T.NELSON" "B.T.OSBORNE" "POELAU LAUT" "M.ROBERTSON" "A.ROBINSON" "W.B.ROGERS" "SEA BARD" "SEA CAT" "SEA WITCH" "SOMMELSDITCK" "C.SPRECKLES" "STICKLESTAD" "T.W.SYMONS" "TAWALI" "J.THOMAS" "J.M.THOMPSON" "TJISADANE" "S.TURMAN" "GEO.VANCOUVER" "H.V.WHITE" "W.WILLIAMS" "S.WILLISTON" "YOCROW" "E.YOUNG"
<u>Port Moresby:</u>			
Escorts	1	:	1 ML: 426
Merchantmen	3	:	"ALDINGA" "G.R.HEBARD" "MUNGANA"
<u>Thursday Is:</u>			
Escorts	2	:	2 YMS: 71, 72
Auxiliaries	2	:	"BUNGAREE" (CM) "POLARIS" (AGS)

Cairns:

Combat Units	1 DD	: "BUSH"
Escorts	9	: 1 AMS: "BENDIGO" 1 PG: 479 1 SC: 731 4 ML: 804, 805, 811, 820 2 YMS: 49, 50
Auxiliaries	3	: "PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD "ST MARY" (IX)
<u>Townsville:</u>		
Escorts	1	: 1 PF: "BARCOO"
Auxiliaries	1	: 1 YP: 233
<u>Mackay:</u>		
Auxiliaries	1	: "HERON" (AVP)
<u>Brisbane:</u>		
Escorts	9	: 1 PS: "SWAN" 3 AMS: "BROOME" "LITHGOW" "MILDURA" 1 YMS: 70 2 ML: 808, 821 2 SC: 745, 749
Auxiliaries	13	: "ALGORAB" (AKA) "KURUMBA" (AO) "COUGAL" (ASR) "POLLUX" (AKS) "YUMA" (AT) 2 YP: 236, 291 "MAETSUYCKER" "SOLACE" (AH) "CARONDOLET" "KAILUA" (IX) 2 YT

Sydney:

Combat Units	3 CL	: "HOBART" (Refitting) "MONTFELIER" "CLEVELAND"
	6 DD	: "STUART" "FULLAM" "GUEST" "BENNETT" "HUDSON" "HALFORD"
Escorts	12	: 7 AMS: "COLAC" "DELORAIN" "ECHUCA" "GLADSTONE" "KATOOMBA" "STRAHAN" "TOWNSVILLE" 1 A/S: "AB. CRIJNSSEN"
Auxiliaries	5	: 4 ML: 807, 809 822, 823 "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "OCTANS" (AF) "DUNTROON" (AP) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG)

Melbourne:

Combat Units	1 CVE	: "RANEE"
Escorts	1	: 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" (Refitting)

Adelaide:

Escorts	1	: 1 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" (Refitting)
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(1) ENEMY FORCES

1. Empress Augusta Bay - During the night 9-10 April gun emplacements near Mamagata (S.W. coast Bougainville) were bombarded by a destroyer. During 11 April the same targets were attacked by 12 Avengers 6 Dauntless 21 Warhawks and Aircobras. Targets around the perimeter were attacked by 10 Avengers 11 April.  
Between 0700 and 0715/12 enemy artillery again showed slight activity and 7 shells fell within the Torokina perimeter causing some damage to aircraft.
2. Kavieng - During the night 9-10 April several contacts were made with enemy planes in the St Mathias Group area, and it is suggested that the Kavieng airfields are being used for aerial reconnaissance purposes.  
At 1026/11 Kavieng runway and gun positions surrounding were bombed by 32 Dauntless 9 Avengers and photographs show at least 15 new craters on the strip.
3. Admiralty Islands - On 11 April Hujungau Island (adjoining Pak Island) was occupied by our troops. A few stray Japs are still being rounded up on Pak Island and Rambutyo while general mopping up continues on Manus Island. Enemy known killed in the Admiralty operations up to 1200/12 number 2,967, in addition to 23 prisoners taken.
4. Rabaul - During the night 9-10 April the Rabaul airfields were raided by 7 Mitchells.  
A.M. 10 April the Supply Centres at Keravia Bay and Talili Bay were attacked by 52 Dauntless 20 Avengers and 22 Mitchells. Explosions and fires resulted.  
At the same time Tobera runway was effectively bombed by 43 Warhawks Aircobras and Lightnings.  
Also during 10 April about 8 barges and small craft were strafed and some damaged by Coastal sweeps of more than 16 Corsairs and Hellcats.  
A.M. 11 April stores centres at Talili Bay and in the town were again the subject of air strikes involving 50 Dauntless 34 Avengers 24 Mitchells and 39 Fighter bombers.



4. Rabaul (Contd.) - Photographs 11 April show the concrete strip at Vunakanau to be serviceable and all other Rabaul airfields unserviceable although Lakunai is under repair. One fighter and one L/Bomber are present respectively at Lakunai and Vunakanau and one newly arrived twin engined aircraft was visible at Rapopo.
5. Ubili - During the night 11-12 April 4 enemy barges were destroyed by PT boats on the beach near Ulamona. The sawmill and other buildings at Ulamona were also strafed.
6. Saidor - Enemy dead are still being found along the old escape trail over the mountainous country south of Saidor. On 11 April 104 dead Japanese were found between Bumbu and Gwaruwon.
7. Bogadjim - On 10-11 April our forward elements reached Bridge No.5 (5½ miles S.W. of Bogadjim) after clearing the enemy position near Bridge No. 6 (500 yards S.W. of Bridge No. 5) with artillery fire.
8. Madang - Hansa Bay Area - At 1000/11 buildings and installations on Karkar Island and in the Potsdam Harbour area were bombed and strafed by 12 Mitchells. At 1040-1110/12 similar targets on Karkar Island were bombed and strafed by 4 Bostons. Much destruction is reported.
9. Hollandia-Hansa Bay - At about noon 12 April Hollandia airfields including Tami strip was attacked by 51 Liberators 49 Mitchells and 42 Bostons covered by 67 fighters (probably all Lightnings). 322 tons of bombs and 89,000 rounds were utilised, and quantities of stores including fuel buildings and a/a positions are reported destroyed. In addition, 1 damaged cargo vessel was sunk, another cargo vessel burned and exploded and 2 others were damaged. Preliminary reports indicate that some 23 enemy aircraft were encountered in combat and 7 were destroyed, in addition to 10 damaged: 1 Liberator was lost.

Co-ordinated strikes in the nature of diversions were conducted against Dagua where 35 tons of bombs were dropped and against Bogia with 12 tons of bombs.

Further details concerning the strike on Wewak 11 April (reported Summary 805) indicates that several of our flights encountered enemy fighters, possibly involving one or two groups of about 7 aircraft. At least one enemy fighter was shot down.

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## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

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

- (1) "PIRIE" (AMS) escorting Convoy DT 50 (2 MV) was to depart Darwin 0500/12 for Thursday Island ETA. 1600/15.
- (2) "WILCANNIA" (A/S) escorting Convoy DT 49 (2 MV) departed Darwin 0535/9 for Thursday Island ETA. 2000/12.
- (3) 16 Submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

#### Darwin:

Escorts	6	: 3 AMS: "LATROBE" "INVERELL"
		4 ML: 429, 809, 814, 815
Merchantmen	3	: "H.MOLLER" "R.P.WARNER" "GEO.EASTMAN"

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### (ii) ENEMY FORCES

1. Timor - At 0110/12 Penfoei aerodrome was bombed by 2 Dutch Mitchells with unobserved results.
2. Celebes Sea - Evidence available to the effect that the enemy is now using to some extent the Tawitawi anchorage (in Sulu Archipelego) off N.E.Borneo. Three warships were at Bongao Harbour (South western Tawitawi) midday 11 April.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/13:

- (1) "SUFFOLK" (CA) escorting 2 MV departed Fremantle 0800/13 proceeding out of S.W.P.A.

(b) Proposed Movements:

Nil

(c) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat Units	1 CL	: "ADELAIDE"
Escorts	6	: "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739
		3 ML: 812, 824, 826
Auxiliaries	8	: "LARK" (AM) "ORION" "PELLAS" (AS) "ISABEL" (PY)
		2 YP: 286, 288 1 ARD "CHILDS" (AV)

Exmouth Gulf:

Auxiliaries	1	: "W.B.PRESTON" (AVD)
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Albany:

Auxiliaries	1	: "CHANTICLEER" (ASR)
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B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

Marshalls-Carolines

On 10 April light and medium strikes were conducted by Cenpac aircraft against Ponape, Jaluit, Mille, Wotje and Taroa. The following atolls were reported 11 April, to be occupied by U.S. forces:-  
 Ailuk, Rongelap, Likiep, Utirik, and Mejit.  
 These are additional to Bikini, Wotho, Ujae, Lae, Lib, Namu, Ailinglapalap, Namorak, Elbon, Kili and Arno which were reported earlier.

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C. INDIAN OCEAN

ENEMY FORCES

A submarine attack was reported by a merchantship west of Maldiva Island area a.m. 11 April. Although there has been no evidence of enemy submarines operating in the Indian Ocean, Arabian Sea or Bay of Bengal for the last week or so, this report may indicate a submarine movement towards the northern or western Arabian Sea.

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ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

1. Concentration of naval strength Malayan area.
2. Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North Coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan and Kuriles.
3. Increased use of submarines for transportation purposes in Marshalls-Bismarcks-Solomons.
4. Continued use of barges and small coasters for coastal transportation in forward areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	<u>Southwest Pacific</u> <u>(Eastern Section)</u>		<u>South Pacific</u>	
<u>BB</u>	-		(4) IDAHO NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA TENNESSEE	-
<u>(E)</u>	(2) OMMANEY BAY RANEE		(6) NATOMA BAY MANILA BAY SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO SANTEE	-
<u>CA</u>	(2) AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE		-	-
<u>CL</u>	(6) BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX M NTEPELIER CLEVELAND * HOBART		(6) COLUMBIA DENVER HONOLULU ST LOUIS BIRMINGHAM * LEANDER	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	TANGIER		(3) WRIGHT CHANDELEUR POCOMOKE	-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	(3) HALF MOON SAN PABLO HERRON		(2) BALLARD COOS BAY	-
<u>DD</u>	(48) ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA ABNER READ AMMEN BACHE BEALE BENNETT BUSH DALY DASHIELL FLETCHER FULLAM GILLESPIE GRAYSON GUEST HALFORD HARRISON HOBBY HOPEWELL HUDSON HUTCHINS JENKINS	JOHN ROGERS KALK LA VALLETTE MCKEE MULLANY MURRAY NICHOLAS NICHOLSON O'BANNON RADFORD REID RINGGOLD ROE SIGSBEE SCHROEDER STEMBEL STEVENS STEVENSON STOCKTON SWANSON TAYLOR THORN WELLES WILKES	Approx. 40	-

\* non-effective

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

<u>SS</u>	(8) BASHAW	DACE )		15
	BLACKFISH	DARTER )		
	BLUEGILL	FLOUNDER )	On Patrol	
	CERO	SCAMP )		

K.12 On Passage

(2) S.42 )  
S.47 ) At Milne Bay

(2) SILVERSIDES )  
TUNNY ) At Brisbane  
K.9 ) At Sydney

Approx. 85

Approx. 110

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<u>APA</u> )	(23) H.T.ALLEN (APA)	KANE (APD)	15 APA
<u>AKA</u> )	KANIMELA	GILMER	1 APD
<u>APD</u> )	MANOORA	SCHLEY	8 AKA
	WESTRALIA	SANDS	
	HARRY LEE	HUMPHREYS	
	ZEILEN	BROOKS	
	ORMSLEY	HERBERT	
	WINDSOR	TALBOT	
	ALGORAB (AKA)	CROSBY	
	CENTAURUS	NOA	
	VIRGO	DENT	
		DICKERSON	
		KILTY	
		WARD	

AGC BLUE RIDGE

AS (2) OTUS  
EURYALE

DOBBIN

AR (3) RIGEL PROMETHEUS  
PLATYPUS  
AMYCUS

LSD (3) CARTER HALL  
GUNSTON HALL  
EPPING FOREST

AIRCRAFT  
Fighters (incl.15 twin-eng) 126  
Light & M/Bombers 177  
Torpedo & D/Bombers 2  
Flying Boats 1  
Floatplanes 27  
Obsn. A/c 20

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>CA</u>	-	(2) NACHI ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	(3) ABUKUMA TAMA KISO
<u>DD</u>	9	10
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx.4

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Mandates  
Philippines

Empire

<u>BB</u>	(14)	IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA * OKLAHOMA	-	(6)	YAMATO ISE YAMASHIRO HYUGA * MUSASHI MUTSU (prob. sunk)
<u>CV</u>	(7)	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL HORNET	-	-	
<u>CV(L)</u>	(7)	COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY * INDEPENDENCE	-	(4)	RYUHO HITAKA ZUIHO * HAYATAKA
<u>CV(T)</u>	-			-		HOSHO
<u>CV(B)</u>	(21)	COPAHEE BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU CASABLANCA ALTAMAHA CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR WHITE PLAINS	BRETON MIDWAY SAVO ISLAND PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MEHENTA BAY		(5)	CHITOSE CHIYODA JINYO * OTAKA * UNYO
<u>CA</u>	(13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CAMBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND			MAYA
<u>OCA</u>	-			-		6
<u>CL</u>	(8)	SANTA FE SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN MOBILE	BILOXI OAKLAND * RENO * CONCORD	YUBARI	(4)	* NAGARA * NATORI * ISUZU * OYODO
<u>CL(T)</u>	-			KASHIMA		-
<u>AV/CVS</u>		CURTISS		(2)	AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO	-
<u>DD</u>		Approx. 120		10-15		20 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u>		Approx. 30		25		Approx. 25
<u>AS</u>		?		?		2 (1 repairing)

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

<u>CL</u>	TRENTON	-
<u>DD</u>	9	-

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Malaya

<u>BB</u>	-	(3) QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN	(4) NAGATO FUSO KONGO HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	-	(2) ILLUSTRIOUS SARATOGA	(2) ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	TAIHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	(3) BATTLEER UNICORN SHAH	KAIYO
<u>CA</u>	SUFFOLK	(3) SUSSEX LONDON CUMBERLAND	(11) AOBA KUMANO SUZUYA TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI MYOKA HAGURO
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	(8) CEYLON KENYA GAMBIA NIGERIA NEWCASTLE DANAE TROMP EMERALD	(5) YAHAGI NOSHIRO KINU KITAGAMI OI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(2) CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOJ
<u>XCL</u>	-	(2) CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>DD</u>	-	Approx. 27	30
<u>SS</u>	(16) BLUEFISH CABRILLA CREVALLE COD FLASHER HADDO HAKE JACK RATON	HOE ) MINGO ) PADDLE ) PARGO ) REDFIN ) ROBALO ) K.14 ) K.15 ) On patrol At Exmouth Gulf	Approx. 15 17 (incl. 6 German)
	(10) ANGLER BILLFISH BONEFISH BOWFIN GUNNEL	NORWHALE ) PUPPER ) RASHER ) RAY ) LAPON ) At Fremantle	
	(2) PELIAS ORION		

AIRCRAFT (East Indies only)

Fighters	121
Light & M/Bombers	48
Torpedo & D/Bombers	-
Flying Boats	-
Floatplanes	43
Obsn. a/c	23

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.

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Date :

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

- (1) "JENKINS" (DD) escorting "MIZAR" (AF) departed Cape Sudest 1000/13 for Langemak.
- (2) "YMS's 9, 334" departed Milne Bay 1235/13 for Cape Sudest ETA 1300/14.
- (3) "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) departed Milne Bay 0700/13 for survey ground vicinity Morobe.
- (4) "MORESBY" (AGS) departed Milne Bay 0700/9 on survey duty.
- (5) "BUNBURY" (AMS) was to depart Langemak 0700/14 for Milne Bay.
- (6) "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) towing 1 LCT departed Caloundra 1800/8 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/15.
- (7) "BALLARAT" (AMS) escorting "ISLANDER" departed Cairns 0621/12 for Thursday Is ETA 1400/14; thence Merauke and return to Thursday Is.
- (8) "MANUNDA" (AH) departed Caloundra 1316/12 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/16.
- (9) "SHIKELLAMY" (AOG) departed Brisbane 1900/12 for Milne Bay ETA 0900/18.
- (10) "CARONDOLET" (IX) departed Caloundra 1200/13 ETA China Strait 1200/20.
- (11) "SWAN" (PS) was to depart Caloundra 1300/13 for Milne Bay ETA 1300/17.
- (12) "ST. MARY" (IX) was to depart Cairns 1600/13 for Milne Bay.
- (13) "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS) departed Townsville 1635/11 for Sydney ETA 1500/15.
- (14) "POINT LOMA" (AF) departed Milne Bay 1135/9 for Sydney ETA 1030/17.
- (15) "WHYALLA" departed Caloundra 2200/10 on Sandy Cape A/S patrol: on relief about 1200/15 to return to Brisbane.
- (16) "ECHUCA" (AMS) departed Sydney 1430/13 for Brisbane ETA 0200/16; for onward routeing to Milne Bay.
- (17) "YANDRA" (A/S) departed Sydney 0904/13 on A/S patrol to Smoky Cape and return.
- (18) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "BUNGAREE" (CM) to depart Torres Strait 14 April for Bowen ETA 0800/17 and Townsville ETA p.m. 18 April; returning thence to Thursday Island by about 24 April.
- (2) "SOLACE" (AH) to depart Brisbane about 14 April for Langemak ETA 0800/24, thence Milne Bay.
- (3) "GLADSTONE" (AMS) to be sailed when ready to Milne Bay: to come under operational and administrative control of N.O.I.C. New Guinea.
- (4) "OCTANS" (AF) to depart Sydney 1800/14 for Caloundra.
- (5) "STRAHAN" (AMS) to depart Sydney when ready about April 15 for Milne Bay. On arrival transferred to operational and administrative control N.O.I.C. New Guinea: to work up at Milne Bay.

(c) In Harbour:

Admiralties:  
Combat Units 19 PT  
Escorts 11 : "BENALLA" "BUNDABERG" "CASTLEMAINE" "STAWELL"  
(AMS) 6 YMS: 8, 10, 46, 47, 48, 51  
1 SC: 747  
Auxiliaries 7 : "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "TANGIER"  
(AV) "MINK" (IX) "VICTORIA" (AO) "EPPING FOREST"  
"GUNSTON HALL" (LSD)  
Merchantmen 16 : "J. BARBARA" "F. BILLINGS" "J. P. BRADLEY"  
"J. BURROUGHS" "T. CRAWFORD" "J. D. DOTY"  
"E. JOHNSON" "KARSIK" "LYMAN STEWART"  
"MORMACGULL" "MORMACSEA" "RAMO" "W. L. SUBJETTE"  
"VAN SWOLL" "S. M. WHITE" "M. THORNTON"

Cape Gloucester:  
Escorts 2 : 2 PC: 476, 1132  
Merchantmen 1 : "A. THOMAS"

Talasea:  
Combat Units 15 PT  
Auxiliaries 1 : "HILO" (AGP)

Saidor:  
Combat Units 11 PT with 1 LST acting as AGP  
Merchantmen 2 : "ANSON BURLINGHAME" "TIMOSHENKO"

Ilo Ilo:  
Combat Units 28 PT  
Escorts 21 : 1 PF: "LONGBEACH"  
4 AMS: "BOWEN" "GLENELG" "KAPUNDA" "GYMPIE"  
3 PC: 1120, 1123, 1124  
3 YMS: 71, 314, 315  
4 ML: 424, 803, 806, 816  
6 SC: 648, 698, 703, 743, 750, 981  
Auxiliaries 24 : "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "SCHLEY" "HUMPHREYS" "GILMER"  
"BROOKS" "SANDS" "KILTY" "CROSBY" "NOA" "DENT"  
"WARD" (APD) "CENTAURUS" (AKA) "PYRO" (AE)  
"BOOTES" "ETAMIN" (AK) "CHETCO" "SCNOMA"  
"RESERVE" (AT) "WESTRALIA" (APA) "TULSA" (PG)  
"LEOPARD" "PORCUPINE" (IX) 1 YT: 156 1 YOG  
Merchantmen 18 : "J. S. BRADY" "CAPE NEWENHAM" "P. CHANDLER"  
"W. E. CHANNING" "CITY OF PHILADELPHIA"  
"M. DALY" "J. EVANS" "A. B. HAMMOND" "MACTAN"  
"MANA" "G. VON L. MEYER" "F. M. QUINONES"  
"URIAH M. ROSE" "J. ROSS" "C. L. SMITH"  
"W. C. SQUIRE" "A. E. WATTS" "J. M. WHISTLER"

Lae:  
Escorts 4 : 3 ML: 428, 430, 431 1 PC: 1122  
Auxiliaries 3 : "SUSQUEHANNA" (AGG) "PANDA" (IX) "TRIANGULUM"  
(AK)  
Merchantmen 13 : "D. F. BARRY" "F. H. DODD" "A. S. DUNIWAY" "GREY LAG"  
"LAKE ORMAC" "NORLAGO" "RING LARDNER"  
"J. A. ROSSITER" "J. SINGER" "R. STUART"  
"VAN OUTHORN" "ED. N. WESTCOTT" "D. WRIGHT"

Buna-Oro Bay:  
Combat Units 29 DD : "HOPEWELL" "O'BANNON" "STEMBEL" "STOCKTON"  
"STEVENSON" "THORN" "REID" "SWANSON" "HOBBY"  
"NICHOLAS" "TAYLOR" "STEVENS" "JOHN ROGERS"  
"MCKEE" "MURRAY" "RINGGOLD" "GILLESPIE"  
"RADFORD" "SCHROEDER" "DASHIELL" "SIGSBEE"  
"FLETCHER" "WELLES" "KALK" "ROE" "GRAYSON"  
"LA VALLETTE" "WILKES" "NICHOLSON"  
Escorts 17 : 6 DE: "LOVELACE" "MANNING" "NEUENDORF"  
"JAMES E. CRAIG" "EICHENBERGER" "WHITEHURST"  
3 PF: "CORONADO" "GLENDAL" "SAN PEDRO"  
2 YMS: 316, 336  
6 SC: 637, 735, 736, 742, 732, 982  
Auxiliaries 18 : "TRINITY" (AO) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGG) "ZEILIN"  
"ORMSLEY" "WINDSOR" "HARRY LEE" (APA)  
"VIRGO" (AKA) "MEDUSA" (AR) "KANE" "HERBERT"  
(APD) "GEORGE ELLIOTT" (AK) "HAMILTON" "LONG"  
"HOGAN" (DMS) "PING WO (ASIS) "YUNNAN" (AE)  
"DOBBIN" (AD) 1 ARD



Buna-Oro Bay (Contd.)  
Merchantmen 24

: "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "ALCOA POLARIS" "E.D. BAKER"  
"BALIKPAPAN" "J. BUCHANAN" "CAPE HENRY"  
"CEPALU" "S.L. CLARKE" "T.M. COOLEY" "P.T. DODD-  
RIDGE" "D.E. HUGHES" "JANSSENS" "O. KELLY"  
"KOTA INTEN" "NORAB" "OZARK" "B. MATTHEWS"  
"H.T. RAINBY" "O. SKINNER" "M.M. STEWART"  
"A. REHAN" "H.V. WHITE" "S.W. WILLISTON" "J.M. WING

Woodlark Is:

Escorts 1  
Merchantmen 1  
Auxiliaries 1

: 1 ML: 817  
: "J.S. MANSFIELD"  
: "TEAK" (AN)

Goodenough Is:

Combat Units 1 DD  
Escorts 1  
Auxiliaries 5  
  
Merchantmen 5

: "HARRISON"  
: "PC. 1133"  
: "EARTER HALL" (LSD) "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA"  
"H.T. ALLEN" (APA) "HERMITAGE" (AP)  
: "D.D. FIELD" "M. GRIFFITH" "S.G. PORTER"  
"WEST CACTUS" "K.D. WIGGIN"

Milne Bay:

Combat Units 2 CA  
3 CL  
10 DD  
  
Escorts 1 PT  
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: "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE"  
: "NASHVILLE" "BOISE" "PHOENIX"  
: "HUTCHINS" "DALY" "BACHE" "MULLANY" "BEALE"  
"ABNER READ" "ARUNTA" "VENDETTA" "WARRAMUNGA"  
"AMMEN"

Auxiliaries 36

: 1 PS: "WARREGO" 7 ML: 424, 425, 427, 801, 802, 818/  
4 PF: "VAN BUREN" "OGDEN" "EL PASO" "GASCOYNE"  
11 SC: 650, 699, 734, 736, 737, 738, 741, 742,  
744, 746, 748  
5 AMS: "KIAMA" "COWRA" "ARARAT" "WAGGA"  
"GOULBURN"  
5 PC: 477, 1119, 1121, 1131, 1134  
6 YMS: 52, 53, 73, 313, 335, 393

Merchantmen 79

: "DICKERSON" "TALBOT" (APD) "PERRY" (DMS)  
"AASE MAERSK" (AO) "CALAMARES" "MERKUR" (AF)  
"HALF MOON" (AVP) "OTUS" "EURYALE" (AS)  
"KOOPA" (AGP) "RIGEL" (AR) "AMYCUS" (ARL)  
"GENERAL R.L. HOWZE" "PRESIDENT MONROE"  
"WHARTON" (AP) "BAYOU ST. JOHN" "TANCRED"  
"WATO" (AT) "GANYMED" (AK) "POYANG" (ASIS)  
"VILLALOBOS" "ANDREW DORIA" (IX) "TASMAN" (AH)  
"ALABASTER" (PYC) "GOLDSTAR" (AG)  
"CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) 3 APD 2 ARD 1 YOG  
4 YP: 278, 280, 283, 449  
: "H.T. ABBOTT" "ACONCAGUA" "ANHUI" "ARANSAS PASS"  
"D. BELASCO" "S.K. BOLIVAR" "BORGFRED"  
"BIRCHCOULIE" "BOTH" "BRITISH COLUMBIA EXPRESS"  
"W.N. BYERS" "J. CABRILLO" "J.C. CALHOUN"  
"CARLOS CARILLO" "J.M. CAREY" "CHIEF CHARLOT"  
"CAPE COD" "CAPE LOSS" "CAPE SPENCER"  
"N.I. CASEY" "J. CHOTEAU" "F.J. CUNEL"  
"G. DAVIDSON" "J. DEERE" "DON MARQUIS"  
"L.C. DYCHE" "F.A. EILERS" "EMPIRE HAMBLE"  
"R.F. HAND" "F. EVERS" "FALLEN TIMBERS"  
"FIRE ISLAND" "GRANDE RONDE" "HANYANG"  
"HAWAIIAN SHIPPER" "ISOLATOR" "S. JACKSON"  
"L.S. KELLY" "M.C. KERR" "C. KING" "KOTA GEDE"  
"W.S. LADD" "ED. LANDER" "J.H. LANE"  
"N. LUCKENBACH" "G. LUKS" "F.B. LINDERMANN"  
"J. LYKES" "C.H. MATSON" "J. MCLEAN" "J.W. MELDRUM"  
"MONMOUTH" "H. MONROE" "W.V. MOODY" "NARVIK"  
"T. NELSON" "ORMISTON" "B.T. OSBORNE" "POELAU LAUT"  
"G.H. PORTER" "M. ROBERTSON" "A. ROBINSON"  
"W.B. ROGERS" "SEA CAT" "SEA WITCH"  
"SOMMELSDITCK" "C. SPRECKLES" "SWARTENHONDT"  
"T.W. SYMONS" "TAWALI" "J. THOMAS" "J.M. THOMPSON"  
"TJISADANE" "S. TURMAN" "GEO. VANCOUVER"  
"VAN SPILBERGEN" "W. WILLIAMS" "YOGHOW"  
"E. YOUNG"

<u>Port-Moresby:</u>			
Escorts	1	:	1 <u>ML</u> : 426
Merchantmen	4	:	"ALDINGA" "G.R. HEBARD" "MUNGANA" "TAROONA"
<u>Thursday Is:</u>			
Escorts	1	:	1 <u>A/S</u> : "WILCANNIA"
Auxiliaries	2	:	"BUNGAREE" (CM) "POLARIS" (AGS)
<u>Cairns:</u>			
Combat Units	1 DD	:	"BUSH"
Escorts	10	:	2 <u>AMS</u> : "BENDIGO" "KALGOORLIE"
		:	1 <u>FC</u> : 479 1 <u>SC</u> : 731
		:	4 <u>ML</u> : 804, 805, 811, 820 2 <u>YMS</u> : 49, 50
Auxiliaries	2	:	"PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 <u>ARD</u>
<u>Townsville:</u>			
Escorts	2	:	1 <u>PF</u> : "BARCOO" 1 <u>AMS</u> : "GEELONG"
Auxiliaries	1	:	1 <u>YP</u> : 233
<u>Mackay:</u>			
Auxiliaries	1	:	"HERON" (AVP)
<u>Brisbane:</u>			
Escorts	8	:	3 <u>AMS</u> : "BROOME" "LITHGOW" "MILDURA"
		:	1 <u>YMS</u> : 70 2 <u>ML</u> : 808, 821 2 <u>SC</u> : 745, 749
Auxiliaries	12	:	"ALGORAB" (AKA) "KURUMBA" (AO) "COUCAL" (ASR)
		:	"POLLUX" (AKS) "YUMA" (AT) 2 <u>YP</u> : 236, 291
		:	"MAETSUYCKER" "SOLACE" (AH) "KAILUA" (IX)
		:	2 <u>YT</u>
<u>Sydney:</u>			
Combat Units	3 CL	:	"HOBART" (Refitting) "MONTPELIER" "CLEVELAND"
	6 DD	:	"STUART" "FULLAM" "GUEST" "BENNETT" "HUDSON"
		:	"HALFORD"
Escorts	17	:	8 <u>AMS</u> : "COLAC" "DELOIRINE" "ECHUCA"
		:	"GLADSTONE" "KATOOMBA" "STRAHAN" "TOWNSVILLE"
		:	"WARRNAMBOOL"
		:	3 <u>A/S</u> : "AB. CRIJNSSEN" "DOOMBA" "KYBRA"
		:	6 <u>ML</u> : 807, 809, 813, 822, 823, 825
Auxiliaries	5	:	"BISHOPDALE" (AO) "OCTANS" (AF) "DUNTROON" (AP)
		:	"CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG)
<u>Melbourne:</u>			
Combat Units	1 CVE	:	"RANEE"
Escorts	1	:	1 <u>AMS</u> : "FREMANTLE" (Refitting)
<u>Adelaide:</u>			
Escorts	1	:	1 <u>AMS</u> : "ROCKHAMPTON" (Refitting)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

1. Empress Augusta Bay - A.M. 12 April the camp area at Saua was attacked by 9 Dauntless and 12 Avengers.  
At 2300-2359/12 enemy artillery was again active and some 31 shells fell in the neighbourhood of the Piva strips, causing some damage to aircraft.
2. Rabaul - A.M. 12 April the supply bases at Talili Bay and in the western end of the town and also A/A positions were attacked by 90 Dauntless and Avengers 30 Mitchells and 11 Aircobras. Photographs confirm the destruction of some storage bases and buildings. At 0930/12 Vunakanau runway was bombed by 23 Fighter-bombers.  
Photographs a.m. 12 April show the concrete strip at Vunakanau to be partially serviceable, Lakunai runway partially serviceable, Rapopo serviceable for emergency landings and other landing grounds unserviceable. 1 L/B present Vunakanau, 1 F. at Lakunai, 3 F at Tobera and 1 aircraft at Rapopo
3. Bogadjim - At 1300/13 an allied patrol entered Bogadjim. Tracks northwards to the Gori River and Southwards to Kubali Mission were reconnoitred but no enemy movement was seen.  
On the previous day at 1000/12, Wenga, 5 miles SSW Bogadjim, was bombed and strafed by 8 Aircobras.
4. Sepik River - At 1235/12 aircraft reported 31 native Lakatois moving down the Sepik River apparently in some sort of a convoy.
5. Wewak-Aitape - Shortly before midday 13 April Camp and supply areas at But and Dagua were bombed by 63 escorted Liberators dropping 251½ tons of 1000 lb bombs. Photos confirm that three quarters of the camp area was destroyed and

Wewak-Aitape (contd) - 4 A/A positions were hit. Numerous fires were started, 2 ammunition dumps were destroyed and also a probable fuel dump. There was no interception and no A/A fire.

At approx. 1230/13 Tadjil and nearby villages, in addition to supply bases at Brandi Plantation and Cape Moem (near Wewak) were bombed and strafed by 53 escorted Bostons.

- Aitape - Vanimo - On 13 April 2 loaded barges and supplies on the beach near Prittwitz Point were destroyed by 2 reconnaissance Mitchells.
7. Wakde Island - During the night 12-13 April Wakde airfield and neighbouring camps were attacked by 6 Liberators dropping 24 tons of 1000 lb bombs. The target area was well covered but 1 large explosion was the only visible effect

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## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/14:

- "PIRIE" (AMS) escorting Convoy DT 50 (2 MV) departed Darwin 0500/12 for Thursday Island ETA 1600/15.
- (2) "YMS's 11, 72" departed Thursday Island 1805/13 for Greete Island ETA 1000/15.
- (3) 16 Submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

##### Darwin:

Escorts	6	: 2 AMS: "LATROBE" "INVERELL"
		4 ML: 429, 809, 814, 815
Merchantmen	3	: "H. MOLLER" "R. P. WARNER" "GEO EASTMAN"

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## 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/14:

- (1) "SUFFOLK" (CA) escorting 2 MV departed Fremantle 0800/13 proceeding out of S.W.P.A.
- "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) departed Fremantle 1737/13 for Exmouth Gulf.

#### (b) Proposed Movements:

Nil

#### (c) In Harbour:

##### Fremantle:

Combat Units	1 CL	: "ADELAIDE"
Escorts	6	: "HURSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739
		3 ML 812, 824, 826
Auxiliaries	8	: "LARK" (AM) "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS) "ISABEL" (PY)
		2 YP: 286, 288 1 ARD "CHILDS" (AV)

##### Exmouth Gulf:

Auxiliaries	1	: "W. B. PRESTON" (AVD)
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## 3. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

### ENEMY FORCES

1. Truk - Early a.m. 11 April Truk Atoll, including Dublon town, Moen airfield and other small islands were raided for 2½ hours by 23 Cenpac Liberators dropping 57½ tons of bombs.

1. Truk (contd) - Large fires and explosions were seen. 6 enemy aircraft ineffectually attempted interception.
2. Ponape - Early a.m. 11 April 2 enemy fighters attempted to intercept a Liberator over Ponape without success. The Liberator dropped bombs on the island.
3. Palau - At 1200/13 an enemy bomber probably on reconnaissance was shot down by a Souwespac Liberator 275 miles S.E. of Palau.

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ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

1. Concentration of naval strength Malayan area.
2. Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North Coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan and Kuriles.
3. Increased use of submarines for transportation purposes in Marshalls-Bismarcks-Solomons.
4. Continued use of barges and small coasters for coastal transportation in forward areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

<u>BB</u>	.		(4) IDAHO	.
			NEW MEXICO	
			PENNSYLVANIA	
			TENNESSEE	
<u>CV(E)</u>	RANEE		(7) NATOMA BAY	.
			MANILA BAY	
			SANGAMON	
			SUWANNEE	
			CHENANGO	
			SANTEE	
			OMMANEY BAY	
<u>CA</u>	(2) AUSTRALIA		.	.
	SHROPSHIRE			
<u>CL</u>	(6) BOISE		(6) COLUMBIA	
	NASHVILLE		DENVER	
	PHOENIX		HONOLULU	
	MONTPELIER		ST LOUIS	
	CLEVELAND		BIRMINGHAM	
	* HOBART		* LEANDER	
<u>AV/CVS</u>	TANGIER		(3) WRIGHT	.
			CHANDELEUR	
			POCOMOKE	
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	(3) HALF MOON		(2) BALLARD	.
	SAN PABLO		GOOS BAY	
	HERON			
<u>DD</u>	(48) ARUNTA	JOHN ROGERS	Approx. 40	.
	WARRAMUNGA	KALK		
	STUART	LA VALLETTE		
	VENDETTA	MCKEE		
	ABNER READ	MULLANY		
	AMMEN	MURRAY		
	BACHE	NICHOLAS		
	BEALE	NICHOLSON		
	BENNETT	O'BANNON		
	BUSH	RADFORD		
	DALY	REID		
	DASHIELL	RINGGOLD		
	FLETCHER	ROE		
	FULLAM	SIGSBEE		
	GILLESPIE	SCHROEDER		
	GRAYSON	STEMBEL		
	GUEST	STEVENS		
	HALFORD	STEVENSON		
	HARRISON	STOCKTON		
	HOBBY	SWANSON		
	HCFEWELL	TAYLOR		
	HUDSON	THORN		
	HUTCHINS	WELLES		
	JENKINS	WILKES		

\* Non-effective

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

<u>SS</u>	(7) BASHAW	CERO	)			10
	BLACKFISH	DACE	)	On patrol		
	BLUEFISH	DARTER	)			
		SCAMP	)			
	K.12			On passage		
	(2) S.42		)	At Milne Bay		
	S.47		)			
	(2) SILVERSIDES		)	At Brisbane		
	TUNNY		)			
	K.9			At Sydney		

<u>F</u>	Approx. 85		Approx. 110		?
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<u>APA</u> )	(23) H.T.ALLEN (APA)	KANE (APD)	15 APA
<u>AKA</u> )	KANIMBLA	GILMER	1 APD
<u>APD</u> )	MANOORA	SCHLEY	8 AKA
	WESTRALIA	SANDS	
	HARRY LEE	HUMPHREYS	
	ZEILIN	BROOKS	
	ORMSLEY	HERBERT	
	WINDSOR	TALBOT	
	ALGORAB (AKA)	CROSBY	
	CENTAURUS	NOA	
	VIRGO	DENT	
		DICKERSON	
		KILTY	
		WARD	

<u>AGC</u>	BLUE RIDGE			-
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<u>AS</u>	(2) OTUS			?
	EURYALE			

<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN			-
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<u>AR</u>	(3) RIGEL	PROMETHEUS		-
	PLATYPUS			
	AMYCUS			

<u>LSD</u>	(3) CARTER HALL		<u>AIRCRAFT</u>	
	GUNSTON HALL		Fighters	
	EPPING FOREST		(incl. 9 twin-eng)	110
			Light & M/Bombers	68
			Torpedo & D/Bombers	2
			Flying Boats	1
			Floatplanes	27
			Obsn. A/c	20

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>CA</u>	-	(2) NACHI
		ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	(3) DETROIT	(3) ABUKUMA
	RALEIGH	TAMA
	RICHMOND	KISO
<u>DD</u>	9	10
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx. 4

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>Mandates</u> <u>Philippines</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u> <u>Empire</u>
<u>BB</u>	(14)	IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA * OKLAHOMA	(6) YAMATO ISE YAMASHIRO HYUGA * MUSASHI MUTSU (prob sunk)
<u>CV</u>	(7)	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL HORNET	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	(7)	COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY * INDEPENDENCE	(4) RYUHO HITAKA ZUIHO * HAYATAKA
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	-	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	(21)	COPAHEE BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU CASABLANCA ALTAMAHA CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR WHITE PLAINS	BRETON MIDWAY SAVO ISLAND PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MEHEWTA BAY	(5) CHITOSE CHIYODA JINYO * OTAKA * UNYO
<u>CA</u>	(13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND	MAYA
<u>OCA</u>	-	-	-	6
<u>CL</u>	(8)	SANTA FE SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN MOBILE	BILOXI OAKLAND * RENO * CONCORD	(2) YUBARI KINU (4) * NAGARA * NATORI * ISUZU * OYODO
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHIMA	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>		CURTISS	(2) AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO	-
<u>DD</u>		Approx. 120	15-20	20 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u>		Approx. 30	25	Approx. 25
<u>AS</u>		?	?	2 (1 repairing)

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

<u>CL</u>	TRENTON	-
<u>DD</u>	9	-

\* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Malaya

<u>BB</u>	-	(3) QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN	(4) NAGATO FUSO KONGO HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	-	(2) ILLUSTRIOUS SARATOGA	(2) ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	TAIHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	(3) BATTLER UNICORN SHAH	KAIYO
<u>C</u>	SUFFOLK	(3) SUSSEX LONDON CUMBERLAND	(11) AOBA KUMANO SUZUYA TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI MYOKO HAGURO
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	(8) CEYLON KENYA GAMBIA NIGERIA NEWCASTLE DANAE TROMP EMERALD	(4) YAHAGI NOSHIRO KITAGAMI OI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(2) CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI
<u>XCL</u>	-	(2) CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>DD</u>	-	Approx. 27	30
<u>SS</u>	(16) BLUE FISH CABRILLA CREVALLE COD FLASHER HADDO HAKE JACK HOE MINGO PADDLE BARGO REDFIN ROBALO K.14 K.15	Approx. 15 On patrol	18 (incl. 7 German)
	(2) FLOUNDER RATON	} On passage	
	(10) ANGLER BILLFISH BONEFISH BOWFIN GUNNEL NORWHEAL PUFFER RASHER RAY LAPON	} At Fremantle	
<u>AS</u>	(2) PELIAS ORION		

AIRCRAFT (East Indies only)

Fighters	121
Light & M/Bombers	57
Torpedo & D/Bombers	-
Flying Boats	-
Floatplanes	43
Obsn. A/c	23



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. 808

Date: 15 April 1944

PART IA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA.EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

- X (1) "PC.1133" "PC.1134" escorting Convoy BG.83A (probably 9 MV) departed Milne Bay 1510/14 for Langemak ETA 0630/16.
- (2) "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) surveying vicinity Morobe.
- (3) "MORESBY" (AGS) departed Milne Bay 0700/9 on survey duty.
- (4) "BUNBURY" (AMS) was to depart Langemak 0700/14 for Milne Bay.
- (5) "WARREGO" (PS) "GOULBURN" "WAGGA" (AMS) commenced patrol South of China Strait at 1500/13.
- (6) "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) towing 1 LCT departed Caloundra 1800/8 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/15.
- (7) "MANUNDA" (AR) departed Caloundra 1316/12 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/16.
- (8) "SWAN" (PS) en route to Milne Bay ETA 1300/17.
- (9) "GEELONG" departed Townsville 1700/14 for Milne Bay ETA 0800/17.
- (10) "SHIKELLAMY" (AOG) departed Brisbane 1900/12 for Milne Bay ETA 0900/18.
- (11) "LITHGOW" (AMS) en route Caloundra to Milne Bay ETA 0900/19.
- (12) "CARONDOLET" (IX) departed Caloundra 1200/13 ETA China Strait 1200/20.
- (13) "ST. MARY" (IX) departed Cairns 1600/13 for Milne Bay.
- (14) "WILCANNIA" (A/S) escorting Convoy TD.51 ("SHWEDAGON" "A.HILL") departed Thursday Island 0800/14 for Darwin ETA 2000/17.
- (15) "ML.820" departed Cairns 1445/14 for Thursday Island ETA 1600/17.
- (16) "BUNGAREE" (CM) was to depart Torres Strait 14 April for Bowen ETA 0800/17 and Townsville ETA p.m. 18 April thence returning to Thursday Island about 24 April.
- (17) "SC.745" was to depart Brisbane 1600/14 to relieve "WHYALLA" on Sandy Cape A/S patrol: to depart patrol area at 1200/18 and return to Brisbane. "WHYALLA" returns Brisbane on relief.
- (18) "ECHUCA" (AMS) departed Sydney 1430/13 for Brisbane ETA 0200/16: for onward routing to Milne Bay.
- (19) "KALGOORLIE" (AMS) departed Cairns 1800/14 for Sydney with tow.
- (20) "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS) departed Townsville 1635/11 for Sydney ETA 1500/15.
- (21) "POINT LOMA" (AT) departed Milne Bay 1135/9 for Sydney ETA 1030/17.
- (22) "YANDRA" (A/S) departed Sydney 0904/13 on A/S patrol to Smoky Cape and return.
- (23) "OCTANS" (AF) was to depart Sydney 1800/14 for Caloundra.
- (24) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "RAMEE" (CVE) to depart Melbourne 1515/15 eastbound.
- (2) "STRAHAN" (AMS) to depart Sydney when ready about April 15 for Milne Bay. On arrival transferred to operational and administrative control N.O.I.C. New Guinea: to work up at Milne Bay.
- (3) "PC.1123" "PC.1132" are to sail from Langemak for Milne Bay after arrival Convoy BG.83A at Langemak.

(b) Proposed Movements (Contd.)

- (4) "YP.291" to depart Brisbane 16 April for Palm Island, Cairns, Thursday Island; returning thence to Brisbane.  
(5) "SOLACE" (AR) to depart Brisbane about 18 April for Langemak, thence Milne Bay.  
(6) "GLADSTONE" (AMS) to be sailed when ready to Milne Bay; to come under operational and administrative control of N.O.I.C. New Guinea.

(c) In Harbour:

Admiralties:  
Combat Units 1 DD : "JENKINS"  
22 PT  
Escorts 13 : "BENALLA" "BOWEN" "GYMPIE" "CASTLEMAINE"  
"STAWELL" (AMS)  
6 YMS: 8, 10, 46, 47, 48, 51 1 SC: 747  
1 PC: 1120  
Auxiliaries 9 : "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "SAN PABLO" (AVP)  
"TANGIER" (AV) "MINK" (IX) "VICTORIA" (AO)  
"EPPING FOREST" "GUNSTON HALL" (LSD)  
"MIZAR" (AF) "GEO.ELLIOTT" (AK)  
Merchantmen 13 : "J.BARBOSA" "J.P.BRADLEY" "T.CRAWFORD"  
"J.D.DOTY" "E.JOHNSON" "KARSIK" "LYMAN STEWART"  
"MORMACGULL" "MORMACSEA" "RAMO" "VAN SWOLL"  
"S.M.WHITE" "M.THORNTON"

Cape Gloucester:  
Escorts 1 : 1 PC: 476

Talsea:  
Combat Units 13 PT

Saidor:  
Combat Units 10 PT with 1 LST acting as AGP  
Merchantmen 2 : "ANSON BURLINGHAME" "TIMOSHENKO"

Langemak:  
Combat Units 28 PT  
Escorts 21 : 1 DE: "WHITEHURST" 1 PF: "LONGBEACH"  
3 AMS: "BUNDABERG" "KAPUNDA" "GLENELG"  
3 PC: 1123, 1124, 1132  
3 YMS: 71, 314, 315  
4 ML: 424, 803, 806, 816  
6 SC: 648, 698, 703, 743, 750, 981  
Auxiliaries 23 : "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "SCHLEY" "GILMER" "BROOKS"  
"SANDS" "KILTY" "DENT" "WARD" (APD)  
"TRYON" (APH) "CENTAURUS" (AKA) "PYRO" (AE)  
"BOOTES" "ETAMIN" (AK) "SONOMA" "RESERVE" (AT)  
"WESTRALIA" (APA) "TULSA" (PG) "HILO" (AGP)  
"POYANG" (ASIS) "LEOPARD" "PORCUPINE" (IX)  
1 YI: 156 1 YOG  
Merchantmen 23 : "J.G.BRADY" "F.BILLINGS" "J.BURROUGHS"  
"W.N.EYERS" "CAPE NEWMHAM" "P.CHANDLER"  
"W.E.CHANNING" "CITY OF PHILADELPHIA"  
"M.DALY" "J.EVANS" "A.B.HAMMOND" "MACTAN"  
"MANA" "G.VON L.MEYER" "F.M.QUINONES"  
"URIAH M.ROSE" "J.ROSS" "C.L.SMITH"  
"W.C.SQUIRE" "W.L.SUBJETTE" "A.THOMAS"  
"A.E.WATTS" "J.M.WHISTLER"

Lae:  
Escorts 4 : 3 ML: 428, 430, 431 1 PC: 1122  
Auxiliaries 3 : "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG) "PANDA" (IX)  
"TRIANGULUM" (AK)  
Merchantmen 13 : "D.F.BARRY" "F.H.DODD" "A.S.DUNIWAY"  
"GREY LAG" "LAKE ORMAC" "NORLAGO"  
"RING LARDNER" "J.A.ROSSITER" "J.SINGER"  
"R.STUART" "VAN OUTHORN" "ED.N.WESTCOTT"  
"D.WRIGHT"

Buna-Oro Bay:  
Combat Units 30 DD : "HOPWELL" "O'BANNON" "STEMBEL" "STOCKTON"  
"STEVENSON" "THORN" "REID" "SWANSON" "HOBBY"  
"NICHOLAS" "TAYLOR" "STEVENS" "JOHN ROGERS"  
"MCKEE" "MURRAY" "RINGGOLD" "GILIE SPIE"  
"RADFORD" "SCHROEDER" "DASHIELL" "SIGSBEE"  
"FLETCHER" "WELLES" "KALK" "ROE" "GRAYSON"  
"LA VALLETTE" "WILKES" "NICHOLSON" "HARRISON"

Buna-Oro Bay (Contd.)  
Escorts 20

: 5 DE: "LOVELACE" "MANNING" "NEUBENDORF"  
"JAMES E. CRAIG" "EICHENBERGER"  
5 PF: "CORONADO" "GLENDALE" "SAN PEDRO"  
"OGDEN" "VAN BUREN"

4 YMS: 9, 316, 334, 336  
6 SC: 637, 732, 735, 736, 742, 982

Auxiliaries 20

: "TRINITY" (AO) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "ZELIN"  
"ORMSLEY" "WINDSOR" "HARRY LEE" (APA)  
"MEDUSA" (AR) "KANE" "HERBERT" "HUMPHREYS"  
"NOA" "CROSBY" "DICKERSON" (APD) "HAMILTON"  
"LONG" "HOGAN (DMS) "PING WO" (ASIS)  
"YUNNAN" (AE) "DOBBIN" (AD) 1 ARD

Merchantmen 24

: "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "ALCOA POLARIS"  
"E.D. BAKER" "BALIKPAPAN" "J. BUCHANAN"  
"CAPE HENRY" "CEFALU" "S.L. CLARKE"  
"T.M. COOLEY" "P.T. DODDRIDGE" "D.E. HUGHES"  
"JANSSENS" "O. KELLY" "NORAS" "OZARK"  
"B. MATTHEWS" "H.T. RAINEY" "SEA CAT"  
"O. SKINNER" "M.M. STEWART" "A. REHAN" "H.V. WHITE"  
"S.W. WILLISTON" "J.M. WING"

Woodlark Is:

Escorts 1

: 1 ML: 817

Merchantmen 1

: "J.S. MANSFIELD"

Auxiliaries 1

: "TEAK" (AN)

Goodenough Is:

Auxiliaries 6

: "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "KANIMELA" "MANOORA"  
"H.T. ALLEN" (APA) "HERMITAGE" (AP) "VIRGO" (AKA)

Merchantmen 6

: "D.D. FIELD" "M. GRIFFITH" "KOTA INTEN"  
"S.G. PORTER" "WEST CACTUS" "K.D. WIGGIN"

Milne Bay:

Combat Units 2 CA

: "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE"

3 CL

: "NASHVILLE" "BOISE" "PHOENIX"

10 DD

: "HUTCHINS" "DALY" "BACHE" "MULLANY" "BEALE"  
"ABNER READ" "ARUNTA" "VENDETTA" "WARRAMUNGA"  
"AMMEN"

Escorts 33

: 2 PF: "EL PASO" "GASCOYNE"  
11 SC: 650, 699, 734, 736, 737, 738, 741,  
742, 744, 746, 748

3 AMS: "KIAMA" "COWRA" "ARARAT"

4 PC: 477, 1119, 1121, 1131

6 YMS: 52, 53, 73, 313, 335, 393

7 ML: 424, 425, 427, 801, 802, 818, 819

Auxiliaries 34

: "TALBOT" (APD) "PERRY" (DMS) "AASE MAERSK" (AO)  
"CALAMARES" "MERCUR" (AF) "HALF MOON" (AVP)  
"OTUS" "EURYALE" (AS) "KOCPA" (AGP)  
"RIGEL" (AR) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "GENERAL R.L. HOWZE"  
"PRESIDENT MONROE" "WHARTON" (AP) "CHETCO"  
"BAYOU ST. JOHN" "WATO" (AT) "GANYMEDE" (AK)  
"VILLALOBOS" "ANDREW DORIA" (IX) "TASMAN" (AH)  
"ALABASTER" (PYC) "GOLDSTAR" (AG)  
"CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) 3 AFD 2 ARD

Merchantmen 80

1 YOG 4 YP: 278, 280, 283, 449  
: "H.T. ABBOTT" "ACONCAGUA" "ANHUI"  
"ARANSAS PASS" "D. BELASCO" "S.K. BOLIVAR"  
"BORGFRED" "BIRCHCOULIE" "BOTH" "BRITISH  
COLUMBIA EXPRESS" "J. CABRILLO" "J.C. CALHOUN"  
"CARLOS CARILLO" "J.M. CAREY" "CHIEF CHARLOT"  
"CAPE GOD" "CAPE LOSS" "CAPE SPENCER"  
"M.I. CASEY" "J. CHOTEAU" "F.J. CUNEL"  
"G. DAVIDSON" "J. DEERE" "DON MARQUIS"  
"L.C. DYCHE" "F.A. EILERS" "EMPIRE HAMBLE"  
"R.F. HAND" "F. EVERS" "FALLEN TIMBERS"  
"FIRE ISLAND" "GRANDE RONDE" "HANYANG"  
"HAWAIIAN SHIPPER" "P.C. HEWITT" "ISOLATOR"  
"S. JACKSON" "L.S. KELLY" "H.C. KERR" "G. KING"  
"KOTA GEDE" "W.S. LADD" "ED. LANDER" "J.H. LANE"  
"N. LUCKENBACH" "G. LUKS" "F.B. LINDERMANN"  
"J. LYKES" "C.H. MATSON" "J. MCLEAN" "J.W. MELDRUM"  
"MONMOUTH" "H. MONROE" "W.V. MOODY" "NARVIK"  
"T. NELSON" "ORMISTON" "B.T. OSBORNE"

Milne Bay (Contd.)  
Merchantmen  
 (Contd.)

: "POELAU LAUF" "G.H. PORTER" "M. ROBERTSON"  
 "A. ROBINSON" "W.B. ROGERS" "N.J. SINNOTT"  
 "SOMMELSDITCK" "C. SPRECKLES" "SWARTENHONDT"  
 "T.W. SYMONS" "TAWALI" "J. THOMAS"  
 "J.N. THOMPSON" "I. JISADANE" "S. TURMAN"  
 "GEO. VANCOUVER" "VAN DER LIJN"  
 "VAN SPILBERGEN" "W. WILLIAMS" "YOCHOW"  
 "E. YOUNG"

Port Moresby:

Escorts 1 : 1 ML: 428  
 Merchantmen 5 : "ALDINGA" "G.R. HEBARD" "MUNGANA" "TAROONA"  
 "GEN. VERSPIJK"

Thursday Is:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "BALLARAT"  
 Auxiliaries 1 : "POLARIS" (AGS)

Cairns:

Combat Units 1 DD : "BUSH"  
 Escorts 8 : 1 AMS: "BENDIGO" 1 PC: 479 1 SC: 731  
 3 ML: 804, 805, 811 2 YMS: 49, 50  
 Auxiliaries 2 : "PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD

Townsville:

Escorts 1 : 1 PT: "BARCOO"  
 Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YF: 233

Rocky:

Auxiliaries 1 : "HERON" (AVP)

Brisbane:

Escorts 6 : 2 AMS: "BROOME" "MILDURA" 1 YMS: 70  
 2 ML: 808, 821 1 SC: 749  
 Auxiliaries 12 : "ALGORAB" (AKA) "KURUMBA" (AO) "COUCAL" (ASR)  
 "POLLUX" (AKS) "YUMA" (AT) 2 YP: 236, 291  
 "MAETSUYCKER" "SOLACE" (AH) "KAILUA" (IX)  
 2 YT

Sydney:

Combat Units 3 CL : "HOBART" (Refitting) "MONTPELIER" "CLEVELAND"  
 6 DD : "STUART" "FULLAM" "GUEST" "BENNETT" "HUDSON"  
 "HALFORD"  
 Escorts 17 : 8 AMS: "COLAC" "DELORAIN" "ECHUCA"  
 "GLADSTONE" "KATOOMBA" "STRAHAN" "TOWNSVILLE"  
 "WARRNAMBOOL"  
 3 A/S: "AB. CRIJNSSEN" "DOOMBA" "KYBRA"  
 6 ML: 807, 809, 813, 822, 823, 825  
 Auxiliaries 4 : "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "DUMFROON" (AP)  
 "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG)

Melbourne:

Combat Units 1 OVE : "RANEE"  
 Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "PREMANTLE" (Refitting)

Adelaide:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" (Refitting)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- Empress Augusta Bay - During the 24 hours ended 1500/13 enemy contacts were made by our patrols East of the Torokina perimeter and an undetermined number of enemy were located dug in N.E. of the perimeter.
- Kavieng - Photographs a.m. 13 April show both Kavieng and Panapai runways to be unserviceable.
- Rabaul - Details of air operations 13 April are not yet to hand. Photos 13 April show Vunakanau concrete strip serviceable Lakunai runway unserviceable after the air strike, Rapopo partially serviceable, Tobera unserviceable. 1 light bomber is visible on Vunakanau, 1 fighter on Lakunai, 4 fighters on Tobera and 2 floatplanes on the harbour. The usual 2 small freighters are still present in the harbour and probably about 250 barges.
- Wide Bay - During the night 13-14 April 8 enemy barges at the mouth of the Henry Reid River were located by PT boats. 4 barges were destroyed, 2 on the beach were damaged and the remaining 2 escaped. An unidentified type aircraft bombed and strafed the PT boats without effect.

5. Ubili Area - Local sources report 13 April the continued movement of enemy on foot Eastward along the trails. On 8 April 168 Japs in good condition were seen moving Eastwards but since then parties observed have been poorly equipped. There were on 11 April some 40 Japs including sick in the Ulamona area.

6. Mandates - New Guinea - Preliminary reports from aircraft in flight indicate 3 small merchant ships approximately 20 miles N.W. of Hapia Island (110 miles North of Manokwari) at 1245/14. The ships were attacked with some success but details are not complete.

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2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

- (1) "INVERELL" (AMS) escorting Convoy DT.51 (2 MV) was to depart Darwin 0800/15 for Thursday Island.
- (2) "PIRIE" (AMS) escorting Convoy DT.50 (2 MV) departed Darwin 0500/12 for Thursday Island ETA 1600/15.
- (3) "YMS's 11,72" departed Thursday Island 1805/13 for Groote Island ETA 1000/15.
- (4) 16 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Escorts 5 : 1 AMS: "LATROBE" 4 ML: 429, 809, 814, 815  
Merchantmen 1 : "GEO. EASTMAN"

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

- (1) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) departed Fremantle 1737/13 for Exmouth Gulf)

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat Units 1 CL : "ADELAIDE"  
Escorts 6 : "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739  
3 ML: 812, 824, 826  
Auxiliaries 8 : "LARK" (AM) "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS) "ISABEL" (PY)  
2 YP: 286, 288 1 ARD "CHILDS" (AV)

Exmouth Gulf:

Auxiliaries 1 : "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)

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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

1. Tarawa - On 12 April an enemy submarine was attacked by Cenpac aircraft West of Tarawa. One direct hit and one near miss with 500 pound bombs are claimed and an under water explosion occurred as the submarine submerged. Debris were also observed.

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C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

1. Marshalls - Carolines - Light to medium strikes by Cenpac aircraft were conducted 11-12 April on Mille, Taroa, Jaluit, Wotje and Ponape.  
On 13 April a 250 ton wooden ship in Puluwat Lagoon was bombed and strafed by a Soupac Liberator: the vessel was left listing

2. Wake Island - On 11 April 2 small vessels were observed in Wake Island Lagoon.

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ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

1. Concentration of naval strength Malayan area.
2. Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan and Kuriles.
3. Increased use of submarines for transportation purposes in Marshalls-Bismarcks-Solomons.
4. Continued use of barges and small coasters for coastal transportation in forward areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

<u>BB</u>	-		(4) IDAHO NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA TENNESSEE	-
<u>CV (E)</u>	RAMEE		(7) NATOMA BAY MANILA BAY SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO SANTÉE OMMANEY BAY	-
<u>CA</u>	(2) AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE		-	-
<u>CL</u>	(6) BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX MONTPELIER CLEVELAND * HOBART		(6) COLUMBIA DENVER HONOLULU ST LOUIS BIRMINGHAM * LEANDER	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	TANGIER		(3) WRIGHT CHANDELEUR POCOMOKE	-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	(3) HALF MOON SAN PABLO HERCEN		(2) BALLARD COOS BAY	-
<u>DD</u>	(48) ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA ABNER READ AMMEN BACHE BEALE BENNETT BUSH DALY DASHIELL FLETCHER FULLAM GILLESPIE GRAYSON GUEST HALFORD HARRISON HOBBY HOPEWELL HUDSON HUTCHINS JENKINS	JOHN ROGERS KALK LA VALLETTE MCKEE MULLANY MURRAY NICHOLAS NICHOLSON O'BANNON RADFORD REID RINGGOLD ROE SIGSBEE SCHROEDER STEMBEL STEVENS STEVENSON STOCKTON SWANSON TAYLOR THORN WELLES WILKES	Approx. 40	-

\* Non-effective

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

<u>SS</u>	(7) BASHAW	CERO	)		
	BLACKFISH	DACE	)		10
	BLUEFISH	DARTER	)	On patrol	
		SCAMP	)		

K.12 on passage

(2) S.42 )  
S.47 ) At Milne Bay

(2) SILVERSIDES )  
TUNNY ) At Brisbane

K.9 At Sydney

PT Approx. 85 South Pacific Approx. 110 ?

<u>APA</u>	(23) H.T.ALLEN (APA)	KANE (APD)	15 APA
<u>AKA</u>	KANIMBLA	GILMER	1 APD
<u>APD</u>	MANOORA	SCHLEY	8 AKA
	WESTRALIA	SAWDS	
	HARRY LEE	HUMPHREYS	
	ZELIN	BROOKS	
	ORMSLEY	HERBERT	
	WINDSOR	TALBOF	
	ALGORAB (AKA)	CROSBY	
	CENTAURUS	NOA	
	VIRGO	DENT	
		DICKERSON	
		KILTY	
		WARD	

AGC BLUE RIDGE

AS (2) OPUS  
EURYALE

AD DOBBIN

AR (3) RIGEL  
FLATYPUS  
AMYCUS

PROMETHEUS

LSD (3) CARTER HALL  
GUSTON HALL  
EPING FOREST

Aircraft  
Fighters  
(incl. 9 twin-eng) 103  
Light & M/Bombers 68  
Torpedo & D/Bombers 2  
Flying Boats 1  
Floatplanes 27  
Obsn A/c 20

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>CA</u>	-	(2) NACHI
		ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	(3) DETROIT	(3) ABUKUMA
	RALEIGH	TAMA
	RICHMOND	KISO
<u>DD</u>	9	10
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx. 4



3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

			<u>Mandates</u> <u>Philippines</u>	<u>Empire</u>
<u>BB</u>	(14) IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA * OKLAHOMA	-	(6) YAMATO ISE YAMASHIRO HYUGA * MUSASHI MUTSU (prob. sunk)
<u>CV</u>	(7) ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL HORNET	-	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	(7) COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY * INDEPENDENCE	-	(4) RYUHO ZUIHO HITAKA * HAYATAKA
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	-	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	(21) COPAHEE BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU CASABLANCA ALTAMAHA CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR WHITE PLAINS	BRETON MIDWAY SAVO ISLAND PATROLLER FAN SHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY ROGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MEHENTA BAY	-	(5) CHITOSE CHIYODA JINYO * OTAKA * UNYO
<u>CA</u>	(13) BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND		MAYA
<u>OCA</u>	-	-	-	6
<u>CL</u>	(8) SANTA FE SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN MOBILE	BILOXI OAKLAND * RENO * CONCORD	(2) YUBARI KINU	(4) * NAGARA * NATORI * ISUZU * OYODO
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHIMA	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CURTISS		(2) AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO	-
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 120		15-20	20 (several repairing)
<u>S</u>	Approx. 30		25	Approx. 25
<u>AS</u>	?		?	2 (1 repairing)

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

<u>CL</u>	TRENTON	-
<u>DD</u>	9	-

\* Non-effective



GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

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

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Date: 16 April 1944

PART IA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREAEASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/16:

- (1) "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) surveying vicinity Morobe.
- (2) "MORSEBY" (AGS) departed Milne Bay 0700/9 on survey duty.
- (3) "WARREGO" (PS) "GOULBURN" "WAGGA" (AMS) commenced patrol South of China Strait at 1500/13.
- (4) "SWAN" (PS) en route to Milne Bay ETA 1300/17.
- (5) "GEELONG" departed Townsville 1700/14 for Milne Bay ETA 0800/17.
- (6) "SHIKELLAMY" (AOG) departed Brisbane 1900/12 for Milne Bay 0900/18.
- (7) "LITHCOW" (AMS) en route Caloundra to Milne Bay ETA 0900/19.
- (8) "CARONDOLET" (IX) departed Caloundra 1200/13 ETA China Strait 1200/20.
- (9) "ST. MARY" (IX) departed Cairns 1600/13 for Milne Bay.
- (10) "KALGOORLIE" (AMS) departed Townsville 1258/15 for Sydney ETA 1200/19.
- (11) "ML.820" departed Cairns 1445/14 for Thursday Island ETA 1600/17.
- (12) "BUNGAREE" (CM) was to depart Torres Strait 14 April for Bowen ETA 0800/17 and Townsville ETA p.m. 18 April thence returning to Thursday Island about 24 April
- (13) "COUCAL" (ASR) departed Caloundra 2359/15 for Milne Bay ETA China Strait 0700/20: for onward routing to Buna.
- (14) "YUMA" (AT) departed Caloundra 2100/15 for Noumea ETA 0800/18.
- (15) "SC.745" departed Brisbane 1600/14 on Sandy Cape A/S patrol: to depart patrol area at 1200/18 and return to Brisbane.
- (16) "POINT LOMA" (AT) departed Milne Bay 1135/9 for Sydney ETA 1030/17.
- (17) "WARRNAMBOOL" (AMS) departed Sydney 0906/15 for A/S patrol to Smoky Cape and return.
- (18) "RANEE" (CVE) was to depart Melbourne 1515/15 Eastbound.
- (19) "OCTANS" (AF) departed Sydney 1430/15 for Caloundra ETA 0200/17.
- (20) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "STRAHAN" (AMS) to depart Sydney 1700/17 for Townsville and Milne Bay. On arrival Milne Bay transferred to operational and administrative control N.O.I.C. New Guinea: to work up at Milne Bay.
- (2) "PC.1123" "PC.1132" are to sail from Langemak for Milne Bay after arrival Convoy BG.83A at Langemak
- (3) "POILLUX" (AKS) towing 1 LCT to depart Caloundra 1800/16 for Milne Bay.
- (4) "YP.291" to depart Brisbane 16 April for Palm Island, Cairns, Thursday Island; returning thence to Brisbane.
- (5) "SOLACE" (AH) to depart Brisbane about 18 April for Langemak, thence Milne Bay.
- (6) "GLADSTONE" (AMS) to be sailed when ready to Milne Bay: to come under operational and administrative control of N.O.I.C. New Guinea

(c) In Harbour:

Admiralties:  
Combat Units 2 DD : "JENKINS" "PHILIP"  
22 PT  
Escorts 13 : "BENALLA" "BOWEN" "GYMPIE" "CASTLEMAINE"  
"STAWELL" (AMS)  
6 YMS: 8, 10, 46, 47, 48, 51 1 SC: 747  
1 PC: 1120  
Auxiliaries 10 : "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "SAN PABLO" (AVP)  
"TANGIER" (AV) "MINK" (IX) "VICTORIA" (AO)  
"EPPING FOREST" "GUNSTON HALL" (LSD)  
"MIZAR" (AF) "GEO. ELLIOTT" "CELENO" (AK)  
Merchantmen 13 : "J. BARBOSA" "J. P. BRADLEY" "T. CRAWFORD"  
"J. D. DOTY" "E. JOHNSON" "KARSIK" "LYMAN STEWART"  
"MORMAGGULL" "MORMACSEA" "RAMO" "VAN SWOLL"  
"S. M. WHITE" "M. THORNTON"

Cape Gloucester:  
Escorts 2 : 1 PF: "SAN PEDRO" 1 PC: 476

Talasea:  
Combat Units 13 PT

Saidor:  
Combat Units 10 PT with 1 LST acting as AGP  
Escorts 1 : 1 PC: 1124  
Merchantmen 3 : "ANSON BURLINGHAME" "F. M. QUINONES" "TIMOSHENKO"

Langemak:  
Combat Units 28 PT  
Escorts 26 : 1 DE: "WHITEHURST" 1 PF: "LONGBEACH"  
2 AMS: "BUNDABERG" "GLENELG"  
5 PC: 1122, 1123, 1132, 1133, 1134  
4 YMS: 71, 314, 315, 336  
4 ML: 424, 803, 806, 816  
7 SC: 646, 698, 703, 735, 743, 750, 981  
Auxiliaries 30 : "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "DICKERSON" "NOA" "CROSBY"  
"SCHLEY" "GILMER" "BROOKS" "SANDS" "KILTY"  
"DENT" "WARD" (APD) "ORMSLEY" "HARRY LEE" (APA)  
"CENTAURUS" (AKA) "YUNNAN" (AE) "FRES. MUNROE"  
"WHARTON" (AP) "BOOTES" "ETAMIN" (AK) "SONOMA"  
"RESERVE" (AT) "WESTRALIA" (APA) "TULSA" (PG)  
"SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG) "HILO" (AGP) "POYANG" (ASIS)  
"LEOPARD" "PORCUPINE" (IX) 1 YT: 156 1 YOG  
Merchantmen 28 : "ALCOA POLARIS" "J. G. BRADY" "JAS. BUCHANAN"  
"W. N. BYERS" "P. CHANDLER" "CITY OF PHILADELPHIA"  
"T. M. COOLEY" "M. DALY" "J. EVANS" "D. E. HUGHES"  
"S. JACKSON" "JANSSENS" "O. KELLY" "MACTAN"  
"MANA" "J. W. MELDRUM" "G. VON L. MEYER" "OZARK"  
"POELAU LAUT" "REHAN" "URIAH M. ROSE"  
"C. L. SMITH" "W. C. SQUIRE" "M. M. STEWART"  
"J. M. THOMPSON" "A. E. WATTS" "J. M. WHISTLER"  
"J. E. WING"

Lae:  
Escorts 5 : 1 DE: "NEUENDORF" 3 ML: 428, 430, 431  
1 SC: 734  
Auxiliaries 2 : "PANDA" (IX) "TRIANGULUM" (AK)  
Merchantmen 18 : "D. F. BARRY" "CAPE HENRY" "W. E. CHANNING"  
"F. H. DODD" "A. S. DUNWAY" "GREY LAG"  
"A. B. HAMMOND" "M. T. HERRICK" "LAKE ORMAC"  
"NORLAGO" "RING LARDNER" "J. A. ROSSITER"  
"J. SINGER" "VAN OUTHORN" "J. ROSS" "A. THOMAS"  
"ED. N. WESTCOTT" "D. WRIGHT"

Buna-Oro Bay:  
Combat Units X 3 CL : "PHOENIX" "BOISE" "NASHVILLE"  
35 DD : "HOPEWELL" "O'BANNON" "STEMBEL" "STOCKTON"  
"STEVENSON" "THORN" "REID" "SWANSON" "HOBBY"  
"NICHOLAS" "TAYLOR" "STEVENS" "JOHN ROGERS"  
"MCKEE" "MURRAY" "RINGGOLD" "GILIE SPIE"  
"RADFORD" "SCHROEDER" "DASHIELL" "SIGSBEE"  
"FLETCHER" "WELLES" "KALK" "ROE" "GRAYSON"  
"LA VALLETTE" "WILKES" "NICHOLSON" "HARRISON"  
"ABNER READ" "HUTCHINS" "BEALE" "BACHE" "DALY"

Buna-Oro Bay (Contd.)  
Escorts 17

: 4 DE: "LOVELACE" "MANNING" "JAMES E. CRAIG"  
"EICHENBERGER"  
4 PF: "CORONADO" "GLENDALE" "OGDEN" "VAN BUREN"  
1 AMS: "KAPUNDA"  
3 YMS: 9, 316, 334  
5 SC: 637, 732, 736, 742, 982

Auxiliaries 15

: "TRINITY" (AO) "BLUE RIDGE" (AOG)  
"AASE MAERSK" (AO) "CHETCO" (AT) "MEDUSA" (AR)  
"KANE" "HERBERT" "HUMPHREYS" (APD) "HAMILTON"  
"LONE" "HOGAN" (DMS) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "PYRO" (AE)  
"DOBBIN" (AD) 1 ARD

Merchantmen 17

: "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "E.D. BAKER" "BALIKPAPAN"  
"CARLOS CARILLO" "CEPALU" "S.L. CLARKE"  
"P.T. DODDERIDGE" "B. MATTHEWS" "MONMOUTH"  
"T. NELSON" "NORAB" "H.T. RAINEY" "SEA CAT"  
"O. SKINNER" "H.V. WHITE" "S.W. WILLISTON"  
"J. M. WING"

Woodlark Is:

Escorts 1

: 1 ML: 817  
: "J.S. MANSFIELD"

Merchantmen 1

Goodenough Is:

Escorts 1

: 1 PC: 477

Auxiliaries 7

: "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "ZEILIN" "WINDSOR"  
"KANIMBLA" "MANOORA" "H.T. ALLEN" (APA)  
"VIRGO" (AKA)

Merchantmen 5

: "D.D. FIELD" "M. GRIFFITH" "S.G. PORTER"  
"WEST CACTUS" "K.D. WIGGIN"

Milne Bay:

Combat Units X 2 CA

: "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE"  
: "MULLANY" "ARUNTA" "VENDETTA" "WARRAMUNGA"  
"AMMEN"

5 DD

1 PT

Escorts 33

: 2 PF: "EL PASO" "GASCOYNE"  
10 SC: 650, 699, 736, 737, 738, 741, 742,  
744, 746, 748  
4 AMS: "KIAMA" "COWRA" "ARARAT" "BUNBURY"  
3 PC: 1119, 1121, 1131  
6 YMS: 52, 53, 73, 313, 335, 393

Auxiliaries 34

7 ML: 424, 425, 427, 801, 802, 818, 819  
: "TALBOT" (APD) "PERRY" (DMS) "CALAMARES"  
"MERKUR" (AF) "HALF MOON" (AVP) "OTUS"  
"EURYALE" (AS) "KOOPA" (AGP) "RIGEL" (AR)  
"AMYCUS" (ARL) "HERMITAGE" (AP) "BAYOU ST. JOHN"  
"WATO" (AT) "GANYMED" (AK) "PING WO" (ASIS)  
"VILLALOBOS" "ANDREW DORIA" (IX) "TASMAN" (AH)  
"ALABASTER" (PYC) "TEAK" (AN) "TYRON" (APH)  
"CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM)  
3 APD 2 ARD 1 YOG  
4 YP: 278, 280, 283, 449

Merchantmen 75

: "H.T. ABBOTT" "ACONCAGUA" "ANHUI" "ARANSAS PASS"  
"D. BELASCO" "F. BILLINGS" "S.K. BOLIVAR"  
"BORGFRED" "BIRCHCOULIE" "BOTH" "BRITISH"  
"COLUMBIA EXPRESS" "J. BURROUGHS" "J.C. CALHOUN"  
"J.M. CAREY" "CHIEF CHARLOT" "CAPE LOSS"  
"CAPE NEWENHAM" "M.I. CASEY" "J. CHOTEAU"  
"F.J. CUNEL" "G. DAVIDSON" "J. DEERE" "DON MARQUI"  
"L.C. DYCHE" "F.A. EILERS" "EMPIRE HAMBLE"  
"R.E. HAND" "F. EYERS" "FALLEN TIMBERS"  
"FIRE ISLAND" "GRANDE RONDE" "HANYANG"  
"HAWAIIAN SHIPPER" "F.C. HEWITT" "ISOLATOR"  
"L.S. KELLY" "M.C. KERR" "C. KING" "KOTA GEDE"  
"KOTA INTEN" "W.S. LADD" "ED. LANDER" "J.H. LANE"  
"N. LUCKENBACH" "F.B. LINDERMAN" "J. LYKES"  
"C.H. MATSON" "J. MCLEAN" "H. MONROE" "W.V. MOODY"  
"NARVIK" "ORMISTON" "B.T. OSBORNE" "G.H. PORTER"  
"M. ROBERTSON" "A. ROBINSON" "C.M. RUSSELL"  
"N.J. SINNOTT" "SOMMELSDITCK" "C. SPRECKLES"  
"R. STUART" "W.H. SUBJETTE" "SWARTENHONDT"  
"T.W. SYMONS" "TAWALI" "J. THOMAS" "TJISADANE"  
"S. TURMAN" "GEO. VANCOUVER" "VAN DER LIJN"  
"VAN SPILBERGEN" "W. WILLIAMS" "YOCROW"  
"E. YOUNG"

<u>Port Moresby:</u>			
Escorts	1	:	1 ML: 426
Auxiliaries	1	:	"MAFUNDA" (AH)
Merchantmen	3	:	"ALDINGA" "MUNGANA" "TAROONA"
<u>Thursday Is:</u>			
Escorts	1	:	1 AMS: "PIRIE"
Auxiliaries	1	:	"POLARIS" (AGS)
<u>Orns:</u>			
Escorts	8	:	1 AMS: "BENDIGO" 1 PC: 479 1 SC: 731 3 ML: 804, 805, 811 2 YMS: 49, 50
Auxiliaries	2	:	"PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD
<u>Townsville:</u>			
Escorts	1	:	1 PF: "BARCOO"
Auxiliaries	1	:	1 YP: 233
<u>Mackay:</u>			
Auxiliaries	1	:	"HERON" (AVP)
<u>Brisbane:</u>			
Escorts	8	:	4 AMS: "EROME" "ECHUCA" "MILDURA" "WHYALLA" 1 YMS: 70 2 ML: 808, 821 1 SC: 749
Auxiliaries	10	:	"ALGORAB" (AKA) "KURUMBA" (AO) "POLLUX" (AKS) "MAETSUYCKER" "SOLACE" (AH) "KAILUA" (IX) 2 YP: 236, 291 2 YF
<u>Sydney:</u>			
Combat Units	3 CL	:	"HOBART" (Refitting) "MONTPELIER" "CLEVELAND"
	6 DD	:	"STUART" "FULLAN" "GUEST" "BENNETT" "HUDSON" "HALFORD"
Escorts	18	:	8 AMS: "COLAC" "COOTAMUNDRA" "DELORAINÉ" "ECHUCA" "GLADSTONE" "KATOOMBA" "STRAHAN" "TOWNSVILLE" 4 A/S: "AB. GRIJNSSEN" "DOOMBA" "KYBRA" "YANDRA" 6 ML: 807, 809, 813, 822, 823, 825
Auxiliaries	4	:	"BISHOPDALE" (AO) "DUNTROON" (AP) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG)
<u>Melbourne:</u>			
Escorts	1	:	1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" (Refitting)
<u>Adelaide:</u>			
Escorts	1	:	1 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" (Refitting)

#### (ii) ENEMY FORCES

- Empress Augusta Bay - During the 24 hours ended 1500/14 ground forces reported a few Jap contacts East of the Torokina perimeter and near Mavavia (East of Torokina River mouth).  
During 14 April targets around the Torokina perimeter were attacked by 34 Avengers and 23 fighter-bombers.  
At 2005/14 a possible submarine was sighted near Motupina Point.
- Buka Passage - At 1440/14 coastal guns at Buka Passage were attacked by 6 Dauntless and during a later attack by Avengers and Dauntless at least one gun was destroyed.  
Shortly before 2150/14 a possible submarine was reported by aircraft 10 miles S.W. of Buka Passage.
- West Coast New Ireland - Fighter sweeps during 14 April sighted 5 barges at Nabuto Bay and 3 in Katherine Harbour.
- Kavieng - At 0740/14 Kavieng airfield was attacked by 26 Dauntless 12 Avengers. Photographs confirm 8 hits on runway.
- Admiralty Islands - Enemy casualties up to 15 April include 3002 known killed in addition to 24 prisoners. It is estimated that a further thousand have been rendered ineffective or killed leaving approximately 300 effective troops. Mopping up continues.
- Rabaul - During the night 12-13 April Rabaul was harassed by 2 Mitchells.  
At 0710/13 Lakunai was attacked by 50 Dauntless 18 Avengers. 8 gun positions and the runway were hit and subsequent photographs show the strip to be unserviceable. Later during the morning supply centres at Talili Bay and in the town were attacked by 24 Mitchells 51 fighter-bombers. Another fighter sweep involving 36 aircraft strafed and damaged a possibly serviceable sub-chaser in Rabaul Harbour.

6. Rabaul (Contd.) - During the night 13-14 April Rabaul was harassed by 5 Mitchells.

At 0720/14 Vunakanau was attacked by 48 Dauntless 33 Avengers. The N.W. end of the strip was well covered and fighter aircraft reported the runway to be unserviceable as a result of this strike.

At 0750-0900/14 the supply centres at Talili Bay and Vunapope were attacked by 24 Mitchells 52 Dauntless 18 Avengers.

1 Dauntless was lost during 13 April strikes.

7. Bogadjim - Our patrols from Bogadjim reached Kaliko (on the coast 5 1/2 miles S.E. of Bogadjim) without enemy contact.

8. Wewak - At 0625/12 2 enemy bombers and one or possibly 3 enemy fighters were met by a patrol Mitchell over Wewak. A short combat ensued but no damage was suffered by either side.

9. Aitape - Tadjji and islands off shore were attacked by 45 Liberators in waves between 1000/ and 1240/15: 332 thousand ~~ton~~ lbs bombs were dropped on stores and personnel areas. At approximately 1130/15 same targets were attacked by 49 Mitchells and at approximately 1230 by 37 Bostons. Fires and explosions resulted and a number of buildings were destroyed. There was no interception and no A/A encountered.

10. Aitape - Vanimo Coast - At approximately 1130/14 3 luggers were bombed, strafed and sunk off Prittwitz Point by 2 Mitchells. 5 other luggers were also observed nearer Vanimo.

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## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (i) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/16:

- (1) "WILCANNIA" (A/S) escorting Convoy TD.51 (SCHWEDAGON "A.HILL") departed Thursday Island 0800/14 for Darwin ETA 2000/17.
- (2) "INVERELL" (AMS) escorting Convoy DT.51 (2 MV) departed Darwin 0810/15 for Thursday Island ETA 1300/18.
- (3) 14 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

##### Darwin:

Escorts 5 : 1 AMS: "LATROBE" 4 ML: 429, 809, 814, 815  
Merchantmen 1 : "GEO.EASTMAN"

##### Groote Is:

Escorts 2 : 2 YMS: 11, 72

##### Merauke:

Escorts 1 : "BALLARAT" (AMS)

### (ii) ENEMY FORCES

## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

1. Timor - At 0820-0830/15 the enemy camp at Soe (on the Koepong road) 45 miles inland) was attacked by 6 Beaufighters which dropped bombs on target area.

## 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

### ALLIED FORCES

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

- (1) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) departed Fremantle 1737/13 for Exmouth Gulf.

#### (b) In Harbour:

##### Fremantle:

Combat Units 1 CL B "ADELAIDE"  
Escorts 6 : "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739  
3 ML: 812, 824, 826

Auxiliaries 8 : "LARK" (AM) "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS) "ISABEL" (PY)  
2 YP: 286, 288 1 ARD "CHILDS" (AV)

Exmouth Gulf:  
Auxiliaries 1 : "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)

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B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

ENEMY FORCES

1. Truk - During the night 13-14 April Moem, Fefan, Uman, Dublon and Param islands were attacked by 21 Cenpac Liberators in 2 waves. 3 enemy aircraft followed the second wave of Liberators for 45 minutes.  
At 0330-0420/14 Eten and Param Islands were attacked by 18 Soupac Liberators. 6 of our Liberators were attacked by enemy night fighters. All our planes returned. Poor visibility over the target made observation of results difficult.
2. Marshalls - Carolines - On 13 April light to medium strikes by Cenpac aircraft were conducted against Mille, Maleolap, Wotje, Jaluit and Ponape.

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ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

1. Concentration of naval strength Malayan area.
2. Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan and Kuriles.
3. Increased use of submarines for transportation purposes in Marshalls-Bismarcks-Solomons.
4. Continued use of barges and small coasters for coastal transportation in forward areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

<u>BB</u>	-		(4) IDAHO NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA TENNESSEE	-
<u>CV(E)</u>	RANEE		(7) NATOMA BAY MANILA BAY SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO SANTEE OMMANEY BAY	-
<u>CA</u>	(2) AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE		-	-
<u>CL</u>	(6) BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX MONTPELIER CLEVELAND * HOBART		(6) COLUMBIA DENVER HONOLULU ST LOUIS BIRMINGHAM * LEANDER	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	TANGLER		(3) WRIGHT CHANDELEUR POGOMOKE	-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	(3) HALF MOON SAN PABLO HERON		(2) BALLARD COOS BAY	-
<u>DD</u>	(47) ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA ABNER READ AMMEN BACHE BEALE BENNETT DALY DASHIELL FLETCHER FULLAM GILLESPIE GRAYSON GUEST HALFORD HARRISON HOBBY HOPEWELL HUDSON HUTCHINS JENKINS	JOHN ROGERS KALK LA VALLETTE MCKEE MULLANY MURRAY NICHOLAS NICHOLSON O'BANNON RADFORD REID RINGGOLD ROE SIGSBEE SCHROEDER STEMBEL STEVENS STEVENSON STOCKTON SWANSON TAYLOR THORN WELLES WILKES	Approx. 40	-

\* Non-effective

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	
<u>SS</u>	(7) BASHAW CER0 ) BLACKFISH DACE ) BLUEFISH DARTER ) On patrol SCAMP )	-	10
	K.12 On passage		
	(2) S.42 } S.47 } At Milne Bay		
	(2) SILVERSIDES } TUNNY } At Brisbane		
	K.9 At Sydney		
<u>PT</u>	Approx. 85	Approx. 110	?
<u>APA</u> <u>AKA</u> <u>APD</u>	(23) H.T.ALLEN (APA) KANE (APD) KANIMBLA GILMER MANOORA SCILEY WESTRALIA SANDS HARRY LEE HUMPHREYS ZEILIN BROOKS ORMSLEY HERBERT WINDSOR TALBOT ALGORAB (AKA) CROSBY CENTAURUS NOA VIRGO DENT DICKERSON KILTY WARD	15 APA 1 APD 8 AKA	-
<u>AGC</u>	BLUE RIDGE		-
<u>AS</u>	(2) OTUS EURYALE	-	-
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	-	-
<u>AR</u>	(3) RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS	PROMETHEUS	-
<u>LSD</u>	(3) CARTER HALL GUNSTON HALL EPPING FOREST		
		<u>AIRCRAFT</u>	
		Fighters	
		(incl. 9 twin-eng)	103
		Light & M/Bombers	68
		Torpedo & D/Bombers	2
		Flying Boats	1
		Floatplanes	27
		Obsn A/c	20

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>CA</u>	-	(2) NACHI ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	(3) ABUKUMA TAMA KISO
<u>DD</u>	9	10
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx. 4

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>Mandates</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>	
			<u>Philippines</u>		<u>Empire</u>
<u>BB</u>	(14)	IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA * OKLAHOMA	-	(6) YAMATO ISE YAMASHIRO HYUGA * MUSASHI MUTSU (prob. sunk)
<u>CV</u>	(7)	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL HORNET	-	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	(7)	COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY * INDEPENDENCE	-	(4) RYUHO ZUIHO HITAKA * HAYATAKA
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	-	-	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	(21)	COPAHEE BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU CASABLANCA ALTAMAHA CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR WHITE PLAINS	BRETON MIDWAY SAVO ISLAND PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MEHENTA BAY	-	(5) CHITOSE CHUYODA JINYO * OTAKA * UNYO
<u>CA</u>	(13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND	-	MAYA
<u>OCA</u>	-	-	-	-	6
<u>CL</u>	(8)	SANTA FE SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN MOBILE	BILOKI OAKLAND * RENO * CONCORD	(2) YUBARI KINU	(4) * NAGARA * NATORI * ISUZU * OYODO
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>		CURTISS		(2) AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO	-
<u>DD</u>		Approx. 120		15-20	20 (several repairing)
		Approx. 30		25	Approx. 25
<u>AS</u>		?		?	2 (1 repairing)

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

<u>CL</u>	TRENTON	-
<u>DD</u>	9	-

\* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>Southwest Pacific (Western Section)</u>		<u>Eastern Fleet Area</u>		<u>East Indies-Malaya</u>		
<u>BB</u>	-	(4)	QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN RICHELIEU	(4)	NAGATO FUSO KONGO HARUNA	
<u>CV</u>	-	(2)	ILLUSTRIOUS SARATOGA	(2)	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU	
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	-		TAIHO	
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	(5)	BATTLER UNICORN SHAH ATHELING BEGUM		KAIYO	
<u>CA</u>	-	(4)	SUFFOLK SUSSEX LONDON CUMBERLAND	(11)	AOBA ATAGO KUMANO TAKAO SUZUYA CHOKAI TONE MYOKO CHIKUMA HAGURO MOGAMI	
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	(8)	CEYLON KENYA GAMBIER NIGERIA	NEWCASTLE DANAE TROMP EMERALD	(4)	YAHAGI NOSHIRO KITAGAMI OI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-		KASHII	
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(2) CHILDS W.B. FRESTON		ALBATROSS		KAMOI	
<u>XCL</u>	-	(2)	CANTON CHITRAL		-	
<u>DI</u>	-		Approx. 27		30	
<u>SS</u>	(14) BONEFISH CREVALLE COD FLASHER HADDO HAKE JACK	HOE MINGO PADDLE PARGO REDFIN ROBALO K.15	} Approx. 15 } On patrol		18 (incl. 7 German)	
	FLOUNDER		On passage			
	(13) ANGLER BILLFISH BLUEFISH BOWFIN CABRILLA GUNNEL	NORWHAL PUFFER RASHER RATON RAY LAPON K.14	} At Fremantle			
<u>AS</u>	(2) PELIAS ORION					
				<u>AIRCRAFT</u> (East Indies only)		
				Fighters	121	
				Light & M/Bombers	57	
				Torpedo & D/Bombers	-	
				Flying Boats	-	
				Floatplanes	43	
				Obsn. A/c	23	

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARYPart I: Allied and Enemy Activity.  
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No. 810

Date: 17 April 1944

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

- X (1) "HUMPHREYS" "HERBERT" (APD) escorting 5 LST departed Cape Sudest 2359/16 for Langemak ETA 1600/17.
- (2) "CHETCO" (AT) towing 1 barge crane proceeding Langemak ETA 1600/17.
- (3) "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) surveying vicinity Morobe.
- (4) "MORESBY" (AGS) departed Milne Bay 0700/9 on survey duty.
- (5) "THOMAS NELSON" aground East of Killerton Island, Milne Bay.
- (6) "WARREGO" (PS) "GOULBURN" "WAGGA" (AMS) commenced patrol South of China Strait at 1500/13.
- (7) "SWAN" (PS) en route to Milne Bay ETA 1300/17.
- (8) "BUNBURY" (AMS) departed Milne Bay 1500/16 for Cairns ETA Grafton Passage 0600/18.
- (9) "SHIKELLAMY" (AOG) departed Brisbane 1900/12 for Milne Bay ETA 0900/18.
- (10) "LITHGOW" (AMS) en route Caloundra to Milne Bay ETA 0900/19.
- (11) "CARONDOLET" (IX) departed Caloundra 1200/13 ETA China Strait 1200/20.
- (12) "ST. MARY" (IX) departed Cairns 1600/13 for Milne Bay.
- (13) "POLLUX" (AKS) towing 1 LCT was to depart Caloundra 0400/17 for Milne Bay ETA 1600/22.
- (14) "COUCAL" (ASR) departed Caloundra 2359/15 for Milne Bay ETA China Strait 0700/20: for onward routing to Buna.
- (15) "MANUNDA" (AH) departed Port Moresby 1230/16 for Brisbane ETA 1800/19.
- (16) "ML.820" departed Cairns 1445/14 for Thursday Island ETA 1600/17.
- (17) "BUNGAREE" (GM) was to depart Torres Strait 14 April for Bowen ETA 0800/17 and Townsville ETA p.m. 18 April thence returning to Thursday Island about 24 April.
- (18) "KALGOORLIE" (AMS) departed Townsville 1258/15 for Sydney ETA 1200/19.
- (19) "CALAMARES" (AP) proceeding Brisbane ETA not known.
- (20) "SC.745" departed Brisbane 1600/14 on Sandy Cape A/S patrol: to depart patrol area at 1200/18 and return to Brisbane.
- "MONTPELIER" "CLEVELAND" (CL) with "FULLAM" "GUEST" "BENNETT" "HUDSON" "HALFORD" (DD) were to depart Sydney 1130/17 proceeding out of S.W.P.A.
- (21) "WARRNAMBOOL" (AMS) departed Sydney 0906/15 for A/S patrol to Smoky Cape and return.
- (22) "GLADSTONE" (AMS) was to depart Port Adelaide a.m. 17 April for Sydney
- (24) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "BENDIGO" (AMS) to depart Cairns 1200/17 for Milne Bay ETA 0700/19.
- (2) "YP.291" to depart Caloundra 1700/17 for Palm Island ETA 1400/20: Cairns ETA 0600/22: Thursday Island ETA 1400/27

(b) Proposed Movements (Contd.)

- (3) "STRAHAN" (AMS) to depart Sydney 1700/17 for Townsville and Milne Bay. On arrival Milne Bay transferred to operational and administrative control N.O.I.C. New Guinea: to work up at Milne Bay.
- (4) "SOLACE" (AH) to depart Brisbane about 18 April for Buna, thence Milne Bay.
- (5) "MILDURA" (AMS) to depart Caloundra 2200/17 to relieve "SC.745" on Sandy Cape A/S patrol: to be relieved at 1200/22 by "SC.749"

(c) In Harbour:

Admiralties:

Combat Units	2 DD	:	"JENKINS" "PHILIP"
	22 PT		
Escorts	13	:	5 AMS: "BENALLA" "BOWEN" "GYMPIE" "CASTLEMAINE" "STAWELL" 6 YMS: 8, 10, 46, 47, 48, 51 1 SC: 747, 1 PC: 1120
Auxiliaries	12	:	"OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "TANGIER" (AV) "LEOPARD" "MINK" (IX) "VICTORIA" (AO) "EPPING FOREST" "GUNSTON HALL" (LSD) "PATHFINDER" (AGS) "MIZAR" (AP) "GEO. ELLIOTT" "CELENO" (AK)
Merchantmen	14	:	"J.BARBOSA" "J.P.BRADLEY" "T.CRAWFORD" "J.D.DOTY" "J.HART" "E.JOHNSON" "KARSIK" "LYMAN STEWART" "MORMACGULL" "MORMACSEA" "RAMO" "VAN SWOLL" "S.M.WHITE" "M.THORNTON"
<u>Cape Gloucester:</u>			
Escorts	2	:	2 PF: "SAN PEDRO" 1 PC: 476
<u>Talasea:</u>			
Combat Units	13	PT	
<u>Saidor:</u>			
Combat Units	10	PT	with 1 LST acting as AGP
Escorts	1	:	1 PC: 1124
Merchantmen	3	:	"ANSON BURLINGHAME" "F.M.QUINONES" "TIMOSHENKO"
<u>Langemak:</u>			
Combat Units	4 DD	:	"LA VALLETTE" "HOPEWELL" "STEMBEL" "STOCKTON"
	28 PT		
Escorts	23	:	1 DE: "WHITEHURST" 2 AMS: "BUNDABERG" "GLENELG" 3 PC: 1122, 1133, 1134 4 YMS: 9, 315, 334, 336 4 ML: 424, 803, 806, 816 9 SC: 637, 648, 698, 703, 735, 742, 743, 750, 981
Auxiliaries	32	:	"PORTUNUS" (AGP) "DICKERSON" "NOA" "CROSBY" "SCHLEY" "GILMER" "BROOKS" "SANDS" "KILTY" "BENT" "WARD" (APD) "ORMSBY" "HARRY LEE" (APA) "AASE MAERSK" (AO) "HAMILTON" "PERRY" (DMS) "CENTAURUS" (AKA) "YUNNAN" (AE) "PRES.MUNROE" "WHARTON" (AP) "BOOTES" "ETAMIN" (AK) "SONOMA" "RESERVE" (AT) "WESTRALIA" (APA) "TULSA" (PG) "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG) "HILO" (AGP) "POYANG" (ASIS) "PORCUPINE" (IX) 1 YT: 156 1 YOG
Merchantmen	27	:	"ALCOA POLARIS" "J.G.BRADY" "JAS.BUCHANAN" "W.N.BYERS" "P.CHANDLER" "CITY OF PHILADELPHIA" "T.M.COOLEY" "M.DALY" "J.EVENS" "D.E.HUGHES" "S.JACKSON" "JANSSENS" "O.KELLY" "MACTAN" "MANA" "J.W.MELDRUM" "G.VON L.MEYER" "OZARK" "POELAU LAUT" "A.REHAN" "URIAH M.ROSE" "W.C.SQUIRE" "M.M.STEWART" "J.M.THOMPSON" "A.E.WATTS" "J.M.WHISTLER" "J.E.WING"
<u>Lae:</u>			
Escorts	5	:	1 DE: "NEUENDORF" 3 ML: 428, 430, 431 1 SC: 734
Auxiliaries	2	:	"PANDA" (IX) "TRIANGULUM" (AK)
Merchantmen	18	:	"D.F.BARRY" "CAPE HENRY" "W.E.CHANNING" "F.H.DODE" "A.S.DUNIWAY" "GREY LAG" "A.B.HAMMOND" "LAKE ORMAC" "NORLAGO" "RING LARDNER" "J.A.ROSSITER" "J.SINGER" "VAN OUTHORN" "J.ROSS" "A.THOMAS" "M.WALKER" "ED.N.WESTCOTT" "D.WRIGHT"

Suna-Oro Bay:  
 Combat Units

2 CA : "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE"  
 3 CL : "PHOENIX" "BOISE" "NASHVILLE"  
 33 DD : "ABNER READ" "AMEN" "ARUNTA" "BACHE" "BEALE"  
 "DALY" "DASHIELL" "FLETCHER" "GILLESPIE"  
 "GRAYSON" "HARRISON" "HUTCHINS" "JOHN ROGERS"  
 "KALK" "MCKEE" "MULLANY" "MURRAY" "NICHOLAS"  
 "NICHOLSON" "O'BANNON" "RADFORD" "REID"  
 "RINGGOLD" "ROE" "SCHROEDER" "SIGSBEE"  
 "STEVENS" "STEVENSON" "TAYLOR" "THORN"  
 "WARRAMUNGA" "WELLES" "WILKES"

Escorts 12 : 4 DE: "LOVELACE" "MANNING" "JAMES E. CRAIG"  
 "EICHENBERGER"  
 5 PF: "CORONADO" "GLENDALE" "LONGBEACH"  
 "ODDEN" "VAN BUREN"

Auxiliaries 11 : 3 SC: 732, 736, 982  
 "TRINITY" (AO) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "MEDUSA" (AR)  
 "GANYMED" (AK) "KANE" (APD) "LONG" HOGAN" (DMS)  
 "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "PYRO" (AE) "DOBBIN" (AD)

Merchantmen 20 : 1 ARD  
 "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "E.D. BAKER" "BALIKPAPAN"  
 "BORGFRED" "CARLOS CARILLO" "CEPALU"  
 "S.L. CLARKE" "P.T. DODDRIDGE" "J. LYKES"  
 "B. MATTHEWS" "MONMOUTH" "NORAB" "H.T. RAINEY"  
 "SEA CAT" "O. SKINNER" "VAN DER LIJN"  
 "H.V. WHITE" "S.W. WILLISTON" "J.M. WING"  
 "YOCROW"

Woodlark Is:

Escorts 1 : 1 ML: 817  
 Merchantmen 1 : "J.S. MANSFIELD"

Goodenough Is:

Combat Units 2 DD : HOBBY" "SWANSON"  
 Auxiliaries 7 : "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "ZEILIN" "WINDSOR"  
 "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA" "H.T. ALLEN" (APA)  
 "VIRGO" (AKA)

Merchantmen 6 : "D.D. FIELD" "M. GRIFFITH" "W.H. MOODY"  
 "S.G. PORTER" "WEST CACTUS" "K.D. WIGGIN"

Milne Bay:

Combat Units 1 DD : "VENDETTA"  
 1 PT

Escorts 39 : 2 PF: "EL PASO" "GASCOYNE"  
 10 SC: 650, 699, 736, 737, 738, 741, 742,  
 744, 746, 748  
 5 AMS: "KIAMA" "COWRA" "ARARAT" "KAPUNDA"  
 "GEELONG"  
 6 PC: 477, 1119, 1121, 1123, 1131, 1132  
 9 YMS: 52, 53, 71, 73, 313, 314, 316, 335, 393  
 7 ML: 424, 425, 427, 801, 802, 818, 819

Auxiliaries 29 : "TALBOT" (APD) "MERKUR" (AF) "HALF MOON" (AVP)  
 "OTUS" "EURYALE" (AS) "KOOPA" (AGP) "RIGEL" (AR)  
 "AMYCUS" (ARL) "BAYOU ST. JOHN" "WATO" (AT)  
 "PING WO" (ASIS) "VILLALOBOS" "ANDREW DORIA"  
 (IX) "TASMAN" (AH) "ALABASTER" (PYC) "TEAK" (AN)  
 "TRYON" (APH) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS)  
 "WHIPPCORWILL" (AM) 3 APD 2 ARD 1 YOG

Merchantmen 76 : 4 YP: 278, 280, 283, 449  
 "H.T. ABBOTT" "ACONCAGUA" "ANHUT" "ARANSAS PASS"  
 "D. BELASCO" "F. BILLINGS" "S.K. BOLIVAR"  
 "BIRCHCOULIE" "BOTH" "BRITISH COLUMBIA EXPRESS"  
 "J. BURROUGHS" "J.C. CALHOUN" "CAPE LOSS"  
 "CAPE NEWENHAM" "CAPE ROMANO" "J.M. CAREY"  
 "M.I. CASEY" "CHIEF CHARLOT" "J. CHOTEAU"  
 "F.J. CUNEL" "G. DAVIDSON" "J. DEERE"  
 "DON MARQUIS" "L.C. DYCHE" "F.A. EILERS"  
 "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "FORT DONELSON" "GENERAL  
 VERSPIJCK" "R.H. HAND" "F. EVERS" "FALLEN  
 TIMBERS" "FIRE ISLAND" "G.R. HEBARD" "GRANDE  
 RONDE" "HANYANG" "HAWAIIAN SHIPPER" "P.C. HEWITT"  
 "ISOLATOR" "J.A. JOHNSON" "L.S. KELLY"  
 "M.C. KERR" "C. KING" "KOTA GEDE" "KOTA INTEN"  
 "W.S. LADD" "ED. LANDER" "J.H. LANE"  
 "N. LUCKENBACH" "F.B. LINDERMANN" "A. MAJOR"

Milne Bay (Contd.)Merchantmen  
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: "C.H.MATSON" "MOBILGAS" "J.MCLEAN" "H.MONROE"  
 "NARVIK" "B.T.OSBORNE" "G.H.PORTER"  
 "M.ROBERTSON" "A.ROBINSON" "SABINE SUN"  
 "N.J.SIMNOTT" "C.L.SMITH" "SOMMELSDITCK"  
 "C.SPICKLES" "R.STUART" "W.H.SUBJETTE"  
 "SWARTENHONDT" "T.W.SYMONS" "TAWALI" "J.THOMAS"  
 "TJISADANE" "S.TURMAN" "GEO.VANCOUVER"  
 "VAN SPILBERGEN" "W.WILLIAMS" "E.YOUNG"

Port Moresby:

Escorts 1 : 1 ML: 426

Merchantmen 1 : "ALDINGA"

Thursday Is:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "PIRIE"

Auxiliaries 1 : "POLARIS" (AGS)

Cairns:

Escorts 8 : 1 AMS: "BENDIGO" 1 PC: 479 1 SC: 731

3 ML: 804, 805, 811 2 YMS: 49, 50

Auxiliaries 2 : "PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD

Townsville:

Escorts 1 : 1 PF: "BARCOO"

Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YP: 233

Mackay:

Auxiliaries 1 : "HERON" (AVP)

Brisbane:

Escorts 8 : 4 AMS: "BROOME" "ECHUCA" "MILDURA" "WHYALLA"

1 YMS: 70 2 ML: 808, 821 1 SC: 749

Auxiliaries 10 : "ALGORAB" (AKA) "KURUMBA" (AO) "OCTANS" (AF)

"MAETSUYCKER" "SOLACE" (AH) "KAILUA" (IX)

2 YP: 236, 291 2 YF

Sydney:

Combat Units 1 CL : "HOBART" (Refitting)

1 DD : "STUART"

Escorts 17 : 7 AMS: "COLAC" "COOTAMUNDRA" "DELORAINÉ"

"KATOOMBA" "STRAHAN" "TOWNSVILLE"

4 A/S: "AB.CRIJNSSEN" "DOOMBA" "KYBRA" "YANDRA"

6 ML: 807, 809, 813, 822, 823, 825

Auxiliaries 5 : "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "DUNTRON" (AP) "POINT LOMA"

(AT) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "SPRINGDALE"

(YDG)

Melbourne:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" (Refitting)

Adelaide:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" (Refitting)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

1. Empress Augusta Bay - Targets around the Torokina perimeter were attacked during 15 April by 4 Dauntless and 14 Avengers.
2. Buka Passage - During 15 April coastal gun positions around Buka Passage were attacked by 5 Avengers and 4 Dauntless. Villages in the vicinity were also attacked by 4 Lightnings.
3. Admiralty Islands - Total enemy known dead up to 1800/16 number 3043.
4. Rabaul - During the night 14-15 April Rabaul was harassed by 3 Mitchells.

At 0745/15 Keravat area including probably Vunakambi Plantation where some hidden aircraft and a possible new strip were reported on 14 April were attacked by 29 Dauntless and 11 Avengers. No concealed aircraft were seen from low altitude and photographs show no sign of the reported new strip. 5 enemy fighters were seen airborne and it is thought that these may have come from Tobera.

At 0840/15 Lakunai airfield was bombed by 50 Dauntless and 17 Avengers: photos show at least 8 new craters down the centre of the bomber mat. One flyingboat was seen taking off from the harbour and probably another 3 flyingboats or float-planes were seen anchored there.

Later during 15 April stores and supplies around Talili Bay and Keravia Bay were attacked by 24 Mitchells, 14 fighter-bombers and in addition at 1600/15 8 Corsairs, scheduled to strafe the flying-boats seen at Sulphur Creek, shot up one reconnaissance plane as no flying-boats were located on the water.



4. Rabaul (Contd.) - Other fighter sweeps reported 12 light tanks in revetments around Keravia Bay.

Photos a.m. 15 April show the Keravat runway to be serviceable; the runways at Vunakanau, Rapopo and Tobera all partially serviceable and Lakunai, after the strike, unserviceable. One fighter and one light bomber are present on Vunakanau, one fighter on Lakunai nil aircraft on Tobera, Rapopo and Keravat: the 3 fighters regularly reported present on Tobera from recent photos are now considered to be unserviceable as their positions have not changed since early March. In the harbour 3 floatplanes are visible. In view of the report of 5 fighters seen airborne over Keravat area by the strike at 0745/15, and the flying boat taking off at 0840/15, it would appear that there are a few more serviceable enemy aircraft present than is depicted by the photos.

In the harbour one small (120 ft) freighter is present; apparently on fire, in addition to the usual 2 small freighters, and about 275 barges.

5. Open Bay - Local sources report that another 100 Japs crossed the Pandi River (near Ubili) presumably heading eastwards on 14 April. A considerable force of Japanese is reported by our patrols 15 April to be in the Cape Hoskins airfield area.
6. Wide Bay - Natives report 15 April that there are practically no Japs left West of Cape Hoskins and the South coast of New Britain.
7. Bogadjim - On 15 April our patrols from Bogadjim reached the Palpa River (2 miles N.W. Bogadjim) after passing through Erima village without enemy contact but reported that the beach at the Gori River mouth may be defended.
8. Wewak - Aircraft over Wewak midday 15 April reported one small freighter, appar-ently loaded, entering Kairiru Strait from the East. In addition the usual barges and small craft were seen in the area.
9. Aitape - Final details concerning the air strike on Aitape on 15 April (refer yesterday's Summary No. 809) show that 43 Liberators 52 Mitchells and 102 Bostons were involved together with fighter escort: a total of 326 tons of bombs were dropped in addition to much strafing.
10. Aitape - Vanimo Coast - At approx. 1130/15 3 luggers and 2 barges near Vanimo were bombed and strafed by 2 reconnaissance Mitchells. One lugger was destroyed. Another lugger was rendered unserviceable by a bomb hit from the same 2 aircraft off Aitape.
11. Hollandia - Preliminary reports indicate that the personal and stores areas at and around Hollandia were attacked midday 16 April by a substantial force of heavy, medium and light bombers.
12. Wakde Island - At 0045-0145/16 Wakde Island airfield and dispersal areas were bombed by 5 Liberators. The target was well covered but no results were observed.

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2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/17:

- (1) "WILCANNIA" (A/S) escorting Convoy TD.51 "SCHWEDAGON" "A.HILL") departed Thursday Island 0800/14 for Darwin ETA 2000/17.
- (2) "INVERELL" (AMS) escorting Convoy DT.51 (2 MV) departed Darwin 0810/15 for Thursday Island ETA 1300/18.
- (3) 14 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "YMS's 11,72" to depart Groote Island 17 April for Darwin.

(c) In Harbour:

<u>Darwin:</u>			
Escorts	5	: 1 AMS: "LATROBE"	4 ML: 429, 809, 814, 815
Merchantmen	1	: "GEO.EASTMAN"	
<u>Groote Is:</u>			
Escorts	2	: 2 YMS: 11,72	
<u>Merauke:</u>			
Escorts	1	: "BALLARAT" (AMS)	

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

1. Timor: At 0230-0330/16 Koepang town was bombed by 11 Beauforts and 11 Mitchells. Bombs fell near the power house and in the warehouse areas causing fierce fires and heavy explosions, apparently including ammunition.

At 0733/16 small craft around Roti Island (off S.W. Timor) were strafed by 6 Beaufighters. 9 luggers were located around the coast and all strafed; one was destroyed and the others at least damaged.

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

Nil.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat Units	1 CL	:	"ADELAIDE"
	1 DD	:	"NORMAN"
Escorts	6	:	"HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739
			3 ML: 812, 824, 826
Auxiliaries	8	:	"LARK" (AM) "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS) "ISABEL" (FY)
			2 YP: 286, 288 1 ARD "CHILDS" (AV)

Exmouth Gulf:

Auxiliaries	2	:	"W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR)
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B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

- X 1. Eniwetok - At 2200-2300/14 8-10 enemy bombers attacked Eniwetok but all bombs bar one fell in the water. Cenpac night-fighters intercepted shooting down 2 bombers and probably a third.
2. Truk - At midnight 15-16 April Dublon town was attacked by 2 Soupac Liberators causing a very large explosion starting numerous fires.
3. Marshalls - Carolines - On 14 April light to medium strikes by Cenpac aircraft were conducted against Namonuito, Ponape, Kusaie, Pakin (all Carolines) Wotje, Jaluit, Taroa and Mille.

On 14 April 2 4-engined land based aircraft was seen over Ngalang Island (120 miles S.W. Eniwetok). This is the second recent report of a 4-engined land based aircraft seen in this area. Continued reports of enemy planes sighted by our reconnaissance aircraft South of the Central Carolines indicate intensive enemy reconnaissance of these waters.

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C. INDIAN OCEAN

ENEMY FORCES

1. Submarine Activity - A German submarine was located by D/F night 15 April in the area approx. 500 miles S.E. of Ceylon thought, almost certainly, to be moving towards Malaya. a.m. 16 April, a Jap submarine was fixed by D/F in the same area and is considered probably to be the unit responsible for the reported attack on a merchant ship on 11 April W. of Maldiva Islands now returning to base.

Apart from these two reports, there is no evidence of enemy submarines operation at present in the Indian Ocean.

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ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES.

1. Concentration of naval strength Malayan area.
2. Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan and Kuriles.
3. Increased use of submarines for transportation purposes in Marshalls-Bismarcks-Solomons.
4. Continued use of barges and small coasters for coastal transportation in forward areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
		<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>
<u>BB</u>	-		(4) IDAHO NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA TENNESSEE
<u>CV(E)</u>	RANEE		(7) NATOMA BAY MANILA BAY SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO SANTEE OMMANEY BAY
<u>CA</u>	(2) AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE		-
<u>CL</u>	(6) BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX MONTPELIER CLEVELAND # HOEART		(6) COLUMBIA DENVER HONOLULU ST LOUIS BIRMINGHAM # LEANDER
<u>AV/CVS</u>	FANGIER		(3) WRIGHT CHANDELEUR POCOMOKE
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	(3) HALF MOON SAN PABLO HERON		(2) BALLARD COOS BAY
<u>DD</u>	(48) ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA ABNER READ ANNEN EACHE BEALE BENNETT DALY DASHIELL FLETCHER FULLAM GILLESPIE GRAYSON GUEST HALFORD HARRISON HOBBY HOPEWELL HUDSON HUTCHINS JENKINS JOHN ROGERS	KALK LA VALLETTE MCKEE MULLANY MURRAY NICHOLAS NICHOLSON O'BANNON PHILIP RADFORD REID RINGGOLD ROE SIGSBEE SCHROEDER STEMBEL STEVENS STEVENSON STOCKTON SWANSON TAYLOR THORN WELLES WILKES	Approx. 40

# Non-effective

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>	
	<u>Southwest Pacific</u> ( <u>Eastern Section</u> )	<u>South Pacific</u>		
<u>SS</u>	(7) BASHAW BLACKFISH BLUEGILL CERO ) DACE ) On patrol DARTER ) SCAMP )	-		10
	K.12	On passage		
	(2) S.42 S.47	} At Milne Bay		
	(2) SILVERSIDES TUNNY	} At Brisbane		
	K.9	At Sydney		
<u>PT</u>	Approx. 85		Approx. 110	?
<u>APA</u> <u>AKA</u> <u>APD</u>	(23) H.T.ALLEN (APA) KANIMBLA MANOORA WESTRALIA HARRY LEE ZEILIN ORMSLEY WINDSOR ALGORAB (AKA) CENTAURUS VIRGO	KANE (APD) GILMER SCHLEY SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS HERBERT TALBOT CROSBY NOA DENT DICKERSON KILTY WARD	15 APA 1 APD 8 AKA	-
<u>AGC</u>	BLUE RIDGE		-	-
<u>AS</u>	(2) OTUS EURYALE		-	-
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN		-	-
<u>AR</u>	(3) RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS		PROMETHEUS	-
<u>LSD</u>	(3) CARTER HALL GUNSTON HALL EPPING FOREST			
			<u>AIRCRAFT</u>	
			Fighters	
			(incl. 9 twin-eng)	76
			Light & M/Brs.	68
			Torpedo & D/brs.	2
			Flying Boats	1
			Floatplanes	27
			Obsn A/c	20

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CA</u>	-	(2) NACHI ASHIGARA
<u>ES</u>	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	(3) ABUKUMA TAMA KISO
	9	10
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx. 4

5. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

			<u>Mandates</u> <u>Philippines</u>	<u>Empire</u>
<u>B</u>	(14) IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA # OKLAHOMA	-	(6) YAMATO ISE YAMASHIRO HYUGA # MUSASHI # MUTSU (prob. sunk)
<u>CV</u>	(7) ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL HORNET	-	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	(7) COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY # INDEPENDENCE	-	(4) RYUHO ZUIHO HITAKA # HAYATAKA
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	-	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	(21) COPAHEE HARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU CASABLANCA ALTAMAHA CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR WHITE PLAINS	BRETON MIDWAY SAVO ISLAND PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MEHENTA BAY	-	(5) CHITOSE CHIYODA JINYO # OYAKA # UNYO
<u>CA</u>	(13) BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND		MAYA
<u>OCA</u>	-	-	-	6
<u>CI</u>	(8) SANTA FE SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN MOBILE	BILOXI OAKLAND # RENO # CONCORD	(2) YUBARI KINU	(4) # NAGARA # NATORI # ISUZU # OYODO
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHIMA	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CURTISS	-	(2) AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO	-
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 120		15-20	20 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u>	Approx. 30		25	Approx. 25
<u>AS</u>	?		?	2 (1 repairing)

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

<u>CI</u>	TRENTON			-
<u>DD</u>	9			-

# Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Malaya

	-	(4) QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN RICHELIEU	(4) NAGATO FUSO KONGO HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	-	(2) ILLUSTRIOUS SARATOGA	(2) ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	TAIHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	(5) BATTLEER UNICORN SHAH ATHELING BEGUM	KAIYO
	-	(4) SUFFOLK SUSSEX LONDON CUMBERLAND	(11) AOBA KUMANO SUZUYA TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI MYOKO HAGURO
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	(8) CEYLON KENYA GAMBIER NIGERIA NEWCASTLE DANAE TROMP EMERALD	(4) YAHAGI NOSHIRO KITAGAMI OI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(2) CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI
<u>XCL</u>	-	(2) CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>DD</u>	-	Approx. 27	30
<u>SS</u>	(14) BONEFISH CREVALLE COD FLASHER HADDO HAKE JACK HOE MINGO PADDLE PARGO REDFIN ROBALO K.15 FLOUNDER	Approx. 15 On patrol On passage	18 (incl. 7 German)
	(13) ANGLER BILLFISH BLUEFISH BOWFIN CABRILLA GUNNEL NORWHAL PUFFER RASHER RATON RAY LAPON K.14	At Fremantle	
<u>AS</u>	(2) PELIAS ORION		

AIRCRAFT (East Indies onl)  
Fighters 121  
Light & M/Bombers 57  
Torpedo & D/Bombers -  
Flying Boats -  
Floatplanes 43  
Obsn. A/c 23

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

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

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Date: 18 April 1944

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

- (1) "ML.424" departed Milne Bay 1130/17 for Lae ETA 0030/19.
- (2) "YMS's 73, 53" "SC.748" escorting Convoy BG.85 (MERKUR"(AF) for Langemak and Manus Island ETA 1400/20) departed Milne Bay 0915/17 for Langemak ETA 0700/19.
- (3) "MORESBY" (AGS) departed Milne Bay 0700/9 on survey duty.
- (4) "THOMAS NELSON" aground East of Killerton Island, Milne Bay.
- (5) "WARREGO" (PS) "GOULBURN" "WAGGA" (AMS) commenced patrol South of China Strait at 1500/13.
- (6) "CARONDOLET" (IX) departed Caloundra 1200/13 ETA China Strait 1200/20.
- (7) "POLLUX" (AKS) towing 1 LCT was to depart Caloundra 0400/17 for Milne Bay ETA 1600/22.
- (8) "COUCAL" (ASR) departed Caloundra 2359/15 for Milne Bay ETA China Strait 0700/20: for onward routing to Buna.
- (9) "BENDIGO" (AMS) departed Cairns 1200/17 for Milne Bay ETA 0700/19.
- (10) "PIRIE" (AMS) escorting Convoy TD.52 ("DUNDULA" "MURADA") was to depart Thursday Island 0200/18 for Darwin.
- (11) "SOLACE" (AH) was to depart Brisbane 1030/18 for Milne Bay ETA 1400/21.
- (12) "MANUNDA" (AH) departed Port Moresby 1230/16 for Brisbane ETA 1800/19.
- (13) "BUNGAREE" (GM) was to depart Torres Strait 14 April for Bowen ETA 0800/17 and Townsville ETA p.m. 18 April thence returning to Thursday Island about 24 April.
- (14) "KALGOORLIE" (AMS) departed Townsville 1258/15 for Sydney ETA 1200/19.
- (15) "YP.291" was to depart Caloundra 1700/17 for Palm Island ETA 1400/20: Cairns ETA 0600/22: Thursday Island ETA 1400/27.
- (16) "CALAMARES" (AF) proceeding Brisbane ETA not known.
- (17) "STRAHAN" (AMS) departed Sydney 1727/17 for Townsville ETA 0900/22: for onward routing to Milne Bay.
- (18) "MILDURA" (AMS) was to depart Caloundra 2200/17 to relieve "SC.745" on Sardy Cape A/S patrol: "MILDURA" to be relieved at 1200/22 by "SC.749".
- (19) "DOOMBA" (A/S) departed Sydney 0852/17 on A/S patrol to Smoky Cape and return.
- (20) "GLADSTONE" (AMS) departed Port Adelaide 1240/17 for Sydney ETA 0530/21.
- (21) 5 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "GASCOYNE" (PF) "COWRA" "KIAMA" "BENDIGO" (AMS) to depart Milne Bay p.m. 2 April to relieve "STAWELL" "BOWEN" "GYMPIE" "CASTLEMAINE" which are to be sailed in company on relief for Milne Bay.
- (2) "DUMTROON" (AP) to depart Sydney 1330/18 for Cairns.
- (3) "SC.731" to depart Cairns 1200/18 for Thursday Island ETA 1600/20.
- (4) "ML.825" to sail when ready from Sydney to Milne Bay, coming under operational and administrative control N.O.I.C. New Guinea on arrival.



(c) In Harbour:

Admiralties:

Combat Units 2 DD : "JENKINS" "PHILIP"  
22 PT  
Escorts 17 : 6 AMS: "BENALLA" "BOWEN" "BUNDABERG"  
"CASTLEMAINE" "GYMPIE" "STAWELL"  
6 YMS: 8, 10, 46, 47, 48, 51  
1 SC: 747 4 PC: 1120, 1122, 1133, 1134  
Auxiliaries 12 : "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "SAN PABLO" (AVP)  
"TANGIER" (AV) "LEOPARD" "MINK" (IX)  
"WHARTON" (AP) "VICTORIA" (AO) "EPPING FOREST"  
"GUNSTON HALL" (LSD) "PATHFINDER" (AGS)  
"GEO. ELLIOTT" "CELENO" (AK)  
Merchantmen 16 : "J. BARBOSA" "J. P. BRADLEY" "J. G. BRADY"  
"T. M. COOLEY" "T. CRAWFORD" "J. D. DOTY" "J. HART"  
"KARSIK" "LYMAN STEWART" "MORMACGULL"  
"MORMACSEA" "RAMO" "VAN SWOLL" "J. W. MELDRUM"  
"S. M. WHITE" "M. THORNTON"

Cape Gloucester:

Escorts 2 : 1 PF: "SAN PEDRO" 1 PC: 476  
Talasea:  
Combat Units 13 PT  
Saidor:  
Combat Units 10 PT with 1 LST acting as AGP  
Escorts 1 : 1 PC: 1124  
Merchantmen 3 : "ANSON BURLINGHAME" "F. M. QUINONES" "TIMOSHENKO"  
Langemak:  
Combat Units 12 DD : "GILLESPIE" "HOPEWELL" "KALK" "LA VALLETTE"  
"NICHOLSON" "REID" "ROE" "STEMBEL" "  
"STEVENSON" "STOCKTON" "TAYLOR" "WILKES"

Escorts 28 PT  
17 : 2 DE: "WHITEHURST" "EICHENBERGER"  
3 YMS: 9, 315, 334  
4 ML: 424, 803, 806, 816  
8 SC: 637, 648, 698, 703, 742, 743, 750, 981  
Auxiliaries 39 : "FORTUNUS" (AGP) "HUMPHREYS" "HERBERT"  
"DICKERSON" "NOA" "CROSBY" "SCHLEY" "GILMER"  
"BROOKS" "SANDS" "KILTY" "DENT" "WARD" (APD)  
"HOGAN" "LONG" "HAMILTON" "PERRY" (DMS)  
"ORMSBY" "HARRY LEE" "WESTRALIA" (APA)  
"AASE MAERSK" (AO) "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG)  
"CENTAURUS" (AKA) "YUNNAN" (AE) "PRES. MUNROE"  
(AP) "GANYMEDE" "TRIANGULUM" "BOOTES"  
"ETAMIN" (AK) "SONOMA" "RESERVE" (AT)  
"TULSA" (PG) "MIZAR" (AF) "SHEPPARTON" (AGS)  
"HILO" (AGP) "PORCUPINE" (IX) "CHETCO" (AT)  
1 YF: 156 1 YOG  
Merchantmen 21 : "ALGOA POLARIS" "JAS. BUCHANAN" "W. N. BYERS"  
"P. CHANDLER" "CITY OF PHILADELPHIA" "M. DALY"  
"J. EVANS" "D. E. HUGHES" "S. JACKSON" "JANSSENS"  
"O. KELLY" "MACTAN" "MANA" "G. VON L. MEYER"  
"POELAU LAUT" "A. REHAN" "URIAH M. ROSE"  
"W. C. SQUIRE" "J. M. THOMPSON" "A. E. WATTS"  
"J. M. WHISTLER"

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Escorts 5 : 1 DE: "NEUENDORF"  
3 ML: 428, 430, 431 1 SC: 734  
Auxiliaries 2 : "PANDA" (IX) "TASMAN" (AH)  
Merchantmen 19 : "D. F. BARRY" "CAPE HENRY" "W. E. CHANNING"  
"F. H. DODD" "A. S. DUNIWAY" "GREY LAG"  
"A. B. HAMMOND" "LAKE ORMAC" "NORLAGO" "J. ROSS"  
"RING LARDNER" "J. A. ROSSITER" "J. SINGER"  
"M. M. STEWART" "A. THOMAS" "VAN OUTHORN"  
"M. WALKER" "ED. N. WESTCOTT" "D. WRIGHT"

Buna-Oro Bay:

Combat Units 2 CA : "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE"  
3 CL: : "PHOENIX" "BOISE" "NASHVILLE"  
25 DD : "ABNER READ" "AMMEN" "ARUNTA" "BACHE" "BEALE"  
"DALY" "DASHIELL" "FLETCHER" "GRAYSON"  
"HARRISON" "HUTCHINS" "JOHN ROGERS" "MCKEE"  
"MULLANY" "MURRAY" "NICHOLAS" "O'BANNON"  
"RADFORD" "RINGGOLD" "SCHROEDER" "SIGSEEE"  
"STEVENS" "THORN" "WARRAMUNGA" "WELLES"

Buna-Oro Bay (contd.)

Escorts	11	:	3 DE: "LOVELACE" "MANNING" "JAMES E. CRAIG"
		:	5 PF: "CORONADO" "GLENDALE" "LONGBEACH"
		:	"OGDEN" "VAN BUREN"
		:	3 SC: 732, 736, 982
Auxiliaries	9	:	"TRINITY" (AO) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "MEDUSA" (AR)
		:	"KANE" (APD) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "PYRO" (AE)
		:	"DOBBIN" (AD) "POYANG" (ASIS) 1 ARD
Merchantmen	25	:	"ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "E.D. BAKER" "BALIKPAPAN"
		:	"BORGFRED" "CARLOS CARILLO" "CHIEF CHARLOT"
		:	"J. CHOTEAU" "S.L. CLARKE" "P.T. DODDRIDGE"
		:	"J. LYKES" "W.S. LADD" "B. MATTHEWS" "MONMOUTH"
		:	"NORAB" "OZARK" "PANAMA EXPRESS" "H.T. RAINEX"
		:	"SEA CAT" "O. SKINNER" "SWARTENHONDT"
		:	"TJISADANE" "VAN DER LIJN" "H.V. WHITE"
		:	"J.E. WING" "YCHOW"
<u>Goodenough Is:</u>			
Combat Units	2 DD	:	"HOBBY" "SWANSON"
Auxiliaries	7	:	"CARTER HALL" (LSD) "ZEILIN" "WINDSOR"
		:	"KANIMBLA" "MANOORA" "H.T. ALLEN" (APA)
		:	"VIRGO" (AKA)
Merchantmen	6	:	"D.D. FIELD" "M. GRIFFITH" "W.H. MOODY"
		:	"S.G. PORTER" "WEST CACTUS" "K.D. WIGGIN"
<u>Milne Bay:</u>			
Combat Units	1 DD	:	"VENDETTA"
	1 PT	:	
Escorts	41	:	2 PF: "EL PASO" "GASCOYNE"
		:	1 PS: "SWAN"
		:	10 SC: 650, 699, 735, 736, 737, 738, 741, 742,
		:	744, 746
		:	7 AMS: "KIAMA" "COWRA" "ARARAT" "KAPUNDA"
		:	"GEELONG" "LITHGOW" "GLENELG"
		:	6 PC: 477, 1119, 1121, 1123, 1131, 1132
		:	8 YMS: 52, 71, 313, 314, 316 335, 336, 393
		:	7 ML: 425, 427, 801, 802, 817, 818, 819
Auxiliaries	29	:	"TALBOT" (APD) "HALF MOON" (AVP) "OTUS"
		:	"EURYALE" (AS) "KOOPA" (AGP) "RIGEL" (AR)
		:	"AMYCUS" (ARL) "BAYOU ST. JOHN" "WATO" (AT)
		:	"PING WO" (ASIS) "ST. MARY'S" "VILLALOBOS"
		:	"ANDREW DORIA" (IX) "ALABASTER" (PYC)
		:	"TEAK" (AN) "TRYON" (APH) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR"
		:	(ARS) "SHIKELLAMY" (AOG) "WHIPPOORWILL (AM)
		:	3 APD 2 ARD 1 YOG
		:	4 YP: 278, 280, 283, 449
Merchantmen	74	:	"H.T. ABBOTT" "ACONCAGUA" "ANHUI" "ARANSAS
		:	PASS" "D. BELASCO" "F. BILLINGS" "BIRCHCOULIE"
		:	"S.K. BOLIVAR" "BOTH" "J. BURROUGHS"
		:	"J.C. CALHOUN" "CAPE LOSS" "CAPE NEWENHAM"
		:	"CAPE ROMANO" "J.M. CAREY" "M.I. CASEY"
		:	"F.J. CUNEL" "G. DAVIDSON" "J. DEERE" "DEFIANCE"
		:	"DON MARQUIS" "L.C. DYCHE" "F.A. EILERS"
		:	"F. EVERS" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "FALLEN TIMBERS"
		:	"FIRE ISLAND" "FORT DONELSON" "GENERAL
		:	VERSPIJCK" "GRANDE RONDE" "R.H. HAND"
		:	"G.R. HEBARD" "HANYANG" "HAWIAAN SHIPPER"
		:	"P.C. HEWITT" "ISOLATOR" "E. JOHNSON"
		:	"J.A. JOHNSON" "E. JOHNSON" "JUAN PABLO DUARTE"
		:	"L.S. KELLY" "M.C. KERR" "C. KING" "KOTA GEDE"
		:	"KOTA INTEN" "ED. LANDER" "J.H. LANE"
		:	"N. LUCKENBACH" "F.B. LINDERMANN" "A. MAJOR"
		:	"J.S. MANSFIELD" "C.H. MATSON" "J. MCLEAN"
		:	"H. MONROE" "MOBILGAS" "NARVIK" "B.T. OSBORNE"
		:	"G.H. PORTER" "M. ROBERTSON" "A. ROBINSON"
		:	"SABINE SUN" "SEA FLASHER" "N.J. SINNOTT"
		:	C.L. SMITH" "SOMMELSDITCK" "C. SPRECKLES"
		:	"W.H. SUBJETTE" "T.W. SYMONS" "TAWALI"
		:	"S. TURMAN" "GEO. VANCOUVER" "VAN SPILBERGEN"
		:	"W. WILLIAMS" "J.W. WILLISTON" "E. YOUNG"



6. Rabaul (contd) In addition during a.m. 16 April, the stores and supply areas at Talili Bay and Keravia Bay were attacked by 24 Mitchells and fighters.
7. Wide Bay - During the night 15-16 April an enemy floatplane bombed PT boats operating off Jacquinot Bay without effect.
8. Aitape-Hollandia Coast - Details concerning the heavy strike on Hollandia midday 16 April are not yet complete. Much damage, however, is believed to have been inflicted on stores, supplies and personnel around Hollandia. There was no interception and only few reports of ack ack opposition. Only 1 small freighter apparently was present in the Harbour area, in addition to a number of small craft and barges.  
At 1300/16 1 medium sized merchant ship was reported just west of Seleo Island, off Aitape. Preliminary reports of operations 17 April indicate that 1 lugger was sunk by 2 reconnaissance Mitchells off Aitape at 1040/17 and another off Vanimo at 1125/17.
9. Mapia Island - (100 miles North of Manokwari). At 1150/17 an enemy 4 engine flying boat was shot down by a patrolling Navy Liberator, 20 miles ESE of Mapia Island.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/18:

- (1) "INVERELL" (AMS) escorting Convoy DT.51 (2 MV) departed Darwin 0810/15 for Thursday Island ETA 1300/18.
- (2) "YMS's 11, 72" were to depart Groote Island 17 April for Darwin.
- (3) 14 Submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Escorts	5	: 1 AMS "LATROBE" 1 A/S "WILCANNIA"
		4 ML : 429, 809, 814, 815
Merchantmen	3	: "GEO.EASTMAN" "A.HILL" "SCHWEDAGON"
<u>Merauke:</u>		
Escorts	1	: "BALLARAT" (AMS)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- Mamana - A.M. 15 April a reconnaissance aircraft reported 5 small freighters (each under 1000 tons) and about 15 barges and small craft.
2. Kai Islands - At 1033/17 stores and personnel concentrations on Kai Islands in the Toeal-Langgoer area were bombed by 22 Liberators with general unobserved results.  
12-15 Zeros apparently from Langgoer strip intercepted and 1 was probably shot down. 3 small sea trucks and several small craft were observed in the Langgoer-Toeal area.
3. Timor - Photos 17 April show no serviceable aircraft at Penfoei airfield on which further clearing is in progress for dispersal.
4. Southern Philippines - At 0600/16 an enemy warship described as "MOGAMI" class Heavy Cruiser was reported 90 miles west of Basilan Strait (S.W.Mindanao) on course 230°.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/18:

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA (Contd)

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat Units	1 CL	:	"ADELAIDE"
	1 DD	:	"NORMAN"
Escorts	6	:	"HORSHAM" "BUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739
			3 ML: 812, 824, 826
Auxiliaries	8	:	"LARK" (AM) "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS) "ISABEL" (FY) 2 YP: 286, 288 1 ARD: "CHILDERS" (AV)

Exmouth Gulf:

Auxiliaries	2	:	"W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) "CHANTICLEER" (ASK)
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B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

1. Ponape - During 2 air strikes 15 April involving 2 and 3 Mitchells respectively, a small oiler was sunk, and 2 small escorts left beached and damaged at or near Ant Island (10 miles SW of Ponape) whilst apparently heading for Ponape.
2. Satawan (Nomoi) - At 1110/16 the airfield and dispersal area at Satawan were bombed by 15 Soupac Liberators. Photos show 4 craters on the runway and many more hits in the dispersal and personnel areas. No opposition was reported.
3. Woleai - At midnight 16-17 April Woleai was attacked by 5 Catalinas with unobserved results. One unidentified floatplane attempted interception without effect 4 medium sized ships and 1 other possible small ship were observed in the Lagoon.
4. Guam - At 1246/16 aircraft reported 1 large and 1 small merchant ship 240 miles SE of Guam, Course 150°.
5. Marshalls-Carolines - During 15 April light to medium strikes were conducted by Cenpac aircraft against Ponape, Taroa, Wotje, Jaluit and Mille.

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ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES.

1. Concentration of naval strength Malayan area.
2. Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North Coast New Guinea East Indies, Malayan and Kuriles.
3. Increased use of submarines for transportation purposes in Marshalls-Bismarcks-Solomons.
4. Continued use of barges and small coasters for coastal transportation in forward areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

<u>BB</u>	-		(4) IDAHO NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA TENNESSEE	-
<u>CV (E)</u>	RANEE		(8) NATOMA BAY MANILA BAY CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO SANTEE	-
<u>CA</u>	(2) AUSTRALIA SHEROPSHIRE		-	-
<u>CL</u>	(4) BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX * HOBART		(8) COLUMBIA DENVER HONOLULU ST LOUIS BIRMINGHAM MONT PELIER CLEVELAND * LEANDER	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	TANGIER		(3) WRIGHT CHANDELEUR POCOMOKE	-
<u>XP/XCVS</u>	(3) HALF MOON SAN PABLO HERON		(2) BALLARD COOS BAY	-
<u>DD</u>	(43) ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA ABNER READ AMLEN BACHE BEALE DALY DASHIELL FLETCHER GILLESPIE GRAYSON HARRISON HOBBY HOPEWELL HUTCHINS JEBKINS JOHN ROGERS KALK LA VALLETTE MCKEE	MULLANY MURRAY NICHOLAS NICHOLSON O'BANNON PHILIP RADFORD REID RINGGOLD ROE SIGSBEE SCHROEDER STEMBEL STEVENS STEVENSON STOCKTON SWANSON TAYLOR THORN WELLES WILEES	Approx. 45	-

\* Non-effective

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>	
		<u>Southwest Pacific</u> ( <u>Eastern Section</u> )	<u>South Pacific</u>		
<u>SS</u>	(5)	BASHAW BLACKFISH BLUEGILL	CERO DARTER ) On patrol		10
		K.12	On passage		
	(2)	S.42 S.47	} At Milne Bay		
	(2)	DACE SCAMP	} At Seeadler		
	(2)	SILVERSIDES TUNNY	} At Brisbane		
		K.9	At Sydney		
<u>PT</u>		Approx. 85		Approx. 110	?
<u>APA</u> <u>AKA</u> <u>APD</u>	(23)	H.T.ALLEN (APA) KANIMELA MANOORA WESTRALIA HARRY LEE ZBILIN ORMSBY WINDSOR ALGORAB (AKA) CENTAURUS VIRGO	KANE (APD) GILMER SCHLEY SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS HERBERT TALBOT CROSBY NOA DENT DICKERSON KILTY WARD	15 APA 1 APD 8 AKA	-
<u>AGC</u>		BLUE RIDGE		-	-
<u>AS</u>	(2)	OTUS EURYALE		-	-
<u>AD</u>		DOBBIN		-	-
<u>AR</u>	(3)	RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS		PROMETHEUS	-
<u>LSD</u>	(3)	CARTER HALL GUNSTON HALL EPPING FOREST			
				<u>AIRCRAFT</u> Fighters (incl. 9 twin-eng) Light & M/Brs. Torpedo & D/Brs. Flying Boats Floatplanes Obsn A/c	76 68 2 1 27 20

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CA</u>			(2) NACHI ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	(3)	DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	(3) ABUKUMA TAMA KISO
<u>DD</u>		9	10
<u>SS</u>		10	Approx. 4

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

			Mandates Philippines	Empire
<u>BB</u>	(14)	IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA * OKLAHOMA	(4) YAMATO NAGATO KONGO HARUNA (5) ISE YAMASHIRO HYUGA * MUBASHI MUTSU (prob. sunk)
<u>CV</u>	(7)	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL HORNET	(2) SHOKAKU ZUIKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	(7)	COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY * INDEPENDENCE	(4) RYUHO ZU IHO HITAKA * HAYATAKA
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	-	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	(20)	COPAHEE BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU CASABLANCA ALTAMAHIA WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY	PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MEHENTA BAY OMMANEY BAY SAVO ISLAND	(5) CHIPOSE CHIYODA JINYO * OTAKA * UNYO
<u>CA</u>	(13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY LOUISVILLE PORTLAND PENSACOLA	(11) ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI MAYA MYOKO CHIKUMA MOGAMI KUMANO SUZUYA TONE HAGURO
<u>OCA</u>	-	-	-	6
	(8)	SANTA FE SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN MOBILE	BILOXI OAKLAND * RENO * CONCORD	(4) YUBARI KINU YAHAGI NOSHIRO (4) * NAGARA * NATORI * ISUZU * OYODO
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA
<u>AV/CVS</u>		CURTISS		(2) AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO
<u>DD</u>		Approx. 120	30-35	20 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u>		Approx. 30	25	Approx. 25
<u>AS</u>		?	?	2 (1 repairing)

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

CL TRENTON  
DD 9

\* Non-effective



5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>Southwest Pacific (Western Section)</u>		<u>Eastern Fleet Area</u>	<u>East Indies-Malaya</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	(4) QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN RICHELIEU	FUSO
<u>CV</u>	-	(2) ILLUSTRIOUS SARATOGA	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	TAIHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	(5) BATTLEER UNICORN SHAH ATHELING BEGUM	KAIYO
<u>CA</u>	-	(4) SUFFOLK SUSSEX LONDON CUMBERLAND	AOBA
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	(8) CEYLON NEWCASTLE KENYA DANAE GAMBIER TROMP NIGERIA EMERALD	(2) KITAGAMI OI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(2) CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOJ
<u>XCL</u>	-	(2) CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>DD</u>	NORMAN	Approx. 27	15
<u>SS</u>	(14) BONEFISH HOE ) CREVAILE MINGO ) COD PADDLE ) FLASHER PARGO ) On patrol HADDO REDFIN ) HAKE ROBALO ) JACK K.15 )	Approx. 15	18 (incl. 7 German)
	FLOUNDER	On passage	
	(13) ANGLER NORWHAL ) BILLFISH PUFFER ) BLUEFISH RASHER ) At Fremantle BOWFIN RATON ) CABRILLA RAY ) GUNNEL LAPON ) K.14 )		
	(2) PELIAS ORION		

AIRCRAFT (East Indies only)  
Fighters 133  
Light & M/Bombers 77  
Torpedo & D/Bombers -  
Flying Boats -  
Floatplanes 43  
Obsn. A/c 23

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

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PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. EASTERN AREA(i) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/20:

- (1) "BAYOU ST JOHN" (AT) departed Milne Bay 0920/18 for Langemak ETA 0600/21.
- (2) "M HESBY" (AGS) departed Milne Bay 0700/9 on survey duty
- (3) "THOMAS NELSON" aground Easter of Killerton Island, Milne Bay.
- (4) "WARREGO" (PS) "GOULBURN" "WAGGA" (AMS) commenced patrol South of China Strait at 1500/13.
- (5) "ARARAT" (AMS) departed Milne Bay 0615/19 to RV with "ARIDED" (AK)
- (6) "CARONDOLET" (IX) departed Caloundra 1200/13 ETA China Strait 1200/20
- (7) "POLLUX" (AKS) towing 1 LCT was to depart Caloundra 0400/17 for Milne Bay ETA 1600/22.
- (8) "MATAFELE" (AGS) departed Townsville 1400/19 for Milne Bay ETA 0300/23
- (9) "SOLACE" (AH) was to depart Brisbane 1030/18 for Milne Bay ETA 1400/21
- (10) "OCTANS" (AF) departed Caloundra 1200/19 for Milne Bay ETA 0600/23
- (11) "SC.731" departed Cairns 1335/18 for Thursday Island ETA 1600/20.
- (12) "YP.291" was to depart Caloundra 1700/17 for Palm Island ETA 1400/20
- (13) "STRAHAN" (AMS) departed Sydney 1727/17 for Townsville ETA 0900/22; for onward routing to Milne Bay.
- (14) 2 YT departed Caloundra 1400/19 for Townsville ETA 26 April: to call Gladstone ETA 0500/21, and Mackay: to be onward routed to Milne Bay from Cairns.
- (15) "DUNTROON" (AP) was to depart Sydney 1330/18 for Cairns ETA 0130/23
- (16) "MILDURA" (AMS) departed Caloundra 2200/17 on Sandy Cape A/S patrol: "MILDURA" to be relieved at 1200/22 by "SC.749"
- (17) "WARRNAMBOOL" (AMS) "YANDRA" (A/S) departed Sydney 0936/19 on A/S patrol and exercises: "YANDRA" to return at 0900/22 and "WARRNAMBOOL" at 0900/24.
- (18) "GLADSTONE" (AMS) departed Port Adelaide 1240/17 for Sydney ETA 0530/23
- (19) 6 Submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "CASCOYNE" (PF) "COWRA" "KIAMA" "BENDIGO" (AMS) to depart Milne Bay p.m. 21 April to relieve "STAWELL" "BOWEN" "GYMPIE" "CASTLEMAINE" which are to be sailed in company on relief for Milne Bay
- (2) "ML.825" to sail when ready for Sydney to Milne Bay, coming under operational and administrative control N.O.I.C. New Guinea on arrival.
- (3) "ECHUCA" (AMS) to depart Caloundra when ready for Milne Bay.
- (4) "KATOOMBA" (AMS) to depart Sydney when ready for Milne Bay via Brisbane On arrival to come under operational and administrative control of N.O.I.C. New Guinea.

(c) In Harbour:

Admiralties:

Combat Units 2 DD : "JENKINS" "PHILIP"  
22 PT  
Escorts 12 : 3 AMS: "BOWEN" "BUNDABERG" "GLENELG"  
6 YMS: 8, 10, 46, 47, 48, 51  
1 SC: 747, 2 PC: 1133, 1134  
Auxiliaries 16 : "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "SAN PABLO" (AVP)  
"TANGIER" (AV) "LEOPARD" "MINK" (IX)  
"YUNNAN" (AE) "PRES. MONROE" "WHARTON"  
(AP) "VICTORIA" (AO) "EPPING FOREST" "28"  
"GUNSTON HALL" (LSD) "PATHFINDER" "BENALIA"  
"SHEPPARTON" (AGS) "GEO. ELLIOTT"  
"CELESTIC" (AK)  
Merchantmen 20 : "J. BARBOSA" "J.P. BRADLEY" "J.G. BRADY"  
"CHIEF CHARLOT" "J.P. CHATEAU" "T.M.  
COOLEY" "T. CRAWFORD" "J.D. DOTY" "J. HART"  
"S. JACKSON" "KARSEK" "LYMAN STEWART"  
"MORMACGULL" "MORMACSEA" "POELAU LAUT"  
"RAMO" "J.W. MELDRUM" "S.M. WHITE"  
"J.M. THOMPSON" "M. THORNTON"

Cape Gloucester:

Escorts 2 : 1 PF: "SAN PEDRO" 1 PC: 476  
Palasea:  
Combat Units 13 PT  
Saifor:  
Combat Units 10 PT with 1 LST acting as AGP  
Merchantmen 2 : "F.M. GUINONES" "TIMOSHENKO"  
Langemak:  
Combat Units 20 DD : "FLETCHER" "GILLESPIE" "HARRISON"  
"HOPEWELL" "JOHN ROGERS" "KALK"  
"LA VALLETTE" "MCREE" "MURRAY"  
"NICHOLSON" "RADFORD" "REED" "ROE"  
"STEMMEL" "STEVENS" "STEVENSON"  
"STOCKTON" "TAYLOR" "WELLES" "WILKES"  
Escorts 28 PT  
30 : 2 DE: "WHITEHURST" "J.E. CRAIG"  
3 PF: "CORONADO" "GLENDALE" "LONG BEACH"  
3 AMS: "CASTLEMAINE" "GYMPIE" "STAWELL"  
5 YMS: 9, 53, 73, 315, 334  
4 PC: 1120, 1122, 1123, 1124  
4 ML: 424, 803, 806, 816  
9 SC: 637, 648, 698, 703, 742, 743, 748  
750, 981  
Auxiliaries 37 : "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "HUMPHREYS" "HERBERT"  
"DICKERSON" "NOA" "CROSBY" "SCHLEY"  
"KANE" "GILMER" "BROOKS" "KILTY" "DENT"  
"WARD" (APD) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "HOGAN"  
"LONG" "HAMILTON" "PERRY" (DMS) "ORMSBY"  
"HARRY LEE" "WESTRALIA" (APA) "AASE"  
"MAERSK" (AO) "CENTAURUS" (AKA)  
"TRIANGULUM" "BOOTES" "ETAMIN" (AK)  
"SONOMA" "RESERVE" (AT) "TULSA" (PG)  
"MERKUR" "MIZAR" (AF) "HILO" (AGP)  
"CHETCO" (AT) "ANDREW DORIA" (IX) 1 YOG  
1 YP: 156 1 YI: 230  
Merchantment 21 : "ALCOA POLARIS" "ANSON BUFLINGHAME"  
"E.D. BAKER" "JAS BUCHANAN" "W.N. BYERS"  
"W.E. CHANNING" "M. DALY" "J. EVANS"  
"D.E. HUGHES" "JANSSENS" "O. KELLY" "NACTAN"  
"MANA" "G. VON L. MEYER" "URIAH M. ROSE"  
"J. SINGER" "W.C. SQUIRE" "A.E. WATTS"  
"J.M. WHISTLER" "K.D. WIGGIN" "YOCROW"

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Escorts 5 : 4 ML: 424, 428, 430, 431, 1 SC: 734  
Auxiliaries 4 : "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG) "PANDA" "PORCUPINE"  
(IX) "TASMAN" (AH) "D.F. BARRY" "CAPE  
HENRY" "P. CHANDLER" "F.H. DODD"  
"A.S. DUNINWAY" "GREY LAG" "A.B. HAMMOND"  
"NORLAGO" "A. REHAN" "J. ROSS" "J.A.  
ROSSITER" "M.M. STEWART" "A. THOMAS" "VAN  
OUTHORN" "M. WALKER" "ED N. WESTCOTT"  
"D. WRIGHT"

Buna-Oro Bay:

Combat Units	2 CA	:	"AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE"
	3 CL	:	"PHOENIX" "BOISE" "NASHVILLE"
	17 DD	:	"ABNER READ" "AMMEN" "ARUNTA" "BACHE" "BEALE" "DALY" "DASHIELL" "GRAYSON" "HUTCHINS" "MULLANY" "NICHOLAS" "O'BANNON" "RINGGOLD" "SCHROEDER" "SIGSBEE" "THORN" "WARRAMUNGA"
Escorts	11	:	4 DE: "LOVELACE" "MANNING" "NUENDORF" "EICHENBERGER" 2 PF: "OGDEN" "VAN BUREN" 4 SC: 732, 736, 746, 982 1 YMS: 393
Auxiliaries	9	:	"TRINITY" (AO) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "MEDUSA" (AR) "SANDS" (APD) "GANYMEDE" (AK) "PYRO" (AE) "DOBBIN" (AD) "KANG" (ASIS) 1 ARD
Merchantmen	28	:	"ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "ANHUT" "BALIKPAPAN" "BORGFRED" "D.BELASCO" "S.L.CLARKE" "P.T.DODDERIDGE" "FALLEN TIMBERS" "HAWAIIAN SHIPPER" "J.A.JOHNSON" "M.C.KERN" "J.H.LANE" "W.S.LADD" "J.LYKES" "E. MATTHEWS" "MONMOUTH" "NORAB" "OZARK" "PANAMA EXPRESS" "H.T.RAINEY" "SOMMELSDIJK" "SWARTENHONDT" "T.W. SYMONS" "TJISADANE" "VAN DER LIJN" "WEST CACTUS" "H.V.WHITE" "J.E.WING"
<u>Goodenough Island:</u>			
Combat Units	2 DD	:	"HOBBY" "SWANSON"
Auxiliaries	7	:	"CARTER HALL" (LSD) "ZEILIN" "WINDSOR" "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA" "H.T.AILEN" (APA) "VIRGO" (AKA)
Merchantmen	3	:	"D.D.FIELD" "HANYANG" "S.S.PORTER"
<u>Milne Bay:</u>			
Combat Units	1 DD	:	"VENDETTA"
	1 PF	:	
Escorts	37	:	2 PF: "EL PASO" "GASCOYNE" 1 PS: "SWAN" 9 SC: 650, 699, 735, 736, 738, 737, 741 742, 744 6 AMS: "KIAMA" "COWRA" "KAPUNDA" "GEELONG" "LITHGOW" "BENDIGO" 5 PC: 477, 1119, 1121, 1131, 1132 7 YMS: 52, 71, 313, 314, 316, 225, 226 7 RL: 425, 427, 801, 802, 817, 818, 819
Auxiliaries	27	:	"TALBOT" (APD) "HALF MOON" (AVP) "OTUS" "EURYALE" (AS) "COUCAL" (ASR) "KOOPA" (AGP) "RIGEL" (AR) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "WATO" (AT) "PING WO" (ASIS) "ST MARYS" "VILLALOBOS" (IX) "ALABASTER" (PYG) "TEAK" (AN) "TRYON" (APH) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "SHIKELIANY" (AGG) "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) 3 AFD 2 ARD 1 YOG 4 YP: 278, 283, 449
Merchantmen	75	:	"H.T.ABBOTT" "ACONCAGUA" "ARANSAS" "PASS" "L.BEECHER" "F.BILLINGS" "BIRCHCOULIE" "BOTH" "J.BURROUGHS" "CAPE CANSON" "J.C.CALHOUN" "CAPE LOSS" "CAPE ROMANO" "J.M.CAREY" "CARLOS CARILLO" "M.I.CASEY" "CITY OF PHILADELPHIA" "F.J.CUNEL" "G.DAVIDSON" "J.DEBRE" "DEFIANCE" "DON MARQUIS" "L.C.DYCHE" "F.A.EILERS" "F. EVERS" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "FIRE ISLAND" "PORT DONELSON" "GAUNTLET" "GENERAL VERSPITCK" "J.HALL" "GRANDE RONDE" "R.H.HA D" "D.HEWES" "P.C.HEWITT" "H.I. HOYT" "ISOLATOR" "E.JOINSON" "JUAN PABLO DUARTE" "L.S.KELLY" "KOTA BAROE" "KOTA GEDE" "ED.LANDER" "LAKE ORMAO" "N.LUCKEMBACH" "F.S.LINDERMANN" "A.MAJOR" "J.S.MANSFIELD" "C.H.MATSON" "MAUI" "J.MCLEAN" "H.MONROE" "MOBILGAS" "W.H.MOLLY" "B.T.OSBORNE" "G.H.PORTER" "RING LARDNER"

Milne Bay (contd)

<u>Merchantmen (contd)</u> :		:	"M. ROBERTSON" "A. ROBINSON" "SABINE SUN" "SEA CAT" "SEA FLASHER" "S.H. SHORT" "N.J. SINNOTT" "O. SKINNER" "W.H. SUBJETTE" "TAWALI" "S. TURMAN" "GEO. VANCOUVER" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "VAN SWOLL" "F.A. WARDWELL" "W. WILLIAMS" "S.W. WILLISTON" "E. YOUNG"
<u>Port Moresby:</u>			
Escorts	1	:	1 ML: 426
Merchantmen	2	:	"G.R. HEBARD" "TAROONA"
<u>Thursday Island:</u>			
Escorts	2	:	1 ML: 820 1 AMS: "EVERELL"
Auxiliaries	1	:	"POLARIS" (AGS)
<u>Cairns:</u>			
Escorts	7	:	1 AMS: "BUNBURY" 1 PC: 479 3 ML: 804 805 811 2 YMS: 49, 50
Auxiliaries	2	:	"PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD
<u>Townsville:</u>			
Escorts	1	:	1 PF: "BARCOO"
Auxiliaries	2	:	1 CM: "BUNGAREE" 1 YP: 233
<u>Mackay:</u>			
Auxiliaries	1	:	"HERON" (AVP)
<u>Brisbane:</u>			
Escorts	8	:	3 AMS: "BROOME" "ECHUCA" "WHYALLA" 1 YMS: 70 2 ML: 808, 821 2 SC: 745, 746
Auxiliaries	8	:	"ALGORAB" (AKA) "KURUMBA" (AO) "CALAMARES" (AF) "KAETSUYCKER" "MANUNDA" (AH) "KAILUA" (IX) 2 YP: 236, 291
<u>Sydney:</u>			
Combat Units	1 CL	:	"HOBART" (refitting)
	1 DD	:	"STUART"
Escorts	15	:	6 AMS: "COLAC" "COOTAMUNDRA" "DEBORAH" "KALGOORLIE" "KATOOMBA" "TOWNSVILLE" 3 A/S: "AB. CRIJSSEN" "DOOMBA" "KYBRA" 6 ML: 807, 809, 813, 822, 823, 825
Auxiliaries	4	:	"BISHOPDALE" (AO) "POINT LOMA" (AT) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG)
<u>Melbourne:</u>			
Escorts	1	:	1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" (Refitting)
<u>Adelaide:</u>			
Escorts	1	:	1 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" (Refitting)

Note: Special operational movements in forward areas not shown.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- Buka Passage - During 18 April coastal guns around Buka Passage area were attacked by 3 Lightnings and 4 Corsairs.  
1 Lightning and 2 Corsairs were shot down by a/a fire.
- New Ireland airfields - Photos 17 April show Kavieng, Panapai, Borpop, and Namatanai airfields all to be unserviceable with nil operative aircraft present.
- Rabaul - A.M. 18 April Tobera airfield was attacked by 39 Dauntless 12 Avengers 11 Mitchells. The runway was well covered. 1 Avenger was lost by a/a fire and 2 Dauntless crashed after a collision.  
Keravat was attacked by 12 Mitchells and 9 aircobras scoring hits on the runway and starting fires alongside. Personnel and supply areas were attacked by 37 Dauntless 24 Avengers and 39 Fighter-bombers.  
Photographic coverage 18 April show Lakunai and Tobera to be unserviceable: Rapopo has only 30-50 feet of runway operative. Photos 17 April showed Vunakanau concrete runway to be rough but serviceable Keravat unserviceable after the strike that day.  
3 Floatplanes are shown in Simpsons Harbour by photos 17 April.

4. Ubili Area - Local sources report 18 April that a large party of Japs are still in the Pandi River mouth area. Natives report 19 April that 675 Japs arrived at Ulamona (just SW of Ubili) from the Cape Hoskins airfield area where patrols recently reported Japs. in some strength
5. Bogadjim area - Patrols in the Bogadjim and Erima Plantations have found numerous abandoned gun positions and defence works. An abandoned supply dump was found with nothing salvageable, and 18 trucks found nearby which had been rendered unserviceable. This demolition prior to departure clearly indicates an organised and meditated withdrawal on the part of the enemy.
6. Madang-Hansa Bay Coast - During the 18 and 19 April coastal sweeps were effected almost continuously during daylight hours along this sector of the coast, involving at least 22 Aircobras 7 Havocs and 2 Squadrons of Bostons. Probable gun emplacements, machine gun positions, trucks, buildings, huts and bridges were the targets which suffered.  
Aircraft over Hansa Bay p.m. 17 April reported 10-12 barrels of oil floating on the water in the area 25-50 miles E-NE of Madang. Also during 19 April 5 loaded barges drawn up on the beach in Hadzfeldt Harbour were destroyed by one of the fighter sweeps and another large barge at Manam was destroyed.
7. Wewak-Vanimo Coast - During 19 April Yakimul (24 miles ESE Aitape) and Negira (10 miles ESE of Vanimo) were bombed and strafed by 8 Mitchells and 16 Thunderbolts: fires were started, huts destroyed and a/a positions silenced.
8. Wakde Island Area - At 1124/19 3 small probable sea trucks were attacked by a reconnaissance Liberator 39 miles NW of Wakde Island.

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2. NORTH WESTERN AREA.

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/20:

- (1) "PIRIE" (AMS) escorting Convoy TD.52 ("DUNDULA" "MURADA") departed Thursday Is. 0210/18 for Darwin ETA.1130/22.  
 (2) "YMS's 11, 72" departed Groote Island 0600/18 for Darwin ETA 1800/20.  
 (3) 14 Submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Escorts	5	: 1 AMS: "LATROEE" 1 A/S: "WILCANNIA"
		4 ML: 429, 809, 814, 815
Merchantmen	3	: "GEO.EASTMAN" "A.HILL" "SCHWEDAGON"

Merauke:

Escorts	1	: "BALLARAT" (AMS)
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(11) ENEMY FORCES

1. Manokwari - The number and type of shipping at Manokwari shown in photographs taken 1200/18 is not yet fully determine. The following units have, however, been identified:  
 1 "YAEYAMA" type Mine layer  
 1 Gun boat (220')  
 3 Merchant ships (1, 3, 4500 tons respectively)  
 1 Freighter (150 tons)  
 66 barges, and several small craft.

1. Manokwari (contd) At 1152/19 Manokwari aerodrome was attacked by 9 Liberators with unobserved results. Photos previous day (18 April) show Manokwari runway probably to be serviceable. 4 Floatplanes were visible in the Harbour area.
2. Waren (Central west coast Geelvink Bay) - Photos 18 April show work still to be proceeding on Waren airfield; runway is not yet serviceable.
3. Babo - Photos 18 April show 9 serviceable aircraft including 6 fighters, 2 medium bombers, 1 transport on Babo airfield. One bomber is shown to be destroyed by bombs.  
At Sagan (midway between Babo and Kokas on southern shore Maccluer Gulf) both new strips are shown by photos 18/4 probably to be nearly serviceable.
4. Kaimana - At 1211/19 Uтарom airfield was bombed by 10 Liberators covering strip and taxiway satisfactorily, although results were unobserved. 3 enemy fighters intercepted without effect although one enemy fighter was at least damaged. 1 small freighter and a number of barges were seen in the Kaimana Bay area.
5. Aroe Islands - At 1340/19 2 possible sea trucks were seen off the NW coast of the group.
6. Timor - At 0830/19 Soe village was attacked by 12 Mitchells covered by 8 Beaufighters. Preliminary reports indicate that the same target was attacked again 19 April by 15 Beauforts.
7. Southern Philippines - During the night 15 April 1 Tanker, 1 medium and 2 large cargo ships were attacked by a U.S. submarine in the Mindanao area (see Naval Incidents) A.M. 18 April 1 small vessel was seen entering Davao Gulf and another small vessel was seen off Cebu Island.

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### 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

#### (i) ALLIED FORCES

##### (a) At Sea to 1200/20:

- (1) "NORMAN" (DD) departed Fremantle 1610/17 for Melbourne ETA 1000/21
- (2) "MAUNGANUI" (AH) departed Fremantle 1955/19 Eastbound.
- (3) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) departed Exmouth Gulf 0230/18 for Fremantle

##### (b) In Harbour:

#### Fremantle:

Combat Units	1 CL	:	"ADELAIDE"
Escorts	6	:	"HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739 3 ML: 812, 824, 826
Auxiliaries	8	:	"LARK" (AM) "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS) "ISABEL" (PY) 2 YP: 286 288 ; 1 ARD "CHILDS" (AV)

#### Exmouth Gulf:

Auxiliaries	1	:	"W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)
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### B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

1. Satawan Is. - At 1146/18 Satawan aerodrome was bombed by 14 Soupac Liberators covering part of the runway and the revetments areas; a large oil fire was started. There was no opposition nor interception
2. Woleai - At 0941/18 Woleai wairfield was attacked by 21 Souwespac Liberators; several grounded aircraft were destroyed or damaged and fires were started in the jetty area. 10-12 enemy fighters intercepted and 2 fighters were shot down.

3. - Marshalls - During 16 April light to medium strikes were conducted by Cempac aircraft on Mille, Wotje, Maloelap and Jaluit.

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NAVAL INCIDENTS

During the night 15 April a United States submarine sank or damaged 1 Tanker and 3 cargo ships including 2 large and 1 medium, in the Mindanao area.

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ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

1. Concentration of naval strength Malayan area.
2. Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North Coast New Guinea East Indies, Malayan and Kuriles
3. Increased use of submarines for transportation purposes in Marshalls Bismarcks-Solomons.
4. Continued use of barges and small coasters for coastal transportation in forward areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1 SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

<u>BB</u>	-	(4) IDAHO NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA TENNESSEE	-
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	(9) NATOMA BAY MANILA BAY CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHEWANGO SANTEE RANEE	-
<u>CA</u>	(2) AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	-
<u>CL</u>	(4) BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX * HOBART	(8) COLUMBIA DENVER HONOLULU ST LOUIS BIRMINGHAM MONTPELIER CLEVELAND * LEANDER	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	TANGIER	(3) WRIGHT CHANDELEUR POCCMOKE	-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	(3) HALF MOON SAN PABLO HERON	(2) BALLARD COOS BAY	-
<u>DD</u>	(43) ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA ABNER READ AMMEN BACHE BEALE DALY DASHIELL FLETCHER GILLESPIE GRAYSON HARRISON HOBBY HOPEWELL HUTCHINS JENKINS JOHN ROGERS KALK LA VALLETTE MCKEE	MULLANY MURRAY NICHOLAS NICHOLSON O'BANNON PHILLIP RADFORD REID RINGGOLD ROE SIGSBEE SCHROEDER STEMBEL STEVENS STEVENSON STOCKTON SWANSON TAYLOR THORN WELLES WILKES	Approx. 45 -

\* Non-effective

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd)

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	
<u>SS</u>	(6) BASHAW CERO ) BLACKFISH DACE ) On BLUEGILL DARTER ) Patrol		10
	(2) FLOUNDER ) K.12 ) On Passage		
	(2) S.42 ) S.47 ) At Milne Bay		
	SCAMP At Seeadler		
	(2) SILVERSIDES) TUNNY ) At Brisbane		
	K.9 At Sydney		
<u>PT</u>	Approx. 85	Approx. 110	?
<u>APA</u> ) <u>AKA</u> ) <u>APD</u> )	(23) H.T.ALLEN (APA) KANIMBLA MANOORA WESTRALIA HARRY LEE ZEILIN ORMSBY WINDSOR ALGORAB (AKA) CENTAURUS VIRGO	KANE (APD) GILMER SCHLEY SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS HERBERT TALBOT CROSBY NOA DENT DICKERSON KILTY WARD	15 APA 1 APD 8 AKA
<u>AGC</u>	BLUE RIDGE	-	-
<u>AS</u>	(2) OTUS EURYALE	-	-
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	-	-
<u>AR</u>	(3) RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS	PROMETHEUS	-
<u>LSD</u>	(3) CARTER HALL GUNSTON HALL EPPING FOREST		
		<u>AIRCRAFT:</u> Fighters (incl.9 twin-eng) Light & M/Bombers Torpedo & D/Bombers Flying Boats Floatplanes Obsn. a/c	71 68 2 1 27 20

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>CA</u>	-	(2) NACHI ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	(3) ABUKUMA TAMA KISO
<u>DD</u>	9	10
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx. 4

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>Mandates</u>	<u>Empire</u>	
			<u>Philippines</u>		
<u>DD</u>	(14)	IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA * OKLAHOMA	(3) NAGATO KONGO HARUNA	(6) YAMATO YAMASHIRO ISE HYUGA * MUSASHI MUTSU (prob sunk)
<u>CV</u>	(7)	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL HORNET	(2) SHOKAKU ZUIKAKU	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	(7)	COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY * INDEPENDENCE	-	(2) RYUHO ZUIHO HITAKA * HAYATAKA
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	-	-	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	(20)	COPAHEE BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU CASABLANCA ALTAMAHA WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY	FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MEHENTA BAY OMMANEY BAY PETROF BAY SAVO ISLAND	-	(5) CHITOSE CHIYODA JINYO * OTAKA * UNYO
<u>CA</u>	(13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS LOUISVILLE	WINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND	(10) ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI MYOKA HAGURO	MOGAMI KUMANO SUZUYA TONE CHIKUMA MAYA
<u>CGA</u>	-	-	-	-	* 6 MATORI
<u>CL</u>	(8)	SANTA FE SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN MOBILE	BILOXI OAKLAND * RENO * CONCORD	(4) YUBARI KINU YAHAGI NOSHIRO	* NATORI NAGARA ) Location ISUZU ) uncertain OYODO )
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>		CURTISS		(2) AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO	-
<u>DD</u>		Approx. 120		30-35	20 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u>		Approx. 30		25	Approx. 25
<u>AS</u>		?		?	2 (1 repairing)

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

<u>CL</u>	TRENTON	-
<u>DD</u>	9	-

\* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>Southwest Pacific</u> <u>(Western Section)</u>		<u>Eastern Fleet Area</u>	<u>East Indies - Malaya</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	(4) QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN RICHELIEU	FUSO
<u>CV</u>	-	(2) ILLUSTRIOUS SARATOGA	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	TAIHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	(5) BATTLEER UNICORN SHAH ATHELING BEGUM	KAIYO
<u>CA</u>	-	(4) SUFFOLK SUSSEX LONDON CUMBERLAND	OABA
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	(8) CEYLON NEWCASTLE KENYA DANAE GAMBIER TROMP NIGERIA EMERALD	(2) KITIGAMI OI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(2) CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI
<u>XCL</u>	-	(2) CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>DD</u>	NORMAN	Approx. 27	15
<u>SS</u>	(14) BONEFISH HOE ) CREVALLE MINGO ) COD PADDLE ) FLASHER PARGO ) HADDO REDFIN ) HAKE ROBALO ) JACK K.15 )	Approx. 15 (n Patrol	18 (inc. 7 German)
	(3) ANGLER NORWHALE ) BILLFISH PUFFER ) BLUEFISH RASHER ) BOWFIN RATON ) CABRILLA RAY ) GUNNEL LAPON ) K.14 )	At Fremantle	
<u>AS</u>	(2) PELIAS ORION		<u>AIRCRAFT</u> (East Indies only) Fighters 138 L & M/Bombers 77 Torpedo & D/Bombers - Flying Boats - Floatplanes 43 Obsn. a/c 23

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

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

No. 814

Date: 21 April 1944

PART IA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA.1. EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1600/21:

- (1) "BOWEN" "CASTLEMAINE" escorting Convoy NA.4 ("MERKUR" (AF) "POYANG" (ASIS) departed Langemak 0600/20 ETA Seeadler Harbour 1600/21.
- (2) "GASCOYNE" (PF) departed Milne Bay 0800/20 for Seeadler Harbour ETA 0800/23.
- (3) "COUCAL" (ASR) departed Milne Bay 2305/19 for Seeadler Harbour ETA 0600/22.
- (4) "YMS.335" escorting Convoy BG.87A ("L.L.DYCHE" for Langemak; "F.A. WARDWELL" for Lae) departed Milne Bay 1230/20 for Buna ETA 0800/21, Lae 0200/22.
- (5) "MORESBY" (AGS) departed Milne Bay 0700/9 on survey duty.
- (6) "THOMAS NELSON" aground East of Killerton Island, Milne Bay.
- (7) "PC's 477, 1119, 1131" on A/S patrol South China Strait.
- (8) "ARARAT" (AMS) departed Milne Bay 0615/19 to RV with "ARIDED" (AK)
- (9) "POLLUX" (AKS) towing 1 LCT departed Caloundra 0400/17 for Milne Bay ETA 1600/22.
- (10) "MATAFELE" (AGS) departed Townsville 1400/19 for Milne Bay ETA 0300/23.
- (11) "OCTANS" (AF) departed Caloundra 1200/19 for Milne Bay ETA 0600/23.
- (12) "BALLARAT" (AMS) escorting "ISLANDER" departed Merauke 1130/20 for Thursday Island ETA 0900/21.
- (13) "STRAHAN" (AMS) departed Sydney 1727/17 for Townsville ETA 0900/22; for onward routing to Milne Bay.
- (14) "DUNTROON" (AP) was to depart Sydney 1330/18 for Cairns ETA 0130/23.
- (15) "BUNBURY" (AMS) departed Cairns 0615/21 for Brisbane ETA 0500/24.
- (16) "ML.811" departed Cairns 2359/20 for Villis Point ETA 1000/23; thence to return to Cairns ETA 1800/25.
- (17) "WARREGO" (PS) was to depart Milne Bay p.m. 21 April for Cairns ETA am. 23 April.
- (18) "MILDURA" (AMS) departed Caloundra 2200/17 on Sandy Cape A/S patrol; "MILDURA" to be relieved at 1200/22 by "SC.749".
- (19) "GRIFFIN" (AS) proceeding Caloundra ETA 1400/22.
- (20) "WARRNAMBOOL" (AMS) "YANDRA" (A/S) departed Sydney 0936/19 on A/S patrol and exercises; "YANDRA" to return at 0900/22 and "WARRNAMBOOL" at 0900/24.
- (21) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "COWRA" (KIAMA) "BENDIGO" (AMS) to depart Milne Bay about p.m. 21 April to relieve "STAWELL" "BOWEN" "GYMPIE" "CASTLEMAINE" which are to be sailed in company on relief for Milne Bay.
- (2) "SC.749" to depart Caloundra 2200/21 to relieve "MILDURA" on Sandy Cape A/S patrol; "SC.749" to be relieved at 1200/25 and return to harbour.

(b) Proposed Movements (Contd.)

- (3) "SC.745" to depart Brisbane so as to arrive off Pile Light at 1300/22 for exercises under orders of "WHYALLA". On completion about 1600/22 to return to harbour.
- (4) "YP.504" to depart Caloundra 1700/21 for Milne Bay ETA 1330/28.
- (5) "ML.825" to sail when ready for Sydney to Milne Bay, coming under operational and administrative control N.O.I.C. New Guinea on arrival.
- (6) "ECHUCA" (AMS) to depart Caloundra when ready for Milne Bay.
- (7) "KATOOMBEA" (AMS) to depart Sydney when ready for Milne Bay via Brisbane p.m. 25 April. On arrival to come under operational and administrative control of N.O.I.C. New Guinea.

(c) In Harbour:

Admiralties:

Combat Units	2 DD 22 PT	: "JENKINS" "PHILIP"
Escorts	11	: 2 AMS: "BUNDABERG" "GLENELG" 6 YMS: 8, 10, 46, 47, 48, 51 1 SC: 747, 2 PC: 1133, 1134
Auxiliaries	15	: "OYSTER BAY" (ACP) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "TANGIER" (AV) "LEOPARD" "MINK" (IX) "YUNMAN" (AE) "FRS. MONROE" "WHARTON" (AP) "VICTORIA" (AO) "EPPING FOREST" "GUNSTON HALL" (LSD) "BENALLA" "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) "GEO. BILLIOTT" "CELENO" (AK)
Merchantmen	19	: "J. BARBOSA" "J.P. BRADLEY" "J.C. BRADY" "CHIEF CHARLOTT" "J.P. CHOTEAU" "T.M. COOLEY" "T. CRAWFORD" "J.D. DOTY" "J. HART" "S. JACKSON" "KARSIK" "LYMAN STEWART" "MORMAGGULL" "MORMACSEA" "POBLAU LAUT" "RAMO" "S.M. WHITE" "J.M. THOMPSON" "M. THORNTON"
<u>Cape Gloucester:</u>		
Escorts	2	: 1 PF: "SAN PEDRO" 1 PC: 476
<u>Talasea:</u>		
Combat Units	13 PT	
<u>Saidor:</u>		
Combat Units	10 PT	with 1 LST acting as AGP
Merchantmen	2	: "P.M. QUINONES" "TIMOSHENKO"
<u>Langemak:</u>		
Combat Units	20 DD	: "FLETCHER" "GILLESPIE" "HARRISON" "HOPEWELL" "JOHN ROGERS" "KALK" "LA VALLETTE" "MOKEE" "MURRAY" "NICHOLSON" "RADFORD" "REID" "ROE" "STEMBEL" "STEVENS" "STEVENSON" "STOCKTON" "TAYLOR" "WELLES" "WILKES"
Escorts	23 PT 27	: 1 DE: "J.E. CRAIG" 3 PF: "CORONADO" "GLENDALE" "LONGBEACH" 2 AMS: "GYMPIE" "SPAWELL" 5 YMS: 9, 53, 73, 315, 334 3 PC: 1120, 1123, 1124 4 ML: 424, 803, 806, 816 9 SC: 637, 648, 698, 703, 742, 743, 748, 750, 981
Auxiliaries	36	: "PORTUNUS" (ACP) "HUMPIREYS" "HERBERT" "DICKERSON" "NOA" "GROSBY" "SCHLEY" "KANE" "GILMER" "BROOKS" "KILTY" "DENT" "WARD" (APD) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "HOGAN" "LONG" "HAMILTON" "PERRY" (DMS) "ORMSBY" "HARRY LEE" "WESTRALIA" (APA) "AASE MAERSK" (AO) "CENTAURUS" (AKA) "TRIANGULUM" "BOOTES" "ETAMIN" (AK) "BAYOU ST. JOHN" "SONOMA" "RESERVE" (AT) "TULSA" (PG) "HILO" (AGP) "CHETCO" (AT) "ANDREW DORIA" (IX) 1 YOC 1 YT: 156 1 YP: 280
Merchantmen	19	: "ALCOA POLARIS" "AN SON BURLINGHAME" "E.D. BAKER" "D.F. BARRY" "W.N. BYERS" "W.E. CHANNING" "M. DALY" "J. EVANS" "D.E. HUGHES" "JANSSSENS" "O. KELLY" "MACTAN" "URIAN M. ROSE" "J. SINGER" "W.C. SQUIRE" "A.E. WATTS" "J.M. WHISTLER" "K.D. WIGGIN" "YOCNOW"

Lae:

Escorts 5 : 4 ML: 424, 428, 430, 431 1 SC: 734  
Auxiliaries 4 : "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG) "PANDA" "PORCUPINE" (IX)  
" TASMAN" (AH) "  
Merchantmen 16 : "CAPE HENRY" "P.CHANDLER" "F.H.DODD"  
"A.S.DUNIWAY" "GREY LAG" "A.B.HAMMOND" "MANA"  
" NORLAGO" "A.REHAN" "J.ROSS" "J.A.ROSSITER"  
" M.M.STEWART" "A.THOMAS" "VAN OUTHORN"  
" M.WALKER" "D.WRIGHT"

Buna-Oro Bay:

Combat Units 2 CA : "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE"  
3 CL : "PHOENIX" "BOISE" "NASHVILLE"  
12 DD : "ABNER READ" "AMMEN" "ARUNTA" "BACHE" "BEALE"  
" DALY" "GRAYSON" "HUTCHINS" "MULLANY"  
" NICHOLAS" "O'BANNON" "WARRAMUNGA"  
Escorts 14 : 3 DE: "NEUENDORF" "EICHENBERGER" "WHITEHURST"  
3 FF: "OGDEN" "VAN BUREN" "EL PASO"  
5 SC: 650, 732, 736, 746, 982  
1 PC: 1122  
2 YMS: 314, 393  
Auxiliaries 8 : "TRINITY" (AO) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "MEDUSA" (AR)  
" SANDS" (APD) "GANYMEDE" (AK) "PYRO" (AE)  
" DOBBIN" (AD) 1 ARD  
Merchantmen 26 : "ADMIRAL HALSTED" "ANHUI" "BALIKPAPAN"  
" BERGFRED" "D.BELASCO" "JAS BUCHANAN"  
" S.L.CLARKE" "P.T.DODDRIDGE" "HAWAIIAN SHIPPER"  
" J.A.JOHNSON" "M.C.KERR" "J.H.LANE"  
" W.S.LADD" "J.LYKES" "B.MATTHEWS" "MONMOUTH"  
" HCRAB" "OZARK" "PANAMA EXPRESS" "H.T.RAINEY"  
" SCHEMELSDIJK" "SWARTENHONDT" "T.W.SYMONS"  
" FJISADANE" "H.V.WHITE" "J.E.WING"

Goodenough Is:

Combat Units 2 DD : "HOBBY" "SWANSON"  
Auxiliaries 7 : "GARTER HALL" (LSD) "ZELIN" "WINDSOR"  
" KANIMELA" "MANOORA" "H.T.ALLEN" (APA)  
" VIRGO" (AKA)  
Merchantmen 3 : "D.D.FIELD" "HANYANG" "S.G.PORTER"

Milne Bay:

Combat Units 6 DD : "VENDETTA" "RINGGOLD" "DASHIELL" "SCHROEDER"  
" SIGSBEE" "THORN"  
Escorts 1 PT  
33 : 2 DE: "LOVELACE" "MANNING"  
1 FS: "SWAN"  
8 SC: 699, 735, 736, 738, 737, 741, 742, 744  
8 AFS: "KIAMA" "COWRA" "GOULBURN" "KAPUNDA"  
" GEELONG" "LITHGOW" "BENDIGO" "WAGGA"  
2 PC: 1121, 1132  
5 YMS: 52, 71, 313, 316, 336  
7 ML: 425, 427, 801, 802, 817, 818, 819  
Auxiliaries 30 : "TALBOT" (APD) "HALF MOON" (AVP) "OTUS"  
" EURYALE" (AS) "COUGAL" (ASR) "KOOPA" (AGP)  
" RISEL" (AR) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "WATO" (AT)  
" PING WO" (ASIS) "ST MARYS" "CARONDOLET"  
" VILLALOBOS" (IX) "ALABASTER" (PYG) "TEAK" (AN)  
" TRYON" (APH) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS)  
" SOLACE" (AH) "SHIKELLAMY" (AOG) "WHIPPOORWILL"  
(AM) "NIZAR" (AF) 3 APD 2 ARD 1 YOG  
4 YP: 278, 283, 449  
Merchantmen 78 : "H.T.ABBOTT" "ACONCAGUA" "ARANSAS PASS"  
" L.BEECHER" "F.BILLINGS" "BIRCHCOULIE" "BOTH"  
" J.BURROUGHS" "CAPE CANSO" "J.C.CALHOUN"  
" CAPE LOSS" "CAPE ROMANO" "J.M.CAREY"  
" CARLOS CARILLO" "M.I.CAREY" "F.J.CUNEL"  
" S.DAVIDSON" "J.DEBRE" "DEFLANCE" "DON MARQUIS"  
" F.A.EILERS" "F.EVERS" "EMPIRE HAMBLE"  
" PAIR WESTER" "FALLEN TIMBERS" "FIRE ISLAND"  
" FORT DONELSON" "GAUNTLET" "GENERAL  
VERSPECK" "J.HALL" "GRANDE RONDE" "R.H.HAND"  
" D.HEWES" "P.C.HEWITT" "H.I.HOYT" "ISOLATOR"  
" E.JOHNSON" "JUAN PABLO DUARTE" "L.S.KELLY"  
" KOTA BAROE" "KOTA GEDE" "KURIMARAU"  
" EB.LANDER" "LAKE ORMAC" "N.LUCKENBACH"

Milne Bay (Contd)  
Merchantmen  
(Contd.)

: "F.S.LINDERMANN" "A.MAJOR" "J.S.MANSFIELD"  
"C.H.MATSON" "MAUI" "J.W.MELDRUM"  
"GEO.VON L.MEYER" "H.MONROE" "MOBILGAS"  
"W.H.MOODY" "B.T.OSBORNE" "G.H.PORTER"  
"RING LARDNER" "M.ROBERTSON" "A.ROBINSON"  
"SABINE SUN" "SEA FLASHER" "S.H.SHORT"  
"N.J.SINNOTT" "O.SKINNER" "W.H.SUBJETTE"  
"TAWALI" "TECUMSEH" "S.TURMAN" VAN DER LIJN"  
"GEO.VANGOUVER" "VAN SPILBERGEN"  
"W.WILLIAMS" "S.W.WILLISTON" "E.YOUNG"  
"WEST CACTUS" "E.N.WESTCOTT"

Port Moresby:

Escorts 1 : 1 ML: 426  
Merchantmen 1 : "G.R.HEBARD"

Thursday Is:

Escorts 3 : 1 ML: 820 1 AMS: "INVERELL" 1 SC: 731  
Auxiliaries 1 : "POLARIS" (AGS)

Cairns:

Escorts 5 : 1 EC: 479 2 ML: 804, 805 2 YMS: 49, 50  
Auxiliaries 2 : "PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD

Townsville:

Escorts 1 : 1 PF: "BARCOO"  
Auxiliaries 3 : 1 CM: "BUNGAREE" 2 YP: 233, 291

Mackay:

Auxiliaries 1 : "HERON" (AVP)

Gladstone:

Auxiliaries 3 : 2 YP: "PATHFINDER" (AGS)

Brisbane:

Escorts 8 : 3 AMS: "BROOME" "ECHUCA" "WHYALLA"  
Auxiliaries 8 : 1 YMS: 70 2 ML: 808, 821, 2 SC: 745, 749  
"ALGORAB" (AKA) "KURUMBA" (AO) "CALAMARES" (AF)  
"MAETSUYCKER" "MANUNDA" (AH) "KAILUA" (IX)  
2 YP: 236, 504

Sydney:

Combat Units 1 CL : "HOBART" (Refitting)  
1 DD : "STUART"  
Escorts 16 : 7 AMS: "COLAC" "COOTAMUNDRA" "DELORAINÉ"  
"GLADSTONE" "KALGOORLIE" "KATOOMBA"  
"TOWNSVILLE"  
3 A/S: "AB.CRIJSSEN" "DOOMBA" "KYBRA"  
6 ML: 807, 809, 815, 822, 823, 825  
Auxiliaries 4 : "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "POINT LOMA" (AT)  
"CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG)

Melbourne:

Combat Units 1 DD : "NORMAN"  
Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" (Refitting)  
Aelaide: Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" (Refitting)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- Empress Augusta Bay - During 19 April enemy targets around the Torokina perimeter were attacked by 8 Avengers and 14 Dauntless. During the 24 hours ended 1500/19 2 enemy groups were contacted north of the Laruma River fork and an undetermined number were contacted near Mavavia (east of the Torokina river mouth) - an allied party was landed near Mavavia to support offensive against this enemy party.
- Numa Numa During 19 April targets in Numa Numa and Arigua plantations were attacked by 1 Liberator 11 Avengers. 8 Aircobras escorting the Avengers also strafed the area.
- Admiralties On 20 April Mandarin Is. (west of Pityilu Island) was occupied by our forces without opposition. Enemy effectives in the Admiralties is now estimated to number only 200.
- Rabaul - At 0758/19 Rapopo was bombed by 7 Aircobras. At 0745 Lakunai was attacked by 44 Dauntless 12 Avengers; the runway was covered with a good pattern. At 0815 Matupi Is. was bombed by 38 Dauntless; numerous fires were started.



5. Alexishafen - Rusa Bay Coast - At 1520/19 a possible submarine was seen submerging off Cape Croiselle.  
A.M. 20 April personnel and stores around Bunabun Harbour were attacked by 27 Bostons inflicting considerable damage. The same targets were attacked again p.m. 20 April by 9 Bostons.
6. Hollandia - At 0100/19 3 small freighters were attacked by 2 Reconnaissance Liberators approx. 33 miles west of Tanamerah Bay on course 120°. One of the ships received a direct hit, exploded and sank immediately.  
At 0400/20 2 unidentified ships were observed by aircraft approx. 23 miles west of Tanamerah Bay on course 120°.
7. Manokwari - Photos of shipping at Manokwari 18 April now show altogether 1 mine layer  
1 gun boat  
4 merchantships (5500, 4500, 3000 and 1000 /  
2 small freighters (100 tns ea) (respectively)  
80-90 barges and small craft  
All the merchantships except one were apparently unloaded and 9 barges were alongside one of the ships.  
At 1145/20 4 sea trucks (500-1000 tons) were attacked by a Liberator 130 miles NW of Manokwari on course 225°. One of the vessels was strafed and left trailing oil and smoking amidships.  
At approximately the same time, in addition, 4 smaller ships and a barge were observed at Mapia Is.
8. Geelvink Bay - At 1140-1200/20 Kamiri and Namber airfields on Noemfoor Is. were attacked by 19 Liberators, the runways on both fields were effectively covered. Ineffective interception was attempted by 1 enemy fighter which took off Kamiri strip. A number of aircraft were observed on Kamiri airfields and 1 aircraft on Namber besides 3 airborne aircraft  
Shipping observed by the aircraft participating in the above strike is summarised:  
3 small merchantships in Roemboi Bay (SW. Noemfoor Is.)  
2 small freighters heading east of Noemfoor  
1 merchantship heading NW off the Western tip of Japen Is.)  
Number of barges and small craft.  
Reconnaissance aircraft at 1700/20 sighted 5 small and 1 medium merchantships in the Noemfoor area all underway, the majority apparently taking evasive action. 1 Zero ineffectually attempted to intercept recon. aircraft.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1600/21:

- (1) "PIRIE" (AMS) escorting Convoy TD.52 ("DUNDUIA" "MURADA") departed Thursday Is. 0210/18 for Darwin ETA 1130/22.  
(2) 14 Submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Escorts	7	: 1 AMS: "LATROBE" 1 A/S : "WILCANNIA"
		4 ML: 429, 809, 814, 815 2 YMS: 11, 72
Merchantmen	3	: "GEO. EASTMAN" "A.HILL" "SCHWEDAGON"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Arce Islands - Aircraft over Arce Islands 1000/20 show 1 seatruck off South eastern Trangan Is.  
(2) Darwin - At dusk 18 April a possible enemy reconnaissance aircraft was over the area west south west of Darwin.

ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1600/21:

- (1) "MAUNGANUI" (AH) departed Fremantle 1955/19 Eastbound.  
 (2) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) departed Exmouth Gulf 0230/18 for Fremantle.

(b) In Harbour:Fremantle:

Combat Units 1 CL : "ADELAIDE"  
 Escorts 6 : "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739  
 3 ML: 812, 824, 826  
 Auxiliaries 8 : "LARK" (AM) "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS) "ISABEL"  
 (PY) 2 YP: 286, 288 1 ARD "CHILDS" (AV)

Exmouth Gulf

Auxiliaries 1 : "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)

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B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREAENEMY FORCES

1. Satawan - At 1200/19 Satawan airfield was attacked by 21 Soupac Liberators: 20-30 hits were scored on the runway which was already cratered. Only very meagre a/a fire was encountered.
  2. Woleai - Preliminary reports indicate that Woleai airfield was attacked by 3 Squadrons of Navy Liberators. Reports from 1 Squadron involving 6 aircraft indicate that the target was a successful attack and at least 1 grounded bomber was destroyed. In addition, 1 very large fire and 5 other fires were started.
  3. Palau area - At 1120/20 an enemy bomber probably on reconnaissance was shot down by a Navy Patrol Liberator 230 miles EXS of Palau.
  4. Truk-Guam - At 1200/18 an enemy destroyer was seen by Cenpac aircraft almost on a direct line and midway between Truk and Guam on course 285°.
  5. Marshalls - During 17 April moderate strikes were conducted by Cenpac aircraft against Taroa and Jaluit, Wotje and Mille.
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C. INDIAN OCEANENEMY FORCES

- N. Sumatra - At dawn 19 April Lhonga aerodrome (on mainland at very northwestern extremity) and Sabang aerodrome (off northwestern tip), together with power and harbour installations at Sabang were effectively attacked by naval aircraft (see Naval Incidents)
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NAVAL INCIDENTS

- N. Sumatra - S.E.A.C. announces that a British Aircraft Carrier task force including battleships cruisers and destroyers raided Sabang and Lhonga aerodromes at Dawn 19 April. Results are summarised:
- 2 Merchantships (4000 & 5000 tons respectively) hit.
  - 2 destroyers strafed and left burning
  - 22 aircraft, including 6 transports, destroyed on the ground
  - 3 torpedo bombers shot down while approaching the Task Force after the attack
- Docks and wharves, power station, radio station, barracks, hangars and workshops at Sabang all hit.

NAVAL INCIDENTS (Contd)

N. Sumatra (contd) Only 1 British aircraft was lost but the pilot was rescued. No damage was suffered by our surface units.

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ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

1. Concentration of naval strength Malayan areas
2. Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North Coast New Guinea  
East Indies, Malayan and Kuriles
3. Increased use of submarines for transportation purposes in Marshalls-  
Bismarcks- Solomons
4. Continued use of barges and small coasters for coastal transportation  
in forward areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARYPART IIALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>			<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
	<u>Southwest Pacific</u> <u>(Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	
<u>BB</u>	-	(4) IDAHO NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANNIA TENNESSEE	-
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	(9) NATOMA BAY MANILA BAY CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO SANTEE RANEE	-
<u>CA</u>	(2) AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	-
<u>CL</u>	(4) BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX * HOBART	(8) COLOMBIA DENVER HONOLULU ST LOUIS BIRMINGHAM MONTPELIER CLEVELAND * LEANDER	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	TANGIER	(3) WRIGHT CHANDELEUR POCOMOKE	-
<u>KA/XCVS</u>	(3) HALF MOON SAN PABLO HERON	(2) BALLARD COOS BAY	-
<u>DD</u>	(43) ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA ABNER READ AMMEN BACHE BEALE DALY DASHIELL FLETCHER GILLESPIE GRAYSON HARRISON HOBBY HOPEWELL HUTCHINS JENKINS JOHN ROGERS KALK LA VALLETTE MCKEE	MULLANY MURRAY NICHOLAS NICHOLSON O'BANNON PHILLIP RADFORD REID RINGGOLD ROE SIGSBEE SCHROEDER STEMBEL STEVENS STEVENSON STOCKTON SWANSON TAYLOR THORN WELLES WILKES	Approx. 45 -

\* Non effective

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd)

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>SS</u>	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	<u>South Pacific</u>
<u>SS</u>	(7) BASHAW CER0 ) BLACKFISH DACE ) BLUEGILL DARTER ) On patrol MINGO )	10
	(2) FLOUNDER ) K.12 ) On Passage	
	(2) S.42 ) S.47 ) At Milne Bay	
	SCAMP At Seeadler	
	(2) SILVERSIDES ) TUNNY ) At Brisbane	
	K.9 At Sydney	
<u>PT</u>	Approx. 85	Approx. 110 ?
<u>APA</u> <u>AKA</u> <u>APD</u>	(23) H.T.ALLEN (APA) KANE (APD) KANIMBLA GILMER MANOORA SCHLEY WESTRALIA SANDS HARRY LEE HUMPHREYS ZEILIN BROOKS ORMSBY HERBERT WINDSOR TALBOT ALGORAB (AKA) CROSBY CENTAURUS NOA VIRGO DENT KILTY (APD) DICKERSON WARD	15 APA 1 APD 8 AKA
<u>AGC</u>	BLUE RIDGE	-
<u>AS</u>	(2) OTUS BURYALE	-
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	-
<u>AR</u>	(3) RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS	PROMETHEUS -
<u>LSD</u>	(3) CARTER HALL GUNSTON HALL EPPING FOREST	<u>AIRCRAFT:</u> Fighters (inc.9 T/E) 71 Light & M/Bombers 68 Torpedo & D/Bombers 2 Flying boats 1 Floatplanes 27 Obsn.a/c 20

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CA</u>	-	(2) NACHI ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	(3) ABUKUMA TAMA KISO
<u>DD</u>	9	10
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx. 4

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>	
		<u>Mandates</u> <u>Philippines</u>	<u>Empire</u>
<u>BB</u>	(14) IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA * OKLAHOMA	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA	(4) NAGATO KONGO HARUNA YAMATO
			(5) <del>YAMATO</del> YAMASHIRO ISE HYUGA * MUSASHI MUTSU (prob sunk)
<u>CV</u>	(7) ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON HORNET	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL	(2) SHOKAKU ZUIKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	(7) COMPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY * PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY * INDEPENDENCE	(4) RYUHO ZUIHO HITAKA * HAYATAKA
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	(20) COPAHEE BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU CASABLANCA ALTAMAHA WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY	FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MEHENTA BAY OMMANEY BAY PETROF BAY SAVO ISLAND	(6) CHITOSE CHIYODA KAIYO JINYO * CTAKA * UNYO
<u>CA</u>	(13) BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND	(11) ATAGO MOGAMI TAKAO KUMANO CHOKAI SUZUYA MYOKO TONE HAGURO CHIKUMA MAYA
<u>CL</u>	(8) SANTA FE SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN MOBILE	BILOXI OAKLAND * RENO * CONCORD	(4) YUBARI KINU NAGARA) YANAGI ISUZU ) Location NOSHIRO OYODO) uncertain
<u>OCA</u>	-	-	6
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHIMA
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CURTISS	(2) AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO	-
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 120	30-35	20 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u>	Approx. 30	25	Approx. 25
<u>AS</u>	?	?	2 (1 repairing)

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

<u>CL</u>	TRENTON	-
<u>DD</u>	9	-

\* Non effective

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Malaya

<u>BB</u>	-	(4) QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN RICHELIEU	FUSO
<u>CV</u>	-	(2) ILLUSTRIOUS SARATOGA	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	TAIHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	(5) BATTLER UNICORN SHAH ATHELING BEGUM	
<u>CA</u>	-	(4) SUFFOLK SUSSEX LONDON CUMBERLAND	AOBA
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	(8) CEYLON KENYA GAMBIER NIGERIA	(2) KITIGAMI OI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(2) CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOJ
<u>XCL</u>	-	(2) CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>DD</u>	NORMAN	Approx. 27	15
<u>SS</u>	(14) BILLFISH BONFISH CREVALLE COD FLASHER HADDO HAKE	HOE JACK PADDLE PARGO REDFIN ROBALO K.15	18 (inc. 7 German)
	(12) ANGLER BLUEFISH BOWFIN CABRILLA GUNNEL RAY	NORWAL PUFFER RASHER RATON LAPON K.14	At Fremantle
<u>AS</u>	(2) PELIAS ORION		

AIRCRAFT (E. Indies only)

Fighters	138
L & M/Bombers	77
Torpedo & D/Bombers	-
Flying Boats	-
Floatplanes	43
Obsn. a/c	23

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. 815

Date 22 April 1944

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PART I:

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1600/22:

- (1) "ARARAT" (AMS) departed Milne Bay 0615/19 to RV with "ARIDED" (AK) (see Naval Incidents)
- (2) "GASCOYNE" (PF) departed Milne Bay 0800/20 for Seeadler Harbour ETA 0800/23.
- (3) "BENDIGO" "KIAMA" (AMS) escorting Convoy EG.88A ("MOBILGAS" "PORT DONELSON" "W.WILLIAMS") departed Milne Bay 1400/21 for Langemak ETA 0800/23.
- (4) "MORESEY" (AGS) departed Milne Bay 0700/9 on survey duty.
- (5) "THOMAS NELSON" aground East of Killerton Island (Milne Bay).
- (6) "PC's 477, 1119, 1131" on A/S patrol South China Strait.
- (7) "POLLUX" (AKS) towing 1 LCT departed Caloundra 0400/17 for Milne Bay ETA 1600/22.
- (8) "MATEFELE" (AGS) departed Townsville 1400/19 for Milne Bay ETA 0300/23.
- (9) "OCTANS" (AF) departed Caloundra 1200/19 for Milne Bay ETA 0600/23.
- (10) "YMS.49 YMS.50" in company with 1 APC were to depart Cairns at 1000/22 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/24.
- (11) "YP.504" departed Caloundra 1700/21 for Milne Bay ETA 1330/23.
- (12) "MIZAR" (AF) departed Milne Bay 1540/21 for Brisbane ETA 1400/24.
- (13) "WARREGO" (PS) departed Milne Bay 1400/21 for Cairns ETA 0730/23.
- (14) "BUNGAREE" (CM) departed Townsville 0826/22 for vicinity Great North East Channel.
- (15) "DUMTROON" (AP) en route Sydney to Cairns ETA 0130/23.
- (16) "BUNBURY" (AMS) departed Cairns 0615/21 for Brisbane ETA 0500/24.
- (17) "ML.811" departed Cairns 2359/20 for Billia Point ETA 1000/23; thence to return to Cairns ETA 1800/25.
- (18) "GLADSTONE" (AMS) was to depart Sydney 0900/22 for Brisbane.
- (19) "MILDURA" (AMS) on Sandy Cape A/S patrol to be relieved at 1200/22 by "SC.749" until 1200/25
- (20) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "COWRA" (AMS) escorting 1 MV to depart Buna 2100/22 for Langemak ETA 0800/23.
- (2) "STAWELL" "BOWEN" "GYMPIE" "CASTLEMAINE" (AMS) to return Milne Bay on relief ("COWRA" "KIAMA" "BENDIGO" (AMS)) arriving.
- (3) "KATOOMBA" (AMS) to depart Sydney when ready for Milne Bay via Brisbane p.m. 25 April. On arrival to come under operational and administrative control of N.O.I.C. New Guinea.
- (4) "ECHUCA" (AMS) to depart Caloundra when ready approx. 26 April for Milne Bay.
- "ML.825" to sail when ready for Sydney to Milne Bay coming under operational and administrative control N.O.I.C. New Guinea on arrival.



(c) In Harbor:

Admiralties:

Combat Units	1 DD	:	"PHILIP"
	22 PT		
Escorts	15	:	2 DE: "DORSEY" "GEORGE"
			4 AMS: "BUNDABERG" "GLENELG" "BOWEN"
			"CASTLEMAINE"
			6 YMS: 8, 10, 46, 47, 48, 51
			1 SC: 747
			2 FC: 1133, 1132
Auxiliaries	20	:	"OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "SAN PABLO" (AVP)
			"TANGIER" (AV) "LEOPARD" "MINK" (IX)
			"YUNNAN" (AE) "PRES. MONROE" "WHARTON"
			"PRESIDENT POLK" (AP) "VICTORIA" (AO)
			"EPPING FOREST" "GUNSTON HALL" (LSD)
			"BENALLA" "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) "COUCAL" (ASR)
			"POYANG" (ASIS) "GEO. ELLIOTT" "MINTEKA"
			"CELENO" (AK) "MERKUR" (AF)
Merchantmen	22	:	"J. BARBOSA" "J. P. BRADLEY" "J. C. BRADY"
			"CHIEF CHARLOT" "J. P. CHOTEAU" "T. M. COOLEY"
			"T. CRAWFORD" "J. O. CURWOOD" "J. D. DOTY"
			"E. FERRY" "J. HART" "S. JACKSON" "KARSIK"
			"LYMAN STEWART" "J. W. MELDRUM" "MORMACGULL"
			"MORMACSEA" "POELAU LAUT" "RAMO" "S. M. WHITE"
			"J. M. THOMPSON" "M. THORNTON"
<u>Cape Gloucester:</u>			
Escorts	1	:	1 PC: 476
Auxiliaries	1	:	"HILO" (AGP)
<u>Talasea:</u>			
Combat Units	13 PT		
<u>Saider:</u>			
Combat Units	10 PT	with	1 LST acting as AGP
Escorts	1	:	1 PC: 1134
Merchantmen	2	:	"F. M. QUINONES" "TIMOSHENKO"
<u>Langemak:</u>			
Combat Units	26 DD	:	"FLETCHER" "GILLESPIE" "HARRISON" "HOPE-
			WELL" "JOHN ROGERS" "KALK" "LA VALLETTE"
			"MCKEE" "MURRAY" "NICHOLSON" "RADFORD"
			"REID" "ROE" "STEMBEL" "STEVENS"
			"STEVENSON" "STOCKTON" "TAYLOR" "WELLES"
			"WILKES" "HOBBY" "SWANSON" "RINGGOLD"
			"DASHIELL" "SCHROEDER" "SIGSEEE"
Escorts	31	:	3 DE: "J. E. CRAIG" "LOVELACE" "MANNING"
			4 PF: "CORONADO" "GLENDALE" "LONGBEACH"
			"SAN PEDRO"
			2 AMS: "GYMPIE" "STAWELL"
			5 YMS: 9, 53, 73, 334, 393
			2 FC: 1120, 1124
			4 ML: 424, 803, 806, 816
			11 SC: 637, 648, 703, 732, 737, 742, 743,
			746, 748, 750, 981
Auxiliaries	41	:	"PORTUNUS" (AGP) "HUMPHREYS" "HERBERT"
			"DICKERSON" "NOA" "CROSBY" "SCHLEY" "KANE"
			"GILMER" "BROOKS" "KILTY" "DEWIT" "WARD" (AP)
			"CARTER HALL" (LSD) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "HOGAN"
			"LONG" "HAMILTON" "PERRY" (DMS) "ORMSBY"
			"HARRY LEE" "ZEILIN" "WINDSOR" "H. T. ALLEN"
			"KANIMBLA" "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" (APA)
			"AASE MAERSK" (AO) "CENTAURUS" (AKA)
			"TRIANGULUM" "BOOTES" "ETAMIN" (AK)
			"BAUST. JOHN" "SONOMA" "RESERVE" (AT)
			"TULSA" (PG) "CHETCO" (AT) "ANDREW DORIA"
			(IX) 1 YOG 1 YF: 156 1 YP: 280
Merchantmen	20	:	"ALCOA POLARIS" "ANHUI" "ANSON BURLINGHAME"
			"E. D. BAKER" "D. F. BARRY" "BORGFRED"
			"W. N. BYERS" "W. E. CHANNING" "L. L. DYCHE"
			"J. EVANS" "HAWAIIAN SHIPPER" "D. E. HUGHES"
			"W. S. LADD" "MACTAN" "URIAH M. ROSE"
			"J. SINGER" "W. G. SQUIRE" "A. E. WATTS"
			"K. D. WIGGIN" "YOCROW"

<u>Lae:</u>			
Escorts	5		: 4 ML: 424, 428, 430, 431 1 SC: 734
Auxiliaries	3		: "PANDA" "PORCUPINE" (IX) "TASMAN" (AH)
Merchantmen	19		: "CAPE HENRY" "P.CHANDLER" "F.H.DODD" "A.S.DUNIWAY" "GREY LAG" "A.B.HAMMOND" "O.KELLY" "MANA" "NORLAGO" "A.REHAN" "J.ROSS" "J.A.ROSSITER" "M.M.STEWART" "A.THOMAS" "TJISADANE" "VAN OUTHORN" "M.WALKER" "F.R.WARDWELL" "D.WRIGHT"
<u>Buna-Oro Bay:</u>			
Combat Units	2 CA		: "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE"
	3 CL		: "PHOENIX" "BOISE" "NASHVILLE"
	13 DD		: "ABNER READ" "AMMEN" "ARUNPA" "BACHE" "BEALE" "DALY" "GRAYSON" "HUTCHINS" "MULLANY" "THORN" "NICHOLAS" "O'BANNON" "WARRAMUNGA"
Escorts	12		: 3 DE: "NEUENDORF" "EICHENBERGER" "WHITEHURST" 3 PF: "OGDEN" "VAN BUREN" "EL PASO" 1 AMS: "COWRA" 3 SC: 650, 736, 982 1 PC: 1122 1 YMS: 314
Auxiliaries	11		: "TRINITY" (AO) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "MEDUSA" (AR) "SANDS" (APD) "GANYMEDE" (AK) "PYRO" (AE) "SOLACE" (AH) "DOBBIN" (AD) "TRYON" (APH) "PING WO" (ASIS) 1 ARD
Merchantmen	22		: "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "BALIKPAPAN" "D.BELASCO" "JAS.BUCHANAN" "S.L.CLARKE" "P.T.DODDRIDGE" "J.A.JOHNSON" "M.C.KERR" "J.H.LANE" "J.LYKES" "B.MATTHEWS" "MONMOUTH" "W.H.MOODY" "NORAB" "OZARK" "PANAMA EXPRESS" "E.T.RAINEY" "SOMMELSDIJK" "SWARTENHONDT" "T.W.SYMONS" "E.V.WHITE" "J.E.WING"
<u>Goodenough Is:</u>			
Merchantmen	3		: "D.D.FIELD" "HANYANG" "S.G.PORTER"
<u>Milne Bay:</u>			
Combat Units	1 DD		: "VENDETTA"
	1 PT		
Escorts	29		: 1 PS: "SWAN" 8 SC: 698, 699, 735, 736, 738, 741, 742, 744 5 AMS: "GOULBURN" "KAPUNDA" "GEELONG" "LITHGOW" "WAGGA" 2 PC: 1121, 1123 6 YMS: 52, 71, 313, 315, 316, 336 7 ML: 425, 427, 801, 802, 817, 818, 819
Auxiliaries	26		: "TALBOT" (APD) "HALF MOON" (AVP) "OTUS" "EURYALE" (AS) "KOOPA" (AGP) "RIGEL" (AR) "AMYOUS" (ARL) "WATO" (AT) "ST.MARYS" "CARONDOLET" "VILLALOBOS" (IX) "ALABASTER" (PYG) "TEAK" (AM) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "SUSQUEHANNA" "SHIKELLAMY" (AOG) "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) 3 APD 2 ARD 1 YOG 3 YP: 278, 283, 449
Merchantmen	76		: "H.T.ABBOTT" "ACONCAGUA" "L.BEECHER" "F.BILLINGS" "BOTH" "CAPE CANSON" "J.C.CALHOUN" "CAPE LOSS" "CAPE ROMANO" "J.M.CAREY" "CARLOS CARILLO" "M.I.CAREY" "F.J.GUNEL" "M.DALY" "G.DAVIDSON" "J.DEERE" "DEFIANCE" "DON MARQUIS" "F.A.EILERS" "F.EVERS" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "FAIR WESTER" "FALLEN TIMBERS" "FIRE ISLAND" "GAUNTLET" "GENERAL VERSPITCK" "J.HALL" "GRANDE RONDE" "R.H.HAND" "D.HEWES" "P.C.HEWITT" "H.I.HOYT" "ISOLATOR" "JANSSENS" "JUAN PABLO DUARTE" "E.JOHNSON" "KATCOOMBA" "L.S.KELLY" "KOTA BAROE" "KOTA GEDE" "KURIMARAU" "ED.LANDER" "LAKE ORMAC" "N.LUCKENBACH" "F.S.LINDERMANN" "A.MAJOR" "J.S.MANSFIELD" "C.H.MATSON" "MAUI" "J.W.MELDRUM" "GEO.VON L.MEYER" "J.B.MCPHERSON" "H.MONROE" "B.T.OSBORNE" "G.H.PORTER" "RING LARDNER" "M.ROBERTSON" "A.ROBINSON" "SABINE SUN" "SEA FLASHER" "S.H.SHORT" "SEA SCAMP" "N.J.SINNOTT" "O.SKINNER" "TAWALI" "TECUMSEH" "TWO HARBOURS" "S.TURMAN" "VAN DER LIJN"

Milne Bay (Contd.)

<u>Merchantmen</u> (Contd.)			: "GEO VANCOUVER" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "S.W.WILLISTON" "E.YOUNG" "WEST CACTUS" "J.M.WHISTLER"
<u>Port Moresby:</u>			
Escorts	1		: 1 ML: 426
Merchantmen	2		: "G.RHEBARD" "CITY OF HOUSTON"
<u>Thursday Is:</u>			
Escorts	4		: 1 ML: 820 2 AMS: "BALLARAT" "INVERELL" 1 SC: 731
Auxiliaries	1		: "POLARIS" (AGS)
<u>Cairns:</u>			
Escorts	3		: 1 PC: 479 2 ML: 804, 805
Auxiliaries	3		: "PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD 1 YP: 291
<u>Townsville:</u>			
Escorts	2		: 1 PF: "BARCOO" 1 AMS: "STRAHAN"
Auxiliaries	2		: 2 YP: 233
<u>Mackay:</u>			
Auxiliaries	1		: "HERON" (AVP)
<u>Gladstone:</u>			
Auxiliaries	3		: 2 YT: "PATHFINDER" (AGS)
<u>Brisbane:</u>			
Escorts	7		: 3 AMS: "BROOME" "ECHUCA" "WHYALLA" 1 YMS: 70 2 ML: 808, 821 1 SC: 745
Auxiliaries	8		: "ALGORAB" (AKA) "KURUMBA" (AO) "CALAMARES" (AF) "GRIFFIN" (AS) "MAETSUYCKER" "MANUNDA" (AH) "KAILUA" (IX) 2 YP: 236
<u>Sydney:</u>			
Combat Units	1 CL		: "HOBART" (Refitting)
	1 DD		: "STUART"
Escorts	17		: 7 AMS: "COLAC" "COOTAMUNDRA" "DELCRAINE" "KALGOORLIE" "KATOOMBA" "TOWNSVILLE" "WARRNAMBOOL"
			4 A/S: "AB.CRIJSSEN" "DOOMBA" "KYBRA" "YANDRA"
			6 ML: 807, 809, 813, 822, 823, 825
Auxiliaries	4		: "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "POINT LOMA" (AT) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG)
<u>Melbourne:</u>			
Combat Units	1 DD		: "NORMAN"
Escorts	1		: 1 AMS: "PREMANTLE" (Refitting)
<u>Adelaide:</u>			
Escorts	1		: 1 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" (Refitting)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- Empress Augusta Bay - During the day 19-20 April enemy forces estimated at 100 at Mavavia (East of the Torokina river mouth) were attacked by our ground troops using tanks. 5 enemy machine gun positions were cleared.  
At 1325/21 aircraft reported an enemy submarine off Cape Torokina heading North West; another apparently previously unreported submarine was sighted by a Liberator at 1150/19 approximately 50 miles west of Buka Passage.
- Kavieng - Photos 2.a.m. 20 April show Kavieng and Panapai runways both unserviceable and no aircraft present. The runway at Kavieng, however, is undergoing repair. In the harbour only 4 barges and 1 small boat are visible.
- Rabaul - At 0820/20 supply and gun positions inlets north west of Simpsons Harbour were attacked by 34 Dauntless 18 Avengers. The entire area was enshrouded in smoke.  
At 0835-0920/20 Vunakanau, Keravat and Lakunai runways were attacked respectively by 57 Dauntless/ Avengers, 12 Aircobras and 35 Fighter-Bombers. The strips of all three fields were hit.  
At 0930/20 Matupi Is. was attacked by 22 Mitchells causing large fires and several explosions and during the day fighter sweeps were conducted, shooting up fuel stores, trucks and small craft around the Coast.  
Photographs subsequent to above strikes show Lakunai, Vunakanau and Keravat all unserviceable, Tobera serviceable, Rapopo serviceable for 1550 feet. Only 3 serviceable aircraft all fighters, are visible, of which 1 is at Lakunai and 2 at Tobera.

3. Rabaul (contd)

Photographic covers at the same time of the Harbour, show the usual 2 small ships, 2 oil barges, approx. 200 barges (with incomplete coverage off Keravia Bay); 60 additional barges present are now considered inoperative.

4. Jacquinet Bay - A small allied party captured Palmamal (on the south western shores of the entrance Jacquinet Bay) on 20 April. 5 Japs were killed, the remainder fled to the bush. Some of the equipment was captured.
5. Bismarck Sea - At 0207/22 a suspected submarine contact was attacked by a surface unit 45 miles N.E. of Karkar Is.
6. Bogadjim - Patrols from Bismarck reached Malaga Hook, 3½ miles north of Erima, on 21 April without enemy contact
7. Alexishafen-Hansa Bay - Final details concerning air strikes against Bunabun Harbour installations, personnel and supply areas 20 April show that 37 Bostons attacked in the morning and 43 in the afternoon. All target areas were effectively bombed and strafed. Aircraft participating in the afternoon strike at 1450/20 reported 8 possible camouflaged barges 1 mile up Bunabun River.
8. Wewak - Preliminary reports indicate that all four Wewak aerodromes were attacked by 54 Liberators during the 21 April and all four runways were rendered unserviceable.
9. Aitape-Hollandia - Preliminary reports relate that strong allied forces landed shortly after dawn 21 April on 3 beaches, one at Aitape, and the second at or near Humboldt Bay, and the third in Tanamerah Bay. Only slight opposition was reported of the landing at Aitape, and none at the 2 beaches around Hollandia. Spotting aircraft reported no Jap troop movement along the road from Tanamerah Bay to the aerodromes.

Details of co-ordinated naval support are not yet available, but at 0840-1050/21 the Tadji-Aitape area was thoroughly bombed and strafed by 31 Liberators, 47 Mitchells and 71 Bostons.

10. Geelvink Bay - Photos 20 April show 34 aircraft on Kamiri airfield (comprising 14 M/B, 6 T/E fighters, 14 S/E fighters) and 2 fighters on Namber. Bombs can be seen falling across both Kamiri and Namber runways, probably destroying 4 and damaging 2 a/c on the former, and destroying 1 on the latter.

At 1120-1205/21 Kamiri and Namber strips were again attacked by 21 Liberators. Both runways were again hit. No a/a was encountered but approx. 7 fighters intercepted without effect. Kamiri strip appeared to have been repaired since the previous days attack.

Shipping sightings during the above attacks included 1 medium sized merchantship, 2 probable sea trucks and 80 barges and small craft around Noemfoor. Recce a/c over the area p.m. 21 Apl. sighted 1 possible mine layer and 1 sea truck near the Western shores of Geelvink Bay, south of Roemberpon Is.

11. Manokwari area - At 1230/21 a Navy Liberator attacked 3 small sea trucks and 1 barge off the East coast of Mapia Is. (100 miles North of Manokwari) 2 ships were forced on to the reef and the third left streaming oil and sinking as a result of bombing and strafing.

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2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1600/22:

- (1) "PIRIE" (AMS) escorting Convoy TD.52 ("DUNDULA" "MURADA") departed Thursday Is. 0210/18 for Darwin ETA 1130/22.

NORTH WESTERN AREA (contd)

- (2) "ML.815" escorting "KOALA" (Boom Vessel) was to depart Darwin 0200/22 for Abbott Shoal returning Darwin p.m. 23 Apl.
- (3) 14 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Escorts 7 : 1 AMS "LATROBE" 1 A/S: "WILCANNIA"  
 2 ML: 429, 809, 814, 815 2 YMS: 11, 72  
 Merchantmen 3 : "GEO. EASTMAN" "A.HILL" "SCHWEDAGON"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

1. Arce Islands - A.m. 20 April a/c reported 1 submarine 25 miles East of central Arce Island group and another 2 submarines 35 miles NE of Northern Arce Is. group. N.O.I.C. Darwin reports that the crews have been correctly interrogated and that they were sure of the sightings which were made from 6000 feet altitude.
2. Tanimbar Is. - At 1757/21 a Submarine was sighted 50 miles SSE of Selaru Is. on course 90°. Bombs were dropped with unobserved results.
3. Cape Wessel Area - At 1735/18 a floating chemical mine was seen by surface units approx. 52 miles SE Cape Wessel. The mine appeared newly painted and had no signs of marine growth or rust.
4. Borneo - Catalinas over Balikpapan night 20-21 April sighted 1 possible destroyer and 1 merchantship (5-6000 tons poss.), 1 mile south Balikpapan township.

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1600/22:

- (1) "MAUNGANUI" (AH) departed Fremantle 1955/19 Eastbound

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat Units 1 CL : "ADELAIDE"  
 Escorts 6 : "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739  
 3 ML: 812, 824, 826  
 Auxiliaries 9 : "LARK" (AM) "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS) "CHANTICLEER"  
 (ASR) "ISABEL" (PY) "CHILDS" (AV) 1 ARD  
 2 YP: 286, 288

Exmouth Gulf:

Auxiliaries 1 : "W.B.PRESTON" (AVD)

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3/ CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

1. Truk - During the night 19-20 April Dublon and Moem were attacked by Cenpac Liberators dropping over 45 tons of bombs causing large fires and also scoring a direct hit on a medium sized cargo vessel South of Pefan Island. 3 enemy aircraft were seen airborne but no interception was attempted.
2. Satawan - The runway and surrounding area at Satawan were bombed 20 April by a Soupac reconnaissance Liberator.
3. Woleai - Final details of the Souwespac air strike on Woleai approx. 1100/20 indicate that 18 Navy Liberators were involved. Many hits were scored on the aerodrome and surroundings. At 1015/21 a patrol Navy Liberator shot down

3. Woleai (Contd) - an enemy bomber probably a reconnaissance aircraft 320 miles south west of Woleai.
4. Marshalls-Carolines - Light to moderate strikes by Genpac aircraft were conducted 19 April on Ponape, Wotje, Mille, Jaluit and Taroa.

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### C. INDIAN OCEAN

Submarine Activity ) CinC E.F. considers that there were no enemy submarines operating in the Indian Ocean on 21 April.

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#### NAVAL INCIDENTS

Bismarck Sea - At 0207/22 H.M.A.S. "ARARAT" escorting "ARIDED" (AK) reported attacking a suspected submarine contact 45 miles NE of Karkar Island.

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#### ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

1. Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, N.W. Dutch New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya and Kuriles.
2. Increased use of submarines for transportation purposes in Marshalls-Bismarcks-Solomons.
3. Continued use of barges and small coasters for coastal transportation in forward areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

<u>CV (E)</u>	(8)	NATOMA BAY MANILA BAY CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHEWANGO SANTEE	-	RANEE	-
<u>CA</u>	(2)	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	-	-
<u>CL</u>	(4)	BOISE NASEVILLE PHOENIX # HOBART	-	(8) COLUMBIA DENVER HONOLULU ST LOUIS BIRMINGHAM MONT PELIER CLEVELAND # LEANDER	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>		TANGIER	-	(3) WRIGHT CHANDELEUR POCOMOKE	-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	(3)	HALF MOON SAN PABLO HERON	-	(2) BALLARD COOS BAY	-
<u>DD</u>	(60)	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA ABNER READ AMMEN BACHE BEALE DALY DASHIELL FLETCHER GILLESPIE GRAYSON HARRISON HOBBY HOFEWELL HUTCHINS JENKINS JOHN ROGERS KALK LA VALLETTE MCKEE WALKER ABBOTT KIDD CHAUNCEY HUGHES MUSTIN LARDNER ANDERSON	MULLANY MURRAY NICHOLAS NICHOLSON O'BANNON PHILIP RADFORD REID RINGGOLD ROE SIGSBEE SCHROEDER STEMBEL STEVENS STEVENSON STOCKTON SWANSON TAYLOR THORN WELIE S WILKES ERBEN HALE BULLARD BLACK MORRIS LANSLOWNE ELLET RUSSELL NORMAN	Approx. 30	-

# Non-effective

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

<u>SS</u>	(8)	BASHAW BLACKFISH BLUEGILL DACE	CERO DARTER FLOUNDER MINGO	) On patrol	-	10
	(3)	SCAMP S.42 S.47	)	At Milne Bay		
	(2)	SILVERSIDES TUNNY	)	At Brisbane		
	(2)	K.9 K.12	)	At Sydney		

PI Approx. 86

Approx. 110

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<u>APA</u>	(23)	H.T. ALLEN (APA)	KANE (APD)	15 APA	-
<u>AKA</u>		KANIMBLA	GILMER	1 APD	
<u>APD</u>		MANOORA	SCHLEY	8 AKA	
		WESTRALIA	SANDS		
		HARRY LEE	HUMPHREYS		
		ZEILIN	BROOKS		
		ORMSBY	HERBERT		
		WINDSOR	TALBOT		
		ALGORAB (AKA)	CROSBY		
		CENTAURUS	NOA		
		VIRGO	DENT		
		KILTY (APD)	DICKERSON		
		WARD			

AGC BLUE RIDGE

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AS (2) OTUS  
EURYALE

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AD DOBBIN

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AR (3) RIGEL  
PLATYPUS  
AMYCUS

PROMETHEUS

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LSD (3) CARTER HALL  
GUNSTON HALL  
EPPING FOREST

<u>AIRCRAFT</u>	
Fighters (inc. 9 T/E)	71
Light & M/Bombers	66
Torpedo & D/Bombers	2
Flying Boats	1
Floatplanes	27
Obsn. A/c	20

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>CA</u>	-	(2) NACHI ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	(3) ABUKUMA TAMA KISO
<u>DD</u>	9	10
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx. 4



3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

			<u>Mandates</u> <u>Philippines</u>	<u>Empire</u>
<u>BB</u>	(18) IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA NEW MEXICO TENNESSEE	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA IDAHO PENNSYLVANIA * OKLAHOMA	(4) NAGATO KONGO HARUNA YAMATO	(5) YAMASHIRO ISE HYUGA * MUSASHI MUTSU (prob. sunk)
<u>CV</u>	(7) ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON HORNET	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL	(2) SHOKAKU ZUIKAKU	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	(7) COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY * INDEPENDENCE	-	(4) RYUHO ZUIHO HITAKA HAYATAKA
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	-	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	(20) COPAHEE BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU CASABLANCA ALTAMAHA WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY	FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MEHENTA BAY ONMANEY BAY PETROF BAY SAVO ISLAND	-	(6) CHIPOSE CHIYODA KAIYO JINYO OTAKA * UNYO
<u>CA</u>	(13) BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND	(11) ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI MAYA MYOKO HAGURO	MOGAMI KUMANO SUZUYA TONE CHIKUMA
<u>OCA</u>	-	-	-	6
<u>CL</u>	(8) SANTA FE SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN MOBILE	BILOXI OAKLAND * RENO * CONCORD	(4) YUBARI KINU YAHAGI NOSHIRO	* NATORI ) Location ) uncertain
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHIMA	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CURTISS	-	(2) AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO	-
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 120	-	30-35	20 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u>	Approx. 30	-	25	Approx. 25
<u>AS</u>	?	-	?	2 (1 repairing)

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

CL TRENTON

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5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Malaya

<u>BB</u>	-	(4) QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN RICHELIEU	FUSO
<u>CV</u>	-	(2) ILLUSTRIOUS SARATOGA	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	TAIHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	(5) BATTLE UNICORN SHAH ATHELING BEGUM	-
<u>CA</u>	-	(4) SUFFOLK SUSSEX LONDON CUMBERLAND	AOBA
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	(8) CEYLON NEWCASTLE KENYA DANAE GAMBIER TROMP NIGERIA EMERALD	(2) KITAGAMI OI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(2) CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI
<u>XCL</u>	-	(2) CAMTON CHITRAL	-
<u>DD</u>	-	Approx. 27	15
<u>SS</u>	(14) BILLFISH HOE BONFISH JACK CREVALIE PADDLE COD PARGO FLASHER REDFIN HADDO ROBALO HAKE K.15	} On patrol	18 (incl. 7 German)
	(12) ANGLER NORWHEAL BLUEFISH PUFFER BOWFIN RASHER CABRILLA RATON GUNNEL RAY LAPON K.14	} At Fremantle	
<u>AS</u>	(2) PELIAS ORION		

AIRCRAFT (East Indies only)  
 Fighters 138  
 Light & M/Bombers 77  
 Torpedo & D/ Bombers -  
 Flying Boats -  
 Fleetplanes 43  
 Obsn. A/c 23

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. 816

Date 23 April 1944

PART I

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1600/23:

- (1) "BENALLA" (AGS) departed Seeadler Hr. 1000/22 for Lanemak ETA 1700/23 thence Morobe for boiler cleaning
- (2) "MORESEBY" (AGS) departed Milne Bay 0700/9 on survey duty
- (3) "THOMAS NELSON" aground East of Killerton Island (Milne Bay)
- (4) "PC's 477, 1119, 1131" on A/S patrol South China Strait.
- (5) "YMS.49 YMS.50" in company with 1 APC departed Cairns at 1000/22 for Milne Bay 1200/24
- (6) "INVERELL" (AMS) escorting Convoy TD.53 ("ALAGNA" "ADMIRAL CAASE" "W.D.BOYCE") departed Thursday Is. 1845/22 for Darwin ETA 1430/27
- (7) "BALLARAT" (AMS) departed Thursday Is. 1025/22 for Cairns ETA 0800/24
- (8) "MIZAR" (AF) departed Milne Bay 1540/21 for Brisbane ETA 1400/24
- (9) "BUNGARBE" (CM) departed Townsville 0826/22 for vicinity Great North East Channel
- (10) "SPRINGDALE" (YDC) with tow proceeding Cairns ETA 26 April
- (11) "BUNBURY" (AMS) departed Cairns 0615/21 for Brisbane ETA 0500/24
- (12) "ML.811" departed Cairns 2359/20 for Billia Point ETA 1000/23; thence to return to Cairns ETA 1800/25.
- (13) "MANUNDA" (AM) departed Brisbane 1252/22 for Port Moresby ETA 0900/26
- (14) "SC.749" searching for hulk "SYDNEY" vicinity Bustard Head.
- (15) "YP.504" proceeding to Rockhampton for repairs ETA 1700/23
- (16) "GLADSTONE" (AMS) departed Sydney 1000/22 for Brisbane ETA 0300/24
- (17) "NORMAN" (DD) was to depart Port Phillip Heads 1230/23 for "Sydney.
- (18) 8 Submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "STAWELL" "BOWEN" "GYMPIE" "CASTLEMAINE" (AMS) to return Milne Bay on relief ("COWRA" "KIAMA" "BENDIGO" (AMS)) arriving
- (2) "KATOOMBA" (AMS) to depart Sydney when ready for Milne Bay via Brisbane p.m. 25 April. On arrival to come under operational and administrative control of N.O.I.C. N
- (3) "ECHUCA" (AMS) to depart Caloundra when ready approx. 26 April for Milne Bay
- (4) "ML.825" to sail when ready for Sydney to Milne Bay coming under operational and administrative control N.O.I.C. New Guinea on arrival.

(c) In Harbour:

Note: Special operational movements not shown.

Admiralties:

Combat Units 1 DD : "PHILIP"  
22 PT  
Escorts 21 : 6 DE: "ACREE" "BARON" "DORSEY" "GEORGE"  
"LEVY" "PARKS"  
1 PF: "GASCOYNE"  
5 AMS: "ARARAT" "BUNDABERG" "GLENELG" "BOWEN"  
"CASTLEMAINE"  
6 YMS: 8, 10, 46, 47, 48, 51  
1 SC: 747  
2 FC: 1132, 1133  
Auxiliaries 24 : "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "SAN PABLO" (AVP)  
"TANGIER" (AV) "LEOPARD" "MINK" (IX)  
"YUNNAN" (AE) "PRES. MONROE" "WHARTON"  
"PRESIDENT POLK" (AP) "CACAPON" "CHIKASKIA"  
"ESCAMBIA" "VICTORIA" (AO) "EPPING FOREST"  
"GUNSTON HALL" (LSD) "PATHFINDER"  
"SHEPPARTON" (AGS) "COUCAL" (ASR) "POYANG"  
(ASIS) "ARIDED" "GEO. ELLIOTT" "MINTAKA"  
"CELENO" (AK) "MERKUR" (AF)  
Merchantmen 22 : "J. BARBOSA" "J. P. BRADLEY" "J. C. BRADY"  
"CHIEF CHARLOT" "J. P. CHOTEAU" "T. M. COOLEY"  
"T. CRAWFORD" "J. O. CURWOOD" "J. D. DOTY"  
"E. FERRY" "J. HART" "S. JACKSON" "KARSIK"  
"LYMAN STEWART" "J. W. MELDRUM" "MORMACGULL"  
"MORMACSEA" "POELAU LAUT" "RAMO" "S. M. WHITE"  
"J. M. THOMPSON" "M. THORNTON"  
  
Cape Gloucester:  
Combat Units 1 DD : "SAMPSON"  
Escorts 1 : 1 FC: 476  
Auxiliaries 12 : "HILO" (AGP) "PRES. ADAMS" "PRES. HAYES"  
"PRES. JACKSON" (AP) "ELINORE" "WAYNE" (APA)  
"TITANIA" "AQUARIUS" (AKA) "GAMELE" "SOUTHARD"  
"FRUITT" "TRACY" (DM)  
  
Talasea:  
Combat Units 13 PT  
Saïdor:  
Combat Units 10 PT with 1 LST acting as AGP  
Merchantmen 2 : "F. M. QUINONES" "TIMOSHENKO"  
  
Langemak:  
Combat Units 26 DD : "FLETCHER" "GILLESPIE" "HARRISON" "HOPEWELL"  
"JOHN ROGERS" "KALK" "LA VALLETTE" "MCKEE"  
"MURRAY" "NICHOLSON" "RADFORD" "REID" "ROE"  
"STEMBEL" "STEVENS" "STEVENSON" "STOCKTON"  
"TAYLOR" "WELLES" "WILKES" "HOBBY" "SWANSON"  
"RINGGOLD" "DASHIELL" "SCHROEDER" "SIGSBEE"  
Escorts 34 : 3 DE: "J. E. CRAIG" "LOVELACE" "MANNING"  
4 PF: "CORONADO" "GLENDALE" "LONGBEACH"  
"SAN PEDRO"  
5 AMS: "GYMPIE" "STAWELL" "COWRA" "BENDIGO"  
"KIAMA"  
5 YMS: 9, 53, 73, 334, 393  
3 FC: 1120, 1124, 1134  
4 ML: 424, 803, 806, 816  
10 SC: 637, 648, 703, 737, 742, 743, 746,  
748, 750, 981  
Auxiliaries 41 : "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "HUMPHREYS" "HERBERT"  
"DICKERSON" "NOA" "CROSBY" "SCHLEY" "KANE"  
"GILMER" "BROOKS" "KILTY" "DENT" "WARD" (APD)  
"CARTER HALL" (LSD) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "HOGAN"  
"LONG" "HAMILTON" "PERRY" (DMS) "ORMSBY"  
"HARRY LEE" "ZEILIN" "WINDSOR" "H. T. ALLEN"  
"KANIMBLA" "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" (APA)  
"CENTAURUS" (AKA) "AASE MAERSK" (AO)  
"TRIANGULUM" "BOOTES" "ETAMIN" (AK)  
"BAYOU ST. JOHN" "SONOMA" "RESERVE" (AT)  
"TULSA" (PG) "CHETCO" (AT) "ANDREW DORIA" (IX)  
1 YOG 1 YT: 156 1 YP: 280

Langemak (Contd.)

Merchantmen	26	:	"ALCOA POLARIS" "ANHUI" "ANSON BURLINGHAME" "E.D.BAKER" "D.F.BARRY" "BORGFRED" "W.N.BYERS" "W.E.CHANNING" "L.L.DYCHE" "J.EVANS" "FORT DONELSON" "HAWAIIAN SHIPPER" "D.E.HUGHES" "W.S.LADD" "MACTAN" "URIAH M.ROSE" "M.C.KERR" "MOBILCAS" "SANGAY" "SEA FLASHER" "J.SINGER" "W.C.SQUIRE" "A.E.WATTS" "K.D.WIGGIN" "YOHOW" "W.WILLIAMS"
<u>Lae:</u>			
Escorts	5	:	4 ML: 424, 428, 430, 431 1 SC: 734
Auxiliaries	2	:	"PANDA" "PORCUPINE" (IX)
Merchantmen	17	:	"CAPE HENRY" "F.H.DODD" "A.S.DUNIWAY" "GREY LAG" "A.B.HAMMOND" "O.KELLY" "MANA" "J.ROSS" "J.A.ROSSITER" "M.M.STEWART" "A.THOMAS" "TJISADANE" "VAN OUTHORN" "M.WALKER" "F.R.WARDWELL" "D.WRIGHT"
<u>Buna-Oro Bay:</u>			
Combat Units	2 CA	:	"AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE"
	3 CL	:	"PHOENIX" "BOISE" "NASHVILLE"
	13 DD	:	"ABNER READ" "AMMEN" "ARUNTA" "BACHE" "BEALE" "DALY" "GRAYSON" "HUTCHINS" "MULLANY" "THORN" "NICHOLAS" "O'BANNON" "WARRAMUNGA"
Escorts	10	:	3 DE: "NEUENDORF" "EICHENBERGER" "WHITEHURST" 3 FF: "OGDEN" "VAN BUREN" "EL PASO" 1 AMS: "- 1 SUT: 650 1 FC: 1122 1 YMS: 314
Auxiliaries	11	:	"TRINITY" (AO) "BLUE RDIGE" (AGC) "MEDUSA" (AR) "SANDS" (APD) "GANYMEDE" (AK) "PYRO" (AE) "SOLACE" (AH) "DOBBIN" (AD) "TRYON" (APH) "PING WO" (ASIS) 1 ARD
Merchantmen	20	:	"ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "BALIKPAPAN" "D.BELASCO" "JAS.BUCHANAN" "S.L.CLARKE" "P.T.DODDRIDGE" "D.HEWES" "J.A.JOHNSON" "J.LYKES" "B.MATTHEWS" "MONMOUTH" "W.H.MOODY" "NORAB" "OZARK" "H.T.RAINEY" "SOMMELSDIJK" "SWARTENHONDT" "T.W.SYMONS" "H.V.WHITE" "J.E.WING"
<u>Kiriwina Is:</u>			
Merchantmen	1	:	"JANSSENS"
<u>Good-enough Is:</u>			
Merchantmen	4	:	"D.D.FIELD" "HANYANG" "S.G.PORTER" " "TUNG SONG"
<u>Milne Bay:</u>			
Combat Units	1 DD	:	"VENDETTA"
	1 FT	:	
Escorts	31	:	1 PS: "SWAN" 10 SC: 698, 699, 732, 735, 736, 738, 741, 742, 744, 982 5 AMS: "GOULBURN" "KAPUNDA" "GEELONG" "LITHGOW" "WAGGA" 2 PG: 1121, 1123 6 YMS: 52, 71, 313, 315, 316, 336 7 ML: 425, 427, 801, 802, 817, 818, 819
Auxiliaries	30	:	"TALBOT" (APD) "HALF MOON" (AVP) "OTUS" "BURYALE" (AS) "KOOPA" (AGP) "RIGEL" (AR) "ANYCUS" (ARL) "WATO" (AT) "ST.MARYS" "CARONDOLET" "VILLALOBOS" (IX) "ALABASTER" (PYC) "TASMAN" (AH) "MATAFELE" (AGS) "OCTANS" (AF) "TEAK" (AN) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "POLLUX" (AKS) "SUSQUEHANNA" "SHIKELAMY" (AGC) "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) 3 AFD 2 ARD 1 YOG 3 YP: 278, 283, 449
Merchantmen	80	:	"H.L.ABBOTT" "ACONCAGUA" "J.BALL" "L.BEECHER" "F.BILLINGS" "BOTH" "BUFFALOW WALLON" "J.BURROUGHS" "CALUSA" "CAPE CANSO" "J.C.CALHOUN" "CAPE ROMANO" "J.M.CAREY" "CARLOS CARILLO" "M.I.CASEY" "P.CHANDLER" "CHIPPEWA" "F.J.CUNEL" "M.DALY" "G.DAVIDSON" "J.DEERE"

Milne Bay (Contd.)  
Merchantmen  
(Contd.)

: "DON MARJIS" "F.A.EILERS" "F.EEVERS"  
"H.EMERSON" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "FAIR ISLE"  
"FALLEN TIMBERS" "FIRE ISLAND" "GAUNTIET"  
"GENERAL VERSPITCK" "GRANDE RONDE" "J.HALL"  
"R.F.HAND" "P.C.HEWITT" "H.I.HOYT"  
"ISOLATOR" "THOMS.JEFFERSON" "E.JOHNSON"  
"JUAN PABLO DUARTE" "KATOOMBA" "L.S.KELLY"  
"KOTA BAROE" "KOTA GEDE" "LAKE ORMAC"  
"J.LANE" "N.LUCKENBACE" "F.B.LINDERMANN"  
"A.MAJOR" "J.S.MANSFIELD" "C.H.MATSON" "MAUI"  
"J.B.MCIPHERSON" "H.MONROE" "B.T.OSBORNE"  
"ORMISTON" "JOEL PALMER" "G.H.PORTER"  
"A.REHAN" "RING LARDNER" "M.ROBERTSON"  
"A.ROBINSON" "SABINE SUN" "S.H.SHORT"  
"SEA SCAMP" "N.J.SINNOTT" "O.SKINNER"  
"W.J.SUBJETTE" "TAWALI" "TECUMSEH"  
"TWO HARBOURS" "S.TURMAN" "VAN DER LIJN"  
"GEO.VANCOUVER" "VAN SPILBERGEN"  
"S.W.WILLISTON" "E.YOUNG" "WEST CACTUS"  
"J.M.WHISTLER"

Port Moresby:

Escorts 1  
Merchantmen 3

: 1 ML: 426  
: "CITY OF HOUSTON" "GEO.VON L.MEYER"  
"ED.N.WESTCOTT"

Thursday Is:

Escorts 3  
Auxiliaries 1

: 1 ML: 820 1 AMS: "BALLARAT" 1 SC: 731  
: "POLARIS" (AGS)

Cairns:

Escorts 4  
Auxiliaries 4

: 1 PC: 479 2 ML: 804, 805  
1 PS: "WARREGO"  
: "DUMPROON" (AP) "PLATYPUS" (AR)  
1 ARD 1 YP: 291

Townsville:

Escorts 2  
Auxiliaries 1

: 1 PF: "BARCOO" 1 AMS: "STRAHAN"  
: 1 YP: 233

Mekay:

Auxiliaries 1

: "HERON" (AVP)

Gladstone:

Auxiliaries 2

: 2 YT:

Brisbane:

Escorts 8  
Auxiliaries 7

: 4 AMS: "BROOME" "ECHUCA" "MILDURA" "WHYALLA"  
1 YMS: 70 2 ML: 808, 821 1 SC: 745  
: "ALGORAB" (AKA) "KURUMBA" (AO) "CALAMARES" (AF)  
"GRIFFIN" (AS) "MAETSUYCKER" (AH) "KAILUA" (IX)  
1 YP: 236

Honey:

Combat Units 1 CL  
1 DD  
Escorts 17

: "HOBART" (Refitting)  
: "STUART"  
: 7 AMS: "COLAC" "COOTAMUNDRA" "DELORAINÉ"  
"KALGOORLIE" "KATOOMBA" "TOWNSVILLE"  
"WARRNAMBOOL"  
4 A/S: "AB.CRIJSSSEN" "DOOMBA" "KYBRA" "YANDRA"  
6 ML: 807, 809, 813, 822, 823, 825  
: "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "POINT LOMA" (AT)  
"CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS)

Auxiliaries 3

Melbourne:

Escorts 1

: 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" (Refitting)

Adelaide:

Escorts 1

: 1 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" (Refitting)

(ii), ENEMY FORCES

Buin Base - At 1842/20 enemy gun positions on the South coast Shortland Is. were bombarded by destroyers after the latter had then been fired upon. Results were unobserved.

During 21 April Kahili airfield was bombed by 12 Dauntless.

2. Cape St George - Afternoon 21 April possible submarine was located by aircraft approx. 15 miles East of Cape St George.

3. Rabaul - During the night 20-21 April Rabaul was raided by 4 Mitchells A.M. 21 April supply and personnel areas on Matupi Is. and at Kabanga Bay (northern East coast Gazelle Peninsula)

Rabaul (contd)

were attacked by 34 Dauntless 7 Avengers and 24 Mitchells  
at Matupi Is. particularly, severe damage was inflicted.

Photos 21 April show Lakunai runway to be  
unserviceable with repairs in progress. Vunakanau and  
Tobera runways serviceable and Rapopo partially  
serviceable.

4. Wide Bay - At 1530/21 personnel area around Henry Reid river mouth  
was attacked by about 29 Beauforts. Results generally  
were unobserved.

5. Lae - At 0320/22 a possible submarine was reported 12 miles East of  
Lae.

6. Alexishafen-Hansa Bay - During the night 20-21 April 4 trucks near  
Bogia were strafed by PT boats operating off shore.  
The following night 21-22 April 3 enemy barges were  
encountered by PT boats 1 mile north of Hansa Bay; 1  
barge was sunk and the other 2 damaged. At 1030/21  
aircraft reported submarine 2 miles off Cape Girgir on  
course 150°.

At 1050/21 2 small freighters (700 tons each) were  
reported by aircraft in Hansa Bay.

From dawn till dusk 22 April fighter and bomber  
sweeps were conducted along this section of the Coast.  
At 0540/22 2 Havoca strafed 2 barges underway in  
Hatzfeldt Harbour. At 0640/22 19 Thunderbolts with 16  
more Thunderbolts escorting, bombed personnel areas in  
Bogia Bay, and strafed other targets along the coast.  
At 1000/22 a lugger in Alexishafen was damaged by  
strafing, and near miss from Mitchells.

During other morning sweeps involving 14 aircobras  
4 barges laden with supplies and gasoline were strafed  
and destroyed in Dogumur Bay; Another 8 Aircobras  
swept the coast in the afternoon. (See addendum)

7. Sepik River - At 1000 and at 1400/22 huts and buildings at Angoram  
30 miles up Sepik River, were bombed and strafed by  
2 flights which involved 4 Mitchells each. Enemy  
structures were destroyed.

8. Wewak - At 1013/21 1 small freighter (600 tons) was reported by  
aircraft at Kairiru Is.

At approx. 1140/22 stores and personnel around the  
Wewak airfield and at Wom Point were attacked by 63  
Bostons. Buildings and stores were badly damaged, at  
least 5 large fires including 2 fuel fires were started.  
No a/a ~~was~~ or interception was encountered over Wewak  
and only meagre a/a over Wom Pt. Thunderbolts escorted  
the aircraft.

At the same time Boram and But airfields were  
attacked by 17 Liberators with 68 tons, mostly comprising  
2000 lb bombs. Results generally were unobserved.  
No a/a was experienced.

9. Aitape - Hollandia - Little further detail is to hand concerning  
landing operations but opposition appears to have been  
negligible during the early stages. 8 prisoners were  
captured at Aitape and large quantities of stores were  
captured at Humboldt Bay. By 1000/22 both sides of the  
entrance to Jautefa Bay were occupied by our troops  
and ~~from~~ from the Tanamerah landing our forces had  
reached Mariboe, approx. 1½ miles towards Sentani Lake.
10. Noemfoor-Photos 21 April show 15 serviceable aircraft including 11 S/E  
fighters 3 T/E fighters 1 M/B at Kamiri, in addition  
to 13 unserviceable aircraft, and at Namber only 1  
fighter.

Bomb craters in the runways resulting from the  
strike 20 April, had not been filled in.

At 1135-1200/22 Namber airfield was bombed by 13  
Liberators and Kamiri by 9 Liberators. The runways  
and dispersal areas of both fields were well covered,  
and a fire started in the middle of Kamiri strip.  
5 enemy fighters weakly and ineffectively attempted  
interception of our aircraft over the target.

Attacking aircraft reported 2 small vessels and  
some 35 barges in the Roemboi and Broe Bays.

11. Mapia Islands. - At 1100/22 1 small freighter anchored at Mapia was strafed by a Patrol Navy Liberator after bombs had fallen nearby. 4 similar small freighters attacked during previous patrols were observed on the beach.

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NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1600/23:

- (1) "ML.815" escorting "KOALA" (Boom Vessel) was to depart Darwin 0200/22 for Abbott Shoal returning Darwin p.m. 23 Apl.  
 (2) 14 Submarines on patrol

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Escorts	9	: 2 AMS: "LATROBE" "PIRIE" 1 A/S: "WILCANNIA"
		4 ML: 429, 809, 814, 815 2 YMS: 11, 72
Merchantment	5	: "DUNDULA" "GEO.EASTMAN" "A.HILL" "MURADA"
		"SCHWEDAGON"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

1. Arafura Sea - At 0849/21 a probable submarine was seen 140 miles S.S.W. of Trangan Islands (Aru Island Group) on course 250°. It is recalled that another submarine was reported by aircraft at 1757/21 50 miles S.S.W. of Selaroe Island (Tanimbar Island Group) on course 90° and that on the previous day, 20 April, 3 reports of submarines in this area were received.
2. Portuguese Timer - At 0745/22 Dilli was raided by 11 Mitchells covered by 5 Beaufighters but clouds obscured observation of results.
3. Darwin - At approximately 1500/21 2 probably reconnaissance aircraft were located in the area W.S.W. of Darwin.

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1600/23:

- (1) "MAUNGANUI" (AH) departed Fremantle 1955/19 Eastbound.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat Units	1 CL	: "ADELAIDE"
Escorts	6	: "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739
		3 ML: 812, 824, 826
Auxiliaries	9	: "LARK" (AM) "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS)
		"CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ISABEL" (PY)
		"CHILDS" (AV) 1 ARD 2 YP: 286, 288

Exmouth Gulf:

Auxiliaries	1	: "W.B.PRESTON" (AVD)
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B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

1. Wake - On 20 April Wake Island was attacked by 12 Cenpac Liberators dropping 29 tons of bombs.
2. Puluwat - At 1245/22 a reconnaissance plane attacked one small merchant ship and 2 auxiliaries at Puluwat Group with



2. Puluwat (Contd) - some success but results are not yet fully available.
3. Woleai - Preliminary reports relate that Woleai was again attacked by Souwespac Navy Liberators on 21 April but results are not yet to hand.
4. Marshalls-Carolines - Enemy submarines appear active: D/F fixes 21-22 April indicate 3 units patrolling between Palau and Guam and another 200 miles North of Truk. The latter enemy unit could be the same as that attacked by aircraft 222 miles North by East of Truk at 0815/22. In addition another submarine contact was attacked by surface craft at 1930/22 30 miles E.S.E. of Jaluit.

The daily air strikes by Cenpac aircraft are being maintained against the remaining enemy held atolls in the Marshalls: on 19 and on 20 April Wotje, Mille, Jaluit and Taroa were all subjected at least twice to medium scale air strikes. At Ponape the easternmost of the Carolines moderate scale air strikes were also carried out on both 19 and 20 April.

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Addendum:

- Hansa Bay - At approx. midday 22 April A/A positions and bivouac area at Hansa Bay, also at Awar, Nubia and Potsdam Plantations were attacked by 55 Liberators and 45 Mitchells. Coverage of the target areas was described as excellent. but damage inflicted was unassessed. Any A/A experienced by planes over in the earlier stages, apparently eliminated, as later reports indicate no opposition.

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ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

1. Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, N.W. Dutch New Guinea East Indies, Malaya and Kuriles.
2. Increased use of submarines for transportation purposes in Marshalls-Bismarcks-Solomons.
3. Continued use of barges and small coasters for coastal transportation in forward areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

<u>B</u>	-	INDIANA	-
<u>V(E)</u>	(8) NATOMA BAY SANGAMON MANILA BAY SUWANNEE GORAL SEA CHENANGO CORREGIDOR SANTEE	(2) BARNES PETROF BAY	-
<u>A</u>	(2) AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	-
<u>L</u>	(4) BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX * HOBART	(8) COLUMBIA DENVER HONOLULU ST LOUIS BIRMINGHAM MONT PELIER CLEVELAND * LEANDER	-
<u>IV/OVS</u>	TANGIER	(3) WRIGHT CHANDELEUR POCOMOKE	-
<u>LAV/XCVS</u>	(3) HALF MOON SAN MABLO HERON	(2) BALLARD COOS BAY	-
<u>ND</u>	(60) ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA ABNER READ AMMEN BACHE BEALE DALY DASHIELL FLETCHER GILLESPIE GRAYSON HARRISON HOBBY HOPEWELL HUTCHINS JOHN ROGERS KALK LA VALLETTE MCKEE WALKER ABBOTT KIDD CHAUNCEY HUGHES MUSTIN LARDNER ANDERSON NORMAN	MULLANY MURRAY NICHOLAS NICHOLSON O'BANNON PHILIP RADFORD REID RINGGOLD ROE SAMPSON SIGSBEE SCHROEDER STEMBEL STEVENS STEVENSON STOCKTON SWANSON TAYLOR THORN WELLES WILKES ERBEN HALE BULLARD BLACK MORRIS LANSLOWNE ELLET RUSSEL	Approx. 30

\* Non-effective

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
		<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	
<u>SS</u>	(8)	BASHAW BLACKFISH BLUEGILL CERO	DACE DARTER FLOUNDER MINGO	10
			On Patrol	
	(3)	SCAMP S.42 S.47	At Milne Bay	
	(2)	SILVERSIDES TUNNY	At Brisbane	
	(2)	K.9 K.12	At Sydney	
<u>PT</u>		Approx. 85	Approx. 110	?
<u>APA</u> <u>AKA</u> <u>APD</u>	(27)	H.T. ALLEN (APA) KA NIMBLA MANOORA WESTRALIA HARRY LEE ZEILIN ORMSBY WINDSOR ELMORE WAYNE ALGORAB (AKA) CENTAURUS VIRGO TITANIA AQUARIA	KANE (APD) GILMER SCHLEY SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS HERBERT TALBOT CROSBY NOA DENT DICKERSON KILTY WARD	13 APA 1 APD 6 AKA
<u>AGC</u>		BLUE RIDGE	-	-
<u>AS</u>	(3)	OTUS EURYALE GRIFFIN	-	-
<u>AD</u>		DOBBIN	-	-
<u>AR</u>	(3)	RIGEL PIA TYPUS AMYCUS	PROMETHEUS	-
<u>LSD</u>	(3)	CARTER HALL GUNSTON HALL EPPING FOREST		
			<u>AIRCRAFT</u>	
			Fighters (inc. 9 T/E)	71
			Light & M/Bombers	66
			Torpedo & D/Brs.	2
			Flying Boats	1
			Floatplanes	27
			Obsn. A/c	20

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CA</u>		-	(2) NACHI ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	(3)	DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	(3) ABUKUMA TAMA KISO
<u>DD</u>		9	10
<u>SS</u>		10	Approx. 4

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

			<u>Mandates</u> <u>Philippines</u>	<u>Empire</u>
<u>BB</u>	(17)	IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA NEW MEXICO TENNESSE	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA IDAHO PENNSYLVANIA # OKLAHOMA	(5) YAMASHIRO ISE HYUGA # MUSASHI MUTSU (prob. sunk)
<u>CV</u>	(7)	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON HORNET	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL	-
<u>(L)</u>	(7)	COVENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGELY # INDEPENDENCE	(5) RYUHO ZU IHO HITAKA HAYATAKA TAIHO
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	-	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	(19)	COPAHEE PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU CASABLANCA AITAMAHA WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY	PANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY MOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY MEHENTA BAY KITKUN BAY OMMANEY BAY SAVO ISLAND RANEE	(6) CHITOSE CHIYODA KAIYO JINYO OTAKA # UNYO
<u>CA</u>	(13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND	(2) MYOKO HAGURO
<u>OCA</u>	-	-	-	6
<u>CL</u>	(8)	SANTA FE SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN MOBILE	BILOXI OAKLAND # RENO # CONCORD	(5) YUBARI KINU NAGARA ISUZU OYODO
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA
<u>AV/CVS</u>		CURTISS	(2) AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO	-
<u>DB</u>		Approx. 120	15-20	20 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u>		Approx. 30	25	Approx. 25
<u>AS</u>		?	?	2 (1 repairing)

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

TREMPON

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Malaya

<u>BB</u>	-	(4) QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT REOWN RICHELIEU	(5) YAMATO NAGATO KONGO HARUNA FUSO
<u>CV</u>	-	(2) ILLUSTRIOUS SARATOGA	(2) SHOKAKU ZUIKAKU
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	(5) BATTLEER UNICORN SHAH ATHELING BEGUM	-
<u>CA</u>	-	(4) SUFFOLK SUSSEX LONDON CUMBERLAND	(10) AOBA MOGAMI ATAGO SUZUYA TAKAO KUMANO MAYA TONE CHOKAI CHIKUMA
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	(8) CEYLON NEWCASTLE KENYA DANAE GAMBIER TROMP NIGERIA EMERALD	(4) YAHAGI NOSHIRO OI KITAGAMI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(2) CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	-
<u>XCL</u>	-	(2) CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>DD</u>	-	Approx. 27	30
<u>SS</u>	(14) BILLFISH HOE ) BONEFISH JACK ) CREVALLE PADDLE ) COD PARGO ) On patrol FLASHER REDFIN ) HADDO ROBALO ) HAKE K.15 )	Approx. 15	18 (incl. 7 German)
	(12) ANGLER NORWHALE ) BLUEFISH PUFFER ) BOWFIN RASHER ) CABRILLA RATON ) At Fremantle GUNNEL RAY ) LAPON K.14 )		
<u>AS</u>	(2) PELIAS ORTON		

AIRCRAFT (East Indies only)  
Fighters 158  
Light & M/Bombers 77  
Torpedo & D/Bombers -  
Flying Boats -  
Floatplanes 43  
Obsn. A/c 23

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. 817

Date 24 April 1944

PART IA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1600/24:

- (1) "GOULBURN" (AMS) was to depart Milne Bay p.m. 24 April for Langemak to relieve "BUNDABERG" (AMS) who is to be sailed for Milne Bay for boiler cleaning.
- (2) "GOLD STAR" (AG) was to depart Langemak 1600/23 for Buna ETA 1800/24.
- (3) "MORESBY" (AGS) departed Milne Bay 0700/9 on survey duty.
- (4) "FREDERICK BILLINGS" aground on Veale Reef.
- (5) "LYMAN BEECHER" aground in Raven Channel
- (6) "PC's 477, 1119, 1131" on A/S patrol South China Strait.
- (7) "STRAHAN" (AMS) departed Townsville 1600/23 for Milne Bay ETA 0900/26.
- (8) "CALAMARES" (AF) departed Brisbane 0200/24 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/28.
- (9) "MANUNDA" (AH) departed Brisbane 1252/22 for Port Moresby ETA 0900/26.
- (10) "BUNGAREE" (CM) departed Townsville 0826/22 for vicinity Great North East Channel.
- (11) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG) with tow proceeding Cairns ETA 26 April.
- (12) "ML.811" departed Cairns 2359/20 for Billia Point ETA 1000/23; thence to return to Cairns ETA 1800/25.
- (13) "SC.749" on Sandy Cape A/S patrol.
- (14) "COLAC" (AMS) departed Sydney 0900/24 for Caloundra ETA 0800/26.
- (15) "MOUNT VERNON" (AP) proceeding Melbourne ETA 0600/26.
- (16) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "WHYALLA" (AMS) to depart Caloundra 2200/24 to relieve "SC.749" on Sandy Cape A/S patrol.
- (2) "STAWELL" "BOWEN" "GYMPIE" "CASTLEMAINE" (AMS) to return Milne Bay on relief ("COWRA" "KIAMA" "BENDIGO" (AMS) arriving).
- (3) "KATOOMBA" (AMS) to depart Sydney when ready for Milne Bay via Brisbane p.m. 25 April. On arrival to come under operational and administrative control of N.O.I.C. New Guinea
- (4) "ECHUCA" (AMS) to depart Caloundra when ready approx. 26 April for Milne Bay.
- (5) "ML.825" to sail when ready from Sydney to Milne Bay coming under operational and administrative control N.O.I.C. New Guinea on arrival.

(c) In Harbour

Note: Special operational movements not shown.

Admiralties:

Combat Units	2 CL	: "PHOENIX" "BOISE"
	4 DD	: "PHILIP" "DALY" "BEALE" "HUTCHINS"
	22 PT	
Escorts	19	: 6 DE: "ACREE" "BARON" "DORSEY" "GEORGE" "LEVY" "PARKS" 1 PF: "GASCOYNE" 3 AMS: "ARARAT" "BOWEN" "CASTLEMAINE" 6 YMS: 8, 10, 46, 47, 48, 51 1 SC: 747 2 FC: 1132, 1133
Auxiliaries	21	: "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "TANGIER" (AV) "LEOPARD" "MINK" (IX) "YUNNAN" (AE) "PRESIDENT POLK" (AP) "CACAPON" "CHIKASKIA" "ESCAMBIA" "VICTORIA" (AO) "EPPING FOREST" ("GUNSTON HALL" (LSD) "PATHFINDER" "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) "COUCAL" (ASR) "POYANG" (ASIS) "ARIDED" "MINTAKA" "GELENO" (AK) "MERKUR" (AP)
Merchantmen	22	: "J. BARBOSA" "J. P. BRADLEY" "J. C. BRADY" "CHIEF CHARLOT" "J. P. CHOTEAU" "T. M. COOLEY" "T. CRAWFORD" "J. O. CURWOOD" "J. D. DOTY" "E. FERRY" "J. HART" "S. JACKSON" "J. W. MELDRUM" "MORMACGULL" "MORMACSEA" "POELAU LAUT" "RAMO" "SEA FLASHER" "S. M. WHITE" "J. M. THOMPSON" "N. THORNTON" "W. WILLIAMS"
<u>Cape Gloucester:</u>		
Combat Units	1 DD	: "SAMPSON"
Escorts	2	: 1 FC: 1134 1 SC: 699
Auxiliaries	12	: "HILO" (AGP) "PRES. ADAMS" "PRES. HAYES" "PRES. JACKSON" (AP) "ELINORE" "WAYNE" (APA) "TITANIA" "AQUARIUS" (AKA) "GAMELE" "SOUTHARD" "FRUITT" "TRACY" (DM)
<u>Talasea:</u>		
Combat Units	13 PT	
<u>Saïder:</u>		
Combat Units	10 PT	with 1 LST acting as AGP
Merchantmen	2	: "P. M. QUINONES" "TIMOSHENKO"
<u>Langemak:</u>		
Combat Units	1 CL	: "NASHVILLE"
	29 DD	: "ABNER READ" "BACHE" "DASHIELL" "FLETCHER" "GILLESPIE" "HARRISON" "HOBBY" "HOPEWELL" "JOHN ROGERS" "KALK" "LA VALLETTE" "MCKEE" "MURRAY" "NICHOLSON" "RADFORD" "REID" "ROE" "SCHROEDER" "SIGSBEE" "STEMBEL" "STEVENS" "STEVENSON" "STOCKTON" "SWANSON" "TAYLOR" "RINGGOLD" "WELLES" "WILKES" "VENDETTA"
Escorts	33	: : 2 DE: "LOVELACE" "MANNING" 4 PF: "CORONADO" "GLENDALE" "LONGBEACH" "SAN PEDRO" 7 AMS: "GYMPIE" "STAWELL" "COWRA" "BENDIGO" "KIAMA" "BUNDABERG" "GLENELG" 5 YMS: 9, 53, 73, 313, 334 3 FC: 476, 1120, 1124 4 ML: 424, 803, 806, 816 8 SC: 637, 648, 703, 742, 743, 748, 750, 981
Auxiliaries	42	: "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "HUMPHREYS" "HERBERT" "DICKERSON" "NOA" "GROSBY" "SCHLEY" "KANE" "GILMER" "BROOKS" "KILTY" "DENT" "WARD" (APD) "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "HOGAN" "LONG" "PERRY" "HAMILTON" (DMS) "ORMSBY" "HARRY LEE" "ZEILIN" "WINDSOR" "H. T. ALLEN" "KANIMBLA" "MANGORA" "WESTRALIA" (APA) "CENTAURUS" (AKA) "BENALLA" (AGS) "AASE MAERSK" (AO) "TRIANGULUM" "BOOTES" "ETAMIN" (AK) "OCTANS" (AF) "BAYOU ST. JOHN" "SONOMA" "RESERVE" (AT) "TULSA" (PG) "CHETCO" (AT) "ANDREW DORIA" (IX) 1 YOG 1 YE: 156 1 YP: 280

Tangemak: (Contd.)  
Merchantmen

28

: "ALCOA POLARIS" "ANHUI" "ANSON BURLINGHAME"  
"ARKANSAS PASS" "E.D.BAKER" "D.F.BARRY"  
"BORGERED" "W.N.BYERS" "W.E.CHANNING"  
"L.L.DYCHE" "J.EVANS" "FORT DONELSON"  
"HAWAIIAN SHIPPER" "D.E.HUGHES" "KARSIK"  
"W.S.LADD" "MACTAN" "URIAH M.ROSE" "M.C.KERR"  
"MOBILGAS" "F.QUINONES" "SANGAY" "J.SINGER"  
"W.C.SQUIRE" "L.STEWART" "TJISADANE"  
"A.E.WATTS" "K.D.WIGGIN"

Lae:

Escorts 4  
Auxiliaries 2  
Merchantmen 12

: 3 ML: 424, 428, 430 1 SC: 734  
: "PANDA" "PORCUPINE" (IX)  
: "F.H.DODD" "GREY IA G" "A.B.HAMMOND" "O.KELLY"  
"MANA" "J.ROSS" "J.A.ROSSITER" "M.M.STEWART"  
"A.THOMAS" "M.WALKER" "F.R.WARDWELL" "D.WRIGHT"

Buna-Oro Bay:  
Combat Units

2 CA  
8 DD

: "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE"  
: "AMMEN" "ARUNTA" "GRAYSON" "MULLANY" "THORN"  
"NICHOLAS" "O'BANNON" "WARRAMUNGA"

Escorts 13

: 4 DE: "J.E.CRAIG" "NEUENDORF" "EICHENBERGER"  
"WHITEHURST"  
3 PF: "OGDEN" "VAN BUREN" "EL PASO"  
3 SC: 650, 737, 746  
1 PC: 1122  
2 YMS: 314, 393

Auxiliaries 11

: "TRINITY" (AO) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "MEDUSA" (AR)  
"SANDS" (APD) "GANYMEDE" (AK) "PYRO" (AE)  
"SOLACE" (AH) "DOBBIN" (AD) "TRYON" (APH)  
"PING WO" (ASIS) 1 ARD

Merchantmen 28

: "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "BALIKPAPAN" "J.BALL"  
"D.BELASCO" "JAS.BUCHANAN" "S.L.CLARKE"  
"DEFIANCE" "P.T.DODDRIDGE" "D.D.FIELD"  
"G.R.HEBARD" "D.HEWES" "P.C.HEWITT"  
"J.A.JOHNSON" "KATOOMBA" "J.LYKES"  
"B.MATTHEWS" "MONMOUTH" "W.H.MOODY" "T.NELSON"  
"NORAB" "OZARK" "S.G.PORTER" "H.T.RAINEY"  
"SOMMELSDIJK" "SWARTENHONDT" "T.W.SYMONS"  
"H.V.WHITE" "J.E.WING"

Kiriwina Is:

Merchantmen 1

: "JANSSENS"

Goodenough Is:  
Merchantmen

4

: "HANYANG" "S.G.PORTER" "TUNG SONG"  
"GENERAL VERSPIJCK"

Milne Bay:

Combat Units 1 DD  
1 PT

: "VENDETTA"

Escorts 31

: 1 PS: "SWAN"  
9 SC: 698, 732, 735, 736, 738, 741, 742, 744,  
982

Auxiliaries 29

4 AMS: "KAPUNDA" "GEELONG" "LITHGOW" "WAGGA"  
2 PC: 1121, 1123  
7 YMS: 49, 50, 52, 71, 315, 316, 336  
8 ML: 425, 427, 431, 801, 802, 817, 818, 819  
: "TALBOT" (APD) "HALF MOON" (AVP) "OTUS"  
"EURYALE" (AS) "KOOPA" (AGP) "RIGEL" (AR)  
"AMYCUS" (ARL) "WATO" (AT) "ST. MARYS"  
"CARONDOLET" "VILLALOBOS" (IX) "ALABASTER" (PYO)  
"TASMAN" (AH) "MATAFELE" (AGS) "TEAK" (AN)  
"CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "POLLUX" (AKS)  
"SUSQUEHANNA" "SHIKELLAMY" (AOG) "WHIPPOORWILL"  
(AM) 3 APD 2 ARD 1 YOG  
3 YP: 278, 283, 449

Merchantmen 81

: "H.L.ABBOTT" "ACONCAGUA" "S.BRANNON"  
"BUFFALOW WALLON" "J.BURROUGHS" "E.A.BRYAN"  
"CALUSO" "CAPE GANSON" "CAPE HENRY"  
"CAPE KILDARE" "J.C.CALHOUN" "CAPE ROMANO"  
"J.M.CAREY" "M.I.CASEY" "P.CHANDLER"  
"CHIPPEWA" "F.J.CUNEL" "M.DALY" "G.DAVIDON"  
"J.DEERE" "DON MARQUIS" "A.S.DUNIWAY"  
"F.A.EILERS" "F.EVERS" "H.EMERSON"  
"EMPIRE HAMBLE" "FAIR ISLE" "FALLEN TIMBERS"  
"FIRE ISLAND" "FREDERICKSBURG" "M.FULLER"



Milne Bay (Contd.)  
Merchantmen  
 (Contd.)

: "GAUNTLET" "GRANDE RONDE" "J. HALL" "R. F. HAND"  
 "H. I. HOYT" "ISOLATOR" "THOS. JEFFERSON"  
 "E. JOHNSON" "JUAN PABLO DUARTE" "L. S. KELLY"  
 "KOTA BAROE" "KOTA GEDE" "J. LANE"  
 "N. LUCKENBACH" "F. B. LINDERMANN" "MACKAY"  
 "A. MAJOR" "J. S. MANSFIELD" "C. H. MATSON" "MAUI"  
 "J. B. MCPHERSON" "MOLINO DEL RAY" "H. MONROE"  
 "B. T. OSBORNE" "ORMISTON" "JOEL PALMER"  
 "POLAND VICTORY" "G. H. PORTER" "A. REHAN"  
 "RING LARDNER" "M. ROBERTSON" "A. ROBINSON"  
 "SABINE SUN" "S. H. SHORT" "SEA SCAMP"  
 "N. J. SINNOTT" "O. SKINNER" "W. J. SUBJETTE"  
 "TAWALI" "TECUMSEH" "TWO HARBOURS" "S. TURMAN"  
 "GEO. VANCOUVER" "VAN OUTHORN" "VAN SPILBERGEN"  
 "S. W. WILLISTON" "WEST CACTUS" "J. M. WHISTLER"  
 "E. YOUNG" "YOCROW"

Port Moresby:

Escorts 1 : 1 ML: 426  
 Merchantmen 3 : "CITY OF HOUSTON" "GEO. VON L. MEYER"  
 "ED. N. WESTCOTT"

Thursday Is:

Escorts 3 : 1 ML: 820 1 AMS: "BARBARAT" 1 SC: 731  
 Auxiliaries 1 : "POLARIS" (AGS)

Sains:

Escorts 5 : 1 AMS: "BALLARAT" 1 PS: "WARREGO"  
 1 PC: 479 2 ML: 804, 805  
 Auxiliaries 4 : "DUNTROON" (AP) "PLATYPUS" (AR)  
 1 ARD 1 YP: 291

Townsville:

Escorts 1 : 1 PF: "BARCOO"  
 Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YP: 233

Mackay:

Auxiliaries 3 : "HERON" (AVP) 2 YP

Rockhampton:

Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YP: 504

Brisbane:

Escorts 10 : 6 AMS: "BROOME" "BUNBURY" "ECHUGA"  
 "GLADSTONE" "MILDURA" "WHYALLA"  
 1 YMS: 70 2 ML: 808, 821 1 SC: 745  
 Auxiliaries 7 : "ALGORAB" (AKA) "KURUMBA" (AO) "GRIFFIN" (AS)  
 "MAETSUYCKER" (AH) "KAILUA" (IX) "MIZAR" (AF)  
 1 YP: 236

Sydney:

Combat Units 1 CL : "HOBART" (Refitting)  
 2 DD : "STUART" "NORMAN"  
 Escorts 16 : 6 AMS: "COOTAMUNDRA" "DELORAIN" "KATOOMBA"  
 "KALGOORLIE" "TOWNSVILLE" "WARRNAMBOOL"  
 4 A/S: "AB. CRIJSSSEN" "DOOMBA" "KYBRA" "YANDRA"  
 6 ML: 807, 809, 813, 822, 823, 825  
 Auxiliaries 3 : "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "POINT LOMA" (AT)  
 "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS)

Melbourne:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" (Refitting)

Adelaide:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" (Refitting)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- Empress Augusta Bay - During the day ended 1500/22, an undetermined number of Japs were encountered N.E. of Terokina perimeter. During 22 April, Ibu village (22 miles N. of Cape Terokina) was bombed by 6 Avengers, 4 Dauntless destroying all but 4 shacks visible.
- New Ireland - Photos 22 April show Borpop strip to be unserviceable and no aircraft present, although it was observed that repairs were in progress later that day when fighters strafed trucks and personnel in the airfield area. At 0835/22, Kavieng airfield was attacked by 38 Dauntless 10 Avengers. The runway and surrounding gun positions were satisfactorily covered. Namatanai was shown to be still inoperative by photos on 22 April.

3. Rabaul - a.m. 22 April Rapopo was attacked by 53 Dauntless, 24 Avengers and 43 fighter-bombers. Photos confirm 34 new craters in the runway rendering it unserviceable. Lakunai was bombed at about the same time by 9 Aircobras. During the day a usual supply and personnel centres were attacked by 32 Mitchells in addition to fighter sweeps.

Ubili - Local sources report 22 April that east-bound traffic has increased in the Ubili area recently including some well-armed enemy parties of approx. 500 each carrying light machine guns.

5. Bogadjim - Our patrols from Bogadjim continue to discover new ammunition dumps and trucks abandoned by the enemy. No enemy contact has been reported.

6. Alexishafen-Hansa Bay - In addition to air activity over this coastal sector reported in yesterday's Summary No. 816, Palas Point and Bunabun Harbour were subjected to bombing and strafing at 0940/22 by 20 Bestons.

Continuous air offensive was maintained 23 April when coastal gun positions, huts and native buildings were attacked by at least 38 Thunderbolts and 2 Aircobras.

Hansa Bay itself came in for particular attention and at 0900-0945/23 A/A positions, supply and personnel areas around the Bay were attacked by a substantial formation of Liberators, Mitchells and Bestons. Reports to date have been received from 16 Liberators, 33 Mitchells and 26 Bestons.

7. Wewak - Shipping sighted off Wewak approx. midday 22 April included 4 small merchant ships (1000/1500 tons) in Wewak Harbour and one small ship off Brandi Plantation.

a.m. 23 April the area was subjected to attacks by strong formations of heavy and attack bombers. Reports received to date involve 44 Liberators which bombed the four airfields with 2,000 pound bombs and 42 Bestons which bombed and strafed from minimum altitude roads and trails leading out of Wewak.

8. Aitape - At 0850/22 (shortly after the allied landing) the area S. of Tadji strip was attacked by 6 Bestons in direct support of our ground forces.

Details of the landing as received to date are set out under Naval Incidents. By midday 23 April Tadji airfield was in our hands and by nightfall 23 April approx. 100 Jap dead had been counted in addition to 15 prisoners; 50 Javanese had been killed and 76 captured. It is estimated that between 500 and 1000 Japs were present at Aitape at the time of the landing and it is known that the enemy is moving overland in small groups daily from Wewak.

a.m. 23 April allied landings were effected on Tumleo and Seleo Islands (both just off Aitape) co-ordinated with naval and air bombardments. No opposition was encountered and by 1530/23 Seleo Island was completely in our hands although some resistance was being met on a hill on Tumleo Island.

9. Humboldt Bay - Available details of the landings at Humboldt Bay are set out in Naval Incidents. No enemy activity was noticed during the night 22-23 April and only slight enemy resistance reported the previous day by our forces advancing from Depapre on Tanahmerah Bay towards the airfields and by the forces clearing the areas on both sides of the entrance to Jantefa Bay. The first enemy air reaction occurred at 1940/23 when an undetermined number of planes bombed the Humboldt Bay beachhead causing some fires stop.

A number of Japs were however reported by aircraft in the ravines N. of Hollandia strip.

10. Noemfoor Island - Photos taken during the air strike on Kamiri and Namber airfields 22 April (reported in Summary No. 816) show only 5 serviceable aircraft (1 T/E fighter 4 S/E fighters) present out of a total of 22 planes on Kamiri and none on Namber. Bombs are shown falling across both runways inflicting further damage. 2 small merchant ships are shown under way off Namber.

10. Noemfoor Island (contd.) At 1145/23, Number 1 Trip was again bombed by 11 Liberators. Enemy fighters had apparently been flown in in the meantime as 28 enemy fighters intercepted the Liberators: 12 were shot down, 3 probably shot down and 1 more damaged. All our aircraft returned although 1 had been badly shot up.
11. Nabire - At about noon 23 April Nabire airfield was bombed by 4 Liberators as alternative target to Number 1.

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2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1600/24:

- (1) "YMS's 11, 72" departed Darwin 1813/23 for Exmouth Gulf ETA 0700/29 thence Fremantle.
- (2) "WILCANNIA" (A/S) escorting "GEO.EASTMAN" departed Darwin 0430/24 for West Bay and Drysdale.
- (3) "LATROBE" (AMS) escorting 2 MV departed Darwin 0500/24 for Thursday Is.
- (4) "INVERELL" (AMS) escorting Convoy TD.53 ("ALAGNA" "W.D. BOYCE" "ADMIRAL CHASE") departed Thursday Island 1845/22 for Darwin ETA 1430/27.
- (5) 14 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Escorts	5	: 1 AMS: "PIRIE"
		4 ML: 429, 809, 815, 814
Merchantmen	2	: "DUNDULA" "MURADA"

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1600/24:

- (1) "MAUNGANUI" (AH) departed Fremantle 1955/19 Eastbound.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat Units	1 CA	: "CUMBERLAND"
	1 CL	: "ADELAIDE"
Escorts	6	: "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739
		3 ML: 812, 824, 826
Auxiliaries	9	: "LARK" (AM) "IRION" "PELIAS" (AS)
		"CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ISABEL" (FY)
		"CHILDS" (AV) 1 ARD 2 YP: 286, 288

Exmouth Gulf:

Auxiliaries	1	: "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)
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B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

1. Marianas-At midday 18 April Tenian and Saipan were subjected to reconnaissance raids by 10 Cenpac Liberators. Numerous aircraft were observed on Aslito and Ushi aerodromes and 8-10 ships including 2 possible warships at Tenian. 25 enemy fighters intercepted: 1 was destroyed and another probably destroyed. One Liberator is missing.
2. Truk - At 0100-0330/19 Moen, Mesegon, Dublon and Eten Islands were raided by 9 Cenpac Liberators. No A/A was experienced: 2 airborne fighters were seen but no interception occurred. Night photos showed at least 101 fighters and 17 bombers, all operational, on the ground. In Dublon Harbour 2 naval escorts, 4 cargo vessel 131 small craft and 1 coal barge are shown.

2. Truk (Contd.) At 1112/23, an enemy bomber probably on reconnaissance was shot down / 185 miles S.W. of Truk by a patrol Liberator.
3. Woleai - At 1200/22, an enemy patrol bomber was shot down 240 miles S.W. of Woleai by an Souwespac Navy Liberator.
4. Marshalls-Carolines - Erikub (adjacent to Wetje) and Aur (adjacent to Maleelap) Atolls have been occupied by U.S. forces.  
 During 21 April Wetje was attacked by 20 Dauntless 11 Liberators, 2 Venturas, 19 Corsairs and 4 Hellcats dropping 39½ tons bombs. 1 Dauntless was lost to A/A. Other light to moderate raids were carried out 21 April by Cenpac aircraft on Jaluit, Taroa and Ponape.

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#### NAVAL INCIDENTS

1. Aitape: At 0645/22 the initial wave of a strong U.S. force landed at Wapil (just S.E. of Aitape), apparently without opposition. Tumleo and Seleo Islands (just off Aitape) were bombarded by naval units in support of the landing.  
 By 1315/22, leading elements reached the Tadji airfield which was subsequently occupied against minor resistance. 25 aircraft, in various states of unserviceability, were found on the airfield. Much stores and equipment has been captured and evidence indicates that the enemy was well supplied.
2. Hollandia: The landings at the two main beachheads, one at the entrance to Humboldt Bay and the other in Tanahmerah Bay, took place about half to one hour after the Aitape landing i.e. 0715-0745/22. Encountering little opposition, both sides of the entrance to Jautefa Bay were quickly occupied by our Humboldt Bay landing party. One section of the Tanahmerah Bay landing party met slight resistance whilst moving from Tablasoeffa to the other section at Depapre. Subsequently, however, our forces advanced up the road towards Sentani Lake (where the three main airfields are situated) covering three of the 8-9 miles towards Hollandia airfield by 1242/22, encountering negligible opposition.  
 Naval surface forces covering the landing bombarded the area approx. 6 miles W. of Tanahmerah Bay sinking 6 barges and setting on fire one small ship. Several large fires were also started amongst buildings ashore in this area.  
 On the day prior to the landing (21 April) strong formations of carrier-borne aircraft subjected Hollandia to heavy attacks. No interception was experienced.
3. Puluwat: With reference to the shipping attacked at Puluwat Island noon 22 April (reported in Summary No. 816) the cargo vessel (800 tons) was hit and left apparently out of control and one of the escort vessels was left burning.

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#### ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

1. Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, N.W. Dutch New Guinea, East Indies, Malay and Kuriles.
2. Increased use of submarines for transportation purposes in Marshalls-Bismarcks-Solomons.
3. Continued use of barges and small coasters for coastal transportation in forward areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

<u>BB</u>	-		(4) IDAHO NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA INDIANA	-
<u>CV(E)</u>	(10)	HATOMA BAY MANILA BAY CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR BARNES	SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO SANTEE PETROF BAY	-
<u>C</u>	(2)	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE		-
<u>CL</u>	(4)	BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX * HOBART	(8) COLUMBIA DENVER HONOLULU ST LOUIS BIRMINGHAM MONT PELIER CLEVELAND * LEANDER	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>		TANGIER	(3) WRIGHT CHANDELEUR POCOMOKE	-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	(3)	HALF MOON SAN PABLO HERON	(2) BALLARD COOS BAY	-
<u>DD</u>	(60)	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENETTA ABNER READ ANMEN BACHE BEALE DALY DASHIELL FLETCHER GILLESPIE GRAYSON HARRISON HOBBY HOPEWELL HUTCHINS JOHN ROGERS KALE LA VALLETTE MCKEE WALKER ABBOTT KIDD CHAUNCEY HUGHES MUSTIN LARDNER ANDERSON NORMAN	MULLANY MURRAY NICHOLAS NICHOLSON O'BANNON PHILIP RADFORD REID RINGGOLD ROE SAMPSON SIGSBEE SCHROEDER STEMBEL STEVENS STEVENSON STOCKTON SWANSON TAYLOR THORN WELLES WILKES ERBEN HALE BULLARD BLACK MORRIS LANDSDOWNE ELLET RUSSEL	Approx. 35

\* Non-effective

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
		Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific
<u>SS</u>	(8)	BASHAW DACE ) BLACKFISH DARTER ) BLUEGILL FLOUNDER ) CERO MINGO )	- 10
	(3)	SCAMP ) S.42 ) At Milne Bay S.47 )	
	(2)	SILVERSIDES ) TUNNY ) At Brisbane	
	(2)	K.9 ) K.12 ) At Sydney	
<u>APD</u>		Approx. 85	Approx. 110 ?
<u>APA</u> <u>AKA</u> <u>APD</u>	(27)	H.T.ALLEN (APA) KANE (APD) KANIMBLA GILMER MANOORA SCHLEY WESTRALIA SANDS HARRY LEE HUMPHREYS ZEILIN BROOKS ORMSBY HERBERT WINDSOR TALBOT ELMORE CROSBY WAYNE NOA ALGORAB (AKA) DENT CENTAURUS DICKERSON VIRGO KILTY TITANIA WARD AQUARIA	13 APA 1 APD 6 AKA
<u>AGC</u>		BLUE RIDGE	-
<u>AS</u>	(3)	OTUS EURYALE GRIFFIN	-
<u>AD</u>		DOBBIN	-
<u>AR</u>	(3)	RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS	PROMETHEUS -
<u>LSD</u>	(3)	CARTER HALL GUNSTON HALL EPPING FOREST	-
			<u>AIRCRAFT:</u> Fighters (inc. 9 T/E) 71 Light & M/Bombers 48 Torpedo & D/Bombers 2 Flying Boats 4 Floatplanes 27 Obsn. A/c 14

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CL</u>	(3)	DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	(2) NACHI ASHIGARA  (3) ABUKUMA TAMA KISO
<u>DD</u>		9	10
<u>SS</u>		10	Approx. 4

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

			<u>Mandates</u> <u>Philippines</u>	<u>Empire</u>
<u>BB</u>	(14) IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA TENNESSE	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA # OKLAHOMA	-	(5) YAMASHIRO ISE HYUGA # MUSASHI MUTSU (prob. sunk)
<u>CV</u>	(7) ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON HORNET	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL	-	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	(7) COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY # INDEPENDENCE	-	(5) RYUHO ZUIHO HITAKA
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	-	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	(19) COPAHEE PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU CASABLANCA AITAMAHA WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY	FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY MEHENTA BAY KITKUN BAY OMMANEY BAY SAVO ISLAND RANEE	-	(6) CHITOSE CHIYODA KAIYO JINYO OTAKA # UNYO
<u>CA</u>	(13) BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND	-	-
<u>OCA</u>	-	-	-	6
<u>CL</u>	(8) SANTA FE SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN MOBILE	BILOXI OAKLAND # RENO # CONCORD	(5) YUBARI KINU NAGARA ISUZU OYODO	# NATORI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHIMA	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CURTISS	-	(2) AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO	-
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 120	-	15-20	20 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u>	Approx. 30	-	25	Approx. 25
<u>AS</u>	?	-	?	2 (1 repairing)

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

<u>CL</u>	TRENTON	-
<u>DD</u>	9	-

# Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>	<u>Eastern Fleet Area</u>	<u>East Indies-Malaya</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	(4) QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN RICHELIEU	(5) YAMATO NAGATO KONGO HARUNA FUSO
<u>CV</u>	-	(2) ILLUSTRIOUS SARATOGA	(2) SHOKAKU ZUIKAKU
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	(5) BATTLER UNICORN SHAH ATHELING BEGUM	-
<u>CA</u>	-	(4) SUFFOLK SUSSEX LONDON CUMBERLAND	(12) AOBA SUZUYA ATAGO KUMANO TAKAO TONE MAYA CHIKUMA CHOKAI HAGURO MOGAMI MYOKO
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	(8) CEYLON NEWCASTLE KENYA DANAE GAMBIER TROMP NIGERIA EMERALD	(4) YAHAGI NOSHIRO OI KITAGAMI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(2) CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	-
<u>XCL</u>	-	(2) CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>D</u>	-	Approx. 27	30
<u>SS</u>	(14) BILLFISH HOE ) BONEFISH JACK ) CREVALLE PADDLE ) COD PARGO ) FLASHER REDFIN ) HAKE ROBALO ) HARDER K.15 )	Approx. 15 On patrol	18 (incl. 7 German)
	(13) ANGLER NORWHALE ) BLUEFISH PUFFER ) BOWFIN RASHER ) CABRILLA RATON ) GUNNEL RAY ) HADDO K.14 ) LAPON )	At Fremantle	
	(2) PELIAS ORION		

AIRCRAFT (East Indies only)  
 Fighters 138  
 Light & M/Bombers 82  
 Torpedo & D/Bombers -  
 Flying Boats -  
 Floatplanes 43  
 Obsn. A/c 23



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. 818

Date 25 April 1944

PART I

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1600/25:

- (1) "GOULBURN" (AMS) was to depart Milne Bay p.m. 24 April for Langemak to relieve "BUNDABERG" (AMS) who is to be sailed for Milne Bay for boiler cleaning.
- (2) "GOLD STAR" (AG) was to depart Langemak 1600/23 for Buna ETA 1800/24.
- (3) "MORESBY" (AGS) departed Milne Bay 0700/9 on survey duty.
- (4) "FREDERICK BILLINGS" aground on Veale Reef.
- (5) "LYMAN BEECHER" aground in Raven Channel.
- (6) "PC's 477, 1119, 1131" on A/S patrol South China Strait.
- (7) "STRAHAN" (AMS) departed Townsville 1600/23 for Milne Bay ETA 0900/26.
- (8) "CALAMARES" (AF) departed Brisbane 0200/24 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/28.
- (9) "MANUNDA" (AH) departed Brisbane 1252/22 for Port Moresby ETA 0900/26.
- (10) "BUNGAREE" (CM) departed Townsville 0826/22 for vicinity Great North East Channel.
- (11) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG) with tow proceeding Cairns ETA 26 April.
- (12) "ML.811" departed Cairns 2359/20 for Billia Point ETA 1000/23; thence to return to Cairns ETA 1800/25.
- (13) "WHYALLA" (AMS) was to depart Caloundra 2200/24 to relieve "SC.749" on Sandy Cape A/S patrol.
- (14) "MIZAR" (AF) departed Brisbane 0200/25 for Sydney ETA 0400/26.
- (15) "COLAC" (AMS) departed Sydney 0900/24 for Caloundra ETA 0800/26.
- (16) "MOUNT VERNON" (AP) proceeding Melbourne ETA 0600/26.
- (17) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "STAWELL" "BOWEN" "GYMPIE" "CASTLEMAINE" (AMS) to return Milne Bay on relief ("COWRA" "KIAMA" "BENDIGO" (AMS) arriving).
- (2) "KATOOMBA" (AMS) to depart Sydney when ready for Milne Bay via Brisbane p.m. 25 April. On arrival to come under operational and administrative control of N.O.I.C. New Guinea.
- (3) "ECHUCA" (AMS) to depart Caloundra when ready approx . 26 April for Milne Bay.
- (4) "ML.825" to sail when ready from Sydney to Milne Bay coming under operational and administrative control of N.O.I.C. New Guinea.

(c) In Harbour

Note: Special operational movements not shown.

Admiralties:

Combat Units	2 CVE	: "BARNES" "PETROF BAY"
	2 CL	: "PHOENIX" "BOISE"
	4 DD	: "PHILIP" "DALY" "BEALE" "HUTCHINS"
	22 FT	
Escorts	21	: 6 DE: "ACREE" "BARON" "LEVY" "PARKS"
		: "SPANGLER" "ENGLAND"
		1 PF: "GASCOYNE"
		5 AMS: "ARARAT" "BENDIGO" "BOWEN" "CASTLEMAIN"
		"KIAMA"
		7 YMS: 8, 10, 46, 47, 48, 51, 335
		1 SC: 747
		1 PC: 1132
Auxiliaries	20	: "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "SAN PABLO" (AVP)
		"TANGIER" (AV) "LEOPARD" "MINE" (IX)
		"YUNNAN" (AK) "PRESIDENT POLK" (AP) "CACAPON"
		"CHIKASKIA" "ESCAMBIA" "VICTORIA" (AO)
		"EPPING FOREST" "GUNSTON" "HALL" (LSD)
		"PATHFINDER" "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) "COUCAL" (ASR)
		"POYANG" (ASIS) "ARARID" "MINTAKA" (AK)
		"MERKUR" (AF)
Merchantmen	21	: "J. BARBOSA" "J. P. BRADLEY" "J. C. BRADY"
		"CHIEF CHARLOT" "J. P. CHOTEAU" "T. M. COOLEY"
		"T. CRAWFORD" "J. O. CURWOOD" "J. D. DOTY"
		"E. FERRY" "J. HART" "S. JACKSON" "J. W. MELDRUM"
		"MORMACGULL" "MORMACSEA" "POELAU LAUT" "RAMO"
		"S. M. WHITE" "J. M. THOMPSON" "M. THORNTON"
		"W. WILLIAMS".
Cape Gloucester:		
Combat Units	1 DD	: "SAMPSON"
Escorts	2	: 1 PC: 1134 1 SC: 699
Auxiliaries	12	: "HILO" (AGP) "PRES. ADAMS" "PRES. HAYES"
		"PRES. JACKSON" (AP) "ELMORE" "WAYNE" (APA)
		"TITANIA" "AQUARIUS" (AEA) "GAMBLE"
		"SOUTHARD" "FRUITT" "TRACY" (DM)
Talasea:		
Combat Units	13 FT	
Saidor:		
Combat Units	10 FT with 1 LST acting as AGP	
Escorts	2	: 1 AMS: "GLENELG" 1 PC: 1133
Merchantmen	3	: "TIMOSHENKO" "D. F. BARRY" "M. C. KERR"
Langemak:		
Combat Units	1 CL	: "NASHVILLE"
	29 DD	: "ABNER READ" "BACHE" "DASHIELL" "FLETCHER"
		"GILLESPIE" "HARRISON" "HOBBY" "HOPEWELL"
		"JOHN ROGERS" "KALK" "LA VALLETTE" "MCKEE"
		"MURRAY" "NICHOLSON" "RADFORD" "REID" "ROE"
		"SCHROEDER" "SIGSBEE" "STEMBEL" "STEVENS"
		"STEVENSON" "STOCKTON" "SWANSON" "TAYLOR"
		"RINGGOLD" "WELLES" "WILKES" "VENDETTA"
Escorts	35	: 2 DE: "LOVELACE" "MANNING"
		4 PF: "CORONADO" "GLENDALE" "LONGBEACH"
		"SAN PEDRO"
		4 AMS: "GYMPIE" "STAWELL" "COWRA" "BUNDABERG"
		7 YMS: 9, 53, 73, 313, 314, 334, 393
		3 PC: 476, 1120, 1124
		4 ML: 424, 803, 806, 816,
		11 SC: 637, 648, 650, 703, 737, 742, 743,
		746, 748, 750, 981
Auxiliaries	41	: "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "HUMPHREYS" "HERBERT"
		"DICKERSON" "NOA" "CROSBY" "SCHLEY" "KANE"
		"GILMER" "BROOKS" "KILTY" "DENT" "WARD" (APD)
		"CARTER HALL" (LSD) "HOGAN" "LONG" "PERRY"
		"HAMILTON" (DMS) "ORMSBY" "HARRY LEE"
		"ZEILIN" "WINDSOR" "H. T. ALLEN" "KANIMBLA"
		"MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" (APA) "CENTAURUS" (AKA)
		"AASE MAERSK" (AO) "TRIANGULUM" "BOOTES"
		"ETAMIN" (AK) "OCTANS" (AF) "BAYOU ST. JOHN"
		"SONOMA" "RESERVE" (AT) "TULSA" (PG) "CHETCO"
		(AT) "ANDREW DORIA" (IX) 1 YOG 1 YT: 156
		1 YP: 280

Langemak: (Contd.)

Merchantmen	3	:	"ANHUI" "ANSON BURLINGAME" "ARKANSAS PAS "E.D.BAKER" "BORGFRED" "J.BUCHANAN" "W.N.BYERS" "W.E.CHANNING" "L.DYCHE" "J.EVANS" "FORT DONELSON" "R.F.HAND" "HAWAIIAN SHIPPER" "D.E.HUGHES" "KARSIK" "W.S.LADD" "J.H.LANE" "MACTAN" "B.MATTHEWS" "URIAH M.ROSE" "MOBILGAS" "S.G.PORTER" "OZARK" "SANGAY" "SEA FLASHER" "J.SINGER" "SOMMELSDIJK" "W.C.SQUIRE" "L.STEWART" "A.THOMAS" "TJISADANE" "K.D.WIGGIN" "D.WRIGHT"
<u>Lae:</u>			
Escorts	3	:	2 ML: 428, 430 1 SC: 734
Auxiliaries	1	:	"PANDA" (IX)
Merchantmen	11	:	"F.H.DODD" "GREY LAG" "A.B.HAMMOND" "O.KELLY" "MANA" "J.ROSS" "J.A.ROSSITER" "M.M.STEWART" "M.WALKER" "P.R.WARDWELL" "A.E.WATTS"
<u>Morobe:</u>			
Auxiliaries	1	:	"BENAILA" (AGS)
<u>Buna-Oro Bay:</u>			
Combat Units	2 CA	:	"AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE"
	8 DD	:	"AMMEN" "ARUNTA" "GRAYSON" "MULLANY" "THORN" "NICHOLAS" "O'BANNON" "WARRAMUNGA"
Escorts	8	:	4 DE: "J.E.CRAIG" "NEUENDORF" "EICHENBERGER" "WHITEHURST" 3 PF: "OGDEN" "VAN BUREN" "EL PASO" 1 PC: 1122
Auxiliaries	11	:	"TRINITY" (AO) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "MEDUSA" (AR) (AR) "SANDS" (APD) "GANYMEDE" (AK) "PYRO" (AE) "SOLACE" (AH) "DOBBIN" (AD) "TRYON" (APH) "PING WO" (ASIS) 1 ARD
Merchantmen	31	:	"ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "BALIKPAPAN" "J.HALL" "D.BELASCO" "J.BURROUGHS" "CAPE CANSON" "S.L.CLARKE" "DEFIANCE" "P.T.DODDRIDGE" "D.D.FIELD" "G.R.HEBARD" "D.HEWES" "P.C.HEWITT" "ISOLATOR" "J.A.JOHNSON" "KATOOMBA" "J.LYKES" "HONMOUTH" "W.V.MOODY" "T.NELSON" "NORAB" "H.T.RAINEY" "A.ROBINSON" "RING LARDNER" "N.J.SINNOTT" "W.L.SUBJETTE" "SWARTENEONDT" "T.W.SYMONS" "H.V.WHITE" "J.E.WING" "GEC.WYPHE"
<u>Kiriwina Is:</u>			
Merchantmen	2	:	"JANSSSENS" "GENERAL VENSPIJCK"
<u>Goodenough Island:</u>			
Merchantmen	2	:	"HANYANG" "S.G.PORTER"
<u>Milne Bay:</u>			
Combat Units	1 DD	:	"VENDETTA"
	1 PT	:	
Escorts	31	:	1 PS: "SWAN" 9 SC: 698, 732, 735, 736, 738, 741, 742, 744, 982 4 AMS: "KAPUNDA" "GEELONG" "LITHGOW" "WAGGA" 2 PC: 1121, 1123 7 YMS: 49, 50, 52, 71, 315, 316, 336 3 ML: 425, 427, 431, 801, 802, 817, 818, 819
Auxiliaries	32	:	"TALBOT" (APD) "GENERAL JOHN POPE" (AP) "HALF MOON" (AVP) "OTUS" "EURYALE" (AS) "KOOPA" (AGP) "RIGEL" (AR) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "WATO" (AT) "ST. MARYS" "CARONDOLET" "PORCUPINE" "VILLALOBOS" (IX) "ALABASTER" (PYO) "TASMAN" (AH) "MATAFELE" (AGS) "TEAK" (AN) "OGLAGA" (ARG) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "POLLUX" (AKS) "SUSQUEHANNA" "SHIKELLAMY" (AOG) "WHIPPICRWILL" (AN) 3 AFD 2 ARD 1 YOG 3 YP: 278, 283, 449
Merchantmen	75	:	"H.L.ABBOTT" "ALCOA POLARIS" "S.BRANNON" "BUFFALOW WALLOW" "E.A.BRYAN" "CALUSO" "CAPE HENRY" "CAPE KILDARE" "J.C.GALHOUN" "CAPE ROMANO" "J.M.CAREY" "M.I.CASEY" "P.CHANDLER" "CHIPPEWA" "F.J.CUNEL" "M.DALY" "G.DAVIDSON" "J.DEERE" "DON MARQUIS"

Milne Bay (Contd.)Merchantmen  
(Contd.)

: "F.A.BILERS" "F.EVERS" "H.EMERSON"  
 "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "FAIR ISLE" "FALLEN TIMBERS"  
 "FIRE ISLAND" "FREDERICKSBURG" "M.FULLER"  
 "GAUNLET" "GRANDE RONDE" "J.HALL"  
 "H.I.HOYT" "THOS.JEFFERSON" "JUAN PABLO  
 DUARTE" "L.S.KELLY" "KOTA BAROE" "KOTA GEDE"  
 "H.LUCKENBACH" "F.B.LINDERMAN" "MACKAY"  
 "A.MAJOR" "J.S.MANSFIELD" "C.H.MATSON"  
 "MAUI" "J.B.MCPHERSON" "MOLINO DEL RAY"  
 "H.MONROE" "B.T.OSBORNE" "ORMISTON"  
 "JOEL PALMER" "POINT SAN PEDRO" "POLAND  
 VICTORY" "G.H.PORTER" "F.QUINONES"  
 "A.REHAN" "M.ROBERTSON" "SABINE SUN"  
 "S.H.SHORT" "SEA SCAMP" "O.SKINNER" "TAWALI"  
 "TECUMSEH" "TWO HARBOURS" "TUNG SONG"  
 "S.TURMAN" "GEO.VANCOUVER" "VAN OUTHORN"  
 "VAN SPILBERGEN" "R.J.WALKER" "WEST CACTUS"  
 "S.W.WILLISTON" "J.M.WHISTLER" "E.YOUNG"  
 "YOCHOW"

Port Moresby:

Escorts 1 : 1 ML: 426  
 Merchantmen 2 : "GEO.VON L.MEYER" "ED.N.WESTCOTT"

Tuesday Is:

Escorts 2 : 1 ML: 820 1 SC: 731  
 Auxiliaries 1 : "POLARIS" (AGS)

Cairns:

Escorts 5 : 1 AMS: "BALLARAT" 1 PS: "WARREGO"  
 1 FC: 479 2 ML: 804, 805  
 Auxiliaries 4 : "DUNTROON" (AP) "PLATYPUS" (AR)  
 1 ARD 1 YP: 291

Townsville:

Escorts 1 : 1 PF: "BARCOO"  
 Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YP: 233

Mackay:

Auxiliaries 3 : "HERON" (AVP) 2 YT

Rockhampton:

Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YP: 504

Brisbane:

Escorts 9 : 5 AMS: "BROOME" "BUNBURY" "ECHUCA"  
 "GLADSTONE" "MILDURA"  
 1 YMS: 70 2 ML: 808, 821 1 SC: 745  
 Auxiliaries 6 : "ALGORAB" (AKA) "KURUMBA" (AO) "GRIFFIN" (AS)  
 "MAETSUYCKER" (AH) "KAILUA" (IX)  
 1 YT: 236

Sydney:

Combat Units 1 CL : "HOBART" (Refitting)  
 2 DD : "STUART" "NORMAN"  
 Escorts 16 : 6 AMS: "COOTAMUNDRA" "DELORAIN" "KATOOMBA"  
 "KALGOORLIE" "TOWNSVILLE" "WARRNAMBOOL"  
 4 A/S: "AB.CRIJSSEN" "DOOMBA" "KYBRA" "YANDRA"  
 6 ML: 807, 809, 813, 822, 823, 825  
 Auxiliaries 3 : "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "POINT LOMA" (AT)  
 "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS)

Melbourne:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" (Refitting)

Adelaide:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" (Refitting)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

\* Choiseul - At 0855/24 a possible submarine was seen by aircraft 30 miles South of West Cape.

\* Empress Augusta Bay - During the 24 hours ended 1500/23 minor enemy contacts were made in the areas East and N.E. of the perimeter.

Nuna Nuna - a.m. 24 April a barge carrying personnel was sunk by aircraft just South of Nuna Nuna.

Rabaul - Weather hampered the major air strikes scheduled for 23 April but during the morning the usual stores and personnel areas were attacked by 21 Dauntless, 9 Avengers, 24 Mitchells in addition to fighter bombers. Photos 23 April show the

4. Tabaul (Contd.) runways at Iskunai, Vurakana and Totera all to be serviceable with one twin-engine fighter or recon plane on Vunakana and one fighter on each of the other two fields: Karavat was unserviceable: Hapopo was not covered. Photographs coverage the same day showed the usual two small freighters in the harbour, 4 oil barges and just over 20 other barges. 2 of the oil barges appeared for the first time on 25 April and 2 additional on 26 April.
5. Open Bay - p.m. 25 April the Japs at Pandi Kikakakia River mouth forced the river and departed the next day towards Toriru leaving a few behind to guard stores. Local sources report that on 25 April there were no Japs left at Pandi.
6. Madang - Photos 22 April show that all serviceable guns had been removed from the gun pits. Sullman Passage (off Madang) was reconnoitred a.m. 23 April by PT boats and no enemy activity was noticed.
7. Alexishafen-Hansa Bay: - In addition to the aircraft reported in yesterday's Summary 817 as involved in coastal sweeps on 23 April are 9 Mitchells, 40 Bostons and 10 Aircobras. Total aircraft involved in the Hansa Bay strike 23 April numbered 18 Liberators, 31 Mitchells, 30 Bostons. Coastal sweeps were continued on 24 April on a similar scale and in addition the remaining stores and personnel areas around Hansa Bay were attacked 23-1:30/24 by approx. 20 Liberators, 40 Mitchells, 75 Bostons. One flight of Mitchells encountered A/A from a position at Miligan Harbour and promptly demolished this position with direct hits by 75 mm. shells.
8. Newak - The total aircraft involved in the strike 23 April reported in Summary 817 numbered 45 Liberators and 40 Bostons. At approx. 1:30/24 the four Newak airfields were again attacked by 45 Liberators dropping 176 x 2, 50 lb. bombs keeping all strips unserviceable. Preliminary reports indicate that the escape trails from Newak and Bagua were also bombed and strafed but no details are available.
9. Aitape - There is nothing further to report in the ground situation at Aitape. The Taji south strip was in operation for our aircraft on 25 April.
10. Hollandia - In the Humboldt Bay sector the N.W. and West sides of Jautefa Bay were in our hands by 15/23 - the day of the landing. Hollandia town was occupied 25 April and by 14/23 our troops had advanced 3 miles along the road from Pim (central south coast Jautefa Bay) to the Cyclops airfield. Later intelligence indicates that our forces are 2 miles from the East end of Sentani Lake. In the Tansmerah Bay sector our troops had advanced up the road to within 3 miles of the Hollandia dome by 14/23. Only slight resistance has been encountered although aircraft report that there are many Japs in two of the ravines North of the Hollandia airfield. Enemy casualties reported number only 21 Japs killed in the Humboldt Bay sector by 15/23. In addition, however, 15 Sikhs, presumably prisoners from Malaya enforced into labour, have fallen into our hands. Much enemy equipment and stores have been captured. At 1940/23 a single enemy bomber raided one of the Humboldt Bay beachheads and scored a lucky hit starting a serious fire and destroying a considerable quantity of stores.
11. Biak (Northern Geelvink Bay) - Delayed interpretation of photos taken 7 April show 3 runways forming an airfield at or near Sorido (South coast Biak Island). The West runway was completed and the other two under construction. 5 fighters and 2 bombers were present. At 1621/24 a reconnaissance aircraft sighted 13 unidentified twin-engine aircraft 40 miles S.W. of Biak Island heading East. No report of any raid has been received but these aircraft may have been heading for Hollandia.

12. Boemfoor Island - At 1733/24 Kamiri was bombed by 13 Liberators. The strip and dispersal areas were well covered: a probable fuel dump and aircraft were seen burning. Aircraft in the dispersal areas were also strafed from 500 feet by a flight of 5 of the Liberators and some 20 grounded planes were seen burning as a result. There was no interception.
13. Manokwari - Reconnaissance Liberators over Manokwari area at approx. 1330/24 sighted no shipping at Manokwari: 2 barges were seen 15 miles west of Manokwari and a further 65 miles along the coast 2 sea trucks, 2 barges and 1 sampan were observed off shore heading East. Both sea trucks were strafed, one was left burning and the other listing and both heading for the shore.
14. Mapia - At 1334/24 an enemy four-engined flying boat was shot down by a Navy reconnaissance Liberator 11 miles S.W. of Mapia.

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2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1800/25:

- (1) "INVERELL" (ASB) escorting Convoy TD.53 ("ALAGNA" "C.D.6" "YOB" "ADMIRAL CHASE") departed Thursday Island 1845/23 for Darwin ETA 1430/27.
- (2) "LATROBE" (ASB) escorting Convoy DF.52 "2 MV" departed Darwin 0500/24 for Thursday Island ETA 0830/28.
- (3) "YMS's 11,72" departed Darwin 1815/23 for Exmouth Gulf ETA 0700/29 thence Fremantle.
- (4) 14 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:  
 Escorts 5 : 1 ASB: "PIRE" 4 ML: 428, 609, 615, 614  
 Merchantsmen 2 : "DUMMIE" "MERADA"  
Drydocks:  
 Escorts 1 : "SILCORNIA" (A/S)  
 Merchantsmen 1 : "OCEANSTAR"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

1. Davao - At 0800/23, 5 small cargo vessel with 1 escort vessel were observed in Davao Gulf on southerly course. At 0830/23, 6 small cargo vessels with 3 escort vessels were observed also in Davao Gulf on northerly course.

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1800/25:

Nil

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:  
 Combat Units 1 CA : "CUMBERLAND" 1 CI : "ADELAIDE"  
 Escorts 6 : "HERMAN" "DUBBO" (ASB) 1 SC: 739 3 ML: 812, 824, 826  
 Auxiliaries 9 : "LANE" (AM "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS) "CHASTICLER" (ASB) "ISABEL" (PY) "CHITDS" (AV) 1 ASD 2 YP: 226, 228  
Exmouth Gulf:  
 Auxiliaries 1 : "A.B. STETOS" (AVD)

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B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

1. Truk - During the night 21 April Moen and Dublon Islands were attacked by 6 Cenpac Liberators causing large fires. 3 fighters were airborne but only one attempted interception. At 1215/23, 7 enemy fighters intercepted a Soupac Navy reconnaissance Liberator, without effect. At 0440-0510/23, Eten and Param Islands were bombed by 17 Soupac Liberators. Explosions and fires were caused in the seaplane base and tank farm area at Eten Island while a probable ammunition dump on Param Island was set on fire. Several aircraft were noted airborne but only one attempted interception and this was possibly shot down.
2. Woleai - At 1030/23, the supply area at the Woleai airfield was attacked by approx. 21 Souwespac Liberators. One large and several small fires were started. 25-30 enemy fighters intercepted and 17 were shot down in addition to 4 probably shot down. All our aircraft returned although one made an emergency water landing.
3. Ponape - On 22 April, Ponape airfields were attacked by 5 Cenpac Mitchells. On the same day, a submarine was seen by aircraft 330 miles North of Ponape.
4. Marshalls - During p.m. 22 April Wotje was attacked by one Liberator 12 Dauntless, 17 Corsairs followed in a series of attacks by 18 Liberators from mid afternoon until dusk. On 22 April the usual light to moderate raids were conducted by Cenpac aircraft on Jaluit, Mille and Maloelap.

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NAVAL INCIDENTS

Hollandia Area

Preliminary details are now available concerning the attacks by the strong aircraft carrier task force which preceded the allied landings at Hollandia on 22 April.

The three main fields at Hollandia and those at Wakde Island and Sawar were considered to have been neutralized by air attacks on 21 April. Some enemy planes were met airborne: 9 twin-engined and 4 single-engined aircraft were shot down over the target areas. On the ground at the Hollandia fields 67 planes were destroyed and many more planes were observed there wrecked by previous attacks. At Wakde and Sawar 21 planes were destroyed on the ground and 17 damaged. Extensive damage was inflicted on fuel and ammunition dumps, buildings and supplies at Hollandia. In addition 2 small cargo vessel besdies barges and small craft were sunk in the Hollandia area.

During the night 21-22 April a light cruiser and destroyer force effectively bombarded the Wakde Island and Sawar fields.

There were no attacks on our task force and no opposition was met by carrier-borne aircraft supporting the landing operations on 22 April.

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ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

1. Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, N.W. Dutch New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya and Kuriles.
2. Increased use of submarines for transportation purposes in Marshalls-Bismarcks-Solomons.
3. Continued use of barges and small coasters for coastal transportation in forward areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA		(3) IDAHO	-
			NEW MEXICO	
			PENNSYLVANIA	
<u>CV(E)</u>	(10) NATOMA BAY	SANGAMON	-	-
	MANILA BAY	SUWANNEE		
	CORAL SEA	CHEWANGO		
	CORREGIDOR	SANTEE		
	BARNES	PETROF BAY		
<u>CA</u>	(2) AUSTRALIA		-	-
	SHROPSHIRE			
<u>CL</u>	(4) BOISE		(8) COLUMBIA	-
	NASHVILLE		DENVER	
	PHOENIX		HONOLULU	
	* HOBART		ST. LOUIS	
			BIRMINGHAM	
			MONTPELIER	
			CLEVELAND	
			* LEANDER	
<u>AV/CVS</u>	TANGIER		(3) WRIGHT	-
			CHANDELEUR	
			POCOMOKE	
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	(3) HALF MOON		(2) BALLARD	-
	SAN PABLO		COOS BAY	
	HERON			
<u>ED</u>	(62) ARUNTA	REID	Approx. 35	-
	WARRAMUNGA	RINGGOLD		
	STUART	ROE		
	VENDETTA	SAMPSON		
	NORMAN	SIGSBEE		
	ABNER READ	SCHROEDER		
	AMMEN	STEMBEL		
	BACHE	STEVENS		
	BEALE	STEVENSON		
	CASSIN	STOCKTON		
	DALY	SWANSON		
	DASHIELL	TAYLOR		
	FLETCHER	THORN		
	GILLESPIE	WELLES		
	GRAYSON	WILKES		
	HARRISON	WALKER		
	HOBBY	ABBOTT		
	HOPEWELL	KIDD		
	HUTCHINS	CHAUNCEY		
	JOHN ROGERS	HUGHES		
	KALK	MUSTIN		
	LA VALLETTE	LARDNER		
	MCKEE	ANDERSON		
	MULLANY	ERBEN		
	MURRAY	HALE		
	NICHOLAS	BULLARD		
	NICHOLSON	BLACK		
	O'BANNON	MORRIS		
	PHILIP	LANDSDOWNE		
	PRITCHETT	ELLET		
	RADFORD	RUSSEL		



1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
		<u>Southwest Pacific</u> ( <u>Eastern Section</u> )	<u>South Pacific</u>	
<u>SS</u>	(8)	BASHAW BLACKFISH BLUEGILL CERO	DACE DARTER FLOUNDER MINGO	10
			On patrol	
	(3)	SCAMP S.42 S.47	At Milne Bay	
	(2)	SILVERSIDES TUNNY	At Brisbane	
	(2)	K.9 K.12	At Sydney	
<u>PT</u>	Approx. 85		Approx. 110	?
<u>APA</u> <u>AKA</u> <u>APD</u>	(29)	H.T.ALLEN (APA) KANIMBLA MANOORA WESTRALIA HARRY LEE ZEILIN ORMSBY WINDSOR ELMORE WAYNE ALGORAB (AKA) CENTAURUS VIRGO TITANIA AQUARIA	KANE (APD) GILMER SCHLEY SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS HERBERT FALBOT CROSBY NOA DENT DICKERSON KILTY WARD	13 APA 1 APD 6 AKA
<u>AGC</u>		BLUE RIDGE		
<u>AS</u>	(3)	OTUS EURYALE GRIFFIN		
<u>AD</u>		DOBBIN		
	(3)	RIGEL PLATYPUS ANYCUS	PROMETHEUS	
<u>LSD</u>	(3)	CARTER HALL GUNSTON HALL EPPING FOREST		
				<u>AIRCRAFT:</u>
				Fighters (inc. 9 T/E) 75
				L & M/Bombers 48
				Torpedo & D/Brs. 2
				Flying Boats 1
				Floatplanes 27
				Obsn A/C 14

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CL</u>		-	(2) NACHI ASHIGARA
<u>GL</u>	(3)	DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	(3) ABUKUMA TAMA KISO
<u>DD</u>	9		10
<u>SS</u>	10		Approx. 4

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

			<u>Mandates</u>	
			<u>Philippines</u>	<u>Empire</u>
<u>BB</u>	(14) IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA * OKLAHOMA	-	(5) YAMASHIRO ISE HYUGA * MUSASHI MUTSU (prob. sunk)
<u>CV</u>	(7) ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON HORNET	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL	-	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	(7) COW PENS HELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGELEY * INDEPENDENCE	-	(5) RYUHO ZUIHO HITAKA HAYATAKA TAIHO
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	-	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	(19) COPAHEE PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU CASABLANCA ALTAMAHA WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY	FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY KITKUE BAY MEHENTA BAY OMMANEY BAY SAVO ISLAND RANEE	-	(6) CHITOSE CHIYODA KAIYO JINYO OTAKA * UNYO
<u>CA</u>	(13) BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND	-	-
<u>OCA</u>	-	-	-	6
<u>CL</u>	(8) SANTA FE SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN MOBILE	BILOXI OAKLAND * RENO * CONCORD	(5) YUBARI KINU NAGARA ISUZU OYODO	* NATORI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHIMA	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CURTISS	-	(2) AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO	-
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 120	-	15-20	20 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u>	Approx. 30	-	25	Approx. 25
<u>AS</u>	?	-	?	2 (1 repairing)

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

CL TRENTON

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5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>Southwest Pacific (Western Section)</u>		<u>Eastern Fleet Area</u>	<u>East Indies-Malaya</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	(4) QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN RICHELIEU	(5) YAMATO NAGATO KONGO FUSO HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	-	(2) ILLUSTRIOUS SARATOGA	(2) SHOKAKU ZUIKAKU
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	(5) BATTLER UNICORN SHAH ATHELING BEGUM	-
<u>CA</u>	CUMBERLAND	(3) SUFFOLK SUSSEX LONDON	(12) AOBA SUZUYA ATAGO KUMANO TAKAO TONE MAYA CHIKUMA CHOKAI HAGURO MOGAMI MYOKO
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	(8) CEYLON NEWCASTLE KENYA DANAE GAMBIER TROMP NIGERIA EMERALD	(4) YAHAGI NOSHIRO OI KITAGAMI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(2) CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	-
<u>XCL</u>	-	(2) CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>DD</u>	-	Approx. 27	30
<u>SS</u>	(15) BILLFISH HOE BONFISH JACK CREVALLE PADDLE COD PARGO FLASHER RAY HAKE REDFIN HARDEK ROBALO K.15	) Approx. 15 ) On ) patrol	18 (incl. 7 German)
	(12) ANGLER LAPON BLUEFISH NORWHAL BOWFIN PUFFER CABRILLA RATON GUNNEL RASHER HADDO K.14	) ) ) At Fremantle ) )	
<u>AS</u>	(2) PELIAS ORION		

<u>AIRCRAFT (East Indies only)</u>	
Fighters	138
Light & M/Bombers	82
Torpedo & D/Bombers	-
Flying Boats	-
Floatplanes	43
Obsn A/c	23

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. 820

Date 26 April 1944

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES.

(a) At Sea to 1600/26:

- (1) "BENDIGO" "KIAMA" (AMS) departed Manus Island 0700/25 for Langemak.
- (2) "PC.1132" was to depart Langemak for Milne Bay on arrival "GEELONG" at Langemak at about 0730/26
- (3) "MORESEY" (AGS) departed Milne Bay 0700/9 on survey duty.
- (4) "FREDERICK BILLINGS" aground on Veale Reef.
- (5) "LYMAN BEECHER" aground in Ravel Channel: "FIRE ISLAND" (AT) standing by to assist.
- (6) "SWAN" (PS) "LITHGOW" (AMS) "PC.1131" on A/S Patrol South China Strait.
- (7) "BARCOO" (PF) departed Townsville 1720/25 for Milne Bay ETA 1100/27.
- (8) "CALAMARES" (AF) departed Brisbane 0200/24 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/28
- (9) "BUNGARRE" (CM) departed Townsville 0826/22 for vicinity Great North East Channel
- (10) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG) with tow departed Cairns 0856/25 for Milne Bay ETA 1800/27
- (11) "GLADSTONE" (AMS) was to depart Caloundra 1800/25 for Milne Bay ETA 1300/29.
- (12) "WHYALLA" (AMS) departed Caloundra 2200/24 on Sandy Cape A/S patrol.
- (13) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "STAWELL" "BOWEN" "GYMPIE" "CASTLEMAINE" (AMS) to return Milne Bay on relief ("COWRA" "KIAMA" "BENDIGO" (AMS) arriving)
- (2) "ECHUCA" "COLAC" (AMS) escorting one submarine to depart Caloundra 1700/26 for Milne Bay
- (3) "KATOOMBA" (AMS) to depart Sydney when ready for Milne Bay via Brisbane after 25 April. On arrival to come under operational and administrative control of N.O.I.C. New Guinea
- (4) "ML.825" to sail when ready for Milne Bay from Sydney coming under operational and administrative control of N.O.I.C. New Guinea.

Note: Special operational movements not shown.

Admiralties:

Combat Units ~~X~~ 1 BB : "INDIANA"  
 2 CVE : "BARNES" "PETROF BAY"  
 2 CL : "PHOENIX" "BOISE"  
 6 DD : "PHILIP" "DALY" "BEALE" "HUTCHINS" "PRITCHETT"  
 "CASSIN"

Escorts 22 PT  
 19 : 8 DE: "ACREE" "BARON" "LEVY" "PARKS" "ENGLAND"  
 "SPANGLER" "GREINER" "CLOVES"  
 1 PF: "GASCOYNE"  
 2 AMS: "ARARAT" "BOWEN"  
 7 YMS: 8, 10, 46, 47, 48, 51, 335  
 1 SC: 747

Auxiliaries 21 ~~X~~ : "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "SAN PABLO" (AVP)  
 "TANGIER" (AV) "LEOPARD" "MINK" (IX) "LASSEN" (AE)  
 "YUNNAN" (AE) "PRESIDENT POLK" (AP) "CACAPON"  
 "CHIKASKIA" "ESCAMBIA" "VICTORIA" (AO)  
 "EPPING FOREST" "GUNSTON HALL" (LSD)  
 "PATHFINDER" "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) "COUCAL" (ASR)  
 "POYANG" (ASIS) "ARARED" "MINFKA" (AK)  
 "MERKUR" (AP)

Merchantmen 19 : "J. BARBOSA" "J.C. BRADY" "CHIEF CHARLOT"  
 "J.P. CHOTEAU" "T.M. COOLEY" "T. CRAWFORD"  
 "J.C. CURWOOD" "J.D. DOTY" "E. FERRY" "J. HART"  
 "S. JACKSON" "NORMAGGULL" "NORMACSEA"  
 "POBLAU LAUT" "RAMO" "J.M. THOMPSON"  
 "M. THORNTON" "S.M. WHITE" "W. WILLIAMS"

Cape Gloucester:

Combat Units 1 DD : "SAMPSON"  
 Escorts 2 : 1 PG: 1124 1 SC: 699  
 Auxiliaries 12 : "HILO" (AGP) "PRES. ADAMS" "PRES. HAYES"  
 "PRES. JACKSON" (AP) "ELMORE" "WAYNE" (APA)  
 "TITANIA" "AQUARIUS" (AKA) "GAMBLE" "SOUTHARD"  
 "FRUITT" "TRACY" (DM)

Talasea:

Combat Units 13 PT

Saidor:

Combat Units 10 PT with 1 LST acting as AGP  
 Escorts 2 : 1 AMS: "GLENELG" 1 PG: 1133  
 Merchantmen 3 : "TIMOSHENKO" "D.F. BARRY" "M.C. KERR"

Langemak:

Combat Units 1 CL : "NASHVILLE"  
 29 DD : "ABNER READ" "BACHE" "DASHIELL" "FLETCHER"  
 "GILLESPIE" "HARRISON" "HOBBY" "HOPEWELL"  
 "JOHN ROGERS" "KALK" "LA VALLETTE" "MCKEE"  
 "MURRAY" "NICHOLSON" "RADFORD" "REID" "ROE"  
 "SCHROEDER" "SIGSBEE" "STEMBEL" "STEVENS"  
 "STEVENSON" "STOCKTON" "SWANSON" "TAYLOR"  
 "RINGGOLD" "WELLES" "WILKES" "VENDETTA"

Escorts 36 : 2 DE: "LVELACE" "MANNING"  
 5 PF: "CORONADO" "GLENDALE" "LONGBEACH"  
 "SAN PEDRO" "EL PASO"  
 6 AMS: "GEELONG" "GOULBURN" "STAWELL" "COWRA"  
 "CASTLEMAINE" "BUNDABERG"  
 7 YMS: 9, 53, 73, 313, 314, 334, 393  
 3 PG: 476, 1120, 1134  
 3 DL: 424, 806, 816  
 10 SC: 637, 643, 650, 703, 742, 743, 746,  
 743, 750, 981

Auxiliaries 42 : "FORTUNUS" (AGP) "HUMPHREYS" "HERBERT"  
 "PICKERSON" "NOA" "CROSBY" "SCHLEY" "KANE"  
 "GILMER" "BROOKS" "KILTY" "DENT" "WARD" (APD)  
 "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "HOGAN" "LONG" "PERRY"  
 "HAMILTON" (DMS) "ORMSBY" "HARRY LEE"  
 "ZEILIN" "WINDSOR" "H.T. ALLEN" "KANIMBLA"  
 "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" (APA) "CENTAURUS" (AKA)  
 "SANGAY" (AE) "AASE MAERSK" (AO "TRIANGULUM"  
 "BOCTES" "ETAMIN" (AK) "BAYOU ST. JOHN"  
 "SONOMA" "RESERVE" (AT) "TULSA" PG)

Langetak (Contd.)

Auxiliaries (Contd.)

Merchantmen 30

: "CHETCO" (AT) "AMYCUS" (RL) "ANDREW DORIA" (IX)  
1 YOG: 1 YP: 156 1 YP: 280  
: "ANSON BURLINGHAME" "ARKANSAS PASS"  
"E.D. BAKER" "J. BALL" "BORGFRED" "J. BUCHANAN"  
"N. BYERS" "W.E. CHANNING" "L.L. DYCHE" "J. EVANS"  
"FORT DONELSON" "HAWAIIAN SHIPPER" "D.E. HUGHES"  
"KARSIK" "W.S. LADD" "J.H. LANE" "MACTAN"  
"B. MATTHEWS" "MOBILGAS" "S.G. PORTER" "OZARK"  
"URIAH M. ROSE" "SEA FLASHER" "J. SINGER"  
"SOMMELSDIJK" "W.C. SQUIRE" "A. THOMAS"  
"TJISADANE" "K.D. WIGGIN" "D. WRIGHT"

Lae:

Escorts 3

Auxiliaries 1

Merchantmen 11

: 2 ML: 428, 430 1 SC: 734  
: "PANDA" (IK)  
: "ANHUI" "F.H. DODD" "A.B. HAMMOND" "O. KELLY"  
"MANA" "J. ROSS" "J.A. ROSSITER" "M.M. STEWART"  
"M. WALKER" "F.R. WARDWELL" "A.E. WATTS"

Morobe:

Auxiliaries 1

Buna-Cro Bay:

Combat Units 2 CA

8 DD

: "BENALLA" (AGS)  
: "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE"  
: "AMMEN" "ARUNTA" "GRAYSON" "MULLANY" "THORN"  
"NICHOLAS" "O'BANNON" "WARRAMUNGA"

Escorts 10

: 4 DE: "J.E. CRAIG" "NEUBENDORF" "EICHENBERGER"  
"WHITEHURST"  
2 PF: "OGDEN" "VAN BUREN"  
1 PC: 1122  
3 SC: 735, 737, 741

Auxiliaries 13

: "TRINITY" (AO) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "MEDUSA" (AR)  
"SANDS" (APD) "GANYMEDE" (AK) "OCTANS" (AF)  
"SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG) "PYRO" (AE) "SOLACE" (AH)  
"DOBBIN" (AD) "TRYON" (APH) "PING WO" (ASIS)

Merchantmen 35

1 ARD  
: "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "BALIKPAPAN" "D. BELASCO"  
"J. BURROUGHS" "CAPE CANSO" "S.L. CLARKE"  
"DEFIANCE" "P.T. DOBDRIDGE" "D.D. FIELD"  
"R.F. HAND" "HANYANG" "G.R. HEBARD" "D. HEWES"  
"P.C. HEWITT" "ISOLATOR" "JANSSENS" "J.A. JOHNSON"  
"KATOOMBA" "J. LYKES" "MONMOUTH" "W.V. MOODY"  
"T. NELSON" "NORAB" "ORMISTON" "H.T. RAINEY"  
"PAUL REVERE" "RING LANDNER" "A. ROBINSON"  
"N.J. SINNOTT" "W.L. SUBJETTE" "SWARTENHONDT"  
"T.W. SYMONS" "H.V. WHITE" "J.E. WING" "GEO. WYTHE"

Goodenough Is:

Merchantmen 3

: "J.W. MELDRUM" "S.G. PORTER" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK"

Milne Bay:

Combat Units 1 DD

1 PT

: "VENDETTA"

Escorts 27

: 6 SC: 698, 732, 736, 738, 744, 982  
4 AMS: "KAPUNDA" "GYMPIE" "STRAHAN" "WAGGA"  
2 PC: 1121, 1123  
7 YMS: 49, 50, 52, 71, 315, 316, 336  
8 ML: 425, 427, 801, 802, 803, 817, 818, 819

Auxiliaries 31

: "TALBOT" (APD) "GENERAL JOHN POPE" (AP)  
"HALF MOON" (AVP) "OTUS" "EURYALE" (AS)  
"KOOPA" (AGP) "RIGEL" (AR) "GOLDSTAR" (AG)  
"WATO" (AT) "ST. MARYS" "CARONDOLET" "PORCUPINE"  
"VILLALBOS" (IX) "ALABASTER" (PYC) "TASMAN" (AH)  
"MATAFELE" (AGS) "TEAK" (AN) "OGLALA" (ARG)  
"CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "POLLUX" (AKS)  
"SHIKELLAMY" (AOG) "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) 3 AFD

Merchantmen 80

2 ARD 1 YOG 3 YP: 278, 283, 449  
: "H.L. ABBOTT" "J.P. BRADLEY" "S. BRANNON"  
"BUFFALOW WALLOW" "E.A. BRYAN" "CALUSO"  
"CAPE HENRY" "CAPE KILDARE" "CAPE ROMANO"  
"J.C. CALHOUN" "J.M. GAREY" "E.I. CASEY"  
"P. CHANDLER" "CHAPULTEPEC" "CHIPPEWA" "F.J. CUNEL"  
"M. DALY" "G. DAVIDSON" "J. DEERE" "DON MARQUIS"  
"F.A. EILERS" "F. EVERS" "H. EMERSON" "EMPIRE HAMBIE"  
"FIRE ISLAND" "FREDERICKSBURG" "M. FULLER"  
"GAUNTLET" "GRANDE ROCHE" "W. GRENFELL" "GREY LAG"  
"J. HALL" "A.S. HEWITT" "H.I. HOYT"

Milne Bay (Contd.)  
Merchantmen  
 (Contd.)

: "THOS. JEFFERSON" "JUAN PABLO DUARTE"  
 "I.S. KELLY" "KOTA BAROE" "KOTA GEDE"  
 "T.C. LOVE" "N. LUCKENBACH" "F.B. LINDERMANN"  
 "J.W. MCKAY" "A. MAJOR" "N.E. MACK"  
 "J.S. MANSFIELD" "G.H. MATSON" "MAUI"  
 "J.B. MCPHERSON" "MOLINO DEL REY" "H. MONROE"  
 "B.T. OSBORNE" "JOEL PALMER" "POINT SAN PEDRO"  
 "POLAND VICTORY" "G.H. PORTER" "F. QUINONES"  
 "A. REHAN" "M. ROBERTSON" "SABINE SUN"  
 "S.H. SHORT" "SEA SCAMP" "L. STEWART" "TAWALI"  
 "TECUMSEH" "TWO HARBOURS" "TUNG SONG"  
 "S. TURMAN" "GEO. VANCOUVER" "VAN DEN BOSCH"  
 "VAN OUTHORN" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "R.J. WALKER"  
 "WEST CACTUS" "S.W. WILLISTON" "ED. N. WESTCOTT"  
 "J.M. WHISTLER" "YUCHOW" "E. YOUNG"

Port Moresby:

Escorts 2 : 2 ML: 426, 431  
 Auxiliaries 1 : "MANUNDA" (AH)  
 Merchantmen 2 : "GEO. VON L. MEYER" "TARCONA"

Thursday Is:

Escorts 2 : 1 ML: 820 1 SC: 731  
 Auxiliaries 1 : "POLARIS" (AGS)

Cairns:

Escorts 6 : 1 AMS: "BALIARAT" 1 PS: "WARREGO"  
 1 PC: 479 3 ML: 804, 805, 811  
 Auxiliaries 4 : "DUNTHORN" (AP) "PLATYPUS" (AR)  
 1 ARD 1 YP: 291

Townsville:

Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YP: 233

Mackay:

Auxiliaries 3 : "HERON" (AVP) 2 YP

Rockhampton:

Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YP: 504

Brisbane:

Escorts 10 : 5 AMS: "EROOME" "BUNBURY" "COLAC" "ECHUCA"  
 "HILDURA"  
 1 YMS: 70 2 ML: 808, 821 2 SC: 745, 749  
 Auxiliaries 6 : "ALGORAB" (AKA) "KURUMBA" (AO) "GRIFFIN" (AS)  
 "MAERTSUYCKER" (AH) "KAILUA" (IX) 1 YP: 236

Sydney:

Combat Units 1 CL : "HOEART" (Refitting)  
 2 DD : "STUART" "NORMAN"  
 Escorts 16 : 6 AMS: "COCTAMUNDRA" "DELORAIN" "KATOOMBA"  
 "KALGOORLIE" "TOWNSVILLE" "WARRNAMBOOL"  
 4 A/S: "AB. CRIJSSSEN" "DOOMEA" "KYBRA" "YANDR"  
 6 ML: 807, 809, 813, 822, 823, 825  
 Auxiliaries 4 : "BISHOPDALE" (AG) "POINT LOMA" (AT)  
 "MIZAR" (AF) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS)

Melbourne:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" (Refitting)  
 Auxiliaries 2 : "MOUNT VERNON" "MARIPOSA" (AP)

Adelaide:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" (Refitting).

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

1. Empress Augusta Bay - Reports to 1500/24 reveal that the Japanese were cleared from the coastal position to Moy River East of the Torokina perimeter by our troops attacking across the Mavavia River with tank support.

46 Japanese were killed by a combat patrol down the East bank of the Sava River. We lost 3 killed, 3 wounded, in these actions.

A small Japanese force near Hill 150 was attacked by a Fiji unit which killed 7 of the enemy.

2. Kavieng - On 24 April a barge (100 ft) was sunk by Soupac aircraft between Kavieng and Nusa Island.

At 0845/25 a submarine on course 335° was sighted by aircraft 140 miles N.N.E. of Kavieng.

3. Rabaul - Weather again prevented the majority of the air strikes planned for Rabaul on 24 April, but Tobera was bombed at 0920/24 by 10 Aircobras, while 19 trucks were set on fire at Tobera and other points by Soupac fighters. Targets in the Rabaul area were also attacked 24 April by a formation of Warhawks, but results are not yet to hand.
- During 24 April, many supplies were seen by aircraft along the banks of three rivers flowing into Talili Bay; while repair work was seen being effected at Keravat, Tobera and Rapopo.
- A delayed report states that Tobera was also bombed on 23 April by 9 Aircobras.
4. Pondo Point - Tariu River area - During the night 24-25 April, 2 beached barges were destroyed by PT boats near Pondo Point. During the previous night, one barge was destroyed by PT's at the mouth of the Tariu River.
5. Madang - On 24 April, an allied coastal patrol was joined at Bili Bili by another patrol brought in by PT boat; the combined force then advanced Northwards towards Madang, reaching the Gum River at 1230/24 without enemy contact. Later in the afternoon, Madang town was occupied by our troops after overcoming a small enemy rearguard armed with automatic weapons and mountain guns South of Madang.
- Between 1015 and 1130/24, the bridge at the mouth of the Wagol River was destroyed by eleven Bostons.
6. Wewak - Between 1135 and 1145/24 the South coast of Muschu Island was thoroughly strafed by eleven Bostons. Five barges off the S.W. tip of the island were also strafed and destroyed.
7. Aitape - Reports to 1825/24 state that the W.bank of the Raihu River (3 miles East of Aitape) and the Nigia River (4 miles East of the Tadji airfield) had been reached by the Tadji force, apparently without encountering any resistance.
8. Hollandia - Latest reports indicate that small pockets of enemy resistance were mopped up on 24 April by the Tanamerah Force. The Cyclops airfield is now under fire from our 155 m.m. guns. Nil enemy were reported by aerial reconnaissance on 24 April on the enemy escape route West of Sentani Lake.
9. Biak Island - (Northern Geelvink Bay) - The date of the photographs of Biak Island reported in yesterday's Summary (No.818) should read 17 April, not 7 April.
- At 0310/25 twelve enemy fighters intercepted a single reconnaissance Liberator 10 miles South of Biak Island. In a thirty minute combat, during which 30-35 passes were made in eagerly pressed, well co-ordinated attacks, three enemy fighters were destroyed plus some others probably, before the Liberator took cloud cover. Some damage was sustained and 1 crew member wounded.
10. Japen Island - At 1600/25, a merchantman estimated at 4500 tons, escorted by one gunboat was sighted by aircraft, North of the West tip of Japen Island on course 200°.
11. Noemfoor Island - Photographs taken during the attack by 13 Liberators on Kamiri at 1733/24 (reported in yesterday's Summary page 6) show that the runway was rendered temporarily unserviceable and oil fires were started.
- Twenty six serviceable aircraft are shown including 4/B bombers, 2 T/B fighters and 22 SSF. In addition, 23 destroyed or unserviceable aircraft are revealed.
- Shipping reported visually included 3 seatrucks and 15 barges at Noemfoor Island, and 1 possible sea truck near Misowaar Island (off W.shores of Geelvink Bay)
- A large merchant vessel with one escort was also sighted 5 miles West of Kamiri, on course 145°.
12. Mapia Island - At 1345/24, two small boats were strafed by a patrol Liberator on S.tip of Mapia Island.
13. Manokwari - At 1500/25, two fishing boats were heavily strafed and left burning fiercely by a patrol aircraft 15 miles N. of Manokwari.
14. Sorong - At 1350/25, two seatrucks and ten troop laden barges were



14 Sorong (contd) sighted by aircraft, heading East, twenty miles East of Sorong (see Naval Incidents).

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2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1600/26:

- (1) "INVERELL" (AMS) escorting Convoy TD.53 ("ALAGNA" "W.D. BOYCE" "ADMIRAL CHASE") departed Thursday Island 1845/22 for Darwin ETA. 1430/27.
- (2) "LATROBE" (AMS) escorting Convoy DT.52 (2 MV) departed Darwin 0500/24 for Thursday Island ETA. 0830/28
- (3) "YMS's 11,72" departed Darwin 1813/23 for Exmouth Gulf ETA. 0700/29 thence Fremantle.
- (4) 16 Submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Escorts	5	:	1 AMS: "PIRIE"
		:	4 ML: 429, 809, 815, 814
Merchantmen	2	:	"DUNDULA" "MURADA"
<u>Drysdale:</u>			
Escorts	1	:	"WILCANNIA" (A/S)
Merchantmen	1	:	"GEO. EASTMAN"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- 1. Timor - Photographs 25 April show nil aircraft at Penfoei, although a further clearing for dispersal is visible. About 25 buildings at Koepang are shown destroyed or damaged by recent attacks: a 4 gun heavy A/A battery S.W. of Koepang has been reoccupied. Thirty barges are shown at Tenau.
- 2. Balikpapan - At 1940/24 one medium and one small vessel and some barges were reported by aircraft near Balikpapan.

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1600/26:

- (1) "YP.288" departed Fremantle 1815/25 for Exmouth Gulf

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat Units	1 CA	:	"CUMBERLAND"
	1 CL	:	"ADELAIDE"
Escorts	6	:	"HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739
		:	3 ML: 812, 824, 826
Auxiliaries	9	:	"LARK" (AM) "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS)
		:	"CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ISABEL" (PY)
		:	"CHILDS" (AV) 1 ARD. 2 YP: 286

Exmouth Gulf:

Auxiliaries	1	:	"W.E. PRESTON" (AVD)
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B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

- 1. Guam - On 25 April a successful photographic reconnaissance of Guam was made by Central Pacific aircraft. Airfields were reported both at Orote (on Orote peninsula, forming the

1. Guam (contd)

Side of Apra Harbour, on W. central coast) and at Ana (about 6 miles N.E. of Apra Harbour): aircraft were observed on both fields.

One large ship and two smaller ships believed to be destroyers, were seen in Apra Harbour.

Negligible A/A fire was encountered, and there was no interception, although some fighters took off from the Orote airfield.

X  
Marshalls -

On 23-24 April, Ujelang Atoll (about 135 miles SW of Eniwetok Atoll) was occupied by United States Forces after rapidly overcoming light opposition. The atoll was proclaimed to be under the military government of the Commander-in-Chief Pacific Ocean Area.

On 23 April, Wotje, Taroa, Mille and Jaluit were bombed by Cenpac Corsairs, Dauntless and Mitchells. Storage tanks and gun positions at Wotje, the airfields at Taroa and Mille, and the seaplane ramp at Emidj (Jaluit) were the targets: a total of 25 tons of bombs was dropped. Only meagre ackack was encountered.

On the night 23-24, the barracks area and runways at Wotje were bombed by 2 Cenpac Liberators as alternative target to Truk.

3. Carolines -

(a) Truk: Between 2319/23 and 0219/24, airfields at Moen, Eten and Param Is. were bombed by 19 Cenpac Liberators, dropping 760 frag. clusters causing fires and explosions. Ack ack was slight and inaccurate and two airborne enemy fighters failed to attack. Five other Liberators scheduled for this attack bombed secondary targets.

(b) Ponape: On 23 April, the Ulul radio station and gun positions at Ponape, were bombed by Cenpac patrol aircraft. During the same day, Lajgar Island and the barracks area at the old Ponape airfield were bombed by 6 Mitchells causing explosions and fires.

On the night 23-24, both Ponape airfields were bombed by two Cenpac Liberators as alternative target to Truk. Fires were started in the town area.

(c) Satawan: On 25 April two merchant vessels (1 med. 1 small) also three small escort vessels were sighted by aircraft in the lagoon at Satawan. The Satawan airfield appeared serviceable: interception was apparently effected by seven fighters, one of which dropped 2 phosphorus bombs.

(d) Puluwat: On 23-24 April, Puluwat was bombed by one Cenpac Liberator as alternative target to Truk. The Alet runway appeared serviceable, with 7 possible fighters to a reconnaissance aircraft over Puluwat Atoll on 25 April.

(e) Hall Islands: A small vessel at Murilo in the Hall Islands (90 miles North of Truk) was bombed on 24 April by a Cenpac reconnaissance aircraft.

(f) Woleai Is.: At 1252/25, an enemy bomber was shot down by a Souwespac search aircraft in a surprise attack 260 miles SW by S. of Woleai Is. The enemy bomber was heading on course 300°, did not return fire, and exploded 50 feet off the water.

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NAVAL INCIDENTS

Sorong -

X  
The two sea trucks and flotilla of barges sighted heading East of Sorong at 1330/25 (see Part I, Section (ii) para. 14 above) were attacked and the following results were reported: Near misses were scored on one of the sea trucks with 7 one hundred pound bombs: all vessels were heavily strafed despite accurate light and medium A/A fire: one seatruck was destroyed by fire, the other driven on a reef and abandoned: all 10 barges were destroyed with heavy loss of life amongst the fully armed troops manning them.

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ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

1. Consolidation of defences, Carolines, Marianas, N.W. Dutch New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya and Kuriles.
2. Increased use of submarines for transportation purposes in Marshalls-Bismarcks-Solomons.
3. Continued use of barges and small coasters for coastal transportation in forward areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
		<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	
<u>BE</u>	INDIANA		(3) IDAHO NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA	-
<u>CV(E)</u>	(10) NATOMA BAY MANILA BAY CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR BARNES	SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO SANTEE PETROF BAY	-	-
<u>CA</u>	(2) AUSTRALIA SHROFESHIRE		-	-
<u>CL</u>	(4) BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX * HOBART		(8) COLUMBIA DENVER ST. LOUIS HONOLULU BIRMINGHAM MONTPELIER CLEVELAND * LEANDER	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	TANGIER		(3) WRIGHT CHANDELEUER POCOMOKE	-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	(3) HALF MOON SAN PABLO HERON		(2) BALLARD COOS BAY	-
<u>DD</u>	(62) ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA NORMAN ABNER READ AMMEN BACHE BEALE CASSIN DALY DASHIELL FLETCHER GILLESPIE GRAYSON HARRISON HOBBY HOPEWELL HUTCHINS JOHN ROGERS KALK LA VALLETTE MCKEE MULLANY MURRAY NICHOLAS NICHOLSON O'BANNON PHILIP PRITCHETT RADFORD	REID RINGGOLD ROE SAMPSON SIGSBEE SCHROEDER STEMBEL STEVENS STEVENSON STOCKTON SWANSON TAYLOR THORN WELLES WILKES ABBOTT ANDERSON BLACK BULLARD CHAUNCEY ELLET ERBEN HALE HUGHES KIDD LANDSDOWNE LARDNER MORRIS MUSTIN RUSSEL WALKER	Approx. 35	-

\* Non-effective

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
		<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	
<u>SS</u>	(8)	BASHAW BLACKFISH BLUEGILL CERO	DACE DARTER FLOUNDER MINGO	10
			} On patrol	
	(3)	SCAMP S.42 S.47	} At Milne Bay	
	(3)	SILVERSIDES TUNNY K.12 K.9	} At Brisbane ; At Sydney	
<u>PT</u>	Approx.	85	Approx.	110
<u>APA</u> <u>AKA</u> <u>APD</u>	(29)	H.T.ALLEN (APA) KANIMBLA MANOORA WESTRALIA HARRY LEE ZEILIN ORMSBY WINDSOR ELMORE WAYNE ALGORAB (AKA) CENTAURUS VIRGO TITANIA AQUARIUS	KANE (APD) GILMER SCHLEY SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS HERBERT TALBOT CROSBY NOA DENT DICKERSON KILTY WARD	13 APA 1 APD 6 AKA
<u>AGC</u>		BLUE RIDGE	-	-
<u>AS</u>	(3)	OTUS EURYALE GRIFFIN	-	-
<u>AD</u>		DOBBIN	-	-
<u>AR</u>	(3)	RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS	PROMETHEUS	-
<u>LSD</u>	(3)	CARTER HALL GUNSTON HALL EPPING FOREST		
			<u>AIRCRAFT:</u>	
			Fighters (inc. 9 T/E)	68
			Light & M/Bombers	40
			Torpedo & D/Bombers	2
			Flying Boats	4
			Floatplanes	27
			Obsn. A/C	14

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CA</u>		-	(2) NACHI ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	(3)	DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	(3) ABUKUMA TAMA KISO
<u>DD</u>		9	10
<u>SS</u>		10	Approx. 4

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>	
		<u>Mandates</u> <u>Philippines</u>	<u>Empire</u>
<u>BB</u>	(14) IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA * OKLAHOMA	(5) YAMASHIRO ISE HYUGA * MUSASHI MUTSU (prob. sunk)
<u>CV</u>	(7) ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON HORNET	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	(7) COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY * INDEPENDENCE	(5) RYUHO ZUIHO HITAKA HAYATAKA TAIHO
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	(19) COPAHEE PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU CASABLANCA ALTAMAHA WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY	FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MEHENPA BAY OMMANEY BAY SAVO ISLAND RANEE	(6) CHITOSE CHIYODA KAIYO JINYO OTAKA * UNYO
<u>CA</u>	(13) BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND	-
<u>OCA</u>	-	-	6
<u>GL</u>	(8) SANTA FE SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN MOBILE	BILOXI OAKLAND * RENO * CONCORD	(5) YUBARI * NATORI KINU NAGARA ISUZU OYODO
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHIMA
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CURTISS	(2) AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO	-
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 120	15-20	20 (several repairing)
	Approx. 30	25	Approx. 25
<u>AS</u>	?	?	2 (1 repairing)

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

<u>CL</u>	TRENTON	-
<u>DD</u>	9	-

\* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Malaya

<u>BB</u>	-	(4) QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN RICHELIEU	*	(5) YAMATO NAGATO KONGO HARUNA FUSO
<u>CV</u>	-	(2) ILLUSTRIOUS SARATOGA		(2) SHOKAKU ZUIKAKU
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	(5) BAPTILER UNICORN SHAH ATHELING BEGUM		-
<u>CA</u>	CUMBERLAND	(3) SUFFOLK SUSSEX LONDON		(12) AOBA ATAGO TAKAO MAYA CHOKAI MOGAMI SUZUYA KUMANO TONE CHIKUMA HAGURO MYOKO
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	(8) CEYLON KENYA GAMBIER NIGERIA NEWCASTLE DANAE TROMP EMERALD		(4) YAHAGI NOSHIRO OI KITAGAMI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-		KASHII
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(2) CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS		-
<u>XCL</u>	-	(2) GANTON CHITRAL		-
<u>DD</u>	-	Approx. 27		30
(16)	BILLFISH BONEFISH CREVALLE COD FLASHER HADDO HAKE HARDER	HOE JACK PADDLE BARGO RAY REDFIN ROBALO K.15	Approx. 15 On patrol	18 (incl. 7 German)
(11)	ANGLER BLUEFISH BOWFIN CABRILLA GUNNEL	LAPON NORWHAL PUFFER RATON RASHER K.14	At Fremantle	
(2)	PELIAS ORION			

AIRCRAFT (East Indies only)  
 Fighters 133  
 Light & M/Bombers 82  
 Torpedo & D/Bombers -  
 Flying Boats -  
 Floatplanes 43  
 Obsn. A/C 23

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.

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PART I

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1600/27:

- (1) "MATAFELE" (AGS) was to depart Milne Bay 27 April with Port Director Unit for Madang via Langemak and Saidor: On completion "MATAFELE" to proceed Kiriwina.
- (2) "ML.431" proceeding Langemak ETA 2200/27: for onward routeing to Madang
- (3) "SC's.744, 982" were to depart Milne Bay 1200/27 for Langemak.
- (4) "PC.1132" was to depart Langemak for Milne Bay at about 0730/26
- (5) "MORESBY" (AGS) on survey duty
- (6) "FREDERICK BILLINGS" aground on Veale Reef
- (7) "LYMAN BEECHER" aground in Ravel Channel: "FIRE ISLAND" (AT) standing by to assist
- (8) "SWAN" (PS) "LITHGOW" (AMS) "PC.1131" on A/S patrol South China Strait.
- (9) "CALAMARES" (AF) departed Brisbane 0200/24 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/28
- (10) "MANUNDA" (AH) departed Port Moresby 1330/26 for Townsville ETA. 0930/28
- (11) "BUNGAREE" (CM) departed Townsville 0826/22 for vicinity Great North East Channel
- (12) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG) with tow departed Cairns 0856/25 for Milne Bay ETA 1800/27
- (13) "GLADSTONE" (AMS) was to depart Caloundra 1800/25 for Milne Bay ETA 1300/29
- (14) "ECHUCA" "COLAC" (AMS) escorting one U.S. submarine departed Caloundra 1700/26 for Milne Bay.
- (15) "WHYALLA" (AMS) departed Caloundra 2200/24 on Sandy Cape A/S patrol
- (16) "KATOOMBA" (AMS) departed Sydney 1610/26 for Brisbane ETA 1500/28 for onward routeing to Milne Bay.
- (17) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "STAWELL" "BOVEN" "GYMPIE" "CASTLEMAINE" (AMS) to return Milne Bay on relief ("COWRA" "KIAMA" "BENDIGO" (AMS) arriving)
- (2) "ML.825" to sail when ready for Milne Bay from Sydney coming under operational and administrative control of N.O.I.C. New Guinea.



(c) In Harbour:

Note: Special operational movements not shown.

Admiralties:

Combat Units 1 BB : "INDIANA"  
2 CVE : "BARNES" "PETROF BAY"  
3 CL : "PHOENIX" "BOISE" "NASHVILLE"  
6 DD : "PHILIP" "DALY" "BEALE" "HUTCHINS"  
"PRITCHETT" "CASSIN"  
Escorts 22 PT : 8 DE: "ACREE" "BARON" "LEVY" "PARKS"  
19 : "ENGLAND" "SPANGLER" "GREINER" "BOWERS"  
1 PF: "GASCOYNE"  
2 AMS: "ARARAT" "BOWEN"  
7 YMS: 8, 10, 46, 47, 48, 51, 335  
1 SC: 747  
Auxiliaries 21 : "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "SAN PABLO" (AVP)  
"TANGLER" (AV) "LEOPARD" "MINK" (IX)  
"LASSEN" (AE) "YUNNAN" (AE) "PRESIDENT  
POLK" (AP) "CACAPON" "CHIKASKIA"  
"ESCAMBIA" "VICTORIA" (AO) "EPPING FOREST"  
"GUNSTON HALL" (LSD) "PATHFINDER"  
"SHEPPARTON" (AGS) "COUCAL" (ASR) "POYANG"  
(ASIS) "ARARED" "MINTAKA" (AK) "MERKUR" (AF)  
Merchantmen 21 : "J. BARBOSA" "J. C. BRADY" "CHIEF CHARLOT"  
"J. P. CHOTEAU" "T. M. COOLEY" "T. CRAWFORD"  
"J. O. CURWOOD" "J. D. DOTY" "E. FERRY"  
"FORT DONELSON" "J. HART" "HOPECREST"  
"S. JACKSON" "MORMACGULL" "MOBILGAS"  
"POELAU LAUT" "RAMO" "J. M. THOMPSON"  
"M. THORNTON" "S. M. WHITE" "W. WILLIAMS"

Cape Gloucester:

Combat Units 1 DD : "SAMPSON"  
Escorts 2 : 1 PC: 1124 1 SC: 699  
Auxiliaries 12 : "HILO" (AGP) "PRES. ADAMS" "PRES. HAYES"  
"PRES. JACKSON" (AP) "ELMORE" "WAYNE" (APA)  
"TITANIA" "ACQUARIUS" (AKA) "GAMBLE"  
"SOUTHARD" "PRUITT" "TRACY" (DM)

Talasea:

Combat Units 13 PT

Madang:

Escorts 1 : "BUNDABERG" (AMS)

Saidor: Merchantmen 2

Combat Units 10 PT with 1 LST acting as AGP.

Langemak:

Combat Units 29 DD : "ABNER READ" "BACHE" "DASHIELL" "FLETCHER"  
"GILLESPIE" "HARRISON" "HOBBY" "HOPEWELL"  
"JOHN ROGERS" "KALK" "LA VALLETTE" "MCKEE"  
"MURRAY" "NICHOLSON" "RADFORD" "REID"  
"ROE" "SCHROEDER" "SIGSEE" "STEMBEL"  
"STEVENS" "STEVENSON" "STOCKTON" "SWANSON"  
"TAYLOR" "RINGGOLD" "WELLES" "WILKES"  
"VENDETTA"

Escorts 38 : 2 DE: "LOVELACE" "MANNING"  
5 PF: "CORONADO" "GLENDALE" "LONGBEACH"  
"SAN PEDRO" "EL PASO"  
7 AMS: "GEELONG" "BENDIGO" "GLENELG"  
"GOULBURN" "COWRA" "CASTLEMAINE" "KIAMA"  
6 YMS: 9, 53, 73, 313, 334, 393  
5 PC: 476, 1120, 1122, 1133, 1134  
3 ML: 424, 806, 816  
10 SC: 737, 648, 650, 703, 742, 743, 746  
748, 750, 981

Auxiliaries 40 : "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "HUMPHREYS" "HERBERT"  
"DICKERSON" "NOA" "CROSBY" "KANE" "GILMER"  
"BROOKS" "KILTY" "DENT" "WARD" (APD)  
"CARTER HALL" (LSD) "HOGAN" "LONG"  
"HAMILTON" (DMS) "ORMSBY" "HARRY LEE"  
"ZEILIN" "WINDSOR" "H. T. ALLEN" "KANIMBLA"  
"MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" (APA) "CENTAURUS"  
(AKA) "SANGAY" (AE) "AASE MAERSK" (AO)  
"TRIANGULUM" "BOOTES" "ETAMIN" (AK)  
"BAYOU ST JOHN" "SONOMA" "RESERVE" (AT)

Langemak: (contd)

Auxiliaries (contd)

Merchantmen 28

"TULSA" (PG) "CHETCO" (AL) "AMYCUS" (ARL)  
 "ANDREW DORIA" (IX) 1 YOG 1 YT 156 1 YP: 280  
 "ANSON BURLINGHAME" "ARKANSAS PASS" "E.D. BAKER"  
 "J. BALL" "BORGFRED" "J. BUCHANAN" "W.E. CHANNING"  
 "L.L. DYCHE" "HAWAIIAN SHIPPER" "B.E. HUGHES"  
 "MCKERR" "W.S. LADD" "J.H. LANE" "MACTAN" "B. MATTHEWS"  
 "MORMACSEA" "S.G. PORTER" "OZARK" "J.A. ROSSITER"  
 "SEA FLASHER" "J. SINGER" "N.J. SINNOTT"  
 "SOMMELSDIJK" "W.C. SQUIRES" "A. THOMAS"  
 "TJISDANE" "W.D. WRIGHT" "K.D. WIGGIN"

Lae:

Escorts 3  
 Auxiliaries 1  
 Merchantmen 13

: 2 ML: 428, 430, 1 SC: 734  
 : "TASMAN" (AH)  
 : "ANHUI" "F.H. DODD" "A.B. HAMMOND" "O. KELLY"  
 "G.R. HEBARD" "P.C. HEWITT" "KATOOMBA" "J. ROSS"  
 "ORMISTON" "T. SYMONS" "M. WALKER" "F.R. WARDWELL"  
 "A.E. WATTS"

Morobe:

Auxiliaries 1  
Buna-Oro Bay:  
Combat Units 2 CA

: "BENALLA" (AGS)  
 : "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE"  
 8 DD: "AMMEN" "ARUNTA" "GRAYSON" "MULLANY" "THORN"  
 "NICHOLAS" "O'BANNON" "WARRAMUNGA"

Escorts 9

: 4 DE: "J.E. CRAIG" "NEUENDORF" "EICHENBERGER"  
 "WHITEHURST"  
 2 PF: "OGDEN" "VAN BUREN"  
 1 PC: 1122  
 2 SC: 735, 741

Auxiliaries 14

: "TRINITY" (AO) "BLUERIDGE" (AGC) "MEDUSA" (AR)  
 "SANDS" (APD) "GANYMEDE" (AK) "OCTANS" (AF)  
 "SHIKELLAMY" "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG) "PYRO" (AE)  
 "SOLACE" (AH) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "DOBBIN" (AD)  
 "TRYON" (APH) 1 ARD

Merchantmen 35

: "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "BALIKPAPAN" "D. BELASCO"  
 "S. BRANNON" "F. BILLINGS" "J. BURROUGHS" "CAPE  
 CANSO" "P. CHANDLER" "S. L. CLARKE" "DEFIANCE"  
 "P.T. DODDRIDGE" "J. EVANS" "D.D. FIELD" "R.F. HAND"  
 "HANYANG" "D. HEWES" "ISOLATOR" "JANSSENS"  
 "J.A. JOHNSON" "L.S. KELLY" "J. LYKES" "MONMOUTH"  
 "W.V. MOODY" "T. NELSON" "NORAB" "J. PALMER"  
 "H.T. RAINEY" "PAUL REVERE" "RING LARDNER"  
 "A. ROBINSON" "J.M. ROSE" "W.L. SUBJECTTE" "H.V. WHITE"  
 "J.E. WING" "GEO. WYTHE"

Kiriwina

Merchantmen 1

: "MANA"

Goodenough Is:

Merchantmen 4

: "J.W. MELDRUM" "S.C. PORTER" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK"  
 "WEST CACTUS"

Milne Bay:

Combat Units 1 DD  
 1 PT

: "VENDETTA"  
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Escorts 29

: 1 PF: "BARCOO"  
 5 SC: 698, 732, 736, 737, 738  
 5 AMS: "KAPUNDA" "GYMPIE" "STAWELL" "STRAHAN"  
 "WAGGA"  
 2 PC: 1121, 1123  
 8 YMS: 49, 50, 52, 71, 314, 315, 316, 336  
 8 ML: 425, 427, 801, 802, 803, 817, 818, 819

Auxiliaries 33

: "SCHLEY" "TALBOT" (APD) "GENERAL JOHN POPE" "EMNETA"  
 "DUNTRON" (AP) "HALF MOON" (AVP) "OTUS" "EURYALE"  
 (AS) "REPUBLIC" "PERRY" (BMS) "KOOPA" (AGP)  
 "RIGEL" (AR) "WATO" (AT) "ST MARYS" "CARONDOLET"  
 "PORCUPINE" "PANDA" "VILLALOBOS" (IX) "ALABASTER"  
 (PYC) "TEAK" (AN) "OGLALA" (ARG) "PINGWO" (ASIS)  
 "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "POLLUX" (AKS)  
 "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) 3 AFD 2 ARD 1 YOG  
 3 YP: 278, 283, 449

Merchantmen 75

: "H.L. ABBOTT" "ALAMO" "BUFFALOW WALLOW" "R.A. BRYAN"  
 "W.N. BYERS" "CALUSO" "CAPE KILDARE" "CAPE ROMANO"  
 "J.C. CALHOUN" "J.M. CAREY" "M.I. CASEY" "CHIPPEWA"  
 "F.J. CUNEL" "M. DALY" "G. DAVIDSON" "J. DEERE" "DON  
 MARQUIS" "F.A. EILERS" "F. EVERS" "H. EMERSON"  
 "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "FIRE ISLAND" "FREDERICKSBURG"

Milne Bay (contd)  
Merchantmen:

M. PULLER "GAUNTLET" "GRAND RONDE" "W. GRENFELL"  
"J. HALL" "A. S. HEWITT" "H. I. HOYT" "THOS. JEFFERSON"  
"JUAN PABLO DUARTE" "KARSIK" "KOTA BAROE" "KOTA  
GEDE" "T. C. LOWE" "N. LUCKENBACH" "F. B. LINDERMANN"  
"J. W. MCKAY" "A. MAJOR" "N. E. MACK" "C. H. MATSON"  
"MAUI" "J. B. MCPHERSON" "MOLINO DEL REY"  
"H. MONROE" "B. T. OSBORNE" "POINT SAN PEDRO"  
"POLAND VICTORY" "G. H. PORTER" "F. QUINONES"  
"A. REHAN" "M. ROBERTSON" "SABINE SUN" "S. H. SHORT"  
"SEA SCAMP" "SEA SNIPE" "L. STEWART" "TAWALI"  
"C. J. SEDGERS" "M. M. STEWART" "TECUMSEH" "TWO  
HARBOURS" "TUNG SONG" "S. TURMAN" "GEO. VANCOUVER"  
"VAN DEN BOSCH" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "R. J. WALKER"  
"S. W. WILLISTON" "ED. N. WESTGOTT" "J. M. WHISTLER"  
"YOCHOW" "E. YOUNG."

Port Moresby:

Escorts 1 : 1 ML: 426  
Merchantmen 2 : "GEO. VAN L. MEYER" "TAROONA"

Thursday Island:

Escorts 2 : 1 ML: 820 1 SC: 731  
Auxiliaries 1 : "POLARIS" (AGS)

Cairns

Escorts 6 : 1 AMS: "BALLARAT" " 1 PS: "WARREGO"  
1 PC: 479 3 ML: 804, 805, 811

Auxiliaries 3 : "PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD 1 YP 291

Townsville

Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YP: 233

Mackay:

Auxiliaries 3 : "HERON" (AVP) 2 YT

Rockhampton:

Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YP 504

Brisbane:

Escorts 8 : 3 AMS: "BROOME" "BUNBURY" "MILDURA"  
1 YMS: 70, 2 ML: 808, 821, 2 SC: 745, 749  
Auxiliaries 6 : "ALGORAE" (AKA) "KURUMBA" (AO) "GRIFFIN" (AS)  
"MAETSUCKYER" (AH) "KAILUA" (IX) 1 YT: 236

Sydney:

Combat Units 1 CL : "HOBART" (Refitting)

2 DD : "STUART" "NORMAN"

Escorts 15 : 5 AMS: "COOTAMUNDRA" "DELORAINÉ" "KALGOORLIE"  
"TOWNSVILLE" "WARRNAMBOOL"

4 A/S: "AB. CRIJSSSEN" "DOOMBA" "KYBRA" "YANDRA"  
6 ML: 807, 809, 813, 822, 823, 825

Auxiliaries 4 : "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "POINT LOMA" (AT) "MIZAR" (AF)  
"CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS)

Melbourne:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" (Refitting)

Auxiliaries 2 : "MOUNT VERNON" "MARIPOSA" (AP)

Adelaide:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" (Refitting)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

1. Treasury Islands - At 1438/26 a possible submarine was observed by aircraft 25 miles ESE Treasury Islands.
2. Central New Ireland - At 1100/25 Borpop airfield was bombed by 36 Dauntless 12 Avengers covering the runway and surrounding gun positions satisfactorily.
3. North East Coast New Ireland - At 0100/24 a truck moving westwards on the road near Kavieng was strafed and stopped by PT boats.

On 25 April trucks and huts along the road from Kavieng 45 miles to the South East was strafed by 8 Corsairs and several set on fire.

- 4/ Rabaul - At 0945/25 Lakunai was attacked by 47 Dauntless 17 Avengers with an estimated 68 hits on the runway and 13 on or near gun positions. At 1145/25 Tobera was attacked by 23 Mitchells scoring 24 hits on the runway. Also during the day fighter sweeps involving at least 19 Hell-cats were conducted around the coast off Gazelle Peninsula; targets included 6 trucks all of which 3 were loaded with oil drums.

5. Jacquinet-Waterfall Bays - A local party reports that there were no Japs between Palmamal (southern Jacquinet Bay) and Eisis River (Central Waterfall Bay) p.m./ 25 Apr.
6. Open Bay area - During the night 25-26 April PT boats entering Pondo Harbour ~~and~~ strafed buildings and jetty: Hickson Bay anchorage was also reconnoitred and the area found deserted.  
Local sources report that there were 137 Japs at Ulamona at 1500/26, the majority of whom were sick.
7. Madang-Alexishafen - After our troops entered Madang township 25 April, it was found that the area had been evacuated in force about a month ago.  
Known camouflaged barge hide out had apparently not been damaged by our bombing - 3 barges being found scuttled in the area. Large amounts of stores included ammunition and clothing, weapons, medical equipment and trucks were found.  
Our forces advancing towards Alexishafen found the road bogged and mined and the majority of bridges blown. However, Alexishafen was occupied by Australian troops a.m. 26 April.  
Subsequently mountain gun and machine gun fire from Sek Island was experienced: at approx. 1600/26 a party was landed under covering fire from H.M.A.S. "BUNDABERG" and the Island cleared of the enemy before dark/
8. Alexishafen-Hansa Bay - During 26 April Coastal sweeps were continued on a fair scale by Aircobras and Thunderbolts along this sector of the Coast.
9. Hansa Bay - At 1000/26 the stores and personnel area at Hansa Bay were bombed by 13 Liberators with unobserved results. A possible small freighter or lugger was observed off N.W. Manum Island.
10. Sepik River - a.m. 25 April a camouflaged lugger was observed approx. 6 miles up the Sepik River. At 1430/25 prob. the same craft was attacked by a reconnaissance Mitchell approx. 8 miles up stream: hits were scored and the ship was also strafed; the stern was blown off and the ship sank.
11. Wewak - At 0900-0945/26 Wewak, Boram, But and Dagua airfields and the escape trails leading southward from the Wewak area were bombed and strafed from minimum altitude by 103 escorted Bostons. All targets were effectively covered although results generally were unobserved. 2 or 3 apparently serviceable reconnaissance a/c were observed on Wewak airfield.
12. Aitape - a.m. 24 April Aitape village was occupied without opposition. The next day 25 April Ali and Angel Islands (off shore from Aitape) were also occupied. Known enemy dead since the landing, number 102 with 17 Prisoners of war.  
Much equipment and many documents have been captured.
13. Hollandia - At 1030/25 villages along the possible escape road south west from Sentani Lake were bombed and strafed by 12 Mitchells. Many huts and wooden structures were destroyed or damaged.  
At 2045/25 12 enemy torpedo bombers attacked an allied destroyer 20 miles west of Humboldt Bay without effect. Apart from the raid by 1 aircraft evening 23 April on Humboldt Bay landing beach, this is the only enemy air reaction to our landing.  
During the 25 April both the Cyclops and Hollandia air strips (approx. 2 miles apart with Sentani airfield in between) were captured by our forces. The former was taken by troops advancing from Humboldt Bay and during this advance 100 Japs were killed and the Eastern part of Sentani Lake negotiated in amphibious craft. The latter was taken by troops advancing from the Tanamerah Beach head. The advance from Tanamerah was held by by bad land slide during night 24 -25 April, which blocked the motor road temporarily.

13. Hollandia (contd) : Large quantities of ammunition and medical supplies equipment, including a complete cratered ad set, have been captured, also a tremendous number of documents. The only opposition reported at the beach heads was desultory sniping.
14. Noemfoor Is. - At 1330/26 2 enemy fighters were seen by a Navy Liberator taking off from northerly airfield on Noemfoor Is, probably Kamiri.
15. Manokwari - At 1230/26 a/c observed 1 medium sized merchant vessel stationary just outside Manokwari Harbour and 1 small merchant ship in the Harbour.  
At 1330/26 1 enemy bomber was seen by a Navy Liberator taking off Manokwari airfield. The bomber was chased and hit by machine gun fire.
16. Sorong - At 1152/25 Jefman Island aerodrome (off Sorong) was attacked by 10 Liberators. The strip and revetments area were well covered by bomb pattern and 1 large fire was started. 1 fighter attempting to take off was destroyed by a direct hit. Observations included approx. 20 fighters parked wing tip to wing tip near the strip and approx. 30 probable bombers and revetments at Jefman. Also 5 fighters at Samate.  
At 2336/25 Jefman Is. airfield was again bombed by 4 RAAF Catalinas. Terrific explosions and fires were started in the revetment areas.

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2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1600/27:

- (1) "LATROBE" (AMS) escorting Convoy DT.52 (2 MV) departed Darwin 0500/24 for Thursday Island ETA. 0830/28
- (2) "YMS's 11, 72" departed Darwin 1813/23 for Exmouth Gulf ETA. 0700/29 thence Fremantle.
- (3) 16 Submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

<u>Darwin:</u>			
Escorts	6	:	2 AMS: "PIRIE" "INVERELL" 4 ML: 429, 809, 815, 814
Merchantmen	5	:	"DUNDULA" "MURADA" "ALAGNA" "W.D. BOYCE" "ADMIRAL CHASE"
<u>Drysdale:</u>			
Escorts	1	:	"WILCANNIA" (A/S)
Merchantmen	1	:	"GEO. EASTMAN"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

1. Merauke - At 0800/26 a probable enemy reconnaissance plane was over the Merauke area.
2. Ceram - At 1040/26 1 small sea truck with a barge alongside was observed by aircraft off Cape Matakabo (approx. 20 miles W. of Boela)

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1600/27:

- (1) "YO.288" departed Fremantle 1815/25 for Exmouth Gulf.

(b) In Harbour:

<u>Fremantle:</u>			
Combat Units	1 CA	:	"CUMBERLAND"
	1 CL	:	"ADELAIDE"

Fremantle (cont.)

Escorts 6

: "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739

3 ML: 812, 824, 826

Auxiliaries 9

"LARK" (AM) "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS) "CHANTICLEER"  
(ASR) "ISABEL" (PY) "CHILDS" (AV) 1 ARD  
2 YP 286

Exmouth Gulf:

Auxiliaries 1

: "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)

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B.. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

New Caledonia - A possible enemy submarine was seen by surface craft approx. 360 miles WSW Noumea at 1243/26.

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C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

1. Truk - Early a.m. 25 April Dublon, Moen, Fefan, Uman, and Falo Islands were attacked by 15 Soupac Liberators with unobserved results.  
Enemy night fighters were believed airborne but only 1 Liberator was attacked.
2. Woleai - At 1152/25 enemy patrol bomber was shot down by a Navy Liberator 260 miles South west of Woleai.  
On 26 April Woleai was again attacked by Navy Liberators; the details have not yet been received.

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ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

1. Consolidation of defences, Carolines, Marianas, N.W. Dutch New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya and Kuriles.
2. Increased use of submarines for transportation purposes in Marshalls-Bismarcks-Solomons.
3. Continued use of barges and small coasters for coastal transportation in forward areas.

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ALLIED NAVAL SUMMARYPART IIALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
		<u>Southwest Pacific</u> <u>(Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	
<u>BB</u>	INDIANA		(3) IDAHO NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA	-
<u>CV(E)</u>	(10) NATOMA BAY MANILA BAY CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR BARNES	SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO SANTEE PETROF BAY	-	-
<u>CA</u>	(2) AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE		-	-
<u>CL</u>	(4) BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX * HOBART		(8) COLUMBIA DENVER ST LOUIS HONOLULU BIRMINGHAM MONT PELIER CLEVELAND * LEANDER	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	TANGIER		(3) WRIGHT CHANDELEUR POCOMOKE	-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	(3) HALF MOON SAN PABLO HERON		(2) BALLARD COOS BAY	-
<u>DD</u>	(62) ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA NORMAN ABNER READ AMMEN BACHE BEALE CASSIN DALY DASHIELL FLETCHER GILLESPIE GRAYSON HARRISON HOBBY HOPEWELL HUTCHINS JOHN ROGERS KALK LA VALLETTE MCKEE MULLANY MURRAY NICHOLAS NICHOLSON O'BANNON PHILIP PRITCHETT RADFORD	REID RINGGOLD ROE SAMPSON SIGSBEE SCHROEDER STEMBEL STEVENS STEVENSON STOCKTON SWANSON TAYLOR THORN WELLES WILKES ABBOTT ANDERSON BLACK BULLARD CHAUNCFY ELLET ERBEN HALE HUGHES KIDD LANDSDOWNE LARDNER MORRIS MUSTIN RUSSEL WALKER	Approx. 35	-

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (contd)

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

SS (9) BASHAW DACE )  
BLACKFISH FLOUNDER )  
BLUEGILL MINGO ) On patrol - 10  
CERO SCAMP )  
SILVERSIDES )

(2) S.42 )  
S.47 ) At Milne Bay

(2) TUNNY )  
K.12 ) At Brisbane

K.9 At Sydney

PT Approx. 85 Approx. 110 ?

APA (29) H.T.ALLEN (APA) KANE (APD) 13 APA -  
APD KANIMBLA GILMER 1 APD  
MANOORA SCHLEY 6 AKA  
WESTRALIA SANDS  
HARRY LEE HUMPHREYS  
ZELLIN BROOKS  
ORMSBY HERBERT  
WINDSOR TALBOT  
ELMORE CROSBY  
WAYNE NOA  
ALGORAB (AKA) DENT  
CENTAURUS DICKERSON  
VIRGO KILTY  
TITANIA WARD  
AQUARIUS

AGC BLUE RIDGE - -

AS (3) OTUS - -  
EURYALE  
GRIFFIN

AD DOBBIN + -

AR (3) RIGEL PROMETHEUS -  
PLATYPUS  
AMYCUS

LSD (3) CARTER HALL AIRCRAFT: 63  
GUNSTON HALL Fighters (inc. 9 T/E) 38  
EPPING FOREST Light & M/Bombers 2  
Torpedo & D/Bombers 2  
Flying boats 3  
Floatplanes 25  
Obsn. A/c 11

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

CA - (2) NACHI  
ASHIGARA

C (3) DETROIT (3) ABUKUMA  
RALEIGH TAMA  
RICHMOND KISO

DD 9 10

SS 10 Approx. 4



3. GENERAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

			<u>Mandates</u> <u>Philippines</u>	<u>Empire</u>
<u>BB</u>	(14) IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA * OKLAHOMA	-	(5) YAMASHIRO ISE HYUGA * MUSASHI MUTSU (prob. sunk)
<u>CV</u>	(7) ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON HORNET	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL	-	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	(7) COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY * INDEPENDENCE	-	(5) RYUHO ZUIHO HITAKA HAYATAKA TAIHO
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	-	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	(19) COPAHEE PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU CASABLANCA ALTAMAHA WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY	FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MEHENTA BAY OMMANEY BAY SAVO ISLAND RANEE	-	(6) CHITOSE CHIYODA KAIYO JINYO OTAKA * UNYO
<u>CA</u>	(13) BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND	-	-
<u>OCA</u>	-	-	-	6
<u>CL</u>	(8) SANTA FE SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN MOBILE	BILOXI OAKLAND * RENO * CONCORD	(4) YUBARI KINU ISUZU OYODO	(2) NAGARA NATORI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHIMA	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CURTISS	-	(2) AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO	-
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 120	-	15-20	20 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u>	Approx. 30	-	25	Approx. 25
<u>AS</u>	?	-	?	2 (1 repairing)

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

<u>CL</u>	TRENTON	-
<u>DD</u>	9	-

\* Non effective

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Malaya

<u>BB</u>	-	(4) QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT REOWN RICHELIEU	(5) YAMATO NAGATO KONGO HARUNA FUSO
<u>CV</u>	-	(2) ILLUSTRIOUS SARATOGA	(2) SHOKAKU ZUIKAKU
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	(5) BATTLEER UNICORN SHAH ATHELING BEGUM	-
<u>CA</u>	CUMBERLAND	(5) SUFFOLK SUSSEX LONDON	(12) AOBA ATAGO TAKAO MAYA CHOKAI MOGAMI SUZUYA KUMANO TONE CHIKUMA HAGURO MYOKO
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	(8) CEBYON NEWCASTLE KENYA DANAE GAMBIER TROMP NIGERIA EMERALD	(4) YAHAGI NOSHIRO OI * KITAGAMI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(2) CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	-
<u>XCL</u>	-	(2) CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>DD</u>	-	Approx. 27	30
<u>SS</u>	(18) BILLFISH BONEFISH BOWFIN CREVALLE COD DARTER FLASHER HAKE HARDER	HOE JACK LAPON PADDLE PARGO RAY REDFIN ROBALO K.15 On patrol	Approx. 15 18 (incl. 7 German)
	(10) ANGLER BLUEFISH CABRILLA GUNNEL HADDO	NORWHALE PUFFER RATON RASHER K.14 At Fremantle	
<u>AS</u>	(2) PELIAS ORION		

AIRCRAFT: (East Indies only)  
 Fighters 126  
 Light & M. Bombers 77  
 Torpedo & D/Bombers -  
 Flying Boats -  
 Floatplanes 36  
 Obsn. A/c 23

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.

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Date 28 April 1944

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PART I

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AREA.

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1600/28:

- (1) "MATEFELE" (AGS) departed Milne Bay 1835/26 with Port Director Unit for Madang via Langemak and Saidor ETA Langemak 1900/28: on completion "MATEFELE" to proceed Kiriwina.
- (2) "SC's. 744, 982" departed Milne Bay 1230/27 for Langemak ETA 1800/28.
- (3) "ML's. 805, 806" departed Milne Bay 1530/27 for Langemak ETA 2200/28: to be sailed to Madang.
- (4) "MORESBY" (AGS) on survey duty.
- (5) "FREDERICK BILLINGS" aground on Veale Reef.
- (6) "SWAN" (PS) "LITHGOW" (AMS) "PC.477" on A/S patrol South China Strait.
- (7) "GLADSTONE" (AMS) was to depart Caloundra 1800/25 for Milne Bay ETA 1300/29.
- (8) "ECHUCA" "COLAC" (AMS) escorting one U.S. submarine departed Caloundra 1700/26 for Milne Bay.
- (9) 2 YT departed Mackay 0900/27 for Cairns ETA 1200/29.
- (10) "WHYALLA" (AMS) departed Caloundra 2200/24 on Sandy Cape A/S patrol.
- X (11) "NEW MEXICO" "PENNSYLVANIA" "IDAHO" (BB) escorted by "ANTHONY" "WARRINGTON" "BALCH" "BRAINE" (DD) proceeding Sydney ETA 0900/29.
- (12) "MOUNT VERNON" (AP) was to depart Melbourne 1000/28, proceeding out of S.W.P.A.
- (13) "MARIPOSA" (AP) was to depart Melbourne 1500/28, proceeding out of S.W.P.A.
- (14) 9 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "GRIFFIN" (AS) to depart Caloundra 1600/28 for Fremantle ETA 0400/7 May.
- (2) "MILDURA" (AMS) to depart Caloundra 2000/28 to relieve "WHYALLA" on A/S patrol Sandy Cape area.
- (3) "LATROBE" (AMS) escorting "BABINDA" to depart Thursday Island when ready for Millingimbi: on arrival Millingimbi, "LATROBE" returns Thursday Island, "BABINDA" sails independently for Darwin.
- (4) "STAWELL" "BOWEN" "GYMPIE" "CASTLEMAINE" (AMS) to return Milne Bay on relief ("COWRA" "KIAMA" "BENDIGO" (AMS) arriving).
- (5) "ML.825" to sail when ready for Milne Bay from Sydney coming under operational and administrative control of N.O.I.C. New Guinea.

Note: Special operational movements not shown.Admiralties:

Combat Units	3 BB	:	"INDIANA" "MASSACHUSETTS" "NORTH CAROLINA"
	6 CVE	:	"SANGAMON" "SUWANNEE" "CHENANGO" "SANTEE" "BARNES" "PETROF BAY"
	2 CA	:	"AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE"
	3 CL	:	"PHOENIX" "BOISE" "NASHVILLE"
	23 DD	:	"ABNER READ" "AMGEN" "ANDERSON" "ARUNTA" "BACHE" "BEALE" "CASSIN" "CHARLES AUSBURNE" "DALY" "DYSON" "ELLET" "HUGHES" "HUTCHINS" "LANSDOWNE" "LARDNER" "MORRIS" "MULLANY" "MUSTIN" "PHILIP" "PRITCHETT" "RUSSEL" "SPENCE" "VARRAMUNGA"
	22 PT		
Escorts	19	:	8 DE: "ACREE" "BARON" "LEVY" "PARKS" "ENGLAND" "SPANGLER" "GREINER" "BOWERS" 1 PF: "GASCOYNE" 2 AMS: "ARARAT" "BENDIGO" 7 YMS: 8, 10, 46, 47, 48, 51, 335 1 SC: 747
Auxiliaries	22	:	"OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "TANGLER" (AV) "LEOPARD" "MINK" (IX) "LASSEN" "SANGAY" "YUNNAN" (AE) "PRESIDENT POLK" (AP) "CACAPON" "CHIKASKIA" "ESCAMBIA" "VICTORIA" (AO) "EPPING FOREST" "GUNSTON HALL" (LSD) "PATHFINDER" "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) "GOUCAL (ASR) "POYANG" (ASIS) "ARIDED" "MINTAKA" (AK) "MERKUR" (AP)
Merchantmen	20	:	"J. BARBOSA" (J.G. BRADY) "CHIEF CHARLOT" "J.P. CHOTEAU" "T.M. COOLEY" "T. CRAWFORD" "J.O. CURWOOD" "J.D. DOTY" "E. FERRY" "FORT DONELSON" "J. HART" "S. JACKSON" "MOBILGAS" "MORMAGGULL" "POBLAU LAUT" "RAMO" "J.M. THOMPSON" "M. THORNTON" "S.M. WHITE" "W. WILLIAMS"
<u>Cape Gloucester:</u>			
Combat Units	1 DD	:	"SIGOURNEY"
Escorts	4	:	1 DE: "WITTER" 2 PC: 1124, 1135 1 SC: 699
Auxiliaries	9	:	"PICARD" (DM) "STANSBURY" "TREVOR" (DMS) "LIBRA" (AKA) "DUPAGE" "W.P. BIDDLE" "LEEDSTOWN" "FAYETTE" "WARREN" (APA)
<u>Talasea:</u>			
Combat Units	13 PT		
Auxiliaries	1	:	"HILO" (AGP)
<u>Melang:</u>			
Escorts	1	:	"BUNDABERG" (AMS)
<u>Saidor:</u>			
Merchantmen	2	:	"D.F. BARRY" "TIMOSHENKO"
Combat Units	10 PT	:	with 1 LST acting as AGP
<u>Langemak:</u>			
Combat Units	26 DD	:	"DASHIELL" "FLETCHER" "GILLESPIE" "HARRISON" "HOBBY" "HOPEWELL" "JOHN ROGERS" "KALK" "LA VALLETTE" "MCKEE" "MURRAY" "NICHOLSON" "RADFORD" "REID" "ROE" "SCHROEDER" "SIGSBEE" "STEMBEL" "STEVENS" "STEVENSON" "STOCKTON" "SWANSON" "TAYLOR" "RINGGOLD" "WELLES" "WILKES"
Escorts	37	:	2 DE: "LOVELACE" "MANNING" 5 PF: "CORONADO" "GLENDALE" "LONGBEACH" "SAN PEDRO" "EL PASO" 7 AMS: "GEBELONG" "BOWEN" "GLEBELG" "GOULBURN" "COWRA" "CASTLEMAINE" "KIAMA" 6 YMS: 9, 53, 73, 313, 334, 393 4 PC: 476, 1120, 1122, 1133 3 ML: 424, 431, 816 10 SC: 737, 648, 650, 703, 742, 743, 746, 748 750, 981
Auxiliaries	39	:	"PORTUNUS" (AGP) "HUMPHREYS" "HERBERT" "DICKERSON" "NOA" "CROSBY" "KANE" "GILMER" "BROOKS" "KILTY" "DENT" "WARD" (AFD) "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "HOGAN" "LONG" "HAMILTON (DMS)

Langetak (Contd.)

Auxiliaries  
(Contd.)

: "ORMSBY" "HARRY LEE" "ZEILIN" "WINDSOR"  
"H.T.ALLEN" "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"  
(APA) "CENTAURUS" (AKA) "AASE MAERSK" (AO)  
"TRIANGULUM" "BOOTES" "ETAMIN" (AK)  
"BAYOU ST. JOHN" "SONOMA" "RESERVE" (AT)  
"TULSA" (PG) "CHETCO" (AT) "AMYCUS" (ARL)  
"ANDREW DORIA" (IX) 1 YOG 1 YP: 156  
1 YP: 280

Merchantmen 28

: "ANSON BURLINGHAME" "ARKANSAS PASS"  
"E.D.BAKER" "J.BALL" "BORGFRED" "J.BUCHANAN"  
"W.E.CHANNING" "L.L.DYCHE" "HAWAIIAN SHIPPER"  
"D.E.HUGHES" "M.C.KERR" "W.S.LADD" "J.H.LANE"  
"MACTAN" "B.MATTHEWS" "MORMACSEA" "S.G.PORTER"  
"OZARK" "J.A.ROSSITER" "SEA FLASHER"  
"J.SINGER" "N.J.SINNOTT" "SOMMELSDIJK"  
"W.C.SQUIRE" "A.THOMAS" "TJISDANE"  
"D.WRIGHT" "K.D.WIGGIN"

Lae:

Escorts 3  
Auxiliaries 1  
Merchantmen 13

: 2 ML: 428, 430 1 SC: 734  
: "TASMAN" (AH)  
: "ANHUI" "F.H.DODD" "A.B.HAMMOND" "C.KELLY"  
"G.R.EEBARD" "P.C.HEWITT" "KATOOMBA" "J.ROSS"  
"ORMISTON" "T.SYMONS" "M.WALKER"  
"F.R.WARDWELL" "A.E.WATTS"

Morobe:

Auxiliaries 1

: "BENALLA" (AGS)

Buna-Oro Bay:

Combat Units 4 DD  
Escorts 8

: "GRAYSON" "THORN" "NICHOLAS" "O'BANNON"  
: 4 DE: "J.E.CRAIG" "NEUENDORF" "EICHENBERGER"  
"WHITEHURST"  
2 PF: "OGDEN" "VAN BUREN"  
2 SC: 735, 741

Auxiliaries 15

: "TRINITY" (AO) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "MEDUSA" (AR)  
"SANDS" (APD) "GENERAL JOHN POPE" (AP)  
"GANYMEDE" (AK) "OCTANS" (AF) "SHIKELLAMY"  
"SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG) "PYRO" (AE) "SOLACE" (AH)  
"GOLDSTAR" (AG) "DOBBIN" (AD) "TRYON" (APH)  
1 ARD

Merchantmen 39

: "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "BALIKPAPAN" "D.BELASCO"  
"S.BRANNON" "F.BILLINGS" "J.BURROUGHS"  
"CAPE GANSON" "P.CHANDLER" "S.L.CLARKE"  
"DEFIANCE" "P.T.DODDRIDGE" "J.EVANS"  
"D.D.FIELD" "M.FULLER" "R.F.HAND" "HANYANG"  
"D.HEWES" "ISOLATOR" "JANSSENS" "J.A.JOHNSON"  
"L.S.KELLY" "E.D.LANDER" "J.LYKES" "MONMOUTH"  
"W.V.MOODY" "T.NELSON" "NCRAB" "J.PALMER"  
"POINT SAN PEDRO" "POLAND VICTORY"  
"H.T.RAINEY" "PAUL REVERE" "RING LARDNER"  
"A.ROBINSON" "U.M.ROSE" "W.L.SUBJETTE"  
"H.V.WHIPE" "J.E.WING" "GEO.WYPHE"

Kiriwina Is:

Merchantmen 1

: "MANA"

Goodenough Is:

Merchantmen 4

: "J.W.MELDRUM" "S.G.PORTER" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK"  
"WEST CACTUS"

Milne Bay:

Combat Units 1 DD  
1 PT

: "VENDETTA"

Escorts 29

: 1 PF: "BARCOO"  
5 SC: 698, 732, 736, 737, 738  
5 AMS: "KAPUNDA" "GYMPIE" "STAWELL" "STRAHAN"  
"WAGGA"  
4 PG: 1121, 1123, 1131, 1132  
8 YMS: 49, 50, 52, 71, 314, 315, 316, 336  
8 ML: 425, 427, 801, 802, 803, 817, 818, 819

Auxiliaries 34

: "SCHLEY" "TALBOT" (APD) "DUNTROON" "REPUBLIC"  
(AP) "HALF MOON" (AVP) "OTUS" "EURYALE" (AS)  
"PERRY" (DMS) "KOOPA" (AGP) "RIGEL" (AR)  
"FIRE ISLAND" "WATO" (AT) "ST. MARYS"  
"CARONDOLET" "PORCUPINE" "PANDA" "VILLALOBOS"  
(IX) "ALABASTER" (PYC) "TEAK" (AN)  
"OGLALA" (ARG) "PING WO" (ASIS) "POLUX" (AKS)  
"SPRINGDALE" (YLG) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS)

Milne Bay (Contd.)

Auxiliaries (Contd.)

Merchantmen

77

: "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) 3 AFD 2 ARD 1 YOG  
3 YP: 278, 283, 449  
: "H.L.ABBOTT" "ALAMO" "L.BEECHER"  
"BUFFALOW WALLOW" "E.A.BRYAN" "W.N.BYERS"  
"CALUSO" "CAPE KILDARE" "CAPE ROMANO"  
"J.C.CALHOUN" "J.M.CAREY" "M.I.CASEY"  
"CHIPPEWA" "F.J.CUNEL" "M.DALY" "G.DAVIDSON"  
"J.DEERE" "DON MARQUIS" "F.A.EILERS" "F.EVERS"  
"H.EMERSON" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "FREDERICKSBURG"  
"FORT HENRY" "GAUNTLET" "GRAND RONDE"  
"W.GRENFELL" "J.HALL" "A.S.HEWITT" "H.I.HOYT"  
"THOS.JEFFERSON" "JUAN PABLO DUARTE" "KARSIK"  
"KOTA AGOENG" "KOTA BAROE" "KOTA GEDE"  
"T.C.LOWE" "N.LUCKENBACH" "F.B.LINDERMANN"  
"MAUI" "J.W.MCKAY" "A.MAJOR" "N.E.MACK"  
"C.H.MATSON" "J.B.MCPHERSON" "GEO.VON.L.MEYER"  
"MOLINO DEL REY" "H.MONROE" "B.T.OSBORNE"  
"MORMACLARK" "MUGINGO" "G.H.PORTER"  
"F.QUINONES" "A.REHAN" "M.ROBERTSON"  
"SABINE SUN" "S.H.SHORT" "SEA SCAMP" "SEA  
SNIPE" "L.STEWART" "TAWALI" "C.J.SEDGERS"  
"M.M.STEWART" "TECUMSEH" "TWO HARBOURS"  
"TUNG SONG" "B.TURMAN" "GEO.VANCOUVER"  
"VAN DEN BOSCH" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "R.J.WALKER"  
"S.W.WILLISTON" "ED.N.WESTCOTT" "J.M.WHISTLER"  
"YCHOW" "E.YOUNG"

Port Moresby:

Escorts

1

: 1 ML: 426

Auxiliaries

1

: "CALAMARES" (AF)

Merchantmen

2

: "J.P.BRADLEY" "MONFORO"

Thursday Is:

Escorts

3

: 1 AMS: "LATROBE" 1 ML: 820 1 SC: 731

Auxiliaries

3

: "POLARIS" (AGS) 1 YP: 291 "BUNGAREE" (CM)

Cairns:

Escorts

5

: 1 AMS: "BALLARAT" 1 PS: "WARREGO"  
1 PE: 479 2 ML: 804, 811

Auxiliaries

2

: "PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD

Townsville:

Auxiliaries

2

: "MANUNDA" (AH) 1 YP: 233

Mackay:

Auxiliaries

1

: "HERON" (AVP)

Rockhampton:

Auxiliaries

1

: 1 YP: 504

Brisbane:

Escorts

9

: 4 AMS: "BROOME" "BUNBURY" "KATOOMBA" "MILDURA"  
1 YMS: 70 2 ML: 808, 821 2 SC: 745, 749

Auxiliaries

6

: "ALGORAB" (AKA) "KURUMBA" (AO) "GRIFFIN" (AS)  
"MAETSUYCKER" (AH) "KAILUA" (IX) 1 YP: 236

Sydney:

Combat Units

1 CL

: "HOBART" (Refitting)

2 DD

: "STUART" "NORMAN"

Escorts

15

: 5 AMS: "COOTAMUNDRA" "DELORAINIE" "KALGOORLIE"  
"TOWNSVILLE" "WARRNAMBOOL"

4 A/S: "AB.CRIJSSEN" "DCOMBA" "KYBRA" "YANDRA"  
6 ML: 807, 809, 813, 822, 823, 825

Auxiliaries

4

: "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "POINT LOMA" (AT) "MIZAR" (AF)  
"CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS)

Melbourne:

Escorts

1

: 1 AMS: "PREMANTLE" (Refitting)

Adelaide:

Escorts

1

: 1 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" (Refitting)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

1. Buka Passage - At 0830/26 a submarine was reported by aircraft near Gog Island (8 miles S.W. Buka Passage).
2. Northeast coast New Ireland - a.m. 26 April aircraft reported 2 cargo vessels and 2 escorts 20 miles East of Borpop. Subsequent search failed to locate the shipping and the report should be treated with some reserve.

3. Rabaul - At 0830/26 Rapopo was attacked by 36 Dauntless, 12 Avengers. At 0905/26 Vunakanau was attacked by 48 Dauntless, 2 Avengers. At 0928/26 Lakunai was bombed by 24 Mitchell and simultaneously Tebera by 35 fighter-bombers. At 1230/26 Keravat was bombed by 10 P.38's. Photos show Lakunai, Keravat and Rapopo runways to be unserviceable prior to the strikes while the other two fields were well covered during the attacks.
4. Alexishafen-Wewak Coast - During the night 26-27 April a northbound truck on the road approx. 5 miles North of Conder Point (Hansa Bay) was strafed by PT boats. No other contacts were made by units operating along this coast. During 27 April coastal sweeps were conducted by 51 assorted fighters attacking a variety of targets.
5. Sepik River - At approx. 0930/27 barges and huts along the lower Sepik River were bombed and strafed by 36 Bostons.
6. Wewak - At approx. 1100/27 the 4 Wewak airfields and other targets in the vicinity were attacked by 58 Liberators and 32 Bostons. Also during 27 April Kairiu and Muschu Islands, particularly the seaplane base on the former, were attacked by 9 Mitchells.
7. Aitape Coast - On 25 April our patrols penetrated 4 miles West of Aitape and 13 miles East of the Tadjji airfield without enemy contact. During the night 26-27 April PT boats contacted no enemy surface craft along this coast but saw lights and activity at Dagua and also lights at Prittwita Point.
8. Hollandia - The Sentani air strip was occupied early p.m. 26 April. The strip was found to be serviceable for 3,300 feet.
9. Schouten Islands - At 1400/26 5 barges were sighted by aircraft off N.W. tip of Soepiori Island heading east. At 1327/27 one small merchant ship was seen by Navy Liberator off the eastern tip of Biak Island on course 70°. Near misses were scored with bombs and the ship was also strafed and last seen slowing speed, smoking aft.
10. Sorong - The strike by 10 Liberators reported in Summary 821 as conducted at 1152/25 was in fact conducted at 1152/26. Photos taken at this time show 10 bombers and 13 fighters serviceable on Jefman aerodrome, 6 fighters destroyed or damaged by the Catalina attack the previous night, 9 bombers destroyed or damaged by this Liberator strike and one bomber destroyed by a previous attack.

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NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1600/28:

- (1) "YMS's. 11, 72" departed Darwin 1813/23 for Exmouth Gulf ETA 0700/29 thence Fremantle.  
 (2) 18 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Escorts	6	:	2 AMS: "PIRIE" "INVERELL"
			4 ML: 429, 809, 815, 814
Merchantmen	5	:	"DUNDULA" "MURADA" "ALAGNA" "W.D. BOYCE"
			"ADMIRAL CHASE"

Wysdale:

Escorts	1	:	"WILCANNIA" (A/S)
Merchantmen	1	:	"GEO. EASTMAN"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

1. Babo - At 1217/27 the jetty and airfield areas were attacked by 9 Liberators. Bombs fell in the target areas; numerous fires and explosions occurred. Approx. 15 single-engined aircraft and 7 twin-engined aircraft were observed on Babo airfield. In addition 3 aircraft were observed at Sagan aerodrome (midway between Babo and Kokos). One

1. Babo (Contd.) - small camouflaged merchant ship also observed off shore at Babo.
2. S. Philippines - At 1130/26 an enemy surface force described as 10 light cruisers or destroyers was observed entering Davao Gulf from the South.
3. Borneo - At 0800/26 a convoy comprising 3-4 merchant ships with 2 escorts was observed proceeding close inshore along the N.W. coast of Borneo.
4. Merauke - At 1345/27 an enemy reconnaissance aircraft was seen 30 miles N.W. of Merauke.
5. Derby - At 0930-0950/27 a probable enemy reconnaissance plane was located approx. 100 miles North of Derby.

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1600/28:

1. "GUMBERLAND" (CA) was to depart Fremantle 0900/28, proceeding out of S.W.P.A.
2. "YP.288" departed Fremantle 1815/25 for Exmouth Gulf.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat Units	1 CL	:	"ADELAIDE
Escorts	6	:	"HORSEAM" "DUBBO" (AMG)
			1 SC: 739 3 ML: 812, 824, 826
Auxiliaries	9	:	"LARK" (AM) "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS)
			"CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ISABEL" (PY) "CHILDERS" (AV)
			1 ARD 2 YP: 286

Exmouth Gulf:

Auxiliaries	1	:	"W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)
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B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

1. Truk - Preliminary reports relate that during the night 26-27 April Truk was attacked by 19 Sopac Liberators but details of results have not been received.
2. Palau Area - At 0400/27 a U.S. submarine reported one large vessel with escorts approx. 100 miles S.W. of Peleliu Island, (Palau Group) on course 255°. At 1100/27 another U.S. submarine reported one "Mogami" class cruiser with at least 4 destroyers accompanying at Sonsoral Island, approx. 65 miles S.W. of the position in which the ship was sighted at 0400/27. There is no evidence of a "Mogami" class cruiser operating in this area and it is thought likely that the unit sighted was possibly "Yubari" class.
3. Marshalls-Carolines - On 24 April light to moderate strikes were conducted by Cenpac aircraft on Wotje, Jaluit, Taroa, Mille and Ponape.

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS

1. Concentration of allied naval units at Admiralty Islands.
2. Concentration of enemy naval forces in Malayan waters.
3. Consolidation of enemy defences in Marianas, W. Carolines, N.W. Dutch New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya and Kuriles.
4. Continued use by enemy of submarines for transportation purposes in Marshalls, Bismarcks and Solomons, and of barges and small freighters in less forward areas.
5. Allied PT boats operating off Wewak-Vanimo coast.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>		
		<u>Southwest Pacific</u> <u>(Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>			
<u>BB</u>	(6)	INDIANA IDAHO NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA	MASSACHUSETTS NORTH CAROLINA	-	-	
<u>CV (E)</u>	(10)	NATOMA BAY MANILA BAY CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR BARNES	SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO SANTEE PETROF BAY	-	-	
<u>CA</u>	(2)	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE		-	-	
<u>CL</u>	(4)	BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX * HOBART		(8)	COLUMBIA DENVER ST LOUIS HONOLULU BIRMINGHAM MONTPELIER CLEVELAND * LEANDER	
<u>AV/CVS</u>		TANGIER		(3)	WRIGHT CHANDELEUR POCOMOKE	
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	(3)	HALE MOON SAN PABLO HERON		(3)	BALLARD COOS BAY ORCA	
<u>DD</u>	(70)	ARUMTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA NORMAN ABNER READ AMMEN BACHE BEALE CASSIN DALY DASHIELL FLETCHER GILLESPIE GRAYSON HARRISON HOBBY HOPEWELL HUTCHINS JOHN ROGERS KALK LA VALLETTE MCKEE	MULLANY MURRAY NICHOLAS NICHOLSON O'BANNON PHILIP PRITCHETT RADFORD REID RINGGOLD ROE SAMPSON SIGSBEE SCHROEDER STEMBEL STEVENS STEVENSON STOCKTON SWANSON TAYLOR THORN WELLES WILKES	ABBOTT ANDERSON BLACK BULLARD CHAUNCEY ELLET ERBEN HALE HUGHES KIDD LANDSDOWNE LARDNER MORRIS MUSTIN RUSSEL WALKER ANTHONY BALCH BRAINE WARRINGTON CHARLES AUSBURNE DYSON SPENCE SIGOURNEY	Approx. 35	-

\* Non-effective

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
		<u>Southwest Pacific</u> <u>(Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	
<u>SS</u>	(9)	BASHAW DACE ) BLACKFISH FLOUNDER ) BLUEGILL MINGO ) On patrol CERO SCAMP ) SILVERSIDES )	-	10
	(2)	S.42 } S.47 }	At Milne Bay	
	(2)	TUNNY } K.12 }	At Brisbane	
		K.9	At Sydney	
<u>PT</u>		Approx. 85	Approx. 110	?
<u>APA</u> <u>AKA</u> <u>APD</u>	(31)	H.T.ALLEN (APA) KANIMBLA MANCORA WESTRALIA DUPAGE FAYETTE HARRY LEE LEEDSTOWN ZEILIN ORMSBY WINDSOR WARREN W.P.BIDDLE ALGORAB (AKA) CENTAURUS	LIBRA (AKA) VIRGO KANE (APD) GILMER SCHLEY SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS HERBERT TALBOT CROSBY NOA DEMT DICKERSON KILTY WARD	10 APA 1 APD 7 AKA
<u>AGC</u>		BLUE RIDGE	-	-
<u>AS</u>	(3)	OTUS EURYALE GRIFFIN	-	-
<u>AD</u>		DOBBIN	-	-
<u>AR</u>	(3)	RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS	PROMETHEUS	-
<u>ISD</u>	(4)	CARTER HALL GUNSTON HALL EPPING FOREST BELLE GROVE	-	<u>AIRCRAFT:</u> Fighters (inc.7 T/E) 65 Light & M/Bombers 38 Torpedo & D/Bombers 2 Flying Boats 3 Floatplanes 25 Obsn. A/ C 11

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CA</u>		-	(2) NACHI ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	(3)	DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	(3) ABUKUMA TAMA KISO
<u>DD</u>	9		10
<u>SS</u>	10		Approx. 4

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

			<u>Mandates Philippines</u>	<u>Empire</u>
<u>BI</u>	(12) IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON <del>NORTH CAROLINA</del> <del>MASSACHUSETTS</del> CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA * OKLAHOMA	-	(5) YAMASHIRO ISE HYUGA * MUSASHI MUTSU (prob. sunk)
<u>CV</u>	(7) ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON HORNET	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL	-	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	(7) COWPENS BELL EAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY * INDEPENDENCE	-	(5) RYUHO ZUIHO HITAKA HAYATAKA TAIHO
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	-	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(B)</u>	(19) COPAHEE PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU CASABLANCA ALTAMAHA WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY	FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATE BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MEHENEA BAY OMANEY BAY SAVO ISLAND RANEE	-	(6) CHITOSE CHUYODA KAIYO JINYO OTAKA * UNYO
<u>CA</u>	(13) BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND	AOBA	-
<u>CCA</u>	-	-	-	6
<u>CL</u>	(8) SANTE FE SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN MOBILE	BILOXI OAKLAND * RENO * CONCORD	(5) OI KINU ISUZU YUBARI OYODO	(2) NAGARA NATORI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHIMA	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CURTISS	-	(2) AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO	-
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 120	-	15-20	20 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u>	Approx. 30	-	25	Approx. 25
<u>AS</u>	?	-	?	2 (1 repairing)

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

CL TRENTON

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\* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Malaya

<u>BB</u>	-	(4) QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN RICHELIEU	(5) YAMATO NAGATO KONGO HARUNA FUSO
<u>CV</u>	-	(2) ILLUSTRIOUS SARATOGA	(2) SHOKAKU ZUIKAKU
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	(5) BATTLEER UNICORN SEAH ATHELING BEGUM	-
<u>CA</u>	CUMBERLAND	(3) SUFFOLK SUSSEX LONDON	(11) ATAGO SUZUYA TAKAO KUMANO MAYA FONE CHOKAI CHIKUMA MOGAMI HAGURO MYOKO
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	(3) CEYLON NEWCASTLE KENYA DANAE GAMBIER TROMP NIGERIA EMERALD	(3) YAHAGI NOSHIRO KITAGAMI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(2) CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	-
<u>XCL</u>	-	(2) CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>DD</u>	-	Approx. 27	30
<u>SS</u>	(18) BILLFISH HOE BONEFISH JACK BOWFIN LAPON CREVALLE PADDLE COD PARGO DARTER RAY FLASHER REDFIN HAKE ROBALO HARDER K.15	Approx. 15 On patrol	18 (incl. 7 German)
	(10) ANGLER NORWHAL BLUEFISH PUFFER CABRILLA RATON GUNNEL RASHER HADDO K.14	At Fremantle	
<u>S</u>	(2) PEI IAS ORION		

AIRCRAFT (East Indies only)

Fighters	138
Light & M/Bombers	77
Torpedo & D/Bombers	-
Flying Boats	-
Floatplanes	43
Obsn. A/C	23

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.

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PART I

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA.

1. EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1600/29:

- (1) "MATEFELE" (AGS) departed Milne Bay 1835/26 with Port Director Unit for Madang via Langemak and Saidor ETA Langemak 1900/28: on completion "MATEFELE" to proceed Kiriwina.
- (2) "ML.802" escorting 1 LCT departed Milne Bay 0700/28 for Lae ETA 1100/30, and Langemak ETA 1500/30. Thence to proceed Madang for patrol duty.
- (3) "GLADSTONE" (AMS) was to depart Caloundra 1800/25 for Milne Bay was due 1300/29.
- (4) "FREDERICK BILLINGS" aground on Veale Reef.
- (5) "SWAN" (PS) "LITHGOW" (AMS) "PC.477" on A/S patrol South China Strait.
- (6) "SC.731" escorting "BARALBA" departed Thursday Island 0408/29 for Merauke ETA 0500/30.
- (7) "LATROBE" (AMS) escorting "ALATNA" "BABINDA" were to depart Thursday Island 1300/29 for Millingimbi. On arrival "LATROBE" returns Thursday Island: "BABINDA" proceeds independently to Darwin.
- (8) "ECHUCA" "COLAC" (AMS) escorting 1 U.S. submarine departed Caloundra 1700/26 for Milne Bay ETA 1000/1 May, exercising en route. "ECHUCA" developed mechanical troubles, detached and proceeded independently ETA 0001/1.
- (9) "MILDURA" (AMS) departed Caloundra 2000/28 to relieve "WHYALLA" (AMS) on A/S patrol Sandy Cape.
- (10) "GRIFFIN" (AS) departed Caloundra 1600/28 for Fremantle ETA 0400/7.
- (11) "DOCMBA" (A/S) departed Sydney 0854/28 for A/S patrol Smoky Cape and return.
- (12) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "STAWELL" "BOWEN" "GYMPIE" "CASTLEMAINE" (AMS) to return Milne Bay on relief ("COWRA" "KIAMA" "BENDIGO" (AMS) arriving).
- (2) "ML.825" to sail when ready for Milne Bay from Sydney coming under operational and administrative control of N.O.I.C. New Guinea.

(c) In Harbour:

Note: Special operational movements not shown.

Admiralties:

Combat Units	1 BB	:	"INDIANA"
	5 CVE	:	"SANGAMON" "SUWANNEE" "CHENANGO" "SANTEE" "BARNES"
	2 CA	:	"AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE"
	3 CL	:	"PHOENIX" "HOISE" "NASHVILLE"
	23 DD	:	"ABNER READ" "AMMEN" "ANDERSON" "ARUNTA" "BACHE" "BEALE" "CASSIN" "CHARLES AUSBURNE" "DALY" "DYSON" "ELLET" "HUGHES" "HUTCHINS" "LANSDOWNE" "LARDNER" "MORRIS" "MULLANY" "MUSTIN" "PHILIP" "PRITCHETT" "RUSSEL" "SPENCE" "WARRAMUNGA"
Escorts	22 PT		
	23	:	8 DE: "ACREE" "BARON" "LEVY" "PARKS" "ENGLAND" "SPANGLER" "GREENER" "BOWERS" 1 PF: "GASCOYNE" 4 AMS: "ARARAT" "BENDIGO" "COWRA" "GLENELG" 1 FC: 1120 8 YMS: 8, 10, 46, 47, 48, 51, 313, 335 1 SC: 747
Auxiliaries	22	:	"OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "TANGLER" (AV) "LEOPARD" "MINK" (IX) "LASSEN" "SANGAY" "YUNNAN" (AE) "PRESIDENT POLK" (AP) "CACAPON" "SHIKASKIA" "ESCAMBI" "VICTORIA" (AO) "EPPING FOREST" "GUNSTON HALL" (LSD) "PATHFINDER" "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) "GOUCAL" (ASR) "POYANG" (ASIS) "ARIDED" "MINTAKA" (AK) "MERKUR" (AF)
Merchantmen	23	:	"J.BALL" "J.BARBOSA" "J.G.BRADY" "CHIEF CHARLOT" "J.P.CHOTEAU" "S.CLARKE" "T.M.COOLEY" "T.CRAWFORD" "J.O.GURWOOD" "J.D.DOTY" "E.FERRY" "FORT DONELSON" "J.HART" "S.JACKSON" "MOBILGAS" "MORMACGULL" "POELAU LAUT" "RAMO" "SEA FLASHER" "J.M.THOMPSON" "M.THORNTON" "S.M.WHITE" "W.WILLIAMS"
<u>Cape Gloucester:</u>			
Combat Units	1 DD	:	"SIGCURNEY"
Escorts	4	:	1 DE: "WITTER" 2 FC: 1124, 1135 1 SC: 699
Auxiliaries	9	:	"PIGARD" (DM) "STANSBURY" "TREVET" (DMS) "LIBRA" (AKA) "DUPAGE" "W.P.BIDDLE" "LEEDSTOWN" "FAYETTE" "WARREN" (APA)
<u>Talasea:</u>			
Combat Units	13 PT		
Auxiliaries	1	:	"HILO" (AGP)
<u>Saidor:</u>			
Combat Units	10 PT		with 1 LST acting as AGP
Merchantmen	1	:	"TIMOSHENKO"
<u>Langemak:</u>			
Combat Units	20 DD	:	"VENDETTA" "FLETCHER" "GILLESPIE" "HARRISON" "HOPEWELL" "JOHN ROGERS" "KALK" "LA VALLETTE" "MCKEE" "MURRAY" "NICHOLSON" "RADFORD" "REID" "SCHROEDER" "STEMBEL" "STEVENS" "STOCKTON" "RINGGOLD" "WELLES" "WILKES"
Escorts	36	:	2 DE: "LOVELACE" "MANNING" 5 FE: "CORONADO" "GLENDALE" "LONGBEACH" "SAN PEDRO" "EL PASO" 5 AMS: "GEELONG" "BOWEN" "GOULBURN" "CASTLEMAINE" "KIAMA" 4 YMS: 9, 314, 334, 393 1 FC: 1133 5 RL: 424, 451, 805, 806, 816 14 SC: 732, 735, 737, 648, 650, 703, 741 742, 743, 744, 746, 750, 981, 982
Auxiliaries	39	:	"PONTUNUS" (AGP) "HUMPHREYS" "HERBERT" "DICKERSON" "NOA" "CROSBY" "KANE" "GILMER" "BROOKS" "KILTY" "DENT" "WARD" (APD) "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "HOGAN" "LONG" (DMS)

Langeak (Contd )  
Auxiliaries (Contd.)

: "ORMSBY" "HARRY LEE" "LEILIN" "WINDSOR"  
 "H.T.ALLEN" "KANIMBLA" "MANGORA" "WESTRALIA"  
 (APA) "CENTAURUS" (AKA) "AASE MAERSK" (AO)  
 "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG) "TRIANGULUM" "BOCTES"  
 "ETAMIN" (AK) "BAYOU ST. JOHN" "SONOMA"  
 "RESERVE" "CHETCC" (AT) "TULSA" (PG)  
 "AMYCUS" (ARL) "ANDREW DORIA" (IX)  
 1 YCG 1 YT: 156 1 YF: 280  
 : "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "ANHUI" "ANSON BURLINGHAME"  
 "ARKANSAS PASS" "E.D.BAKER" "BALIKPAPAN"  
 "D.F.BARRY" "BORGFRED" "J.BUCHANAN"  
 "J.BURROUGHS" "W.E.CHANNING" "L.L.DYCHE"  
 "D.D.FIELD" "HANYANG" "HAWAIIAN SHIPPER"  
 "P.S.HEWITT" "D.B.HUGHES" "ISOLATOR"  
 "JANSSENS" "KATOOMBA" "M.C.KERR" "W.S.LADD"  
 "J.H.LANE" "MACTAN" "B.MATTHEWS" "W.H.MOODY"  
 "MORNAGSEA" "OZARK" "A.REHAN" "H.T.RAINEY"  
 "RING LARDNER" "J.A.ROSSITER" "J.SINGER"  
 "N.J.SINNOTT" "SOMMELSDIJK" "W.C.SQUIRE"  
 "W.J.SUBJETTE" "A.THOMAS" "TJISADANE"  
 "K.D.WIGGIN" "H.V.WHITE" "D.WRIGHT" "YOCHOW"

Merchantmen 43

Lae:

Escorts 3 : 2 ML: 428, 430 1 SG: 734  
 Auxiliaries 1 : "TASMAN" (AH)  
 Merchantmen 10 : "F.H.DODD" "A.B.HAMMOND" "G.R.HEBARD"  
 "O.KELLY" "CRMISTON" "A.ROBERTSON" "J.ROSS"  
 "T.SYMONS" "M.WALKER" "P.R.WARDWELL"

Morobe:

Auxiliaries 2 : "BENALLIA" "MORESBY" (AGS)

Buna-Oro Bay:

Combat Units 12 DD : "DASHIELL" "GRAYSON" "HOBEY" "JENKINS"  
 "NICHOLAS" "G'BANNON" "ROE" "SIGSEEE"  
 "STEVENSON" "SWANSON" "TAYLOR" "THORN"

Escorts 6 : 4 DE: "J.E.CRAIG" "EICHENBERGER" "NEUENDORF"  
 "WHITEHURST"

Auxiliaries 16 : 2 PF: "OGDEN" "VAN BUREN"  
 : "TRINITY" (AC) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "MEDUSA" (AR)  
 "SANDS" (APD) "GENERAL JOHN POPE" (AP)  
 "GANYMEDE" (AK) "OCTANS" (AF) "SHIKELLAMY"  
 (AOG) "POLLUX" (AKS) "PYRO" (AE) "SOLACE" (AH)  
 "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "DOBBIN" (AD) "TRYON" (APH)  
 "HAMILTON" (DMS) 1 ARD

Merchantmen 39 : "D.BELASCO" "S.BRANNON" "P.BILLINGS"  
 "E.A.BRYAN" "CAPE CANSON" "CAPE KILDARE"  
 "P.CHANDLER" "G.DAVIDSON" "DEFIANCE"  
 "P.T.DODDRIDGE" "DON MARQUIS" "J.EVANS"  
 "FAIRISLE" "M.FULLER" "R.F.HAND" "D.HEWES"  
 "A.S.HEWITT" "J.A.JOHNSON" "L.S.KELLY"  
 "E.D.LANDER" "T.C.LOWE" "J.LYKES" "J.W.MACKAY"  
 "J.B.MACPHERSON" "MAUI" "MONMOUTH"  
 "T.NELSON" "NORAB" "J.PALMER"  
 "POINT SAN PEDRO" "POLAND VICTORY"  
 "PAUL REVERE" "A.ROBINSON" "U.M.ROSE"  
 "SEA SCAMP" "VAN SPILSBERGEN" "R.J.WALKER"  
 "J.E.WING" "GEO.WYTHE"

Kiriwina:

Merchantmen 1 : "MANA"

Goodenough Is:

Merchantmen 3 : "J.W.MELDRUM" "S.G.PORTER" "WEST CACTUS"

Milne Bay:

Combat Units 1 PT

Escorts 34 : 1 PF: "BARCOO"  
 5 SS: 698, 736, 737, 738, 748  
 6 AMS: "KAPUNDA" "GYMPIE" "STAWELL" "STRAHAN"  
 "WAGGA" "BUNDABERG"  
 6 PC: 476, 1121, 1122, 1123, 1131, 1132  
 9 YRS: 49, 50, 52, 53, 71, 73, 315, 316, 336  
 7 ML: 425, 427, 801, 803, 817, 818, 819

Merchantmen 67

: "SCHLEY" "TALBOT" (AD) "DUNTROON"  
"REPUBLIC" (AP) "HALF MOON" (AVP) "OTUS"  
"EURYALE" (AS) "PERRY" (DMS) "KOOPA" (AGP)  
"RIGEL" (AR) "FIRE ISLAND" "WATO" (AT)  
"ST. MARYS" "CARONDOLET" "PORCUPINE"  
"PANDA" "VILLALOBOS" (IX) "ALABASTER" (PYC)  
"TEAK" (AN) "OGLALA" (ARG) "PING WO" (ASIS)  
"SPRINGDALE" (YDG) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS)  
"WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) 3 AFD 2 ARD 1 YOG  
3 YP: 278, 283, 449  
: "H.L.ABBOTT" "ALAMO" "J.J.ASTOR" "L.BEECHER"  
"BUFFALOW WALLOW" "W.N.BYERS" "CALUSO"  
"CAPE ROMANO" "J.C.CALHOUN" "J.M.CAREY"  
"M.I.CASEY" "CHIPPEWA" "F.J.CUNEL" "M.DALY"  
"J.DEERE" "DONA NATI" "F.A.EILERS"  
"H.EMERSON" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "F.EVERS"  
"FORT HENRY" "FREDERICKSBURG" "GAUNTLET"  
"GENERAL VERSPIJK" "GRAND RONDE"  
"W.GRENFELL" "J.HALL" "H.I.HOYT"  
"THOS.JEFFERSON" "JUAN PABLO DUARTE"  
"KARSIK" "KOTA AGOENG" "KOTA BAROE"  
"KOTA GEDE" "F.B.LINDERMANN" "N.LUCKENBACH"  
"N.E.MACK" "A.MAJOR" "C.H.MATSON"  
"GEO.VONL. MEYER" "MOLINO DEL REY"  
"H.MORROE" "B.T.OSBORNE" "H.C.PAYNE"  
"MORMACLARK" "NUGINCO" "G.H.PORTER"  
"S.G.PORTER" "F.QUINONES" "SABINE SUN"  
"SEA SNIPE" "S.H.SHORT" "L.STEWART"  
"M.M.STEWART" "TAWALI" "C.J.SEDGERS"  
"TECUMSEH" "TUNG SONG" "S.TURMAN"  
"GEO.VANCOUVER" "VAN DEN BOSCH" "A.E.WATTS"  
"S.W.WILLISTON" "ED.N.WESTCOTT"  
"J.M.WHISTLER" "E.YOUNG"

Port Moresby:

Escorts 1  
Auxiliaries 1  
Merchantmen 2

: 1 ML: 426  
: "CALAMARES" (AF)  
: "J.P.BRADLEY" "MONTORO"

Thursday Is:

Escorts 1  
Auxiliaries 3

: 1 ML: 820  
: "POLARIS" (AGS) 1 YP: 291 "BUGAREE" (CM)

Cairns:

Escorts 5  
Auxiliaries 2

: 1 AMS: "BALLARAT" 1 PS: "WARREGG"  
1 PG: 479 2 ML: 804, 811  
: "PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD

Townsville:

Auxiliaries 2

: "MANUNDA" (AH) 1 YP: 233

ackay:

Auxiliaries 1

: "HERON" (AVP)

Rockhampton:

Auxiliaries 1

: 1 YP: 504

Brisbane:

Escorts 9

: 4 AMS: "BROOME" "BUNBURY" "KATCOMBA"  
"MILDURA"  
1 YMS: 70 2 ML: 808, 821 2 SC: 745, 749  
: "ALGORAB" (AKA) "TURUMBA" (AO)  
"MAETSUYCKER" (AH) "KAILUA" (IX) 1 YP: 236

Auxiliaries 5

Sydney:

Combat Units 3 BB  
1 CL  
6 DD

: "NEW MEXICO" "PENNSYLVANIA" "IDAHO"  
: "HOBART" (Refitting)  
: "STUART" "NORMAN" "ANOTHONY" "WARRINGTON"  
"BALCH" "BRAINE"

Escorts 14

: 5 AMS: "COOTAMUNDRA" "DELORAIN" "KALGOORLIE"  
"TOWNSVILLE" "WARRNAMBOOL"

Auxiliaries 4

3 A/S: "AB.CRIJSSSEN" "KYBRA" "YANDRA"  
6 ML: 807, 809, 813, 822, 823, 825  
: "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "POINT LOMA" (AT)  
"MIZAR" (AF) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS)

Melbourne:

Escorts 1

: 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" (Refitting)

Adelaide:

Escorts 1

: 1 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" (Refitting)



(11) ENEMY FORCES

1. Kavieng - At 0830/27 Kavieng airfield and surrounding a/a positions were bombed by 42 Dauntless and 12 Avengers. Good coverage was obtained.
2. Rabaul - The stores areas at Talili Bay were attacked a.m. and p.m. 27 April by 24 Mitchells 23 Dauntless 24 Avengers and some fighter bombers. Tobera was also attacked by 4 Liberators.
3. St Georges Channel - A possible submarine was seen by aircraft just North of Duke of York Island at 1015/27.
4. Alexishafen-Wewak Coast - Coastal sweeps mainly by fighters, but which also included some Bostons and Mitchells continued throughout 28 April, but full details are not yet available. Final reports concerning sweeps on 27 April indicate that a total of 75 Thunderbolts 48 Aircobras 19 Mitchells attacked various coastal targets apart from those specifically attacking Wewak and the Sepik River area.
5. Aitape - At approx. 2300/27 3 enemy aircraft slipped undetected into the Aitape area and attacked an allied vessel off shore scoring 2 torpedo hits (see Naval Incidents) One enemy aircraft was shot down.  
During the same night 2 other alerts were sounded, but no report has been received of actual attacks developing.
6. Wakde - At 1030-1230/28 Wakde Island and Sawar strips, also installations at Sarmi Point, were attacked by 23 Liberators 39 Mitchells, but results are not yet complete.
7. Biak Island - At about 1200/28 the Mokmer airfield on the South Coast, was attacked by a substantial formation of Liberators of which so far 29 have reported. Preliminary reports indicate that at least 5 bombers and 5 fighters were destroyed on the ground, and that of 10 intercepting enemy fighters, 2 were shot down, 2 probably shot down and another damaged.
8. Sorong area - At 1210/28 the Jefman Island airstrip was bombed by 7 Liberators covering the targets satisfactorily. 10 enemy fighters engaged with aerial bombs: 1 was probably shot down and 2 probably damaged. 2 small sea trucks were seen at Jefman Island but only small craft were observed at Sorong.

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2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At sea to 1600/29:

- (1) "PIRIE" escortin 2 MV was to depart Darwin 0500/29 for Thursday Is.
- (2) 16 Submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Escorts	5	: 1 AMS : "INVERELL"
		4 ML: 429, 809, 815, 814
Merchantmen	3	: "MURADA" "W.D. BOYCE" "ADMIRAL CHASE"

Drysdale:

Escorts	1	: "WILGANNIA" (A/S)
Merchantmen	1	: "GEO. EASTMAN"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

1. Babo - Photos taken during the strike on Babo airfield 1217/27 (reported Summary 822) show 16 serviceable aircraft on the ground, including 15 fighters and 1 transport plane. Surfacing of the Sagan runway is apparently completed and extension of dispersal facilities continues.
2. Balikpapan - Catalinas over Balikpapan during the night 27-28 April observed 1 possible destroyer and 3 other ships, in

2. Balikpapan (contd) In addition to some barges or small craft at or near Balikpapan.

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1600/29:

- (1) "YMS 11, 72" departed Darwin 1813/23 for Exmouth Gulf ETA 0700/29, thence to proceed Fremantle
- (2) "YP.288" departed Fremantle 1815/25 for Exmouth Gulf.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat Units	1 CL	:	"ADELAIDE"
Escorts	6	:	"HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739 3 ML: 812, 824, 826
Auxiliaries	9	:	"LARK" (AM) "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ISABEL" (PY) "CHILDS" (AV) 1 ARD 2 YP: 286

Exmouth Gulf

Auxiliaries	1	:	"W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)
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B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

1. Truk - During the night 25-26 April Dublon, Param, Eten and Moen were bombed by 16 Cenpac Liberators. 2 or 3 probable enemy night fighters were observed airborne but no interception was effected. Details concerning the raid night 26-27 April (reported in Summary 822) relate that Dublon, Eten, Moen and Fefan were attacked by 16 Soupac Liberators. Fires and explosions were caused; 3 enemy fighters were encountered and 1 was shot down. 1 Liberator was lost and a/a fire.
2. Woleai - At 1110/28 Woleai runway was bombed by 21 Souwespac Liberators 135 x 1000 lb bombs blanketed the runway.
3. Ponape - During daylight 25 April Ponape airfield was attacked by 8 Mitchells each dropping 1 ton of bombs on the strips. The following night the aerodrome and town areas were attacked by 3 Liberators dropping 6½ tons of bombs.
- Marshalls - During 25 April Wotje was attacked by 23 Liberators 11 Mitchells 23 Corsairs dropping 99 tons of bombs and also strafing the atoll. Large fires were started.

During the same day Taroa was attacked by 16 Dauntless 8 Hellcats which dropped 11½ tons of bombs and Jaluit was attacked by 12 Mitchells 5 Venturas which dropped 19 tons of bombs.

Other light raids were conducted on Mille and Taongi (northernmost atoll off the Marshalls).

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C. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Submarine activity - An enemy submarine was indicated by D/F on 25 April probably off East coast of Africa, in the Northern Mozambique Channel area.

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NAVAL INCIDENTS

1. Aitape - U.S.S. "ETAMIN" (AK) was attacked by 3 enemy torpedo bombers at 2300/27 off Aitape. 2 Torpedo hits were suffered

1. Aitape (contd) - The engine room was put out of action but the "ETAMIN" is being, or to be, towed back to the base. Few casualties, however, were suffered.
2. Palau area - With reference to the enemy cruiser described as "MOGAMI" class sighted by U.S. submarine 1100/27 at Sonsoral Is. 1 certain and 1 probable torpedo hits were claimed. It is recalled that the vessel concerned was considered most likely to be "YUBARI" than a "MOGAMI" class cruiser.

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS

1. Concentration of enemy naval forces in Malayan waters.
2. Increasing weight of allied air strikes on remaining enemy-held atolls in Marshalls.
3. Telling blow on new operational enemy airfield at Mokmer.
4. Effective torpedo attack on YUBARI class light cruiser.
5. Night enemy air attack on shipping off Aitape.
6. Consolidation of enemy defences in Marianas, W. Carolines, N.W. Dutch New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya and Kuriles.
7. Continued use of enemy by submarines for transportation purposes in Marshalls, Bismarcks and Solomon's, and of barges and small freighters in less forward areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

<u>BB</u>	(4) INDIANA IDAHO NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA		-	-
<u>CV (E)</u>	(9) NATOMA BAY MANILA BAY CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR BARNES	SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO SANTEE	-	-
<u>CA</u>	(2) AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE		-	-
<u>CL</u>	(4) BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX * HOBART		(8)	COLUMBIA DENVER ST LOUIS HONOLULU BIRMINGHAM MONTPELIER CLEVELAND * LEANDER
<u>AV/CVS</u>	TANGIER		(3)	WRIGHT CHANDELEUR POCOMOKE
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	(3) HALF MOON SAN PABLO HERON		(3)	BALLARD COOS BAY ORCA
<u>DD</u>	(70) ARUMTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA NORMAN ABNER READ AMTEN BACHE BEALE CASSIN DALY DASHIELL FLETCHER GILLE SPIE GRAYSON HARRISON HOBBY HOPEWELL HUPCHINS JOHN ROGERS KALK LA VALLETTE MCKEE	MULLANY MURRAY NICHOLAS NICHOLSON O'BANNON PHILIP PRITCHETT RADFORD REID RINGGOLD ROE SAMPSON SIGSBEE SCHROEDER STEMBEL STEVENS STEVENSON STOCKTON SWANSON TAYLOR THORN WELLES WILKES	ABBOTT ANDERSON BLACK BULLARD CHAUNCEY ELLET GREEN HALE HUGHES KIDD LANSDOWNE LARDNER MORRIS MUSTIN RUSSEL WALKER ANTHONY BALCH BRAINE WARRINGTON CHARLES AUSBURNE DYSON SPENCE SIGCURNERY	Approx. 35

\* Non-effective

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
		<u>Southwest Pacific</u> <u>(Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	
<u>SS</u>	(8)	BASHAW DACE ) BLACKFISH FLOUNDER ) BLUEGILL MINGO ) CERO SCAMP )	-	10
		On patrol		
	(3)	SILVERSIDES ) S.42 ) S.47 )		
		At Milne Bay		
	(2)	TUNNY ) K.12 )		
		At Brisbane.		
		K.9		
		At Sydney		
<u>PT</u>	Approx. 35		Approx. 110	?
<u>APA</u>	(31)	H.T.ALLEN (APA)	LIBRA (AKA)	10 APA
<u>AKA</u>		KANIMBLA	VIRGO	1 APD
<u>APD</u>		MANOORA	KANE (APD)	7 AKA
		WESTRALIA	GILMER	
		DUPAGE	SCHLEY	
		FAYETTE	SANDS	
		HARRY LEE	HUMPHREYS	
		LEEDSTOWN	BROOKS	
		ZELIN	HERBERT	
		ORMSBY	TALBOT	
		WINDSOR	CROSBY	
		WARREN	NOA	
		W. P. BIDDLE	DENT	
		ALGRAB (AKA)	DICKERSON	
		CENTAURUS	KILTY	
			WARD	
<u>AGC</u>		BLUE RIDGE	-	-
<u>AS</u>	(3)	OTUS EURYALE GRIFFIN	-	-
<u>AD</u>		DOBBIN	-	-
<u>A</u>	(3)	RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS	PROMETHEUS	-
<u>LSD</u>	(4)	CARTER HALL GUNSTON HALL EPPING FOREST BELLE GROVE		
			<u>AIRCRAFT:</u>	
			Fighters (inc. 7 T/E)	67
			Light & M/Bombers	36
			Torpedo & D/Bombers	2
			Flying Boats	3
			Floatplanes	25
			Obsn. A/C	11

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CA</u>		-	(2) NACHI, ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	(3)	DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	(3) ABUKUMA TAMA KISO
<u>DD</u>	9		10
<u>SS</u>	10		Approx. 4

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

			<u>Mandates</u> <u>Philippines</u>	<u>Empire</u>
<u>BB</u>	(14) IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA * OKLAHOMA	-	(5) YAMASHIRO ISE HYUGA * MUSA SHI MUTSU (prob sunk)
<u>CV</u>	(7) ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON HORNET	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL	-	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	(8) CABOT COWPENS BATAAN BELLEAU WOOD	LANGLEY MONTEREY PRINCETON * INDEPENDENCE	-	(5) RYUHO ZUIHO HITAKA HAYATAKA TAIHO
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	-	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	(20) COPAHEE PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU CASABLANCA ALTAMAHA WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY SAVO ISLAND	FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY KILKUN BAY MEHENTA BAY OMMONEY BAY PETROF BAY RANEE	-	(6) CHITOSE CHUYODA KAIYO JINYO OTAKA * UNYO
<u>CA</u>	(13) BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND	AOBA	-
<u>OCA</u>	-	-	-	6
<u>CL</u>	(8) SANTE FE SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN MOBILE	BILOXI OAKLAND * RENO * CONCORD	(5) OI KINU ISUZU OYODO * YUBARI	(2) NAGARA NATORI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHIMA	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CURTISS	-	(2) AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO	-
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 120	-	15-20	20 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u>	Approx. 30	-	25	Approx. 25
<u>AS</u>	?	-	?	2 (1 repairing)

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

<u>CL</u>	TRENTON	-
<u>DD</u>	9	-

\* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Malaya

<u>BB</u>	-	(4) QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN RICHELIEU	(5) YAMATO NAGATO KONGO HARUNA FUSO
<u>CV</u>	-	(2) ILLUSTRIOUS SARATOGA	(2) SHOKAKU ZUIKAKU
<u>CV (E)</u>	-	(5) BATTLEB UNICORN SHAH ATHELING BEGUM	-
<u>CA</u>		(4) SUFFOLK SUSSEX LONDON CUMBERLAND	(11) ATAGO SUZUYA TAKAO KUMANO MAYA TONE CHOKAI CHIKUMA MOGAMI HAGURO MYOKO
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	(8) CEYLON NEWCASTLE KENYA DANAE GAMBIER TROMP NIGERIA EMERALD	(3) YAHAGI NOSHIRO * KITAGAMI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(2) CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	-
<u>XCL</u>	-	(2) CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>DD</u>	-	Approx. 27	30
<u>SS</u>	(16) BONEFISH HOE } BOWFIN JACK } CREVALLE PADDLE } COD FARGO } DARTER RAY } FLASHER REDFIN } HAKE ROBALO } HARDER K.15 }	Approx. 15 On patrol	18 (incl. 7 German)
	BILLFISH	At Darwin	
	LAPON	At Exmouth Gulf	
	(10) ANGLER NORWAL } BLUEFISH PUFFER } CABRILLA RATON } GUNNEL RASHER } HADDO K.14 }	At Fremantle	
<u>AS</u>	(2) FELIAS ORION		

AIRCRAFT (East Indies only)  
Fighters 115  
Light & M/Bombers 68  
Torpedo & D/Bombers -  
Flying Boats -  
Floatplanes 43  
Obsn. A/C 23

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. 824

Date 30 April 1944

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PART ISOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. EASTERN AREA.(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1600/30:

- (1) "OTUS" (AS) departed Milne Bay 0800/28 for Brisbane ETA 0800/2 May.
- (2) "BOWEN" (AMS) was to depart Milne Bay 1400/30 for Cairns for boiler-cleaning and repairs ETA Grafton Passage a.m. 2 May.
- (3) "FREDERICK BILLINGS" aground on Veale Reef.
- (4) "SWAN" (PS) "LITHGOW" (AMS) "PC.477" on A/S patrol South China Strait.
- (5) "ECHUCA" "COLAC" (AMS) escorting 1 U.S. submarine departed Caloundra 1700/26 for Milne Bay ETA 1000/1 May, exercising en route. "ECHUCA" developed mechanical troubles, detached and proceeded independently ETA 0001/1.
- (6) "MAETSUYCKER" (AH) departed Brisbane 0935/29 for Milne Bay ETA 1600/2.
- (7) "MILDRUA" (AMS) departed Caloundra 2000/28 on A/S patrol Sandy Cape.
- (8) "WADSWORTH" "TERRY" (DD) proceeding Sydney ETA 1 May.
- (9) "GRIFFIN" (AS) departed Caloundra 1600/28 for Fremantle ETA 0400/7.
- (10) "DOOMBA" (A/S) departed Sydney 0854/28 for A/S patrol Smoky Cape and return.
- (11) 9 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "SC.749" to depart Caloundra 2000/1 to relieve "MILDURA" on Sandy Cape A/S patrol: on relief at 0600/5 by "WHYALLA" (AMS), "SC.749" returns to harbour.
- (2) "ML.825" to sail when ready for Milne Bay from Sydney coming under operational and administrative control of N.O.I.C. New Guinea.

(c) In Harbour: (Note: Special operational movements not shown).Admiralties:Combat Units

1 BB : "INDIANA"  
5 CVE : "SANGAMON" "SUWANNEE" "CHENANGO" "SANTEE"  
"BARNES"  
2 CA : "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE"  
3 CL : "PHOENIX" "BOISE" "NASHVILLE"



Admiralties (Contd.)

Combat Units (Contd.) 23 DD : "ABNER READ" "AMMEN" "ANDERSON" "ARUNTA"  
"BACHE" "BEALE" "CASSIN" "CHARLES AUSBURNE"  
"DALY" "DYSON" "ELLET" "HUGHES" "HUTCHINS"  
"LANSLOWNE" "LARDNER" "MORRIS" "MULLANY"  
"MUSTIN" "PHILIP" "PRITCHETT" "RUSSEL"  
"SPENCE" "WARRAMUNGA"

Escorts 22 PT  
23 : 8 DE: "ACREE" "BARON" "BEVY" "PARKS" "ENGLAND"  
"SPANGLER" "GREIGNER" "BOWERS"  
1 PF: "GASCOYNE"  
4 AMS: "ARARAT" "BENDIGO" "COWRA" "GLENELG"  
1 PC: 1120  
8 YMS: 8, 10, 46, 47, 48, 51, 313, 335  
1 SC: 747

Auxiliaries 22 : "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "SAN PABLO" (AVP)  
"TANGIER" (AV) "LEOPARD" "MINK" (IX) "LASSEN"  
"SANGAY" "YUNNAN" (AE) "PRESIDENT POLK" (AP)  
"CACAPON" "CHIKASKIA" "ESCAMBIA" "VICTORIA"  
(AO) "EPPING FOREST" "GUNSTON HALL" (LSD)  
"PATHFINDER" "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) "COUCAL" (ASR)  
"POYANG" (ASIS) "ARIDED" "MINTAKA" (AK)  
"MERKUR" (AF)

Merchantmen 23 : "J.BALL" "J.BARBOZA" "J.G.BRADY"  
"CHIEF CHARLOT" "J.P.CHOTEAU" "S.CLARKE"  
"T.M.COOLEY" "T.CRAWFORD" "J.O.CURWOOD"  
"J.D.DOTY" "E.FERRY" "FORT DONELSON" "J.HART"  
"S.JACKSON" "MOBILGAS" "MORMACGULL"  
"POELAU LAUT" "RAMO" "SEA FLASHER"  
"J.M.THOMPSON" "M.THORNTON" "S.M.WHITE"  
"W.WILLIAMS"

Cape Gloucester:

Combat Units 1 DD : "SIGOURNEY"  
Escorts 4 : 1 DE: "WITTER" 2 PC: 1124, 1135 1 SC: 699  
Auxiliaries 9 : "PICARD" (DM) "STANBURY" "TREVET" (DMS)  
"LIBRA" (AKA) "DUPAGE" "W.P.BIDDLE"  
"LEEDSTOWN" "FAYETTE" "WARREN" (APA)

Talasea:

Combat Units 13 PT  
Auxiliaries 1 : "HILO" (AGP)

Saidor:

Combat Units 10 PT with 1 LST acting as AGP  
Merchantmen 1 : "TIMOSHENKO"

Langemak:

Combat Units 20 DD : "VENDETTA" "FLETCHER" "GILLESPIE" "HARRISON"  
"HOPEWELL" "JOHN ROGERS" "KALK" "LA VALLETTE"  
"MCKEE" "MURRAY" "NICHOLSON" "RADFORD" "REID"  
"SCHROEDER" "STEMBEL" "STEVENS" "STOCKTON"  
"RINGGOLD" "WELLES" "WILKES"

Escorts 35 : 2 DE: "LOVELACE" "MANNING"  
5 FF: "CORONADO" "GLENDALE" "LONGBEACH"  
"SAN PEDRO" "EL PASO"  
3 AMS: "GEELONG" "GOULBURN" "KIAMA"  
4 YMS: 9, 314, 334, 393  
1 PC: 1133  
6 ML: 424, 431, 802, 805, 806, 816  
14 SC: 648, 650, 703, 732, 737, 741, 742,  
743, 744, 746, 750, 981, 982

Auxiliaries 36 : "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "HERBERT" "DICKERSON" "NOA"  
"CROSBY" "KANE" "GILMER" "BROOKS" "KILTY"  
"DEMI" "WARD" (APD) "CARTER HALL" (LSD)  
"HOGAN" "LONG" (DMS) "ORMSBY" "HARRY LEE"  
"ZEILIN" "WINDSOR" "H.T.ALLEN" (APA)  
"CENTAURUS" (AKA) "AASE AERSE" (AO)  
"SUSQUEHANN" (AOG) "TRIANGULUM" "BOOTES"  
"ETAMIN" (AK) "MATAFELE" (AGS) "SONOMA"  
"BAYOU ST. JOHN" "RESERVE" "CHETCO" (AT)  
"TULSA" (PG) "AMYGEUS" (ARL) "ANDREW DORIA" (IX)  
1 YOG 1 YT: 156 1 YP: 280

Langemak (Contd.)  
Merchantmen

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: "ANSON BURLINGHAME" "ARKANSAS PASS"  
"E.D. BAKER" "D.F. BARRY" "BOEGFRED"  
"J. BUCHANAN" "L.L. DYCHE" "H. EMERSON"  
"D.D. FIELD" "M. FULIER" "A.E. HAMMOND"  
"HAWAIIAN SHIPPER" "A.S. HEWITT" "P.C. HEWITT"  
"D.E. HUGHES" "ISCLATOR" "JANSSENS" "KATOOMBA"  
"M.C. KERR" "W.S. LADD" "J.H. LANE" "MACTAN"  
"B. MATTHEWS" "OZARK" "POLAND VICTORY"  
"H.T. RAINEY" "U.N. ROSE" "J. ROSS"  
"J.A. ROSSITER" "J. SINGER" "SOMMELSDIJK"  
"W.C. SQUIRE" "TJISADANE" "K.D. WIGGIN"  
"H.V. WHITE" "D. WRIGHT"

Lae:

Escorts 3  
Auxiliaries 2  
Merchantmen 7

: 2 ML: 428, 430 1 SC: 734  
: "TASMAN" (AH) "SEIKELLAMY" (AOG)  
: "F.H. DODD" "G.R. HEBARD" "O. KELLY"  
"A. ROBERTSON" "T. SYMONS" "M. WALKER"  
"F.R. WARDWELL"

Morobe:

Auxiliaries 2

: "BENALLA" "MORESEY" (AGS)

Buna-Oro Bay:

Combat Units 12 DD

: "DASHIELL" "GRAYSON" "HOBBY" "JENKINS"  
"NICHOLAS" "O'BANNON" "ROE" "SIGSBEE"  
"STEVENSON" "SWANSON" "TAYLOR" "THORN"

Escorts 6

: 4 DE: "J.E. CRAIG" "EICHENBERGER" "NEURNDORF"  
"WHITEHURST"

Auxiliaries 15

2 PF: "OGDEN" "VAN BUREN"  
: "TRINITY" (AO) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "MEDUSA" (AR)  
"HUMPHREY" "SANDS" (APD) "GENERAL JOHN  
POPE" (AP) "OCTANS" (AF) "POLLUX" (AKS)  
"PYRO" (AE) "SOLACE" (AH) "GOLDSTAR" (AG)  
"DOBBIN" (AD) "TRYON" (APH) "HAMILTON" (DMS)  
1 ARD

Merchantmen 34

: "S. BRANNON" "F. BILLINGS" "E.A. BRYAN"  
"CAPE SAN SO" "CAPE KILDARE" "P. CHANDLER"  
"G. DAVIDSON" "DEFIANCE" "P.T. DODDRIDGE"  
"DON MARQUIS" "J. EVANS" "FAIRISLE" "R.F. HAND"  
"D. HEWES" "J.A. JOHNSON" "L.S. KELLY"  
"E.D. LANDER" "T.C. LOWE" "J. LYKES" "J.W. MACKA"  
"J.B. MACPHERSON" "MAUI" "MONMOUTH"  
"T. NELSON" "NORAB" "J. PALMER"  
"POINT SAN PEDRO" "PAUL REVERE" "A. ROBINSON"  
"SEA SCAMP" "VAN SPILSBERGEN" "R. J. WALKER"  
"J.E. WING" "GEC. WYTHE"

Kiriwina:

Merchantmen 1

: "MANA"

Goodenough Is:

Merchantmen 3

: "J.W. MELLERUM" "S.G. PORTER" "WEST CACTUS"

Milne Bay:

Combat Units 1 PT

Escorts 37

: 1 PF: "BARCOO"  
6 SC: 698, 735, 736, 737, 738, 748  
8 AMS: "CASTLEMAINE" "BUNDABERG" "GLADSTONE"  
"GYMPIE" "KAPUNDA" "STAWELL" "STRAHAN"  
"WAGGA"

Auxiliaries 38

6 PC: 476, 1121, 1122, 1123, 1131, 1132  
9 YMS: 49, 50, 52, 53, 71, 73, 315, 316, 336  
7 ML: 425, 427, 801, 803, 817, 818, 819  
: "SCHLEY" "TALBOT" (APD) "KANIMBLA" "MAN OORA"  
"WESTRALIA" (APA) "DUNTRON" "REPUBLIC"  
"GENERAL G.E. SQUIRE" (AP) "HALF MOON" (AVP)  
"EURYALE" (AS) "PERRY" (DMS) "KOOPA" (AGP)  
"GANYMEDE" (AK) "RIGEL" (AR) "FIRE ISLAND"  
"WATO" (AT) "CALAMARES" (AF) "ST. MARYS"  
"CARONDOLET" "PORCUPINE" "PANDA"  
"VILLALOBOS" (XI) "ALABASTER" (PYC)  
"TEAK" (AN) "OGLALA" (ARG) "PING WO" (ASIS)  
"SPRINGDALE" (YDG) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS)  
"WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) 3 AFD 2 ARD 1 YOG  
3 YP: 278, 283, 449

Milne Bay (Contd.)  
Merchantmen

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: "H.L.ABBOTT" "ALAMO" "ALCOA PILGRIM"  
"J.J.ASTOR" "ATLANTIC TRADER" "L.BEECHER"  
"D.BELASCO" "BUFFALOW WALLON" "W.N.BYERS"  
"CALUSO" "CAPE ROMANO" "J.C.CALHOUN" "  
"J.M.CAREY" "M.I.CASEY" "W.E.CHANNING"  
"CHIPPEWA" "F.J.CUNEL" "M.DALY" "J.DEERE"  
"DONA NATI" "F.A.EILERS" "EMPIRE HAMBLE"  
"F.EVERS" "FORT HENRY" "FREDERICKSBURG"  
"GAUNTLET" "GENERAL VERSPIJK" "GRAND RONDE"  
"W.GRENFELL" "J.HALL" "H.I.HOYT"  
"THOS.JEFFERSON" "JUAN PABLO DUARTE" "KARSIK"  
"KOTA AGOENG" "KOTA BAROE" "KOTA GEDE"  
"F.B.LINDERMANN" "N.LUCKENBAVH" "N.E.MACK"  
"A.MAJOR" "C.H.MATSON" "GEO.VON L.MEYER"  
"MOLINO DEL REY" "E.MONROE" "MORMACSEA"  
"B.T.OSBORNE" "H.C.PAYNE" "MORMACLARK"  
"NUGINCO" "ORMISTON" "PAN AMERICAN"  
"G.H.PORTER" "S.G.PORTER" "F.QUINONES"  
"SABINE SUN" "SEA SNIPE" "S.H.SHORT"  
"SOUTHWEST ASS" "L.STEWART" "M.M.STEWART"  
"TAWALI" "C.J.SEDGERS" "TECUMSEH" "A.THOMAS"  
"TUNG SONG" "S.TURMAN" "GEO.VANCOUVER"  
"VAN DEN BOSCH" "A.E.WATTS" "S.W.WILLISTON"  
"ED.N.WESTCOTT" "J.M.WHISTLER" "E.YOUNG"

Port Moresby:

Escorts	1	: 1 ML: 426
Merchantmen	2	: "J.P.BRADLEY" "MONTORO"
<u>Thursday Is:</u>		
Escorts	1	: 1 ML: 820
Auxiliaries	3	: "POLARIS" (AGS) 1 YP: 291 "BUNGAREE" (CM)
<u>Cairns:</u>		
Escorts	5	: 1 AMS: "BALLARAT" 1 PS: "WARREGO" 1 PC: 479 2 ML: 804, 811
Auxiliaries	2	: "PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD
<u>Townsville:</u>		
Auxiliaries	1	: 1 YP: 233
<u>Mackay:</u>		
Auxiliaries	1	: "HERON" (AVP)
<u>Rockhampton:</u>		
Auxiliaries	1	: 1 YP: 504
<u>Brisbane:</u>		
Escorts	9	: 4 AMS: "BROOME" "BUNBURY" "KATOOMBA" "WHYALLA" 1 YMS: 70 2 ML: 808, 821 2 SC: 745, 749
Auxiliaries	5	: "ALGORAB" (AKA) "KURUMBA" (AO) "MANUNDA" (AE) "KAILUA" (IX) 1 YP: 236
<u>Ddney:</u>		
Combat Units	3 BB	: "NEW MEXICO" "PENNSYLVANIA" "IDAHO"
	1 CL	: "HOBART" (Refitting)
	6 DD	: "STUART" "NORMAN" "ANTHONY" "WARRINGTON" "BALCH" "BRAINE"
Escorts	14	: 5 AMS: "COOTAMUNDRA" "DELORAINE" "KALGOORLIE" "TOWNSVILLE" "WARRNAMBOOL" 3 A/S: "AB.CRIJSSEN" "KYBRA" "YANDRA" 6 ML: 807, 809, 813, 822, 823, 825
Auxiliaries	4	: "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "POINT LOMA" (AT) "MIZAR" (A) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS)
<u>Melbourne:</u>		
Escorts	1	: 1 AMS: "PREMANTLE" (Refitting)
<u>Adelaide:</u>		
Escorts	1	: 1 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" (Refitting)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

1. Rabaul - Unfavourable weather hampered air operations 28 April but a.m. 28 April Vunakanau was attacked by 21 Warhawks 9 Aircobras and Rapopo by 8 Mitchells. Hits were scored on these strips. Also during the day the supply centres at Vunapope and Keravat and on Duke of York Is. were attacked by 16 Mitchells 11 Avengers and by fighter sweeps.
2. Alexishafen - Our patrols out of Alexishafen advanced approx. 2 miles

2. Alexishafen (contd) - North on 27 April to the road junction, reporting that area was heavily mined.
3. Alexishafen-Hansa Bay - Details concerning the lighter sweeps along this section of the coast 28 April indicate that 51 Thunderbolts and 28 Aircobras were involved. Personnel and supply areas at Bogia were heavily attacked. 5 trucks were destroyed and 15 damaged in a motor pool near Condor Pt. Another truck was destroyed at Potsdam Plantation. Coastal sweeps were maintained during 29 April but reports are not yet completed.
4. Sepik River Mouth - At 1730-1745/28 small craft at the Sepik River mouth were attacked by 4 Havocs, 2 power barges carrying troops were destroyed and heavy casualties inflicted on personnel. 2 other barges in Watom Lagoon (Broken water Bay) were strafed.
5. Middle Sepik - At 1000/1030/29 villages and trails along the middle reaches of the Sepik River were attacked by Bostons. Reports received indicate that Angoram, Marienburg, Ambunti, Timbunke, Buriu and Mariu were attacked by 47 Bostons.
6. Wewak - Final details of the strike on Wewak a.m. 28 April show that a total of 67 Bostons were involved.  
At approx. 0940/29 supply dumps in the Dagua-Wewak area were again attacked by escorted Bostons. Supplies were hit and fires started. Reports received relate that 44 Bostons were involved.
- Wewak-Aitape - During the night 27-28 April PT boats observed 7 a/c flares dropped off shore from Dogreto Bay. No report of any air strike has been received.  
At 1315/28 3 luggers were seen midway between Aitape and Wewak, heading towards Wewak.  
Native reports confirm the belief that the enemy evacuated the Aitape area at about the time of our landing on 22 April. Missionaries report however, that 2800 Japanese passed Aitape on 22 March en route to Wewak.
8. Hollandia - Our patrols reached the Tami strip, 5 miles East of Humboldt Bay, on 27 April. Other patrols reconnoitred South shore of Sentani Lake without contact. No enemy encounter had been experienced up to 27 April, and known enemy dead to 27 April number 274, in addition to 21 prisoners taken.
9. Wakde Is. - At 0015/0200/28 Wakde Island was bombed by 17 Liberators. Final details of the strike 1030-1230/28 (reported in Summary 823) show that 34 Liberators, 56 Mitchells participated. Both Wakde Island and Sawar landing strips were attacked and at least 4 apparently serviceable aircraft grounded on the latter were destroyed. At Tami a fuel dump and probable ammunition dump were hit, in addition to many piles of supplies.  
The same targets were attacked again approx. 1000/29 - reports received covered 29 Mitchells. 1 Mitchell was lost.
10. Biak Island - Final details concerning the strike 1030-1200/28 (reported Summary 823) show that 46 Liberators were involved and that approx. 15 aircraft were destroyed on the ground at Mokmer airfield (Central South Coast). In addition to aircraft seen on the ground at Mokmer, 3 aircraft were also observed on Borokoe strip and several were seen taking off Sorido strip. Probably 30-40 barges were observed in the Mokmer section of the coast and 12-15 barges, in addition, possibly to a few small freighters or luggers, were observed among the islands off S.E. Biak Is.
- Manokwari - At 1345/29 3 Sampans were strafed by a Navy Liberator 14 miles S.S.E. of Manokwari. The ships were left listing badly.  
At 1452/29 a 125 ft. freighter was attacked by the same aircraft 20 miles N.W. of Manokwari, and left burning and sinking. In addition, 2 small ships were observed 6 miles East of Manokwari, beached, burned and gutted.

12. Sorong Area At 1212/29 a Navy Liberator served 2 merchantships (1000/1500 tons) piled high with supplies, and escorted by 1 Destroyer and 1 possible "KATORI" class light cruiser, heading east 85 miles N.N.E. of Sorong.

At 1310/29 a vessel described as an aircraft carrier similar to "HOSH0" with 20-30 aircraft on deck was reported by the same Navy Liberator anchored at Doom Island, (just N.W. of Jefman Is.)

There is no evidence to confirm the presence of an aircraft carrier proper, in this area, and the possibility is that the sighting involved a tanker with a few aircraft on deck. With reference to the "KATORI" class cruiser, it is suggested that the latest type Jap. escort vessel somewhat resembled the "KATORI" class light Cruiser.

Photos of Jefman Island taken during the attack 1210/28 (reported Summary 823) show 9 probable serviceable aircraft on Jefman Island airfield, in addition to 8 bombers and 8 fighters unserviceable.

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## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (i) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1600/30:

- (1) "PIRIE" escorting Convoy DT.53 (2 MV) departed Darwin 0620/29 for Thursday Is. ETA. 1530/3.
- (2) "LATROBE" (AMS) escorting "ALATNA" "BABINDA" departed Thursday Is. 1300/29 for Millingimbi ETA. 1400/1. On arrival "LATROBE" returns Thursday Is: "BABINDA" proceeds independently to Darwin.
- (3) 16 Submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

##### Darwin:

Escorts 5 : 1 AMS: "INVERELL"  
4 ML: 429, 809, 815, 814

Merchantmen 3

: "MURADA" "W.D.BOYCE" "ADMIRAL CHASE"

##### Drysdale:

Escorts 1 : "WILCANNIA" (A/S)

Merchantmen 1 : "GEO.EASTMAN"

##### Merauke:

Escorts 1 : SC.731

### (ii) ENEMY FORCES

1. Timor - At 0755/29 Dilli was bombed by 12 Mitchells. Photographs confirm that considerable damage was probably inflicted. Only small craft were observed in Dilli Harbour.
2. Halmahera - At 2200/28 two unidentified type vessels were observed approx. 75 miles off the Northern tip of north-western arm of Halmahera heading West.
3. S. Philippines - a.m. 26 April four possible destroyers were observed off S. Basilan Island (off S.W. Mindanao) heading South.  
At 1100/28 two escort vessels were observed northbound in Davao Gulf and another two escort vessels were observed southbound.
4. Broome - At 2115-2130/28 one of possibly two aircraft, probably enemy reconnaissance planes, were located approx. 170 miles off Broome.

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## 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

### ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1600/30:

Nil.

#### (b) In Harbour:

(B) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat Units	1 CL	:	"ADELAIDE"
Escorts	6	:	"HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS)
			1 SC: 739 3 ML: 812, 824, 826
Auxiliaries	9	:	"LARK" (AM) "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS)
			"CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ISABEL" (PY)
			"CHILDS" (AV) 1 ARD 2 YP: 286

Exmouth Gulf:

Escorts	2	:	2 YMS: 11, 72
Auxiliaries	2	:	"W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) 1 YP: 288

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B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

1. Guam - During daylight 25 April Guam was attacked by 14 Cenpac Liberators. No opposition was reported although aircraft were observed on the ground on the two airfields.
2. Palau - At 1330/28 a barge escorted by one "Mutsuki" Class destroyer was observed 180 miles S.W. of Palau on an easterly course.
3. Puluwat Island - At midday 29 April aircraft observed one 100 ft freighter and another small freighter or escort vessel entering Puluwat Lagoon from the North. 3 enemy fighters or patrol planes were observed in the air.
4. Ponape - On 27 April Ponape was bombed by 14 Cenpac Liberators.
5. Marshalls - On 27 April Enybor (Jaluit) and Wotje were attacked respectively by 12 and 11 Mitchells.

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS

1. Enemy aircraft carrier reported off Sorong.
2. Concentration of enemy naval forces in Malayan waters.
3. Consolidation of enemy defences in Marianas, W. Carolines, N.W. Dutch New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya and Kuriles.
4. Continued use of enemy of submarines for transportation purposes in Marshalls, Bismarcks and Solomons, and of barges and small freighters in less forward areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
		<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	
<u>BB</u>	(4) INDIANA IDAHO NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA		-	-
<u>CV (E)</u>	(2) NATOMA BAY MANILA BAY CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR BARNES	SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO SANTÉE	-	-
<u>CA</u>	(2) AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE		-	-
<u>CL</u>	(4) BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX * HOBART		(8) COLUMBIA DENVER HONOLULU ST LOUIS BIRMINGHAM MONT PELIER CLEVELAND * LEANDER	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	TANGIER		(3) WRIGHT CHANDELEUR POCOMOKE	-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	(3) HALF MOON SAN PABLO HERON		(3) BALLARD GOOS BAY ORCA	-
<u>DD</u>	(72) ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA NORMAN ABNER READ AMMEN BACHE BEALE CASSIN DALY DASHIELL FLETCHER GILLESPIE GRAYSON HARRISON HOBBY HOPEWELL HUTCHINS JENKINS JOHN ROGERS KALK LA VALLETTE MCKEE	MULLANY MURRAY NICHOLAS NICHOLSON O'BANNON PHILIP PRITCHETT RADFORD REID RINGGOLD ROE SIGSBEE SCHROEDER STEMBEL STEVENS STEVENSON STOCKTON SWANSON TAYLOR THORN WELLES WILKES TERRY WADSWORTH	ABBOTT ANDERSON BLACK BULLARD CHAUNCEY ELLET ERBEN HALE HUGHES KIDD LANSDOWNE LARDNER MORRIS MUSTIN RUSSEL WALKER ANTHONY BALCH BRAINE CHARLES AUSBURNE DYSON SPENCE SIGOURNEY WARRINGTON	Approx. 35 -

\* Non-effective

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

<u>SS</u>	(9) BASHAW BLACKFISH BLUEGILL CERO	DACE FLOUNDER MINGO SCAMP TUNNY	) ) ) ) )	On patrol	-	10
	(3) SILVERSIDES		)			
	S.42		)	At Milne Bay		
	S.47		)			
	K.12			At Brisbane		
	K.9			At Sydney		
<u>PT</u>	Approx. 85				Approx. 110	?
<u>APD</u> <u>AKA</u> <u>APD</u>	(31) H.T.ALLEN (APA) KANIMBLA MANOORA WESTRALIA DUPAGE FAYETTE HARRY LEE LEEDSTOWN ZELIN ORMSBY WINDSOR WARREN W. P. BIDDLE ALGORAB (AKA) CENTAURUS	LIBRA (AKA) VIRGO KANE (APD) GILMER SCHLEY SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS HERBERT TALBOT CROSBY NOA DENT DICKERSON KILTY WARD			10 APA 1 APD 7 AKA	-
<u>AGC</u>	BLUE RIDGE				-	-
<u>AS</u>	(3) OTUS EURYALE GRIFFIN				-	-
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN				-	-
<u>AR</u>	(3) RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS				PROMETHEUS	
<u>LSD</u>	(3) CARTER HALL GUNSTON HALL EPPING FOREST				BELLE GROVE	
						<u>AIRCRAFT:</u> Fighters (inc. 7 T/E) 67 Light & M/Bombers 36 Torpedo & D/Brs 2 Flying Boats 3 Floatplanes 25 Obsn. A/C 11

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>CA</u>	-					(2) NACHI ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND					(3) ABUKUMA TAMA KISO
<u>DD</u>	9					10
<u>SS</u>	10					Approx. 4.



3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>	
				<u>Mandates</u>	
				<u>Philippines</u>	<u>Empire</u>
	(14)	IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON NORFOLK CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA * OKLAHOMA	-	(5) YAMASHIRO ISE HYUGA * MUSASHI MITSU (prob. sunk)
<u>CV</u>	(7)	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON HORNET	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL	-	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	(8)	CABOT COWPENS BATAAN BELLEAU WOOD	LANGLEY MONTEREY PRINCETON * INDEPENDENCE	-	(5) RYUHO ZUIHO HITAKA HAYATAKA TAIHO
<u>CV(T)</u>			-	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	(20)	COPAHSE PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU CASABLANCA ALTAMAHA WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY SAVO ISLAND	FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MEHEMFA BAY OMMANEY BAY PETROF BAY RANEE	-	(6) CHITOSE CHIYODA KAIYO JINYO OTAKA * UNYO
<u>CA</u>	(13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND	AOBA	-
			-	-	6
<u>CL</u>	(8)	SANTA FE SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN MOBILE	BILOXI OAKLAND * RENO * CONCORD	(5) OI KINU ISUZU OYODO * YUBARI	(2) NAGARA NATORI
<u>CL(T)</u>			-	KASHIMA	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>		CURTISS		(2) AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO	-
<u>DD</u>		Approx. 120		15-20	20 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u>		Approx. 30		25	Approx. 25
		?		?	2 (1 repairing)

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

<u>CL</u>	TRENTON	-
<u>DD</u>	8	-

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Malaya

<u>BB</u>	-	(4) QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN RICHELIEU	(5) YAMATO NAGATO KONGO HARUNA FUSO
<u>CV</u>	-	(2) ILLUSTRIOUS SARATOGA	(2) SHOKAKU ZU IKAKU
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	(5) BATTLER UNICORN SHAH ATHELING BEGUM	-
<u>CA</u>	-	(4) SUFFOLK SUSSEX LONDON CUMBERLAND	(11) ATAGO SUZUYA TAKAO KUMANO MAYA TONE CHOKAI CHIKUMA MOGAMI HAGURO MYOKO
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	(8) CEYLON NEWCASTLE KENYA DANAE GAMBIER TROMP NIGERIA EMERALD	(3) YAHAGI NOSHIRO KITAGAMI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(2) CHILDS W.E. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	-
<u>XCL</u>	-	(2) GANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>DD</u>	-	Approx. 27	30
<u>SS</u>	(16) BILLFISH ✓ HOE ✓ BONEFISH ✓ JACK ✓ BOWFIN ✓ LAPON ✓ CREVALEE ✓ PADDLE ✓ COB ✓ PARGO ✓ FLASHER ✓ RAY ✓ HAKE ✓ REDFIN ✓ HANDER ✓ ROBALO ✓	Approx. 15	18 (incl. 7 German)
	(2) DARTER K.15	} At Darwin	
	(10) ANGLER ✓ NORWHALE ✓ BLUEFISH ✓ PUFFER ✓ CAERILLA ✓ RATON ✓ GUNNEL ✓ RASHER ✓ HADDØ ✓ K.14 ✓	} At Fremantle	
<u>A</u>	(2) PELIAS ORION		

AIRCRAFT (East Indies only)  
 Fighters 106  
 Light & Bombers 64  
 Torpedo & D/Bombers -  
 Flying Boats -  
 Floatplanes 43  
 Obsn. A/C 23