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.

OUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA.

1. EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/1:

- (1) "WARREGO" "YMS.336" "SC.737" escorting Convey 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 Vegel. "WATO" (tug) departed Milne Bay 1130/31 also to assist,
- (3) "TEAK" (AN) proceeding Milne Bay due April 2.
 (4) "VAN BUREN" "OGDEN" (DE) escerting "G.F.ELLIOT" proceeding Milne Bay
- due April 2.

 (5) "BARCOO" (PF) escorting "PANAMA EXPRESS" from North Foreland 1500/30 until 0500/31, 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 Calcundra 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 Calcundra 2245/31 Mar. for Calrus, for proceeding to Thursday Island and Darwin.

- onward routeing to Thursday Island and Darwin.
 "YMS.70" departed Cairns 0700/31 for Brisbane ETA 1600/3.
- (11)(12) "WHYALLA" (AMS) departed Calcundra 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) "ROCKHAMPFON" (AMS) on route Cairns to Sydney ETA 2200/4; thence to
- proceed to Port Adelaide by April 12 for refit. 1 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

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

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(c) In 1	Harbour:	
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Admiralties: Combat Units	5 DD	"THORN" "STEVENSON" "STOCKTON" "SWANSON"
	18 PT	a me Heavy card 2 ag 405 0 705 0 AG
Escorts Auxiliaries	4	: 1 DE: "HARMON" 1 ML: 425 2 YMS: 8, 46 : "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "ETAMIN" (AK) "CHETGO" (AT)
Merchantmen	6	"F.BILLINGS" "J.P.BRADLEY" "P.T.DODDRIDGE" "B.MATTHEWS" "G.V.L.MEYER" "LYMAN STEWART"
Cape Gloucester:	2	: 1 YMS: 313 1 PC: 1132
Merchantmen	4	"T.CRAWFORD" "H.T.RAI NEY" "J.ROSSITER" "A. THOMAS"
Talasea: Combat Units	14 PT	
Auxiliaries Saidor:	1	: "HILO" (AGP)
Combat Units	12 PT	- 0 00. HRE 000
Escorts Merchantmen Langemak:	20	: 2 SC: 735, 982 : "JOHN I.NOLAN" "TIMOSHENKO"
Combat Units	20 PT	: 6 AMS: "BENDIGO" "ARARAT" "BUNBURY" "BENALLA"
Escorts	24	"CONRA" "STAWELL" 2 PC: 476, 1122 4 YMS: 53, 315, 316, 334 4 ML: 424, 803, 806, 816 8 30: 637, 648, 734, 744, 746, 747, 750,
Auxiliaries	11	981. : "TANGIER" (AV) "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "MERKUR" (AF) "VICTORIA" (AO) "BOOTES" "CELENO" (AK) "HUMPHREYS" "EROOKS" (APD) "TULSA" (PG)
Merchan tmen	33	"BAYOU ST. JOHN" "SONOMA" (AT) "H.L.ABBOTT" "J.C.BAROSA" "BORGFRED" "D.F.BARRY" "J.BURROUGHS" "P.CHANBLER" "W.E.CHANNING" "T.M.COOLEY" "J.W.DAVIS" "COLORADO" "J.DOTY" "P.S.DUPONT" "ISOLATOR" "JAPARA" "E.JCHNSON" "LAKE ORMAC"
		"W.MCCRACKEN" "N.E.MACK" "MACTAN" "J.W.MELDRUM" "MORMACSEA" "S.G.PORTER" "RANO" "A.ROBINSON" "SEA WITCH" "W.SPARRON" "CLAUS SPRECKLES" "J.ROSS" "STAGEN" "W.L.SUBJETTE" "ED.N.WESTCOTT" "S.M.WHITE" "YOCHON"
Lac: Escorts	2	: 2 ML: 428, 430
Merchantmen	9	"D.E.HUGHES" "W.S.LADD" "L.MERRITT" "NORINDIES" "RING IA RDNER" "G.L.SMITH"
Buna - Oro Bay:	8 DD .	: "WILKES" "HOBBY" "GILLESPIE" "NICHOLSON"
Combat Units		"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) "MINK" (IX) "POINT LOMA" (AT) "MORESBY" (AGS)
Merchantmen	16	"WESTRALIA" (APA) "RIGEL" (AR) "DOBBIN" (AD) "ALCIBIADES" "R.S.BEAN" "BONTEKOE" "A.S.DUNIWAY" "M.FUILER" "M.T.HERRICK" "JANSSENS" "KARSIK" "MORMACGULL" " "F.M.QUINONES" "RAJAHSTAN" "REINJST" "J.SINGER" "O.SKINNER" "R.STUART" "WICHITA FALLS"
Kiriwina Is:	6	
Merchantmen Woodlark Is:	2	: "AN HUI" "GEO. LUKS"
Escorts Merchantmen	3	: "WAGGA" (AMS) 2 YMS: 50, 335 : "D.D.FIELD" "J.S.MANSFIELD"
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Goodenough Is: Escorts Auxiliaries	1 AMS	: "GOULBURN" : "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA"
Merchantmen	3	"H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "MIZAR" (AF) "COUCAL" (ASR) "MANA" "M.THWAITES" "VAN SWOLL"
m Milne Bay:		
Combat Units	2 CA 3 CL	: "SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA" : "NASHVILLE" "PHORNIK" "BOISE"
No the state of th	15 DD	"HUTCHINS" "DALY" "BACHE" "MULLANY"
		"ABNER READ" "AMMEN" "BEALE" "BUSH" "ARUNTA" "WARRAMUNGA" "ERBEN" "WALKER" "HALE" "ABBOTT" "STEMBEL"
- Mates Sme of all oner	12 PT ational mov	ements forward of Milne Bay not shown.
Escorts	3 PF	: "SAN PEDRO" "CORONADO" "WORCE STER"
	7 SC	: 699, 703, 732, 738, 741, 742, 748
	5 AMS	: "KIAMA" "BUNDABERG" "CASTLEMAINE" "BOWEN" "GYMPIE"
	7 PC	: 477, 1120, 1124, 1131, 1132, 1133, 1134
	5 YMS	: 9, 10, 48, 52, 73
Auxiliaries	82 ML	: 427, 431, 801, 802, 817, 818 : "AASE MAERSK" (AO) "HALF MOON" (AVP)
WAYTTALTO	G.C.	"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)
and the second	24	1 ARD 3 YP: 278, 280, 283
Merchantmen	74	"AUN" "W.B.AYER" "J.BARBARA" "BARBARA C"
4.00		"S.K.BARLOW" "S.K.BOLIVAR" "J.G.BRADY"
		"S.BRANNON" "BRITISH HONOUR" "J.CABRILLO"
		"CAPE DOUGLAS" "CEFALU" "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"
		"L.S.KELLY" "O.KELLY" "LURLINE"
		"F.B.LIMDERMANN" "J.MCLEAN" "B.MATTHEWS"
		"MEXICO" "MIDWEST FARMER" "MONTAUK POINT"
		"W. V. MOODY" "NARVIK" "T. NELSON" "
		"JEAN NICOLET" "NORAB" "MARINETES" "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	4	- nr - 400
Merchantmen	ıi	: ML: 426 : "BALIKPAPAN" "CANBERRA" "E.CHAMBERS"
	400 200	"C. DARROW" "GORGON" "HANYANG" "G.R. HEBARD"
nearmy has i		"MONTORO" "ORMISTON" "STIKLESTAD" "TAROONA"
Merau ke : Escor ts	1	. CO. 7727
Threaday Is:	7	: 50: 751
Escorts	5	: 2 YMS: 49, 50 3 AMS: "KALGOORLIE" "INVERELL
Auxiliaries	2	* "BUNGAREE" (CM) "POLARIS" (AGS)
Cairns: Escorts	9	: 3 AMS: "GLENELG" "TOWNSVILLE" "BALLARAT"
	8	1 PC: 479 3 ML: 804, 811, 820 2 VMS: 47, 51
Auxiliaries	4	"PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD "GANYMEDE" (AK)
Town sville:		1 <u>YP</u> : 291
Auxiliaries	1	: "SHIKELLAMY" (AOG)
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Mackay: : "EERON" (AVP) 1 Auxiliaries Cladstone: 2 : 1 YDG 1 ARD Auxiliaries Brisbane: 1 PS: "SWAN" 2 SC: 745, 749 2 ML: 808, 821
"WHIPPOORWILL" (AN) "ALGORAB" (ARA) "GOLDSTAR"
(AG) "KURUMBA" (AO) "TASMAN" (AH)
2 YP: 253, 256 "PYRO" (AE) "CARONDOLET"
"KAILUA" "ST.MARY" (IX) Escorts 5 11 Auxiliaries Sydney: 1 CL : "HOBART" (Refitting)
2 DD : "VENDETTA" "STUART" Combat Units : 1 PF: "GASCOYNE" 2 PS: "SAVORGNANDE" "BRAZZA" Escorts 5 AMS: "COLAC" "DELORAT NE" "ECHUCA" "GLADSTONE" "KATOOMBA" 4 AS: "KYBRA" "YANDRA" "AB.CRIJNSSEN" "DOOMBA" 3 ML: 807, 822, 823 "BISHOFDALE" (AO) "OCTANS" (AF) "CALEDONIAN Auxiliaries SALVOR" (ARS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG) Melbourne: 2 AMS : "LITHGOW" "FREMANTLE" (Refitting)
1 "YUMA" (AT) Escorts Auxiliary (11) 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 conscillation 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 W/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. Island - At 0600/29 U/S carrier based aircraft attacked and (4) Simberi probably destroyed a small vessel West of Simberi Is. with a rocket strafing attack. The vessel was forced to beach. - Photos March 30 revealLakunai, Mobera, Rapope and Keravat runways unserviceable and the coral strip at Vunakanau (5) Rabaul 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. New Britain - A.M. March 30 10 R.A.A.F. Kittyhawks attacked the Pondo Point-Ubili area and a/a positions on Careve Island. (7) Hollandia - March 51 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. -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 (8) Hollandia-Vanimo -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. - 4 -

(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.

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

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

Merchantment 1

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Island Kai

- Photos March 30 reveal 6 aircraft including 5 fighters on Langgoer strip. Nil aircraft at Faan where runway appeared ser viceable.

Night March 30 3 Beauforts and 7 Mitchells attacked Penfol. 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 Several of these small craft barges encountered in the area. were also believed destroyed.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At sea to 1200/1:

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

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

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

"WANGANELLA" (AH) "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" (AM)
"ORION" "PELIAS" (AS) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) Auxiliaries

1 YP: 826. 1 ARD.

Exmouth Gulf:

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

CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

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 10 Probably destroyed

Damaged

(1) Truk (contd) - At 1930/29 6 Cenpac Liberators also attacked Eten and

Moon Islands starting fires.

At 0415/30 2 Soupac Liberators again bombed Truk scoring

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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.

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- 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.

(6) Marshalls - A.M. March 25 our forces occupied Namu Atoll, 40 miles

South East of Kwajalain)

A.M. March 29 Centralpac Daunitess, Mitchells and Corsairs, and Helicats, continued their attacks on Wotje, Mille, Jaluit, and Taroa.

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.

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.

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(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.

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 Pacifi (Eastern Section		Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marianas
BB	•	(4) IDAHO NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA TENNESSEE	•	MUSASHI
CV(L)		•	•	(2) ZUIHO RYUHO
CA	(2) AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	•		(6) ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI MYOKO HAGURO MAYA
CL	(4) BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX HOBART	(8) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONT PELIER DENVER HONOLULU ST LOUIS BIRMINGHAM LEANDER	•	(3) OYODO YUBARI NOSHIRO
CL(T)	-	•	-	KASHIMA
AV/CVS	TANGIER	(2) WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	•	(2) AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO
xav/xcvs	(2) HALF MOON SAN PABLO	BALLARD	•	3
DD	(29) ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA REID AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS HOBBY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES STOCKTON STEVENSON	Approx. 45 ERBEN		20
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	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			
-ly	K.12	At	Melbourne			
	Approx. 85		Apprex. 110	3	8	
APA/APD/AKA	KANIMBLA WESTRALIA ALGORAB GILMER KANE SCHLEY SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS HERBERT		10 APA 10 APD 5 AKA			
AGC	BLUE RIDGE			-	•	
AS	(2) OTUS EURYALE			?	?	
AD	DOBBIN			. •	•	
AR	(3) RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS		PROMETHEUS	*		
	/Bombers s		190 133 2 1 14 20			
A VIII	2	• <u>N</u>	ORTHERN PACIFIC			
	ALLIED FORCES			ENEMY	FORCES	
CA				(2) NA	CHI POST	
CL	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND			(3) AB TA KI	UKUMA MA SO	
DD	9			10		
<u>ss</u>	10			Ар	prox. 4	

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC - EMPIRE

-	ALLTI	ED FORCES		ENE	MY FORCES
	(14)	NORTH CAROLINA IOWA WASHINGTON NEW JERSEY MASSACHUSETTS	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA OKLAHOMA	(5)	ISE YAMASHIRO HYUGA YAMATO MUTSU (prob. sunk)
ov	(6)	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	INFREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL		•
GA (T)	(7)	COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY INDEPENDENCE	(3)	TAIHO (en route South) HITAKA HAYATAKA
(T)		•			HOSHO
<u>6√2 €1</u>	(25)	COPAMBE SANGAMON SUWANMES CHENANGO CORAL SEA BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU SANTEE CASABLANCA CORREGIDOR ALTAMANA	WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MANILA BAY NATOMA BAY MEHENTA BAY	(5) M	JINYO KAIYO OTAKA UNYO
<u>CA</u>	(13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS	MINNEA POLIS PENSACOLA INDIANA POLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE		•
OCA		-			6
CL	(7)		OAKLAND RENO CONCORD	(3)	NAGARA NATORI NISUZU
CL(T)		•			KASHII
AV/CVS		•			5
DD	Appr	ox. 85			20 (several repairing)
	Appr	ox. 30			Approx. 25
AS		?			2 (one repairing)

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

CL TRENTON

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

	Southwest Pacific (Mestern Section)	Eastern Fleet Area E	ast Indies-Philippines
	•	(3) QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN	(4) NAGATO KONGO HARUNA FUSO
OA	•	(2) ILLUSTRIOUS SARATOGA	(2) ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
CV(E)	•	(4) BATTLER UNICORN SHAH RANEE	CHIYODA
<u>CA</u>	• a	(6) SUSSEX SUFFOLK HAWKINS FROBISHER LONDON CUMBERLAND	(6) AOBA KUMANO SUZUYU CHIKUMA MOGAMI TONE
C.L.	ADELAIDE	(9) CARADOC NEWCASTLE CEYLON DANAE KENYA TROMP GAMBIA EMERALD VAN HEENSKERK	(4) YAHAGI OI KINU KITAGAMI
AV/cvs	(2) CHILDS W.B.PRESTON.	ALBATROSS	H KAMOI
XCL	•	(2) CANTON CHITRAL	
XAV/XCVS	-	?	
DD	-	Approx. 27	25
58	(13) ANGLER LAPON BLUEFISH MINGO BOWFIN NORWHAL CABRILLA PUFFER GUNNEL RASHER HADDO RATON HAKE)	17 (incl.6 German)
	(11) BILLFISH JACK BONEFISH RAY COD REDFIN CREVALLE ROBALO FLASHER K.15 HOE) At Fremantle	
AS	(2) PELIAS ORION		
	/Bombers	107 39 - 42 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. 795

Dato : 2 April, 1944

PART I.

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. 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 Calcundra to Milne Bay ETA 1500/4.

 (3) "BROOME" (AMS) conducting Grafton Passage A/S patrol.

 (4) "YMS's 11, 72" departed Calcundra 2245/31 Mar. for Cairns, for onward
- routeing 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 Calcundra 1823/31 for A/S patrol Sandy Cape area.
- 91 "DOOMBA" (A/S) departed Sydney 0854/1 on A/S patrol to Smoky Cape and return.

- 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) todepart Cairns 1200/2 for Milne Bay.
 (2) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) to depart Calcundra 1900/2 for Milne Bay ETA China
 Strait 0600/8.
- (3) "BUNDABERG" "CASTLEMAINE" "BOWEN" (AMS) to depart Milne Bay 3 April for Langemak to relieve "BENDIGO" "COMRA" "ARARAT" (AMS)

(c) In Harbour:

Admiralties: Combat Units	7 DD	: "THORN" "STEVENSON" "STOCKTON" "SWANSON" "GRAYSON" "ROE" "STEMBELL"
	20 PT	GRAIDUR RUE STEMBERS
Escorts	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)
1 64 2	1	"COUCAL" (ASR)
Merchantmen	6	"F.BILLINGS" "J.P.BRADLEY" "P.T.DODDRIDGE" "B.MATTHEWS" "G.V.L.MEYER" "LYMAN STEWART"

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Cone Clausestone		
Cape Gloucester:	4	: "STAVELL" "BUNBURY" (AMS) 1 YMS: 313
Merchantmen	3	"T.CRAWFORD" "H.T.RAINEY" "J.ROSSITER"
Talasea: Combat Units	14 FF	
Auxiliaries	1	: "HILO" (AGP)
Saider: Combat Units	12 PT	2 70 2200 2 000
Escorts Merchantmen	2	: 1 PC: 1132 1 SC: 982 : "JOHN I.NOLAN" "TIMOSHENKO" "COMARA"
Langemak: Combat Units	21 FT	
Escorts	20	"BENALLA" "COWRA" "KAPUNDA" 1 PC: 476 2 YMS: 315, 316 4 ML: 424, 803, 806, 816
The second second		7 50: 637, 648, 650, 734, 744, 746, 981
Auxiliaries	11	7 SC: 637, 648, 650, 734, 744, 746, 981 "TANGIER" (AV) "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "MERKUR" (AF) "VICTORIA" (AO) "BOOTES" "CELENO" (AK) "HUMPHREYS" "BROOKS" (APD) "TULSA" (PG)
Merchantmen	35	"BAYOU ST. JOHN" (AT) "MINK" (IX) "H.T.ABBOTT" "J.O.BAROSA" "J.BURROUGHS"
THE VALUE OF THE V		"P.CHANDIER" "W.E.GHANNING" "T.M.CODLEY"
	- 4	"J.W.DAVIS" "COLORADO" "J.DOTY" "P.S.DUPONT" ""M.FULLER" "W.GRIFFITHS" "ISOLATOR"
		"JAPARA" "W.McCRACKEN" "N.E.MACK" "MACTAN"
* 1/		"MANA" "J.W.MELDRUM" "MORMACGULL" "MORMACSEA" "S.G.PORTER" "F.M.QUINONES"
		"A.ROBINSON" "SEA WITCH" "W.SPARRON"
		"CLAUS SPRECKLES" "J.ROSS" "STACEN" "R.STUART" "W.L.SUBJETTE" "A.THOMAS"
7.00		"ED.N.WESTCOTT" "S.M.WHITE" "YOCHOW"
Lao: 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"
Marine Control		"R.STUART" "G.L.SMITH"
Buna-Oro Bay: Combat Units	1 CL	: "PHOENIX"
TVX 8	7 DD	"WILKES" "HOEBY" "GILLESPIE" "NICHOLSON"
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
Auxiliaries	14	: "TRINITY" (AO) "SANDS" "HERBERT" "SCHLEY"
		"KANE" (APD) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "POYANG" (AE) 1 ARD. "PING WO" (ASIS) "POINT LOMA" (AT) "MORESBY" (AGS) "WESTRALIA" (APA) "RIGEL" (AR)
		"DOBBIN" (AD)
Merchantmen	16	"ALCIBIADES" "R.S.BEAN" "BONTEKOE" "F.H.DODD' "A.B.HAMMOND" "A.S.DUNIWAY" "M.T.HERRICK"
	131	"JANSSENS" "KARSIK" "RAJAHSTAN" "J.SINGER"
		"O.SKINNER" "J.M.WHISTLER" "WICHITA FALLS" "D.WRIGHT" "E.YOUNG"
Kiriwina Is:		
Werchantmen Woodlark Is:	2	: "ANHUI" "GEO.LUKS"
Escorts	3	"WAGGA" (AMS) 2 YMS: 50, 335
Merchantmen Geodenough Ts:	2	"D.D.FIELD" "J.S.MANSFIELD"
Goodenough Is: Escorts	1 AMS	: "GOULBURN" (AMS)
Auxiliaries	5	"CARTER HALL" (LSD) "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA" "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "MIZAR" (AF)
Merchantmen	3	"REIJNST" "M. TRWAITES" "VAN SWOLL"
Milne Bay: Combat Units	2 CA	: "SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"
SOMPHO OHLOS	S CI	* "MASHVILLE" "BOISE"
	15 DD	: "HUTCHINS" "DALY" "BACHE" "MULLANY" "ABNER
		READ" "AMMEN" "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" : 699, 703, 732, 738, 741, 742, 748 : "KIAMA" "BUNDABERG" "CASTLEMAINE" "BOWEN" 7 80 5 AMS "GYMPIE" : 47, 1120, 1124, 1131, 1132, 1133, 1134 : 9, 10, 48, 52, 73 : 427, 431, 801, 802, 817, 818 : "AASE MAERSK" (AO) "HALF MOON" (AVP) 7 PC 5 YMS 6 ML Auxiliaries 29 "HEDUSA" (AR) "GILMER" (APD" "HARRY LEE" "MEDUSA" (AR) "GILMER" (APD" "HARRY LEE"
"ZEILIN" "ORMSLEY" "WINDSOR" (APA) "VIRGO" (AKA
"OTUS" "EURYALE" (AS) "KOOPA" (AGP) "AMYGUS"

(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
"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" Merchantmen 70 "CAPE CLEARE" "CAPE DOUGLAS" "CEFALU"
"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.LINDERWANN
"J.MCLEAN" "B.MATTHEWS" "J.LYKES" "MEXICO"
"MIDWEST FARMER" "MONTAUK POINT" "W.V.MOODY"
"NARVIK" "T.NELSON" "JEAN NICOLET" "NORAB" "JAMES D. PHALAN" "POINT SAM PEDRO"
"AGWI PRINCE" "M. ROBERT SON" "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 "BALIKPAPAN" "CAMBERRA" "E.CHAMBERS"
"C.DABROW" "GORGON" "HANYANG" "G.R.HEBARD" Merchantmen 11 "MOMPORO" "ORMISTON" "STIKLESTAD" "TAROONA" Merauke: Escorts 1 : SC: 731 Thursday Is: Escorts 2 YMS: 49, 50 2 AMS: "KALGOORLIE" "PIRIE" : "BUNGAREE" (CM) "POLARIS" (AGS) 4 Auxiliaries 2 Cairns: : 4 AMS: "GLENELG" "MILDURA" "TOWNSVILLE" Escorts 10 "BALLARAT" 1 PC: 479 3 ML: 804, 811, 820 2 YMS: 47, 51 "PLATYPUS" (A) Auxiliaries 3 (AR) 1 ARD "GANYMEDE" (AK) Mackay: Auxiliaries : "HEROH" (AVP) 1 Gh astone: Auxiliaries 2 : 1 YDG 1 ARD sbane: : 1 PS: "SWAN" 2 SC: 745, 749, 2 ML: 808, 82; "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "ALGORAB" (AKA)
"GOIDSTAR" (AG) "KURUMBA" (AO) "TASMAN" (AH)
2 YP: 233, 236 "FYRO" (AE) "CARONDOLET"
"KATLUA" "ST. MARY" (IX) Escorts 5 2 ML: 808, 821 Auxiliaries 11

Sydney: 1 CL : "HOBART" (Refitting) Combat Units : "VENDETTA" "STUART 2 DD : 1 PF: "GASCOYNE" 1 PS: "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA"
6 AMS: "COLAC" "DELORAINE" "ECHUCA"
"GLADSTONE "KATOOMBA" "WARRNAMBOOL" 14 Escorts 3 AS: "KYBRA" "YANDRA" "AB.CRIJNSSEN" 3 ML: 807, 822, 823 "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "OCTANS" (AF) Auxiliaries 4 "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG) Melbourne: : "LITHGOW" "FREMANTLE" (Refitting) Escorts 2 AMS : "YUMA" (AT) Auxiliaries (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 resistence probably continued rearguard action. During 30 March coastal targets were attacked by 6 Dauntle sa 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 amounttion 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. Comfirmed hits were scored on a small freighter and the hulk of a warship described as a destroyer. Later Dauntle sees scored further hits on the hulk and sank a small freighter in a cover N.W. of Praed Point.

Between 1940/30-0245/31 Vunapope and Rataval supply areas were bombed intermittently by 6 Mitchells. At 1050/51 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 12Avengers.

During 31 March fighter sweeps around L.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 accommpanied by a drive South from Lorengau.

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

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

Matives report through patrols landed by PT boats that there are no Japs left in the Southwestern - Western - North soast area of Manus Island from Alacrity Point to Bumbralis 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
 (13 miles East

 Wakde on mainland)

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 an other 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.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

- (a) At Sea to 1200/2:
- (1) "INVERELL" (AMS) escorting "PENNAMT" departed Thursday Island 2145/1 (2) 13 submarines on patrol.

 - (b) In Harbour:

Arwin:

Escerts 6: 3 AMS: "COOTAMUNDRA" "LATROBE" "WILCANNIA"

3 ML: 429, 809, 816

Werchantmen 5: "J.W.TROY" "W.PROUSE" "SUVA" "M.FLINDERS"

"H.MOLLER"

(11) 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

(1) AILIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/2:

Nil.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:
Combat Units 1 CL : "ADELAIDE"

Fremantle (Contd.) : "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739 Escorts 3 ML: 812, 824, 826 "WANGANELLA" (AH) "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" (AM) "DUNTROON" (AP) "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS) Auxiliaries 9 "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) 1 WP: 286 1 ARD Exmouth Gulf: : "CHILDS" (AV) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) 1 YP: 288 Auxiliaries

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Woleai At midnight 31 March-1 April, aerodromes, buildings and installations on Wolcai were to mbed by 2 Liberators and 2 Catalinas.
- 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. Vasual sightings not covered by photographs may increase the above by 3 (2) Truk 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 Genpac aircraft at Ponapai, Taroa, Mille, Jaluit and Wotje.

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)		Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marianas
•	(4) IDAHO NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA TENNESSEE	- *	MUSASHI
•	-	•	(2) ZUIHO RYUHO
(2) AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	•		(6) ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI MYOKO HAGURO MAYA
(4) BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX HOBART	(8) GOLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELIER DENVER HONOLULU ST LOUIS BIRMINGHAM LEANDER		(3) OYODO YUBARI NOSHIRO
•			KASHIMA
TANGIER	(2) WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	•	(2) AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO
(2) HALF MOON SAN PABLO	BALLARD		. 3
(30) ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA REID AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS HOBBY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES	Approx. 45 NICHOLSON WILKES STEVENSON THORN ABNER READ ROE GRAYSON SWANSON ERBEN WALKER HALE ABBOTT		20
	(2) AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE (4) BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX HOBART TANGIER (2) HALF MOON SAN PABLO (36) ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA REID AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULIANY HUTCHINS HOBBY KALK GILLESPIE	(2) AUSTRALIA SEROPSHIRE (4) BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX HOBART TANGIER (2) WRIGHT CHANDELEUR (3) ARUTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA RE ID ALLEN BEALE BACHE SAN PABLO (36) ARUTA RE ID ALLEN WELLES BACHE ROBER (4) BOISE (8) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONT PELIER DENVER HONOLULU ST LOUIS BIRMINGHAM LEANDER (2) WRIGHT CHANDELEUR BALLARD APPROX. 45 WILKES BACHE STEVENSON BEALE THORN BUSH ABMER READ DALY ROE MULLANY GRAYSON HUTCHINS SWANSON HOBBY RALK WALKER GILLESPIE WELLES WELLES	(2) AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE (4) BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX HOBART TANGIER (2) HALF MOON SAN PABLO (3) WRIGHT CHANDELEUR (4) BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX HOBART (5) WRIGHT CHANDELEUR (2) WRIGHT CHANDELEUR (3) WRIGHT CHANDELEUR (4) BOISE NASHVILLE CLEVELAND MONT PELTER HONOLULU ST LOUIS BIRMINGHAM EANDER (2) WRIGHT CHANDELEUR (3) WRIGHT CHANDELEUR (4) WRIGHT CHANDELEUR (5) ARUNTA NETD ALLARD APPOX. 45 APPOX. 45 ABLIARD ADDROX. 45 ABLIARD ABLIA

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SOCI SECONDA CARLOS A PARA SECONDA CON LABORACION ANTICONO.	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)		Bismareks Solomons	Carolines Marianas
SS	(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	?	?
APA/APD/AK	A (17) H.T.ALLEN (KANIMBLA MAN OORA WESTRALIA HARRY LEE ZEILIN ORMSLEY WINDSOR ALGORAB (AK VIRGO GILMER (APD KANE SCHLEY SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS HERBERT	7 APD 4 AKA		
	BLUE RIDGE		•	•
AS	(2) OTUS EURYALE		?	?
AD	DOBBIN			
AR	(3) RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYOUS	PROMETHEUS		
AIRCRAFT (A Fighters (i Light & M/E Torpedo & D Flying Boat Bloatplanes on A/c	/Bombers	170 110 2 1 12 19		
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	ALLIED FORCES	N. S. S. C. September (2019) and C. S.	ENEMY FOR	CES
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CL	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND		(3) ABUKU TAMA KISO	MA
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SS	10		Approx	x. 4.
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3. CENTRAL PACIFIC - EMPIRE

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	ALLIED FORCES,		ENE	MY FORCES
I	(14) INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA IOWA WASHINGTON NEW JERSEY MASSACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA	COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI	(5)	ISE YAMASHIRO HYUGA YAMATO MUTSU (prob. sunk)
OV	(6) ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	INTREPTO ESSEX BUNKER HILL		-
CV(L)		CABOT LANGLEY • INDEFENDENCE		HITAKA HAYATAKA
COT)	-			HOSHO
OV(E)	(25) COPAMER SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO CORAL SEA BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU SANTEE CASABLANCA CORREGIDOR ALTANAHA	WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KALIPIN BAY KALIPIN BAY MANILA BAY MATOMA BAY MEHENTA BAY	(5)	CHITOSE JIMYO KAIYO OTAKA UMYO
CA	(13) BALTIMORE BOSTON CHE STER CANBERRA WICHTA NEW ORLEAMS	MINTEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIAKAPOLIS SA FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE	•	•
OCA	-		6	3
CL	SAN DIEGO	OAKLAND RENO CONCORD	(3) m	NAGARA NATORI ISUZU
CL(T)	-		K	TASHII
AV/CVS			5	
DD	Approx. 85			O (several repairing)
3.S.	Approx. 30			pprox. 25
AS	?			(one repairing)

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

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5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

-	Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippine
BB		(3) QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN	(4) MAGATO KONGO HARUNA FUSO
CA	•	(2) ILLUSTRIOUS SARATOGA	(2) ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
CV(L)	•		TAIHO (en route)
CV(E)	•	(4) BATTLER UNICORN SHAH RANEE	CHIYODA
9	•	(6) SUSSEX SUFFOLK HAWKINS FROBISHER LONDON CUMBERLAND	(6) AOBA KUMANO SUZUYU CHIKUMA MOGAMI TONE
CL	ADELATDE	(9) CARADOC NEWCASTLE CEYLON DANAE KENYA TROMP GAMBIA EMERALD VAN HEEMSKERK	(4) YAHAGI OI KINU RITAGAMI
AV/CVS	(2) CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	* KAMOI
XCL	•	(2) CANTON CHITRAL	
XAC/XCVS	•	?	•
DD	•	Approx. 27	25
SS	(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 CREVALLE ROBALO FLASHER K.15 HOE	At Fremantle	
AS	(2) PELIAS ORION		
AIRCRAFT (Fighters (Light & M/I Torpedo & I Flying Boar Floatplanes Obsn A/8	D/Bombers ts	173 39 115 42 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.

OUTH 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.

"YP.283" departed Milne Bay 1215/2 ETA Langemak 1000/4.

"MAETSUYCKER" (AH) departed Milne Bay 1300/2 for Langemak ETA 1800/3.

"HOPEWELL" "LA VALLETTE" (DD) proceeding Cape Sudest due daylight (4)

April 3.
"BUNDABERG" "CASTLEMAINE" "BOWEN" (AMS) were to depart Milne Bay
3 April for Langemak to relieve "BENDIGO" "COWRA" "ARARAT" (AMS)

(6) "ML.819" refleated, 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 escert to Milne Bay.

O) "PC.1119" departed Milne Bay 0500/2 to RV with "PORCUPINE" (IX) and escert to Milne Bay ETA China Straits 0800/4.

PC.1131" departed Milne Bay 1800/2 to RV with "CAME COD" and escert to Milne Bay 1800/2 to RV with "CAME COD" and

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 enward routeing 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 Calcundra 1900/2 for Milne Bay ETA China

Straits 0600/8
(18) "WHYALLA" (AMS) departed Calcumdra 1823/31 for A/S patrol Sandy Cape

(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) on 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 Lengemak 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.

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Admiralties: Combat Units	2 DD	: "GRAYSON" "ROE"
Escorts	5	: 1 DE: "HARMON" 1 AMS: "BENALLA" 1 SC: 735 2 YMS: 8, 46
Auxiliaries	5	: "OYSTER BAY (AGP) "SAN PABLO" (AVP)
Merchantmen	13	ETAMIN" (AK) "CHETCO" "SONOMA" (AT) "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 Merchantmen	3	: "COWRA" (AMS) 1 PC: 1122 1 ML: 423 : "T.CRAWFORD" "H.T.RAINEY" "J.ROSSITER" "A.THOMAS"
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Combat Units Auxiliaries Saidor:	14 PF	* "HILO" (AGP)
Compat Units	12PT	
Merchantmen gemak:	2	: "JOHN I. NOLAN" "TIMOSHENKO"
Combat Units	1 DD 21 PT	: "BEALE"
Escorts	25 PT	2 PF: "SAN PEDRO" "LONG BEACH" 4 AMS: "BENDIGO" "ARARAT" "BUNBURY" "STAWELL" 3 PC: 476, 1123, 1132 3 YMS: 313,315, 316 4 ME: 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.FUILER" "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.WESTOOTT" "YOCHOW"
Lae:	2	
Merchantmen	10	: 2 ML: 428, 430 1 AM S: "KAPUNDA" : "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:	a or	* "PHOENIX"
Combat Units	15 DD	: "PHOENIX" : "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 NL: 816 2 SC: 736, 737
Auxiliaries	12	"BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "POYANG" (AE) 1 ARD "PING WO" (ASIS) "POINT OMA" (AT) "MORESBY" (AGS)
Merchantmen	17	"RIGEL" (AR) "DOBBIN" (AD) "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 Merchantmen	2	"GYMPIE" (AMS) "ANHUI" "GEO.LUKS"

Woodlark Is:	3			"WAGGA" (AMS) 2 YMS: 50, 335
Merchantmen	:2			"D.D.FIELD" "J.S.MANSFIELD"
Goodenough Is:	8 60		•	IN CASE ALLEGAN OF SOCIALISM ACCOURAGE
Escorts	1		2	"GOULBURN" (AMS)
Auxiliaries	4			"CARTER HALL" (LSD) "KANIMBLA" MANOORA"
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erchantmen	1		2	"W.GRENFELL"
mMine Bay:				
Combat Units	2	CA		"SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"
	2	CL		"NASHVILLE" "BOISE"
	14	DD	8	"HUTCHINS" "DALY" "BACHE" "MULLANY" "ABNER
				READ" "AMMEN" "BUSH" "ARUNTA" "WARRAMUNGA"
1		29(7)		"ERBEN" "WALKER" "HALE" "ABBOTT" "HARRISON"
myrata a Garage		PT		nto forward of Mino Boy not shown.
	obelario	PF PF	moveme	nts forward of Milne Bay not shown. "WORCESTER" "VAN BUREN" "OGDEN" "BARCOO"
Escorts		SC		699, 703, 732, 738, 742, 748
		AMS	2	"KIAMA" "BUNDABERG" "CASTLEMAINE" "BOWEN"
		PC		47, 1120, 1124, 1132, 1133, 1134
		YMS		9, 10, 48, 52, 73
		MI.		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) "AMYGUS" (ARL)
				"YUNNAN" (AE) "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG) "TEAK" (AN)
				"SHEPPARTON" (AGS) "SOLACE" (AH) "BAYOU ST. JOHN" "RESERVE" (AT) "BOOTES"
				"TRIANGULUM" (AK) "VILLALOBOS" "PANDA" (IX)
				"ALABASTER" (PYC) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS)
-				1 ARD 2 YP: 278, 280
Merchantmen	62			"E.G.ACHESON" "ARANSAS PASS" "AUN"
amon density	0.0		•	"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
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				"EXIRIA" "M.GRIFFITH" "HADLEY" "KATOOMBA"
				"L.S.KEILY" "W.S.LADD" "LAKE ORMAC" "J.LANE"
0.00				"F.B.LINDERMANN" J.MCLEAN" "J.LYKES"
				"MONTAUK POINT" "W.V.MOODY" "NORLAGO" "NORAB" "T.MELSON" "JAMES D.PHALAN" "AGWI PRINCE"
				"M.ROBERTSON" "A.REHAN" "REIJHST" "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" "H. WALKER"
				"WEST CACTUS" "K.D.WIGGIN" "J.WING"
Port Moresby:				
Escorts	1			ML: 426
Merchantmen	8		:	"CANBERRA" "E.CHAMBERS" "C.DARROW" "HANYANG"
98 9				G.R. HEBARD" "O. KELLY" "MONTORO" "STIKLESTAD"
Merauke:				00. 821
Escorts	1		\$	SC: 731
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Escorts Auxiliaries	2			2 YMS: 49, 50 2 AMS: "KALGOORLIE" "PIRIE" "BUINGAREE" (CM) "POLARIS" (AGS)
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Escorts	10			4 AMS: "GLENELG" "MILDURA" "TOWNSVILLE"
44-4-4-4-4	20			"BALLARAT" 1 PC: 479 3 ML: 804, 811, 820
				2 YMS: 47, 51
Auxiliaries	6		*	"PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD "TANCRED" (AT)
				1 AFD 1 YOG: "LEOPARD"(IX)
Mackay:				
Auxiliaries	1		:	"HERON" (AVP)
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Escorts	5		*	1 PS: "SWAN" 2 SC: 745, 749 2 ML: 808,821
Auxiliaries	10		,	"WHIPPOORWILL" (AN) "ALGORAB" (AKA) "KURUMBA" (AO) "TASMAN" (AH) 2 YP: 233, 236
				"PYRO" (AE) "CARONDOLET" "KAILUA""ST. MARY"(IX
				(AB) "DANORDOLLET" "RAILOR" ST. MARI" (LA
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vdney: : "HOBART" (Refitting) : "VEMDETTA" "STUART" Combat Units 1 CL 2 DD : 1 PF: "GASCOYNE" 1 PS: "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA"
6 AMS: "COLAC" "DELORAINE" "ECHUCA"
"GLADSTONE" "KATOOMBA" "WARRNAMBOOL"
3 AS: "KYBRA" "YANDRA" "AB.CRIJNSSEN" 14 Escorts 3 ML: 807, 822, 823 : "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "OCTANS" (AF) "POLLUX" (AKS) Auxiliaries "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG) Melbourne: : "LITHGOW" "FREMANTLE" (Refitting) Escorts 2 AMS : "YUMA" (AT) Auxiliaries. (11) ENEMY FORCES (1) San Cristobal - At approximately 0235/2 a submarine was sighted by aircraft 175 miles South of San Cristobal. (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 andwithdrew. 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 Morth and East. On a.m. 1 April, Maririci River mouth was again bombed by 12 Dauntless and 12 Avengers. (3) Buke Passage - On 1 April the dock at Porton Plantation was damaged during an attack by 14 Dauntless. (4) Numa Muma . The supply area at Muma Muma was attacked p.m. 1 April by 12 Warhawks. (5) Bismarck 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. 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 Marbour were hit instead in addition to 2 large barges under way. Island - At 1352/1 an enemy submarine was attacked by aircraft (7) Dyaul Island -(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 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 Eaca 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.

jim - Patrolling continues both in the coastal sector around Kaliko (52 miles S.E. of Bagadjim) and along Bagadjim Road (14) Bogadjim 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.

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

: 3 AMS: "COOTAMUNDRA" "LATROBE" "WILCANNIA"

3 ML: 429, 809, 816

"J.W.TROY" "W?PROUSE" "SUVA" "M.FLINDERS" "H.MOILER" Merchantmen

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

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat Units 1 CL

: "ADELATDE" : "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739 Escorts

3 ML: 812, 824, 826
"ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" (AM) "DUMTROON" (AP)
"ORION" "FELIAS" (AS) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) Auxiliaries 9

1 YP: 286 1 ARD

Exmouth Gulf: "CHILDS" (AV) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) 1 YP: 288 Auxiliaries 3

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

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 (1) Truk was attempted by 2 enemy aircraft. At 0435/1 Dublen Island was bombed by a Soupac

Liberator causing a large fire.

s - On 31 March light and moderate raids were conducted on Wotje (bombing and strafing by 20 Dauntless 4 Hellcats, (2) Marshalls -21 Corsairs), Mille and Jaluit

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 transportion 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 Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section) South Pacific BB (4) IDAHO NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA TENNESSEE (2) AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE CL (4) BOISE (8) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND NASHVILLE PHOENIX MONT PELIER M HOBART DENVER HONGLULU ST LOUIS BIRMINGHAM LEANDER AV/CVS (2) WRIGHT TANGIER CHANDELEUR XAV/XCVS (2) HALF MOON BALLARD SAN PABLO (33) ARUNTA Approx. 45 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 ERBEN WALKER HALE ABBOTT STEMBEL HARRISON HOPEWELL

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ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

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	outhwest Pacif Eastern Section		
SS (8) BASHAW BLUEGILL BLACKFISH DACE DARTER FLOUNDER SCAMP SILVERSIDES	On Patrol	15
(3) S.42 S.47 CERO) At Mine Bay	
Marie .	K.9	At Sydney	
	K.12	At Melbourne	
PT A	pprox. 85	Approx. 110	8
APA)			
AKA) (17	H.T.ALLEN (A KANIMBLA MANOORA WESTRALIA HARRY LEE ZEILIN ORMSLEY WINDSOR ALGORAB (AKA VIRGO	7 APD 4 AKA GILMER (APD) KANE SCHLEY SANDS	
AGC	BLUE RIDGE		
	2) OTUS EURYALE DOBBIN		?
AR (3) RICEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS	PROMETHEUS	
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		ALLIED FORCES	ENE	MY FORCES
CA			(2)	NACHI ASHIGARA
CL	(3)	DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	(3)	ABUKUMA TAMA KISO
DD		9		10
SS		10		Approx. 4.

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC.

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

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8					ndates Llippines	Emj	oire
BB	(14)	NORTH CAROLINA IOWA WASHINGTON NEW JERSEY MASSACHUSETTS	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA OKLAHOMA	(4)	NAGATO FUSO KONGO HARUNA	(6)	YAMASHTRO HYUGA YAMATO MUSASHI MUTSU (prob. sunk)
GA	(6)	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL		•		•
S GA(T)	(7)		CABOT LANGLEY INDEPENDENCE	(2)	RYUHO ZUIHO	(2)	HITAKA HAYATAKA
CV(T)		•			-		нозно
CV(E)		SAMGAMON- 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 KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MANILA BAY NATOMA BAY MEHENTA BAY OMMANEY BAY		CHIYODA	(5) M M	CHITOSE JINYO KAIYO OTAKA UNYO
OGA OGA		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 6
CL	1	SAN DIEGO R F	OAKLAND RENO CONCORD		YUBARI NOSHIRO YAHAGI		NAGARA NATORI NISUZU OYODO
CL(T)		•			Kashima		KASHII
<u>A</u> CVS					AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO		•
DD		ex. 85			25-30	20 (several repairing
SS		ox. 30			25	Appr	ox. 25
AS	7	?			?	2 (0	ne repairing)

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

CL TRENTON

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

	ALLIED FORCE	S	ENEMY FORCES
	Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Malaya
BB		(3) QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN	•
CV	•	(2) ILLUSTRIOUS SARATOGA	(2) ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
CV(L)	•	•	TATHO
CV(E)	•	(4) BATTLER UNICORN SHAH RANEE	
CA	•	(6) SUSSEX SUFFOLK HAWKINS FROBISHER LONDON CUMBERLAND	(3) AOBA KUMANO SUZUYU
<u>OL</u>	ADELATDE	(9) CARADOC NEWCASTLE CEYLON DANAE KENYA TROMP GAMBIA EMERALD VAN HEEMSKERK	(3) OI KINU KITAGAMI
AV/CVS	(2) CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	* KAMOI
XCL	•	(2) CANTON CHITRAL	-
DD		Approx. 27	15-20
•	(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	
S. S	(2) PELIAS ORION		
Fighters Light & I Torpedo Flying B Floatpla	ne s	182 48 115	t.
Obsn. A/	9	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 :

4 April, 1944

PART I

OUTH 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 Cretin.

(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) escerting 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 COD" and escort

to Milne Bay.

(c) "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.1135" 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 Pert Moresby ETA 0500/5.
(9) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) departed Calcundra 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 Calcundra 2245/31 Mar. for Cairns, for onward routeing to Thursday Island and Darwin.
(13) "MILDURA" (AMS) towing 1 APC departed Cairns 1100/4 for Brisbane ETA Calcundra 1000/8.

"MIZAR" (AF) departed Milne Bay 0715/1 for Brisbane ETA 1300/4.
"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; 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.

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(e) In Harbour:

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Admiralties:		
Combat Units	2 DD 20 PT	: "GRAYSON" "ROE"
Escorts	5 Pr	: "SAN PEDRO" (PF) "BENALLA" (AMS) 1 SC: 735
Auxiliaries	8	2 YMS: 8, 46 "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "SAN PABLO" "TANGIER" (AV) "GUNSTON 'HALL" (LSD) "CHETCO" "SONOMA" "RESERVE" (AT) "MINK" (IX)
Merchantmen	13	"J.BARBAPA" "F.BILLINGS" "J.P.BRADLEY" " "J.BURROUGHS" "P.T.DODDRIDGE" "E.JOENSON" "LYMAN STEWART" "B.MATTHENS" "G.V.L.MEYER" "MORWAGSEA" "RAMO" "W.J.SUBJETTE" "S.M.WHITE"
Cape Gloucester:	3	: "COWRA" (AMS) 1 PC: 1122 1 ML: 423
Escorts Merchantmen	4	"T.CRAWFORD" "E.T.RAINEY" "J.ROSSITER"
Talasea: Combat Units	14 PT	
Auxiliaries	1	: "HILD" (AGP)
Saider: Combat Units	12 PT	
Merchantmen	2	: "JOHN I. HOLAN" "TIMOSHENEO"
Combat Units	1 DD	* *BEALE*
	21 PT	
Escorts	28	** SAMS: "ARARAT" "BENDIGO" "BUNBURY" "KAPUNDA" "STAWELL" 3 PC: 476, 1123, 1132 4 YMS:315,315, 316, 393 5 ML: 424, 431, 803, 805, 816 11 SC: 637, 648, 650, 734, 741, 744, 746, 747, 750, 981, 982 "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "HUMPHREYS" "BROOKS" (APD)
Auxiliaries	8	"PORTUNUS" (AGP) "HUMPHREYS" "BROOKS" (APD) "WESTRALIA" (APA) "MAETSUYCKER" (AH) "TULSA" (PG) "COUCAL" (ASR) 1 YP: 283
Merchantmen	26	"BORGFRED" "BOTH" "P.CHANDLER" "W.E.CHANNING" "T.M.COCLEY" "COLORADO" "J.DOTY" "M.FULLER" "ISOLATCR" "JAPARA" "W.MCCRACKEN" "MAGTAN" "MACKAWAO" "MANA" "J.W.NELDRUM" "MORMAGGULL" "S.G.PORTER" "F.W.QUINONES" "A.ROBINSON" "SEA WITCH" "W.SPARRON" "CLAUD SPRECKLES" "J.ROSS" "STAGEN" "ED.N.WESTGOTT" "YOCHOW"
ale:	•	
Escorts	2	: 2 ML: 428, 430
Auxiliaries Merchantmen	9	"PARDA" (IX) "D.F.BARRY" "CAPE SPENGER" "D.E.HUGHES" "L.MERRITT" "NORINDIES" "RING LARDNER" "J.SINGER" "G.L.SMITH" "R.STUART"
Buna - Oro Bay:		A A Magneting of A Age & South Street
Combat Units	15 DD	"WILKES" "HOBBY" "GILLESPIE" "NICHOLSON" "AMMEN" "WELLES" "STEMBEL" "STOCKTON" "THORN" "SWANSOF" "STEVENSON" "KALK" "REID" "HOPEWELL" "LA VALLETTE"
Escorts	9	: 2 PF: "CORONADO" "GLENDALE" 5 YES: 53, 71, 314, 334, 336 1 ML: 816
Auxiliaries	13	"TRINITY" (AO) "GILMER" "HERBERT" "KANE" "SCELEY" (APD) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "POYANG" (AE "PING WO" (ASIS) 1 ARD "PCINT LOMA" (AT) "MCRESBY" (AGS) "RIGEL" (AR) "DOBBIN" (AD) "BAL IKPAPAN" "R.S.BEAN" "BCNTEKCE" "F.H.DODD" "A.B.HAMHOND" "A.S.HEWITT" "A.S.DUNIWAY"
Merchantmen	17	"BAL IKPAPAN" "R.S.BEAN" "BCNTEKOE" "F.H.DODD" "A.B.HAMWOND" "A.S.HEWITT" "A.S.DUNIWAY" "JANSSE'S" "KARSIK" "NARVIK" "O.SKINNER" "C.L.SMITH" "VAN SWOLL" "J.M.WHISTLER" "WICHITA FALLS" "D.WRIGHT" "E.YOUNG"
Kiriwina Is:	1	Howard Asso
Merchantmen Woodlark Is:	2	: "GYMPIE" (AMS) : "ANHUI" "GEC.LUKS"
Escorts	3	: "WAGGA" (ANS) 2 YNS: 50, 335
Merchantmen	2	"D.D.FIELD" "J.S.MANSFIELD"

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Goodenough Is:
                                                      : "GOULBURN" (AMS)
: "CAPTER HAIL" (LSD) "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA"
"E.T.ALLEN" (APA)
         Escorts
                                        1
         Auxiliaries
                                        4
                                                      : "W.GRENFELL" "K.D.WIGGIN"
         Merchantmen
    Milne Bay:
                                                    : "SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"
         Combat Units
                                       2 CA
                                                      "HUTCHINS" "DALY" "BACHE" "MULLANY"
                                       3 CL
                                        9 DD
                                                          "ABEER READ" "BUSE" "ARUNTA" "WARRAMUNGA"
                                                          "HARRISON"
                                       7 PT
Note: Special operational movements forward of Milne Bay not shown.

Escorts 5 PF : "VAU BUREN" "OGDER" "BARCOO" "LONGBEACH"
                                                         "EL PASO"
                                                         705, 732, 736, 738, 742, 748
                                       6 SC:
                                                      * "KTAMA"
                                       1 AMS
                                                      : 47, 1119, 1124, 1132, 1134
: 9, 10, 48, 52, 73
                                       5 PC
                                       5 YMS
                                                      : 427, 801, 802, 817, 818, 819
: "VICTORIA" "AASE MAERSK" (AO) "HALF MOON" (AVE
                                       6 ML
         Auxiliaries
                                      32.
                                                         "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
"H.L.ABBOTT" "E.G.ACHESON" "ARANSAS PASS""AUN"
"ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "BARBARA C" "S.K.BOLIVAR"
        Merchantmen
                                     57
                                                         "W. N. BYERS" "J. CABRILLO" "CAPE CLEARE"
                                                        "GA E NEWENHAM" "CITY OF PHILADELPHIA" "M.DALY"
"G.DAVIDSON" "J.DEERE" "J.W.DAVIS" "DON MARQUIS
"L.L.DYCHE" "G.F.ELLIOTT" "ENA" "EMPRESS SILMER
"ESSO MANHATTAN" "JOHN EVANS" "EXIRIA"
                                                         "M.GRIFFITH" "HADLEY" "L.S. KELLY" "W.S. LADD"
                                                        "M.GRIFFITH" "HADLEY" "L.S.KELLY" "W.S.LADD"
"LAKE ORMAC" "J.LANE" "F.B.LINDERMANN"
"J.MCLEAN" "J.LYKES" "MONTAUK POINT" "W.V.MOCDY
"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.THORINTON" "THUNDERER" "GEO.VANCOUVER"
"M.WALKER" "WEST CACTUS" "J.WING"
   Port Moresby:
       Escorts
                                                 : ML: 426
                                                    "CAMBERRA" "E.CHAMBERS" "C.DARROW" "HANYANG"
"G.R.HEBARD" "O.KELLY" "MONTORO" "STIKLESTAD"
        Merchantmen
                                      8
  Merauke:
       Escorts
                                      1
                                                    : SC: 731
  Thursday Is:
                                                    : 2 YMS: 49, 50 2 AMS: "KALGOORLIE" "PIRIE"
: "BUAGAREE" (CM) "POLARIS" (AGS) 1 YP: 291
       Escorts
                                      B.
       Auxiliaries
  Cairns:
       Escorts
                                                    : 3 AMS: "GLENELG" "EROOME" "TOWNSVILLE"
                                                    1 R: 479 3 ML: 804, 811, 820 2 YMS: 47, 51
"PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD "TANCRED" (AT)
       Auxiliaries
                                     5
                                                       1 AFD 1 YOG
     ckay:
       Auxiliaries
                                                    : "HERON" (AVP)
                                     1
  Brisbane:
                                                   : 1 PS: "SWAN" 2 AMS: "GEHLONG" "WHYALLA"
2 SC: 745, 749 T YMS: 70 2 ML: 808, 821
: "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "ALGORAB" (AKA) "KURUMBA"
(AO) 2 YP: 233, 236 "PYRO" (AE) "CARONDOLET"
"KAILUA" "ST. MARY" (IX)
      Escorts
                                     8
       Auxiliaries
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Sydney: : "HOBART" (Refitting) : "VENDETTA" "STUART" Combat Units 1 CL 2 DD : 1 PF: "GASCOYNE"1 FS: "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA"
6 AMS: "COLAC" "DELORAINE" "ECHUCA" 15 Escorts "GLADSTONE" "KATOCMBA" " 4 AS: "KYBRA" "YANDRA" "AB.CRIJNSSEN" "DOOMBA" 5 ML: 807, 822, 823 "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "OCTANS" (AF) "POLLUX" (AKS) Auxiliaries 5 "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG) Melbourne: : "LITHGOW" "FREMANTLE" (Refitting) Escorts 2 AMS YUMA" (AT) Auxiliaries

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Admiralty Islands - Early a.m. 2 April an enemy submarine was contacted by PT boats between Lou Island and Los Megros Island. attack was made.

Cape Hoskings Area & Movement of enemy troops eastwards along the Coastal trails in the Cape Hoskins 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.

- The airfields at Hollandia were dealt a very severe blow Hollandia 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 sircraft on the sirfields. Very heavy destruction to enemy aircraft on the ground is claimed while in combat 26 enemy fighters were shot down - 24 by our fighters Our losses amounted to 1 fighter. and 2 by our bombers. 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. Liberators over Newak, 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.
- At 1000/2 a bivouac area near the Pulpa River mouth

Bogadjim (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.

Horn Island - At 0815/2 possible enemy reconnaissance plane was located approximately 50-80 miles N.E. Horn Island.

NORTH WESTERN AREA

Wewak

(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 0900/5.

(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.TRDY" "SUVA" "M.FLINDERS" "H.MOLIER"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- At 1025/3 Langgoer airfield was bombed by 27 Liberators dropping about 58 tons of bombs. The aerodrome was well Kai Island 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. At 1915-1950/2 target areas at Lautem were bombed by 5 Timor Beauforts with unobserved results.

At 1940-2000/2 Penfeei airfields and the adjacent barracks

were bombed by 7 Mitchells which started fires.

Lombok Strait - On 27 March a earge vessel of unreported size was attacked off Lombok Strait (See Naval Incidents).

South China Sea - At 1000/5 1 U.S. Submarine reported 2 "TONE" class heavy cruisers and 2 destroyers between Great Natoena and South Natoena 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.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA -

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (a) At Sea to 1200/4:
- "WANGANELLA" (AH) departed Fremantle 0806/1 proceeding out of S.W.P.A.
 "Y0288" departed Exmouth Gulf 1025/2 for Fremantle
 - (b) Proposed Movements:

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

(c) In Harbour:

Fremantle

Combat Units : "ADELAIDE" 1 CL

"HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739 Excorts 6

3 ML: 812, 824, 826
"ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" (AM) "DUNTROON" (AP)
"ORION" "PELIAS" (AS) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) Auxiliaries

1 YP: 1 ARD

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

(11) ENEMY FORCES

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

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

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.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

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

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

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

		1. SOUTH P	IND S	OUTH WEST PAC	TRIC
		ALLIED FORCES	3		ENEMY FORCES
		thwest Pacific stern Section)	Sou	th Pacific	
BB		•	(4)	IDAHO NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA TENNESSEE	
CV(E)		•	(4)	NATOMA BAY CORAL SEA CORRIGEDOR MANILA BAY	
CA	(2)	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE		•	•
<u>CL</u>	(4)	EOISE MASHVILLE PHOENIX HOBART	(8)	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELIER DENVER HONOLULU ST LOUIS BIRMINGHAM LEANDER	
AV/cvs		TANGIER	(3)	WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	
XAV/XOVS	(5)	HALF MOON SAN PABLO		BALLARD	
<u>DD</u>	(29)	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA REID ALMEN BACHE BEALE	App	rox. 45	-
		BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS HOBBY KALK GILLESPIE			
		WELLES STOCKTON NICHOLSON WILKES STEVENSON THORN ABNER READ ROE			
		GRAYSON SWANSON STEWBEL HARRISON HOPEWELL LA VALLETTE		m Non-effe	ctive

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

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ALLTED FORCES	ENEMY FORCES
Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section) South Pacific	
SS (3) BLUEGILL) On Patrol	15
FLOUNDER)	
(2) SILVERSIDES On Passage	
(3) S.42 S.47)At Milne Bay CERO	*
K.9 At Sydney	
K.12 At Melbourne	2
Approx. 85 Approx. 110	?
APA) (17) H.T.ALLEN(APA) 6 APA KAN IMBLA 7 APD MANOGRA 4 AKA WESTRALIA HARRY LEE GILMER (APD) ZEILIN KAME ORMSLEY SCHLEY WINDSOR SANDS ALGORAB (AKA)HUMPHREYS VIRGO BROOKS HERBERT	
ABC BLUE RIDGE	
AS (2) OTUS EURYALE	8
DOBBIN	•
AR (3) RIGEL PROMETHEUS PLATYPUS AMYOUS	
ATRCRAFT (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	ella dipienta instalario dell'all'all'anni pressa storri ricologica avvicaji singini que si effondire termin
2. NORTHERN PACIFIC	
ALLIED FORCES	EMEMY FORCES
CA -	(2) NACHI ASHIGARA
CL (3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	(3) ABUKUMA TAMA KISO

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Approx. 4

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

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ВВ	(14)	NORTH CAROLINA IONA WASHINGTON NEW JERSEY MASSACHUSETTS	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA OKLAHOMA	(4)	NAGATO FUSO KONGO HARUNA	(6) m	ISE YAMASHIRO HYUGA YAMATO MUSASHI MUTSU (prob. sunk)
CV	(6)	ENTERPRISE YORKTONN LEXINGTON	IMTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL		-		•
CV(L)	(7)	BELLEAU WOOD	CABOT LANGLEY INDEPENDENCE	(3)	RYUHO ZUIHO	(2)	HITAKA HAYATAKA
CV(T)		-			-		нозно
GA (E)	(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		CHTYODA	(5) 発発	CHITOSE JINYO KAIYO OTAKA UNYO
GA B	(13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANA POLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE		ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI MYOKO HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI		MAYA
OCA		•			•		6
CL	(7)	SAN DIEGO	OAKLAND RENO CONCORD	(3)	YUBARI NOSHIRO YAHAGI	(4)	NAGARA NATORI ISUZU OYODO
OL(T)		•			KASHIMA		KASHII
AV/OVS		•		(2)	AKITSUSHIN NOTORO	1A	
and di	Appro	0x. 85			25-30	20	(several repairing
SS	Appro	x. 30			25	Appr	гох. 25
AS		?			?	2 (one repairing)

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

CL TRENTON

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES ENEMY FORCES Southwest Pacific (Western Section) East Indies - Malaya Eastern Fleet Area (3) QUEEN ELIZABETH BB VALIANT RENOWN (2) ILLUSTRIOUS (2) ZUIKAKU) Poss. en CV SHOKAKU) route SARATOGA Philippines TATHO CV(L) (4) BATTLER CA(E) UNICORN SHAH RANEE (6) SUSSEX (3) AOBA KUMANO) Poss. en SUZUYU) route SUFFOLK HAWKINS FROBISHER Philippines LONDON CUMBERLAND CL ADELATDE (9) CARADOC NEWCASTLE (3) OI CEYLON DANAE KINU KENYA TROMP KITAGAMI GAMBIA EMERALD VAN HEEMSKERK AV/CVS (2) CHILDS ALBATROSS KAMOI W.B. PRESTON XCL (2) CANTON CHITRAL Approx. 27 15-20 SS LAPON) Approx. 15 17 (incl. 6 German) (20) ANGLER BLUEFISH MINGO NORWHAL) BOWFIN CABRILLA PUFFER GUMMEL RASHER) On Patrol HADDO RATON DARTER HAKE ARCHERFISH K.15) TANG DACE BASHAW SCAMP (10) BILLFISH JACK BONEFISH RAY COD REDFIN CREVALLE ROBALO) At Fremantle FLASHER HOE AS (2) PELIAS ORION AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area only) Fighters (incl. 26 twin-eng.) Light & M/Bombers 127 48 Torpedo & D/Bombers Flying Boats

42

16

Floatplanes

Obsn. A/c

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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

No. 798 Date : 5 April, 1944

PART I

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AREA

(i) 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.

"GOLDSTAR" (AG) departed Caloundra 1900/2 for Milne Bay ETA China (2) Strait 0600/8

(3)

5)

"TASMAN" (AH) departed Brisbane 2055/3 for Milne Bay ETA 0800/8
"LEOPARD" (IX) departed Cairns 0700/4 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/6
"YP291" departed Thursday Island 1620/4 for Cairns ETA 1830/6.
"YMS49" departed Thursday Island 1620/4 for Cairns ETA 1850/6.
"CALAMARES" (AF) was to depart Gladstone 0630/5 for Port Moresby ETA 1400/8 (7)

"BALLARAT" (AMS) conducting Grafton Passage A/S patrol.
"MILDURA" (AMS) towing 1 APC departed Cairns 1100/4 for Brisbane
ETA Caloundra 1000/8

(10) "SC.745" departed Calcundra 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:

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"PYRO" (AE) to depart Brisbane about April 5 for Langemak
"PIRIE" (AMS) escorting Convoy TD50 ("R.P.WARNER" "G.EASTMAN")
to depart Thursday Island 1300/5 for Darwin
"YMS's 11, 72" to depart Cairns 0600/6 for Thursday Island ETA
Ince Point 1400/9: for onward routeing to Fremantle via (3)

Darwin. "VENDETTA" (DD) escorting "LURLINE" to depart Sydney 1600/5, (4)

detaching at 159th, meridian and returning to Sydney.
"BARCOO" to depart Milne Bay approx. 7 April for Townsville for boiler (5) cleaning.

(c) In Harbour:

Admiralties: Combat Units	4DD	: "GRAYSON" "ROE" "HOBBY" "GILLESPIE"
Escorts	19 PT	: "SAN PEDRO" (PF) "BENALLA" (AMS) 1 SC:735
		2 YNS: 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" "RAMO" "W.J.SUBJETTE" "S.M.WHITE'
		"LYMAN STEWART" "B. MATTHEWS" "G.V.I. MEYER"

Cape Gloucester:		
Escorts	4	. HOOMPAN (ANG) O DE 1100 1100 1
Merchan tmen	4	"T. CRAWFORD" "H. T. RAINEY" "J. ROSSITER" "A. THOMAS"
Talasea:		R.Thomas
Combat Units	15 PT	
Auxiliaries	1	: "HILO" (AGP)
Saider: .	_	1220 (201)
Combat Units	11 PT	
Merchantmen Langemak:	3	"JOHN I.NOLAR" "TIMOSHENKO" "YOCHOW"
Combat Units	1 DD	* "BEALE"
J	28 PT	· Dunda
Escorts	27	**BOWEN "BENDIGG" "BUNDABERG" "CASTLEMAINE" "BOWEN" "BENDIGG" "BUNBURY" "KAPUNDA" "STAWELL" 2 PC: 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
Mer chan tmen	25	"BORGFRED" "BOTH" "P.CHANDLER" " W.E.CHANNIME "T.M.COOLEY" "GCLORADO" "J.DOTY" "M.FULLER" "ISOLATOR" "JAPARA" "W.MCCRACKEN" "MACTAN" "MACKAWAO" "MANA" "J.W.MELDRUM" "MORMACGUIL" "S.G.PORTER" "F.M.QUINONES" "A.ROBINSON" "SEA WITCH" "W.SPARROW" "CLAUD SPRECKLES" "J.ROSS" "STAGEN" "ED.N.WESTCOTT"
Lae:		O.HODS STAGEN "ED. N. WE SPCOPT"
Escorts	2	: 2 ML: 428, 430
Auxiliaries	ĩ	"PANDA" (IX)
Merchantmen	9	"D.F.BARRY" "CAPE SPENCER" "D.E. HUGHES"
		"L.MERRITT" "HORINDIES" "RING LARDNED"
Rung -One Bows		"J. SINGER" "G.L. SMITH" R. STUART"
Buna-Oro Bay: Combat Units	14 70	
Compac onics	14 DD	"STEMBEL" "THORN" "SWANSON" "STEVENSON" "KALK" "REID" "ERBEN" "WALKER" "HALE" "ABBOTT"
Escorts	9	: 2 PF: "CORONADO" "GLENDALE" 5 YMS: 53, 71, 314, 334, 336 1 MT.: 816
Auxiliaries	17	1 SC1 737
		"TRINITY" (AO) "GILMER" "HERBERT" "KANE" "SCHLEY" (APD) "ELUE RIDGE" (AGC) "POYANG" (AP "ZEILIN" "ORMSBY" "WINDSOR" "HARRY LEE" (APA) "VIRGO" (AKA) "MEDUSA" (AR) 1 ARD "POINT LOMA (AT) "RIGEL" (AR) "DOBBIN" (AD)
Merchantmen Kiriwina Is.	21	"BALIKPAPAN" "R.S.BEAN"BONTEKOE" "F.H.DODD" "CITY OF PHILEDELPHIA" "W.DUNBAR" "A.B.HAMMOND "A.S.DUNIWAY" "JANSSERS" "KARSIK" "GEO.LUKS" "NARVIK" "SEA BARD" "O.SKINNER" "C.L.SMITH" "VAN SWOLL" M.WALKER" "J.M.WHISTLER" "WICHITA FALLS" "D.WRIGHT" "E.YOUNG"
Escort		
Merchantmen Woodlark Is:	1	: "ANHUI"
Escorts	3	· HWAGGAN (ASSO)
Merchantmen	2	: "WAGGA" (AMS) 2 YMS: 50, 335
oodenough Island:	-	"D.D.FIELD" "J.S.MANSFIELD"
Combat Units	1 DD	* "STOCKTON"
Escorts	ī	: "GOULBURN" (AMS)
Auxiliaries	4	* "CARTER HALL" (FOR) HER STREET
\$355 SP		"HAT ALLEN" (ADA) "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA"
Merchantmen	2	"H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "W.GRENFELL" "K.D.WIGGIN"
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Combat Units
                                                                                "SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"
"NASHVILLE" "BOISE" "PHOENIX"
"HUTCHINS" "DALY" "BACHE" "MULLANY"
"ABNER READ" "BUSH" "ARUNTA" "WARRAMUNGA"
"AMMEN" "HO PEWELL" "LAVALLETTE"
                                                          2 CA
                                                          3 CL
                                                        11 DD
                                                          1 PT
           Note: Special operational movements forward of Milne Bay not shown.

Escorts 5 PF : "VAN BUREN" "OGDEN" "BARCOD" LONGBEACH"
                                                                                  "EL PASO"
                                                                                  WAR REGO
                                                          1 PS
                                                                             : 703, 732, 736, 738, 742, 746, 748
: "KIAMA" "GYMPIE"
                                                          7 SC
                                                          2 AMS
                                                                             27, 1119, 1120, 1124, 1131, 1132, 1133
29, 10, 48, 52, 73, 313, 315
27, 801, 802 817, 818, 819
"AASE MAERSK" (AO) "HALF MOON" (AVP)
"MERKUR" (AF) "OTUS" "EURYALE" (AS)
                                                           7 PC
                                                           7 YMS
                                                           6 ML
                                                        27
          Auxiliaries
                                                                                  "MERKUR" (AF) "OTUS" "EURYALE" (AS)
"KOOPA" (AGP) "AMYCUS" (AR) "YUNNAN" (AE)
SUSQUEHAHNA" (AOG) "TEAK" (AN) "MORESBY"
"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

"H.L.ABBOTT" "E.G.ACHESON" "F.G.AIHSWORTH"

"ARANSAS PASS" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "BARBARA C"

"AN SON BURLINGHAME" "S.K.BOLIVAR"

"BIRCHCOULIE" "W.N.BYERS" "J.CABRILLO"
           Merchantmen
                                                        62
                                                                                  "BIRCHCOULIE" "W.N.EYERS" "J.CABRILLO"

"J.C.CALHOUN" "CAPE COD" "CAPE NEWENHAM"

"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" "LS.KELLY" "G.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.MOCDY"

"NORLAGO" "NORAB" "T.NELSON" "ACWI FRINCE"

"M.BOBERTSON" "A.REHAN" "W.B.BOGERS"
                                                                                   "M.ROBERTSON" " A.REHAN" "W.B.ROGERS"
                                                                                    "W.C.SQUIRE" "M.STEWART" "T.W.SYMONS"
                                                                                   "TAWALI" "J. THOMAS" "TWO HARBOURS" "M. THORN-
TON" "THUNDERER" "GEO. VANCOUVER" "A. E. WATTS"
                                                                                   "WEST CACTUS" "WELTEVREDEN" "J. WING"
    Port Moresby:
                                                                             : 1 ML 426 1 SC: 699
: "MANUNDA" (AH)
: "CANBERRA" "E.CHAMBERS" "C.DARROW" "HANYANG"
"G.R.HEBARD" "A.HILL" "O.KELLY" "STIKLESTAD"
            Escorts
            Auxiliaries
            Merchan tmen
    Merauke:
                                                                               : SC
                                                                                             731
           Escorts
    Thursday Island:
                                                                              : 1 YMS 50, 2 AMS: "KALGOORLIE" "PIRIE"
: "BUNGAREE (CM) "POLARIS" (AGS)
            Escorts
            Auxiliaries
    Cairns:
                                                                              3 ML: 804, 811, 820, 4 YES: 11, 47, 51, "PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD "TANCRED (AT) 1 AFD 1 YOG
           Escorts
                                                         10
           Auxiliaries
                                                           5
    Townsville:
                                                           1
                                                                              : "BROOME" (AMS)
           Escort
    Mackay:
           Auxiliaries
                                                                              : "HERON" (AVP)
                                                           1
    Brisbane:
                                                                             : 1 PS: "SWAN" 2 ANS: "CEELONG" "WHYALLA"
2 SC: 745. 749 1 YMS: 70 2 ML: 808, 821
: "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "ALGGRAB" (AKA) "KURUMBA"
(AO) 2SHIKELLAMY" (AOH) 2 YP: 235, 236
"PYRO" (AE) "MIZAR" (AF) "CARONDOLET" "KAILUA"
"ST MARY" (IX)
                                                           8
           Escorts
                                                        11
           Auxiliaries
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Sydney: : "HOBART" (Refitting)
: "VENDETTA" "STUART" Combat Units 1 CL 2 DD : 1 PF: "GASCOYNE" 1 PS: "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA"
6 ANS: "COLAC" "DELORAINE" ECHUCA"
"GLADSTONE" "KATOOMBA" "ROCKHAMPTON"
4 A/S "KYBRA" "YANDRA" "AB. CRIJESSEN" 15 Escorts "DOOMBA" "DOOMBA" 3 ML: 807, 822, 823 : "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "OCTANS" (AF) "POELUX" Auxiliaries 5 (AKS) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG ii Melbourne : 2 AMS : "LITHGOW" "FREMANTLE" (Refitting) Escorts "YUMA" (AT) Auxiliaries (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 Puriata 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. Kiminailau 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 Soupas 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 remmants of the enemy garrison were estimated at \$00-450 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 Lakanai was attacked by 22 Mitchells. At 1450/2 a supply steep at Talili Bay was hombed 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 Abreobras 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.

area.

On April 3 2 PT type boats were strafed by Soupac

fighters in Keravia Bay.

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.

- At 1117/3 2 vessels were indicated 35 miles NNE of Hollandia Humboldt Bay.

At 1106/4 personnel and atores areas at Wewak and Boram Wewak 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 I large fire in the bombs. personnel area between Beram and Moen. Several buildings were destroyed and a number of grounded aircraft. interception was reported and apparently nil ack ack. bombed by 8 aircobras and 2 Kittyhawks. 2 guns are believed destroyed. At 2125/2 3 empty barges heading south towards Madang were 11. Madang sunk by our PT boats, and I 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 me enemy casualties known

in the counter attack reported in Summary 796, para. 14,

NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

are 15 killed and 20 wounded.

(a) At Sea to 1200/5:

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

In Harbour: (b)

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

(11) ENEMY FORCES

1. Dutch New Guinea - At 1323/3 enemy aircraft heading SSW was sighted

20 miles North of Cape Valsch.
- Photographs April 3 show probably nil serviceable aircraft at Langgoer and nil aircraft Doeroa. 12 hits 2. Kai Island are shown on the runway and others across the dispersal areas at Langgoer. The runways at Doeros are serviceable. Servicing of the runway is in progress at Lefoear, 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.

Tanimbar Islands - Between 1426-1506/4 strafing attack was carried out on Larat and Yamdena Islands by 3 Beaufighters.

Between 2030-2042/3 Benracks area and runway at Penfoei Timor

was bembed by 6 Mitchells.

Philippines - Davao - At 1100/3 1 probable aircraft carrier
escorted by 2 destroyers was reported South of Davoa heading north.

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:

Combat Units Escorts	1 CL	"ADELAIDE" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (ANS) 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

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

Between 0705-0800/1 Dublon town was bombed by 14 Cenpac Truk 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 Liberators were lost but the entire crew of one was rescued.

Photographs 1240/2 show the following aircraft:

20 F. - D/B - F/P 20 Dublon

2 cerrier vessels and 50 barges are shown in the area.
Between 1115/1 - 2045/2 Ponape was attacked by light and Ponape medium Cenpac Bombers.

At 0400/2 an enemy submarine was attacked by aircraft 155 miles S.E. by E. of Ujelang, Ujelang

Marshalls

- A delayed report states that 11 additional atolls in the Marshalls have been occupied, mostly wit hout 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

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

Concentration of naval and air strength in Southern Philippines (1) following allied naval offensive in Central Pacific.

Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North Coast New Guines (2) East Indies, Malayan and Kuriles.

Increased use of submarines for transportation purposes in Marshalls-(3)Bismareks - Sclomons.

(4) Continued use of barges and small coasters for coastal transportation in forward areas.

Continued submarine offensive in Indian Ocean by Japanese and German (5) Units.

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

			ED FOR	CES	ENEMY FORCES
eli ili Ani di A		thwest Pacific stern Section)	Sou	th Pacific	
BB		•	(4)	IDAHO NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA TENNESSEE	•
CV(E)		•	(4)	NATOMA BAY CORAL SEA CORRIGEDOR MANILA BAY	•
GA	(2)	Australia Shropshire		•	
<u>CL</u>	(4)	BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX HOBART	(8)	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELIER DENVER HONOLULU ST LOUIS BIRMINGHAM LEANDER	•
AV/CVS		TANGIER	(2)		•
XAV/XCVS	(29)	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA REID	App	BALL ARD	•
		AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS HOBBY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES STOCKTON HICHOLSON WILKES STEVENSON THORN ABNER READ ROE GRAYSON SWADSON STEMBEL HARRISON HOPEWELL			
		LA VALLETTE		M Non-effective	re

5 April, 1944 1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.) ENEMY FORCES ALLIED FORCES Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section) South Pacific 15 (3) BLUEGILL On Patrol BLACKFISH FLOUNDER (2) SILVERSIDES On Passage TUMEY (3) 5,42 5.47 At Milne Bay CERO At Sydney K. 9 K.12 At Melbourne Approx. 85 Approx. 110 (17) H.T.ALLEN (APA) 6 APA KANIMBLA 7 APD MANOORA 4 AKA WESTRALIA HARRY LEE GILMER (APD) ZEILIN KANE ORMSLEY SCHLEY WINDSOR SAMDS ALGORAB(AKA) HUMPHREYS VIRGO BROOKS HERBERT AGC BLUE RIDGE (2) OTUS EURYALE DOBBIN (3) RIGEL PROMETHEUS PLATYPUS AMYCUS AIRCRAFT Fighters

(ine.9 twin-eng) Light & M/Bombers 115 89 Torpedo & D/Bombers 2 Flying Boats Floatplanes 1 12 Obsn. A/c 14

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

		ALLIED FORCES	ENE	MY PORCES
CA		•	(2)	NACHI ASHIGARA
CL	(3)	DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	(3)	ABUKUMA TAMA KISO
DD		9		10
SS		10		Approx. 4

3. CEMPRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

EMEMY FORCES

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						lates Lippines	Empi	re
, ,	BB		MEW JERSEY WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS	MISSISSIPPI				YAMATO ISE YAMASHIRO HYUGA HUSASHI MUTSU (prob. sunk)
	ov	(6)	YORKTOWN	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL		•		• (
	€A(T)	(7)	BELLEAU WOOD	CABOT LARGEY INDEPENDENCE	(2)	KYUHO ZUIHO		HITAKA HAYATAKA
	CV(T)		-			•		ROSHO
	CV(E)	(23)	COPAHEE SANCAMON SUMANNEE CHENANGO BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU B SANTEE CASABLANCA ALTAMAHA	WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY PAIROLLER FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MEHEMBA BAY OMMANEY BAY		CHIYODA	H	OMTFOSE JINYO KAIYO OTAKA UNYO
	CA	(13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CIT PORTLAND LOUISVILLE	0	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI MYOKO HAGURO		MAYA
	OGA		•			•		6
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Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies - Malaya		
-	(3) QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN	(4) NAGATO FUSO KONGO HARUNA		
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		TAIRO		
	(4) BATTLER UNICORN SHAH RAME			
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	(2) CANTON CHITRAL			
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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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

No.

Date :

6 April, 1944

PART I

A. SQUIM WEST PACIFIC AREA

. EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED PORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/6:

- (1) "RC.1120" departed 2130/4 to RV with "SHELDON CLARK" at 0700/5 and
- (2) "PC.1131" departed Hilne Bay to RV with "LEOPARD" (IX) at 1500/5 and
- (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) "GGIDSTAR" (AG) departed Galoundra 1900/2 for Milne Bay ETA China Strait 0600/8.
- "TASMAN" (AH) departed Brisbane 2055/3 for Milne Bay ETA 0800/8.
 "YMS's 11, 72" departed Cairns 1812/5 for Thursday Island ETA Ince Point 1400/9: for onward routeing to Frementle via Darwin.
- "YP.291" departed Thursday Island 1620/4 for Cairns ETA 1830/6.
 "YMS.49" departed Thursday Island 1620/4 for Cairns ETA 1850/6.
 "GALAHARES" (AF) departed Gladstone 0830/5 for Port Moresby ETA 1400/8.
- "BALLARAT" (ANS) conducting Grafton Passage A/S patrol.
- "PYRO" (AE) was to depart Brisbane April 5 for Langemak ETA April 11.
 "MILDURA" (AMS) towing 1 AFC departed Gairns 1100/4 for Brisbane
 ETA Caloundra 1000/8.
- (15) "SC.745" departed Calcumdra 0212/4 for A/S patrol Sandy Cape area.
 (16) "DOGMBA" (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:

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

(a) In Harbour:

Admiralties: Combat Units

- 5 DD : "GRAYSON" "ROE" "HOBBY" "GILLESPIE" "PRINGLE"
- 19 PT Escorts 药
- : "SAN PEDRO" (PF) "BENALLA" (AMS) 1 SCR 735 2 YMS: 8, 46 1 ML: 425

Admiralties (Contd.	10	: "CYSTER BAY" (AGP) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "TANGIER"
Port 2 2 2 2 2	7.7	(AV) "GUNSTON HALL" (LSD) "CHETCO" "SONOMA" "RESERVE" (AT) "MINK" (IX) "VICTORIA" (AO) 1 YP: 283
Mars about two	13	"J.BARBARA" "F.BILLINGS" "J.P.BRADLEY"
Merchantmen	10	"J. BERROUGHS" "P.T. DODDRIDGE" "E. JOHNSON"
141		"LYMAN STEWART" "B.MATTHEWS" "G.V.L.MEYER"
		"MORMACSEA" "RAMO" "W. J. SUBJETTE" "S.M. WHITE"
Cape Gloucester:		The second secon
Escorts	2	: 1 PC: 1123 1 ML: 423
Merchantmen	4	"T. CRAFFORD" "H.T. RAI NEY" "J. ROSSITER"
Talasea:		
Combat Units	15 PT	: PC.1122
Escort Auxiliaries	1	"HILO" (AGP)
Merchantmen	2	"MELINGA" "DEUTGAH"
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Combat Units	11 PT	
Merchantmen	3	: "JOHN I. NOLAN" "TIMOSHENKO" "YOCHOW"
Langemak:		
Combat Units	28 PT	the same and the same many the same and
Escorts	22	: 6 AMS: "BUNDABERG" "CASTLEMAINE" "BOWEN" "BUEEURY" "KAPUNDA" "STAWELL"
		2 PC: 476, 1132 1 YMS: 393
		5 ML: 424, 431, 803, 806, 816
		8 SC: 537, 648, 650, 734, 741, 747, 750, 981
Auxiliaries	11	"PORTUMUS" (AGP) "HUMPHREYS" "KAME" "HERBERT" "GILMER" "BROOKS" "SANDS" (APD) "BOOTES" (AK)
		"WESTRALIA" (APA) "TULSA" (PG) "COUCAL" (ASR)
Merch antmen	21	"BORGFRED" "BOTH" "P.CHANDLER" "W.E.CHANNING"
Meronandu	27	"T. M. COOLEY" " COLORADO" "J. DOTY" "M. FULLER"
		"JAPARA" "W.MCCRACKEN" "MACTAN" "MACKAWAO"
		"MANA" "NORMACGULL" "F.M.QUINONES" "A.ROBINSOI
		"SEA WITCH" "J. SINGER" "J. ROSS" "VAN SWOLL"
		"ED. M.WESTCOTT"
Lae:	0	. 0 37 . 400 430
Escorts	2	2 ML: 428, 430 "PANDA" (IX)
Auxiliaries Merchantmen	9	"D.F.BARRY" "CAPE SPENCER" "D.E.HUGHES"
MOI OHALI OHALI		"L. MERRITT" "NORINDIES" "RING LARDNER"
		"SEA BARD" "G.L.SMITH" "R.STUART"
Buna-Oro Bay:		
Compat Units	15 DD	: "WILKES" "NICHOLSON" "HARRISON" "WELLES"
		"THORN" "SWANSON" "STEVENSON" "KALK" "REID"
		"ERBEN" "WALKER" "HALE" "ABBOTT" "HOPEWELL"
Basanta	14	"LA VALLETTE" 3 FF: "CORONADO" "GLENDALE" "LONGBEACH"
Escorts	7.4	6 YES: 53, 71, 314, 316, 334, 336 1 ML: 816
		1 SC: 744 3 AMS: "ARARAT" "BENDIGO" "COWRA"
Auxiliaries	16	: "TRINITY" (AO) "SCHLEY" (APD) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGO
		"PCYAME" (AP) "ZEILIN" "ORMSLEY" "WINDSOR"
		"HARRY LEE" (APA) "VIRGO" (AKA) "MEDUSA" (AR)
		"MAETSUYCKER" (AH) 1 ARD "POINT LOMA" (AT)
A STATE OF THE STA		"RIGEL" (AR) "DOBBIN" (AD) "MERKUR" (AF)
Merchantmen	21	"BALIKPA PAN" "R. S. BEAN" "BONTEKOE" "F. H. DODD"
		"CITY OF PHILADEL PHIA" "W. DUNBAR" "EXIRIA" "A.S. DUNIWAY" "ISOLATOR" "JANSSENS" "KARSIK"
		"GEO.LUKS" "NARVIK" "O.SKIMNER" "C.L.SMITH"
		"W.C. SQUIRE" "M.WALKER" "J.M.WHISTLER"
17 Page 1 1 Page		"WICHITA FALLS" "D.WRIGHT" " E.YOUNG"
Kiriwina Is:		
Merchantmen	1	: "ANHUI"
Woodlark Is:		
Escorts	4	: "WAGGA" (AMS) 2 YMS: 50, 335 1 SC: 737
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Auxiliaries Merchantmen	2	"BAYOF ST. JOHN" (AT) "D.D.FIELD" "J.S.MANSFIELD"

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Combat Units
                                                                    "STOCKTON" "BEALE"
                                                 2 DD
                                                                     "GOULBURN" (AMS)
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      Escorts
                                                                     "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "KAN IMBLA" "NANCORA"
       Auxiliaries
                                                                     "E.T.ALLEN" (APA)
"R.D.WIGGIN" "F.A.EILERS"
                                                 2
       Merchantmen
   line Bay:
Combat Units
                                                                    "SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"
"NASHVILLE" "BOISE" "PHOENIX"
"HUTCHINS" "DALY" "BACHE" "MULLANY"
"ABNER READ" "BUSH" "ARUETA" "WARRAMUNGA"
"ANMEN" "STEMBEL" "RADFORD" "JENKINS"
"NICHOLAS" "O'BANNON" "TAYLOR" "FLETCHER"
                                                 2 CA
                                                 3 CL
                                               16 DD
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Note: Special operational movements forward of Milne Bay not shown.

Escorts 4 PF : "VAN BUREN" "OGDEN" "BARCOO" "ELPASO"
                                                                     "WARREGO"
                                                 1 PS
                                                                     703, 732, 736, 738, 742, 746, 748, 982
"KIAMA" "GYMPIE"
                                                 8 SC
                                                 2 AMS
                                                                 "KIAMA" "GYMPIE"

47, 1119, 1124, 1132, 1133, 1134

9, 10, 48, 52, 73, 313, 315

427, 801, 802, 817, 818, 819

"KILTY" "WARD" "CROSBY" "TALBOT" "NOA"

"DENT" (APD) "AASE MAERSK" (AO) "HALF MOON"

(AVP) "OTUS" "EURYALE" (AS) "KDOFA" (AGP)

"AMYCUS" (AR) "YUNNAN" (AE) "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG

"TEAK" (AN) "MORESBY" "SHEPPARTON" (AGS)

"SOLACE" (AH) "WATO" (AT) "ETAMIN" "GANYMEDE"

"TRIANGULUM" (AE) "ANDREW DORIA" "PORCUPINE"

"VILLALOBOS" (IX) "ALABASTER" (PYC)

"CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "PING WO" (ASIS)

1 ARD 2 YP: 278, 280
                                                 6 PC
                                                  7 YMS
                                                 6 ML
       Auxiliaries
                                               31
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"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"
                                                70
       Merchantmen
                                                                      "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.GRIFFITE" "GRANDE RONDE"
                                                                   "A.B.HAMMOND" "A.S.HEWITT" "L.S.KELLY"

"O.KELLY" "C.KING" "KOTA INTEN" "W.S.LADD"

"LAKE CRMAC" "ED.LANDER" "J.LANE"

"F.B.LINDERMANN" "J.MCLEAN" "F.F.MELDRUM"

"J.LYKES" "H.MONROE" "MONTAUK POINT"

"W.V.MOODY" "NORLAGO" "NORAB" "Z.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:
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"G.R.HEBARD" "A.HILL"
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       Escorts
       Merchantmen
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  Thursday Is:
                                                                  : 1 YMS: 50 2 AMS: "COOTAMUNDRA" "KALGOORLIE"
        Escorts
                                                                      1 SC: 731
                                                                  : "BUNGAREE" (GM) "PCLARIS" (AGS)
       Auxiliaries
 Cairns:
                                                                  : 2 AMS: "GLENELG" "TOWNSVILLE" 1 PC: 479
       Escorts
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                                                                      3 ML: 804, 811, 820 2 YM3: 47 51
"PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD "TANCRED" (AT)
       Auxiliaries
                                                                      1 AFD
                                                                                   1 YOG
 Townsville:
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                                                                  : "BROOME" (AMS)
       Escort
 Mackay:
Auxiliaries
                                                  1
                                                                  : "HERON" (AVP)
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Brisbane: 2 SC: 745, 749 1 YMS: 70 2 ML: 808, 821

"WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "ALGORAB" (AKA) "KURUMBA"
(AO) "SHIKELLAMY" (AOH) 2 YP: 235, 236
"PYRO" (AE) "MIZAR" (AF) "CARONDOLET" 8 Escorts Auxiliaries 10 "KAILUA" (IX) dney: : "HOBART" (Refitting) Combat Units 1 CL 1 DD 1 PF: "GASCOYNE" 1 PS: "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA'
7 AMS: "COLAC" "DELORATNE" "ECHUCA"
"WARRNAMBOOL" "GLADSTONE" "KATOOMBA" 15 Escorts "ROCKHAMPTON" 3 A/3: "KYBRA" "YANDRA" "AB.CRIJNSSEN"
3 ML: 807, 822, 823
"BISHOPDALE" (AO) "OCTANS" (AF) "POLLUX" (AKS Auxiliaries 5 "GALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG) Melbourne: : "LITHGOW" "FREMANTLE" (Refitting) Escorts 2 AMS : "YUMA" (AT) Auxiliaries (11) ENEMY FORCES Empress Augusta Bay - During the 24 hours ended 1500/3, enemy forces retreating north and east from Torokina 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 Rabaul - All air strikes scheduled for Rabaul 4 April were cancelled due weather. 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. Admiralty Islands - On 4-5 April minor enemy attacks were reported on Manus Island where mopping up continues and no attack was made on Rambutyo where the bacmy are thought to have fled to the bush. 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. - 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 Hollandia-Wewak Lagoon At 0905-0950/4 buildings and a barge along the Hansa Bay area coast between Bogia and Dove Point were strafed by 12 In the coastal sector on 4 April enemy fire was encountered by a patrol from the west bank of Kavenau Bogadjim area 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.

NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/6:

- "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
: "J.W.TROY" "SUVA" "M.FLINDERS" "H.MOLLER" Merchantmen 5 "PENNANT"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- 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. Midday 5 April Kiamana was bombed by 5 Liberators with
 - Kiamana unobserved results. Some shipping, probably small

ships, was observed at Kiamana. Midday 5 April targets in the Sorong vicinity were bombed (3) Sorong by 5 Liberators.

(4) Kai Islands Photos 5 April give the following aerodrome intelligence 1 fighter present, runway temporarily Langgoer unserviceable due recent bombing.

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Runway serviceable. No aircraft. Runway serviceable. Probably no Eunway not yet serviceable. Work Doeroeah -Probably no aircraft. ceable. Work still in Letfoear 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) Brooms-Derby - A.m. 5 April enemy reconnaissance plane was over the Broome - Derby area.

SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/6:

"SUFFOLK" (CA) proceeding Fremantle ETA 0915/7. (1) (2)

(3)

"RANEE" (CVE) proceeding Fremantle ETA not known.
"DUNTROON" (AP) departed Fremantle 1255/4 for Sydney ETA 2359/11
"WANGANELLA" (AH) departed Fremantle 0806/1 proceeding out of S.W.P.A.

(b) In Harbour:

emantle:

Combat Units 1 CL : "ADELAIDE"

: "HORSHAN" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739 Escorts

3 ML: 812, 824, 826
"ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" (AM) "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS)
"CHANTICLEER" (ASR) 1 YP: 288 1 ARD Auxiliaries

Exmouth Gulf:

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

ENEMY FORCES

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

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

- Truk At 1200/5 a hospital ship was sighted by aircraft 250 miles (1) W.S.W. of Truk on course 2850.
- Ponape At 1409/3 the airfield at Ponape was bombed by 6 Mitchells (2) scoring hits on both old and new strips. No aircraft or shipping was sighted.
- A.M. 3 April Jaluit was bombed by 13 Dauntless 7 Mitchells (3) Marshalls 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.

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

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

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

	ALLIED F	ENEMY FORCES	
4	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	
BB	-	(4) IDAHO NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANNIA TENNESSEE	•
<u>c. (1)</u>	•	(4) NATOMA BAY CORAL SEA CORRECIDOR NANILA BAY	•
CA	(2) SHROPSHIRE AUSTRALIA	-	-
<u>CL</u>	(4) BOISE NA SHVILLE PHOENIX HOBART	(8) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELIER DENVER HONOLULU ST LOUIS BIRMINGHAM LEANDER	
AV/CVS	TANGIER	(2) WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	-
x xcvs	(2) HALF MOON SAN PABLO	BALLARD	4
<u>DD</u>	(.35) ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA REID AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS HOBBY KALK GILLESPIE WELKES STOCKTON NICHOLSON	Approx. 45	
	WILKES STEVENSON THORN ABNER READ ROE GRAYSON SWANSON STEMBEL HARRISON HO PEWELL LA VALLETTE	RADFORD JENKINS NICHOLAS O'BANNON TAYLOR FLETCHER	ve - 1

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd)

	1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST FROIT	10 (Conoa)
2.	ALLIED FORCES	ENEMY FORCES
	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section) South Pacific	
<u>ss</u>	(3) BLUESILL) BLACFFISH) On patrol FLOUNDER)	15
	(2) SILVERSIDES) TUNNY) On Passage	
	(3) S.42) S.47) At Milne Bay CERO)	
	K.9 At Sydne y	
File	K.12 At Melbourne	
1	Approx. 85 Approx. 110	8
APA) AKA) APD)	(17)H.T.ALLEN (APA) 6 APA KANIMBLA 7 APD MANOGRA 4 AKA WESTRALIA HARRY LEE GILMER (APD) ZEILIN KANE ORMSLEY SCHLEY	
15	WINDSOR SANDS ALGORAB (AKA)HUMPHREYS VIRGO BROOKS HERBERT	
AGC	BLUE RIDGE	_
AS	(2) OTUS EURYALE	9
AP	DOBBIN	_
AR	(3) RIGEL PROMETHEUS PLATIPUS AMYCUS	-
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	2. NORTHERN PACIFIC	
	ALLIED FORCES	ENEMY FORCES
CA	-	(2) NACHI ASHIGARA
CL	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	(3) ABUKUMA TAMA KISO
DD	9	10
<u>83</u>	10	Approx. 4

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

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<u>cv</u>	(6)	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL				•
GA(T)	(7)	COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD	CABOT LANGLEY INDEPENDENCE			(4) R	RYUHO ZUIHO HITAKA HAYATAKA
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CV (E)	(23)	COPAHEE SANGAMON SUWANMEE 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 KITKUM BAY MEHENTA BAY OMMANEY BAY		CHIYODA	H	CHITOSE JINYO KAIYO CTAKA UNYO
<u>CA</u>	(13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS PEN SACOLA INDIANA POLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITS PORTLAND LOUISVILLE		ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI MYOKO HAGURO		MAYA
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<u>CL</u>	(7)	Minimited the American and Life.	OAKLAND RENO CONCORD	(2)	YUBARI NOSHIRO	(4)	MAGARA MATORI MISUZU MOYODO
CL(T)		-			KASHIMA		KASHII
AV/cvs		-		(2)	AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO		•
DD	Appr	ox. 85			15-20	20	(several repair- ing)
SS	Appr	ox. 30			25	App	POX. 25
AS		?			?	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 (3) QUEEN ELIZABETH (4) NAGATO VALIANT **FUSO** REHOWN KONGO HARUNA (2) ILLUSTRIOUS (2) ZUIKAKU SARATOGA SHOKAKU CV(L) TAIHO CV(E) (4) BATTLER UNICORN SHAH RANEE (6) SUSSEX (6) AO.BA SUFFOLK KUMANO LOWDON SUZUYA CUMBERLAND TONE HAWKINS CHIKUMA FROBISHER MOGAMI CL ADELAIDE (9) CARADOC NEWCASTLE (4) YAHAGI DA NAE CEYLON KINU KENYA TROMP KITAGAMI GAMBIA EMERALD OI VAN HEEMSKERK (2) CHILDS AV/CVS ALBATROSS KAMOI W.B. PRESTON XCL (2) CANTON CHITRAL DD Approx. 27 25 (20) ANGLER LAPON Approx. 15 17 (incl. 6 German) BLUEFISH MINGO BOWFIN NORWHAL CABRILLA PUFFER GUNNEL RASHER on patrol HADDO RATON HAKE DARTER ARCHERFISH K.15 TANG DACE BASHAW SCAMP (10) BILLFISH JACK BONEFISH RAY COD At Fremantle REDFIN CREVALLE ROBALO FLASHER HOE (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 SUMMARY

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

No. 800

Date: 7 April, 1944

PART I

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

· EASTERN 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 escert to Milne Bay.
 (3) "MANINDA" (AH) departed Port Moresby 1130/5 for Townsville ETA 0500/8.
 (4) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) departed Calcundra 1900/2 for Milne Bay ETA China Strait 0600/8.

- Strait 0600/8.

 (5) "TASHAN" (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 routeing to Fremantle via Darwin.

 (9) "ST. MARY" (IX) was to depart Brisbane 0850/6 for Cairns ETA 1400/10.

 (10) "BAILARAT" (AMS) conducting Grafton Passage A/S patrol.

 (11) "PYRO" (AE) was to depart Brisbane April 5 for Langemak ETA April 11.

 (12) "MILDURA" (AMS) towing 1 APC departed Cairns 1100/4 for Brisbane
 ETA Calcundra 1000/8. (Delayed en route by weather).

 (13) "MIZAR" (AF) was to depart Calcundra 0830/7 for Milne Bay ETA 1300/10:
 for onward routeing to Goodenough Island.

- for onward routeing to Goodenough Island.

 (14) "GASCOYNE" (PF) was to depart Sydney 1500/6 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/11.

 (15) "SC.745" departed Calcundra 0200/4 for A/S patrol Sandy Cape area:
 to remain on patrol until 1200/8 or until relieved by "SC.749".

 (16) "DOUMBA" (A/S) departed Sydney 0801/5 on A/S patrol to Smoky Cape and return.
- (17) "VEIDETTA" (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 beiler cleaning.

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Combat Units	3 DD	: "HOBBY" "GILLESPIE" "PRINGLE"
Escorts	19 PT	: "BENALLA" (AMS) 1 SC: 735 2 YMS: 8, 46
Auxiliaries	10	1 ML: 425 : "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "TANGIER" (AV) "GUNSTON HALL" (LSD) "CHETCO" "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 Merchan tmen	4	: 1 PC: 1123 1 ML: 423 : "T.CRAWFORD" "H.T.RAIREY" "J.ROSSITER" "A.THOMAS"
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Combat Units	15 PT	
Escorts	1	: PC.1122
Auxiliaries Merchantmen dor:	2	: "HILO" (AGP) : "DEUTGAN" "MELINGA"
Compat Units	11 PT	with 1 LST acting as AGP
Merchantmen Langerak:	3	: "KATOOMBA" "TIMOSHENKO" "YOCHOW"
Combat Units	3 DD	: "REID" "STEVENSON" "THORN"
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		"BUNBURY" "KAPUNDA" "STAWELL"
		2 PC: 476, 1132 1 YMS: 393
		5 ME: 424, 431, 803, 806, 816
		8 30: 637. 648. 650. 734. 741. 747. 750. 981
Auxiliaries	11	: "PORTUNUS" (ACP) "HUMPHREVS" "KANE" "HERRERT"
		"GILMER" "BROOKS" "SANDS" (APD) "BOOTES" (AK)
	0.0	"WESTRALIA" (APA) TULSA" (PG) "COUCAL" (ASR)
Merchantmen	55	: "BORGFRED" "BOTH" "P. CHANDLER" "W.E. CHANNING"
		"T.M.COOLEY" "COLORADO" "J.DOTY" "M.FULIER" "JAPARA" "W.MCGRACKEN" "MACTAN" "MACKAWAO"
		"MANA" "MORMACGULL" "JOHN I. NOLAN" "F.M.
		QUINONES" "J.ROSS" "A.ROBINSON" "SEA WITCH"
		"J.SINGER" "VAN SWOLL" "ED.N.WESTCOFT"
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Escorts	2	: 2 ML: 428, 430
Auxiliaries	1	: "PANDA" (IX)
Merchantmen	10	"D.F.BARRY" "CAPE SPENCER" "D.E. HUGHES"
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Buna Oro Bay:		SEE DEED G. E. SHITH "R. STUARY"
Combat Units	14 DD	"NICHOLSON" "HARRISON" "WELLES" "SWANSON" "KALK" "ERBEN" "WALKER" "HALE" "ABBOTT" "WILKES"
Escorts	14	"HOPEWELL" "LA VALLETTE" "ROE" "GRAYSON"
2002 00	ale -s	: 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)
		"TRINITY" (AO) "SCHLEY" (APD) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "POYANG" (AP) "ZEILIN" "ORMSLEY" "WINDSOR"
		"HARRY LEE" (APA) "VIRGO" (ARA) "MEDUSA" (AR)
		I ARD "POINT LOMA" (AT) "RIGEL" (AR) "DORRTH"
Merchantmen	24	(AD) "MERKUR" (AF)
Jan Oliver Oliver	2	"ANSON BURLINGAME" "BALIKPAPAN" "R. S. BEAN"
		"BONTEKOE" "CAPE COD" "CITY OF PHILADELPHIA" "F.H.DODD" "W.DUNBAR" "A.S.DUNIWAY"
		"G.M.ELLIOT" "EXTRIA" "JANSSEWS" "KADGIK"
		"GEO.LUKS" NARVIK" "O.SKINNER" "C.L.SMITPH"
		"W. U. SQUIRE" "M. WALKER" A. E. WATTS" "J. M.
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Woodlark Is: : WAGGA" (AMS) 2 YMS: 50, 335 1 SC: 757 : BAYOU ST. JOHN" (AT) "TEAK" (AN) : D.D.FIELD" "J.S.MANSFIFID" 4 Escorts 2 Auxiliaries 8 Merchantmen Goodenough Is: 1 STOCKTON" "BEALE" S DD Combat Units "GOULBURN" (AMS) 7 Escorts "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA" 1 Auxiliaries "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "F.A.EILERS" "ISOLATOR" "K.D.WIGGIN" 3 Merchantmen Milne Bay: Combat Units "SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA" 2 CA "SHROPSETRE" "AUSTRALIA"
"NASHVILLE" "BOISE" "PHOENIX"
"HUTCHINS" "DALY" "BACHE" "MULLANY"
"ABNER READ" "BUSH" "ARUNTA" "WARRAMUNGA"
"ANNEN" "STENBEL" "JENKINS" "NICHOLAS"
"O'BANNON" "TAYLOR" "FLETCHER" "HOWERTH" 3 CL 24 DD "SCHROEDER" "DASHIELL" "STEVENS" "JOHN ROGERS" "MCKEE" "MURRAY" "RINGGOLD" "SIGSBEE" 1 PT 5 DE : "LOVELACE" "MAINING" "NEUENDORF" "JAMES E. CRAIG" "EICHENBERGER" Escorts : "VAN BUREN" "OGDEN" "EL PASO" 3 PF : "WARREGO" 1 PS 9 SC : 699, 703, 732, 736, 738, 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, 317, 818, 819
5 "KILTY" "WARD" "CROSBY" "TALBOT" "NOA" Auxiliaries 35 "DENT" "DICKERSOK" (APD) "HOGAN" "PERRY" (DMS) "DENT" "DICKERSON" (APD) "HOGAN" "PERRY" (DMS)

"AASE MAERSK" (AO) "HALF MOON" (AVP) "OTUS"

"EURYALE" (AS) "KOOPA" (AGP) "AMYCUS" (AR)

"WHARTON" (AP) "YUNNAN" (AE) "SUSQUEHANNA" (ACG

"MORESBY" "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) "MAETSUYCKER"

"SOLACE" (AH) "WATO" (AT) "ETAMIN" "GANYMEDE"

"TRIANGULUM" (AK) "ANDREW DORIA" "PORCUPINE" "LEOPARD" "VILLALOBOS" (IX) "ALABASTER" (PYC)
"CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "PING WO" (ASIS) ARD 2 YP: 278, 280
"H.L.ABBOTT" "E.G.ACHESON" "F.C.AINSWORTH"
"ARANSAS PASS" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "BARBARA C" Merchantmen 74 "S.K.BOLIVAR" "BIRCHCOULIE" "J.BUCHANAN" "WM.BYERS" "J.CAPRILLO" "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 RO NDE" "A.B. HANNOND" "A.S. HEWITT"
"L.S. KELLY" "O. KELLY" "C. KING" "KOTA INTEN"
"W.S. LADD" "LAKE ORWAC" "ED. LANDER" "J. LANE" "N.LUCKENBACK" "F.B.LINDERMANN" "J.LYKES" "N.LUCKENBACK" "F.B.LINDERNANN" "J.LYKES"

"J.MCLEAN" "J.F.MELDRUM" "H.MOMROE"

"MONTAUK POINT" "W.V.MOODY" "NORLAGO"

"T.NELSON" "B.T.OSBORNE" "OZARK" "S.G.PORTER"

"POELAU LAUT" "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" Port Moresby: : 1 ML: 426 1 PC: 1133 : "CANBERRA" "E.CHAMBERS" "C.DARROW" "HANYANG" "G.R.HEBARD" "A.HILL" "ORMISTON" "TAROONA" Escorts 2 Merchantmen 8

Thursday Is: : 2 AMS: "COOTAMUNDRA" "KALGOORLIE" 1 SC: 731 3 Escorts "BUNGAREE" (CM) "POLARIS" (AGS) 2 Auxiliaries : 1 AMS: "GLENELG" 1 PC: 479
3 ML: 804, 811, 820 3 YMS: 47, 49, 51
: "PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD "TANCRED" (AT)
1 AFD 1 YOG 1 YP: 291 Cairns: 8 Escorts 6 Auxiliaries Townville: : "TOWNSVILLE" (AMS) 1 Escort Mackay: : "HERON" (AVP) 1 Auxiliaries Brisbane: : 1 PS: "SWAN" 2 AMS: "GEELONG" "WHYALLA" 7 Escorts 1 SC: 749 1 YMS: 70 2 ML: 808, 821 "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "ALGORAB" (AKA) 8 Auxiliaries "KURUMBA" (AO) "SHIKELLAMY" (AOH)
2 YP: 235, 236 "CARONDOLET" "KAILUA" (IX) Sydney: : "HOBART" (Refitting) 1 CL Combat Units : "STUART" 1 DD : 1 PS: "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA"
7 AMS: "COLAC" "DELORAINE" "ECHUCA" 14 Escorts "WARRNAMBOOL" "GLADSTONE" "KATOOMBA" "ROCKHAMPTON" 3 A/S: "KYBRA" "YANDRA" "AB. CRIJNSSEN" 3 ML: 807, 822, 823 "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "OCTANS" (AF) "POLLUX" (AKS) Auxiliaries "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG) Melbourne: : "LITHGOW" "FREMANTLE (Refitting) 2 AMS Escorts : "YUMA (AT) Auxiliaries (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. - At 0027-0324/6 a possible enemy submarine contact 2. S.W. Bongainville was made by PT boats off S.W. coast Bougainville. Empres Augusta Bay - P.M. 3 April a barge hideout in southern 3. 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. ther 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. At 1108/4 Buka Passage airfield and scaplane base Buka lassage were bombed by 10 Mitchells which were unable to penetrate the weather front to Rabaul. Photographs 5 April show :-Rabaul - 1 Fighter; runway serviceable - 1 L/Bomber; concrete runway serviceable Lakunai Vunakanau Tobera - 3 Fighters; runway unserviceable Rapopo and-Keravat Nil aircraft; runway unserviceable. Photo raphs 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

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5. Rabaul (contd)

Wakde

- 6. New Ireland airfields

7. Admiralty Islands

- Photos 6 April show Kavieng strip serviceable but Panapai, Borpop and Namatanai all unserviceable No aircraft are visible on any of the fields. Ground activity 4-5 April is limited to active allied patrolling with minor enemy contacts throughout Manus Island and Rambutyo.

complete coverage except for Keravia Bay - only

40%. 2 Float Planes were also present.

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 an demolition bombs and incendiaries. Many fires 4 enemy aircraft and explosions were caused. were airborne but no interception was attempted.

10. Altape - Alexishafen

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. barges alongside the jetty were hit and blown up also possibly 1 ship. There was no interceiption and ack ack dwindled as raid progressed.

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 Altage 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 Thunder-bolts, 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 Aprilto Bridge No. 7, approximately 6 miles S.W. of Bogadjim, without enemy attack.

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.

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(b) In Harbour:

Darwin: Escorts

: 3 AMS: "LATROBE" "WILCANNIA" "INVERELL"
3 ML: 429, 809, 816
: "J.W.TROY" "SUVA" "W.FLINDERS" "H.MOLLER" Merchantmen 6 "PENN ANT"

(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 airfield's of Moemi and Ransiki in the

Shipping seen by the Liberators attacking Kiamana at 1305/5 (refer yesterday's summary No.799) Kiamana 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 near-

ing completion. Photographs 5 April show 6 medium bombers 3 fighters (3) Sorong including 1 twin engine on the Jefman Island Samateu runway is surfaced and airfield. serviceable with increased dispersal areas. Activity continues at Cape Noejew.

Night harassing raids on Timor towns were maintained Timor 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, which shattered a large building, at least damaging 3 barges and heavily strafing a large (200 ft) oil barge in Pelican Bay.

(5) A.m. 5 April a United States submarine sighted an Davao aircraft carrier presumably leaving Davao Gulf.

SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) 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:

1 CA : "SUFFOLK" Combat Units

: "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739 Escorts 6

3 ML: 812, 824, 826 "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" (AM) "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) 1 YP: 288 1 ARD Auxiliaries

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

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

(1)Dublon and Eten Islands were raided 0100-0330/4 by 20 Truk Cenpac Liberators and 1 Soupac Liberator. 3 enemy

fighters ineffectively attempted interception. (2) 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 Cenpac aircraft:

Jaluit - 15 Mitchells, 15 tons bombs. Taroa - 21 Mitchells)

16 Hellcats) 29 tons bombs.

Corsairs (twice) - 12 tons bombs. Mille - 6

- 20 Dauntless)

13 Corsairs) 9 tons bombs.

Wakde - A small cargo vessel and 3 barges were sighted at Wakde on 4 April. The cargo vessel was subsequently sunk by Liberators.

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

Concentration of naval strength Malayan area.

Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North Coast New Guinea,

East Indies, Malayan and Kuriles.

Increased use of submarines for transportation purposes in Marshalls-(2)

(3) Bismarcks - Solomons.

(4) Continued use of barges and small coasters for coastal transportation in forward areas.

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

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BB		•		(4)	IDAHO NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA TENNESSEE	•
CV(E)		•		(4)	CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR	
					MANILA BAY	
<u>CA</u> (USTRALIA BHROPSHIRE			•	
	l l l	COISE MASHVILLE PHOENIX MONT PELIER LEVELAND		(6)	COLUMBIA DENVER HONOLULU ST LOUIS BIRMINGHAM	•
	H E	CBART		夏	LEANDER	
AV/GVS		TANGIER	-	(2)	WRIGHT, CHANDELE	UR -
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	G:	LK ILESPIE ELLES	JOHN ROGERS MCKEE MURRAY RINGGOLD			
	NI NI	COCKTON CHOLSON	SIGSBEE ERBEN			
•	SI	ikes Tevenson Topn	WALKER HALE ABBOTT			
	RO	NER READ E AYSON	RADFORD JENKINS NICHOLAS			
	SW	ANSON EMBEL RRISON	O'BANNON TAYLOR			

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1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

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	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)		South Pacif	<u>ie</u>	
<u>88</u>	(3) BLUEGILL) BLACKFISH PLOUNDER)	On patrol		15	
	(2) SILVERSIDES)	On passage			
	(3) S.42) S.47) CERO)	At Milne Bay			
ţ.	K.9	At Sydney			
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AD AR	DOBBIN (3) RIGEL		PROMETHEUS		
	PLATYPUS AMYCUS		PROMERRIA	AIRCRAFT - Fighters (inc.15 twin-eng) Light & M/Bombers Torpedo & D/Bombers Flying Boats Floatplanes Obsn A/c	112 90 2 1 27 20
		2. NOR	THERN PACIFIC		
	ALLIED FORCES			ENEMY FORCES	
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<u>or</u>	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND			(3) ABUKUMA TAMA KISO	
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3. GENTRAL PACIFIC

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ov	(6)	ENTER PRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL		-	-
OV(L)	(7)	BELLEAU WOOD	CABOT LANGLEY INDEPENDENCE		•	(4) RYUHO ZU IHO HITAKA HAYATAKA
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CV(E)	(23)	SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU	WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY	CHI	YODA	(5) CHITOSE JINYO KAIYO * OTAKA * UNYO
		SANTEE CASABLANCA	KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MEHENTA BAY OMMANEY BAY			
<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
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4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

•	Southwest Pacific (Western Section)			Eastern Fleet Area				East Indies - Malaya			
BB	•		(3) QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN			(4) NAGATO FUSO KONGO HARUNA					
<u>cv</u>		•		(2)	ILLUSTRI SARATOGA		(2)	ZU IKAKU SHOKAKU			
CV(L)					-			TAIHO			
CV(E)	RANE	Œ		(3)	BATTLER UNICORN SHAH			•			
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	(10)	BILLFISH BONEFISH COD CREVALLE FLASHER	JACK RAY REDFIN ROBALO HOE	}	At Frema	ntle					
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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

NAVAL SUMMARY

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PART I

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

EASTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/8:

"WILKES" "NICHOLSON" (DD) departed Cape Sudest 7 April for Langemak. (1) "BENDIGO" (ANS) was to depart Milne Bay a.m. 8 April for Cairns for

boiler cleaning

"MAETSUYCKER" (AH) departed Milne Bay 1300/7 for Brisbane ETA 1600/10. (3) "CALAMARES" (AF) departed Gladstone 0830/5 for Port Moresby ETA 1400/8.

"YMS's 11, 72" departed Cairns 1812/5 for Thursday Island ETA Ince (5) Point 1400/9: for onward routeing to Fremantle via Darwin.

"YMS. 50" departed Thursday Island 1557/6 for Cairns ETA 0600/9. (6) (7) "MIZAR" (AF) departed Caloundra 0830/7 for Milne Bay ETA 1300/10:

(8) (9)

(10)

for onward routeing to Goodenough Island

"GASCOYNE" (PF) departed Sydney 1500/6 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/11.

"ST.MARY" (IX) departed Brisbane 0850/6 for Cairns ETA 1400/10

"COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS) was to depart Thursday Is. a.m. 8 April for Sydney.

"GLENELG" (AMS) departed Cairns 1531/7 for Milne Bay ETA 1000/9. 111) "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.

"MILDURA" (AMS) towing 1 AFC departed Cairns 1100/4 for Brisbane: delayed en route by weather.

(15) "PYRO" (AE) was to depart Calcundra 0830/8 for Milne Bay ETA about 0700/12 for onward routeing to Cape Cretin. (16) "SC749" departed Calcundra 2102/7 to relieve "SC745" on Sandy Cape

A/S patrol.
(17) "ROCKHAMPTON" (AMS) was to depart Sydney 1000/8 for Adelaide.

(17) "ROCKHAMPTON" (AMS) was to depart Sydney 1000/3 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.

3 Submarines on patrol.

Proposed Movements:

"WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) towing 1 LOT to depart Calcundra 1800/8 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/15

"POLLUX" (AKS) to depart Sydney 1700/8 for Brisbane, departing thence (2) April 13th. for Milne Bay.

"BARCOO" to depart Milne Bay approx. 7 April for Townsville for boiler (3) 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 punded 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:
 - (1) 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 abovescribed patrols.

(d) In Harbour:

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Admi	ralties:			
V	Combat Units	1 DD 19 PT		"PRINGLE"
Λ	Escorts	4	2	"BENALLA" (AMS) 2 YMS: 8, 46, 1 ML: 425
	Auxiliaries	9	1	"OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "TANGIER" (AV) "GUNSTON HALL" (LSD) "CHETCO" "SONOMA" "RESERVE" (AT) "MINK" (IX) "VICTORIA" (AO)
	Merchan tmen	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"
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	Escorts	2	2	2 PC: 1122, 1123
	Auxiliaries	1		"HILO" (AGP)
	Merchantmen	2		"DEUTGAN" "MELINGA"
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	Escorts	5	ANT OVY	"BUNBURY" "STAWELL" (AMS)
	Merchantmen	3		"J.G.BRADY" "TIMOSHENKO" "C.L.SMITH"
Tana	mak:	9	*	TIMOSHENKO" "C.L. SMITH"
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		3 DD 28 PT		"REID" "STEVENSON" "THORN"
	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
_			1	8 SC: 637, 648, 650, 734, 741, 747, 750, 981
	Auxiliaries	18	:	8 SC: 637, 648, 650, 734, 741, 747, 750, 981 "PORTUNUS" (AGD" "HUMPHREYS" "KANE" "HERBERT"
				"GILMER" "BROOKS" "SANDS" (APD) "BOOTES" (AK)
1				"SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG) "WESTRALTA" (APA)
			9	"TULSA" (PG) "COUGAL" (ASR)
	Merchantmen	33	2	"ANSON BURLINGHAME" "BONTEKOE" "BORGFRED"
			1	"BOTH" "P.CHANDLER" "W.E.CHANNING"
			1	"CITY OF PHILADELPHIA" "T.M. COOLEY" "COLORADO"
			1	"P.T.DODDRIDGE" "J.DOTY" "M.FULLER" "JANSSENS"
			1	"JAPARA" "KARSIK" "GEO.LUKS" "MACTAN"
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"MACKAWAO" "MANA" "MORMACGULL" "F.M.QUINONES"

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Langemak (Contd. Merchantmen		"J.ROSS" "SEA WITCH" "J.SINGER" "W.C.SQUIRE" "M.THORNTON" "VAN STOLL" "M.WALKER" "ED.N.WESTCOTT" "J.M.WHISTLER" "D.WRIGHT" "YOCHOW" "E.YOUNG"
Escorts	2	: 2 ML: 428, 430
Auxiliaries Merchantmen	15	"FANDA" (IX) "BALIKPAPAN" "D.F.BARRY" "CAPE SPENCER" "F.H.DODD" "A.S.DUNSIWAY" "A.B.HAMMOND" "D.E.HUGHES" "L.MERRITT" "KATOOMBA" "NORAB" "NORINDIES" "RING LARDIER" "SEA BARD" "G.L.SMITH" "R.STUART"
Buna-Oro Bay:		
Combat Units	13 DD	"KALK" "ERBEN" "WALKER" "HALE" "ABBOTT" "HOPEWELL" "LA VALLETTE" "ROE" "GRAYSON"
Escorts	9	: 4 FF: "GORONADO" "GLENDALE" "LONGBEACH" "BARCOO" 2 YMS: 316, 336 1 PG: 1132 2 SG: 735, 744
Auxiliaries	15	"TRINITY" (AO) "SCHLEY" (APD) "BLUE RIDGE" (AG "POYANG" (AP) "ZEILIN" "ORMSLEY" "WINDSOR" "HARRY LEE" (APA) "VIRGO" (AKA) "MEDUSA" (AR) LARD "RIGEL" (AR) "DOBBIN" (AD) "MERKUR" (A" "POECUPINE" (IX)
Merchantmen	8	"NARVIK" "O.SKINNER" "A.E.WATTS" "EXTRIA" "WICHITA FALLS"
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Merchantmen	1	* "ANHUI"
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Auxiliaries	3	: "WAGGA" (AMS) 2 YMS: 50, 335 : "TEAK" (AN)
Merchantmen	2	"D.D.FIELD" "J.S.MAESFIELD"
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Combat Units	4 DD	: "STOCKTON" "BEALE" "HOBBY" "GILLESPIE"
Escorts Auxiliaries	4	: "GOULEURN" (AMS) : "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "KANIMBLA" "MANOGRA" "H.T.ALLEN" (APA)
Merchantmen	3	"F.A.EILERS" "WEST CACTUS" "K.D.WIGGIN"
Milne Bay:		
Combat Units	2 GA	: "SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"
•	23 DD	"MASHVILE" "BOISE" "PHOENIX" "HUTCHINS" "DALY" "BACHE" "MULLANY" "ABNER READ" "BUSH" "ARUNTA" "WARRAMUNGA" "ARMEN" "JENKINS" "HICHOLAS" "O'BANNON" "TAYLOR" "FLETCHER" "HOWERTH" "SCHROEDER" "DASHIELL" "STEVENS" "JOHN ROGERS" MCKEE" "MURRAY" "RINGGOLD" "SIGSBEE"
Carry Davis	1 PT	
Escorts	41	* 5 DE: "LOVELACE" "MANNING" "NEUENDORF" "JAMES E.CRAIG" "EICHENBERGER" 5 PF: "VAN BUREN" "CGEN" "EL PASO" 1 PS: "WARREGO" 10 SC: 699, 703, 732, 736, 737, 738, 742, 746 748, 982 4 AMS: "KIAMA" "BENDIGO" "ARARAT" "COWRA" 5 PC: 471, 1119, 1132, 1134 7 YMS: 9, 10, 48, 52, 73, 313, 315 6 ML: 427, 801, 802, 817, 818, 819
Auxiliaries	37	"KILTY" "WARD" "CROSEY" "TALBOT" "NOA" "DENT" "DICKERSON" (APD) "HOGAN" "PERRY" (DMS) "AASE MAERSK" (AO) "HALF MOON" (AVP) "OTUS" "EURYALE" (AS) "KOOPA" (AG) "AMYGUS" (AR) "WHARTON" (AP) "YUM AN" (AE) "MORESBY" "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) "TASMAN " "SOLACE" (AH) "BAYOU ST. JOHN" "POINT LOMA" "WATO" (AT)
	-00	"ETAMIN" "GANYMEDE" "TRIANGULUM" (AK) "ANDREW DORIA" "LEOPARD" "VILLALOBOS" (IX) "ALABASTER" (PYC) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (AHS) "PING NO" (ASIS) 1 ARD 2 YP: 278, 280

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Milne Bay (Contd.)		
Merchantmen	: 83	"F.C.AINSWORTH" "ARANSAS PASS" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "E.D.BAKER" "BARBARA C" "R.S.EEAN" "S.K.BOLIVAR" "BIKCHCOULIE" "J.BUCHANAN" "WM.BYEES" "J.CABRILLO"
		"J.C.CALHOUN" "S.CLARKE" "CAPE NEWENHAM" "CAPE HENRY" "M.DALY" "G.DAVIDSON" "J.DEERE"
	-0	DAIN MARGUIS" "L.I. DVI WE" "TEWA"
		"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" "LUCKENBACK" "F.B.LINDERMANN" "J.LYKES" "W.G.MCCRACKEN" "J.MCLEAN" "J.F.MELDRUM" "H.MONROE" "MONTAUK POINT" "W.V.MOODY" "JOHN I.NOLAN" "NORLAGO" "T.NELSON"
8		"B.T.OSBORNE" "OZARK" "S.G.PORTER" AGWI PRINCE "POELAU LAUT" "A.REHAN" "M.ROBERTSON" "A.ROBINSON" "W.B.ROGERS" "URIAH M.ROSE" "C.SPRECKLES" "STAGEN" "W.S.SPARBON" "M.STEWART" "SICKLESTAD" "T.W.SYMONS" "TAWALI" "J.THOMAS" "J.M.THOMPSON" "TJISADANE" "TWO HARBOURS" "THUNDERER" "S.TURMAN" "TUNG SONG" "GEO.VANCOUVER" "VAN OUTHORN" "WELTEVREDEN" "W.WILLIAMS" "S.WILLISTON" "J.WING"
Port Moresby:		O. TITT DIAM O.MTMA.
Escorts	2	: 1 MI: 426 1 PC: 1133
Merchantmen	5	3 "CANBERRA" "C. DARROW" "HANVANG" "C. P. PERADD"
Thursday Is:		"TAROONA"
Escorts	1	4 Ave. Mark
Auxiliaries	2	: 1 SC: 731
Cairns	2	: "BUNGAREE" (CM) "POLARIS" (AGS)
Escorts	0	
W2001.02	8	: 1 AMS: "BALLARAT" 1 PC: 479
Auxiliaries	. 5	3 ML: 804, 811, 820 3 YMS: 47, 49, 51 "PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD "TANCRED" (AT) 1 AFD 1 YOG
Townsville:		Acceptance .
Auxiliaries Mackay:	1	: "MARUNDA" (AH)
Auxiliaries Brisbane:	1	: "HERON" (AVP)
Escorts	6	: 1 PS: "SWAN" 2 AMS: "GEELONG" "WHYALLA"
Auxiliaries	8	1 YMS: 70 2 ML 808, 821 "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "ALGORAB" (AKA)
317. 32.4		MURLHOR" (AC) "SHIKELLAHV" (ACE)
Sydney:		2 YP: 235, 236 "CARONDOLET" "KAILUA" (IX)
Combat Units	7 07	
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Escorts	14	"WARENAMBOOL" "GLADSTONE" "KATOOMBA"
		4 A/S: "KYBRA" "AB.CRIJNSSEN" "DOOMBA" "YANDRA" 3 NL: 807, 822, 823
Auxiliaries	5	"BISEOPDALE" (AC) "OCTANS" (AE) "DOTT TOUT (ATC)
Melbourne:		VALIBOURIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG)
Escorts	1	: 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" (Refitting)
		(11) ENEMY FORCES
1. Empress Augusta Ba	v - a.	m. 6 April pillboxes and machine gun positions
	Man.	East of the Torokina perimeter were bombarded by a U.S. destroyer.
2.		oy a c.b. destroyer.

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 areabehind Tobol 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.

At 0400/6 an enemy floatplane bombed PT boats operating 4. Jacquinot Bay . 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. At 0615-0715/7 buildings and gun positions at Kavilo 7. Karkar Island -Bay were shelled and mortared by 11 PF 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.

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 "THDENS" 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:

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

(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. 5 heavy cruisers, 1 light cruiser, 4 destroyers was observed off the Southwestern extremity of Mindanao on 2. Southern Philippines a Westerly course.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

ALL TED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/8:

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

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:	2 04	: "SUFFOLK"
Combat Units	1 GA	
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:		Station
Auxiliaries	3	: "CHILDS" (AV) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) 1 YP: 286

ENTRAL 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.

At 0800-0900/5 Wotje was twice attacked by 10 Dauntless, (3) Marshalls on the first occasion escorted by 13 Corsairs and on the second occasion aided by 12 bombing Hellcats. On 5 April Jabor (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.

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 transportion 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

ALLTED PORCES

ENEMY PORCES

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

HOWERTH

HUDSON

STEMBEL

HARRISON

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

	The state of the s	THE WHOLL PROJECTO	oonda.,
	ALLIED	FORCES	ENEMY FORCES
•	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Paci	fic
88	(8) BASHAW DAGE) BLACKFISH DARTER) BLUEGILL FLOUNDER) CERO SCAMP)	On patrol	15
	(2) SILVERSIDES) On pas	sage	
	(2) S.42 S.47) At Mil	ne Bay	
	K.9 At Syd	ney	
	K.12 At Mel	bourne.	
-	Approx. 85	Approx. 11	0 9
APA) ARA) APD)	(22) H.T.ALLEN (APA) KANE KAN IMBLA GILME MA WOORA SCHLE WESTRALIA SANDS HARRY LEE HUMPH ZEILIN BROOK ORMSLEY HERBE WINDSOR TALBO ALGORAB (AKA) CROSE VIRGO NOA DENT DICKE KILTY WARD	Y 8 AKA REYS S RT T Y	
AGC	BLUE RIDGE		-
AS AD	(2) OTUS EURYALE		?
AD	DCBBIN		•
	(3) RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYGUS	PROMETHEUS	A IRCRAFT
			Fighters (incl.15 twin-eng.) 127 Light & M/Bombers 90 Torpedo & D/Bombers 2 Flying Boats 1 Floatplanes 27 Cbsn. A/C 20
•	ALLIED FORCES	NORTHERN PACIFIC	ENEMY FORCES
CA			(2) NACHI
CL	(3) DETROIT		ASHIGARA
_	RALEIGH		(3) ABUKUMA TAMA KISO
DD	9		10
SS	10		Approx. 4

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

•				Mandates Philippines	Empire
BB	(14)	IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA CCLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI		(6) YAMATO ISE YAMASHIRO HYUGA MUSASHI
		MASSACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA	ALABAMA OKLAHOMA		MUTSU (prob sunk
<u>ov</u>	(6)	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL		
CV(L)	(7)	GOWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY INDEPENDENCE	•	(4) RYUHO ZUIHO HITAKA HAYATAKA
CV(T)					HOSHO
CV (E)	(21)	COPAHEE BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND			(6) CHITOSE CHIYODA JINYO
		NASSAU CASABLANCA ALTAMAHA CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR KITKUN BAY	PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY MEHENTA BAY OMMANEY BAY		MATYO MOTAKA MUNYO
<u>CA</u>	(13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE		MAYA
OCA		•			6
<u>CL</u>	(7)	SANTA FE SAN DIEGO MOBILE BILOXI	OAKLAND RENO CONCORD	YUBARI	(4) NAGARA NATORI SISUZU OYODO
CL(T)		•		KASHIMA	KASHII
AV/GVS	9	•	¥ _	(2) AK ITSUSHIMA NOTORO	•
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SS	Api	prox. 30		25	repairing) Approx. 25
A		?		?	2 (1 repairing)

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

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5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES ENEMY FORCES Southwest Pacific (Western Section) Eastern Fleet Area East Indies-Malaya BB (3) QUEEN ELIZABETH (4) NAGATO VALIANT FUSO RENOWN KONGO HARUNA CV (2) ILLUSTRIOUS (2) ZUIKAKU SARATOGA SHOKAKU CV(L) TATHO (3) BATTLER CV(E) RANEE UNICORN SHAH SUFFOLK (3) SUSSEX (11) AOBA ATAGO LONDON EUMANO TAKAO CUMBERLAND SUZUYA CHOKAI TONE MYOKO HAGURO CHIKUMA **HOGAMT** CL ADELAIDE (8) CEYLON NEWCASTLE (5) YAHAGI KENYA DANAE NOSHIRO TROMP GAMBIA EINU NIGERIA EMERALD KITAGAMI OI AV/CVS (2) CHILDS ALBATROSS FAMOI W.B. PRESTON XCL (2) CANTON CHITRAL DD Approx. 27 30 (14)17 (including 6 ANGLER HOE Approx. 15 BLUEFISH MINGO German) CABRILLA PADDLE CREVALLE REDFIN On patrol FLASHER RATON HADDO K. 14 HAKE K.15 (12) BILLFISH JACK BOWEFISH LAPON NORWHAL) At Fremantle BOWFIN COD PUFFER GUNNEL RASHER ROBALO RAY (2) PELIAS AIRCRAFT (East Indies only) ORION Fighters 121 Light & M/Bombers 36 Torpedo & D/Bombers

Flying Boats Floatplanes

Obsn. A/e

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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

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PART I

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

. EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/9:

- (1) "WHITEHURST" (DE) escorting "PRESIDENT MONROE" (AP) proceeding Milne Bay ETA about 1200/9.
- "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) departed Milne Bay 1500/8 for survey duty vicinity
- (3)
- Kegawan Island (15 miles S.E. of Normanby Island).
 "BUSH" (DD) departed Milne Bay 0800/8 for Cairns ETA 1700/9
 "BENDIGO" (AMS) escorting "EMPIRE SILVER" (A0) departed Milne Bay
 1320/7 ETA Grafton Passage 1200/9. "BENDIGO" to undergo (4) 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:
- (7) "GASCOYNE" (PF) departed Sydney 1500/6 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/11.
- "MAETSUYCKER" (AH) departed Milne Bay 1300/7 for Brisbane ETA 1600/10. (8)
- (9) "PYRO" (AE) was to depart Calcundra 0830/8 for Milne Bay ETA about
- 0700/12 for onward routeing to Cape Cretin.
 (10) "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS) departed Thursday Island 1330/8 for Townsville
- ETA 0800/11: for onward routeing to Sydney.

 1) "YMS's 11, 72" departed Cairns 1812/5 for Thursday Island ETA Ince Point 1400/9: for onward routeing to Fremantle via Darwin.
- "ST. MARY" (IX) departed Brisbane 0850/6 for Cairns ETA 1400/10.
- (13) "YP.291" was to depart Gairns 1700/7 for Brisbane ETA 1000/11; calling
- at Palm Island on route.
 (14) "TOWNSVILLE" (AMS) departed Townsville 1914/7 for Sydney ETA 1600/11,

- 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, 2) 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:
 - (1) Troopships carrying more than 2000 troops
 - (ii) Aircraft carriers and capital ships proceeding independently
 - (1ii) Specially important Naval Auxiliaries.
- (3) Other shipping to proceed unescorted under cover of the above-described patrols.

(d) In Harbour:

Admiralties:			
Combat Units	19	-	"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:	9		7 27 400
Escorts	1		1 ML: 423.
Merchantmen	3		"T.CRAWFORD" "J.ROSSITER" "A.THOMAS"
Talasea:	-		
Combat Units	15		Property and the second
Escorts	1	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	2	"BUNBURY" "STAWELL" (AMS)
Merchantmen	3		"J.G.BRADY" "TIMOSHENKO" "C.L.SMITH"
Langemak:			
Combat Units	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	"P.CHANDLER" "W.E.CHANNING" "CITY OF PHILADELPHIA" "COLORADO" "J.DOTY" "M.FULLER" "JANSSENS" "JAPARA" "GEO.LUKS" "MACTAN" "MACKAWAO" "MANA" "F.M.QUINONES" "J.ROSS" "J.SINGER" " W.C.SQUIRE" "M.WALKER" "T.RAINEY" "J.M.WHISTLER" "D.WRIGHT"
	der i		"E.YOUNG"
	Lae:	-	0 400 400
	Escerts Auxiliaries	2	2 ML: 428, 450 "PANDA" (IX)
	Merchantmen	12	"BAL 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"
16	Buna-Oro Bay:	Alexandra and	
(Combat Units	27 DD	"HOWERTH" "STOCKTON" "STEVENSON" "THORN" "REID" "JENKINS" "NIC HOLAS" "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, 316, 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) "PORGUPINE" (IX)
	Merchantmen	17	"ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "BORGERED" "CAPE GOD" "CAPE NEWENHAM" "S.CLARKE" "T.M.COOLEY" "P.T.DODDRIDGE" "EXIRIA" "D.E.HUGHES" "KATOOMBA" "KOTA INTEN" "LAKE ORMAC" "NARVIK" "O.SKINNER" "M.THORNTON" "A.E.WATTS" "WICHITA FALLS"
	Woodlark Is:		WICHIA SAING
	Escorts	3	: "WAGGA" (AMS) 2 YMS: 50, 335
	Auxiliaries	1	: "TEAK" (AE)
	Merchantmen	2	"D.D.FIELD" "J.S.MANSFIELD"
	Goodenough Is: Combat Units	3 DD	: "BEALE" "HOBBY" "GILLESPIE"
4	Escorts	2 00	: "GOULBURN" "AR ARAT" (AMS)
	Auxiliaries	4	: "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA"
	The state of the s		"H.T.ALLEN" (APA)
	Merchantmen Milne Bay:	3	: "F.A. EILERS" "WEST CACTUS" "K.D. WIGGIN"
	Combat Units	2 CA	: "SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"
		3 OL	"MASHVILLE" "BOISE" "PHOENIX"
		9 DD	"HUTCHINS" "DALY" "BACHE" "MULLANY" "SWANSON" "ABNER READ" "ARUNTA" "WARRAMUNGA" "AMJEE"
	1300	1 PT	
	Escorts	41	: 5 DE: "LOVELACE" "MANNING" "NEUENDORF" "JAMES E.GRAIG" "EICHENBERGER" 3 PF: "VAE BUREN" "OGDEN" "EL PASO" 1 PS: "WARREGO" 10 SG: 699, 703, 732, 736, 737, 738, 742,
			746, 748, 982 3 AMS: "KIANA" "GLENELG" "COWRA" 4 PC: 471, 1119, 1132, 1134 5 YMS: 9, 52, 73, 313, 315 6 ML: 427, 801, 802, 817, 818, 819
3	Auxiliaries	36	"KILTY" "WARD" "CROSBY" "TALBOT" "NOA" "DERT" "DICKERSON" (APD) "HOGAN" "PERRY" (DMS) "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG) "AASE MAERSK" (AO) "EALF MOON" (AVP) "OTUS" "EURYALE" (AS) "KOOPA" (AG) "AMYCUS" (AR) "WHARTON" (AP)

Milne Bay (Contd.) - Auxiliaries		: "YUNNAN" (AE) "MORESBY" (AGS) "SOLACE" (AH)
(Contd.)		"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)
Merchantmen	74	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.BUCHANAN" "WM.BYERS" "J.CABRILLO" "J.C.CALHOUN" "CHIEF CHARLOT" "J.CHOTEAU" "M.DALY" "G.DAVIDSON" "J.DEERE" "DON MARQUIS
	(8)	"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.NONROE "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"
2 10		"VAR OUTHORN" "WELTEVREDEN" "W.WILLIAMS" "S.WILLISTON" "J.WING" "YOCHOW"
Port Moresby:		
Escorts	2	: 1 ML: 426 1 PC: 1135
Auxiliaries	1	: "CALAMARES" (AF)
Merchantmen	7	"G.R.HEBARD" "TAROONA" "GEN.VERSPIJK"
Thursday Is:	4	. 7 . 02. 023
Escorts Auxiliaries	2	: 1 SC: 731 : "BUNGAREE" (CM) "POLARIS" (AGS)
Cairns:	wa	the second second second
Escorts	7	3 ML: 804, 811, 820 2 YMS: 49, 50
Auxiliaries	5	: "PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD "TANGRED" (AT) 1 AFD 1 YOG
Townsville: Auxiliaries	1	: "MANUNDA" (AE)
Auxiliaries	1	* "HERON" (AVP)
Brisbane:	4	· Institute (Mar)
Escorts	8	1 PS: "SWAN" 3 AMS: "BROOME" "GELLONG" "WHYALLA" 1 YMS: 70 2 ML: 808, 821 1 SC: 745
Auxiliaries	7	"AEGORAB" (AKA) "KURUMBA" (AO) "SHIKELLAMY" (AOH) 2 YP: 255, 236 "CARONDOLET" "KAILUA" (IX)
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" "DELORALNE" "ECHUCA" "GLADSTONE" "KA TOOMBA" 1 A/S: "AB.CRIJNSSEN"
Auxiliaries	4	3 ML: 807, 822, 823 "BISHOPDALE" (A0) "OCTANS" (AF) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG)
		UBLEDUNIAN BALVUK" (AKS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG)
Melbourne:		(and)

(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

2. New Ireland -

dead Japs were found.
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. 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.

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.

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

3 F Tobera runway unserviceable Runways unserviceable. Rapopo Keravat)

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.

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.

Preliminary reports from aircraft in flight relate that 2 small freighters were attacked

30 mile s W. N.W. of Aitape. 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.

- S. St. Matthias Group -
- Admiralty Islands
- 5. Rabaul -

- Hansa Bay -
- 7. Wewak -
- 7. Aitape -
- 8. Hollandia -

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.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin: Escorts	6	3 AMS	: "LATROBE"	"INVERELL"	"PIRIE"
		- THE PERSON NAMED IN			

Merchantmen 5 "J.W.TROY" "SUVA" "J.MOLIER" "R.P.WARNER"
"GEO.EASTMAN"

Merauke:
Escort 1 : "KALGOORLIE" (AMS)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- 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

AL LIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/9:

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

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:		
Combat Units	1 CA	* "SUFFOLK"
- 11.11	1 CL	: "ADELAIDE"
Escorts	6	: "HORSHAN" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739
		3 ML: 812, 824, 826.
Auxiliaries	7	: "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" (AM) "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS)
		"CHANTICLEER" (ASR) 1 YF: 288 1 ARD
amouth Gulf:		
Auxiliaries	3	"CHILDS" (AV) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) 1 YP: 286

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 Conpac aircraft on Mille, Taroa, Jaluit and Ponape.

2. Western Carolines - Details concerning the U.S. aircraft carrier strike on Palau, Yap, Ulithi and Wolcai 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 unidentifie

l 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.

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 transportion 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 FORCE	ES		ENEMY	FORCES
		thwest Pacifi stern Section		Sou	th Pacific		
BB		•		(4)	IDAHO NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA TENNESSEE		•
CV(E)		•		(6)	NATOMA BAY MANILA BAY		-
•		*			Sangammon Suwannee Chenango Santee	- +	
CA	(8)	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE			•		•.
CL	(6)	BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX MONT PELJER CLEVELAND HOBART	•	(6)	COLUMBIA DENVER HONOLULU ST LOUIS BIRMINGHAM LEANDER		•
AV/CVS	-	TANGIER			WRIGHT CHANDELEUR		
xav/xovs	(8)	HALF MOON SAN PABLO			BALLARD		•
<u>DD</u>	(51)	ABBOTT ABNER READ AMMEN BACHE BEALE BENNETT BUSH	MULLANY MURRAY NICHOLAS NICHOLSON O'BANNON RADFORD REID		Approx. 35		•
	* _	DALY DASHIELL ERBEN FLETCHER FULLAM GILLESPIE GRAYSON	RINGGOLD ROE SIGSBEE SCHROEDER STEMBEL STEVENS STEVENSON				
	ş	GUEST HALE HARRISON HOBBY HOPEWELL HUDSON	STOCKTON SWANSON TAYLOR THORN WELLES WALKER		417		
		HUTCHINS JENKINS JOHN ROGERS KALK LA VALLETTE MCKEE	WILKES ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA				
					400.00		

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

We only		ALLIED FOR	CES	ENEMY FORCES
11. 11.	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)		South Pacific	
<u>88</u>	(8) BASHAW DACE BLACKFISH DART BLUEGILL FLOW CERO SCAN	PER) On patrol		15
* Ne	(3) SILVERSIDES) TUNNY K.12	On passage		Dr.
	(2) S.42 S.47	At Milne Bay		
	K.9	At Sydney		
P.	Approx. 85		Approx. 110	9
APA APA)	(22) H.T.ALLEN (APD KANIMBLA MAN OORA 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	
AGC	BLUE RIDGE			
<u>A3</u>	(2) OTUS EURYALE			?
AD	DOBBIN			
AR .	(3) RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS		PROMETHEUS	
			Figh (inc Ligh Torp Flyi Floa	RAFT ters 1.15 twin-eng) 131 t & M/Bombers 90 edo & D/Brs. 2 ng Boats 1 tplanes 27 . A/C 20
	ALLIED FORCES	2. NORTHERN		Y FORCES
<u>c</u>	•		(2)	NACHI ASHIGARA
<u>or</u>	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND		(3)	ABUKUMA FAMA KISO
<u>DD</u>	9		10	
<u>88</u>	10		Appro	ox. 4

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

				Mandates Philippines	Emp	ire
BB	(14)	NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA OKLAHOMA	•	(6)	YAMATO ISE YAMASHIRO HYUGA MUSASHI MUTSU (probsunk
CV	(6)	ENTER PRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL	•		•
CV(L)	(7)	BELLEAU WOOD	CABOT LANGLEY INDEPENDENCE	•	(4)	RYUHO ZUIHO HITAKA HAYATAKA
CV(T)		-		-		нозно
CV (E)	(21)	COPAHEE BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU CASABLANCA ALTAMAHA CORAL SEA CORREGIOOR KITKUN BAY	WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY MEHENTA BAY OMMANEY BAY		(5)	CHITOSE CHIYODA JIEYO OTAKA UNYO
CA	(13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE			MAYA
OCA		•		•	6	
CL	(7)		OAKLAND RENO CONCORD	YUBARI	(4)	M NAGARA M NATORI M ISUZU M OYODO
CL(T)		-		KASHIMA		•
AV/CVS		•		(2) AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO		-
DD	Appro	ox. 120		10-15	20	(several repairing)
	Appro	DE. 30		25	Appi	ox. 25
AS		7		?	2 (repairing)

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TRENTON

			5.	EAST	INDI	ES •	INDIAN OCE	AN		
			ALLIE	D FOR	CES				ENEMY F	ORCES
		thwest Pac stern Sect		Eas	tern	Fleet	Area	Eas	t Indies-	Malaya
BB		•		(3)	QUEE VALI RENC	TKAT	ZABETH	(4)	NAGATO FUSO KONGO HARUNA	
<u>cv</u>		-		(2)		STRIC	ous	(2)	Zuikaku Shokaku	
CV(L)		-			-				TATHO	
CV(E)	1	RANEE		(3)	BATT UNIO SHAR	CORN			KATYO	
		SUFFOLK		(3)	LOND		D	(11)	AOBA KUMANO SUZUYA TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI MYOKO HAGURO
CL		ADELA IDE		(8)	CEYL KENY GAME NIGE	CA SIA	newcastle danae tromp emerald	(5)	YAHAGI NOSHIRO KINU KITAGAMI OI	
CL(T)		-							KASHII	
AV/CVS	(2)	CHILDS W.B.PREST	ON		ALBA	TROSS		R	KAMOI	
XCL.		•		(2)	CANT				-	
DD		•		Appr	ox.	27			30	
SS	(16)	ANGLER BLUEFISH CABRILLA CREVALLE COD FLASHER HADDO HAKE	HOE) JACK) MINGO) PADDLE) REDFIN) RATON) K.14) K.15)	Appron pa	ox.				17 (incl.	. 6 German)
	(10)	BILLFISH BONEFISH BOWFIN GUNNEL LAPON	NORWHAL PUFFER RASHER RAY ROBALO	At	Frem	antle				
AS	(2)	PELIAS ORION					Figh Ligh Torpo Flyin Floa	t & R edo & ng Bo	i/Bombers D/Bomber pats	dies only) 121 36 rs 43

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. 803 Date : 10 April, 1944

PART I

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. 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
- (6) "GOWRA" (AMS) departed miles Bay 1000/8 escenting members of 0600/10: then returning Milne Bay.

 (7) "SOLACE" (AH) departed Milne Bay 1130/9 for Brisbane ETA 1200/12.

 (8) "POINT LOWA" (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 escent to Milne Bay.

 (10) "MIZAR" (AF) departed Calcundra 0830/7 for Milne Bay ETA 1500/10:

- for onward routeing to Goodenough Island.

 (11) "TANCRED" (AT) towing 1 AFD and 1 YOG departed Cairns 0620/9 for

 Milne Bay ETA forencen April 13th.

 (12) "PYRO" (AE) was to depart Calcumdra 0830/8 for Milne Bay ETA about 0700/12 for onward routeing to Cape Cretin,

- (14) "ST. MARY" (AMS) departed Thursday Island 1330/8 for Townsville

 (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 propellor repairs.
 (17) "TOWNSVILLE" (AMS) departed Townsville 1914/7 for Sydney ETA 1600/11, for annual refit.
 (18) "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) towing 1 LCT to depart Calcumdra 1800/8 for Milne
- (19) "MILDURA" (AMS) towing 1 APC departed Cairns 1100/4 for Brisbane:
- delayed en route by weather: ETA 1000/11.
- (20) "VENDETTA" (BD) departed Sydney 1214/9 for Brisbane ETA 1200/10: for
- onward routeing to Milne Bay.

 (21) "SC.749" departed Calcundra 2102/7 on Sandy Cape A/S patrol: on relief
- at 1200/11 to return to Brisbane.

 | "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"

 | TOOMBA | "TYPERA" 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 unded 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. 151°07' E. 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 Mayal Auxiliaries.
- (3) Other shipping to proceed unescorted under cover of the abovedescribed 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 PARLO" (AVP)
			"TARGIER" (AV) "CHETCO" "SONOMA" "RESERVE" (AT)
The second second			"MINK" (IX) "CENTAURUS" (AKA) VP: 283
Merchantmen	15		"J.BARBARA" "F.BILLINGS" "J.P.BRADLEY"
			"J.BURROUGHS" "E. JOHNSON" "KARSIK"
			"LYMAN STEWARF" "B.MATTHEWS" "G.V.L.MEYER"
1.0			"MORMACGULL" "MORMAC SEA" "RAMO" "W. J. SIBJETPE"
			"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:			No de Constitution
Combat Units	15	PT	
Escorts	1	:	1 PC: 1123
Auxiliaries	1	:	"HILO" (AGP)
Merchantmen	2	:	"DEUTGAN" "MELINGA"
Saidor:			
Combat Units	11	PF with	1 LST acting as AGP
Escorts	3		"BUNBURY" "STAWELL" "BOWEN" (AMS)
Merchantmen	3		"J.G.BRADY" "C.L.SMITH" "TIMOSHENKO"

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Langemak:		The state of the s
Combat Units	3 DD	"LA VALLETTE "O'BANNON" "HOPEWELL"
Escorts	28 PT	: 3 AMS: "BUNDABERG" "KAPUNDA" "GYMPIE"
-		4 RC: 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" "KAME" "HERBERT" "GILMER" "BROOKS" "SANDS" (APD)
		"SOOTES" (WETANTHIN (AZ) WITCHADTAN (AA)
		"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" "MACCAN" "MAKA"
		"F.M.GUINONES" "H.T.RAINEY" "J.ROSS" "J.SINGER" "W.C.SQUIRE" "M.THORNTON" "M.WALKER" "A.E.WATTS" "J.M.WHISTLER"
		"E-YOUNG" A.E. WHISTER
Lae:		- Two data
Escorts	2	: 2 LL: 428, 430
Auxiliaries	1	"FANDA" (IX)
Merchantmen	10	"D.F. BARRY" "CAPE SPENCER" "F. H. DODD"
A Company of the Comp		"A. S. DUNNIWAY" "RIM! TARDNER" "SEA BADD"
		"G.L.SMITH" "R.STUART" "ED.N.WESTCOTT"
Buna-Oro Bay:		"D.WRIGHT"
Combat Units	26 DD	: "SPOCKTON" "STEVENSON" "THORN" "REID"
		"JENKINS" "NICHOLAS" "TAYLOR" "STEVENS"
		"JOHN ROGERS" "MCKEE" "MIRRAY" "PTMCCOTP!
		"SCHROEDER" "DASHTELL" "STASPET" HELLEMONTO !!
		HARRISON" WELLES" "STEMBEL" WALKE WERRENE
Escorts	9	WALKER "HALE" "ARROPHIN UDOEN NODATOON
22001 03	9	5 PF: "CORONADO" "GLENDALE" "LONGBEACH"
		"SAN PEDRO" "BARCOO"
Auxiliaries	13	3 YMS: 71, 314, 316 1 SC: 744 "TRINITY" (AO) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "POYANG" (AP)
* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *		"ZEILIE" "ORMSLEY" "WINDSOR" "HARRY LEE" (APA)
		"VIRGO" (AKA) "MEDUSA" "RIGEL" (AR) 1 ARD
Merchantmen	3.0	"VIRGO" (AKA) "MEDUSA" "RIGEL" (AR) 1 ARD "DOBBIN" (AD) "PORCUPINE" (IX)
Me I dila ii dile ii	16	AUGULAUA ADMINAL HALSTEAD" "CAPE COD"
		"P.T.DODDRIDGE" "EXIRIA" "D.E.HUGHES"
	3	"JANSSENS" "KOTA INTEN" "LAKE ORMAC" "NARVIK"
Jan		"NCRAB" "O. SKINNER" "A. REHAN"
Woodlark Is:		
Merchantmen	2	: "D.D.FIELD" "J.S.MANSFIELD"
Combat Units	2 55	
Escorts	3 DD	"BELAE" "HOBBY" "GILLESPIE"
Auxiliaries	5	"GOUBURN" (AMS) "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA"
		"H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "TEOPARD" (TY)
Merchantmen	6	"H.T.ALEN" (APA) "LEOPARD" (IX) "M.GRIFFITH" "HANYNAG" "GENERAL R.L.HOWZE"
Milma Barra		"S.G. PORTER" "WEST CACTUS" "K.D.WIGGIN"
Combat Units	0.04	
Compas ourcs	2 CA 3 CL	"SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"
	10 DD	"MASHVILLE" "BOISE" "PHOENIX"
The any of the		"ABNER READ" "ARUNTA" "WARRAMUNGA" "AMMEN"
The same of the sa		"RADFORD"
	1 Pr	
Escorts	39	: 6 DE: "LOVELACE" "MAINING" "NEUENDORF"
West as		"JAMES E. CRAIG" "EICHENBERGER" "WEITPEUTE SE!
10000		5 Fr.: "VAN BUREN" "OGDEN" "EL PASO"
41.5		9 50: 703, 732, 736, 737, 738, 742, 746, 748,
11-11-11		4 AMS: "KIAMA" "GLENELG" "ARARAT" "WAGGA"
-37-		4 RE: 471, 1119, 1131, 1134
		7 YMS: 9, 52, 53, 73, 313, 334, 335
		6 11: 427, 801, 802, 817, 818, 819

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Milne Bay (Contd.) Auxiliaries	34	"KILTY" "WARD" "CROSEY" "TALBOT" "NOA" "DENT" "DICKERSON" (APD) "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" "WATO" (AT) "G.ELLIOTT" "GANYMEDE" "TRIANGULUM" (AK) "ANDREW DORIA" "VILLALOBOS" (IX) "ALABASTER" (PYC) "GOLDSTAN (AG) "TEAK" (AN) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) 1 ARD 2 YP: 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" "HOPECREST" "ISOLATOR" "S.JACKSON' "JAPAHA" "KATOOMBA" "L.S.KELLY" "O.KELLY" "M.C.KERR" "C.KING" "W.S.LADD" "ED.LANDER"
		"J.H.LANE" "B.LUCKENBACK" "F.B.LINDERMANN" "J.LYKES" "MAKAWAO" "J.MCLEAN" "J.F.MELDRUM" "MONMOUTH" "H.MONROE" "MORTAUK POINT" "W.V.MOODY" "MARUIM" "NORINDIES" "NORLAGO" "T.NELSON" "B.T.OSBORNE" "OZARK" "AGWI PRINCE" "POELAU 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.VANGOUVER" "VAN OUTHORN" "W.WILLIAMS" "S.WILLISTON" "J.WING" "YOCHON"
Port Moresby:		A COLON
Escorts Auxiliaries Merchantmen	1 7	: 1 ML: 426 : "CALAMARES" (AF) : "ALCOA POLARIS" "ALDINGA" "CANBERRA" " "C.DARROW" "G.R.HEBARD" "TAROONA" "GEN.VERSPIJK"
Thursday Is:		GEN. VERGELOR
Escorts Auxiliaries Cairns:	2 2	: 2 YMS: 11, 72 : "BUNGAREE" (CM) "POLARIS" (AGS)
Combat Units Escorts	1 DD 9	"BUSH" 2 AMS: "BALLARAT" "BENDIGO" 1 PC: 479 4 ML: 804, 805, 811, 820 2 YMS: 49, 50
Auxiliaries Townsville:	2	: "PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD
Escorts Auxiliaries Mackay:	1	1 PF: "BARCOO" : I YP: 233
Auxiliaries	1	: "HERON" (AVP)
Brisbane: Escorts	8	: 1 PS: "SWAN" 3 AMS: "BROOME" "GENLONG" "WHYALLA" 1 YMS: 70 2 ML: 808, 821
Auxiliaries	12	1 SC: 745 : "ALGORAB" (AKA) "KURUMBA" (AO) "COUCAL" (ASR) "POLLUK" (AKS) "SHIKELLMWY" (AOG) 2 YP: 236, 291 "MANUNDA" (AH) "CARONDOLET" "KAILUA" (IX) 2 YT
Sydney:		and the second s
Combat Units	3 CL 6 DD	: "HOBART" (Refitting) "MONTPELIER" CLEVELAND" : "STUART" "FULLAM" "GUEST" "BEHNETT" "HUDSON" "HALFORD"
Escorts	12	: 1 PS: "CAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA" 6 AMS: "COLAC" "DELORAINE" "ECHUCA" "GLADSTONE" "KATOOMBA" "STRAHAN"
Auxiliaries	4	1 A/S: "AB.CRIJNSSEN" 4 ML: 807,809,822,823 : "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "OCTANS" (AF)
Melbourne:		"CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG)
Escorts	1	e 3 Ance Repussion to the control of
, 2000, 00	•	: 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" (Refitting)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

1. Empress Augusta Bay - During the 24 hours ended 1500/8 our forces advanced East of the Torokina 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.

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 air craft present. It is considered that the sighting report of 15 serviceable bembers 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.

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 occuping 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 One huge explosions followed and a large probably destroyed. 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 to mbed 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 50 miles North of Aitape on course 250°. An oi

trail resulted from the strafing.

9. Altape-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.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/10:

- (1) "WILCANVIA" (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

(e) In Harbour:

Darwin:

: 3 AMS: "LATROBE" "INVERELL" "PIRIE" Escorts 6

3 ML: 429, 809, 816 "J.W.TROY" "SUVA" "J.MOLLER" "R.P.WARNER" Merchantmen 5

"GEO. EASTMAN"

lerauke:

: "KALGOORLIE" (AMS) 1 Escort

(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 3000 was attacked unsuccessfully by aircraft.

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

At 1016/9, a small convoy comprising 1 medium freightertransport and 2 escort vessels just off Central North coast of Boeroe Island on course 90°, probably heading for Ambon, was attacked by 6 Liberators but results are not yet assessed.

At 0230/9, Penfoei barracks area was bombed by 7 Mitchells starting small fires.
At 0320-0420/9, Lautem was bombed by 3 Beauforts. Timor .

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

At 2110-2200/9, the barrakes at Penfeet were again

attacked by 5 Mitchells starting an intense fire.
4. Celebes Sea - At 1130/8, a U.S. submarine sighted 1 heavy cruiser. I light cruiser, I 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 Natoena 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) proceedin 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:

: "SUFFOLK" Combat Units 1 CA 1 CL

: "ADELAIDE" : "HORSHAM" "DUEBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739 Escorts

3 ML: 812, 824, 826 : "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" (AM) "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS) 7 Auxiliairies "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) 1 YP: 286 1 ARD

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

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. At 0100/9 an 8 ship convoy comprising 1 large and 2. Woleai -4 medium merchant ships with 3 escort vessels 50 miles N.W. of Woleai on course 1300 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.

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.

DATLY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II.

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

		-	LLIED FORCE	ES		ENEMY FORCES
		thwest Pacifi stern Section		Sou	th Pacific	
BB		-		(4)	IDAHO NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA TENNESSEE	
CV(E)		•		(6	NATOMA BAY MAN ILA BAY SANGAMNON SUWANNEE CHENANGO SANTEE	•
CA	(2)	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE			•	•
<u>CL</u>		BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX MOWT PELIER CLEVELAND HOBART			COLUMBIA DENVER HONOLULU ST LOUIS BIRMINGHAM LEANDER	
AV/CVS		TANJER		(5)	WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	•
XAV/XCVS	(3)	HALF MOON SAN PABLO HERON	**		BALLARD	•
	(52)	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA ABBOTT ABNER FEAD AMMEN BACHE BEALE BENNETT BUSH DALY DASHIELL ERBEN FLETCHER FULLAN GILLESFIE GRAYSON GUEST HALE HALFORD HARRISCN HOBBY HOPEWELL HUDSON HUTCHINS	JENKINS JOHN ROGER KALK LA VALLET! MCKEE MULLANY MURRAY NICHOLAS NICHOLSON O'BANNON RADFORD REID RINGGOLD ROE SIGSBEE SCHROEDER STEMBEL STEVENS STEVENSON STOCKTON SWANSON TAYLOR THORN WELLES WALKER WILKES	PE	Approx. 35	

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

	ALLI	ED FORCES	ENEMY FORCES	
•	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacin	fic	
SS	(7) BASHAW CERO) BLACKFISH DACE CON BLUEGILL DARTER FLOUNDER)	patrol	15	
	(2) TUNNY) On passage			
	(2) S.42) At Milne Bay			
	SILVERSIDES At Brisbar K.9 At Sydney	16		
pop	Approx, 85	Approx. 110	9	
APA) AKA) APD)	(23) H.T.A.LEN (APA) KANE (A KANIMBLA GILMER MANOORA SCHLEY WESTRALIA SANDS HARRY LEE HUMPHRE ZEILIN BROOKS ORMSLEY HERBERT WINDSOR TALBOT ALGORAB (AKA) CROSBY CENTAURUS NOA VIRGO DENT DICKERS KILTY WARD	1 APD 8 AKA	¥	
AGO	BLUE RIDGE		_	
AS	(2) OTUS EURYALE	1	?	
AD	DOBBIN			
4	(3) RIGHE PLATYPUS AMYCUS	PROMETHEUS		
		Li To FI	RCRAFT (incl.15 twin-eng) ight & M/Bombers Orpedo & D/Bombers lying Boats loatplanes osn. A/c	130 89 2 1 27 20
	ALLIED FORCES	FORTHERN PACIFIC	ENEMY PORCES	
GA	-		(2) NACHI ASHIGARA	
CL	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND		(3) ABUKUMA TAMA KISO	
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SS	10	a to be taken militar a cake "na cake" ma cake sa pangan mangan mangan mangan mangan mangan mangan mangan mang	Approx. 4	

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

irs en	ALLIED FORCES			EN	EMY FORCES
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BB (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 (probesunk)
<u>cv</u> (6)	ENTER PRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	IMPREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL			
<u>CV(L)</u> (7)	COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY INDEPENDENCE	, ,		(4) RYUHO ZU 1HO HITAKA HAYATAKA
CV(T)				•	ноѕно
<u>CV(E)</u> (21)	COPAHEE BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU GASABLANCA 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 OTAKA UNYO
<u>CA</u> (13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CIT PORTLAND LOUISVILLE	Ā		MAYA
DA	-			•	6
<u>CL</u> (7)	SAN DIEGO	OAKLAND RENO CONCORD		YUBARI	(4) NAGARA NATORI ISUZU OYODO
CL(T)	-			KASHIMA	•
AV/GVS	+ 1			akitsushima Not o ro	•
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SS	Approx. 30		25		Approx. 25
COMPANIEM OF THE PROPERTY OF T	?		?		2 (1 repairing)
		4. SOUTH E.	ASTER	N PACIFIC	
CL	TREETON				•
DD	9				•

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

		thwest Paci stern Secti		Eas	tern F	leet	Area	Eas	t Indies•	Malaya
BB		•		(3)	QUEEN VALIA RENOW	NT	ABETH	(4)	NAGATO FUSO KONGO HARUNA	
CV		•		(2)	ILLUS		IS	(2)	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU	
CV(L)		-			-				TAIHO	
CV (E)	1	RANEE		(3)	BATTL UNICO SHAH				KATYO	
S		SUFFOLK		(3)	SUSSE LONDO CUMBE	N)	(11)	AOBA KUMANO SUZUYA TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI MYOKO HAGURO
<u>CL</u>		ADELAIDE		(8)	CEYLO KENYA GAMBI NIGER	A	NEWCASTL DANAE TROMP EMERALD	E (5)	YAHAGI NOSHIRO KINU KITAGAMI OI	
CL(T)		-			-				KASHII	
AV/CVS	(2)	CHILDS W.B.PREST	ON		ALBAT	Ross	Ť	×	KAMOI	
XCL		-		(2)	CANTO CHITR				• 1	
DD		-		Appr	rox. 2	7			30	
SS	(16)	ANGLER BLUEFISH CAERILLA GREVALLE COD FLASHER HADDO HAKE	HOE JACK MINGO PADDLE REDFIN RATON K.14 K.15)	patro				17 (incl.	• 6 German)
	(10)	BILLFISH BOWFIN GUNNEL LAPON	NORWHAI PUFFER RASHER RAY ROBALO	}	At Fro	emant	le			
<u>AS</u>	(2)	PELIAS ORION			200 20		E: To F:	ighters	M/Bombers & D/Bombe soats nes	ndies only) 120 36 275 43 19

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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11 April 1944

PART I

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

. EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/11:

(1) "ERBEN" "WALKER" "HALE" "ABBOT" (DD) departed Cape Sudest 0600/10

proceeding out of S.W.P.A.
(2) "SG.703" escorting 4 LCT departed Cape Sudest 1800/10 for Langemak

(3) "GOULBURN" (AMS) departed Milne Bay 1530/10 to RV with "FYRO" (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

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(6) "MORESBY" (AGS) departed "line 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 Calcundra 1800/8 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/15.

(9) "SOLACE" (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 propellor repairs.

(13) "WHYALLA" departed Calcundra 2200/10 to relieve "SC.749" on Sandy

(13) "WHYALLA" departed Calcundra 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) "DUNTROON" (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) "PG.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.

"CEELONG" (AMS) to depart Calcundra 1300/11 for Milne Bay ETA 0600/13.
"CARONDOLET" (IX) to depart Calcundra 1600/12, ETA China Strait 1400/18.
"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	DI) 1	"WILKES" "NICHOLSON"
		PI	•	MINISTED NICHOPOON.
Escorts	9			RODWATT AN (1952) C TOO
200200	•	,		"BENAILA" (AMS) 6 YMS: 8, 10, 46, 47, 48, 51
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Auxiliaries	9	,	3	"OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "TANGIER" (AV) "CHETCO" "SONOMA" "RESERVE" (AT)
				"TANGIER" (AV) "CHETCO" "SONONA" "RESERVE" (AT)
				"MINK" (TX) "CENTATIONS" (AVA) VO. 902
Merchantmen	15			"MINK" (IX) "CENTAURUS" (AKA) YP: 283 "J.BARBARA" "F.BILLINGS" "J.P.BRADLEY"
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				"J.BURROUGHS" "E. JOHNSON" "KARSIK"
				"LYMAN STEWART" "B. MATTHEWS! "C. U.T. METERS!
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				"VAN SWOLL" "S.M.WHITE"
Cape Gloucester:				The state of the s
Escorts	3			1 AMS: "CASHTEMATERS 2 DO. 400 2 TO 400
Merchantmen	3			1 AMS: "CASTLEMAINE" 1 PC: 476 1 ML: 423
Talsea:			•	"T. CRAWFORD" "J. ROSSITER" "A. THOMAS"
Combat Units	75	PT		
Escorts				
	1		:	1 PC: 1123
Auxiliaries	1			"HILO" (AGP)
Merchantmen	2		:	"DEUTGAN" "MELINGA"
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Combat Units	11	Pri	with	1 LST acting as AGP
Escorts	2			SDATENI HORANTE IL CARROL
Merchantmen	3			"BOWEN" "STAWELL" (AMS)
Langemak:	0		2	"J.G.BRADY" "C.L.SMITH" "TIMOSHENKO"
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Combat Units		DD	\$	"LA VALLETTE" "O'BANNON" "HOPEWELL"
Para Santa		PT		
Escorts	27		2	4 AMS: "BUNDABERG" "BUNBURY" "KAPUNDA" "GYMPIE"
				4 PC: 1120, 1122, 1124, 1132
Land I				5 VNS - 71 214 215 250 200
				5 YMS: 71, 314, 315, 336, 393
				5 ML: 424, 431, 803, 806, 816
				9 50: 637, 648, 650, 698, 734, 735, 741, 750,
Auxiliaries	-			301
Auxiliaries	22		3	"PORTUNUS" (AGP) "SCHLEY" "HUMPHREYS" "KANE"
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				"CROSBY" "NOA" "DENT" "WARD" "TALBOT" (APD)
				"BOODES" "FOR ANTENI (AZZ) HETTOTTE (APD)
				"BOOTES" "ETAMIN" (AK) "VICTORIA" (AO)
*1				WESTRALIA" (APA) "TASMAN" (AU) DETT CAR (DC)
Merchantmen	25			CONSTON HALL (LSD) "FORCH STAR" (TV)
THE T OTHER TOWNS TO	60		2	ANDUL" ANSON BURLINGMAME! "BATTEDADAME
				CAPE NEWENHARD "P-CHANDERD" the D CHARTETTON
				CATA OF PHILADRI PHTA "COLODADOR HAT TATAL
				"J.DOTY" "A.B. HAMMOND" "GEO.LUKS" "MACTAN"
				"MANA" "F.M.QUINONES" "H.T.RAINEY"
				TIRTAH M POCHI U. DOCCE W. R. HALNEY
				"URIAH M.ROSE" "J.ROSS" "J.SINGER" "W.C.SQUIRE"
				MOLITORNION MOWALKER" A.R. WATER
7				"J.M. WHISTLER" "E.YOUNG"
Facoustin	-			
Escorts	2		2 1	2 ML: 428, 430
Auxiliaries	1		:	"PANDA" (IX)
Merchantmen	13			D.F.BARRY" "CAPE SPENCER" "F.H.DODD"
			1	A.S. DENTWAY! BEDTEVE ACT F. H. DODD"
			1	"A.S.DUNIWAY" "GREYLAG" "LAKE ORMAG" "NORLAGO"
				MANU LIANLINEN "SHA RAPP" WG T CESTINEN
				"R. STUART" "ED. N. WESTCOTT" "D. WRIGHT"

74.		
*		
Buna-oro Bay:		
Combat Units	26 DD	: "STOCKTON" "STEVENSON" "THORN" "REID"
		"SWANSON" "HOBBY" "JENKINS" "NICHOLAS" "TAYLOR" ""STEVENS" "JOHN ROGERS" "MCKEE"
		"MUPRAY" "RINGGOID" "GILLESPIE" "RADFORD"
4	A.	"SCHROEDER" "DASHTELL" "SIGSBEE" "FLETCHER"
		"HARRISON" "WELLES" "STEMBEL" "KALK" "ROE"
Escorts	12	"GRAYSON" *
Moeor oo	12	: 5 DE: "LOVELACE" "MANNING" "NEUENDORF" "JAMES E.CRAIG" "RICHENBERGER"
		5 PF: "CORONADO" "GLENDALE" "LONGBEACH"
		"SAN PEDRO" "BARCOO"
Auxiliaries	20	1 YMS: 316 1 SC: 744
Commission and the second	AU	"TRI NITY" (AO) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "ZEILIN" "ORNSLEY" "WINDSOR" "HARRY LEE" (APA)
		"VIRGO" (AHA) "MEDUSA" "RIGEL" (AR) "HAMILTON"
		"LONG" "HOGAN" (DMS) "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG)
		"TRIANGULUM" (AK) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "PING WO" (ASIS) "YUNNAN" (AE) 1 ARD "DORRIN" (AD)
		(ASIS) "YUNNAN" (AE) 1 ARD "DOBBIN" (AD) "ANDREW DORIA" (IX)
Merchantmen	18	"ACONDAGUA" "ADMIRAL HALSTRAD" "W. N. BYERS"
4		"CAFE HENRY" "CAPE COD" "S.L.CLARKE"
		"T.M.COOLEY" "P.T.DODDRIDGE" "ERINWA" "EXIRIA" "D.E.HUGHES" "JANSSENS" "KOTA INTENTINORAB"
		"O.SKINNER" "A.REHAN" "VAN OUTHORN"
Wandlank Tax		"S.WILLISTON"
Woodlark Is:	1	: "J.S.MANSFIELD"
Goodenough Is:		
Auxiliaries	5	: "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "KANIMBLA" "MAHOORA"
Merchantmen	6	"H.T. ALLEN" (APA) "LEOPARD" (IX)
May a waster as	O	"D.D.FIELD" "H.GRIFFITH" "GENERAL R.L.HOWZE" "S.G.PORTER" "WEST CACTUS" "K.D.WIGGIN"
Milne Bay:	200	
Combat Units	2 CA	"SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"
	3 CL 9 DD	"NASHVILLE" "BOISE" "PHOENIX" "HUTCHINS" "DALY" "BACHE" "MULLANY" "BEALE"
		"ABNER READ" "ARUSTA" "WARRAMUNGA" "AMMEN"
200000000000000000000000000000000000000	1 PT	
Escorts	35	: 1 DE: "WHITEHURST" 1 PS: "WARREGO"
		4 FF: "VAN BUREN" "CGDEN" "EL PASO" "GASCOYNE" 8 SC: 732, 736, 757, 738, 742, 746, 748, 982
~		4 AMS: "KIAMA" "COWRA" "ARARAT" "WAGGA"
		4 PC: 471, 1119, 1131, 1134
A 11		7 XMS: 9, 52, 53, 73, 313, 334, 335
Auxiliaries	26	6 ME: 427, 801, 802, 817, 818, 819 : "DIGEER SON" (AFD) "PERRY" (DMS) "AASE MAER SK" (AC
100		"MIZAH" "CALAMARES" "MERKUR" (AF) "HALF MOON"
		(AVP) "DTUS" "EHRYATE" (AS) "KOOPA" (AG)
		"BAYOU ST. JOHN" "WATO" (AP)
		"GANYMEDE" (AK) "POYANG" (ASIS) "VILLALOBOS"
		(IX) "ALABASTER" (PYC) "GOLDSTAR" (AG)
		"TEAK" (AN) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) 1 ARD 2 YP: 278, 280
Merchantmen	73	: "H.T.ABBOTT" "E.G.ACHESOF" "ALCOA POLARIS"
		"ARABSAS PASS" "E.D.BAKER" "BARBARA C"
		"D.BELASCO" "S.K.BOLIVAR" "BORGERESO"
		"BIRCHCOULIE" "BOTH" "J.BUCHANAN" "J.C.CALHOUN" "J.M.CAREY" "CHIEF CHARLOT" "J.CHAUTEAU" "
		"F.CUHL" "G.DAVIDSON" "J.DEERE" "DOE MARQUIS"
ALC: U		"L.L.DYCHE" "F.A.EILERS" "EMPIRE HAMBLE"
		"JOHN EVANS" "F.EVERS" "FAILEN TIMBERS" "GRANDE RONDE" "HANYANG" "HOPECREST"
1		"ISOLATOR" "S. JACKSON" "JAPARA" "B. S. KELLY"
		"O. KELLY" "M.C. KERR" "C. KING" "W.S. LADD"
		"ED. LANDER" "J. H. LANR" "H. LIERENDACE"
		"F.B.LINDERMANE" "J.LYKES" "MAKAWAO" "J.MCLEAN" "J.F.MEDDRUM" "MONMOUTH" "H.MONROE"
		"MONTAUK POINT" "W. V. MOODY" "WARVIK"
		"T. WEESON" "B. T. OSBORNE" "OZARKE WACHT PRINCE!
		"PUBLAU LAUT" "M. ROBERTSON" "A RORTHSON"
		"N.B.ROGERS" "SEA WITCH" "C.SPRECKLES"

Milne Bay (Contd.)		
Merchantmen (Contd.)		"TAWALI" "J. THOMAS" "J.M. THOMPSON"
(oonoa)		"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	8	: 1 PF: "BARCOO" 1 AMS: "GOOTAMUNDRA"
Auxiliaries	1	1 1 YP: 233
Mackay:		
Auxiliaries	1	: "HERON" (AVP)
Erisbane:		
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 YT
Sydney:		
Combat Units	3 CL	: "HOBART" (Refitting) "MONTPELIER" "CLEVELAND"
	6 DD	: "STUART" "PULLAM" "GUEST" "BENNETT" "HUDSON"
Proceto	77	"HALFORD"
Escorts	11	6 AMS: "COLAC" "DELORAINE" "ECHUCA" "GLADSTONE" "KATOOMBA" "STRAHAN"
		1 A/S: "AB.CRIJNSSEN"
		4 14: 807. 809. 822. 823
Auxiliaries	4	"BISHOPDALE" (AO) "OCTANS" (AF)
		"CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG)
Melbourne:		
Escorts	1	: 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" (Refitting)

(11) EMEMY 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 air craft.

On 9 April the area East of the Torokina River mouth for about 12 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 unoccipied are now occupied.

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 wa landed on Mussau Island. This party later returned without incident, reporting no Jap activity on the Island.

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. Between 1935/8 and 0415/9 the Harbour front was bombed by Rabaul One enemy twin-eng. fighter attempted inter-7 Mitchells. ception, 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, 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 unchaged 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 .. - Our patrols are active in the area reported 9 April 7. Bogadjim Area minor contacts only in the Coastal Sector, and no contact in the Yaula and Aiyu area along Bogadjim Road. Madang - Hansa Bay - At 1000-1030/10 targets at Hansa Bay were attacked by 61 Liberators co-ordinated with destroyer bombard-8. ment, as mentioned in yesterday's summary No. 803 (See Naval Incidents). - Photos taken 5 April, on which date a heavy air strike Hollandia was conducted against A/A positions and supplies, show the following :-Hollandia Airfield. 1 F 1 LB 2 MB 3 F Cyclops 18 1 LB 2 F Sentani Total 1D A/c whereof Z MB 6 F 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 :-16 F 2 LB 1 MB Wakde 2 LB 4 LB 18 F 19 MB Saiwar 34 F 20 MB Total 58 A/c whereof This figure compares with a total of 68 planes present on 31 March. NORTH WESTERN AREA (1) ALLIED FORCES At Sea to 1200/11: "KALGOORLIE" (AMS) escorting "THEDENS" departed Merauke 1600/10 for Thursday Island ETA 1330/11.
"WILCANNIA" (A/S) escorting Convoy DT.49 (2 MV) departed Darwin 0535/9 2. for Thursday Island ETA 2000/12. 16 Submarines on patrol. (b) In Harbour: Darwin: : 3 AMS: "LATROBE" "INVERELL" "PIRIE" 6 Escorts 3 ML: 429, 809, 816 "J.W.TROY" "SUVA" "J.MOLLER" "R.P.WARNER" Merchantmen 6 "GEO. EASTMAN"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

1. 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 Geram 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.

- Photos of airfields 10 April show :-Timor 2. Portugese

1 fighter, 1 bomber. D1111

Fulloro No aircraft - only 1 runway in use.

Lautem No aircraft Cape Chater 1 Bomber.

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

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 : "SUFFOLK" 1 CA : "ADELAIDE" 1 CL

: "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739 Escorts 6

3 ML: 812, 824, 826 : "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" (AM) "ORION" "FELIAS" (A "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) 1 YP: 286 1 ARD Auxiliaries 7

Exmouth Gulf:

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

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

Catalinas attacking shipping Woleai night 9-10 April, found 1 freighter transport (estimated to be 9000 tons), 1 large 1. Wolesi sea truck, and possibly 6 unidentified escort vessels in the Lagoon. Hits were scored on the larger merchantship, and Lagoon. near misses, which are considered to have caused damage, were scored on the smaller merchantship. The landing strip was bombed by another 2 Catalinas.

Midnight 8-9 April, Dublon town wharf and fuel storage area was attacked by 12 Liberators; 2 hours later the Eten Is. Truk

airfield was bombed by 1 Liberator.

Marshalls - Carolines - Wotje was bombed and strafed twice a.m. 8 Apri 3. 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.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

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 asa Bay. Shellfire from the Destroyers raked the Awar and Mubia Plantat. ions 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.

ESTIMAT OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

Concentration of naval strength Malayan area.

Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North Coast New Guinea,

East Indies, Malayan and Kuriles.

Increased use of submarines for transportation purposes in Marshalls
Bismarcks - Solomons. (1)

(3)

Continued use of barges and small coasters for coastal transportation in forward areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

AILIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

			ALLIED FOR	CES			EM	EMY FORCES
		thwest Pacif stern Section		Sou	th Pa	cific		
BB	be	-		(4)	NEW I	O MEXICO SYLVANIA ESSEE		-
CV(E)		OMMANEY BAY		(6)		NNEE ANGO		•
CA	(3)	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-		7			•
CL	(6)	BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX MONT PELIER CLEVELAND HOBART		(6)	COLUM DENVE HONOL ST LO BIRMI LEANI	ER LULU DUIS INGHAM		-
AV/CVS		TANGIER		(3)	WRIGH CHAND POCON	ELEUR	3	•
xav/xcvs	(3)	HALF MOON SAN PABLO HERON		(2)	BALLA	RD		•
		ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA ABBOTT ABNER READ ANMEN BACHE BEALE BENNETT BUSH DALY DASHIELL ERBEN FLETCHER FULLAM GILLESPIE GRAYSON GUEST HALE EALFORD HARRISON HOBBY EUDSON HUTCHIMS	JENKINS JOHN ROGERS KALK LA VALLETTE MCKEE MULLANY MURRAY NICHOLAS NICHOLAS NICHOLAS NICHOLSON O'BANNON RADFORD REID RINGGOLD ROE SIGSBEE SCHROEDER STEWBEL STEVENS STEVENS STEVENS STEVENSON STOCKTON SWANSON TAYLOR THORN WELLES WALKER WILKES	Арри	eox. 3	5		
		EUTCHINS	WILKES	m No	n-eff	ective		

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1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

		ALLIED FORCE	ES	ENEMY FORCES	
•	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)		South Pacific		
SS	(8) BASHAW DACE BLACKFISH DART BLUEGILL FLOU CERO SCAM	ER On patro	1	15	
	(2) TUNNY K.12	on passage			
	(2) S.42 S.47	At Milne Ba	y		
	SILVERSIDES	At Brisbane			
	K.9	At Sydney	G 5		
F	Approx. 85		Approx. 110	•	
APA) AKA) APO)	(23) H.T.ALLEN (APA) KANIMBLA MANOORA WESTRALIA HARRY LEE ZEILIN CRMSLEY WINDSOR ALGORAB (AKA) CENTAURUS VIRGO	KANE (APD) GILMER SCHLEY SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS HERBERT TALBOT CROSEY NOA DENT DICKERSON KILTY WARD	15 APA 1 APD 8 AKA		
AGC	BLUE RIDGE				7
AS	(2) DIUS EURYALE			8	
AD	DOBBIN			•	
Ah	(3) RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYOUS		PROMETHEUS		
LSD	(3) CARTER HALL GUNSTEN HALL EPPING FOREST		I T F	IRCRAFT ighters (incl.15 twin-eng) ight & M/Bombers orpedo & D/Bombers lying Boats loatplanes bsn. A/c	126 89 2 1 27 20
	ALLIED FORCES	2. NOR	THERN PACIFIC	ENEMY FORCES	
2			No.	(2) NACHI ASHIGARA	
CL	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND			(3) ABUKUMA TAMA KISO	
DD	9			10	
SS	10			Approx. 4	

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

		ALL TED	FORCES			ENEM	FORCES
•					ndates ilippines	Emp	oire
BB	(14)	NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA OKLAHOMA		•	(6)	YAMATO ISE YAMASHIRO HYUGA MUSASHI MUTSU (prob. sunk)
CA	(6)	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	IMTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL		-		-
CV(L)	(7)	BELLEAU WOOD	CABOT LANGLEY INDEPENDENCE		-	(4)	RYUHO HITAKA ZUIHO HAYATAKA
CL(T)	.4						HOSHO
CV(E)		COPAHEE BARNES FRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU CASABLANCA ALTAMAHA CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR KITKUN BAY BALTINORE	WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY MEHENTA BAY			(5)	CHITOSE CHIYODA JINYO OTAKA UNYO
		BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHTTA NEW ORLEANS	PENSACOLA INDIANA POLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALE LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE				August and a second
2	-				**		6
CL	(7)	AV A	OAKLAND RENO CONCORD		YUBARI	(4)	MAGARA MATORI MISUZU MOYODO
CL(T)		-			KASHIMA		
AV/CVS		CURTISS		(2)	AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO		-
DD	Ap	prox. 120		10-	15	20	(several repairing)
SS	Ap	prox. 30		25		App	rox, 25
40		?	Topensy biological graphs and any	3		2 (l repairing)
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CL	TR	ENTON	The second secon	- Chancupius	Annapassity of Sections		
DD	9					-	

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

	Southwest Paci (Western Secti		Area East Indies-Malaya
	•	(3) QUEEN ELIZ VALIANT RENOWN	ABETH (4) NAGATO FUSO KONGO HARUNA
CV	-	(2) ILLUSTRIOU SARATOGA	S (2) ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
CV(L)	•	-	TAIHO
CV(E)	RANEE	(3) BATTLER UNICORN SHAH	KATYO
<u>CA</u>	SUFFOLK	(3) SUSSEX LONDON CUMBERLAND	(11) AOBA ATAGO KUMANO TAKAO SUZUYA CHOKAI TONE MYOKO CHIKUMA HAGURO MOGAMI
CL	ADELATDE	KENYA GAMBIA	NEWCASTLE (5) YAHAGI DANAE NOSHIRO EROMP KINU EMERALD KITAGAMI OI
CL(T)			
AV/cvs	(2) CHILDS	ATTAMBAGG	KASHII
and the description of the last of the las	W.B. PRESTO	ALBATROSS	* KAMOI
XCL	•	(2) CANTON CHITRAL	•
DD	•	Approx. 27	30
<u>ss</u>	CABRILIA CREVALLE COD FLA SHER HADDO HAKE	HOE) Approx. 15 MINGO) PADDLE) PARGO) On patrol REDFIN) RATON) K.14) K.15)	17 (incl.6 German)
	BILLFISH BONEFISH I BOWFIN	NORWHAL) PUFFER) RASHER) At Fremantle RAY) ROBALO)	
<u>AS</u>	(2) PELIAS ORION		AIRCRAFT (East Indies only) Fighters 120 Light & M/Bombers 36 Torpedo & D/Bombers 5 Flying Boats Floatplanes 43 Obsn. A/6 19

British - MOST SECRET - SECRET U.S.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

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

No. 805 Date: 12 April 1944

PART I

OUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/12:

"GLENDALE" (PF) proceeding Lae - Cape Sudest ETA 2000/12.
"PC.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. "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) on survey dutyvicinity Regawan Island (15 miles S.E. (4) of Normanby Island.)

"MORESBY" (AGS) departed Milne Bay 0700/9 on survey duty. (5)

"TANCRED" (AT) towing 1 AFD and 1 YOU departed Cairns 0620/9 for Wilne Bay ETA forenoon April 13th. (6)

"WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) towing 1 LCT departed Calcundra 1800/8 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/15.

"VENDETTA" (DD) departed Brisbane 2030/10 for Milne Bay ETA 0900/13

"KALGOORLIE" (AMS) was to depart Thursday Island 0700/12 for Cairns. (7)

(8)

10) "YMS.11" aground vicinity Thursday Island.
11) "COOTAMUNDRA" (ANS) 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 Calcumdra 1300/11 for Townsville ETA 0600/14: for onward routeing 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.

"YAMDRA" (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) "RANKER" (CVE) proceeding Helbourne ETA approx. April 12.

(19) "RANEE" (CVE) proceeding Melbourne ETA approx. April 12. (20) 8 Submarines on Patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

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"BUNBURY" (AMS) to be sailed Langemak-Milne Bay when ready.
"SWAN" (PS) to depart Calcundra 1300/13 for Milne Bay ETA 1300/17.
"CARONDOLET" (IX) to depart Calcundra 1600/12, ETA China Strait 1400/18
"ECHUCA" (AMS) to depart Sydney p.m. 12 April for Brisbane for onward (4)

routeing to Milne Bay "STRAHAN" (AMS) to depart Sydney when ready about April 15 for Milne Bay (5) On arrival transferred to operational and administrative control N.O.I.C. New Guinea: to work up at Milne Bay.

(e) In Harbour:

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Admiralties:		
Combat Units Escorts	19 PT 10	: "BENALLA" "BUNDABERG" "STAWEIL" (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
Merchantmen	15	FOREST" "GUNSTON HALL" (LSD) "J.BARBARA" "F.BILLINGS" "J.P.BRADLEY" "J.BURROUGHS" "J.D.DOTY" "E.JOHNSON" "KARSIK" "LYMAN STEWART" "MORMACGULL" "HORMACSEA" "RAMO" "W.L.SUBJETTE" "VAN SWOLL" "S.M.WHITE" "M.THORNTON"
Escorts Merchantmon	3	: 1 AMS: "CASTLEMAINE" 2 PC: 476, 1132 : "T.CRAWFORD" "J.RCSSITER" "A.THOMAS"
Talasea: Combat Units	16 PT	
Auxiliaries Saidor:	11 700	: "HILO" (AGP)
Combat Units Merchantmen Lengemak:	3	ith LST acting as AGP : "ANSON BURLINGHAME" "J.G.BRADY" "TIMOSHENKO"
Combat Units Escorts	28 PT 24	: 4 AMS: "BOWEN" "BUNBURY" "KAPUNDA" "GYMPIE" 2 PC: 1122, 1123
	9.4	5 YMS: 71, 314, 315, 336, 393 4 ML: 424, 803, 806, 816 9 SC: 648, 650, 598, 703, 735, 741, 743,
Auxiliaries	21	750, 981. "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "SCHLEY" "HUMPHREYS" "GILMER" "BROOKS" "SANDS" "KILTY" "CROSBY" "NOA" "DENT" "WARD" (APD) "BOOTES" "ETAMIN" (AK) "CHETCO" "SONOMA" "RESERVE" (AT) "WESTRALIA" (APA)
Merchantmen	22	"TULSA" (PG) "PORCUPINE" (IX) 1 YT: 156 1 YP: 283 "ANNU!" "BALIKPAPAN" "CAPE NEWENHAM" "P.CHANDLER" "W.E.CHANNING" "CITY OF PHILAD- EKPHIA" "COLORADO" "M.DALY" "A.B.HAMMOND" "GEO.LUKS" "MACTAN" "MANA" "F.M.QUINONES" "H.T.RAINEY" "SEA BARD" "URIAH M.ROSE" "J.ROSS "C.E.SMITH" "W.C.SQUIRE" "A.E.WATTS"
Lae:		"J.W.WHISTLER" "E.YOUNG"
Escorts	3	: 2 MJ.: 428, 430, 431
Auxiliaries Merchantmen	11	: "PANDA" (IX) "TRIANGULUM" (AK) : "D.F.BARRY" "CAPE SPENCER" "F.H.DODD" "A.S.DUNIWAY" "LAKE ORMAC" " MORLAGO" "RING LARDNER" "J.SINGER" "R.STUART" "ED.N.WESTCOTT" "D.WRICHT"
Buna-Oro Bay: Combat Units	31 DD	: "HOPWELL" "O'BANNON" "STEMBEL" "STOCKTON"
X Sombus Sill 05		"STEVENSON" "THORN" "REID" "SWANSON" "HOBBY" "JENKINS" "NICHOLAS" "TA YLOR" "STEVENS" "JOHN ROGERS" "MCKEE" "MURRAY" "RIEGGOLD" "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" 5 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.I. HOWZE" (AP) "MIZAR" (AF) "GEORGE ELLIOTT" (AK) "TASMAN" (AH) "HAMILTON" "LONG" "HOGAN" (DMS) "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG) "PING WO" (ASIS) "YUNNAN" (AE) "DOBBIN" (AD)
		1 AND
		- 2 -

Buna-Oro Bay (contd) Merchantmen	14	"ACONCAGUA" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "CAPA 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:		O. OUTHER DU WOLFFILM D. MITHITOLOM O. PMING.
ESCOPUS	1	: 1 ML: 817
	i	HT G asserment
Merchantmen Auxiliaries	1	"J.S.MAPSFIELD"
	1	: "TEAK" (AN)
loodenough Island:	*	. Ilm a sagett
Escorts	1	: "P.O.1133"
Auxiliaries	5	: "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA"
25	7 24	"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	: "AUSPRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE"
	3 CL	"NA SHVILLE""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 30: 699, 734, 736, 737, 738, 742, 744, 746
-1-11		748
		5 AMS: "KIAMA" "COWRA" "ARARAT" "WAGGA"
Atta .		"GLENELG"
		4 0: 477, 1119, 1121, 1134
		7 YMS: 9. 52. 53. 73. 313. 334. 335
4 171		7 ML: 424, 425, 427, 801, 802, 818, 819 "DICKERSON" "TALBOT" (APD) "PERRY" (DMS)
Auxiliaries	32	: "DICKERSON" "TALBOT" (APD) "PERRY" (DMS)
		"AASE MAEKSK" (AO) "GALAMARES" "FERETR" (AF)
141		"HALF MOON" (AVP) "OTUS" EURYALE" (AS)
		"KOOPA" (AGP) "RIGEL" (AR) "AMVCHS" (ARL)
		"HERMITAGE" "PRESTDENT MONROE" "MUNAPRION" (AB)
		"BAYOU ST. JOHN" "WATO" (AT) "GANYMEDE" (AK)
		"MOVESTO LASTS! "WITET ACCORDED HAMPSONED DODTAN
		(IX) "ALABASTER" (FYG) "GOLDSTAR" (AG)
		(IX) "ALABASTER" (FYC) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "CAMBRIAL SALVOR" (ARS) 2 AFD 2 ARD 1 YOG
25		o III 210, 200, 449.
Merchantmen	74	"H.T.ABOOTT" "ALCOA POLARIS" "ARANSAS PASS"
		"E.D. BAKER" "D. BELASCO" "S.K. BOLTVAR"
		"BORGERED" "BIRCHCOULTE" "BOTH" "H. BUCHANAN"
		"W.N. HYERS" "J.C. CALHOUN" "J.M. CAREY" "CHIEF
		CHARLOT" "J.CHATEAU" "CAPE COD" "F.J.CUNET"
		"G.DAVIDSON" "J.DEERE" "DON MARQUIS" "L.C.
		DYCHE" "F.A.EILERS" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "JOHN EVANS
		"F.EVERS" "EXIRIA" "FALLEN TIMBERS" "GRANDE
5-3/-		RONDE" "HANYANG" "HAWAIAN SHIPPER" "ISOLATOR"
		"S. JACK SCN" "L.S. KELLY""O. KELLY" "M.C. KERR"
		"C. KING" "KOTA GEDE" "W.S. LADD" "EDLANDER"
		"J.H.LANE" "N.LUCKENBACH""F.B.LINDERMANN"
		"J.LYKES" "J.MCLEAN" "J.W.MELDRUM" "MONMOUTH"
		"H. MONRGE" "MONTAUK POINT" "W. V. MOODY" "NARVIK"
		"T. NEL SOF" "B. T. OSBORNE" "OZARK" "AGWI PRINCE"
		"POELAU LAUT" "M. ROBERTSON" "A. ROBINSON"
		".W.B.ROGERS" "SEA CAT" "SEA WITCH"
		"SOMMEL SDITCK" "C. SPRECKLES" BICKLESTAD"
		HT W STREETER UMANATE HT DETONICE STAD"
		"T.W.SYMONS" "TAWALI" "J.THOMAS" "J.M.THOMPSON" "TJISADANE" "S.TURMAN" "GEO.VANCOUVER"
		"VAN OUTHORN" "W. WILLIAMS" "S. WILLISTON"
		"YOCHOW"
Port Moresby:		
Escorts	1	: 1 ML: 426
Merchantmen	3	"ALDINGA" "G.R. HEBARD" "MUNGANA"
Thursday Island:		motivities to
Escorts	1	: 1 YMS: · 72
Auxiliaries	2	: "BUNGAREE" (CM) "POLARIS" (AGS)
Cairns:		Tomi tomitto (MOD)
Combat Units	1 DD	: "BUSH"
973	10	: 2 AMS: "BALLARAT" "BENDIGO" 1 PC: 479
		1 SC: 731 4 ML: 804, 805, 811, 820
		2 YMS: 49, 50
Auxiliaries	3	A TOTATIVE TO A AND THE TOTAL
	200	"PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD "ST MARY" (IX)

Tor	ynsville:		
	Escorts	1	: 1 PF "BARCOO"
	Auxiliaries	1	: 1 YP : 233
Mac	ckay:		
-	Auxiliaries	1	: "HERON" (AVP)
Figo-	sbane:		
With the sale	Combat Units	-	
	Escorts	8	: 1 PS: "SWAN" 2 AMS: "BROOME" "MILDURA"
	112001.00	9	1 YMS: 70 2 ML: 808 821 2 SC: 745, 749
	Auxiliaries	14	: "ALGORAB" (AKA) "KURUMBA" (AD) "COUCAL" (ASR)
	BAY TTT GT TOO	alle III	"POLLUX" (AKS) "SHIKELLAMY" (AOG)
			2 YP: 236, 291 "MANUNDA" MAETSUYCKER"
			Bolf coult (ass) Board or only Breathers (1 (22) 6 and
~			"SOLACE" (AH) "CARONDOLET" "KAILUA" (IX) 2 YT.
Syc	iney:		
	Combat Units	3 CL	: "HOBART" (Refitting) "MONTPELIER" "CLEVELAND"
		6 DD	: "STUART" "FULLAM" "GUEST" "BENNETT" "HUDSON"
			"HALFORD"
	Escorts	12	: 7 AMS: "GOLAC" "DELORAINE" "ECHUCA" "GLADSTONE
			"KATOOMBA" "STRAHAN" "TOWNSVILLE"
			1 A/S: "AB.CRIJNSSEN"
			4 ML: 807, 809, 822, 823
	Annual Talendar	E	. BETTOMODATER (AA) ROOMANOR (AM) RETEMBROANTRIAN
	Auxiliaries	5	: "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "OCTANS" (AF) "DUNTROON" (AP)
92 0			"CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG)
Me.	Lbourne:		
	Escorts	3	: 1 AMS: "PREMANTLE" (Refitting)
Ade	elaide:		
	Escorts	1	: 1 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" (Refitting)
			MERCHANIA .
		(1	i) ENEMY FORCES
	1	,	and a residence of the second
1.	Empress Augus	sta Bav -	At 0750/11 12 large shells landed near Torokina
aa. •	and the same of th	STRIP.	reliminary reports indicate that there were nil
		council trace	and and adda dent dome or
0	Adam ton That an	casualties	, and only slight damage.
2.	Admiralties		pril mopping up continued on Manus Is. where
		15 Japanes	s were killed and I wounded. On 11 April small
		parties of	Japanese were reported to be hiding in caves
		on Rambuty	o Is. Known enemy dead in the Admiralties to
		11 April W	ere 2,962.
3.	Western New 1	Britain -	Up to 11 April enemy casualties in the Western
	With the San State of t	New Britai	n area total 4,252 killed, and 298 prisoners.
		Details ar	e as follows :- Killed Prisoners
			in Bay- Talasea area 209 50
			River-Emeline Bay area 343 125
		Vern	The state of the s
	Core All and	ham 4	4,252 298
	Cape Glouces	cer area	- At 0730/11 a surfaced submarine was reported
		rs miles M	E of Cape Gloucester: but a subsequent search by
			aft and aircraft in unfavourable weather condit-
		ions was n	
5.	Saldor -		25 and 2245/9 6 unidentified aircraft were seen
			of Saidor. During the night 10-11 April there
			rts at Saidor and 3 bombs were dropped wounding
		one.	The state of the s
6.	Bogadjim Ares	100.00	April our Patrol up the Mindjim River had reach-
	warming the state of the state	ed the cen	tre of Bogadjim Plantation and reported no
		contacts	indications of enemy activity were reported
		however	ear Baumonna (22 miles WSN Bogadjim). Native
		nanover, I	ot considered walterly was buggerilm). Mative
		Torontos, Il	ot considered reliable, state there are many
177	ITT 4 man Tiember	nabanase 8	t Erima Plantation but none at Bogadjim.
7.	orran Harbor	Tr. Hres.	During the night 7-8 April 4 enemy barges were
		encountere	d by PT boats at Neptune Point. The PT's damaged
		all four b	arges and probably sank 1, despite intense
		machine gu	n fire from the barges and heavy calibre fire
		from shore	batteries.
8.	Hansa Bay -	Between 1	000 and 1030/9 an apparently serviceable bomber
2.5	Consistent and the west one region from	was strafe	by 4 Aircobras on Condor Strip: the aircraft
		caught fin	30-40 Japanese were strafed in the same area.
		A.m. 17 Ax	ril a/a patteries and stores at Hansa Bay were
		a contra hand	od by 64 Tibountons drawn and a series at mensa Bay were
		2 hattonto	ed by 54 Liberators dropping 420 1000 lb. bombs.
			s and 2 dispersed stores areas were completely
		covered wi	th bomb bursts.

- 9. Wewak-Boram
- An 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 1b and 500 1b bombs were dropped: slight medium and light a/a was silenced by the low level attack and nil atteraft was encountered by the Mitchells. 10 barges were sunk along the Coast by fighters.
- O. 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 2900. The aircraft strafed the coming 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 Islandon 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).

2. NOR TH 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 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"

Merchantmen 3 : "H. MOLLER" "R. P. WARNER" "GEO. EASTMAN"

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 F

1 CL " "ADELAIDE"

: "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739

3 ML: 812, 824, 826

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3. SOUTH WESTERNA REA (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

Auxiliaries 1 : "CHANTICLEER" (ASR)

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.

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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DATLY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1.	SOUTH	AND	SOUTH	WEST	PACIFIC	
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		ALLIED FORC	ES		ENEMY FORCES
	athwest Pacific astern Section)		Sou	th Pacific	
BB			(4)	IDAHO NEW MEXICO PENNSYVANIA TENNESSEE	•
CV(E) (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 MONT PELIER CLEVELAND HOBART		(6)	COLUMBIA DENVER HONOLULU ST LOUIS BIRMINGHAM LEANDER	
AV/CVS	TANGIER		(3)	WRIGHT CHANDELEUR POCOMOKE	•
XAV/XCVS (3	S)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	

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

		ALLIED FORC	ES		ENEMY FORCES	1
•	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)		South Pag	cific		
SS	(8) BASHAW DACE BLACKFISH DART BLUEGILL FLOU CERO SCAN	(MDER) on patro	1		15	*
	K.12	On passage				
	(2) S.42 S.47	At Milne Ba	<mark>પ્ર</mark>			
	(2) SILVERSIDES)	At Brisbane				
	K.9	At Sydney				
	Approx. 85		Approx.	110	?	
APA) AKA) APD)	(23) H.T.ALLEN (APA) KANIMBLA MANOORA WESTRALIA HARRY LEE ZEILIN ORMSLEY WINDSOR ALGORAB (AKA) CENTAURUS VIRGO	KANE (APD) GILMER SCHLEY SANDS HUMPHREYS EROOKS HERBERT TALBOT CROSBY NOA DENT DICKERSON KILTY WARD	15 APA 1 APD 8 AKA	• *		
AGC	BLUE RIDGE				•	
AS	(2) OTUS EURYALE				?	
A	DOBBIN				-	
AR	(3) RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS		PROMETHE		•	
LSD	(3) CARTER HALL GUNSTEN HALL EPPING FOREST			Light &	15 twin-eng) M/Bombers & D/Brs. Boats anes	126 77 2 1 27 20
	ALLIED FORCES	2. NORT	HERN PACI		MY FORCES	
CA				(2)	NACHI ASHIGARA	
CL	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND			(3)	ABUKUMA TAMA KISO	
DD	9			10		
SS	10			App	rox. 4	

	ALLIED FORCES	3. CENTRAL PA	CIFIC	ENEMY FORCES
*	Children and the second and the seco	*	Mandates Philippines	Empire
(14)	NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA OKLAHOMA		(6) YAMATO ISE YAMASHIRO HYUGA MUSASHI MUTSU (pro
<u>cv</u> (7)	ENTER PRISE YORKTONN LEXINGTON	IMTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL HORNET	•	•
CV(L) (7)	CONPENS BELLEAU WOOD	CABOT LANGLEY	. (1 to	(4) RYUHO HITAKA
		INDEPENDENCE		zuiho m hayataka
CV(T)	•			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 MEHENFA BAY		(5) CHITOSE CHIYODA JINYO R OTAKA UNYO
<u>CA</u> (13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CAMBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE		MAYA
OGA	•		•	6
<u>CL</u> (8)	SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	BILOXI OAKLAND RENO CONCORD	YUBARI	(4) m NAGARA m NATORI m ISUZU m OYODO
CL(T)	•		KASHIMA	
AV/CVS	CURTISS		(2) AKITSUSH NOTORO	TIMA •
<u>DD</u>	Approxe 120		10-15	20 (several repairing
8	Approx. 30		25	Approx. 25
AS	?	-1	?	2 (1 repairing

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5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

	ALLIED FORCES						ENEMY FORCES			
		thwest Paci stern Secti		Eas	tern Flee	t Area	Eas	t Indies-	Malaya	
BB		*		(3)	QUEEN EL VALIANT RENOWN	IZABETH	(4)	NAGATO FUSO KONGO HARUNA		
CV		•		(2)	ILLUSTRI SARATOGA		(2)	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU		
CV(L)		•			-			TAIHO		
CV(E)		-		(3)	BATTLER UNICORN SHAH			KAIYO		
		SUFFOLK		(3)	SUSSEX LONDON CUMBERLA	ND	(11)	AOBA KUMANO SUZUYA TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI MYOKO HAGURO	
CL		ADELAIDE		(8)	CEYLON KENYA GAMBIA NIGERIA	NEWCASTLE DANAE TROMP EMERALD	(5)	YAHAGI NOSHIRO KINU KITAGAMI OI		
CL(T)		•			•			KASHII		
AV/CVS	(2)	CHILDS W.B. PRESTO	ON		ALBATROS	S	H	KAMOI		
XCL		•		(8)	CANTON CHITRAL			•		
DP	1	-		App	rox. 27			30	1	
SS	(16)	BLUEFISH CABRILLA CREVALLE COD FLASHER HADDO HAKE JACK	HOE) MINGO) PADDLE) PARGO) REDFIN) RATON) K.14) K.15)	Appron On pai	rox. 15			17 (incl	.6 German)	
	(11)	ANGLER BILLFISH BONEFISH BOWFIN GUNNEL LAPON	NORWHAL PUFFER RASHER RAY ROBALO))))	Fremantl					
	(2)	PELIAS	.+.			Lig Ton Fig	rpedo	M/Bomber & D/Bombe Boats anes	s 121 s 48	

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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

No. 806 Date : 13 April 1944

PART I

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/13:

(2)

"GLENELG" (AMS) escorting "PYRO" (AE) proceeding Langemak ETA 2230/13.
"MORESBY" (AGS) departed Milne Bay 0700/9 on survey duty.
"WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) towing 1 LCT departed Calcundra 1800/8 for Milne

Bay ETA 1200/15.

(4) "BAILARAT" (AMS) escerting "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) "GRELONG" (AMS) departed Caloundra 1300/11 for Townsville ETA 0600/14:

for enward routeing Milne Bay.
"MANUNDA" (AH) departed Caloundra 1316/12 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/16. (7)

(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 Calcundra 2200/10 on Sandy Cape A/S patrol: on relief about 1200/15 to return to Brisbane.

(20) "ECHUCA" (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:

"BUNBURY" (AMS) to depart Langemak 0700/14 for Milne Bay.
"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

(6) "STRAHAN" (AMS) to depart Sydney when ready about April 15 for Milne 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 F	p.
Escorts	10	: "BENALLA" "BUNDABERG" "STAWELL" (AMS)
Auxiliaries	7	6 YMS: 8, 10, 46, 47, 48, 51 1 SC: 747 "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "SAW PABLO" (AVP) "TANGIER"
	1000	(AV) "MINK" (IX) "VICTORIA" (AO) "EDETAL BODDE
Merchantmen	15	"GUNSTON HALL" (LSD) "J. BARBARA" "F.BILLINGS" "J.P.BRADLEY"
		"J.BUMOUGHS" "J.D.DOTY" "E.JOHNSON" "KARSIK" "LYMAN STEWART" "MORMAGGULL" "MORMACSEA" "RAMO "W.L.SUBJETTE" "VAN SWOLL" "S.M.WHITE" "M.THORNTON"
Cape Gloucester:		
Escorts Merchantmen Talasea:	3	: "T.CRAWFORD" "J.ROSSITER" A.THOMAS"
Combat Units	15 P	
Auxiliaries	1	: "HILO" (AGP)
Saidor:		
Combat Units	11 P	with 1 LST acting as AGP
Merchantmen Langemak:	2	: "ANSON BURLINGHAME" "TIMOSHENKO"
Combat Units Escorts	28 P	
_ ESCOPES	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
	12.5	7 SC: 648, 698, 703, 735, 743, 750, 981
Auxiliaries	22	7 SC: 648, 698, 703, 735, 743, 750, 981 "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "SCHLEY" "HUMPHREYS" "GILMER" "BROOKS" "SANDS" "KILTY" "CROSBY" "NOA" "DENT" "WARD" (AFD) "CENTAURUS" (AKA) "BOOTES" "ETAMIN" (AK) "CHETCO" "SONOMA" "RE SERVE" (AT) "WESTRALIA" (APA) "TULSA" (PG) "LEOPARD"
Merchantmen	20	"PORCUPINE" (IX) 1 YT: 156 "BALIKPAPAN" "J.G.BRADY" "CAPE MEMENHAM" "P.CHANDLER" "W.E.CHANNING" "CITY OF PHILAD- ELPHIA" "M.DALY" "A.B.HANMOND" "MACTAN" "MANA" "B.MATTHEWS" "G.VON L.MEYER" "F.M.QUINOMES" "H.T.RAINEY" "URIAH M.ROSE" "J.ROSS" "C.L.SMITH" "W.G.SQUIRE" "A.E.WATTS" "J.M.WHISTLER"
Lae:		o the wat prinkly
Escorts Auxiliaries	3	: 3 ML: 428, 430, 431 : "GENERAL R.L. HOWZE" (AP) "SUSQUREANNA" (AOG)
Merchantmen	11	CARDA (LA) ""WIANGIT.III" (AT)
	alle also	"D.F.BARRY" "F.H.DODD" "A.S.DUNIWAY" "LAKE ORMAC" "NORLAGO" "RING LARDNER" "J.SINGER
		A + OT UART VAN OUTHORN" "ED N WESTCORN"
Rung -One Ber.		"D.WRIGHT"
Buna-Oro Bay: Combat Units	30 DD	"HOPEWELL" "O'BANNON" "STEMBEL" "STOCKTON"
		"JENKINS" "NICHOLAS" "TAYLOR" "STEVENS" "JOHN ROGERS" "MCKEE" "MURRAY" "RINGGOLD" "GILLESPIE" "RADFORD" "SCHROEDER" "DASHTELL" "SIGSBEE" "FLETCHER" "WELLES" "KALK" "POTE"
Escorts	19	"GRAYSON" "LA VALLETTE" "WILKES" "NICHOLSON" 6 DE: "LOVELACE" "MANNING" "NEUENDORF" "JAMES E.CRAIG" "EICHENBERGER" "WHITEHURSP" 4 PF: "CORONADO" "GLENDALE" "LONGBEACH" "SAN PEDRO" 2 YMS: 316, 393
Auxiliaries	19	7 SC: 637, 650, 736, 741, 742, 732, 982 "TRINITY" (AO) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "ZEILIN" "ORMSLEY" "WINDSOR" "HARHY LEE" (APA) "VIRGO" (AKA) "MEDUSA" (AR) "KANE" "HERBERT" (APD "MIZAR" (AF) "GEORGE ELLIOTT" (AE) "HAMILTON" "LONG" "HOGAN" (DMS) "PIEG WO" (ASIS) "YUNNAN" (AE) "DOBBIN" (AD) 1 ARD

Towns - Own Boss /Com	4.A \	
Buna oro Bay (Con 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" "HORAB" "OZARK" "O.SKINNER" "M.M.STEWART" "A.REHAN" "J.M.WING"
Woodlark Is:		
Escorts	1	: 1 ML: 817
Merchantmen	ī	"J.S.MANSFIELD"
Auxiliaries	1	: "TEAK" (AN)
Goodenough Is:	4	· Trust / with /
Combat Units	1 DD	"HARRISON"
A STATE OF THE STA		
Escorts	1	: "PC.1133" : "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "KANINBLA" "HANOORA"
Auxiliaries	4	
	.2.	"H.T.AILEN" (APA)
Merchantmen	5	"D.D.FIELD" "M.GRIFFITH" "S.G. PORTER"
		"WEST CACTUS" "K.D.WIGGIN"
Milne Bay:		
Combat Units	2 CA	: "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE"
D Daniel Walle Co.	3 CL	"NASHVIILE" "BOISE" "PHOENIX"
	10 DD	"HUTCHINS" "DALY" "BACHE" "MULLANY" "BEALE"
	10 200	"ABNER READ" "ARUNTA" "VENDETTA" "WARRAMUNGA"
<u></u>	47.75	"AMMEN"
	1 PT	
Escorts	38	: 1 PS: "WARREGO"
		4 PF: "VAN BUNEN" "GGDEN" "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 TMS: 9, 52, 53, 73, 313, 334, 335
		7 ML: 424, 425, 427, 801, 802, 818, 819 "DICKERSON" "TALBOT" (APD) "PERRY" (DMS)
Auxiliaries	38	"DICKERSON" "TALBOT" (APD) "PERRY" (DMS)
	7.7	"AASE MARREN" (AC) "CATAMARES" "MERKIR" (AF)
		"AASE MAERSK" (AO) "CALAMARES" "MERKUR" (AF) "HALF MOON" (AVP) "CTUS" "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" "ACONCAGUA" "ANHUI" "ARANSAS PASS"
Med Great Great	10	
		"D.BELASCO" "S.K.BOLIVAR" "BORGFRED"
		"BIRCHCOULIE" "BOTH" "W.N.BYERS" "J.C.CALHOUN"
		"J.M.CAREY" "CHIEF CHARLOT" "J.CHATEAU"
		"CAPE COD" "CAPE LOSS" "CAPE SPENCER"
		"F. J. GUNEL" "G. DAVIDSON" "J. DEERE" "DON MARQUIS
		"L.C.DYCHE" "F.A.EILERS" "EMPIRE HAMBLE"
		"F.EVERS" "EXIRIA" "FALLEN TIMBERS"
		"FIRE ISLAND" "GRANDE RONDE" "HANYANG"
		"HAWAIAN 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.LYXES" "J. MCLEAN" "J.W. MELDRUM" "MONMOUTH"
		"H. MONROE" "MONTAUK POINT" "W.V. MOODY" "NARVIK"
		"T.NELSON" "B.T.OSBORNE" "POELAU LAUT"
	eq.	"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" "YOCHOW" "E.YOUNG"
Port Moresby:		
Escorts	1	: 1 ML: 426
Merchantmen	3	"AIDIEGA" "G.R.HEBARD" "HUNGANA"
Thursday Is:	0	
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Escorts	2	: 2 YMS: 71, 72
Auxiliaries	5	"BUNGAREE" (CM) "POLARIS" (AGS)

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Cairns:		
Compat Units	1 DD	: "BUSH"
Escorts	9	: 1 ANS: "BENDIGO" 1 FC: 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 <u>YF</u> : 233
Auxiliaries	1	* "HERON" (AVP)
Brisbane:		
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) "COUCAL" (ASR) "POLLUX" (AKS) "YUMA" (AT) 2 YP: 236, 291 "MAETSUYCKER" "SOLACE" (AH) "CARONDOLET" "KAILUA" (IX) 2 YT
Sydney:		
Combat Units	6 DD	"HOBART" (Refitting) "MONTFELIER" "CLEVELAND" "STUART" "FULLAM" "GUEST" "BENNETT" "HUDSON" "HALFORD"
Escorts	12	TAMS: "GOLAC" "DELORAINE" "ECHUCA" "GLADSTONE" "KATOOMBA" "STRAHAN" "TOWNSVILLE" 1 A/S: "AB.CRIJNSSEN" 4 ML: 807, 809 822, 823
Auxiliaries	5	"BISHOPDALE" (AO) "OCTANS" (AF) "DUNTROON" (AP) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG)
Melbourne:		
Combat Units	1 CVE	: "RANEE"
Escorts	1	: 1 AMS: "FRENANTLE (Refitting)
Adelaide:		
Escorts	1	: 1 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" (Refitting)
	(1	NEWY FORCES
ne de	ear Mamaga estroyer.	During the night 9-10 April gun emplacements ta (S.W. coast Bougainville) were bombarded by a During 11 April the same targets were attacked gers 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.

During the night 9-10 April several contacts were made with Kavleng 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.

Admiralty Islands - On 11 April Hulungau 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, inaddition to 23 prisoners taken.

Rabaul During the night 9-10 April the Mabaul airfields were raided by 7 Mitchells.

A.M. 10 April the Supply Centres at Keravia Bay and Talili Bay were attacked by 52 Dauntless 27 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.

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. 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.

Enemy dead are still being found along the old escape trail Saidor over the mountainous country south of Saidor. April 104 dead Japanese were found between Bumbu and Gwaruwon.

On 10-11 April our forward elements reached Bridge No.5 Bogadjim (5 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.

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.

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, I damaged cargo vessel was sunk, another cargo vessel burned and exploded and 2 destroyed. others were damaged. Preliminary reports indicate that some 23 enemy aircraft were encountered in combat and 7 were destroyed, in a ddition to 10 damaged: 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 Simmary 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.

NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

At Sea to 1200/13: (a)

"PIRIE" (AMS) escorting Convoy DT 50 (2 MV) was to depart Darwin (1)

"WILCANNIA" (A/S) escorting Convoy DT 49 (2 MV) departed Darwin 0535/9 for Thursday Island ETA. 2000/12. (2)

16 Submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Escorts 6

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

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- At 0110/12 Penfoei aerodrome was bombed by 2 Dutch Mitchells Timor with unobserved results.

Celebes Sea Evidence available to the effect that the enemy is now using to some extent the Tawitawi anchorage (in Sulu Archipelego) off W.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. P.A.
 - (b) Proposed Movements:

Nil

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(c) In Harbour:

Fremantle: Combat Units Escorts Auxiliaries	1 CL 6	: "ADELAIDE" : "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739 3 ML: 812, 824, 826 : "LARK" (AM) "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS) "ISABEL" (PY) 2 YP: 286, 288 1 ARD "CHILDS" (AV)
Exmouth Gulf: Auxiliaries	1	: "W.B.PRESTON" (AVD)
Albany:		# # (com)

: "CHANTICLEER" (ASR)

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Auxiliaries

ENEMY FORCES

Marshells-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, Wothe, Ujae, Lae, Lib, Namu, Ailinglapalap, Namorak, Elbon, Kili and Arno which were reported earlier.

C. INDIAN OCEAN

ENEMY FORCES

A submarine attack was reported by a merchantship west of Maldive 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.

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.

Contonued use of barges and small coasters for coastal transportation in forward areas.

DATE NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

		1. SOU	TH AND SOUTH	SV III K	31 PAULE LO	
		ALL	IED FORCES			ENEMY FORCES
		hwest Pacifi tern Section		Sout	th Pacific	
BB				(4)	IDAHO NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA TENNESSEE	•
(E)	(2)	OMMANEY BAY RANEE		(6)	NATOMA BAY MAN ILA BAY SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO SANTEE	-
CA	(2)	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE			-	-
CL	(6) *	BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX M NTEPELIER CLEVELAND HOBART		(6)	COLUMBIA DENVER HONOLULU ST LOUIS BIRMINGHAM LEANDER	•
AV/cvs		TANGIER		(3)	WRIGHT CHANDELEUR POCOMOKE	•
XAV/XOVS	(3)	HALF MOON SAN PABLO HERON		(2)	BALLARD GOOS BAY	-
<u>DD</u>	(48	WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA ABNER READ AMMEN BACHE BEALE BEALE BENNETT BUSH DALY DASHIELL FLETCHER FULLAM GILLESPIE GRAYSON GUEST HALFORD HARRISON HOBBY HO PEWELL HUDSON	JOHN ROGERS KALK LA VALLETTE MCKEE MULLANY MURRAY NICHOLAS NICHOLSON O'BANNON RADFORD REID RINGGOLD ROE SIGSBEE SCEROEDER STEMBEL STEVENS STEVENSON STOCKTON SWANSON TAYLOR THORN		Approx. 40	•

JENKINS WILKES

* non-effective

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

	ALL LED	FORCES	ENEMY FORCES
•	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacifi	e
<u>\$5</u>	(8) BASHAW D BLACKFISH D BLUEGILL F	ACE) ARTER) LOUNDER) On Patrol CAMP)	15
	K.12	On Passage	
	(2) S. 42 S. 47) At Milne Bay	
	(2) SILVERSIDES TUNNY K.9) At Brisbane At Sydney	
	Approx. 85	Approx. 110	8
APA) ARA) APD)	(23) H.T.ALLEN (APA) KANIMBLA MANOORA WESTRALIA HARRY LEE ZEILEN ORMSLEY WINDSOR ALGORAB (AKA) CENTAURUS VIRGO	KANE (APD) 15 APA GILMER 1 APD SCHLEY 8 AKA SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS HERBERT TALBOT CROSEY NOA DENT DICKERSON KILTY WARD	
AGC	BLUE RIDGE		
AS	(2) OTUS EURYALE		?
	DOBBIN		4
AR	(3) RIGHL PLATYPUS ANY C US	PROMETHEUS	-
LSD	(3) CARTER HALL GUNSTON HALL EPPING FOREST		AIRCRAFT Fighters (incl.15 twin-eng) 126 Light & M/Bombers 177 Torpedo & D/Bombers 2 Flying Eoats 1 Floatplanes 27 Obsn. A/c 20
•	ALLIED FORCES	NORTHERN PACIFIC	ENEMY FORCES
CA	•		(2) NACHI ASHIGARA
CL	(3) DETROIT RALE IGH RICHMOND		(3) ABUKUMA TAMA KISO
DD SS	9	Entra De tor	10 Approx.4

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

		ALLIED FORCE	3. CENTRAL PACIF	LO	ENEMY	FOR	ŒS
		AGILED FORDE	2		lates Lippines	Emp:	
	(14)	NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS	MISSISSIPPI		•	4.70	YAMATO ISE YAMASHIRO HYUGA MUSASHI MUTSU (prob. sunk)
<u>GV</u>	(7)	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL HORNET		•		-
CV(E)	(7)	COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY INDEPENDENCE		•	(4)	RYUHO HITAKA ZUIHO HAYATAKA
CV(T)		•			-		HOSHO
CV(E)	(21)	BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU	PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY			(5)	CHITOSE GHIYODA JINYO OTAKA UNYO
		CASABLANCA ALTAMAHA CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR WHITE PLAINS	GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MEHENTA BAY		7	:	
CA	(13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CAN BERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PENSAGOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND				MAYA
OCA		-			-		6
CL	(8)		BILOXI OAKLAND RENO CONCORD		YUBARI	(4)	M NAGARA M NATORI M ISUZU M OYODO
CL(T)		-			KASHIMA		-
AV/CVS		CURTISS		(2)	AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO		-
DD		Approx. 120			10-15	20	(several repairing)
00		Approx. 30			25	Ap	prox. 25
AS		?			?	2 (l repairing)
		4.	SOUTH EASTERN P	ACIFIC			
CL		TRENTON					-
DD .		9					-

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

	ALLIED E	ORCES					ENEN	Y FORCES		
	Southwest Pacific (Western Section)		Eas	tern Fl	eet A	rea	East Indies-Malaya			
ВВ	-		(3)	QUEEN VALIAN RENOWN	T	BETH	(4)	NAGATO FUSO KONGO HARUNA		
CV	-		(2)	ILLUST: SARATO			(2)	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU		
CV(L)	•			•				TATHO		
CV(E)	•		(3)	BATTLE UNICOR SHAH				KATYO		
CA	SUFFOLK		(3)	SUS SEX LONDON CUMBERI	LAND		(11)	AOBA KUMANO SUZUYA TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI MYOKA HAGURO	
CL	ADELAIDE		(8)	CEYLON KENYA GAMBIA NIGERIA	DAN		(5)	YAHAGI NOSHIRO KINU KITAGAMI OI		
CL(T)	•			-				KASHTT		
AV/CVS	(2) CHILDS W.B. PRESTO	N		ALBATR(SS		R	KAMOI		
XCL	-		(2)	CANTON CHITRAI				•		
DD			Appr	ox. 27	-			30		
	(16) BLUEFISH CABRILLA CREVALLE COD FLASHER HADDO HAKE	HOE) MINGO) PADDLE) PARGO) REDFIN) ROBALO) K.14	Appron pa	eox. 15				17 (incl.	6 German)	
	JACK	K.15)								
	RATON (10) ANGLER	NORWHAL)	At Ex	mouth G	ulf				(
	BILLFISH BONEFISH BOWFIN GUNNEL	PUFFER) RASHER) RAY) LAPON)	At Fr	emantle						
À	(2) PELIAS ORION					Fighte Light	& M/ o & Bos		121	

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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

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Date :

PART I

A. 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 Calcumdra 1800/8 for

Milne Bay ETA 1200/15.

(7) "BALLARAT" (AMS) escerting "ISLANDER" departed Gairns 0621/12 for Thursday Is ETA 1400/14: thence Merauke and return to Thursday Is.

(8) "MANUNDA" (AH) departed Calcundra 1316/12 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/16.
(9) "SHIKELLAMY" (AOG) departed Brisbane 1900/12 for Milne Bay ETA

0900/18.

"CARONDOLET" (IX) departed Caloundra 1200/13 ETA China Strait 1200/20.
"SWAN" (PS) was to depart Caloundra 1300/13 for Milne Bay ETA 1300/17.
"ST. MARY" (IX) was to depart Cairns 1600/13 for Milne Bay.
"COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS) departed Townsville 1635/11 for Sydney ETA 1500/15.
"POINT LOMA" (AT) departed Milne Bay 1135/9 for Sydney ETA 1030/17.
"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.

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Admiralties:	1200			
Combat Units		PT		
Escorts	11		8	"BENALLA" "BUNDABERG" "CASTLEMAINE" "STAWELL" (AMS) 6 YMS: 8, 10, 46, 47, 48, 51
Auxiliaries	7			"OTSTER BAY" (AGP) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "TANGTER" (AV) "MINK" (IX) "VICTORIA" (AO) "EPPING FOREST
Carried State Control				"GUNSTON HAIL" (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"
Cape Gloucester:				"VAN SWOLL" "S.M. WHITE" "M. THORNTON"
Escorts	2			2 PC: 476, 1132
Merchantmen Talasea:	1	, in	*	"A.THOMAS"
Combat Units	15	PT		*
Auxiliaries Saidor:	1	7	*	"HILO" (AGP)
Combat Units Merchantmen gemak:	11	PT	with	"ANSON BURLINGHAME" "TIMOSHERKO"
Combat Units	28	PT		
Escorts	21		:	1 PF: "LONGBEACH" 4 AMS: "BOWEN" "GLENELG" "KAPUNDA" "GYMPIE" 5 PC: 1120, 1123, 1124
				3 YMS: 71, 314, 315 4 ML: 424, 803, 806, 816
Auxiliaries	24		*	6 SC: 648, 698, 703, 743,750, 981 "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "SCHLEY" "HUMPHREYS" "GILMER"
				"BROOKS" "SANDS" "KILTY" "CROSBY" "NOA" "DENT" "WARD" (APD) "CENTAURUS" (AKA) "PYRO" (AE) "BOOTES" "ETANIN" (AK) "CHETCO" "SCNOMA" "RESERVE" (AT) "WESTRALIA" (APA) "TULSA" (PG) "LEOPARD" "PORCUPINE" (IX) 1 YT: 156 1 YOG
Merchantmen	18			"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	3		:	3 ML:428, 456, 431 1 PC: 1122 "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG) "PANDA" (IX) "TRIANGULUM"
Merchantmen	13		:	(AK) "D.F.BARRY" "F.H.DODD" "A.S.DUNIWAY" "GREY LAG "LAKE ORMAC" "NORLAGO" "RING LARDNER"
7				"J.A.ROSSITER" "J.SIEGER" "R.STUART" "VAN OUTHORN" "ED.N.WESTCOTT" "D.WRIGHT"
Buna-Oro Bay:				D.WALGHT
Combat Units	29	DD	8	"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" "CRAYSON" "LA VALLETTE" "WILKES" "NICHOLSON"
Escorts	17		*	6 DE: "LOVELAGE" "MAINING" "NEUENDORF" "JAMES E. CRAIG" "EICHENBERGER" "WHITEHURST"
•				3 PF: "CORONADO" "GLENDALE" "SAN PEDRO" 2 YMS: 316, 336
Auxiliaries	18		2	6 SC: 637, 735, 736, 742, 732, 982 "TRINITY" (AO) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "ZEILIN" "ORMSLEY" "WINDSOR" "HARRY LEE" (APA)
Total Control of the				"VIRGO" (AKA) "MEDUSA" (AR) "KANE" "HERBERT"
				(APD) "GEORGE ELLIOTT" (AK) "HAMILTON" "LONG" "HOGAN" (DMS) "PING WO (ASIS) "YUNNAN" (AE)
				"DOBBIN" (AD) 1 ARD

Merchantmen	Contd.) 24	"ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "ALCOA POLARIS" "E.D.BAKER" "BALIKPAPAN" "J.BUCHANAN" "CAPE HENRY" "CEFALU" "S.L.CLARKE" "T.M.COOLEY" "P.T.DODD- RIDGE" "D.E.HUGHES" "JANSSENS" "O.KELLY" "KCTA INTEN" "NORAB" "OZARK" "B.MATTHEWS" "H.T.RAINEY" "O.SKINNER" "M.M.STEWART"
		"A.REHAN" "H.V.WHITE" "S.W.WILLISTON" "J.M.WING
Woodlark Is:		: 1 11: 817
Escorts Merchantmen	1	"J.S.MANSFIELD"
Auxiliaries	ī	* "TEAK" (AN)
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Combat Units		: "HARRISON" : "PC.1133"
Escorts Auxiliaries	5	"EARTER HAIL" (LSD) "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA" "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "HERMITAGE" (AP)
Morchantmen	5	: "D.D.FIELD" "M.GRIFFITH" "S.G. PORTER"
Milne Bay:		"WEST CACTUS" "K.D.WIGGIN"
Combat Units	2 CA	: "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE"
O LED GO O GALLE OF	3 CL	"NASHVILLE" "BOISE" "PHOENIX"
	10 DD	: "HUTCHINS" "DALY" "BACHE" "MULLANY" "BEALE"
		"ABNER READ" "ARUNTA" "VENDETTA" "WARRAMUNGA"
	3 200	"AMEN"
Escorts	39 PT	819 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,
		5 AMS: "KIAMA" "COWRA" "ARARAT" "WAGGA" "GOULBURN"
		5 PC: 477, 1119, 1121, 1131, 1134 6 YMS: 52, 53, 73, 313, 335, 393
Auxiliaries	36	"MASE 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) "GANYMEDE" (AK) "POYANG" (ASIS)
Merchantmen	79	"VILLALOBOS" "ANDREW DORIA" (IX) "TASMAN" (AH) "ALABASTER" (PYC) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) 3 AFD 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 GARILLO" "J.M.CAREY" "CHIEF CHARLOT" "CARE COO" "CARE LOSS" "CARE SPENCERS"
		"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.BAND" "F.EVERS" "FALLEN TIMBERS" "FIRE ISLAND" "GRANDE RONDE" "HANYANG" "HAWAIAN SHIPPER" "ISOLATOR" "S.JACKSON" "L.S.KEILY" "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" "GEC.VANCOUVER" "VAN SPILEERGEN" "W.WILLIAMS" "YOCHOW" "E.YOUNG"

2	: 1 ML: 426
1	"ALDINGA" "G.R. HEBARD" "MUNGANA" "TAROONA"
*2	- Mill Tilds Collections
2	: 1 A/S: "WILCANNIA"
	"BUNGAREE" (CM) "POLARIS" (AGS)
6	· Describe (On) 10mmile (100)
9 5050	* "BUSH"
and the same of th	2 AMS: "BENDIGO" "KALGOORLIE"
10	1 FC: 479 1 SC: 731
	4 ME: 804, 805, 811, 820 2 YMS: 49, 50
•	"PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD
2	: "PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD
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	: 1 PF: "BARCOO" 1 AMS: "GEELONG"
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1	: "HERON" (AVP)
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8	: 3 AMS: "BROOME" "LITHGOW" "MILDURA"
6.2	1 YMS: 70 2 ML: 808, 821 2 SC: 745, 749
12	: "ALGORAB" (AKA) "KURUMBA" (AO) "COUCAL" (ASR)
	"POLLUX" (AKS) "YUMA" (AT) 2 YP: 236, 291
	"MAET SUYCKER" "SOLACE" (AH) "KAILUA" (IX)
	2 YT
	the state of the s
	: "HOBART" (Refitting) "MONT FELIER" "CLEVELAND"
6 DD	: "STUART" "FULLAM" "GUEST" "BENNETT" "HUDSON"
_	"HALFORD"
17	: 8 AMS: "GGLAC" "DELORAINE" "ECHUCA"
	"GLADSTONE" "KATOOMBA" "STRAHAN" "TOWNSVILLE"
	"WARRNAMBOCL"
	3 A/S: "AB.CRIJNSSEN" "DOOMBA" "KYBRA"
	6 11 307, 809, 813, 822, 823, 825
5	: "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "OCTANS" (AF) "DUNTROON" (AP)
	"CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG)
1 CVE	: "RANEE"
1	: 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE (Refitting)
_	: 1 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" (Refitting)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Empress Augusta Bay

Bogadjim

by 9 Dauntless and 12 Avengers.

At 2300-2359/12 enemy aptillery was again active and some 31 shells fell in the neighbourhood of the Piva strips, causing some damage to aircraft.
A.M. 12 April the supply bases at Talili Bay and in the Rabaul 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.

- A.M. 12 April the camp area at Saua was attacked

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

At 1300/13 an allied patrol entered Bogadjim. 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.

At 1235/12 aircraft reported 31 native Lakatois moving Sepik River down the Sepik River apparently in some sort of a convoy. Shortly before midday 13 April Camp and supply areas Wewak-Aitape

at But and Dagua were bombed by 63 escorted Liberators dropping 2512 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 Tadji and nearby villages, in addition to supply bases at Brandi Plantation and Cape Moem (near Wewak) were bombed and strafed by 33 escorted

Bostons. Altape - Vanimo

- On 13 April 2 loaded barges and supplies on the beach near Prittwitz Point were destroyed by 2 recommaissance 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

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.
- "YMS's 11, 72" departed Thursday Island 1805/13 for Greate Island ETA 1000/15.
- 16 Submarines on patrol.
 - (b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Escorts : 8 AMS: "LATROBE" "INVERELL"

4 ML: 429, 809, 814, 815 "H.MOLLER" "R.P.WARNER" "GEO EASTMAN" 3 Mer chan tmen

SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- 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 Fromantle 1737/13 for Exmouth Gulf.
 - (b) Proposed Movements:

Nil

(c) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat Units 1 CL : "ADELAIDE"

"HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (ANS) 1 SC: 739 Escorts

3 ML 812, 824, 826 "LARK" (AM) "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS) "ISABEL" (PY) Auxiliaries

2 YP: 286, 288 1 ARD "CHILDS" (AV)

Exmouth Gulf:

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

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

Early a.m. 11 April Truk Atoll, including Dublon town, Moen airfield and other small islands were raided for 24 hours by 23 Cenpac Liberators dropping 572 tons of bombs.

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

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

Concentration of naval strength Malayan area.

- Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North Coast New Guinea, 2.
- East Indies, Malayan and Kuriles.
 Increased use of submarines for transportation purposes in Marshalls-3. Bismarcks-Sclomons.
- 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 FORCE	S.S.	ENEMY FORCES
	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)		South Pacific	
ВВ	•		(4) IDAHO NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA TENNESSEE	•
CV(E)	RANEE		(7) NATOMA BAY MANILA BAY SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO SANTEE OMMANEY BAY	•
CA	(2) AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE		* 1	-
<u>CL</u>	(6) BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX MONTPELIER CLEVELAND HOBART		(6) COLUMBIA DENVER HONOLULU ST LOUIS BIRMINGHAM LEANDER	*
AV/CVS	TANGIER		(3) WRIGHT CHANDELEUR POCOMOKE	•
XAV/XCVS	(3) HALF MOON SAN PABLO HERON		(2) BALLARD COOS BAY	•
<u>DD</u>	WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA AURER READ AMMEN BACHE BEALE BENNETT BUSH DALY DASHIELL	JOHN ROGERS KALK LA VALLETTE MCKEE MULLANY MURRAY NICHOLAS NICHOLSON O'BANNON RADFORD REID RINGGOLD ROE	Approx. 40	
	FULLAM GILLESPIE GRAYSON GUEST HALFORD HARRISON HOBBY HCPEWELL HUDSON HUTCHINS	SIGSBEE SCHROEDER STEMBEL STEVENS STEVENSON STOCKTON SWANSON FAYLOR THORN NELLES	Non-effective	

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

		ALLIED FORCE	9	ENEMY FORCES	
	Southwest Pacific	ALMIED FORCE	2	EMERIC POROES	
	(Eastern Section)		South Pacif	118	
SS	(7) BASHAW CERO BLACKFISH DACE BLUEFISH DART SCAM	On patro	1	10	
	K.12	On passage			
0	(2) S.42) S.47)	At Milne Bay			
	(2) SILVERSIDES)	At Brisbane			
	K. 9	At Sydney			
F	Approx. 85		Approx. 110	?	
APA) AKA) APD)	(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		X
AGC	BLUE RIDGE				
AS	(2) OTUS EURYALE			?	
AD	DOBBIN			•	
AR	(3) RIGEL PLATY PUS AMYCUS		PROMETHEUS	ALL X	
LSD	(3) CARTER HALL GUNSTON HALL EPPING FOREST			AIRCRAFT Fighters (incl.9 twin-eng) Light & M/Bombers Torpedo & D/Bombers Flying Boats Floatplanes Obsn. A/c	110 68 2 1 27 20
	ALLIED FORCES	2. NORTHE	RN PACIFIC	ENEMY FORCES	
CA.				(2) NACHI ASHIGARA	
CL	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND			(3) ABUKUMA TAMA KISO	
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SS	10	100		Approx. 4	

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

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		ALLIED	FORCES		- Company	Y FOR	CES
				100	dates lippines	Emp	ire
BB	(14)	IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA OKLAHOMA			(6)	
CV	(7)	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL HORNET				•
CV(L)	(7)	COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY INDEPENDENCE		•	(4)	RYUHO HITAKA ZUIHO HAYATAKA
CV(T)		•			•		нозно
CV(E)	(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 MEHEWYA 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
OCA		•			•		6
<u>CL</u>	(8)	SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	BILOXI OAKLAND RENO CONCORD	(2)	YUBARI KINU	(4)	M NAGARA M NATORI M ISUZU M OYODO
CL(T)					KASHIMA		-
AV/CVS		CURTISS		(2)	AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO		-
DD		Approx. 120			15-20	20	(several repairing)
SS		Approx. 30			25	Appr	ox. 25
AS		?			?	2 (1	repairing)
			4. SOUTH EAS	STERI	N PACIFIC		
CL		TRENTON				N.	

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5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

				ALLIED FORCES Eastern Fleet Area			ENE	East Indies-Malaya			
•	Southwest Pacific (Western Section)		Eas								
BB	•		(3)	(3) QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN		(4)	(4) NAGATO FUSO KONGO HARUNA				
CV		•		(2)	ILLUSTRI SARATOGA		(2)	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU			
CV (L)		•			-			TAIHO			
CV(E)		•		(3)	BATTLER UNICORN SHAH			KAIYO			
•		SUFFOLK		(3)	SUSSEX LONDON CUMBERLAN	ND .	(11)	AOBA KUMANO SUZUYA TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI MYOKO HAGURO		
CL		ADELAIDE		(8)	CEYLON KENYA GAMBIA NIGERIA	NEWCASTLE DANAE TROMP EMERALD	(4)	YAHAGI NOSHIRO KITAGAMI OI			
CL(T)		•						KASHII			
AV/cvs	(2)	CHILDS W.B. PREST	ON		ALBATROSS	3	R	KAMOI			
XCL		•		(2)	CANTON CHITRAL			-			
DD		•		Appr	rox. 27			30			
SS	(16)	CABRILLA CREVALLE COD FLASHER	HOE) MINGO) PADDLE) EARGO) REDFIN) ROBALO) K.14) K.15)		rox. 15			18 (incl.	,7 German)		
	(2)	FLOUNDER RATON	}	On ps	assage			H			
	(10)	BOWFIN	NORWHAL) PUFFER RASHER RAY LAPON)	Fremantle						
AS	(2)	PELIAS ORION				F1 Li To F1 F1	ghter ght & rpedo	M/Bomber & D/Bomb Boats anes	Indies only 121 's 57 ors 43 23		

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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

No. 808

Date: 15 April 1944

PART

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA.

EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

(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 Calcundra 1800/8 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/15.

(7) "MANUNDA" (AE) departed Calcumdra 1316/12 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/16.

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"SWAN" (PS) en route to Milne Bay ETA 1300/17.
"GEELONG" departed Townsville 1700/14 for Milne Bay ETA 0800/17.
"SHIKELLAMY" (AOG) departed Brisbane 1900/12 for Milne Bay ETA 0900/18. (10) (11)

(12) (13)

(14)

"SHIKELLAMY" (AOG) departed Brisdane 1900/12 for Milne Bay ETA 0900/19.
"LITHGOW" (AMS) en route Calcundra to Milne Bay ETA 0900/19.
"CARONDOLET" (IX) departed Calcundra 1200/13 ETA China Strait 1200/20.
"ST. MAHY" (IX) departed Cairns 1600/13 for Milne Bay.
"WILCANNIA" (A/S) escorting Convoy TD.51 ("SHWEDAGON" "A.HILL")
departed Thursday Island 0800/14 for Darwin ETA 2000/17.
"ML.820" departed Cairns 1445/14 for Thursday Island ETA 1600/17.
"BUNGAREE" (CM) was to depart Torres Strait 14 April for Bowen ETA (16)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

(19)

(20) (21)

onward routeing to Milne Bay.

"KALGOORLIE" (AMS) departed Cairns 1800/14 for Sydney with tow.

"COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS) departed Townsville 1635/11 for Sydney ETA 1500/15.

"POINT LOMA" (AT) departed Milne Bay 1135/9 for Sydney ETA 1030/17.

"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 Calcundra.

(24) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

(1) "RANGE" (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" (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:

tentaments.				
Admiralties:				
Combat Units		DD	_	"JENKINS"
Escorts	13	PT		"BENALLA" "BOWEN" "GYMPIE" "CASTLEMAINE
				"STAWELL" (AMS) 6 YMS: 8, 10, 46, 47, 48, 51 1 SC: 747 1 RO: 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 "MORHACGULL" "MORMACSEA" "RANO" "VAN SWOLL"
Cape Gloucester:				"S.M.WHITE" "M.THORNTON"
Escorts Talsea:	1			1 PC: 476
Combat Units Saidor:	13	Pľ		
Combat Units Merchantmen Langemak:	10	PT	with	1 LST acting as AGP "ANSON BURLINGHAME" "TIMOSHENKO"
Combat Units	28	PT		
Escorts	21		*	1 DE: "WHITEHURST" 1 PF: "LONGBEACH" 3 AMS: "BUNDABERG" "KAPUNDA" "GLENELG" 3 PC: 1123, 1124, 1132 3 YES: 71, 314, 315
Auxiliaries	23		,	4 ML: 424, 803, 806, 816 6 SC: 648, 698, 703, 743, 750, 981 "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)
Merchantmen	23		•	1 YI: 156 1 YOG "J.G.BRADY" "F.BILLINGS" "J.BURROUGHS" "W.N.BYERS" "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" "W.L.SUBJETTE" "A.THOMAS" "A.E.WATTS" "J.M.WHISTLER"
Lae:				A.B. WAITS J. M. WHISTEER"
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]	OD	1	"HOPEWELL" "O'BANHON" "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"
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Buna-Oro Bay (Contd.) : 5 DE: "LOVELAGE" "MANNING" "NEUENDORF"
"JAMES E.CRAIG" "EICHENBERGER"
5 PF: "CORONADO" "GLENDALE" "SAN PEDRO" Escorts "OGDEN" "VAN BUREN" 4 YMS: 9, 316, 334, 336 6 SC: 637, 732, 735, 736, 742, 982 "TRINITY" (AO) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "ZEILIN" "ORMSLEY" "WINDSOR" "HARRY LEE" (APA) "MEDUSA" (AR) "KANE" "HERBERT" "HUMPHREYS" 20 Auxiliaries "NOA" "CROSBY" "DICKERSON" (APD) "HAMILTON" "LONG" "HOGAN (DMS) "PING WO" (ASIS)
"YUNNAN" (AE) "DOBBIN" (AD) 1 ARD
"ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "ALCOA POLARIS" 24 Merchantmen "E.D.BAKER" "BALIKPAPAN" "J.BUCHANAN" "CAFE HENRY" "CEFALU" "S.L.CLARKE" "T.M.COOLEY" "P.T. DODDRIDGE" "D.E. HUGHES" "JANSSENS" "O. KELLY" "NORAB" "OZARK" "B. MATTHEWS" "H.T. RAINEY" "SEA CAT" "O.SKINNER" "M.M.STEWART" "A.REHAN" "H.V.WHITE Woodlark Is: : 1 ML: 817 :"J.S. MANSFIELD" : "TEAK" (AN) Escorts Merchantmen Auxiliaries Goodenough Is: "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA"
"H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "HERMITAGE" (AP) "VIRGO" (AKA
"D.D.FIELD" "M.GRIFFITH" "KOTA INTEN" Auxiliaries 6 Merchantmen "S.G. PORTER" "WEST CACTUS" "K.D. WIGGIN" Milne Bay: Combat Units : "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE" : "NASHVILE" "BOISE" "PHOENIX"
: "HUTCHINS" "DALY" "BACHE" MULLANY" "BEALE"
"ABMER READ" "ARUNTA" "VENDETTA" "WARRAMUNGA"
"ARUNEN" 2 CA 3 CL 10 DD 1 PT : 2 .PF: "EL PASO" "GASCOYNE" 33 Escorts 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 TMS: 52, 53, 73, 313, 335, 393 7 MI: 424, 425, 427, 801, 802, 818, 819 "TALBOT" (APD) "PERRY" (DMS) "AASE MAERSK" (AO) 34 Auxiliaries "CALAMARES" "MERKUR" (AF) "EALF MOON" (AVP)
"OTUS" "EURYALE" (AS) "KOCPA" (AGP)
"RIGEL" (AR) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "GENERAL R.L.HOWZE" "RIGEL" (AR) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "GENERAL R.L.HOWZE"

"PRESIDENT MORROE" "WHAPTON" (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

1 YOG 4 YP: 278, 280, 283, 449

"H.T.ABBOTT" "ACONCAGUA" "ANHUI"

"ARANSAS PASS" "D.BELASCO" "S.K.BOLIVAR" 80 Merchantmen "BORGFRED" "BIRCHCOULIE" "BOTH" "BRITISH COLUMBIA EXPRESS" "J.CABRILLO" "J.C.CALHOUN"
"CARLOS CARILLO" "J.M.CAREY" "CHIEF CHARLOF"
"CAPE COD" "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"
"HAWAIAN SHIPPER" "P.C.HEWITT" "ISOLATOR"
"S.JACKSON" "L.S.KEILY" "M.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.MELDRUI "MONMOUTH" "H. MONROE" "W. V. MOODY" "NARVIK" "T. NELSON" "ORMISTON" "B.T. OSBORNE"

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Milne Bay (Contd.) Merchantmen (Contd.)	- 4	"A.ROBINSON" "W.B.ROGERS" "N.J.SINNOTT" "SOMMELSDITCK" "C.SPRECKLES" "SWARTENHONDT"
		"J.W. SYMONS" "TAWALI" "J.THOMAS" "J.W. THOMPSON" "TJISADANE" "S.TURMAN" "GPO. VARCOUVER" "YAN DER LIJN" "
		"YAN SPILBERGEN" "W.WILLIAMS" "YOCHOW" "E. YOUNG"
Escerts Merchantmen	5	: 1 ML: 426 : "ALDINGA" "G.R.HEBARD" "MUNGANA" "TAROONA" "GEN.VERSPIJK"
Thursday Is: Escorts Auxiliaries	1	: 1 AMS: "BALLARAT" : "POLARIS" (AGS)
Compat Units Escorts	1 DD 8	"BUSH" 1 AMS: "BENDIGO" 1 PC: 479 1 SC: 731 3 ME: 804, 805, 811 2 YMS: 49, 50
Auxiliaries	2	: "FLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD
Escorts Auxiliaries	1	1 PF: "BARCOO" 1 YF: 233
Auxiliaries	1	* "HERON" (AVP)
Brisbane: Escorts	6	2 MI: 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 6 DD	"HOBART" (Refitting) "MONTPELIER" "CLEVELAND" "STUART" "FULLAM" "GUEST" "BENNETT" "HUDSON"
Escorts	17	"GLADSTONE" "KATOOMBA" "STRAHAN" "TOWNSVILLE" "WARRNAMBOOL" 3 A/S: "AB.CRIJNSSEN" "DOOMBA" "KYBRA" 6 ML: 807, 809, 813, 822, 823, 825
Auxiliaries	4	"BISHOFDALE" (AO) "DUNTROON" (AP) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG)
Melbourne: Combat Units Escorts	1 CVE	: "RANEE" : 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" (Refitting)
Adelaide: Escorts	1	: 1 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" (Refitting)
		(11) ENEMY FORCES
1. Empress Augusts	were mad	e by our patrols East of the Torokina perimeter indetermined number of enemy were located dug in the perimeter.
AND AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY OF	ographs a	to be unserviceable.
3. Rabaul - Detai	ls of air Photos 1 Lakunai Rapopo p 1 light	operations 13 April are not yet to hand. 3 April show Vunakanau concrete strip serviceable runway unserviceable after the air strike, extially serviceable, Tobera unserviceable. bomber is visible on Vunakanau, 1 fighter on 4 fighters on Tobera and 2 floatplanes on the The usual 2 small freighters are still
A 1002 34 Thomas The	present	in the harbour and probably about 250 parges.
4. Wide Bay - Dun	of the H	night 13-14 April 8 enemy barges at the mouth senry Reid River were located by PT boats. were destroyed, 2 on the beach were damaged and
^	the rems	mining 2 escaped. An unidentified type aircraft 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 Mapia Island (110 miles North of Manokwari) at 1245/14. The ships were attacked with

some success but details are not complete.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

(1) "IWERELL" (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:

Darwins

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

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

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

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat Units : "ADELAIDE" 1 CL

: "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739 Escorts 6

3 ML: 812, 824, 826 : "LARK" (AM) "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS) "ISABEL" (PY) Auxiliaries 8 2 YP: 286, 288 "CHILDS" (AV) 1 ARD

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

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.

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

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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 # 5 m 2. Wake Island . On 11 April 2 small vessels were observed in Wake Island Lagoon.

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 MarshallsBismarcks-Solomons.
- 4. Continued use of barges and small coasters for coastal transportation in forward areas.

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

			ALLIED FORCE	ES	ENEMY FORCES
		Southwest (Eastern S		South Pacific	,
BB		•		(4) IDAHO NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA TENNESSEE	
CV(E)		RANEE		(7) NATOMA BAY MANILA BAY SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO SANTEE OMMANEY BAY	•
CA	(2)	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE		•	-
<u>CL</u>	(6)	BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX MONTPELIER CLEVELAND HOBART		(6) COLUMBIA DENVER HONOLULU ST LOUIS BIRMINGHAM LEANDER	•
AV/CVS		TANGIER	*	(3) WRIGHT CHANDELEUR POCOMOKE	-
xav/xcvs	(3)	HALF MOON SAN PABLO HERCN	·	(2) BALLARD COOS BAY	•
DD	(48)	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA ABNER READ AMMEN BACHE BEALE 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 STEWENSON STEVENSON STOCKTON SWANSON TAYLOR THORN WELLES WILES	Approx. 40	

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section) South Pacific SS (7) BASHAW CERO) BLACKFISH DACE	ENEMY FORCES
(Eastern Section) South Pacific SS (7) BASHAW CERO)	
	10
BLUEFISH DARTER On patrol SCAMP	
K.12 on passage	
(2) S.42 S.47 At Milne Bay	
(2) SILVERSIDES } At Brisbane	
K.9 At Sydney	
PT Approx. 85 Approx. 110	8
APT (23) H.T.ALLEN (APA) KANE (APD) 15 APA KANIMBLA GILMER 1 APD MANOGRA SCHLEY 8 AKA WESTRALIA SANDS HARRY LEE HUMPHREYS ZEILIN BROOKS ORMSLEY HERBERT WINDSOR TALBOT ALGORAB (AKA) CROSBY CENTAURUS NOA VIRGO DENT DICKER SON KILTY WARD	
AGC BLUE RIDGE	2
AS (2) OPUS	
EURYALE	-
AD DOBBIN	-
AR (3) RIGEL PROMETHEUS AMYCUS PLATYPUS AMYCUS	•
FIG FOREST (i) Lig Tor Fly Flor	eraft hters ncl.9 twin-eng) 103 ht & M/Bombers 68 pedc & D/Bombers 2 ing Boats 1 atplanes 27 n A/c 20
2. NORTHERN PACIFIC	TO THE PARTY OF THE STATE OF TH
ALLIED FORCES	EMY FORCES
<u>CA</u> (2)	NACHI ASHIGARA
CL (3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND (3)	ABUKUMA TAMA KISO
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3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

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<u>ov</u>	(7)	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL HORNET				•
OA(F)	(7)	COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY INDEPENDENCE			(4)	RYUHO ZUIHO HITAKA HAYATAKA
CV(T)		•			•		HOSHO
CV(E)	(51)	COPAHEE BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU CASABLANCA ALTAMAHA GORAL SEA CORREGIDOR WHITE PLAINS	BRETON MIDWAY SAVO ISLAND FATROLLER FAN SHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MEHENTA BAY		•		CHITOSE CHIYODA JINYO OTAKA UNYO
OA ·	(13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS LOUISVILLE	MINNEA POLIS PENSACOLA INDIANA POLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND				MAYA
OCA		•			-		6
	(8)	SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	BILOXI OAKLAND RENO CONCORD	(2)	YUBARI KINU	(4)	NAGARA NATORI NISUZU NOYODO
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v/cvs		CURTISS		(2)	AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO		•
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CA(E)		•		(3)	BATT UNIC SHAH	ORN				KAIYO			
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CL(T)		•			•					KASHII			
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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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

No. 809

Date : 16 April 1944

PART I

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/16:

(1) "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) surveying vicinity Morobe.

(2) "MORESBY" (AGS) departed Milne Bay 0700/9 on survey duty.
(3) "WARREGO" (PS) "GOULBURN" "WAGGA" (AMS) commenced patrol South of China Strait at 1500/13.

"SWAN" (PS) en route to Milne Bay ETA 1300/17.
"GEELONG" departed Townsville 1700/14 for Milne Bay ETA 0800/17.
"SHIKELLANY" (AOG) departed Brisbane 1900/12 for Milne Bay 0900/18. (4)(5)(6)

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"LITHCOW" (AMS) en route Calcundra to Milne Bay ETA 0900/19.

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"CARONDOLET" (IX) departed Calcundra 1200/13 ETA China Strait 1200/20.

"ST.MARY" (IX) departed Cairns 1600/13 for Milne Bay.

"KALCOORLIE" (AMS) departed Townsville 1258/15 for Sydney ETA 1200/19.

"ML.820" departed Cairns 1445/14 for Thursday Island ETA 1600/17.

"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

"COUNCIL" (ASE) departed Calcundra 2359/15 for Milne Rev ETA China (11)(12)

"GOUCAL" (ASR) departed Caloundra 2359/15 for Milne Bay ETA China (23) Strait 0700/20: for onward routeing to Buna.

(14) "YUMA" (AT) departed Calcundra 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.
(15) "RANEE" (CVE) was to depart Melbourne 1515/15 Eastbound.
(19) "OCTANS" (AF) departed Sydney 1430/15 for Calcumdra ETA 0200/17.

(20 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

(1) "SPRAHAN" (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

"POILUX" (AKS) towing I LCT to depart Calcundra 1800/16 for Milne Bay. "YP.291" to depart Brisbane 16 April for Palm Island, Cairns, Thursday

Island; returning thence to Brisbane. (AH) to depart Brisbane about 18 April for Langemak, thence Milne Bay. (5) "SOLACE"

(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:

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Admiralties: Combat Units	22	DD	2	"JENKINS" "PHILIP"
Escorts	13	ET	. :	"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" "MORMACGULL" "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: Compat Units	10	PTI	with	1 LST acting as AGP
Ascorts Werchantmen Langemak:	1 3		2	1 PC: 1124 "ANSON BURLINGHAME" "F.M.QUINONES" "TIMOSHENKO"
Combat Units		PT		the camera cutt
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
Auxiliaries	30			7 SC: 648, 698, 703, 735, 743, 750, 981 "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "DICKERSON" "NOA" "CROSBY" "SCHLEY" "GILMER" "BROOKS" "SANDS" "KILTY" "DENT" "WARD" (APD) "ORMSLEY" "HARRY LEE" (APA) "CENTAURUS" (AKA) "YUNNAN" (AE) "PRES.MUNROE" "WHARTON" (AP) "BOOTES" "ETAMIN" (AK) "SONOMA" "RESERVE" (AT) "WESTRALIA" (APA) "TULSA" (PG) "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG) "HILO" (AGP) "POYANG" (ASIS
Merchantmen	28		:	"LEOPARD" "PORCUPINE" (IX) 1 YT: 156 1 YOG "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 "PANDA" (IX) "TRIANGULUM" (AK)
Auxiliaries Merchantmen	18		;	"D.F.BARRY" "CAPE HENRY" "W.E.CHANNING" "F.H.DODD" "A.S.DUNIWAY" "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:		CL		"PHOENIX" "BOISE" "NASHVILLE" "HOPEWELL" "O'BANNON" "STEMBEL" "STOCKTON" "STEVENSON" "THORN" "REID" "SWANSON" "HOBBY" "NICHOLAS" "TAYLOR" "STEVENS" "JOHN ROGERS" "MCKEE" "MURRAY" "RINGGOLD" "GILIE SPIE" "RADFORD" "SCHROEDER" "DASHIELL" "SIG SBEE" "FLETCHER" "WELLES" "KALK" "ROE" "GRAYSON" "LA VALLETTE" "WILKES" "NICHOLSON" "HARRISON" "ABNER READ" "HUTCRINS" "BEALE" "BACHE" "DALY"

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Buna-Oro Bay (Con 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
	15	5 SC: 637, 732, 736, 742, 982 "TRINITY" (AO) "BLUE RIDGE" (AOG)
Auxiliaries	10	"AASE MAERSK" (AO) "CHETCO" (AT) "MEDUSA" (AR) "KANE" "HERBERT" "HUMPHREYS" (APD) "HAMILTON" "LONG" "HOGAN" (DMS) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "PYRO" (AE) "DOBBLY" (AD) 1 ARD
Merchantmen	17	"ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "E.D.BAKER" "BALIKPAPAN" "CARLOS CARILLO" "CEPALU" "S.L.CLARKE" "P.T.DODERIDGE" "B.MATTHEWS" "MONMOUTH" "T.MELSON" "NORAB" "H.T.RAINEY" "SEA CAT" "O.SKINNER" "H.V.WHITE" "S.W.WILLISTON" "J.M.WING"
Woodlark Is:		
Escorts Merchantmen	1	: 1 M.: 817 : "J.S.MANSFIELD"
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:	11	
Combat Units	2 CA 5 DD	"AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE" "MULLANY" "ARUNTA" "VENDETTA" "WAFRAMUNGA" "AMPEN"
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Escorts	33	2 FF: "EL PASO" "GASCOYNE" 10 SC: 650, 699, 736, 737, 738, 741, 742, 744, 746, 748
Auxiliaries	34	4 AMS: "KIAMA" "COWRA" "ARARAT" "BUNBURY" 3 FC: 1119, 1121, 1131 6 YMS: 52, 53, 73, 313, 335, 393 7 MI: 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) "BA KOU ST. JOHN" "WATO" (AT) "GANYMEDE" (AK) "PING WO" (ASIS)
		"WATO" (AT) "GANYMEDE" (AK) "PING WO" (ASIS) "VILLALOBOS" "ANDREW DORIA" (IX) "TASMAN" (AH) "ALABASTER" (PYC) "TEAK" (AN) "TYRON" (APH) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) 3 AFD 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 NEWENHAW" "M.I.CASEY" "J.CHOTEAU" "F.J.CUNEL" "G.DAVIDSON" "J.DEERE" "DON MARQUI" "L.C.DYCHE" "F.A.EILERS" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "R.H.HAND" "F.EVERS" "FALLEN TIMBERS" "FIRE ISLAND" "GRANDE RONDE" "HANYANG"
		"HAWAIAN SHIPPER" "F.C. HEWITT" "ISOLATOR" "L.S. KELLY" "M.G. KERR" "C. KING" "KOTA GEDE" "KOTA INTEN" "W.S.LADD" "ED.LANDER" "J.H.LANE" "N.LUCKENBACH" "F.B.LINDERMANN" 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" "SWARTE MHONDT" "T.W. SYMONS" "TAWALI" "J. THOMAS" "TJISADANE" "S. TURMAN" "GEO. VANCOUVER" "VAN DER LIJN" VAN SPILBERGEN" "W.N ILLIAMS" "YOCHOW"

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Port Moresby:	3	: 1 ML: 426
Escorts	1	"MARUNDA" (AH)
Auxiliaries Merchantmen	3	"ALDINGA" "MUNGANA" "TAROONA"
Thursday Is:	O.	a called and a called
Escorts	1	: 1 AMS: "PIRIE"
Auxiliaries	1	"POLARIS" (AGS)
airns:	-	
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:		SERVICE .
Auxiliaries	1	: "HERON" (AVP)
Brisbane:	_	
Escorts	8	: 4 AMS: "BROOME" "ECHUCA" "MILDURA" "WHYALLA"
2000		1 YMS: 70 2 ML: 808, 821 1 SC: 749
Auxiliaries	10	: "ALGORAB" (AKA) "KURUMBA" (AO) "POLLUX" (AKS)
A COLUMN TO THE TAXABLE TO THE	-	"MAET SUYCKER" "SOLACE" (AH) "KAILUA" (IX)
		2 YP: 236, 291 2 YF
Sydney:		No. of the Contract of the Con
Combat Units	3 CL	: "HOBART" (Refitting) "MONTPELIER" "CLEVELAND"
Total of San Day	6 DD	* "STUART" "FULLAN" "GUEST" "BENNETT" "HUDSON"
		"HALFORD"
Escorts	18	: 8 AMS: "COLAC" "COOTAMUNDRA" "DELORAINE"
		"ECHUCA" "GLADSTONE" "KATOOMBA" "STRAHAN"
		"TOWNSVILLE"
		4 A/S: "AB. CRIJNSSEN" "DOOMBA" "KYBRA" "YANDRA
		6 11: 807, 809, 813, 822, 823, 825
Auxiliaries	4	: "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "DUNTROON" (AP)
	15	"CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG)
Melbourne:		
Escorts	1	: 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" (Refitting)
Adelaide:		
Escorts	1.	: 1 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" (Refitting)
		(11) ENEMY FORCES
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1. Empress August	a Bay -	During the 24 hours ended 1500/14 ground forces
	reported	a few Jap contacts East of the Torokina
		r and near Mayavia (East of Torokina River mouth).
*	40	During 14 April targets around the Torokina
		r were attacked by 34 Avengers and 23 fighter-
	bombers.	
		At 2005/14 a possible submarine was sighted near
	Motupina	
2. Buka Passage -		14 coastal guns at Buka Passage were attacked
regularisation decomplication of the control of the		ntless and during a later attack by Avengers
•		tless at least one gun was destroyed.
		Shortly before 2150/14 a possible submarine was
	reported	by aircraft 10 miles S.W. of Buka Passage.
3. West Coast New		Fighter sweeps during 14 April sighted 5
The state of the s		t Nabuto Bay and 3 in Katherine Harbour.
4. Kavieng - At		vieng airfield was attacked by 26 Dauntless
TO STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PA		ers. Photographs confirm 8 hits on runway.
5. Admiralty Isla		my casualties up to 15 April include 3002 known
		n addition to 24 prisoners. It is estimated
		urther thousand have been rendered ineffective
		d leaving approximately 300 effective troops.
	Mopping	up continues.
Rabaul - Duri		ht 12-13 April Rabaul was harassed by 2 Mitchells.
STATE THE PROPERTY OF THE PROP		At 0710/13 Lakunai was attacked by 50 Dauntless
	18 Avens	ers. 8 gun positions and the runway were hit and
		nt photographs show the strip to be unserviceable.

sub-chaser in Rabaul Harbour.

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

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

- 8. Wewak At 0625/12 2 enemy bombers and one or possibly 3 enemy fighters were met by a patrol Mitchell ever Wewak. A short combat ensued but no damage was suffered by either side.
- Tadji and islands off shore were attacked by 45 Liberators in waves between 1000/ and 1240/15: 332 thousand ten to bombs were dropped on stores and personnel areas. 9. Aitape -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. Altape Vanimo Coast At approximately 1130/14 3 luggers were

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) 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: Escopts : 1 AMS: "LATROBE" 4 ML: 429, 809, 814, 815 Merchantmen 1 : "GEO. EASTMAN"

Greate Is: Escorts

: 2 YMS: 11, 72

Merauke:

Escorts 1 : "BALLARAT" (AMS)

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(11) ENEMY FORCES

1. Timor - At 0820-0830/15 the enemy camp at Soe (on the Koepang 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:

Frementle:

Combat Units 1 CL B "ADELAIDE"

: "HOR SHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739 Escorts 6

3 ML: 812, 824, 826 : "LARK" (AM) "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS) "ISABEL" (PY) Auxiliaries 8 2 YP: 286, 288 "CHILDS" (AV)

1 ARD

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

ENEMY FORCES

During the night 13-14 April Moom, Fefan, Uman, Dublon and Param islands were attacked by 21 Conpac 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.

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

1. Concentration of navel strength Malayan area.
2. Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan and Kuriles.

5. 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.

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

			1. SOUTH AND	SOUTH	WEST PACIFIC	
			ALLIED FOR	CES		ENEMY FORCES
		Southwest (Eastern S		Sou	th Pacific	
BB		•		(4)	IDAHO NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA TENNESSEE	•
CV(E)		RANEE		(7)	NATOMA BAY MANILA BAY SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO SANTEE OMMANEY BAY	•
CA	(2)	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE			-	•
<u>CL</u>	(6)	BCISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX MCNTPELIER CLEVELAND HOBART		(6)	COLUMBIA DENVER HONOLULU ST LOUIS BIRMINGHAM LEANDER	•
AY/CVS		TANGIER		(3)	WRIGHT CHANDELEUR POCOMOKE	-
XAV/xcvs	(3)	SAN PABLO		(5)	BALLARD COOS BAY	•
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	(2) SILVERSIDES)	At Brisbane		
	K.9	At Sydney		
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AGC	BLUE RIDGE			•
AS	(2) OTUS EURYALE		•	-
ATO	DOBBIN		-	•
AR	(3) RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS		PROMETHEUS	•
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CV	(7)	ENTERPRISE YCRRTOWN LEXINGTON	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL HORNET		•		-
GA (T)	(7)	BELLEAU WOOD	CABOT LANGLEY INDEPENDENCE		•	(4)	RYUHO ZUIHO HITAKA HAYATAKA
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CV(E)	(21)	COPAHEE BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU GASABLANCA 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
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•	(13)	ANGLER BILLFISH BLUEFISH BOWFIN CABRILLA GUNNEL	NORWHAL, PUFFER RASHER RATON RAY LAPON K.14		Fremantle					
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Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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PART I

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

EASTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/17:

- (1) "HUMPHREYS" "HERBERT" (APD) escorting 5 LST departed Cape Sudest 2359/16 for Langemak ETA 1600/17.

 - (3)

 - "CHETCO" (AT) towing 1 barge erane proceeding Langemak ETA 1600/17.
 "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) surveing vicinity Morobe.
 "MORESBY" (AGS) departed Milne Bay 0700/9 on survey duty.
 "THOMAS NELSON" aground East of Killerton Island, Milne Bay.
 "WARREGO" (PS) "GOULBURN" "WAGGA" (AMS) commenced patrol South of (6)
- 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.
 "SHIKELLAMY" (AOG) departed Brisbane 1900/12 for Milne Bay ETA 0900/18. (9) (10)
- "LITHGOW" (AMS) en route Caloundra to Milne Bay ETA 0900/19.
 "CARONDOLET" (IX) departed Caloundra 1200/13 ETA Chine Strait 1200/20. (11)(12)
- "ST. MARY" (IX) departed Cairns 1600/13 for Milne Bay.
 "POLLUX" (AKS) towing 1 LCT was to depart Calcundra 0400/17 for Milne Bay ETA 1600/22.
 "COURAL" (ASE) departed Calcundra 0250/15 for Milne (13)
- (14) "COUCAL" (ASR) departed Calcundra 2359/15 for Milne Bay ETA China Strait 0700/20: for onward routeing to Buna.
- "MANUNDA" (AH) departed Port Moresby 1230/16 for Brisbane ETA 1800/19.
 "ML.820" departed Cairns 1445/14 for Thursday Island ETA 1600/17.
 "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.
- "KALGOORLIE" (AMS) departed Townsville 1258/15 for Sydney ETA 1200/19.
- "KALGOORLIE" (AMS) departed Townsville 1250/15 for a construction of the construction
 - of S.W.P.A.
 "WARRNAMBOOL" (AMS) departed Sydney 0906/15 for A/S patrol to Smoky
- Cape and return.

 (23) "GLADSTONE" (AMS) was to depart Port Adelaide a.m. 17 April for Sydney 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

"BENDIGO" (AMS) to depart Cairns 1200/17 for Milne Bay ETA 0700/19. "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.

| "MILDURA" (AMS) to depart Calcumdra 2200/17 to relieve "SC.745" on Sandy Cape A/S patrol: to be relieved at 1200/22 by "SC.749"

(e) In Harbour:

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Combat Units	2 DD 22 PT	2	"JENKINS" "PHILIP"
Escorts	13	2	5 AMS: "BENALLA" "BOWEN" "GYMPIE" "CASTLEMAINE" "STAWELL"
Auxiliaries	12	:	6 YMS: 8, 10, 46, 47, 48, 51 1 SC: 747, 1 PC: 1120 "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"
Cape Gloucester:			
Escorts Talasea:	2	2	2 PF: "SAN PEDRO" 1 PC: 476
Combat Units	13 PT		
Saidor: Combat Units	10 Dm	with	1 LST acting as AGP
Escorts	1		1 PG: 1124
Merchantmen	3	:	"ANSON BURLINGHAME" "F.M.QUINONES" "TIMOSHENKO"
Langemak:			
Combat Units	4 DD 28 PT		"LA VALLETTE" "HOPEWELL" "STEMBEL" "STOCKTON"
Escorts	23	:	DE: "WEITEHURST" ZAMS: "BUNDABERG" "GLENELG" FC: 1122, 1133, 1134
	- }		4 YMS: 9, 315, 334, 336 4 MT: 424, 803, 806, 816 9 SC: 637, 648, 698, 703, 735, 742, 743,
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
Merchantmen	27	,	"ALCOA POLARIS" "J.G.BRADY" "JAS BUCHANAN" "W.N.BYEHS" "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"
Lae: Escorts	5		1 DE: "NEUENDORF"
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Auxiliaries	2	2	"PANDA" (IX) "TRIANGULUM" (AK)
Merchantmen	18	:	"D.F.BARRY" "CAPE HENRY" "W.E.GHANNING" "F.H.DODD" "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"

Buna-Oro Bay:		
Combat Units	2 CA	: "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE"
X	3 CL 33 DD	"PHOEEIX" "BOISE" "NASHVILLE" "ABNER READ" "AMMEN" "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" "OCDEN" "VAN BUREN" 3 SC: 732, 736, 982
Auxiliari es	11	"TRINITY" (AO) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "MEDUSA" (AR) "GANYMEDE" (AK) "KANE" (APD) "LONG" HOGAN" (DMS) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "PYRO" (AE) "DOBBIN" (AD) 1 ARD
Merchantmen	20	"ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "E.D.BAKER" "BALIKPAPAN" "BORGFRED" "CARLOS CARILLO" "CEFALU" "S.L.CLARKE" "P.T.DODDRIDGE" "J.LYKES" "B.MAPTHEWS" "MONMOUTH" "NORAB" "H.T.RAINEY" "SEA CAT" "O.SKINNER" "VAN DER LIJN" "H.V.WHITE" "S.W.WILLISTON" "J.M.WING" "YOCHON"
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Escorts Merchantmen	1	: 1 ML: 817 : "J.S.MANSFIELD"
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Combat Units Auxiliaries	2 DD 7	: HOBBY" "SWANSON" : "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"
Wilne Bay: Combat Units	1 DD	: "VENDETTA"
Escorts	1 PT 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"
Auxiliaries	29	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 : "TALBOT" (APD" "MERKUR" (AF) "HALP 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) "WHIPFCORWILL" (AM) 3 AFD 2 ARD 1 YOG 4 YP: 278, 280, 283, 449
Merchantmen	76	"H.T.ABBOTT" "ACOECAGUA" "ANHUI" "ARANSAS PASS' "D.BELASCO" "F.BILLINGS" "S.K.BOLIVAR" "BIRCHGOULIE" "BOTH" "BRITISH COLUMBIA EXPRESS' "J.BURROUGHS" "J.G.CALHOUN" "CAPE LOSS" "CAPE NEWENHAM" "CAPE ROMANO" "J.N.GAREY" "M.I.CASEY" "CHIEF CHARLOF" "J.GHOTEAU" "F.J.CUNEL" "G.DAVIDSOH" "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" "HAWAIAN 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.	.)	: "C.H.MATSON" "MOBILGAS" "J.MCLEAN" "H.MONROE"
(Contd.)		"NARVIK" "B.T. OSBORNE" "G.H. PORTER" "M.ROBERTSON" "A.ROBINSON" "SABINE SUN" "N.J. SINNOTT" "C.L. SMITH" "SOMMELSDITCK"
		"C.SPRECKLES" "R.STUART" "W. H.SUBJETTE" "SWARTENHONDT" "T.W.SYMONS" "TAWALI" "J.THOMAS" "TJISADANE" "S.TURMAN" "GEO.VANCOUVER"
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Escorts		9 100 400
Merchantmen	1	: 1 ML: 426 : "ALDINGA"
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Auxiliaries	1	: 1 AMS: "PIRIE"
Cairns:	1	2 "POLARIS" (AGS)
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Auxiliaries	0	3 ML: 804, 805, 811 2 YMS: 49, 50
	2	: "PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD
Townsville: Escorts	7	9 mm the second
	1	: 1 PF: "BARCOO"
Auxiliaries	1	: 1 YP: 233
Mackay:	2	Manufacture Prince A
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)
Acres was		2 YP: 236, 291 2 YF
Sydney:	100	
Combat Units	1 CL	: "HOBART" (Refitting)
	1 DD	: "STUART"
Escorts	17	: 7 AMS: "COLAC" "COOTAMUNDRA" "DELORATME"
		"KATOOMBA" "STRAHAN" "TOWNSVILLE"
		4 A/S: "AB.CRIJNSSEN" "DOOMBA" "KYBRA" "VANDRA
	-e	6 11: 807, 809, 813, 822, 823, 825
Auxiliaries	5	6 ML: 807, 809, 813, 822, 823, 825 : "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "DUNTROON" (AP) "POINT LOMA"
		(AT) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "SPRINGDALE"
		(YDG)
Melbeurne:		12001
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		(ii) ENEMY FORCES
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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 conceled 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 floatplanes 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, unservice able. One fighter and one light bomber are present on Vunakanau, one fighter on Lakunai nil aircraft on Tobera, Rapope 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. 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 move 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. Local sources report that enother 100 Japs crossed the 5. Open Bay -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. 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. Aircraft over Wewak midday 15 April reported one small 8. Wewak freighter, appar-ently loaded, entering Rairiru Strait from the East. In addition the usual barges and small craft were seen in the area. Final details concerning the air strike on Aitape on 15 April 9. Altape -(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. At approx. 1130/15 3 luggers and 2 barges near 10. Aitape - Vanimo Coast - At approx. 1130/15 3 luggers and 2 barges n

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 Altape. 11. Hollandia - Preliminary reports indicate that the personnal and stores areas at and around Hollandia were attacked midday 16 April by a substantial force of heavy, medium and light bombers. land - At 0045-0145/16 Wakde Island airfield and dispersal Island -12. Wakde areas were bombed by 5 Liberators. The target was sell covered but no results were observed. 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: Darwin: : 1 AMS: "LATROBE" 4 ML: 429, 809, 814, 815 Escorts "GEO.EASTMAN" Merchantmen Groote Is: 2 Escorts : 2 YMS: 11,72 Merau ke : 1 Escorts : "BALLARAT" (AMS)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

1. Timor: At 0230-0330/16 Keepang town was bombed by 11 Beauforts and 11 Mitchells. Bombs fell near the power house and in the wharehouse 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.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

Nil.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:
Combat Units 1 CL : "ADELATDE"
1 DD : "NORMAN"

Escorts 6 "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739

Auxiliaries 8 : "LARK" (AM) "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS) "ISABEL" (PY)

Exmouth Gulf: 2 YP: 286, 288 1 ARD "CHILDS" (AV)

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

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

1. Eniwetok - At 2200-2300/14 8-10 enemy bambers 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.

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 Maldive Islands now returning to
base.

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

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES.

Concentration of naval strength Malayan area.
 Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan and Kuriles.
 Increased use of submarines for transportation purposes in Marshalls-Bismarcks-Solomons.
 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	L. SOUTH AND S	OUTH V	NEST PACIFIC	
			ALLIED FORC	ES		ENEMY FORCES
			est Pacific	Sou	th Pacific	
BB		•		(4)	IDAHO NEW MEXICO PENNS YL VANIA TENNESSEE	-
CV(E)		RANEE		(7)	NATOMA BAY MANILA BAY SANJAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO SANTEE OMMANEY BAY	•
CA	(2)	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE			•	-
CL	(6)	BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX MONT PELIER CLEVELAND HOEART		(6)	COLUMBIA DENVER HONOLULU ST LOUIS BIRMINGHAM LEANDER	•
AV/CVS		PANGIER		(3)		-
XAV/XCVS	(3)	HALF MOON SAN PABLO HERON		(2)	BALLARD COOS BAY	•
	(48)	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA ABNER READ ANNEH EACHE EEALE EEALE EENNETT DALY DASHIELL FLETCHER FULLAM GILLESPIE GRAYSON GUEST HALFORD HARRISON HOBBY HOPENELL HUDSCN HUTCHINS JENKINS JOHN ROGERS	KALK LA VALLETTE MCKEE MULLANY MURRAY NICHOLAS NICHOLAS NICHOLSON O'BANNON PHILIP RADFORD REID RINGGOLD ROE SIGSBEE SCHROEDER STEWBEL STEVENS STEVENSON STOCKTON SWANSON TAYLOR THORN WELLES WILKES	Appi	cox, 40	

m Non-effective

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

					ALLIED	FORCES		ENEMY FORCES	
					Pacific ection)	South Pac	ific		
53	(7)	BASHAW BLACKFISH BLUEGILL			on patrol	-	-4	10	
		K.12		On	passage				
	(3)	S.42 S.47	}	At	Milne Bay				
	(3)	SILVER SIDE	ss)	At	Brisbane				
		K.9		At	Sydney				
PT	App	rox. 85				Approx. 1	10	*	
ARA) APD)	(23)	H.T.ALIEN RANIMBLA MANOORA WESTRALIA HARRY IEE ZEILIN ORMSLEY WINDSOR ALGORAB (ACCENTAURUS VIRGO		A)	KANE (APD) GILMER SCHLEY SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS HERBERT TALBOT CROSBY NOA DENT DICKERSON KILTY WARD	15 APA 1 APD 8 AKA			
AGC		BLUE RIDGE	3			•		•	
AS	(2)	OTUS EURYALE				-		•	
AD		DOBBIN						•	
AR	(3)	RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS				PROMETHEU	S	•	
LSD	(3)	CARTER HAI GUNSTON HA EPPING FOR	ALL			•	Fig. (i. Lig. Tor Fly. Flo.	CRAFT hters ncl.9 twin-eng) ht & M/Brs. pedo & D/brs. ing Boats atplanes n A/c	76 68 2 1 27 20
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E		(3) DETRO: RALEIC RICHM	H		- 21		(3)	ABUKUMA TAMA KISO	
		9					10		
SS		10					App	rox. 4	

5. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

					dates lippines	Emp	ire
	(14)	WASHINGTON WORTH CAROLINA INDIANA WASSACHUSETTS	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINI COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA OKLAHOMA			(6)	Yamato ISE Yamashiro Hyuga Musashi Mutsu (probesunk)
CA	(7)	ENTER PRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	IMPREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL HORNET		•		•
CV(L)	(7)	BELLEAU WOOD	CABOT LANGLEY INDEPENDENCE		•	(4)	RYUHC ZUIHC HITAKA HAYATAKA
CV(T)		-			•		HOSHO
CV(E)	(21)	COPANEE HARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU CASABLANCA ALTAMAHA CORAL SEA CORREGIOR WHITE PLAINS	BRETON MIDWAY SAVO ISLAND PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MEHENTA BAY			(5) R	CHITOSE CHIYODA JINYO OTAKA UNYO
CA	(13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISC SALT LAKE CI PORTLAND				MAYA
OCA		=			-	6	
CIO	(8)		BILOXI OAKLAND RENO CONCORD	(2)	YUBARI KINU	(4)	m NAGARA m NATORI m ISUZU m OYODO
CL(T)		-			KASHIMA		•
AV/CVS		CURTISS		(2)	AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO		-
DD	Appro	0x, 120		15-	20	20	(several repairing)
SS	Appro	x. 30		25		Appr	ox. 25
45		?		?		2 (3	repairing)

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

C)

TRENTON

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5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES ENEMY FORCES Southwest Pacific (Western Section) Eastern Fleet Area East Indies-Malaya (4) QUEEN ELIZABETH (4) NAGATO VALIANT FUSO RENOWN KONGO RICHELIEU HARUNA CV (2) ILLUSTRIOUS (2) ZUIKAKU SAFATOGA SHOKAKU CV(L) CHIAT CV(E) (5) BATTLER KATYO UNICORN SHAH ATHELING BEGUM (4) SUFFOLK (11) AOBA ATAGO SUSSEX KUMANO TAKAO LONDON SUZUYA CHOKAI CUMBERLAND TONE MYOKO CHIKUMA HAGURO MOGAMI CL ADELATDE (8) CEYLON NEWCASTLE (4) YAHAGI KENYA DANAE NOSHIRO GAMBIER TR OMP KITAGAMI NIGERIA EMERALD OI CL(T) KASHII AV/CVS (2) CHILDS ALBATROSS KAMOT W.B. PRESTON XCL (2) CANTON CHITRAL DD Approx. 27 30 SS (14) BONEFISH HOE Approx. 15 18 (incl. 7 German) CREVALLE MINGO COD PADDLE) PARGO) FLASHER On patrol HADDO REDFIN) HAKE ROBALO) JACK. K.15 FLOUNDER On passage (13) ANGLER NORWHAL) BILLFISH PUFFER BLUEFISH RASHER At Fremantle BOWFIN RATON CABRILLA RAY LAPON GUNNEL K.14 (2) PELIAS AIRCRAFT (East Indies onl ORION Fighters 121

Light & M/Bombers

Flying Boats Floatplanes

Obsn. A/c

Torpedo & D/Bombers

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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. 811

Date : 18 April 1944

PART I

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

I. EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/18:

(1) "ML.424" departed Milne Bay 1130/17 for Lac ETA 0030/19.

(2) "YMS's 73, 53" "SC.748" escerting Cenvoy BG.85" (MERKUR" (AF) for Langemak and Manus Island ETA 1400/20) departed Milne Bay 0915/17 for Langemak ETA 0700/19.

"MORESBY" (AGS) departed Milne Bay 0700/9 on survey duty. "THOMAS NELSON" aground East of Killerton Island, Milne Bay.

(4)"WARREGO" (PS) "GOULBURN" "WAGGA" (AMS) commenced patrol South of (5)

China Strait at 1500/13.
"GARONDOLET" (IX) departed Calcundra 1200/13 ETA China Strait 1200/20.

(6) "GARONDOLET" (IX) departed Caloundra 1200/13 ETA China Strait 1200/20.
(7) "FOLLUX" (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 routeing to Buna.

(9) "BENDIGO" (AMS) departed Cairns 1200/17 for Milne Bay ETA 0700/19.

(10) "PIRIE" (AMS) escerting Convoy TD.52 ("DUNDULA" "MURADA") was to depart Thursday Island 0200/18 for Darwin.

depart Thursday Island 0200/18 for Darwin.

(11) "SOLACE" (AH) was to depart Brisbane 1030/18 for Milne Bay ETA 1400/21.

"MANUNDA" (AE) departed Port Moresby 1230/16 for Brisbane ETA 1800/19.

(13) "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.

(14) "KALGOORLIE" (AMS) departed Townsville 1258/15 for Sydney ETA 1200/19.

(15) "YP.291" was to depart Calcundra 1700/17 for Palm Island ETA 1400/20:

Cairns ETA 0600/22: Thursday Island ETA 1400/27. "CALAMARES" (AF) proceeding Brisbane ETA not known.

(16) "CALAMARES" (AF) proceeding Brisbane ETA not known.
(17) "STRAHAN" (AMS) departed Sydney 1727/17 for Townsville ETA 0900/22:

for onward routeing to Milne Bay. (18) "MILDURA" (AMS) was to depart Calcundra 2200/17 to relieve "SC.745" on Sandy 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.) 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" (2) "DUNTROON" (AP) to depart Sydney 1330/18 for Cairns.

(3) "SC.731" to depart Cairns 1200/18 for Thursday Island
(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 -1-

(c) In har	JOUL .	
Admiralties: Combat Units	2 DD	: "JENKINS" "PHILIP"
	22 PT	: 6 AMS: "BENALLA" "BOWEN" "BUNDABERG"
Escorts		"CASTLEMAINE" "GYMPIE" "STAWELL" 6 YMS: 8.10. 46. 47. 48. 51
Auxiliaries	12	1 SC: 747 4 PC: 1120, 1122, 1133, 1134 "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "SAN PAELO" (AVP) "TANGIER" (AV) "LEOPARD" "MINK" (IX) "WHARTON" (AP) "VICTORIA" (AO) "EPPING FOREST" "GUNSTON HALL" (LSD) "PATHFINDER" (AGS)
Merchantmon	16	"GEO. ELLIOTT" "CELENO" (AK) "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:	2	: 1 PF: "SAN PEDRO" 1 PC: 476
Talasea: Combat Units Saidor:	13 PT	
Combat Units	10 PT W	ith 1 LST acting as AGP
Escorts Merchantmen	3	: 1 PC: 1124 : "ANSON BURLINGHAME" "F.M.QUINONES" "TIMOSHENKO
Combat Units	12 DD	"GILLESPIE" "HOPEWELL" "KALK" "LA VALLETTE" "NICHOLSON" "REID" "ROE" "STEMBEL" " "STEVENSON" "STOCKTON" "TAYLOR" "WILKES"
	28 PT	
Escorts	17	2 DE: "WHITEHURST" "EICHENBERGER" 3 YMS: 9, 315, 334 4 MI: 424, 803, 806, 816
Auxiliaries	39	8 SC: 637, 648, 698, 703, 742, 743, 750, 981 "PORTUNUS" (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" "TRIANGULUN" "BOOTES" "ETAMIN" (AK) "SONOMA" "RESERVE" (AT) "TULSA" (PG) "MIZAR" (AF) "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) "HILO" (AGP) "PORCUPINE" (IX) "CHETCO" (AT)
Merchantmen	21	1 YT: 156 1 YOG "ALGOA POLARIS" "JAS. BUCHAHAN" "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"
Escerts	5	: 1 DE: "NEUENDORF" 3 MI: 428, 430, 431 1 SC: 734
Auxiliaries Merchantmen	19	3 MI: 428, 430, 431 1 SC: 734 "PANDA" (IX) "TASMAN" (AH) "D.F.BARRY" "CAPE HENRY" "W.E.CHANNING" "F.H.DODD" "A.S.DUNINAY" "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.WESTOOTT" "D.WRIGHT"
Buna-Oro Bay: Combat Units	2 CA 3 CL: 25 DD	"AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE" "PHOENIX" "BOISE" "NA SHVIILE" "ABNER READ" "AMMEN" "ARUNTA" "BACHE" "BEALE" "DALY" "DA SHIELL" "FLETCHER" "GRAYSON" "HARRISON" "HUTCHINS" "JOHN ROGERS" "MCKEE" "MULLANY" "MURRAY" "NICHOLAS" "O'BANNON" "RADFORD" "RINGGOLD" "SCHROEDER" "SIG SEEE" "STEVENS" "THORN" "WARRAMUNGA" "WELLES"

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Buna-Oro Bay (cont	td.)	
Escorts	11	: 3 DE: "LOVELACE" "MANNING" "JAME'S E.CRAIG" 5 PF: "CORONADO" "GLENDALE" "LONGBEACH" "OGDEN" "VAN BUREN"
Auxiliaries	9	3 SC: 732, 736, 982 : "TRINITY" (AO) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "MEDUSA" (AR "KANE" (AFD) "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.RAINEY" "SEA CAT" "O.SKINNER" "SWARTENHONDT" "TJISADANE" "VAN DER LIJN" "H.V.WHITE" "J.E.WING" "YOCHOW"
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Combat Units	S DD	: "HOBBY" "SWANSON"
Auxiliaries	7	"KANIMBLA" "MANOGRA" "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:	1 2 22	
Combat Units	1 DD	: "VENDETTA"
Escorts	1 PT	: 2 PF: "EL PASO" "GASCOYNE"
2000200	To obe	1 PS: "SWAN"
		10 80: 650, 699, 735, 736, 737, 738, 741, 742,
		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) "WHIPPOCRWILL (AM) 3 AFD 2 ARD 1 YOG 4 YP: 278, 280, 283, 449
Merchantmen	74	"H.T. ABBOTT" "ACONCAGUA" "ANHUI" "ARAMSAS 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" "I.S. KELLY" "M.C. KERR" "C. KIMG" "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" "SOMMEL SDITCK" C. SPRECKLES" "W. H. SUBJETTE" "T. W. SYMONS" "TAWALI" "S. TURMAN" "GEO. VANCOUVER" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "W. WILLIAMS" "J. W. WILLISTON" "E. YOUNG"

Port Moresby: Escorts	3		
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		(1	1) ENEMY FORCES

Dauntless 4 Avengers, Empress Augusta Bay - During the 24 hours ended 1500/16 approximately 50 Japs were encountered in the hills East of Torokina perimeter, and 43 were killed. During this same day enemy gun positions around the Torokina perimeter were attacked by 6 Avengers 3 Dauntless; a destroyer also shelled enemy positions at the Tekessa River mouth. Enemy artillery was slightly accurate, 10 shells falling off Magine Island (off Cape Terokina) during the day. During the night15-16 April, the jetty at Numa Numa was partially destroyed by bombs from a Catalina. Numa Numa At 1935/15 a possible submarine contact was reported

by a Catalina 8 miles south of Buka Passage.

At 1150/16 a submarine contact was made by a

U.S.destroyer, 20 miles S.W. Buka Passage. P.M. 16 April 4 gun positions in the Buka area were at least damaged during 4 attacks involving 6

During 16 April the Choiseul Bay area was bombed by 21

avengers and 5 Dauntless. Photos 16 April show Kavieng and Panapai runways to be

Choiseul

Kavien

Rabaul

unserviceable, although repairs are in progress on the former.

During the night 15-16 April Rabaul was harassed by 4 1 or possibly 2 enemy night fighters Mitchells; ineffectually attempted interception.

A.M. 16 April Vunakanau, Tobera, Rapopo, Keravat airfields were attacked respectively by 72 Dauntless and Avengers, 13 Avengers, 38 Dauntless and 8 Lightnings.

Photos confirm that both the coral and concrete strips at Vunakanau were rendered unserviceable, and 25 new craters were left on Tobera runway, which did not, however, render it unserviceable. Rapopo remains serviceable, but Lakunai is apparently unserviceable;

Keravat underermined.

- In addition during a.m. 16 April, the stores and 6. Rabaul (contd) supply areas at Talili Bay and Keravia Bay were attacked by 24 Mitchells and fighters.
- During the night 15-16 April an enemy floatplane bombed PT boats operating off Jacquinot Bay without effect. 7. Wide Bay
- 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.

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

(1)ALLIED FORCES

At Sea to 1200/18:

- "INVERELL" (AMS) escorting Convoy DT.51 (2 MV) departed Darwin 0810/15 for Thursday Island HTA 1300/18.
- "YMS's 11, 72" were to depart Groote Island 17 April for Darwin.
- 14 Submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Escorts

: 1 AMS "LATROBE" 1 A/S "WILCANNIA"
4 ML: 429, 809, 814, 815
: "GEO.EASTMAN" "A.HILL" "SCHWEDAGON" 5

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Escorts 1 : "BALLARAT" (AMS)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- amana A.M. 15 April a reconnaissance aircraft reported 5 small freighters (each under 1000 tons) and about 15 barges
- and small craft.
 At 1033/17 stores and personnel concentrations on Kai Kai Islands Islands in the Toeal-Langgoer area were bombed by 22 Liberators with general unobserved results. 12-15 Zeros apparently from Langgoer strip inter-

cepted and 1 was probably shot down. 3 small sea trucks and several small craft were observed in the Langgoer-Toeal area.

Photos 17 April show no serviceable aircraft at Penfoei Timor airfield on which further clearing is in progress for dispersal.

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 2300.

SOUTH WESTERN AREA

ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/18:

3. · SOUTH WESTERN AREA (Contd)

In Harbour: (b)

Fremantle: Combat Units	1 CL	: "ADELAIDE"
	1 DD	"NORMAN"
Escorts	6	: "HORSHAM" "BUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739
		3 ML:812, 824, 826
Auxiliabies	8	: "LARK" (AM) "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS) "ISABEL"
27		(PY) 2 YP: 286, 288 3 ARD: "CHILDS" (AV)
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Auxiliaries	2	: "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) "GHANTICLEER" (ASR)

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

- During 2 air strikes 15 April involving 2 and 3 Mitchells Ponape respectively, a small ciler 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.
- Satawan (Nomoi) At 1110/16 the sirfield and dispersal area at 2. 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. At midnight 16-17 April Woleai was attacked by 5 Catalinas 3. Woleai with unobserved results. One unidentified floatplane attempted interception without effect 4 medium sizes ships and 1 other possible small ship were observed in 4 medium sized
 - the Lagoon. At 1246/16 aircraft reported 1 large and 1 small merchant Guam
- ship 240 miles SE of Guam, Course 1500.
 Marshalls-Carolines During 15 April light to medium strikes were 5. conducted by Cenpac aircraft against Ponape, Taroa, Wotje, Waluit and Mille.

ESTIMATE OF ENERY'S CAPABILITIES.

- 1. Concentration of naval strength Malayan area.
- Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North Coast New Guinea 2.
- East Indies, Malayan and Kuriles.
 Increased use of submarines for tranportation purposes in Marshalls-3. Bismarcks-Solomons.
- 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 SO	OUTH V	VEST PACIFIC	
			ALLIED FORCE	S		ENEMY FORCES
		Southwest Pa (Eastern Sec		Sou	th Pacific	
BB		-		(4)	IDAHO NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA TENNESSEE	•
OV (E)		RANEE		(8)	NATONA BAY MANILA BAY CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO SANTEE	
CA	(2)	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE			•	•
<u>CL</u>	(4) R	BOISE NASHVILLE PHCENIX HOEART		(8)	COLUMBIA DENVER HONOLULU ST LOUIS BIRMINGHAM MONT PELIER CLEVELAND LEANDER	•
AV/CVS		TANGIER		(3)	WRIGHT CHANDELEUR POCOMOKE	•
x. xcvs	(3)	HALF MOON SAN PABLO HERON		(2)	BALLARD COOS BAY	-
<u>DD</u>	(43)	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA ABMER READ AMMEE BACHE BEALE DALY DASHIELL FLETCHER GILLESPIE GRAYSON HARRISON HOBBY HOPEWELL HUTCHINS JEEKINS JOEN ROGERS KALK LA VALLETTE	MULLANY MURRAY NICHOLAS NICHOLSON O'BANNON PHILIP RADFORD REID RINGGOLD ROE SIGSBEE SCHROEDER STEWBEL STEVENS STEVENSON STOCKTON SWANSON TAYLOR THORN WELLES WILKES	Appr	cox. 45	

Non-effective

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1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

(34	ALLIED FORCE	ENEMY FORCES
•	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific
SS	(5) BASHAW CERO) BLACKFISH DARTER) On patrol BLUEGILL	10
	K.12 On passage	
	(2) S.42 } At Milne Bay	
	(2) DACE } At Seeadler	
	(2) SILVERSIDES } At Brisbane	
	K.9 At Sydney	
F	Approx. 85	Approx. 110 ?
APA) ARA) APD)	(23) H.T.ALLEN (APA) KANE (APD) KANTMELA GILMER MANOORA SCHLEY WESTRALIA SANDS HARRY LEE HUMPHREYS ZEILIN BROOKS ORMSBY HERBERT WINDSOR TALBOT ALGORAB (AKA) CROSBY CENTAURUS NOA VIRGO DENT DICKERSON KILTY WARD	15 APA 1 APD 8 AKA
AGC	BLUE RIDGE	•
AS	(2) OPUS EURYATE	
AD	DOBBIN	
AR	(3) RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS	PROMETHEUS -
LSD	(3) CARTER HALL GUNSTON HALL EPPING FOREST	Fighters (incl.9 twin-eng) 76 Light & M/Brs. 68 Torpedo & D/Brs. 2 Flying Boats 1 Floatplanes 27 Obsn A/c 20
	AILIED FORCES 2. NORTHERN	PACIFIC ENEMY FORCES
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CL	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	(3) ABUKUMA TAMA KISO
DD	9	10
SS	10	Approx. 4

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

		ALLIED FOR	CES			ENEMY F	ORCES
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<u>cv</u>	(7)	ENTERPRISE YORKTONN LEXINGTON	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL HORNET	(5)	SHOKAKU ZUIKAKU		-
GA (F)	(7)	BELIEAU WOOD	CABOT LANGLEY INDEPENDENCE		•	(4)	RYUHO ZU IHO HITAKA HAYATAKA
CV(T)		-			•		нозно
CV(E)	(20)	COPAHEE BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU CASABLANCA ALTAMAHA WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY	PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MEHENTA BAY OMMANEY BAY SAVO ISLAND			(5) 雅	CHIPOSE CHIYODA JINYO CTAKA UNYO
<u>CA</u>	(13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY LOUISVILLE PORTLAND PENSACOLA	-	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI MAYA MYOKO CHIKUMA	MOGAMI KUMANO SUZUYA TONE HAGURO	•
OCA	22.		TENOROGEA		•		6
	(8)		OAKLAND RENO CONCORD	(4)	YUBARI KINU YAHAGI NOSHIRO	(4)	m NAGARA m NATORI m ISUZU m OYODO
CL(T)		•			KASHIMA		
AW/CVS		CURTISS		(2)	AKITSUSE NOTORO	IIMA	•
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5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

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CA		•		(2)	ILLUS		DUS		•	
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CV(E)				(5)	BATTI UNIC SHAE ATHEI BEGUI	RN			KATYO	
CA		•		(4)		OLK EX ON	ND		AOBA	
CL	AD	DELAIDE		(8)	CEYLO KENYA GAMBI NIGER	A IER	NEWCASTLE DANAE TROMP EMERALD	(2)	KITAGAMI OI	
CL(T)		-	,		•				KASHII	
AV/CV	<u>s</u> (2)	CHILDS W.B.PREST	ON		ALBA!	PROS	S	R	KAMOI	
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		FLOUNDER		On pas	sage					
	(13)	ANGLER BILLFISH BLUEFISH BOWFIN CABRILLA GUNNEL	NORWHAL PUFFER RASHER RATON RAY LAPON K.14	At F	reman	tle				
	(2)	PELIAS ORION					Fighter Light &	M/Bo & D/ Boats anes	mbers Bombers	only) 133 77

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

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

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Date : 20 April 1944

PART I.

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1, EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/20:

- (1) "BAYOU ST JOHN" (AT) departed Milne Bay 0920/13 for Langemak ETA 0600/21.
- (2)
- (3)
- "M HESBY" (AGS) departed Milne Bay 0700/9 on survey duty
 "THOMAS NELSON" aground Easter of Killerton Island, Milne Bay.
 "WARREGO" (PS) "GOULBURN" "WAGGA" (AMS) commenced patrol South of (4) China Strait at 1500/13.
- "ARARAT" (AMS) departed Milne Bay 0615/19 to RV with "ARIDED" (AK)
 "CARONDOLET" (IX) departed Caloundra 1200/13 ETA China Strait 1200/20 (5)
- (6)
- (7)
- "POLLUX" (AKS) towing 1 LCT was to depart Calcundra 0400/17 for
 Milne Bay ETA 1600/22.

 "MATAFELE" (AGS) departed Townsville 1400/19 for Milne Bay ETA 0300/23

 "SOLACE" (AH) was to depart Brisbane 1030/18 for Milne Bay ETA 1400/21
 "OCTANS" (AF) departed Calcundra 1200/19 for Milne Bay ETA 0600/23
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- (11) "SG.731" departed Cairns 1335/18 for Thursday Island ETA 1600/20.
 (12) "YP.291" was to depart Calcundra 1700/17 for Palm Island ETA 1400/20
 (13) "STRAHAN" (AMS) departed Sydney 1727/17 for Townsville ETA 0900/22;
- for onward routeing 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.
- (T5) "DUNTROON" (AP) was to depart Sydney 1330/18 for Cairns ETA 0130/23
- (17) "WARRNAMBOOL" (AMS) "YANDRA" (A/S) departed Sydney 0936/19 on A/S

 a trol and exercises: "YANDRA" to return at 0900/22 and "WARRNAMBOOL" at 0900/24.
- (18) "GLADSTONE" (AMS) departed Port Adelaide 1240/17 for Sydney ETA 0530/2]
- (19) 6 Submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

- "GASCOYNE" (PF) "COWRA" "KIAMA" "BENDIGO" (AMS) to depart Milne Bay
 p.m. 21 April to relieve "STAWELL" "BOWEN" "GYMPTE"
 "CASTLEMAINE" which are to be sailed in company on relief 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 (5) Guinea on arrival.
 - "ECHUCA" (AMS) to depart Calcundra when ready for Milne Bay. (3)
 - (4) "KATOOMBA" (AMS) to depart Sydney when ready for Milne Bay via Brisbane On a rrival to come under operational and administrative control of W.O.I.C. New Guinea.

Admiralties:	0 707	A Transport Harris Table
Combat Units	2 DD 22 PT	: "JENKINS" "FHILIP"
Escorts	12	: 3 AMS: "BOWEN" "BUNDABERG" "GLENELG" 6 YMS: 8, 10, 46, 47, 48, 51 1 SC: 747, 2 PC: 1133, 1134
Auxiliaries	16	"TANGIER" (AV) "LEOPARD" "MINK" (IX) "YUNNAN" (AE) "PRES.MONROE" "WHARTON" (AP) "VICTORIA" (AO) " EPPING FOREST" "EP "GUNSTON HALL" (LSD) "PATHFINDER" "BENAME "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) "GEO.ELLIOTT"
Merchantmen	20	"CELEUC" (AK) "J.BAREOSA" "J.P.BRADLEY" "J.G.BRADY" "CHIEF CHARLOT" "J.P.CHATEAU" "T.M. COOLEY" "T.CRAWFORD" "J.D.DOTY" "J.HART" "S.JACKSON" "HARSIK" "LYMAN STEWART" "MORMACGUIL" "HORMACSEA" "POELAU LAUT" "RAMO" "J.W.MELDRUM" "S.M.WH.TE" "J.M.THOMPSON" M.THORNTON"
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Combat Units	13 PT	
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Combat Units	20 DD	"HO FEWELL" "JOHN ROGERS" "KALK"
		"LA VALLETTE" "MCKEE! "MURRAY" "NICHCLSON" "RADFORD" "REED" "ROE" "STEMBEL" "STEVENSON"
	28 PT	"STOCKTON" "TAYLOR" "WELLES" "WILKES"
Escorts	30	: 2 DE: "WHITEHURST" "J.E.CRAIG" 3 PF: "CORONADO" "GLENDALE" "LONG BEACE" 3 AMS: "CASCLEMAINE" "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" (AG.) "HUMPHREYS" "HERBERT" "DICKERSON" "NOA" "CROSBY" "SCHLEY" "KANE" "GILHER" "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
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		"D.E.HUGHES" "JANSSENS" "O.KELLY" "MACTAN "MANA" "G.VCN L.MEYER" "URIAH M.ROSE" "J.SINGER" "W.C.SQUIRE" "A.E.WATTS" "J.M.WHISTLER" "K.D.WIGGIN" "YOCHOW"
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Auxiliaries	4	"A ML: 424. 428, 430, 431, 1 SC: 734 "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG) "PANDA" "PORCUPINE" (IX) "TASMAN" (AH) "D.F.BARRY" "CAPE HENRY" "P.CHANDLER" "F.H.DODD" "A.S.DUNIWAY" "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"

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,	Buna-Oro Bay: Combat Units	2 CA	: "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE"
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		17 DD	: "ABNER READ" "ALMEN" "ARUNTA" "BACHE"
			"BEALE" "DALY" "DASHIELL" "GRAYSOW"
	2		"HUTCHINS" "MULLANY" "NICHOLAS "O'BANNOR" "RINGGOLD" "SCHROEDER"
			"SIGSBEE" "THORN" "WARRAMUNGA"
	Escorts	11	: 4 DE: "LOVELACE" "MANUING" "NUEHDORF"
			"ETCHENBIRGER"
			2 PF: "OGDEN" "VAN BUREN"
	Auxiliaries	9	4 SC: 732, 736, 746, 982 1 YMS: 393 : "TRINITY" (AO) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC)
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			(AK) "PYRO" (AE) "DOBBIN" (AD) "KMANG"
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			"BORGFRED" "D.BELASCO" "S.L.CLARKE" "P.T.DODDRIDGE" "FALLEN TIMBERS"
			"HAWAIAN SHIPPER" "J.A. JOHNSON" "M.C. KER
			"J.H.LARE "W.S.LADD" "J.LYKES" "B.
			MATTHEWS" "MONMOUTH" "NORAB" "OZARK"
			"PANAMA EXPRESS" "H.T.RAINEY" "SOMMELSDIJCK" "SWARTENHONDT" "T.W.
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			"KANIMBLA" "MANOORA" "H.T. AILEN" (APA) .
			"VIRGO" (AKA)
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		1 PT	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
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		*	1 PS: "SWAH"
			9 30: 650, 699, 735, 736, 738, 737, 741
			6 AMS: "KIAMA" "COWRA" "KAPILIDA"
			"GEELONG" "LITHGOW" "BENDIGO"
			5 PC: 477, 1119, 1121, 1131, 1132
			7 TMS: 52, 71, 313, 314, 316, 225, 226
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			"TEAK" (AN) "TRYON" (APH) "CAMBRIAN
			SAL VOR" (ARS) "SHIKELLAMY" (AOG)
-			"WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) 3 AFD 2 ARD 1 YOG
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			"BOTH" "J.BURROUGHS" "CAPE CANSO"
			"J.C.CALHOUN" "CAPE LOSS" "CAPE ROMANO" "J.M.CAREY" "CARLOS CARILLO" "M.I.CASEY"
			"CITY OF PHILADELPHIA" "F.J.CUNEL"
			"G.DAVIDSON" "J.DEERE" "DEFIANCE" "DON
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			"J.ECLEAR" "H. MONROE" "MOBILGAS" W. H. MORIN
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(11) ENEMY FORCES

1. Buka Passage - During 18 April coastal guns around Buka Passage area were attacked by 3 Lightnings and 4 Corsairs.

l Lightning and 2 Corsairs were shot down by a/a fire
2. New Ireland airfields - Photos 17 April show Kavieng, Panapai, Borpop,
and Namatanai airfields all to be unserviceable with
nil operative aircraft present.

3. 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.

- Local sources report 18 April that a large party of Ubili Area 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 Patrols in the Bogadjim and Erima Plantations have Bogadjim area 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.
- During the 18 and 19 April coastal sweeps 6. Madang-Hansa Bay Coast were effected almost continuously during trylight 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 .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.

- Wewak-Vanimo Coast - During 19 April Yakimul (24 miles ESE Aitape) and Hegira (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.
- At 1124/19 3 small probable sea trucks were 8. Wakde Island Area attacked by a recommaissance Liberator 39 miles NW of Wakde Island.
- 2. NORTH WESTERN A REA.

ALLIED FORCES (1)

(a) At Sea to 1200/20:

"PIRIE" (AMS) escorting Convoy TD.52 ("DUNDULA" "MURADA") departed (1) Thursday Is. 0210/18 for Darwin ETA.1130/22.
"YMS's 11, 72" departed Groote Island 0600/18 for Darwin ETA 1800/20.

(2)

14 Submarines on patrol. (3)

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

: 1 AMS: "LATROEE" 1 A/S: "WILCANNIA" 5 Escorts

4 ML: 429, 809, 814, 815 "GEO.EASTMAN" "A.HILL" "SCHWEDAGON" Merchantmen 3

Merauke:

1 : "BALLARAT" (AMS) Escorts

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- The number and type of shipping at Manckwari shown in photographs taken 1200/18 is not yet fully determine 1. Manokwari The following units have, however, been identified:

1 "YAFYAMA" type Mine layer

1 Gun boat (220')

3 Merhant ships (1, 3, 4500 tons respectively) 1 Freighter (150 tons)

66 barges, and several small craft.

At 1152/19 Manokwari aerodrome was attacked by 1. Manokwari (contd) 9 Liberators with unobserved results. 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.

Photos 18 April show 9 serviceable aircraft including 6 3. Babo fighters, 2 medium bombers, 1 transport on Babo airfield. One bomber is shown to be destroyed by

At Sagan (midway between Babo and Kokas on southern shore Haceluer Gulf) both new strips are shown by photos 18/4 probably to be nearly

serviceable.

At 1211/19 Utarom airfield was bombed by 10 Liberators 4. Kaimana covering strip and taxiway satisfact rily, although results were unobserved. 3 enemy fighters intercepted without effect although one enemy fighter was at least damaged. I 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.

At 0830 /19 Soe village was attacked by 12 Mitchells covered 6. Timor by & 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 Dayao Gulf and another small vessel was seen off Cevu Island.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/20:

"NORMAN" (DD) departed Fremantle 1610/17 for Melbourne ETA 1000/21 "MAUNGANUI" (AH) departed Fremantle 1955/19 Eastbound. $\binom{2}{2}$

"CHANTICLEER" (ASR) departed Exmouth Gulf 0230/18 for Fremantle (3)

(b) In Harbour:

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

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

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Satawan Is. At 1146/18 Satawan aerddrome was bombed by 14 Soupac Libeastors covering part of the runway and the revetments areas; a large oil fire was started. There was no opposition nor interception

At 0941/18 Woleai wairfield was attacked by 21 Souwespac Woleai 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 Cenpac aircraft on Mille, Wotje, Maloelap and Jaluit.

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.

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

1.

Concentration of naval strength Malayan area.

Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North Coast New Guinea

East Indies, Malayan and Kuriles

Increased use of submarines for transportation purposes in Marshalls 2.

3. Bismarcks-Solomons.

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

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CA	(2)	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE			-	-	
CL	(4) **	BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX HOBART		(8) m	COLUMBIA DENVER HONOLULU ST LOUIS BIRMINGHAM MONTPELLER CLEVELAND LEANDER	-	
Av/cvs		TANGIER		(3)	WRIGHT CHANDELEUR POCCMOKE	-	
XAV/XCVS	(3)	BALF MOON SAN PABLO H RON		(2)	BALLARD COOS BAY	-	
<u>DD</u>	(43)	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA ABNER READ ANNER BACHE BEALE DALY DASHIELL FLETCHER GILLESPIE GRAYSON HARRISON HOBEY HOPEWELL HUTCHINS JENKINS JOHN ROGERS KALK	MULLANY MURRAY MURRAY NICHOLAS NICHOLSON O'BANNON PHILLIP RADFORD REID RINGGOLD ROE SIGSBEE SCHROEDER STEMBEL STEVENS STEVENS STEVENSON STOCKTON SWANSON TAYLOR THORN WELLES	Appi	ox. 45		

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3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

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<u>cv</u>	(7)	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL HORNET	(2) SHOKAKU ZUIKAKU		
GV(E)	(7)	COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CADOT LANCLEY IN DE PEN DENCE			RYUHO ZUIHO HITAKA HAYATAKA
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CV(E)	(80)	BARN S PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU GASABLANCA ALTANAHA	FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MEHENTA BAY		H	CHITOSE CHIYODA JINYO OTAKA UNYO
		WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY	OMMANEY BAY PETROP BAY SAVO ISLAND			
CA	(13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CAN BERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND	(10) ATAGO MOGAMI TARAO KUMANO CHOKAI SUZUYA MYOKA TONE HAGURO CHIKUMA		MAYA
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5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies - Malaya
BB	•	(4) QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN RICHELIEU	FUSO
CV	-	(2) ILLUSTRIOUS SARATOGA	•
CV(L)		-	TATHO
CV(E)	•	(5) BATTLER UNICORN SHAH ATHELING BEGUM	KAIYO
CA		(4) SUFFOLK SUSSEX LONDON CUMBERLAND	OABA
CL	ADELAIDE	(8) CEYLON NEWCASTLE KENYA DANAE GAMBIER TROMP NIGERIA EMERALD	(2) KITIGAMI OI
CL(T)	•	•	KASHII
AV/CV	S (2) CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	* KAMOI
XCL		(2) CANTON CHITRAL	
DD	NOR AN	Approx. 27	15
SS	(14) BONEFISH HOE) CREVALLE MINGO) COD PADDLE) FLASHER PARGO) HADDO REDFIN) HAKE ROBALO) JACK K.15)	Approx. 15	18 (inc.7 German)
	ANGLER NORWHAL BILLFISH PUFFER BLUEFISH RASHER BOWFIN RATON CABRILLA RAY GUNNEL LAPON K+14	At Fremantle	
AS	(2) PELIAS ORION	E L T F	IRCRAFT (East Indies online) ighters 138 % M/Bombers 77 corpedo % D/Bombers lying Boats loatplanes 43 bsn. a/c 23

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

NAVAL SUMMARY

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

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Date : 21 April 1944

PART I

A. 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 Secadler Harbour 1600/21.

 (2) "GASCOYNE" (PF) departed Milne Bay 0800/20 for Secadler Harbour ETA
- 0800/23.
- (3) "COUCAL" (ASR) departed Milne Bay 2305/19 for Seeadler Harbour ETA 0600/22.
- (4) "YMS.335" escerting Convoy BG.87A ("L.L.DYCHE" for Langemak; "F.A. WARDWELL" for Lae) departed Milne Bay 1230/20 for Buna ETA
- (5) (6)
- OSOO/21, Lae O2OO/22.

 (5) "MORESBY" (AGS) departed Milne Bay O7OO/9 on survey duty.
 (6) "THOMAS NELSON" aground East of Killerton Island, Milne Bay.
 (7) "PG's 477, 1119, 1131" on A/S patrol South China Strait.
 (8) "ARARAT" (AMS) departed Milne Bay O615/19 to RV with "ARIDED" (AK)
 (9) "POLLUX" (AKS) towing 1 LCT departed Calcumdra O4OO/17 for Milne Bay
- ETA 1600/22. "MATAFELE" (AGS) departed Townsville 1400/19 for Milne Bay ETA 0300/23. (10)
- (11) "OCTANS" (AF) departed Calcundra 1200/19 for Milne Bay ETA 0600/23. (12) "BALLARAT" (AMS) escorting "ISLANDER" departed Mercuke 1130/20 for

- Thursday Island ETA 0900/21.

 3) "STRAHAN" (AMS) departed Sydney 1727/17 for Townsville ETA 0900/22;
 for onward routeing to Milne Bay.

 (14) "DUMTROON" (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 Gairns ETA 1800/25.
 (17) "WARREGO" (PS) was to depart Milne Bay p.m. 2 April for Gairns ETA

- (17) "WARREGO" (PS) was to departed calcumdra 2200/17 on Sandy Cape A/S patrol:

 (18) "MILDURA" (AMS) departed Calcumdra 2200/17 on Sandy Cape A/S patrol:

 "MILDURA" to be relieved at 1200/22 by "SC.749".

 (19) "GRIFFIN" (AS) proceeding Calcumdra 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
- (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 Calcundra 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 (Gontd.) (3) "SC.745" to depart Brisbane so as to arrive off Pile Light at 1300/22 for exercies under orders of "WHYALLA". On completion about 1600/22 to return to harbour. (4) "YP.504" to depart Calcundra 1700/21 for Milne Bay ETA 1330/28. (6) "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 Calcundra when ready for Milne Bay. (7) "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.

(e) In Harbour:

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Admiralties:				45
Combat Units	22	DD PT		"JEMKINS" "PHILIP"
Escorts	11		:	2 AMS: "BUHDABERG" "GLENELG"
				6 YMS: 8, 10, 46, 47, 48, 51 1 SUT 747, 2 PC: 1133, 1134
Acres 7 à peni o o	15			"OYSTER BAY" (ACP) "SAN PABLO" (AVP)
Auxiliaries	10			"GIANGTER" (AV) "LEOPARD" "MINK" (IX)
				"TANGIER" (AV) "LEOPARD" "MINK" (IX) "YUNEAN" (AE) "PRES. MORROE" "WHARTON" (AP)
				"VICTORIA" (AO) "EPPING FOREST" "GUNSTON
				HALL" (LSD) "BENALLA" "SHEPPARTON" (AGS)
***************************************	20			"GEO.BILIOTT" "CELENO" (AK) "J.BARBOSA" "J.P.BRADLEY " "J.C.BRADY"
Merchan tmen	19		2	"CHIEF CHAROLOT" "J.P. CHOTEAU" "T.M. COOLEY"
				"T. CRAWFORD" "J.D. DOTY" "J. HART" "S. JACKSON"
				"KARSIK" "LYMAN STEWARE" "MORMAGGULL" "
				"MORWACSEA" "POELAU LAUT" "RANO" "S.M. THITE"
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Cape Gloucester:	2			1 PF: "SAN FEDRO" 1 PC: 476
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Langemak:	2			
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				"JOHN ROGERS" "KALK" "LA VALLETTE" "MCKEE"
				"MURRAY" "NICHOLSON" "NADFORD" "REID" "ROE" "STEMBEL" "STEVENS" "STEVENSON" STOCKTON"
				"TAYLOR" "WELLES" "WILKES"
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Escorts	27			1 DE: "J.E. GRAIG" 3 PF: "CORONADO" "GLENDALE" "LONGBEACH"
				2 AMS: "GYMPIE" "STAWEIL"
				5 VMS* 9. 53. 75. 315. 334
				3 PC: 1120, 1123, 1124
				4 ML: 424. 803. 806. 816
				9 30: 637, 648, 698, 703, 742, 743, 748,
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				"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 VOG 1 VT: 156 1 YP: 280
Merchantmen	19			"ALCOA POLARIS" "AN SON BURLINGHAME"
				"E.D.BAKER" "D.F.BARRY" "W.N.BYERS"
				"JANSSENS" "O. KELLY" "MACTAN" "URIAH M. ROSE"
				"J.SINGER" "W.C.SQUIRE" "A.E.WATTS"
				"J.M.WHISTLER" "K.D.WIGGIN" "YOCHOW"

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Escorts Auxiliaries	5 4	: 4 ML: 424, 428, 430, 431 1 SC: 734 : "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG) "PANDA" "PORCUPINE" (IX) "TASMAN" (AH) "
Merchantmen	16	"TASMAN" (AH) "CAPE HENRY" "P.CHANDLER" "F.H.DODD" "A.S.DUWIWAY" "GREY LAG" "A.B.HAMMOND" "MANA"
		"NORLAGO" "A.REHAN" "J.ROSS" "J.A.ROSSITER" "M.M.STEFART" "A.THOMAS" "VAN OUTHORN"
		"M.WALKER" "D.WRIGHT"
Combat Units	2 CA 3 CL	: "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE" : "PHCENIX" "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 PF: "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	"ADEIRAL HALSTEAD" "ANEUI" "BALIKPAPAN" "BCRGFRED" "D.BELASCO" "JAS BUCHANAN" "S.L.CLARKE" "P.T.DODDRIDGE" "HAWAIAN SHIPPER"
		"J.A.JOHNSON" "M.C.KERR" "J.H.LANE" "W.S.LADD" "J.LYKES" "B.MATTHEWS" "MONMOUTH"
to N		"ECRAB" "OZARK" "PANAMA EXPRESS" "H.T.RAINEY" "SCHMELSDIJCK" "SWARTENHONDT" "T.W.SYMONS" "TJISADANE" "H.V.WHITE" "J.E.WING"
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Combat Units	2 DD	: "Hobby" "Swanson"
Auxiliaries	7	"KANIMALA" "MANOORA" "H.T.ALLEN" (APA)
Merchantmen	3	"VIRGO" (AKA) "D.D.FIELD" "HANYANG" "S.G.PORTER
Combat Units	6 DD	: "VENDETTA" "RINGGOLD" "DASHIELL" "SCHROEDER" "SIGSBEE" "THORN"
	1 PT	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2
Escorts	33	2 DE: "LOVELACE" "MANNING" 1 P3: "SWAN" 8 SC: 699, 735, 736, 738, 737, 741, 742, 744 8 ATS: "KIAMA" "COWRA" "GOULBURN" "KAPUNDA"
_		2 PC: 1121, 1132 "BENDIGO" "WAGGA"
		5 TMS: 52, 71, 313, 316, 336 7 ML: 425, 427, 801, 802, 817, 818, 819
Auxiliaries	30	"TALBOT" (APD) "HALF MOON" (AVP) "OTUS" "EURYALE" (AS) "COUCAL" (ASR) "KOOPA" (AGP) "RIGEL" (AR) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "WATO" (AT) "PING WO" (ASIS) "ST MARYS" "CARONDOLET" "VILLALOBOS" (IX) "ALABASTER" (PYG) "TEAK" (AN)
		"TRYON" (APH) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "SOLACE" (AH) "SHIKEILAMY" (AOG) "WHIPPOORWILL" (AH) "HIZAR" (AF) 3 AFD 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" "J.DAVIDSON" "J.DEERE" "DEFIANCE" "DON MARQUIS"
		"F.A.EILERS" "F.EVERS" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "FAIR WESTER" "FAILEN TIMBERS" "FIRE ISLAND" "FORT DONELSON" "GAUNTLET" "GENERAL VERSPITCK" "J.HAIL" "GRANDE RONDE" "R.H.HAND" "D.HEWES" "P.C.HEWITT" "H.I.HOYT" "ISOLATOR" "E.JOHNSON" "JUAN PABLO"DUARTE" "L.S.KELLY" "KUTA BARCE" "KOTA GEDE" "KURIMARAU" "ED.LANDER" "LAKE ORMAC" "N.LUCKEMBACH"
		M. TO ATTION III

Milne Bay (Contd) "F.S.LINDERMANN" "A.WAJOR" "J.S.MANSFIELD"
"C.H.MATSON" "MAUI" "J.W.MELDRUM"
"GEO.VON L.MEYER" "H.MONROE" "MOBILGAS" Merchantmen (Contd.) "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.VANCOUVER" "VAN SPILBERGEN"
"W.WILLIAMS" "S.W.WILLISTON" "E.YOUNG" "WEST CACTUS" "E.N.WESTCOTT" Port Moresby: Escorts : 1 ML: 426 : "G.R.HEBARD" Merchantmen Thursday Is: Escorts 3 : 1 ML: 820 1 AMS: "INVERELL" 1 SC: 731 Auxiliaries Cairns: Escorts 5 : 1 PO: 479 2 ML: 804, 805 2 YMS: 49, 50 : "PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD Auxiliaries 2 Townsville: Escorts 1 PF: "BARCOO" Auxiliaries 1 CH: "BUNGAREE" 3 2 MP: 233, 291 Mackay: Auxiliaries : "HERON" (AVP) 1 Gladstone: Auxiliaries 3 "PATHFINDER" (AGS) : 2 YT: Brisbane: : 3 AMS: "BROOME" "ECHUCA" "WHYALLA"

1 YMS: 70 2 ML: 808, 821, 2 SC: 745, 749

: "ALGORAB" (AKA) "KURUMBA" (AO) "CALAMARES" (AF) Escorts Auxiliaries 8 "MAETSUYCKER" "MANUNDA" (AH) "KAILUA" (IX) 2 YP: 236, 504 Sydney: Combat Units : "HOBART" (Refitting) 1 CL 1 DD : "STUART" : 7 AMS: "COLAC" "COCTAMUNDRA" "DELORAINE"
"GLADSTONE" "KALGOORLIE" "KATOOMBA" Escorts 16 "TOWNSVILLE" 3 A/S: "AB.CRIJSSEN" "DOOMBA" "KYBRA" 6 ML: 807, 809, 813, 822, 823, 825 "BISHOFDALE" (AO) "POINT LOMA" (AT) Auxiliaries "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG) Melbourne: Combat Units "NORMAN" 1 DD Escorts : 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" (Refitting) laide: 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 undertermined number were contacted near Mavavia (east of the Torokina river mouth) - an allied party was landed near Mayavia to support offensive against this enemy party. During 19 April targets in Numa Numa and Arigua plantat-ions were attacked by 1 Liberator 11 Avengers. 8 Aircob-Numa Numa ras 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.

sa Bay Coast - At 1520/19 a ssible submarine was Alexishafen - H 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. At 0100/19 3 small freighters were attacked by 2 Hollandia -Reconnaidsance Liberators approx. 33 miles west of Tanamerah Bay on course 1200. 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 1200.

Manokwari

Geelvink Bay

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 ths 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 Manckwari on course 2250. 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. 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 recce.aircraft.

NOR IH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1600/21:

"PIRIE" (AMS) escorting Convoy TD.52 ("DUNDULA" "MURADA") departed Thursday Is. 0210/18 for Darwin ETA 1130/22. (1)

14 Submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin: Escorts

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Merchantmen 3

: 1 AMS: "LATROBE" 1 A/S: "WILCANNIA" 4 ML: 429, 809, 814, 815 2 YMS: 11, 72 : "GEO. EASTMAN" "A.HILL" "SCHWEDAGON"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Aroe Islands - Aircraft over Aroe Islands 1000/20 show 1 seatruck off South eastern Trangan Is.

(2)At dusk 18 April a possible enemy reconnaissance aircraft Darwin was over the area west south west of Darwin.

ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1600/21:

"MAUNGANUI" (AH) departed Fremantle 1955/19 Eastbound.
"CHANTICLEER" (ASR) departed Exmouth Gulf 0230/18 for Fremantle.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle: Combat Units 1 CL : "ADELAIDE"

: "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739 Escorts

3 NL: 812, 824, 826 : "LARK" (AM) "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS) "ISABEL" (PY) 2 YP: 286, 288 1 ARD "CHILDS" (AV) Auxilaries

Exmouth Gulf

Auxiliaries : "W.B.PRESTON" (AVD) 3

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

At 1200/19 Satawan airfield was attacked by 21 Soupac Satawan Liberators: 20-30 hits were scored on the runway which was already cratered. only very meagre a/a fire was encountered.

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.

At 1120/20 an enemy bomber probably on reconnaissance Palau area 3. was shot down by a Navy Patrol Liberator 230 miles ExS of Palau.

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 2850.

During 17 April moderate strikes were conducted by Cenpac Marshalls aircraft against Taroa and Jaluit, Wotje and Mille.

DIAN OCEAN

ENEMY FORCES

N. Sumatra - At dawn 19 April Lhonga aerodrome (on mainland at very nor thwestern extremity) and Sabang aerodrome (off northwestern tip), together with power and harbour installations at Sabang were effectively attacked by naval aircraft (see Naval Incidents)

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 (contdz) Only 1 British aircraft was lost but the pilot was rescued. No damage was suffered by our surface units.

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

Concentration of naval strength Malayan areas
Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North Coast New Guinea
East Indies, Malayan and Kuriles 2.

Increased use of submarines for transportation purposes in Marshalls-Bismarcks- Sclomons 3.

4. Continued use of barges and small coasters for coastal transportation in forward areas.

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTER

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CA	(2)	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE			-		-
<u>CL</u>		BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX HOBART		(8)	COLOMBIA DENVER HON OLULU ST LOUIS BIRM INGHAM MONTPELIER		•
				H	CLEVELAND LEANDER		
AV/cvs		TANGIER		(3)	WRIGHT CHANDELEUR POCOMOKE		•
x. /xcvs	(3)	HALF MOON SAN PABLO HERON		(2)	BALLARD COOS BAY		-
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1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd)

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		K.9 At Sydney			
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AGC		BLUE RIDGE		•	
AS	(2)	OTUS EURYALE	-	_	
AD		DOBBIN	•		
AR	(3)	RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS	PROMETHEUS	-	
LSD	(3)	CARTER HALL GUN STON HALL EPPING FOREST		AIRCRAFT: Fighters (inc.9 T/E) Light & M/Bombers Torpedo & D/Bombers Flying boats Floatplanes Obsn.a/c	71 68 2 1 27 20
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3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

		ALLIED FOR	ŒS	W.F.	ENEMY FOR	CES	
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CV	(7)	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON HORNET	INTREPID ESSEX BURKER HILL	(2) SHOKAKU ZUIKAKU		
CV (L	<u>)</u> (7)	COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY INDEPENDENCE		→	(4)	HYUHO ZUIHO HITAKA HAYATAKA
CV(T)	-			•		новно
CV (E	<u>)</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) *	GHITO SE GHIYODA KAIYO JINYO CTAKA UNYO
CA	(13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS LOUISVILLE	MIN NEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANSISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND	(11)	ATAGO MOGAMI TAKAO KUMANO CHOKAI SUZUYA MYOKO TONE HAGURO CHIKUM MAYA		XAYA
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Flying Boats

Floatplanes Obsn.a/c 43

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ENEMY FORCES ALLIED FORCES Southwest Pacific Eastern Fleet Area East Indies-Malaya (Western Section) FUSO (4) QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN RICHELIEU (2) ILLUSTRIOUS CV SARATOGA TAIHO CV(L) (5) BATTLER CV(E) UNICORN SHAH ATHELING BEGUN (4) SUFFOLK AOBA SUSSEX LONDON CUMBERLAND (2) KITIGAMI (8) CEYLON NEWCASTLE ADELAIDE CL KENYA DANAE OI GAMBIER TROMP NIGERIA EMERALD KA SHII CL(T) AV/CVS (2) CHILDS ALBATROSS KAMOI W.B. PRESTON (2) CANTON XCL CHITRAL 15 NORMAN Approx.27 DD 18 (inc. 7 German) (14) BILLFISH HOE Approx. 15 BONEFISH JACK CREVALLE PADDLE PARGO On patrol COD REDFIN FLASHER HADDO ROBALO HAKE K.15 (12) ANGLER NORWHAL) BLUEFISH PUFFER RASHER BOWFIN CABRILLA RATON At Fremantle LAPON GUNNEL K.14 RAY AIRCRAFT (E.Indies only) Fighters 138 (2) TELIAS ORION L & M/Bombers Torpedo & D/Bombers

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

PART I:

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

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" "FORT DONELSON" "W.WILLIAMS") departed Wilne Bay 1400/21 for Langemak ETA 0800/23.

(4) "MORESBY" (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 Calcumdra 0400/17 for Milne Bay
- ETA 1600/22.

 (8) "MATEFELE" (AGS) departed Townsville 1400/19 for Milne Bay ETA 0500/23.

 (9) "OCTANS" (AF) departed Calcundra 1200/19 for Milne Bay ETA 0600/23.

 (10) "YMS.49 YMS.50" in company with 1 AFC were to depart Calras at
- 1000/22 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/24. (11) "YP.504" departed Calcundra 1700/21 for Milne Bay ETA 1530/28.
- (12) "MIZAR" (AF) departed Milne Bay 1540/21 for Brisbane ETA 1400/24.
 3) "WARREGO" (PS) departed Milne Bay 1400/21 for Cairns ETA 0730/23.
 (14) "BURGAREE" (CM) departed Townsville 0826/22 for vicinity Great North
- East Channel.

- "DUMPROON" (AP) en route Sydney to Cairns ETA 0130/23.
 "BUMBURY" (AMS) departed Cairns 0615/21 for Brisbane ETA 0500/24. (16)

(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.
- (3) "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 Calcundra 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.

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Admiralties: Combat Units	1 DD	* "PHILIP"
Escorts	22 PT 15	2 DE: "DORSEY" "GEORGE" 4 AMS: "BUNDABERG" "GLEMELG" "BOWEN"
		6 YMS: 8, 10, 46, 47, 48, 51 1 3C: 747
*		2 PC: 1133, 1132
Auxiliaries	80	"TANGIER" (AV) "LEOPARD" "MINK" (IX) "YUNNAN" (AE) "PRES. MONROE" "WHARTON" "PRESIDENT POLK" (AP) "VICTORIA" (AO) "EPPING FOREST" "GUNSTON HALL" (LSD) "BENALLA" "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) "GOUCAL" (ASR) "POYANG" (ASIS) "GEO. ELLIOTT" "MINFAKA" "CELENO" (AK) "MERKUR" (AF)
Merchantmen	22	"J.BARBOSA" "J.P.BRADLEY" "J.C.BRADY" "CHIEF CHARLOT" "J.P.CHOTEAU" "T.M.GOOLEY" "T.GRAWFORD" "J.O.CURWOOD" "J.D.DOTY" "E.FERRY" "J.HART" "S.JACKSON" "KARSIK" "IYMAN STEWART" "J.W.MEIDRUM" "MORMACGULL" "MORMACSEA" "POELAU LAUT" "RAMO" "S.M.WHITE" "J.M.THOMPSON" "M.THORNTON"
ape Gloucester:		
Escorts Auxiliaries	1	: 1 PC: 476 : "HILO" (AGP)
Compat Units	13 PT	
Combat Units	10 PT	with 1 LST acting as AGP
Escorts	1	: 1 PC: 1134
Merchantmen	2	: "F.M.QUINONES" "TIMOSHENKO"
ngemak: Combat Units	26 DD	WELL" "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	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 13 SC: 637, 648, 703, 732, 757, 742, 743,
Auxiliaries	41	746, 748, 750, 981 "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "HUMPHREYS" "HERBERT"
AUNTITUTION	**	"DICKERSON" "NOA" "CROSEY" "SCHLEY" "KANE" "GILMER" "BROOKS" "KILTY" "DENT" "WARD" (API
		"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) "BAOUST. JOHN" "SONOMA" "RESERVE" (AT) "TULSA" (PG) "CHETCO" (AT) "ANDREW DORIA" (IX) 1 YOG 1 YT: 166 1 YP: 280
Merchan tmen	20	"ALCOA POLARIS" "ANHUI" "ANSON BURLINGHAME" "E.D.BAKER" "D.F.BARRY" "BORGFRED" "W.N.BYERS" "W.E.CHANNING" "L.L.DYCHE" "J.EVANS" "HAWAIAN SHIPPER" "D.E.HUGHES" "W.S.LADD" "MACTAN" "URIAH M.ROSE" "J.SINGER" "W.G.SQUIRE" "A.E.WATTS" "K.D.WIGGIN" "YOCHOW"

Lae: : 4 ML: 424, 428, 430, 431 1 SC: 734 : "PANDA" "PORCUPINE" (IX) "TASMAN" (AH) : "CAPE HENRY" "P.CHANDLER" "F.H.DODD" Escorts Auxiliaries Merchan tmen 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" Buna-Oro Bay: : "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE"

: "PHOENIX" "BOISE" "NASHVILLE"

: "ABNER READ" "ANMEN" "ARUNPA" "BACHE" "BEALE"

"DALY" "GRAYSON" "HUTCHINS" "MULLANY" "THORN" Combat Units 2 CA 3 CL 13 DD "NICHOLAS" "O'BANNON" "WARRAMUNGA" : 3 DE: "NEUENDORF" "EICHENBERGER" "WHITEHURST"
3 PF: "OGD EN" "VAN BUREN" "EL PASO" Escorts 12 1 AMS: "COWRA" SC: 650, 736, 982 PC: 1122 TMS: 314 "TRINITY" (AO) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "MEDUSA" (AR)
"SANDS" (APD) "GANYMEDE" (AK) "PYRO" (AE)
"SOLACE" (AH) "DOBBIN" (AD) "TRYON" (APH)
"PING WO" (ASIS) 1 ARD Auxiliaries 11 "PING WO" (ASIS) 1 ARD
"ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "BALTKPAPAN" "D. BELA SCO"
"JAS. BUCHAMAN" "S. L. CLARKE" "P. T. DODDRIDGE" Merchan tmen 22 "J.A. JOHNSON" "M.C.KERR" "J.H.LANE" "J.LYKES"
"B.MATTHEWS" "MONMOUTH" "W.H.MOCDY" "NORAB" "OZARK" "PANAMA EXPRESS" "H.T.RAINEY"
"SOMMELSDIJCK" "SWARTENHONDT" "T.W.SYMONS" "H.V.WHITE" "J.E.WI NG" Goodenough Is: Merchantmen : "D.D.FIELD" "HANYANG" "S.G. PORTER" 3 Milne Bay: Combat Units 1 DD : "VENDETTA" 1 PP : 1 PS:"SWAN"
8 SC: 698, 699, 735, 736, 738, 741, 742, 744
5 AMS: "GOULBURN" "KAPUNDA" "GEELONG"
"LITHGOW" "WAGGA" Escorts 29 "LITHGOW" "WAGGA"

2 PC: 1121, 1123

6 YMS: 52, 71, 313, 315, 316, 336

7 ML: 425, 427, 801, 802, 817, 818, 819

: "TALBOT" (AFD) "HALF MOON" (AVP) "OTUS"

"EURYALE" (AS) "KOOPA" (AGP) "RIGEL" (AR)

"AMYCUS" (ARL) "WATO" (AT) "ST. MARYS"

"CARONDOLET" "VILLALOBOS" (IX) "ALABASTER" (PYC)

"TEAK" (AM) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS)

"SUSQUEHANNA" "SHIKELLAMY" (AOG) "WHIPPOORWILL"

(AM) 3 AED 2 ARD 1 YOG Auxiliaries 26 "SUSQUEHANNA" "SHIRELLAMI (ACC)"

(AM) 3 AFD 2 ARD 1 YOG

3 YP: 278, Z83, 449

"H.T.ABBOTT" "ACONCAGUA" "L.BEECHER"

"F.BILLIMS" "BOTH" "CAPE CANSO" "J.C.CALHOUN"

"CAFE 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 HAMBIE" "FAIR WESTER" "FALLEN TIMBERS"

"FIRE ISLAND" "GAUNTLEB" "GENERAL VERSPITCK"

"J.HALL" "GRANDE RONDE" "R.H.HAND" "D.HEWES"

"P.C.HEWITT" "H.I.HOYT" "ISOLATOR" "JANSSENS"

"JUAN PABLO DUARTE" "E.JOHNSON" "KATOOMBA" Merchantmen 76 "JUAN PABLO DUARTE" "E. JOHNSON" "KATOOMBA"
"L.S.KEILY" "KOTA BAROE" "KOTA GEDE" "KURIMARAU" "ED.LANDER" "LAKE CRMAC"
"N.LUCKENBACH" "F.S.LINDERMANN" "A.MAJOR"
"J.S.MANSFIELD" C.H.MATSON" "MAUI" "J.W.MELDRUM"
"GEC.VON L.MEYER" "J.B.MCPHERSON" "H.MONRGE" ""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"

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Milne Bay (Contd.) Merchantmen * "GEO VANCOUVER" "VAN SPILBERGEN"
"S.W.WILLISTON" "E.YOUNG" "WEST CACTUS" (Contd.) "J.M.WHISTIER" Port Moresby: Escorts 1 : 1 ML: 426 : "G.RHEBARD" "CITY OF HOUSTON" Merchantmen hursday Is: 4 : 1 ML: 820 2 AMS: "BALLARAT" "INVERELL" 1 50: 731 "POLARIS" (AGS) Auxiliaries 1 Cainns: 1 PC: 479 2 ML: 804, 805 "PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD 1 YP: 291 Escorts 3 : 1 PC: 479 Auxiliaries Townsville: : 1 PF:"BARCOO" : 2 YF: 233 Escorts 2 1 AMS: "STRAHAN" Auxiliaries Mackay: Auxiliaries : "HERON" (AVP) 1 Gladstone: Auxiliaries 3 : 2 YT: "PATHFINDER" (AGS) Brisbane: : 3 AMS: "BROOME" "ECHUCA" "WHYALLA"
1 TMS: 70 2 ML: 808, 821 1 SC: Escorts 1 TMS: 70 2 ML: 808, 821 1 SC: 745
"ALGORAB" (AKA) "KURUMBA" (AO) "CALAMARES" (AF)
"GRIFFIN" (AS) "MAETSUYCKER" "MA NUNDA" (AH) Auxi liaries "KAILUA" (IX) 2 YP: 236 Sydney: Combat Units : "HOBART " (Refitting) 1 CL 1 DD : "STUART" : 7 AMS: "COLAC" "COOTAMUMDRA" "DELORAINE"
"KALGOORLIE" "KATOOMBA" "TOWNSVILLE" Escorts 17 "WARRNAMBOOL" 4 A/S: "AB.CRIJSSEN" "DOOMBA" "KYBRA" "YANDRA" 6 NE: 807, 809, 813, 822, 823, 825 "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "POINT LOMA" (AT) Auxiliaries "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG) Melbourne: Combat Units : "NORMAN" 1 DD Escorts : 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" (Refitting) Adelaide: Escorts : 1 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" (Refitting) 1 (11) ENEMY FORCES ta Bay - Dud ng the day 19-20 April enemy forces estimated at 100 at Mavavia (East of the Torokina river Empress Augusta Bay mouth) were attacked by our ground troops using tanks. 5 enemy machine gune 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 Rassage. Photos &.m. 20 April show Kavieng and Panapai runways Kavieng 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. At 0820/20 supply and gun positions inlets north west of Simpsons Harbour were attacked by 34 Dauntless 18 Rabaul The entire area was enshrouded in smoke. Avengers. 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 1350 feet. Only 3 serviceable aircraft all fighters, are visible, of which l is at Lakunai and 2 at Tobera.

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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. Jacquinot Bay -A small allied party captured Palmalmal (on the south western shores of the entrance Jacquinot Bay) on 20 April. 5 Japs were killed, the remainder fled to the bush. ome of the equipment was captured. Bismarck Sea At 0207/22 a suspected submarine contact was attacked by a surface unit 45 miles N.E. of Karkar Is. Patrols from Bismarck reached Malaga Hook, 32 miles Bogadjim north of Erima, on 21 April without enemy contact 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. Preliminary reports indicate that all four Wewak aerodromes Wewak were attacked by 54 Liberators during the 21 April and all four runways were rendered unserviceable. Aitape-Hollandia Preliminary reports relate that strong allied forces landed shortly after dawn 21 April on 3 beaches, one at Altape, and the second at or n near Rumboldt Bay, and the third in Tanamerah Bay. Only slight opposition was reported of the landing at Aitape, and none at the 2 beaches around Hollandta Spotting aircraft reported no Jap troop movement along the road from Tanamerah Bay to the aerodromes. Details of co-ordinated naval support are not ye available, but at 0840-1050/21 the Tadji-Aitape area was thoroughly bombed and strafed by 31 Liberators, 47 Mitchells and 71 Bostons. Photos 20 April show 34 aircraft on Kamiri airfield 10. Geelvink Bay (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 Recee a/c over the area p.m. 21 Apl. Noemfoor. sighted 1 possible mine lager 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 I barge off the East coast of Mapia Is. (100 miles North of Manokwari) ships were forced on to the reef and the third left streaming oil and sinking as a result of bombing and strafing. NORTH WESTERN AREA (i) ALLIED FORCES (a) At Sea to 1600/22:

(1) "PIRIE" (AMS) escorting Cenvoy TD.52 ("DUNDULA" "MURADA") departed Thursday Is. 0210/18 for Darwin ETA 1130/22.

- (2) "MI.815" escorting "KOALA" (Boom Vessel) was to depart Darwin 0200/22 for Abbott Shoal returning Darwin p.m. 28 Apl.
- (3) 14 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

1 A/S: "WILCANNIA"

Escorts 7 : 1 AMS "LATROBE" 1 A/S: "WILCANNIA"

A ML: 429, 809, 814, 815 2 YMS: 11, 72

Merchantmen 3 : "GEO. EASTMAN" "A.HILL" "SCHWEDAGON"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- 1. Aroe Islands A.m. 20 April a/c reported 1 submarine 25 miles

 East of central Aroe Island group and another

 2 submarines 35 miles NE of Northern Aroe 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.
- 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. Bornec Catalinas over Balikpapan night 20-21 April sighted 1
 possible destroyer and 1 merchantship (5-6000 tons
 poss.), 1 mile south Balikpapan township.

3. SOUTH WESTERN A REA

ALLIED FORCES

- (a) At Sea to 1600/22:
- (1) "MAUNGANUI" (AH) departed Fremantle 1955/19 Eastbound
 - (b) In Harbour:

Temantle:

Combat Units

Escorts

Combat Units

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

3/ CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY ORCES

- 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 Fefan 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 recommaissance Liberator.
 3. Woleai Final details of the Souwespac air strike on Woleai approx.
- 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 bember probably a reconnaissance aircraft 320 miles south west of Wolcai. 4. Marshalls-Carolines - Light to moderate strikes by Cenpac aircraft were conducted 19 April on Ponape, Wotje, Mille, Jaluit and Taroa. C. INDIAN OCEAN CinC E.F. considers that there were no Submarine Activity) enemy submarines operating in the Indian Ocean on 21 April. NAVAL INCIDENTS - At 0207/22 H.M.A.S. "ARARAT" escerting "ARIDED" (AK) Bismarck Sea reported attacking a suspected submarine contact 45 miles ME of Karkar Island. ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, N.W. Dutch New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya and Kuriles. Increased use of submarines for transportation purposes in Marshalls-1. 2. Bismarcks-Solomons. 3. Continued use of barges and small coasters for coastal transportation in forward areas. -- 000 ----

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

			ALLIED FORCES		ENEMY FORCES
			st Pacific n Section)	South Pacific	
CV (E)	(8)	NATOMA BAY MANILA BAY CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHEHANGO SANTEE	246	RANEE	•
GA	(2)			-	•
<u>CL</u>	(4)	BOISE NASEVILLE PHOENIX HOBART		(8) COLUMBIA DENVER HONOLULU ST LOUIS BIRMINGHAM MONT PELIER CLEVELAND HEANDER	
AV/CVS		TANGIER		(3) WRIGHT CHANDELEUR POCOMOKE	•
XAV/XCV	<u>s</u> (3) HALF MOON SAN PABLO HERON		(2) BALLARD COOS BAY	•
DD	(60)	ARUNTA WAFRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA ABNER READ AMMEN BACHE BEALE DALY DASHIELL FLETCHER GILLESPIE GRAYSON HARRISON HOBBY HOFEWELL HUTCHINS JENKINS	MULLANY MURRAY NICHOLAS NICHOLSON O'BANNON PHILIP RADFORD REID RINGGOLD ROE SIGSBEE SCHROEDER STEWENS STEVENSON STOCKTON SWANSON TAYLOR	Approx. 30	

JOHN ROGERS THORN

LA VALLETTE WILKES

WELIE S

ERBEN

BLACK

ELLET RUSSELL NORMAN

MORRIS

LANSDOWNE

BULIA RD

HALE

KALK

MCKEE

WALKER

ABBOTT

HUGHES

MUSTIN

LARDNER ANDERSON

CHAUNCEY

KIDD

m Non-effective

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

		I. SOUTH	and south	WEST PAULE	ie (conta.)	
		ALLIED	FORCES		ENEMY FORCES	
•		Southwest Pacis (Eastern Section		South Paci	fie	
38	(8)	BASHAW CERO) BLACKFISH DARTER) BLUEGILL FLOUNDER) DACE MINGO	On patrol		10	
	(3)	SCAMP S.42 At Milne S.47	Bay			
	(2)	SILVERSIDES } At Brisk	ane			
ic N	(2)	K.9 K.12) At Sydne	y			
F	App	rox. 85		Approx. 11	?	
APA ARA APD	(23)	H.T.ALLEN (APA) KANE (KANIMBLA GILMER MANOORA SCHLEY WESTRALIA SANDS HARRY LEE HUMPER ZEILIN BROOKS ORMSBY HERBER WINDSCH TALBOT ALGORAB (AKA) CROSBY CENTAURUS NOA VIRGO DENT KILTY (APD DICKER	EYS	15 APA 1 APD 8 AKA		
AGC		BLUE RIDGE			_	
AS	(2)	orus				
		EURYALE				
AD		DOBBIN		•	•	
AR	(3)	RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS		PROMETHEUS	•	
LSD		CARTER HALL GUNSTON HALL EPPING FOREST				71 66 2 1 27 20
			2. NORT	HERN PACIFI	<u>C</u>	
		ALLIED FORCES			ENEMY FORCES	
CA		•			(2) NACHI ASHIGARA	
CL		(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND			(3) ABUKUMA TAMA KISO	
DD.		9			10	
SS		10			Approx. 4	

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

		ALLIE	D FORCES			ENEMY	FORCES
•					lates Lippines	Emp	ire
<u>BB</u>	(18)	NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA NEW MEXICO	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA IDAHO PENNSYLVANIA OKLAHOMA	(4)	NAGATO KONGO HARUNA YAMATO	(5)	YAMASHIRO ISE HYUGA MUSASHI MUTSU (prob.sum
<u>cv</u>	(7)	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON HORNET	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL	(8)	SHOKAKU ZUIKAKU		-
<u>C(C_1)</u>	(7)	COMPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY INDEPENDENCE		-	(4)	RYUHO ZUIHO HITAKA HAYATAKA
CV(T)		-			-		HOSHO
CV(E)	(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)	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	(11)	TAKAO CHOKAI MAYA MYOKO HAGURO	MOGAMI KUMANO SUZUYA TONE CHIKUMA	-
OCA		-			-		6
<u>CL</u>	(8)		BILOXI OAKLAND RENO CONCORD	(4)	YUBARI KINU YAHAGI NOSHIRO	NAGARA) ISUZU) OYODO)	MATORI Location uncertain
CL(T)		-			KASHIMA	100	-
AV/CVS		CURTISS		(2)	AKITSUSI NOTORO	AMIA	•
DD		Approx. 120			30-35		20 (several repairing)
ss	1	Approx. 30			25		Approx. 25
AS		?			?		2 (1 repairing)

M Non-effective

CL

DD

TRENTON

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

		thwest Pac stern Sect				Eastern	Fleet	Area	Eas	t Indies-	Malaya
BB		-			(4)	QUEEN E VALIANT RENOWN RICHELI		TH		FUSO	
CV					(2)	ILLUSTR SARATOG				*	
CV(L)						•				TAIHO	
CV(E)					(5)	BATTLER UNICORN SHAH ATHELIN BEGUM				•	
CA		•			(4)	SUFFOLK SUSSEX LONDON CUMBERL				AOBA	
<u>CL</u>	i k	ADELA IDE			(8)	CEYLON KENYA GAMBIER NIGERIA			(2)	KITAGAMI OI	
CL(T)		•				•		1		KASHII	
AV/CVS	(2)	CHILDS W.B. PREST	ON			ALBATRO	SS		n	KAMOI	
XCL		•			(5)	CAMPON CHITRAL	i			•	
DD		•			App	rox. 27			15		
SS	(14)	BILLFISH BONEFISH CREVALIE CCD FLASHER HADDO HAKE	HOE JACK PADDLE PARGO REDFIN ROBALO K.15) On	App	rox, 15			18	(inel, 7	German)
	(12)	ANGLER BLUEFISH BOWFIN CABRILLA GUNNEL LAPON	NORWHAL PUFFER RASHER RATON RAY K.14)	Fre	mantle					
AS •	(2)	PELIAS ORION						AIRCRAFIGHT Fight Light Torped Flying Float Cosn.	& M/lo & Boa	East Indi Bombers D/ Bomber ts	138

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

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1600/23:

- (1) "BENALLA" (AGS) departed Secadler Hr. 1000/22 for Lanemak ETA 1700/23 thence Morobe for boiler cleaning
- "MORESBY" (AGS) departed Milne BBy 0700/9 on survey duty

"THOMAS MELSON" aground East of Killerton Island (Milne Bay)

- "PC's 477,1119,1131" on A/s patrol South China Strait.
 "YMS.49 YMS.50" in company with 1 APC departed Cairns at 1000/22 for Milne Bay 1200/24
- "INVERELL" (AMS) escorting Convoy TD.53 ("ALAGNA" "ADMITTAL CAASE"
 "W.D.BOYCE") deported Thursday Is. 1845/22 for Darwin (6)ETA 1430/27
- (8)
- "BALLARAT" (AMS) departed Thursday Is. 1025/22 for Cairns ETA 0800/24 "MIZAR" (AF) departed Milne Bay 1540/21 for Brisbane ETA 1400/24 "BUNGAREE" (CM) departed Townsville 0826/22 for vicinity Great North East Channel
- (10) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG) with tow proceeding Cairns ETA 26 April
- "BUNBURY" (AMS) departed Cairns 0615/21 for Brisbane ETA 0500/24 11)
- "ML. 811" departed Cairns 2359/20 for Billia Point ETA 1000/23; thence to return to Gairns ETA 1800/25.
 - "MANUNDA" (AH) 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. (15)

8 Submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "STAWEIL" "BOWEN" ""GYMPIE" "CASTLEMAINE" (AMS) to return Milne Bay on relief ("COWRA" "KIAMA" "BENDIGO" (AMS)) arriving
- "KATOOMBA" (AMS) to depart Sydney when ready for Milne Bay via (2)Brisbane p.m. 25 April. On arrival to come under operational and administrative control of N.O.I.C. N
- "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.

Note: Special	operational	movements not shown.
Admiralties: Compat Units	1 DD 22 PT	: "PHILIP"
Escorts	21	: 6 DE: "ACREE" "BARON" "DORSEY" "GEORGE"
1		1 PF: "GASCOYNE"
		5 AMS: "ARARAT" "BUNDABERG" "GLENELG" "BOWEN" "CASTLEMAINE"
		6 YMS: 8, 10, 46, 47, 48, 51 1 SC: 747
Auxiliaries	24	2 PC: 1132, 1133 "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"
Merchantmen	22	"GUNSTON HALL" (LSD) "PATHFINDER" "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) "COUCAL" (ASR) "POYANG" (ASIS) "ARIDED" "GEO. ELLIOTT" "MINTAKA" "CELENO" (AK) "MERKUR" (AF) : "J.BARBOSA" "J.P.BRADLEY" "J.C.BRADY"
		"CHIEF CHARLOT" "J.P.CHOTEAU" "T.M.COOLEY" "T.CRAWFORD" "J.O.CURWGOD" "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:	1 00	- Ha a reparent
Combat Units	1 DD	: "SAMPSON" : 1 PC: 476
Auxiliaries	12	"PRES. JACKSON" (AP) "ELINORE" "WAYNE" (APA) "TITANIA" "AQUARIUS" (AKA) "GAMELE" "SOUTHARD" "PRUITT" "TRACY" (DM)
Talasea:	1.00	THOUSE TOMP
Combat Units	13 PT	
Combat Units Merchantmen	10 PT w	ith 1 LST acting as AGP : "F.M.QUINONES" "TIMOSHENKO"
Combat Units	26 DD	* "FLETCHER" "GILLESPIE" "HARRISON" "HOPEWELL" "JOHN ROGERS" "KALK" "LA VALLETTE" "MCKEE" "MURRAY" "NICHOLSON" "RADFORD" "REID" "ROE"
		"STEMBEL" "STEVENS" "STEVENSON" "SPOCKTON" "TAYLOR" "WELLES" "WILKES" "HOBBY" "SWANSON"
Escorts	34	"RINGGOLD" "DASHIELL" "SCHROEDER" "SIGSBEE" 3 DE: "J.E.CRAIG" "LOVELACE" "MANNING" 4 PF: "CORONADO" "GLENDALE" "LONGBEACH" "SAN PEDRO"
*		5 AMS: "GYMPTE" "STAWELL" "COWRA" "BENDIGO" "KIAMA"
iv or		5 YMS: 9, 53, 73, 334, 393 3 RC: 1120, 1124, 1134
14-4-		4 ML: 424, 803, 806, 816 10 SC: 637, 648, 703, 737, 742, 743, 746.
ford 14 and a a	43	748, 750, 981 "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "HUMPHREYS" "HERBERT"
Auxiliaries	41	"DICKERSON" "NOA" "CROSBY" "SCHLEY" "KAME" "GILMER" "BROOKS" "KILIY" "DENT" "WARD" (APD) "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "HOGAN"
		"LONG" "HAMILTON" "PERRY" (DMS) "ORMSBY" "HARRY LEE" "ZEILIN" "WINDSOR" "H.T.ALLEN" "KANIMBLA" "MANOGRA" "WESTRALIA" (APA)
		"CENTAURUS" (AKA) "AASE MAERSK" (AO) "TRIANGULUM" "BOOTES" "ETAMIN" (AK)
		"BAYOU ST. JOHN" "SONDMA" "RESERVE" (AT) "TULSA" (PG) "CHETCO" (AT) "ANDREW DORIA" (IX) 1 YOG 1 YT: 156 1 YP: 280

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Lengemak (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" "HAWAIAN SHIPPER" "D.E.HUGHES "W.S.LADD" "MACTAN" "URIAH M.ROSE" "M.C.KERR" "MOBILGAS" "SANGAY" "SEA FLASHER" "J.SINGER" "W.C.SQUIRE" "A.E.WATTS" "K.D.WIGGIN" "YOCHOW" "W.WILLIAMS"
Escorts Auxiliaries Merchantmen	5 2 17	: 4 ML: 424, 428, 430, 431 1 SC: 734 : "PANDA" "PORCUPINE" (IX) : "CAPE HENRY" "F.H.DODD" "A.S.DUNIWAY" "GREY LAG" "A.B.HAMMOND" "O.KELLY" "MANA" "J.ROSS" "J.A.ROSSITER" "M.H.STEWART" "A.THOMAS" "TJISADANE" "VAN OUTHORN" "M.WALKER" "F.R.WARDWELL" "D.WRIGHT"
Buna-Oro Bay: Combat Units Escorts	2 CA 3 GL 13 DD	"AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE" "PHOENIX" "BOISE" "NASHVILLE" "ABNER READ" "ANNEN" "ARUNTA" "BACHE" "BEALE" "DALY" "GRAYSON" "HUTCHINS" "MULLANY" "THORN" "NICHOLAS" "O'BANNON" "WARRAMUNGA" 1 DE: "NEUENDORF" "EICHENBERGER" "WHITEHUR ST" 3 PF: "OGDEN" "VAN BUREN" "EL PASO" 1 ANS: "- 1 SUT 650 1 FC: 1122
Auxiliaries	11	1 YMS: 314 : "TRINITY" (AO) "BLUE RDIGE" (AGC) "MEDUSA" (AR "SANDS" (APD) "GANYMEDE" (AK) "PYRO" (AE) "SOLACE" (AH) "DOBBIN" (AD) "TRYON" (APH) "PING WO" (ASIS) 1 ARD
Merchan tmen	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" "SOMMELSDIJCK" "SWARTENHONDT" "T.W.SYMONS" "H.V.WHITE" "J.E.WING"
Kiriwina Is: Merchantmen Good-enough Is: Merchantmen	1	: "JANSSENS" : "D.D.FIELD" "HANYANG" "S.G.PORTER" "
Combat Units	1 DD 1 PT	"TUNG SONG" * "VENDETTA"
Escorts	31	10 SC: "SWAN" 10 SC: 698, 699, 732, 735, 736, 738, 741, 742, 744, 982 5 AMS: "GOULBURN" "KAPUNDA" "GEELONG"
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Auxiliaries	30	2 PG: 1121, 1123 6 YMS: 52, 71, 313, 315, 316, 336 7 ML: 425, 427, 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" (PYC) "TASMAN" (AH) "MATAFELE" (AGS) "OCTANS" (AF) "TEAK" (AN) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "POLLUX" (AKS) "SUSQUEHANNA" "SHIKELLAMY" (AOG) "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) 3 AFD 2 ARD 1 YOG
Merchantmen	80	3 TF: 278, 283, 449 : "H.L.ABBOTT" "ACONCAGUA" "J.BALL" "L.BEECHER" "F.BILLINGS" "BOTH" "BUFFALOW WALLOW" "J.BURROUGHS" "CALUSA" "CAPE CANSO" "J.C.CALHOUN" "CAPE ROMANO" "J.M.CAREY" "CARLOS CARILLO" "M.I.CASEY" "P.CHANDLER" "CHIPPENA" "F.J.CUNEL" "M.DALY" "G.DAVIDSON" "J.DEERE"

"DON MARJUIS" "F.A.EILERS" "F.EVERS"
"H.EMERSON" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "FAIR ISLE"
"FALLEN TIMBERS" "FIRE ISLAND" "GAUNTLET"
"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 BARCE" "KOTA GELE" "LAKE ORMAC"
"J.LANE" "N.LUCKENBACE" "F.B.LINDERMANN"
"A.MAJOR" "J.S.MANSFIELD" "C.H.MATSON" "MAUI"
"J.B.WCPHERSON" "H.MORROE" "B.T.OSBORNE" Milne Bay (Contd.) Merchantmen (Contd.) "J.B.MCPHERSON" "H.MOMROE" "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.SKIMNER"
"W.J.SUBJETTE" "TAWALI" "TECUMSEE" " "TWO HARBOURS" "S.TURMAN" "VAN DER LIJN"
"GEO.VANCOUVER" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "S.W.WILLISTON" "E.YOUNG" "WEST CACTUS" "J.M.WHISTLER" Port Moresby: : 1 ML: 426 : "CITY OF HOUSTON" "GEO. VON L. MEYER" Escorts Merchantmen "ED. N. WESTCOTT" mursday Is: : 1 ML: 820 1 AMS: "BALLARAT" : "POLARIS" (AGS) 1 SC: 731 Escorts Auxiliaries Cairns: 1 FC: 479 2 ML: 804, 805 1 FS: WARREGO Escorts : "DUMPROON" (AP) "PLATYPUS" (AR) Auxiliaries 1 YP: 291 1 ARD Town sville: 1 AMS: "STRAHAN" : 1 PF: "BARCOO" 2 Escorts : 1 YP: 233 Auxiliaries 1 Mekay: : "HERON" (AVP) Auxiliaries 1 Gladstone: : 2 YT: Auxilian es Brisbane: : 4 AMS: "BROOME" "ECHUCA" "MILDURA" "WHYAILA"

1 YMS: 70 2 ML: 808, 821 1 SC: 745

: "ALGORAB" (AKA) "KURUMBA" (AO) "CALAMARES" (AF
"GRIFFIN" (AS) "MAET SUYCKER" (AH) "KAILUA" (IX Escorts 8 7 Auxiliaries 1 YP: 236 ney: : "HOBART" (Refitting) 1 CL Combat Units : "STUART" 1 DD : 7 AMS: "COLAC" "COOTANUNDRA" "DELORAINE" 17 Escorts "KALGOORLIE" "KATOOMBA" "TOWNSVILLE" "WARR NAMBOOL" 4 A/S: "AB.CRIJSSEN" "DOOMBA" "KYBRA""YANDRA"
6 ML: 807, 809, 813, 822, 823, 825
: "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "POINT LOMA" (AT) 3 Auxiliaries "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) Melbourne: : 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" (Refitting) 1 Escorts Adelaide: : 1 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" (Refitting) 1 Escorts (11), ENEMY EORGES At 1842/20 enemy gun positions on the South coast Shortlan Buin Base 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. - Afternoon 21 April possible submarine was located by aircraft approx. 15 miles East of Cape St George. Cape St George During the night 20-21 April Rabaul was raided by 4 Mitchells Rabau A.M. 21 April supply and personnel areas on Matupi Is. and at Kabanga Bay (northern East coast Gazelle Peninsula

re attacked by 34 Dauntless 7 Pengers and 24 Mitchells Matupi Is. particularly, sever damage was inflicted. Rabaul (contd) Photos 21 April show Lakunai runway to be un serviceable with repairs in progress. Vunakanau and Tobera runways serviceable and Rapopo partially serviceable. At 1530/21 personnel area around Henry Reid river mouth Wide Bay was attacked by about 29 Beauforts. Results generally were unobserved. - At 0320/22 a possible submarine was reported 12 miles East of Lae Lae. Alexishafen-Hansa Bay - During the night 20-21 April 4 trucks near Bogia were strafed by PP 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 1500. 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 Hayoca strafed 2 barges underway in Hatzfeldt Harbour. At 0840/22 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 adendum) At 1000 and at 1400/22 huts and buildings at Angoram Sepik River 30 miles up Sepik River, were bombed and strafed by 2 flights which involved 4 Mitchells each. Enemy structures were destroyed. 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. 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 eaptured at Humboldt Bay. By 1000/22 both sides of the entrance to Jautefa Bay were occupied by our troops and tank from the Tanamerah landing our forces had reached Mariboe, approx. 12 miles towards Sentani Lake.
10. Noemfoor-Photos 21 April show 15 serviceable aircraft including 11 S/E fighters 3 T/E fighters 1 N/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. . 5 -

At 1100/22 1 small freighter anchored at Mapia was 11. Mapia Islands. strafed by a Patrol Navy Liberator after bombs had 4 similar small freighters attacked fallen nearby. during previous atrols were observed on the beach. NORTH WESTERN AREA (1) ALLIED FORCES 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: 2 AMS: "LATROBE" "PIRIE" 1 A/S: "WILCANNIA" 4 ML: 429, 809, 814, 815 2 YMS: 11, 72 "DUNDULA" "GEO.EASTMAN" "A.HILL" "MURADA" Escorts Merchan tment 5 "SCHWEDAGON" (11) ENEMY FORCES At 0849/21 a probable submarine was seen 140 miles 1. Arafura Sea -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 Selarce 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. 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" : "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739 Escorts 3 ML: 812, 824, 826 : "LARK" (AM) "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS) Auxiliaries 9 "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ISABEL" (PY)
"CHILDS" (AV) 1 ARD 2 YP: 286 2 YP: 286, 288 Exmouth Gulf: Auxiliaries 1 : "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) 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 - 6 -

some success but results are not yet fully 2. Puluwat (Contd) available. 3. Woleai - Preliminary reports relate that Woleai was again attakked by Souwespac Navy Liberators on 21 April but results are not yet to hand. - Enemy submarines appear active: D/F fixes 4. Marshalls-Carolines 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 an other 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. 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. ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, N.W. Dutch New Guinea 1. East Indies, Malaya and Kuriles. Increased use of submarines for transportation purposes in Marshalls-2. Bismarcks-Solomons. Continued use of barges and small coasters for coastal transportation 3. in forward areas. --- 000 ---- 7 -

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

			1. SOUTH AND	SOUTH WA	EST PACIFIC	
			ALLIED FO	DROES		ENEMY FORCES
			west Pacific ern Section)	Sou	th Pacific	
B			-		INDIANA	2
V(E)	O	IATOMA BAY IANILA BAY IORAL SEA IORKEGIDOR	SUWANNEE CHENANGO	(2)	BARNES PETROF BAY	-
A		USTRALIA HROPSHIRE			•	
T	N	OISE ASHVILLE HOENIX OBART		(8)	DENVER HONCLULU	-
	* 11	OBARY		n	ST LOUIS BIRMINGHAM MONT PELIER CLEVELAND LEANDER	
w/ovs	T	ANGIER		(3)	WRIGHT CHANDELEUR POCOMOKE	•
LAV/XCV	2	HALF MOON BAY HABLO HERON		(2)	BALLARD COOS BAY	•
<u>D</u>	ST VI AE AN	RRAMUNGA VART INDETTA INER READ MEN	MUIL ANY MURRAY NICHOLAS NICHOLSON O'BANNON PHILIP	Appr	ox. 30	•
	DA DA PL	CHE ALE LY SHIELL ETCHER LLE SPIE	RADFORD REID RINGGOLD ROE SAMPSON SIGSBEE			
* X	GR. HAI HOI HUI JOI	AYSON RRISON BBY PEWELL CCHINS IN HOGERS	SCHROEDER STEWBEL STEVENS STEVENSON STOCKTON SWANSON			
8 Y 2	KAJ LA	VALLETTE	TAYLOR			*

HCKEE

WALKER

ABBOTT

HUGHES

MUSTIN

LARDNER

NORMAN

ANDER SON

KIDD

WELLES

WILKES

ERBEN

HALE

BLACK

ELLET

RUSSEL

MORRIS

LANSDOWNE

CHAUNCEY BULLARD

M Non-effective

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

			ALLI	ED FORC	ES	ENEMY FORCES	3
		Southwest Profession Section S			South Pa		
<u></u>	(8)	BASHAW DACE BLACKFISH DARTH BLUEGILL FLOUR CERO MINGO	DER) On Pats	rol	•	10	
	(3)	SCAMP S.42 } At S.47	: Milne Bay				
	(2)	SILVERSIDES) A	Brisbane				
	(2)	K.9 K.12 }	t Sydney				
PT	App	rex. 85			Approx.	110 ?	
ADA APD	(27)	CEMTAURUS VIRGO	KANE (APD) GILMER SCHLEY SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS HERBERT TALBOT CROSBY NOA DENT DICKERSON KILTY WARD		13 APA 1 APD 6 AKA		
ACC		BLUE RIDGE			-		
AS	(3)	OTUS EURYALE GRIFFIN			•	•	
AD		DOBBIN			-		
AR	(3)	RIGEL PLA TYPUS AMYCUS			PROMETHE	AIRCRAFT	
LSD	(3)	CARTER HALL GUESTON HALL EPPING FOREST				Fighters (inc. 9 T/E Light & M/Bombers Torpedo & D/Brs. Flying Boats Floatplanes Obsn. A/c	71 66 2 1 27 20
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CA		ALLIED FORCES				ENEMY FORCES	
CA						(2) NACHI ASHIGARA	
CL		(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND				(3) ABUKUMA TAMA KISO	
DD		9				10	
SS							

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

•					dates Llippines	Emp	ire
BB	(17)	NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA NEW MEXICO TENNESSE	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO EARYLAND MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA IDAHO PENNSYLVANIA OKLAHOMA		•	(5)	YAMASHIRO ISE HYUGA MUSASHI MUTSU (probesunk)
CA	(7)	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON HORNET	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL		•		•
(L)	(7)	GOWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGELY INDEPENDENCE		•	(5)	RYUHO ZU IHO HITAKA HAYATARA TAIHO
CV(T)		-			•		нозно
CV(E)	(19)	COPAHEE PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU CASABLANCA ALLAMAHA WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY	FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY MEHENTA BAY KITKUN BAY OMMANEY BAY SAVO IBLAND RANEE			(6)	CHITOSE CHIYODA KAIYO JINYO OTAKA UNYO
<u>GA</u>	(13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORIEANS LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LANE CITY PORTLAND	(2)	MYOKO HAGURO		•
OCA		•			•		6
CL		SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	BILOXI OAKLAND RENO CONCORD	(5) KIN	YUBARI U NAGARA ISUZU OYODO		NATORI
CL(T)	•	-			KASHIMA		•
AV/CVS		CURTISS		(2)	AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO		•
Db		Approx. 120			15-20		20 (several repairing)
SS		Approx. 30			25		Approx. 25
AS	- Millian Colonia	?			?		2 (1 repairing)

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

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ENEMY PORCES

	outhwest Partern Se		Eas	tern Flee	t Area	Eas	t Indies-Malaya
BB	-		(4)	QUEEN EN VALIANT RENOWN RICHELIA		(5)	YAMATO NAGATO KONGO HARUNA FUSO
CV	•		(3)	ILLUSTR:		(2)	SHOKAKU
CV(E)	-		(5)	BATTLER UNICORN SHAH ATHELIN BEGUM	à		
<u>c.</u>	•		(4)	SUFFOLK SUSSEX LONDON CUMBERL	AND	(10)	ACBA MOGAMI ATAGO SUZUYA TAKAO KUMANO MAYA TONE CHOKAI CHIKUMA
CL	ADELAID	E	(8)	CEYLON KENYA GAMBIER NIGERIA	NEWCASTL DANAE TROMP EMERALD	E (4)	YAHAGI NOSHIRO OI KITAGAMI
CL(T)				•			KASHII
AV/CVS (2) CHILDS W.B. PRE	STON		ALBATRO	SS		•
XCL			(2)	CANEON CHITRAL			•
DD	-		App	rox. 27			30
SS (14)	BILLFISH BONEFISH CREVALLE COD FLASHER HADDO HAKE	HOE JACK PADDLE PARGO REDFIN ROBALO K.15	App On patr	rox. 15			18 (incl.7 German)
(12)	ANGLER BLUEFISH BOWFIN CABRILLA GUNNEL LAPON	NORWHAL PUFFER RASHER RATON RAY K.14	At Frem	antle			
<u>AS</u> (2)	PELIAS				Fig Lig Tor Fly Flo	hters ht &	M/Bombers 77 & D/Bombers enats

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PART I

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. 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.
"GOLD STAR" (AG) was to depart Langemak 1600/23 for Buna ETA 1800/24.

(2) "GOLD STAR" (AG) was to depart Langemak 1600/25 for Buna ETA 1800/24.

(3) "MCRESBY" (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" "BONEN" "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 operationland administrative control of N.O.I.C. New Guinea

(4) "ECHUCA" (AMS) to depart Calcumdra 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.

Auxiliaries

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"GILMER" "BROOKS" "KILTY" "DENT" "WARD" (APD)
"CARTER EALL" (LSD) "HOGAN" "LONG" "PERRY"
"HAMILTON" (DMS) "ORMSBY" "HARRY LEE"
"ZEILIN" "WINDSOR" "H.T.ALLEN" "KANIMBLA"
"MANOORA" "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 YT: 156 1 YP: 280

Tangemak: (Contd.)	•	"ALCOA POLARIS" "ANHUI" "ANSON BURLINGHAME"
Merchantmen	28	"ARKANSAS PASS" "E.D. BAKER" "D.F. BARRI" "BORGERED" "W. N. BYERS" "W.E. CHANNING" "L.L. DYCHE" "J. EVANS" "FORT DONELSON" "L.L. DYCHE" "J. EVANS" "KARSIK"
		"M.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 :		
Es c orts Auxiliaries	2	: 3 ML: 424, 428, 430 1 SC: 734 : "PANDA" "PORCUPINE" (IX)
Merchan tmen	12	"F.H.DODD" "GREY IA G" "A.B.HANMOND" "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 GA	"AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE"
	8 DD	"AMMEN" "ARUNTA" "GRAYSON" "MULLANY" "THORN" "NICHOLAS" "O'BANNON" "WARRAMUNGA"
Escorts	13	3 PF: "OGDEN" "VAN BUREN" "EL PASO"
		3 SC: 650, 737, 746 1 RC: 1122
Auxiliaries	11	"SANDS" (APD) "GANYMEDE" (AK) "PYRO" (AE) "SOLACE" (AH) "DOBBIN" (AD) "TRYON" (APH)
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		"B. MATTHEWS" "MONMOUTH" "W.H. MOODY" "T. NELSON" "NORAB" "OZARK" "S.G. PORTER" "H.T.RAINEY" "SOMMELSDIJCK" "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"
Combat Units	1 DD	: "VENDETTA"
	1 PF	. 7 DG . HQHANH
Escorts	31	9 SC: 698, 732, 735, 736, 738, 741, 742, 744, 982 4 AMS: "KAPUNDA" "GEELONG" "LITHGOW" "WAGGA"
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*******	29	8 ML: 425, 427, 431, 801, 802, 617, 618, 618, 618, 618, 618, 618, 618, 618
Auxiliaries	29	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" YAS) "KOOPA" (AGP) "RIGEL" (AR) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "WATO" (AT) "ST. MARYS" "CARONDOLET" "VILLALOBOS" (IX) "ALABA STER" (PYC "TASMAN" (AH) "MATAFELE" (AGS) "TEAK" (AN)
		"SUSQUEHANNA" "SHIKELLAMY" (AOG) "WHIPPOORWILL (AM) 3 AFD 2 ARD 1 YOG
• the street	81	3 YP: 278, 283, 449
Merchantmen	62	"GALUSO" "CAPE GANSO" "GAPE HENRY" "GAPE KILDARE" "J.C.GALHOUN" "CAPE ROMANO" "J.M.GAREY" "M.I.GASEY" "P.CHANDLER" "CHIRDENA" "F.J.CUNEL" "M.DALY" "G.DAVIDON"
		"J.DEERE" "DON MARQUIS" "A. S.DONIWAL" "F.A.EILERS" "F.EVERS" "H.EMERSON" "FAILEN TIMBERS"
		"FIRE ISLAND" "FREDERICKSBURG" "M.FULLER"

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Merchan tmen (Contd.)	, and the second	"H.I.HOYT" "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"
	9	"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" "YOCHOW"
Port Moresby:	42	
Escorts Merchantmen	3	: 1 ML: 426 : "CITY OF HOUSTON" "GEO.VON L.MEYER" "ED.N.WESTCOTT"
Thursday Is:	6.	
Escorts Auxiliaries	3	: 1 ML: 820 1 AMS: "BALBARRE" 1 SC: 731 : "POLARIS" (AGS)
airns:		
Escorts	. 5	: 1 AMS: "BALIARAT" 1 PS: "WARREGO" 1 PC: 479 2 ML: 804, 805
Auxiliaries	4	: "DUNTROON" (AP "PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD 1 YP: 291
Pownsville:		
Escorts Auxiliaries	1	: 1 PF: "BARCOO" : 1 YF: 233
Mackay: Auxiliaries	3	: "HERON" (AVP) 2 YF
Rockhampton: Auxiliaries	1	: 1 YP: 504
Brisbane: Escorts	10	: 6 AMS: "BROOME" "BUNBURY" "ECHUCA" "GLADSTONE" "MILDURA" "WHYAILA"
Auxiliaries	7	1 YMS: 70 8 ML: 808, 821 1 SG: 745 : "ALGORAB" (AKA) "KURUMBA" (AO) "CRIFFIN" (AS) "MAETSUYCKER" (AH) "KAILUA" (IX) "MIZAR" (AF) 1 YP: 236
Sydney:		
Combat Units	5 DD	: "HOBART" (Refitting) : "STUART" "NORMAN"
Escorts	16	: 6 AMS: "COOTAMUNDRA" "DELORAINE" "KATOOMBA" "KALGOORLIE" "TOWNSVILLE" "WARRNAMBOOL"
X. "		4 A/S: "AB.CRIJSSEN" "DOOMBA" "KYBRA" "YANDRA"
Auxiliaries	3	6 MLT 807, 809, 813, 822, 823, 825 "BISHOPDAIE" (AO) "POINT LOMA" (AT) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARE)
Melbourne: Escorts	1	: 1 AMS: "FREMANFLE" (Refitting)
Adelaide: Escorts	1	: 1 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" (Refitting)
		(11) ENEMY FORCES
1. Empress Augusta	Bay - Dr	uring the day ended 1500/22, an undetermined
number	of Japs w	were encountered N.E. of Torokina perimeter. uring 22April, Ibu village (22 miles N. of Came
but 4 s	hacks vis	
and no were in	aircraft progress	22 April shoe Borpop strip to be unserviceable present, although it was observed that repairs alter that day when fighters strafed trucks and
personn	el in the	airfield area. 22, Kavieng airfield was attacked by 38 Dauntless
10 Aven	gers. Th	ne runway and surrounding gun positions were
en 22 A	Namatans	i was shown to be still inoperative by photos
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a.m. 22 April Rapopo was attacked by 53 Dauntless, 24 3. Rabaul . Avengers and 43 fighter-bombers. Photos confirm 34 new craters in the runway rendering it unserviceable. Lakunai was bembed 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. Local sources report 22 April that east-bound traffic has increased in the Ubili area recently including some wellarmed 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. We enemy contact has been reported. 6. Alexishafen- Hansa Bay - In addition to air activity ever this coastal sector reported in yesterday's Summary No. 816, Palas Peint 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 Bostons. 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 tens) 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 Bostons which bombed and strafed from minimum altitude roads and trails leading out of Wewak.
At 0850/22 (shortly after the allied landing) the area S. 8. Aitape of Tadji strip was attacked by 6 Bostons 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 28 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 Maps were present at Altape 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 1630/23 Seleo Island was completely in our hands although some resistance was being met on a hill on Tumleo Island.

Bay - Available details of the landings at Humboldt Bay 9. Humboldt are set out in Maval 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 Depaper 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 mir 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 ravies N. of Hollandia strip. . Neemfoor 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 cut of a total of 22 planes on Kamiri and none on Mamber. Bombs are shown falling across both runways inflicting further damage. 2 small merchant ships a 2 small merchant ships are shown under way off Namber. . 5 -

At 1145/23, Namber trip was again 10. Noemfoor Island ontd.) bembed 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.

At about noon 23 April Nabire airfield was bombed by 11. Nabire -

4 Liberators as alternative target to Namber.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

ALL IED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1600/24:

- (1) "YMS's 11, 72" departed Darwin 1813/25 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.
- 6) 14 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Escorts

: 1 AMS: "PIRIE" 4 MLT 429, 809, 815, 814 : "DUNDULA" "MURADA"

Merchantmen 2

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1600/24:

are shown.

(1) "MAUNGANUI" (AH) departed Fremantle 1955/19 Eastbound.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat Units 1 CA : "CUMBERLAND" : "ADELAIDE" 1 CL "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739 Escorts 6 3 ML: 812, 824, 826 : "LARK" (AM) "IRION" "PELIAS" (AS) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ISABEL" (PY) "CHILDS" (AV) 1 ARD 2 YP: 286, 288 Auxiliaries 9 Exmouth Gulf: 1

Auxiliaries

: "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

1. Marianas-At midday 18 April Tenian and Saipan were subjected to reconnaissaone 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: I was destroyed and another probably destroyed. One Liberator is missing.
At 0100-0530/19 Moon, 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

ontd.) At 1112/23, an enemy bomber probably on reconnaissance was shot down / 185 miles S.W. of Truk by a 2. Truk (Contd.) patrol Liberator. Woleai - At 1200/22, an enemy patrol bomber was shot down 240
miles S.W. of Weleai by an Souwespac Navy Liberator.

Marshalls-Carolines - Erikub (adjacent to Wotje) and Aur (adjacent to Maleelap) Atolls have been occupied by U.S. forces. 3. Woleai -During 21 April Wotje was attacked by 20 Dauntless 11 Liberators, 2 Venturas, 19 Corsairs and 4 Hellcats dropping 392 tens 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. NAVAL INCIDENTS At 0645/22 the initial wave of a strong U.S. force landed 1. Aitape: at Wapil (just S.E. of Aitape), apparently without epposition. 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 Altape 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 Tablasoefa 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 the8-9 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 carge vessel (800 tons) was hit and left apparently out of control and one of the escort vessels was left burning. 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. Continued use of barges and small coasters for coastal transportation in forward areas. ----00000-----= 7 -

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

South Pacific (ERSTERN Section) BB (4) IDAHO NEW MEXICO PENNSTLVANIA INDIANA CV(E) (10) MATOMA BAY SANGAMON MANILA BAY SUWANNEE CORAL SEA CHEMARGO CORREGIDOR SANTEE BARNES PETROF BAY CL (2) AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE CL (4) BOISE MASSYVILLE PHOENIX HOBART AV/CVS TANGIER (3) COLUMBIA DENVER HOROLULU ST LOUIS BIRMINGHAM MONT PELLER CLEVELAND LEANDER AV/CVS TANGIER (3) WRIGHT CHANDELEUR POCOMOKE XAV/XCVS (3) HALF MOON SAN PABLO HERON (2) BALLARD COOS BAY		1. SOUTH AND SO	OUTH WEST PACIFIC	White
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1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

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	(3) SCAMP S.42 S.47	Milne Bay				
	(2) SILVERSIDES) A	t Brisbane				
	(2) K.9 K.12	Sydney				
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	ZEILIN ORMSBY	BROOKS HERBERT				
	WINDSOR	TALBOT				
	ELMORE	CROSBY NOA				
	ALGORAB (AKA) CENTAURUS	DENT DICKERSON				
	VIRGO	KILTY	W		3.1	
	TITANIA	WARD				
AGC	BLUE RIDGE	B. Carr			-	
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-				ASHIGAR	1	
<u>CL</u>	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND			(3) ABUKUMA TAMA KISO		
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3. CEMPRAL PACIFIC

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BB	(14)	ICWA 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
CV	(7)	ENTER PRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON HORNET	IMTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL		•		•
OA(F)	(7)	BELLEAU WOOD	CABOT LANGLEY INDEPENDENCE		•	(5)	RYUHO HAY BYBYBYB ZUIHO THIHO HITAKA
CV(T)		-			•		нозно
CV(E)	(19)	COPAHEE PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU CASABLANCA ALTAMAHA WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY	HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY MEHENTA BAY KITKUN BAY OMMANEY BAY SAVO ISLAND		•	(6)	CHITOSE CHIYODA KAIYO JINYO OTAKA UNYO
<u>CA</u>	(13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS LOUISVILLE	RANEE MINNEA POLIS PENSACOLA INDIANA POLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND	Ţ.	•		
OCA		•					6
CL	(8)	SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	BILOXI OAKLAND RENO COMCORD	(5)	YUBARI KINU NAGARA ISUZU OYODO	n i	NATORI
CL(T)		**			KASHIMA		•
AV/CVS		CURTISS		(2)	AKTTSUSHIMA NOTORO		-
DD		Apprex. 120			15-20		20 (several repairing)
SS		Apprex. 30			25		Approx. 25
		?			?		2 (1 repairing)

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5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

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В		(QUEEN ELI VALIANT RENOWN RICHELIEU			Yamato Nagato Kongo Haruna Fuso		
OV.	-		(2)	ILLUSTRIC SARATOGA	OUS		SHOKAKU ZUIKAKU		
CV(E)	-	*	(5)	BATTLER UNICORN SHAH ATHELING BEGUM			•		
GA	•		(4)	SUFFOLK SUSSEX LONDON CUMBERLA	MD	(12)	ATAGO TAKAO MAYA	SUZUYA KUMANO TOME CHIKUMA HAGURO MYOKO	
CL	ADELAIDE	3	(8)	CEYLON KENYA GAMBIER NIGERIA	NEWCASTLE DANAE TROMP EMERALD	(4)	YAHAGI NOSHIRO OI KITAGAM		
CL(T)							KASHII		
AV/CVS	(2) CHILDS W.B.PRI	eston		ALBATROS	S		•		
XCL	-		(2)				-		
D			Apr	prox. 27			30		
88	(14) BILLFI BONEFI CREVALI COD FLASHE HAKE HARDER	SH JACK) LE PADDLE) PARGO) R REDFIN) ROBALO		patrol			18 (inc	1.7 Germa	n)
	(13) ANGLER BLUEFI BOWFIN CABRIL GUNNEL HADDO LAPON	SH PUFFER RASHER LA RATON	}	t Fremant	le				
¥	(2) PELIAS ORION	3				Fight Light Torpo	ters t & M/Bo edo & D/ ng Boats	Bombers	82
						Floa	tplanes		23

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

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PART I

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.
 "GOLD STAR" (AG) was to depart Langemak 1600/23 for Buna ETA 1800/24. (2)
- (3) "MORESBY" (AGS) departed Milne Bay 0700/9 on survey duty.
- (4)
- (5) (6)
- (7)
- "FREDERICK BILLINGS" aground on Veale Reef.
 "LYMAN BEECHER" aground in Raven Channel.
 "PC's 477, 1119, 1131" on A/S patrol South China Strait.
 "STRAHAN" (AMS) departed Townsville 1600/23 for Milne Bay ETA 0900/26.
 "CALAMARES" (AF) departed Brisbane 0200/24 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/28. (8)
- "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.
- "SPRINGDALE" (YDG) with tow proceeding Cairns ETA 26 April.
- (2) "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 Harl	nou	Note: Special operations movements not shown.
Admiralties: Combat Units Escorts	4 DD	"BARNES" "FETROF BAY" "PHOENIX" "BOISE" "PHILIP" "DALY" "BEALE" "EUTCHINS" 6 DE: "ACREE" "BARON" "LEVY" "PARKS" "SPANGLER" "ENGLAND" 1 FF: "GASCOYNE" 5 AMS: "ARARAT" "BENDIGO" "EOWEN" "CASTLEMAINE"
Auxiliaries	20	"KIAMA" 7 YMS: 8, 10, 46, 47, 48, 51, 335 1 SC: 747 1 FC: 1132 "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "TANGIER" (AV) "LEOBARD" "MINE" (IX) "YUNNAN" (AE) "PRESIDENT POLE" (AP) "CACAPON" "CHIKASKIA" "ESCAMBIA" "VICTORIA" (AO) "CHIKASKIA" "ESCAMBIA" "VICTORIA" (AO) "PATHFINDER" "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) "COUCAL" (ASR) "POYANG" (ASIS) "ARARID" "MINTAKA" (AK)
Merchantmen	21	"MERKUR" (AF) "J.BARBOSA" J.P.BRADLEY" "J.C.BRADY" "CHTEF 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 Escorts Auxiliaries	1 DD 2 12	"SAMPSON" 1 PC: 1134 1 SC: 699 "HILO" (AGP) "PRES. ADAMS" "PRES. HAYES" "PRES. JACKSON" (AP) "ELMORE" "WAYNE" (APA) "TITANIA" "AQUARIUS" (AKA) "GAMBLE" "SOUTHARD" "PRUITT" "TRACY" (DM)
Talasea: Combat Units Saidor: Combat Units Escorts Merchantmen Langemak: Combat Units	13 PT 10 PF wi 2 3 1 GL 29 DD	th 1 LST acting as AGP :1 AMS: "GLEMELG" 1 PC: 1133 : "TIMOSHENKO" "D.F.BARRY" "M.C.KERR" : "NASHVILLE" : "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"
Escorts	3 5	"RINGGOLD" "WELLES" "WILKES" "VENDETTA" 2 DE: "LOVELACE" "MANNING" 4 PF: "COROMADO" "GLENDALE" "LONGBEACH" "SAN PEDRO" 4 AMS: "GYMPIE" "STAWELL" "CONRA" "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 "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "HUMPHREYS" "HERBERT"
Auxiliaries	41	"PORTUNUS" (AGP) "HUMPHREYS" "HERBERT" "DICKER SON" "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.AILEN" "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" (APA) "CENTAURUS" (AKA "AASE MAERSK" (AO) "TRIAMGULUM" "BOOTES" "ETAMIN" (AK) "OCTANS" (AF) "BAYOU ST. KOHN" "SONOMA" "RESERVE" (AT) "TULSA" (PG) "CHETCO
		(AT) "ANDREW DORIA" (IX) 1 YOG 1 YT: 156
		1 YP: 280 2

Langemak: (Contd.)		: "ANHUI" "ANSON BURLIN AME" "ARKANSAS PAS
mer chantmen		"E.D.BAKER" "BORGFRED" "J.BUCHANAN"
		"W. N. BYERS" "W.E. CHANNING" LL. DYCHE"
		"J.EVANS" "FORT DONELSON" "R.F.HAND" "HAWAIAN 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" "SOMMELSDIJCK" "W.C.SQUIRE" "L.STEWART"
		"A. THOMAS" "TJISADANE" "K.D. WIGGIN"
Lae:		"D.WRIGHT"
Escorts	3	: 2 ML: 428, 430 1 SC: 734
Auxiliaries Merchantmen	11	PANDA" (IX)
Mer Chan then	TI	"O.KEILY" "MANA" "J.ROSS" "J.A.ROSSITER"
		"M. M. STEWART" "M. WALKER" "F.R. WARDWELL"
Morobe:		"A.E.WATTS"
Auxiliaries	1	: "BENAILA" (AGS)
Buna-Oro Bay: Combat Units	2 CA	* "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE"
Ochodo oni	8 DD	: "AMMEN" "ARUNTA" "GRAYSON" "MULLANY" "THORN"
Escorts	8	"NICHOLAS" "D'BANNON" "NARRAMUNGA"
- Magar as	Ø	: 4 DE: "J.E.CRAIG" "MEUENDORF" "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 NO" (ASIS) 1 ARD
Merchantmen	31	: "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "BALIKPAPAN" "J.HALL"
		"D.BELASCO" "J.BURROUGHS" "CAPE CANSO"
		"S .L.CLARKE" "DEFIANCE" "P.T.DOEDRIDGE" "D.D.FIELD" "G.R.HEBARD" "D.HEWES"
		"P.C. HEWITT" "ISOLATOR" "J. A. JOHNSON"
		"KATOONBA" "J.LYKES" "HOMMOUTH" "W.V.MOODY" "T.NELSON" "NORAB" "H.T.RAI NEY"
		"A.ROBINSON" "RING LARDNER""N.J.SINNOTT"
		"W.L.SUBJETTE" "SWARTENHONDT" "T.W.SYMONS" "H.V.WHITE" "J.E.WING" "GEC.WYTHE"
Kiriwina Is:		a contract of the contract of
Merchantmen Goodenough Island:	2	: "Janssens" "General, Vehspijck"
Merchan tmen	2	: "HANYANG" "S.G. PORTER"
ne Bay:	1 DD	: "VENDETTA
	1 PT	
Escorts	31	: 1 PS: "SHAN"
		9 SC: 698, 732, 735, 736, 738, 741, 742, 744, 982
		4 AMS: "KAPUNDA" "GEELONG" "LITHGON" "NAGGA"
		2 PC: 1121, 1123 7 YMS: 49, 50, 52, 71, 315, 316, 336
Anni I dani a a	32	8 ML: 425, 427, 431, 801, 802, 817, 818,819
Auxiliaries	36	"TALBOT" (APD) "GENERAL JOHN POPE" (AP) "HALF MOCN" (AVP) "OTUS" "EURYALE" (AS)
		"KOOPA" (AGP) "RIGEL" (AR) "AMYOUS" (ARL)
		"WATO" (AT) "ST. MARYS" "CAROMDOLET" "PORCUPIES" "VILLALOBOS" (IX) "ALABASTER" (PY)
		"TASMAN" (AH) "MATAFELE" (AGS) "TEAK" (AN)
		"OGLAGA" (ARG) "CAMBRIAH SALVOR" (ARS) "POLLUX" (AKS) "SUSQUEHANNA" "SHIRELLAMY"
		(AOG) "WHIPPOCRWILL" (AN) 3 AFD 2 ARD
Merchan tmen	75	1 YOG 3 YP: 278, 283, 449 "H.L.ABBOTT" "ALCOA POLARIS" "S.BRANNON"
and a wasself office II	10	"BUFFALOW WALLOW" "E.A. HRYAN" "CALUSO"
		"CAPE HENRY" "CAPE KILDARE" "J.C.GALHOUN"
	9	"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 "F.A.EILERS" "F.EVERS" "H.EMERSON"
"EMPIRE HAMBLE" "FAIR ISLE" "FAILEN TIMBERS"
"FIRE ISLA MD" "FREDERICKSBURG" "M.FULLER"
"GAUNFLET" "GRANDE RONDE" "J.HALL"
"H.I.HOYT" "THOS.JEFFERSON" "JUAN PABLO (Contd.) DUARTE" "L.S.KELLY" "KOTA BAROE" "KOTA GEDE" DUARTE" "L.S.KELLY" "KOTA BAROE" "KOTA GEDE"
"N.LUCKENBACH" "F.B.LINDERMANN" MACKAY"
"A.MAJOR" "J.S.MANSFIELD" "C.H.MATSON"
"MAUI" "J.B.MCPHERSON" "MOLING DEL RAY"
"H.MONROE" "B.T.OSBORNE" "ORMISTON"
"JOEL PALMER" "POINT SAN PEDRO" "POLAND
VICTORY" "G.H.PORTER" "F.QUINOMES"
"A.FEHAN" "M.ROBERTSON" "SABINE SUN"
"S.H.SHORT" "SEA SCAMP" "O.SKINNER" "TAWALI"
"TECUMSEH" "TWO HARBOURS" "TUNG SONG"
"S.TURMAN" "GEO.VANCOLVER" "VAN OURHORM" "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 ML: 426 : "GEO.VON L.MEYER" "ED.N.WESTCOTT" Merchan tmen rsday Is: Escorts : 1 ML: 820 1 SC: 731 "POLARIS" (AGS) Auxiliaries Cairns: : 1 AMS: "BALLARAT" 1 PS: "WAR 1 PO: 479 2 ML: 804, 805 : "DUNTROON" (AP) "PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 PS: "WARREGO" Escorts 5 Auxiliaries 4 1 ARD 1 YP: 291 Townsville: Escorts : 1 PF:"BARCOO" Auxiliaries : 1 YP: 233 Mackay: Auxiliaries : "HERON" (AVP) 3 2 YT Rockhampton: Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YP: 504 Brisbane: : 5 AMS: "BROOME" "BUNBURY" "ECHUCA"
"GLADSTONE" "MILDURA" Escorts 1 YMS: 70 2 ML: 808, 821 1 SC: 745 : "ALGORAB" (AKA) "KURUMBA" (A0) "GRIFFIN" (AS) "MAET SUYCKER" (AH) "KAILUA" (IX) Auxiliaries 6 1 YT: 236 Sydney: : "HOBART" (Refitting) : "STUART" "NORMAN" Combat Units 1 CL 2 DD : 6 AMS: "COOTAMUNDRA" "DELORALME" "KATOOMBA"
"KALGOORLIE" "TOWNSVILLE" "WARRNAMBOOL" 16 Escorts 4 A/S: "AB.CRIJSSEN" "DOOMBA" "KYBRA" "YANDRA" 6 ML: 807, 809, 813, 822, 823, 825 "BISHCPDALE" (AO) "POINT LOMA" (AT) Auxiliaries 3 "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) felbourne: : 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" (Refitting) Escorts 1 delaide: : 1 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" (Refitting) Escorts 1 (11) ENEMY FORCES At 0855/24 a possible submarine was seen by aircraft 30 miles South of West Cape. . Choiseul impress Augusta Bay - During the 24 hours ended 1500/23 minor enemy contacts were made in the areas East and N.E. of the perimeter. a.m. 24 April a barge carrying personnel was sunk by aircraft just South of Muma Numa. Numa Numa -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

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runways at iskunsi, Vurstanau and lobers all tobe labaul (Conte.) serviceable with one twin-engined fighter or racce plane on Vunakarau and one fighter on each of the other two fields: Rerayat was unserviceable: Hapopo was not covered. Photographic coverage the same day showed the usual two stall freighters in the harbour, 4 oil barges and just over 2 other barges. 2 of the oil barges appeared for the first time on 20 April and 2 additional on 23 April.

5. Open Bay - p.m. 2 April the Japs at Pandi Riankakian Hiver mouth forced the river and departed the nest day towards Toriru leaving a few behind to guard stores.

Local sources report that on all April thece were no Japa left at Tandi. 6. Madang - Photos 22 April show that all serviceable juns had been removed from the gun pita. bullman Passage (off adang) was recomboitred a.m. 7. Alexishafen-Fansa may: - In addition to the aircreaft reported in vesterday's Summar, 817 as involved in coastal sweeps on 23 April are 9 Sitchells, 40 postons and 16 Sircobras. Fotal aircraft involved in the Hansa bay strike 43 April numbered 16 Liberators, Si sitchells, 32 sestens. Coastal sweeps were continued on it april on a similar scale and in addition the remaining stores and personnel areas eround hanse may were attacked 33 -1 30/24 by approx. 20 (Aberators, 40 ditchells, 75 lostons. he flight of Witchells encountered A/A from a position at Wigan Herbour and promptly demeliahed this position with direct hits by 75 mm. shells. The total sircraft involved in the strike all April reported 6. Kewak in Jummary 817 numbered, 45 liberators and 46 Lostons. at amprox. 1 /24 the four leve sirficles were again attacked by 46 liberators drop, ing 176 x 8, 1 lb. bombs keeping all strips unserviceable. Preliminary reports indicate that the escape trails from Newak and Dagua were also bombed and strafed but no details are available. There is nothing further to report in the ground situation d. Witape at Altape. The Taiji south strip was in operation for our sireraft on 25 april. 10. Hollandia - In the himboldt Bay sector the N.D. and heat sides of Jautefa Bay were in our hands by 15. /2% - the day of the landing. Hollandin town was occupied 25 April and by 14 /25 our troops had advanced 5 miles along the rose from Pim (central South coast Soutefa Bay) to the Cyclops alrifield.

Later intelligence indicates that our forces 2 miles from the East and of Sentani Lake. In the Tanshmerah Bay sector our troops had advanced we the road to within a miles of the our troops had advanced up the road to within 5 miles of the Hollandia drome by 14 /23. Only slight resistance has been encountered although aircraft report that there are many Japs in two of the revines Borth of the Hollandia airfield. Enemy casualties reserted number only 25 Japa killed in the Musboldt bay sector by 150 /22. In addition, however, 15 5ikhs, 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 enery bomber raided one of the Humboldt may beachheads and scored a lucky hit starting a serious fire and destroyin, a considerable quantity of stores. 11. Biak (Northern Oselvink Say) - Delayed interpretation of photos taken 7 April show 3 runways forming an airfield at or near Lorido (South coast Bigh Tsland). The lest runway was completed and the other two under construction. 8 fighters and 8 bosbers were present.
At 1621/24 a reconnaissance aircraft sighted 13 unidentified twin-engined aircraft 4b miles 8.8. of High Island heading east. He report of any raid has been received but these aircraft may have been heading for Hollandia. - 5 -

- At 1733/84 Eastri was be led by 13 ... iberators. 12. Hoemfoor Tala The strip and dispersal areas were well covered: & 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 interseption.

13. Manokwari - Recommaissance Liberators over Manokwari area at approx. 133 /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.

at 1334/24 an enemy four-engined flying bost was shot down 14. Mapia by a Pavy recommaissance Liberator 11 miles how, of Empis.

D. MURTH ABSTRAGE AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Bes to 167 /25:

(1) "INVERENT" (ASS) escorting Convoy TD.53("ALAGRA" "G.D.S.TOB" "AUSTICAL CHASE") departed Thursday Island 1845/28 for Darwin ETA 1450/27.

(2) "LAPROBE" (ARS) excerting Convey Dr. 58 "2 WV) departed Darwin 0500/24 for Thursday Island BTS 0830/28.
(3) "YES's 11,72" departed Darwin 1815/25 for Exmouth Gulf BTA 0700/28 thence frematle.

(4) 14 submerines on patrol.

(b) In Earbour:

Darwin: : 1 ALB: "DIRIE" 4 WIT 430, 800, 815, 814 : "DUEDSTA" "MERADA" Escorts Serchan tuen

Drysdals: . "BILGASHIA" (A/S) Seorts : "OSU.BALIBAN 1 Merchantsien

(11) SNEWY FORGES

1. Davao - At 060 /83, 5 small cargo vessel with 1 escert vessel sere observed in Davao Sulf on southerly course. At 0830/23, 6 small cargo vessels with 3 escort vessels were observed also in Daveo Gulf on northerly course.

3. SATTH VENTER ANDA

AL IND FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1600/25:

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(b) In Harbour:

Fremuntle: : "CUNTERLIBAND" 1 CA Combat Chits * "ADELALDE" 1 01 "HERBEAH" "DUBBO" (ASS) 1 80: 739 6 Escorts 3 Mg: 818, 884, 826 : "LAGE" (AE "ORIOS" "PELIAS" (A8) Auxiliaries "CHARTICERER" (ASR) "ISABEL" (FY)
"CRIDS" (AV) 1 AND 2 TP: 286, 288 Exmouth Gulf: : "A.B. Willistos" (AVD) Adailiarios 1

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. At 1030/23, the supply area at the Woleai airfield was 2. Wolesi 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 All our aircraft returned although one made an shot down. emergency water landing. - On 22April, Ponape airfields were attacked by 5 Cenpac Ponape Mitchells. On the same day, a submarine was seen by aircraft 330 miles North of Ponape. 4. Marshalls - During p.m. 22 April Notje 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. MAVAL INCIDENTS Hollandia Arsa 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 Some enemy planes were met airborne: 9 twin-engined and 21 April. 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 erwiser 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. 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, - 7 -

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

		ALLIE	D FORCES	ENEMY FORCES
	Southwest Paci (Eastern Secti	fic on)	South Pacific	The state of the s
BB	IMDIANA	HI 20	(3) IDAHO NEW NEXICO PENNSYLVANI	-
CV(E)	(10) NATOMA BAY MANILA BAY CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR BARNES	Sangamon Suwannee Chenango Santee Petrof Bay	-	•
CA	(2) AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE		-	_
<u>CL</u>	(4) BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX HOBART		(8) COLUMBIA DENVER HONOLULU ST. LOUIS BIRMINGHAM MONT PELIER CLEVELAND LEANDER	
AV/CVS	TANGIER		(3) WRIGHT CHANDELEUR POCOMOKE	-
KAV/XCVS	(3) HALF MOON SAN PABLO HERON		(2) BALLARD COOS BAY	•
	WARRAMUNGA ISTUART FURTH PER CASSIN STUART SAME NEAD SAM		Approx. 35	
	LA VALLETTE LA MCKEE AL MULLANY EN MURRAY HA NICHOLAS BU NICHOLSON BU O'BANNON MC	USTIN ARDNER NDERSON RBEN ALE ULLARD LACK ERRIS		
	BADTIONELL EL	AND SDOWN E LET USSEL	- 1 -	

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

	Southwest Pa	ALLIED FO	RCES	ENEMY FORCES
	(Eastern Sec		South Pacifi	ie
55	(8) BASHAW DACE BLACKFISH DARTH BLUEGILL FLOU CERO MING	NDER)	-	10
	(3) SCAMP) At S.42) At	Milne Bay		
	10402	At Brisbane		
	(2) K.9 K.12 } At	Sydney		
PT	Approx. 35		Approx. 110	?
AAA) APD)	(29) H.T.ALLEN (APA) KAN IMBLA MANOORA WESTRALIA HARRY LEE ZEILIN ORMSBY WINDSOR BIMDHE WAYNE ALGORAB (AKA) CENTAURUS VIRGG TITANIA AQUARIA	KANE (APD) GILMER SCHLEY SAMDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS HERBERT TALBOT CROSBY NOA DENT DICKERSON KILTY WARD	13 APA 1 APD 6 AKA	
AGC	BLUE RIDGE		-	- G
AS	(3) OTUS EURYALE GRIFFIN		-	-
AD	DOBBIN		-	
•	(3) RIGEL, PLATYPUS AMYOUS		PROMETHEUS	••
LSD	(3) CARTER HALL GUNSION HALL EPPING FOREST		F1 (; L; To: F1; F1	RCRAFT: ghters inc.9 T/E) 75 % M/Bombers 48 rpedo & D/Brs. 2 ying Boats 1 oatplanes 27 sn A/C 14
		2. NORTHERN PA	CIFIC	
	ALLIED FORCES		EM	MY FORCES
6	-		(2)	NACHI ASHIGARA
CL	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND		(3)	ABUKUMA TAMA KISO
DD	9		10	
SS	10		App	prox. 4

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

•					ndates Hippines	Emp	oire
BB	(14)	NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA OKLAHOMA		•	(5)	YAMASHIRO ISE HYUGA MUSASHI MUTSU (prob. sunk)
CV		ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON HORNET	IMTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL		***		-
GA(T)	(7)	COWFENS BEILEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGELEY INDEPENDENCE		-	(5)	RYUHO ZUIHO HITAKA HAYATAKA TAIHO
CV(T)		-			4		HOSHO
CV(E)	(19)	COPAHEE PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU CASABLANCA ALTAMAHA WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY	FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALIMIN BAY KITKUN BAY MEHENTA BAY OLMANEY BAY SAVO ISLAND RANEE		~	(6)	CHITOSE CHIYODA KAIYO JINYO OTAKA UNYO
<u>CA</u>		BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY POPTLAND				-
OCA			-		- 1		6
CL		a a si	BILOXI OAKLA ND RENO CONCORD	(5)	YUBARI KINU NAGARA ISUZU	R	NATORI
CL(T)		-			KASHIMA		-,
AV/CVS	C	URTISS		(2)	AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO		-
DD	A	pprox. 120			15-20		20 (several repairing)
SS	A	pprox. 30			25		Approx. 25
AS		?			?		2 (1 repairing)

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

<u>CL</u> TRENTON

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5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Sout.	hwest Pacific tern Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Malaya
ВВ		(4) QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN RICHELIEU	(5) YAMATO NAGATO KONGO FUSO HARUNA
CV	-	(2) ILLUSTRIOUS SARATOGA	(2) SHOKAKU ZUIKAKU
CV(E)	-	(5) BATTLER UNICORN SHAH ATHELING BEGUM	-
8	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 M KITAGAMI
CL(T)			KASHII
AV/CVS (2)	O CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	
XCL	-	(2) CANTON CHITRAL	
DD		Approx. 27	30
	BILLFISH HOE BONEFISH JACK CREVALLE PADDLE COD PARGO FLASHER RAY HAKE REDFIN HARDER 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	Fig Lig Tor Fly Flo	CRAFT (East Indies only) hters 138 ht & M/Bombers 82 pedo & D/Bombers - ing Boats atplanes 43 n A/e 23

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

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PART I.

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES.

(a) At Sea to 1600/26:

- "BENDIGO" "KLAMA" (AMS) departed Manus Island 0700/25 for Langemak. $\binom{1}{2}$
- "PC.1132" was to depart Langemak for Hilne Bay on arrival "GEELONG" at Langemak at about 0730/26
- "MORESBY" (AGS) departed Milne Bay 0700/9 on survey duty. (3)

- "FREDERICK BILLINGS" aground on Veale Reef.
 "LYMAN BEECHER" aground in Ravel Channel: "FIRE ISLAND" (AT)
 standing by to assist.
 "SWAN" (PS) "LITHGOW" (A'S) "PC.1131" on A/S Patrol South China (6)
- Strait. "BARCOO" (PF) departed Townsville 1720/25 for Milne Bay ETA 1100/27.
- (7) (8) "CALAMARES" (AF) departed Brisbane 0200/24 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/28
- "BUNGARRE" (CM) departed Townsville 0826/22 for vicinity Great North
- (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 "line Bay
- ETA 1300/29. (12) "WHYALLA" (AMS) departed Calcundra 2200/24 on Sandy Cape A/S patrol.

(13) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

- "STAWELL" "BOWEN" "GYMPIE" "CASTLE MAINE" (AMS) to return Milne Bay on relief ("COWRA" "KIAMA" "BENDIGO" (AMS) arriving) (1)
- "ECHUCA" "COLAC" (AMS) escorting one submarine to depart Caloundra (2) 1700/26 for Milne Bay
- "KATOOMBA" (AMS) to depart Sydney when ready for lilne Bay via Brisbane after 25 April. On arrival to come under (3) 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 Guinia.

Mote: Special operational movements not shown.

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Admiralties:		HT PERT AND H
Combat Units	1 BB	"INDIANA" "BARNES" "PETROF BAY
_ ^	S CAE	"PHOENIX" "BOISE"
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	2 CL 6 DD	"PHILIP" "DALY" "BEALE" "HUTCHINS" "PRITCHETT"
100	טע ס	"CASSIN"
	22 PT	OBDOTM
Escorts	19	: 8 DE: "ACREE" "BARON" "LEVY" "PARKS" "ENGLAND"
ESCOLOS.	10	"SPANGLER" "GREINER" "CLOVES"
		1 PF: "GASCOYNE"
		2 AMS: "ARARAT" "BOWEN"
		7 TMS: 8, 10, 46, 47, 48, 51, 335
4.		1 30: 747
Auxiliaries	21	: "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "SAN PABLO" (AVP)
	X	"TANGIER" (AV) "LEOPARD" "MINK" (IX) "LASSEN" (AE
	1	"YUNNAN" (AE) "PRESIDENT POLK" (AP) "CACAPON"
		"CHIKASKIA" "ESCAMBIA" "VICTORIA" (AO)
		"EPFING FOREST" "GUNSTON HALL" (LSD)
	79	"PATHFINDER" "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) "COUCAL" (ASR)
		"POYANG" (ASIS) "ARARED" "MINFAKA" (AK)
		"MERKUR" (AF)
Merchantmen	19	: "J.EARBOSA" "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" "MORMACGULL" "MORMACSEA"
	4	"POBLAU LAUP" "RAMO" "J.M. THOMPSON"
Agencia Calculation and American		"M. THORNTON" "S. M. WHITE" "W. WILLIAMS"
Cape Gloucester:	9 000	- Bassingowii
Combat Units	1 DD	: "SAMPSON"
Escorts	2	: 1 PC: 1124 1 SC: 699 : "HILO" (AGF) "PRES. ADAMS" "PRES. HAYES"
Auxiliaries	12	"HILO" (AMF) "PRES. ADAMS" "MES. MAIRS"
		"FRES. JACKSON" (AP) "ELMORE" "WAYNE" (APA)
		"TITANIA" "AQUARIUS" (AKA) "GAMBLE" "SOUTHARD" "FRUITT" "TRACY" (DM)
Melacos.		-FROITT TRACE (DM)
Talasea: Combat Units	13 PT	
Saidor:		
Combat Units	10 PF W	ith 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	: "MASHVILLE"
	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" "WELLE S" "WILKES" "VENDETTA"
Escorts	36	: 2 DE: "LCVELACE" "MANNING"
		5 PF: "CORONADO" "GLENDALE" "LONGBEACH"
		"SAN PEDRO" "EL PASO"
		6 AMS: "GEELONG" "GOULBURN" "STAWELL" "COWRA"
		"CASTLEMAINE" "BUNDABERG"
		7 YMS: 9, 53, 78, 313, 314, 334, 393
		3 PG: 476. 1120. 1134
		3 ML: 424, 806, 816 10 SC: 637, 648, 650, 703, 742, 743, 746,
		16 36: 637, 648, 650, 703, 742, 743, 746,
	42	748, 750, 981
Auxiliaries	42	: "FORTUNUS" (AGP) "HUMPHREYS" "HERBERT"
6		"PICKER SON" "NOA" "CROSBY" "SCHLEY" "KANE"
1		"GILMER" "BROOKS" "KILTY" "DENT" "WARD" (APD)
		"CARTER BALL" (LSD) "HOGAN" "LONG" "PERRY"
		"HANTLTON" (DMS) "ORMSBY" "HARRY"LEE"
		"ETILIN" "WINDSOR" "H.T. ALLEN" "KANIMBLA"
		"MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" (APA) "CENTAURUS" (AKA) "SANGAY" (AE) "AASE MAERSK" (AO "TRIANGULUM"
		"FOOTER HEMANTH! (AN) HOAVOT OF TOUR!
		"BOCTES" "ETAMIN" (AK) "BAYOU ST. JOHN" "SONOMA" "RESERVE" (AT" "TULSA" PG)
		DURUMA RESERVE (AT TULISA PU)

Langemak (Contd.)	
Auxiliaries ((Cont	: "CHETCO" (AT) "AMYCUS" RL) "ANDREW DORIA" (IX
Merchantmen	30	1 YOG: 1 YT: 156 1 YP: 280 ""ANSON BURLINGHAME" "ARKANSAS PASS" "E.D.BAKER" "J.BALL" "BORGFRED" "J.BUCHANAN" "N.BYERS" "W.E.CHANBING" "L.L.DYCHE" "J.EVANS"
•		"FORT DONELSON" "HAWAIAN SEIPPER" "D.E. HUGHES" "KARSIK" "W.S.LADD" "J.H.LANE" "MACTAN" "B.MATTHEWS" "MOBILGAS" "S.G. POETER" "OZARK"
Lae:		"URIAH M.ROSE" "SEA FLASHER" "J.SINGER" "SOMMELSDIJCK" "W.C.SQUIRE" "A.THOMAS" "TJISADANE" "K.D.WIGGIN" "D.WRIGHT"
Escorts	3	: 2 ML: 428, 430 1 SG: 734
Auxiliaries	1	: "PANDA" (IX)
Merchantmen	11	"MANA" "J.ROSS" "J.A.ROSSITER" "M.M.STEWART" "M.WALKER" "F.R.WARDWELL" "A.E.WATTS"
Morobe: Auxiliaries	1	: "BENALLA" (AGS)
Buna-Oro Bay:		· DEMALLA (ASS)
Compat Units	2 CA 8 DD	"AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE" "AMMEN" "ARUNTA" "GRAYSON" "MULLANY" "THORN" "NICHOLAS" "O'BANBON" "WARRAMUNGA"
Escorts	10	* 4 DE: "J.E.CRAIG" "NEUENDORF" "EICHEMBERGER"
		2 PF: "OGDEN" "VAN BUREN" 1 PC: 1122
A	4.2	3 SC: 735, 737, 741
Auxiliaries	13	"SANDS" (APD) "GANYMEDE" (ACC) "MEDUSA" (AR)
		"SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG) "PYRO" (AE) "SOLACE" (AH) "DOBBIN" (AD) "TRYON" (APH) "PING WO" (ASIS)
Merchan tmen	3 5	"J.BURROUGES" "CAPE CANSO" "S.L.CLARKE"
		"R.F. HAND" "HANYANG" "G.R. HEBARD" "D. HOWES"
		"P.C. HEWITT" "ISOLATOR" "JANSSENS" "J.A. JOHNSO N' "KATOOMBA" "J.LYKES" "MONMOUTH" "W.V. MOODY" "T. NELSON" "NORAB" "ORMISTON" "H.T. RAINEY" "PAUL REVERE" "RING LANDNER" "A. ROBINSON"
Goodoney sh. Ta		"N.J.SINNOTT" "W.L.SUBJETTE" "SWARTENHONDT" "T.W.SYMONS" "H.V.WHITE" "J.E.WING" "GEO.WYTHE"
Goodenough Is:	3	: "J.W. MELDRUM" "S.G. PORTER" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK"
Combat Units	1 DD	: "VENDETTA"
Escorts	27 PT	. 6 SC . 609 F39 F76 F70 F74 000
		: 6 SC: 698, 732, 736, 738, 744, 982 4 AMS: "KAPUHDA" "GYMPIE" "STRAHAN" "WAGGA" 2 PC: 1121, 1123
Auriliania	27	7 YMS: 49, 50, 52, 71, 315, 316, 336 8 ML: 425, 427, 801, 802, 803, 817, 818, 819 "TALBOT" (APD) "GENERAL JOHN POPE" (AP)
Auxiliaries	31	"HALF MOON" (AVP) "CTUS" "EURYALE" (AS) "KOOPA" (AGP) "RIGEL" (AR) "GOLDSTAR" (AG)
		WATO (AT) ST. MARYS" "CAROMDOLET" PORCUPINE"
1		"CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "POLLUX" (AKS) "SHIKELLAMY" (AGG) "METPPOOFWILL" (AM) 3 AND
Merchantmen	80	"H.L.ABBOTT" "J.P.BRADLEY" "S.BRANNON" "BUFFALOW WALLOW" "E.A.BRYAN" "CATUSO"
7		"CAPE HENRY" "CAPE KILDARE" "CAPE ROMANO" "J.C.CALHOUN" "J.M.CAREY" "M.I.CASEY" "P.CHANDLER" "CHAPULTEPEC" "CHIPPEWA" "F.J.CUNEL
		"F.A.EILERS" "F.EVERS" "H.EMERSON" "FRANCIE
		"FIRE ISLAND" "FREDERICKSBURG" "M.FULLER" "GAUNFLET" "GRANDE RCHDE" "W.GRENFELL" "GREY LAG" "J.HALL" "A.S.HEWITT" "H.I.HOYT"

Milne Bay (Contd.)
Merchantmen "I.S. KELLY" "KOTA BARGE" "KOTA GEDE" "T.C.LONE" "N.LUCKENBACH" "F.B.LINDERMANN" (Contd.) "T.C.LONE" "N.LUCKENBACH" "F.B.LINDERMANN"
"J.W.MCKAY" "A.MAJOR" "N.E.MACK"
"J.S.MANSFIELD" "C.H.MATSON" "MAUI"
"J.B.MCPHERSON" "MOLINO DEL REY" "H.MONROE"
"B.T.OSBORME" "JOEL PALMER" "POINT SAN FEDRO"
"POLAND VICTORY" "G.H.PORTER" "F.QUINONES"
"A.REHAN" "M.ROBERTSON" "SABINE SUN"
"S.H.SHORT" "SHA SCAMP" "L.STEWART" "TAWALI"
"TECUMSEH" "TWO HARBOURS" "TUNG SONG" "S.TURMAN" "GEC.VANCOUVER" "VAN DEN BOSCH"
"VAN OUTHORN" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "R.J.WALKER"
"NEST CACTUS" "S.W.WILLISTON" "ED.N.WESTCOTT"
"J.M.WHISTLER" "YUCHOW" "E.YOUNG" Port Moresby: 2 ML: 426, 431 "MANUNDA" (AH) Escorts Auxiliaries : "GEO. VON L. MEYER" "TAR CONA" 2 Merchantmen Thursday Is: : 1 ML: 820 1 SO : "POLARIS" (AGS) 1 SC: 731 Auxiliaries Cairns: 1 AMS: "BALIARAT" 1 PS: "WAFREGO" 1 PC: 479 3 ML: 804, 805, 811 "DUNTROON" (AP) "PLATYPUS" (AR) 6 Escorts Auxiliaries 1 YP: 291 1 ARD Townsville: : 1 YP: 233 Auxiliaries 1 Mackay: : "HEROR" (AVP) 3 Auxiliaries Rockhampton: Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YP: 504 Brisbane: : 5 AMS: "EROOME" "BUNBURY" "COLAC" "ECHUCA" 10 Escorts "HILDURA" 1 YMS: 70 2 ML: 808, 821 2 SC: 745, 749 : "ALGORAB" (AKA) "KURUMBA" (AO) "GRIFFIN" (AS) "MAET SUYCKER" (AH) "KAILUA" (IX) 1 YT: 236 Auxiliaries Sydney: : "HOEART" (Refitting) Combat Units 1 CL 2 DD : 6 ANS: "COCTANUNDRA" "DELORAINE" "KATOOMBA"
"KALGOORLIE" "TOWNSVILLE" "WARRNAMBOOL 16 Escorts 4 A/S: "AB.CRIJSSEN" DOOMEA" "KYBRA" "YANDR 6 ML: 807, 809, 813, 822, 823, 825 : "BISHOPDALE" (AG) "POINT LOMA" (AT) "MIZAR" (AF) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) Auxiliaries Melbourne: : 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" (Refitting) : "MOURT VERNON" "MARIPOSA" (AP) Escorts Auxiliaries Adelaide: : 1 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" (Refitting). Escorts (11) 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 Saua River. We lost 3 killed,

3 wounded, in these actions. A small Japanese force near Hill 150 was

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.

Rabaul in prevented the najority 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 Tobers 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. Pondo Point Toriu 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. On 24 April, am allied coastal patrol was joined at Bili Bili 5. Madang 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. Between 1135 and 1145/24 the South coast of Muschu Island Wewak was thoroughl strafed by eleven Bostons. Five barges off the S.W. tip of the island were also strafed and destroyed. 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 Hast of the Tadji airfield) had been reached by the Tadji force, apparently without ancountering any resistance. Latest reports indicate that small pockets of enemy Hollandia 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, Biak Island (Northern Geel vink 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 Blak 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 I 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 2000. - Photographs taken during the attack by 13 Liberators 11. Noemfoor Island 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 T/E bombers, 2 T/E fight rs 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 wit one escort was also
sighted 5 miles West of Kamiri, on course 1450. At 1345/24, two small boats were strafed by a patrol 12. Mapia Island Liberator on S.tip of Mapia Island. At 1500/25, two fishing boats were heavily strafed and 13. Manokwari left burning fiercely by a patrol aircraft 15 mikes N. of Manokwari. At 1330/25, two seatrucks and ten troop laden barges were - 0 -

14 Scrong (contd) sighted by aircraft, heading East, twenty miles East of School School Reveal Incidents).

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) 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"

Drysdale:
Escorts 1 : "WILCANNIA" (A/S)
Merchantmen 1 : "GEO.EASTMAN"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- 1. Timer 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.
- 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: : "CUMBERLAND" 1 CA Combat Units : "ADELAIDE" 1 CL : "HOR SHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739 6 Escorts 3 ML: 812, 824, 826 : "LARK" (AM) "ORION" "PELIAS" Auxiliaries "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ISABEL" (PY) "CHILDS" (AV) 1 ARD. 2 YP: 286 Exmouth Gulf: : "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) Auxiliaries 1

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)

Marshalls

na bout 6 miles N.E. of Apr arbour): 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.

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 Notje, 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 Notje were bombed by 2 Cenpac Liberators as alternat-

ive target to Truk.

(a) Truk: Between 2319/23 and 0219/24, airfields at Moen, Eten and Param Is. were bombed by 19 Cenpac Liberators, dropping 760 fra . clusters causing fires and explosions. Ack ack was slight and inaccurate and two airborns enemy fighters failed to attack. Five other Liberators scheduled for this arrack bombed secondary targets.

(b) Ponape: On 23 April, the Ulul radio station and gun positions at Fonape, 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.

l small) also three small escort vessels were sighted by aircraft in the lagoon at Satawan. The Satawan airfield appeared serviceable: interception was apparently e fected by seven fighters, one of which dropped 2 phosphorus bembs.

(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) Woleails: 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 30°, did not return fire, and exploded 50 feet off the water.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

The two sea trucks and flotilla of barges sighted heading East of Sorons at 1330/25 (see Part I, Section (ii) Sorong para. 14 above) were attacked and the following results were reported: Wear 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.

Carolines

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES Consolidation of defences, Carolines, Marianas, N.W. Dutch New Guinea,
East Indies, Malaya and Kuriles.
Increased use of submarines for transportation purposes in Marshalls-1. 2. Bismarcks-Solomons.
Continued use of barges and small coasters for coastal transportation 3. in forward areas. --- 000 ---

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

	1. SOUTH AND SOUT	H WEST PACIFIC	
	ALLIED F	ORCES	ENEMY FORCES
Southwest (Eastern		South Pacific	
BE INDIANA		(3) IDAHO NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA	-
CV(E) (10) NATOMA B. MANILA B. CORAL SE. COPREGIDO BARNES	AY SUNANNEE A CHENANGO		-
(2) AUSTRALIA SHROFSHIR		1.	-
CL (4) BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIK HOBART	·	(8) COLUMBIA DENVER ST. LOUIS HONOLULU BIRMINGHAM MONT PELIER CLEVELAND MEANDER	-
AV/CVS TANGTER		(3) WRIGHT CHANDELEUER POCOMOKE	-
XAV/XCVS (3) HALF MO SAN PAI HERON		(2) BALLARD COOS BAY	·
DD (62) ARUNTA WARRAMS STUART VE NDETTS NORMAN ABNER IS AMMEN BACHE BEALE CASSIN DALY DASHIES GRAYSON HARRISO HOBBY HOPEWELL HUTCHIN JOHN ROKEE MULLANY NICHOLA NICHOLA O'BANNO PHILIP	ROE FA SAMPSON SIGSBEE READ SCHROEDER STEMBEL STEVENS STEVENSON STOCKTON SWANSON LL TAYLOR ER THORN PIE WELLES VILKES ON ABBOTT ANDERSON LL BLACK NS BULLARD XGERS CHAUNCEY ELLET LETTE ERBEN HALE I HUGHES KIDD AS LANDSDOWNE SON LARDNER	Approx. 35	

* Non-effective

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WALKER

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

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-		Southwest Pac	STATE OF THE PARTY	FORCES	ENEMY FOR	CES
0		(Eastern Sect		South Paci.	fie	
SS	(8)	BASHAW DACE BLACKFISH DART BLUEGILL FLOU CERO MINO	NDER On patrol	-	10	
	(3)	SCAMP) At S.42) At	Milne Bay			
	(3)		At Brisbane			
		K.9 At	Sydney			
PT	App	rox. 85		Approx. 11	?	
APA) AKA) APD)	(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 DE NT DICKER SON KILTY WARD	13 APA 1 APD 6 AKA		
AGC	-	BLUE RIDGE		-	-	
AS	(3)	OTUS EURYALE GRIFFIN		- 2	-	
AD		DOBBIN		-	-	
AR	(3)	RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS		PROMETHEUS	AIRCRAFT: Fighters (inc. 9 T/E)	6 8
LSD	(3)	CARTER HALL GUNSTON HALL EPPING FOREST			Light & M/Bombers Torpedo & D/Bombers Flying Boats Floatplanes Obsn.A/C	40 2 4 27 14
		ALLIED FORCES	2. NORTHE	RN PACIFIC	ENEMY FORCES	
CA					(2) NACHI ASHIGARA	
CL		(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND			(3) ABUKUMA TAMA KISO	
DD		9			10	
SS		10			Approx. 4	

3, CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

		Alligad Policis	2	Mond	ates	Oito	
•					ippines	Emp	ire
BB	(14)	NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA OKLAHOMA			(5)	YAMASHIRO ISE HYUGA MUSASHI MUTSU (prob. sunk)
<u>cv</u>	(7)	ENTER PRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON HORNET	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL		•		÷
CA(T)	(7)	BELLEAU WOOD	CABOT LANGLEY INDEPENDENCE		-	(5)	RYUHO ZUIHO HITAKA HAYATAKA TAIHO
CV(T)		-			-		HOSHO
CV(E)	(19)	COPAHEE PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU CASABLANCA ALTAMAHA WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY	FANSHAN BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MEHENTA BAY OMMANEY BAY SAVO ISLAND RANEE	12	-	(6)	CHITOSE CHIYODA KAIYO JINYO CTAKA UNYO
<u>CA</u>	(13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW CRIEANS LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PENSAGOLA INMIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CIT		-		-
OCA		4			*		6
<u>CL</u>	(8)		BILOXI OAFLAND RENO CONCORD	(5)	YUBARI KINU NAGARA ISUZU OYODO	ne 1	NATORI
CL(T)		-			KASHIMA		-
AV/CVS		CURTISS		(2)	AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO	11	-
DD		Approx. 120			15-20		20 (several repairing)
		Approx. 30			25		Approx. 25
AS		?			?		2 (1 repairing)

<u>CL</u> TRENFON

DD

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

			-	-	-				-
•		Southwest (Western Se		Eas	tern Flee	t Area	Eas	t Indies	-Malaya
BB		7		(4)	QUEEN EI VALIANT RENOWN RICHELIE		* (5)	YAMATO NAGATO KONGO HARUNA FUSO	
CV		-		(2)	ILLUSTRI SARATOGA		(2)	SHOKAKU ZUIKAKU	
CV	E)			(5)	BATTLER UNICORN SHAH ATHELING BEGUM	-		-	
CA		CUMBERI	AND	(3)	SUFFOLK SUSSEX LONDON		(12)	AOBA ATAGO TAKAO MAYA CHOKAI MOGAMI	EUZUYA KUMA NO TONE CHIKUMA HAGURO MYOKO
CL	•	ADELAII	Œ	(8)	CEYLON KENYA GAMBIER NIGERIA	NEWCAST DANAE TROMP EMERALD	LE (4)	YAHAGI NOSHIRO OI KITAGAM	
CL(T)	-			-			KASHII	
AV/	cvs (2) CHILDS W.B. PRE	STON		ALBATROS	S		-	
XCL		-		(2)	CANTON CHITRAL			-	
DD		-		Appi	rox. 27			30	7
	(16)	BILLFISH BONEFISH CREVALLE COD FLASHER HADDO HAKE HARDER	HOE JACK PADDLE PARGO RAY REDFIN ROBALO K.15	Appropries	rox. 15			18 (ine	l. 7 German)
	(11)	ANGLER BLUEFISH BOWFIN CABRILLA GUNNEL	LAPON) NORWHAL) PUFFER) RATON) RASHER) K.14	At Fre	omantle			*.	,
*	(2)	PELIAS ORION				I I I F	ighters	M/Bomber & D/Bomb Boats	Indies only) 133 rs 82 bers - 43 23

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

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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

At Sea to 1600/27: (a)

- (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.
- "ML.431" proceeding Langemak ETA 2200/27: for onward routeing to (2)
- "SC's.744, 982" were to depart Milne Bay 1200/27 for Langemak.
 "PC.1132" was to depart Langemak for Milne Bay at about 0730/26 (3)
- (4)
- "MORESBY" (AGS) on survey duty (5)
- (6)
- "FREDERICK BILLINGS" aground on Veale Reef
 "LYMAN BEECHER" aground in Ravel Channel: "FIRE ISLAND" (AT) standing (7)
- by to assist "SWAN" (PS) "LITHGOW" (AMS) "PC.1131" on A/S patrol South China Strait.
- "CALAMARES" (AF) departed Brisbane 0200/24 for Port Moresby ETA (9) 0800/28
- (10) "MANUNDA" (AH) departed Port Moresby 1330/26 for Townsville ETA. 0930/28
- "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 Wilne Bay.
- (17) 8 submarines on patrol.

Proposed Movements:

- (1) "STAWELL" "BOVEN" "GYMPIE" "CASTLEMAINE" (AMS) to return Milne Bay on relief ("COWRA" "KIAMA" "BENDIGO" (AMS) arriving)
- "ML.825" to sail when ready for Milne Bay from Sydney coming under operational and administrative control of N.O.I.C. New Guinea.

(a) In Henhous			_
(c) In Harbour	te:	2	Special operational Sements not shown.
Admiralties: Combat Units	1 BB 2 CVE 3 CL 6 DD	:	"INDIANA" "BARNES" "PETROF BAY" "PHOENIX" "BOISE" "NASHVILLE" "PHILIP" "DALY" "BEALE" "HUTCHINS" "PRITCHETT" "CASSIN"
Escorts	22 PT 19	:	8 DE: "ACREE" "BARCH" "LEVY" PARKS"
Auxiliaries	21		"ENGLAND" "SPANGLER" "GREINER" "BOWERS" 1 PF: "GASCOYNE" 2 AMS: "ARARAT" "BOWEN" 7 YM3: 8,10, 46, 47, 48, 51, 335 1 SC: 747 "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "TAN GIER" (AV) "LEOPARD" "MINK" (IX) "LASSEN" (AE) "YUNNAN" (AE) "PRESIDENT POLK" (AP) "CACAPON" "CHIKASKIA" "ESCAMBIA" "VICTORIA" (AO) "EPPING FOREST" "GUNSTON HALL" (LSD) "PATHFINDER"
Merchantmen	21		"SHEPPARTON" (AGS) "COUCAL" (ASR) "POYANG" (ASIS) "ARARED" "MINTAKA" (AK) "MERKUR" (AF "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.THCMPSON" "M.THORNTON" "S.M.WHITE" "W.WILLIAMS"
Cape Gloucester:	1 20		
Combat Units Escorts	1 DD 2		"SAM PSON" Y PC: 1124 1 SC: 699
Auxiliaries	12	:	"HILO" (AGP) "PRES.ADANS" "PRES.HAYES" "PRES.JACKSON" (AP) "ELMORE" "WAYNE" (APA) "TITANIA" "ACQUARIUS" (AKA) "GAMBLE" "SOUTHARD" "PRUITT" "TRACY" (DM)
Talasea: Combat Units Madang:	13 PT		
Escorts	1	:	"BUNDABERG" (AMS)
Combat Units Langemak:	2 10 PT with	:	"TIMOSHENKO" "D.F. BARRY" LST acting as AGP.
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" "SIGSHEE" "STEMBEL" "STEVENS" "STEVENSON" "STOCKTON" "SWANSON" "TAYLOR" "RINGGOLD" "WELLES" "WILKES" "VENDETTA"
Escorts	3 8	8	2 DE: "LOVELACE" "MANNING" 5 PF: "GORONADO" "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
Auxiliaries	40	•	"PORTUNUS" (AGP) "HUMPHREYS" "HERBERT" "DICKERSON" "NOA" "GROSBY" "KANE" "GILMER "BROOKS" "KILTY" "DENT" "WARD" (APD) "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "HOGAN" "LONG" "HAMILTON" (DMS) "OEMSBY" "HARRY LEE" "ZEILIN" "WINDSOR" "H.T.ALLEN" "KAN IMBLA" "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" (APA) "CENTAURUS" (AKA) "SANGAY" (AE) "AASE MAERSK" (AO) "TRIANGULUM" "BOOTES" "ETAMIN" (AK)
			"BAYOU ST JOHN" "SONOMA" "RESERVE" (AT)

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Lan gemak: (contd) "TULSA" (PG) "CHETCO" (AT "AMYCUS" (ARL) Auxiliaries (co "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" "HAWAIAN SHIPPER" "B.E.HUGHES" Merchantmen 28 "MCKERR" "W.S.LADD" "J.H.LANE" "MACTAN" "B.MATTEMS
"MORMACSEA" "S.G.PORTER" "OZARK" "J.A.ROSSITER"
"SEA FLASHER" "J.SINGER" "N.J.SINNOTT"
"SOMMELSDIJCK" "W.C.SQUIRES" "A.THOMAS"
"TJISDANE" "F.D.WRIGHT" "K.D.WIGGIN" Lae: : 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" Escorts 3 Auxiliaries 1 Merchantmen "A.E.WATTS" Morobe: Auxiliaries : "BENALLA" (AGS) Buna-Oro Bay: Combat Units 2 CA: "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE"
8 DD: "AMMEN" "ARUNTA" "GRAY SON" MULLANY" "THORN"
"NICHOLAS" "O'BANNON" "WARRAMUNGA"
9 : 4 DE: "J.E.CRAIG" "NEUENDORF" "EICHENBERGER" Escorts "WHITEHURST" 2 PF: "OGDEN" "VAN BUREN" 1 PC: 1122 2 SC: 735, 741
"TRINITY" (AO) "BLUERIDGE" (AGC) "MEDUSA" (AR)
"SANDS" (APD) "GANYMEDE" (AK) "OCTANS" (AF)
"SHIKELLAMY" "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG) "PYRO" (AE) Auxiliaries 14 "SOLACE" (AH) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "DOBBIN" (AD) "SOLAGE" (AH) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "DOBBIN" (AD)
"TRYON" (APH) 1 ARD

"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.ROBINSONS "U.M.ROSE" "W.L.SUBJETTE" "H.V.WHITE,"
"J.E.WING" "GEO.WYTHE" "TRYON" (APH) Merchantmen 35 Kiriwina Merchantmen 1 : "MANA" Goodenough Is: : "J.W. MELDRUM" "S.C. PORTER" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK" Merchantmen "WEST CACTUS" Milne Bay: Combat Units 1 DD : "VENDETTA" 1 PT 1 PF: "BARCOO"
5 SC: 698, 732, 736, 737, 738
5 AMS: "KAPUNDA" "GYMPIE" "STAWEIL" "STRAHAN"
"WAGGA" Escorts 29 "WAGGA"

2 PC: 1121, 1123

8 YMS: 49, 50, 52, 71, 314, 315, 316, 336

8 MI: 425, 427, 801, 802, 803, 817, 818, 819

: "SCELEY" "TALBOT" (APD) "GENERAL JOHN POPE" "MINNER(
"DUNTROON" (AP) "HALF MOONG (AVP) "OTUS" "EURYALE"

(AS) "REPUBLIG" "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) "POILUX" (AKS)

WWHIPPOORWILL" (AM) 3 AFD 2 ARD 1 YOG Auxiliaries 33 "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "POLLUX" (AKS)
WWHIPPOORWILL" (AM) 3 AFD 2 ARD 1 YOG
3 YP: 278, 283, 449
: "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.DAVIDSO!" "J.DEERE" "DON
MARQUIS" "F.A.EILERS" "F.EVERS" "H.EERSON"
"EMPIRE HAMBLE" "FIRE ISLAND" "FREDERICKSBURG" Merchantmen 75

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Milne Bay (contd) . M.FULLER" "GAUNTLET" "GRA RONDE" "W. GRENFELL" "J.HALL" "A.S.HEWITT" "H. HOYT" "THOS. JEFFER SON"
"JUAN PABLO DUARTE" "KARSIK" "KOTA BAROE" "KOTA Merchantmen: "JUAN PABLO DUARTE" "KARSIK" "KOTA BAROE" "KOTA
GEDE" "T.G.LOWE" "N.LUCKENBACH" "F.B.LINDERMANN"
"J.W.MCKAY" "A.MAJOR" "N.E.MACK" "C.H.MATSON"
"MAUT" "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 HAR BOURS" "TUNG SONG" "S. TURMAN" "GEO. VANCOUVER"
"VAN DEN BOSCH" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "R. J. WALKER" "S.W.WILLISTON" "ED.N.WESTCOTT" J.M.WHISTLER" "YOCHOW" "E. YOUNG" Port Moresby: : 1 ML: 426 : "GEO. VAN L. MEYER" "TAROONA" Escorts 2 Merchantmen Thursday Island: : 1 ML: 820 1 SC: 731 : "POLARIS" (AGS) Escorts Auxiliaries 1 AMS: "BALLARAT" " 1 PS: "WARREGO" 1 PC: 479 3 ML: 804, 805, 811 "PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD 1 YP 291 Cairns 1 AMS: "BALLARAT" " 6 Escorts Auxiliaries Townsville : 1 YP: 233 Auxiliaries Mackay: : "HERON" (AVP) 2 YT Auxiliaries Rockhampton: : 1 YP 504 Auxiliaries "BROOME" "BUNBURY" "MILDURA" Brisbane: : 3 AMS: "BROOME" "BUNBURY" "MILDURA"

1 YMS: 70, 2 ML: 808, 821, 2 SC: 745, 749

: "ALGORAB" (AKA) "KURUMBA" (AO) "GRIFFIN" (AS)

"MAETSUCKYER" (AH) "KAILUA" (IX) 1 YI: 236 Escorts 8 Auxiliaries Sydney: 1 CL : "HOBART" (Refitting)
2 DD : "STUART" "NORMAN" Combat Units : 5 AMS: "COOTAMUNDRA" "DELORAINE " "KALGOORLIE" Escorts "TOWNSVILLE" "WARRNAMBOOL" 4 A/S: "AB.CRIJSSEN" "DOOMBA" "KYBRA" "YANDRA"
6 ML: 807, 809, 813, 822, 823, 825
1 "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "POINT LOMA" (AT) "MIZAR" (AF)
"CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) Auxiliaries Melbourne: : 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" (Refitting) : "MOUNT VERNON" "MARIPOSA" (AP) 1 Escorts Auxiliaries Adelaide: : 1 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" (Refitting) 1 Escorts ENEMY FORCES (ii) - At 1438/26 a possible submarine was observed by Treasury Islands aircraft 25 miles ESE Treasury Islands.

Central New Ireland - At 1100/25 Borpop airfield was bombed by 36 1. Dauntless 12 Avengers covering the runway and surrounding gun positions satisfactorily.

North East Coast New Ireland - At 0100/24 a truck moving westwards 2. on the road near Kavieng was strafed and stopped by On 25 April trucks and huts along the road from Kavieng 45 miles to the South East was strafed by PT boats. 8 Corsairs and several set on fire. 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 2 23 Mitchells scoring 24 hits on the runway. Also during the day fighter sweeps involving at least Rabau1 19 Hell-cats were conducted around the coast off Gazelle Peninsula; targets included 6 trucks all of which 3 were loaded with oil drums.

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Jacquinot-Nate Bays - A local party re ets that there were Japs between Palmalmal (southern Jacquinot Bay) no and Eisis River (Central Waterfall Bay) p.m/ 25 Apr. - During the night 35-26 April PT boats entering Open Bay area 6. Pondo Harbour am 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 Madang-Alexishafen After our troops entered Madang township 25 April, it was found that the area had been evacuated in force about a month a go. 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/ Alexishafen-Hansa Bay During 26 April Coastal sweeps were continued on a fair scale by Aircobras and Thunderbolts along this sector of the Coast. 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; off and the ship sank.
At 0900-0945/26 Wewak, Boram, But and Dagua airfields the stern was blown 11. Wewak and the escape trails leading southward from the Wewak area were bombed and strafed from minimum altitude by 103 escarted Bostons. All targets were effectively covered although results generally were unobserved. 2 or 3 apparently serviceable reconnaissance a/c were observed on Wewak airfield. Aitape a.m. 24 April Aitape village was occupied without opposit-The next day 25 April Ali and Angel Islands (off shore from Altape) were also occupied. 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. - 5 -

13. Hollandia (contd) : Large quantities of ammunition and medical supplies equipment, including a complete cratered set, have been captured, iso a tremendous number of documents. The only opposition reported at the beach heads was desultry sniping.

At 1330/26 2 enemy fighters were seen by a Navy Liberator taking off from northerly airfield on Noem-14. Noemfoor Is.

foor Is, probably Kamiri. t 1230/26 a/c observed 1 medium sized merchant vessel 15. Manokwari stationary just outside Manokwari Harbour and 1 small

merchant ship in the Habbour.

At 1330/26 1 enemy bomber was seen by a Navy Liberator taking off Manokwari airfield.

was chased and hit by machine gun fire.

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 16. Sorong 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 revet-ments 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.

NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) 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
- "YMS's 11, 72" departed Darwin 1813/23 for Exmouth Gulf ETA. 0700/29 thence Fremantle.
- (3) 16 Submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Escorts : 2 AMS: "PIRIE" "INVERELL"

4 ML: 429, 809, 815, 814 "DUNDULA" "MURADA" "ALAGNA" "W.D.BOYCE" Merchantmen

"ADMIRAL CHASE"

Drysdale:

: "WILCANNIA" (A/S) : "GEO.EASTMAN" Escorts 1

Merchantmen

(ii)ENEMY FORCES

Merauke At 0800/26 a probable enemy reconnaissance plane was over the Merauke area.

At 1040/26 1 small sea truck with a barge alongside was 2. Ceram observed by aircraft off Cape Matakabo (approx. 20 miles W.of Boela)

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

ALLIED FORCES

- (a) At Sea to 1600/27:
- "YO. 288" departed Fremantle 1815/25 for Exmouth Gulf. (1)
 - (b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat Units 1 CA : "CUMBERLAND" : "ADELA IDE"

Escorts 6

Auxiliaries 9

: "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739

3 ML: 812, 824, 826
"LARK" (AM) "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS) "CHANTICLEER"
(ASR) "ISABEL" (PY) "CHILDS" (AV) 1 ARD

Exmouth Gulf:
Auxiliaries 1 : "W.B. PRES"

: "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)

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.

6. 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 a ttacked by Navy Liberators; the details have not yet been received.

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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LY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

		ALLIED FORCES			ENEMY FORCES
	Southwest Pacifi (Eastern Section	C		th Pacific	and the second s
BB	INDIANA		(3)	IDAHO NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA	-
CV(E)	(10)NATOMA BAY MANTLA BAY CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR BARNES	SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO SANTEE PETROF BAY			-
CA	(2) AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE			-	7
<u>CL</u>	(4) BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX * HOBART		(8)	COLUMBIA DENVER ST LOUIS HONOLULU BIRMINGHAM MONT PELIER CLEVELAND LEANDER	
AV/CVS	TANGIER		(3)	WRIGHT CHANDELEUR POCOMOKE	-
xav/xcvs	(3) HALF MOON SAN PABLO HERON		(2)	BALLARD GOOS BAY	-
	WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA NORMAN ABNER READ AMMEN BACHE BEALE CASSIN DALY DASHIELL FLETCHER GILLESPIE GRAYSON HARRISON HOPEWELL HUECHINS JOHN ROGERS KALK LA VALLETTE MCKEE MULLANY MURRAY NICHOLSON C'BANNON PHILIP PRITCHETT	REID RINGGOLD ROE SAMPSON SIGSBEE SCHROEDER STEMBEL STEVENSON STEVENSON STOCKTON SWANSON TAYLOR THORN WELLES WILKES ABBOTT ANDERSON BLACK BULLARD CHAUNCRY ELLET ERBEN HALE HUGHES KIDD LANDSDOWNE LARDNER MORRIS MUSTIN RUSSEL		Approx. 35	

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (contd)

	ALL	IED FORCES		ENEMY FOR	CES
	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)		South Pacif	ic	
200	(9) BASHAW DACE BLACKFISH FLOW BLUEGILL MING CERO SCAN SILVERSIDES	0) On pa	trol -	10	
	(2) S.42) S.47) A	Milne Bay			
	(S) TUNNY)	Brisbane			
	K.9 A	Sydney			
PT	Approx. 85		Approx.110	?	
AMA APD	(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		
AGC	BLUE RIDGE		1	-	
AS	(3) OTUS EURYALE GRIFFIN		-	-	
AD	DOBBIN)	-	
AR	(3) RIGEL PLATYPUS AMY G US			IRCRAFT: ighters (inc.9 T/E)	6 3
LSD	(3) CARTER HALL GUNSTON HALL EPPING FOREST		To Property of Pro	ight & M/Bombers orpedo & D/Bombers lying boats loatplanes bsn. A/c	38 2 3 25 11
	V	2. NORTHE	RN PACIFIC		
CA	ALLIED FORCES			NEMY FORCES 2) NACHI ASHIGARA	
2	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND		(3) ABUKUMA TAMA KISO	
DD	9			10	- Ser
SS	10			Approx. 4	
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3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

					dates lippines	Emp:	ire
BB	(14)	IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE	SOUTH DAKO WEST VERGE COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPE ALABAMA OKLAHOMA	NIA	-		YAMASHIRO ISE HYUGA MUSASHI MUTSU(prob. sunk
<u>CV</u>	(7)	ENTER PRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON HORNET	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HIL	L			<u> </u>
CV(L)	(7)	COMPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LA NGLEY INDEPENDEN	CE	-	(5)	RYUHO ZUIHO HITAKA HAYATAKA TAIHO
CV(T)		-			-		новно
CV(E)	(19)	COPAHEE PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU CASABLANCA ALTAMAHA WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY	FANSHAW BAGAMBIER BAHOGGATT BAKADASHAN BAKALININ BAKALININ BAYMEHENTA BAOMMANEY BASAVO ISLANRANEE	Y Y AY Y Y	-	(6)	CHITOSE CHIYODA KAIYO JINYO OTAKA UNYO
CA	(13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLI PENSACOLA INDIANAPOL SAN FRANSI SALT LAKE PORTLAND	IS SCO	-		-
OCA		4.			-		6
CL	(8)		BILOXI OAKLAND RENO CONCORD	(4)	YUBARI KINU ISUZU OYODO	(2)	NAGARA NATORI
CL(T)		·	-		KASHIMA		4
AV/CVS		CURTISS		(2)	AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO		+
DD		Approx. 120			15-20	20	(several repairing)
50		Approx. 30			25	Appr	ox. 25
AS		?			?	2 (:	l repairing)
		4.	SOUTH EAST	ERN PACIFIC			
CL	9	PRENTON			÷		

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

	ALLI	ED FORCES	:			ENE	MY FORCE	3
	outhwest Paci Western Secti		Eas	stern Flee	t Area	Eas	t Indies.	-Malaya
<u>≥</u> B	-		(4)	QUEEN ET VALIANT RENOWN RICHELLE		(5)		n bagtinger storad has an
<u>CV</u>	-		(2)	ILLUSTRI SARATOGA		(2)	SHOKAKU ZUIKAKU	
CV(E)	-		(5)	BATTLER UNICORN SHAH ATHELING BEGUM			-	
CA	CUMBERL AND		(3)	SUFFOLK SUSSEX LONDON		- 1	AOBA ATAGO TAKAO MAYA CHOKAI MOGAMI	SUZUYA KUMANO TONE CHIKUMA HAGURO MYOKO
<u>OT</u>	ADELAIDE		(8)				YAHAGI NOSHIRO OI KITAGAMI	
CL(T)	* 7			_			KASHII	
AV/cvs (2) CHILDS W.B.PRESTOR	V .		ALBATROSS	3			
XCL	7		(2)	CANTON CHITRAL			-	
DD	-			Approx. 2	7	30	0	
<u>SS</u> (18	BILLFISH BONEFISH BOWFIN	HOE JACK) LAPON)		Approx. 1	5	18	3 (incl.7	German)
·	CREVALLE COD DARTER	PADDLE) PARGO) RAY	On pa	trol				
	FLASHER HAKE HARDER	REDFIN) ROBALO) K.15						
(10)ANGLER BLUEFISH	NORWHAL) PUFFER)						
	CABRILLA GUNNEL HADDO	RATON) RASHER) K.14)	At Fr	emantle				
<u>AS</u> (2)	PELIAS ORION				Fight Light	do & Medo & Bos	(East Ind Bombers D/Bomber ats	126

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 1600/28:

- (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) "LITHGON" (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.
 (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) "CRIFFIN" (AS) to depart Caloundra 1600/28 for Fremantle ETA 0400/7 May.
- (2) "MILDURA" (AMS) to depart Calcundra 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.

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Admiralties:		
Combat Units	3 BB 6 CVE	: "INDIANA" "MASSACHUSETTS" "NORTH CAROLINA" : "SANGAMON" "SUWANNEE" "CHENANGO" "SANTEE" "BARNES" "PETROF BAY"
	2 CA	: "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE"
	3 CL	: "PHOENIX" "BOISE" "NASHVILLE"
	23 DD	"ABNER READ" "ANGEN" "ANDERSON" "ARUNTA" "BACHE" "BEALE" "CASSIN" "CHARLES AUSBURNE" "DALY" DYSON" "ELLET" "HUGHES" "HUTCHINS" "LANSDOWNE" "LARDNER" "MORRIS" MULLANY" "MUSTIN" "PHILIP" "PRITCHETT" "RUSSEL" "SPENCE"
		"VARRAMUNGA"
	SS LL	
Escorts	19	BE: "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	"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)
	- 2-3	"POYANG" (ASIS) "ARIDED" "MINTAKA" (AK) "MERKUR" (AF)
Merchantmen	20	"J.BARBOSA" (J.G.BRADY" "CHIEF CHARLOT" "J.P.CHOTEAU" "T.M.COOLEY" "T.CRAWFORD" "J.O.CURWDOD" "J.D.DOTY" "E.FERRY"
00 07		"FORT DONELSON" "J.HART" S.JACKSON" "MOBILGAS" "MORMACGULL" "POELAU LAUT" "RAMO" "J.M.THOMPSON "M.THORNTON" "S.M.WHITE" "W.WILLIAMS"
Cape Gloucester:	2 00	
Combat Units Escorts	1 DD	: "SIGOURNEY"
Auxiliaries	9	: 1 DE: "WITTER" 2 PC: 1124, 1135 1 SC: 699 : "PICARD" (DM) "STANSBURY" "TREVER" (DMS) "LIBRA" (AKA) "DUPAGE" "W.P.BIDDLE" "LEEDSTOWN" "FAYETTE" "WARREN" (APA)
Talasea: Combat Units	13 PT	
Auxiliaries	1	: "HILO" (AGP)
Escorts	1	: "BUNDABERG" (ANS)
Saidor: Merchan tmen	2	
Combat Units Langemak:		: "D.F.BARRY" "TIMOSHENKO" ith 1 LST acting as AGP
Combat Units	26 DD	"DASHIELL" "FLETCHER" "GILLE SPIE" "HARRISON" "HOBBY" "HOPEWELL" "JOHN ROGERS" "KALK" "LA VALLETTE" "MCKEE" "MURRAY" "NICHOLSON" "RADFORD" "REID" "ROE" "SCHROEDER" "SIGSBEE" "STEMBEL" "STEVENS" "STEVENSON" "STOCKTON"
Panerta	(2) 993	"SWANSON" "TAYLOR" "RINGGOLD" "WEILES" "WILKES"
Escorts	37	5 PF: "COPONADO" "GLENDALE" "LONGBEACH" "SAN PEDRO" "EL PASO"
		7 AMS: "GEELONG" "BOWEN" "GLEMELG" "GOULBURN" "COWRA" "CASTLEMAINE" "KIAMA"
		6 YMS: 9, 53, 73, 313, 334, 393 4 FC: 476, 1120, 1122, 1133 3 ML: 424, 431, 816
		10 SC: 737. 648. 650 703 740 742 746 740
Auxiliaries	39	: "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "HUMPHREYS" "HEPPREPO"
1.0		"DICKERSON" "NOA" "CROSBY" "KANE" "GILMER" "BROOKS" "KILTY" "DENT" "WARD" (AFD)
		"CARTER HALL" (LSD) "HOGAN" "LONG" "HAMILTON (DMS

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Langemak (Contd.) Auxiliaries	• •	: "ORMSBY" "HARRY LEE" "ZEILIN" "WINDSOR"
(Contd.)		"H.T.ALIEN" "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" (APA) "CENTAURUS" (AKA) "AASE MAERSK" (AO) "TRIARGULUM" "BOOTES" "ETAMIN" (AK) "BAYOU ST. JOHN" "SONOMA" "RESERVE" (AT) "TULSA" (PG) "CHETCO" (AT) "AMYOUS" (ARL)
		"ANDREW DORIA" (IX) 1 YOG 1 YF: 156 1 YF: 280
Merchantmen	28	"AUSON BURLINGHAME" "ARKANSAS PASS" "E.D.BAKER" "J.BALL" "BORGFRED" "J.BUCHANAN" "W.E.CHANNING" "L.L.DYCHE" "HAWAIAN SHIPPER" "D.E.HUGHES" "M.C.KERR" "W.S.LADD" "J.H.LANE" "MACTAN" "B.MATTHEWS" "MORMACSEA" "S.G.PORTÉR' "OZARK" "J.A.ROSSITER" "SEA FLASHER" "J.SINGER" "M.J.SINNOTT" "SOMMELSDIJCK" "N.C.SQUIRE" "A.THOMAS" "TJISDANE" "D.NRIGHT" "K.D.WIGGIN"
Lae:	12	- 0 18 400 480 T 00 1884
Escorts Auxiliaries Merchantmen	13	: 2 NL: 428, 430 1 SC: 734 "TASEAN" (AH) "ANHUI" "F.H.DODD" "A.B.HAMMOND" "C.KELLY" "G.R.HEBARD" "P.G.HEWITT" "KATOOMBA" "J.ROSS"
<u> </u>		"ORMISTON" "T. SYMONS" "M. WALKER" "F.R. WARDWELL" "A.E. WATTS"
Morobe:		A S S A S A S A S A S A S A S A S A S A
Auxiliaries Buna-Oro Bay:	1	: "BEHALLA" (AGS)
Combat Units Escorts	4 DD 8	: "GRAYSON" "THORN" "NICHOLAS" "O'BANNON" : 4 DE: "J.E.CRAIG" "NEUENDORF" "EICHENBERGER" "WHITEHURST" 2 PF: "OGDEN" "VAH BUREN"
Annal I d and a a	3.5	2 SC: 735, 741 : "TRINITY" (AC) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "MEDUSA" (AR)
Auxiliaries	15	"SANDS" (APD) "GENERAL JOHN POPE" (AP) "GANYMEDE" (AK) "OCTANS" (AF) "SHIKELLAMY" "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG) "PYRO" (AE) "SOLACE" (AH) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "DOBBIN" (AD) "TRYON" (APH)
Mer chan tmen	39	1 ARD "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "BALIKPAPAN" "D.HELASCO" "S.BRANNON" "F.BILLINGS" "J.BURROUGHS" "CAFE GANSO" "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" "NORAB" "J. PALMER" "POINT SAN PEDRO" "POLAND VICTORY" "H.T. HAINEY" "PAUL REVERE" "RING LARDNER" "A.ROBINSON" "U.M.ROSE" "W.L.SUBJETTE" "H.V. WHITE" "J.E. WING" "GEO.WYTHE"
Kiriwina Is: Merchantmen	1	: "MANA"
Merchantmen	4	: "J.W.MELDRUM" "S.G.PORTER" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK" "WEST CACTUS"
Combat Units	1 DD 1 PT	: "VENDEPTA"
Escorts	29	: 1 PF: "BARCOO" 5 SC: 698, 732, 736, 737, 738 5 AMS: "KAPUNDA" "GYMPIE" "STAWELL" "STRAHAN"
		4 PC: 1121, 1123, 1131, 1132
7		8 YMS: 49, 50, 52, 71, 314, 315, 316, 336
Auxiliaries	34	8 ML: 425, 427, 801, 802, 803, 817, 818, 819 : "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" "PAMDA" "VILLALOBOS"
		(IX) "ALABASTER" (PYC) "TEAK" (AN) "OGLALA" (ARG) "PING WO" (ASIS) "POLLUX" (AKS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) - 3 -

Milne Bay (Contd.) 2 ARD 1 YOG "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) 3 AFD "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) 5 AFD 2 ARD 1 100
5 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"
"HOORT HENRY" "GAUNTLET" "GRAND RONDE" Auxiliaries (Contd.) 77 Merchantmen "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" "HOTA AGOENG" "KOTA BARGE" "KOTA GEDE"
"T.C.LOWE" "N.LUCKENBACH" "F.B.LINDERMANN"
"NAUI" "J.W.MCKAY" "A.MAJOR" "N.E.MACK"
"C.H.MATSOE" "J.E.MCPHERSON" "GEO. VON.L.MEYER"
"MOLINO DEL REY" "H.MONRGE" "B.T.OSBORNE"
"MORMACLARE" "NUGINCO" "G.H.PORTER" "MORMACLARE" "NUGINCO" "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.TUHMAN" "GEO. VANCOUVER"
"VAN DEN BOSCH" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "R. J. WALKER" "S.W.WILLISTON" "ED.N.WESTCOTT" "J.M.WHISTLER" Port Moresby: : 1 ML: 426 : "CATAMARES" (AF) : "J.P.BRADLEY" "MONFORO" Escorts 1 1 Auxiliaries Merchantmen Thursday Is: : 1 AMS: "LATROBE" 1 AMS: "LATROBE" 1 ML: 820 1 SC: 731
"POLARIS" (AGS) 1 YP: 291 "BUNGAREE" (CM) 1 SC: 731 Escorts Auxiliaries Cairns: : 1 AMS: "BALLARAT" 1 PS: "WARREGO" 5 Escorts 1 PC: 479 2 ML: 804, EII "PLATYPUS" (AR) I ARD 2 Auxiliaries Townsville: : "MANUNDA" (AH) 1 YP: 233 Auxiliaries 2 Mackay: : "HERON" (AVP) Auxiliaries 1 Rockhampton: 1 : 1 YP: 504 Auxiliaries Brisbane: : 4 AMS: "BROCME" "BUNBURY" "KATOOMBA" "MILDURA"
1 YMS: 70 2 ML: 808, 821 2 SC: 745, 749
: "ALGORAB" (AKA) "KURUMBA" (AD "GRIFFIN" (AS)
"MAET SUYCKER" (AH) "KAILUA" (IX) 1 YI: 236 Escorts 9 6 Auxiliaries Sydney: : "HOBART" (Refitting) : "STUART" "NORMAN" Combat Units 1 CL 2 DD : 5 AMS: "COOTAMUNDRA" "DELORAINE" "KALGOORLIE"
"TOWNSVILLE" "WARRNAMBOOL" 15 Escorts 4 A/S: "AB.CRIJSSEN" "DCOMBA" "KYBRA" "YANDRA"
6 MI: 807, 809, 813, 822, 823, 825
"BISHOPDALE" (AO) "POINT LOMA" (AT) "MIZAR" (AF
"CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) Auxiliaries Melbourne: : 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" (Refitting) Escorts 1 Adelaide: : 1 AVS: "ROCKHAMPTON" (Refitting) 1 Escorts (ii) ENEMY FORCES Buka Passage - At 0830/26 a submarine was reported by aircraft near Gog Island (8 miles S.W. Buka Passage).

Northeast coast New Ireland - a.m. 26 April aircraft reported 2 cargo vessels and 2 escorts 20 miles East of Borpop. 1. Buka Passage -

report should be reated with some reserve.

Subsequent search failed to locate the shipping and the

3. Rabaul - At 0830/26 Rapopo was attacked by 36 Dau Jess, 12Avengers.
At 0905/26 Vunakanau was attacked by 48 Dauntless,
2 Avengers. At 0928/26 Lakunai was bombed by 24 Mitchel 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.

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.

On 25 April our patrols penetrated 4 miles West of Aitape and 13 miles East of the Tadji airfield without 7. Altape Coast 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 Soepicri Island heading east.
At 1327/27 one small merchant ship was seen by
Navy Liberator off the eastern tip of Biak Island on course 700. 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 18 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.

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: : 2 AMS: "PIRIE" "INVERELL" Escorts 4 ML: 429, 809, 815, 814 "DUNDULA" "MURADA" "ALAGNA" "W.D.BOYCE" 5 Merchantmen "ADMIRAL CHASE" ysdale: : "WILCANNIA" (A/S)
: "GEO.EASTMAN" Escorts Merchantmen 1

(11) ENEMY FORCES

1. Babo - At 1217/27 the jetty and airfield areas were attacked by 9 Miberators. Bombs fell in the target areas; numer 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).

1. Babo (Contd.) - sm 1 amouflaged merchant ship was also observed off shore at Babo. At 1130/26 an enemy surface force described as 10 light cruisers or destroyers was observed entering Davao Gulf from the South. 2. S. Philippines -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. 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.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1600/28:

(1) "CUMBERLAND" (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: : "ADELAIDE 1 CL Combat Units : "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) Escorts 1 SC: 739 3 ML: 812, 824, 826 "LARK" (AM) "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ISABEL" (PY) "CHILDS" (AV) 9 Auxiliaries 286 2 YP: 1 ARD Exmouth Gulf: : "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) Auxiliaries 1

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

1. Truk -Paeliminary reports relate that during the night 26-27 April Truk was attacked by 19 Soupac 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 Genpac aircraft on Wotje, Jaluit, Taroa, Mille and Ponape.

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.

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENELY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

					ALLIED FOR	CES		E	NEMY FORCE
			west Pa				Sout	h Pacific	
<u>BB</u>	(6)	INDIANA IDAHO NEW MEXI PENNS Y IW	ico N	ASSACHU ORTH CA				•	*
CV(E)	(10)	NATOMA I MANILA I CORAL SI CORREGII BARNES	AY A	SANGAMO SUWANNE CHENANO SANTEE PETROF	EE FO			• •	-
CA	(2)	AUSTRAL:						•	÷
<u>CL</u>	(4)	BOISE NASHVILI PHOENIX HOBART	E					COLUMBIA DENVER ST LOUIS HONOLULU BIRMINGHAM MONTPELIER CLEVELAND LEANDER	
AV/CVS		TAUGIER		0.0				NRIGHT CHANDELEUR POCOMOKE	-
XAV/XCVS	(3)	HALF MOO SAN PABI HERON						BALLARD COOS BAY ORCA	-
<u>DD</u> (70)	VENINORIAMINAMINAMINAMINAMINAMINAMINAMINAMINAMI	RAMUNGA ART DETTA MAN ER READ EN HE CE	MULLAN MURRAY NICHOL NICHOL O'BANN PHILIP PRITCH RADFOR REID RINGGO ROE SAMPSO SIGSBE SCHROE STEMBE STEVEN	AS SON ON ETT D LD N E	ABBOTT ANDERSON BLACK BULLARD CHAUNCEY ELLET ERBEN HALE HUGHES KIDD LANDSDON LANDSDON LANDSDON LANDSDON RUSTIN RUSSEL WALKER	Z	Appr	ox. 35	-
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1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

		1. 800	TH AND	SOUTH WEST PAC	TEIC (-OHOU.)	
			ALLIED	FORCES	ENEMY FORCES	
		Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)		South Pacific		
SS	(9)	BASHAW DACE		-	10	
		BLACKFISH FLOUNDER) BLUEGILL MINGO CERO SCAMP SILVERSIDES	On patro	01		
	(2)	S.42 S.47 At Milne	Bay			7.1
	(2)	TUNNY At Brish	ane			
		K.9 At Sydne	J			
PT	Appl	eox. 85		Approx. 110	?	
APA) ARA) APA	(31)	LEEDSTOWN BROWN ZEILIN HERI ORMSBY TALI WINDSOR CROS WARREN NOA W.P.BIDDLE DEM	MER LEY OS PHREYS OKS BERT BOT BBY KERSON	10 APA 1 APD 7 AKA		
AGC		BLUE RIDGE		-	-	
AS	(3)	OTUS EURYALE GRIFFIN		-		
AD		DOBBIN			-	
AR	(3)	RIGEL		PROMETHEUS		
Management		PLATYPUS AMYCUS			**	
ISD	(4)	CARTER HALL GUNSTON HALL EPPING FOREST BELLE GROVE		•	AIRCRAFT: Fighters (inc.7 T/E) Light & M/Bombers Torpedo & D/Bombers Flying Boats Floatplanes Obsn. A/C	65 38 2 3 25 11
-	the state of the state of		2.	NORTHERN PACI	FTC	
		ALLIED FORCES			ENEMY FORCES	
CA		•			(2) NACHI ASHIGARA	
<u>CL</u>		(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND			(3) ABUKUMA TAMA KISO	
DD		9			10	
SS		10			Approx. 4	

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

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		ALL IED	FORCES	3	-	MY F	ORCES
				Manda Phil	ates ippin es	Empi	re
BI	181	IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON NOTTH CAROLINA MASSAORUSETTS	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI		-	(5) æ	YAMASHIRO ISE HYUGA MUSASHI MUTSU (prob.
		CALIFORNIA	ALABAMA OKLAHOMA				sunk)
<u>cv</u>	(7)	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON HORNET	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL				-
GA (I')	(7)	COWPENS BEILEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY INDEPENDENCE		7	(5)	RYUHO ZUIHO HITAKA HAYATAKA TAIHO
CV (T)		-			<u>.</u>		нозно
CV(E)	(19)	COPAREE PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND	FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY		-	(6)	CHITOSE : CHIYODA : \ KAIYO JIEYO
	*	NASSAU CASABLANCA ALTAMAHA WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY	KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MEHENTA BAY OMMANEY BAY SAVO ISLAND RANEE			28	OTAKA UNYO
CA	(13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHE STER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND	A OF	3 A		-
00 A		4			-		6
<u>CT.</u>	(8)	SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	BILOXI OAKLAND RENO CONCORD	(5)	OI KINU ISUZU YUBARI OYODO	(2)	NAGARA NATORI
CL(T)	*_	-			KASHIMA		-
AV/CVS		CURTISS		(2)	AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO		-
DD		Approx. 120			15-20		20 (several repairing)
S		Approx. 30			25		Approx. 25
AS	?			-	?		2 (1 repairing)
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CL		TREMPON	4	12.		-	
DD		9	1			·	

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

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So	uthwest Pa	cific	.00					
(Western Section)		Eas	Eastern Fleet Area			East Indies-Malaya		
BB	-		(4)	QUEEN D VALTAN RENOWN RIGHEL	\	(5) YAMATO NAGATO KONGO HARUNA FUSO		
CV	•		(2)	ILLUSTI SARATO		(2) SHOKAK		
CV(E)	-		(5)	BATTLES UNICORN SEAH ATHECIN BEGUM	V -	-	S	
<u>CA</u>	CUMBERLAN	ID	(3)	SUFFOLK SUS SEX LONDON		(11) ATAGO TAKAO MAYA CHOKAI MOGAMI	SUZUYA KUMAN O TONE CHIKUMA HAGURO MYOKO	
CL(T)	ADELATDE		(8)	CEYLON KENYA GAMBIER NIGERIA	NEWCASTLE DANAE TROMP EMERALD	(3) YAHAGI NOSHIRO M KITAGAM	I	
					•	KASHII		
AV/CVS (W.B. PRE	STON		ALBATRO	35			
XCL	-	-	(8)	CAMPON CHITRAL		-		
DD	-		Appr	ox. 27		30		
<u>ss</u> (18)	BONEFISH BOWFIN CREVALLE COD DARTER FLASHER HAKE HARDER	HOE JACK LAPON PADDLE PARGO RAY REDFIN ROBALO K.15	Appro	ox. 15			. 7 German)	
(10)	ANGLER BLUEFISH CABRILLA GUNNEL HADDO	NORWHAL PUFFER RATON RASHER K.14	At Freman	tle				
<u>s</u> (2)	PETIAS				Light :	& M/Bombers o & D/Bombers Boats Lanes	138	

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle.

No. 823

Date 29 April 1944

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PART I

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA.

1. EASTERN AREA

C. O. I. C.

(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 Calcumdra 16,00/28 for Fremantle ETA 0400/7.

(A/S) departed Sydney 0854/28 for A/S patrol Smoky Cape (11) "DOOMBA" and return.

(12) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

(1) "STAWELL" "BONEN" "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.

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(c) In Har	bour:	te: Special operational movements not shown.
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Admiralties: Compat Units	1 BB	: "INDIARA"
V	5 CVE	"SANGAMON" "SUWANNEE" "CHENANGO" "SANTEE" "BAR NES"
_ ^	2 CA	: AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE"
	3 CL	: "PHOENIX" "HOISE" "NASHVILLE" : "ABNER READ" "AMMEN" "ANDERSON" "ARUNTA"
_	23 DD	"BACHE" "BEALE" "CASSIN" "CHARLES AUSBURNE"
		"DALY" "DYSON" "ELLET" "HUCHES" "HUTCHINS"
		"LANSDOWNE" "LARDNER" "MORRIS" "MULLANY" "MUSTIN" "FHILIP" "PRITCHETT" "RUSSEL"
		"SPENCE" "WARRAMUNGA"
400	22 PT	
Escorts	23	* 8 DE: "ACREE" "BARON" "LEVY" "PARKS" "ENGLAND" "SPANGLER" "GREINER" "BOWERS"
		1 PF: "GASCOYNE"
		4 AMS: "ARARAT" "BENDIGO" "COWRA" "GLENELG"
		1 PC: 1120 8 YMS: 8, 10, 46, 47, 48, 51, 313, 335
		1 50: 747
Auxiliaries	22	: "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "SAN PABLO" (AVP)
		"TANGLER" (AV) "LEOPARD" "MINK" (IX) "LASSEN" "SANJAY" "YUNNAN" (AE) "PRESIDENT POLK" (AP)
		"CACAPON" "JHIKASKIA" "ESCAMBI" "VICTORIA" (AC
	1	"EPPING FOREST" "GUNSTON HALL" (LSD) "PATHFINDER" "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) "GOUCAL" (ASR
		"POYANG" (ASIS) "ARIDED" "MINTAKA" (AK)
size of grand that	23	"MERKUR" (AF)
Merchantmen	23	"J.BALL" "J.BARBOSA" "J.G.BRADY" "CHIEF CHARLOT" "J.P.CHOTEAU" "S.CLARKE"
		"T. H. GOOLEY" "T. GRAWFORD" "J.O. GURWOOD"
1/		"J.D.DOTY" "E.FERRY" "FORT DONELSON" "J.HART"
X		"S. JACKSON" "MOBILGAS" "MORMACGULL" "POELAU LAUT" "RAMO" "SEA FLASHER"
		"J.M.THOMPSON" "M.THORNTON" "S.M.WHITE"
Cape Gloucester:		"W.WILLIAMS"
Combat Units	1 DD	: "SIGCURNEY"
Escorts	4	: 1 DE: "WITTER" 2 PC: 1124, 1135 1 SC:699 (PIGARD" (DM) "STANSBURY" "TREVER" (DMS)
Auxiliaries	9	"LIBRA" (AKA) "DUPAGE" "W.P.BIDDLE"
		"LEEDSTONH" "FAYETTE" "NARREN" (APA)
Telasea: Combat Units	13 PT	
Auxiliaries	1	: "HILO" (AGP)
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Combat Units Merchantmen	10 Pr w	ith 1 LST acting as AGP
Langemak:		
Combat Units	20 DD	"VENDETTA" "FLETCHER" "GILLESPIE" "HARRISON" "HOFEWELL" "JOHN ROGERS" "KALK""LA VALLETTE"
		"MCKEE" "MURRAY" "NICHOLSON" "RADFORD" "REID"
(4)		"SCHROEDER" "STEMBEL" "STEVENS" "STOCKTON" "RINGGOLD" "WELLES" "WILKES"
Escorts	36	: 2 DE: "LOVELACE" "MANNING"
		5 FF: "GORONADO" "GLENDALE" "LONGBEACH"
		"SAN PEDRO" "EL PASO" 5 AMS: "GEELONG" "BOWEN" "GOULBURN"
		"CASTLEMAINE" "KIAMA"
		4 YMS: 9, 314, 334, 393
		5 MI: 424, 451, 805, 806, 816
- 1		14 SC: 732, 735, 737, 648, 650, 703, 741
Auxiliaries	39	742, 743, 744, 746, 750, 981, 982 "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "HUMPHRESY" "HERBERT"
Charles and Charles		"DICKERSOR" "NOA" "CROSBY" "KANE" "GILMER"
		"BROOKS" "KILTY" "DENT" "WARD" (APD) "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "HOGAN" "LONG" (DMS)
		Andrew Comments of the same of the same of

Tananala (Conta)		
Langemak (Contd) Auxiliaries (C		"H.T.ALLEN" "KANIMBLA" "MANCORA" "WESTRALIA" (APA) "CENTAURUS" (AKA) "AASE MAERSK" (AO) "SUSQUEHANNA" (ACG) "TRIANGULUM" "BOCTES" "ETAMIN" (AK) "BAYOU ST. JOHE" "SONOMA" "RESERVE" "CHEFCC" (AT) "TULSA" (PG) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "ANDREW DORIA" (IX) 1 YOG 1 YT: 156 1 YF: 280
Merchantmen	43	"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" "HAWAIAN SHIPPER" "P.S.HEWITT" "D.B.HUGHES" "ISOLATOR" "JAMSSENS" "KATOOMBA" "M.C.KERR" "W.S.LADD" "J.H.LANE" "MACTAN" "B.WATTHENS" "W.H.MOODY" "MORMACSEA" "DZARK" "A.HEHAN" "H.T.RAINEY" "RIMF LARDNER" "J.A.ROSSITER" "J.SINGER" "N.J.SINNOTT" "SOMMELSDIJCK"W.C.SQUIRE" "W.J.SUBJETTE" "A.THOMAS" "TJISADANE"
		"K.D.WIGGIN" "H.V.WHITE" "D.WRIGHT" "YOCHOW"
Lae:		
Escorts	3	: 2 ML: 428, 430 1 SC: 734
Auxiliaries Merchantmen	10	"TASMAN" (AH) "F. H. D.CDD" "A.B. HAMMOND" "G.R. HEBARD" "O.KELLY" "CRMISTON" "A.ROBERTSON" "J.ROSS" "T. SYMONS" "M. WAL KER" "F.R. WARDWELL"
Morobe: Auxiliaries	2	: "BENALLA" "MORESBY" (AGS)
Combat Units	12 DD	"NICHOLAS" "G'BANNON" "HOBBY" "JENKINS" "NICHOLAS" "G'BANNON" "ROE" "SIGSEEE" "STEVENSON" "SWANSON" "TAYLOR" "THORN"
Escorts	6	: 4 DE: "J.E.CRAIG" "EICHENBERGER" "NEUENDORF" "WHITEHURST" 2 PF: "OGDEN" "VAN BUREN"
Auxiliaries	16	"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) "HANTLTON" (DMS) 1 ARD
Merchantmen	39	"D.BELASCO" "S.BRANNON" "F.EILLIEGS" "E.A.BRYAN" "CAPE CANSO" "CAPE KILDARE" "P.J.BANDLER" "G.DAVIDSON" "DEFIANCE" "P.J.DODDRIDGE" "DON MARQUIS" "J.EVANS" "FAIRISLE" "M.FULIER" "R.F.EAND" "D.HEWES" "A.S.HEWITT" "J.A.JOHNSON" "L.S.KELLY" "E.D.LANDER" "T.C.LONE" "J.LYKES" "J.W.MACKAY' "J.B.MACPHERSON" "MAUI" "MOMMOUTH" "T.NELSON" "NORAB" "J.PALMER" "POINT SAN FEDRO" "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 FF: "BARCOO"
		5 ST: 698, 736, 737, 738, 748 6 AMS: "KAPUNDA" "GYMPIE" "STAWELL" "STRAHAN" "WAGGA" "BUNDABERG"
		6 PC: 476, 1121, 1122, 1123, 1131, 1132 9 TMS: 49, 50, 52, 53, 71, 73, 315, 316, 336 7 MT: 425, 427, 801, 803, 817, 818, 819

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. Milne Bay (Contd.)
                                                                 : "SCHLEY" "TALBOT" ( D) "DUNTROON"
         Auxiliaries
                                                                     "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 NO" (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 WALLO" "W.N.BYERS" "CALUSO"
         Merchantmen
                                               67
                                                                     "CAPE ROMANO" "J.C.CALHOUN" "J.M.CAREY"
"N.I.CASEY" "CHIPPENA" "F.J.CUNEL" "M.DALY"
"J.DEERE" "DONA NATI" "F.A.EILERS"
"H.EMERSON" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "F.EVERS"
"FORT HENRY" "FREDERICKSBURG" "GAUNTLET"
                                                                    "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"

"MORMAGLARK" "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"

"TECUNSEH" "TUNG SONG" "S. TURMAN"

"GEO. VANCOUVER" "VAN DEN BOSCH" "A. E. WATTS"

"S. W. WILLISTON" "ED. N. WESTGOTT"
                                                                     "S.W.WILLISTON" "ED.N.WESTCOTT"
                                                                     "J.M.WHISTIER" "E. YOUNG"
  Port Moresby:
                                                                 : 1 ML: 426
         Escorts
                                                                 "CALAMARES" (AF)
"J.P.BRADLEY" MONTORO"
         Auxiliaries
                                                  1
         Merchantmen
  Thursday Is:
          Escorts
                                                                 : 1 ML: 820
                                                                     "POLARIS" (AGS) 1 YP: 291 "BURGAREE" (CM)
         Auxiliaries
    Cairns:
                                                                                                                1 PS: "WARREGO"
                                                                 : 1 AMS: "BALLARAT"
         Escorts
                                                  5
                                                                 1 FC: 479 2 ML: 804, 811
: "PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD
         Auxiliaries
  Townsville:
                                                                 : "MANUMDA" (AH) 1 YP: 233
        Auxiliaries
       ckay:
                                                                 : "HERON" (AVP)
         Auxiliaries
   Rockhampton:
Auxiliaries
                                                  1
                                                                 : 1 YP: 504
   Brisbane:
                                                                 : 4 AMS: "BROOME" "BUNBURY" "KATCOMBA"
                                                  9
         Escorts
                                                                                    "MILDURA"
                                                                     1 YMS: 70 2 ML: 808, 821 2 SC: 745, 749
"ALGORAB" (AKA) "EURUMBA" (AO)
"MAET SUYCKER" (AH) "KAILUA" (IX) 1 YT: 23
                                                  5
         Auxiliaries
                                                                                                                                             1 YT: 236
   Sydney:
                                                                 : "NEW MEXICO" "PENNSYLVANIA" "IDAHO"
                                                  3 BB
         Combat Units
                                                                 : "HOBART" (Refitting)
: "STUART" "NORMAN" "ANOTHONY" "WARRINGTON"
                                                  1 CL
                                                  6 DD
                                                                     "BALCH" "BRAINE"
                                                                 : 5 AMS: "COOTAMUNDRA" "DELORAINE" "KALGOORLIE
"TOWNSVILLE" "WARRNAMBOOL"
                                                14
         Escorts
                                                                 3 A/S: "AB.CRIJSSEN" "KYBRA" "YANDRA"
6 ML: 807, 809, 813, 822, 823, 825
: "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "POINT LOMA" (AT)
"MIZAR" (AF) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS)
         Auxiliaries
   Melbourne:
                                                                 : 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" (Refitting)
         Escorts
                                                  1
   Adelaide:
                                                                 : 1 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" (Refitting)
                                                  1
         Escorts
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(11) ENEMS FORCES

At 0830/27 Kavieng airfield and surrounding a/a positions Kavieng were bombed by 42 Dauntless and 12 Avengers. Good

coverage was obtained.
- The stores areas at Talili Bay were attacked a.m. and p.m. 2. Rabaul 27 April by 24 Mitchells 23 Dauntless 24 Avengers and some fighter bombers. Tobera was also attacked

by 4 Liberators.

St Georges Channel - A possible submarine was seen by aircraft just North of Duke of York Island at 1015/27.

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.

At approx. 2300/27 3 enemy aircraft slipped undetected into Aitape 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 not report has been received of actual attacks

developing.

At 1030-1230/28 Wakde Island and Sawar strips, also install-Wakde ations at Sarmi Point, were attacked by 23 Liberators

39 Mitchells, but results are not yet complete. At about 1200/28 the Mokmer airfield on the South Coast, Biak Island 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 probable shot down and another damaged.

8. At 1210/28 the Jefman Island airstrip was bombed by 7 Sorong area Liberators covering the targets satisfactorily. 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.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

At sea to 1600/29: (a)

"PIRIE" escortin 2 MV was to depart Darwin 0500/29 for Thursday Is. 16 Submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

: 1 AMS : "INVERELL" Escorts

4 ML: 429, 809, 815, 814 "MURADA" "W.D.BOYCE" "ADMIRAL CHASE" Merchantmen

Drysdale:

: "WILGANNIA" (A/S) Escorts

: "GEO. EASTMAN" 1 Merchantmen

ENEMY FORCES (ii)

Photos taken during the strike on Babo airfield 1217/27 Babo (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.

Catalinas over Balikpapan during the night 27-28 April observed 1 possible destroyer and 3 other ships, in Balikpapan

2:Balikpapan (contd) and addition to some barges or all craft at or near Balikpapan.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1800/29;

- (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

Escorts

6

"HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS)

1 SC: 739 3 ML: 812, 824, 826

Auxiliaries

9

"LARK" (A) "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS)

"CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ISABEL" (PX) "CHILDS"

(AV) 1 ARD 2 YP: 286

Exmouth Gulf

Auxiliaries

1

"W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)

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. Ponage - During daylight 25 April Ponage 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 6 tons of bombs.

Warshalls - 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 & Hellcats which dropped 11 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).

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.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

1. Aitape - U.S.S. "ETAMIN" (AK) was attacked by 3 enemy torpedo bombers at 2300/27 off Aitape. 2 Forpedo hits were suffered

The engine room was put out of action but the 1. Altape (contd) "ETAMIN" is being, or to be, towed back to the base. Few casualties, however, were suffered.
With reference to the enemy cruiser described as "MOGAMI" 2. Palau area class sighted by U.S. submarine 1100/27 at Sonsoral Is. 1 certain and 1 probable torpedo hits were It is recalled that the veisel concerned was considered most likely to be "YUBARI" than a "MOGAMI" class cruiser. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS Concentration of enemy naval forces in Malayan waters. Increasing weight of allied air strikes on remaining enemy-held atolls 2. in Marshalls.
Telling blow on new operational enemy airfield at Mokmer. 3. Effective torpedo attack on YUBARI class light cruiser. 4. Night enemy air attack on shipping off Aitape.
Consolidation of enemy defences in Marianas, W. Carolines, N.W. Dutch
New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya and Kuriles. 5. 6. Continued use of enemy of submarines for transportation purposes in Marshalls, Bismarcks and Solomons, and of barges and 7. small freighters in less forward areas. --- 000 ---

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENERY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

	ALLIED FORCES							ENEMY FORCES
			thwest stern S		4	Sou	th Pacific	
BB	(4)	INDIANA IDAHO NEW MEX PENNSYI	ICO				•	-
CV(E)	(9)	NATOMA MANILA CORAL S CORREGI BARNES	BAY EA	SANGAM SUWANN CHENAN SANTEE	EE		-	-
CA	(2)	AUSTRAL SHROPSH					(4)	-
CL	(4)	BOISE NASHVIL PHOENIX HOBART				(8) **	COLUMBIA DENVER ST LOUIS HONOLULU BIRMINGHAM MONT PELIER CLEVELAND LEANDER	
AV/CVS		TANGIER		en t		(3)	WRIGHT CHANDELEUR POCOMOKE	-
XAV/XCVS	(3)	HALF MO SAN PABI HERON	ON LO			(3)	BALLARD COOS BAY ORCA	
	VENDE NORMA ABNER AMMEN BACHE BEALE CASSI DALY DASHII FLETCI GILLE GRAYSI HARRII HOBBY HOPEWI HUTCHI	MUNGA T TTA N READ N ELL HER SPIE ON SON	MULLAN MURRAY NICHOL NICHOL NICHOL O'BANN PHILIP PRITCH RADFOR REID RINGGO ROE SAMPSO SIGSBEN SCHROEN STEVEN STEVEN STOCKTO SYANSON TAYLOR THORN	AS E SON E ON CON CON CON CON CON CON CON CON CON	ABBCTT INDER SON BLACK BULLARD HAUNGEY LLET REEN MALE TUGHES TIDD ANSDOWNE ARDNER MORRIS USTIN USEL ALKER MITHONY ALCH RAINE ARRINGTON HARLES AUS		OR. 35	

Non-effective

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

		Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South 1	Pacific ENEMY FORCES	
SS	(8)	BASHAW DACE) BLACKFISH FLOUNDER On patro BLUEGILL MINGO) CERO SCAMP	-	10	
	(3)	SILVERSIDES) At Milne Bay S.47			
	(5)	TUNNY K.12 At Brisbane.			
		K.9 At Sydney			
PT	App	rox. 85	Approx	. 110	
APA) AKA) ABD)	(31)	H.T.ALLEN (APA) LIBRA (AKA) KANIMBLA WIRGO MANOORA WESTRALIA DUPAGE FAYETTE FAYETTE HARRY LEE HUMPHREYS LEEDSTOWN ZEILIN ORMSBY WINDSOR WARREN W.F.BIDDLE ALGORAE (AKA) CENTAURUS KILTY WARD	10 APA 1 APD 7 AKA		
AGC		BLUE RIDGE	-		
AS	(3)	OTUS EURYALE GRIFFIN	-		
AD		DOBBIN	_	-	
A.	(3)	RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS	PROMETE	ATRCRAFT:	
LSD	(4)	CARTER HALL GUNSTON HALL EPPING FOREST BELLE GROVE		Fighters (inc.7 T/E) 67 Light & M/Bombers 36 Torpedo & D/Bombers 2 Flying Boats 3 Floatplanes 25 Obsn. A/C 11	
		ALLIED FORCES	N PACIFIC	ENEMY FORCES	
CA		_		(2) NACHI, ASHIGARA	
CI		(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND		(3) ABUKUMA TAMA KISO	
DD		9	-	10	
SS		10		Approx. 4	

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

	ALLIED FORC	ES		ENEMY FO	RCES	
				ndates Lippines	Emp	ire
BB	(14) IONA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA COLCRADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA OKLAHOMA			(5)	YAMASHIRO ISE HYUGA MUSASHI MUTSU (prob
GA	(7) ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON HORNET	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL		-		-
CV(L)	(8) CABOT COWPENS BATAAN BELLEAU WOOD	LANGLEY MONTEREY PRINCETON INDEPENDENCE		-	(5)	RYUHO ZUIHO HITAKA HAYATAKA TAIHO
CV(T)	-			-		нозно
CV(E)	(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 OMMANEY BAY PETROF BAY RANEE			(6)	CHITOSE CHIYODA KAIYO JINYO OTAKA UNYO
<u>GA</u>	(13) BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS LOUISVIILE	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT IAKE CITY PORTLAND		AOBA		-
OCA	-			-		6
<u>CL</u>		BILOXI OAKLAND RENO CONCORD	(5)	OI KINU ISUZU OYODO YUBARI	(2)	NAGARA NATORI
CL(T)	e e		4	RASHIMA		
AV/CVS	CURTISS		(2)	AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO		-
DD	Approx. 120		15-	So		several repairing)
SS	Approx. 30		25		Appr	or. 25
AS	•		?	Construction of the Constr	2 (1	repairing)
		4. SOUTH E	ASTERI	V PACIFIC		
CL	TREMPON			•		
DD	9			-		

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

		hwest Pactitern Secti		Eas	tern Flee	t Area	Eas	t Indies	-Malaya
P				(4)	QUEEN EL VALIANT RENOWN RICHELIE		f (5)	YAMATO NAGATO KONGO HARUNA FUSO	
CV				(2)	ILLUSTRI SARATOGA		(2)	SHOKAKU	
CV(E)		. .		(5)	BATTLER UNICORN SHAH ATHELING BEGUM			-	
CA		31		(4)	SUFFOLK SUS SEX LONDON CUMBERLA	MD	(11)	TAKAO MAYA CHOKAI MOGAMI	SUZUYA KUMANO TONE CHIKUMA HAGURO MYOKO
CL	A	DELATDE		(8)	CEYLON KENYA GAMBIER NIGERIA	NEWCAS DANAE TROMP EMERAI	36	YAHAGI NOSHIRO KITAGAN	
CL(T)		-			**	,		KASHII	
AV/CV	(2)	CHILDS W.B. PREST	ON		ALBATROS	S		-	
XCL		-		(2)	CANTON CHITRAL			-	
DD		-		Appr	ox. 27			30	
SS	(16)	BONEFISH BOWFIN CREVALLE COD DARTER FLASHER HAKE HARDER	HOE JACK PADDLE PARGO RAY REDFIN ROBALO K.15	Appr On pat	ox. 15			18 (inc	l.7 German)
		BILLFISH		Darwin					
		LAPON		Exmouth	Gulf				
	(10)	ANGLER BLUEFISH CABRILLA GUNNEL HADDO	NORWHAL) PUFFER RATON RASHER K.14	At Fre	mantle		A TROPATO	(Frat T	oding oulw)
AS C	(2)	PELIAS		 	:	1	Fighters Light & M Corpedo & Clying Bo Cloatplan Obsn. A/C	/Bombers D/Bombe	ndies only) 115 68 ors 43 23

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

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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) ALL IED 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 Calcundra 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 Calcundra 2000/28 on A/S patrol Sandy Cape.
 (8) "WADSWORTH" "TERRY" (DD) proceeding Sydney ETA 1 May.
 (9) "GRIFFIN" (AS) departed Calcundra 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 Calcumdra 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.

(Note: Special operational movements not shown). (c) In Harbour:

Admiralties: Combat Units

: "INDIANA" 1 BB

"SANGAMON" "SUWANNEE" "CHENANGO" "SANTEE" 5 CVE

"BARNES"

: "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE" : "PHOENIX" "BOISE" "NA SHVILLE"

Admiralties (Contd.		
Combat Units (Contd.)	23 DD	"ABNER READ" "AMMEN" ANDERSON" "ARUNTA" "BACHE" "BEALE" "CASSIN" "CHARLES AUSBURNE" "DALY" "DYSON" "ELLET "HUGHES" "HUTCHINS" "LAN SDOWNE" "LARDNER" "MORRIS" "MULLANY"
		"MUSTIN" "PHILIP" "PRITCHETT" "RUSSEL"
	1	"SPENCE" "WARRAMUNGA"
A Branch	22 PT	
Escorts	23	** B DE: "ACREE BARON" "IR VY" "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	"TANGIER" (AV) "LEOPARD" "MINK" (IX) "LASSEN"
	5.	"SANGAY" "YUNNAN" (AE) "PRESTDENT 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.BARBOSA" "J.G.BRADY"
		"T.M.COOLEY" "T.CRAWFORD" "J.O.CURWOOD"
		"J.D.DCTY" "E.FERRY" "FORT DONELSON" "J. HART"
		"S. JACKSON" "MOBILGAS" "MORMACGULL" "POELAU LAUT" "RAMO" "SEA FLASHER"
		"J.M. THOMPSON" "M. THORNTON" "S.M. WHITE"
Comp. (12 aug.)		"W.WILLIAMS"
Cape Gloucester:	1 00	• Hotootopward
Escorts	4	* "SIGOURNEY"
Auxiliaries	9	: 1 DE: "WITTER" 2 PC: 1124, 1135 1 SC:699 : "PICARD" (DM) "STANBURY" "TREVER" (DMS) "LIBRA" (AKA) "DUPAGE" "W.P.BIDDLE"
Talasea:		"LEEDSTOWN" "FAYETTE" "WARREN" (APA)
Combat Units Auxiliaries	13 PF	: "HILO" (AGP)
Saidor:	7 - 1	
Combat Units Merchantmen Langemak:	10 PT v	ith 1 LST acting as AGP : "TIMOSHENKO"
Combat Units	20 DD	"WENDETTA" "FLETCHER" "GILLESPIE" "HARRISON" "HOPEWELL" "JOHN ROGERS" "KALK" "LA VALIETTE"
		"SCHROEDER" "STEWBEL" "STEVENS" "STOCKTON"
Escorts	35	"RINGGOLD" "WELLES" "WILKES"
	00	2 DE: "LOVELACE" "MANNING" 5 FF: "CORONADO" "GLENDALE" "LONGBEACH" "SAN PEDRO" "EL PASO"
		3 AMS: "GEELONG" "GOULBURN" "KTAMA"
		4 YMS: 9, 314, 334, 393 1 PC: 1133
		6 MC: 424, 431, 802, 805, 806, 816
Auxiliaries	3 6	14 SC: 648, 650, 703, 732, 737, 741, 742, 743, 744, 746, 750, 981, 982 "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "HERBERT" "DICKERSON" "NOA"
		"DENT" "WARD" (ADD) "CAPBUR HALL!! (FOR)
		"HOGAN" "LONG" (DMS) "ORMSBY" "HARRY LEE" "ZEILIN" WINDSOR" "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "CENTAURUS" (AKA) "AASE AERSE" (AO)
•		SUDMULLIANN" (ACC) "TRTANCITIES" "ROOMPON
		"ETAMIN" (AK) "MATAFELE" (AGS) "SONOMA" "BAYOU ST. JOHN" "RESERVE" "CHETCO" (AT) "TULSA" (PG) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "ANDREW DORIA" (IX)
		1 YOG 1 YT: 156m 1 YP: 280

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	SE 10-12-1		
	Langemak (Contd.) Merchantmen	36	"ANSON BURLINGHAME" "ARKANSAS PASS" "E.D.BAKER" "D.F.BARRY" "BOEGFRED" "J.BUCHANAN" "L.L.DYCHE" "H.EMERSON" "D.D.FIELD" "M.FULIER" "A.B.HAMMOND"
	7 (2)		"HAWAIAN 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" "SOMMELSDIJCK"
			"W.C.SQUIRE" "TJISADANE" "K.D.WIGGIN" "H.V.WHITE" "D.WRIGHT"
	Lae: Escorts	3	: 2 ML: 428, 430 1 SC: 734
-	Auxiliaries	2	: "TASMAN" (AH) "SHIKELLAMY" (AOG)
	Merchantmen	7	"A.ROBERTSON" "T.SYMONS" "M.WALKER"
1-	Stewaho s		"F.R.WARDWELL"
7 11 1	Morobe: Auxiliaries Buna-Oro Bay:	2	: "BENALLA" "MORESBY" (AGS)
	Combat Units	12 DD	"DASHIELL" "GRAYSON" "HOBBY" "JENKINS" "NICHOLAS" "O'BANNON" "ROE" "SIGSBEE"
	Escorts	6	"STEVENSON" "SWANSON" "TAYLOR" "THORN" 4 DE: "J.E.CRAIG" "EICHENBERGER" "NEUBNDORF"
			2 PF: "OGDEK" "VAN BUREN"
	Auxiliaries	15	"HUMPHRESY" "SANDS" (APD) "GENERAL JOHN POPE" (AP) "OCTANS" (AF) "POLLUX" (AKS)
			"PYRO" (AE) "SOLACE" (AH) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "DOBBIN" (AD) "TRYON" (APH) "HAMILTON" (DMS)
	Merchantmen	34	1 ARD "S.BRAMMON" "F.BILLINGS" "E.A.BRYAN"
			"CAPE SANSO" "CAPE KILDARE" "P.CHANDLER" "G.DAVIDSON" "DEFIANCE" "P.T.DODDRIDGE" "DON MARQUIS" "J.EVANS" "FATRISLE" "R.F.HAND "D.HEWES" "J.A.JOHNSON" "L.S.KELLY" "E.D.LANDER" "T.G.LOWE" "J.LYKES" "J.W.MACKA
			"J.B. MACPHERSON" "MAUI" "MONMOUTH" "T. NELSON" "NORAB" "J. PALMER" "
	18		"POINT SAN PEDRO" "PAUL REVERE" "A. ROBINSON" "SEA SCAMP" "VAN SPILSBERGEN" "R. J. WALKER"
			"J.E.WING" "GEC.WYTHE"
	Kiriwina:		* "MANA"
	Merchantmen toodenough Is:	1	
	Merchantmen Milne Bay:	3	: "J.W.MELERUM" "S.G. PORTER" "WEST CACTUS"
-7	Combat Units	1 PT	a man Harandan H
	Escorts	37	: 1 PF: "EARCOO" 6 SC: 698, 735, 736, 737, 738, 748
			8 AMS: "CASTLEWAINE" "BUNDABERG" "GLADSTONE" "GYMPIE" "KAPUNDA" "STAWELL" "STRAHAN "WAGGA"
			6 PC: 476, 1121, 1122, 1123, 1131, 1132 9 YMS: 49, 50, 52, 53, 71, 73, 315, 316, 336
	Auxiliaries .	38	7 ML: 425, 427, 801, 803, 817, 818, 819 : "SCHLEY" "TALBOT" (APD) "KANIMBLA" "MAN OORA"
			"WESTRALIA" (APA) "DUNTROON" "REPUBLIC" "GENERAL G.E.SQUIRE" (AP) "HALF MOON" (AVP)
•			"EURYALE" (AS) "PERRY" (DMS) "KOOPA" (AGP) "GANYLEDE" (AK) "RIGEL" (AR) "FIRE/SLAND" "WATO" (AT) "CALAMARES" (AF) "ST.MARYS"
		4,	"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 <u>YP</u> : 278, 283, 449

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Milne Bay (Contd.) Merchantmen	75	"H.L.ABBOTT" "ALAMO" "ALCOA PILGRIM" "J.J.ASTOR" "ATLANTIC TRADER" "L.BEECHER" "D.BELASCO" "BUFFALOW WALLOW" "W.N.BYERS" "CALUSO" "CAPE ROMANO" "J.C.CALHOUN" " "J.M.CAREY" "M.I.CASEY" "W.E.CHANNING" "CHIPFEWA" "F.J.CUMEL" "M.DALY" "J.DEERE" "BONA NATI" "F.A.EILERS" "EMPIHE 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" "KDTA GEDE" "F.B.LINDERMANN" "N.LUCKENBAVH" "N.E.MACK" "A.MAJOR" "C.H.MATSON" "GEO. VON L.MEYER" "MOLINO DEL REY" "H.MONROE" "MORMACSEA" "B.T.OSBORNE" "H.C.PAYNE" "MORMACSEA" "NUGINGO" "ORMISTON" "PAN AMERICAN" "NUGINGO" "ORMISTON" "PAN AMERICAN" "SABINE SUN" "SEA SNIPE" "S.H.SHORT" "SOUTHWEST PASS" "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.N.WILLISTON" "ED.N.WESTCOTT" ""J.M.WHISTLER" "E.YOUNG"
Bowt Monachus		"ED.R.WESTGOTT" ""J.M.WHISTLER" "E. 100MG"
Port Moresby:	1	: 1 ML: 426
Mer chan tmen	2	"J.P.BRADLEY" "MONTORO"
Thursday Is:		
Escorts	1	: 1 ML: 820
Auxiliaries	3	: "POLARIS" (AGS) 1 YP: 291 "BUNGAREE" (CM)
Cairns:	E	. 2 AMG. MEATTARABIL 2 DG. BUARREGON
Escorts	5	: 1 AMS: "BALLARAT" 1 PS: "WARREGO" 1 PC: 479 2 ML: 804, 811
Auxiliaries	2	: "PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD
Townsville:	-	
Auxiliaries	1	: 1 YP: 233
Mackay:		
Auxiliaries	1	: "HEROH" (AVP)
Rockhampton:	_	
Auxiliaries	1	: 1 YP: 504
Brisbane:	9	: 4 AMS: "BROOME" "BUNBURY" "KATOOMBA" "WHYALLA"
ESCOT OS		1 YMS: 70 2 ML: 808, 821 2 SC: 745, 749
Auxiliaries	5	: "ALGORAB" (AKA) "KURUMBA" (AO) "MANUNDA" (AE) "KAILUA" (IX) 1 YT: 236
dney:	2 DD	* "NEW MEXICO" "PENNSYLVANIA" "IDAHO"
Combat Units	3 BB 1 CL	"HOBART" (Refitting)
	6 DD	"STUART" "NORMAN" "ANTHONY" "WARRINGTON"
*	- 22	"BALCH" "BRAINE"
Escorts	14	: 5 AMS: "COOTAMUNDRA" "DELORAINE" "KALGOORLIE" "TOWNSVILLE" "WARRNAMBOOL"
		3 A/S: "AB.CRIJSSEN" "KYBRA" "YANDRA"
		6 M.: 807, 809, 813, 822, 823, 825
Auxiliaries	4	: "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "POINT LOMA" (AT) "MIZAR" (AI
		"CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS)
Melbourne:	_	and Hamilion amount to the sales of
Escorts	1	: 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" (Refitting)
Adelaide: Escorts	1	: 1 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" (Refitting)
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42	(1:	1) ENERY FORCES
1. Rabaul - Uni	a.m. 28 9 Airco scored supply	weather hampered air operations 28 April but 8 April Vunakanau was attacked by 21 Warhawks bras and Rapopo by 8 Mitchells. Hits were on these strips. Also during the day the centres at Vunapope and Keravat and on Duke of were attacked by 16 Mitchells 11 Avengers
	and by	fighter sweeps.
2. Alexishafen		cols out of Alexishafen advanced approx. 2 miles

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- North on 27 April to the road junction, reporting 2. Alexishafen (contd) at area was heavily mined. Bay - Details concerning the righter sweeps along this section of the coast 28 April indicate that 51 3. Alexishafen-Hansa Bay 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 Another truck was destroyed at near Condor Pt. Coastal sweeps were maintained Potsdam Plantation. during 29 April but reports are not yet completed. - At 1730-1745/28 small craft at the Sepik River Sepik River Mouth mouth were attacked by 4 Mavocs, 2 power barges carrying troops were destroyed and heavy casualties inflicted on personnel. 2 other barges in Watom Lagoon (Broken water Bay) were strafed.
At 1000/1030/29 villages and trails along the middle reaches of the Sepik River were attacked by Bostons. 5. Middle Sepik Reports received indicate that Angoram, Marienburg, Ambunti, Timbunke, Buriu and Mariu were attacked by 47 Bostons. Final details of the strike on lew a.m. 28 April show that 6. Wewak a total of 67 Bostons were involved. At approx. 0940/29 supply dumps in the Dagua-Newak area were again attacked by escorted Bostons. Supplies were hit and fires started. received relate that 44 Bostons were involved. During the night 27-28 April PT boats observed 7 a/c Wewak-Ai ape 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.

Mative 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 Newak. 8. Hollandia Our patrols reached the Ta i 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. At 0015/0200/28 Wakde Island was bombed by, 17 Liberators. 9. Wakde Is. -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 At Tami a fuel dump and probable ammunitdestroyed. ion dump were hit, in addition to many piles of supplies. The same targets were attached again approx. 1000/29 - reports received covered 29 Mitchells. Mitchell was lost. Final details concerning the strike 1030-1200/28 10. Biak Island (reported Summary 823) show that 46 Liberators were involved and that approx. 15 aircraft were destroyed on the ground at Mokmer airfield (Central South In addition to aircraft seen on the ground Coast). 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. At 1345/29 3 Sampans were strafed by a Navy Liberator Manokwari 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. - 5 -

At 1212/29 a Navy Liberator served 2 merchantships 1000/1500 tons) piled high with supplies, and escorted Sorong Area 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 "HOSHO" 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.

NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1600/30: "PIRTE" escorting Convoy DT.53 (2 MV) departed Darwin 0620/29 for Thursday Is. ETA. 1530/3.
"LATROBE" (AMS) escorting "ALATNA" "BABINDA" departed Thursday Is. (1)

(2) 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

: 1 AMS: "INVERELL"
4 ML: 429, 809. 815, 814
: "MURADA" "W.D.BOYCE" "ADMIRAL CHASE" 3 Merchantmen

Drysdale:

: "WILCANNIA" (A/S) 1 Escorts

: "GEO. EASTMAN" Merchantmen

Merauke:

Escorts 1 : SC.731

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(11) ENEMY FORCES

1. Timor - At 0755/29 Dilli was bombed by 12 Mitchells. Photographs confirm that considerable damage was probably inflicted.

Only small eraft were observed in Dilli Harbour.

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.

At 2115-2130/28 one of possibly two aircraft, probably 4. Broome enemy reconnaissance planes, were located approx. 170 miles off Broome.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1600/30:

Nil.

(b) In Harbour:

(B) In Harbour:

Fremantle: Combat Units Escorts	1 CL 6	: "ADELAIDE" : "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739 3 ML: 812, 324, 826
Auxiliaries	9 /	"LARK" (AM) "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ISABEL" (PY) "CHILDS" (AV) 1 ARD 2 YP: 286
Exmouth Gulf: Escorts Auxiliaries	2 2	: 2 YMS: 11, 72 : "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) 1 YP: 288

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.

At 1330/28 a barge escorted by one "Mutsuki" Class destroyer was observed 180 miles S.W. of Palau on an easterly course. 2. Palau -

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.

On 27 April Ponape was bombed by 14 Cenpac Liberators. On 27 April Enybor (Jaluit) and Wotje were attacked Ponape 5. Marshalls

respectively by 12 and 11 Mitchells.

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 MAVAL SUMMARY

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<u>CL</u>	(4) BOISE NASHVILL PHOENIX HOBART	E		(8) COLUMBIA DENVER HONOLULU ST LOUIS BIRMINGHAM MONTPELIER CLEVELAND LEANDER	
AV/CVS	TANGIER			(3) WRIGHT CHANDELEUR POCOMOKE	
XAV/XCVS	(3) HALF MOO SAN PABL HERON			(3) BALLARD COOS BAY ORCA	•
DP (72)	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA NORMAN ABNER READ AMMEN BACHE BEALE CASSIN DALY DASHIELL PLETCHER GILLESPIE GRAYSON HARRISON HOBBY HOPEWELL HUTCHINS JENKINS JOHN ROGERS KALK	MULLANY MURRAY NICHOLAS NICHOLSON O'BANNON PHILIP PRITCHETT RADFORD REID RINGGOLD ROE SIGSBEE SCHROEDER STEMBEL STEVENS STEVENSON STOCKTON SWANSON TAYLOR THORN	ABBOTT ANDERSON BLACK BULLARD CHAUNCEY ELLET ERBEN HALE HUGHES KIDD LANSDOWNE LARDNER MORRIS MUSTIN RUSSEL WALKER ANTHONY EALCH HRAINE CHARLES AU DYSON	Approx. 35	
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1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

	ALLIED FORCES			ENEMY FORCES			
	Southwest (Eastern		South Pa	eifie			
<u>88</u>	(9) BASHAW DACE BLACKFISH FLOUN BLUEGILL MINGO CERO SCAMP TUNNY	On patrol		.10			
	(3) SILVERSIDES } A S.47	t Milne Bay					
		t Brisbane t Sydney					
<u>Pľ</u>	Approx. 85		Approx.	110 9			
APD)	(31) H.T.ALLEN (APA) KANIMBLA MANOORA WESTRALIA DUPAGE FAYETTE HARRY LEE LEEDSTOWN ZEILIN ORMSBY WINDSOR WARREN W. P.BIDDLE ALGORAB (AKA) CENTAURUS	LIBRA (AKA) VIRGO KANE (APD) GILMER SOHLEY SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS HERBERT TALBOT CROSBY NOA DENT DICKERSON KILTY WARD	10 APA 1 APD 7 AKA				
AGC	BLUE RIDGE						
AS	(3) OTUS EURYALE GRIFFIN						
AD	DOBBIN		· 1				
AR	(3) RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS		PROMETHEU	AIRCRAFT:			
LSD	(3) CARTER HALL GUNSTON HALL EPPING FOREST	I	BELLE GROVE	Fighters (inc.7 T/E) 67 Light & M/Bombers 36 Torpedo & D/Brs 2 Flying Boats 3 Floatplanes 25 Obsn. A/C 11			
	ALLIED FORCES	2. NORTH	ERN PACIFIC	DWING HADOWS			
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OT .	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND			(3) ABUKUMA TAMA KISO			
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3. CEMPRAL PACIFIC

		ALLIE	D FORCES	2800-		FORC	ES
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	(14)	IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON NORTE CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA OKLAHOMA		•	(5)	YAMASHIRO ISE HYUGA MUSASHI MUTSU (probsunk
<u>cv</u>	(7)	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON HORNET	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL		•		
CV(L)	(8)	COMPENS BATAAN	LANGLEY MONTEREY PRINCET ON INDEPENDENCE		•	(5)	RYUHO ZUIHO HITAKA HAYATAKA TAIHO
CV(T)		, to	•		-		HOSHO
CV(E)	(20)	COPAREE PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU CASABLANCA ALTAMAHA WHITE PLAINS BRET ON MIDWAY SAVO ISLAND	FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MEHENTA BAY OMMANEY BAY PETROF BAY RANEE			(6)	CHTTOSE CHIYODA FAIYO JINYO OTAKA UNYO
CA	(13)	EALPIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS LOUISVILLE	MINTEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SAIT LAKE CITY PORTLAND		AOBA		
			•		-	6	
CL	(8)	SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	BILOXI OAKLAND RENO GONCORD	(5)	OI KINU ISUZU OYODO YUBARI	(2)	NAGARA NATORI
CL(T)					KASHIMA		
AV/CVS		CURTISS		(2)	AKITSUSHI NOTORO	MA	•
DD	A	трргок. 120		15-	20	20	several repairing)
SS	-	Approx. 30		25			ox. 25
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5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area Eas	t Indies-Malaya
BB -	(4) QUEEN ELIZABETH (5) VALIANT RENOWN RICHELIEU	YAMATO NAGATO KONGO HARUNA FUSO
<u>cv</u> -	(2) ILLUSTRIOUS (2) SARATOGA	SHOKAKU ZU IKAKU
<u>cv (E)</u> -	(5) BATTLER UNICORN SHAH ATHELING BEGUM	
<u>C</u> 4	(4) SUFFOLK (11) SUSSEX LONDON CUMBERLAND	ATAGO SUZUYA TAKAO KUMANO MAYA TONE CHOKAI CHIKUMA MOGAMI HAGURO MYOKO
<u>CL</u> ADELATDE	(8) CEYLON NEWCASTLE (3) KENYA DANAE GAMBIER TROMP NIGERIA EMERALD	YAHAGI NOSHIRO KITAGAMI
CL(T)		KASHII
AV/CVS (2) CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	
XCL -	(2) CANTON CHITRAL	•
DD -	Approx. 27	30
SS (16) BILLFISH HOE BONEFISH JACK BOWFIN LAPON CREVALLE PADDLE ON PARGO FLASHER RAY HAKE REDFIN	Approx. 15	18 (incl.7 German
HANDER ROBALO		100
(2) DARTER At Darwin	7	
(10) ANGLER NORWHALL BLUEFISH PUFFER ATON AT F	remantle	
A (2) PELIAS ORION	AIRCRAFT (Fighters Light & Mod Torpedo & I Flying Boat Floatplanes Obsn. A/C)/Bombers -