

JAPANESE NAVAL LOSSES - NOVEMBER, 1942.

South and Southwest Areas.

MOST
SECRET.

S U M M A R Y.

	<u>SUNK</u>	<u>DAMAGED</u>
BATTLESHIPS	1	1
HEAVY CRUISERS	4	-
LIGHT CRUISERS	5 (3 may be heavy Cruisers)	4
DESTROYERS	11	15
SUBMARINES	2	1
TRANSPORTS	11	2
CARGO VESSELS	3	5
UNIDENTIFIED VESSELS	-	2
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	37	31
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The above statement of losses is believed to be conservative as actual sinkings include only those vessels confirmed as sunk.

In the list of vessels damaged there may be a number of units which have been hit more than once and may thus be listed more than once.

This summary does not include vessels sunk or damaged by submarine attack.

SUNK AND DESTROYED.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>Attack</u>	<u>Detail</u>
2/11	New Britain Waters	1 Transport	Aircraft	Direct hit with 500 lb. bomb. Several near misses. Observed on fire at 0920/3 and further attacked. Ship later reported low in water entirely in flames. Lifeboats sighted in area - subsequently large oil patch and nil sighting of vessel in area in which previously observed.
7/11	Guadalcanal	1 Destroyer	Torpedo Boats	Large oil slick, boxes, life rafts and debris observed in vicinity after attack. Ex Soupac
8/11	Guadalcanal	1 Midget submarine	Aircraft	Attacked and subsequently beached. Subsequently attacked and strafed. Ex Soupac
10/11	San Cristobal Island	1 submarine	U.S.S. Southard.	On sixth attack stern blown out of water. Vessel surfaced one minute later and then disappeared stern first after having been hit in control room by 4" shell. Ex Soupac.
13-15/ 11	Solomons area	1 Battleship (Kongo"Class)		Ex Soupac.
13-15/ 11	Solomons area	1 Battleship or heavy cruiser		Ex. Soupac.
13-15/ 11	Solomons area	3 Heavy Cruisers		Ex. Soupac.
13-15/ 11	Solomons area	3 large Cruisers		Ex. Soupac.
13-15/ 11	Solomons area	2 light Cruisers		Ex. Soupac.
13-15/ 11	Solomons area	6 Destroyers		Ex. Soupac.

SUNK AND DESTROYED.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>Attack</u>	<u>Detail</u>
10-15/11	Solomons Area	10 Transports		Ex. Soupac.
13-15/11	Solomons Area	3 Cargo vessels		Ex. Soupac.
18/11	Buna-Gona Area	1 Destroyer	Aircraft	1 direct hit amidships with 500 lb. bombs. Seen to split open amidships.
24/11	New Guinea Waters	1 Destroyer	Aircraft	Hit twice near stern and several heavy explosions observed. Burned fiercely and partly gutted an hour after being hit. Reported later as seen to sink.
29/11	Vitiaz Strait Area	1 Destroyer	Aircraft	Several hits with 500 lb. bombs and set on fire. Observed listing and motionless. Only three of the four destroyers attacked were observed returning. Thorough search was made. Blow up with all hands.
29-30/11	Shortland	1 Destroyer		
<u>H I T.</u>				
1/11	Shortland	1 Transport	Aircraft	1 direct hit with either 1,000 lb. or 500 lb. bombs.
3/11	Guadalcanal	1 "Natori" Class Light Cruiser	Aircraft (?) Submarine	2 Torpedo hits. Ex. Soupac.
3/11	San Cristobal	1 Submarine	U.S.S. McCalla	Attacked with depth charges. Loud underwater explosions heard after depth charging. Ex. Soupac.

H I T.

<u>Date</u>	<u>AREA</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>Attack</u>	<u>Detail</u>
7/11	Ysabel	1 light Cruiser	Aircraft	2 Torpedo hits 1 X 1000 lb. bomb hit, 1 near miss. Ex. Soupac.
7/11	Ysabel	1 Destroyer	Aircraft	1 Torpedo hit. 2 hits 2 near misses with 100 lb. bombs. <u>Note</u> : Signal does not make it clear whether bomb hits and near misses were inflicted on torpedoed destroyer or on another destroyer. It is assumed that same vessel was torpedoed and subseq- uently hit by bombs. Ex. Soupac.
9/11	St. George's Channel	1-5000 ton Transport	Aircraft	1 hit with 500 lb. bomb. Vessel listed to port and headed for shore. Later report of pilot considered vessel beached.
12/11	Shortland	1 large Destroyer	Aircraft	1 direct hit and 2 near misses at 20 feet with 500 lb. bombs.
13/11	Shortland	1 large Destroyer or light Cruiser	Aircraft	1 direct hit with 500 lb. bomb.
13-15/11	Solomons	1 Battleship		Ex. SOUPAC.
15/11	Solomons	1 Cruiser		Ex. SOUPAC.
13-15/11	Solomons	5 Destroyers		Ex. SOUPAC.
15/11	Rabaul	1 large U/I vessel	Aircraft	1 direct hit with 500 lb. bomb. Explosion caused which was felt at 6,500 feet.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>Attack</u>	<u>Detail</u>
17/11	Rabaul	1 very large U/I vessel	Aircraft	2 direct hits on bow and one amidships with 500 lb. bombs. Ship seen emitting heavy black smoke after attack.
18/11	Buna-Gona	1 light Cruiser	Aircraft	1 direct hit amidships with 500 lb. bomb. Small fire started followed by very heavy explosions. Vessel last seen burn- ing and surrounded by burning debris.
19/11	Shortland	2 cargo vessels	Aircraft	Ex. SOUPAC.
22/11	New Britain Waters	1 Destroyer	Aircraft	1 direct hit on stern; 1 near miss at 25 ft. from stern with 500 lb. bombs. No apparent damage inflicted and vessel last reported manoeuvring at high speed.
24-25/11	Cape Cretin area	1 Destroyer	Aircraft	Hit on stern. Emitted black smoke and appeared partly disabled.
24-25/11	Cape Cretin area.	1 Destroyer	Aircraft	Direct hit on stern.
29/11	Vitiaz Strait area	1 Destroyer	Aircraft	At least 2 hits with 500 lb. bombs. Reported heavily damaged and moving slowly.

NEAR MISS.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>Attack</u>	<u>Detail</u>
5/11	Shortland	1 light Cruiser	Aircraft	1 "Very near" miss.
11/11	Shortland	1/8-10,000 ton cargo vessel	Aircraft	No hit observed, but black smoke and debris indicated possible hit or very near miss. 500 lb bombs.
12/11	Shortland	1/8-10,000 ton cargo vessel	Aircraft	2 very near misses (20 feet) with 500 lb. bombs.
13/11	Shortland	1 Destroyer	Aircraft	1 very near miss (20 feet) with 500 lb. bomb.
29/11	New Britain area	1 Destroyer	Aircraft	1 very near miss (15-20 feet) with 500 lb. bombs.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

1st November, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("HOBART" (P) "PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "HENLEY" "PATTERSON") en route patrol area to Brisbane ETA p.m. 2/11.
- (ii) "HELM" en route Sydney to RV with "HOLLAND" (ex Fremantle) south of Kangaroo Is. at 0800 today 1/11. Thence Brisbane.
- (iii) "WARREGO" arr. Port Moresby 1101/31.
- (iv) "BENDIGO" escorting "BAN HONG LIONG" "WEST CACTUS" "DILGA" en route Milne Bay to Townsville ETA 0700 today 1/11.
- (v) "WARRENAMBOOL" dep. Thursday Is. 1710/31 for Townsville ETA 2300 tomorrow 2/11.
- (vi) "COLAC" "BRCOME" dep. Townsville 2046/31 for Cairns to await orders ETA 1000 today 1/11.
- (vii) "ROCKHAMPTON" "ABRAHAM CRYNSSEN" escorting Convoy PGL9 arr. Sydney 1654/31.
- (viii) "TOWNSVILLE" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy OC39 en route Wilson's Promontory area to Sydney.
- (ix) "DELORAINE" "WILCANNIA" escorting Convoy OC40 en route Sydney to RV with "DOOMBA" in vicinity of Wilson's Promontory. "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC40 dep. Port Phillip 0107 today 1/11. ETA Port Kembla 2200/3. Newcastle 1200/4.
- (x) "TULSA" returning Brisbane from Whitsunday Passage after escort duty.
- (xi) "KATOOMBA" was due Willis Is. ~~xxxxxx~~ 30/10. To return Cairns.
- (xii) "BUNGAREE" en route Auckland to Port Phillip ETA 1400 tomorrow 2/11.
- (xiii) "WANGA ELLA" en route Brisbane to Melbourne ETA 1300 today 1/11.
- (xiv) At Sydney - "VENDETTA" "MANOORA" "DOBSIN" "BUNDABERG" "MILDURA" "WHYALLA" "TAMWORTH" "MORESBY" "GOLDSTAR" Repairing - "AUSTRALIA" "SELFLEDGE" "TROMP" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "BISHOPDALE" "SWAN" "VICTORIA"
- (xv) At Townsville - "ARUNTA" "STUART" "YUNNAN" "KURUMBA"
- (xvi) At Adelaide - "SPRINGDALE"
- (xvii) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "GEELONG" "GOULBURN" "ECHUCA" "POYANG" "AASE MAERSK" "MERKUR" "MANUNDA"
- (xviii) At Cairns - "BALLARAT"
- (xix) At Port Stephens - "AUSTRALIA" "PINGWO"
- (xx) At Port Moresby - "LITHGOW" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "MULIAMA" "KARSIK" "JASON LEE" "GORGON" "PAINE WINGATE" "GEORGE MATTHEWS" "STAGEN" "S.J. FIELD" "VAN HEUTSZ"
- (xxi) At Thursday Is. - "ARMIDALE"

Enemy Forces

- (i) Buin-Falsi Area - Reports from air recce of this area 31/10 are incomplete. Only 18 vessels were reported, plus an unstated number of destroyers and cruisers.
- (ii) Rabaul - Analysis of photographs taken 31/10 indicate the following shipping in Rabaul Harbor -

2 light cruisers		
2 destroyers		
3 auxiliaries (5/7000 tons)		
1 seaplane tender		
2 military landing craft carriers (5/7000 tons)		
23 merchant vessels	5	8/10,000 tons
	5	6/7,000 tons
	10	3/5,000 tons
	3	small

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These figures indicate some falling off in the tonnage of merchant shipping in the harbor.

In addition, 2 half-sunken destroyers were shown in harbor.

Visual reconnaissance reported the following additional vessels at sea off Rabaul at 1045 -

1 heavy cruiser, 70 miles N.W. Rabaul, on course 130° and a small destroyer 3 miles to the eastward, on course 300°.

It would seem that the two vessels were proceeding together, but were manoeuvring to avoid air attack. Similar manoeuvring seems to have

been carried out by two merchant vessels sighted 15 miles N. by W. Rabaul, one on course 130° and the other on course 270°. (iii) Kavieng - A 3,000 ton cargo vessel was observed stationary approx 30 miles S. Kavieng at 1040/31.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR
British and Allied Forces

- (i) "TJERK HIDDEN" "VAN CALEN" returning to Fremantle after escorting "HOLLAND" to 1250E.
- (ii) "CHILDS" dep. Fremantle 27/10 for Exmouth Gulf.
- (iii) At Fremantle - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKEERK" (CL) "KANIMBLA" (A.M.C.) "HERON" (AV) "PELIAS" (AS) "ISABEL" (PG) "CAIRNS" "BENGAL" "DUBEO" "TOOWOOMBA" "IPSWICH" "WALLAROO" "MARYBOROUGH" "CESSNOCK" (A.M.S) "ERLING BROVIG" (AG) "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM)
- (iv) At Exmouth Gulf - "W.B. PRESTON" (AI)
- (v) At Darwin - "CASTLEMAINE" "KALGOORLIE" (A.M.S)
- (vi) At Albany - "GAWLER" (A.M.S)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES
British and Allied Forces

10 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

Enemy Forces

- Dili - One vessel departed Dili 30/10 and proceeded north.
- Ambon - Air recce 31/10 sighted 2 merchant vessels in Ambon Bay.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces

- (i) At Espiritu Santo - SAN FRANCISCO (CA) HELENA (CL) WALKER LAMPEY BUCHANAN McCALLA GRAYSON MEADE (DD) MCKEAN MANLEY (APD) BALLARD CURTISS MACKINAC TANGIER (AV) LACKAWANNA GUADALUPE (AO) GAMBLE (CM) NAVAJO (YT) LIBRA (AK)
- (ii) At Noumea - WASHINGTON (BB) NICHOLAS LANDSDOWNE MONSSEN (DD) ARGONNE (AS) TAPPANNOCK (AO) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) KING-FISHER (AM) BUTTERNUT (YN) PC.479 (YP) ZEILIN McCAWLEY STRATFORD W.W.BURROWS (AP) ANTARES ALDEBARAN ALHENA BETELGEUSE KOPARA (AM)
- (iii) At Vila - STERRETT GWIN (DD) NEVILLE HUNTER LEGGETT PRESIDENT HAYES BARNETT REYWOOD (AP) FOMALHAUT HERCULES (AK)
- (iv) Guadalcanal Area - "MacFARLAND (AV) JAMESTOWN (PG)
- (v) At Suva - CATALPA LOCUST ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (vi) At Samea - CHESTNUT (YN) CAMANCA ARCTIC (AK)
- (vii) At Tongatabu - SUMNER (Survey Ship)
- (viii) At Bora Bora - TERN (AM)
- (ix) At Tahiti - CHEVREUIL (Sloop)
- (x) At Norfolk Is. - WAHINE (AP)
- (xi) At Auckland - ACHILLES (CL) MONOWAI (A.M.C) RIGEL (AD) DELPHINUS (YP) EBONY (YN) ROAMER (AP) JUPITER (AK)
- (xii) At Wellington - AMERICAN LEGION PRESIDENT ADAMS CRESCENT CITY (AP)

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA
British and Allied Forces

"TRINITY" en route Bahrain to Melbourne ETA 9/11.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS - Nil.

3. AIR OPERATIONS - 30/10-1/11

Buin-Faisi - 9 Fortresses attacked shipping early morning 31/10 -
Results - (1) 2 direct hits and 2 very near misses on a possible heavy cruiser. Seen to explode.
 (2) One direct hit on a merchant vessel.
 (3) Two very near misses (4 to 15 ft) on a light cruiser.

It is now reported that in the attack by 8 Catalinas early morning 30/10, a probable 500-lb hit was made on a heavy cruiser.

Rabaul - 8 Fortresses attacked shipping early morning 31/10 -
Results - (1) Believed one 500-lb hit on one u/i vessel. Fire visible for half hour after hit.
 (2) Heavy calibre bombs dropped on 5 large u/i vessels. Large column of smoke seen.

Lae-Salamaua - One Catalina attacked runway and dispersal area at Lae and buildings in Salamaua area early morning 31/10. Results not observed.

Gona - 3 B.25's strafed loaded enemy motor trucks morning 31/10.

Naro (3 miles NNW Alola) - 3 Bostons attacked Naro/area morning 31/10. Results not observed.

Dilli - 2 Hudsons attacked the airdrome area afternoon 31/10. Results not observed.

Enemy

Rabaul - 11 Zero's intercepted a B.17 on reconnaissance morning 31/10. Three damaged and seen falling away in dives.

1. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

Further attempt to land reinforcements on Guadalcanal.

[Signature]
For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

1/11/42

APPENDIX.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA.

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.
British and Allied Forces.

8" cruiser
6" cruisers

Flotilla leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

Armed Merchant Cruisers.

Submarine tenders.

Destroyer tender
Storeship
Gunboat
Oilers

Enemy Forces.

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons.

C. in C. Combined fleet.
C. in C. 2nd fleet.
C. in C. 8th fleet.
C. in C. 1st Air Fleet.
C. in C. 4th fleet.
C. in C. 6th fleet (Submarine fleet)
3 battleships (BB)

4 battlecruisers (BB)

3 Aircraft carriers (CV)

Poss. 1 converted carrier (XCV)
Heavy cruisers (CA)
1 prob. sunk
at least 5 damaged.

Effective. Refitting or Repair.

CHESTER	AUSTRALIA
HOBART	
PHOENIX	
ARDETA	LE TRIOMPHANT
STUART	TROMP
	SELFRIDGE
MUGFORD	
HENLEY	
HZLN	
BAGLEY	
PATTERSON	
VENDETTA	
STURGEON	} At Brisbane.
AMBERJACK	
SCULPIN	
SADHY	
SNAPPER	
S. 42	
S. 44	
S. 46	
GUDGEON	} On patrol.
GRAMPUS	
GRAYBACK	
SAILFISH	
SWORDFISH	
TROUT	
K. 9.	At Sydney.
SARGO	} En route W.A. to Brisbane.
SEADRAGON	
WESTRALIA	
MANOORA	
GRIFFIN	
HOLLAND	
TOBBIN	
GOLDSTAR	
TULSA	
KURUNDA	VICTORIA
AASE MAERSK	

YAMATO	} 1 poss. 2 damaged.
MUTSU	
HAGATO	
KIRISHIMA	
HIYEI	} damaged.
KONGO	
BARUNA	
SHOKAKU	} One prob. damaged.
MIKAKO	
HOSHO	
ZUIHO	
TONE	
TIKONA	
MOGAMI ?	
ATAGO	
TAKAO	
MYOKO	
ASHIGARA	
CHOKAI	
SUZUYA	

10 Light Cruisers (CL)
(at least 4 damaged)

KUMANO } damaged.
AGEA }
KINUGASA }
KASHIMA }
KATORI }
SENDAI }
JINTSU }
ISUZU }
KINU }
NAGARA }

x YUBARI x Prob. on escort duty
TENRYU between Palao-and
TATSUTA Truk-N. Britain areas.
(at least 2
minelayers)

Approx. 25 submarines incl. 4-8 "RO" class, 15 "I" class
45-50 destroyers (DD)
3 seaplane carriers (AV)

CHITOSE
AKITSUSHINA
NISSHIN
NITCHO MARU
KIYOKAWA MARU
KINUGASA MARU
KAGU MARU
NOTORO
GOSHO MARU
NARUTO MARU
SOUYOU MARU
SENDAI MARU }
SANKI MARU }
SANYO MARU }
JINGEI }

Some of these
units operating
between Empire
Waters & the
Southern area.

Converted S/P. tenders (XAV)

2 submarine tenders incl.
Approx. 50 merchant ships (over 3,000 tons)
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub. chasers, MTBs, Gunboats, Patrol craft,
Approx. 205 shore-based aircraft inc. 78 fighters, 70 H/B, 30 F/B,
18 P/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.
British and Allied forces.

6" cruiser
A.A. vessel
Destroyers

Armed Merchant cruiser
S/P. tenders

ADELAIDE
VAN HEEMSKERK
VAN GALEN
TJERK HIDDES
KANIMBLA
HERON
CHILD'S
W. B. PRESTON
PELIAS
GAR
THRESHER }
GRENADIER }
SPEARFISH }
SEARAVEN }
SEAVOLF }
SALMON }
TAUTOG }
TANBOR }
SEAL }
K.8 }
K.12 }

On patrol.

At Fremantle.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.
British and Allied Forces.

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

Enemy Forces.
C. in C. 3rd fleet,
C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet.
Converted Aircraft carrier
2 light cruisers.

ONYO
KASHII
KUMA

Approx. 16 destroyers.
Converted seaplane tender.

ORITSU MARU.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

British and Allied Forces.

Battleships

NORTH CAROLINA	CALIFORNIA
SOUTH DAKOTA	TENNESSEE
MARYLAND	NEVADA
COLORADO	WEST VIRGINIA
MISSISSIPPI	IDAHO
NEW MEXICO	PENNSYLVANIA
SARATOGA	
COPAHEE	
LONG ISLAND	
NEW ORLEANS	CHICAGO

Aircraft carrier
Converted A/c. carriers

8" cruisers

RALEIGH	
DETROIT	
15 (approx.)	
23 (approx.)	

MINNEAPOLIS
HONOLULU
BOISE

6" cruisers

Destroyers

Submarines

Enemy Forces.

Palao-Saipan-Bonins-Formose-Japan.

5 battleships (BB)

MUSASHI	
FUSO	
YAMASHIRO	
ISE	
HYUGA	
HAYATAKA	OTAKA (damaged)
HITAKA	HAGURO
NATORI	
CHIYODA	
KAMIKAWA MARU	
FUJIKAWA MARU	
KAMOI	

3 converted A/c. carriers (XCV)

8" cruisers (CA)

1 light cruiser (CL)

1 S/P. tender (AV)

Converted S/P. tenders (XAV)

6 old Armoured cruisers (OCA)

Approx. 30 destroyers

Approx. 30 submarines.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

British and Allied Forces.

Battleships

Aircraft carriers

8" cruisers

WASHINGTON
HORNET
ENTERPRISE
SAN FRANCISCO
SALT LAKE CITY
NORTHAMPTON
PENSACOLA
PORTLAND
HELENA
LEANDER
ACHILLES
JUNEAU
SAN DIEGO
ATLANTA
SAN JUAN
25 (approx.)
HONOWAI.

6" cruisers

5" cruisers

Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruiser

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

British and Allied Forces.

8" cruisers

LOUISVILLE
INDIANAPOLIS
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE

6" cruisers

10 destroyers

10 submarines

Enemy Forces.

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians.

8" cruiser (CA)

3 Lt. cruisers (CL)

NACHI
ABUKUMA
TAMA
KISO

Approx. 4 destroyers

Approx. 7 submarines

1st Base Force

Converted S/P.tenders (XAV) ?

E) SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC AREA.
British and Allied Forces.
6" cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

Approx. 4 destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA.
British and Allied Forces.
Battleships

WARSPITE REVENGE
VALIANT
RESOLUTION
ILLOSTRIOUS
FORMIDABLE
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
DEVONSHIRE
HAWKINS FROBISHER
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
DAUNTLESS
DANAE
DRAGON
DELHI
CAPETOWN
CERES
CALEDON
SUMATRA (Dutch)
WORCESTERSHIRE
RANCHI
ALAUZIA
CHITRAL
RANPURA
CANTON
QUEEN OF BERMUDA
CARTHAGE
CARLISLE

Aircraft carriers

8" cruisers

7.5" cruisers

6" cruisers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

A.A.vessel
Approx. 25 destroyers
Approx. 7 submarines

Enemy Forces.
Approx. 3 submarines.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITIES

2nd November, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("ROBERT" (P) "PHOENIX" "HUNFORD" "BAGLEY" "HEBLEY" "PATTERSON") en route patrol area to Brisbane ETA p.m. today 2/11.
- (ii) "HELM" escorting "HOLLAND" en route Brisbane. "HOLLAND" is in difficulties in position 38°21'S, 136°33'E and "DOONDA" was despatched from Adelaide at 0845 today 2/11 to assist.
- (iii) "STUART" dep. Townsville 0900/1 for Cairns arr 1830.
- (iv) "TOWNVILLE" escorting Sydney section Convoy 0039 arr. 0730/1. "YANDRA" escorting Newcastle section arr. 1846/1.
- (v) "DELORAINE" "WILCANNIA" escorting Convoy 0040 en route Port Kembla (ETA 2300/3) and Newcastle (ETA 1700/4).
- (vi) "DOONDA" escorting Convoy 0040 arr. Melbourne 1430/1.
- (vii) "YANDRA" escorting Newcastle section Convoy 0041 (6 HV) dep. 0551 today 2/11. "MORSEBY" "SHYALLA" with Sydney section (2 HV) to HV off Port Jackson and continue escort southwards.
- (viii) "WARRHARBOOL" en route Thursday Is. to Townsville ETA 2300 today 2/11.
- (ix) "COULBURN" "TEHUCA" escorting Convoy 0019 (5 HV) to depart Moreton Bay for Townsville 1000 today 2/11.
- (x) "ORLEANS" escorting Convoy 0019A (2 HV) to depart Moreton Bay for Townsville 2000 to-day 2/11.
- (xi) "BENDIGO" dep. Townsville 1638/1 for Brisbane to refit ETA 1700/4.
- (xii) "SUNDANESE" enroute Auckland to Port Phillip ETA 0300 today 2/11.
- (xiii) "INVERELL" dep. Sydney 1711/1 for working-up exercises in Broken Bay.
- (xiv) At Sydney - "VERNETTA" "MANGORA" "DORBIN" "SUNDANESE" "MILPURA" "TAMWORTH" "ROCKHAMPTON" "GOLDSTAR" "ABRAHAM CHRISTENSEN" Repairing - "AUSTRALIA" "SELFRIDGE" "TRUMP" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "BISHOPDALE" "SWAN" "VICTORIA"
- (xv) At Melbourne - "WARRAHALLA"
- (xvi) At Townsville - "ARUNTA" "KATOOMBA" "YUNGAN" "KURUNDA"
- (xvii) At Adelaide - "SPRINGDALE"
- (xviii) ~~At Brisbane~~ - At Brisbane - "CHIFFIN" "TULCA" "POYANG" "AASE MARRSK" "MERCUR" "HANN" "HANNEDA"
- (xix) At Cairns - "BALLARAT" "COLAC" "BROOME"
- (xx) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA" "PIROSO"
- (xxi) At Port Moresby - "SARRENO" "LITIGON" "VAN SPIELBERGEN" "KARSIK" "JASON LEE" "GORGON" "PAINE WINGATE" "GEORGE MATTHEWS" "STAGEN" "J.F. FIELD" "VAN HEUTSE"
- (xxii) At Thursday Is. - "ARNIDALE"

Enemy Forces

- (1) Buin-Palai Area - Reports indicate that the following shipping was in the Buin-Palai area at 1700/1 -
 - 2 heavy cruisers (described 1 "HACHT" (probably "CHEAI"), 1 "HAKO" class)
 - 4 light cruisers (described 1 "JINTSU", 1 "KUMA", 2 "TESUYU" class)
 - 20 destroyers and gunboats
 - 1 sloop
 - 3 probable seaplane tenders
 - 16 cargo vessels (incl. 1 tanker and possibly some military landing craft carriers)
 - 3 submarines

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These vessels were refuelling during the day. In addition an aircraft reported sighting approx 30 barges along the coast at Buin. One destroyer was sighted by aircraft 68 miles W.S.W. of Treasury Island at 1300L. The destroyer appeared crippled and was proceeding on course 305 zigzagging. One heavy, one light cruiser was reported off Ovan Island on a north-westerly course at 1730L/1.

- (11) New Britain Area - A force comprising 1 cruiser and 2 cargo vessels (10,000 and 12,000 tons) was observed at 0855/1, 115 miles W. by N. of Rabaul on course 225°, speed 15 knots. In view of the course and position of this convoy together with the sudden revival of fighter strength at Lae on 31/10, it would appear likely that the convoy is proceeding to that area with reinforcements.
- (111) Rabaul - A B.17 reported sighting approximately 30 vessels in Rabaul Harbor from 25,000 feet at 1005L/1.
- (iv) Iaurava Area - Forward elements advanced Guard of Abuari on the right flank and Iaurava on the left without contacting the enemy.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "JUNK BIKES" "VAN GALEN" dep. Fremantle 1430/1 for escort duties. To return p.m. 3/11.
- (ii) At Fremantle - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMCKERK" (CL) "KARINKLA" (A.N.C) HEROON (AV) PELIAS (AS) ISABEL (PG) CAIRNS BENGAL DUNBO TOOWOOMBA IPSWICH WALLAROO MARYBOROUGH GEEBROCK (A.N.S.) ERLING BROVIG (AO) LAKE WHIPPOONWILL (AM)
- (111) At Hamouath Gulf - W.B. PRESTON CHILDS (AV)
- (iv) At Darwin - CASTLEMARINE KALOOKOLIE (A.N.S)
- (v) At Albany - GAVLER (A.N.S)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

10 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or KEY area.

Enemy Forces

TRUMP - A motor vessel and a destroyer were observed at 1430H/31 south of Aior Island proceeding west of Liquica (15 miles west of Dilli).

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) At Espiritu Santo - TREVOR RAME GRAYSON MEADE (DD) BALLARD CURTISS MACKINAC TANGIER (AV) LACKAWANNA GUADALUPE (AO) GAMBIE (CM) HAWAJO (YT) LIBRA (AK)
- (ii) At Noumea - WASHINGTON (BB) NICHOLAS LANSDOWNE MONSIEU (DD) VESTAL (AR) ARCOHIE (AS) TAPPANBROCK (AO) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) KIMFISHER VIRHO (AM) BUTTERNUT (YN) PC.679 (YP) McCAWLEY STRATFORD W.W. BURROWS (AP) ANTARES ALDEBARAN ALHENA BUREL-GRUSE KOPARA (AK)
- (111) At Vila - HERCULES (AK)
- (iv) Guadalcanal Area - HOPKINSON (AV) JAMESTOWN (PG)
- (v) At Suva - CATALPA LOCUST ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (vi) At Samoa - CHESTNUT (YN) CAMMICA ARCTIC (AK)
- (vii) At Tongatabu - SUMNER (Survey Ship)
- (viii) At Bora Bora - TENE (AM)
- (ix) At Tahiti - CHEVREUIL (Sloop)
- (x) At Norfolk Is. - WARINE (AP)
- (xi) At Auckland - ACHILLES (CL) NORWAY (A.N.C) RIGEL (AD) DELPHINUS (YP) EBONY (YN) BOAMER (AP) JUPITER GASTOR (AK)
- (xii) At Wellington - AMERICAN LEGION PRESIDENT ADAMS CRESCENT CITY (AP)

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

"TRINITY" en route Darwin to Melbourne ETA 9/11.

B. NAVAL INCIDENTS - Nil

3. AIR OPERATIONS

Buie-Hais 1 - 9 Catalinas and 12 B.17's attacked shipping early morning 1/11 -
 Results - 1 direct hit on a transport
 1 probable hit on an unidentified warship
 1 possible hit on a destroyer
 One B.17 reported missing.

Lae - 7 B.25's attacked Lae airdrome early morning 1/11. Fire seen burning in dump area. 14 A.20's escorted by 16 P.40's on mission to attack Lae morning 1/11 were intercepted, by 15/20 Zero's approx 70 miles south of Lae. One Zero probably destroyed. One A.20 subsequently crash landed. Escorting P.40's intercepted by 8/10 Zero's over Lae. Two Zero's possibly destroyed. One P.40 missing.

Benny
Lae - At least 16 bombers and 25 Zero's were observed on Lae airdrome 31/10 and 1/11.

Buna-Rokoda Area - 7 Zero's intercepted 3 B.25's on armed recon approx 20 miles NW of Buna afternoon 1/11. One B.25 destroyed. Two of crew killed, three severely injured.

Port Moresby - Possibly 3 aircraft attacked ~~area~~ early morning 1/11. Nil damage or casualties reported.

Tingo - Aircraft attacked Villa de Ourique (18 miles SSE Manatuto) and Nape 30/10.

4. BENNY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

Further attempt to land reinforcements on Guadalcanal.

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For A/DIRECTOR C.S.I.C.

2/11/42

APPENDIX TO
DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA.
1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTION.
British and Allied Forces.

	<u>Effective.</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing.</u>
8" cruisers	AMSTERDAM	AUSTRALIA
	CHESTER	
6" cruisers	HOBART	
	PHOENIX	
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA	LE TRIOMPHANT
	STUART	TROMP
		SELFRIDGE
Destroyers	MCCORD	
	HENLEY	
	HELM	
	BAGLEY	
	PATTERSON	
	VENDETTA	
Submarines	STURGEON	} At Brisbane.
	AMBERJACK	
	SCULPIN	
	SHAPPER	
	SAILFISH	
	S. 42	
	S. 44	} On patrol.
	S. 46	
	OUTGEON	
	GRAMPOS	
	GRAYBACK	
	STURDFISH	
	TROUT	} K.9 At Sydney.
	SAHRY	
Armed Merchant Cruisers.	SABOO	} En route W.A. to Brisbane.
	SEADRAGON	
Submarine tenders.	WESTRALIA	
	MANOORA.	
Destroyer tender	GRIFFIN	
Storeship	HOLLAND	
Gunboat	DOBBIN	
Oilers	GOLDSTAR	
	TULSA	
	KURUMBA	VICTORIA
	AASE MAERSZ	

Enemy Forces.

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons.

C. in C. Combined fleet.		
C. in C. 2nd fleet.		
C. in C. 3rd fleet.		
C. in C. 1st Air Fleet.		
C. in C. 4th fleet.		
C. in C. 6th fleet (Submarine fleet)		
3 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO	} 1 poss. 2 damaged.
	MUTSU	
	NAGATO	
4 battlecruisers (BB)	KIRISHIMA	
	MIYAMA	} damaged.
	KONGO	
	BARONA	
	SHOKAKU	
3 aircraft carriers (CV)	ZUYKAKU	
	HOSHO	
	RYUHO	
Poss. 1 converted carrier (XCV)	TONE	} One prob. damaged.
Heavy cruisers (CA)	YIKOMA	
1 prob. sunk	MOGAMI ?	
at least 5 damaged.	ATAGO	
	TAKAO	
	MYOKO	
	ASHIGARA	
	CHOKAI	
	SUZUYA	

10 Light cruisers (CL)
(at least 4 damaged)

KUMANO } damaged.
ACBA }
KINUGASA }
KASSIWA
KATORI
HINDAI
JINTSU
ISOU
KINU
NAGARA

x

YUBARI x Prob. on escort duty
TENRYU between Palao- and Truk-
TATSUTA New Britain areas.

Approx. 25 submarines incl. 4-8 "HO" class, 15 "I" class (at least 2 minelayers).
45-50 Destroyers (DD)
3 seaplane carriers (AV)

CHITOSE
AKITSUBIWA
NISSEIN
HITCHO MARU
HIYOKAWA MARU
KINUGASA MARU
KASU MARU
NOTORO
GOSHO MARU
NANOYO MARU
GOUYOH MARU
SHINDAI MARU
SANKI MARU
SANKYO MARU
JINGKI

} Some of these units
operating between
Empire Waters & the
Southern area.

Converted S/P. tenders (XAV)

2 submarine tenders incl.
Approx. 50 merchant ships (over 3,000 tons)
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub. chasers, MTBs, Gunboats, Patrol craft,
Approx. 205 shore-based aircraft incl. 78 fighters, 70 B/B, 30 F/B,
18 P/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.
British and Allied Forces.

6" cruiser
A. A. vessel
Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruiser
S/P. tenders

Submarine tender
Submarines

ADELAIDE
VAN HEEMSKERK
VAN GALEN
TJENK HEDDES
KASIBELA
BERON
CHILDS
W. E. PRESTON
PELIAS
GAR
THRESHER
GREENADIER
SPEARFISH
SEARAVEN
SEAWOLF
SALMON
TAUTOO
TAMBOR
SEAL
K. 8
K. 12

} On patrol.

} At Fremantle.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.
British and Allied Forces.

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

Enemy Forces.

C. in C. 3rd fleet.
C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet.
Converted Aircraft carrier
2 Light cruisers.

UNYU
KASHI
KUMA

Approx. 16 destroyers
Converted seaplane tender.

OKITSU MARU.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREABritish and Allied Forces

Battleships

Aircraft carrier
Converted A/c carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Destroyers

Submarines

Enemy ForcesPaleo-Maipan-Honina-Formosa-Japan

5 battleships (BB)

2 converted A/C carriers (ACV)

8" Cruisers (CA)

1 light cruiser (CL)

1 S/P tender (AV)

Converted S/P tenders (KAV)

6 old Armoured Cruisers (CA)

approx. 30 destroyers

approx. 20 submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREABritish and Allied Forces

Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

5" Cruisers

Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruiser

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREABritish and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers:

6" Cruisers

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy ForcesNorthern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians

8" cruiser (CA)

3 Lt. cruisers (CL)

Approx. 4 destroyers

Approx. 7 submarines

1st Base Force

Converted S/P tenders (KAV) 7

NORTH CAROLINA

MARYLAND

COLORADO

MISSISSIPPI

NEW MEXICO

SABOTAGE

COFHABE

LONG ISLAND

NEW ORLEANS

RALPH

DETROIT

15 (approx.)

25 (approx.)

CALIFORNIA

TENNESSEE

NEVADA

WEST VIRGINIA

(IDaho)

(PENNSYLVANIA)

CHICAGO

MINNEAPOLIS

HONOLULU

MOISE

MUSASHI

FUJIO

YAMASHIRO

ISHI

HYUGA

HAYATAKA

MITSUKA

OT-KA (damaged)

HAGURO

NATORI

CHIYOMA

KAMIKAWA MARU

FUJIKAWA MARU

KAWOI

SOUTH DAKOTA

WASHINGTON

ROBERT

ENTERPRISE

SAN FRANCISCO

SALT LAKE CITY

NORTHAMPTON

PENACOLA

PORTLAND

HELENA

LEAVEN

SCILLAS

JULIAN

SAN DIEGO

ATLANTA

SAN JUAN

25 (approx.)

HONOLULU

LOUISVILLE

INDIANAPOLIS

ST. LOUIS

MEMPHIS

NAOHI

SHUKUNA

T-31

KISC

E) SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces
 6" Cruisers

CONCORDE
 TRENTON
 RICHMOND

approx. 4 destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA
British and Allied Forces
 Battleships

WARWICK
 VALIANT
 RESOLUTION
 ILLUSTRIOUS
 FORMIDABLE
 GEORGIOS AVROFF (Greek)
 DEVONSHIRE
 HARKISS
 PROBINGER

Aircraft Carriers
 aircraft carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

MURPHY
 GAMBIA
 BIRMINGHAM
 GLASGOW
 ENTERPRISE
 HERALD
 HASTINGS
 HMAS
 DRAGON
 DELHI
 CAPTAIN
 CARR
 CALTON
 SUM-TRA (Dutch)
 GLOUCESTERSHIRE
 RAMCHI
 ALUMIA
 CHITRAL
 HAMPURA
 CANTON
 CROWN OF BERMUDA
 CARTHAGE
 CARLISLE

Armed Merchant Cruisers

A.A. Vessel

Approx. 25 destroyers

Approx. 7 submarines

Enemy Forces

approx. 3 submarines.

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

3rd November, 1942

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "HELM" escorting "WOONDA" towing "HOLLAND" will RV with "EAGLE" and proceed Melbourne.
- (ii) "WARREGO" escorting "GEORGE TAYLOR" dep. Port Moresby 2400/2 for Townsville ETA 0700/5.
- (iii) "BALLARAT" to RV at 1400 today 3/11 off Fitzroy Is. with Convoy G ("TASMAN" "GENERAL VEROPIJCK") and escort to Milne Bay.
- (iv) "GOULBURN" "ECHUCA" escorting Convoy BT14 (5 MV) due Townsville 1940/5.
- (v) "GEELONG" escorting Convoy BT15 (2 MV) to Whitsunday Passage dep. Brisbane 2125/2.
- (vi) "DELORAINNE" escorting Convoy OC40 en route Newcastle. "WILCANNIA" has proceeded independently with "BARWON".
- (vii) "WHYALLA" escorting Sydney section Convoy C041 dep. 1323/2 for RV with "YANDRA" escorting Newcastle section. Convoy to proceed Melbourne.
- (viii) "BENDIGO" enroute Townsville to Brisbane for refit, ETA 1700/4, is to overtake "HENRY D. THORRAU" and escort to Brisbane.
- (ix) "WARRNAMBOOL" en route Thursday Is. to Townsville ETA 2300 ~~today~~ 2/11.
- (x) "BUNGAREE" arr. Geelong 0831/2.
- (xi) At Sydney - "VENETTA" "MANOORA" "DOBBIN" "BUNDABERG" "MILDURA" "MORESEY" "TOWNSVILLE" "TAMWORTH" "ROCKHAMPTON" "GOLDSTAR" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN"
Repairing - "AUSTRALIA" "SELFRIDGE" "TROMP" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "BISHOPDALE" "SWAN" "VICTORIA"
- (xii) At Melbourne - "WANGANELLA" "DOOMBA"
- (xiii) At Townsville - "ARUNTA" "KATOOMBA" "YUNNAN" "KURUMBA"
- (xiv) At Adelaide - "SPRINGDALE"
- (xv) At Brisbane - "HOBART" "PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "HENLEY" "PATTERSON" "GRIFFIN" "TULSA" "POYANG" "AASE MAERSK" "MERKUR" "MANUNDA"
- (xvi) At Cairns - "STUART" "COLAC" "BROOME"
- (xvii) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA" "PINGWO"
- (xviii) At Port Moresby - "LITHGOW" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "KARSIK" "JASON LEE" "GORGON" "PAINE WINGATE" "GEORGE MATTHEWS" "STAGEN" "S. J. FIELD" "VAN HEUTSZ"
- (xix) At Thursday Is. - "ARMIDALE"

Enemy Forces

- (i) Buin-Faisi-Guadalcanal Area - Reports indicate that the following shipping was in the Buin-Faisi area at 0900L/2 -

- 1 heavy cruiser
- 1 destroyer
- 1 sloop (possibly minelayer)
- 2 seaplane tenders
- 2 tankers
- 12 cargo vessels

At 1700/I the same source reported 49 vessels in the area which had all been refuelling during the day, and at 1720/1 a force comprising 1 heavy and 1 light cruiser was reported off Ovau Is. proceeding NW.

At Approx 1525/2 an enemy force consisting of 3 light cruisers and 11 destroyers was reported in position 80 miles NE of Rekata Bay course 150°, speed 26 knots.

Another force, composition not known but probably including heavy cruiser(s), light cruiser(s) and destroyers was off S.E. end of Ysabel Is. at 2000/2 and at 2353/2 part of this force was off N.W. Guadalcanal.

- (ii) Rabaul - Photographs of Rabaul 31/10 were hazy, but revealed 4 bombers and 50 Zero fighters on Lakunai airdrome and 11 Zero's airborne.

- (iii) Admiralty Is. - Three transports (2 of 10/12,000 tons, 1 of 6/8000) were sighted approx 83 miles south of Manus Is. on course 110° at 1655L/2. The vessels were proceeding at 12 knots, and were unescorted. All appeared heavily loaded.
- (iv) New Guinea-New Britain - The convoy reported yesterday as comprising 1 cruiser, 2 cargo vessels, which was proceeding in the direction of Lae was sighted during 2/11. The convoy apparently comprised two warships and 2 merchant vessels (one large, one medium). The convoy was last sighted 28 miles SW by S. of Casmeta at 1900. No course was given at this time but the previous courses reported were 50°-60°. The convoy was attacked during the day (see Naval Incidents).
- (v) Lae - Photographs of Lae 2/11 reveal -
 - 24 fighters (4 serviceable)
 - 4 bombers (one serviceable)
 - 1 commerial aircraft (damaged)
 Additional damage to the building area was evident.
- (vi) Kokoda was occupied at 0100/2.
- (vii) Guadalcanal - 50 Marines crossed Matanikau daybreak 1/11. Attack supported by aircraft which silenced enemy artillery. Japanese withdrawing slowly. Allied advance approx 2 miles. Casualties relatively light.
- (viii) Submarines have been indicated as follows -

Position	Time
9°S, 154°E (134 SW Treasury Is.)	29-30/10
6°S, 156°E (25 NE by E. Kieta)	29-30/10
21°07'S, 170°17'E (62 ESE Aneityum Is. New Hebrides)	0845L/2 (sighted by a/c)
11°30'S, 160°E (off NW coast Rennell Is.)	29-30/10
11°S, 162°E (2 miles SW Cape Surville, San Cristobal Is.)	29-30/10
12°S, 161°30'E (85 SE Cape Surville)	29-30/10
8°30'S, 160°E (8 NE by E. Santa Ysabel)	29-30/10
9°S, 165°E (115 NNW Ndeni))
7°S, 165°E (230 NNW Ndeni))
6°S, 166°E (280 N. Ndeni))
5°S, 165°E (345 N. by W. Ndeni))
3°S, 165°E (460 NNW Ndeni))
1°S, 170°E (23 E. Ocean Is.)	29-30/10

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "TJERK HIDDERS" on escort duty off Fremantle. To return p.m. today 3/11.
- (ii) "W.B. PRESTON" arr. Fremantle from Exmouth Gulf 0814/2. "HERON" dep. for Exmouth Gulf.
- (iii) At Fremantle - ADELAIDE (CL) KANIMBLA (A.M.C) VAN GALEN (DD) PELIAS (AS) ISABEL (PG) CAIRNS BENGAL DURBO TOOWOOMBA IPSWICH WALLAROO MARYBOROUGH CESSNOCK (A.M.S) ERLING BROVIG(AO) LARK WHIPPOORWILL (AM)
- (iv) At Exmouth Gulf - CHILDS (AV)
- (v) At Darwin - CASTLEMAINE KALGOORLIE (A.M.S)
- (vi) At Albany - GAWLER (A.M.S)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

10 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) At Espiritu Santo - ZANE GRAYSON MEADE (DD) BALLARD CURTISS TANGIER (AV) LACKAWANNA GUADALUPE (AO) GAMBLE (CM) PG.477 (YP) NAVAJO (YT) STRATFORD (AP) LIBRA (AK)
- (ii) At Noumea - WASHINGTON (BB) NICHOLAS LANDSDOWNE MOESSEN (DD) VESTAL (AR) ARGONNE (AS) TAPPANNOCK (AO) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER VIRRO (AM) BUTTERNUT (YN) PG.479 (YP) MACCAWLEY W.W.BURROWS (AP) ANTARES ALDEBARAN ALHENA BETELGEUSE KOPARA (AK)
- (iii) At Vila - HERCULES (AK)
- (iv) Guadalcanal Area - MacFARLAND (AV) JAMESTOWN (PG)

- (v) At Suva - CATALPA LOCUST ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (vi) At Samoa - CHESTNUT (YN) CAMANGA ARCTIC (AK)
- (vii) At Tongatabu - SUMNER (Survey Ship)
- (viii) At Bora Bora - TERN (AM)
- (ix) At Tahiti - CHEVREUIL (Sloop)
- (x) At Norfolk Is. - WAHINE (AP)
- (xi) At Auckland - ACHILLES (CL) MONOWAI (A.M.C) RIGEL (AD) DELPHINUS (YP)
EBONY (YN) ROAMER (AP) JUPITER CASTOR (AK)
- (xii) At Wellington - AMERICAN B GION PRESIDENT ADAMS CRESCENT CITY (AP)

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Allied Forces

"TRINITY" en route Bahrein to Melbourne ETA 9/11.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

New Guinea-New Britain Waters - The convoy returning from the Lae area was attacked three times during 2/11 by 6 B.17's, 10 B.25's and by a squadron of B.17's. Direct hits were claimed on one transport. Several near misses also reported. The transports were reported to be still loaded and changed course during attacks. Zero's attempted interception and three, probably four destroyed.

Santa Cruz Area - Soupac authorities estimate that the following damage was inflicted by U.S. Naval planes 26/10 -

2 x 500-lb hits on No.3 elevator of "SHOKAKU" class a/c carrier

4-6 x 1000-lb hits on another "SHOKAKU" class carrier

2 x 1000-lb hits on No.2 turret and starboard side amidships

"KONGO" class battleship

1 x 1000-lb hit on starboard side stern of u/i battleship

1 possible torpedo hit, 1 possible 500-lb hit on "ATAGO" class heavy cruiser

5 x 500-lb hits, one forward of bridge starboard, 2 between funnels, 1 aft of funnels, 1 on stern of "TONE" class heavy cruiser

2 torpedo hits (1 each side) "NACHI" class heavy cruiser

115 enemy planes were destroyed and 46 probably destroyed. Estimated that enemy planes from four carriers totalling 150 planes were involved in the attack on U.S. carriers.

3. AIR OPERATIONS - 30/10-2/11

New Guinea-New Britain Waters - see Naval Incidents.

Dillili - 9 B.25's attacked town area morning 2/11. Many buildings demolished. Several fires started. One intercepting Zero possibly hit.

Bobonare - 6 Hudsons attacked morning 2/11. Direct hits on barracks and buildings. 2 buildings left burning.

Guadalcanal - 3 attacks on Japanese ~~pos~~ positions 30/10. Douglas dive-bombers harassed Japanese positions night 30-31/10. Early morning 1/11 7 Wildcats destroyed 5 enemy aircraft at Rekata Bay. Buildings strafed and fire started in coconut grove. Allied aircraft damaged but all returned safely.

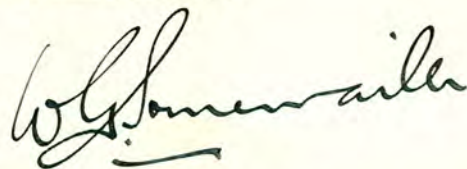
Enemy

Lae - 9 fighters left Lae heading East at 0731/2. 8 enemy fighters left heading East 0915/2.

Guadalcanal - 6 dive-bombers and 6 Zero's were intercepted by 5 Wildcats afternoon 30/10. Enemy jettisoned bombs and fled. 4 dive bombers shot down.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

Further attempt to land reinforcements on Guadalcanal.



For A/DIRECTOR G.O.I.C.

3/11/42

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Flotilla Leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

Armed Merchant Cruisers

Submarine Tenders

Destroyer Tender

Storeship

Gunboat

Oilers

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet

CinC 2nd Fleet

CinC 8th Fleet

CinC 1st Air Fleet

CinC 4th Fleet

CinC 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet)

3 Battleships (BB)

4 Battlecruisers (BB)

3 aircraft carriers (CV)

Poss. 1 Converted Carrier (XCV)

Heavy Cruisers (CA)

1 prob. sunk

at least 5 damaged

Effective

CHESTER

HOBART

PHOENIX

ARUNTA

STUART

HUGFORD

HENLEY

HELM

BAGLEY

PATTERSON

VENDETTA

STURGEON)

AMBERJACK)

SCULPIN)

SNAPPER)

SAILFISH)

SEADRAGON)

S.42)

S.44)

S.46)

GUDGEON)

GRAMPUS)

GRAYBACK)

SWORDFISH)

TROUT)

SAUKY)

K.9)

SARGO)

~~WESTRALIA~~)

WESTRALIA

MANOORA

GRIFFIN

HOLLAND

DOBBIN

GOLDSTAR

TULSA

KURUMBA

AASE MAERSK

Refitting or Repairing

AUSTRALIA

LE TRIOMPHANT

TROMP

SELFRIDGE

At Brisbane

On Patrol

At Sydney

Enroute W.A. to Brisbane

VICTORIA

1 poss. 2 damaged

Damaged

One prob. damaged

Damaged

10 Light Cruisers (CL)
(at least 4 damaged)

~~DADELINE~~
KATORI
SENDAI
JINTSU
ISUZU
KINU
NAGARA
YUBARI
TENRYU
TATSUTA

x x Probably on escort duty between
Palao and Truk-New Britain areas.

Approx 25 submarines incl. 4-8 "RO" class, 15 "I" class (at least 2
45-50 Destroyers (DD) minelayers)

3 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA
NISSHIN
NITCHO MARU
KIYOKAWA MARU
KINUGASA MARU
KAGU MARU
NOTORO
GOSHU MARU
HARUTO MARU
SOUYOGU MARU
SENDAI MARU)
SANUKI MARU)
SANYO MARU)

Some of these units operating
between Empire Waters and the
Southern Area.

2 submarine tenders incl.

JINGEI

Approx 50 merchant ships (over 3,000 tons)
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Subchasers, MTBs, Gunboats, Patrol Craft,
Approx 205 shore-based aircraft incl. 78 fighters, 70 H/B, 30 F/B,
18 F/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Allied Forces

6" Cruiser
A.A. Vessel
Destroyers

ADELAIDE
VAN HEEMSKERK
VAN CALEN
TJERK HIDDES
KANIMBLA

Armed Merchant Cruisers
S/P Tenders

HERON
CHILDS
W.B. PRESTON

Submarine Tender
Submarines

NKK PELIAS
GAR

THRESHER
GRENADIER
SPEARFISH
SEARAVEN
SEAWOLF
SALMON
TAUTOG
TAMBOR
SEAL

On Patrol

K.8)
K.12)

At Fremantle

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

CinC 3rd Fleet

CinC Southern Expeditionary Fleet

Converted Aircraft Carrier

UNYOU

2 Light Cruisers

KASHII

KUMA

Approx 16 Destroyers

Converted Seaplane Tender

OKITSU MARU

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

NORTH CAROLINA
MARYLAND
COLORADO
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO

CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE
NEVADA
WEST VIRGINIA
IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA

Aircraft Carrier

SARATOGA

Converted A/C Carriers

COPAHKE

Converted A/C Carrier	LONG ISLAND	CHICAGO
8" Cruisers	NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS
6" Cruisers	RALEIGH	HONOLULU
	DETROIT	BOISE
Destroyers	15 (approx)	
Submarines	23 (approx)	
<u>Enemy Forces</u>		
<u>Palao-Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan</u>		
5 Battleships (BB)	MUSASHI	
	FUSO	
	YAMASHIRO	
	ISE	
	HYUGA	
3 Converted A/C Carriers(XCV)	HAYATAKA	OTAKA (damaged)
	HITAKA	
8" Cruisers (CA)		HAGURO
1 Light Cruiser (CL)	NATORI	
1 S/P Tender (AV)	CHIYODA	
Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)	KAMIKAWA MARU	
	FUJIKAWA MARU	
	KAMOJ	
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)		
Approx 30 Destroyers		
Approx 30 Submarines		

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

<u>Allied Forces</u>		
Battleships	SOUTH DAKOTA	
	WASHINGTON	
	HORNET	) one sunk
	ENTERPRISE	
Aircraft Carriers	SAN FRANCISCO	
	SALT LAKE CITY	
	NORTHAMPTON	
	PENSACOLA	
	PORTLAND	
6" Cruisers	HELENA	
	LEANDER	
	ACHILLES	
5" Cruisers	JUNEAU	
	SAN DIEGO	
	ATLANTA	
	SAN JUAN	
Destroyers	25 (approx)	
Armed Merchant Cruiser	MONOWAI	

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

<u>Allied Forces</u>	
8" Cruisers	LOUISVILLE
	INDIANAPOLIS
6" Cruisers	ST. LOUIS
	NASHVILLE
10 Destroyers	
10 Submarines	

Enemy Forces
Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians

8" Cruiser (CA)	NACHI
3 Light Cruisers (CL)	ABUKUMA
	TAMA
	KISO
Approx 4 Destroyers	
Approx 7 Submarines	
1st Base Force	
Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) ?	

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

<u>Allied Forces</u>	
6" Cruisers	CONCORD
	TRENTON
	RICHMOND
Approx 4 Destroyers	

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA
Allied Forces
Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

A.A. Vessel

Approx 25 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Approx 3 submarines

WARSPITE
VALIANT
RESOLUTION
ILLUSTRIOUS
FORMIDABLE
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
DEVONSHIRE
HAWKINS
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
DAUNTLESS
DANAÉ
DRAGON
DELHI
CAPETOWN
CERES
CALEDON
SUMATRA (Dutch)
WORCESTERSHIRE
RANCHI
ALAUNIA
CHITRAL
RANPURA
CANTON
QUEEN OF BERMUDA
CARPAGE
CARLISLE

REVENGE
FROBISHER

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

2nd November, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCESA) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTORBritish and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("HOBART" (F) "PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "HENLEY" "PATTERSON") en route patrol area to Brisbane ETA p.m. today 2/11.
- (ii) "HELM" escorting "HOLLAND" en route Brisbane. "HOLLAND" is in difficulties in position 38°21'S, 136°53'E and "WOONDA" was despatched from Adelaide at 0245 today 2/11 to assist.
- (iii) "STUART" dep. Townsville 0905/1 for Cairns arr 1930.
- (iv) "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Sydney section Convoy OC39 arr. 0730/1. "YANDRA" escorting Newcastle section arr. 1444/1.
- (v) "DEBORAH" "WILCANNIA" escorting Convoy OC40 en route Port Kembla (ETA 2200/3) and Newcastle (ETA 1700/4).
- (vi) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy C040 arr. Melbourne 1430/1.
- (vii) "YANDRA" escorting Newcastle section Convoy C041 (6 MV) dep. 0551 today 2/11. "MORESBY" "WHYALLA" with Sydney section (2 MV) to RV off Port Jackson and continue escort southwards.
- (viii) "WARRNAMBOOL" en route Thursday Is. to Townsville ETA 2300 today 2/11.
- (ix) "GOULBURN" "ECHUCA" escorting Convoy ZK18 (5 MV) to depart Moreton Bay for Townsville 1000 today 2/11.
- (x) "GEELONG" escorting Convoy ZK18A (2 MV) to depart Moreton Bay for Townsville 2000 to-day 2/11.
- (xi) "BENDIGO" dep. Townsville 1638/1 for Brisbane to refit ETA 1700/4.
- (xii) "BUNGAREE" enroute Auckland to Port Phillip ETA 0300 today 2/11.
- (xiii) "INVERELL" dep. Sydney 1711/1 for working-up exercises in Broken Bay.
- (xiv) At Sydney - "VENDETTA" "MANOORA" "DOBBS" "BUNDABERG" "MILDURA" "TAMWORTH" "ROCKHAMPTON" "GOLDSTAR" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" Repairing - "AUSTRALIA" "SELFRIDGE" "TROMP" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "BISHOPDALE" "SWAN" "VICTORIA"
- (xv) At Melbourne - "WANGANELLA"
- (xvi) At Townsville - "ARUNTA" "KATOOMBA" "YUNNAN" "KURUMBA"
- (xvii) At Adelaide - "SPRINGDALE"
- (xviii) ~~At Brisbane~~ -
At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "TULSA" "POYANG" "AASE MAERSK" "MERKUR" "MANN" "MANUNDA"
- (xix) At Cairns - "BALLARAT" "COLAC" "BROOME"
- (xx) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA" "PIRGWO"
- (xxi) At Port Moresby - "WARREGO" "LITHGOW" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "KARSIE" "JASON LEE" "GORGON" "PAINE WINGATE" "GEORGE MATTHEWS" "STAGEN" "S.J. FIELD" "VAN HEUTSZ"
- (xxii) At Thursday Is. - "ARMIDALE"

Enemy Forces

- (1) Buin-Faisi Area - Reports indicate that the following shipping was in the Buin-Faisi area at 1700/1 -
- 2 heavy cruisers (described 1 "NACHI" (probably "CHOKAI"), 1 "KAKO" class)
 - 4 light cruisers (described 1 "JINTSU", 1 "KUMA", 2 "TENRYU" class)
 - 20 destroyers and gunboats
 - 1 sloop
 - 3 probable seaplane tenders
 - 16 cargo vessels (incl. 1 tanker and possibly some military landing craft carriers)
 - 3 submarines

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These vessels were refuelling during the day. In addition an aircraft reported sighting approx 20 barges along the coast at Buin.

One destroyer was sighted by aircraft 68 miles W.S.W. of Treasury Island at 1300L. The destroyer appeared crippled and was proceeding on course 305° zigzagging.

One heavy, one light cruiser was reported off Ovau Island on a north-westerly course at 1720L/1.

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

4th November, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCESA) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTORAllied Forces

- (i) "HELM" escorting "WOONDA" towing "HOLLAND" will RV with "EAGLE" and proceed Melbourne.
- (ii) "WARREGO" escorting "GEORGE TAYLOR" dep. Port Moresby 2400/2 for Townsville ETA 0700/5.
- (iii) "BALLARAT" dep. Cairns 1315/3 was to RV 1500/3 off Fitzroy Is. with Convoy G ("TASMAN" "GENERAL VERCPYJK"); thence Milne Bay 1100/6.
- (iv) "GOULBURN" "ECHUCA" escorting Convoy BTL4 (5 MV) due Townsville 1940/5.
- (v) "GEEELONG" escorting Convoy BTL5 (2 MV) to Whitsunday Passage dep. Brisbane 2125/2.
- (vi) "DELORAIN" escorting Convoy OC40 en route Newcastle. "WILCANNIA" has proceeded independently with "BARWON" ETA 1400/4.
- (vii) "WHYALLA" & "YANDRA" escorting Convoy C041 en route Sydney to Melbourne.
- (viii) "BENDIGO" en route Townsville to Brisbane for refit, ETA 1700/4, is to overtake "HENRY.D.THOREAU" and escort to Brisbane.
- (ix) "WARRNAMBOOL" from Thursday Is. arr. Townsville 1711/3, ETD Townsville for Sydney 0700/4.
- (x) "BUNGAREE" to join Convoy OC41 leaving Melbourne 4/11 and proceed Sydney for coal.
- (xi) "KURUMBA" dep. Townsville 1107/2 ETA Brisbane 2300/5.
- (xii) "BARALABA" dep. Port Moresby 1101/3 for Cape Rodney ETA 1200/4.
- (xiii) "ROCKHAMPTON" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy GP20 (2 MV ex Sydney, 2 MV ex Newcastle) ETD Sydney 0800/4 ETA Caloundra 2359/6.
- (xiv) At Sydney - "VENDETTA" "MANOORA" "DOBBIN" "BUNDABERG" "MILDURA" "MORESBY" "TOWNSVILLE" "TAMWORTH" "GOLDSTAR" Repairing - "AUSTRALIA" "SELFRIE" "TROMP" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "BISHOPDALE" "SWAN" "VICTORIA"
- (xv) At Melbourne - "WANGANILLA" "DOOMBA"
- (xvi) At Townsville - "ARUNTA" "KATOOMBA" "YUNNAN"
- (xvii) At Adelaide - "SPRINGDALE"
- (xviii) At Brisbane - "HOBART" "PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "HENLEY" "MANUNDA" "PATTERSON" "GRIFFIN" "TULSA" "POYANG" "AASE MAERSK" "MERKUR"
- (xix) At Cairns - "STUART" "COLAC" "BROOME"
- (xx) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA" "PINGWO"
- (xxi) At Port Moresby - "LITHGOW" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "KARSIK" "JASON LEE" "GORGON" "PAINE WINGATE" "GEORGE MATTHEWS" "STAGEN" "S.J.FIELD" "VAN HEUTSZ"
- (xxii) At Thursday Is. - "ARMIDALE"

Enemy Forces

- (i) Buin-Faisi-Guadalcanal Area - No reports were received concerning shipping in the Buin-Faisi area on 3/11. At 1708/2 two vessels (1,000 tons & 250 tons respectively) were in Buka Passage. At the same time a destroyer and a small steamer were observed 20 miles east of Buka Passage, course north.
- (ii) Ontong Java Area - 5 destroyers were reported by Soupac aircraft at 0900/3, 60 miles S. by E. of Ontong Java, course 300° speed 25 knots.
- (iii) Rabaul - 19 large unidentified vessels were reported by a B.17 at 0958/3 in Rabaul Harbor.
- (iv) New Guinea-New Britain
- a) A burning cargo vessel was reported at 0920/3 approx 30 miles S.W. of Gasmata.
- b) One possible cruiser and one probable transport were sighted at 1610/3 37 miles east of Salamaua and 1 possible transport (burning) 62 miles east of Salamaua. These units are probably part of the force of 4 vessels attacked on 2/11 and last seen on that day 28 miles SW by S. of Gasmata at 1900. No landing had been reported up to p.m. 3/11.
- (v) Kokoda Area - Forward elements of our troops are continuing along the Kokoda - Oivi track.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTORAllied Forces

- (1) "TJERK HIDDEN" & "VAN HEEMSKERK" arr. Fremantle 0751/3

- (ii) "TJERK HIDDES" escorting "DOMINION MONARCH" dep. Fremantle 1731/3 until 2100/4, then "TJERK HIDDES" returning Fremantle.
- (iii) "HERON" dep. Fremantle for Exmouth Gulf.
- (iv) "CASTLEMAINE" dep. Darwin 1032/3 to RV with "DARVEL" & escort to Darwin.
- (v) At Fremantle - ADELAIDE (VAN HEEMSKERK (CL) KANIMBLA (A.M.C) VAN GALEN (DD) PELIAS (AS) ISABEL (PG) CAENS BENGAL DUBBO TOOWOOMBA IPSWICH WALLAROO MARYBOROUGH CESSNOCK (AMS) ERLING BROVIG (AO) LARK WHIPPOORWELL (AM)
- (vi) At Exmouth Gulf - CHILDS (AV)
- (vii) At Darwin - KALGOORLIE (A.M.S)
- (viii) At Albany - GAWLER (A.M.S)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

10 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

- (i) At Espiritu Santo - ZANE GRAYSON MEADE (DD) BALLARD CURTISS TANGIER (AV) LACKAWANNA GUADALUPE (AO) GAMBLE (CM) PC.477 (YP) NAVAJO (YT) STRATFORD (AP) LIBRA (AK)
- (ii) At Noumea - WASHINGTON (BB) NICHOLAS LANDSDOWNE MONSSEN (DD) VESTAL (AE) ARGONNE (AS) TAPPANNOCK (AO) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER VIREO (AM) BUTTERNUT (YN) PC.479 (YP) MacCAWLEY W.W.BURROWS (AP) ANTARES ALDEBARAN ALHENA BEGELGEUSE KOPARA (AK)
- (iii) At Vila - HERCULES (AK)
- (iv) Guadalcanal Area - MacFARLAND (AV) JAMESTOWN (PG)
- (v) At Suva - CATALPA LOCUST ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (vi) At Samoa - CHESTNUT (YN) CAMANGA ARCTIC (AK)
- (vii) At Tongatabu - SUMNER (Survey Ship)
- (viii) At Bora Bora - TERN (AM)
- (ix) At Tahiti - CHEVREUIL (Sloop)
- (x) At Norfolk Is. - WAHINE (AP)
- (xi) At Auckland - ACHILLES (CL) MONOWAI (A.M.C) RIGEL (AD) DELPHINUS (YP) EBONY (YN) ROAMER (AP) JUPITER CASTOR (AK)
- (xii) At Wellington - AMERICAN LEGION PRESIDENT ADAMS CRESCENT CITY (AP)

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Allied Forces

"TRINITY" en route Bahrein to Melbourne ETA 2/11.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

Santa Cruz Area - Additional information on the damage to enemy forces by U.S. naval aircraft 26/10 is as follows -

- 4 x 1000-lb hits on a second heavy cruiser of "TONE" class
- 1 further torpedo hit on port side of a "NACHI" class cruiser
- 1 x 500-lb hit on a light cruiser

The report of the 1000-lb hit on the starboard side stern of u/i battleship is now cancelled.

3. AIR OPERATIONS - 3/11

Tonolei Harbor - 6 Catalinas attacked enemy shipping in Tonolei Harbour between 0215 and 0535/3 with unobserved results. Four single engined fighters attempted interception.

Dilli - 4 Hudsons and 8 B.26's attacked Dilli early a.m. 3/11. Fires were started in the centre and east of the town, 30 yards inland from the jetty and west of the airdrome. Six Zero fighters intercepted. Enemy losses - one certain, one possible and one damaged.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

Further attempt to land reinforcements on Guadalcanal.

W. J. Somerville

For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

4/11/42

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Flotilla Leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

Armed Merchant Cruisers

Submarine Tenders

Destroyer Tender

Storeship

Gunboat

Oilers

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet

CinC 2nd Fleet

CinC 8th Fleet

CinC 1st Air Fleet

CinC 4th Fleet

CinC 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet)

3 Battleships (BB)

4 Battlecruisers (BB)

3 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

Poss. 1 Converted Carrier (XCV)

Heavy Cruisers (CA)

1 prob. sunk

Effective

CHESTER

HOBART

PHOENIX

ARUNTA

STUART

MUGFORD

HENLEY

HELM

BAGLEY

BATTERSON

VENDETTA

STURGEON)

AMERBJACK)

SCULPIN)

SAILFISH)

At Brisbane

SEADRAGON)

S.42)

S.44)

S.46)

GUDGEON)

GRAMPUS)

SNAPPER)

GRAYBACK)

On Patrol

SWORDFISH)

TROUT)

SAURY)

K.9)

At Sydney

SARGO

Enroute W.A. to Brisbane

WESTRALIA

MANOORA

GRIFFIN

HOLLAND

DOBBIN

GOLDSTAR

TULSA

KURUMBA

VICTORIA

AASE MAERSK

YAMATO)

MUSU)

NAGATO)

KIRISHIMA)

1 poss. 2 damaged

HIYEI)

KONGO)

HARUNA)

SHOKAKU)

ZUIKAKU)

Damaged

HOSHO

ZUIHO

TONE)

TIKUMA)

One prob. damaged

MOAGMI ?

ATAGO

TAKAO

MYOKO

ASHIGARA

CHOKAI)

SUZUYA)

KUMANO)

Damaged

AOBA)

KINUGASA)

10 Light Cruisers (CL)
(at least 4 damaged)

KASHIMA
KATORI
SENDAI
JINTSU
ISUZU
KINU
NAGARA

x YUBARI x Probably on escort duty between
TENRYU Palao & Truk-New Britain areas.
TATSUTA

Approx 25 submarines incl. 4-8 "RO" class, 15 "I" class (at least 2
45-50 Destroyers (DD) minelayers)

3 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

C HITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA
NISSHIN
NITCHO MARU
KIYOKAWA MARU
KINUGASA MARU
KAGU MARU
NOTORO
GOSHU MARU
NARUTO MARU
SOYOU MARU
SENDAI MARU
SANYO MARU

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

JINGEI

2 submarine tenders incl.

Approx 50 Merchant ships (over 3,000 tons)

Minelayers, Minesweepers, Subchasers, MTBs, Gunboats, Patrol Craft

Approx 165 shore-based aircraft incl. 56 fighters, 59 H/B, 20 F/B,

21 F/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

6" Cruiser

A.A. Vessel

Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

S/P Tenders

Submarine Tender

Submarines

ADELAIDE
VAN HEEMSKERK
VAN GALEN
TJERK HIDDES
KANIMBLA
HERON
CHILDS
W.B. PRESTON
PELIAS
GAR)
THRESHER)
GRENADIER)
SPEARFISH)
SEARAVEN)
SEAWOLF) On Patrol
SALMON)
TAUTOG)
TAMBOR)
SEAL)
K.8)
K.12) At Fremantle

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

CinC 3rd Fleet

CinC Southern Expeditionary Fleet

Converted Aircraft Carrier

2 Light Cruisers

UNYOU
KASHII
KUMA

Approx 16 Destroyers

Converted Seaplane Tender

OKITSU MARU

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

NORTH CAROLINA
MARYLAND
COLORADO
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE
NEVADA
WEST VIRGINIA
IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA

Aircraft Carrier

SARATOGA

Converted A/C Carriers

COPAHEE
LONG ISLAND
NEW ORLEANS

8" Cruisers

CHICAGO
MINNEAPOLIS
HONOLULU
BOISE

6" Cruisers

RALEIGH
DETROIT
15 (approx)
23 (approx)

Destroyers

Submarines

Enemy Forces

Palao-Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan

5 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
ISE
HYUGA

3 Converted A/C Carriers(XCV)

HAYATAKA
HITAKA

OTAKA (damaged)

8" Cruisers (CA)

HAGURO

1 Light Cruiser (CL)

1 S/P Tender (AV)

NATORI
CHIYODA

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

KAMIKAWA MARU
FUJIKAWA MARU
KAMOI
SANUKI MARU

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 30 Destroyers

Approx 30 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

SOUTH DAKOTA

WASHINGTON

Aircraft Carriers

HORNET

ENTERPRISE

} one sunk

8" Cruisers

SAN FRANCISCO

SALT LAKE CITY

NORTHAMPTON

PENSACOLA

6" Cruisers

PORTLAND

HELENA

LEANDER

5" Cruisers

ACHILLES

JUNEAU

SAN DIEGO

ATLANTA

SAN JUAN

Destroyers

25 (approx)

Armed Merchant Cruiser

MONOWAI

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE

INDIANAPOLIS

6" Cruisers

ST. LOUIS

NASHVILLE

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians

8" Cruiser (CA)

NACHI

3 Light Cruisers (CL)

ABUKUMA

TAMA

KISO

Approx 4 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

1st Base Force

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) ?

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

CONCORD

TRENTON

RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

~~British~~ Allied Forces

Battleships

WARSPITE

REVENGE

VALIANT

RESOLUTION

ILLUSTRIOUS

FORMIDABLE

GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)

DEVONSHIRE

HAWKINS

FROBISHER

MAURITIUS

GAMBIA

BIRMINGHAM

GLASGOW

ENTERPRISE

EMERALD

DAUNTLESS

DANAÉ

DRAGON

DELHI

CAPETOWN

CERES

CALEDON

SUMATRA (Dutch)

WORCESTERSHIRE

RANCHI

ALAUNIA

CHITRAL

RANPURA

CANTON

QUEEN OF BERMUDA

CARTHAGE

CARLISLE

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruiser

6" Cruisers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

A.A. Vessel

Approx 25 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Approx 3 submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

5th November, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCESA) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTORAllied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 to carry out day and night gunnery practice in Moreton Bay 5/11.
- (ii) "CHESTER" en route Sydney ETA 9/11.
- (iii) "HELM" escorting "WOONDA" towing "HOLLAND" will RV with "EAGLE" and proceed Melbourne.
- (iv) "WARREGO" escorting "GEORGE TAYLOR" arr. Townsville 0155/5.
- (v) "BALLARAT" dep. Cairns 1315/3 was to RV 1500/3 off Fitzroy Is. with Convoy G ("TASMAN" "GENERAL VERSPIJK"); thence Milne Bay 1100/6.
- (vi) "GOULBURN" "ECHUCA" escorting Convoy BT14 (5 MV) due Townsville 1940/5.
- (vii) "GEEELONG" escorting Convoy BT15 (2 MV) to Whitsunday Passage dep. Brisbane 2/11.
- (viii) "WILCANNIA" escorting Newcastle portion Convoy C042 dep. Newcastle 1004/4. "DELORAIN" escorting Convoy C042 and "GOLDSTAR" dep. Sydney 1907/4.
- (ix) "WHYALAA" & "YANDRA" escorting Convoy C041 en route Sydney to Melbourne to RV with "DOOMBA" in Wilson's Promontory area. "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC41 including "BUNGAREE" dep. Port Phillip 2207/4.
- (x) "BENDIGO" arr. Brisbane 0525/4.
- (xi) "WARRNAMBOOL" dep. Townsville 0827/4 ETA Sydney a.m. 10/11.
- (xii) "KURUMBA" dep. Townsville 1107/2 ETA Brisbane 2300/5.
- (xiii) "BARALABA" was due Cape Rodney from Port Moresby 1200/4.
- (xiv) "ROCKHAMPTON" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy GP20 (2 MV ex Sydney, 2 MV ex Newcastle) dep. Sydney 0832/4 ETA Caloundra 2359/6.
- (xv) At Sydney - "VENDETTA" "MANOORA" "DOBBIN" "BUNDABERG" "MILDURA" "MORESBY" "TOWNSVILLE" "TAMWORTH" "GOLDSTAR"
Repairing - "AUSTRALIA" "SELFIDGE" "TROMP" "LE TRIOMPHANT"
"BISHOPDALE" "SWAN" "VICTORIA"
- (xvi) At Melbourne - "WANGANELLA" "DOOMBA"
- (xvii) At Townsville - "ARUNTA" "KATOOMBA" "YUNNAN"
- (xviii) At Adelaide - "SPRINGDALE"
- (xix) At Brisbane - "HOBART" "PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "HENLEY" "MANUNDA"
"PATTERSON" "GRIFFIN" "TULSA" "POYANG" "AASE MAERSK"
"MERKUR" "GYMPIE"
- (xx) At Cairns - "STUART" "COLAC" "BROOME"
- (xxi) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA" "PINGWO"
- (xxii) At Port Moresby - "LITHGOW" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "KARSIK" "JASON LEE"
"GORGON" "PAINE WINGATE" "GEORGE MATTHEWS"
"STAGEN" "S.J.FIELD" "VAN HEUTSZ"

Enemy Forces

- (i) New Georgia - Reports 1/11 indicate the enemy had evacuated Wickham Anchorage (Vangunu Is.) and Viru Harbor. Enemy forces and barges were previously reported in these areas which appear to have been used in operations between the Bougainville base and Guadalcanal.
- (ii) Buin-Faisi Area - 30 vessels were reported in the area at 0900/4 -
2 heavy cruisers (described 1 "NACHI", 1 "AOBA" class)
2 light cruisers (described 1 "SENDAI", 1 "TATSUTA" class)
14 destroyers
1 probable seaplane tender
1 escort vessel (possibly minelayer)
8 supply vessels
2 tankers
One heavy cruiser (described "NACHI" class) and 2 probable seaplane tenders previous sighted in the area had departed by dawn 4/11. In addition 3 submarines previously visible in the area were believed to have departed west. One submarine was indicated 20 miles east of Buin on 3/11.
- (iii) Buka Passage - 1 cargo vessel (15,000 tons) was sighted at N.E. entrance to Buka Passage on course 240° at 1150/4.
- (iv) Rabaul - An aircraft on recce 0930/4 made the following sighted from 13,000 feet at 12 miles distance.

26 medium or large unidentified vessels, including one described as very large with possible pagoda mast.

1 unidentified vessel was observed entering Blanche Bay.

2 small warships and 2 small cargo vessels were observed "possibly beached" off Lesson Point, (S. shore Blanche Bay) and 1 small vessel was at Cape Tawui (4 miles N. of Rabaul) on course 320°.

(v) Kokoda Area - Reports to 1600/4 indicate that Japanese forces were attacked and driven from positions on a prominent spur south of the main track near Pirivi (4 miles E. Kokoda airdrome). Work on the landing strip at Kokoda airdrome is progressing, and the strip is being used.

(vi) Enemy Submarines were indicated in the following positions 3/11 -
11°S, 163°E 40 ESE Cape Surville (San Cristobal Is.)
11°S, 166°E 10 S. of Ndeni Island
6°S, 163°E 200 S. By E. of Ontong Java
3°S, 180°E 250 E. by S. Tamana Is. (Gilbert Is.)

(vii) Guadalcanal - Allied attack continued 2/11. Enemy equipment captured. Advance continued 3/11.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

(i) "TJERK HIDDEN" escorting "DOMINION MONARCH" dep. Fremantle 1731/3 until 2100/4, then "TJERK HIDDEN" returning Fremantle.

(ii) "HERON" dep. Fremantle 2/11 for Exmouth Gulf.

(iii) "CASTLEMAINE" dep. Darwin 1032/3 to RV with "DARVEL" & escort to Darwin

(iv) "ARMIDA E" escorting "TULAGI" dep. Thursday Is. 1230/4 for Darwin.

(v) At Fremantle - ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK (CL) KANIMBLA (A.M.C) VAN CALEN (DD) W.B. PRESTON (AV) PELIAS (AS) ISABEL (PG) CAIRNS BENGAL DUBBO TOOWOOMBA IPSWICH WALLAROO MARYBOROUGH CESSNOCK (A.M.S) ERLING BROVIG (AO) LARK WHIPPOORWILL (AM)

(vi) At Exmouth Gulf - CHILDS (AV)

(vii) At Darwin - KALGOORLIE (A.M.S)

(viii) At Albany - GAWLER (A.M.S)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

10 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

(i) At Espiritu Santo - ZANE GRAYSON MEADE (DD) BALLARD CURTISS TANGIER (AV) LACKAWANNA GUADALUPE (AO) GAMBLE (CM) PG.476 PG.477 (YP) NAVAJO (YT) STRATFORD ZEILIN (AP) LIBRA BETELGEUSE (AK)

(ii) At Noumea - WASHINGTON (BB) NICHOLAS LANDSDOWNE LAMSON (DD) BARTON STACK (DD) VESTAL (AE) ARGONNE (AS) TAPPAHANNOCK SABINE (AO) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER VIREO (AM) BUTTERNUT (YN) MacCAWLEY W.W. BURROWS CRESCENT CITY (AP) ANTARES ALDEBARAN ALHENA (AK)

(iii) At Vila - HERCULES (AK)

(iv) Guadalcanal Area - MacFARLAND (AV) JAMESTOWN (PG)

(v) At Suva - CATALPA LOCUST ROSEWOOD (YN)

(vi) At Samoa - CHESTNUT (YN) CAMANGA ARCTIC (AK)

(vii) At Tongatabu - SUMNER (Survey Ship)

(viii) At Bora Bora - TERN (AM)

(ix) At Tahiti - CHEVREUIL (Sloop)

(x) At Norfolk Is. - WAHINE (AP)

(xi) At Auckland - AHCILLES (CL) MONOWAI (A.M.C) RIGEL (AD) DELPHINUS (YP) EBONY (YN) ROAMER PRESIDENT ADAMS (AP) JUPITER CASTOR (AK)

(xii) At Wellington - AMERICAN LEGION (AP)

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Allied Forces

"TRINITY" en route Bahrain to Melbourne ETA 2/11.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS - Nil.

3. AIR OPERATIONS -- 2-4/11

Lae - One B.17 attacked Lae area 2215/3 - 0020/4. Bombs dropped in wharf and airdrome area.

Salamaua - 3 B.17's attacked Salamaua airdrome morning 4/11. Nil result. 9 B.25's attacked township early afternoon 4/11. Explosion and fires observed.

Sanananda - 6 Beaufighters which were ordered to attack barges and stores at Sanananda Point attacked unspecified targets p.m. 4/11.
Oivi (6½ miles SE Kokoda) - 3 A.20's bombed and strafed enemy troops.
Results not observed.

Dilli - Probably 3 B.26's attacked Dilli town area morning 4/11.
Results not observed.

Maobisse-Aileu Area - Probably 3 B.26's attacked the area morning 4/11. Several buildings demolished. Two large fires in target area. 6 Hudsons also attacked Maobisse early morning 4/11. Bombs in general target area but no hits on buildings.

Guadalcanal 2-3/11 - SBD's and P.39's were active in support of ground troops. Enemy equipment destroyed by bombing. Two fighters lost in operational crashes but pilots safe. 3 SBD's directed to attack enemy warship force 1730/2 did not return. 1 SBD lost late 2/11.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

Further attempt to land reinforcements on Guadalcanal.

W. J. Somerville

For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

5/11/42

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

~~British~~ Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Flotilla Leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

Armed Merchant Cruisers

Submarine Tenders

Destroyer Tender

Storeship

Gunboat

Oilers

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet

CinC 2nd Fleet

CinC 8th Fleet

CinC 1st Air Fleet

CinC 4th Fleet

CinC 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet)

3 Battleships (BB)

4 Battlecruisers (BB)

3 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

Poss. 1 Converted Carrier (XCV)

Heavy Cruisers (CA)

1 prob. sunk

(at least 6 damaged)

Effective

CRESTER

HOBART

PHOENIX

ARUN TA

STUART

MUGFORD

HENLEY

HELM

BAGLEY

PATTERSON

VENDETTA

STURGEON)

AMERBJAC K)

SCULPIN)

SAILFISH)

SEADRAGON)

S.42)

S.44)

S.46)

GUDGEON)

GRAMPUS)

SHAPPER)

GRAYBACK)

SWORDFISH)

TROUT)

SAURY)

K.9

SARGO

WESTRALIA

MANCORA

GRIFFIN

HOLLAND

DOBBERIN

GOLDSTAR

TULSA

KURUMBA

AASE MAERSK

Refitting or Repairing

AUSTRALIA

LE TRIOMPHANT

TROMP

SELFRIDGE

At Brisbane

On Patrol

At Sydney

Enroute W.A. to Brisbane

VICTORIA

1 damaged

Damaged

One prob. damaged

Damaged

Converted A/C Carriers

COPAHEE
LONG ISLAND
NEW ORLEANS

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE
SALT LAKE CITY
CHICAGO
MINNEAPOLIS
HONOLULU
BOISE

6" Cruisers

RALEIGH
DETROIT
15 (approx)
23 (approx)

Destroyers

Submarines

Enemy Forces

Palao-Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan

5 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
ISE
HYUGA

3 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV) HAYATAKA
HITAKA

OTAKA (damaged)

8" Cruiser (CA)

HAGURO

1 Light Cruiser (CL)

1 S/P Tender (AV)

NATORI
CHIYODA
KAMIKAWA MARU
FUJIKAWA MARU
KAMOI
SANUKI MARU

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 30 Destroyers

Approx 30 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

SOUTH DAKOTA
WASHINGTON
HORNET
ENTERPRISE
SAN FRANCISCO
NORTHAMPTON
PENSACOLA

) one sunk

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

PORTLAND
HELENA
LEANDER
ACHILLES

6" Cruisers

5" Cruisers

JUNEAU
SAN DIEGO
ATLANTA
SAN JUAN (en route Sydney)
25 (approx)
MONOWAI

Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruiser

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

8" Cruiser

6" Cruisers

INDIANAPOLIS
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians

8" Cruiser (CA)

3 Light Cruisers (CL)

NACHI
ABUKUMA
TAM A
KISO

Approx 4 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

1st Base Force

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) ?

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Allied Forces
Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruiser

6" Cruisers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

A.A. Vessel
Approx 25 Destroyers
Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces
Approx 3 submarines

WARSPITE
VALIANT
RESOLUTION
ILLUSTRIOUS
FORMIDABLE
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
DEVONSHIRE
HAWKINS
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
DAUNTLESS
DANAE
DRAGON
DELHI
CAKETOWN
CERES
CALEDON
SUMATRA (Dutch)
WORCESTERSHIRE
RANCHI
ALAUNIA
CHITRAL
RANPURA
CANTON
QUEEN OF BERMUDA
CARTHAGE
CARLISLE
REVENGE
FROBISHER

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

6th November, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCESA) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTORAllied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("HOBART" (F) "PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "HENLEY" "BAGLEY" "PATTERSON") carrying out day and night gunnery practice in Moreton Bay today 6/11.
"BAGLEY" "PATTERSON" to leave Cape Moreton 1700 today 6/11 to RV with "SPERRY" "FULTON" and escort to Brisbane ETA a.m. 9/11.
- (ii) "CHESTER" en route Sydney ETA 9/11.
- (iii) "HELM" escorting "WOONDA" towing "HOLLAND" will RV with "EAGLE" and proceed Melbourne.
- (iv) "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy G ("TASMAN" "GENERAL VERSPIJK") due Milne Bay 1100 today 6/11.
- (v) "GOULBURN" "ECHUCA" escorting Convoy BT14 (5 MV) were due Townsville yesterday 5/11.
- (vi) "GEELONG" returning to Brisbane from Whitsunday Passage after escorting Convoy BT15.
- (vii) "WARREGO" dep. Townsville 1815/5 for Cairns ETA 0800 today 6/11.
- (viii) "ROCKHAMPTON" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy GP20 (2 MV ex Sydney, 2 MV ex Newcastle) enroute Sydney to Caloundra ETA 2359 today 6/11.
- (ix) "WHYALLA" "YANDRA" "BUNGAREE" escorting Convoy OC41 passed Wilson's Promontory 1455/5 enroute Sydney.
- (x) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy C041 arr. Melbourne 2034/5.
- (xi) "WILCANNIA" "DELORAIN" escorting Convoy C042 (incl. "GOLDSTAR") en route Sydney and Newcastle to RV with "DOOMBA" in Wilson's Promontory area.
- (xii) "WARRNAMBOOL" en route Townsville to Sydney ETA a.m. 10/11.
- (xiii) "BROOME" dep. Cairns 0500/5 for Townsville arr. 1805.
- (xiv) "PIRIE" to depart Adelaide for Melbourne a.m. today 6/11.
- (xv) "MANUNDA" to return Brisbane from Sydney ETA 0500/8.
- (xvi) At Sydney - "VENDETTA" "MANCOORA" "DOBBIN" "BUNDABERG" "MILDURA" "MORESBY" "TOWNSVILLE" "TAMWORTH"
Repairing - "AUSTRALIA" "SELFRIDGE" "TROMP" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "BISHOPDALE" "SWAN" "VICTORIA"
- (xvii) At Melbourne - "WANGANELLA"
- (xviii) At Townsville - "ARUNTA" "KATOOMBA" "YUNNAN"
- (xix) At Adelaide - "SPRINGDALE"
- (xx) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "TULSA" "POYANG" "AASE MAERSK" "KURUMBA" "MERKUR" "GYMPIE" - Refitting "BENDIGO"
- (xxi) At Cairns - "STUART" "COLAC"
- (xxii) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA" "PINGWO"
- (xxiii) At Port Moresby - "LITHGOW" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "KARSIK" "JASON LEE" "GORGON" "PAINE WINGATE" "GEORGE MATTHEWS" "STAGEN" "S.J.FIELD" "VAN HEUTSZ"

Enemy Forces

- (i) Bougainville Base - The following vessels were reported at this base at 0800/5 -
- 2 heavy cruisers (1 "NACHI", 1 "AOBA")
1 light cruiser ("SENDAI" class)
2 sloops
5 supply ships
- 10
29 ships, including a light cruiser ("TENRYU" class), 14 destroyers, 1 seaplane tender, 1 tanker, 9 supply ships, 3 submarines were believed to be at sea from that base.
- 14 unidentified vessels, in formation, (2 of 10,000 tons, 6 of 6,000 tons, 6 of 2/3000 tons) were reported by aircraft approx 36 miles ENE Buin at 1140 on course 190°.
- No other vessels were sighted in the vicinity of Buin-Faisi by this aircraft, but the probability that other ships were present remains, as the weather was unfavourable and visibility poor.
- An aircraft from a Soupac base sighted a single destroyer approx 50 miles north of Manning Strait at 1530, on course 090°.
- (ii) Rabaul - Photographic reconnaissance of Rabaul Harbor 5/11 showed the following shipping -

- (a) At Entrance to Harbor - 8 unidentified vessels
 (b) In Hbr. 1 converted aircraft carrier
 4 destroyers
 5 torpedo boats
 2 minelayers
 1 poss. military landing craft carrier (7,000 tons)
 31 merchant vessels
- | | |
|----|-------------|
| 1. | 10,000 tons |
| 4 | 9,000 tons |
| 4 | 8,000 tons |
| 4 | 7,000 tons |
| 5 | 6,000 tons |
| 5 | 5,000 tons |
| 2 | 4,000 tons |
| 5 | 3,000 tons |
| 1 | 2,000 tons |
- aggregate tonnage 186,000

Total - 44 vessels

In addition, 22 smaller vessels were sighted, including 7 small lighters, one of which appeared sunk, 4 small merchant vessels, 3 small oiling barges, 8 small unidentified vessels.

Only 32 vessels (including one apparently leaving the area) were observed on the previous day.

- (iii) Guadalcanal - Allied attack west of Matanikau River continued 3/11. 350 Japanese were killed west of Point Cruz and equipment captured. During the night 3/4, the enemy landed a force about 4 miles east of Koli Point, which was unsuccessfully attacked by allied troops at dawn.

A small two-masted trawler was reported approx 17 miles west by south Cape Esperance at 1120/4 on course 050°.

At about midnight last night 5/11, two enemy ships described as cruisers, were sighted approx 11 miles NNE Lunga. These ships were possibly carrying reinforcements for the force in the Koli Point area. In any case, the enemy policy of small landings of troops and supplies by night from warships, appears to have been revived, pending a re-adjustment of the strategic situation to permit the despatch of another large troop convoy.

- (iv) Kokoda Area - Our advance continued 4/11 and our vanguard was in contact with enemy forces west of Oivi Hill at 1000/5.

Natives report that the Japanese have moved reinforcements to Wairopi.

- (v) Queensland - There were indications of an enemy submarine 20°S, 153°E (approx 270 miles east of Bowen) on 3/11.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

- (i) "VAN GALEN" dep. Fremantle 1854/5 to RV with "TRINITY" and escort to Fremantle ETA 0902/9.
 (ii) "GAWLER" dep. Albany 1815/5 for Fremantle ETA 0901/7.
 (iii) "HERON" dep. Fremantle 2/11 for Exmouth Gulf.
 (iv) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "DARVEL" arr. Darwin 1423/5.
 (v) "ARMIDALE" escorting "TULAGI" dep. Thursday Is. 4/11 for Darwin.
 (vi) At Fremantle - ADELAIDE VAN HEMSKERK (CL) KANIMBLA (A.M.C)
 TJERK HIDDES (DD) W.B. PRESTON (AV) PELIAS (AS) ISABEL (PG)
 CAIRNS BENGAL DUBBO TOOWOOMBA IPSWICH WALLAROO MARYBOROUGH
 CESSNOCK (A.M.S) ERLING BROVIG (AO) LARK WHIPPOORWILL (AM)
 (vii) At Exmouth Gulf - CHILDS" (AV)
 (viii) At Darwin - KALGOORLIE (A.M.S)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

10 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

- (i) At Espiritu Santo - ZANE GRAYSON SHAW MEADE (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) LACKAWANNA GUADALUPE (AO) GAMBLE (CM) PG.476 PG.477 (VP) NAVAJO (YT) STRATFORD ZEILIN FULLER (AP) LIBRA BETELGEUSE (AK)
 (ii) At Noumea - WASHINGTON (BB) NICHOLAS LAMSON (DD) BARTON STACK (DD) VESTAL (AE) ARGONNE (AS) TAPPANNOCK SABINE (AO) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER VIREO (AM) BUTTERNUT (YN) MacCAWLEY W.W. BURROWS CRESCENT CITY (AP) ANTARES ALDEBARAN ALHENA (AK)

- (iii) At Vila - HERCULES (AK)
- (iv) Guadalcanal Area - MacFARLAND (AV) JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM)
- (v) At Suva - CATALPA LOCUST ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (vi) At Samoa - CHESTNUT (YN) CAMANGA ARCTIC (AK)
- (vii) At Tongatabu - SUMNER (Survey Ship)
- (viii) At Bora Bora - TERN (AM)
- (ix) At Tahiti - CHEVREUIL (Sloop)
- (x) At Norfolk Is. - WAHINE (AP)
- (xi) At Auckland - ACHILLES (CL) MONOWAI (A.M.C) RIGEL (AD) DELPHINUS (YP)
EBONY (YN) ROAMER PRESIDENT ADAMS (AP) JUPITER CASTOR (AK)
- (xii) At Wellington - AMERICAN LEGION (AP)

Enemy Forces

New Caledonia-New Hebrides-Santa Cruz-Solomons - Enemy Submarine Activity

On 4-5/11 there were indications of enemy submarines in this general area as follows -

- (a) one in 20°S, 173°E (approx 175 miles E. by N. Aneityum Is.)
- (b) One in 20°S, 161°E (approx 185 miles W. by N. Nehue Bay, N.Cal.)
- (c) one in 6°10'S, 179°25'E (approx 390 miles NE Ndeni)
(sighted by aircraft at 1440/5)

(d) one in 6°S, 161°E (approx 85 miles SE Ontong Java)

There are thus indications of at least 3 enemy submarines operating along the parallel 20°S between the Queensland and New Hebrides areas (see Eastern Sector).

- D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA
- E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA
- F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

Guadalcanal - Allied ~~air~~ destroyers bombarded Japanese positions at Kokumbona in support of ground troops night 1-2/11. Naval forces bombarded enemy positions Kokumbona 3/11.

Two torpedo hits were made on a "NATORI" class light cruiser in Indispensable Strait 3/11.

New Guinea-New Britain Waters - Nil sightings and the presence of oil patches in the area 30 miles SW of Gasmata where a transport was attacked and reported on fire 2-3/11 indicate that the vessel probably sank.

3. AIR OPERATIONS - 4-5/11

Buin-Faisi - 5 Catalinas attacked shipping in the Buin-Faisi area early morning 5/11. One very near miss claimed on light cruiser.

Kilili runway also attacked. Results not observed.

St. George's Channel - 6 Zero's attacked a B.17 on recce morning 5/11. One Zero destroyed, one probably destroyed.

Arawe - 3 B.25's attacked a schooner near Arawe morning 5/11. Nil hits.

Bobonaro - 6 Hudsons attacked Bobonaro morning 5/11. Fires observed from buildings.

Enemy

Guadalcanal - 27 bombers and at least 20 fighters were reported approaching Guadalcanal morning 5/11. They were expected to arrive at 1100/5.

Dilli - 8 fighters, 2 bombers reported on Dilli airdrome 4/11.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

Renewed offensive operations in Solomons.

T. Riddle

For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

6/11/42

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

<u>Allied Forces</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
8" Cruisers	CHESTER	AUSTRALIA
6" Cruisers	HOBART	
	PHOENIX	
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA	LE TRIOMPHANT
	STUART	TROMP
		SELFRIDGE
Destroyers	MUGFORD	
	HEN LEY	
	HELM	
	BAGLEY	
	PATTERSON	
	VENDETTA	
Submarines	STURGEON	) At Brisbane
	AMBERJACK	
	SCULPIN	
	SAILFISH	
	SEADRAGON	
	S.42	
	S.44	) On Patrol
	S.46	
	GUDGEON	
	GRAMPUS	
	SNAPPER	
	GRAYBACK	
	SWORDFISH	) At Sydney
	TROUT	
	SAURY	
	K.9	) Enroute W.A. to Brisbane
	SARGO	
Armed Merchant Cruisers	WESTRALIA	
	MANOORA	
Submarine Tenders	GRIFFIN	
	HOLLAND	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Storeship	GOLDSTAR	
Gunboat	TULSA	
Oilers	KURUMBA	VICTORIA
	AASE MAERSK	

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet		
CinC 2nd Fleet		
CinC 8th Fleet		
CinC 1st Air Fleet		
CinC 4th Fleet		
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet)		
5 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO	) 1 damaged
	MUTSU	
	NAGATO	
	KIRISHIMA	
4 Battlecruisers (BB)	HIYEI	) Damaged
	KONGO	
	HARUNA	
3 Aircraft Carriers (CV)	SHOKAKU	) Damaged
	ZUIKAKU	
	HOSHO	
Poss. 1 Converted Carrier (XCV)	ZUIHO	
Heavy Cruisers (CA)	TONE	) one prob. damaged
1 prob. sunk	TIKUMA	
at least 6 damaged	MOGAMI ?	
	ATAGO	
	TAKAO	
	MYOKO	
	ASHIGARA	
	CHOKAI	) damaged
	SUZUYA	
	KUMANO	
	AOBA	
	KINUGASA)

8" Cruisers	LONG ISLAND NEW ORLEANS	LOUISVILLE SALT LAKE CITY CHICAGO MINNEAPOLIS HONOLULU BOISE
6" Cruisers	RALEIGH DETROIT	
Destroyers	15 (approx)	
Submarines	23 (approx)	
Enemy Forces		
<u>Palao-Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan</u>		
5 Battleships (BB)	MUSASHI FUSO YAMASHIRO ISE HYUGA	
3 Converted A/C Carriers(XCV)	HAYATAKA HITAKA	OTAKA (damaged) HAGURO
8" Cruiser (CA)		
1 Light Cruiser (CL)	N ATORI	
1 S/P Tender (AV)	CHIYODA	
Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)	KAMIKAWA MARU FUJIKAWA MARU KAMOI SANUKI MARU	
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)		
Approx 30 Destroyers		
Approx 30 Submarines		
C) <u>SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA</u>		
<u>Allied Forces</u>		
<u>Battleships</u>		
Aircraft Carriers	SOUTH DAKOTA WASHINGTON HORNET ENTERPRISE)	one sunk
8" Cruisers	SAN FRANCISCO NORTHAMPTON PENSACOLA PORTLAND	
6" Cruisers	HELENA LEANDER ACHILLES	
5" Cruisers	JUNEAU SAN DIEGO ATLANTA SAN JUAN (enroute Sydney)	
Destroyers	25 (approx)	
Armed Merchant Cruiser	MONOWAI	
D) <u>NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA</u>		
<u>Allied Forces</u>		
8" Cruiser	INDIANAPOLIS	
6" Cruisers	ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE	
10 Destroyers		
10 Submarines		
Enemy Forces		
<u>Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians</u>		
8" Cruiser (CA)	NACHI	
3 Light Cruisers (CL)	ABUKUMA TAMA KISO	
Approx 4 Destroyers		
Approx 7 Submarines		
1st Base Force		
Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) ?		
E) <u>SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA</u>		
<u>Allied Forces</u>		
6" Cruisers	CONCORD TRENTON RICHMOND	
Approx 4 Destroyers		

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruiser

6" Cruisers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

A.A. Vessel

Approx 25 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Approx 3 submarines

WARSPITE
VALIAN T
RESOLUTION
ILLUSTRIOUS
FORMIDABLE
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
DEVONSHIRE
HAWKINS
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
DAUNTLESS
DANAE
DRAGON
DELHI
CAPETOWN
CERES
CALEDON
SUMATRA (Dutch)
WORCESTERSHIRE
RANCHI
ALAUNIA
CHITRAL
RANPURA
CANTON
QUEEN OF BERMUDA
CARTHAGE
CARLISLE
REVENGE

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

7th November, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCESA) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTORAllied Forces

- (i) "HOBART" (F) "PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "HENLEY" returned Brisbane from exercises 0301/7.
- (ii) "BAGLEY" "PATTERSON" to RV with "FULTON" at 1600 today 7/11 and escort to Brisbane ETA a.m. 9/11.
- (iii) "CHESTER" en route Sydney ETA 8/11.
- (iv) "SAN JUAN" was due Sydney yesterday 6/11 for repairs.
- (v) "HELM" was due Portland 1320/6. To return immediately to "WOONDA" towing "HOLLAND" & proceed Melbourne. "EAGLE" dep. Portland 0035/7 to RV.
- (vi) "GOULBURN" "ECHUCA" arr. Brisbane from escort duty 2115/6.
- (vii) "ROCKHAMPTON" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy GP20 (4 MV) were due Galoundra 0700 today 7/11. To return Sydney escorting Convoy PG20 (4 MV).
- (viii) "WHYALLA" "YANDRA" "BUNGAREE" escorting Convoy OC41 (5 MV Sydney, 3 Newcastle, 1 Port Kembla, 1 Catherine Hill Bay) passed Wilson's Promontory 1455/5.
- (ix) "WILCANNIA" "DELORAIN" escorting Convoy C042 (incl. "GOLDSTAR") to RV with "DOOMBA" in Wilson's Promontory area today 7/11.
- (x) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC42 (9 MV) dep. Port Phillip 0043 today 7/11 for RV with above.
- (xi) "TOWNSVILLE" arr. Newcastle from Sydney 1552/6. "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy C043 (7 MV) to dep. Newcastle 0800 today 7/11. "INVERELL" "TAMWORTH" escorting Sydney section (4 MV) to RV off Port Jackson. "INVERELL" returned Sydney from working up exercises 0821/6.
- (xii) "WARRNAMBOOL" enroute Townsville to Sydney ETA a.m. 10/11.
- (xiii) "PIRIE" to depart Adelaide for Melbourne a.m. today 7/11.
- (xiv) "MANUNDA" dep. Sydney for Brisbane 1255/6 ETA 0600/8.
- (xv) At Sydney - "VENDETTA" "MANOORA" "DOBBIN" "BUNDABERG" "MILDURA" "MORESEBY"
Repairing - "AUSTRALIA" "SELFRIDGE" "TROMP" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "BISHOPDALE" "SWAN" "VICTORIA"
- (xvi) At Melbourne - "WANGANILLA"
- (xvii) At Townsville - "ARUNTA" "KATOOMBA" "BROOME" "YUNNAN"
- (xviii) At Adelaide - "SPRINGDALE"
- (xix) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "GEELONG" "TULSA" "POYANG" "AASE MAERSK" "KURUMBA" "MERKUR" "GYMPIE" - Refitting "BENDIGO"
- (xx) At Cairns - "STUART" "WARREGO" "COLAC"
- (xxi) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA" "PINGWO"
- (xxii) At Port Moresby - "LITHGOW" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "KARSIK" "JASON LEE" "VAN HEUTSZ" "PAINE WINGATE" "GEORGE MATTHEWS" "STAGEN" "S.J.FIELD"
- (xxiii) At Milne Bay - "BALLARAT" "TASMAN" "GENERAL VERSPIJK"

Enemy Forces

- (1) Bougainville Base - Renewed activity was evident to the SE from this base on 6/11.

16 destroyers, in three groups, were reported off the NE coast of Vella Lavella at 0745, on course 270°, and were again observed in the same area (52 miles S.E. Faisi) at 1000, on course 300°.

The position of these vessels suggests that they were engaged in an operation between the Faisi area and Guadalcanal during the night 5/6 and it is possible that more ships reached Guadalcanal on that night than the two sighted off Lunga at 2330/5.

In addition, 16 enemy destroyers were reported approx 8 miles east of Faisi at 0200, on course 308°; also two cargo vessels were anchored off Shortland Is. at that time. A light cruiser and 5 destroyers were observed entering Faisi Harbor at 0815, and 10 more destroyers were seen 10 miles to the SE at the same time.

These appear to be at least 34 vessels operating in the area, but the identification of 31 of these as destroyers, is almost certainly incorrect.

Further evidence that the enemy is renewing his previous policy of placing troops and supplies on Guadalcanal by night, was provided by the sighting of two probable destroyers approx 10 miles NE Lunga

at 0200 this morning 7/11.

- (ii) Buka - A 5,000 ton vessel escorted by destroyers arrived in Buka Passage at 1700/6, possibly to refuel.

There were indications of an enemy submarine 6°S, 154°E (approx 54 miles SW Buka) on 4/11. The vessel was possibly en route Rabaul to the Bougainvillebase, or vice versa.

- (iii) Kavieng - There were indications of an enemy submarine 2°S, 152°E (75 miles NE Kavieng) on 4/11.
- (iv) Ysabel Is. - Tents sighted by aircraft 6/11 indicated that the enemy still maintains a base on the east coast of Thousand Ships Bay, opposite the southern tip of San Jorge Is.
- (v) Trobriand Is. - A large unidentified ship was reported by aircraft approx 55 miles NE Kiriwina Is. at 0145 this morning 7/11, on course 180°. The vessel was no longer visible at 0230.
- (vi) Guadalcanal - Enemy made strong counter attacks night 4-5/11 on allied positions West of Matanikau River: repulsed with heavy losses. Patrol activity ~~was~~ only in Koli Point area 4/11. Continuous air patrols maintained and enemy positions strafed. Allied reinforcements landed 4-5/11.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

- (i) "VAN GALEN" dep. Fremantle 5/11 to RV with "TRINITY" and escort to Fremantle ETA 0902/9.
- (ii) "GAWLER" enroute Albany to Fremantle ETA 0901 today 7/11.
- (iii) "HERON" dep. Fremantle 2/11 for Exmouth Gulf.
- (iv) "ARMIDALE" escorting "TULAGI" dep. Thursday Is. 4/11 for Darwin.
- (v) At Fremantle - ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK (CL) KANIMBLA (A.M.C) TJERK HIDDERS (DD) W.B.PRESTON (AV) PELIAS (AS) ISABEL (PG) CAIRNS DUBBO TOOWOOMBA IPSWICH WALLAROO MARYBOROUGH CRESSNOCK (A.M.S) ERLING BROVIG (AO) LARK WHIPPOORWILL (AM)
- (vi) At Exmouth Gulf - CHILDS (AV)
- (vii) At Darwin - KALGOORLIE CASTLEMAINE (A.M.S)
- (viii) "BENGAL" dep. Fremantle 5/11 for Colombo via Diego Garcia.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

10 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

Enemy Forces

Dilli - A large merchant vessel is reported to have arrived at Dilli from the N.W. at 1700/5.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

- (i) At Espiritu Santo - ZANE GRAYSON CONYNGHAM SOUTHARD MEADE (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) LACKAWANNA GUADALUPE (AO) GAMBLE (CM) PC.476 PC.477 (YP) NAVAJO (YT) STRATFORD ZEILIN FULLER (AP) LIBRA BETELGEUSE (AK)
- (ii) At Noumea - WASHINGTON (BB) LAMSON BARTON STACK (DD) VESTAL (AE) ARGONNE (AS) TAPPAHANNOCK SABINE (AO) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER VIREO (AM) BUTTERNUT (YN) MaccAWLEY W.W.BURROWS CRESCENT CITY (AP) ANTARES ALHENA (AK)
- (iii) At Vila - HERCULES (AK)
- (iv) Guadalcanal Area - MacFARLAND (AV) JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM)
- (v) At Suva - CATALPA LOCUST ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (vi) At Samea - CHESTNUT (YN) CAMANGA ARCTIC (AK)
- (vii) At Tongatabu - SUMNER (Survey Ship)
- (viii) At Bora Bora - TERN (AM)
- (ix) At Tahiti - CHEVREUIL (Sloop)
- (x) At Auckland - ACHILLES (CL) MONOWAI (A.M.C) RIGEL (AD) DELPHINUS (YP) EBONY (YN) ROAMER PRESIDENT ADAMS (AP) JUPITER CASTOR (AK)
- (xi) At Wellington - AMERICAN LEGION (AP)

Enemy Forces

New Caledonia - There were indications 4/11 of an enemy submarine 23°S, 170°E (210 miles E. by S. Noumea), making at least two submarines operating in the area south of the New Hebrides.

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

N 11.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

One B.25 attacked a force comprising one destroyer and 2 medium cargo vessels 10 miles SE of Cape St. George afternoon 6/11. Nil result.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

Renewed offensive operations in Solomons.

T. Riddell

For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

7/11/42

APPENDIX
TO
DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA.

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

<u>Allied Forces.</u>	<u>Effective.</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing.</u>	
8" cruisers	CHESTER	AUSTRALIA	
6" cruisers	HOBART		
	PHOENIX		
5" cruiser		SAN JUAN	
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA	LE TRIOMPHANT	
	STUART	TROMP	
		SELFRIDGE	
Destroyers	MUGFORD		
	HENLEY		
	HELM		
	BAGLEY		
	PATTERSON		
	VENDETTA		
Submarines	STURGEON	} At Brisbane.	
	AMBERJACK		
	SCULPIN		
	SAILFISH		
	SEADRAGON		
	S.42		
	S.44		
	S.46		
	GUDGEON		
	GRAMPUS		
	SNAPPER	} On patrol.	
	GRAYBACK		
	SWORDFISH		
	TROUT		
	SAURY		
	PLUNGER		
	K.9		At Sydney.
Armed Merchant Cruisers	SARGO.		En route WA. to Brisbane.
	WESTRALIA		
Submarine Tenders	MANOORA		
	GRIFFIN		
	HOLLAND		
	 		
	FULTON		
Destroyer tender	DOBBIN		
Storeship	GOLDSTAR		
Gunboat	TULSA		
Oilers	KURUMBA	VICTORIA	
	AASE MAERSK		
<u>Enemy Forces.</u>			
<u>Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons.</u>			
C. in C. Combined Fleet			
C. in C. 2nd Fleet			
C. in C. 3rd Fleet			
C. in C. 1st Air Fleet			
C. in C. 4th Fleet			
C. in C. 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet)			
3 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO		
	MUTSU		
	ISE		
3 Battlecruisers (BB)	KIRISHIMA	} 2 damaged, (1 repairing in home waters.)	
	HIYEI		
	KONGO		
	HARUNA	} Damaged.	
3 Aircraft carriers (CV)	SHOKAKU		
	ZUIKAKU		
	HOSHO		
	(HITAKA		
3 Converted Carriers (XCV) -----	(HAYATAKA		
	ZUIHO		
Heavy cruisers (CA)			
1 prob. sunk.	MOGAMI		
	SUZUYA		

11 light cruisers
(at least 5 damaged).

ATAGO	}	1 damaged.
TAKAO		
MYOKO	}	damaged.
ASHIGARA		
TONE	}	
TIKUMA		
KUMANO		
CHOKAI		
AOBA		
KINUGASA		

KASHIMA
KATORI
SENDAI
JINTSU
ISUZU
KINU
NATORI
NAGARA
YUBARI
TENRYU
TATSUTA

Approx. 25 submarines incl. 4-8 "RO" class, 15 "I" class (at least 2 minelayers).
45-50 destroyers (DD)
3 seaplane carriers (AV)

Converted S/P.tenders (XAV)

CHITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA
NISSHIN
NITCHO MARU
KINUGASA MARU
KENJO MARU
KAGU MARU
NOTORO
GOSHU MARU
NARUTO MARU
SOUYOU MARU
SENDAI MARU
~~SANIKI MARU~~
SANYO MARU
KIYOKAWA MARU (PROB. DAMAGED)
JINGEI

2 submarine tenders incl.
Approx. 50 Merchant ships (over 3,000 tons).
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.chasers, MTBs, Gunboats, Patrol craft.
Approx. 184 shore-based aircraft incl. 77 fighters, 57 H/B. 20 F/B.
21 F/P. 9 Obsn.or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

Allied Forces.

6" cruiser
A.A.vessel
Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruisers
S/P.tenders

Submarine tender
Submarines

ADELAIDE	}	On patrol.
VAN HEEMSKERK		
VAN GALEN		
TJERK HIDDES		
KANIMBLA		
HERON		
CHILDS		
W.B.PRESTON		
PELIAS		
GAR		
THRESHER		
GRENADIER		
SPEARFISH		
SEARAVEN		
SEAWOLF		
SALMON		
TAUTOG		
TAMBOR		
SEAL		
K.8	}	At Fremantle.
K.12		

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.

Allied Forces.

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

Enemy Forces.

C. in C. 3rd Fleet.

C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet.

Converted Aircraft carrier

2 light cruisers

UNYOU
KASHII (damaged)
KUMA

Approx. 16 destroyers

Converted seaplane tender

OKITSU MARU

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

Battleships

NORTH CAROLINA CALIFORNIA
MARYLAND TENNESSEE
COLORADO NEVADA
MISSISSIPPI WEST VIRGINIA
NEW MEXICO IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA

Aircraft carrier

Converted A/c. carriers

SARATOGA
COPAHEE
LONG ISLAND
NEW ORLEANS

8" cruisers

LOUISVILLE
SALT LAKE CITY
CHICAGO
MINNEAPOLIS
HONOLULU
BOISE

6" cruisers

RALEIGH
DETROIT
15 (approx.)
23 (approx.)

Destroyers

Submarines

Enemy Forces.

Palao-Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan.

5 battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
NAGATO
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

1 battlecruiser (BB) damaged.

1 converted A/c. carrier (XCV)

8" cruiser (CA)

1 S/P. tender (AV)

Converted S/P. tenders (XAV)

OTAKA.
HAGURO

6 old Armoured cruisers (OCA)

Approx. 30 destroyers.

Approx. 30 submarines.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

Battleships

Aircraft carriers

8" cruisers

SOUTH DAKOTA
WASHINGTON
HORNET
ENTERPRISE } One sunk.
SAN FRANCISCO
NORTHAMPTON
PENSACOLA
PORTLAND
HELENA
LEANDER
ACHILLES
JUNEAU
SAN DIEGO
ATLANTA
25 (approx.)
MONOWAI

6" cruisers

5" cruisers

Destroyers

Armed Merchant cruiser

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

8" cruiser
6" cruisers

10 destroyers
10 submarines

Enemy forces.

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians.

8" cruiser (CA)
3 light cruisers (CL)

Approx. 4 destroyers
Approx. 7 submarines.
1st Base Force
Converted S/P tenders (XAV)

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

6" cruisers

Approx. 4 destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

Allied Forces.

Battleships

Aircraft carriers

8" cruisers

7.5" cruiser
6" cruisers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

A. A. vessel
Approx. 25 destroyers
Approx. 7 submarines

Enemy forces.

Approx. 7 submarines.

INDIANAPOLIS
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE

NACHI
ABUKUMA
TAMA
KISO

KAMITSU MARU

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

WARSPITE REVENGE
VALIANT
RESOLUTION
ILLUSTRIOUS
FORMIDABLE
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
DEVONSHIRE
HAWKINS
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
DAUNTLESS
DANAE
DRAGON
DELHI
CAPETOWN
CERES
CALEDON
SUMATRA (Dutch)
WORCESTERSHIRE
RANCHI
ALANIA
CHITRAL
RANPURA
CANTON
QUEEN OF BERMUDA
CARTHAGE
CARLISLE

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

8th November, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCESA) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTORAllied Forces

- (1) "CHESTER" & "FARRAGUT" en route Sydney ETA today 8/11.
- (ii) "BAGLEY" "PATTERSON" escorting "FULTON" en route Brisbane ETA a.m. 9/11.
- (iii) "HELM" escorting "WOONDA" & "EAGLE" towing "HOLLAND" were due Port Phillip 0100 today 8/11.
- (iv) "ARUNTA" escorting Convoy H ("DUNTROON" "KATOOMBA" "J.R.LOWELL") and Convoy P ("TAROOMA" "CHARON") dep. Townsville this morning 8/11. To RV with "COLAC" off Fitzroy Is. at 1500 and proceed to a position 150 miles SSE Port Moresby. Convoys there part company: "ARUNTA" escorts H to Port Moresby ETA 1000/10; "COLAC" escorts P to Milne Bay ETA 1400/10.
- (v) "ECHUCA" escorting "KURUMBA" to depart Caloundra for Sydney 1100 today 8/11.
- (vi) "TULSA" escorting BT16 ("SINCLAIR SUPERFLAME") to Whitsunday Passage dep. Brisbane 2005 yesterday 7/11. Convoy's ETA Townsville 1600/10.
- (vii) "LITHGOW" escorting "KARSIK" dep. Port Moresby 0700/7 for Milne Bay ETA 1500 today 8/11.
- (viii) "WARRNAMBOOL" enroute Townsville to Sydney ETA a.m. 10/11.
- (ix) "ROCKHAMPTON" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy PG20 (4 MV) dep. Brisbane 1453/7 for Sydney ETA 1500 tomorrow 9/11.
- (x) "YANDRA" "BUNGAREE" escorting Sydney section Convoy OC41 arr. 2202/7. "WHYALLA" continued with Newcastle section.
- (xi) "WILCANNIA" "DELORAINE" escorting Convoy OC42 (9 MV) en route Sydney and Newcastle.
- (xii) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy C042 (incl. "GOLDSTAR") arr. Melbourne 1543/7.
- (xiii) "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy C043 (4 MV) dep. Newcastle 1110/7. "TAMWORTH" "INVERELL" escorting Sydney section (1 MV) dep. 1715 for RV.
- (xiv) "PIRIE" dep. Adelaide 0901/8 for Melbourne ETA Port Phillip 0730/9.
- (xv) "MANUNDA" en route Sydney to Brisbane ETA 0600 today 8/11.
- (xvi) At Sydney - "VENDETTA" "MAN OORA" "DOBBIN" "BUNDABERG" "MILDURA" "MORESBY" "KAPUNDA"
- Repairing - "AUSTRALIA" "SAN JUAN" "SELFDRIDGE" "TROMP" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "BISHOPDALE" "SWAN" "VICTORIA"
- (xvii) At Melbourne - "WANGANELLA"
- (xviii) At Townsville - "KATOOMBA" "BROOME" "YUNNAN"
- (xix) At Adelaide - "SPRINGDALE"
- (xx) At Brisbane - "HOBART" "PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "HENLEY" "GRIFFIN" "GEELONG" "GOULBURN" "GYMPIE" "POYANG" "AASE MAERSK" "MERKUR"
- Refitting - "BENDIGO"
- (xxi) At Cairns - "STUART" "WARREGO"
- (xxii) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA" "PINGWO"
- (xxiii) At Port Moresby - "VAN SPILBERGEN" "JASON LEE" "VAN HEUTSZ" "STAGEN" "PAINE WINGATE" "GEORGE MATTHEWS" "S.J.FIELD"
- (xxiv) At Milne Bay - "BALLARAT" "TASMAN" "GENERAL VERSPIJK"

Enemy Forces

- (1) Bougainville Base - At 0800/7, 33 vessels were reported in the Buin-Misi area, as follows -
- 4 heavy cruisers (2 "NACHI", 1 "MOGAMI", 1 "AOBA")
 - 2 light cruisers (1 "KUMA" 1 "TENRYU")
 - 13 destroyers
 - 2 sloops
 - 2 tankers
 - 10 supply ships

Air recce at 1145 reported only 10 vessels, including a destroyer and 8,000 ton merchant vessel but this report was inconclusive owing to poor visibility. A report at 1700 indicated that the vessels then in the area were preparing to disperse.

Two groups of vessels, evidently additional to the force in the Buin area during the morning, were sighted east of Bougainville during the day:

(a) 11 destroyers approx 90 miles N. Manning Strait on course 090° at 1005;

(b) A group of not less than 12 vessels 50 miles east Banin Harbor (N.coast Bougainville, SE of Buka Passage) on a southerly course at 1309.

No enemy vessels were sighted south of Faisi during the day, and there was no indication of the location of the two vessels sighted off Lunga early morning 7/11.

(ii) Kavieng - Air recce reported the following in Kavieng Harbor at ~~1040~~ 1040/7 -

1 light cruiser

3 large destroyers

1 vessel 8/10,000 tons - poss. heavy cruiser or converted seaplane tender

3 flying boats

(iii) Solomons - Enemy Observation Outposts -- The enemy outpost at Cape Astrolabe (Malaita) has been eliminated by U.S. Marines. 19 Japanese were killed, one was captured and two escaped unarmed. All enemy equipment, including radio, arms, ammunition, documents, was captured intact. There were no allied casualties.

A new enemy outpost of this type, equipped with wireless, is reported at Malavague (two miles S.W.Cape Alexander, Choiseul Is).

(iv) Guadalcanal - Light enemy attacks on our positions west of Point Cruz during the night 5/6 were repulsed. There were no important contacts in the Koli Point area 6/11.

(v) Kokoda area - Our forces are maintaining constant pressure on enemy positions south of Oivi: heavy fighting took place throughout 6/11. Enemy forces ~~are~~ ^{now} estimated at two battalions.

(vi) Queensland - There were indications of an enemy submarine in 23° south 155° east (approximately 145 miles N.E. Sandy Cape) on 6/11. This is probably the unit reported in the area east of Bowen 3/11.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

(i) "VAN GALEN" escorting "TRINITY" en route Fremantle ETA 0900 tomorrow 9/11.

(ii) "ARMIDALE" escorting "TULAGI" arr. Darwin 1413/7.

(iii) At Fremantle - ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK (CL) KANIMBLA (A.M.C.)
TJERK HIDDERS (DD) W.B.PRESTON (AV) PELIAS (AS) ISABEL (PG)
CAIRNS DUBBO TOOWOOMBA IPSWICH WALLAROO MARYBOROUGH
GAWLER CESSNOCK (A.M.S.) LARK WHIPPOORWILL (AM)

(iv) At Exmouth Gulf - CHILDS HERON (AV)

(v) At Darwin - KALGOORLIE CASTLEMAINE (A.M.S)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

9 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

Enemy Forces

Timor - The large merchant vessel which reached Dilli 5/11, departed northwards at 1510/6, and a 6000 ton tanker arrived at 0805/7.

A 4000 ton motor vessel was sighted off Koepang by aircraft at 1358/7.

A report, graded C2, states that supply ships en route Koepang to Dilli usually anchor by day at Ocussi and Atapoepoe.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

(i) At Espiritu Santo - ATLANTA (CL) AARON WARD, FLETCHER LARDNER
McCALLA ~~GRAYSON~~ GRAYSON CONYNGHAM SOUTHARD MEADE (DD) MACKINAC
CURTISS TANGIER (AV) LACKAWANNA GUADALUPE (AO) GAMBLE (CM) PC.476
PC.477 (YP) NAVAJO (YT) STRATFORD HUNTER LEGGETT PRES.HAYES
BARNETT ZEILIN FULLER (AP) ALDEBARAN LIBRA BETELGEUSE (AK)

(ii) At Noumea - WASHINGTON (BB) ZANE TREVER LAMSON BARTON STACK (DD)
VESTAL (AE) SPERRY ARGONNE (AS) TAPPAHANNOCK SABINE (AO) LASSEN
(AE) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER VIREO (AM) BUTTERNUT (YN) MacCAWLEY
W.W.BURROWS CRESCENT CITY (AP) ANTARES ALHENA (AK)

(iii) At Vila - HERCULES (AK)

(iv) Guadalcanal Area - MacFARLAND (AV) JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM)

(v) At Suva - CATALPA LOCUST ROSEWOOD (YN) TALAMANCA (AK)

(vi) At Samoa - CHESTNUT (YN) CAMANGA ARCTIC (AK)

- (vii) At Tongatabu - SUMNER (Survey Ship)
- (viii) At Bora Bora - TERN (AM)
- (ix) At Tahiti - CHEVREUIL (Sloop)
- (x) At Auckland - ACHILLES (CL) MONOWAI (A.M.C) RIGEL (AD) DELPHINUS (YP) EBONY (YN) ROAMER PRESIDENT ADAMS (AP) JUPITER CASTOR (AK)
- (xi) At Wellington - AMERICAN LEGION (AP)

Enemy Forces

New Caledonia - New Hebrides - Santa Cruz - Solomons - Enemy Submarine

On 6/11 there were indications of enemy submarines Activity in this general area, as follows -

- One in 21° S. 161°E. (305 m. WNW Noumea)
- One in 16° S. 161°E. (250 m. S. Rennel Is.)
- One in 8° S. 164°E. (200 m. NNW Ndeni)
- One in 8° S. 170°E. (285 m. N.E.Ndeni)
- One in 6° S. 160°E. (40 m. S.E. Ontong Java)

An enemy submarine was sighted off Lunga Point at approx. 0959/7.

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) San Cristobal - U.S.S. "McCalla" sighted a periscope at 0400/3 in position 10°50' S. 161° 20' E. (off south coast San Cristobal Is.) and attacked with depth charges. Loud underwater explosions were heard after the explosion of the depth charges, and the submarine was possibly sunk.
- (ii) Santa Ysabel - An enemy force (strength not yet reported) was attacked by aircraft from ~~the~~ a Soupac base at 1730/7, approx. 60 m. north of Maringe Lagoon (7°10' S. 159° 40' E). The force reported as 11 destroyers at 1005 (see Eastern Sector) may have been in this position by evening. Results:-
 - 1 light cruiser - 2 torpedo hits, one 1000 lb. bomb hit
 - 1 destroyer - 1 torpedo hit
 - 7 float biplanes) - shot down
 - 5 float Zeros)

Additional explosions were observed as the aircraft were leaving the scene of attack.

The remainder of the force was observed headed E. at 1800.

This force appears to have consisted of warships carrying troops for Guadalcanal, and probably intended to arrive about midnight last night, 7/8, possibly in the Koli Pt. area, where troops were landed on the night ~~7/8~~ 3/4. The position of the convoy at 1005 indicates that it was proceeding direct from a base north of the Solomons, and not from the Buin-Faisi base.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

Allied

- (i) Arawe - 3 B.25's attacked a schooner and building morning 7/11. Results not observed.
- (ii) Lasanga Island (35 miles S. of Lae) - 3 B.25's attacked 2 floatplanes morning 7/11. Nil result.
- (iii) Buna Area - Morning 7/11 3 A.20's attacked Kakandetta (10 m. SW Buna) where enemy troops were reported to be concentrating, and Soputa (6 m. S.W. Buna). Results not observed.
- (iv) Guadalcanal - 5 attacks were made on enemy positions by Aircobras and one by dive bombers 5/11.

Enemy

- (i) Guadalcanal - 27 bombers and Zeros attacked our positions at 1130/5. Casualties: One killed, 5 wounded. Our fighters did not make contact owing to cloud conditions.
- (ii) Normanby Island - Enemy air recce. of Normanby Is. was reported evening 7/11.

General

During October, 369 enemy aircraft were ^{destroyed} during Soupac air operations. This figure does not include aircraft either probably destroyed or damaged.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

Renewed offensive operations in Solomons.

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For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

<u>Allied Forces</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
8" Cruisers	CHESTER	AUSTRALIA
6" Cruisers	HOBART PHOENIX	
5" Cruisers		SAN JUAN
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA STUART	LE TRIOMPHANT TROMP SELFRIDGE
Destroyers	MUGFORD HENLEY HELM BAGLEY PATTERSON VENDETTA FARRAGUT STURGEON AMBERJACK SCULPIN SAILFISH SEADRAGON	At Brisbane
Submarines	S.42 S.44 S.46 GUDGEON GRAMPUS SNAPPER GRAYBACK SW ORDFISH TROUT SAURY PLUNGER K.9 SARGO	On Patrol At Sydney Enroute N.A. to Brisbane
Armed Merchant Cruisers	WESTRALIA	
Submarine Tenders	MANOORA GRIFFIN HOLLAND FULTON	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Storeship	GOLDSTAR	
Gunboat	TULSA	
Oilers	KURUMBA AASE MAERSK	VICTORIA

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet		
CinC 2nd Fleet		
CinC 8th Fleet		
CinC 1st Air Fleet		
CinC 4th Fleet		
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet)		
3 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO MUTSU ISE	
3 Battlecruisers (BB)	KIRISHIMA MIYEI KONGO HARUNA	2 damaged (1 repairing in Home Waters)
3 Aircraft Carriers (CV)	SHOKAKU ZUIKAKU	Damaged
3 Converted Carriers (XCV)	HOSHO HAYATAKA HITAKA ZUIHO	
Heavy Cruisers (CA)	MOGAMI SUZUYA ATAGO TAKAO MYOKO ASHIGARA TONE TIKUMA	1 damaged damaged

Heavy Cruisers (Contd)

KUMANO)	
CHOKAI)	
AOBA	)	Damaged
ASHIGARA)	

11 Light Cruisers (CL)
(at least 5 damaged)

KASHIMA
KATORI
SENDAI
JIMTSU
ISUZU
KINU
NATORI
NAGARA
YUBA I
TENRYU
TATSUTA

Approx 25 submarines incl. 4-8 "RO" class, 15 "I" class (at least 2 minelayers)
45-50 Destroyers (DD)
3 Seaplane Carriers

CHITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA
NISSHIN
NITCHO MARU
KINUGASA MARU
KENJO MARU
KAGU MARU
NOTORO
GOSHU MARU
NARUTO MARU
SOUYOU MARU
SENDAI MARU
SANYO MARU
KIYOKAWA MARU (probably damaged)

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

2 submarine tenders incl. WINGEI
Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Subchasers, MTBs, Gunboats, Patrol Craft
Approx 184 shore-based aircraft incl. 77 fighters, 57 H/B, 20 F/B,
21 F/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

6" Cruiser

A.A. Vessel

Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruiser

S/P Tenders

Submarine Tender

Submarines

ADELAIDE
VAN HEEMSKERK
VAN GALEN
TJERK HIDDÉS
KANIMBLA
HERON
CHILDS
W.B. PRESTON
PELIAS
THRESHER)
GRENADIER)
SPEARFISH)
SEARAVEN)
SEAWOLF) On Patrol
SALMON)
TAUTOG)
TAMBOR)
SEAL)
GAR)
K.8) At Fremantle
K.12)))

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

CinC 3rd Fleet

CinC Southern Expeditionary Fleet

Converted Aircraft Carrier

2 Light Cruisers

Approx 16 Destroyers

Converted Seaplane Tender

UNYOU
KASHII (damaged)
KUMA
OKITSU MARU

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces
Battleships

NORTH CAROLINA
MARY LAND
COLORADO
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO

CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE
NEVADA
WEST VIRGINIA
IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA

Aircraft Carrier
Converted A/C Carriers

SARATOGA
COPAHEE
LONG ISLAND
NEW ORLEANS

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE
SALT LAKE CITY
CHICAGO
MINNEAPOLIS
HONOLULU
BOISE

6" Cruisers

RALEIGH
DETROIT
15 (approx)
23 (approx)

Destroyers

Submarines

Enemy Forces

Palao-Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan

5 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
NAGATO
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

1 Battlecruiser (BB) - damaged

1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)

1 - 8" Cruiser (CA)

1 S/P Tender (AV)

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

CHIYODA
KAMIKAWA MARU
FUJIKAWA MARU
KAMOI
SANUKI MARU

OTAKA
HAGURO

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 30 Destroyers

Approx 30 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

SOUTH DAKOTA
WASHINGTON
HORNET
ENTERPRISE
SAN FRANCISCO
NORTHAMPTON
PENSACOLA
PORTLAND

) one sunk

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

5" Cruisers

HELENA
LEAN DER
ACHILLES
JUNEAU
SAN DIEGO
ATLANTA
25 (approx)
MONOWAI
ASCANIA

Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

8" Cruiser

6" Cruisers

INDIANAPOLIS
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians

8" Cruiser (CA)

3 Light Cruisers (CL)

NACHI
ABUKUMA
TAMA
KISO

Approx 4 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

1st Base Force

Converted S/P Tender (XAV)

KAMITSU MARU

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

WARSPITE REVENGE

VALIANT

RESOLUTION

ILLUSTRIOUS

FORMIDABLE

GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)

DEVONSHIRE

HAWKINS

FROBISHER

MAURITIUS

GAMBIA

BIRMINGHAM

GLASGOW

ENTERPRISE

EMERALD

DAUNTLESS

DANAE

DRAGON

DELHI

CAPETOWN

CERES

CALEDON

SUMATRA (Dutch)

WORCESTERSHIRE

RANCHI

ALAUNIA

CHITRAL

RANPURA

CANTON

QUEEN OF BERMUDA

CARTHAGE

CARLISLE

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruiser

6" Cruisers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

A.A. Vessel

Approx 25 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Approx 7 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

9th November, 1942.

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCESA) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTORAllied Forces

- (i) "BAGLEY" "PATTERSON" escorting "FULTON" due Brisbane a.m. today 9/11. Destroyers to anchor in N.W. Channel where they will be joined by "MUGFORD" "HENLEY" departing Brisbane 1300.
- (ii) "HELM" arr. Melbourne 1055/8; to proceed Brisbane ETD Port Phillip 0900 today 9/11.
- (iii) "ARUNTA" "COLAC" escorting Convoy H ("DUNEROON" "KATOOMBA" "J.R. LOWELL") and Convoy P ("TAROONA" "CHARON") en route position 150m. SSE Port Moresby via Grafton Passage. Convoys there part company: "ARUNTA" escorts "H" to Moresby ETA 1000/10; "COLAC" escorts "P" to Milne Bay ETA 1400/10.
- (iv) "TULSA" escorting Convoy BT16 ("SINCLAIR SUPERFLAME") en route Brisbane to Townsville ETA 1600 tomorrow 10/11. "TULSA" to part company in Whitsunday Passage and return Brisbane.
- (v) "TOWNSVILLE" "TAMWORTH" "INVERELL" escorting Convoy C043 (5MV) en route Newcastle and Sydney to RV with "DOOMBA" in Wilson's Promontory area.
- (vi) "WILCANNIA" "DELORAINIE" escorting Convoy 0642 (1 MV Port Kembla, 3 Sydney, 5 Newcastle).
- (vii) "ROCKHAMPTON" "ABRAHAM CRYNSSSEN" escorting Convoy PG20 (4 MV) en route Brisbane to Sydney ETA 1500 today 9/11.
- (viii) "WHYALLA" arr. Sydney from escort duty 1115/8.
- (ix) "ECHUCA" escorting "KURUMBA" dep. Brisbane for Sydney 0911/8. ETA 0530/9.
- (x) "PIRIE" en route Adelaide to Melbourne ETA Port Phillip 0730/9. 10.
- (xi) "WARRNAMBOOL" en route Townsville to Sydney ETA a.m. tomorrow 10/11.
- (xii) At Sydney "FARRAGUT" "VENDETTA" "MANOORA" "DOBBIN" "BUNDABERT" "MILDURA" "MORESBY" "KAPUNDA" "YANDRA" "BUNGAREE".
Repairing - "CHESTER" "AUSTRALIA" "SAN JUAN" "SELFRIDGE" "TROMP" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "BISHOPDALE" "SWAN" "VICTORIA"
- (xiii) At Melbourne - "WANGANELLA" "GOLDSTAR" "DOOMBA" Repairing - "HOLLAND"
- (xiv) At Townsville - "KATOOMBA" "BROOME" "YUNNAN"
- (xv) At Adelaide - "SPRINGDALE"
- (xvi) At Brisbane - "HOBART" "PHOENIX" "GRIFFIN" "GEELONG" "GOULBURN" "GYMPIE" "POYANG" "AASE MAERSK" "MERKUR" "MANUNDA" Refitting "BENDIGO"
- (xvii) At Cairns - "STUART" "WARREGO"
- (xviii) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA" "PINGWO"
- (xix) At Port Moresby - "VAN SPILBERGEN" "JASON LEE" "VAN HEUTSZ" "PAINE WINGATE" "GEORGE MATTHEWS" "S. J. FIELD"
- (xx) At Milne Bay - "BALLARAT" "TASMAN" "GENERAL VERSPIJK" "KARSIK" "LITHGOW"

Enemy Forces

- (i) Bougainville Base - Reports 8/11 indicate that 33 vessels were still operating in this area, probably as follows -
- 4 heavy cruisers
 - 2 light cruisers
 - 13 destroyers
 - 2 sloops
 - 2 tankers
 - 10 supply ships
- Air recce at 1158 reported 8 destroyers 16 miles S. Fauro Is. on course 300°. There are no other indications of the nature of the operations in which these vessels had been engaged.
- There are no sightings to indicate the present location of the force of twelve vessels observed east of Buka Passage 7/10 on a southerly course.
- (ii) Santa Ysabel Is. - Following the attack on an enemy force consisting of 1 light cruiser and 10 destroyers east of Ysabel Is. evening 7/11, a force reported as 4 cruisers and 5 destroyers was sighted at the same time on the following evening (1730/8) approx 18 miles further east (72 m. N. by E. Fulakora Point), on course 130°.
- Three destroyers were reported 25 m. N. by E. Fulakora Point at 0650, on course 330°, and three destroyers, evidently additional, were

40 m. N. Rekata Bay at 1000, on course 270°. These 6 destroyers may have been joined during the afternoon by 3 cruisers (or destroyers) to form the force observed at 1730, very likely the remnant of the force attacked at 1730/7.

(iii) Guadalcanal - Enemy surface vessels were last sighted in Guadal canal waters early morning 7/11, ~~xxx~~ and a submarine was reported on 8/11. (see Naval Incidents).

There was no activity on the allied west flank 6/11. On the east flank we advanced to Metapona River (4 m. E. Koli Point) without making contact with the main enemy force, and the advance continued a.m. 7/11.

- (iv) Kokoda Area - An outflanking movement has brought our troops into contact with the enemy 6 1/2 m. E. Oivi. Our forces are maintaining contact pressure at Oivi: enemy resistance is stubborn.
- (v) Kavieng - No warships remained at Kavieng 8/11. Air recce reported only a possible tanker (6/8000 tons) and a small cargo ship (2/3000 tons) in Kavieng Harbor at 1101/8. A light cruiser, possibly ex Kavieng, was reported 30 m. E. by S. Rabaul at 1110/8, by the same aircraft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

- (i) "VAN GALEN" escorting "TRINITY" en route Fremantle ETA 0900 today 9/11.
- (ii) "ARMIDA E" escorting "DARVEL" (for Thursday Is.) dep. Darwin 0757/8.
- (iii) At Fremantle - ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK (CL) KANIMBLA (A.M.C.) TJERK HIDDIES (DD) W.B. PRESTON (AV) PELIAS (AS) ISABEL (PG) CAIRNS DUBBO TOOWOOMBA IPSWICH WALLAROO MARYBOROUGH GAWLER CESSNOCK (A.M.S) LARK WHIPPOORWILL (AM)
- (vi) At Exmouth Gulf - CHILDS HERON (AV)
- (vii) At Darwin - KALGOORLIE CASTLEMAINE (A.M.S)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

9 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

- (i) At Espiritu Santo - ATLANTA (CL) O'BANNON HOPKINS GWIN WOODWORTH LANDSDOWNE AARON WARD FLETCHER LARDNER McCALLA CONYNGHAM (DD) MACKINAC CURTISS TANGIER (AV) LACKAWANNA GUADALUPE (AO) GAMBLE (CM) PC.476 PC.477 (YP) NAVAJO (YT) STRATFORD, HUNTER LEGGETT, NEVILLE HEYWOOD BARNETT ZEILIN FULLER (AP) ALDEBARAN LIBRA BETELGEUSE FOMALHAUT BELLATRIX ALCHIBA (AK)
- (ii) At Noumea - SOUTH DAKOTA WASHINGTON (BB) SHAW ELLET GRAYSON ZANE TREVER LAMSON BARTON STACK (DD) PROMETHEUS VESTAL (AR) SPERRY ARGONNE (AS) TAPPAHANNOCK SABINE (AO) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER VIREO (AM) BUTTERNUT (YN) SONOMA (YT) NASSAU (AVG) MacCAWLEY W.W.BURROWS CRESCENT CITY PRES. JACKSON (AP) ANTARES (AK) A.R.D.2.
- (iii) At Vila - HERCULES (AK)
- (iv) Guadalcanal Area - MacFARLAND (AV) JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) MAJABA (AK)
- (v) At Suva - CATALPA LOCUST ROSEWOOD (YN) TALAMANCA (AK)
- (vi) At Samoa - CHESTNUT (YN) CAMANGA ARCTIC (AK)
- (vii) At Tongatabu - SUMNER (Survey Ship)
- (viii) At Bora Bora - TERN (AM)
- (ix) At Tahiti - CHEVREUIL (Sloop)
- (x) At Auckland - ACHILLES (CL) MONOWAI (A.M.C) RIGEL (AD) DELPHINUS (YP) EBONY (YN) ROAMER PRESIDENT ADAMS (AP) JUPITER CASTOR (AK)
- (xi) At Wellington - AMERICAN LEGION (AP)

Enemy Forces

Enemy Submarine Activity

New Caledonia - New Hebrides - Santa Cruz - Solomons

Additional indications of enemy submarines on 6/11 were as follows

- One in 20° S. 161° E. (125 m. ESE Bampton Reef)
- One in 23° S. 165° E. (105 m. SW Noumea)
- One in 7° S. 160° E. (85 m. NNW Cape Astrolabe)
- One in 6° S. 167° E. (293 m. N.by E. Ndeni Is.)
- One in 6° S. 161° E. (84 m. ESE Ontong Java)
- One in 1° N. 167° E. (85 m. N. Nauru Is.)

There appear to be at least 12 submarines operating in this general area, including one in Guadalcanal waters.

- D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA
- E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA
- F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

Guadalcanal - The two Japanese destroyers sighted 11 m. NE Lunga Point at 0200/7 were attacked by motor torpedo boats, which claim that one destroyer was sunk. Air reconnaissance later reported a large oil slick, empty life boats, rafts and debris off Nugu Is. (approx. 18 m. ENE Lunga Point).

Three landing boats were destroyed by air attacks south of Cape Esperance, and three W. of Tassafaronga on 7/11.

A midget submarine was sighted and attacked off Cape Esperance 8/11, and was possibly destroyed. A submarine, possibly the parent vessel, had already been reported off Lunga Point a.m. 7/11.

3. AIR OPERATIONS ~~7/11~~

Allied

- (i) Gasmata Island - 3 B.25's strafed an installation, probably a W/T Station, morning 8/11.
- (ii) Arawe Area - 3 B.25's attacked schooner off Maklo Island (3 m. west of Arawe) afternoon 7/11. Nil result.
- (iii) Sanananda - Popondetta Area - 3 Beaufighters strafed installations and huts in the area afternoon 8/11.
- (iv) Oivi Area - 3 A.20's attacked area morning 8/11. Results not observed.
- (v) Rekata Bay - 3 float biplanes at Rekata Bay were bombed and strafed 7/11.
- (vi) Guadalcanal - Aircobras made 7 attacks 6/11 on Japanese positions, and a continuous patrol was maintained by dive bombers. A large ammunition dump, and a boat loaded with gasoline drums, were destroyed.

Enemy

Rennel Island - An enemy bomber was observed in the Rennel Is. area a.m. 8/11.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE.

CONFIX Continued attempts to land reinforcements on Guadalcanal.

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For A/DIRECTOR, C.O.I.C.

9/11/42.

APPENDIX
to
DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

A) Southwestern Pacific Area.
1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.
Allied Forces.

	<u>Effective.</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
8" cruisers		AUSTRALIA CHESTER
6" cruisers	HOBART PHOENIX	
5" cruiser		SAN JUAN
Flotilla Leaders.	ARUNTA STUART	LE TRIOMPHANT TROMP SELFRIDGE
Destroyers	MUGFORD HENLEY HELM BAGLEY PATTERSON VENDETTA FARRACUT STURGEON AMBERJACK SCULPIN SAILFISH SEADRAGON PLUNGER SARGO S. 42 S. 44 S. 46 GUDGEON GRAMPUS SNAPPER GRAYBACK SWORDFISH TROUT SAUHY	
Submarines		At Brisbane.
		On patrol.
Armed Merchant Cruisers	K. 9 At Sydney.	
Submarine tenders	WESTRALIA MANOORA GRIFFIN HOLLAND FULTON DOBBIN GOLDSTAR TULSA	
Destroyer tender		VICTORIA
Storeship		
Gunboat		
Oilers	KURUMBA AASE MAERSK	

Enemy Forces.
Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons.
C. in C. Combined fleet
C. in C. 2nd fleet
C. in C. 8th fleet
C. in C. 3rd fleet (A/c. carriers).
C. in C. 4th fleet
C. in C. 6th fleet (Submarine fleet).
3 Battleships (BB)

3 Battlecruisers (BB)	YAMATO MUTSU ISE KIRISHIMA } 2 damaged HIYEI } (1 repairing in Home KONGO } Waters) HARUNA }
3 Aircraft Carriers (CV)	SHOKAKU } Damaged. ZUIKAKU }
3 Converted Carriers (XCV)	HO SHO HAYATAKA BITAKA ZUIHO
Heavy cruisers (CA)	MOGAMI
(1 prob. sunk)	SUZUYA

ATAGO
 TAKAD
 MYOKO } 1 damaged.
 ASHIGARA }
 TONE }
 TIKUMA } damaged
 KUMANO }
 CHOKAI }
 AOBA }
 ASHIGARA)

11 Light cruisers (CL)
 (at least 6 damaged)

KASHIMA
 KATORI
 SENDAI
 JINTSU
 ISUZU
 KINU
 NATORI
 NAGARA
 YUBA I
 TENRYU
 TATSUTA

Approx. 25 submarines incl. 4-8 "RO" class, 15 "I" class (at least 2 minelayers)
 45-50 destroyers (DD)
 3 seaplane carriers

CHITOSE
 AKITSUSHIMA
 NISSHIN
 NITCHO MARU
 KINUGASA MARU
 KENJO MARU
 KAGU MARU
 NOTORO
 GOSHU MARU
 NARUTO MARU
 SOUYOU MARU
 SENDAI MARU
 SANYO MARU
 KIYOKAWA MARU (probably damaged)
 JINGEI

Converted S/P.tenders (XAV)

2 submarine tenders incl.
 Approx. 50 merchant ships (over 3,000 tons)
 Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.chasers, MTBs, Gunboats, Patrol craft
 Approx. 183 shore-based aircraft incl. 76 fighters, 57 H/B, 20 F/B.
 21 F/P. 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

Allied Forces.

6" cruiser
 A.A.vessel
 Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruiser
 S/P.tenders

Submarine tender
 Submarines

ADELAIDE.
 HEEMSKERK.
 VAN GALEN
 TJEERK HIDDERS
 KANIMBLA
 HERON
 CHILDS
 W.B.PRESTON
 PELIAS
 THRESHER }
 GRENADIER }
 SPEARFISH }
 SEARAVERN } On patrol
 SEAWOLF }
 SALMON }
 TAUTOG }
 TAMBOR }
 SEAL }
 GAR }
 K.8 }
 K.12 } At Fremantle.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.

Allied Forces.

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

Enemy Forces.

C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet

Converted Aircraft carrier

2 light cruisers

UNYOU
KASHII (damaged)
KUMA

Approx. 16 destroyers

Converted seaplane tender

OKITSU MARU

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

Battleships

NORTH CAROLINA CALIFORNIA
MARYLAND TENNESSEE
COLORADO NEVADA
MISSISSIPPI WEST VIRGINIA
NEW MEXICO IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA

Aircraft carrier

Converted A/c. carriers

SARATOGA
COPAHEE
LONG ISLAND
NEW ORLEANS

8" cruisers

LOUISVILLE
SALT LAKE CITY
CHICAGO
MINNEAPOLIS
HONOLULU
BOISE

6" cruisers

RALEIGH
DETROIT
15 (approx.)
23 (approx.)

Destroyers

Submarines

Enemy Forces.

Palao-Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan.

5 battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
NAGATO
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

1 Battlecruiser (BB) - damaged.

1 Converted A/c. carrier (XCV)

1 - 8" cruiser (CA)

1 S/P. tender (AV)

Converted S/P. tenders (XAV)

OTAKA
HAGURO

6 old armoured cruisers (OCA)

Approx. 30 destroyers

Approx. 30 submarines

SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

Battleships

SOUTH DAKOTA
WASHINGTON
HORNET } one sunk
ENTERPRISE }
SAN FRANCISCO }
NORTHAMPTON }
PENSACOLA }
PORTLAND }
HELENA }
LEANDER }
ACHILLES }
JUNEAU }
SAN DIEGO }
ATLANTA }
25 (approx.) }
MONOWAI }
ASCANIA }

Aircraft carriers

8" cruisers

6" cruisers

5" cruisers

Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

8" cruiser

INDIANAPOLIS
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE

10 destroyers

10 submarines

Enemy Forces.

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians.

8" cruiser (CA)

3 light cruisers (CL)

NACHI
ABUKUMA
TAMA
KISO

Approx. 4 destroyers

Approx. 7 submarines

1st Base Force

Converted S/P. tender (XAV)

KAMITSU MARU

E) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

6" cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND.

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

Allied Forces.

Battleships

WARSPITE REVENGE
VALIANT
RESOLUTION
ILLUSTRIOUS
FORMIDABLE
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
DEVONSHIRE
HAWKINS FROBISHER
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
DAUNTLESS
DANAE
DRAGON
DELHI
CAPETOWN
CERES
 CALEDON
SUMATRA (Dutch)
WORCESTERSHIRE
RANCHI
ALANIA
CHITRAL
RANPURA
CANTON
QUEEN OF BERMUDA
CARTHAGE
CARLISLE

Aircraft carriers

8" cruisers

7.5" cruiser

6" cruisers

Armed Merchant cruisers

A. A. vessel

Approx. 25 destroyers

Approx. 7 submarines

Enemy forces.

Approx. 7 submarines.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

10th November, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

- (i) "BAGLEY" "PATTERSON" "HENLEY" "MUGFORD" exercising in Moreton Bay area
- (ii) "HELM" dep. Melbourne 0530/9 for Brisbane ETA 1400 tomorrow 11/11.
To join T.F. 44.
- (iii) "ARUNTA" escorting Convoy H ("DUNFROON" "KATOOMBA" "J.R. LOWELL")
due Port Moresby 1000 today 10/11.
- (iv) "COLAC" escorting Convoy P ("TAROONA" "CHARON") due Milne Bay 1400
today 10/11.
- (v) "TULSA" escorting Convoy BT16 ("SINCLAIR SUPERFLAME") en route
Brisbane to Townsville ETA 1600 today 10/11. "TULSA" to part
company in Whitsunday Passage and return Brisbane.
- (vi) "ESHUCA" escorting "KURUMBA" due Sydney 0530 today 10/11.
- (vii) "BALLARAT" escorting "TASMAN" "GENERAL VERSPIJK" en route Milne Bay
to Townsville ETA 0600/12.
- (viii) "ROCKHAMPTON" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy PG20 (4 MV) arr.
Sydney 0225/10.
- (ix) "WILCANNIA" "DELORAINE" escorting Convoy OC42 (1 MV Port Kembla,
3 Sydney, 5 Newcastle). "DELORAINE" arr. Sydney with Sydney
section 2305/9. "WILCANNIA" to continue Newcastle.
- (x) "TOWNSVILLE" "TAMWORTH" "INVERELL" escorting Convoy C043 (5 MV) en
route Newcastle and Sydney to RV with "DOOMBA" in Wilson's
Promontory area.
- (xi) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC43 dep. Port Phillip 2142/9 for RV
with above. Convoys exchange escort and continue. "TAMWORTH" to
continue with C043 to Port Phillip.
- (xii) "GOLDSTAR" dep. Melbourne for Fremantle 2001/9 ETA 1700/17.
- (xiii) "BOWEN" (A.M.S) was commissioned yesterday 9/11.
- (xiv) At Brisbane - "HOBART" "PHOENIX" "GRIFFIN" "FULTON" "GEELONG"
"GOULBURN" "GYMPIE" "POYANG" "AASE MAERSK" "MERKUR" "MANUNDA"
Refitting - "BENDIGO"
- (xv) At Sydney - "FARRAGUT" "VENDETTA" "MANOORA" "DOBBIN" "BUNDABERG"
"WHYALLA" "MILDURA" "WARRNAMBOOL" "MORESBY" "KAPUNDA" "YANDRA"
"BUNGAREE"
Repairing - "CHESTER" "AUSTRALIA" "SAN JUAN" "SELFRIDGE"
"TROMP" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "BISHOPDALE" "SWAN"
"VICTORIA"
- (xvi) At Melbourne - "WANGANELLA" "PIRIE" "DOOMBA" - Repairing "HOLLAND"
- (xvii) At Adelaide - "SPRINGDALE"
- (xviii) At Townsville - "KATOOMBA" "BROOME" "YUNNAN"
- (xix) At Cairns - "STUART" "WARREGO"
- (xx) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA" "PINGWO"
- (xxi) At Port Moresby - "JASON LEE" "VAN HEUTSZ" "PAINE WINGATE"
"GEORGE MATTHEWS" "S.J. FIELD" "MULIAMA" "MATTHEW FLINDERS"
- (xxii) At Milne Bay - "LITHGOW" KARSIK

Enemy Forces

- (i) Bougainville Base - Photographic reconnaissance of the Buin-Faisi area
9/11 showed 41 vessels dispersed between Buin, Faisi and Fauro Is.,
as follows -

2 heavy cruisers		
2 poss. 3 light cruisers		
12 destroyers		
2 minelayers		
1 military landing craft carrier (8,000 tons)		
1 auxiliary (10,000 tons)		
3 unidentified vessels		
17 merchant vessels	1	12,000 tons
	3	10000 tons
	2	9,000 tons
	2	8,000 tons
	5	6,000 tons
	1	5,000 tons
	2	3,000 tons
	1	2,000 tons

aggregate tonnage 119,000 tons

These figures indicate an increase of 8 in the number of vessels at this base since 8/11 and most of the additional vessels appear to be merchant ships. The convoy observed off Buka Passage 7/11 has not been located since and the warship force east of Isabel Is. has not been sighted since evening 8/11. The additional vessels at Buin may have come from either force.

It is reported that 7 warships were approaching Faisi from the S.E. at 1005/9, and that 2 additional large warships entered Faisi Harbor later.

- (ii) New Georgia - Natives report 9/11 that no Japanese remain on Rendova Is. 50 Japanese with 3 barges were reported at Rendova Harbor 24/10.
- (iii) Guadalcanal - There was no activity in the western sector 7/11. Our forces continued to advance eastwards from the Metapona River, in the eastern sector, but no contact was made with the enemy.
A decline in enemy morale is reported, owing to sickness, shortage of food and ammunition, and the success of allied tactics.
- (iv) Huan Gulf - An enemy destroyer was observed 85 miles E. by N. Salamaua at 0001 this morning 10/11, and at 0201, approx 30 miles S. by W. Arawe (New Britain). The vessel was unsuccessfully attacked when first sighted.
- (v) New Britain - Lights were observed by aircraft at the following points along the coast during the night 8/9: Talasea, Lqpoi-Ewasse area (60 m. E. Talasea) Rein Bay (60 m. W. Talasea) Arawe (S. coast) Alau Passage (25 m. E. Arawe). A strong light was also observed off shore in Riebeck Bay (just south of Talasea).
- (vi) Queensland - There were indications 7/11 of an enemy submarine in 25°S, 156°E (200 m. E. Bundaberg). A submarine appears to have been in this area since 3/11, but no attacks have been made on shipping.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

- (i) "ARMIDALE" to RV off Darwin with "KOOLIGA" at 0700 today 10/11 and escort to Darwin.
- (ii) At Fremantle - ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK (CL) KANIMBLA (A.M.C)
VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES (DD) W.B. PRESTON (AV) PELIAS (AS)
ISABEL (PG) TRINITY (AO) CAIRNS DUBBO TOOWOOMBA IPSWICH
WALLAROO MARYBOROUGH GAWLER CESSNOCK (A.M.S) LARK
WHIPPOORWILL (AM)
- (iii) At Exmouth Gulf - CHILDS HERON (AV)
- (iv) At Darwin - KALGOOLIE CASTLEMAINE (A.M.S)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

9 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

Enemy Forces

Dilli - A destroyer and merchant vessel were observed off Liquica (15 m. W. Dilli) at 1558/8, course west. Air reconnaissance this area noon 9/11 was negative.

A reliable report states that enemy ships at Dilli move to Point Fatu Cama (3½ m. NNE) during the night.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

- (i) At Espiritu Santo - PENSACOLA SAN FRANCISCO (CA) HELENA ATLANTA (CL)
STERETT BUCHANAN LAFFEY HOPKINS GWIN WOODWORTH LANDSDOWNE
AARON WARD FLETCHER LARDNER McCALLA CONYNGHAM (DD) MACKINAC
CURTISS TANGIER (AV) LACKAWANNA GUADALUPE (AO) GAMBLE (CM)
PC.476 PC.477 (YP) NAVAJO (YT) STRATFORD HUNTER LEGGETT
NEVILLE HEYWOOD BARNETT ZEILIN FULLER (AP) ALDEBARAN
LIBRA BETELGEUSE FOMALHAUT BELLATRIX ALCHIBA (AK)
- (ii) At Noumea - SOUTH DAKOTA WASHINGTON (BB) PORTLAND NORTHAMPTON (CA)
JUNEAU SAN DIEGO (CL) SHAW ELLET GRAYSON ZANE TREVER
LAMSON BARTON STACK O'BANNON RUSSELL HUGHES MORRIS
WALKE BENHAM ANDERSON MUSTIN MONSSEN MAHAN MAURY (DD)
PROMETHEUS VESTAL (AR) SPERRY ARGONNE (AS) TAPPAHANNOCK
SABINE (AO) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER VIREO (AM)
BUTTERNUT (YN) SONOMA (YT) NASSAU (AVG) MacCRAWLEY W.W. BURROWS
CRESCENT CITY PRESIDENT JACKSON PRES. ADAMS (AP) ANTARES (AK)
A.R.D.2.
- (iii) At Vila - HERCULES (AK)
- (iv) Guadalcanal Area - MacFARLAND (AV) JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM)

MAJABA (AK)

(v) At Suva - CATALPA LOCUST ROSEWOOD (YN) SUMNER (Survey Ship)
TALAMANCA (AK)

(vi) At Samoa - CHESTNUT (YN) CAMANGA ARCTIC (AK)

(vii) At Bora Bora - TERN (AM)

(viii) At Tahiti - CHEVREUIL (Sloop)

(ix) At Auckland - ACHILLES (CL) MONOWAI (A.M.C) NICHOLAS (DD) RIGEL (AD)
EBONY (YN) ROAMER (AP) JUPITER CASTOR (AK)

(x) At Wellington - AMERICAN LEGION (AP)

Enemy Forces

Enemy Submarine Activity - Enemy submarines were indicated in the New Caledonia - New Hebrides - Santa Cruz - Solomons area as follows -

8/11	one in 25°S, 167°E (175 m. S. by E. Noumea)
8/11	one in 23°S, 164°E (140 m. W.S.W. Noumea)
8/11	one in 18°S, 161°E (130 m. E. by N. Bampton Reef)
7/11	one in 15°S, 165°E (95 m. W. by S. Cape Cumberland, Espiritu Santo)
7/11	one in 14°S, 164°E (160 m. W. by N. " " " Santo)
7/11	one in 12°S, 166°E (55 m. W.S.W. Vanikoro Is.)
7/11	one in 8°S, 161°E (35 m. N.E. Cape Astrolabe, Malaita Is.)

There were further indications of a submarine in the vicinity of Malaita on 8/11.

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

St. George's Channel - 4 B.25's sighted and attacked a 5000 ton merchant vessel off Cape Waum (10 m. NW Cape St. George) 1700/9, course 125°. A direct hit was made on the stern; the vessel listed to port and headed for shore. A later report states that she was beached.

Arawe - The schooner attacked off Arawe 5/11 and 7/11 was reported by air reconnaissance 9/11 to be sunk in shallow water.

Guadalcanal - Suspected Japanese positions east of Koli Point were bombarded by a U.S. destroyer 1500/7.

Ysabel - In the attack on an enemy force of 1 light cruiser and 10 destroyers east of Ysabel Is. 7/11, tow hits and two near misses were made on a destroyer with 100-lb bombs in addition to damage previously reported.

General - An allied submarine recently scored 2 torpedo hits on a "CHIYODA" type seaplane tender (9,000 tons; 14 a/c). There are believed to be 3 vessels of this type - "CHIYODA" "CHITOSE" "AKITSUSHIMA".

3. AIR OPERATIONS

Kavieng - 3 Catalinas attacked Kavieng airdrome night 8/9. Results unobserved.

Gasmata - 3 B.25's made a second attack on Gasmata airdrome p.m. 8/11.

W/T station, truck and aircraft hit by strafing. No bomb hits.

Salamaua - 4 B.25's attacked a schooner off Salamaua p.m. 9/11. No hits.

Buna - 8 Marauders, 9 Beaufighters attacked installations and barges Buna area morning 9/11. One barge left burning, 2 others hit; one other small fire observed.

Oivi - 6 Bostons bombed and strafed Oivi village. Results not observed.

Guadalcanal - Aircobras made 5 attacks on Japanese positions 7/11.

Enemy

Treasury Is. Area - 2 Zero's attacked a Fortress on reconnaissance over Mono Is. midday 9/11. Our aircraft undamaged.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

Continued attempts to land reinforcements on Guadalcanal.

TJR.

For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

10/11/42

APPENDIX
to
DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

A) Southwestern Pacific Area.

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

Allied Forces.

8" cruisers

Effective

Refitting or Repairing

AUSTRALIA
CHESTER

6" cruisers

HOBART
PHOENIX

5" cruiser

SAN JUAN

Flotilla leaders

ARUNTA
STUART

LE TRIOMPHANT
TROMP
SELFRIIDGE

Destroyers

MUGFORD
HENLEY
HELM
BAGLEY
PATTERSON

Submarines

VENDETTA
FARRAGUT
STURGEON)
AMBERJACK)
SCULPIN)
SAILFISH)
SEADRAGON)
PLUNGER)
SARGO)

At Brisbane

GUDGEON)
GRAMPUS)
SNAPPER)
GRAYBACK)
SWORDFISH)
TROUT)
SAURY)
S.43)
S.44)
S.46)

On patrol

Armed Merchant Cruisers

K.9

At Sydney

Submarine tenders

WESTRALIA

Destroyer tender

MANOORA

Storeship

GRIFFIN

HOLLAND

Gunboat

FULTON

Oilers

DOBBIN

GOLDSTAR

FULSA

KURUMBA

VICTORIA

AASE MAERSK

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons.

C. in C. Combined Fleet

C. in C. 2nd Fleet

C. in C. 8th Fleet

C. in C. 3rd Fleet (A/C carriers)

C. in C. 4th Fleet

C. in C. 6th Fleet (Submarine fleet)

3 Battleships (BB)

YAMATO

MUTSU

ISE

3 Battle cruisers (BB)

KIRISHIMA)

HIYEI) 2 damaged

KONGO) (1 repairing in home

HARUNA) waters)

3 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

SHOKAKU)

damaged

ZUIKAKU)

HOSHO

3 Converted Carriers (SCV)

HAYATAKA

HITAKA

ZUIHO

Heavy cruisers (CA)

MOGAMI

(1 probably sunk)

SUZUYA

ATAGO
 TAKAO
 MYOKO)
 ASHIGARA) 1 damaged
 TONE)
 TIKUMA)
 KUMANO) damaged
 CHOKAI)
 AOBA)
 ASHIGARA)

11 Light cruisers (CL)
 (at least 6 damaged)

KASHIMA
 KATORI
 SENDAI
 JINTSU
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 KINU
 NATORI
 NAGARA
 YUBA I
 TENRYU
 TATSUTA

Approx. 25 submarines incl. 4-8 "RO" class, 2 15 "I" class (at least 2 minelayers)
 45-50 destroyers (DD)
 3 seaplane carriers

CHITOSE
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 HITCHO MARU
 KINUGASA MARU
 KENJO MARU
 KAGU MARU
 NOTORO
 GOSHU MARU
 HARUTO MARU
 SOUYOU MARU
 SENDAI MARU
 SANYO MARU
 KIYOKAWA MARU (probably damaged)

Converted S/P tenders (XAV)

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2 submarine tenders incl.
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Allied Forces.

6" cruiser
 A.A. vessel
 Destroyers

ADELAIDE
 HEEMSKERK
 VAN GALEN
 TJERK HIDDUS

Armed Merchant Cruiser
 S/P tenders

KANIMBLA
 HERON
 CHILDS
 W. B. PRESTON

Submarine tender
 Submarines

PELIAS
 THRESHER)
 GRENADIER)
 SPEARFISH)
 SEARAVEN)
 SEAWOLF) On patrol
 SALMON)
 TAUTOG)
 TAMBOR)
 SEAL)

GAR)
 K.8) At Fremantle
 K.12)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.

Allied Forces.

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

Enemy Forces.

C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet

Converted Aircraft carrier

2 light cruisers

Approx. 16 destroyers

Converted seaplane tender

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

Battleships

Aircraft carrier

Converted A/c carriers

8" cruisers

6" cruisers

Destroyers

Submarines

Enemy Forces.

Palao-Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan.

5 Battleships (BB)

1 Battlecruiser (BB) - damaged

1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)

1 8" Cruiser (CA)

1 S/P Tender (AV)

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

6 old armoured cruisers (OCA)

Approx. 30 destroyers

Approx. 30 submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

Battleships

Aircraft carriers

8" cruisers

6" cruisers

5" cruisers

Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

UNYOU

KUMA

KASHII (damaged)

OKITSU MARU

NORTH CAROLINA

MARYLAND

COLORADO

MISSISSIPPI

NEW MEXICO

SARATOGA

COPAHEE

LONG ISLAND

NEW ORLEANS

MINNEAPOLIS

RALEIGH

DETROIT

15 (approx.)

23 (approx.)

MUSASHI

NAGATO

FUSO

YAMASHIRO

HYUGA

CALIFORNIA

TENNESSEE

NEVADA

WEST VIRGINIA

IDAHO

PENNSYLVANIA

LOUISVILLE

SALT LAKE CITY

CHICAGO

HONOLULU

~~MIYAMA~~

~~NAGATSUKI~~ OTAKA

HAGURO

CHIYODA

KAMIKAWA MARU

FUJIKAWA MARU

KAMO I

SANUKI MARU

SOUTH DAKOTA

WASHINGTON

HORNET

ENTERPRISE

SAN FRANCISCO

NORTHAMPTON

PENSACOLA

PORTLAND

HELENA

LEANDER

ACHILLES

JUNEAU

SAN DIEGO

ATLANTA

30 (approx.)

MONOWAI

ASCANIA

} one sunk

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

8" Cruiser

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces.

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians.

8" Cruiser (CA)

3 light Cruisers (CL)

Approx. 4 Destroyers

Approx. 7 Submarines

1st Base Force

Converted S/P. Tender (XAV)

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

6" Cruisers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

Allied Forces.

Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

A.A.vessel

Approx. 25 Destroyers

Approx. 7 Submarines

Enemy forces.

Approx. 7 Submarines

INDIANAPOLIS

ST. LOUIS

NASHVILLE

NACHI

ABUKUMA

TAMA

KISO

KAMITSU MARU

BOISE

CONCORD

TRENTON

RICHMOND

WARSPITE

REVENGE

VALIANT

RESOLUTION

ILLUSTRIOUS

FORMIDABLE

GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)

DEVONSHIRE

HAWKINS

FROBISHER

MAURITIUS

GAMBIA

BIRMINGHAM

GLASGOW

ENTERPRISE

EMERALD

DAUNTLESS

DANAE

DRAGON

DELHI

CAPETOWN

CERES

CALEDON

SUMATRA (Dutch)

WORCESTERSHIRE

RANCHI

ALAUNIA

CHITRAL

RANPURA

CANTON

QUEEN OF BERMUDA

CARTHAGE

CARLISLE

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

11th November, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES.

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("HOBART" (F) "PHOENIX" "BAGLEY" "PATTERSON" "MUGFORD") dep. Brisbane 2057/11 for Cid Harbour ETA 1000/13.
- (ii) "SELFRIDGE" dep. Sydney 1138/11 to join TF44 at Cid Harbour.
- (iii) "HENLEY" to R.V. with "SPERRY" 0800 today 12/11 and escort to Brisbane. "HENLEY" to rejoin T.F.44 at Cid Harbour.
- (iv) "HELM" arr. Brisbane 1356/11. Dep. Caloundra 0500/12 to join TF44 at Cid Harbour 1600/13.
- (v) "FARRAGUT" escorting "GRIFFIN" dep. Brisbane 1505 yesterday 11/11 for Suva.
- (vi) "BROOME" escorting Convoy J ("MONTORO" "JANSSENS") and Convoy Q ("FORT PINE" "LARCHBANK") dep. Townsville yesterday 11/11. To RV with "STUART" off Fitzroy Is. 0600 today 12/11 and proceed to position Z (150 m. SSE Port Moresby) ETA 1430/13. Convoys there part company: "STUART" escorts "Q" to Milne Bay, ETA 1430/14; "BROOME" escorts "J" to Port Moresby, ETA 0900/14.
- (vii) "DELORAINE" "MILDURA" escorting Convoy GP21 (incl. "BUNGAREE" for Whitsunday Passage) dep. Sydney 1430/11. ETA Caloundra 2300/13 Karumba dep. 1747/11 to overtake convoy.
- (viii) "TOWNSVILLE" "INVERELL" escorting Convoy OC43 (6MU) en route Sydney and Newcastle.
- (ix) "WARRNAMBOOL" "WHYALLA" dep. Sydney 1727/11 with Convoy C044. Rockhampton dep. Sydney 1253 to RV with Newcastle section.
- (x) "GEELONG" escorting Convoy BT17 ("AASE MAERSK") to Cid Harbour dep. Brisbane 1740/11 ETA 1100/14.
- (xi) "LITHGOW" escorting "KARSIK" en route Milne Bay/Townsville ETA 0700/13. On arrival Fitzroy/~~xxxxxx~~ "LITHGOW" to proceed Cairns for boiler cleaning.
- (xii) "ST.GILES" escorting "MALAITA" en route Brisbane to Sydney ETA 1400/13.
- (xiii) "MANUNDA" en route Brisbane to Port Moresby ETA 0530/15.
- (xiv) At Brisbane "FULTON" "BOWEN" "GYMPIE" "GOULBURN" "POYANG" "TULSA" "MERKUR" - Refitting "BENDIGO".
- (xv) At Sydney - "VENDETTA" "MANOORA" "DOBBIN" "BUNDABERG" "MORESBY" "KAPUNDA" "ECHUCA" "YANDRA" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN".
Repairing - "CHESTER" "AUSTRALIA" "SAN JUAN" "TROMP" "BISHOPDALE" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "SWAN" "VICTORIA".
- (xvi) At Melbourne - "WANGANELLA" "PIRIE" "TAMWORTH" "DOOMBA" Repairing - "HOLLAND"
- (xvii) At Adelaide - "SPRINGDALE"
- (xviii) At Newcastle - "WILCANNIA"
- (xix) At Townsville - "KATOOMBA" "BALLARAT" "YUNNAN"
- (xx) At Cairns - "WARREGO"
- (xxi) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA" "PINGWO"
- (xxii) At Port Moresby - "ARUNTA" "DUNTROON" "KATOOMBA" "J.R.LOWELL" "JASON LEE" "VAN HEUTSZ" "PAINE WINGATE" "GEORGE MATTHEWS" "S. J. FIELD" "MULIAMA" "MATTHEW FLINDERS"
- (xxiii) At Milne Bay - "COLAC" "STELLA" "POLARIS" "CHARON"

Enemy Forces

- (i) Bougainville Base - Air reconnaissance of the Buin-Faisi area 11/11 was unsatisfactory.
- (ii) Bougainville Is. - Air reconnaissance of the Bougainville area 11/11 indicated that the enemy is dispersing ships to secluded harbours in this area. The same probably applies to the area south of Bougainville.

A 4,000 ton cargo vessel and a small vessel under 1,000 tons were seen in Matchin Bay (4 m. S.E. western entrance Buka Passage) and two cargo vessels (3/4,000 tons) in Empress Augusta Bay (69 m. SSE Buka Passage) during the morning 11/11.

- (iii) Guadalcanal - The five destroyers sighted off Vella Lavella on course 120° at 1510 were again sighted on the same course at 1815, 12 miles East Langsdale Point, New Georgia. The vessels were attacked by aircraft, but continued on their way (see Air Operations). They reached Guadalcanal overnight, and were seen returning on course 300°, off Vaholi Bay at 0640/11.

A submarine was sighted by aircraft 15 miles east Lunga Point at 0901/11.

Our advance towards Kokumbona continued at dawn 10/11, and is proceeding slowly in face of increasing enemy resistance.

On the eastern flank, a Japanese force has been surrounded near Tetera, and mopping-up operations are proceeding.

- (iv) Ysabel Island - A Coast Watcher reports that a probable battleship was set on fire by bomb hit, off Fulakora Point on 25/10, and that the vessel sank four hours later. A heavy and a light cruiser were attacked in this area on that date, but there is no evidence to support the reported sinking.
- (v) New Guinea - New Britain - Admiralty Is. - Air recce. reported no sightings in the Buna - Vitiav Strait - Karkar Is. - Manus Island - Steffen Straits - Gasmata, on 11/11.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

Allied Forces.

- (i) "GOLDSTAR" en route Melbourne to Fremantle ETA 1700/17.
(ii) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "TULAGI" dep. Darwin 0753/11. "KALGOORLIE" to RV with "BURWAH" dawn today 12/11 and return Darwin.
(iii) "WAILAROO" escorting "TRINITY" dep. Fremantle 1300/11 for Geraldton ETA p.m. today 12/11.
(iv) At Fremantle - ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK (CL VAN CALEN TJERK HIDDERS (DD) W.B. PRESTON (AV) PELIAS (AS) MARYBOROUGH CAIANS
DUBBO Toowoomba Ipswich GAWLER CESSNOCK (A.M.S.) LARK WHIPPOORWILL (AM)
(v) At Exmouth Gulf - CHILDS HERON (AV)
(vi) At Darwin - ARMIDALE CASTLEMAINE (A.M.S)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.

Allied Forces.

8 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

- (i) "SONOMA" towing "ALHENA" and escorted by PC.479 dep. Noumea 0600/8 for Sydney at 4 knots ETA 20/11.
- (ii) At Vanikoro - AYLWIN (DD)
- (iii) At Espiritu Santo - WOODWORTH LANDSDOWNE CONYNGHAM (DD) MACKINAC CURTISS TANGIER (AV) LACKAWANNA GUADALUPE (AO) GAMBLE (CM) PC.476 PC.477 (YP) NAVAJO (YT) STRATFORD HEYWOOD (AP) ALDEBARAN FOMALHAUT BELLATRIX (AK)
- (iv) At Noumea - SOUTH DAKOTA WASHINGTON (BB) NORTHAMPTON (CA) SAN DIEGO (CL) ELLET GRAYSON ZANE TREVOR DALE STACK RUSSELL HUGHES MORRIS MAHAN (DD) PROMETHEUS VESTAL (AR) ARGONNE (AS) SABINE (AO) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER VIREO (AM) BUTTERNUT (YN) DELPHINUS (YP) KITTYHAWK (APV) W.W.BURROWS (AP) ANTARES (AK) A.R.D.2.
- (v) At Vila - HERCULES (AK)
- (vi) Guadalcanal area - MacFARLAND (AV) JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) MAJABA (AK)
- (vii) At Suva - CATALPA LOCUST ROSEWOOD (YN) SUMNER (Survey Ship) TALAMANCA (AK)
- (viii) At Tongatabu - PRES. HAYES (AP)
- (ix) At Samoa - CHESTNUT (YN) CAMANGA ARCTIC (AK)
- (x) At Bora Bora - TERN (AM)
- (xi) At Tahiti - CHEVREUIL (Sloop)
- (xii) At Auckland - ACHILLES (CL) MONOWAI (A.M.C) NICHOLAS (DD) EBONY (YN) ROAMER (AP) JUPITER CASTOR (AK)
- (xiii) At Wellington - AMERICAN LEGION (AP)

Enemy Forces

- (i) Submarine Activity - There were indications of a possible submarine in the Samoa area (40 m. ENE Pago Pago Hbr, Tutuila) at 0700/10. There were also indications of an enemy submarine in 4°S, 169°E (190 m. S. by W. Ocean Is.) on 10/11. There were continued indications of submarine activity in the New Caledonia - Santa Cruz - Solomons area on 10/11 as follows -
 - 10/11 one in 22°35'S, 166°30'E (5 m. SE Bulari Passage)
 - 10/11 one in 11°S, 163°E (40 m. E. by S. Cape Surville, San
 - 10/11 one in 10°S, 165°E (70 m. N.W. Ndeni Is.) (Cristoval)
 - 10/11 one in 10°S, 172°E (260 m. E. by N. Ndeni)
 - 10/11 one in 10°S, 156°E (115 m. S.W. Rendova Is.)
 - 11/11 one in 10°S, 158°E (75 m. S. Vangunu Is.)
 - 11/11 one in 11°S, 159°E (90 m. SW by S. Cape Hunter, Guadalcanal)
 Three small possible submarines were reported by aircraft 11/11 just outside Kola Lagoon, New Georgia. Approx 16 enemy submarines are believed to be operating in the Solomons - New Hebrides - New Caledonia area.
- (ii) Ellice Is. - It is reported that a cruiser was sighted 270 m. E. of Nukulaelae Is. (Ellice Group) at 1030/11, on course 190°.

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

Indian Ocean - H.M.I.S. "BENGAL" escorting a tanker en route Fremantle to Colombo, via Diego Garcia, was attacked by two raiders at 1134/11 in position 019°50'S, 092°40'E (approx 1400 m. W.N.W. Fremantle). One raider was set on fire within 10 minutes.

"BENGAL" signalled at 1644 that she had been holed on the water-line fore and aft, but was proceeding at 9 knots. The tanker had been hit and was presumed lost. It was believed that one enemy raider had been sunk, but the other was not hit.

"KANIMBLA" dep. Fremantle 2212/11 to proceed to position 019°45'S, 092°38'E, to search for the enemy vessel or vessels, returning to Fremantle by 0800/21.

The most recent German raider activity in the Indian Ocean was on 10/5, when "NANKIN" was captured, probably by Raider E.

The only activity by Japanese raiders hitherto has been in the Mozambique Channel area, in early June, when two raiders were operating in company. These raiders were believed to be ~~at~~ of the "HOKOKU MARU"

type. No descriptive details of the enemy vessels concerned in the attack on "BENGAL", are yet available.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

Buin-Faisi - 5 B.17's attacked shipping early morning 11/11. Black smoke and debris indicated possible hit on cargo vessel (8/10,000 tons).

Buna Area - 3 Beaufighters strafed objectives in the area morning 11/11. 4 Beaufighters attacked the area afternoon 11/11. Some fires observed.

Wairopi - 3 A.20's attacked Wairopi morning 11/11. Results not observed.

Bobonaro - 3 Hudsons attacked town area early morning 11/11. Results not observed.

Maobisse - 3 Hudsons attacked town and building area early morning 11/11. One building hit, probable damage to others.

Guadalcanal Operations - P.39's attacked enemy positions four times during 9/11.

Two Gruman fighters attacked 15 Zero's 10/11 and destroyed one.

8 SBDs and 17 fighters attacked 5 destroyers 200 miles from Guadalcanal at 1815/10 and scored three near misses each on two destroyers. One aircraft lost.

Enemy

Enemy aircraft attacked positions at Guadalcanal morning 10/11. One Zero shot down by intercepting planes.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

Continued reinforcement of troops on Guadalcanal, and possibly major attack there.

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For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

12/11/42

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

8" cruisers

6" cruisers

5" cruiser
Flotilla Leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

Armed Merchant Cruisers

Submarine Tenders

Destroyer Tender

Gunboat

Oilers

Effective

Refitting or
Repairing

AUSTRALIA
CHESTER

HOBART
PHOENIX

ARUNTA
STUART
SELFRIDGE
MUGFORD
HENLEY
HELM
HELM

BAGLEY
PATTERSON
VENDETTA

STURGEON)
AMBERJACK)
SCULPIN)
SAILFISH)
SPEARFISH)
SEADRAGON)
PLUNGER)

SARGO)
~~SARGO~~

GUDGEON)
GRAMPUS)
SNAPPER)
GRAYBACK)
SWORDFISH)

TROUT)
SAURY)
S.43)
S.44)
S.46)

K.9)
WESTRALIA)

MANOORA)

FULTON)
SPERRY)

DOBBIN)
TULSA)

KURUMBA)
AASE MAERSK)

SAN JUAN
LE TRIOMPHANT
TROMP

) At Brisbane

) On patrol

) At Sydney

HOLLAND

VICTORIA

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet

CinC 2nd Fleet

CinC 8th Fleet

CinC 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)

CinC 4th Fleet

CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)

3 Battleships (BB)

3 Battlecruisers (BB)

3 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

4 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

Heavy Cruisers (CA)
(1 probably sunk)

YAMATO
MUTSU

ISE)

KIRISHIMA)

HIYEI)

KONGO)

HARUNA)

SHOKAKU)

ZUIKAKU)

HOSHO)

HAYATAKA)

ZUIHO)

OTAKA)

UNYOU)

MOGAMI)

SUZUYA)

) 2 damaged
) 1 repairing in home
) waters

) damaged

Heavy Cruisers (Contd)

ATAGO
 TAKAO
 MYOKO) 1 damaged
 ASHIGARA)
 TONE)
 TIKUMA)
 KUMANO) damaged
 CHOKAI)
 Aoba)
 KINUGASA)

11 light cruisers (CL)
(at least 6 damaged)

KASHIMA
 KATORI
 SENDAI
 JINTSU
 ISUZU
 KINU
 NATCRI
 NAGARA
 YUBARI
 TENRYU
 TATSUTA

Approx. 25 submarines incl. 4-8 "RO" class, 15 "I" class (at least 2 minelayers)
 45-50 destroyers (DD)
 3 Seaplane Carriers

CHITOSE
 AKITSUSHIMA

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

NISSHIM
 NITCHO MARU
 KINUGASA MARU
 SANUKI MARU
 KAGU MARU
 NOTORO
 GOSHU MARU
 NARUTO MARU
 SOUYOU MARU
 SENDAI MARU
 SANYO MARU
 KIYOKAWA MARU (probably damaged)
 JINGEI

2 submarine tenders incl.
 Approx. 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)
 Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft
 Approx. 183 shore-based aircraft incl. 76 fighters, 57 H/B, 20 F/B,
 21 F/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

8" Cruiser
 A.A. Vessel
 Destroyers

ADELAIDE
 HEEMSHERK
 VAN GALEN
 TJERK HIDDIES
 KANIMBLA
 HERON
 CHILDS

Armed Merchant Cruiser
 S/P Tenders

W.B. PRESTON

Submarine Tender
 Submarines

PELIAS
 THRESHER)
 GRENADIER)
 SEARAVAN)
 SEAWOLF)
 SALMON) On patrol
 TAUTOG)
 TAMBOR)
 SEAL)
 GAR)
 K.8) At Fremantle
 K.12)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.

Allied Forces.

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

Enemy Forces.

C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet
2 light cruisers

Approx. 16 destroyers
Converted seaplane tender

KUMA
KASHII (damaged)
OKITSU MARU

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

Battleships

NORTH CAROLINA CALIFORNIA
MARYLAND TENNESSEE
COLORADO NAVADA
MISSISSIPPI WEST VIRGINIA
NEW MEXICO IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA

Aircraft carrier
Converted A/C carriers

8" cruisers

SARATOGA
COPAHEE
LONG ISLAND
NEW ORLEANS
MINNEAPOLIS

LOUISVILLE
SALT LAKE CITY
CHICAGO
HONOLULU

6" cruisers

RALEIGH
DETROIT
15 (approx.)
23 (approx.)

Destroyers

Enemy Forces.

Palao-Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan
5 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
NAGATO
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

1 Battlecruiser (BB) - damaged
1 converted A/C carrier
1 8" cruiser (CA)
1 S/P Tender (AV)
Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

HITAKA
CHIYODA
KAMIKAWA MARU
FUJIKAWA MARU
KAMOI
KENJO MARU
HAGURO

6 old armoured cruisers (OCA)
Approx. 30 destroyers
Approx. 30 submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

Battleships

Aircraft Carrier
8" cruisers

SOUTH DAKOTA
WASHINGTON
ENTERPRISE
SAN FRANCISCO
NORTHAMPTON
PENSACOLA
PORTLAND
HELENA
LEANDER
ACHILLES
JUNEAU
SAN DIEGO
ATLANTA
30 (approx.)
ASCANIA
MONOWAI

6" cruisers

5" cruisers

Destroyers
Armed Merchant Cruisers

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

8" cruiser
6" cruisers

INDIANAPOLIS
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE

10 destroyers
10 submarines

Enemy Forces.

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians.

8" cruiser (CA)
3 light cruisers (CL)

NACHI
ABUKUMA
TAMA
KISO

Approx. 4 destroyers
Approx. 7 submarines
Converted S/P Tender (XAV)

KAMITSU MARU

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

6" cruisers

BOISE
CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

Allied Forces.

Battle ships

WARSPITE REVENGE
RESOLUTION
REMILLIES
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
ILLUSTRIOUS
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
DEVONSHIRE
HAWKINS
PROBISHER
MAURITIUS NEWCASTLE
GAMBIA GLASGOW
BIRMINGHAM EMERALD
ENTERPRISE DANAE
DAUNTLESS
DRAGON
DURBAN
CAPETOWN
CERES
CALEDON
CARADOC
SUMATRA (Dutch)
WORCESTERSHIRE
RANCHI
CORFU
CHITRAL
RAN PURA
CARTHAGE
CARLISLE

Aircraft carrier
8" cruisers

7.5" cruisers

6" cruisers

Armed Merchant cruisers

A.A.vessel
Approx. 27 destroyers
Approx. 9 submarines

Enemy forces.

Approx. 7 submarines

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- (ii) "AASE MAERSK" to RV with "BAGLEY" "PATTERSON" in Moreton Bay 1300 today 11/11. "GEELONG" escorting "AASE MAERSK" to depart Moreton Bay northwards 1700 today 11/11.
- (iii) "HELM" en route Melbourne to Brisbane ETA 1400 today 11/11.
- (iv) "FARRAGUT" dep. Sydney 0917/10 for Brisbane arr. 0621/11.
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- (viiA) "WILCANNIA" arr. Newcastle escorting Convoy OC42 0720/10. Escorting Convoy C044 to depart today 11/11. "ROCKHAMPTON" "WHYALLA" escorting Sydney section to RV off Port Jackson p.m. and relieve "WILCANNIA" as escort.
- (viii) "TOWNSVILLE" "INVERELL" escorting Convoy OC43 en route Sydney and Newcastle.
- (ix) "TAMWORTH" "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy C043 arr. Melbourne 2219/10.
- (x) "LITHGOW" escorting "KARSIK" dep. Milne Bay 1501/10 for Townsville ETA 0700/13.
- (xi) "BALLARAT" escorting "GENERAL VERSPIJK" en route Milne Bay to Townsville ETA 1230 today 11/11. "TASMAN" proceeded independently with sick and wounded and was due 0700.
- (xii) "TULSA" returning Brisbane from Whitsunday Passage after escort duty.
- (xiii) "HOLLAND" (towed by "WINSCONSIN") to depart Melbourne today 11/11 for Pearl Harbor ETA 7/12.
- (xiv) "ST. GILES" escorting "MALAITA" dep. Brisbane 1836/10 for Sydney ETA 1400/13.
- (xv) "MANUNDA" dep. Brisbane 0130/11 for Port Moresby ETA 0530/15.
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- (xxiv) At Milne Bay - "COLAC" "STELLA" "POLARIS" "TAROONA" "CHARON"

Enemy Forces

- (i) Bougainville Base - The following were reported in the Buin-Faisi area at 1700/10 -

- 4 heavy cruisers (2 "NACHI", 1 "MOGAMI", 1 "AOBA")
- 2 light cruisers (1 "KUMA", 1 "TENRYU")
- 33 destroyers
- 2 sloops
- 2 tankers
- 17 cargo vessels
- 1 coal liner (8,000 tons)
- 61 ships

Air reconnaissance at noon reported only 48 ships in this area, and 9 others (2 destroyers, 1 possible seaplane tender, 6 cargo vessels) east of Treasury Is., on course 170°, which had probably proceeded to the Buin base by 1700.

- (ii) Guadalcanal - Air reconnaissance reported 5 destroyers 20 m. ENE Kunderumbangara Point, Vella Lavella, on course 120° at 1510/10. Enemy vessels were reported in the vicinity of Cape Esperance at 2230, probably the above destroyers, from the Bougainville base. It is not known whether the force succeeded in landing troops and supplies.

There was no land activity in the western sector 8/11. Contact was made with the enemy in the eastern sector 3000 yds. east of Metapona River.

- (iii) Buka - Air reconnaissance reported only one medium cargo vessel south of Sohana Is., in this area 10/11.
- (iv) Gasmata - Further to the attack on an enemy destroyer south of Gasmata early morning 10/11, the vessel was last sighted at 0235 34 m. E. of Arawe, on course 080°. There were indications of an enemy unit 21 m. SW by W. Gasmata at 0425.
- (v) New Georgia - Aircraft reported two canoes, with crews not native, approx 10 m. SE Viru Harbor on 9/11. It was previously reported that the Japanese had abandoned both their outposts in this vicinity (Viru Harbor and Wickham Anchorage, Vangunu Is.) by 1/11. The ~~occupants~~ occupants of the canoes may possibly have been from Rendova Harbor, which was recently evacuated.
- (vi) Evans Head - A possible submarine was reported 4 m. East Evans Head at 0908/10 (graded C.4). Air recce revealed a fishing boat in the vicinity. There have, however, been several indications since 3/11 that an enemy submarine was operating in the area north of Brisbane.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

- (i) "GOLDSTAR" en route Melbourne to Fremantle ETA 1700/17.
- (ii) "ARMIDALE" was to RV off Darwin with "KOOLIGA" 10/11 and escort to Darwin.
- (iii) At Fremantle - ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK (CL) KANIMBLA (A.M.C) VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES (DD) W.B.PRESTON (AV) PELIAS (AS) ISABEL (PG) TRINITY (AO) CAIRNS DUBBO TOOWOOMBA IPSWICH WALLAROO MARYBOROUGH GAWLER GESSNOCK (A.M.S) LARK WHIPPOORWILL (AM)
- (iv) At Exmouth Gulf - CHILDS HERON (AV)
- (v) At Darwin - KALGOORLIE CASTLEMAINE (A.M.S)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

9 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

- (i) "SPERRY" dep. Noumea yesterday 10/11 for Brisbane. "HENLEY" is to RV at 0800 tomorrow 12/11 and escort to Brisbane.
- (ii) At Vanikoro - AYLWIN (DD)
- (iii) At Espiritu Santo - WOODWORTH LANDSDOWNE HOPKINS CONYNGHAM (DD) MACKINAC CURTISS TANGIER (AV) LACKAWANNA GUADALUPE (AO) GAMBLE (CM) PC.476 PC.477 (YP) NAVAJO (YT) STRATFORD NEVILLE HUNTER LEGGETT HEYWOOD BARNETT FULLER (AP) ALDEBARAN FOMALHAUT BELLATRIX AICHIBA (AK)
- (iv) At Noumea - SOUTH DAKOTA WASHINGTON (BB) NORTHAMPTON (CA) SAN DIEGO (CL) ELLET GRAYSON ZANE TREVER LAMSON STACK RUSSELL HUGHES MORRIS MAHAN MAURY (DD) PROMETHEUS VESTAL (AR) ARGONNE (AS) TAPPAHANNOCK SABINE (AO) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER VIREO (AM) BUTTERNUT (YN) SONOMA (YT) DELPHINUS (YP) NASSAU (AVG) W.W.BURROWS (AP) ANTARES (AK) A.R.D.2.
- (v) At Vila - HERCULES (AK)
- (vi) Guadalcanal Area - MacFARLAND (AV) JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) MAJABA (AK)
- (vii) At Suva - CATALPA LOCUST ROSEWOOD (YN) SUMNER (Survey Ship) TALAMANCA (AK)

- (viii) At Samoa - CHESTNUT (YN) CAMANGA ARCTIC (AK)
- (ix) At Bora Bora - TERN (AM)
- (x) At Tahiti - CHEVREUIL (Sloop)
- (xi) At Auckland - ACHILLES (CL) MONOWAI (A.M.C) NICHOLAS (DD) RIGEL (AD)
EBONY (YN) ROAMER (AP) JUPITER CASTOR (AK)
- (xii) At Wellington - AMERICAN LEGION (AP)

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

San Cristoval - U.S.S. "SOUTHARD" located and attacked an enemy submarine 9/11, approx 10 m. W. by S. Cape Recherche, San Cristoval. The sixth attack, at 1015, blew the submarine's stern out of the water. The vessel surfaced one minute later, then disappeared stern first after having been hit in the control room by a 4" shell. Later searches by surface vessels and aircraft were negative.

Guadalcanal - Torpedo boats made a hit on one of two enemy destroyers off Cape Esperance at 2150/8. One of our vessels was slightly damaged by gunfire. This is the first report of enemy vessels off Guadalcanal on that night; they were possibly part of the force sighted east of Ysabel Is. at 1730/8.

An evening air search 8/11 sighted a midget submarine beached at Cape Esperance, evidently the vessel attacked in this vicinity earlier in the day. The submarine was again bombed and strafed.

Additional barges filled with supplies were sunk in the vicinity of Cape Esperance 8/11. Six of these vessels had already been destroyed in this area on 7/11.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

Buna - 3 Beaufighters attacked the area morning 10/11. Track, villages, barges at Sanananda, and dump and motor transport areas were strafed.

Sanananda-Soputa - 8 Marauders and 3 Bostons attacked A.A. positions and supply dumps morning 10/11. A.A. positions silenced and 2 explosions observed.

Rekata Bay - Aircraft (ex Soupac) attacked area morning 8/10. Results not observed. One aircraft missing.

Enemy

Shortland Harbor - 7 to 10 Zero's intercepted a Fortress on recce noon 10/11. One Zero destroyed, another possibly destroyed.

Lae - 2 enemy fighters were observed on the airdrome 0910/10, and an enemy fighter patrol was airborne 0913/10.

Cape Ward Hunt Area - 8 Zero's attacked A B.25 on recce this area afternoon 10/11. One Zero possibly destroyed.

Guadalcanal - Enemy air losses on 7/11, not previous reported, were 3 Zero floatplanes and 1 float biplane.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

Continued attempts to land reinforcements on Guadalcanal.

T. Riddle

For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

ADDENDUM

SOUTH PACIFIC AREA - Enemy Submarine Activity

There have been indications as follows of enemy submarines in the Santa Cruz - Solomons area -

- 8/11 one in 7°S, 164°E (225 m. ENE Cape Astrolabe, Malaita)
- 9/11 one in 16°S, 163°E (220 m. WSW Cape Cumberland, Espiritu Santo)
- 9/11 one in 15°S, 160°E (200 m. S. Rennel Is.)
- 9/11 one in 9°S, 162°E (65 m. ESE Cape Arsaeides, Malaita)
- 9/11 one in 7°S, 162°E (120 m. NE Cape Astrolabe).

Heavy Cruisers (Contd)

ATAGO	
TAKAO	
MYOKO)
ASHIGARA	) 1 damaged
TONE)
TIKUMA)
KUMANO)
CHOKAI	) Damaged
AOBA)
AKINIKI)
KINUGASA)
KASHIMA)

11 light cruisers (CL)
(at least 6 damaged)

KATORI
SENDAI
JINTSU
ISUZU
KINU
NATORI
NAGARA
YUBARI
TENRYU
TATSUTA

Approx 25 submarines incl. 4-8 "RO" class, 15 "I" class (at least 2 minelayers)
45-50 Destroyers (DD)
3 Seaplane Carriers

CHITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA
NISSHIN

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

NITCHO MARU
KINUGASA MARU
SAN UKI MARU
KAGU MARU
NOTORO
GOSHU MARU
NARUTO MARU
SOUYOU MARU
SENDAI MARU
SANYO MARU
KIYOKAWA MARU (probably damaged)
JINGEI

2 s submarine tenders incl.
Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MPB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft
Approx 183 shore-based aircraft incl. 76 fighters, 57 H/B, 20 F/B,
21 F/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

6" Cruiser
A.A. Vessel
Destroyers

ADELAIDE
HEEMSKERK
VAN GALEN
TJERK HIDDUS

Armed Merchant Cruiser
S/P Tenders

KANIMBIA
HERON
CHILDS
W.B. PRESTON

Submarine Tender
Submarines

PELIAS	
THRESHER)
GRANDIER)
SPEARFISH)
SEARAVEN)
SEAWOLF	) On Patrol
SALMON)
TAUTOG)
TAMBOR)
SEAL)
GAR)
K.8	) At Fremantle
K.12)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.

Allied Forces.

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

Enemy Forces.

C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet
Converted Aircraft Carrier
2 light cruisers

Approx. 16 destroyers
Converted seaplane tender

UNYON
KUMA
KASHII (damaged)

OKITSU MARU

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

Battleships

Aircraft carrier
Converted A/C carriers

8" cruisers

6" cruisers

Destroyers
Submarines

NORTH CAROLINA CALIFORNIA
MARYLAND TENNESSEE
COLORADO NEVADA
MISSISSIPPI WEST VIRGINIA
NEW MEXICO IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA

SARATOGA
COPAHEE
LONG ISLAND
NEW ORLEANS
MINNEAPOLIS

LOUISVILLE
SALT LAKE CITY
CHICAGO
HONOLULU

FALEIGH
DETROIT
15 (approx.)
23 (approx.)

Enemy Forces.

Palao-Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan

5 Battleships (BB)

1 Battlecruiser (BB) - damaged
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)
1 8" Cruiser (CA)
1 S/P Tender (AV)
Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

6 old armoured cruisers (OCA)
Approx. 30 destroyers
Approx. 30 submarines

MUSASHI
NAGATO
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

OTAKA
HAGURO

CHIYODA
KAMIKAWA MARU
FUJIKAWA MARU
KAMOI
KENSO MARU

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" cruisers

5" cruisers

Destroyers
Armed Merchant Cruisers

SOUTH DAKOTA
WASHINGTON
HORNET) one sunk
ENTERPRISE)
SAN FRANCISCO
NORTHAMPTON
PENSACOLA
PORTLAND
HELENA
LEANDER
ACHILLES
JUNEAU
SAN DIEGO
ATLANTA
30 (approx.)
ASCANIA
MONOWAI

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

8" Cruiser

INDIANAPOLIS
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces.

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians.

8" cruiser (CA)

3 light cruisers (CL)

NACHI
ABUKUMA
TAMA
KISO

Approx. 4 destroyers

Approx. 7 submarines

1st Base Force

Converted S/P Tender (XAV)

KAMITSU MARU

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

6" cruisers

BOISE
CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

Allied Forces.

Battleships

WARSPITE REVENGE

Aircraft carriers

RAMILLIES
ROYAL SOVEREIGN →

~~VALLIANT~~
✓ RESOLUTION
ILLUSTRIOUS
FORMIDABLE
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)

8" cruisers

✓ DEVONSHIRE
✓ HAWKINS
✓ MAURITIUS
✓ FROBISHER
NEWCASTLE

7.5" cruisers

6" cruisers

✓ GAMBIA
✓ BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
✓ ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
✓ DAUNTLESS
DANAE
✓ DRAGON

Armed Merchant cruisers

~~DEIR~~ DURBAN
✓ CAPETOWN
✓ CERES
✓ CALEDON ← CARADOC
✓ SUMATRA (Dutch)
✓ WORCESTER SHIRE
RANCHI
ALAUNIA
CHITRAL
RANPURA
CANTON
QUEEN OF BERMUDA
CARTHAGE
CARLISLE

A.A. vessel

Approx. 25 destroyers

Approx. 7 submarines

Enemy forces.

Approx. 7 submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.12th November, 1942.1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES.A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA.1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.Allied Forces.

- (i) "HOBART"(F) "PHOENIX" "BAGLEY" "PATTERSON" "MUGFORD" due Cid Harbour 1000 today 13/11. "SELFRIDGE" "HELN" proceeding independently to join T.F.44. "HENLEY" at Brisbane for fuel and provisions; to depart today 13/11 to join T.F.44.
- (ii) "ARUNTA" escorting Convoy MT.1 ("DUNTROON" "S.J.FIELD" "JASON LEE" "GEORGE MATTHEWS") dep. Port Moresby 1600/12 for Townsville. "ARUNTA's" ETA.1500/14.
- (iii) "BROOME" "STUART" escorting Convoy J ("MONTORO" "JANSSENS") and Convoy Q ("FORT PINE" "LARCHBANK") due position Z (150 m. SSE Port Moresby) 1430 today 13/11. Convoys there part company. "STUART" escorts "Q" to Milne Bay, ETA 1430/14; "BROOME" escorts "J" to Port Moresby, ETA 0900/14.
- (iv) "MERKUR" to dep. Brisbane 1000 today 13/11 to RV with "KURUMBA" "BUNGAREE" to form Convoy BT.18, escorted by Goulburn.
- (v) "GEELONG" escorting Convoy BT.17 ("AASE MAERK") to Cid Harbour from Brisbane. ETA.1100/14.
- (vi) "DELOIRINE" "MILDURA" escorting Convoy GP.21 en route Sydney to Caloundra. ETA.2300/13. To depart Southwards 2359 escorting Convoy PG.21 (5 MV).
- (vii) "TOWNSVILLE" "INVERELL" escorting Convoy OC.43 (6 MV) en route Sydney and Newcastle. Port Kembla section was due 1800/12. ETA. Sydney 2300/12 Newcastle 0500/13.
- (viii) "WARRNAMBOOL" "WHYALLA" escorting Convoy CO.44 en route RV with "DOOMBA" in Wilson's Promontory area.
- (ix) "WILCANNIA" dep. Newcastle 0548/12 arr. Sydney 1203/12.
- (x) "LITGOW" arr. Cairns 1550/12.
- (xi) "ST. GILES" escorting "MALAITA" en route Brisbane to Sydney ETA.1400 today 13/11.
- (xii) "WANGANELLA" dep. Melbourne 2201/12 for Fremantle ETA.0500/17.
- (xiii) "MANUNDA" en route Brisbane to Port Moresby ETA.0530/15.
- (xiv) At Brisbane. "SPERRY" "FULTON" "BOWEN" "GYMPIE" "TULSA" "POYANG". Refitting - "BENDIGO".
- (xv) At Sydney. "VENDETTA" "MANGORA" "DOBBIN" "BUNDABERG" "MORESBY" "KAPUNDA" "ECHUCA" "YANDRA" "ABRAHAM CRYNSSEN". Repairing - "CHESTER" "AUSTRALIA" "SAN JUAN" "TROMP" "BISHOPDALE" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "SWAN" "VICTORIA".
- (xvi) At Melbourne. "PIRIE" "TANWORTH" "DOOMBA". Repairing - "HOLLAND"
- (xvii) At Adelaide. "SPRINGDALE".
- (xviii) At Townsville. "KATOOMBA" "BALLARAT" "YUNNAN".
- (xix) At Cairns. "WARREGO".
- (xx) At Port Stephens. "WESTRALIA" "PINGWO".
- (xxi) At Port Moresby. "KATOOMBA" "J.R.LOWELL" "VAN HEUTSZ" "PAINE WINGATE" "MULIAMA" "MATTHEW FLINDERS".
- (xxii) At Milne Bay. "COLAC" "STELLA" "POLARIS" "CHARON".

Enemy forces.

- (i) Buin-Faisi. Aircraft attacking the Buin area between 0515 and 0600/12 reported 47 or 48 vessels there, as follows:
- | | |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 large cruiser | 3 possible cruisers |
| 1 destroyer | 6 possible destroyers |
| 2 other vessels | |
| 2 unidentified vessels (poss. warships) | |
| 22 cargo vessels (10 large) | |
| 10/11 unidentified ships. | |

Loading and unloading appeared to be proceeding.

It was noted that different positions were occupied for dispersal during the day from those occupied for night dispersal. Cargo vessels appear to use Tonolei Harbour at night. A preliminary report from air recce. at noon 12/11 indicates that at least 33 ships, mainly merchant vessels, were present.

- (ii) Ontong Java. Aircraft reported 2 battleships or heavy cruisers, one cruiser, 6 destroyers 131 m. NE Ontong Java at 1035/12, on course 180°, and 5 destroyers 30 m. SW Ontong Java at 1045 on course 098°.
- (iii) New Georgia. Aircraft reported 2 aircraft carriers and 2 destroyers, approx. 55 m. SSW of Vangunu Is. at 1450/12 on course 135°. No other vessels were sighted in the area. It is unlikely that the vessels were in fact aircraft carriers as 2 destroyers would be inadequate protection for such vessels in these waters.
- (iv) Kokoda. The enemy was in retreat from Oivi, pursued by our forces at dawn 11/11. The Japanese have also been driven from their positions S. of Gorari. At least 300 Japanese have been killed in the Gorari area since 8/11.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

Allied Forces.

- (i) "KANIMBLA" on patrol off Fremantle; to return by 0800/21.
- (ii) "ARMIDALE" dep. Thursday Is. 1200/12 for Darwin. ETA. 1430/15.
- (iii) "GOLDSTAR" en route Melbourne to Fremantle. ETA. 1700/17.
- (iv) At Fremantle. "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL) "VAN GALEN" "TJERK HIDDEN" (DD) "W.B. PRESTON" (AV) "PELIAS" (AS) "ISABEL" (PG) "MARYBOROUGH" "CAIRNS" "DUBBO" "TOOWOOMBA" "WIPSWICH" "GAWLER" "CESSNOCK" (AMS) "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM)
- (v) At Exmouth Gulf. "CHILDS" "HERON" (AV)
- (vi) At Darwin. "KALGOORLIE" "CASTLEMAINE" (AMS)
- (vii) At Geraldton. "TRINITY" "WALLAROO".

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.

Allied Forces.

8 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

- (i) "SONOMA" towing "ALHENA" and escorted by PC. 479 en route Noumea to Sydney at 4 knots. ETA. 20/11.
- (ii) At Vanikoro. "AYLWIN" (DD).
- (iii) At Espiritu Santo. "LANDSDOWNE" "CONYNGHAM" (DD) "CURTISS" "TANGIER" (AV) "LACKAWANNA" "GUADALUPE" (AO) "GAMBLE" (CM) PC. 476 PC. 477 (YP) "NAVAJO" (YT) "STRATFORD" "HEXWOOD" (AP) "ALDEBARAN" "FOMALHAUT" "BELLATRIX" (AK).
- (iv) At Noumea. "GRAYSON" "ZANE" "TREVOR" "DALE" "STACK" "MAHAN" (DI) "PROMETHEUS" "VESTAL" (AR) "ARGONNE" (AS) "SABINE" (AO) "LASSEN" (AE) "WHITNEY" (AD) "KINGFISHER" "VIREO" (AM) "BUTTERNUT" (YN) "DELPHINUS" (YP) "KITTYHAWK" (APV) "W.W. BURROWS" (AP) "ANTARES" (AK) A.R.D.2.
- (v) At Vila. "HERCULES" (AK).
- (vi) Guadalcanal area. "MacFARLAND" (AV) "JAMESTOWN" (PG) "BOESLINK" (AM) "MAJABA" (AK).
- (vii) At Suva. "CATALPA" "LOCUST" "ROSEWOOD" (YN) "SUMNER" (Survey ship) "TALAMANCA" (AK).
- (viii) At Tongatabu - "PRES. HAYES" (AP).
- (ix) At Samoa. "CHESTNUT" (YN) "CAMANGA" "ARCTIC" (AK).
- (x) At Bora Bora - "TERN" (AM).
- (xi) At Tahiti. "CHEVREUIL" (Sloop).
- (xii) At Auckland. "ACHILLES" (CL) "MONOWAI" (AMC) "NICHOLAS" (DD) "EBONY" (YN) "ROAMER" (AP) "JUPITER" "CASTOR" (AK).
- (xiii) At Wellington. "AMERICAN LEGION" (AP).

Enemy forces.

Hawaiian Is. A floating mine was reported in 24°3' N. 150°12' W (approx. 390 m. NE Hawaii Is.) at 1820/8.

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA.

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS.

(i) Enemy submarine attack.

HMAS "PAURO CHIEF" (ketch) was shelled by a submarine off Misima Is. at 2000 last evening 12/11. No further details are yet available. Submarines have not recently been active in this area; an enemy submarine was most recently indicated in the Rossel Is. area on 19/10.

(ii)

Blockade runners.

The blockade runners "KOTA NOPAN" (7200 tons, speed 14 knots. Ex Dutch vessel captured by German Pacific Raider 17/8/41) and "ANNALIESE ESSBERGER" (5173 tons, 13 knots) were unsuccessfully attacked by aircraft when located outward bound from Bay of Biscay ports on 6th and 7th November. "KOTA NOPAN" was last reported in position 46°51'N. 11°24' West at 1730Z/7 and "ANNALIESE ESSBERGER" in position 45°40'N. 10°50' W. at 1710Z/7.

Previous intelligence indicated that "KOTA NOPAN" was in a Japanese port (June 25). The latest intelligence indicates that this vessel has already run the blockade to Europe and is now returning to Far Eastern ports presumably with an exchange cargo. "ANNALIESE ESSBERGER" was reported last (June 25) in a French port probably Bordeaux.

"KULMERLAND" (7300 tons, 13 knots) which was last reported 23rd October as probably en route Europe from the Far East was located in the Bay of Biscay November 6, and probably reached the Bordeaux area November 7. Photographic reconnaissance of Bordeaux November 6 revealed that "TANNENFELS" (7840 tons, 16 knots) and "DRESDEN" (5567 tons, speed 15 knots) were present. They were recent arrivals from the Far East. This confirms the previous intelligence of October 23rd which indicated that they were probably on passage to European ports.

Reports indicate that from January to June 1942, 9 ships reached French ports from the Far East with cargoes of possible 60-65,000 tons, including, it is considered, at least 20,000 tons of rubber.

3. AIR OPERATIONS.

Kihili. 4 Catalinas attacked Kihili aerodrome 2245/11 to 0135/12. Large fires observed. Fuel dump hit.

3 enemy aircraft destroyed, at least 3 damaged.

Buin-Faisi-Tonolei. 6 B.17s attacked shipping morning 12/11.

Results: (i) Direct hit amidships and very near miss on a loaded 10/12,000 ton cargo vessel.

(ii) Direct hit amidships on 6/7,000 ton cargo vessel. Explosion and smoke observed.

(iii) 2 near misses at 20 feet on an 8/10,000 ton cargo vessel.

Buna-Kakendetta area. 3 Beaufighters attacked targets between Buna and Kakendetta area morning 12/11.

Enemy. Guadalcanal. 10 dive bombers and 12 Zeros attacked shipping 0930/11. 5 Zeros 1 dive bomber destroyed and 2 Zeros 1 dive bomber probably destroyed. At 1135/11, 25 bombers and 5 Zeros attacked Guadalcanal. 6 bombers destroyed by aircraft and 1 by A/A fire. 7 Grummans were lost and five damaged. Two pilots were saved.

20-25 torpedo bombers escorted by 8 fighters attacked shipping at Guadalcanal 1415/12. Intercepted by 20 Grummans and 8 P.39s which shot down 16 bombers and 5 Zeros. Believed A/A from ship shot down remainder of bombers. 3 Grummans and 1 P.39 lost. One pilot saved.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE.

Renewed offensive on Guadalcanal.

T. R. Miller

For A/DIRECTOR, C.O.I.C.
13/11/42.

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

<u>Allied Forces</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or repairing</u>
8" cruisers		AUSTRALIA
6" cruisers	HOBART PHOENIX	CHESTER
5" cruiser		SAN JUAN
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA STUART SELFRIDGE MUGFORD HENLEY HELM BAGLEY PATTERSON VENDETTA STURGEON)	LE TRIOMPHANT
Destroyers	AMBERJACK) SCULPIN) SAILFISH) At Brisbane SPEARFISH) SEADRAGON) PLUNGER) SARGO) GUDGEON) GRAM PUS) SNAPPER) GRAYBACK) SWORDFISH) On patrol TROUT) SAURY) S.43) S.44) S.46)	
Submarines	K.9 At Sydney	
Armed Merchant Cruisers	WESTRALIA MANOORA	
Submarine Tenders	FULTON SPERRY	HOLLAND
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboat	TULSA	
Oilers	KURUMBA AASE MAERSK	VICTORIA
<u>Enemy Forces</u>		
<u>Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons</u>		
CinC Combined Fleet		
CinC 2nd Fleet		
CinC 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)		
CinC 4th Fleet		
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)		
3 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO MUTSU ISE	
3 Battlecruisers (BB)	KRISHIMA) HIYEI) 2 damaged KONGO) 1 repairing in home waters HARUNA)	
3 Aircraft Carriers (CV)	SHOKAKU) damaged ZUIKAKU)	
4 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	HAYATAKA ZUIHO OTAKA UNYOU	
Heavy Cruisers (CA) (1 probably sunk)	MOGAMI SUZUYA	

Heavy cruisers (contd.)

ATAGO		
TAKAO		
MYOKO)	
ASHIGARA	)	1 damaged
TONE)	
TIKUMA)	
KUMANO)	damaged
CHOKAI)	
AOBA)	
KINUGASA)	

11 light cruisers (CL)
(at least 6 damaged)

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Approx. 25 submarines incl. 4-8 "RO" class, 15 "I" class (at least 2 minelayers)
45-50 destroyers (DD)
3 Seaplane Carriers

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AKITSUSHIMA
NISSHIM
NITCHO MARU
KINUGASA MARU
SANUKI MARU
KAGU MARU
NOTORO
GOSHU MARU
NARUTO MARU
SOUYOU MARU
SENDAI MARU
SANYO MARU
KIYOKAWA MARU (probably damaged)
JINGEI

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

2 submarine tenders incl.
Approx. 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft
Approx. 183 shore-based aircraft incl. 76 fighters, 57 H/B, 20 F/B,
21 F/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

6" Cruiser
A.A.Vessel
Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruiser
S/P Tenders

Submarine Tender
Submarines

ADELAIDE		
HEEMSKERK		
VAN GALEN		
TJERK HIDDES		
KANIMBLA		
HERON		
CHILDS		
W.B.PRESTON		
PELIAS		
THRESHER)	
GRENADIER)	
SEARAVEN)	
SEAWOLF)	
SALMON	)	On patrol
TAUTOG)	
TAMBOR)	
SEAL)	
GAR)	
K.8	)	At Fremantle
K.12)	

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

CinC Southern Expeditionary Fleet

2 light cruisers KUMA
KASHII (damaged)
Approx 16 destroyers
Converted Seaplane Tender OKITSU MARU

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

NORTH CAROLINA
MARYLAND
COLORADO
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO

CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE
NEVADA
WEST VIRGINIA
IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA

Aircraft Carrier
Converted A/C Carriers

SARATOGA
COPAHEE
LONG ISLAND
NEW ORLEANS
MINNEAPOLIS

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE
SALT LAKE CITY
CHICAGO
HONOLULU

6" Cruisers

RALEIGH
DETROIT
15 (approx)
23 (approx)

Destroyers

Enemy Forces

Palao-Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan

5 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
NAGATO
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

1 Battlecruiser (BB) - damaged

1 converted A/C Carrier

HITAKA

1 - 8" Cruiser (CA)

HAGURO

1 S/P Tender (AV)

CHIYODA
KAMIKAWA MARU
FUJIKAWA MARU
KAMO I
KENJU MARU

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 30 Destroyers

Approx 30 Submarines

SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

SOUTH DAKOTA
WASHINGTON
ENTERPRISE
SAN FRANCISCO
NORTHAMPTON
PENSACOLA
PORTLAND

Aircraft Carrier

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

HELENA
LEANDER
ACHILLES

5" Cruisers

JUNEAU
SAN DIEGO
ATLANTA
30 (approx)
ASCANIA
MONOWAI

Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

8" Cruiser

6" Cruisers

INDIANAPOLIS

ST. LOUIS

NASHVILLE

10 destroyers

10 submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu-Kuriles -Aleutians

8" Cruiser (CA)

3 light cruisers (CL)

NACHI

ABUKUMA

TAMA

KISO

Approx 4 destroyers

Approx 7 submarines

Converted S/P Tender (XAV)

KAMITSU MARU

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

BOISE

CONCORD

TRENTON

RICHMOND

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

WARSPITE

REVENGE

RESOLUTION

RAMILLIES

ROYAL SOVEREIGN

ILLUSTRIOUS

GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)

DEVONSHIRE

Aircraft Carrier

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

HAWKINS

FROBISHER

MAURITIUS

GAMBIA

BIRMINGHAM

ENTERPRISE

DANNTLESS

DRAGON

DURBAN

CAPETOWN

CERES

CALEDON

CARADOC

SUMATRA (Dutch)

WORCESTERSHIRE

RANCHI

CORFU

CHITRAL

RANPURA

CARTHAGE

CARLISLE

NEWCASTLE

GLASGOW

EMERALD

DANAE

Armed Merchant Cruisers

A.A. Vessel

Approx 27 destroyers

Approx 9 submarines

Enemy Forces

Approx 7 submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION & PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

14th November, 1942.

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES.

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA.

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

Allied Forces.

- (i) "HOBART" (F) "PHOENIX" "SELFRIDGE" "BAGLEY" "HELM" "PATTERSON" "MUGGER" at Cid Harbour.
- (ii) "HENLEY" dep. Brisbane 1639/13 to rejoin T.F.44 ETA 2100 today 14/11
- (iii) "ARUNTA" due Townsville 1500 today 14/11 after escorting Convoy MT.1 ("DUNTROON" "S.J.FIELD" "JASON LEE" "GEORGE MATTHEWS").
- (iv) "STUART" escorting Convoy Q ("FORT PINE" "LARCHBANK") due Milne Bay 1430 today 14/11.
- (v) "BROOME" escorting Convoy J ("MONTORO" "JANSSENS") due Port Moresby 0900 to-day 14/11.
- (vi) "GOULBURN" dep. Brisbane 1325/13 to escort Convoy BT18 ("KURUMBA" "BUNGAREE" "~~MERTSR~~" "MERKUR") to Whitsunday Passage.
- (vii) "GEELONG" escorting Convoy BT17 ("AASE MAERSK") due Cid Harbour 1100 today 14/11.
- (viii) "DELORAIN" "MILDURA" escorting Convoy GP21 arr. Caloundra 0445/14 to return southwards escorting Convoy PG21 (2 MV Newcastle, 4 Sydney).
- (ix) "WARRNAMBOOL" "WHYALLA" escorting Convoy C044 en route RV with Tamworth in Wilson's Promontory area.
- (x) "TAMWORTH" escorting Convoy OC.44 (14 MV) dep. Port Phillip 2003/13 for RV with above to-day 14/11. Thence to escort C0.44 to Melbourne.
- (xi) "INVERELL" escorting Newcastle section Convoy OC.43 arr. 0620/13. To depart 1101 today 14/11 escorting Newcastle section (8 MV) Convoy C0.45 to RV off Port Jackson with "MORESBY" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Sydney section (3 MV). "INVERELL" proceeds Sydney.
- (xii) "WANGANILLA" en route Melbourne to Fremantle ETA 0500/17.
- (xiii) "MANUNDA" en route Brisbane to Port Moresby ETA 0530/15.
- (xiv) At Brisbane. "SPERRY" "FULTON" "TULSA" "POYANG". Refitting "BENDIGO"
- (xv) At Sydney. "DOBBIN" "BUNDABERG" "TOWNSVILLE" "WILCANNIA" "KAPUNDA" "ECHUCA" "YANDRA". Repairing - "CHESTER" "AUSTRALIA" "SAN JUAN" "TROMP" "VENDETTA" "BISHOPDALE" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "SWAN" "VICTORIA". In reserve - "MAN OORA".
- (xvi) At Melbourne. "PIRIE" "DOOMBA". Repairing - "HOLLAND."
- (xvii) At Adelaide. "SPRINGDALE".
- (xviii) At Townsville. "KATOOMBA" "BALLARAT" "YUNNAN".
- (xix) At Cairns. "WARREGO" "LITHGOW".
- (xx) At Port Stephens. "WESTRALIA" "PINGWO".
- (xxi) At Port Moresby. "J.R.LOWELL" "VAN HEUTSZ" "PAINE WINGATE" "MULIAMA" "MATTHEW FLINDERS".
- (xxii) At Milne Bay. "COLAC" "STELLA" "POLARIS" "CHARON".

Enemy Forces.

- (1) Bougainville Base - It was reported that after dispersal during the night, only 24 vessels returned to the base before 0700/13. Seven vessels (2 heavy cruisers, one light cruiser, 4 destroyers) disappeared about that time. Six destroyers and 10 cargo vessels arrived from S.E. at 1545, making a total as follows:-

8 destroyers
 2 sloops
 1 seaplane tender
 2 tankers
20 cargo vessels
 33

Photographic recce. during the afternoon reported only 20 vessels, including two heavy cruisers and two light cruisers. A large patch of oil was shown in Tonolei harbour (see Naval Incidents) 12 cruisers or destroyers and 10 transports were reported by aircraft 7 miles N. Vella Lavella at 0925, on course 310°. There are no other sightings to indicate the operation in which this force had been engaged during the night.

- (ii) Guadalcanal - A destroyer (or destroyers) was sighted 15 miles south Vangunu Is. at 0800/13 on course 285°.

A battleship, accompanied by a heavy cruiser and four destroyers, was reported in Indispensable Strait, 28 miles North Tulagi Harbour at 0845, on course 125°. Another battleship was reported between Savo and Florida Is. at 1000 and 1200.

The force in this area 13/11 is probably part of the force observed off Ongtong Java 12/11 on a southerly course.

A heavy naval bombardment of Guadalcanal was reported at 0140 this morning 14/11.

A submarine was reported off Lunga Point at 0600/13, and another off the Southeast coast of Guadalcanal (10°05' south 160° 35' east) at 1210.

- (iii) Ongtong Java - Additional naval forces were reported in the Ongtong Java area during the morning.

A force including a possible aircraft carrier, one possible battleship, at least three cruisers or destroyers, and several unidentified vessels was sighted on a northerly course in the area SE of Ongtong Java between 0815 and 1030.

In addition, two destroyers were sighted 65 m. E. by S. Ongtong Java at 1040/13 on course 260°, and one destroyer approx. 100 m. N.W. Ongtong Java at 0800.

A heavy cruiser, a "Jintsu" class cruiser and a destroyer were 275 miles E.N.E. Ongtong Java at 1125, on course 165°.

- (iv) Malaita - An unidentified vessel was reported in the Cape Astrolabe area in the early hours 11/11. The ship appeared to be attempting to communicate by signal lamp with Japanese ashore at Cape Astrolabe. These, however, have already been disposed of by our forces.

A vessel reported as an aircraft carrier was sighted at ~~1320~~ 1320/13 11 miles E. by N. Maramasike Passage.

- (v) New Ireland - Air reconnaissance reported a destroyer and five merchant vessels on course 090°, off Kavieng at 1410/E.

- (vi) Misima Is. - An air search a.m. 13/11 for the submarine which shelled "Fauro Chief" at 2000/12, was negative. There were indications of a possible second submarine in 12° S. 152° E. (90 miles S.W. by S. Misima) on 12/11.

- (vii) Cape Everard - Aircraft reported a possible periscope wake off Cape Everard 0844/13. Graded D4.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

Allied Forces.

- (i) "KANIMBLA" on patrol off Fremantle; to return by 0800/21.
- (ii) "ARMIDALE" en route Thursday Is. to Darwin. ETA 1430/15.
- (iii) "GOLDSTAR" en route Melbourne to Fremantle. ETA 1700/17.
- (iv) "WALLAROO" escorting "TRINITY" dep. Geraldton 1131/13 for Fremantle ETA 1300 today 14/11.
- (v) At Fremantle. "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL) "VAN GALEN" "TJERK HIDDUS" (DD) "W.B. PRESTON" (AV) "PELIAS" (AS) "ISABEL" (PG) "CAIRNS" "CESSNOCK" (AMS) "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM). DUBBO TOOWOOMBA GAWLER (AMS)
- (vi) At Exmouth Gulf. "CHILDS" "HERON" (AV)
- (vii) At Darwin. "KALBOORLIE" "CASTLEMAINE" (AMS)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.

Allied Forces.

7 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

Enemy Forces.

A small merchant vessel departed westwards from Dilli at 1500/12.

CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

- (i) - "SONOMA" towing "ALHENA" and escorted by PC. 479 en route Noumea to Sydney at 4 knots. ETA 20/11.
- (ii) At Espiritu Santo. "LANDSDOWNE" "CONYNGHAM" "AYLWIN" (DD) "CURTISS" "TANGIER" (AV) "LACKAWANNA" "GUADALUPE" (AO) "GAMBLE" (CM) PC.476 PC.477 (YP) "NAVAJO" (YT) "STRATFORD" "HEYWOOD" (AP) "ALDEBARAN" "POMALHAUT" (AK).
- ~~(iii) At Noumea. "GRAYSON" (AK)~~

- (iii) At Noumea. "GRAYSON" "ZENE" "TREVOR" "DALE" "STACK" "MAHAN" (DD) "PROMETHEUS" "VESTAL" (AR) "ARGONNE" (AS) "SABINE" (AO) "LASSEN" (AE) "WHITNEY" (AD) "KINGFISHER" "VIREO" (AM) "BUTTERNUT" (YN) "DELPHINUS" (YP) "KITTYHAWK" (APV) "W.W.BURROWS" (AP) "ANTARES" (AK) A.R.D.2.
- (iv) At Vila "ROAMER" (AP) "HERCULES" (AK)
- (v) Guadalcanal area. "MACFARLAND" (AV) "JAMESTOWN" (PG) "BOBOLINK" (AM) "MAJABA" (AK).
- (vi) At Suva. "CATALPA" "LOCUST" "ROSEWOOD" (YN) "SUMNER" (Survey ship) "TALAMANCA" (AK).
- (vii) At Suva. Tongatabu - "PRES. HAYES" (AP).
- (viii) At Samoa. "CHESTNUT" (YN) "CAMANGA" "ARCTIC" (AK).
- (ix) At Bora Bora - "TERN" (AM).
- (x) At Tahiti - "CHEVREUIL" (Sloop).
- (xi) At Auckland. "ACHILLES" (CL) "MONOWAI" (AMC.) "NICHOLAS" (DD) "EBONY" (YM) "JUPITER" "CASTOR" (AK)
- (xii) At Wellington. "AMERICAN LEGION" (AP).

Enemy Forces.

- (i) There were indications of an enemy submarine 65 miles E.S.E. Espiritu Santo on 12/11.

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA.

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

Enemy Forces.

There were indications of an enemy unit in 23° S. 91° E (approx. 1200 W. by N. Geraldton) at 1230/11. This unit is probably one of the raiders which attacked "BENGAL" and the Tanker under her escort at 1134/11.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS.

- (i) Buin-Faisi-Tonolei Area - 7 B.17's attacked shipping early morning 13/11
 Results: (i) 1 direct hit, 2 near misses (20 feet) on a large destroyer.
 (ii) 1 direct hit on a light cruiser or large destroyer.
 (iii) one near miss (within 20 feet) on a destroyer.
 (iv) one near miss on a transport (8-10,000 tons).
 Bombs were also dropped on Kihili Aerodrome.

3. AIR OPERATIONS.

Allied.

- (i) Manatuto - 4 Hudsons attacked morning 13/11. Preliminary report indicates all bombs fell in target area.
- (ii) Rekata Bay - 6 SBD's and 12 fighters attacked morning 11/11.

Enemy.

Reconnaissance of the Broome - Derby - Wyndham area was carried out by a single aircraft yesterday 13/11.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE.

Renewed offensive against Guadalcanal.

T. R. ...

For A/DIRECTOR, C.O.I.C.

14/11/42

APPENDIX
TO
DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA.

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

<u>Allied Forces.</u>	<u>Effective.</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing.</u>
8" cruisers	HOBART	AUSTRALIA
6" cruisers	PHOENIX	CHESTER
5" cruiser		SAN JUAN
Flotilla leaders	ARUNTA	LE TRIOMPHANT
	STUART	TRUMP
Destroyers	SELFDRIDGE	
	MUGFORD	
	HENLEY	
	HELM	
	BAGLEY	
Submarines	PATTERSON	VENDETTA.
	STURGEON	
	AMBERJACK	
	SCULPIN	
	SAILFISH	
	SPEARFISH	
	SEADRAGON	At Brisbane
	PLUNGER	
	SARGO	
	GUDGEON	
	GRAMPUS	
	SNAPPER	
	GRAYBACK	
	SWORDFISH	
	TROUT	
	SAURY	
	S. 43	On patrol.
	S. 44	
	S. 46	
	K. 9	At Sydney.
Armed Merchant Cruisers	WESTRALIA	MANOORA (In reserve)
Submarine tenders	FULTON	HOLLAND
Destroyer tender	SPERDY	
Gunboat	DOBBIN	
Oilers	TULSA	
	KURUMBA	VICTORIA
	AASE MAERSK	
<u>Enemy Forces.</u>		
<u>Truk-Jarvit-New Britain-Solomons.</u>		
C. in C. Combined Fleet	YAMATO	
C. in C. 2nd Fleet	MUTSU	
C. in C. 3rd Fleet (A/c. carriers)	ISE	
C. in C. 4th Fleet.	KIRISHIMA	2 damaged
C. in C. 6th Fleet (submarines)	HIYEI	1 repairing in
3 battleships (BB)	KONGO	home waters.
	HARUNA	
3 battlecruisers (BB)	SHOKAKU	
	ZUIKAKU	1 damaged.
3 aircraft carriers (CV)	HAYATAKA	
4 converted A/c. carriers (XCV)	ZUIHO	
	OTAKA	
	UNYOU	
	MOGAMI	
Heavy cruisers (CA)	SUZUYA	
(1 probably sunk)	ATAGO	
	TAKAO	
	MYOKO	1 damaged
	ASHIGARA	

TONE
 TIKUMA
 KUMANO
 CHOKAI
 AOBA
 KINUGASA) } damaged

11 light cruisers (CL)
 (at least 6 damaged)

KASHIMA
 KATORI
 SENDAI
 JINTSU
 ISUZU
 KINU
 NATORI
 NAGARA
 YUBARI
 TENRYU
 TATSUTA

Approx. 25 submarines incl. 4-8 "RO" class, 15 "I" class (at least 2 minelayers)
 45-50 destroyers (DD)
 3 seaplane carriers

CHITOSE
 AKITSUSHIMA
 NISSHIM
 NITCHO MARU
 KINUGASA MARU
 SANUKI MARU
 KAGU MARU
 NOTORO
 GOSHU MARU
 NARUTO MARU
 SOUYOU MARU
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2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

Allied Forces.

6" cruiser
 A. A. vessel
 Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruiser
 S/P. Tenders

Submarine tender
 Submarines

ADELAIDE
 HEEMSKERK
 VAN GALEN
 TJEK HIDDES
 KANIMBLA
 HERON
 CHILDS
 W. B. PRESTON
 PELIAS
 GRENADIER
 SEARAVEN
 SEAWOLF
 SALMON
 TAUTOG
 TAMBOR
 SEAL
 THRESHER
 GAR
 K. 8
 K. 12) } On patrol
) } At Fremantle.

EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.

Allied Forces.

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

Enemy Forces.

C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet.

2 light cruisers

KUMA
 KASHII (damaged)

Approx. 16 destroyers.

Converted seaplane tender.

OKITSU MARU.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

Battleships

NORTH CAROLINA CALIFORNIA
MARYLAND TENNESSEE
COLORADO NEVADA
MISSISSIPPI WEST VIRGINIA
NEW MEXICO IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA

Aircraft carrier
converted A/c. carriers

SARATOGA
COPAHEE
LONG ISLAND
NEW ORLEANS
MINNEAPOLIS

LOUISVILLE
SALT LAKE CITY
CHICAGO
HONOLULU

8" cruisers
8" cruisers

6" cruisers

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DETROIT
(15 approx.)
23 (approx.)

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Enemy forces.

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5 battleships (BB)

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NAGATO
FUJO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

1 battlecruiser (BB) - damaged.

1 converted A/c. carrier

1 - 8" cruiser (CA)

1 s/p. tender (AV)

Converted S/P. tenders (XAV)

HITAKA

HAGURO

CHIYODA
KANIKAWA MARU
FUJIKAWA MARU
KAMOJ
KENJO MARU

6 old Armoured cruisers (OCA)

Approx. 30 destroyers

Approx. 30 submarines.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

Battleships

SOUTH DAKOTA
WASHINGTON
ENTERPRISE
SAN FRANCISCO
NORTHAMPTON
PENSACOLA
PORTLAND
HELENA
LEANDER
ACHILLES
JUNEAD
SAN DIEGO
ATLANTA
30 (approx.)
ASCANIA
MONOWAI

Aircraft carrier

8" cruisers

6" cruisers

5" cruisers

Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

8" cruiser

6" cruisers

INDIANAPOLIS
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE

10 destroyers

10 submarines

Enemy Forces.

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8" cruiser (CA)

3 light cruisers (CL)

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ABUKUMA
TAMA
KISO

Approx. 4 destroyers.

Approx. 7 submarines.

Converted S/P. tender (XAV)

KAMITSU MARU

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

6" cruisers

BOISE
CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

Allied Forces.

Battleships

WARSPITE REVENGE
RESOLUTION
RAMILLES
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
ILLUSTRIOUS
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
DEVONSHIRE
HAWKINS
FROBISHER
MAURITIUS NEWCASTLE
GAMBIA GLASGOW
BIRMINGHAM EMERALD
ENTERPRISE DANAÉ
DAUNTLESS
DRAGON

A/c. carrier

8" cruisers

7.5" cruisers

6" cruisers

DURBAN
CAPETOWN
CERES
CALEDON
CARADOC
SUMATRA (Dutch)
WORCESTERSHIRE
RANCHI
CORFU
CHITRAL
RANPURA
CARTHAGE
CARLISLE

Armed Merchant Cruisers

A.A. Vessel.

Approx. 27 destroyers.

Approx. 9 submarines.

Enemy Forces.

Approx. 7 submarines.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

15th November, 1942.

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES.A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA.1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.Allied Forces.

- (i) Task Force 44 ("HOBERT" (F) "PHOENIX" "SELFRIDGE" "BAGLEY" "HENLEY" "HELM" "PATTERSON" "MUGFORD") at Cid Harbour.
- (ii) "ARUNTA" "KATOOMBA" "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy O ("BALIKPAPAN" "JAPARA" "BANTAM" "MAETSUYCKER" "BOTH" "BONTEKOE" "CREMER" "J.B. ASHE" "JESSE APPLGATE") to dep. Townsville 1200 today 15/11. On reaching position Z (150 miles SSE Port Moresby), Convoy splits: "KATOOMBA" "BALLARAT" escort Section A ("Balikpapan" "JAPARA" "BANTAM" "J.B.ASHE") direct to Milne Bay ETA 1200/18 (all except "J.B.ASHE" to dep. following morning). Remainder convoy proceeds position Y whence "ARUNTA" escorts Section B ("BOTH" "MAETSUYCKER") to Milne Bay ETA 1000/19. "BROOME" to RV at Y with Section C ("BONTEKOE" "CREMER" "JESSIE APPLGATE") and escort to Port Moresby.
- (iii) Convoy L ("NORDNES" "CLAN MATHESON") dep. Townsville 0010 today 15/11 to RV with "WARREGO" off Fitzroy Is. at 1430 today 15/11. Thence Port Moresby ETA 1400/17.
- (iv) "GOULBURN" dep. Brisbane 13/11 to escort Convoy BT18 ("KURUMBA" "BUNGAREE" "MERKUR") to Whitsunday Passage.
- (v) "TULSA" escorting Convoy BT19 ("ANHUI" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "VAN DER LIJN") to depart Moreton Bay 1600 today 15/11.
- (vi) "GEELONG" returning Brisbane after escorting "AASE MAERSK" to Cid Harbour. Escorting Convoy BT20, ("GEORGE TAYLOR" "JOHN STEELE" "FELIPE DE NEVA" "EGBERT BENSON") to depart Moreton Bay 2359 today 15/11.
- (vii) "DELORAIN" "MILDURA" escorting Convoy PG21 (6MV) dep. Caloundra 0508 yesterday 14/11 ETA 2 MV Newcastle 0100/16; Sydney 0600/16.
- (viii) "WHYALLA" escorting Convoy OC44 (14 MV) en route Wilson's Promontory area to Sydney and Newcastle.
- (ix) "MORESBY" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" dep. Sydney yesterday 14/10 with portion (3 MV) of Convoy C045 to RV with Newcastle section (8MV) relieve "INVERELL" as escort, and proceed southwards.
- (x) "SONOMA" towing "ALHENA" and escorted by PC 479 en route Noumea to Sydney ETA 20/11.
- (xi) "WANGANELLA" en route Melbourne to Fremantle ETA 0500/17.
- (xii) "MANUNDA" en route Brisbane to Port Moresby ETA 0530 today 15/11.
- (xiii) At Brisbane. "SPERRY" "FULTON" "POYANG". Refitting "BENDIGO".
- (xiv) At Sydney. "DOBBIN" "BUNDABERG" "TOWNSVILLE" "WILCANNIA" "KAPUNDA" "INVERELL" "ECHUCA" "YANDRA". Repairing - "CHESTER" "AUSTRALIA" "SAN JUAN" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "TROMP" "VENDETTA" "BISHOPDALE" "SWAN" "VICTORIA". In reserve - "MANOORA".
- (xv) At Melbourne. "WARRNAMBOOL" "TAMWORTH" "PIRIE" "DOOMBA". Repairing "HOLLAND".
- (xvi) At Adelaide. "SPRINGDALE".
- (xvii) At Townsville. "YUNNAN".
- (xviii) At Cairns. "LITHGOW".
- (xix) At Port Stephens. "WESTRALIA".
- (xx) At Newcastle. "PINGWO".
- (xxi) At Port Moresby. "BROOME" "J.R.LOWELL" "VAN HEUTSZ" "PAINE WINGATE" "MATTHEW FLINDERS" "MONTORO" "JANSSENS".
- (xxii) At Milne Bay. "STUART" "STELLA" "POLARIS" "FORT PINE" "LARCHBANK" "MULIAMA".

Enemy Forces.

- (i) Guadalcanal: A large invasion force, including possibly battle-ships, cruisers, destroyers and transports, was observed approaching Guadalcanal from the direction of Bougainville yesterday 14/11.

The vessels of this force were first sighted about 0700, on southeasterly course, North of New Georgia. An air attack at 0740 was unsuccessful. Part of the force was again located and attacked at 1500 in the area North of Russell Island.

The remainder of the force was located before nightfall in this area, and a naval action was seen to be in progress (See Naval Incidents).

The force appears to have included approximately 25 vessels, as follows:-

2 very large vessels (reported as aircraft carriers, battleships or very large transports, probably the third)

11 cruisers and destroyers

12 transports (aggregate tonnage estimated 100,000)

Four enemy transports were unloading between Tassafaronga and Cape Esperance at 0631 this morning 15/11. There were 75 landing barges at Tassafaronga on 13/11.

New Georgia: Warships were also observed patrolling on the westward side of New Georgia. Two light cruisers and two destroyers were seen on course 350° 25 miles SSW Sauka Point, Vella Lavella, at 0835; and two battle cruisers, 3 cruisers and 6 destroyers were 18 miles SW by S. Cape Pleasant, Rendova, at 0905, on course 310°.

Ysabel Island: A cruiser and four destroyers were sighted 85 miles N. by W. Cape Astrolabe on course 340° during the morning 14/11; one vessel was damaged. The vessels appear to be part of the force patrolling in the Florida Is. area on 13/11, which was probably responsible for the bombardment of Guadalcanal early morning 14/11. Two battleships were reported in this force 13/11, neither of which was sighted yesterday 14/11. No account of attacks on the force is yet available.

The covering force operating in the Ongtong Java area 13/11 was sighted 90 miles N. by E. Fulakora Point at 1600/14 on course 165°, reported as "a large force of cruisers and destroyers". Reports on 13/11 indicated that the following vessels were in the area:-

1 possible aircraft carrier (described as similar to "SARATOGA")

1 possible battleship

1 heavy cruiser

1 light cruiser

2 destroyers

At least 3 other cruisers or destroyers

Several unidentified vessels

Buin-Faisi: Air reconnaissance at 0640/14 reported seven unidentified vessels in the Faisi-Tonolei area.

10 vessels were reported at 0800, as follows:

2 corvettes

1 tanker

7 cargo vessels

During the day, however, eight vessels arrived from the south east, viz:

3 heavy cruisers (2 Nachi, 1 Mogami class)

1 light cruiser (Tenryu class)

4 destroyers.

Four of these vessels may have been those sighted off Vella Lavella during the morning.

Only four other vessels (1 tanker, 1 destroyer, 1 sloop, 1 cargo vessel) in addition to these eight warships, were seen in the area at 1700.

Kavieng: Further to the sighting of six enemy vessels off Kavieng 13/11, three of the vessels are now identified as small launches.

Photographic reconnaissance morning 14/11 showed a seaplane tender, a 3,000-ton merchant vessel and several small harbour craft in Kavieng Harbour, and a destroyer escorting an unidentified vessel, possibly a seaplane tender, 13 miles S.W. Kavieng.

There was evidence of great activity at this base, including extensions to the wharf and a new runway and dispersal bays under construction.

35 medium bombers and four fighters were observed on the aerodrome.

Wairopi: Our forces have reached the Kumusi River at Wairopi, and driven the enemy from their positions at the crossing. Part of the enemy force fled to the North from Wairopi. Natives report that Japanese crossed the river during the night 12/13 with many wounded.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

Allied Forces.

- (i) "KANIMBLA" on patrol off Fremantle; to return by 0800/21.
- (ii) "ARMIDALE" en route Thursday Is. to Darwin. ETA 1430/15.
- (iii) "GOLDSTAR" en route Melbourne to Fremantle. ETA 1700/17.
- (iv) At Fremantle. "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL) "VAN GALEN" "TJERK HIDDEN" (DD) "W.B. PRESTON" (AV) "PELIAS" (AS) "ISABEL" (PG) "TRINITY" (AO) "WALLAROO" "CESSNOCK" "DUBBO" "TOOWOOMBA" "GAWLER" (AMS) "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM).
- (v) At Exmouth Gulf. "CHILDS" "HERON" (AV).
- (vi) At Darwin. "KALGOORLIE" "CASTLEMAINE" (AMS)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.

Allied Forces.

7 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

Enemy Forces.

Dilli: Two vessels departed westwards from Dilli at 1030/13. Three destroyers and four small merchant vessels arrived from the west p.m. 14/11.

A medium merchant vessel was observed on an easterly course 35 miles W. by S. Dilli p.m. 14/11.

Our patrol with 400 natives successfully engaged hostile natives S. of Atsabe.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

- (i) At Vanikoro. "WOODWORTH" (DD) "MACKINAC" (AV)
- (ii) At Espiritu Santo. "CONYNGHAM" "STACK" "LAMSON" (DD) "CURTISS" "TANGIER" (AV) "LACKAWANNA" "GUADALUPE" "TAPPAHANNOCK" (AO) "GAMBLE" (CM) PC.476 PC. 477 (YP) "NAVAJO" (YT) "STRATFORD" "HEYWOOD" (AP) "ALDEBARAN" "FOMALHAUT" (AK).
- (iii) At Noumea. "GRAYSON" "ZANE" "TREVOR" "DALE" "HOPKINS" "MAHAN" (DD) "MCKEAN" "MANLEY" (APD) "PROMETHEUS" (AR) "ARGONNE" (AS) "SABINE" (AO) "LASSEN" (AE) "WHITNEY" (AD) "KINGFISHER" "VIREO" (AM) "BUTTERNUT" (YN) "DELPHINUS" (YP) "KITTYHAWK" (APV) "W.W. BURROWS" (AP) "HUNTER LEGGETT" "NEVILLE" "BARNETT" "FULLER" (AP) "ANTARES" "ALOHIBA" (AK) A.N.D.2.
- (iv) At Vila "HERCULES" (AK).
- (v) Guadalcanal area. "MACFARLAND" (AV) "JAMESTOWN" (PG) "BOBOLINK" (AM) "MAJABA" (AK).
- (vi) At Suva. "CATALPA" "LOCUST" "ROSEWOOD" (YN) "SUMNER" (Survey ship) "TALAMANCA" (AK).
- (vii) At Tongatabu. "PRES. HAYES" (AP).
- (viii) At Samoa. "CHESTNUT" (YN) "CAMANGA" "ARCTIC" (AK).
- (ix) At Bora Bora "TERN" (AM).
- (x) At Tahiti - "CHEVREUIL" (Sloop).
- (xi) At Auckland. "ACHILLES" (CL) "MONOWAI" (AMC) "EBONY" (YN) "JUPITER" "CASTOR" (AK).
- (xii) At Wellington. "AMERICAN LEGION" (AP).

Enemy Forces.

(i) Enemy Submarine Activity.

The most recent indications of enemy submarines in the Solomons- New Hebrides-Samoa area, are as follows:-

Fiji	12/11	One in the area North of Suva
Samoa	12/11	One in 12° S. 175° W.
Santa Cruz	12/11	One in 10° S. 164° E.
		One in 08° S. 165° E.
Ocean Is.	12/11	One in 05° S. 170° E.
Ysabel Is.	13/11	One in 07° S. 158° E.
Espiritu Santo Is.	13/11	One in 15° 30' S. 165° E.
		One in 15° 42' S. 167° 03' E. (sighted by aircraft at 1200)

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA.

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

Enemy Forces.

At least one enemy raider is operating in the eastern Indian Ocean.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS.

(i) Russell Is: An Allied aircraft observed eleven vessels engaged in battle in position 08°25' S. 150°15' E. (approximately 60 miles N.W. Russell Is.) at 1820/14. Only one vessel was identified, viz., a light cruiser. Three vessels were on fire. The aircraft reported that the engagement was still proceeding at 2000 in 09°10' S. 158°45' E. (approximately 18 miles W. by S. Russell Is.).

15 B.17's attacked enemy transports in 08°40' S. 158°50' E. (27 miles N.W. Russell Is.) at 1500. Results:

One hit and near misses on a large transport
Several near misses on another

After the bombing, 15 fighters attacked our aircraft; six enemy aircraft were shot down, one probably shot down and one damaged.

The convoy had already been attacked by 3 B.17's off Langsdale Point (New Georgia) at 0740. Nil hits. 3 enemy fighters unsuccessfully attempted interception.

(ii) Guadalcanal: On 13/11, Allied naval units shelled 75 enemy landing barges at Tassafaronga, some of which were already damaged. Thirty barges were destroyed and several more damaged.

3. AIR OPERATIONS.

Allied.

(i) Kihili: 5 Catalinas attacked Kihili aerodrome 0045/15. Preliminary report from one states 7 aircraft left burning. 20 aircraft observed on edge of runway.

(ii) Lorengau: One B.17 strafed a schooner in harbour noon 13/11. Schooner observed smoking.

(iii) Buna-Gona: 3 Beaufighters strafed enemy installations Buna area 0900-0930/14. One large loaded canoe sunk and other objectives hit. 3 Beaufighters attacked objectives in the Buna-Gona area at 1000/13. Between 1200 and 1350/14 4 Beaufighters attacked the Buna-Kumusi-Mambare area. Maimba Mission (at mouth of Mambare) was strafed and observed smoking.

(iv) Soputa: 1 B.25 attacked the track North of Soputa afternoon 14/11

~~(v)~~

Enemy Operations.

(i) Kihili: 4 fighters intercepted a B.17 on recce. 0800/13. No damage.

(ii) Wyndham: An unidentified bomber was reported over Wyndham a.m. 14/11.

(iii) New South Wales: An unidentified aircraft was reported in the Port Kembla-Moruya area a.m. 14/11. There is no intelligence to suggest that the unit is enemy.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE.

Renewed offensive against Guadalcanal.

T. Riddle

For A/DIRECTOR, C.O.I.C.

15/11/42

11 light cruisers (CL)
(at least 6 damaged)

TONE)	
TIKUMA)	
KUMANO	)	damaged
CHOKAI)	
AOBA)	
KINUGASA)	
KASHIMA)	
KATORI)	
SENDAI)	
JINTSU)	
ISUZU)	
KINU)	
NATORI)	
NAGARA)	
YUBARI)	
TENNYU)	
TATSUTA)	

Approx. 25 submarines incl. 4-8 "RO" class, 15 "I" class (at least 2 minelayers)
45-50 destroyers (DD)
3 seaplane carriers

Converted S/P tenders (XAV)

CHITOSE)	
AKITSUSHIMA)	
NISSHIM)	
NITCHO MARU)	
KINUGASA MARU)	
SANUKI MARU)	
KAGU MARU)	
NOTORO)	
GOSHU MARU)	
NARUTO MARU)	
SOUYOU MARU)	
SENDAI MARU)	
SANYO MARU)	
KIYOKAWA MARU	)	(probably damaged)
JINGEI)	

2 submarine tenders incl.
Approx. 50 merchant ships (over 3,000 tons).
Minelayers, minesweepers, subchasers, MTB's, gunboats, patrol craft
Approx. 184 shore-based aircraft incl. 73 fighters, 57 H/B, 20 F/B,
25 F/P. 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

Allied Forces.

6" cruiser
A.A.vessel
Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruiser
S/P Tenders

Submarine tender
Submarines

ADELAIDE)	
Van HEEMSKERK)	
VAN GALEN)	
TJERK HIDDIES)	
KANIMBLA)	
HERON)	
CHILDS)	
W.B.PRESTON)	
PELIAS)	
GRENADIER)	
SEARAVEN)	
SEAWOLF)	
SALMON	)	On patrol
TAUTOG)	
TAMBOR)	
SEAL)	
THRESHER)	
GAR)	
K.8	)	At Fremantle
K.12)	

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.

Allied Forces.

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

Enemy Forces.

C.in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet.

2 light cruisers

KUMA
KASHII (damaged)

Approx. 16 destroyers.
Converted Seaplane Tender

OKITSU MARU

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces
Battleships

NORTH CAROLINA ✓
MARYLAND /
COLORADO /
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO

CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE
NEVADA
WEST VIRGINIA
IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA

Aircraft carrier
Converted A/C carriers

SARATOGA ✓
COPAHEE

8" cruisers

LONG ISLAND ✓
NEW ORLEANS ✓
MINNEAPOLIS ✓

LOUISVILLE
SALT LAKE CITY
CHICAGO
HONOLULU

6" cruisers
~~Destroyers~~
Destroyers

RALEIGH
DETROIT
(15 approx)
(23 approx)

Enemy forces

Palao-Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan

5 battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
NAGATO
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

1 battlecruiser (BB)-damaged

1 converted A/C carrier

HITAKA

1 8" cruiser (CA)

HAGURO

1 S/P tender (AV)

CHIYODA
KAMIKAWA MARU
FUJIKAWA MARU
KAMOI
KENJO MARU

Converted S/P tenders (XAV)

6 old armoured cruisers (OCA)

Approx. 30 destroyers

Approx. 30 submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.
Battleships

SOUTH DAKOTA ✓
WASHINGTON ✓
ENTERPRISE ✓
SAN FRANCISCO ✓
NORTHAMPTON ✓

Aircraft carrier

8" cruisers

PENSACOLA ✓

PORTLAND ✓

6" cruisers

HELENA ✓

LEANDER ✓

5" cruisers

ACHILLES ✓

JUNEAU X

SAN DIEGO X

ATLANTA X

Destroyers

30 (approx.)

Armed Merchant cruisers

ASCANIA

MONOWAI

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.
8" cruiser

INDIANAPOLIS

6" cruisers

ST. LOUIS

NASHVILLE

10 destroyers

10 submarines

Enemy forces.

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians.

8" cruiser (CA)

NACHI

3 light cruisers (CL)

ABUKUMA

TAMA

KISO

Approx. 4 destroyers

Approx. 7 submarines

Converted S/P tender (XAV)

KAMITSU MARU

Effective

Refitting or Damaged

3rd Cruisers

CHICAGO

SALT LAKE CITY
SAN FRANCISCO
INDIANAPOLIS

6th Cruiser

NASHVILLE

Destroyers

15 approx

Submarines

23 approx

Enemy Forces

Philippine-Formosa-Japan

CINC 1st Fleet

CINC 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)

5 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
MAGATO
FUJO
YAMASHIRO
SUOJA

2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

SHOKAKU } damaged 25/10
SUYENAKU }

2 converted A/C Carriers (SCV)

ZUYHO

1 - 6th Cruiser (CA)

ATAGO

3 Light Cruisers (CL)

YUNA

OI
KITAGAMI

ABUKUMA

ISUMI

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

FUJITSUKA MARU
GOSHU MARU
KITASUKI MARU
HOGANICAWA MARU
KINOSHANA MARU
SAHURI MARU

KITOKAWA MARU (21/10)
(poss. sunk)

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 30 Destroyers

Approx 30 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
COLORADO
HARTLAND
ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA
BAGDAU
ALTAHAMA
NEW ORLEANS
INDIANAPOLIS
BOSTON
PENSACOLA
LOUISVILLE

Aircraft Carriers

HELENA

LEAHON

Converted A/C Carriers

HOWLAND

6th Cruisers

ST. LOUIS

COLUMBIA

6th Cruisers

SAN DIEGO

SAN JUAN

Destroyers

35 (approx)

Armed Merchant Cruisers

ACCANIA

BERGAMINI

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

6th Cruisers

DETROIT

HALEIGH

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians

CINC 5th Fleet

6th Cruiser (CA)

KACHI

2 light cruisers (CL)

YAMA

KISO

3 converted light cruisers (XCL)

Approx 4 destroyers

Approx 7 submarines

B) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces
6th Cruisers

Effective
CORCORAN
TAMSTON
RICHMOND

Refitting or Damaged

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Allied Forces
Battleships

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
RAMILLIES
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
ILLUSTRIOSUS

REVENGE

Aircraft Carrier
Seaplane Carrier
8th Cruiser
7.5th Cruisers

ALBATROSS
GORGONIOS AVENOFF (Greek)

6th Cruisers

HAWKINS
PROBINGER
MAJESTICUS

NEWCASTLE

GABRIA
ENTERPRISE
BENNINGHAM
DAUNTLESS

GLASGOW

EMERALD

DANAE

DRAGON
DURBAN
CAPETOWN

CUBES
CALSON
CARADOC

Armed Merchant Cruisers

SUMATRA (Dutch)
BONCHERSHIRE

BANONI
CORFU
RANTHOLA
CITRAL
SAPURA
CANTAGE
CARLISTE

A.A. Vessel
Approx 27 destroyers
Approx 0 submarines

Enemy Forces
Approx 7 submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN ACTIVITY.

16th November, 1942.

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES.

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA.

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

Allied Forces.

- (i) Task Group 44.4 ("PHOENIX" "HOXFORD" "PATTERSON" "HELS") dep. Cid Harbour 1900/15 ETA Grafton Passage 1300 today 16/11. Thence on patrol to cover movement of Convoy C.
- Remainder T.F.44 ("HOBART" "HELFRED" "HEMLEY" "DAGLEY") to depart Cid Harbour 2100 today 16/11 for Challenger Bay, Palm Is. ETA 0900/17.
- (ii) "ARUNTA" "KATOOMBA" "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy O ("BALIKPAPAN" "JAPARA" "BANTAN" "HARTSWYCKER" "BOTH" "BONTEN" "CHENER" "J.S.ASHE" "JESSE APPLGATE") dep. Townsville 1742/15. On reaching position Z (150 miles SSE Port Moresby), Convoy splits: "KATOOMBA" "BALLARAT" escort Section A ("BALIKPAPAN" "JAPARA" "BANTAN" "J.S.ASHE") direct to Milne Bay ETA 1800/18 (all except "J.S.ASHE" to dep. following morning). Remainder convoy proceeds position Y whence "ARUNTA" escorts Section B ("BOTH" "HARTSWYCKER") to Milne Bay ETA 2400/19. "BROOME" to RV at Y with Section C ("BONTEN" "CHENER" "JESSE APPLGATE") and escort to Port Moresby ETA 1700/18.
- (iii) "VAREGO" dep. Cairns 1235 yesterday 15/11 to RV off Fitzroy Is. with Convoy I ("HORDRES" "CLAN MATHESON"). Thence Port Moresby ETA 1400/18.
- (iv) "GOULBURN" dep. Brisbane 13/11 to escort Convoy BT18 ("KURUMBA" "BUNDARRE" "WENKUR") to Whitsunday Passage.
- (v) "TULSA" escorting Convoy BT19 ("ARNEIT" "VAN HERWENK" "VAN DER LIJN") dep. Moreton Bay 1155/15 ETA Whitsunday Passage 0330/19. "TULSA" returns thence Brisbane.
- (vi) "SEELONG" escorting Convoy BT20, ("GEORGE TAYLOR" "JOHN STRALE" "FELIPE DE NEVE" "ROBERT BERTON") to depart Moreton Bay 0600 today 16/11. "SEELONG" to part company in Whitsunday Passage.
- (vii) "DELORAIN" "MILDURA" escorting Sydney section (4 RV) Convoy P021 due 0600 today 16/11.
- (viii) "WHYALLA" escorting Convoy 0044 (14 RV) en route Wilson's Promontory area to Sydney and Newcastle has been joined by "Rockhampton" as additional escort.
- (ix) "MORSEBY" "ABRAHAM CRYESSEN" escorting Convoy 0045 (12 RV) en route RV in Wilson's Promontory area.
- (x) "BORONA" towing "ALIBA" and escorted by PC 479 en route Noumea to Sydney ETA 20/11.
- (xi) "COLAC" escorting "CHARGE" en route Milne Bay ^{To the South}
- (xii) "TANWORTH" dep. Port Phillip 0911/15 for Adelaide.
- (xiii) At Brisbane. "SPERRY" "PULTON" "POYANO". Refitting "BENDIGO".
- (xiv) At Sydney. "DOBBI" "BUNDARRE" "TOWNSVILLE" "SICANNIA" "KAFUEDA" "IDVERELL" "ROHCA" "TANUA". Refitting or repairing - "CHESTER" "AUSTRALIA" "SAN JUAN" "LE TRIONPHANT" "TROMP" "VERDETTA" "SIGNORALE" "SWAE" "VICTORIA". In reserve - "MASCORA".
- (xv) At Melbourne. "WARRANBOOL" "PIRIE" "DOONDA".
- (xvi) At Adelaide. "SPINDALE".
- (xvii) At Townsville. "YUDAN" "AASE WARRSK".
- (xviii) At Cairns. "LITIGON".
- (xix) At Port Stephens. "WESTRALIA".
- (xx) At Newcastle. "PIBOW".
- (xxi) At Port Moresby. "BROOME" "J.S. LOWELL" "VAN HEUTSE" "PAINE WINGATE" "MATTEN FLINDERS" "MOTYGO" "JABBERS" "MANUKA".
- (xxii) At Milne Bay. "STUART" "STELLA" "POLARIS" "PORT PINE" "LARCHBANK" "MULIANA".

Enemy Forces.

- (1) Bougainville Base - At 1715/14 three destroyers and three large transports were seen proceeding W.E. off Cape Friendship (Bougainville). Twelve vessels had been reported in the Suin-Faisi area at that time. Air reconnaissance at 1205/15 reported thirty vessels in the Suin-Faisi area, including possibly two heavy cruisers and four destroyers. No sightings were reported 15/11 in the area between Bougainville and Guadalcanal. Eighteen of the vessels operating in the area appear to have returned to the Bougainville Base.

(ii) Malaita-Ongtong Java Area. Enemy Warships continued to patrol the area between Malaita and Ongtong Java yesterday 15/11.

Four cruisers, four destroyers and three small vessels were sighted at 0730 on course 340° 85 miles N.W. by H. Cape Astrolabe.

One heavy cruiser, one light cruiser, two destroyers were 85 miles N.W. Cape Astrolabe at 0800.

One battle ship or heavy cruiser, two light cruisers were sighted 85 miles N.W. Ongtong Java at 0905 on course 320°, and two unidentified vessels at 0800 80 miles East Ongtong Java on course 004°.

(iii) Salamaua - A landing barge arrived at Salamaua from SW at 0800/14.

(iv) Woodlark Is. - Aircraft reports a possible surface vessel near Alcester Is. (28 miles SW Woodlark) on 14/11.

(v) Queencland - A possible submarine was reported in 25° 08' S. 152° 51' E. (30 miles SE by S Sandaberg) at 0945/11. Subsequent air searches negative.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

Allied Forces.

(i) "KARIBELA" on patrol off Fremantle; to return by 0800/21.

(ii) "TJERK HIDDUS" dep. Fremantle 1634/15 to RV with "GOLDSTAR" and escort to Fremantle ETA 1700/17.

(iii) "VAN CALEN" dep. Fremantle 1728/15 to RV with "AQUITANIA" and escort to Fremantle. ~~ETA~~ ^{BURWAN}

(iv) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "BURWAN" dep. Darwin 1029/15.

(v) "SANGARELLA" en route Melbourne to Fremantle ETA 0500 tomorrow 17/11.

(vi) At Fremantle. "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERKE" (CL) "W.B. PRESTON" (AV) "PHILAS" (AS) "ISABEL" (PO) "TRINITY" (AO) "WALLAROO" "CESSNOCK" "DUNES" "TOSCOROHA" "GAWLER" (AMS) "LARK" "WHIPPOCKWILL" (AM).

(vii) At Exmouth Gulf. "CHILDS" "HERON" (AV).

(viii) At Darwin. "HALSCOBLE" "ANSIDALE" (AMS).

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.

Allied Forces.

7 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or SWI area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

(i) At Vanikoro. "WOODHORTE" (DD) "MACKINAC" (AV).

(ii) At Espiritu Santo. CONYNGHAM STACEY LARSON (DD) CURTISS TANGIEN (AV) LACKAWANNA GUADALUPE TAPPANANOCK (AG) GAMBLE (CH) PG.476 PG.477 (YP) HAVAJC (YT) STRATFORD HENWOOD (AP) AIDERRAK POMALHAUT (AK).

(iii) At Noumea. GRAYSON KANE TREYER DALE HOPKINS MAHAN (DD) HEKKAH MAHLEY (APD) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) SABINE (AO) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) KIBOFISHER VIRBO (AM) BUTTERNUT (YH) DELPHINUS (YP) KITTYHAWK (APV) S.W. BUSHROUS (AP) HORTON LEGGETT NEVILLE BARNETT FULLER (AP) ASTARES ALCHISA (AK) A.S.D.2.

(iv) At Vila "HERCULES" (AK).

(v) Guadalcanal area. "MACPARLAND" (AV) JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) MAJANA (AK).

(vi) At Suva. CATALPA LOCUST ROSEWOOD (YH) SUMNER (Survey ship) TALANASCA (AK).

(vii) At Samoa. CHRISTY (YH) CANANCA ARCTIC (AK)

(viii) At Bora Bora. TERN (AK)

(ix) At Tahiti - CHEVREUIL (Sloop).

(x) At Auckland. ACHILLES (CL) HONOHAI (ASG) EBONY (YK) JUPITER CANTON (AK).

(xi) At Wellington. AMERICAN LEGION (AP).

Enemy Forces.

(i) Enemy Submarine Activity.

On 16/11 submarines were indicated in the Solomons-Santa Cruz-New Caledonia area, as follows:-

New Caledonia One in 21° S. 163° E.

Kemel Is. area One in 12° S. 161° E.

One in 12° 14' S. 162° 06' E.

One in 11° S. 161° E.

One in 11° S. 157° E.

Enemy Submarine Activity (contd.)

Russell Is. area (contd.)	One in 10° S 155° E.
Guadalcanal	One in 10°05' S. 160°35' E (sighted by aircraft)
Santa Cruz	One in 10° S. 160° E.
Buka	One in 4° S. 156° E.

- D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.
- E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA.
- F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

II NAVAL INCIDENTS.

- (i) Russell Island - Following the naval action evening 14/11 north of Russell Island, three transports were seen burning, and abandoned, at 0740/15, 41 miles SE Russell Island.
- (ii) Guadalcanal - Four burning transports (presumably those seen unloading between Tassafaronga and Cape Esperance at 0631) were reported between Kukum and Cape Esperance at 1300/15.
A yellow raft, with survivors, was seen in the water approx. 8 miles SE Cape Esperance at 0707/15.
It would appear that at least seven enemy transports were damaged or destroyed north of Guadalcanal 14-15/11.
Additional damage was caused in this area on 13/11, as follows:
A "Kongo" class battleship was attacked seven times by torpedo bombers and five times by dive bombers during the night 12/13. Seven torpedo hits and two 1000 lb. bomb hits were claimed. At 1745/13 dive bombers made a near miss on a probable light cruiser which was circling the damaged battleship. The battleship was still afloat at 1800/13, accompanied by five destroyers, but was burning and almost stationary.
Japanese authorities admit that two destroyers have been sunk in addition to the damage to the battleship.
The bombardment of Henderson Field early morning 14/11 commenced at 0130 and lasted for over an hour. Damage was slight.
- (iii) New South Wales - Two vessels in Convoy 06.44, en route Sydney from Melbourne, "ZVIR" and "BRACHENAR" collided yesterday 15/11. "ZVIR" (Jugo-Slav; 5607 tons) was badly damaged and later foundered; survivors were picked up by a third vessel. "BRACHENAR" was badly damaged in the bow but was able to proceed at 8 knots.

VII AIR OPERATIONS.

Allied.

- (i) Kihili - Further to the report of an attack on the aerodrome early morning 15/11 (Daily Appreciation 14/11) it is now established that eight enemy aircraft were definitely destroyed. A fuel dump was hit and many fires observed on runway.
- (ii) Sabaul - Eleven B.17's attacked shipping morning 15/11. Results:-
(1) 1 direct hit on a large U/I vessel causing heavy explosion
(2) 1 possible hit on an U/I vessel.
Fires started on Malaguna strip. Other large fires started at S. end Simpson Harbour causing heavy explosions.
- (iii) Gona - Three A.20's strafed three canoes and a native hut early p.m. 15/11
- (iv) Buna area - Five B.20's attacked A/A positions Buna 1330/15. No direct hits seen. Seven Seafighters strafed A/A positions, barges, huts and motor transport in area. Three barges observed smoking.
- (v) Soputa Area. Five B.26's escorted by six Seafighters attacked A/A positions morning 15/11. Results not observed.

Enemy.

San Cristobal - Three bombs were dropped by an aircraft 13 miles S. by W. of Sanani Bay morning 14/11. (reliable native report).

IV ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE.

Renewed offensive against Guadalcanal.

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11 light cruisers (CL)
(at least 6 damaged)

KASHIMA
KATORI
SEMDAI
JINTSU
ISUZU
KINU
KATORI
NAGARA
YUBARI
TRENHYU
TATSUTA

Approx. 25 submarines incl. 4-8 "RO" class, 15 "I" class (at least 2 minelayers)
45-50 destroyers (DD)
3 seaplane carriers

ORITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA
NISSEIN
NITCHO MARU
KINUGASA MARU
SANUKI MARU
KAGU MARU
BOTOBO
GOSHU MARU
NARUTO MARU
SOUYOU MARU
SEMDAI MARU
SANYO MARU
KIYOKAWA MARU (probably damaged)
JINGEI

Converted S/P tenders (XAV)

2 submarine tenders incl.
Approx. 50 merchant ships (over 3,000 tons).
Minelayers, minesweepers, subchasers, WTB's, gunboats, patrol craft
Approx. 188 shore-based aircraft incl. 96 fighters, 48 F/B, 20 P/B,
25 P/P. 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

Allied Forces.

6" cruiser
A.A vessel
Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruiser
S/P tenders

Submarine tender
Submarines

ADLAIDE
VAN HEERDEN
VAN CALEN
TJERK HEDDES
KANIMBLA
HERON
CHIPS
W.S. PRESTON
FELIAS
GRENADE)
SEARAVEN)
SEAWOLF)
SALMON) On patrol
TAUTOO)
TANBOH)
SEAL)
THRESHER)
GAR)
K.8) At Fremantle
K.12)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.

Allied Forces.

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

Enemy Forces.

C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet.

2 light cruisers

KUMA KASHI

Approx. 16 destroyers

Converted seaplane tender

OKITSU MARU

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

Battleships

NORTH CAROLINA
MARYLAND
COLORADO
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO

CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE
NEVADA
WEST VIRGINIA
IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA

Aircraft carrier
Converted A/C carriers

SARATOGA
CORAHES
LONG ISLAND
NEW ORLEANS
MINNEAPOLIS

8" cruisers

LOUISVILLE
SALT LAKE CITY
CHICAGO
HONOLULU

6" cruisers

BALMICH
DETROIT
(15 approx)
(23 approx)

Destroyers

Enemy forces.

Palau-Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan

5 battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
HAGATO
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

1 battlecruiser (BB) - damaged

1 converted A/C carrier

1 8" cruiser (CA)

1 S/P tender (AV)

Converted S/P tenders (XAV)

HITARA

CHIYOGA
FUJIKAWA MARU
KANGI
KINJO MARU

HAGURO

6 old armoured cruisers (OCA)

Approx. 30 destroyers

Approx. 30 submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

Battleships

SOUTH DAKOTA
WASHINGTON
ENTERPRISE
SAN FRANCISCO
NORTHAMPTON
PEBBACOLA
PORTLAND
HELENA
LEAHY
ACHILLES
JUREAU
SAN DIEGO
ATLANTA
30 (approx.)
ASCANIA
HONOWAI

Aircraft carrier

8" cruisers

6" cruisers

5" cruisers

Destroyers

Armed Merchant cruisers

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

8" cruiser

6" cruisers

INDIANAPOLIS
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE

10 destroyers

10 submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians.

8" cruiser (CA)

3 light cruisers (CL)

HACHI
ADUKUMA
TAMA
KISS

Approx. 4 destroyers

Approx. 7 submarines

Converted S/P tenders (XAV)

KANIKAWA MARU
KANITSU MARU

E) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.
8" cruisers

BOISE
CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

Allied Forces.
Battleships

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
RAMILLES
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
ILLUSTRIOUS
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
DEVONSHIRE

REVENGE

A/C carrier
8" cruisers

7.5" cruisers

6" cruisers

HAWKINS
PROBISHER
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
BIRMINGHAM
ENTERPRISE
DAUNTLESS
DAUNTLESS
DRAGON
DURBAN
CAPE TOWN
CERES
CALDON
CARADOC
SUMATRA (Dutch)
WORCESTERSHIRE

NEWCASTLE
GLASGOW
EMERALD
DANAE

Armed merchant cruisers

A.A. Vessel
Approx. 27 destroyers
Approx. 9 submarines

Enemy Forces.
Approx. 7 submarines.

RANPURA
CARTHAGE
CARLISLE

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN ACTIVITY.

17th November, 1942.

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES.A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA.1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.Allied Forces.

- (i) Task Group 44.4 ("PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "PATTERSON" "HELM") on patrol covering movement of Convoy O.
Remainder T.F.44 ("BOBART" "SELFREDGE" "HENLEY" "BAGLEY") due Challenger Bay, Palm Is. 0900 today 17/11.
- (ii) "ARUNTA" "KATOOMBA" "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy O dep. Townsville 15/11. On reaching position Z (150 miles SSE Port Moresby), Convoy splits: "KATOOMBA" "BALLARAT" escort Section A ("BALIKPAPAN" "JAPARA" "BANTAM" "J.B.ASHE") direct to Milne Bay ETA 1800/18 (all except "J.B.ASHE" to dep. following morning). Remainder convoy proceeds position T whence "ARUNTA" escorts Section B ("BOH" "MAETSUYCKER") to Milne Bay ETA 2400/19. "BROOME" to RV at Y with Section C ("BONTEKOE" "GRENER" "JESSE APPELEGATE") and escort to Port Moresby ETA 1700/18.
- (iii) "STUART" escorting "PORT PINE" ^{MULIAMA} en route Milne Bay to Port Moresby ETA 1800 today 17/11.
- (iv) "WARREGO" escorting Convoy L ("NORDNES" "CLAN MATHESON") due Port Moresby 1400 today 17/11.
- (v) "TULSA" escorting Convoy BT19 ("ANHUI" "VAN HEERNSKERK" "VAN DER LIJN") dep. Moreton Bay 15/11 ETA Whitsunday Passage 0300/19. "TULSA" returns thence Brisbane.
- (vi) "GEELONG" escorting Convoy BT20, ("GEORGE TAYLOR" "JOHN STEELE" "PELIPE DE NEVE" "ROBERT BENSON") dep. Moreton Bay 1134/16. "GEELONG" to part company in Whitsunday Passage at 1600/18.
- (vii) "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Sydney section Convoy OC44 arr. 1930/16. "WHYALLA" dep. Newcastle 0245/17 for Sydney after escorting remainder.
- (viii) "MORESBY" "ABRAHAM GRYNSEN" escorting Convoy OC.45 (12 MV) en route RV in Wilson's Promontory area.
- (ix) "DOOMRA" escorting Convoy OC.45 dep. Port Phillip 2141 yesterday 16/11 to RV with OC.45 today 17/11 and exchange escorts.
- (x) "SONOMA" towing "ALBENA" and escorted by "PC 479" en route Noumea to Sydney ETA 20/11.
- (xi) "GOULBURN" returning Brisbane from Whitsunday Passage.
- (xii) "TANWORTH" dep. Port Phillip 15/11 for Adelaide.
- (xiii) At Brisbane. "SPERRY" "FULTON" "POYANG". Refitting "BENDIGO".
- (xiv) At Sydney. "DOBBIN" "BUNDABERG" "TOWNSVILLE" "WILCANNIA" "KAPUNDA" "DELORAINE" "MILDURA" "INVERELL" "ECHUCA" "YANDRA". Refitting or repairing - "CHESTER" "AUSTRALIA" "SAN JUAN" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "TROMP" "VENDETTA" "BISHOPDALE" "SWAN" "VICTORIA". In reserve - "MANOCRA".
- (xv) At Melbourne. "WARRNAMBOOL" "PIRIE". Repairing: "HOLLAND".
- (xvi) At Adelaide. "SPRINGDALE".
- (xvii) At Townsville. "COLAC" "YUNNAN" "AASE MAERSK".
- (xviii) At Cairns. "LITHGOW".
- (xix) At Port Stephens. "WESTRALIA".
- (xx) At Newcastle. "PINGWO".
- (xxi) At Port Moresby. "BROOME" "J.R.LOWELL" "VAN HEETSE" "PAINE WINGATE" "MATTHEW FLINDERS" "MOSTORO".
- (xxii) At Milne Bay. "STELLA" "POLARIS" "LARCHMAN K" "=====".
- (xxiii) "KUNUMBA" "MERKUR" arr. Townsville 2105/16.
- (xxiv) "BUNGAHKE" operating in Townsville area.
- (xxv) "BINGORA" dep. Westernport 0630/16 for Jervis Bay ETA 0500/18.
- (xxvi) "MANUNDA" dep. Port Moresby 1400/15 for Milne Bay ETA 1100/18.

Enemy Forces.

- (1) Bougainville Strait: A light cruiser and three destroyers were observed off Cape Friendship on a south-westerly course at 1454/15. Air reconnaissance at 30,000 feet reported only twelve vessels in the Buin-Faisi area at 0830/16.

(ii) New Georgia: A light cruiser was sighted off Kundurembangara Point (New Georgia) at 1000/15 on course NW.

Natives reported that four Japanese warships were in Roviana Lagoon area (West coast New Georgia) at 1900/13, and that a party was landed at Kokengelo Mission. There has been no previous intelligence to suggest that the enemy was using this anchorage.

(iii) Rabaul: Air reconnaissance at noon 16/11 reported 43 vessels in Rabaul Harbour, including possibly three cruisers.

Photographs of part of the area revealed the following:

- 3 destroyers
- 1 submarine
- 1 minelayer
- 1 patrol craft
- 1 small tanker
- 1 seaplane tender
- 6 unidentified vessels
- 17 merchant vessels (aggregate tonnage approx. 107,000 tons)

25 landing barges.

(iv) Buka Passage: Two medium and six small unidentified vessels were observed in the vicinity of Buka Passage at 0755/16.

(v) Admiralty Is: A Japanese soldier was seen on Towi Is (Los Reyes Group) on 16/11.

(vi) Wairopi-Buna area: Our forward patrols reached Awala noon 16/11. Our forces in the area south of Buna have not yet made contact with the enemy.

(vii) Buna: Native prisoners state that a vessel called at Buna on 12/11.

(viii) Timor: ~~Two unidentified vessels were off Cape Suai (10 miles S.W. of Base, East coast) at 1500/14.~~

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

Allied Forces.

- (i) "TJERK HIDDERS" escorting "GOLDSTAR" due Fremantle 1700 today 17/11.
- (ii) "VAN SALEN" dep. Fremantle 15/11 to RV with "AQUITANIA" and escort to Fremantle.
- (iii) "HERON" arr. Fremantle 0545/16 from Exmouth Gulf.
- (iv) "W.B. PRESTON" dep. Fremantle 0618/16 for Exmouth Gulf.
- (v) "KALGOORLIE" dep. Darwin 0617/16 for Aliambata (Timor) ETA 2030/17.
- (vi) "CASTLEMAINE" on escort duty off Fremantle.
- (vii) "WANGARELLA" en route Melbourne to Fremantle ETA 0500 today 17/11.
- (viii) At Fremantle. "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL) "HERON" (AV) "PELIAS" (AS) "ISABEL" (PG) "TRINITY" (AO) "WALLAROO" "CESSNOCK" "DUBBO" "TOOGOMBA" "GAWLER" (AMS) "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM).
- (ix) At Exmouth Gulf. "CHILDS" (AV).
- (x) At Darwin. "ARNIDALE" (AMS).

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.

Allied Forces.

7 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

Enemy Forces.

Timor: One merchant vessel was observed at Dilli wharf 1245/15. 5 unidentified vessels were off Cape Suai (10 miles S.W. Base, East coast) at 1500/14.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

- (i) At Vanikoro. "WOODWORTH" (DD) "MACKINAC" (AV).
- (ii) At Espiritu Santo. "SAN FRANCISCO" (CA) "HELENA" (CL) "BUCHANAN" "STERRETT" "O'BANNON" "FLETCHER" "MUSTIN" "SHAW" "McCALLA" "SOUTHARD" "HOVEY" "NICHOLAS" "BILLET" "CONYNGHAM" "LAMSON" (DD) "CURTISS" "TANGIER" (AV) "LACKAWANNA" "GUADALUPE" "TAPPANANNOCK" "SABINE" (AO) "GAMBLE" (CM) "NASSAU" (AVG) "VESTAL" (AR) "SOLACE" (AH) PC. 476 PC. 477 (YP) "NAVAJO" (YT) "STRATFORD" "KEYWOOD" "ZEILIN" "McCAWLEY" "CRESCENT CITY" "PRES. ADAMS" "PRES. JACKSON" (AP) "BETELGEUSE" "LIBRA" "ALDEBARAN" "FOMALHAUT" (AK).
- (iii) At Noumea. "GRAYSON" "HOPKINS" "MAHAN" (DD) "McKEAN" "WANLEY" (APD) "PROMETHEUS" (AR) "ARGONNE" (AS) "LASSEN" (AE) "WHITEBY" (AD) "KINGFISHER" "VIREO" (AM) "BUTTERNUT" (YN) "DELPHINUS" (YP) "KITTYHAWK" (APV) "W.W. BURROWS" (AP) "HUNTER LEGGET" "NEVILLE" "BARNETT" (AP) "ANTARES" "ALCHIBA" (AK) A.R.D.2.

- (iv) At Vila. "HERCULES" (AK)
- (v) Guadalcanal area. "MACPARLAND" (AV) "JAMESTOWN" (PG) "BOBOLINK" (AM) "MAJARA" (AK).
- (vi) At Suva. "GRIFFIN" (AS) "CATALPA" "LOCUST" "ROSEWOOD" (YN) "SUMNER" (Survey ship) "TALAMANCA" (AK).
- (vii) At Samoa. "CHESTNUT" (YN) "CAMANCA" "ARCTIC" (AK).
- (viii) At Bora Bora. "TERN" (AM)
- (ix) At Tahiti. "CHEVREUIL" (Sloop).
- (x) At Auckland. "ACHILLES" (CL) "MONOWAI" (AMC) "EBONY" (YN) "JUPITER" "CASTOR" (AK).
- (xi) At Wellington. "AMERICAN LEGION" (AP).

Enemy Forces.

(1) Enemy submarine activity.

There were indications 15/11 that submarines were operating in the New Guinea-Solomons-Santa Cruz-Mauru area, as follows -

New Guinea	One in 15° S. 152° E.
Ysabel Is.	One in 07° S. 158° E.
Malaita Is.	One in 07° S. 163° E.
	One in 08° S. 161° E.
Santa Cruz	One in 12° S. 165° E.
	One in 11° S. 168° E.
	One in 09° S. 166° E.
Onpton Java	One in 02° S. 158° E.
Ocean Is.	One in 03° S. 172°30' E.
Mauru	One in 03° N. 163° E.

In addition, at least one submarine is believed to be operating in the New Caledonia area, one in the New Hebrides area, one in the Fiji area, and one in the Samoa area.

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA.

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

Allied Forces.

(1) "KANIBLA" was due Diego Garcia to assist "Bengal" yesterday 16/11.

II NAVAL INCIDENTS.

No further details are available of the outcome of the battle in the Guadalcanal area.

III AIR OPERATIONS.

Allied.

- (i) Kumusi River - Four Beaufighters and two Bostons strafed objectives three times between 0705 and 1345/16.
- (ii) Gona - Three B.25's attacked wreck at Gona afternoon 16/11. Many direct hits scored.
- (iii) Soputa - Three B.25's attacked installations twice afternoon 16/11. Results not observed. Four B.25's attacked A/A positions immediately following the second attack. Results not observed.
- (iv) Buna area - Seven attacks during the morning 16/11 by six Bostons, eleven Marauders, fourteen B.25's. Results: 8 or 9 barges at Sanananda hit; one A/A position at Ciruwa silenced; 16 bombs on wreck off Waytutu Point; several buildings damaged and fires started. One B.25 shot down by A/A fire.
- (v) Maobisse - Three Hudsons attacked installations morning 16/11. Results not observed.
- (vi) Bobonaro - Three Hudsons attacked Gailaco Road and adjacent buildings mid-day 16/11. Results not observed.

IV ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE.

- (i) Further attempts to land supplies and reinforcements on Guadalcanal.
- (ii) Diversionary activity in the Aleutians.
- (iii) Increased raider and submarine activity in the Indian Ocean.

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APPENDIX
TO
DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

A. SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA.
EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

<u>Allied Forces.</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or damaged.</u>
5" cruisers		AUSTRALIA CHESTER
6" cruisers	HOBART PHOENIX	
5" cruiser		SAN JUAN
Flotilla leaders	ARUNTA STUART SELFRIDGE	LE TRIOMPHANT TROMP
Destroyers	RUGFORD HENLEY HELM BAGLEY PATTERSON AMBERJACK) SCULPIN) GRAYBACK) SEARFISH) SAILFISH) SEADRAGON) PLUNGER) SARGO) GUDGEON) GRANPUS) SHAPPER) SWORDFISH) TROUT) SAURY) STURGEON) STINGRAY) TARPON) GROWLER) FLYING FISH) GATO) WAHOO) TUNA) K.9)	VENDETTA
Submarines		At Brisbane
		On patrol
Armed Merchant Cruisers	WESTRALIA	At Sydney
Submarine tenders	FULTON SPERRY DOBBIN TULSA KURUMBA AASE MAERSK	MANOORA (in reserve) HOLLAND VICTORIA
Destroyer tender		
Gunboat		
Oilers		
<u>Enemy Forces.</u>		
<u>Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons</u>		
C.in C. Combined Fleet		
C.in C. 2nd Fleet		
C.in C. 3rd Fleet (A/C carriers)		
C.in C. 4th Fleet		
C.in C. 6th Fleet (submarines)		
3 battleships (BB)	YAMATO MUTSU ISE KIRISHIMA) HIYEI) KONGO) HARUNA)	3 damaged 1 repairing in home waters
3 battlecruisers (BB)	HOSHIO	SHOKAKU ZUIKAKU
3 aircraft carriers (CV)		
4 converted A/C carriers (XCV)	HAYATAKA ZUIHO OTAKA UNYOU	
Heavy cruisers (CA)	MSRRE	

Heavy cruisers (CA)
(1 probably sunk)

MOGAMI
SUZUYA
ATAGO
TAKEAO
CHOKAI
MYOKO)
ASHIGARA) 1 damaged
KASHIMA
KATORI
SENDAI
JINTSU
ISUZU
KINU
NATORI
NAGARA
YUBARI
TENRYU
TATSUTA

TOBE
TIRUMA
KUMANO
AOBA
KINUGASA

11 light cruisers (CL)
(at least 6 damaged)

Approx. 25 submarines incl. 4-8 "RO" class, 15 "I" class (at least 2 mine-layers)
45-50 destroyers (DD)
3 seaplane carriers

Converted S/P tenders (XAV)

CHITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA
NISSHI
NITCHO MARU
KINUGASA MARU
SANUKI MARU
KAGU MARU
NOTORO
GOSHU MARU
NARUTO MARU
SOUYOU MARU
SENDAI MARU
SANYO MARU
KIYOKAWA MARU (probably damaged)
JINGEI

2 submarine tenders incl.
Approx. 50 merchant ships (over 3,000 tons).
Minelayers, minesweepers, subchasers, MTB's, gunboats, patrol craft
Approx. 188 shore-based aircraft incl. 86 fighters, 48 B/B, 20 F/B,
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2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

Allied Forces.

6" cruiser
A.A vessel
Destroyers

ADELAIDE
VAN HEEMSKERK
VAN GALEN
TJERR HEDDES

~~Submarine tenders~~
S/P tenders

~~Submarine tenders~~
HERON
CHILDS
W.B. PRESTON

Submarine tender
Submarines

PELLAS
GRENADIER)
SEARAVEN)
SEAWOLF)
SALMON)
TAUTOG) on patrol
TAMBOR)
SEAL)
THRESHER)
GAR) At Fremantle
K.8)
K.12)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.

Allied Forces.

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

Enemy Forces.

C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet

2 light cruisers	KUMA	KASHII
Approx. 16 destroyers		
Converted seaplane tender	OKITSU MARU	

CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

Battleships

NORTH CAROLINA	CALIFORNIA
MARYLAND	TENNESSEE
COLORADO	NEVADA
MISSISSIPPI	WEST VIRGINIA
NEW MEXICO	IDAHO
	PENNSYLVANIA

Aircraft carrier

Converted A/C carriers

SARATOGA
COPAHKE
LONG ISLAND
NEW ORLEANS
MINNEAPOLIS

LOUISVILLE
SALT LAKE CITY
CHICAGO

8" cruisers

6" cruisers

RALEIGH
DETROIT
HONOLULU
15 approx.
23 approx.

Destroyers

Enemy Forces.

Palau-Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan

5 battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
NAGATO
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

1 battlecruiser (BB) - damaged

1 converted A/C carrier

1 8" cruiser (CA)

1 S/P tender (AV)

Converted S/P tenders (XAV)

HITAKA

HAGURO

CHIYODA
FUJIKAWA MARU
KAMOI
KENYO MARU

6 old armoured cruisers (OCA)

Approx. 30 destroyers

Approx. 30 submarines

6) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

Battleships

Aircraft carrier

8" cruisers

SOUTH DAKOTA
WASHINGTON
ENTERPRISE
SAN FRANCISCO
NORTHAMPTON
PENSACOLA
PORTLAND
HELENA
LEANDER
ACHILLES
JUNEAU
SAN DIEGO
ATLANTA
30 (approx.)
ASCANIA
MONOWAI

6" cruisers

5" cruisers

Destroyers

Armed Merchant cruisers

NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

8" cruiser

6" cruisers

INDIANAPOLIS
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE

10 destroyers

10 submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians.

8" cruiser (CA)

NACHI

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

DETROIT
RALEIGH

10 Submarines

10 Destroyers

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

CinC 5th Fleet

8" Cruiser (CA)

2 light cruisers (CL)

NACHI
TAMA
KISO

Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
RAMILLIES
ROYAL SOVEREIGN

Aircraft Carrier

Seaplane Carrier

8" Cruisers

ILLUSTRIOUS
ALBATROSS
DEVONSHIRE
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)

7.5" Cruisers

HAWKINS

6" Cruisers

PROBISHER
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
ENTERPRISE
LIVERPOOL
DAUNTIE SS
DRAGON

NEWCASTLE
GLASGOW
EMERALD
DANAE

Armed Merchant Cruisers

DURBAN
CAPE TOWN
CERES
CALEDON
CARADOC
SUMATRA (Dutch)

A.A. Ship

Approx 27 Destroyers

Approx 9 Submarines

ALAUNIA
CARTHAGE
CORFU
CHITRAL
KANIMBLA
RANCHI
RANPURA
WORCESTERSHIRE
CARLISLE

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 7 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN ACTIVITY.

18th November, 1942.

I DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES.

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA.

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

Allied Forces.

- (i) Task Group 44.4 ("PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "PATTERSON" "HELM") on patrol covering movement of Convoy O.
- (ii) "KATOONBA" "BALLARAT" escorting portion of Convoy O ("BALIKPAPAN" "JAPARA" "BANTAN" "J.B.ASHE") due Milne Bay 1600 today 18/11. All save "J.B.ASHE" to depart Northwards tomorrow morning 19/11.
- (iii) "BROOME" to RV today 18/11 with portion of Convoy O ("BONTOKOR" "CREMER" "JESSE APPLGATE") and escort to Port Moresby ETA 1700.
- (iv) "ARUNTA" escorting remainder of Convoy O ("BOTH" "MARTSUYCKER") to Milne Bay ETA 2400/19.
- (v) "STUART" dep. Port Moresby for Milne Bay 0106/18 ETA 1900.
- (vi) "WARREGO" dep. Port Moresby 1605/17 for Townsville ETA 1900/19.
- (vii) "TULSA" escorting Convoy BT19 ("ANHUI" "VAN HEENSBERG" "VAN DER LIJN") en route Moreton Bay to Whitsunday Passage ETA 0300/19. "TULSA" returns thence Brisbane.
- (viii) "GKELONG" escorting Convoy BT20 ("GEORGE TAYLOR" "JOHN STEELE" "FELIPE DE HEVE" "EGBERT BENSON") en route Townsville. "GKELONG" to part company in Whitsunday Passage at 1600 today 18/11.
- (ix) "MORESBY" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy 0645 en route Wilson's Promontory area to Sydney and Newcastle.
- (x) "MILDURA" "INVERELL" to escort Convoy C046 (10 MV); "MILDURA" with Newcastle section (5MV) departs 0800 today 18/11, "INVERELL" to RV, with Sydney Section (3 MV).
- (xi) "WHYALLA" "TOWNSVILLE" to escort Convoy GP22 (incl. "VICTORIA" 5 MV); Sydney section departs 1600 today 18/11 ETA 2200/20. at CALOUNDRA
- (xii) "SWAN" to carry out trials off Sydney p.m. today 18/11 and on completion to proceed Townsville ETA p.m. 22/11.
- (xiii) "SONOMA" towing "ALHENA" and escorted by "PC 479" en route Noumea to Sydney ETA 20/11.
- (xiv) "SOULBURN" returning Brisbane from Whitsunday Passage ETA 0900 today 18/11.
- (xv) "AASE WAERSE" to proceed Challenger Bay today 18/11, "MERKUR" tomorrow 19/11.
- (xvi) "PING WO" dep. Newcastle 0651/17.
- (xvii) "BUNGARKE" operating in Townsville area.
- (xviii) ~~At Sydney. "BORRINI" "BENBARRIS" "WILSANNIA" "KARUNDA"~~
- (xix) At Brisbane. "SPERRY" "PULTON" "POYANG". Refitting "BENDIGO".
- (xx) At Melbourne. "WARRNAMBOOL" "PIRIE" "DOOMBA". Repairing "HOLLAND".
- (xxi) At Sydney. "DOBBIN" "BUNDABERG" "WILCANNIA" "KAPUNDA" "ROCKHAMPTON" "DELORAIN" "ECHUCA" "YANDRA". Refitting or repairing "CHESTER" "AUSTRALIA" "SAN JUAN" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "TROMP" "VERDETTA" "BISHOPDALE". In reserve - "MANGORA".
- (xxii) At Adelaide. "SPRINGDALE" "TAMWORTH".
- (xxiii) At Townsville. "COLAC" "YUNHAI" "KURUMBA" "MERKUR".
- (xxiv) At Cairns. "LITHGOW".
- (xxv) At Port Stephens. "WESTRALIA".
- (xxvi) At Port Moresby. "J.R. LOWELL" "VAN NEUTSE" "PAINE WINGATE" "MATTHEW PLINDERS" "MONTORO" "MULIAMA" "FORT PINE" "WORDNES" "CLAN MATHESON".
- (xxvii) At Milne Bay. "STELLA" "POLARIS" "LARCHBANK" "MANURDA".
- (xxviii) At Challenger Bay, Palm Is. Task Group 44.6 ("HOBART" "SELFRIE" "WHENLEY" "BAGLEY").

Enemy Forces.

- (1) Buin-Falsi area: Air reconnaissance at midday 17/11 reported 27 vessels in the Buin-Falsi area. Photographs showed the following:
 - 1 possible light cruiser
 - 5 destroyers (4 large, 1 small)
 - 1 tanker
 - 1 minelayer
 - 5 cargo vessels (4/8000 tons)
 - 4 unidentified vessels
 - 3 small weather reporting ships
 - 2 submarine chasers
 - Approx. 2 motor boats
- 2 light cruisers and a medium cargo vessel were sighted in the area not covered by photographs.

2 cruisers and 3 destroyers were sighted twenty miles east Kieta at 1220/17 on course 345°.

One light cruiser or destroyer was reported at 1010/17 on a northerly course 37 miles SSE Faisi.

- (ii) Russell Island: 2 burning cargo ships were sighted in the area north of Russell Island 16/11 and one on 17/11.
- (iii) New Georgia: A small fast vessel was observed between Mbulo Island and Gatakal Island (S.E. end New Georgia) on a northerly course at 0300/16. The vessel proceeded westwards through Bill Entrance, but ~~it~~ could not be located in Kelo Lagoon. Enemy activity has not previously been reported in this particular spot.
- (iv) Enemy Submarine Activity. Submarines have been indicated in the Solomons-New Guinea-Guinea area as follows:-

Sandy Cape	16/11	One in 23° S. 155° E.
Rossel Is.	16/11	One in 14° 30' S. 150° E.
	16/11	One in 11° S. 154° 30' E.
Misima Is.	16/11	One in 10° S. 150° E.
Rennel Is.	15/11	One in 12° S. 159° E.
Faisi	16/11	One possible sub. in 07° S. 156° E.
Malaita	15/11	One in 08° S. 162° E.
		One in 09° S. 162° E.
		One in 07° S. 165° E.
		One in 06° 30' S. 164° 30' E.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

- (i) "VAN GALEN" dep. Fremantle 15/11 to RV with "AQUITANIA" and escort to Fremantle.
- (ii) "W.B. PRESTON" dep. Fremantle 16/11 for Exmouth Gulf.
- (iii) "KALGOORLIE" was due Aliambata (Timor) 2030/17.
- (iv) "CASTLEMAINE" on escort duty off Darwin.
- (v) At Fremantle. "ADELAIDE" "JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK" "TJERK HIDDES" "HERON" "PELIAS" "ISABEL" "TRINITY" "WALLAROO" "CESSECK" "DUBBO" "TOOWOOMBA" "GAWLER" "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" "GOLDSTAR" "WANGANELLA".
- (vi) At Exmouth Gulf. "CHILDS".
- (vii) At Darwin. "ARMIDALE".

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.

Allied Forces.

7 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

Enemy Forces.

Dilli : A small merchant vessel arrived at Dilli at 0410/17.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

- (i) At Vanikoro. "WOODWORTH" (DD) "MACKINAC" (AV)
- (ii) At Espiritu Santo. "SAN FRANCISCO" (CA) HELENA (CL) BUCHANAN STERRETT O'BANNON FLETCHER MUSTIN SHAW McCALLA SOUHERD NOVBY NICHOLAS ELLET CONYNGHAM LAMSON (DD) CURTISS TARGIER (AV) LACKAWANNA GUADALUPE TAPPANROCK SABINE (AO) GAUBLE (CM) HASSAU (AVG) VESTAL (AR) SOLACE (AK) PC. 476 PC.477 (YP) NAVAJO (YT) STRATFORD HEYWOOD ZEILIN McCAWLEY CRESCENT CITY PRES. ADAMS PRES. JACKSON (AP) BETELGEUSE LIBRA ALDEBARAN FOMALHAUT (AK).
- (iii) At Noumea. GRAYSON HOPKINS MAHAN (DD) McKEAN WANLEY (APD) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER VIRGO (AM) BUTTERNUT (YN) DELPHINUS (YP) KITTYHAWK (APV) W.W. BURROWS (AP) HUNTER LEGGETT NEVILLE BARNETT (AP) ANTAREA ALCHINA (AK) A.R.D.2.
- (iv) At Vila. "HERCULES" (AK)
- (v) At Guadalcanal area. "MACFARLAND" (AV) "JANESTOWN" (PG) "BOBOLINK" (AM) "NAJARA" (AK)
- (vi) At Suva. "GRIFFIN" (AS) "CATALPA" "LOCUST" "ROSEWOOD" (YN) "SUMNER" (Survey ship) "TALAMANCA" (AK).
- (vii) At Samoa. "CHRISTOP" (YN) "CAMARCA" "ARCTIC" (AK).
- (viii) At Bora Bora. "TERK" (AM)
- (ix) At Tahiti. "CHEVREUIL" (Sloop).
- (x) At Auckland. "ACHILLES" (CL) "MONOWAI" (AMC) "RSONY" (YM) "JUPITER" "CASTOR" (AK).
- (xi) At Wellington. "AMERICAN LEGION" (AP).

Enemy Forces.

(1) Enemy submarine activity. Enemy submarines were indicated in the New Hebrides area as follows:

15/11	One in 12° S. 169° E.
16/11	One in 13° S. 170° E.
	One in 13° S. 168° E.
	One in 21° S. 171° E.

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA.

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

Allied Forces.

(1) "KARIBELA" due Diego Garcia. To RV with Convoy GW (ex Fremantle) 29/11.

II NAVAL INCIDENTS.

(i) Rabaul: One B.24 attacked shipping in harbour 0600/17. Three direct hits on very large U/I ship. Ship observed emitting very heavy black smoke.

(ii) Buna: 18 bombers and fighters attacked two allied trawlers afternoon 16/11; One trawler sunk. At 0744/17 allied aircraft sighted a vessel on fire in same area.

III AIR OPERATIONS.

Allied.

(i) Kibili: Four Catalinas attacked the aerodrome late 16/11. Three aircraft destroyed, large fires causing explosions, and direct hits on runway and blast bays observed.

(ii) Gasmata: Three B.25's attacked aerodrome early afternoon 17/11. Results not observed.

(iii) Lae: Eight B.25's escorted by eight P.40's attacked the aerodrome 0907/17. Direct hit on operations building. One E/S nest silenced. Five bombers and six fighters probably destroyed on ground. One intercepting Zero last sighted smoking. Three Beaufighters strafed aircraft at Lae 1113/17. One bomber and one Zero left in flames, one other bomber well strafed.

(iv) Gona: Five B.26's attacked the area morning 17/11. Five Zeros unsuccessfully attempted interception.

(v) Baucau: Three Hudsons and then seven Hudsons attacked area morning 17/11. Several buildings hit, one large building in flames.

(vi) Dilli: Report dated 12/11 states that recent air attacks on Dilli have scored hits on petrol and munition dumps, the Post Office and other buildings, and heavy casualties have been caused among native troops.

(vii) Maebisse: One Beaufighter strafed shops and station house morning 17/11.

(viii) Bobonaro: Three Beaufighters on mission to attack Bobonaro were intercepted twice by enemy aircraft and prevented from reaching target. One Beaufighter crashed.

Enemy.

(i) Rabaul: Photos of recon. 16/11 revealed 54 fighters, 11 bombers, 5 flying boats and 4 float planes in area. New wharf for unloading fighter aircraft completed off S. end of runway. Three fighters observed on wharf. Great activity reported.

(ii) Lae: Twenty fighters were parked on aerodrome morning 17/11 with four additional fighters acting as top cover.

IV ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE.

(i) Further attempts to land supplies and reinforcements on Guadalcanal.

(ii) Attempt to reinforce New Guinea-Papua.

(iii) Diversionary activity in the Aleutians.

(iv) Increased raider and submarine activity in the Indian Ocean.

T. Riddell

For A/DIRECTOR, C.O.I.C.

18/11/42.

APPENDIX
TO
DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

A. SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA.
EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

<u>Allied Forces.</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or damaged.</u>
8" cruisers		<u>AUSTRALIA</u> CHESTER
6" cruisers	HOBART PHOENIX	
5" cruiser		SAN JUAN
Flotilla leaders	ARUNTA STUART SELYRIDGE	LE TRIOMPHANT TROMP
Destroyers	MUGFORD HENLEY HELM BAGLEY PATTERSON	VENDETTA
Submarines	AMBERJACK) SCULPIN) GRAYBACK) SPEARFISH) SAILFISH) SEADRAGON) PLUNGER) SARGO) Gudgeon) GRAMPUS) SNAPPER) SWORDFISH) TROUT) SAUNY) STURGEON) STINGRAY) TARPON) CROWLER) FLYING FISH) GATO) WAHOO) TUNA)	At Brisbane 8 On patrol 14
Armed Merchant Cruisers	K.9 At Sydney	
Submarine tenders	WESTRALIA FULTON SPERRY DOBBS TULSA KURUMBA AASE HARRSE	SABOORA (in reserve) HOLLAND VICTORIA

Enemy Forces.

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

C. in C. Combined Fleet		
C. in C. 2nd Fleet		
C. in C. 3rd Fleet (A/C carriers)		
C. in C. 4th Fleet		
C. in C. 6th Fleet (submarines)		
3 battleships (BB) (probably all effective)	YAMATO MUTSU) ISE) KIRISHIMA) HIYEI) KONGO) HARUNA)	1 unit sunk 13/11 1 unit damaged 13/11 1 unit believed damaged 26/8 now home waters 1 unit damaged 26/10
4 Battlecruisers (BB) (probably none effective)	HOSHIO SHOKAKU) ZUIYAKU)	XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX both damaged 26/10
3 aircraft carriers (CV) (1 possibly 2 effective)	HAYATAKA ZUIHO OTAKA UNYOU	
4 converted A/C carriers (XCV) (all effective)		

12 HEAVY CRUISERS (CA)
(4 believed sunk, 3 effective)

<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or damaged</u>
MOGAMI ✓	TONE (damaged 26/10) ✓
MOGAMI	TIKUMA (" 26/10) ✓
MOGAMI S	KUMANO (" 10/9) ✓
MOGAMI S	AGEA) 1 poss. sunk ✓
CHOKAI D	KINUGASA) 1 damaged 12/11

11 light cruisers (CL)
(2 sunk 13/11, at least
6 damaged, 3 effective)

MYOKO) ✓	1 damaged
ASHICARA) ✓	
KASHIMA) ✓	
NATORI) ✓	
SENDAI) ✓	
JINZU) ✓	
NATORI	
NATORI ✓	
NAGARA ✓	
YUBARI ✓	
NATORI	
TATSUTA ✓	

3 205
62
70

7 CL
3 C
13 C
10

Approx. 25 submarines
Approx. 40 destroyers (DD)
3 seaplane carriers

CHITOSE)
AKITSUSHIMA) 1 damaged 8/11

Converted S/P tenders (XAV)

NISSHIM
NITCHO MARU
KINUGASA MARU
SANUKI MARU
KAGU MARU
NOTORO
GOSHO MARU
NARUTO MARU
BOUYOU MARU
SENDAI MARU
SANYO MARU
KIYOKAWA MARU (probably damaged 21/10)
JINBEI

2 submarine tenders incl.
Approx. 40 merchant ships (over 3,000 tons).
Minelayers, minesweepers, sub.chasers, MTB's, gunboats, patrol craft
Approx. 243 shore-based aircraft incl. 104 fighters, 85 B/S, 20 F/S,
25 F/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

Allied Forces

6" cruiser

A.A vessel

Destroyers

S/P tenders

Submarine tender

Submarines

ADELAIDE)
VAN HEEMSKERK)
VAN CALEN)
TJERK HIDDERS)
BERON)
CHILDS)
W.B. PRESTON)
PELIAS)
ORCADIER)
SEARAVEN)
SEAWOLF)
SALMON	) on patrol
TAUTOG)
TAMBOR)
SEAL)
THRESHER)
GAR	) At Fremantle
K.8)
K.12)

Effective

Refitting or damaged.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces.

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

Enemy Forces

C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet

2 light cruisers	KUMA	KASHII (29/10)
3 converted light cruisers		
Approx. 16 destroyers		
Converted seaplane tender	OKITSU MARU	

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

Battleships

NORTE CAROLINA	CALIFORNIA	X
MARYLAND	TENNESSEE	✓
COLORADO	NEVADA	✓
MISSISSIPPI	WEST VIRGINIA	X
NEW MEXICO	IDAHO	✓
	PENNSYLVANIA	✓

Aircraft carrier

Converted A/C carriers

SARATOGA
COPANEE
LONG ISLAND
NEW ORLEANS
MINNEAPOLIS

LOUISVILLE
SALT LAKE CITY
CHICAGO ✓

8" cruisers

6" cruisers

RALEIGH
DETROIT
HONOLULU
E approx.
23 approx.

Destroyers

Enemy Forces.

Falco-Saipan-Sonins-Formosa-Japan

5 battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
HAGATO
FUJO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

1 battlecruiser (BB) damaged
1 converted A/C carrier
1 8" cruiser (CA)
1 S/P tender (AV)
Converted S/P tenders (XAV)

HITAKA

HAGURO (10/9)
CHIYODA (23/9)

FUJIKAWA MARU
KAMO
KENJO MARU

6 old armoured cruisers (OCA)
Approx. 30 destroyers
Approx. 30 submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

Battleships

Aircraft carrier

8" cruisers

SOUTH DAKOTA
WASHINGTON
ENTERPRISE
SAN FRANCISCO
NORTHAMPTON ✓
PENSACOLA ✓
PORTLAND
BELENA D)
LEANDER ✓)
ACHILLES ✓)
JUNEAU) 2 sunk
SAN DIEGO D)
ATLANTA)
30 (approx)
ASCANIA
HONOWAI

6" cruisers

5" cruisers

Destroyers

Armed Merchant cruisers

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

8" cruiser

6" cruisers

INDIANAPOLIS ✓
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE

10 destroyers
10 submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu-Kuriles Aleutians

8" cruiser (CA)
3 light cruisers (CL)

Effective
NACHI ✓
ABUKUMA ✓
TAMA ✓
KISO ✓

Refitting or damaged

3 converted light cruisers
Approx 4 destroyers
Approx 7 submarines
Converted S/P tenders (XAV)

KAMIKAWA MARU
KAMITSU MARU

B) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces

6" cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

Allied Forces.

Battleships

WARSPITE REVENGE

RESOLUTION

RAMILLES

ROYAL SOVEREIGN

ILLUSTRIOUS

GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)

DEVONSHIRE

HAWKINS

PROBISHER

MAURITIUS

NEWCASTLE

GAMBIA

GLASGOW

BIRMINGHAM

EMERALD

ENTERPRISE

DANAÉ

DAUNTLESS

DRAGON

DURBAN

CAPETOWN

CERES

CALEDON

CARADOC

SUMATRA (Dutch)

WORCESTERSHIRE

RANGHI

CORFU

CHITRAL

KANINELA

RANPURA

CARTHAGE

CARLISLE

A/C carrier
8" cruisers

7.5" cruisers

6" cruisers

Armed merchant cruisers

A.A Vessel
Approx. 27 destroyers
Approx. 9 submarines

Enemy Forces.

Approx. 7 submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN ACTIVITY.

19th November, 1942.

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES.A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA.1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.Allied Forces.

- (1) Task Group 44.4 ("PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "PATTERSON" "HELM") on patrol covering movement of Convoy O.
- (ii) "SAN JUAN" dep. Sydney 1450/18 for Noumea.
- (iii) Sections B and C of Convoy O have proceeded Port Moresby. Section A to wait at Milne Bay in view of enemy activity in Buna area (see enemy forces).
- (iv) "WARREGO" en route Port Moresby to Townsville ETA 1900 today 19/11.
- (v) "GEELONG" was to depart Whitsunday Passage 1600/18 for Brisbane.
- (vi) "TULSA" was to depart Whitsunday Passage 0300 today 19/11 for Brisbane.
- (vii) "GOULBURN" escorting Convoy BT21 ("DUNTRON" "WESTRALIA" "'s JACOB") to depart Caloundra 1500 today 19/11.
- (viii) "SWAN" dep. Sydney for Brisbane 1945/18.
- (ix) "WHYALLA" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy OP22 (incl. "VICTORIA" 5 MV) dep. Sydney 1040 yesterday 18/11. ETA Caloundra 2200/20.
- (x) "MORESBY" "ABRAHAM GRYNSEN" escorting Convoy OC45 en route Wilson's Promontory area to Sydney and Newcastle ETA today 19/11.
- (xi) "MILDURA" escorting Newcastle Section (5MV) of Convoy C046 dep. 0750 yesterday 18/11. "INVERELL" escorting Sydney section (3 MV) dep. 1615 for RV.
- (xii) "BUNGARKE" operating in Townsville area.
- (xiii) At Sydney. "DOBBIN" "BUNDABERG" "WILCANNIA" "KAPUNDA" "ROCKHAMPTON" "DELORAIN" "ECHUCA" "YANDRA" "SONOMA" "PC 479". Refitting or repairing "CHESTER" "AUSTRALIA" "LETRIONPEANT" "TROMP" "VENDETTA" "BISHOPDALE" "ALHENA". In reserve - "MANOORA".
- (xiv) At Brisbane. "GOULBURN" "SPERRY" "FULTON" "POYANG". Refitting "BENDIGO".
- (xv) At Melbourne. "WARRNAMBOOL" "PIRIE" "DOONMA". Repairing "HOLLAND".
- (xvi) At Adelaide. "SPRINGDALE".
- (xvii) At Townsville. "COLAC" "YUNEAR" "KURUMBA".
- (xviii) At Cairns. "LITHGOW".
- (xix) At Port Stephens. "WESTRALIA" "PING WO".
- (xx) At Port Moresby. "J.R. LOWELL" "VAN KRUTSZ" "PAINE WINGATE" "MATTHEW FLINDERS" "MONTORO" "MULIANA" "FORT PINE" "NORDNES" "CLAN MATHESON", "ARUNTA" "BROOME" "BONTEKOE" "CREMER" "JESSE/APPLEGATE" "BOTH" "MATSUYCKER".
- (xxi) At Milne Bay. "STUART" "KATOOMBA" "BALLARAT" "BALIKPAPAN" "JAPARA" "BANTAM" "J.B. ASHE" "STELLA" "POLARIS" "LARCHBANK" "MANUNDA".
- (xxii) At Challenger Bay, Palm Is. Task Group 44.6 ("BOBART" "SELFRIDGE" "HENLEY" "DAGLEY"), "AASE MARSK" "MERRUR".

Enemy Forces.

- (1) Buna area: The most important enemy operation 17-18/11 was an attempt to land troops and/or supplies in the Buna area.
- Five destroyers were sighted at 0717, approximately 60 miles north Buna on course 070°. The vessels were shadowed until 0945, when they were 95 miles south west Gasmata, on approximately the same course. A convoy (composition unknown but possibly the same vessels) was observed 54 miles south by east Gasmata at 1330. No troops were seen aboard these ships; it is believed that they reached Buna during the night, disembarked troops there, and were first sighted on the return journey.

Sightings by aircraft at 2140/17 indicated the possibility of enemy shipping 40 miles north by west Buna, at that time.

A light cruiser and two destroyers were observed at approximately 1400 on course 230°, 70 miles south west Gasmata. Aircraft shadowed the group until 2250, when they had reached Buna Bay. A successful attack was carried out about midnight (see Naval Incidents).

In addition, two light cruisers were reported on course 180° at 1414, eight miles East Finschhafen. Later reports indicated that this force included one light cruiser and two destroyers

and was proceeding southwards towards Buna. Only three vessels were seen off Gona when aircraft attacked at about midnight.

(ii) Bougainville Base: The following were reported in the Buin-Faisi area at 0710/18:

- 6 destroyers
 - 1 sloop
 - 4 cargo ships
 - 1 tanker
- 12

A light cruiser was seen on a southerly course off Alu Island (Shortland Group) at 1800/17.

The number of vessels at this base on 12/11, probably immediately before the recent battle, was approximately 47, including 15 warships, 22 transports or supply ships and 10 unidentified vessels. The withdrawal of the majority of the vessels which survived, and the depletion of the force at this base to such an extent, clearly indicates the seriousness of the Japanese defeat.

- (iii) Guadalcanal: An unidentified vessel was sighted by aircraft at 0710/18, approximately seven miles south Russell Island, indicating that in spite of the recent reverse, the enemy is still maintaining the policy of ferrying supplies by night to troops on the western end of Guadalcanal.
- (iv) New Georgia: There is further evidence of enemy activity on the south east end of the New Georgia group. Two Japanese barges anchored off the north end of Chamberlain Island (north of Gatumai Island) at 2330/16, and on the following night passed through Bill entrance and proceeded north. It is possible that this centre is being developed as a supply base for troops on the western end of Guadalcanal.
- (v) Buka: Air reconnaissance at midday 17/11 reported two small vessels, probably weather reporting ships, in the vicinity of Buka Passage.
- (vi) New Ireland: A possible minesweeper was sighted by aircraft five miles north east Cape St. George at 1115/17, on course 090°.
- (vii) Lae: It is reported that a launch proceeds daily at 0700 from Lae to Singaua (10 miles eastwards) and returns at midday.
- (viii) Enemy submerging activity: One enemy submarine possibly operating in ~~the~~ Sandy Cape area, and possibly three in the vicinity of ~~the~~ ~~the~~ the Louisiade Archipelago.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

- (i) "FAMWORTH" dep. Adelaide 1801/18 for Albany ETA 0700/23.
- (ii) "KALGOORLIE" operating in Timor area.
- (iii) At Fremantle. "ADELAIDE" "JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK" "TJERK HIDES" "VAN CALEN" "TOOWOOMBA" "SAWLER" "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" "GOLDSTAR" "WANGANELLA" "AQUITANIA" "HERON" "PELIAS" "ISABEL" "TRINITY" "WALLAROO" "CHESNOCK" "DUBBO".
- (iv) At Knomoth Gulf. "CHILDS" "W.B. PRESTON".
- (v) At Darwin. "ARNIDALE" "CASTLEMAINE".

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.

Allied Forces.

7 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

Enemy Forces.

Timor: A medium and a small merchant vessel arrived Dill, a.m. 18/11.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

- (i) At Vanikoro. "WOODWORTH" (DD) "MACHINAC" (AV).
- (ii) At Espiritu Santo. BUCHANAN O'BANNON FLETCHER SOUTHARD LANSDOWNE ELLET CONYGHAM LAMSON (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) GUADALUPE TAPPANNOCK SABINE (AO) GAMBLE (CM) NASSAU (AVG) VESTAL (AR) SOLACE (AM) PC.476 PC.477 (YP) NAVAJO (YY) STRATFORD HEYWOOD ZEILIN PRES. HAYES (AP) FOMALHAUT (AK) KITTYHAWK (APV).
- (iii) At Noumea. GRAYSON HOPKINS MAHAN (DD) McKEAN MANLEY (APD) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER VIRGO (AM) BUTTERNUT (YN) DELPHINUS (YP) W.W. BURROWS (AP) HUNTER LEGGETT NEVILLE (AP) ANTARES (AK) A.R.D.2.

- (iv) At Vila. "LACKAWANA" (AG) "ALDEBARAN" (AK).
- (v) At Guadalcanal area. "MACFARLAND" (AV) "JAMESTOWN" (PG) "BOBOLINK" (AM) "MAJABA" (AK).
- (vi) At Suva. "MARYLAND" "COLORADO" (BB) "GRIFFIN" (AS) "CATALPA" "LOCUST" "ROSEWOOD" (YH) "SUMNER" (Survey ship) "TALAMANCA" (AK) S.42, S.43, S.44 S.45 S.46 S.47 (SS)
- (vii) At Samoa. "CHESTNUT" (YH) "CANANCA" "ARCTIC" (AK).
- (viii) At Bora Bora. "TERR" (AM).
- (ix) At Tahiti. "CHEVREUIL" (Sloop).
- (x) At Auckland. "ACHILLES" (CL) "MONOWAI" (AMC) "EBONY" (YM) "JUPITER" "CASTOR" (AK).
- (xi) At Wellington. "AMERICAN LEGION" (AP) "BELLATRIX" (AK).

- D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.
- E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA.
- F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

Allied Forces.

- (i) "KANIBELA" returning Fremantle from Diego Garcia ETA 23/11.

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS.

- (1) Indian Ocean - Japanese raiders. "ONDINA" (Dutch - 6,541 tons 1939) the vessel under escort of "BERGAL" en route Fremantle to Diego Garcia, when attacked by two Japanese raiders on 11/11, arrived Fremantle 1048/18, and has furnished the following report:-

The attack took place at 1130/11, in position 019°45' S. 092°40' E. "Odina" hit the larger raider (15,000 tons) aft and amidships, causing an explosion which sank the ship. This vessel had two aircraft on the poop.

The second raider (approximately 10,000 tons) was similar in appearance to "KANIBELA" (11,000 tons) with two masts, cruiser stern, raked bow; the hull was painted grey. An aircraft catapult was observed, and two single-engine monoplanes. The vessel had at least eight 4.7" guns and twin torpedo tubes.

The second raider hit "ONDINA" with two torpedoes and with gunfire, but broke off the action to pick up survivors from the first raider. "ONDINA'S" casualties: master, chief engineer, three Chinese, killed; some Service personnel wounded.

- (11) Buna: Six Fortresses attacked a light cruiser and two destroyers in Helmeote Bay from 2120 to 2210/18. One direct hit amidships on the cruiser caused small fires, and a second caused very heavy explosions. The vessel was last seen burning, surrounded by burning debris. A direct hit was made on one of the destroyers, and the ship was seen to split open amidships.

The vessels were first sighted one mile E.E. Gona. Many small boats were plying between the warships and the shore. When our aircraft appeared the warships departed eastward and later turned north along the coastline. The destroyer was hit off Gona, and the cruiser between Gona and Cape Ward Hunt.

Two attacks on this convoy (by 9 B.17's) earlier in the day were unsuccessful. In the second attack at 1830, 7 Zeros intercepted; two were probably destroyed, and one possibly damaged.

III. AIR OPERATIONS.

Allied

- (1) Lae: Three attacks by nine Beaufighters, three B.25's on aerodrome and installations morning 18/11. Possible hit on Zero. Other results not observed.
- (11) Salamua: Seven B.25's bombed aerodrome morning 18/11. One bomb on runway. Results not fully observed.
- (111) Buna: Four Marauders bombed and strafed Buna area midday 18/11. No results observed.

IV. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE.

- (1) Further attempts to land supplies and reinforcements on Guadalcanal.
- (11) Diversionary activity in the Aleutians.
- (111) Increased raider and submarine activity in the Indian Ocean.

APPENDIX
TO
DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

A. SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA.
EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

Allied Forces.

8" cruisers

6" cruisers

5" cruiser

Flotilla leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

Armed Merchant Cruisers

Submarine tenders

Destroyer tender

Gunboat

Oilers

Enemy Forces.

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

C.in C. Combined Fleet

C.in C. 2nd Fleet

~~C.in C. 3rd Fleet (A/C carriers)~~

C.in C. 4th Fleet

C.in C. 6th Fleet (submarines)

3 battleships (BB)

(probably all effective)

4 Battlecruisers (BB)

(probably none effective)

3 aircraft carriers (CV)

(1 possibly 2 effective)

4 converted A/C carriers (XCV)

(all effective)

Effective

Refitting or damaged.

AUSTRALIA
CHESTER

HOBART
PHOENIX
SAN JUAN

ARUNTA
STUART
SELFRIDGE

WUGFORD
HENLEY

HELM
BAGLEY
PATTERSON

AMBERJACK)

SCULPIN)

GRAYBACK)

SPEARFISH)

SAILFISH)

SEADRAGON)

PLUNGER)

SARGO)

GUDDEON)

GRAMPUS)

SEAPPER)

SWORDFISH)

TROUT)

SAURY)

STURGEON)

STINGRAY)

TARPON)

GROWLER)

FLYING FISH)

GATO)

WAHOO)

TUNA)

K.9 At Sydney

WESTRALIA

FULTON

SPERRY

DOBBIN

TULSA

KURUMBA

AASE MAERSK

VICTORIA

LE TRIOMPHANT
TRO MP

VENDETTA

At Brisbane

On patrol

MANOORA (in reserve)
HOLLAND

YAMATO

MUTSU

ISE

KIRISHIMA

HIYRI

KONGO

HARUNA

HOSHIO

HAYATAKA

ZUING

OTAKA

UNYU

)1 unit sunk 13/11
)1 unit damaged 13/11
)1 unit believed damaged
) 26/8 now home waters
)1 unit damaged 26/10
)
SHOKAKU)
ZUIKAKU) 26/10

12 heavy cruisers (CA)
(4 believed sunk, 3 effective)

<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or damaged.</u>
HOGANI	TONE (damaged 26/10)
SUZUYA	TIKUMA (" 26/10)
ATAGO	KUMANO (" 10/9)
TAKAO	AOBA) 1 poss. sunk
CHOKAI	KINUGASA) 1 damaged
NYOKO)	12/10
ASHIGARA) 1 damaged	
KASHIMA	
KATORI	
SENDAI	
JINTSU	
ISUZU	
KINU	
NATORI	
NAGARA	
YUBARI	
TENRYU	
TATSUYA	

11 light cruisers (CL)
(2 sunk 13/11, at least
6 damaged, 3 effective)

Approx. 25 submarines
Approx. 40 destroyers (DD)
3 seaplane carriers

Converted S/P tenders (XAV)

CHITOSE	) 1 damaged 8/11
AKITSUSHIMA)
HISSHIN	
NITCHO MARU	
KINUGASA MARU	
SANUKI MARU	
KAGU MARU	
NOTORO	
GOSHU MARU	
NARUTO MARU	
SOUYOU MARU	
SENDAI MARU	
SANYO MARU	
KIYOKAWA MARU	(probably damaged 21/10)
JINGEI	

2 submarine tenders incl.
Approx. 40 merchant ships (over 3,000 tons).
Minelayers, minesweepers, subchasers, MTB's, gunboats, patrol craft
Approx. 243 shore-based aircraft incl. 104 fighters, 85 H/B, 20 F/B,
25 F/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

Allied Forces.

6" cruiser
A.A. ship
Destroyers
S/P tenders

Submarine tender
Submarines

ADELAIDE	
JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK	
VAN GALEN	
TJERE HIDDES	
HERON	
CHILD'S	
W.B. PRESTON	
PELIAS	
GRENADEIER)	
SEARAVEN)	
SEAWOLF)	On patrol
SALMON)	
TAUTOG)	
TANBOR)	
SEAL)	
FRESHNER)	
GAR)	
K.8)	At Fremantle
K.12)	

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.

Allied Forces.

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

Enemy Forces.

C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet

2 light cruisers
3 converted light cruisers
Approx. 16 destroyers
Converted seaplane tender

KUMA	KASHII (29/10)
OKITSU MARU	

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

Battleships

NORTH CAROLINA	CALIFORNIA
MISSISSIPPI	TENNESSEE
NEW MEXICO	NEVADA
	WEST VIRGINIA
	IDAHO
	PENNSYLVANIA

Aircraft carrier
Converted A/C carriers

SARATOGA
COPANEE
LONG ISLAND
NEW ORLEANS
MINNEAPOLIS

8" cruisers

LOUISVILLE
SALT LAKE CITY
CHICAGO

6" cruisers

RALEIGH
DETROIT
HONOLULU
15 approx.
23 approx.

Destroyers

Enemy Forces.

Palao-Saipan-Sonins-Formosa-Japan

5 battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
NAGATO
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HUGA

1 battlecruiser (BB) damaged

1 converted A/C carrier

1 8" cruiser (CA)

1 S/P tender (AV)

Converted S/P tenders (XAV)

HITAKA

HAGURO (10/9)
CHIYODA (23/9)

6 old armoured cruisers (OCA)

Approx. 30 destroyers

Approx. 30 submarines

FUJIKAWA MARU
KANOI
KENJO MARU

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

Battleships

SOUTH DAKOTA	
WASHINGTON	
COLORADO	
MARYLAND	
ENTERPRISE	
SAN FRANCISCO	
NORTHAMPTON	
PENSACOLA	
PORTLAND	
HELENA	
LEANDER	
ACHILLES	
JUNEAU	) 2 sunk
SAN DIEGO)
ATLANTA)
30 (approx)	
ASCANIA	
HONOWAI	
6 "S" Class	

Aircraft carrier

8" cruisers

6" cruisers

5" cruisers

Destroyers

Armed Merchant cruisers

Submarines

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

8" cruiser

6" cruiser

INDIANAPOLIS
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE

10 destroyers

10 submarines

Enemy Forces.

Northern Honshu-Kuriles Aleutians

8" cruiser (CA)
3 light cruisers (CL)

3 converted light cruisers
Approx. 4 destroyers
Approx. 7 submarines
Converted S/P tenders (XAV)

Effective

NACHI
ABUKUMA
TAMA
KISO

Refitting or damaged

KAMIKAWA MARU
KAMITSU MARU

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces

6" cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

Allied Forces.

Battleships

A/C carrier
8" cruisers
7.5" cruisers
6" cruisers

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
HAMILIS
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
ILLUSTRIOUS
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
DEVONSHIRE
HAWKINS
PROBISHER
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
BIRMINGHAM
ENTERPRISE
DAUNTLESS
DRAGON
DURBAN
CAPETOWN
GERES
CALEDON
CARADOC
SUMATRA (Dutch)
WORCESTERSHIRE
RANCHI
CORFU
CHITRAL
KANIMBLA
RAMPURA
CARTHAGE
CARLISLE

REVENGE

NEWCASTLE
GLASGOW
EMERALD
DANAÉ

Armed merchant cruisers

A.A. ship
Approx. 27 destroyers
Approx. 9 submarines

Enemy Forces.

Approx. 7 submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN ACTIVITY.

20th November, 1942.

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES.

A(SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA.

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

Allied Forces.

- (i) Task Group 44.4 ("PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "PATTERSON" BELM") on patrol covering movement of Convoy O.
- (ii) "GOULBURN" escorting Convoy BT.21 ("DUNTRON" "WESTRALIA" "S. JACOB") dep. Caloundra 1641/19 E.T.A. WHITSUNDAY PASSAGE 0900/22. "TULSA" to relieve "GOULBURN" today 20/11. "GOULBURN" to return Brisbane for repairs. E.T.A. Townsville "DUNTRON" 1300/22, "WESTRALIA" 0400/23 "S. JACOB" 0700/23. "DUNTRON" "WESTRALIA" to proceed Port Moresby 23/11. "S. JACOB" to Milne Bay.
- (iii) "WHYALLA" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy GP22 (incl. "VICTORIA" 5 MV) en route Sydney to Brisbane. E.T.A. Caloundra 2200/20/11.
- (iv) "ABRAHAM CRYNOSSE" "Moresby" escorting sections of Convoy 0045 arr. Sydney and Newcastle, respectively, this morning 20/11. "Moresby" to escort Convoy 0047 departing Newcastle tomorrow 21/11.
- (v) "MILDORA" "INVERELL" escorting Convoy 00.46 (10 MV) en route Sydney-Newcastle to RV in Wilson's Promontory area.
- (vi) "GEMLONG" returning from Whitsunday Passage to Brisbane.
- (vii) "SEAN" dep. Sydney for Brisbane 18/11.
- (viii) "LITBOON" dep. Cairns 1130/19 for Townsville.
- (ix) "BUNGARRE" operating in Townsville area.
- (x) "MANUNDA" dep. Milne Bay 1101/17 for Brisbane E.T.A. 0900/21.
- (xi) At Sydney. "DOBBIN" "SUNDABERO" "WILCANNIA" "KAPUNDA" "ROCKHAMPTON" "MELORAIN" "BOHUNGA" "YANDRA" "SONOMA" "PC.479". Refitting or repairing "CHESTER" "AUSTRALIA" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "TROMP" "VERNETTA" "BISHOPDALE" "ALHENA". In reserve - "MANOORA".
- (xii) At Brisbane. "SPERRY" "FULTON" "POYANG". Refitting "BENDIGO".
- (xiii) At Melbourne. "PIBIE" "DOONBA". Repairing "HOLLAND" "WARRNAMBOOL".
- (xiv) At Adelaide. "SPRINGDALE".
- (xv) At Townsville. "WARRAGO" "COLAC" "YUNNAN" "KURUMBA".
- (xvi) At Port Stephens. "WESTRALIA" "PING WO".
- (xvii) At Port Moresby. "ARUNTA" "BROOME" "J.R. LOWELL" "VAN HEUTSZ" "PAINE WINGATE" "MATTHEW FLINDERS" "MONTORO" "MULIANA" "PORT PINE" "NORDNESS" "CLAN MATHESON", "BONTROK" "CHEWER" "JESSE APPELEGATE" "BOTH" "MAETSUYCKER".
- (xviii) At Milne Bay. "STUART" "KATOONBA" "BALLARAT" "STELLA" "POLARIS" "BALIKPAPAN" "JAPARA" "SANTAN" "J.B. ASH" "LARCHBANK".
- (xix) At Challenger Bay, Palm Is. Task Group 44.6 ("HOBART" "SELFRIDGE" "HENLEY" "BAGLEY"), "AASE MAERSE" "MERKUR".

Enemy Forces.

- (1) Buna Operations: Following enemy landing operations and a successful allied air attack on enemy warships in the Buna area during the night of 18/19, enemy vessels were seen as follows on the next day, 19/11:
 - (a) One destroyer proceeding north through Vitiaz Strait at 0650, last sighted 1100 13 miles W. Cape King, ROOKE ISLAND.
 - (b) Two vessels, reported first as two destroyers and later as a heavy cruiser and destroyer were seen off Pischhafen, stationary, at 1630 and 1700. At 1915 they were moving eastwards, still in the same area.
 - (c) Two light cruisers were reported in the vicinity of Wide Bay (New Britain) at approximately 0900/19, on course 030°. These sightings confirm the probability that two separate forces each including three vessels (prob. 1 light cruiser, 2 destroyers) were operating in the Buna area during the previous night, evidently as separate forces, and probably at different points, since only 3 ships were seen unloading off Buna at 2130/18. It is probable therefore that 3 ships landed ^{there} without interference. Since only 5 vessels were sighted it seems probable that one of the vessels hit off Gona, later sank. There is no indication of any further landing operations in the area.

Enemy Forces (Contd.)

- (ii) New Georgia: Enemy strength at KOKENGOLO Mission (ROVIANA LAGOON) which was occupied on 15/11, is reported as more than 100.
It is reported that the enemy observation post at Iringila (N.W. Coast of VELLA LAVELLA- was reprovisioned by a destroyer on 7/11.
- (iii) Faisi: A cruiser and transport are reported to have entered Faisi Harbour at 0920/19 from the direction of Treasury Is. This is the only report received of activity at this base.
- (iv) Natives report 19/11 that troops and a large amount of equipment, including building materials fuel, explosives, vehicles, have been landed at Buka.
- (v) Malaita: An enemy destroyer was sighted in Indispensable Strait, 55 miles S. of CAPE ASTROLABE, at 0850/19 on course 070°. An unidentified vessel was sighted 15 miles E. Nahige Island, (S.E. end VSABEL ISLAND) at 1555/19 on an easterly course. This vessel was probably carrying supplies for troops on Guadalcanal, where it proceeded during the night, being sighted in Indispensable Strait on the return journey. The vessel may have been operating from the Buin - Faisi base.
- (vi) Normanby Island: Aircraft reported indications of enemy ships 15 miles East of Normanby Is. at 2105, and West of Egua Is. (between D'ENTRECASTEAUX and WOODLARK ISLANDS) at 2132. Enemy submarines are believed to be operating in this area, but there are no indications of surface craft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

- (i) "TAMWORTH" en route Adelaide to Albany ETA 0700/23.
- (ii) "KALGOORLIE" returned Darwin from Timor area 0855/19.
- (iii) At Fremantle. "ADELAIDE" "JACOB VAN HEMSKERK" "TJERK HIDES" "VAN GALEN" "TOOWOOMBA" "GAWLER" "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" "GOLDSTAR" "WANGANILLA" "ACQUITANIA" "HERON" "PELIAS" "ISABEL" "TRINITY" "WALLAROO" "GESSHOKE" "DUBBO".
- (iv) At Esmeuth Gulf. "CHILDS" "W.B. PRESTON".
- (v) At Darwin. "ARMIDALE" "CASTLEMAINE".

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.Allied Forces.

7 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or REI area.

Enemy Forces.

Timor: The Japanese are reported to have occupied Lautem (52 miles East Baucau) on 16/11, completing their occupation of all nine anchorages on the North coast of Portuguese Timor. At Dilli, a small merchant ship arrived and a medium merchant ship departed a.m. 18/11, and another small merchant ship departed a.m. 19/11.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.Allied Forces.

- (i) At Vanikoro. "WOODWORTH" (DD) "MACKINAC" (AV).
- (ii) At Espiritu Santo. "NORTHAMPTON" "PENSACOLA" (CA) "LEANDER" (CL) "SEADE" "SHAN" "NICHOLAS" "MORRIS" BUCHANAN FLETCHER LAUSDORFER COBYNGHAM LAMSON (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) GUADALUPE TAPPANANROCK SABINE (AO) GAMBLE (CG) VESTAL (AR) SOLACE (AR) PC.476 PC.477 (YP) NAVAJO (YT) STRATFORD KEYWOOD ZEILIN PRES. HAYES (AP) POMALNAUT (AK) KITTYHAWK (APV).
- (iii) At Noumea. WASHINGTON SOUTH DAKOTA (DD) ENTERPRISE (CV) SAN DIEGO (CL) DALE STACK LARDNER O'BANNON SOUTHARD HOPKINS MAHAN (DD) McKEAN MANLEY (APD) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER VIBRO (AM) BUTTERNUT (YB) DELPHINUS (YP) W.W. BURROWS (AP) HUNTER BOBETT McCANLEY CRESCENTCITY PRES. ADAMS PRES. JACKSON (AP) ANTARES (AK) A.R.D.2.
- (iv) At Vila. "LACKAWANA" (AO) "ALDEBARAN" (AK). FLEET (DD) COMFORT (AR).
- (v) At Guadalcanal area. "MACFARLAND" (AV) "JAMESTOWN" (PG) "BOBOLINK" (AM) "MAJARA" (AK).
- (vi) At Sava. "MARYLAND" "COLORADO" (BB) "HULL" "MORAHAN" (DB)

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- (vi) "GRIPPIN" (AS) "CATALPA" "LOCUST" "ROSEWOOD" (YB) "SUMNER"
(Survey Ship) "TALAMANCA" (AK) S.42, S.43, S.44, S.45, S.46,
S.47 (SS).
- (vii) At Samoa. "CHESTNUT" (YB) "CASANCA".
- (viii) At Bora Bora. "TERR" (AK).
- (ix) At Tahiti. "CHEVREUIL" (Sloop).
- (x) At Auckland. "ACHILLES" (CL) "MONOWAI" (AMC) "EBONY" (YB)
"JUPITER" "CASTOR" (AK).
- (xi) At Wellington. "FULLER" (AP) "HELLATRIX" (AK).

Enemy Forces:

Espirita Santo: An enemy submarine was indicated in Second Channel (S.E. end Espiritu Santo Island) on 18/11.

- D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.
- E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA.
- F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

Allied Forces:

- (1) "KANIBELA" returning Fremantle from Diego Garcia ETA 23/11.

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS.

- (1) Solomons: Results of the final phase of the recent Solomons battle, in which a battleship force pursued the fleeing enemy units northward on 14-15/11, are as follows :-

Enemy Vessels Sunk : 1 battleship or heavy cruiser
3 large cruisers
1 destroyer

Damaged : 1 14" battleship hit repeatedly
by 16" and 5" shells.
1 cruiser set on fire.
1 destroyer set on fire.

The total enemy losses in this battle are as follows :-

Sunk : 1 battleship
1 battleship or heavy cruiser
5 heavy cruisers
3 large cruisers
2 light cruisers
6 destroyers
12 merchant vessels.

28 vessels

Damaged : 1 battleship
1 cruiser
at least - 4 destroyers.

- (11) Indian Ocean - Enemy Raiders:

An unidentified vessel in the Indian Ocean signalled at 1941/18 that she was being attacked by a hostile surface vessel. It is believed that the vessel concerned was "SALAMAU" (HR. 6676 tons - 1920) estimated to be in position 14°15'S, 90°30'E, at 2000/18, en route Colombo.

"BENGAL" reports that both raiders concerned in the attack on 11/11 were of the "KUNIKAWA" class, one approximately 1000 tons (sunk) and one approximately 3,000 tons. There were no casualties on "BENGAL".

III. AIR OPERATIONS.Allied:

- (1) Bain: A report 18/11 states that recent allied raids in this area have caused extensive casualties and damage to installations.

- (ii) Navieng: Five Catalinas attacked the aerodrome area 2355/18 to 0320/19. Two fires observed.
- (iii) Rabaul: One B.24 attacked harbour area early morning 17/11. One hit on shore installations. One Catalina attacked early morning 19/11. Results not reported.
- (iv) Sanatuto - Baucau Area: Four Beaufighters strafed buildings and a small boat in the area.

Enemy Y:

- (i) Wyndham: An unidentified aircraft flew very high over Cailton Station (near Wyndham) at 1000/19; course S.W.
- (ii) Dillit: Report 19/11 states that average strength on aerodrome is three fighters and three single-engine reconnaissance bombers. Numbers and movements are, however, quite irregular.

IV. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE:

- (i) Further attempts to land supplies and reinforcements on Guadalcanal.
- (ii) Diversionary activity in the Aleutians.
- (iii) Continued raider and submarine activity in the Indian Ocean.

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FOR A/DIRECTOR, C.O.I.C.
20/11/42.

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
	<u>(i) Allied Forces:</u>	
8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA	PORTLAND NEW ORLEANS
6" Cruisers	HOBART PHOENIX	
Armed Merchant Cruisers		MANCOORA) WESTRALIA) On Reserve
Flotilla Leaders	WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT SELFRIDGE	STUART
Destroyers	PATTERSON HENLEY HELM RALPH TALBOT BAGLEY MUGFORD VENDETTA ALBACORE) AMBERJACK) GROUPEL) SNAPPER) At Brisbane TUNA) WAHOO)	
Submarines	ARGONAUT) FLYING FISH) GATO) GRAM PUS) GREENLING) GROWLER) GUARDFISH) On Patrol NAUTILUS) SPEARFISH) SWORDFISH) TRITON)	
Submarine Tenders	K.9) FULTON) SPERRY)	At Sydney
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboats	TULSA HILO	
Oilers	AASE MAERSK VICTORIA	BISHOPDALE KURUMBA

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

CinC Combined Fleet		
CinC 2nd Fleet		
CinC 3rd Fleet		
CinC 4th Fleet		
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)		
3 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO MUTSU ISE	
2 Battlecruisers (BB)	HARUNA KONGO	
2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)	ZUIKAKU HOSHO (prob. ferrying)	
3 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	HAYATAKA HITAKA ZUIHO	
3 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	OTAKA) CHUYO) OTAKA)	Ferrying

Ferrying at MATIANA

Light Cruisers (CL)
(2 believed sunk 13-14/11
2 believed NEI area)

NATORI
KASHIMA
KATORI
NAGARA
KUMA
OI
KITAGAMI
TENRYU
SENDAI)
JINTSU) 1 sunk 30/11

TATSUTA (poss. sunk)
KINU (believed sunk)

3 Converted light cruisers (XCL)
Approx. 25 submarines
Approx. 40 destroyers (DD)
4 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHIYODA
CHITOSE)
AKITSUSHIMA) 1 damaged 8/11
NISSHIN)
NITCHO MARU
KATSURAGI MARU
KAGU MARU
NARUTO MARU
SENDAI MARU
SANYO MARU
KENJO MARU
SOUYOU MARU
KAMOI
KAMIKAWA MARU

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

Several Submarine Tenders
Approx. 40 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)
Minelayers, Minesweepers, sub. Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft
Approx. 264 shore-based aircraft incl. 104 fighters, 96 B, 20 F/B,
35 F/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

8" cruiser
A.A. Ship
Destroyers

S/P Tenders

DEVONSHIRE

JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK
TJERK HIDDUS
VAN GALEN
HERON
CHILDS
W.B. PRESTON
PELIAS
EKK GAR)
GRAYLING) On patrol
THRESHER)
K.12)
TAMBOR)
TAUTOG)
GRENADIER)
SEARAVEN) At Fremantle
K.8)
TRO UT)

Submarine Tender
Submarines

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

Cin C 2nd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)
3 light cruisers (CL)

ASHIGARA
KA SHII
(see Truk area)

Approx. 16 destroyers
Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

OKITSU MARU
NOTORO

CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE
IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA

Converted A/C Carriers

COPAHEE
LONG ISLAND

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE
SALE LAKE CITY
CHICAGO
SAN FRANCISCO

6" Cruisers

ST. LOUIS
RALEIGH
DETROIT
15 approx.
23 approx.

Destroyers

Submarines

Enemy Forces

Palau-Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan

CinC 1st Fleet

CinC 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)

5 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
NAGATO
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

SHOKAKU) 26/10
ZUIKAKU)

3 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

HAYATAKA
OTAKA
CHUYO
YURA
ISUZU

2 - 6" Cruisers (CL)

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

FUJIKAWA MARU KIWOKAWA MARU (2/10)
GOSHU MARU
KIYOZUMI MARU
MOGAMIGAWA MARU
KINUGASA MARU
SAWUKI MARU

6 old armoured cruisers (OCA)

Approx. 30 Destroyers

Approx. 30 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battle ships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
COLORADO
MARYLAND
ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA
NASSAU
AITAMANA
NEWORLEANS
MINNEAPOLIS
NORTHAMPTON
PENSACOLA

Aircraft Carriers

Converted A/C Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

HELENA LEANDER
HONOLULU
COLUMBIA
SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN
TROMP
35 (approx)
ASCANIA
MONOWAI

5" Cruisers

Flotilla Leader

Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

8" Cruiser

6" Cruiser

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians

CinC 5th Fleet

8" Cruiser (CA)

3 light Cruisers (CL)

INDIANAPOLIS
NASHVILLE

NACHI
ABUKUMA
TAMA
KISO

3 Converted Light Cruisers (XCL)

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

6" cruisers

BOISE
CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

Allied Forces.

Battleships

WARSPITE REVENGE

RESOLUTION

REMILLES

ROYAL SOVEREIGN

ILLUSTRIOUS

GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)

DEVONSHIRE

HAWKINS

FROBISHER

MAURITIUS

NEWCASTLE

GAMBIA

GLASGOW

BIRMINGHAM

EMERALD

ENTERPRISE

DANAE

DAUNTLESS

DRAGON

DURBAN

CAPETOWN

CERES

CALEDON

CARADOC

SUMATRA (Dutch)

WORCESTERSHIRE

RANCHI

CORFU

CHITRA

RANPURA

CARTHAGE

CARLISLE

A/C carrier

8" cruisers

7.5" cruisers

6" cruisers.

Armed merchant cruisers

A.A.Vessel

Approx. 27 destroyers.

Approx. 9 submarines

Enemy Forces.

Approx. 7 submarines.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN ACTIVITY.

^{2/57}
21st
November, 1942.

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES.

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA.

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

Allied Forces.

- (i) Task Group 44.6 ("HOBART" (F) "SHELFRIDGE" "HEMLEY" "BARLEY") to depart Challenger Bay 1000 today 21/11, bearing Grafton Passage at 1900, and RV with Task Group 44.4 ("PHOENIX" "MUSFORD" "PATTERSON" "HELM") at 1000/22 in 14° S and 148° E. T.G.44.4 returns Challenger Bay to refuel; T.G.44.6 continues on patrol. "MERRUK" to return Townsville on departure T.G.44.6.
- (ii) "TULSA" escorting Convoy BT21 ("DUNTRON" "WESTRALIA" "'s JACOB") en route Brisbane to Whitsunday Passage where "TULSA" parts company; ETA 0800/22. ETA Townsville "DUNTRON" 1300/22 "WESTRALIA" 0400/23 "'s JACOB" 0700/23; "DUNTRON" "WESTRALIA" to proceed Port Moresby 23/11; "'s JACOB" to Milne Bay.
- (iii) "SWAN" to RV 1830 today 21/11 with "TORRENS" escorted by "MACDONOUGH" and escort RV to Townsville.
- (iv) "WHYALLA" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy SP22 (incl. "VICTORIA" 5 MV) due Caloundra 0600 today 21/11. To return escorting Convoy PG22 (5 MV) at 0700.
- (v) "WILDURA" "IVERHELL" escorting Convoy OC.46 (10 MV) en route Sydney-Newcastle to RV with "DOOMBA" in Wilson's Promontory area.
- (vi) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC.46 (12 MV) dep. Melbourne 2257/20 to RV with above.
- (vii) "MORSEY" to escort Convoy CG.47 departing Newcastle today 21/11. "DELOHAINE" "ROCKHAMPTON" to RV with Sydney section.
- (viii) "BUNOAKER" operating in Townsville area.
- (ix) "MANUNDA" due Brisbane from Milne Bay 0900 today 21/11.
- (x) At Sydney. "DOBBIN" "BUNDABERG" "WILGABILLA" "KAPUNDA" "ECHOCA" "YANDRA" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "SONOWA" "PC.479". Refitting or repairing "CHESTER" "AUSTRALIA" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "TROMP" "VENDETTA" "BISHOPDALE" "ALHERA". In reserve - "MAHOONA".
- (xi) At Brisbane. "GOULBURN" "OKELONG" "SPERRY" "PULTON" "POYANO". Refitting "BREDIGO".
- (xii) At Melbourne. "PIRIE". Repairing "HOLLAND" "WARRNAMBOOL".
- (xiii) At Adelaide. "SPRINGDALE".
- (xiv) At Townsville. "WARRAGO" "COLAC" "LITHOON" "YUNNAN" "KURUMBA" "AASE WARRSK".
- (xv) At Port Stephens. "WESTRALIA" "PING WO".
- (xvi) At Port Moresby. "ARUNTA" "BROOME" "J.R.LOWELL" "VAN HEUTSZ" "PAINE WINGATE" "MATTHEW FLINDERS" "MULIANA" "FORT PINE" "WONDRESS" "CLAN BATHESON" "BONTKOE" "CHENNER" "JESSE APPLIGATE" "BOTH" "BAETSUYCKER" "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER".
- (xvii) At Milne Bay. "STUART" "KATOOMBA" "BALLARAT" "STELLA" "POLARIS" "BALIKPAPAN" "JAPARA" "BANTAK" "J.B.ASNE".

Enemy Forces.

- (i) Buna: There are no reports of further enemy naval activity in this area.
 Our troops are now in contact with the enemy north of the Girua river, and are being held up south of Seputa.
- (ii) Buin-Faisi: A Fortress on reconnaissance reported the following force at this base at noon 20/11:-
 - 1 possible battleship or heavy cruiser
 - 3 light cruisers or large destroyers
 - 3 destroyers
 - 2 medium cargo vessels
 - 2 unidentified vessels

One of the cargo vessels appeared to be smouldering, probably as a result of the air attack on 16/11 (see Air Operations). On 16/11, there were six destroyers in the area (in a total of 12 vessels), so that the only important change is the arrival of a probable heavy cruiser.

(iii) Buka: Four transports (7,000 tons) and six small cargo vessels were in Buka Passage at 0800/20; two merchant vessels (8,000 tons), not necessarily additional, were 7 miles west of Buka Passage at 1130.

This is an exceptionally large concentration of shipping for this port, and indicates that the larger part of the stream of supply vessels formerly proceeding to the Buna-Faisi base, has now been diverted to Buka Passage. Natives report that the concentration of enemy troops at Buka is greater than ever before.

(iv) Rabaul: Air reconnaissance reported the following in Rabaul Harbour at 1445/20:-

- 1 probable heavy cruiser
- 1 destroyer
- 1 submarine
- 1 transport (10,000 tons)
- 4 cargo vessels (2/8,000 tons)
- 40 unidentified vessels

- 48 vessels

This total probably includes numerous landing barges and other small craft.

(v) Kavieng: Approximately 12 ships were sighted E. of Kavieng by aircraft on the night of 19/11. The distance from Kavieng was not reported, but it is probable that the vessels are based on that port but had left for night-dispersal. If so, the presence of 12 vessels there indicates increasing importance of Kavieng as an operational base.

There were indications of an enemy submarine in 02° S. 151° E. (35 miles N. by E. Kavieng) at 0845/20.

(vi) Guadalcanal: It is considered that of the 1500 enemy troops landed near Tetere on 2/11, 800 have been killed, and that the remainder are disorganized and ineffective.

(vii) Lae: Nine landing barges and a schooner were observed in the Harbour on 19/11. A barge landed 50 men at Labu Inlet (near mouth of Markham River) at 1520/17, and later returned to Lae. Another barge left Lae 1520/17, headed East. Increased activity is reported ashore in this area.

(viii) Enemy submarine activity: There have been indications of enemy submarines in the New Guinea-Solomons area, as follows:-

Trobriands Is.	18/11	One in 07°49' S. 151°25' E.
Tulagi	20/11	One in 09° S. 160° E.
Isabel	20/11	One in 07° S. 160° E.
Guadalcanal	19/11	One in 10° S. 161° E.
	20/11	One in 10° S. 159° E.

It is believed that submarines are playing an important part in the maintenance of supplies for enemy troops on Guadalcanal.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR:

- (i) "KANIMBLA" en route Fremantle from Diego Garcia ETA 23/11.
- (ii) "VAN CALEN" dep. Fremantle 1800/20 escorting "HEEMSKERK". "VAN CALEN" to return Fremantle 2100 today 21/11.
- (iii) "TJERK" "HIDDES" escorting "GOLDSTAR" (for Melbourne ETA 0930/22) dep. Fremantle 1830/20. "TJERK HIDDES" to return Fremantle at 2100/22.
- (iv) "TANWORTH" en route Adelaide to Albany ETA 0700/23.
- (v) At Fremantle. "ADELAIDE" "HERON" "PELIAS" "ISABEL" "TRINITY" "WALLAROO" "TOOWOOMBA" "GAWLER" "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" "WANGANELLA" "CESSNOCK" "DUBBO"
- (vi) At Exmouth Gulf. "CHILDS" "W.B. PRESTON".
- (vii) At Darwin. "ARMIDALE" "CASTLEMAINE" "KALGOORLIE".

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.

Allied Forces.

7 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

Enemy Forces.

Billi: A large merchant ship left Billi at midday 20/11.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

- (i) At Vanikoro. "WOODWORTH" (DD) "WACKINAC" (AV).
- (ii) At Espiritu Santo. NORHAMPTON PENSACOLA (CA) LEANDER (CL) MAURY GRAYSON SHAW NICHOLAS MORRIS BUCHANAN FLETCHER LAUSDOWNE CONYNGHAM (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) GUADALUPE TAPPANHANOCK SABINE (AO) GAMBLE (GM) RIGEL (AD) VESTAL (AR) SOLAGE (AS) PC.476 PC.477 (YP) STRATFORD HEYWOOD ZEILIN BEVILLE PRES.HAYES (AP) FOMALHAUT (AK) KITTYNAWK (APV).
- (iii) At Noumea. WASHINGTON SOUTH DAKOTA (SS) ENTERPRISE (CV) SAN FRANCISCO (CA) HELENA SAN DIEGO (CL) LANSON HUGHES STEWETT GWIN BUCHANAN DALE STACE LANDNER O'BANON SOUTHARD HOPKINS NABAN (UD) MCKEAN MANLEY (APD) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER VIRGO (AM) BUTTERNUT (YN) DELPHINUS (YP) W.W.BURROES (AP) HUNTER LEGGOTT MCGAWLEY CRESCENT CITY PRES.ADAMS PRES.JACKSON (AP) ANTAREA (AE) A.R.D.2.
- (iv) At Vila. "LACKAWANA" (AO) "ALDEBARAN" (AK) ELLET (DD)
- (v) At Guadalcanal area. "MACFARLAND" (AV) "JAMESTONE" (PG) "BOBOLINK" (AM) "MAJARA" (AK)
- (vi) At Suva. "MARYLAND" "COLORADO" (SS) "HULL" "MONAHAN" (DD) "GRIFFIN" (AS) "CATALPA" "LOCUST" "ROSEWOOD" (YN) "SUMNER" (Survey Ship) "TALAMARCA" (AK) S.42, S.43, S.44, S.45, S.46, S.47 (SS).
- (vii) At Samoa. "CHESTNUT" (YN) "CANARCA".
- (viii) At Bora Bora. "TERN" (AM).
- (ix) At Tahiti. "CHEVREUIL" (Sloop).
- (x) At Auckland. "ACHILLES" (CL) "HONOWAI" (AMC) "EBONY" (YN) "AMERICAN LEGION" (AP) "JUPITER" "CASTOR" (AK).
- (xi) At Wellington. "FULLER" (AP) "BELLATRIX" (AK).

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA.

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS. Nil.

III. AIR OPERATIONS

Allied

- (i) Buin-Faisi: B.17's and B.26's attacked shipping morning 18/11. Two cargo vessels hit. 15 Zeros and 2 biplanes destroyed.
- (ii) Kavieng: One Catalina attacked the aerodrome early morning 20/11. At least one aircraft believed destroyed.

Enemy

- (i) Mabaul: 15 aircraft unsuccessfully attempted interception of an Allied aircraft on recc. afternoon 20/11.
- (ii) Lae: A B.17 on recc. 0810/19 observed an unstated number of Zeros approaching Lae from the South. One damaged bomber, two Zeros and three dive bombers were observed on runway night 19/11. At 0825/20 five enemy fighters departed south from Lae.
- (iii) Buna: 7 to 9 Zeros attempted interception of a B.17 at 1755/20. One certain and two possibly destroyed. At 1800/20, 7 Zeros strafed allied troops in vicinity.

IV. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE.

- (i) Further attempts to land supplies and reinforcements on Guadalcanal
- (ii) Further attempts to reinforce New Guinea area.
- (iii) Diversionsary activity in the Aleutians.
- (iv) Continued raider and submarine activity in the Indian Ocean.

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For A/Director, C.O.I.C.

21/11/42.

APPENDIX
to
DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

A. SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA.
EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

Allied Forces.

8" cruisers

6" cruisers

Flotilla leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

Effective.

Refitting or damaged.

AUSTRALIA
CHRISTIE

HOBART
PHOENIX
ARUNTA
STUART

LE TRIOMPHANT
TROMP

SILFRIDGE
MUGFORD
REULEY
HELE

VENDETTA

BAGLEY
PATTERSON
AMBERFACE

GRAYBACK
PLUNGER
SAILFISH

At Brisbane.

SARGO
SEADRAGON
SPEARFISH

ALBACORE
FLYING FISH
GATO

GRAMPOS
GROUPEE
CROWLER

On patrol.

GUDGON
SAGEY
SCULPIN

SHAPPER
SILVERSIDES
STINGRAY

STORGEON
SWORDFISH
TARPOON

TROUT
TUNA
WAGO

K.9 At Sydney.

Armed Merchant cruisers

WESTRALIA

WAGOORA (in
reserve).

Submarine tenders

FULTON

HOLLAND

Destroyer tender

SPERRY

Gunboat

DORRIS

Oilers

TULSA

KURUMBA

ASSH WARREN

VICTORIA

ALBANA.

Storeship

Enemy Forces.

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons.

C. in C. Combined fleet

C. in C. 2nd fleet.

C. in C. 4th Fleet.

C. in C. 6th fleet (submarines)

3 battleships (BB)

YAMATO

MITSU

ISS

KIRISHIMA

HIYEI

KONGO

BARUNA.

2 battlecruisers (BB)

(1 sunk 14/11,
1 damaged 14/11,
1 believed damaged
not home waters,
1 damaged 26/10.)

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Damaged</u>
1 aircraft carrier (CV)	HOSHO	
4 converted A/C carriers (XCV)	HAYATAKA ZUHO OTAKA UNYOU	
12 heavy cruisers (CA) (5 believed sunk, 1 effective)	MYOKA) ASHIGARA) 1 damaged 26/10	✓ TONE (damaged 26/10) ✓ TIKUMA (" 26/10) X KUMANO (" 10/9) X AOKA } 1 prob. sunk X KINUGASA } 1 damaged 12/10 NOGAMI (1 believed sunk 14/10) SUZUYA (1 damaged) X ATAGO) 1 or 2 believed sunk. X TAKAO) CHOKAI) 1 damaged
11 light cruisers (CL) (5 believed sunk 12/11, 14/11. Several others damaged)	KASHIMA KATORI JINTSU HAGARA YUBARI TENRYU TATSUTA SENDAI) prob. damaged ISUZU) KINU) 2 believed sunk NATORI)	
Approx. 25 submarines Approx. 40 destroyers (DD) 3 seaplane carriers		
Converted S/P tenders (XAV)	CHITOSE) 1 damaged 8/11 AKITSUSHIMA) NISSHIN) prob. damaged NITCHO MARU KINUGASA MARU SANUKI MARU KAGU MARU NOTORO GOSHO MARU NARUTO MARU SOUYOU MARU SENDAI MARU SANYO MARU KIYOKAWA MARU (probably damaged 21/10) JINGEI	
2 submarine tenders incl. Approx. 40 merchant ships (over 3,000 tons) Minelayers, minesweepers, sub. chasers, MTE's, gunboats, patrol craft Approx. 240 shore-based aircraft incl. 102 fighters 84 H/B, 20 F/B, 25 F/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft		

6
15

95
25

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces.

6" cruiser
A.A. ship
Destroyers

Armed merchant cruiser
S/P tenders

Submarine tender
Submarines

ADELAIDE	
JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK	
TJERK HIDDUS	
VAN GALEN	
KANIMELA	
HERON	
CHILDS	
W.G. PRESTON	
PELIAS	
GRENADIER)
SALMON)
SEARAVEN	) On patrol
TAMBOR)
TAUTOG)
K.12)
THRESHER)
GAR)
K. 8	) At Fremantle

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or damaged</u>
2. <u>EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES</u>		
<u>Allied Forces</u>		
67 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see above).		
<u>Enemy Forces</u>		
<u>U. in U. Southern Expeditionary Fleet</u>		
2 light cruisers	KUMA	KASHII (29/10)
3 converted light cruisers		
Approx. 16 destroyers		
Converted seaplane tender	OKITSU MARU	
 B) <u>CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA</u>		
<u>Allied Forces</u>		
<u>Battleships</u>		
	NORTH CAROLINA	CALIFORNIA
	MISSISSIPPI	TENNESSEE
	NEW MEXICO	NEVADA
		WEST VIRGINIA
		IDAHO
		PENNSYLVANIA
 Aircraft carrier	SARATOGA	
Converted A/C carriers	COPAHEE	
	LONG ISLAND	
8" cruisers	NEW ORLEANS	LOUISVILLE
	MINNEAPOLIS	SALT LAKE CITY
		CHICAGO
6" cruisers	RALEIGH	ST. LOUIS
	DETROIT	
	HONOLULU	
Destroyers	15 approx.	
Submarines	23 approx.	
<u>Enemy Forces</u>		
<u>Palau-Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan</u>		
<u>U. in U. 3rd Fleet (A/C carriers)</u>		
5 battleships (BB)	MUSASHI	
	NAGATO	
	FUSO	
	YAMASHIRO	
	HYUGA	
1 battlecruisers (BB) damaged		SHOKAKU)
2 aircraft carriers (CV)		ZUIKAKU) 26/10
1 converted A/C carrier	HITAKA	
1 8" cruiser (CA)		HAGURO (10/9)
1 6" cruiser	YURA	
1 seaplane tender		CHIYODA (23/9)
Converted S/P tenders (XAV)	FUJIKAWA MARU	
	KAMOI	
	KENJO MARU	
6 old armoured cruisers (OCA)		
Approx. 30 destroyers		
Approx. 30 submarines		
 C) <u>SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA</u>		
<u>Allied Forces</u>		
<u>Battleships</u>		
	SOUTH DAKOTA	
	WASHINGTON	
	COLORADO	
	MARYLAND	
Aircraft carrier	ENTERPRISE	
8" cruisers	SAN FRANCISCO	
	NORTHAMPTON	
	PENSACOLA	
	PORTLAND	
6" cruisers	HELENA	
	LEANDER	
	ACHILLES	
5" cruisers	SAN DIEGO	
	SAN JUAN	
Destroyers	30 (approx)	
Armed merchant cruisers	ASCANIA	
	MONOWAI	
Submarines	6 "S" Class	

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Damaged</u>
D) <u>NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA</u>		
<u>Allied Forces</u>		
8" cruiser	INDIANAPOLIS	
6" cruiser	NASHVILLE	
10 destroyers		
10 submarines		
<u>Enemy Forces</u>		
<u>Northern Honshu-Kuriles Aleutians</u>		
8" cruiser (CA)	NACHI	
3 light cruisers (CL)	ABUKUMA	
	TAMA	
	KISO	
3 converted light cruisers		
Approx. 4 destroyers		
Approx. 7 submarines		
Converted S/P tenders (XAV)	KMIKAWA MARU	
	KAMITSU MARU	
E) <u>SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA</u>		
<u>Allied Forces</u>		
6" cruisers	CONCORD	
	TRENTON	
	RICHMOND	
F) <u>INDIAN OCEAN AREA</u>		
<u>Allied Forces</u>		
Battleships	WARSPITE	REVENGE
	RESOLUTION	
	RANILLES	
	ROYAL SOVEREIGN	
	ILLUSTRIOUS	
	GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)	
	DEVONSHIRE	
	HAWKINS	
	FROBISHER	
	MAURITIUS	NEWCASTLE
	GAMBIA	GLASGOW
	BIRMINGHAM	EMERALD
	ENTERPRISE	DANAE
	DAUNTLESS	
	DRAGON	
	DURBAN	
	CAPETOWN	
	CERES	
	CALEDON	
	CARADOC	
	SUMATRA (Dutch)	
	WORCESTERSHIRE	
	RANONI	
	CORFU	
	GNITRAL	
	RANPURA	
	GANTHAGE	
	CARLISLE	
Armed merchant cruisers		
A.A. ship		
Approx. 27 destroyers		
Approx. 9 submarines		
<u>Enemy Forces</u>		
approx. 7 submarines		

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN ACTIVITY.

22nd November, 1942.

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES.

(A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA.

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

Allied Forces.

- (i) Task Group 44.6 ("HOBART" (P) "SELFRIDGE" "HENLEY" "BAGLEY") to RV with Task Group 44.4 ("PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "PATTERSON" "HELM") at 1000 today 22/11 in 14° S. 148° E. T.G.44.4 returns Challenger Bay to refuel; T.G.44.6 continues on patrol.
- (ii) "TULSA" escorting Convoy BT21 ("DUNTROON" "WESTRALIA" "'S JACOB") en route Brisbane to Whitsunday Passage where "TULSA" parts company; ETA 0800 today 22/11. ETA Townsville "DUNTROON" 0001/22 "WESTRALIA" 0400/23 "'S JACOB" 0700/23; "DUNTROON" "WESTRALIA" to proceed Port Moresby 23/11; "'S JACOB" to Milne Bay.
- (iii) "WARREGO" "LITNGON" escorting Convoy K ("FELIPE DE NEVE" "GEORGE TAYLOR" "JOHN STEELE" "S.J. FIELD" "TABOONA" "VAN HENNESKERK" "ANHUI" "VAN DER LIJN" "KURUMBA") to depart Townsville 1800 today 22/11 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/26.
- (iv) "GUELONG" escorting Convoy BT. 22 ("VICTORIA" "BENJAMIN FRANKLIN") to depart Moreton Bay 1000 today 22/11.
- (v) "SWAN" escorting "TORRENS" en route Townsville via Capricorn Channel from the eastward.
- (vi) ~~XXXX~~ "WYALLA" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy PG.22 (5 MV) dep. Caloundra 1025/21. 2 MV for Newcastle ETA 1000/23; 3 MV for Sydney ETA 1400/23.
- (vii) "WILDURA" "INVERELL" escorting Convoy CG.46 (12 MV) left Wilson's Promontory area yesterday 21/11 for Sydney and Newcastle.
- (viii) "DOONBA" escorting Convoy CG.46 from Wilson's Promontory area to Melbourne arr. 1148/21.
- (ix) "MORESBY" escorting Convoy CG.47 dep. Newcastle 0948 yesterday 21/11. "DELRARINE" "ROCKHAMPTON" with Sydney section dep. Sydney 1713 to relieve "Moresby". "MORESBY" arr. Sydney 1015.
- (x) "BUNGAREE" operating in Cairns area.
- (xi) At Brisbane. "GOULBURN" "SPERRY" "FULTON" "PCYANG" "MANUNDA". Refitting "BENDIGO".
- (xii) At Melbourne. "PIRIE". Repairing "HOLLAND" "WARRNAMBOOL".
- (xiii) At Sydney. "BOBBIE" "BUNDABERG" "WILCANNIA" "KAPUNDA" "ECHUCA" "YANDRA" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "SONOMA" "PC.479". Refitting or repairing "CHESTER" "AUSTRALIA" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "TROMP" "VENDETTA" "BISHOPDALE" "ALHERA". In reserve "MANGORA".
- (xiv) At Adelaide. "SPRINGDALE".
- (xv) At Townsville. "COLAC" "YUNNAN" "AASE MAERSK" "MERKUR".
- (xvi) At Port Stephens. "WESTRALIA" "PING WO".
- (xvii) At Port Moresby "ARUTA" "BHOONE" "J.R. LOWELL" "VAN HEUTSZ" "PAI NE WINGATE" "MATTHEW FLINDERS" "MULIAMA" "PORT PINE" "CLAN WATHESON" "BORTKOE" "CREMEN" "JESSE APPLGATE" "BOTH" "MAETSUYCKER" "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER".
- (xviii) At Milne Bay. "STUART" "KATCOMBA" "BALLARAT" "STELLA" "POLARIS" "BALIKPAPAN" "JAPARA" "BANTAN" "J.B. ASHE".

Enemy Forces.

(i) Buna: Sightings yesterday 21/11 indicated that four destroyers were proceeding towards Buna from the N.E. They were shadowed from 1515 to 1700, when they were 64 miles S.W. GASHATA. At 1715, they were again reported one mile to the east of this position. There were no further sightings to indicate whether the destroyers reached Buna.

Aircraft sighted a new wreck off Gona 21/11, indicating that one of the enemy warships, hit on the night of 18/11, sank there.

The Allied advance in this area continues. A patrol was in contact with the enemy 20/11 one mile south of Buna. Heavy casualties have been inflicted on the enemy in the vicinity of Gona.

- (ii) Buin-Faisi: The naval force at this base continues to decrease in strength. Aircraft sighted only five vessels there at 1140/21, viz.
 - 2 destroyers
 - 2 merchant vessels (8/1000 tons)
 - 1 small merchant vessel

Analysis of photographs taken 20/11, when 11 ships were reported by air reconnaissance, shows possibly five destroyers, a minelayer, a tanker; and also a destroyer and transport beached, the latter burning.

Although most of the enemy naval forces have been withdrawn from this area, there are signs that the series of enemy outposts in the Solomons have not been abandoned, but rather strengthened, and the Buin-Faisi base is probably the controlling centre for this activity. A destroyer and cargo vessel sighted off Mundi Mundi (E.W. coast Vella Lavella) on a southerly course at 1635/20 was probably ~~was~~ making for one or more of the outposts in New Georgia with supplies.

Activity was reported at Viru Harbour 20/11. This anchorage was occupied by the enemy (strength unknown) on 2/10, but it was believed that all Japanese had been evacuated by 1/11. Ten Japanese arrived in barges at 0700/20, took soundings in the harbour, and departed westwards at 0930. This activity suggests that larger vessels are to visit the harbour.

Enemy strength at Kokengole Mission (Roviana Lagoon) on 18/11 was estimated at more than 200.

- (iii) Buka Passage. Aircraft reported no shipping in Buka Passage 1325/21.

- (iv) Kavieng. Aircraft reported five ships anchored west of Nusa Is. (2 miles west Kavieng) at 0150/21.

(v) Enemy submarine activity.

New Britain:	Indications 20/11 submarine 06°S. 152° E.
Queensland:	"SUNGAREE" reported submarine 1020/21 16°51'S. 145°49'E. (5 miles E.E. Cairns).
San Cristobal Is.:	Aircraft sighted submarine 1040/21 10°35'S. 161°56'E.

There were indications on 19/11 that a submarine was operating off Guadalcanal, near the third position above.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR:

- (i) "KANIBELA" due Fremantle tomorrow 23/11 from Diego Garcia.
- (ii) "JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK" at sea in Fremantle area.
- (iii) "VAN GALEN" returning Fremantle after escorting "JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK" until 2100/21.
- (iv) "TJERK HIDDES" escorting "GOLDSTAR" (en route Fremantle to Melbourne ETA 0930/22) "TJERK HIDDES" to return Fremantle at 2100 today 22/11.
- (v) "TANWORTH" due Albany 0700 today 23/11.
- (vi) "CHILDS" arr. Fremantle 0702/21 from Exmouth Gulf.
- (vii) At Fremantle. "ADELAIDE" "HERON" "PHILIAS" "ISABEL" "TRINITY" "WALLAROO" "CESSROCK" "DUBBO" "TOOSOOMBA" "GAWLER" "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" "WANGANELLA".
- (viii) At Exmouth Gulf. "W.B. PRESTON".
- (ix) At Darwin. "ARNIDALE" "CASTLEMARNE" "KALGOORLIE".

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.

Allied Forces.

6 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

- (i) At Vanikoro. "WOODWORTH" (DD) "MACKINAC" (AV).
- (ii) At Espiritu Santo. NORTHAMPTON PERSACOLA (CA) LEARDER (CL) MAURY GRAYSON SHAW NICHOLAS MORRIS BUCHANAN FLETCHER LANSDOWNE CONNINGHAM (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) GUADALUPE TAPPANHANNOCK SABINE (AO) GAMBLE (CM) RIGEL (AD) VESTAL (AR) SOLACE (AH) PC.476 PC.477 (YP) STRATFORD HENWOOD ZEILIN BEVILLE PRES. HAYES (AP) POMALHAUT (AK) KITTYHAWK (APV).

(iii)

- (iii) At Noumea. WASHINGTON SOUTH DAKOTA (BB) ENTERPRISE (CV) SAN FRANCISCO (CA) HELENA SAN DIEGO (CL) LAWSON HUGHES STERETT GWIN BUCHANAN DALE STACK LANDEER O'BAN-ROB SOUTHWARD HOPKINS MAHAN (DD) McKEAN MANLEY (APD) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AR) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER VINEO (AM) BUTTERNUT (YN) DELPHINUS (YP) W.W.BURROWS (AP) HUNTER LEGGETT McCAWLEY CRESCENT CITY PRES.ADAMS PRES.JACKSON (AP) ANTAREA (AK) A.R.D.2.
- (iv) At Vila. "LACKAWANA" (AO) "ALDEBARAN" (AK) "ELLET" (DD)
- (v) At Guadalcanal area. "MACPARLAND" (AV) "JAMESTOWN" (PG) "BOBOLINK" (AM) "MAJABA" (AK).
- (vi) At Suva. "MARYLAND" "COLORADO" (BB) "HULL" "MOHAWK" (DD) "GRIFFIN" (AS) "CATALPA" "LOCUST" "ROSEWOOD" (YN) "SENECA" (Survey Ship) "TALAMANCA" (AK) S.42, S.44, S.45, S.46, S.47 (SS).
- (vii) At Samoa. "CHESTNUT" (YN) "CANANCA".
- (viii) At Bora Bora. "TERR" (AM).
- (ix) At Tahiti. "CHEVREUIL" (Sloop).
- (x) At Auckland. "ACHILLES" (CL) "MOROWAI" (AMC) "EBONY" (YN)
- (xi) At Wellington. "FULLER" (AP) "BELLATRIX" (AK).

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA.

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

II NAVAL INCIDENTS. Nil.

III AIR OPERATIONS. 20-21/11.

Allied

- (i) Buna Passage: A B.17 on recon. strafed 10/12 bombers on the aerodrome afternoon 21/11. Two set on fire. Personnel working on wharf also strafed.
- (ii) Havieng: One Catalina attacked the aerodrome early morning 21/11. Hits on runway and five hits on a dump.
- (iii) Buna area: There were six attacks 21/11. 12 A.20's, 10 B.25's, 3 A.20's, 3 A.20's, 6 B.25's and 7 A.20's attacked 0740-1615/21. Aerodrome attacked and A/A positions silenced. Enemy positions also attacked but results not observed. Two A.20's crash landed.

Enemy

- (i) Kahili: Activity on the aerodrome was reported to be unusually great 20/11.
- (ii) Arawa Area: Four unidentified aircraft and one unidentified bomber were observed near Arawa heading west at 1250/21.
- (iii) Lae: Enemy fighters took off from Lae heading south east at 0700/21.
- (iv) Samo: (13 miles N.W. Betano) Japanese aircraft dropped two bombs morning 20/11. Nil casualties.
- (v) Bathurst Island: An unidentified aircraft was sighted over Cape Fourcroy 21/11.

IV. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE.

- (i) Further attempts to land supplies and reinforcements on Guadalcanal.
- (ii) Further attempts to reinforce New Guinea area.
- (iii) Divisionary activity in the Aleutians.
- (iv) Continued raider and submarine activity in the Indian Ocean.

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For A/Director, C.S.I.C.

22/11/42

APPENDIX
TO
DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA.
EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

Allied Forces.

6th cruisers

6th cruisers

Flotilla leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

Armed Merchant cruisers

Submarine tenders

Destroyer tender

Gunboat

Oilers

Storeship

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

C.in C. Combined fleet

C.in C. 2nd Fleet

C.in C. 4th Fleet

C.in C. 6th Fleet (submarines)

3 battleships (BB)

2 battlecruisers (BB)

Effective

Refitting or damaged.

AUSTRALIA
CHESTER

HOBART
PHOENIX
ARUNTA

LE TRIOMPHANT
TROMP

STUART
SELPRIDGE

MUGFORD
HEBLEY

VERDETTA

HELM
HAGLEY
PATTERSON

GRAYBACK)
PLUNGER)

SAILFISH)
SARGO)

At Brisbane

SEADRAGON)
SPEARFISH)

ALBACORE)
AMBERJACK)

FLYING)
GATO)

TRAMPUS)
GROUPEL)

CROWLER)
GUDGEON)

SAUKY)
SCULPIN)

On patrol

SILVERSIDES)
SNAPPER)

STINGRAY)
STURGEON)

SWORDFISH)
TARPOW)

TROUT)
TUNA)

WAROO)
K.9 at Sydney

WESTRALIA)
FULTON)

MASCORA (in reserve)
HOLLAND

SPERRY)
DOBBIN)

TULSA)
TULSA)

KURUMBA)
AASH MIERSEK)
VICTORIA)

ALHENA

YAMATO
MUTSU
ISE

KONGO
MIYEI
KIRISHIMA
HARUNA

(1 sunk 14/11
1 damaged 14/11
1 believed damaged 28/8
now home waters
1 damaged 26/10)

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or damaged.</u>
1 aircraft carrier (CV)	HOSHU	
3 converted A/C carriers (XCV)	HAYATAKA ZUICU UNYON	
12 heavy cruisers (CA) (5 believed sunk, 1 effective)	HYOKA) ASHIGARA)	1 damaged TONE (damaged 26/10) 23/10 TIKUMI (" 26/10) KUMANO (" 10/9) AOHA) 1 prob. sunk KINUGASA) 1 damaged E/10 MOGAMI) 1 believed SUZUYA) sunk 14/10) 1 damaged ATAGO) 1 or 2 believed TAKEO) sunk CHOKAI) 1 damaged
11 light cruisers (CL) (5 believed sunk 13/11, 14/11. Several others damaged)	KASHIMA KATORI JINTSU HAGARA YUBARI TENRYU TATSUTA SENDAI Prob. damaged ISUZU) KINU) 2 believed sunk NATORI)	
Approx. 25 submarines Approx. 40 destroyers (DD) 3 seaplane carriers		
Converted S/P tenders (XAV)		CHITOSE) 1 damaged 8/11 AKITSUSHIMA) NISSHIN prob. damaged NITCHO MARU KINOGASA MARU SANUKI MARU KAGU MARU NOTORO GOSHO MARU NARUTO MARU SOUYOU MARU SENDAI MARU SANYO MARU KIYOKAWA MARU (probably damaged 21/10) JINGEI
2 submarine tenders incl. Approx. 40 merchant ships (over 3,000 tons) Minelayers, minesweepers, sub. chasers, MTR's, gunboats, patrol craft Approx. 240 shore-based aircraft incl. 102 fighters, 84 B/B, 20 F/B, 25 P/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft		

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

6 th cruiser	ADELAIDE	
A.A. ship	JACOB VAN HEERNSKERK	
Destroyers	TJERK RIDDES VAN CALEN KANIMBLA BERGH CHILDS W.G. PRESTON	
Armed merchant cruiser	PELIAS	
S/P tenders	GREENADIER) SALMON) SEARAVEN) TAMBOR) On patrol TAUTOG) K.12)	
Submarine tender	THRESHER)	
Submarines	GAR) At Fremantle K.8)	

3. <u>EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or damaged</u>
<u>Allied Forces</u>		
6 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or WEI area (see above).		
<u>Enemy Forces</u>		
C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet		
2 light cruisers (CL)	KUMA	KASHII (29/10)
3 converted light cruisers (XCL)		
Approx. 16 destroyers		
Converted seaplane tender (XAV)	OKITSU MARU	
B) <u>CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA</u>		
<u>Allied Forces</u>		
<u>Battleships</u>		
	NORTH CAROLINA	CALIFORNIA
	MISSISSIPPI	TENNESSEE
	NEW MEXICO	NEVADA
		WEST VIRGINIA
		IDAHO
		PENNSYLVANIA
Aircraft carrier	SARATOGA	
Converted A/C carriers	COPAHNE	
	LONG ISLAND	
8" cruisers	NEW ORLEANS	LOUISVILLE
	MINNEAPOLIS	SALT LAKE CITY
		CHICAGO
6" cruisers	HALSIGH	ST. LOUIS
	DETROIT	
	HONOLULU	
Destroyers	15 approx.	
Submarines	23 approx.	
<u>Enemy Forces</u>		
<u>Falao-Saipan-Honins-Formosa-Japan</u>		
C. in C. 3rd Fleet (A/C carriers)		
5 battleships (BB)	MUSASHI	
	NAGATO	
	FUSO	
	YAMASHIRO	
	HYUGA	
1 battlecruiser (BB) damaged		SHAKAMU
2 aircraft carriers (CV)		SHOKAKU)
		ZUIKAKU) 26/10
2 converted A/C carriers	HITAKA	
	OTAKA	
1 8" cruiser (CA)		HAGURO (10/9)
1 6" cruiser (CL)	YURA	
1 seaplane tender (XV)		CHIYODA (23/9)
Converted S/P tenders (XAV)	FUJIKAWA MARU	
	KANOI	
	KENJO MARU	
6 old armoured cruisers (OCA)		
Approx. 30 destroyers		
Approx. 30 submarines		
C) <u>SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA</u>		
<u>Allied Forces</u>		
<u>Battleships</u>		
	SOUTH DAKOTA	
	WASHINGTON	
	COLORADO	
	MARYLAND	
Aircraft carrier	ENTERPRISE	
8" cruisers	SAN FRANCISCO	
	NORTHAMPTON	
	PENSACOLA	
	PORTLAND	
6" cruisers	HELENA	
	LEANDER	
	ACHILLES	
5" cruisers	SAN DIEGO	
	SAN JUAN	
Destroyers	30 (approx)	
Armed merchant cruisers	ASCANIA	
	KOHOWAI	
Submarines	6 "S" Class	

Effective Refitting or damaged

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

8" cruiser

INDIANAPOLIS

6" cruiser

NASHVILLE

10 destroyers

10 submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians

8" cruiser (CA)

HACHI

3 light cruisers (CL)

ABUKUMA

TAMA

KISO

3 converted light cruisers (XCL)

Approx. 4 destroyers

Approx. 7 submarines

Converted S/P tenders (XAV)

KAMIKAWA MARU

KAMITSU MARU

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

6" cruisers

CONCORD

TRENTON

RICHMOND

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

WARSPITE

REVENGE

RESOLUTION

RAMILLES

ROYAL SOVEREIGN

ILLUSTRIOUS

GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)

DEVONSHIRE

HAWKINS

PROBISHER

MAURITIUS

NEWCASTLE

GAMBIA

GLASGOW

BIRMINGHAM

EMERALD

ENTERPRISE

DANAB

DAUNTLESS

DRAGON

DUBBAN

CAPETOWN

CERES

CALEDON

CARADOC

SUMATRA (Dutch)

Armed merchant cruisers

WORCESTERSHIRE

RANCHI

CORFU

CRITRAL

RAN PURA

CARTHAGE

CARLISLE

A.A. ship

Approx. 27 destroyers

Approx. 9 submarines

Enemy Forces

Approx. 7 submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN ACTIVITY

23rd November, 1942.

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES.

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA.

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

Allied Forces.

- (i) Task Group 44.6 ("HOBART" (F) "SELFRIDGE" "HENLEY" "BAGLEY") on patrol in Coral Sea.
- (ii) Task Group 44.4 ("PHOENIX" "MUSFORD" "HELM" "PATTERSON") to enter Crafton Passage 0800 today 23/11 en route Challenger Bay to refuel, arriving this afternoon.
- (iii) "TROMP" dep. Sydney 0612/22 to RV with "HESTOR" and escort to Sydney; arr. 0149/23. "TROMP" dep. immediately for Melbourne.
- (iv) "WARHEGO" "LITHGOW" escorting Convoy X ("FELICE DE NEVE" "GEORGE TAYLOR" "JOHN STEELE" "S.J.FIELD" "TANGONA" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "ANHUI" "VAN DER LIJN" "KURUMBA") dep. Townsville 1930/22 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/26.
- (v) "GKELONG" escorting Convoy BT.22 ("VICTORIA" "BENJAMIN FRANKLIN") dep. Moreton Bay 1425/22. ETA Townsville 1600/26. "GKELONG" to part company in Whitsunday Passage approx. 0600/25.
- (vi) "SWAN" escorting "TORRENS" en route Townsville via Capricorn Channel from the eastward.
- (vii) "WHYALLA" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Sydney section Convoy PS.22 (3 RV) due Sydney 1400 today 23/11. Newcastle section (2RV) due 1000.
- (viii) "MILDURA" "INVERELL" escorting Convoy OO.46 (11 RV) left Wilson's Promontory area 21/11 for Sydney and Newcastle.
- (ix) "DELCRAINE" "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Convoy OO.47 dep. Sydney 21/11 for RV in Wilson's Promontory area.
- (x) "TULSA" returning Brisbane from escort duty to Whitsunday Passage.
- (xi) "BUNGARIE" returning south after operations in Cairns area.
- (xii) "MAMUNDA" dep. Brisbane 0956/22 for Milne Bay ETA 1101/26.
- (xiii) At Brisbane. "GOULBURN" "SPERRY" "FULTON" "POYANG". Refitting "BENPICO".
- (xiv) At Melbourne. "PIRIE" "DOOMRA". Repairing "HOLLAND" "WARREHAMBOOL".
- (xv) At Sydney. "DOBBIN" "BUNDABERG" "WILCANNIA" "KAPUNDA" "ECHUCA" "MORSEY" "YANDRA" "ABRAHAM CRUYSSSEN" "SONORA" "PC.479". Refitting or repairing "CHESTER" "AUSTRALIA" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "VENDETTA" "BISHOPDALE" "ALHENA". In reserve "MANGORA".
- (xvi) At Adelaide. "SPRINGDALE".
- (xvii) At Townsville. "COLAC" "YUNNAN" "AASE MAERSK" "MERRUR".
- (xviii) At Port Stephens. "WESTRALIA" "PING WO".
- (xix) At Port Moresby. "ARUNTA" "BROOME" "J.R.LOWELL" "VAN HEUTSZ" "PAINE WINGATE" "MATTHEW FLINDERS" "MULIAMA" "CLAN MATHESON" "BONTEKOE" "CREMER" "JESSE APPLIGATE" "BOTH" "SAINTSUYCKER" "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER".
- (xx) At Milne Bay. "STUART" "KATOOMBA" "BALLARAT" "STELLA" "POLARIS" "BALIKPAPAN" "JAPARA" "BAUTAN" "J.B.ASHE".

Enemy Forces.

- (1) Buna: Enemy attempts to land reinforcements in this area are continuing. The four destroyers seen approaching Buna on 21/11 were located in Vitiaz Strait at 0715/22 proceeding northwards at full speed, and were last seen on the same course at 0900. The vessels had evidently discharged their troops undetected in the Buna area overnight, and were apparently returning to Rabaul via the north coast of New Britain.

Meanwhile, two enemy vessels were sighted off the south coast of New Britain, proceeding westwards at 30 knots. The vessels, reported as particularly small destroyers but possibly torpedo boats or gunboats, were first sighted at 1615 35 miles south by west Arawa, and at 1715 they were approximately 30 miles further westward. The vessels were attacked at 1615 without success, and again at 1933 (see Naval Incidents). At the time

of the last attack, the vessels were reported approx. 10 miles North of their position at 1815, on a southerly course. Such a position indicates extraordinary manoeuvring, and the vessels may, in fact, have been further south. In any case, it was evidently their intention to proceed to the Buna area during the dark hours.

Land operations. The enemy is resisting strongly near the new landing strip in the Endaiadere area, in strong positions 1 1/2 miles north Soputa, and on the track one mile south of Buna.

(ii) New Georgia: Two destroyers, two cargo vessels and a tanker were reported 20 miles west of Lunga Point (Ganongga Is.) at approximately 1610/22, on course 300°. This appears to be a convoy returning to the Buin-Faisi base after delivering supplies to a base in the New Georgia group, probably a seaplane-base, since a tanker was concerned in the operation. This may be Kokengolo Mission (at Munda Point) which was occupied on 15/11, probably for the purpose of establishing a seaplane-base. Gizo was formerly used as a seaplane base in this area, but was evacuated on 19/9, and Kokengolo is now the chief enemy centre in the New Georgia group.

(iii) Buin-Faisi: It is believed that this base is still being used as a submarine base. Photographs 21/11 showed a possible submarine off Tenolei Harbour.

Air reconnaissance 22/11 reported only two vessels, a cargo vessel and an unidentified vessel anchored off Faisi. This is not a fair indication, however, of enemy strength at this base. (see (ii) above).

In addition, a destroyer was sighted at 0950/22, approximately 13 miles off Cape Friendship (Bougainville) on course 315°.

(iv) Buka: Air reconnaissance again reported no shipping in Buka Passage at 0900/22.

(v) Misima: An enemy submarine was reported off the south coast of Misima Is. on a westerly course at 1845/22. The report is graded E4, but enemy submarines are to be expected in this area.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

- (i) "KAHIMBLA" due Fremantle today 23/11 from Diego Garcia.
- (ii) "JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK" at sea in Fremantle area.
- (iii) "VAN GALEN" returning Fremantle after escorting "JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK".
- (iv) "GOLDSTAR" en route Fremantle to Melbourne ETA 0930/22.
- (v) "TJERK HUIDES" returning Fremantle after escorting "GOLDSTAR".
- (vi) At Fremantle. "APELAIDE" "HERON" "PELIAS" "ISABEL" "TRINITY" "WALLAROO" "CESSNOCK" "DUBBO" "TOOWOOMBA" "GAWLER" "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" "WANGANILLA".
- (vii) At Esmeuth Gulf. "W.B. PRESTON".
- (viii) At Darwin. "ARNIDALE" "CASTLEMAINE" "KALGOONLIE".
- (ix) "TAMWORTH" due Albany 0700 today 23/11.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.

Allied Forces.

4 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

- (i) At Vanikoro. "MACKINAC" (AV).
- (ii) At Espiritu Santo. BORTHAMPTON PERSACOLA (CA) PARRAGUT ZANE TREYER AARON WARD MAUHY GRAYSON SHAW NICHOLAS MORRIS BUCHANAN FLETCHER LANSDOWNE CONYNGHAM (ED) BALLARD CURTISS TANGIER (AV) ALTAMANA (ACV) GUADALUPE YAPPANHAMOCK SABINE (AO) GAMBLE (CM) RIGEL (AD) VESTAL (AR) SOLAGE (AR) PC.476 PC.477 (YP) STRATFORD HEYWOOD KEILIN NEVILLE PRES.HAYES (AP) POMALHAUT KOPARA (AK).
- (iii) At Neumea. WASHINGTON SOUTH DAKOTA (BB) ENTERPRISE (CV) SAN FRANCISCO (CA) HELENA HONOLULU SAN JUAN SAN DIEGO (CL) CLARK STERETT GWIN BUCHANAN DALE STACK O'BANNON SOUTHWARD MAHAN (DD) MCKEAN HANLEY (AFD) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE)

WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER VIREO (AM) BUTTERNUT (YN) DELPHINUS (YP)
W.W.BURROWS (AP) HUNTER LEGGOTT McCRAWLEY CRESCENT CITY PRES.
ADAMS PRES. JACKSON (AP) ANTARRA (AK) A.R.D.2.

- (iv) At Vila. "LACKAWANA" (AO) "ALDEBARAN" (AK).
- (v) At Guadalcanal area. "MACPARLAND" (AV) "JAMESTOWN" (PG) "BOBOLINK" (AM) "MAJABA" (AK).
- (vi) At Suva. "MARYLAND" "COLORADO" (BB) "SARATOGA" (CV) "NEW ORLEANS" (CA) "SALCH" "GRIDLEY" "McCALL" "GRAVEN" "DUNLOP" "FANNING" "HULL" "MONOHAN" (DD) "GRIFFIN" (AS) "KANKAKEE" (AO) "CATALPA" "LOCUST" "ROSEWOOD" (YN) "SUMNER" (Survey Ship) "TALAMANGA" (AK) S.42, S.43, S.44, S.45, S.46, S.47 (SS).
- (vii) At Senoa. "CHESTNUT" (YN) "CAMANCA".
- (viii) At Bora Bora. "TERR" (AM).
- (ix) At Tahiti. "CHEVREUIL" (Sloop).
- (x) At Auckland. "ACHILLES" (OL) "MONOWAI" (AMC) "EBONY" (YN).
- (xi) At Wellington "FULLER" (AP) "BELLATRIX" (AK).

- D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.
- E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA.
- F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS.

- (1) Arawe: Three attacks afternoon 22/11 by one B.17, 9 B.25's and 2 B.17's on 2 enemy destroyers south of Arawe. B.25's scored one direct hit on stern and one near miss on one ship, but no apparent damage.

III AIR OPERATIONS 22-23/11.

Allied.

- (1) Lae: One B.17, 6 Beaufighters, 9 A.20's ~~and~~ attacked installations and the aerodrome afternoon 22/11. 3 Zeros destroyed on ground, one probably destroyed and 4 others possible. 5 barges in the Lae-Salamua area destroyed. Fighters attempted interception, and one destroyed.
- (ii) Buna: 8 A.20's, 5 B.25's attacked the area afternoon 22/11. Results not observed. 12 P.400's on patrol over Buna intercepted 15 enemy bombers and 8 Zeros. One Zero destroyed, several others probable. One P.400 lost. P.400's were attacked by 20 fighters at 1120/22, and two P.38's attacked the latter. No casualties.
- (iii) Beco-Rai Mean Area: 4 Beaufighters, 3 Beaufighters and 2 Hudsons made three attacks morning 22/11. Beco was observed to be partially burned out.

Enemy.

- (1) Buna: 18 U/I aircraft were observed over Buna between 1700-1715/22.
- (ii) Darwin: Enemy planes attacked the area early morning 23/11. Results not yet stated. One aircraft destroyed.
- (iii) Milne Bay: An U/I aircraft was heard early morning 22/11 coming from N.K. Graded B.3.

IV. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE.

- (i) Further attempts to land supplies and reinforcements on Guadalcanal from submarines.
- (ii) Further attempts to reinforce New Guinea area.
- (iii) Divisionary activity in the Aleutians.
- (iv) Continued raider and submarine activity in the Indian Ocean.

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For A/Director, C.O.I.C.

23/11/42.

Enemy Forces.

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians (contd.)

3 light cruisers (CL) ABUKUMA
TAMA
KESO

Approx. 4 destroyers
Approx. 7 submarines
Converted S/P tenders (XAV)

KAMIKAWA MARU
KAMITSU MARU

B) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

6" cruisers CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

Allied Forces.

Battleships	WARSPITE	REVENGE
	RESOLUTION	
	RAMILLES	
	ROYAL SOVEREIGN	
A/C carrier	ILLUSTRIOUS	
8" cruisers	GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)	
	DEVONSHIRE	
7.5" cruisers	HAWKINS	
	PROBISHER	
6" cruisers	MAURITIUS	NEWCASTLE
	GAMBIA	GLASGOW
	BIRMINGHAM	EMERALD
	ENTERPRISE	DANAB
	DAUNTLESS	
	DRAGON	
	DURBAN	
	CAPETOWN	
	CERES	
	CALEDON	
	CARADOC	
	SUMATRA (Dutch)	
Armed merchant cruisers	WORCESTERSHIRE	
	RANCHI	
	CORFU	
	CHITRA	
	KANIMBLA	
	KANPURA	
	CANTHAUK	
	CARLISLE	

A.A.Vessel
Approx. 27 destroyers
Approx. 9 submarines

Enemy Forces.

Approx. 7 submarines.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN ACTIVITY

24th November, 1942.

. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES.

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA.

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

Allied Forces.

- (i) Task Group 44.6 ("ROBART"(P) "SELFRIDGE" "HENLEY" "BAGLEY") on patrol in Coral Sea.
- (ii) "TROMP" en route Sydney to Melbourne for working-up exercises in Port Phillip.
- (iii) "STUART" proceeded Milne Bay to Port Moresby at 1600 yesterday 23/11. To return ^{MILNE BAY} tomorrow 25/11 to escort Lilliput convoy.
- (iv) "WARREGO" "LITHGOW" escorting Convoy K ("PELIFE DE NEVE" "GEORGE TAYLOR" "JOHN STEELE" "S.J. FIELD" "TARCONA" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "ANHUI" "VAN DER LIJN" "KURUMBA") en route Townsville to Port Moresby ETA 0800/26.
- (v) "GEELONG" escorting Convoy BT.22 ("VICTORIA" "BENJAMIN FRANKLIN") en route Brisbane to Townsville ETA 1600/25. "GEELONG" to part company in Whitsunday Passage approx. 0600/25.
- (vi) "SWAN" escorting "TORRENS" en route Townsville via Capricorn Channel from the eastward. ETA a.m. tomorrow 25/11.
- (vii) "GOULBURN" escorting Convoy BT23 ("A.E. BURNSIDE") to depart Moreton Bay 1800 today 24/11.
- (viii) "WILDURA" "INVERELL" escorting Convoy CG.46 (11 MV) EN Route Sydney and Newcastle were off Gabo p.m. yesterday 23/11, awaiting weather.
- (ix) "DELOIRINE" "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Convoy CG.47 dep. Sydney 21/11 for RV with "DOOMBA" in Wilson's Promontory area. (Delayed owing weather)
- (x) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy CG.47 (5 MV) dep. Port Phillip 2126 yesterday 23/11 to RV with above. (RV postponed owing to weather.)
- (xi) "MERKUR" AASE MAERSK dep. Townsville 1232/23 for Challenger Bay.
- (xii) "BUNBARKS" en route Cairns to Newcastle ETA 2000/27.
- (xiii) "PC.479" dep. Sydney 1103/23 for Noumea.
- (xiv) "MANUNDA" en route Brisbane to Milne Bay ETA 1101/26.
- (xv) At Brisbane. "TULSA" "SPERRY" "FULTON" "POYANG". Refitting "BENDIGO".
- (xvi) At Melbourne. "PIRIE" "DOOMBA". Repairing "HOLLAND" "WARRNAMBOOL".
- (xvii) At Sydney. "DOBBS" "BUNDABERG" "WILGAMIA" "KAPUNDA" "ECHUCA" "WHYALLA" "TOWNSVILLE" "MORESBY" "YANDINA" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "SONOMA". Refitting or repairing "CHESTER" "AUSTRALIA" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "VENNETTA" "BISHOPDALE" "ALBERA". In reserve "MANOORA".
- (xviii) At Adelaide "SPRINGDALE".
- (xix) At Townsville. "COLAC" "YUNNAN".
- (xx) At Port Stephens. "WESTRALIA" "PING WO".
- (xxi) At Port Moresby. "ARUNTA" "BROOME" "J.R. LOWELL" "VAN HEUTSE" "MATTHEW FLINDERS" "MULIANA" "CLAN MATHESON" "BONTEKOE" "CREMER" "JESSE APPELGATE" "BOTH" "MARTSUYCKER" "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER".
- (xxii) At Milne Bay. "KATOOMBA" "BALLARAT" "STELLA" "POLARIS" "BALIKPAPAN" "JAPARA" "BANTAN" "J.B. ASHE".
- (xxiii) At Challenger Bay. Task Group 44.4 ("PHOENIX" "MOGFORD" "HELM" "PATTERSON").

Enemy Forces.

- (1) Buna-Gona: It appears that the two destroyers seen north of Buna 22/11 succeeded in reaching the Buna area during the night. Landing barges were seen operating off Gona at about midnight, though troops were not actually seen to land. Aircraft reported 50 to 70 landing barges and ships' life boats (of which only two were serviceable) in the area during the following afternoon, 23/11.

Land operations: Our troops have taken positions at Cape Endiaderre against strong enemy resistance, but the enemy still holds the main landing strip at Buna, Ciropa Point and the Buna Mission.

Patrols in the Gona area reported no Japanese there at 1630/21. There are no indications however that the enemy has yet begun to evacuate troops by sea.

(ii) Lae-Salamaua: Barges were also seen operating in this area during the morning 22/11. A barge arrived at Lae from Hanoi at 0700 and departed at 0800, and another arrived at Sala maua at 0645. It is not known whether the barges were loaded.

(iii) New Guinea: There are some signs that the enemy is making preliminary preparations to develop bases at points on the north coast of New Guinea, against possible future Allied operations north of Papua. Two floatplanes and a large launch were sighted by aircraft at Madang 23/11.

Lights, believed to be flashes from A.A. fire, were observed at two points on Karsau Island (22 miles northw est Wewak) at 1150/23.

(iv) Rekata Bay: Is evidently still in use as a seaplane base: five floatplanes were observed on the beach there by aircraft on 23/11.

(v) Munda: Aircraft reported no activity between Rendova Harbour and Munda 23/11.

(vi) Buin-Faisi: Aircraft reported no ships in Tonolei Harbour 23/11: visibility fair. The remainder of the Buin-Faisi area was obscured by cloud.

Air reconnaissance at 0900 this morning, 24/11, reported 13 vessels in the area, as follows:-

- 1 light cruiser)
- 2 destroyers)
- 1 probable destroyer) Tonolei Harbour
- 3 medium merchant vessels)
- 1 small gunboat)
- 1 small unidentified vessel)
- 2 medium merchant vessels) Faisi Harbour
- 2 unidentified vessels)

It is believed that at least one tanker is operating from this base.

(vii) Buka: Aircraft reported no shipping in Buka Passage 23/11.

(viii) Enemy submarine activity: There are indications of enemy submarines:-

New Ireland	21/11	One in 03°S. 155° E.
Ysabel Island	22/11	One in 08°S. 159° E.
Ongtong Java	21/11	One in 06°S. 159° E.
		One in 06°S. 162° E.
	22/11	One in 07°S. 161° E.
		One in 04°S. 161° E.
Santa Cruz	22/11	One in 08°S. 165° E.
		One in 08°S. 168° E.
Neumea	22/11	One in 22°S. 169° E.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

Allied Forces.

- (i) "ADELAIDE" "JACOB VAN HEENSSEKERK" "VAN CALEN" escorting Convoy ON ("TARAKAN" "TATRA" "AORI PRINCE") to depart Fremantle 1300 today 24/11
- (ii) "KAMINDLA" due Fremantle 23/11 from Diego Garcia.
- (iii) "GOLDSTAR" en route Fremantle to Melbourne ETA 0930/28.
- (iv) At Fremantle. "TJERE HIDERS" "HERON" "PELIAS" "ISABEL" "TRINITY" "WALLAROO" "GEBROCK" "DUBBO" "TOONGOMBA" "GAWLER" "LARK" "WHIPPOCKWILL" "WANGANELLA".
- (v) At Esmond Gulf. "S.B. PRESTON".
- (vi) At Darwin. "ARNIDALE" "CASTLEMAINE" "KALBOORLIE".
- (vii) At Albany. "TAMWORTH".

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.

Allied Forces.

4 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

- (i) At Vanikoro. MACKINAC (AV).
- (ii) At Espiritu Santo. NORTHAMPTON PENSACOLA (CA) FARRAGUT ZANE TREVEJ AARON WARD MAURY GRAYSON SHAW NICHOLAS MORRIS BUCHANAN FLETCHER LANSDOWNE CONYONAN (DD) BALLARD CURTISS TANGIER (AV)

- AETANAHA (ACV) GUADALUPE TAPPANNAHOCK SABINE (AG) GANBLE (GM)
 RIGEL (AD) VESTAL (AH) SOLACE (AK) PC.476 PC.477 (YP) STRATFORD
 HEYWOOD ZELIN NEVILLE PRES.HAYES (AP) POMALHAT KOPARA (AK).
 (iii) At Bouma. WASHINGTON SOUTH DAKOTA (BB) ENTERPRISE (CV) SAN
 FRANCISCO (CA) HELENA HONOLULU SAN JUAN SAN DIEGO (CL) CLARK
 STERETT OWIN BUCHANAN DALE STACK O'BANNON SOUTHAND MAHAN (DD)
 MCKEAN MANLEY (APD) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE).
 WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER VIRGO (AM) BUTTERNUT (YN) DELPHINUS (YP)
 W.W.BURROWS (AP) HUNTER LEGGETT MCCAWLEY CRESCENT CITY PRES.
 ADAMS PRES. JACKSON (AP) ANTARES (AK) A.R.D.S.
 (iv) At Vila. "LACKAWANA" (AG) "ALDEBARAN" (AK).
 (v) At Guadalcanal area. "MACPARLAND" (AV) "JAMESTOWN" (PG) "BOBOLINK"
 (AM) "MAJABA" (AK).
 (vi) At Suva. MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) SARATOGA (CV) NEW ORLEANS (CA)
 BALCH GRIDLEY MCCALL CHAVEN DUNLOP PARRING HULL MONOHAN (DD)
 GRIFFIN (AS) KAWKAKEE (AG) CATALPA LOCUST ROSEWOOD (YN) SUMNER
 (Survey Ship) TALABANCA (AK) S.42, S.43, S.44, S.45, S.46, S.47(SS).
 (vii) At Samoa. CHESTNUT (YN) CANANCA.
 (viii) At Bora Bora. "TERR" (AM).
 (ix) At Tahiti. "CHEVREUIL (Sloop).
 (x) At Auckland. ACHILLES (CL) MONOWAI (AMC) EBONY (YM).
 (xi) At Wellington. "FULLER" (AP) "BELLATRIX" (AK).

- D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.
 E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA.
 F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS. Nil.

III. AIR OPERATIONS.

Allied.

- (i) Havieng: Catalinas attacked aerodrome area early morning 23/11.
 One aircraft probably set on fire.
 (ii) Vitiaz Strait area: Three B.25's on reconnaissance were intercepted
 by one Zero which was probably destroyed.
 (iii) Lae: Three B.17's and four B.25's attacked the aerodrome late 22/11.
 One large explosion observed.
 (iv) Sanananda Point: Four B.25's and six A.20's made two attacks
 afternoon 23/11.
 (v) Penfoei: Three Hudsons attacked aerodrome late 22/11. One fire
 observed.
 (vi) Lautem: Six Beaufighters strafed the area and adjacent roads
 morning 23/11. Fires observed including some in buildings.

Enemy.

- (i) Townsville: There were indications of an enemy aircraft between
 1010-1115/23. Allied aircraft reported nil sightings.
 (ii) Bundaberg: An unidentified aircraft was sighted flying low from
 south to north west afternoon 23/11.
 (iii) Brooms-Derby Area. Reports of unidentified aircraft indicate that
 at least two enemy aircraft were conducting reconnaissance morning
 23/11.
 (iv) Darwin: The attack on Darwin 22/11 was by eighteen medium bombers.

IV. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE.

- (i) Further attempts to land supplies and reinforcements on Guadalcanal
 from submarines.
 (ii) Further attempts to reinforce New Guinea area.
 (iii) Divisionary activity in the Aleutians.
 (iv) Continued raider and submarine activity in the Indian Ocean.

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For A/Director, C.O.I.C.

24/11/42.

APPENDIX TO
DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA.

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

Allied Forces.

8" cruisers

6" cruisers

Flotilla leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

Armed merchant cruisers

Submarine tenders

Destroyer tender

Gunboat

Oilers

Storeship

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons.

C.in C. Combined Fleet

C.in C. 2nd Fleet

C.in C. 4th Fleet

C.in C. 6th Fleet (submarines)

5 battleships (BB)

2 battlecruisers (BB)

Effective

Refitting or damaged

AUSTRALIA

CHESTER

HOBART

PHOENIX

ARUNTA

STUART

SELFRIDGE

TROMP

MUGFORD

HENLEY

HELM

BAGLEY

PATTERSON

GRAYBACK)

SAILFISH)

SARGO) At Brisbane

TROUT)

GRAMPUS)

SPEARFISH)

ALSACORE)

AMBERJACK)

FLYING FISH)

GATO)

GROUPER)

BROWLER)

GUDGEON)

PLUNGER) On patrol

SAURY)

SCULPIN)

SILVERSIDES)

SNAPPER)

SEADRAGON)

STINGRAY)

STURGEON))

SWORDFISH)

TARPON)

TUNA)

WAHOO)

E.9 At Sydney

WESTRALIA

MANOORA (in reserve)

FULTON

HOLLAND

SPERRY

DOBIE

TULSA

KURUMBA

AASE HARKSK

VICTORIA

ALHENA

YAMATO

MUTSU

ISE

KONGO)1 sunk 14/11
MIYEI)1 damaged 14/11
KIRISHIMA)1 believed
HARUNA) damaged 28/8
) now home
) waters
)1 damaged 26/10

1 aircraft carrier (CV)
3 converted A/C carriers (XCV)

NOSHO
HAYATAKA
ZUIHO
YAMATA

12 Heavy cruisers (CA)
(5 believed sunk, 1 effective)

MYOKO)
ASHIGARA)
1 damaged 23/10

TOBE (damaged 26/10)
TIKUMA (" 26/10)
KUMANO (" 10/9)
AGBA) 1 prob. sunk
KINUGASA) 1 damaged 12/10
MAGAMI) 1 believed sunk
SUZUYA) 1 damaged 14/10
ATAGO) 1 or 2 believed
TAKAO) sunk
CHOKAI) 1 damaged

10 light cruisers (CL)
(5 believed sunk 13/11, 14/11.
Several others damaged)

KASHIMA
KATORI
JINTSU
HAGARA
YUBARI
TENRYU
TATSUTA
SENDAI (prob. damaged)
ISUZU
KINU (believed sunk)

Approx. 25 submarines
Approx. 40 destroyers (DD)
3 seaplane carriers

CHITOSE) 1 damaged 8/11
AKITSUSHIMA)
NISSHIN (prob. damaged)
KITCHO MARU
KINUGASA MARU
SAKUKI MARU
KAGU MARU
NOTORO
GOSHO MARU
HARUTO MARU
SOUYOU MARU
SENDAI MARU
SANYO MARU
KIYOKAWA MARU (prob. damaged 21/10)

Converted S/P tenders (XAV)

2 submarine tenders incl.
Approx. 40 merchant ships (over 3,000 tons)
Minelayers, minesweepers, subchasers, MTB's, gunboats, patrol craft,
Approx. 265 shore-based aircraft incl. 124 fighters, 87 B., 20 F/B,
25 P/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

Allied Forces.

6" cruiser
A.A. ship
Destroyers

ADELAIDE
JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK
TJERK HIDDES

Armed merchant cruiser
S/P tenders

VAN GALEN
KAMINELA
HERON
CHILDS
W.C. PRESTON

Submarine tender
Submarines

FELIAS
GRENADIER)
SALMON)
SEARAVEN) On patrol
K.12)
THRESHER)
GAR)
TAMBOR) At Fremantle
TAUTOG)
K.8)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.

Allied Forces.

4 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or WEI area (see above).

Enemy Forces.

C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet

5 light cruisers (CL)	KUMA KATORI OI KITAGAMI	KASHII (29/10)
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3 converted light cruisers (XCL)

Approx. 16 destroyers

Converted seaplane tender (XAV)	OKITSU MARU
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B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

Battleships

NORTH CAROLINA MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO	CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE NEVADA WEST VIRGINIA IDAHO PENNSYLVANIA
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Converted A/C carriers

COPAHEE LONG ISLAND MINNEAPOLIS

8" cruisers

LOUISVILLE SALT LAKE CITY CHICAGO ST. LOUIS

6" cruisers

RALEIGH DETROIT 15 approx. 23 approx.

Destroyers

Submarines

Enemy forces.

Palao-Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan.

C. in C. 3rd Fleet (A/C carriers)

5 battleships (BB)

MUSASHI HAGATO FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA

1 battlecruiser (BB) damaged

2 aircraft carriers (CV)

SHOKAKU) 26/10 ZUIKAKU)

2 converted A/C carriers

HITAKA TAIYO

1 8" cruiser (CA)

1 6" cruiser (CL)

YURA

HAGURO (10/9)

1 seaplane tender (AV)

Converted S/P tenders (XAV)

FUJIKAWA MARU KAWOI KENJO MARU

CHIYODA (23/9)

6 old armored cruisers (OCA)

Approx. 30 destroyers

Approx. 30 submarines

B) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied forces.

Battleships

SOUTH DAKOTA WASHINGTON COLORADO MARYLAND ENTERPRISE SARATOGA SAN FRANCISCO NEW ORLEANS NORTHAMPTON PENSACOLA PORTLAND HELENA HONOLULU LEANDER ACHILLES SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN 30 (approx.) ASCANIA HONOWAI

Aircraft carriers

8" cruisers

6" cruisers

5" cruisers

Destroyers

Armed Merchant cruisers

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

8" cruiser	INDIANAPOLIS
6" cruiser	NASHVILLE
10 destroyers	
10 submarines	

Enemy Forces.

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians.

8" cruiser (CA)	NACHI
3 light cruisers (CL)	ABUKUMA
	TAMA
	KISO
3 converted light cruisers (NCL)	
Approx. 4 destroyers	
Approx. 7 submarines	
Converted S/P tenders (XAV)	KAMIKAWA MARU
	KAMITSU MARU

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

6" cruisers	CONCORD
	TRENTON
	RICHMOND

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

Allied Forces.

Battleships

	WARSPITE	REVENGE
	RESOLUTION	
	RAMILLIES	
	ROYAL SOVEREIGN	
	ILLUSTRIOUS	
	GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)	
	DEVONSHIRE	
	HAWKINS	
	PROBISHER	
	MAURITIUS	NEWCASTLE
	GAMBIA	GLASGOW
	BIRMINGHAM	EMERALD
	ENTERPRISE	DANAB
	DAUNTLESS	
	DRAGON	
	DURBAN	
	CAPETOWN	
	CEBES	
	GALEDON	
	CARADOC	
	SUMATRA (Dutch)	
	WORCESTERSHIRE	
	BANCHI	
	CORFU	
	CHITRAL	
	RAH PURA	
	CARTHAGE	
	CARLISLE	

Armed Merchant Cruisers

A.A. ship

Approx. 27 destroyers

Approx. 9 submarines

Enemy Forces.

Approx. 7 submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN ACTIVITY

25th November, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES.

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

- (i) Task Group 44.6 ("MOBART" (P) "SELFRIDGE" "SMILEY" "BAGLEY") on patrol in Coral Sea.
- (ii) "TROMP" en route Sydney to Melbourne for working-up exercises in Port Phillip
- (iii) "WARREGO" "LITTON" escorting Convoy K ("FELIPE DE BEVE" "GEORGE TAYLOR" "JOHN STEELE" "S.J. FIELD" "TAROOMA" "VAN HEERMSKERK" "ANHUI" "VAN DER LIJN" "KORUMBA") en route Townsville to Port Moresby ETA 0800/26.
- (iv) "GHELONG" escorting Convoy BT.22 ("VICTORIA" "BENJAMIN FRANKLIN") en route Brisbane to Townsville ETA 1600 today 25/11. "GHELONG" to part company in Whitsunday Passage approx. 0600.
- (v) "GOULBURN" escorting Convoy BT23 ("A.E. BURNSIDE") dep Brisbane 2018/24.
- (vi) "BROOME" escorting "JESSE APPELATE" was to depart Port Moresby for Milne Bay p.m. yesterday 24/11
- (vii) "MILDURA" "INVERELL" escorting Convoy OC.46 (11 MV) EN Route Sydney and Newcastle have been delayed by weather
- (viii) "BELORAINE" "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Convoy C047 to N.V. today 25/11 in Westernport area with "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC.47 (5 MV) and exchange escorts.
- (ix) "BUNDABERG" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy SP.23 (1 MV ex Sydney, 3 ex Newcastle) to depart Sydney 0900 today 25/11.
- (x) "TOWNSVILLE" arrived Newcastle from Sydney 1848/24. To depart Newcastle 0930 today 25/11 escorting Convoy C048 (9 MV) "KAPUNDA" to N.V. off Port Jackson with Sydney section (4 MV)
- (xi) "DUNCAIRNE" en route Cairns to Newcastle ETA 2000/27.
- (xii) "MANUNDA" en route Brisbane to Milne Bay ETA 1101/26.
- (xiii) At Brisbane. "TULSA" "SPERRY" "FULTON" "POYANG". Refitting "BENDIGO"
- (xiv) At Melbourne. "PIRIE". Repairing "HOLLAND" "WARRENSBOOL".
- (xv) At Sydney. "DOBBS" "WILCANNIA" "BOUCA" "WEXALLA" "MORSEY" "YANDRA" "SONOMA". Refitting or repairing "CHESTER" "AUSTRALIA" "LE TRIUMPHANT" "VENETTA" "BISHOPDALE" "ALNERA". In reserve "MARGORA"
- (xvi) At Adelaide "SPRINGDALE".
- (xvii) At Townsville. "PATTERSON" "SWAN" "COLAC" "YERGAN"
- (xviii) At Port Stephens. "WESTRALIA" "PING WO"
- (xix) At Port Moresby. "ARUNTA" "STUART" "J.R. LOWELL" "VAN HEUTSZ" "MATTHEW FLINDERS" "MOLIANA" "OAN MATHESON" "BONTHOE" "CREMER" "BOFF" "MARTSUYCHER" "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER".
- (xx) At Milne B y. "KATOOMBA" "BALLARAT" "STELLA" "POLARIS" "BALIKPAPAN" "JAPANA" "DARTAN"
- (xxi) At Challenger Bay. "PHOENIX" "MOUFORD" "HRLM" "MEREUR" "AASE MARSK"

Enemy Forces

- (i) Lae: Incomplete reports indicate that the enemy may have landed reinforcements last night 24/11 in the Lae-Salamaua area instead of at Buna. 5 Destroyers were sighted in Vitiaz Strait at 1630 on a south-easterly course, and were again sighted at 2050 on a southerly course 15 miles N.E. of Salamaua. The vessels were shadowed eastwards, and later successfully attacked.
- (ii) Buin-Faisi: Reports yesterday 24/11 indicated 16 vessels in the Buin-Faisi area, as follows :-
 - 9 destroyers
 - 1 sloop
 - 3 cargo vessels
 - 2 submarines
 - 1 tanker

Another report indicates that 4 of these ships left the area in the late afternoon for Munda (see below). In addition, a transport was seen on a reef off Loluei Point.

- (ii) Buin-Faisi (contd.) Aircraft also reported a possible new aerodrome a few miles North of Loluei river (18 miles S. Kieta). Natives report enemy reinforcements in the Buin area.
- (iii) Munda: Activity continues between Munda and the Buin area. A destroyer, 2 transports, a tanker and 3 floatplanes were seen off Lunga Point (Sanongga Is.) at 1955/24, on course 180. These vessels were probably based on the Buin area and previous intelligence suggests Munda as the likely destination.
A warship and 7000 ton cargo vessel, not previously reported, arrived at Musalavata Is. (3 miles S.W. Kokengolo Mission) at 1600/21. These vessels appear to have departed on the following day with 2 ships which arrived on 20/11, and to have returned to the Faisi area.
- (iv) New Georgia :
An unconfirmed report suggests that Japanese may have landed South of Kundurumbangara Point (Vella Lavella) during the night of 21/11.
- (v) Buna-Gona :
An enemy counter-attack 23/11 South of Sanananda Point was repulsed with heavy enemy casualties.
It was estimated that 100 Japanese remained in Gona on 23/11.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

- (i) "ADELAIDE" "JACOB VAN HERMSKERK" "VAN GALEN" escorting Convoy ON ("TARANAK" "TATRA" "AGRI PRINCE") dep. Fremantle 1731/24. Van Galen to return Fremantle at 2200/25.
- (ii) "GOLDSTAR" en route Fremantle to Melbourne ETA 0930/25
- (iii) "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" dep. Fremantle 0632/24 for Exmouth Gulf.
- (iv) "TANWORTH" dep. Albany 1422/24 for Fremantle ETA 0600/27.
- (v) At Fremantle. "TJERE HUIDES" "HERON" "CHILDS" "PELIAS" "ISABEL" "TRINITY" "WALLAROO" "CESSNOCK" "DUBCO" "TOOWOOMBA" "CANTLER" "WAKGARELLA".
- (vi) At Exmouth Gulf. "W.B. PRESTON"
- (vii) At Darwin. "ARNIDALE" "CASTLEMAINE" "KALCOORLIE".

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

2 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or EEI area.

Enemy Forces

Dilli : Aircraft ordered to attack shipping at Dilli early morning 24/11 reported no shipping in the area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

- (i) At Vanikoro. MACKINAC (AV)
- (ii) At Espiritu Santo. NORTHAMPTON PENSACOLA (CA) ALTAMARA (ACV) FARRAGUT TREVIER AARON WARD MAURY GRAYSON SHAW NICHOLAS MORRIS BUCHANAN FLETCHER LANSDOWNE CONYNGHAM (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) BALLARD (AVD) GUADALUPE TAPPANHANNOCK SABINE (AG) GAMBLE (CM) RIGEL (AD) VESTAL (AR) SOLACE (AR) PG.476 PG.477 (YP) STRATFORD WHEYWOOD ZEILIN NEVILLE PRES.HAYES (AP) POMALHAUT KOPARA (AK).
- (iii) At Noumea. WASHINGTON SOUTH DAKOTA (SS) ENTERPRISE (CV) NASSAU (ACV) SAN FRANCISCO (CA) HELENA SAN DIEGO (CL) CLARK ALWYN RUSSELL NOVEY STEWETT GWIN BUCHANAN DALE STACK O'BANNON SOUTHWARD MAHAN (DD) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AK). WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER VIBRO (AM) BUTTERNUT (YN) DELPHINUS (YP) W.W.DUNROWS (AP) HUNTER LEGGOTT McCAWLEY CRESCENT CITY PRES.ADAMS PRES. JACKSON (AP) ANTARES (AK) A.R.D.2
- (iv) At Vila. "LAKAWANNA" (AO) ALDEBARAN" (AK)
- (v) At Guadalcanal area. "MACPARLAND" (AVD) "JAMESTOWN" (PG) "BOBOLINK" (AM) "MAJABA" (AK)
- (vi) At Suva. MARYLAND COLORADO (SS) SARATOGA (CV) BALCH CRAVEN DUNLOP PANNING BRILL MONGHAN (DD) GRIFFIN (AS) KASKAREE (AO) CATALPA LOCUST ROSEWOOD (YN) SUMNER (Survey Ship) TALAMANCA (AK) S.42, S.43, S.44, S.(6x) S.46, S.47, S.48, S.49, S.50, S.51, S.52, S.53, S.54, S.55, S.56, S.57, S.58, S.59, S.60, S.61, S.62, S.63, S.64, S.65, S.66, S.67, S.68, S.69, S.70, S.71, S.72, S.73, S.74, S.75, S.76, S.77, S.78, S.79, S.80, S.81, S.82, S.83, S.84, S.85, S.86, S.87, S.88, S.89, S.90, S.91, S.92, S.93, S.94, S.95, S.96, S.97, S.98, S.99, S.100
- (vii) At Samoa. CHESTNUT

- (viii) At Funafuti. "THORNTON" (AVD)
- (ix) At Bora Bora "TERN" (AM)
- (x) At Tahiti. "CHEVREUIL" (Sloop)
- (xi) At Auckland. "ACHILLES" (CL) MONOWAI (AMC) "EBONY" (YB)
- (xii) At Wellington. "FULLER" (AP) "BELLATRIX" (AK).

- D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA
- E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA
- F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

Huon Gulf: An incomplete report of attacks by aircraft last night 24/11 on an enemy convoy in Huon Gulf, comprising 5 destroyers, indicates that two vessels were hit. One destroyer was reported burning and exploding, and a second, which turned to pick up survivors was hit by a bomb.

These two ships were later observed burning halfway between Lae and Finschhafen with 3 others circling around. 5 bombs were dropped but results were not observed. The convoy was reported to be proceeding up Vitiaz Strait. Preliminary reports of another attack indicate that a third vessel was hit.

III. AIR OPERATIONS

Allied

(1) Buna - Gona - Sananasanda Point

Twelve attacks were carried out 24/11 by 10 B.25's, 8 P.39's and 4 P.400's, 10 A.20's, 7 B.17's, 9 Beaufighters, 5 B.17's, 19 B.25's 7 B.26's, 3 A.20's, 6 Beaufighters, 13 B.17's and 12 P.40's. Most of Gona Mission buildings destroyed. Other buildings hit. A/A positions silenced. Fuel dump hit and many fires started. One P.40 crash landed. Pilot safe.

(ii) Dilli

5 Hudsons attacked the aerodrome late 23/11. Bombs fell in target area.

IV. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Further attempts to land supplies and reinforcements on Guadalcanal from submarines.
- (ii) Further attempts to reinforce New Guinea area.
- (iii) Divisionary activity in the Aleutians.
- (iv) Continued raider and submarine activity in the Indian Ocean.

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For A/Director, C.C.I.C.

25/11/42

APPENDUM

INDIAN OCEAN:

S.S. "TILAWA" (BR) 10,000 tons was torpedoed about midnight 23/11 in 007°38' North 061°08' East (690 miles west by north Malcolm Atoll, Maldives Is.).

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or damaged.</u>
1 aircraft carrier (CV)	HOSHO	
3 converted A/C carriers (XCV)	HAYATAKA ZUHO YAWATA	
12 heavy cruisers (CA) (1 effective)	MYOKO) ASHICARA) 1 damaged 26/10	TONE (damaged 26/10) TIKUMA (damaged 26/10) KUMANO (damaged 10/9) AOBA)1 prob.sunk KINUGASA)1 damaged 12/10 HOGAMI)1 believed sunk 14/11 SUZUYA)1 damaged ATAGO)1 or 2 believed sunk TAKAO)1 damaged CHOKAI)
10 light cruisers (CL) (2 believed sunk 13/11, 14/11. Several others damaged)	KASHIMA KATORI JINTSU NAGARA YUBARI TENRYU TATSUTA SENDAI (prob.damaged) ISUZU) KINU) believed sunk	
Approx. 25 submarines Approx. 40 destroyers (DD) 3 seaplane carriers		CHITOSE) 1 damaged 8/11 AKITSUSHIMA) NISSHIN (prob.damaged)
Converted S/P tenders (XAV)	HITCHO MARU KINUGASA MARU SANEKI MARU KAGU MARU NOTORO GOSHO MARU HARUTO MARU SOUYOU MARU SENDAI MARU SANYO MARU KIYOKAWA MARU (prob.damaged 21/10) JINGEI	
2 submarine tenders incl. Approx. 40 merchant ships (over 3,000 tons) Minelayers, minesweepers, subchasers, MTB's, gunboats, patrol craft, Approx. 265 shore-based aircraft incl. 124 fighters, 87 B., 20 P/B, 25 P/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft.		

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

Allied Forces.

6" cruiser	ADELAIDE	
A.A. ship	JACOB VAN HEERSKERK	
Destroyers	TJERK HIDDES VAN GALEN	
Armed merchant cruiser	KANINGLA	
S/P tenders	HERON CHILDS W.G. PRESTON	
Submarine tender	PELIAS	
Submarines	GREENADIER) K.12) on patrol TRESHER) GAR) TARBOR) At Fremantle TAUTOG) SEARAVEN) K.8)	

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.

Allied Forces.

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

Enemy Forces.

C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet.

2 light cruisers (CL)

KUMA

KASHI (29/10).

3 converted light cruisers (XCL)

Approx. 16 destroyers

Converted seaplane tender (XAV)

OKITSU MARU

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

Battleships

NORTH CAROLINA
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO

CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE
NEVADA
WEST VIRGINIA
IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA

Converted A/c. carriers

COPAHEE
LONG ISLAND
MINNEAPOLIS

8" cruisers

LOUISVILLE
SALE LANE CITY
CHICAGO
ST. LOUIS

6" cruisers

RALEIGH
DETROIT
15 approx.
23 approx.

Destroyers

Submarines

Enemy forces.

Palau-Saipan-Honolulu-Formosa-Japan.

C. in C. 3rd fleet (A/c. carriers)

5 battleships (BB)

MURASHI
HAGATO
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

1 battlecruiser (BB) damaged

2 aircraft carriers (CV)

SHOGAKU) 26/10
ZUIKAKU)

2 converted A/c. carriers

KIKKA
TAIYO

1 8" cruiser (CA)

1 6" cruiser (CL)

YURA

HAGURO (10/9)

1 seaplane tender (AV)

Converted S/P. tenders (XAV)

FUJIKAWA MARU
KANOI
KENJO MARU

CHIYODA (23/9)

6 old Armoured cruisers (OCA)

Approx. 30 destroyers

Approx. 30 submarines.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied forces.

Battleships

SOUTH DAKOTA
WASHINGTON
COLORADO
MARYLAND
ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA

Aircraft carriers

8" cruisers

SAN FRANCISCO
NEW ORLEANS
NORTHAMPTON

6" cruisers

PENSACOLA
PORTLAND
HELENA

5" cruisers

HONOLULU
LEANDER
ACHILLES

Destroyers

Armed Merchant cruisers

SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN
30 (approx.)
ASCARIA
HONOLULU

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied forces.

8" cruiser
6" cruiser
10 destroyers
10 submarines

INDIANAPOLIS
NASHVILLE

Enemy forces.

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians.

8" cruiser (CA)
3 light cruisers (CL)

HACHI
ABUKUMA
TAMA
KISO

3 converted light cruisers (XCL)

Approx. 4 destroyers
Approx. 7 submarines
Converted S/P.tenders (XAV)

KAMIKAWA MARU
KANTSU MARU

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied forces.

6" cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND.

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

Allied forces.

Battleships

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
RAMILIE S
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
ILLUSTRIOUS
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Grod)
DEVONSHIRE.

REVENGE

A/c.carrier
8" cruisers

7.5" cruisers

6" cruisers

HAWKES
FRONISHER
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
BIRMINGHAM
ENTERPRISE
DAUNTLESS
DRAGON
DURBAN
CAPE TOWN
CYRUS
CALEDON
CARADOC
SUMATRA (Dutch)
WORCESTERSHIRE

NEWCASTLE
GIA SCOW
EMERALD
DANAÉ

Armed Merchant Cruisers

A.A.ship
Approx. 27 destroyers
Approx. 9 submarines

Enemy forces.

Approx. 7 submarines.

WANCHI
CORFU
CHITRAL
NANPURA
CARTHAGE
CARLISLE

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN ACTIVITY

26th November, 1942.

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES.A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA.1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.Allied Forces.

- (i) Task Group 44.6 ("HOBART" (P) "SELFRIDGE" "HENLEY" "BAGLEY") on patrol in Coral Sea.
- (ii) "WARREGO" "LITHGOW" escorting Convoy K ("FELIPE DE NEVE" "GEORGE TAYLOR" "JOHN STEELE" "S.J. FIELD" "TARONGA" "VAN NEPESKERK" "ANNUI" "VAN DERLIJN" "KURUMBA") en route Townsville to Port Moresby ETA 0800 today 26/11.
- (iii) "BROOME" escorting "JESSE APPELGATE" to Bruner Is. dep. Port Moresby 1200/25. "BALLARAT" to RV there at 0900 today 26/11 and escort to Milne Bay ETA 1300. "BROOME" returns Moresby.
- (iv) "DOBEBURN" escorting Convoy BT23 ("A.E. BURNSIDE") from Brisbane to Whitsunday Passage.
- (v) "MORSEBY" escorting "KATOOMBA" to Capricorn Channel dep. Sydney 0535/25 ETA 1700/27.
- (vi) "INVERELL" escorting Sydney section Convoy OC.46 arr. 1607/25. "MILBURA" continued northwards with Newcastle section.
- (vii) "DELORAIN" "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Convoy OC.47 (5 MV) left Wilson's Promontory area yesterday 25/11 for Sydney and Newcastle.
- (viii) "DOONDA" escorting Convoy OC.47 from W.P. area arr. Melbourne 0155/26.
- (ix) "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Newcastle section Convoy OC.48 (9 MV) dep. 0822/25. "KAPUNDA" escorting Sydney section (4 MV) dep. 1644 for RV.
- (x) "BUNDAHERG" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy GP.23 (1 MV ex Sydney, 3 ex Newcastle) dep. Sydney 0913/25 ETA Caloundra 1800/27.
- (xi) "GEELONG" was to leave Whitsunday Passage for Brisbane 0600/25.
- (xii) "GOLDSTAR" en route Fremantle to Melbourne ETA 0930/28.
- (xiii) "GYMPIE" completed acceptance trials yesterday 25/11.
- (xiv) "BURGAREE" en route Cairns to Newcastle ETA 2000/27.
- (xv) "MANUNDA" en route Brisbane to Milne Bay ETA 1101 today 26/11.
- (xvi) At Brisbane. "TULSA" "SPERRY" "PULTON" "GYMPIE" "POYANG". Refitting "BENDIGO".
- (xvii) At Melbourne. "PIRIE". Repairing "TROP" "HOLLAND" "WARREMBGOL".
- (xviii) At Sydney. "DORBIN" "WILCANNIA" "ECHUCA" "WHYALLA" "YANDRA" "SONOMA". Refitting or repairing "CHESTER" "AUSTRALIA" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "VENETTA" "BISHOPDALE" "ALHENA". In reserve "MANOORA".
- (xix) At Adelaide. "SPRINGDALE".
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- (xxiii) At Milne Bay. "KATOOMBA" "STELLA" "POLARIS" "BALIKPAPAN" "JAPARA" "BANTAN".
- (xxiv) At Challenger Bay. Task Group 44.4 ("PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "PATTERSON" "INKL" "MERKUR" "AASH HARRSK".

Enemy Forces.

- (1) Huon Gulf: One of the five enemy vessels (probably one light cruiser and four destroyers) operating in this area during the night of 24/11 was seen to explode at 0030/25, and two others were damaged. At about 0140, a destroyer and light cruiser were proceeding northwards from Cape Cretin area at 30 knots and another destroyer at 6 knots.

At 0800, two destroyers were reported in the Northern entrance to Dampier Strait on course 065°. The two damaged vessels were evidently straggling or may have sunk.

At 1100, four destroyers were reported west of Willametz Peninsula on course 070°. This appears to have been a separate force, not previously sighted.

(ii) Shortland Is. Base: Photographs 24/11 showed three destroyers, two minelayers, one tanker, one patrol craft, seven landing barges and three merchant vessels among the shipping in the Tonolet Harbour area.

Air reconnaissance at 1130/25 reported twelve ships, as follows:-

- 1 destroyer or light cruiser
- 7 cargo vessels (3/7,000 tons)
- 4 small unidentified ships.

A destroyer and three cargo vessels were reported at 1030 approximately 10 miles S.E. Cape Stevens (Shortland Is.) on course 270°. These are probably the vessels sighted off Ganongga Is. and evening 24/11, proceeding southwards, and on 25/11 were probably returning to the Buin area from Munda.

(iii) The enemy is resisting strongly in positions west of Cape Endeladore. Our forces are making steady progress at Gona. Natives confirm the landing of enemy troops and equipment in this area 18-19/11.

(iv) The Hanoi aerodrome is reported to be in use (approximately 20 miles East Lae). 200 Japanese are stationed at Bukaua (one mile East Hanoi).

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

Allied Forces.

- (i) "ADELAIDE" "JACOB VAN HEUNSKERK" escorting Convoy ON ("TARAKAN" "TATRA" "AGRI PRINCE") en route Fremantle to RV with "GAMBIA" 29/11 in 021°24' south 095°30' east.
- (ii) "CHESNOK" "TOOWOOMBA" escorting "GOLDMOUTH" dep. Fremantle 1821/21. To RV with Convoy ON in 026°53' south 105°50' east. Later will be detached and proceed independently to Diego Garcia.
- (iii) "VAN GALEN" returning Fremantle from escort duties with Convoy ON.
- (iv) "WHIPPOORWILL" returned Fremantle 0230/25 with engine defects.
- (v) "LARK" en route Exmouth Gulf from Fremantle.
- (vi) "TANWORTH" en route Albany to Fremantle ETA 0600/27.
- (vii) At Fremantle. "TJERK HIDDUS" "HERON" "CHILDS" "PELIAS" "ISABEL" "TRINITY" "WALLAROO" "DUBBO" "GAWLER" "WANGANELLA".
- (viii) At Exmouth Gulf. "W.B. PRESTON".
- (ix) At Darwin. "ARNIDALE" "CASTLEMAINE" "KALGOORLIE".

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.

Allied Forces

2 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

Enemy Forces

Dilli: It is reported that a destroyer arrived Dilli 0830/25 and departed with a large merchant vessel at 1145. It would seem that the merchant vessel had been in the area since morning 23/11, though it was not located by ~~the~~ Allied air searches during the night 23/11.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

- (i) At Vanikoro. MACKINAC (AV)
- (ii) At Espiritu Santo. NORTHAMPTON PENSACOLA (CA) ALTAMARA (ACV) FARRAGUT TREVET AARON WARD MAURY GRAYSON SHAW NICHOLAS BUCHANAN FLETCHER LANSDOWNE CONYNGHAM (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) BALLARD (AVD) GUADALUPE TAPPANHANOCK SABINE (AO) GAMBLE (CW) RIGEL (AD) VESTAL (AR) SOLACE (AK) PC.476 PC.477 (YP) STRATFORD HEYWOOD ZEILIN BEVILLE PRES.HAYES (AP) POMALHAUT KOPARA (AK).
- (iii) At Noumea. WASHINGTON (BB) ENTERPRISE (CV) MASSAU (ACV) HELENA SAN DIEGO (CL) CLARK RUSSEL HOVEY MORRIS GWIN BUCHANAN STACK O'BANION SOUTHWARD ANDERSON (DD) PROMETHUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AR) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER VIREO (AM) BUTTERNUT (YN) DELPHINUS (YP) W.W.BURROWS (AP) HUNTER LEGGETT CRESCENT CITY PRES.ADAMS PRES.JACKSON (AP) AUTARKE (AK) A.R.D.2.
- (iv) At Vila. "LACKAWANNA" (AO) "ALDEBARAN" (AK).
- (v) At Guadalcanal area. MACPARIAND (AVD) JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) MAJASA (AK).
- (vi) At Suva. MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) SARATOGA (CV) SAN JUAN (CL) BALCH CRAVEN DUNLOP FARRING HULL MONGHAN (DD) GRIFFIN (AS) KANKAKEE (AO) CATALPA LOCUST ROSEWOOD (YN) SUMNER (Survey ship) TALAMANCA (AK) S.42. S.43. S.44. S.45. S.46. S.47 (SS).
- (vii) At Samoa. CHESTNUT (YN) CANANOA (AK).

- (viii) At Funafuti. "THORNTON" (AVD)
- (ix) At Bora Bora. "TERN" (AK).
- (x) At Tahiti. "CHEVREUIL" (Sloop).
- (xi) At Auckland. "LEANDER" "ACHILLES" (OL) "MONOWAI" (ASC) "WOODWORTH" (DD) "EBONY" (YN) "BOAMER" (AP).
- (xii) At Wellington. "FULLER" (AP) "BELLATRIX" (AK).

- D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.
- E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA.
- F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

Enemy Forces.

Enemy submarine Activity: There are indications that three submarines may be operating in the general Ceylon area, as follows:-

23/11	One possible submarine	02° 3. 75° E.
23/11	One possible submarine	04° N. 82° E.
24/11	One submarine torpedoed	"TILAWA" 07°36'E. 61°03'E.

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS.

- (1) Bay of Bengal: Further reports indicate that of the five vessels attacked in this area during the night 24/11, one was probably sunk and two others damaged by direct hits.

III. AIR OPERATIONS.

Allied

- (1) Lae: Four P.38's bombed Lae aerodrome morning 25/11. One building hit. One Zero probably damaged. 28 fighters were reported on the aerodrome during the day.
- (11) Daucau: Six Beaufighters strafed and set on fire huts and buildings morning 25/11. One A.A. position silenced. Landing strip 600 yards long observed.

Enemy.

- (1) Port Moresby: One unidentified bomber dropped four bombs evening 24/11. Damage slight.
One unidentified bomber dropped four bombs near 7-mile aerodrome early morning 25/11. No damage.
- (11) Darwin: Reconnaissance by three enemy aircraft midday 25/11.

IV. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVES.

- (i) Further attempts to land supplies and reinforcements on Guadalcanal from submarines.
- (ii) Further attempts to reinforce New Guinea area.
- (iii) Diversionary activity in the Aleutians.
- (iv) Continued raider and submarine activity in the Indian Ocean.

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For A/Director, C.O.I.C.

26/11/42.

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or damaged</u>
1 aircraft carrier (CV)	HOSHO	
3 converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	HAYATAKA ZUIHO YAWATA	
12 heavy cruisers (CA)	MYOKO) ASHIGARA) 1 damaged 26/10)	TONE (damaged 26/10) TIKUMA (damaged 26/10) KU MARU (damaged 10/9) AGRA) 1 prob. sunk KINUGASA) 1 damaged 12/10 HOGANI) 1 believed sunk 14/11 SUZUYA) 1 damaged ATAGO) 1 or 2 believed TAKAO) sunk CHOKAI) 1 damaged
10 light cruisers (CL) (2 believed sunk 13/11, 14/11 Several others damaged)	KASHIMA KATORI JIMTSU NAGARA YUBARI TENRYU TATSUTA SENDAI (prob. damaged) ISUZU) KINU) believed sunk	
Approx. 25 submarines		
Approx. 40 destroyers (DD)		
3 seaplane carriers		
Converted S/P tenders (KAV)	CHITOSE) AETSUSHIMA) 1 damaged 8/11 NISSHIN (prob. damaged) NITCHO MARU KINUGASA MARU SAKUKI MARU KAGU MARU NOTORO GOSHO MARU NARUTO MARU SOUYOU MARU SENDAI MARU SARYO MARU KIYOKAWA MARU (prob. damaged 21/10) JINGEI	
2 submarine tenders incl.		
Approx. 40 merchant ships (over 3,000 tons)		
Mine layers, minesweepers, sub. chasers, MTB's, gunboats, patrol craft,		
Approx. 262 shore-based aircraft incl. 121 fighters, 87 B., 20 P/B, 25 P/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft.		

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

6" Cruiser
A.A. Ship
Destroyers

S/P Tenders

Submarine tender
Submarines

ADELAIDE
 JACOB VAN HEERNSHERK
 TJEERK HIDDUS
 VAN GALEN
 HERON
 CHILDS
 W.B. PRESTON
 PELIAS
 GRENADIER)
 K.12) On patrol
 THRESHER)
 OAR)
 TAMBOR) At Fremantle
 TAUTOG)
 SEARAVEN)
 K.8)

EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet

5 light cruisers (CL)

KUMA
MATORI
OI
KITAGAMI

KASHII (29/10)

3 converted light cruisers (XCL)

Approx. 16 destroyers

Converted seaplane tender (XAV) OKITSU MARU

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces

Battleships

NORTH CAROLINA
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO

CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE
NEVADA
WEST VIRGINIA
IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA

Converted A/C carriers

COPAHEE
LONG ISLAND
MINNEAPOLIS

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE
SALT LAKE CITY
CHICAGO
ST. LOUIS

6" Cruisers

HALBIGH
DETROIT
15 approx.
23 approx.

Destroyers

Submarines 23

Enemy Forces

PALAO-Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan

C. in C. 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)

5 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
KAGATO
FUJIO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

1 battlecruiser (BB) damaged

2 aircraft carriers (CV)

SHOKAKU) 26/10
ZUIKAKU)

2 converted A/C carriers

HITAKA
TAIYO

1 8" Cruiser (CA)

1 6" cruiser (CL)

YURA

HAGURO (10/9)

1 seaplane tender (AV)

Converted S/P tenders (XAV)

FUJIKAWA MARU
KAMOJ
KENJO MARU

CHIYODA (23/9)

6 old armoured cruisers (OCA)

Approx. 30 destroyers

Approx. 30 submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

SOUTH DAKOTA
WASHINGTON
COLORADO
MARYLAND
ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA

Aircraft carriers

Converted A/C Carriers

NASSAU
ALTAHANA
SAN FRANCISCO
NEW ORLEANS
NORTHAMPTON
PENSACOLA
PORTLAND
HELENA
HONOLULU
LEANDER
ACHILLES

8" Cruisers

6" cruisers

3 rd cruisers	SAN DIEGO
	SAN JUAN
Destroyers	30 (approx)
Armed merchant cruisers	ASCANIA
	HONGKAI

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

<u>Allied Forces</u>	
3 rd cruiser	INDIANAPOLIS
6 th cruiser	NASHVILLE
10 destroyers	
10 submarines	

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Alutians

3 rd cruiser (CA)	HACHI
3 light cruisers (CL)	ARUKOMA
	TAMA
	KISSO

3 converted light cruisers (XCL)	
Approx. 4 destroyers	
Approx. 7 submarines	
Converted S/P tenders (XAV)	HAKIHARA MARU
	HAKITSU MARU

E) SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC AREA

<u>Allied Forces.</u>	
3 rd cruisers	CONCORD
	TRENTON
	RICHMOND

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

<u>Allied Forces</u>		
<u>Battleships</u>		
	WARSPITE	REVENGE
	RESOLUTION	
	HANILIAS	
	ROYAL SOVEREIGN	
	ILLUSTRIOUS	
A/C carrier	ALBATROSS	
Seaplane carrier	GEORGES AVROFF (Greek)	
3 rd Cruisers	DEVONSHIRE	
7.5 th Cruisers	HAWKINS	
	PROBISHER	
3 rd cruisers	MAURITIUS	NEWCASTLE
	GAMBIA	GLASGOW
	BIRMINGHAM	EMERALD
	ENTERPRISE	BANAR
	DAUNTLESS	
	DRAGON	
	DURBAN	
	CAPUTOWN	
	CHERO	
	CALLIDON	
	CANADOC	
	SUMATRA (Dutch)	
Armed Merchant Cruisers	WORCESTERSHIRE	
	RANCHI	
	COMPTON	
	KANIMBA	
	CHITRAL	
	RAMPURA	
	CANTHACK	
	CANLISLE	

A.A. Ship
 Approx. 27 destroyers
 Approx. 9 submarines

Enemy Forces
 Approx. 7 submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN ACTIVITY

27th. November, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCESA) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTORAllied Forces

- (i) Task Group 44.4 ("PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "PATTERSON" "HKLH") to depart Palm Is. today 27/11 to relieve Task Group 44.6 ("HOBART" (F) "SEFRIDGE" "HEMLEY" "BAGLEY") tomorrow 28/11, now on patrol in Coral Sea.
- (ii) "KATOOMBA" "BALLARAT" to R.V. with "MULIANA" at northern entrance to China Strait 1300 today 27/11 and escort to Position C (009°15.5'S. 149°31'E) ETA 0800/28 where "PALUMA" will R.V. and lead ships to Porlock Harbour.
- (iii) "GOULBURN" escorting Convoy BT23 ("A.E. BURNSIDE") from Brisbane to Whitsunday Passage.
- (iv) "MORESBY" escorting "KATOOMBA" to Capricorn Channel from Sydney ETA 1700/27.
- (v) "GUELONG" escorting Convoy BT.24 ("MANGOLA") to depart Moreton Bay 1500 today 27/11 on return of "GUELONG" from escort duty to the northwards.
- (vi) "BUNDABERG" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy GP.23 (4 MV) en route Sydney to Caloundra ETA 1500 today 27/11. 2 escort vessels to return Sydney ETD Caloundra 1630.
- (vii) "DELORAINE" "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Convoy CC.47 (7 MV) left Wilson's Promontory area 25/11 for Sydney and Newcastle.
- (viii) "TOWNSVILLE" "KAPUNDA" escorting Convoy CO.48 (13 MV) left Sydney area 25/11 for R.V. in Wilson's Promontory area.
- (ix) "GOLDSTAR" en route Fremantle to Melbourne ETA 0930/28.
- (x) "BUNGARKE" en route Cairns to Newcastle ETA 0800 today 27/11
- (xi) "MERKUR" "AASE MARSK" to return Townsville on departure of Task Group 44.4 today 27/11.
- (xii) "MANUNDA" dep. Milne Bay 1101/26 for Port Moresby ETA 0800 today 27/11.
- (xiii) At Brisbane. "TULSA" "SPERRY" "PULTON" "GYMPIE" "POYANG". Refitting "BENDIGO"
- (xiv) At Melbourne. "PIRIE" "DOOMBA". Repairing "TROMP" "HOLLAND" "WARRHAMBOOL"
- (xv) At Sydney. "AUSTRALIA" "DOBBIN" "INVERKELL" "MILDURA" "WILCANNIA" "ECHUCA" "WHYALLA" "YANDRA" "SONOMA". Refitting or repairing "CHESTER" "ANSTRUTHER" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "VENDETTA" "BISHOPDALE" "ALBERA". In reserve "MANGORA".
- (xvi) At Adelaide. "SPRINGDALE".
- (xvii) At Townsville. "SWAN" "COLAC" "YURMAN" "VICTORIA".
- (xviii) At Port Stephens. "WESTRALIA" "PING HO".
- (xix) At Port Moresby. "ARUNTA" "STUART" "WARREGO" "LITENOR" "KURUMBA" "PELIPE DE NEVE" "TAROOMA" "S.J. FIELD" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "ANHUI" "JOHN STERLE" "GEORGE TAYLOR" "VAN DER LIJN" "J.R. LOWELL" "VAN HEUTSZ" "MATTHEW FLINDERS" "CLAN MATHESON" "BONTEKOR" "CREMER" "BOTH" "MAETSUYCKER" "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER".
- (xx) At Milne Bay. "BROOME" "BALIKPAPAN" "JAPARA" "JESSE APPLIGATE" "BANTAM".

Enemy Forces.

- (i) Reports yesterday 26/11 indicated that the enemy was making further attempts to land reinforcements from destroyers in the Buna area. Four destroyers were sighted off Cape Orford at 2100, on course 190° and a destroyer (or destroyers) was approx. 60 miles north of Buna at approx 2230.
- (ii) Buin-Faisi area: Photographs of this area 25/11 showed two destroyers, two minelayers, one patrol vessel, one tanker, two merchant vessels and nine landing-barges. These vessels were joined by 4/5 vessels, including two destroyers, from the south, probably returning from Wanda, and air reconnaissance at 1145/26 reported five destroyers and nine merchant vessels (one of which was probably a patrol boat). A later reconnaissance indicated that a cruiser may have arrived between 1145 and 1300, making a total of 15 vessels at that time.
- (iii) BUKA: Aircraft reported 2 cargo vessels (6,000 tons) off Sohani Is. at midday 26/11.

- (iv) At Vila. "LACKAWANNA" (AO) "AL DEBARAN" (AK)
- (v) At Guadalcanal area. MACFARLAND (AVD) JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) MAJABA (AK)
- (vi) At Suva. MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) SARATOGA (CV) SAN JUAN (CL) BALCH CRAVEN DUNLOP FANNING HULL MONAHAN (DD) GRIFFIN (AS) KANKAKEE (AO) CATALPA LOCUST ROSEWOOD (YN) SUMNER (Survey ship) TALAMANCA (AK) S.42, S.43, S.44, S.45, S.46, S.47 (SS)
- (vii) At Samoa. CHESTNUT (YN) CANANGA (AK)
- (viii) At Funafuti. "THORNTON" (AVD)
- (ix) At Bora Bora. "TERR" (AK)
- (x) At Tahiti. "CHEVREUIL" (Sloop)
- (xi) At Auckland. "LEANDER" "ACHILLES" (CL) "MONOWAI" (AMC) "WOODWORTH" (DD) "EBONY" (YN) "ROAMER" (AP)
- (xii) At Wellington. "FULLER" (AP) "BELLATRIX" (AK)

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Enemy Forces

Enemy submarine activity: An enemy submarine was indicated in 006°N 089°E on 25/11, possibly returning to the Penang base. At least two other enemy submarines are believed to be operating to the west and south of Ceylon.

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS: Nil

III. AIR OPERATIONS

Allied

(i) Buna Area: 9 attacks were made 26/11 by 6 Beaufighters, 15 P40's 5 A20's, 5 B25's, 3 A20's, 3 A20's, 3 A20's, 3 A20's and 3 B25's One A/A gun hit and one hit on fuel or ammunition dump. One P40 one A20 shot down One P40, 3 A20's slightly damaged.

Our patrols report that air attacks on enemy positions 24/11 were highly successful.

- (ii) Buka: 1 Catalina attacked aerodrome late 25/11. Results not observed.
- (iii) Salamaua: 5 B.26's attacked the wreck off Salamaua morning 26/11. Nil hits.
- (iv) MECO: 3 Hudsons attacked morning 26/11. One Beaufighter strafed native huts in the area.
- (v) Nova Lusa (Timor): 6 Hudsons escorted by 3 Beaufighters attacked morning 26/11. Buildings demolished or burned. One Beaufighter strafed huts.

Enemy

- (i) Buna: 8 Zeros shot down an allied transport aircraft 26/11. 4 P.40's intercepted and destroyed 3 Zeros certain and 2 probable.
- (ii) Dobadura: 4 Zeros strafed the village afternoon 25/11. Some casualties caused. 11 fighters strafed and bombed the area morning 26/11. Nil damage.
- (iii) Cape Endiaderre - Cape Sudest: 4 Zeros attacked the area morning 26/11, 6 Zeros attacked positions afternoon 26/11
- (iv) Darwin: 12 enemy aircraft attacked early morning 26/11. Some damage to installations and houses in town area. Slight damage to flight workshops at Hughes Field. One Hudson badly and 2 slightly damaged. Nil casualties. 2 U/I aircraft were over the area afternoon 26/11 and 4 Zeros were later reported on recce over the area. 18 P40's airborne did not intercept.

(v) Wyndham: An U/I aircraft was sighted over aerodrome afternoon 26/11. Last sighted heading North.

IV. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVES

- (i) Further attempts to land supplies and reinforcements on Guadalcanal from submarines.
- (ii) Further attempts to reinforce New Guinea area.
- (iii) Diversionary activity in the Aleutians.
- (iv) Continued raider and submarine activity in the Indian Ocean.

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For A/Director, COIC

27/11/42

APPENDIX TO

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA.

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

<u>Allied Forces</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or damaged</u>
5" cruisers	AUSTRALIA	CHESTER
6" cruisers	HOBART	
	PHOENIX	
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA	LE TRIOMPHANT
	STUART	TROMP
	SELFRIDGE	
Destroyers	MURFORD	VENDETTA
	HENLEY	
	HELM	
	BAGLEY	
	PATTERSON	
Submarines	GRAYBACK)	
	SARGO)	
	TROUT) At Brisbane	
	GRAMPUS)	
	SILVERSIDES)	
	SPEARFISH)	
	ALBACORE)	
	AMBERJACK)	
	FLYING FISH)	
	GATO)	
	GROUPEL)	
	GROWLER)	
	GUDGEON)	
	PLUNGER)	
	SAILFISH) On patrol	
	SAURY)	
	SCULPIN)	
	SHAPPER)	
	SEADRAGON)	
	STINGRAY)	
	STURGEON)	
	SWORDFISH)	
	TARPOW)	
	TUNA)	
	WAHOO)	
	K.9 At Sydney	
Armed merchant cruisers	WESTRALIA	MANCORA (in reserve)
Submarine tenders	FULTON	HOLLAND
	SPERRY	
Destroyer tender	BOBBIE	
Gunboat	TULSA	
Oilers	KURUMBA	
	AASE MAERSE	
	VICTORIA	
Storships	GOLDSTAR	ALBERA

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

C.in C. Combined Fleet
 C.in C. 2nd Fleet
 C.in C. 4th Fleet
 C.in C. 6th Fleet (submarines)
 3 battleships (BB)

YAMATO
 MUTSO
 ISE

2 battle cruisers (BB)

KONGO)1 sunk 14/11
 HIYKI)1 damaged "
 KIRISHIMA)1 believed
 HARUNA)damaged 28/8
)now homebased
)1 damaged

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or damaged</u>
1 aircraft carrier (CV)	NOSHO	
3 converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	HAYATAKA	
	ZUIHO	
	YAWATA	
12 heavy cruisers (CA)	MYOKO)	TOHE (damaged 26/10)
(1 effective)	ASHIGARA)	TIKUMA (damaged 26/10)
		1 damaged 26/10
		KUMANO (damaged 10/9)
		AGRA) 1 prob. sunk
		KINUGASA) 1 damaged 12/10
		HOGAMI) 1 believed sunk 14/11
		SUZUYA) 1 damaged
		ATAGO) 1 or 2 believed
		TAKAO) sunk
		CHORAI) 1 damaged
10 light cruisers (CL)	KASHIMA	
(2 believed sunk 13/11, 14/11	KATORI	
Several others damaged)	JINTSU	
	HAGARA	
	YUBARI	
	TENRYU	
	TATSUTA	
	SENDAI (prob. damaged)	
	ISUZU)	
	KINU)	believed sunk
Approx. 25 submarines		
Approx. 40 destroyers (DD)		
3 seaplane carriers		
Converted S/P tenders (XAV)	CHITOSE	) 1 damaged 8/11
	AKITSUSHIMA)
	NISSHIN (prob. damaged)	
	NITCHO MARU	
	KINUGASA MARU	
	SANUKI MARU	
	KAGU MARU	
	NOTORO	
	GOSHO MARU	
	HARUTO MARU	
	SOUYOU MARU	
	SENDAI MARU	
	SANYO MARU	
	KIYOKAWA MARU (prob. damaged 21/10)	
	JINGEI	
submarine tenders incl.		
Approx. 40 merchant ships (over 3,000 tons)		
Minelayers, minesweepers, subchasers, MTB's, gunboats, patrol craft,		
Approx. 262 shore-based aircraft incl. 121 fighters, 87 B., 20 F/B,		
25 F/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft.		

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

6" cruiser

A.A. Ship

Destroyers

S/P Tenders

Submarine Tender

Submarines

ADELAIDE	
JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK	
TJERK HIDDES	
VAN CALEN	
HERON	
CHILDS	
W.B. PRESTON	
PELIAS	
GRENADEIR)	
K.12)	On patrol
TRESHNER)	
GAR)	
TAMBOUR)	At Fremantle
TAUTOG)	
SEARAVEN)	
K.8)	

EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

2 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or HKI area (see above).

Enemy Forces

U. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet
4 light cruisers (CL)

NATORI
OI
KITAGAMI

KASHII (29/10)

3 converted light cruisers (XCL)
Approx. 16 destroyers
Converted seaplane tender (XAV)

ORITSU MARU

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces

Battleships

NORTH CAROLINA CALIFORNIA
MISSISSIPPI TENNESSEE
NEW MEXICO NEVADA
WEST VIRGINIA
IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA

Converted A/C carriers

COPAHEE
LONG ISLAND
MINNEAPOLIS

LOUISVILLE
SAKE LAKE CITY
CHICAGO
ST. LOUIS

8" cruisers

6" cruisers

RALEIGH
DETROIT
15 approx.
23 approx.

Destroyers

Submarines

Enemy Forces

Falao-Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan

U. in C. 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)

5 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
NAGATO
FUJO
YAMASHIRO
MYUGA

1 battlecruiser (BB) damaged

2 aircraft carriers (CV)

~~SEIKEN~~
SHOKAKU) 26/10
ZUIKAKU)

2 converted A/C carriers

HITAKA
TAIYO

HAGURO (10/9)

1 8" cruiser (CA)

1 6" cruiser (CL)

1 seaplane tender (AV)

Converted S/P tenders (XAV)

YURA

CHIYOGA (23/9)

FUJIKAWA MARU
KANGI
KENJO MARU

6 old armoured cruisers (OCA)

Approx. 30 destroyers

Approx. 30 submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces

Battleships

SOUTH DAKOTA
WASHINGTON
COLORADO
MARYLAND
ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA
HASSAU
AITAHANA
SAN FRANCISCO
NEW ORLEANS
NORTHAMPTON
PENSACOLA
PORTLAND
HELENA
HONOLULU
LEANDER
ACHILLES

Aircraft carriers

Converted A/C carriers

8" cruisers

6" cruisers

5" cruisers	SAN DIEGO
Destroyers	SAN JUAN
Armed merchant cruisers	30 (approx.)
	ASCANIA
	HONGWAI

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

8" cruiser	INDIANAPOLIS
6" cruiser	NASHVILLE
10 destroyers	
10 submarines	

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians.

8" cruiser (CA)	HACHI
3 light cruisers (CL)	ABUKUMA
	TAMA
	KISO
3 converted light cruisers (XCL)	
Approx. 4 destroyers	
Approx. 7 submarines	
Converted S/P tenders (XAV)	KAMIKAWA MARU
	KAMITSU MARU

-E) SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

6" cruisers	CONCORD
	TRENTON
	RICHMOND

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

Allied Forces.

Battleships	WARSPITE	REVENGE
	RESOLUTION	
	RAMILLIES	
	ROYAL SOVEREIGN	
A/C carrier	ILLUSTRIOUS	
Seaplane carrier	ALBATROSS	
8" cruisers	GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)	
	DEVONSHIRE	
7.5" cruisers	HAWKINS	
	FROBISHER	
6" cruisers	MAURITIUS	NEWCASTLE
	GAMBIA	GLASGOW
	BIRMINGHAM	EMERALD
	ENTERPRISE	DANAË
	DAUNTLESS	
	DRAGON	
	DURBAN	
	CAPETOWN	
	CERES	
	CALEDON	
	CARADOC	
	SUMATRA (Dutch)	
Armed Merchant Cruisers	WORCESTERSHIRE	
	RANCHI	
	CORFU	
	KANIBLA	
	CHITRAL	
	RANPURA	
	CARTHAGE	
	CARLISLE	

A.A.Ship

Approx. 27 destroyers
 Approx. 9 submarines

Enemy Forces

Approx. 7 submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN ACTIVITY

28th. November, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCESA) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTORAllied Forces

- (i) Task Group 44.4 ("PHOENIX" "HUGFORD" "PATTERSON" "HELM") to relieve Task Group 44.6 ("HOBART" (S) "SELFRIDGE" "HENLEY" "BAGLEY" today 28/11, and continue patrol in Coral Sea. T.O. due Challenge Bay tomorrow 29/11.
- (ii) "AUSTRALIA" to depart Sydney 2100 today 28/11 for Moreton Bay ETA. 0515/30
- (iii) "KATOOMBA" "BALLARAT" escorting "MULIAMA" due Position C (CG9° 15.5'S. 149° 31'E) 0800 today 28/11 where "PALUMA" will R.V. and lead ships to Perleok Harbour.
- (iv) "WARREGG" escorting "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" dep. Port Moresby 2000/26 for Townsville ETA 0200/29.
- (v) "SOULBURN" arr. Brisbane 1645/27. Escorting Convoy BT24 ("MANGOLA" "FORLAU LAUT") was to depart 2130.
- (vi) "BIRNABERG" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy GP23 arr. Brisbane 2009/27; dep. for Sydney 2031 ETA 1200/29.
- (vii) "TOWNSVILLE" "KAPUNDA" escorting Convoy CG.48 (13 MV) left Sydney area 25/11 for R.V. in Wilson's Promontory area.
- (viii) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy CG48 (7 MV) dep. Port Phillip 2150/27 for R.V. with above.
- (ix) "DELOIRINE" to depart Newcastle 1101 today 28/11 escorting Convoy CG49 (4 MV). "MILDURA" "EVERELL" to escort Sydney section (2 MV) to RV off Port Jackson and escort whole convoy to Wilson's Promontory area.
- (x) "GOLDSTAR" en route Fremantle to Melbourne ETA 0930 today 28/11
- (xi) "MANUNDA" dep. Port Moresby 1900/27 for Brisbane ETA 1300/1/12
- (xii) At Brisbane. "GHELONG" "TULSA" "SPERRY" "FULTON" "GYMPIE" "POYAR" Refitting "BENDIGO".
- (xiii) At Melbourne. "PIRIE" "DOOMBA". Repairing "TROMP" "HOLLARD" "WARRNAMBOOL"
- (xiv) At Sydney. "DOBBIN" "WILCANNIA" "SCHUCA" "ROCKHAMPTON" "WHYALLA" "YANDRA" "SONOMA". Refitting or repairing "CHESTER" "LE TRIOMPHEANT" "VENDETTA" "BISHOPDALE" "ALHENA". In reserve "MANOORA".
- (xv) At Adelaide. "SPRINGDALE"
- (xvi) At Newcastle "BURGAREE"
- (xvii) At Townsville. "SWAN" "COLAC" "YUNHAN" "VICTORIA" "AASE MAERSE" "MERKUR"
- (xviii) At Port Stephens. "AUSTRALIA" "PING WO"
- (xix) At Port Moresby. "ARUNTA" "STUART" "LITEGOS" "KURUMBA" "FELIPPE DE NEVE" "S.J. FIELD" "VAN HEENSKERK" "ANNUI" "JOHN STEELE" "GEORG TAYLOR" "VAN DER LIJN" "J.R. LOWELL" "VAN HEUTSZ" "MATTHEW PLINIE" "CLAN MATHESON" "BOETHEOE" "CREMER" "BOTH" "MARTSOYCKER"
- (xx) At Milne Bay. "BROOME" "BALIKPAPAN" "JAPARA" "JESSE APPEBOATE" "BANTAM"

Enemy Forces

- (i) Buin - Faisi - Tonolei: Aircraft reported 5 destroyers and 7 cargo vessels in this area at 1130/27.
3 destroyers and 2 merchant vessels had departed before 1000. They were sighted at that time 8 m. S.E. Faisi on course 160°, and again at 1530, escorted by a "Zero" fighter and a floatplane, on course 090°, west of Lunga Point (Ganongga Is). The convoy's destination appears to be Munda, where frequent convoys have been arriving from the Shortland area.
- (ii) Munda: All the houses at Kokengolo Mission were destroyed by Allied air raids 23-24/11.
50 Japanese, possibly from Munda, landed on Rendova Is. from a barge 21/11 and departed 26/11.

- (iii) Buka: Two medium merchant vessels were still in Buka Passage 27/11.
- (iv) Buna area: Allied forces made some progress in the Gona Sector and two enemy attacks were repulsed 26/11. Progress in the vicinity of Cape Endaradere was slight.
- (v) Wewak: A launch towing a dinghy was observed off Wewak 27/10. Activity at this point is at present slight, but may indicate preparations for further developments.
- (vi) Ysabel Is. Natives report that there are 3000 Japanese at Rekata Bay.
- (vii) Enemy Submarine Activity: There were further indications 26/11 of greatly increased enemy submarine activity in the Solomon Sea. Submarines were indicated as follows:

New Georgia.	One in 10°S. 157°30' E.
	One in 08°S. 157°30' E.
	One in 07°30'S. 156°30' E.)
	One in 07°30'S. 157° E.)
	One in 07°30'S. 156° E.)
	One in 08°S. 156° E.)
Bougainville:	One in 06°30'S. 155° E.
New Britain:	One in 07°S. 153° E.

Submarines were sighted by aircraft off the S. coast of New Britain 27/11, as follows:

0832	One large sub. 06°30'S. 156°30' E
0845	Two large subs. 06°20'S 151°20' E

Submarines were also indicated elsewhere in the Solomons area and also off the coast of Australia, as follows :-

26/11 Ongtong Java	One in 01°S 160° E
	One in 03°S 157° E
Cairns	One in 17°S 148° E
27/11 Guadalcanal	One small sub. near Doma Reef (sighted by aircraft)

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

- (i) "ADELAIDE" "JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK" escorting Convoy OW ("TARAKAN"/"TATRA" "AGRI PRINCE") en route Fremantle to HV with "GAMBIA" 29/11 in 021°24'S. 095°30' East.
- (ii) "WHIPPOORWILL" dep. Fremantle 26/11 for Exmouth Gulf.
- (iii) At Fremantle. "VAN GALEN" "TJMER HIDDERS" "HERON" "CHILDS" "PELIAS" "ISABEL" "TRINITY" "WALLAROO" "DUBBO" "GAWLER" "TAMWORTH" "WANDANELLA"
- (iv) At Exmouth Gulf. "W.B. PRESTON" "LARK"
- (v) At Darwin. "ARMIDALE" "CASTLEMAINE" "KALGOORLIE"

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

2 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or HEI area.

Enemy Forces

Dilli: A large transport plane arrived at Dilli 23/11 with about 60 troops.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

- (i) At Vanikoro "MACKINAC" (AV)
- (ii) At Espiritu Santo. NORTHAMPTON MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA (CA)
TREVOR AARON WARD MAURY MUSTON ZANE DRAYTON PERKINS ERNEXE
BUCHANAN FLETCHER CONYNGHAM (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) BALLARD
(AVD) GUADALUPE SABINE (AO) GABLE (CM) RIGEL (AD) VESTAL (AR)
PC.476 PC.477 (YP) STRATFORD ZEILIN (AP) BETEL HEUSE KOPARA (A)
- (iii) At Noumea. WASHINGTON (BB) ENTERPRISE (CV) HASSAU (ACV) HELENA
SAN DIEGO (CL) CLARK RUSSEL NOVY MORRIS OWIN BUCHANAN STACK

WOODWORTH O'BANION SOUTHARD AMERSON (DD) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER VIKING (AM) BUTTERNUT (YN) PC 479 DELPHINUS (YP) E.W. HURROUS (AP) HUNTER LEGGETT CRESCENT CITY AMERICAN LEGION PRES. ADAMS PRES. JACKSON (AP) ANTARES (AK) A.R.D.2

- (iv) At Vila. "LACKAWANNA" (AO) "ALDEBARAN" (AK)
- (v) Guadalcanal area. "JANESTOWNE" (PO) BOBOLINK (AM) MAJARA (AK)
- (vi) At Suva. NORTH CAROLINA COLORADO (SS) SARATOGA (CV) SAN JUAN (CL) McCALL MACDONOUGH BRIDLEY BALCH CRAVEN DUNLOP FANNING HULL/MCROGAN (DD) GRIFFIN (AS) KANKAKEE (AO) CATALPA LOCUST ROSEWOOD (YN) SUMNER (Survey Ship) TALAMANCA (AK) S.42, S.43, S.44, S.45, S.46, S.47 (SS).
- (vii) At Samoa. CHESTNUT (YN) CANANCA (AK)
- (ix) At Bora Bora. "TERR" (AK)
- (x) At Tahiti. "CHEVREUIL" (Sloop)
- (xi) At Auckland. "LEANIER" "ACHILLES" (CL) "MONOWAI" (ANC) "SOLACE" (AH) "BOBEY" (YN) "ROAMER" (AP)
- (xii) At Wellington. "FULLER" (AP) "BELLATRIX" (AK)

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Enemy Forces

Enemy Submarine Activity: Three enemy submarines are probably operating in the Ceylon area.

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS. Nil.

III. AIR OPERATIONS

Allied

- (i) Lae: 2 B.25's attacked aerodrome early morning 27/11. Results not observed. One B.25 missing.
- (ii) Buna: 8 B.26's and 9 B.26's attacked 27/11. Direct hits on building and on probable fuel dump, large fire started.
- (iii) Nova Luna Area: 3 Hudsons attacked morning 27/11. No damage observed.
- (iv) Bece: 3 Hudsons attacked village morning 27/11.

Enemy

- (i) Port Moresby: One bomber attacked JACKSON FIELD and 3 or 4 attacked WARDS DRONE area early morning 27/11. No damage or casualties reported.
- (ii) Darwin: 9 - 12 bombers attacked airfield areas early morning 27/11. No damage or casualties.

IV. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVES

- (i) Further attempts to land supplies and reinforcements on Guadalcanal from submarines.
- (ii) Further attempts to reinforce New Guinea area.
- (iii) Diversionary activity in the Aleutians.
- (iv) Continued raider and submarine activity in the Indian Ocean.

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For A Director, C.I.C.

28/11/42

APPENDIX TO

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

<u>Allied Forces</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or damaged</u>
5" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA	CHESTER
6" cruisers	HOBART	
	PHOENIX	
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA	LE TRIOMPHANT
	STUART	TROMP
	SELFRIDGE	
Destroyers	HOOPFORD	VENDETTE
	HENLEY	
	HELM	
	BAGLEY	
	PATTERSON	
Submarines	GRAYBACK	) At Brisbane
	TROUT	
	GRANPUS	
	SILVERSIDES	
	SPEARFISH	
	ALBACORE	
	AMBERJACK	
	FLYING FISH	
	GATO	
	GROUPEE	
	GROWLER	) On Patrol
	GUDGEON	
	PLUNGER	
	SAILFISH	
	SARGO	
	SABRY	
	SCULPIN	
	SNAPPER	
	SEADRAGON	
	STINGRAY	
	SWORDFISH	
	TUNA	
	Wahoo	
	K.9	At Sydney
Armed merchant cruisers	WESTRALIA	HANGORA (in reserve)
Submarine tenders	FULTON	HOLLAND
	SPERRY	
Destroyer tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboat	TULSA	
Oilers	KURUMBA	
	AASE MAERSK	
	VICTORIA	
Storeships	GOLDSTAR	ALHENA

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

C.in C. Combined Fleet		
C.in C. 2nd Fleet		
C.in C. 4th Fleet		
C. in C. 6th Fleet (Submarines)		
3 battleships (BB)	YAMATO	
	MUTSO	
	ISE	
2 battle cruisers (BB)		KONGO)1 damaged 26/
(none effective)		HIYEI)1 sunk 14/11
		KIRISHIMA)1 damaged "
		HARUNA)1 home waters

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or damaged</u>
1 aircraft carrier (CV)	HOSHIO	
3 converted A/C carriers (XCV)	HAYATAKA ZUING YAWATA	
12 heavy cruisers (CA) (Prob. 1 effective)	MYOKO ASHIGARA 1 damaged 26/10	TOBE (damaged 26/10) TIKUMA (damaged 26/10) KUMARO (damaged 10/9) AOBA) 1 prob. sunk KINUGASA) 1 damaged 12/10 MOGAMI) 1 believed sunk SUZUYA) 1 damaged (14/11) ATAGO) 1 or 2 believed TAKAO) sunk CHOKAI) 1 damaged

10 light cruisers (CL) (2 believed sunk 13/11, 14/11 Several others damaged)	KASHIMA KATORI JINTSU NAGARA YUBARI TERRYU (Prob. damaged) TATSUTA (Poss. sunk) SENDAI (Prob. damaged) ISUZU) KINU) believed sunk
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3 converted light cruisers (XCL)
Approx. 25 submarines
Approx. 40 destroyers (DD)
4 seaplane carriers

CHIYODA
CHITOSE)
AKITSUSHIMA) 1 damaged 8/11
NISHIN)

Converted S/P tenders (XAV)

NITCHO MARU
KINUGASA MARU
SANUKI MARU
KAGU MARU
NOTORO
GASHO MARU
NARUTO MARU
SOUYOU MARU
SENDAI MARU
SANYO MARU
JINGEI

2 submarine tenders incl.
Approx. 40 merchant ships (over 3,000 tons)
Minelayers, minesweepers, subchasers, MIB's, gunboats, patrol craft,
Approx. 257 shore-based aircraft incl. 116 fighters, 87 B., 20 P/B
25 P/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

6th cruiser
A.A. ship
Destroyers

S/P Tenders

ADELAIDE
JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK
TJERK HIDDES
VAN GALEN
HERON
CHILDS
W.B. PRESTON

Submarine Tender
Submarines

PELIAS
GRENADEIER) On patrol
K.12)
THRASHER)
GAR)
TAMBOUR)
TAUTOG) At Fremantle
SKARAVEN)
K.8)

*Seawolf
Salmon
Seal*

EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet
4 light cruisers (CL)

HATORI
OI
KITAGAMI

KASHII (29/10)

OKITSU MARU

Approx. 16 destroyers
Converted seaplane tender (XAV)

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO

CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE
NEVADA
WEST VIRGINIA
IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA

Converted A/C carriers

COPANEE
LONG ISLAND

8" cruisers

LOUISVILLE
SALT LAKE CITY
CHICAGO
ST. LOUIS

6" cruisers

RALEIGH
DETROIT
15 approx.
23 approx.

Destroyers

Submarines

Enemy Forces

Palao-Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan

C. in C. 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)

5 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
NAGATO
FUJIO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

1 battlecruiser (BB) damaged 28/8

2 aircraft carriers (CV)

SHOKAKU)26/10
ZUIKAKU)

2 converted A/C carriers

HITAKA
TAIYO (poss. en route Truk)
HAGURO (10/9)

1 8" cruiser (CA)

1 6" cruiser (CL)

Converted S/P tenders (XAV)

YURA
FUJIKAWA MARU
KAMOI
KERJO MARU
KIYOKAWA MARU
(21/10)

6 old armoured cruisers (OCA)

Approx. 30 destroyers

Approx. 30 submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

SOUTH DAKOTA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
COLORADO
MARYLAND
ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA
HASSAU
ALABAMA
SAN FRANCISCO
NEW ORLEANS
MINNEAPOLIS
MONTAMPTON
PENSACOLA
PORTLAND
HELENA
HONOLULU
LEANDER
ACHILLES

Aircraft carriers

Converted A/C carriers

8" cruisers

6" cruisers

5" cruisers	SAN DIEGO
Destroyers	SAN JUAN
Armed merchant cruisers	30 (approx.)
	ASCANIA
	MONOWAI

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

<u>Allied Forces</u>	
3" cruisers	INDIANA/OLIS
6" cruiser	NASHVILLE
10 destroyers	
10 submarines	

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians

8" cruiser (CA)	SACHI
3 light cruisers (CL)	ABUKUMA
	TAMA
	KISO

3 converted light cruisers (XCL)	
Approx. 4 destroyers	
Approx. 7 submarines	
Converted S/P tenders (XAV)	KAMIKAWA MARU
	KAMITSU MARU

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

<u>Allied Forces</u>	
6" cruisers	CONCORD
	TRINTON
	RICHMOND

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

<u>Allied Forces</u>		
<u>Battleships</u>		
	WARSPITE	REVENGE
	RESOLUTION	
	RAMILLIES	
	ROYAL SOVEREIGN	
	ILLUSTRIOUS	
	ALBATROSS	
	GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)	
	DEVONSHIRE	
	HAWKINS	
	FRG BISHOP	
	MAURITIUS	NEWCASTLE
	GAIDIA	GLASGOW
	BIRMINGHAM	EMERALD
	ENTERPRISE	DANAÉ
	DAUNTLESS	
	DRAGON	
	DURBAN	
	CAPETOWN	
	CERES	
	CALEDON	
	CARADOC	
	SUNATHA (Dutch)	
	WORCESTERSHIRE	
	RANCHI	
	CORFU	
	KANIMBLA	
	CHITRAL	
	RANPURA	
	CARTHAGE	
	CARLISLE	

Armed Merchant Cruisers

A.A. ship	
Approx. 27 destroyers	
Approx. 9 submarines	

Enemy Forces

Approx. 7 submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN ACTIVITY

29th November, 1942.

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES.

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA.

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

Allied Forces

- (i) Task Group 44.4 ("PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "PATTERSON" "HELM") on patrol in Coral Sea.
- (ii) Task Group 44.6 ("HOBART"(P) "SELFRIDGE" "REINIEY" "BAGLEY") due Challenger Bay today 29/11.
- (iii) "AUSTRALIA" en route Sydney-Morston Bay ETA 0745/30.
- (iv) "KATOOMBA" "BALLARAT" dep. Porlock Harbour 1430/28 for A/S sweep in the Buna area, returning Porlock Harbour tomorrow 30/11.
- (v) "LITHGOW" escorting "Kurumba" departed Port Moresby 0900/28 for Milne Bay. ETA today 29/11.
- (vi) "GOULBURN" escorting Convoy BT24 ("MANGOLA" "POELAU LAUT") dep. Brisbane 0514/28. "GOULBURN" returns on arrival Whitsunday Passage 1600/30.
- (vii) "GEELONG" to RV with "TJISADANE" at 0500/30 in 27°02' S. 157°15' E. and proceed Brisbane.
- (viii) "TOWNSVILLE" "KAPUNDA" escorting Convoy CC.48 (7 MV) left Wilson's Promontory area 28/11 for Sydney and Newcastle.
- (ix) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy CC.48 (13 MV) en route Melbourne from W.P. area.
- (x) "DELORAIN" dep. Newcastle 1156/28 escorting Convoy CC.49 (4 MV). "MILDURA" "INVERELL" dep. Sydney 1813 with Sydney section (2 MV) to RV off Port Jackson and escort whole convoy to Wilson's Promontory area. "DELORAIN" arr. Sydney 2021.
- (xi) "BUNDABERG" "ABRAHAM CRYESSEN" en route Brisbane to Sydney ETA 1200 today 29/11.
- (xii) "MORSEY" returning Brisbane after escort duty to Capricorn Channel.
- (xiii) "WARRE" (towing lighter) and "KAURI" en route Port Moresby to Porlock Harbour ETA 1800/30.
- (xiv) "MAN-UNDA" en route Port Moresby to Brisbane ETA 1300/1/12.
- (xv) At Brisbane. "GEELONG" "TULSA" "SPERRY" "FULTON" "GYMPIE" "POYANG" Refitting "BENDIGO".
- (xvi) At Melbourne. "PIRIE" "DOOMBA" "GOLDSTAR". Repairing "TROMP" "HOLLAND" "WARRNAMBOOL".
- (xvii) At Sydney. "DOBBIN" "WILGANNIA" "ECHUCA" "ROCKHAMPTON" "WHYALLA" "YANDRA" "SONOMA". Refitting or repairing "CHESTER" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "VENETTA" "BISHOPDALE" "ALHENA". In reserve "MANGORA".
- (xviii) At Adelaide. "SPRINGDALE".
- (xix) At Townsville. "WARREGO" "SWAN" "COLAC" "YUNNAN" "VICTORIA" "AASE MAERSK" "MERRUR".
- (xx) At Port Stephens. "AUSTRALIA" "PING WO".
- (xxi) At Port Moresby. "ARUSTA" "STUART" "FELIPE DE NEVE" "S.J.FIELD" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "ASHUI" "JOHN STEELE" "GEORGE TAYLOR" "VAN DER LIJN" "J.R.LOWELL" "VAN HEUTSZ" "MATTHEW FLINDERS" "CLAN MATHESON" "BOHTEKOE" "CREMER" "BOTH" "MAETSUYCKER".
- (xxii) At Milne Bay. "BROOME" "BALIKPAPAN" "JAPARA" "JESSE APPLGATE" "DANTAN".
- (xxiii) At Porlock Harbour. "MULIANA" "PALUMA".

Enemy Forces.

(i) Munda: Sightings yesterday 28/11 indicate that the convoy consisting of three destroyers and two merchant vessels, which left the Buna area during the morning 27/11, probably for Munda, was in the vicinity of Ganongga Island on the return journey at about 0800/28.

Aircraft reported that one of the merchant vessels was burning, but no report of an attack has yet been received.

(ii) Buna: Four destroyers were reported North-east of Cape Gloucester (New Britain) at 0800 today 29/11, and 17 miles North of Cape Gloucester at 0900, probably indicating a further attempt to land troops at Buna .

There was an unconfirmed report of unidentified warships off Cape Ward Hunt at 0155/28 on course South-east, possibly indicating that a further convoy landed troops at Buna during the night. Later air searches in this area, however, were negative.

- (iii) Buin-Faisi: At 1730/28 the following shipping was reported in this area:

12 destroyers
1 sloop
3 merchant vessels
2 tankers

A destroyer, one tanker and one cargo vessel departed westwards at 1430, and a destroyer and tanker arrived from the North at 1600.

A picket boat was reported 38 miles North by East Kieta, on course 150° at 0915/28.

- (iv) Kavieng: Aircraft attacking Kavieng aerodrome reported two large ships, possibly transports, in Nusa Channel at 0100/28.

- (v) New Britain: It is reliably reported that no enemy forces now remain West of Gasmata.

- (vi) Enemy submarine activity: There have been indications of enemy submarines as follows:-

Solomon Islands	27/11	One in 08°S. 154°E.
		One in 10°S. 158°E.
	0745/28	One in 11°25'S. 161°25'E. (sighted by aircraft)
Sydney	2128/28	An unidentified loop crossing recorded.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

Allied Forces.

- (i) "ADELAIDE" "JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK" Escorting Convoy OW ("TARAKAN" "PATRA" "AGRY/PRINCE") to RV with "GAMBIA" today 29/11 in 021°24'S. 095°31' East.
- (ii) "WHIPPOORWILL" dep. Fremantle 26/11 for Exmouth Gulf.
- (iii) At Fremantle. "VAN GALEN" "TJERK HIDDES" "CHILDS" "PELIAS" "ISABEL" "TRINITY" "WALIA ROO" "DUBBO" "GAWLER" "TANWORTH" "WANGANELLA".
- (iv) At Exmouth Gulf. "W.B. PRESTON" "LARK".
- (v) At Darwin. "ARMIDALE" "CASTLEMAINE" "KALGOORLIE".
- (vi) "HERON" dep. Fremantle 0725/28 for Exmouth Gulf.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.

Allied Forces.

2 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

- (i) At Vanikoro "MACKINAC" (AV)
- (ii) At Espiritu Santo. NORTHAMPTON MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA (CA) TREVER AARON WARD MAURY MUSTON ZARE DRAYTON PERKINS BUCHANAN PLETCHER CONYNGHAM (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) BALLARD (AV) GUADALUPE SABINE (AO) GAMBLE (CM) RIGEL (AD) VESTAL (AR) STRATFORD ZEILIN (AP) BETELGEUSE KOPARA (AK)
- (iii) At Noumea. WASHINGTON (BB) ENTERPRISE (CV) NASSAU (ACV) HELENA SAN DIEGO (CL) CLARK RUSSEL NOVEY MORRIS GWIN BUCHANAN STACK WOODWORTH O'BANNON SOUTHARD ANDERSON (DD) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AK) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER VIREO (AM) BUTTERNUT (YN) PC.479 DELPHINUS (YF) W.W. BURROWS (AP) HUNTER LEGGETT CRESCENT CITY AMERICAN LEGION PRES. ADAMS PRES. JACKSON (AP) ANTARES (AK) A.R.D.2.
- (iv) At Vila. "LACKAWANNA" (AO) "ALDEBARAN" (AK).
- (v) Guadalcanal area. JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) MAJAEA (AK)
- (vi) At Suva. NORTH CAROLINA COLORADO MARYLAND (BB) SARATOGA (CV) SAN JUAN (CL) MCCALL MACDONOUGH GRIDLEY BALCH CRAVEN DUNLOP FANNING HULL MONCHAN (DD) GRIFFIN (AS) KANKAKEE (AO) CATALPA LOCUST ROSEWOOD (YE) SUMNER (Survey Ship) TALAMANCA (AK) S.42, S.43, S.44, S.45, S.46, S.47 (SS).

- (vii) At Samoa. CHESTNUT (YN) CAMANGA (AK).
- (viii) At Bora Bora. "FERN" (AM).
- (ix) At Tahiti. "CHEVREUIL". (Sleep).
- (x) At Auckland. "LEANDER" "ACHILLES" (CL) "MONOWAI" (AMC) "SOLACE" (AM) "EBONY" (YN) "ROAMER" (AP).
- (xi) At Wellington. "PULLER" (AP) "BELLATRIX" (AK).

- D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.
- E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA.
- F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

Enemy Forces.

Indian Ocean: Three Japanese submarines are probably operating in the Ceylon area.

A German raider is believed to be operating in the vicinity of 25°S. 99°E. (see Naval Incidents).

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS.

Indian Ocean: The German vessel "RAMSES" (7,893 tons; 1936) en route Kobe to Germany via Batavia, was scuttled in position 023°46'S. 099°05'E. at 0800Z/28, when fired on by HMAS "ADELAIDE" and R.L.C. "JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK".

"ADELAIDE" took on board the German crew of 78, and also ten survivors of the Norwegian merchant vessels "AUST" (5,630 tons; 1920) and "KATTEGAT" (4,245 tons; 1936) and is returning full speed to Fremantle. "AUST" has been overdue at Capetown from Pernambuco since 12/4. When details of the sinkings of these vessels and of the subsequent movement of the survivors are learned, valuable information may be deduced concerning the activities of a German raider in the South Atlantic in April, and possibly of her subsequent movements in relation to supply-ships.

The Norwegian officers consider that "RAMSES" intended to RV with a German raider either today, 29/11, or tomorrow, 30/11. If this is the case, it is the first definite evidence of the presence of a German raider in the Indian Ocean since last May.

The Master of "AUST" reports that two further supply ships and two tankers are expected to leave Kobe shortly for Europe, possibly following a similar route. "RHAKOTIS", also engaged in blockade-running, is believed to be at Batavia.

III. AIR OPERATIONS.

Allied

- (i) Kavieng: Three Catalinas attacked the aerodrome early morning 28/11. One small fire started.
- (ii) Laga-Lagai: (17 E. by R. Baucan) Four Seafighters strafed huts, buildings and barges morning 28/11. Buildings at Lauai left burning.
- (iii) Maobisse: Three Hudsons attacked 28/11. Several buildings damaged.
- (iv) Buin: Seven B.17's attacked Kahili aerodrome night 26-27/11. Sixteen hits on runway, and large fires in dispersal area.

(v)

Enemy

- (i) Darwin: One or two unidentified aircraft flew over the area 1242-1446/28.
- (ii) Guadalcanal: Two aircraft dropped bombs near mouth of Lunga River night 26-27/11. No damage.

IV. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVES.

- (i) Further attempts to land supplies and reinforcements on Guadalcanal from submarines.
- (ii) Further attempts to reinforce New Guinea area.
- (iii) Imminent diversionary activity in the Aleutians.
- (iv) Continued raider and submarine activity in the Indian Ocean.

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For A/Director, C.O.I.C.

29/11/42.

APPENDIX TO

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

<u>Allied Forces</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or damaged</u>
8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA	CHESTER
6" Cruisers	HOBART	
	PHOENIX	
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA	LE TRIOMPHANT
	STUART	TROMP
	SELFRIDGE	
Destroyers	MUGFORD	VENDETTA
	HENLEY	
	HELM	
	BAGLEY	
	PATTERSON	
Submarines	GRAYBACK)	
	ORAMPUS)	
	SILVERSIDES)	At Brisbane
	SPEARFISH)	
	ALBACORE)	
	AMBERJACK)	
	FLYING FISH)	
	GATO)	
	GROUPER)	
	CROWLER)	
	GUDGEON)	
	PLUNGER)	
	SAILFISH)	On Patrol
	SARGO)	
	SAURY)	
	SCULPIN)	
	SNAPPER)	
	SEADRAGON)	
	STINGRAY)	
	SWORDFISH)	
	TUNA)	
	Wahoo)	
	TROUT)	en route Brisbane to Fremantle
	K.9)	At Sydney
Armed merchant cruisers	WESTRALIA	MANOORA (in reserve)
Submarine tenders	PULTON	HOLLAND
	SPERRY	
Destroyer tender	DOBBSIN	
Gunboat	TULSA	
Oilers	KURUMBA	
	AASE NAARSIK	
	VICTORIA	
Storeships	GOLDSTAR	ALHENA

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

C. in C. Combined Fleet

C. in C. 2nd Fleet

C. in C. 4th Fleet

C. in C. 6th Fleet (Submarines)

3 battleships (BB)

YAMATO

MITSU

ISE

2 battle cruisers (BB)
(none effective)

(26/10
KONGO) 1 damaged
MIYEI) 1 sunk 14/11
KIBISHIMA) 1 damaged "
HARUNA) 1 home waters

1 aircraft carrier (CV)
3 converted A/C carriers (XCV)

Effective

HOSHO
HAYATAKA
ZUHO
YAWATA
MYOKO
ASHIGARA

TONE (damaged 26/10)
TIKUMA (damaged 26/10)

Heavy Cruisers
8/9 probably sunk
probably 1 effective

(1 damaged 26/10)

KUMANO (damaged 10/9)
AOBA) 1 prob. sunk
Kinugasa) 1 damaged 12/10

HOGAMI) 1 believed sunk
SUZUYA) 1 damaged 14/11

ATAGO) 1 or 2 believed
TAKAO) sunk
CHOKAI) 1 damaged

Light cruisers (CL)
(2 believed sunk 13/11, 14/11
Several others damaged)

HATORI
OI
KITAGAMI
KASHIMA
KATORI

TATSUTA (Poss. sunk)
ISUZU)
KINU) Believed sunk

JINTSU) Some poss.
NAGARA) damaged
YUBARI)
TENRYU (Prob. damaged)
SENDAI " "

3 converted light cruisers (XCL)
Approx. 25 submarines
Approx. 40 destroyers (DD)
4 seaplane carriers

CHIYODA
GHITOSE)
AKITSUSHIMA) 1 damaged 8/11
NISHIN)

Converted S/P tenders (XAV)

NITCHO MARU
KINUGASA MARU
SABUKI MARU
KAGU MARU
NOTORO
GASHO MARU
HARUTO MARU
SENDAI MARU
SANTO MARU

Several submarine tenders
Approx. 40 merchant ships (over 3,000 tons)
Minelayers, minesweepers, subchasers, MTB's, gunboats, patrol craft
Approx. 257 shore-based aircraft incl. 116 fighters, 87 B., 20 F/B
25 F/P, 9 Obs. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

C¹ cruiser

A.A. ship

Destroyers

S/P Tenders

Submarine Tender

Submarines

ADELAIDE
JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK
TJERE HIDDES
VAN CALEN
HERRON
CHILDS
W. B. PRESTON
PELIAS
GRENADIER) On patrol
K.12)
THRESEER)
GAR)
TANBOR)
TAUTOG) At Fremantle
SEARAVEN)
K.8)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet

1 light cruiser (CL)

KASHII (29/10)

Approx. 16 destroyers

Converted seaplane tender (XAV) OKITSU MARU

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

MISSISSIPPI

CALIFORNIA

NEW MEXICO

TENNESSEE

NEVADA

WEST VIRGINIA

IDAHO

PENNSYLVANIA

Converted A/C carriers

COPAHEE

LONG ISLAND

8" cruisers

LOUISVILLE

SALT LAKE CITY

CHICAGO

6" cruisers

RALEIGH

DETROIT

ST. LOUIS

Destroyers

15 approx.

Submarines

23 approx.

Enemy Forces

Palau-Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan

C. in C. 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)

5 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI

NAGATO

FUSO

YAMASHIRO

HYUGA

1 Battlecruiser (BB) damaged 28/8

2 aircraft carriers (CV)

SHOKAKU) 26/10

ZUIKAKU

3 converted A/C carriers

HITAKA

TAIYO (poss. en route Truk)

CHUYO

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HAGURO (10/9)

1 8" cruiser (CA)

1 6" cruiser (CL)

YUNA

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

FUJIKAWA MARU

KIYOKAWA MARU 21/10

KANOI

KERJO MARU

6 old armoured cruisers (OCA)

Approx. 30 destroyers

Approx. 30 submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

SOUTH DAKOTA

WASHINGTON

NORTH CAROLINA

COLORADO

MARYLAND

ENTERPRISE

SARATOGA

NASSAU

ALTAMANA

SAN FRANCISCO

NEW ORLEANS

MINNEAPOLIS

NORTHAMPTON

PENSACOLA

PORTLAND

Aircraft carriers

HELENA

HONOLULU

LEANDER

Converted A/C carriers

ACHILLES

8" cruisers

6" cruisers

5" cruisers	SAN DIEGO
	SAN JUAN
Destroyers	30 (approx.)
Armed merchant cruisers	ASCANIA
	HONOLULU

NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

8" cruisers	INDIANAPOLIS
6" cruiser	NASHVILLE
10 destroyers	
10 submarines	

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians.

8" cruiser (CA)	NACHI
3 light cruisers (CL)	ABUKUMA
	TAMA
	KISO
3 converted light cruisers (XCL)	
Approx. 4 destroyers	
Approx. 7 submarines	
Converted S/P tenders (XAV)	KAMIKAWA MARU
	KAMITSU MARU

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

6" cruisers	CONCORD
	TRUSTON
	RICHMOND

I) INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

Allied Forces.

Battle ships	WARSPITE	REVENGE
	RESOLUTION	
	HAMILIUS	
	ROYAL SOVEREIGN	
	ILLUSTRIOUS	
A/C carrier	ALBATROSS	
Seaplane carrier	GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)	
8" cruisers	DEVONSHIRE	
	HAWKINS	
7.5" cruisers	PROBISHER	
	MAURITIUS	NEWCASTLE
6" cruisers	GAMBIA	GLASGOW
	BIRMINGHAM	EMERALD
	ENTERPRISE	DANA
	DAUNTLESS	
	DRAGON	
	DURBAN	
	CAPETOWN	
	CERES	
	CALEDON	
	CARADOC	
	SUMATRA (Dutch)	
Armed Merchant Cruisers	WORCESTERSHIRE	
	RANCHI	
	CORFU	
	KANIMBLA	
	CHITRAL	
	RAMPURA	
	CARTHAGE	
	CARLISLE	

A. A. ship

Approx. 27 destroyers
Approx. 9 submarines

Enemy Forces

Approx. 7 submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN ACTIVITY

30th November, 1942.

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES.

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA.

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

Allied Forces.

- (i) Task Group 44.4 ("PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "PATTERSON" "HELM") on patrol in Coral Sea.
- (ii) "AUSTRALIA" due Moreton Bay for exercises 0745 today 30/11.
- (iii) "PORTLAND" en route Sydney for repairs, accompanied by "NAVAJO". ETA p.m. today 30/11, or a.m. tomorrow 1/12.
- (iv) "BAGLEY" arr. Townsville 1505/29.
- (v) "GOULBURN" to leave Convoy BT.24 ("MANGOLA" "POBLAU LAUT") in Whitsunday Passage 1500 today 30/11, and return Brisbane.
- (vi) "GEELONG" dep. Brisbane 0800/29 to RV with "TJISADANE" at 0500 today 30/11 in 27°02' S. 157°15' E. and escort to Brisbane.
- (vii) "TOWNSVILLE" "KAPUNDA" escorting Convoy OC.48 (7 MV) (1 MV Port Kembla ETA 0800/30; 1 MV Sydney ETA 1400; 5 MV Newcastle ETA 2300).
- (viii) "MILDURA" "INVERELL" escorting Convoy CO.49 (6 MV) dep. Sydney area 28/11 for RV in Wilson's Promontory area.
- (ix) "KATOOMBA" "BALLARAT" returning Milne Bay ETA 1030 today 30/11.
- (x) "MULIANA" "PALUMA" (from Perleok Harbour) "WARRE", towing lighter, and "KAURI" (en route Perleok Harbour from Port Moresby) have been ordered temporarily to McLaren Harbour.
- (xi) "BURKARRE" dep. Newcastle 0550/29 arr. Sydney 1345. To proceed Geelong p.m. today 30/11 or a.m. tomorrow.
- (xii) "MORESBY" returning Sydney after escort duty ETA 1200 today 30/11.
- (xiii) "MABUNDA" en route Port Moresby to Brisbane ETA 1300/1/12.
- (xiv) At Sydney. "DOBBIN" "WILCANNIA" "ECHUCA" "ROCKHAMPTON" "DELORAIN" "WHYALLA" "BUNDABERG" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "YANDRA" "SONOMA". Refitting or repairing "CHESTER" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "VREDETTE" "BISHOPDALE" "ALMENA". In reserve "MASCORA".
- (xv) At Brisbane. "TULSA" "SPERRY" "FULTON" "GYMPIE" "POYANG". Refitting "BERDIGO".
- (xvi) At Townsville. "WARREGO" "SWAN" "COLAC" "YUNNAN" "VICTORIA" =====
- (xvii) At Melbourne. "THOMP" "PIRIE" "DOOMBA" "GOLDSTAR". Repairing "HOLLAND" "WARREANBOOL".
- (xviii) At Adelaide. "SPRINGDALE".
- (xix) At Port Stephens. "WESTRALIA" "PING WO".
- (xx) At Port Moresby. "ARUNTA" "STUART" "PELIPE DE NEVE" "S.J. FIELD" "VAN HERMSKERK" "ANHUI" "JOHN STEELE" "GEORGE TAYLOR" "VAN DER LIJN" "J.R. LOWELL" "VAN HEUTSZ" "MATTHEW FLINDERS" "CLAN MATHESON" "BOETEKOE" "GREMER" "BOTH" "MARTSUYCKER".
- (xxi) At Milne Bay. "BROOME" "LITHSON" "KURUMBA" "BALIKPAPAN" "JAPARA" "JESSE APPLEGATE" "BANTAN".
- (xxii) At Challenger Bay. "HOBART" "SELFRIDGE" "HERLEY" *AASE MAERSK MERKUR*

Enemy Forces.

- (i) Vitiaz Strait: The four destroyers located N. of Cape Gloucester yesterday 29/11 were shadowed during the morning, and attacked in the northern entrance to Vitiaz Strait at about midday (see Naval Incidents). The vessels then turned back and were seen on an easterly course north of Cape Gloucester, during the late afternoon. At 0230 this morning, 30/11, only three destroyers were sighted, approximately 48 miles N. by W. Talasea, on course 075°, indicating that the vessel set on fire the previous day may have sunk or was crippled, and will have difficulty in returning to its base.
Air crews were not able to detect troops or equipment on the decks of the destroyers, but height was too great for conclusive observation.
- (ii) Buin-Faisi: Four small vessels (possibly two destroyers, one submarine, one patrol boat) believed to be en route Rabaul to the Shortland base, were observed 55 miles W. of Empress Augusta Bay at midnight 27/11.
Aircraft reported a marked increase in the number of enemy vessels in the Buin-Faisi area on 29/11, including the

appearance of two light cruisers. Twenty five ships were in the area, as follows:-

- 2 light cruisers
- 12 destroyers
- 10 cargo vessels
- 1 large tanker

The arrival of further merchant ships in the area indicates that a steady supply service to points south of Bougainville will be maintained from the Shortland base. Escorted convoys may be expected between Munda and Buin, and possibly trips by destroyers between Buin and Guadalcanal. The main supply line to Guadalcanal, however, will probably continue to be by submarines operating from the Shortland base.

Photographs 26/11 showed four heavy bombers, 41 fighters and 13 fighter bombers on Kihili aerodrome.

- (iii) New Georgia: Activity continues at Iringila (E. Coast Vella Lavella) and in the Munda area. A small cutter arrived at Iringila from Faisi at 1746/27, and two launches were observed approaching Lunga Point (Sanongga Is.) p.m. 29/11.
- (iv) Buka: A destroyer and two merchant vessels (probably those which departed from the Buin area at 1430/28 and proceeded westwards) arrived at Buka Passage from the S.W. during the morning 29/11. Five vessels were then in the Passage.
- (v) Rekata Bay: Aircraft reported four float-biplanes in Rekata Bay 29/11.
- (vi) Enemy submarine activity: Following the unidentified loop crossing in Sydney Harbour 28/11, there were indications of an enemy submarine in the West Channel yesterday, 29/11. Air searches during the morning were negative. Investigations are proceeding.

There were indications of enemy units 29/11 in the following positions:-

- Ongtong Java 08°S. 159°30'E.
- Buon Gulf 07°20'S. 148°15'E. (sighted by aircraft)

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

Allied Forces.

- (i) "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" returning Fremantle from escort duty ETA 1900/2/12.
- (ii) "HERON" dep. Fremantle 28/11 for Exmouth Gulf.
- (iii) "CASTLEMAINE" "ARMIDALE" dep. Darwin for Timor 1112/29.
- (iv) At Exmouth Gulf. "W.B. PRESTON" "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL".
- (v) At Darwin. "KALGOORLIE".
- (vi) At Fremantle. "VAN GALEN" "TJERK HIDDOS" "CHILDS" "FELIAS" "ISABEL" "TRINITY" "WALLAROO" "DUBBO" "CAWLER" "TANWORTH" "WANGANELLA".

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.

Allied Forces.

2 SUBMARINES ON PATROL STATIONS IN CHINA SEA or NEI area.

Enemy.

- (i) Dili: A steady stream of troops and supplies is arriving at this port. A new commander and 2,000 troops are reported to have landed from a transport which arrived 24/11 under escort of one destroyer.
- (ii) Keopang: Reconnaissance aircraft reported a 500 ton cargo vessel and twenty small craft at Keopang 28/11. No important activity has been reported there for some months.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

- (i) At Vanikoro "MACKINAC" (AV).
- (ii) At Espiritu Santo. NORTHAMPTON MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA (CA)
TREVOR MCCALIA MAURY ZARR DRAYTON PERKINS BUCHANAN FLETCHER

30/11/42

TREVER (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) BALLARD MACPARLAND (AVD)
GUADALUPE SABINE (AO) GAMBLE (CM) RIGEL (AD) VESTAL (AR)
STRATFORD ZEILIN (AP) LIBRA KOPARA (AK).

(iii) At Noumea. WASHINGTON (BB) ENTERPRISE (CV) NASSAU (ACV) HELENA
SAN DIEGO (CL) CLARK RUSSELL MORRIS GWIN BUCHANAN ANDERSON (DD)
PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER
VIREO (AM) BUTTERNUT (YN) PG.479 DELPHINUS (YP) W.W.BURROWS (AP)
CRESCENT CITY AMERICAN LEGION PRES.ADAMS PRES.JACKSON (AP)
ANTARES (AK) A.R.D.2.

(iv) At Vila. "LACKAWANNA" (AO) "ALDEBARAN" (AK).

(v) Guadalcanal area. JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) MAJABA (AK).

(vi) At Suva. NORTH CAROLINA COLORADO MARYLAND (BB) SARATOGA (CV)
SAN JUAN (CL) McCALL MACDONOUGH GRIDLEY BALCH CRAVEN DUNLOP
FANNING HULL MOHONAN (DD) GRIFFIN (AS) KANKAKEE (AO) CATALPA
LOCUST ROSEWOOD (YN) SUMNER (Survey Ship) TALAMANCA (AK)
S.42, S.43, S.44, S.45, S.46, S.47 (SS).

(vii) At Tongatabu. INDIANA (BB) COLUMBIA (CL) SAUFLEY DE HAVEN (DD).

(viii) At Bora Bora. "TERR" (AM).

(ix) At Tahiti. "CHEVREUIL". (Sloop).

(x) At Auckland. "LEANDER" "ACHILLES" (CL) "HONOWAI" (AMC) "SOLACE"
(AM) "EBONY" (YN) "ROAMER" (AP).

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA.

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

Enemy Forces. Indian Ocean: Three Japanese submarines are probably operating in the Ceylon area.

A German raider is believed to be operating in the area approx. 1000 miles W. of Exmouth Gulf (W.A.).

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS.

(i) Buna area: "KATOOMBA" AND "BALLARAT", while carrying out an A/S sweep of the Buna area during the night 28/29, were attacked by enemy aircraft 14 miles N.E. of Buna roads. "KATOOMBA" suffered only very minor damage, and there were no casualties. One aircraft was shot down, and others were probably hit.

An enemy reconnaissance aircraft was over Porlock Harbour yesterday morning 29/11, and our ships have been ordered to leave the area temporarily (see Ship Dispositions).

(ii) Vitiaz Strait: Six E.17's attacked the enemy force of four destroyers at the northern entrance to Vitiaz Strait between 1255 and 1335/29. One destroyer was hit several times and set on fire. It was last seen listing badly and motionless, after apparently attempting to beach on Tolokiwa Island. A second destroyer was hit at least twice, and was heavily damaged though still proceeding slowly.

(iii) Munda: Details of the attack 28/11 on the enemy convoy in the Munda area, consisting of three destroyers and two cargo vessels, are as follows:-

5 E.17's attacked the convoy at 1225/28 and five hits with 200 lb. bombs were scored on one of the cargo vessels, which was later reported to be on fire. Ten Zeros intercepted. Three were shot down without damage to our aircraft.

(iv) Darwin: "CASTLEMAINE" in company with "ARVIDALE" was attacked by enemy aircraft at approximately 0945 this morning 30/11 in position 01°17' S. 127°28' E. (240 miles N.W. Darwin). The attack ceased at 1030, apparently without causing damage.

(v) Guadalcanal: Three bombs were dropped 29/11 on a Japanese submarine lying on the bottom of Verahue Cove, near Lavore (N.W. end of Guadalcanal). Results were not observed. The submarine was reported to be only 100 feet in length.

III. AIR OPERATIONS.

Allied.

- (i) Lae: 7 A.20's and 4 Beaufighters attacked aerodrome evening 28/11. Direct hits on two grounded aircraft and other bombs fell among aircraft. Three fires caused and runway enveloped in smoke. Eleven B.25's attacked early morning 29/11. Results not observed. One B.25 lost. One A.20 attacked 0552/29. Results not observed.
- (ii) Gona: Four attacks morning 29/11 by six B.17's, twelve P.40's, three A.20's and three A.20's. All mission buildings hit. One small ammunition dump exploded. Several fires observed. One A.20 lost.
- (iii) Buna: Seven B.26's attacked afternoon 28/11. Several fires observed.
- (iv) Mava Lusa: Native reports indicate that allied attack 26/11 was very effective. Japanese have retired to Lebos (16 miles N.W. Seco).

Enemy.

- (i) Lae area: Enemy aircraft bombed native villages in the area morning 28/11.
- (ii) Bilne Bay: At least three aircraft attacked early morning 29/11. Bombs in camp and aerodrome area; one motor transport slightly damaged.
- (iii) Fulgoro: (2 miles S. of Vila de Avis) - Portuguese report 24/11 states that Japanese are building a new aerodrome.
- (iv) Darwin: Four Zeros were over the Darwin area early afternoon 29/11. One shot down by A/A fire. Seven P.40's failed to intercept.

IV. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVES.

- (i) Further attempts to land supplies and reinforcements on Guadalcanal.
- (ii) Further attempts to reinforce New Guinea area.
- (iii) Continued activity in the Aleutians.
- (iv) Continued submarine activity in the Indian Ocean.

ADDENDUM:

Enemy submarine activity: The following additional indications of enemy submarines have been noted in the Solomons-New Guinea area:

28/11	New Britain	06°S. 149°E.
	Rossel Is.	11°S. 156°E.
	Faisi	07°S. 156°E.
	Choiseul	07°S. 157°E.
	Malaita	09°S. 161°E.
	San Cristobal	11°S. 163°E.
29/11	Rossel Is.	10°S. 155°E.
	Buka	05°S. 155°E.
	Ysabel	08°50' S. °160° E.
	Malaita	08°S. 163°E.
	Ongtong Java	03°S. 162°E.
		04°S. 157°E.
	Santa Cruz	08°S. 167°E.
	Ocean Is.	03°S. 167°E.

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For A/Director, C.O.I.C.

30/11/42

APPENDIX TO

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA.

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

<u>Allied Forces</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or damaged.</u>
5 th cruisers	AUSTRALIA	CHESTER PORTLAND
6 th cruisers	HOBART PHOENIX	
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA STUART	IR TRIUMPHANT TEOMP
Destroyers	SELFRIDGE MURFORD HENLEY HELM BAGLEY PATERSON	VERDETTA
Submarines	GRAYBACK) GRAMPUS) SARGO) At Brisbane SILVERSIDES) SPEARFISH) ALBACORE) ANSEERJACK) FLYING FISH) GATO) GROUPEE) CROWLER) GUDGEON) On patrol PLUNGER) SAILFISH) SAURY) SCULPIN) SHAPPER) SEADRAGON) STINGRAY) SWORDFISH) TUNA) WAHOO)	
Armed merchant cruisers	TROUT) en route Brisbane to Fremantle K.9) at Sydney	
Submarine tenders	WESTRALIA	MANCORA (in reserve)
Destroyer tender	FULTON	HOLLAND
Gunboat	SPERRY	
Oilers	DOBIE TULSA FURUNBA AASE MAERSK	
Storeships	VICTORIA GOLDSTAR	ALHENA
<u>Enemy Forces</u>		
<u>Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons</u>		
C. in C. Combined Fleet		
C. in C. 2nd Fleet		
C. in C. 4th Fleet		
C. in C. 6th Fleet (Submarines)		
3 battleships (BB)	YAMATO MUTSO ISE	
2 battle cruisers (BB) (none effective)		KONGO)1 damaged 25/10 HIYEI)1 sunk 14/11 KIRISHIMA)1 damaged " HARUNA)1 home waters

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or damaged</u>
1 aircraft carrier (CV)	HOSHO	
3 converted A/C carriers (XCV)	HAYATAKA ZUIHO YAWATA	
Heavy cruisers (7 probably sunk, probably 1 effective)	MYOKO ASHIGARA (1 damaged 26/10)	TONE (damaged 26/10) TIKUMA (damaged 26/10) AOBA) 1 prob. sunk KINUGASA) 1 damaged 12/10 KUMANO (damaged 10/9) HOGAMI) 1 believed sunk SUZUYA) 1 damaged 14/11 ATAGO) 1 or 2 believed TAKAO) sunk CHOKAI) 1 damaged
Light cruisers (CL) (2 believed sunk 13/11, 14/11, several others damaged)	HATORI OI KITAGAMI NA SEIMA KATORI JINTSU) KAGARA) Some poss. YUBARI) damaged TESRYU (prob. dam. -ged) SENDAI " "	TATSUTA (poss. sunk) ISUZU KINU) believed sunk
3 converted light cruisers (XCL)		
Approx. 25 submarines		
Approx. 40 destroyers (DD)		
4 seaplane carriers	CHIYODA CHITOSE) AKITSUSHIMA) 1 damaged 8/11 HISSHIN) NITCHO MARU KINUGASA MARU SANUEI MARU KAGU MARU NOTORO BOSHU MARU KARUTO MARU SENDAI MARU SANYO MARU	
Converted S/P tenders (XAV)		
Several submarine tenders		
Approx. 40 merchant ships (over 3,000 tons)		
Mine-layers, minesweepers, subchasers, MTB's, gunboats, patrol craft,		
Approx. 307 shore-based aircraft incl. 134 fighters, 95 B., 20 F/B, 39 F/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft.		

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

Allied Forces.

6" cruiser	ADELAIDE	
A.A. ship	JACOB VAN KNEMSKERK	
Destroyers	TJENK HIDDERS VAN CALEN	
S/P Tenders	HEXON CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	
Submarine Tender	PELIAS	
Submarines	GRENADEEN) On patrol K.12) THRESHER) GAR) TAMBOR) At Fremantle TAUTOG) SEARAVAN) K.8)	

EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.

Allied Forces.

2 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or HBI area (see above).

Enemy Forces.

C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet

5 light cruisers (CL)	KUMA NATORI OI KITAGAMI	KASHII (29/10)
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3 converted light cruisers (XCL)

Approx. 16 destroyers

Converted seaplane tender (XAV) OKITSU MARU

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

Battleships

NORTH CAROLINA	CALIFORNIA
MISSISSIPPI	TENNESSEE
NEW MEXICO	NEVADA
	WEST VIRGINIA
	IDAHO
	PENNSYLVANIA

Converted A/C carriers

COPAHNE
LONG ISLAND
MINNEAPOLIS

8" cruisers

LOUISVILLE
SALT LAKE CITY
CHICAGO
ST. LOUIS

6" cruisers

RALEIGH
DETROIT
15 approx.
23 approx.

Destroyers

Submarines

Enemy Forces.

Palau-Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Jap an.

C. in C. 3rd Fleet (A/C carriers)

5 battleships (BB)	MUSASHI NAGATO FUJIO YAMASHIRO HYUGA
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1 battlecruiser (BB) damaged

2 aircraft carriers (CV)

SHOKAKU) 26/10
ZUIKAKU)

2 converted A/C carriers

HITAKA
TAIYO

1 8" cruiser (CA)

1 6" cruiser (CL)

1 seaplane tender (AV)

Converted S/P tenders (XAV)

FUJIKAWA MARU
KASOI
KENJO MARU

NAGURO (10/9)

CHIYODA (23/9)

6 old armoured cruisers (OCA)

Approx. 30 destroyers

Approx. 30 submarines

B) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied forces.

Battleships

SOUTH DAKOTA
WASHINGTON
COLORADO
MARYLAND

Aircraft carriers

ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA

Converted A/C carriers

NASSAU
ALTAHANA
SAN FRANCISCO
NEW ORLEANS
NORTHAMPTON
PENSACOLA
PORTLAND

8" cruisers

6" cruisers

HELENA
HONOLULU
LEANDER
ACHILLES
SAN DIEGO

5" cruisers

SAN JUAN
30 (approx)
ASCANIA
MONOWAI

Destroyers

Armed Merchant cruisers

NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

8" cruiser	INDIANAPOLIS
6" cruiser	NASHVILLE
10 destroyers	
10 submarines	

Enemy Forces.

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians.

8" Cruiser (CA)	HACHI
3 light cruisers (CL)	ABUKUMA
	TAMA
	KISO
3 converted light cruisers (KCL)	
Approx. 4 destroyers	
Approx. 7 submarines	
Converted S/P tenders (XAV)	KAMIKAWA MARU
	KANITSU MARU

SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces.

6" Cruisers	CONCORD
	TRENTON
	RICHMOND

INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships	WARSPITE	REVENGE
	RESOLUTION	
	RAMILLIES	
	ROYAL SOVEREIGN	
	ILLUSTRIOUS	
	ALBATROSS	
	GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)	
	DEVONSHIRE	
	HAWKINS	
	FROBISHER	
	MAURITIUS	NEWCASTLE
	GAMBIA	GLASGOW
	BIRMINGHAM	EMERALD
	ENTERPRISE	DANAE
	DAUNTLESS	
	DRAGON	
	DURBAN	
	CAPETOWN	
	CSRES	
	CALEDON	
	CARADOC	
	SUMATRA (Dutch)	
	WORCESTERSHIRE	
	RANCHI	
	CORFU	
	CHITRAL	
	RAHPURA	
	CARTHAGE	
	CARLISLE	

Armed Merchant Cruisers

A.A.Ship
 Approx. 27 destroyers
 Approx. 9 submarines

Enemy Forces

Approx. 7 submarines