GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

642 No.

Date: 1 November 1943

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1, NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/1:

(1) "BENALLA" carrying out survey duties in Huon Gulf and Vitiaz

Strait from 30 Oct. to 12 Nov.

(2) "PIRIE" "PC.1124" escorting "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" dep. Cairns
1130/30. "MANOORA" "PC.1124" to detach at Brumer Is.
and proceed Oro Bay ETA 2000/1. "WESTRALIA" "PIRIE"

to proceed Goodenough Is. ETA 1600/1.

(3) "KATOOMBA" "WAGGA" "ARARAT" "PC.1119" "SC.748" escerting Convoy

TN.173. "PC.1119" "ARARAT" escerting Portion (a)
("ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "J.W.GRIMES" "C.KING" "GOLD STAR"

"C.S.JONES") for Port Moresby ETA 1100/1 Nov. "KATOOMBA"

"WAGGA" "SC.748" escerting Portion (b) ("THOMAS JEFFERSON"

"LST.465" "CHARON" "AASE MAERSK" "J.LANE" "W.WRIGHT"

"S.BENSON" "W.VAN DEVENTER" "E.N.WESTCOTT") for Milne Bay ETA 1100/1 Nov.

(4) "RALPH TALBOT" dep. Brisbane 1530/31 to overtake "GEN. JOHN POPE" and escort to Milne Bay. On completion "RALPH TALBOT" rejoins T.F.74.

(5) "YMS.334" escorting Convoy TN.74 (8 MV, 2 LST) dep. Townsville 1930/31 Oct. "GLADSTONE" "COLAC" "YMS.53" RV off Fitzroy 1930/31 Oct. "GLADSTONE" "COLAC" "YMS.53" RV off Fitzroy
Is. 1600/1. "GLADSTONE" escorts.Port Moresby portion
"(KATOOMBA" "CORIO") ETA 1100/4: "COLAC" "YMS.53"
"YMS.337" escort Milne Bay portion ("LUDINGTON" "DUNTROON"
"G.S.BOUTWELL" "REIJNST" "F.P.BLAIR" "J.H.ROSSETER" & 2 LST's) ETA 1100/4.

(6) "TASMAN" (AH) dep. Brisbane 0520/29 en route Port Moresby ETA 0530/2 Nov.

(7) "ML.804" standing by cable-laying operation Thursday Is. - Port On completion to return Thursday Is. Moresby.

(8) "YP.233" dep. Caloundra 1400/24 en route Thursday Is.
(9) "STAWELL" "LITHGOW" "SC.650" "SC.735" "YMS.336" escorting Convoy
QL.25 (10 MV - incl. "KURUMBA" towing "ML.429" and
lighter, "WICHITA FAILS" towing "ML.818" "ML.430" - 7 for Townsville, 1 each for Gladstone, Bowen and Rockhampton)
dep. Calcundra 1719/30 ETA Bustard Head 0200/1 Nov. Final
destinations "KURUMBA" for Palm Island; Lighter for
Thursday Is; "ML.429" for Darwin; "ML.818" "ML.430" for
Milne Bay; "STAWELL" "YMS.336" detach at Bustard Head and
proceed independently to Townsville.

(10) "MIZAR" due Brisbane 1 Nov. from Sydney.

(11) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Habour:

- Warships & Aux. - "YMS.72" "PC.1121" "SC.982" Lae "YMS. 335" Merchant Vessels: "BARBARA C." "B.BONNEVILLE"
Goodenough Is.- Warships & Aux. - "SC.737" Merchant Vessels: "WEST CUSETTA" "J.KELLY" - Warships & Aux. - "SC.749" "PC.1120" Kiriwina Merchant Vessels: "ISOLATOR" - Warships & Aux. - "ML.427"
- Warships & Aux. - "SC.637" "SC.746" "YMS.51"
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"ML.425" "ML.428" "HILO" (P) "PORTUNUS" (AGP)

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Porlock Hbr. - warships & Aux. - "VICTORIA" (AC)

Milne Bay - warships & Aux. - "SMITH" "PERKINS" "MAHAN"

"BAGLEY" "SHAW" "GILNER" "CONYNGHAM" "MUGRORD"

"FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "REID" "DRAYTON" (DD)

"SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPEREYS" (APD) SC.648 SC.698 SC.699 SC.703 SC.731 SC.734 SC.738 SC.742 SC.743 SC.744 SC.747 SC.750 SC.981 Y.14 YMS.11 YMS.49 YMS.50 YMS.52 YMS.70 YP.278 YP.280 YP.283 23 LST'S ML.801 ML.805
ML.806 ML.816 ML.819 PC.479 PC.1121 15 APCS
46 PTS "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "RIGEL" (AR) "DOBBIN"AD)
"OTUS" "FULTON" (AS) "HALF MOON" (AVP) "TRINITY"
"SUSQUEHANNA" (AO) "POLLUX" (AKS) "SPRINGDALE"
(XDG) "MERKUR" (AF) (Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.) Merchant Vessels: "MACTAN" "ALCOA PENNANT"H. COBB" "J.HOLMES" "VAN HEUTSZ" "A.BIERCE" "YOCHOW"

"D.F.BARRY" "J.M.CLEMENTS" "S.TURMAN" "WM.HUME"

"THOMAS C.POWER" "HANYANG" "CALEDONIAN SALVOR"

"VAQUERO" "A.BURLINGHAME" "CAPE SANDY" "SEA WITCH" J.B.McPHERSON" "I.M.SCOTT" "TAROONA"
"H.T.ALVARADO" "RING LARDNER" "W.B.BURNHAM"
"BORGFRED" "H.L.ABBOTT" "VAN DEN BOSCH" J.EVANS"
"BALIKPA PAN" "SWARTENHONDT" - Warships & Aux. - "SC.750" Port Moresby Merchant Vessels: "MULIAMA" "HERNION" "NORLAGO" "PATRAS" - Warships & Aux. - "FREMANTLE" "LATROBE" (ANS) Thursday Is. "ML.804" - Warships & Aux. - "BUNBURY" "GYMPIE" "BOWEN" - Warships & Aux. - "BUNBURY" "GYMPIE" "BOWEN"

"WARREGO" (AMS) SC.736 WMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47

YMS.48 PC.477 ML.486 "PLATIPUS" (AR)

- Warships & Aux. - "HERON" (AVP)" "INVERELL" (AMS)

"YP.233" "BISHOPDALE" (AC)

- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE" (CA)

"LONG ISLAND" (CV(E) "ARUNTA" "WARRANUEGA"

"HELM" "STUART" "VENDETTA" (DD) "GEELONG" "SWAN" Cairns Town sville Brisbane

"AMYCUS" (ARL)
(Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WHYAILA" (AMS)

(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "PC.476" to depart Caloundra 1900/1 for Townsville and thence Milne Bay.

"GOULBURN" (AMS) SC.741 ML.431 ML.803 ML.820
PC.476 PC.1123 YP.236 YP.291 YMS.9 YMS.10
YMS.313 YMS.514 "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "MATUNDA (AH)
"SAN PABLO" (AVP) "KANIMBLA" "ALGORAB" (AKA)
"COUCAL" (ASR)" "SHEPPARTON" (Survey Vessel)
"POYANG" (ASIS) "SHIKELLAMY" "KURUMBA" (AO)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Choiseul - Our ground troops attacked enemy troops at Vagaia a.m. Oct. 29th forcing the enemy to retire towards Sangigai where our troops were attacking p.m. Oct. 30th. Much barge traffic was reported between Kakasa and Sangigai on the night oct. 29/30.

An enemy submarine was sighted off the S.W. coast

heading north evening Oct. 29th.

(2) Treasury Is. - Night 28/29 our fighters shot down an enemy aircraft. Night 29/30 our PT boats on patrol this area

strafed and sank a small raft.

(3) Buin-Faisi - Photos Oct. 30th reveal:

Aircraft - 3 fighters Ballale, 6 fighters Kehili. Kera field not covered. Both Ballale and Kahili were unserviceable.

Shipping 1 small cargo vessel, one small oiler, 37 barges, numerous small craft.

(4) <u>Kieta</u> - At 1535/29 12 Avengers, 15 Bauntless escorted by 12 Corsairs, 12 Hellcats bombed and strafed Kieta airfield. Photos a.m. Oct. 30th show one small coaster, 5

large barges in harbour. Slight progress evident on airfield.

(5) Buka - Late report states 5 Beauforts attacked airfield and dump

areas night October 25th.

The following air strikes were carried out by Sopac aircraft against the Buka Passage area October 29th: 0825/29 - 8 Mitchells escorted by 22 Corsairs 0837/29 - 9 Mitchells

0955/29 - 21 Liberators

0955/29 - 12 Venturas, 1 Mitchell escerted by 24 Corsairs. At least one medium bomber was destroyed on the strip and Exercise direct hits were scored on gun positions, floatplanes barges, buildings, runway, revetment and personnel areas.

Photos a.m. Oct. 30th reveal:

Aircraft - 2 F, 2 M/B, 2 F/P on Buka airfield

1 F on Bonis Plantation. The latter is the

first aircraft sighting reported on this new

field. Both strips were serviceable. 1 small craft, 25 barges in Buka Passage-Matchin Bay.

At 2250/31 one small freighter, 4 barges or MTB's were reported 27 miles WNW course 1300 apparently heading Buka Passage.

(6) New Ireland - A beached cargo vessel was reported 21 miles south of East Cape October 30th. This may possibly be come cted with the 2 enemy cargo vessels attacked in this area early hours Oct. 29th by a Catalina.

(7) Kavieng - 6 Catalinas attacked Kavieng and Panapai aerodromes night October 30-31.

(8) Mussau Is. - At 1040/31 a large merchant vessel (photos show a 10,000 tenner) and one destroyer were unsuccessfully attacked by a Liberator 17 miles west of Mussau Is. on course 130. The destroyer apparently RV'd with the merchant ship in this area.

At 1149/31 an enemy force described as one possible heavy cruiser and 3 destroyers was sighted 175 miles N. Mussau Is. heading S.E. at 25 knots. This force would apparently be proceeding from Truk probably to Rabaul.

(9) Rabaul - At 0440/31 a reconnal same ce Liberator reported

considerable traffic evident between Toboi and the Customs Wharves, Rabaul Earbour,

(10) New Britain - At 0245 this morning Nov. 1st one of our aircraft reported attacking 2 large vessels 97 miles north of Cape Gloucester on course 50°. This report is merely an intercept and the position may be inaccurate sample axis the force may possibly be nearer the New Britain coast suggesting another passible destroyer night transportation run.
(11) Cape Orford - At 1712/31 southbound enemy submarine.

(12) Kiriwina - At 1005/31 2 Spitfires shot down an enemy aircraft, possibly a fighter, in this area.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) AILIED FORCES

- (a) At Sea to 1200/1:
- (1) 8 submarines on patrol.
 - (b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS) "ML.814" "ML.815" Merchant Vessels: "ALDINGA" "KOOLIGA" "TULAGI" Darwin

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/1:

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL)

"NIZAM" "TJERE HIDDES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "DUBBO"

"HORSHAM" (AMS) "ATREUS" (CM) "WHIPPOORWILL"

"LARK" (AR) "CHILDS" (AV) "PELIAS% (AS)

"W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) "SC.739" "YP.288"

"CHANTICLEER" (ASR)" "ISABEL" (PY)

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "YP.286"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/1:

(1) "ROCKHAMPTON" "ECHUCA" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy
PG.78 (6 ships) dep. Brisbane 1219/30 ETA Sydney 1130/1.

(2) "WARRNAMBOOL" "MORESBY" "CASTLEMAINE" escorting Convoy GP.79
(8 MV) to Calcundra ETA 0500/2 Nov.

(3) "DELORAINE" "MILDURA" "GLENELG" escorting Convoy GC.138 (8 MV)
en route Sydney, Port Kembla and Newcastle.

(4) "TOWNSVILLE" "BUNDABERG" "KALGOORLIE" "BROOME" escorting Convoy CO.139 (10 MV) en route Melbourne.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) "SC.982"

Sydhey - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "BENDIGG"

"BAILARAT" (ANS) "YANDRA" "KYBRA" (A/S Vessels)

"ML.430" "ML.813" "ML.817" "ML.818 "ML.822"

"BUNGAREE" (CM)
(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD)

"WILCANN IA" (AMS) - Warships & Aux. - "KAPUNDA" (AMS) "DOOMBA" (A/S Melbourne

Westernport - Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessels)

NAVAL INCIDENTS

NIL.

ENEMYAS PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

(1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines,
North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.

(2) Air and possibly naval counter-action against allied
moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.

(3) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night
transportation runs to forward positions.

(4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South
and South West Pacific areas.

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DATLY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE 1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	t Pacific Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
		Washington Massachusetts South Dakota Alabama Tennessee		YAMATO MUSASHI KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO ISE NAGATO) POSS.
				MUTSU) Empire
CV	•	SARATOGA	•	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
CV(L)			-	ZUIHO
GV (E)	LONG ISLAND	NASSAU PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON	•	
CA	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE		MYOKO HAGURO	ATAGO TAKAO MAYA TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI SUZUYA CHOKAI
<u>CL</u>	TROMP HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER MONTPELLIER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN LEANDER	SENDAI ISUZU NAKA	NOSHIRO OYODO AGANO NAGARA TATSUTA TAMA KISO
CL(T)	•	•		KASHIMA KATORI
XCL			3 (inel. 1 enroute)	1
	WARRAMUNGA ARUNTA STUART VENDETTA BAGLEY HELM MUGFORD RALPH TALBOT CONYNGHAM DRAYTON FLUSSER LAMSON MAHAN PEK INS KEID ** LE TRIOMPHANT	Approx 40	15	30 (some repairing

Southwest (Eastern S		South Pacific	Bismareks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
SS O	ALBACORE BAIA O BLACKFISH CA PELIN GUARDFISH MARWHAL SCAMP	On Patrol	50	20
	DRUM GATO BETO RATON RAY S.31	t Brisbane		
	K.9 At Syd	lney		
r/cvs	HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON	WRIGHT BALLARD CHANDELIER		NOTORO
AV /XCVS		3	1	2-3
1	35	Approx 30	2	?
PA/APD/AKA	H.T.AILEN MANOORA WESTRALIA KAN IMBLA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUM PHREYS EROOKS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA		
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2	DOBBIN DIXIE		1	1
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ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

BB		NORTH CAPO LINA
		INDIANA
		COLORADO
1000		MARYLAND
		OKLAHOMA
		MISSISSIPPI
3		WEST VIRGINIA
	M	CALIFORNIA
	¥	NEW MEXICO

B IDAHO

HYUGA (being modernised)

CV ENTER IR ISE ESSEX YORKTOWN LEXINGTON

VICTORIOUS BUNKER HILL

V(T) CV(L) INDEPENDENCE

> COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD PRINCETON

CV(E) BUWANNEE SANGAM ON CHENANGO BARNES

ALT AM AHA COPAHEE LISCORE BAY MISSION BAY

CA BALTIMORE BOSP ON

> CHESTER NEW ORLEANS SAN FRANCISCO PENSACOLA * INDIANAPOLIS

R SALT LAKE CITY

PORTLAND * MINNEAPOLIS m ST.LOUIS . LOUISVILLE

R WICHITA

MOBILE BIRMINGHAM SANTA FE R HONOLULU

R NASHVILLE RENO

CONCORD M OAKLAND

AV/CVS AV/XCVS

XCL

Approx 35 Approx 50

POC OMOKE

CHIYODA (under conversion to

20-25 (a few repairing) Approx 30

HOSHO

HITAKA HAYAT AKA

UNYO CHUYO M OTAKA

KUMANO M AOBA

M YUBARI R NATORI

Non-effective 36

ALLIED F	ORCES	ORTHERN PACIFIC ENE	MY FORCES November 1943
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Southwest (Western		Eastern Fle et Area	East Indies-Philippines
BB	•	RAMILLIES	•
CV(L)	₩		RYUHO
EV(E)	-	BATTLER	CHITOSE
CA		SUFFOLK	ASHIGARA
-		SUSSEX HAWKINS FROBISHER	
	ADELAIDE	GAMBIA	KUMA
	VAN HEEMSKERK		OI
		KENYA NEWCASTLE	KITAGAMI KINU
		CERES	WAKAMIYA
		DAUNTIE SS	
		CAETOWN	
		CARADOC DANAE	
		EMERALD	
CL(T)	•	•	KASHII
XCL		CANTON CARTHAGE	1
		CHITRAL	
		RANPURA	
		WORCESTERSHIRE	
AV/cvs	CHILDS W.B.PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI 1-2
XAV/XCVS		?	
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES NIZAM	Approx 27	.10
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	CABRILLA)		
	CISCO }	100	
	GOD GREVALLE } 0	n Patrol	
	KINGFISH)		
	POMPON)		
	RASHER)		
	K.12		
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NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/2:

- (1) "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE" "ARUNTA" "WARRAMUNGA" "HELM" departed Brisbane for exercises Moreton Bay p.m. 2 Nov. thence proceed Milne Bay via Palm Island.
 - (2) "BENAILA" carrying out survey duties in Huon Gulf and Vitaz Strait from 30 Oct. to 12 Nov. (3) "PC.1124" escorting "MANOORA" dep. Cairns 1130/30 was due Oro
 - Bay 2000/1.
 - (4) "TASMAN" (AH) dep. Brisbane 0520/29 enroute Port Moresby was due 0530/2 Nov.
 - (5) "RALPH TALBOT" dep. Brisbane 1530/31 escorting "GEN. JOHN POPE" to Milne Bay. On completion "RALPH TALBOT" rejoins
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 - (7) "ML.818" "ML.430" en route Milne Bay.
 (8) "KATOOMBA" "WAGGA" escorting Convoy FT.36 ("VAN DEN BOSCH" "LST.458)
 departed Milne Bay 0743/2 for Townsville ETA 2100/4.
 (9) "ARARAT" " PC.1119" escorting "NORLAGO" dep. Port Moresby 1530/1 for
 - Escorts detach at Fizroy Is. and Townsville ETA 1300/4.

 - proceed Cairns ETA 2030/3.

 (10) "ML.804" standing by cable-laying operations Thursday Is. Port Moresby. On completion to return Thursday Is.

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 (12) "PC.476" departed Brisbane 1555/1 for Townsville ETA 1400/3 thence
 - (13)
 - proceeds Milne Bay.
 "MIZAR" dep. Caloundra 0009/2 for Milne Bay ETA 1300/5.
 "SAN PABLO" was to depart Caloundra 1000/2 for Palm Is. ETA 0900/4. (14)

 - (15) "STAWELL" en route Townsville ETA 1600/2.
 (16) "YMS.336" escorting "KURUMBA" towing "ML.429" to Townsville ETA
 0400/3. "KURUMBA" thence proceeds Palm Is: "ML.420" 0400/3. bound for Darwin.
 - (17) "INVERELL" was to depart Townsville 1200/2 for Sydney ETA 1900/6
 - and Melbourne for repairs.

 (18) "LITHGOW" escorting Convoy LQ.25 (1 MV) dep. Gladstone 1900/1 for Brisbane ETA 1600/2.

 (19) "WARRNAMBOOL" "MORESBY" "CASTLEMAINE" escorting ConvoyTGP.79
 - (8 MV) to Caloundra ETA 2200/2.
 - (20) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Lae - Warships & Aux. - "YMS.72" "FC.1121" "SC.982"

Merchant Vessels: "BARBARA C." "B.BONNEVILLE"

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"WESTRALIA" (APA)

WEST CUSETTA" " J. KELLY" Merchant Vessels:

- Warships & Aux. - "SC.749" "PC.1120" Kiriwina

Morobe

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- Warships & Aux. - "SC.637" "SC.746" "YMS.51"
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"R. P. WARNER"

Woodlark Is.

- Warships & Aux. - "SC.745"

Porlockfor, - Warships & Aux. - "VICTORIA" (AO)

Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "SMITH" "PERKINS" "MAHAN"

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"RIGEL" (AR) "DCEBIN" (AD) "OTUS" "FULTON" (AS)
"HALF MOON" (AVP) "TRINITY" "SUSQUEHANNA"
"AASE MAERSK" (AC) "POLLUX" (AKS) "SPRINGDALE"
(YDG) "MERKUR" (AF)

SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF (Note: MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)

Merchant Vessels: "MACTAN" "ALCOA PENNANT" "H.COBB
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Port Moresby

- Warships & Aux. - "SC.750" "GOLDSTAR" (AG)
Merchant Vessels: "MULIAMA" "HERMION" "C.KING"

"ADM.HALSTEAD" "J.W.GRIMES" "C.S.JONES" "PATRAS

- Warships & Aux. - "FREMANTLE" "LATROBE" (AMS) Thursday Is. "ML.804"

- Warships & Aux. - "BUNBURY" "GYMPIE" "BOWEN" Cairns

"WARREGO" (AMS) "SC.736 YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 PC.477 ML.426 "PLATYPUS" (AR) - Warships & Aux. - "HERON" (AVP) "YP.233"

Townsville

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"STUART" "VENDETTA" (DD) "GEELONG" "SWAN"
"GOULBURN" (AMS) SC.735 SC.741 SC.650
ML.431 ML.803 ML.820 PC.1123 YP.236
YP.291 YMS.9 YMS.10 YMS.313 YMS.314
"H.T.AILEN" (APA) "MANUNDA" (AH) "KANIMBLA"
"ALGORAB" (AKA) "CCUCAL" (ASR) "SHEPPARTON"
(SUrvey Vessel) "FOYANG" (ASIS) "SHIKELLAMY"
"KHREN (AO) "AMYCUS" (ARL)
"ials etc.) - "WHYALLA" (AMS)

(Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WHYALLA" (AMS)

(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "STUART" escorting "LONG ISLAND" to boundary S.W.P.A. to depart Caloundra approx 1900/2 until 1000/3 whence "STUART" returns Sydney.

(2) "GOULBURN" "GEELONG" "PC.1123" "SC.741" escorting Convoy (3) "DRAYTON" to proceed Port Moresby from Milne Bay to collect gear necessary for her refit from "GOLD STAR".

(4) "WARRNAMBOOL" "MORESBY" "CASTLEMAINE" to return Sydney after completion escort duties Convoy GP.79. (11) ENEMY FORCES (1) Choiseul - The allied attack on Sangigai Oct. 30th resulted in 72 Japs killed while ammnition, communications, medical supplies, weapons and one barge were destroyed and an enemy camp burned. Approx 40 Japs escaped to the S.E.
At 0655/30, 9 Avengers with 8 Corsairs, 8 Kittyhawks
escorting bombed and strafed enemy ground positions near San gigai. Night Oct. 36/31 our PT boats patrolled the NW. Coast as far as Choiseul Hay without encountering any enemy craft but encountered fire from beach. (2) Treasury Is. - Night 29/30 enemy troops unsuccessfully attempted to penetrate left flank of allied perimeter on the south coast. Allied troops have reached Malsi on N.E. coast without contact. It is estimated 100 Japanese remain on Treasury Is. the majority being in jungle 2 miles N.N.E. of Falamai. So far 44 Japs definitely killed and enemy 40 mm. mountain gun captured (3) Bougainville - At 0730/1 Nov. allied forces landed at Empress Augusta Bay on the S.W. coast, Some enemy air opposition was encountered. Further heavy air strikes were carried out against the South Bougainville sirfields as follows: a.m. 30 Oct. - 16 Liberators, 68 Dauntless, 27 Avengers, 22 Corsairs, 16 Aircobras and 8 Kittyhawks attacked Hara. The Corsairs also strafed the waterfront and small shipping. p.m. 30 Oct. - 6 Mitchells, 4 Venturas, 12 Aircobras, 32 Corsairs attacked Kiets strip and shipping including 4 small coasters and two barges. Meanwhile 24 Corsairs, 12 Aircobras strafed shipping Tonolei destroying several barges and one small coaster. October 31st - 19 Liberators, 34 Dauntless, 24 Avengers, 23 Mitchells, 32 Corsairs, 16 Kittyhawks, 15 Aircobras again attacked Kara airfield and surrounding area. Photos after these attacks on 31st showed all S. Bougainville strips unserviceable. Photos the following morning, Nov.1st revealed -Kahili - 6 fighters Ballale- 3 fighters Aircraft: - 2 unserviceable aircraft Kara 1 small oiler Shipping: 14 barges Kara runway appeared serviceable, Ballale unserviceable and Kahili possibly serviceable. (4) Buka - Night Oct. 31/Nov.1st allied Task Force shelled Buka and Bonis airfields. Preliminary reports indicate results very good - two large fires were started on Buka and one on Bonis. Enemy aircraft dropped flares over our ships during the attack. At 0600/1 this area was also attacked by our aircraft when the runway appeared unserviceable, and 2 large fires observed near N.E. end of Bonis Strip. At 0855/1 photos recee this area revealed Bonis runway serviceablek and Buka four-fifths serviceable. One medium bomber on Buka, one fighter on Bonis and 6 floatplanes, 1 sub chasen small craft, 5 barges were observed. (5) Solomon Sea - Sighting reports indicate an enemy Task Force comprising probably 2 heavy cruisers, 2 light cruisers and 6 destroyers proceeded out from Rabaul in the direction of South Bougainville on the night Oct. 31-Nov. 1st and again the following night Nov.1-2.

Night Oct.31-Nov.lst - The first sighting of this force was at 0750/1 when a recce aircraft sighted a force described as 4 cruisers and 6 destroyers 60 miles S.E. Cape St. George apparently heading back for Rabaul at 25 knots. This force was later reported at 0915/1 nearing St. Georges Channel while at 0923/1 it was also reported 50 miles N.E. Cape Orford on a northerly course. No contact reports have been received from our surface forces relative to this enemy force which would appear to have proceeded down in the direction of S. Bougainville and may possibly have retired on learning of the presence of an allied task force in the area. Night Nov.1-2 - The first sighting was at 2050/1 when a snooping Liberator reported 8-12 enemy vessels near the entrance to St. Georges Channel and shadowed the force to a point 30 miles S.S.E. Cape St. George. The Liberator attacked with unreported results. heading At 2310/1 a Sowespac Seacat reported an enemy cruiser St.Georges Channel from position 15 miles WSW of Cape St. George. another snooping Liberator reported attacking the enemy Task Force at 0120/2 70 miles SE by S. Cape St. George, and at 0215/2 reported the force was then 50 miles W. by N. of Cape Moltke (W.coast Bougainville) on course 100.
At 0248/2 an allied cruiser and destroyer Task Force reported attacking 3 groups enemy surface vessels 23 miles WSW C. Moltke. At 0340/2 the allied Task Force reported our ships were being illuminated by flares from many aircraft. At 0444/2 our Task Force reported the enemy retiring west at high speed with undamaged units.
At 0810/2 our Task Force reported being heavily attacked by a force of 70 enemy aircraft in a position approximately 50 miles W. by S. of Empress Augusta Bay. A further report at 0820/2 stated the enemy's first bombing attack had been completed with no serious dasualties to our ships. 10-12 enemy aircraft were shot down. The enemy Task Force would appear to have engaged on a sortie from Rabaul probably directed against intercepting allied shipping engaged in landing operations at Empress Augusta Bay. Preliminary reports indicate our surface forces have successfully countered this move and forced the enemy to retire before reaching his objective. The details of damage inflicted on the enemy have not yet been reported by our Task Force. (6) Kavieng - Night Oct.31-Nov.1st, 4 Catal inas attacked Kavieng airfield. (7) New Hanover - At 1144/1 an aircraft reported attacking a large transport and small freighter 32 miles W. by S. W. tip New Hanover). The intercept report from the aircraft indicates the transport was sunk. (8) Gazelle Peninsula - At 0200/1 a Navy Catalina reported sighting 2 sub-chasers escorting barges 4 miles N.W. of Cape Lambert course 200° suggesting a barge supply run along the N. coast New Britain. (9) Jacquinot Bay - At 1400/31 8 P.40's strafed and sank a large barge this area. These aircraft also inst engaged one medium bomber, 12 fighters probably destroying the bomber. (10) New Britain - A further report of the enemy force sighted at 0245/1 N. of Cape Gloucester states that the force comprised 2 cargo vessels and 2 possible destroyers proceeding on course 50°. Three near misses were scored but results otherwise unobserved. (11) Finschhafen - A late report October 26th states 8 enemy aircraft bombed kwa Langemak Bay wi thout effect. At 0900/30 one enemy recce aircraft was over Finschhafen area. At 1650/30, 6 Vengeance attacked the Wareo - Satelberg area. During October 31st our troops were constantly in contact with the enemy in the Satelberg area. Patrol activity continues to the west and N.W. of Katika. (12) Morobe - 7 enemy fighters were over this area p.m. Oct. 30th. (13) Buka The recce aircraft over Buka a.m. Nov.lst also reported a "transport" burning heavily and being abandoned near an island west of Buka Passage and a number of barges apparently

rescuing survivors. At 0130 the same morning a Catalina reported 2 "fairly large" ships 33 miles W. by N. of Buka Passage on course 2800 apparently making for Rabaul. This vessel would appear to have been hit during the successful strike at 0600/1 details of which are not yet to hand.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/2:

(1) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS) "ML.814" "ML.815" Barwin Merchant Vessels: "ALDINGA" "KOOLIGA" "TULAGI"

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 12 00/2:

- (1) "W.B. PRESTON" dep. Frementle 1700/1 for Exmouth Gulf ETA 1600/4.
- (2) "YP.288" dep. Fremantle 1322/1 for Exmouth Gulf (b) In Harbour:
 - Warships & Aux. "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL)
 "NIZAM" "TJERK HIDDES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "DUBBO"
 "HORSHAM" (AMS) "ATREUS" XMX (CM) "WHIPPOORWILL"
 "LARK" (AR) "CHILDS" (AV) "PELIAS" (AS)
 "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) "SC.739" "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) Fremantle "ISABEL" (PY)

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "YP.286"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/2:

(1) "BUNGAREE" dep. Sydney 1720/1 for Melbourne ETA 0400/4.
(2) "TOWNSVILLE" "BUNDABERG" "KALGOORLIE" "BROOME" escorting Convoy

(3) "DOOMBA" CO.139 (10 MV) en route Melbourne.

(3) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC.139 (approx 6 MV) was to depart

Port Phillip Heads 2500/1 to RV with CO.139 vicinity Wilson's Promontory.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) "SC.982"
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "BENDIGO"
"BAILARAT" "DELORAINE" "MILDURA" "GLENELG" "ROCKHAMPTON" "ECHUCA" "ABRAHAM CRYNSSEN" (AMS)
"YANDRA" "KYBRA" (A/S Vessels) "ML.430"
"ML.813" "ML.817" ML.618" "ML.822"

(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "LE THIOMPHANT" (DD)

- Warships & Aux. - "KARPUNDA" (AMS)
- Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel) Melbourne

Westernport

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines,
North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
Air and possibly naval counter-action against allied
moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night
transportation runs to forward positions.
Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South
and South West Pacific Areas. (1)

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

ALLIED FORCES ENEMY FORCES				
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CV(E)	LONG ISLAND	NASSAU PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON		CHUYO
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SEROPSHIRE		MYOKO HAGURO	ATAGO TAKAO MAYA TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI SUZUYA CHOKAI
<u>CL</u>	TROMP # HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER MONTPELLIER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN LEANDER	SENDAT ISUZU NAKA AGANO	NOSHIRO GYODO NAGARA TAMA KISO
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<u>DD</u>	WARRAMUNGA ARUNTA STUART			
	VENDETTA BAGLEY HELM MUGFORD RALPH TALBOT CONYNGHAM DRACTON FLUSSER LAMSON MAHAN	Approx 40	15	30 (some repairing)

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3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

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	COLORADO
	MARYLAND
	OKLAHOMA
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	WEST VIRGINIA
	R CALIFORNIA
	R NEW MEXICO

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AV/CVS

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INDEPENDENCE CONPENS BELLEAU WOOD PRINCETON

HITAKA HAYATAKA

CV(E) SUWANNEE

SANGEMON CHENANGO BARRES AL TAHA HA COPAHEE

UNYO OTAKA

KUMANO

M AOBA

LISCOME BAY MISSION BAY

BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER

NEW ORLEANS SAN FRANCISCO PENSACOLA

INDIAN APOLIS

m SALT LAKE CITY m PORTLAND

R MINERAPOLIS

R ST. LOUIS

E LOUISVILLE

M WICHITA

MOBILE BIRM INGHAM SANTA FE

R HONOLULU

* NASHVILLE

R RENO

* CONCORD

M CAKLAND

TATSUTA (enroute from Truk) R YUBARI

MATORI

POCOMORE

Approx 35 Approx 50 9

E CHIYODA (under conversion to 20-25 (a few repairing) Approx 30

Non-effective

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		CAPETOWN CARADOC		
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XCL	-	CARTHAGE		
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AV/cvs	CHILDS	ALBATROSS	KAMOI	
	W.B. PRESTON			
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	CABRILLA)			
	CISCO)			
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4. NORTHERN PACIFIC MOST SECRET ENEMY FORCES OVEMber 1943

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ALLIED FORCES

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GENERAL HEADOUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

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3 November 1943 Date:

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/3:

- (1) C.T.F.74 in "AUSTRALIA" with "SHROPSHIRE" "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA"
 "HELM" departed vicinity Cape Moreton 2130/2 for Percy
 Islands ETA 1800/3.
- (2) "BENALLA" carrying out survey duties in Ruon Gulf and Vitiaz
- Strait from 30 Oct. to 12 Nov.

 (3) "TASMAN" dep. Port Moresby 2 Nov. for Milne Bay ETA 1615/4.

 (4) "SC.750" escorting "Y.14" Port Moresby to Milne Bay ETA 1730/3.

 (5) "RALPH TALBOT" dep. Brisbane 1530/31 escorting "GEN. JOHN POPE" to Milne Bay ETA 1600/3. On completion "RALPH TALBOT"
- rejoins T.F.74.

 (6) "DRAYTON" departed Milne Bay approx 0745/2 was due Port Moresby
- 0700/3.

 (7) "YMS.334" "GLADSTONE" "COLAC" "YMS.53" escorting Convoy TN.74

 Pownsville 1930/31 Oct. "GLADSTONE" (8 MV, 2 LST) dep. Townsville 1930/31 Oct. "GLADSTONE" escerts Port Moresby portion ("KATOOMBA" "CORIO") ETA 1100/4: "COLAC" "YMS.53" "YMS.334" escerting Milne Bay portion ("LUDINGTON" "DUNTROON" "G.S.BOUTWELL" "REIJNST" "F.P.BLAIR" "J.H.ROSSITER" & 2 LST's) ETA 1100/4.
- (8) "ML.818" "ML.430" en route Milne Bay.
- (9) "PC.476" dep. Brisbane 1555/1 for Townsville ETA 1400/3 thence

- proceeds Milne Bay.

 (10) "MIZAR" dep. Caloundra 0009/2 for Milne Bay ETA 1300/5.

 (11) "KATOOMBA" "WAGGA" escorting Convoy FT.36 ("VAN DEN BOSCH" "LST.458")

 dep. Milne Bay 0743/2 for Townsville ETA 2100/4.

 (12) "ARARAT" "PC.1119" escorting "NORLAGO" dep. Port Moresby 1530/1 for Townsville ETA 1300/4. Escorts detach at Fitzroy Is. and proceed Cairns ETA 2030/3.

- proceed Cairns ETA 2030/3.

 (13) "ML.804" standing by cable-laying operations Thursday Is. Port Moresby. On completion to return Thursday Is.

 (14) "FREMANTLE" escorting "ALAGNA" "MATTHEW FLINDERS" dep. Thursday Is. approx 0425/3 for Darwin ETA 1230/9.

 (15) "SAN PABLO" dep. Calcundra 1009/2 for Palm Is. ETA 1000/4.

 (16) "YMS.336" escorting "KURUMBA" towing "ML.429" to Townsville was due 0400/3. "KURUMBA" thence proceeds Palm Is: "ML.420" bound for Darwin.
- (17) "GOULBURN" "GEELONG" "PC.1123" "SC.741" escorting Convoy QL.26 (11 MV including "SHIKELLAMY") dep. Brisbane 1645/2 ETA Bustard Head 0300/4.
- (18) "BOWEN" dep, Cairns 0015/3 for Brisbane ETA 0500/8 for repairs.
- (19) "STUART" escerting "LONG ISLAND" towards boundary S. W. P.A. dep. Brisbane 1459/2. "STUART" detaches at 1000/3 and returns direct to Sydney ETA 0700/4.
- (20) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "YMS.72" "PC.1121" "SC.982"
Merchant Vessels: "BARBARA C." "B.BONNEVILLE" Las Goodenough Is. - Warships & Aux. - "SC.737" Merchant Vessels: "WEST CUSETTA" "J.KELLY" "YOCHOW - Warships & Aux. - "SC.749" Kiriwina - Warships & Aux. - "ML.427"
- Warships & Aux. - "ML.427"
- Warships & Aux. - "SC.637" "SC.746" "YMS.51"

"ML.425" "ML.428" "HILO"(PG) "PORTUNUS"(AGP)

Merchant Vessels: "J.ROYCE" "J.EARL"

- Warships & Aux. - "SC.732" "YMS.71" Morobe Buna Oro Bay Merchant Vessels: "SIBLEY" "THEDENS" "R. J. WALKER" "JOHN MUIR" "N.J.SINNOTT" "R.P.WARMER"
- Warships & Aux. - "SC.745" Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - "VICTORIA" (AO) Porlock Hbr. - Warships & Aux. - "SMITH" "PERKINS" "MAHAH"
"BAGLEY" "SHAW" "GILMER" "CONYNGHAM" "MUGFORD" Milne Bay "FLUSSER" "LANSON" "REID" (DD) "SANDS" "BROOKS" "FLUSSER" "LANSON" "REID" (DD) "SANDS" "BROOKS"
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SC.703 SC.731 SC.734 SC.738 SC.742 SC.743
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"OTUS" "FULTON" (AS) "HALF MOON" (AVP)
"TRINITY" "SUSQUEHANNA" "AASE MAERSK" (AO)
"POLLUX" (AKS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG)" MERKUR" (AF)
"MANDORA" "WESTRALIA" (APA)

SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.) (Note:

Merchant Vessels: "MACTAN" "ALCOA PENNANT" "H.COBB "J.M.CLEMENTS" "WM. HUME" "THOMAS C. POWER" "HANYANG" "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" "VAQUERO" "CAPE SANDY" "A.BURLINGHAME" "SEA WITCH" "J.B. Ma PHERSON" "I.M.SCOTT" "TAROONA" "E.T.ALVARADO"
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- Warships & Aux. - "GOLDSTAR" (AO)

Merchant Vessels: "MULIAMA" "HERMION" "C.KING"

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- Warships & Aux. - "BUNBURY" "GYMPIE" "WARREGO"

(AMS) "SC.736 YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48

PC.477 ML.426 "PLATYPUS" (AR)

- Warships & Aux. - "HER ON" (AVP) "INVERELL"

"STAWELL" (AMS) "BISHOPDALE" (AC) TYP. 273" Port Morey Thursday Is. Cairns Townsville

"STAWELL" (AMS) "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "YP.233"
- Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA" (DD) "SWAN" Brisbane "LITHGON" (AMS) SC.650 SC.735 ML.431 ML.803 ML.820 YP.236 YP.291 YMS.9 YMS. YMS.73 YMS.313 YMS.314 "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) YMS.10 "MANUNDA" (AH) "KANIMBLA" (APA) "ALGORAB" (APA) "COUCAL" (ASR) "SHEPPARTON" (Survey Vessel)
"POYANG" (ASIS) "AMYCUS" (ARL)
(Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WHYALLA" (AMS) (AKA)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Bougainville (a) Ourlanding at Empress Augusta Bay during Nov. 1st was donducted without any losses to shipping. Our transports were forced to withdraw temporarily during the morning following successive air attacks but they returned at 0920/1 and unloading was continued. An average of 34 allied fighters covered the area from dawn until dark.

During a series of interceptions in which groups of enemy fighters and medium bombers were involved our fighters claim twenty one enemy fighters and one bomber destroyed and six other aircraft probably destroyed without loss to our fighters. The largest enemy formation was reported to include 30-40 fighters with 12-16 medium 31 Avengers bombed and strafed the beaches immediately prior to the landing while 7 Dauntless dropped smoke bombs on the beach. An enemy medium bomber was reported dropping mines off shore. (b) The cruiser and destroyer Task Force which bombarded the Buka-Bonis airfields early hours Nov.1st also bombarded the Shortland Ballale area during that its retirement Naval Incidents). (c) A.M. Nov.1st - 21 Liberators attacked Kahili while 4 Mitchells strafed the Faisi floatplane base destroying one floatplane. 11 Corsairs also strafed bivouac area Shortlands. A.M. Nov. 2nd 44 Dauntless, 24 Avengers attacked Kara runway, bivouac and gun positions without escort.

(d) At 0800/1 a recce aircraft reported observing approx 12 enemy dive bombers attacking allied shipping north of Vella Lavella. 4 aircraft were shot down by the ships' A.A. (2) Solomon Sea - There are no further details as to the damage inflicted on the enemy surface force which was engaged by our Task Force west of Empress Augusta Bay early hours Nov. Preliminary report indicates some allied ships were damaged but all are afloat following the action. The A Striking Force of 20 Avengers, 18 Dauntless escorted by 44 fighters made a negative search for the crippled Japanese ships during the early morning November A 300 ft. oil slick was followed from the scene of the naval action to a position 50 miles west of Buka where it was seen to extend to the horizon bearing 320°. 30 enemy fighters were observed over Buka at 0845/2 but these made no attempt to intercept our force all of which returned safely. (3) Buka - Following the attack on Buka serodrome by Sopac sircraft at 0600/1 photos at 0815/1 reveal -1 bomb crater on runway 4 hits dispersal area 1 direct hit on medium bomber 10 hits N.E. Bunway 4 hits S.dispersal area 17 buildings destroyed or severaly damaged. At 1030/1 a ship, possibly a destroyer, was reported in flames 8 miles W. of Buka Passage. This is probably the same vessel reported burning in the area early the same morning probably as a result of the heavy air strike.

At 0740/2 a further heavy strike was made against Buka and Bonis strips, 28 tons bombs being dropped. Shortly after midnight Nov. 2nd Sopac reconnaissance aircraft attacked an enemy cargo vessel 51 miles W. by S. Buka Passage without result. allied
(4) Choiseul - Further details of the landing on Choiseul indicate that the marine troops landed against enemy opposition but their objectives were generally reached following fighting in which 135 Japanese were killed while our casualties numbered 260 including about 50 killed.
Further reports indicate enemy troops are continuing attempts to move towards the N.W. probably with a view to eyacuation. (5) Kavieng - At 0200/2 a cargo vessel and sub-chaser were reported 77 miles S. by W. of Kavieng on course 3000. (6) New Hanover - At 1141/1 an enemy convey described as one medium transport, one large tanker was attacked by a Liberator 30 miles W.S.W. New Hanover course 130°. One direct hit was claimed on the transport which was left motionless with smoke billowing from the bow and the vessel was claimed destroyed. At 0630/3 an enemy force described as 3 destroyers, 3 transports was observed 166 miles N.E. of Kavieng heading S. at 15 knots. (7) Manus Island - 15 barges were observed in the vicinity of kerix Lou Island (20 miles S.E. Manus) at 1510/1. - 3 -

(8) Rabaul - A further heavy strike involving 75 Mitchells and 80 fighters was made against shipping and A.A. defences Simpsons Harbour afternoon November 2nd. Preliminary reports indicate the attack was highly successful. Final results are not yet assessed. Two heavy cruisers were reported during the attack. A photo reconnaissance this area at 0955/2 prior to the attack showed a total of 177 fighters, 29 light and 37 medium bombers on the airfields. The harbour was covered with the exception of the cruiser anchorage off Malaguna. Shipping observed included -7 destroyers 1 destroyer tender 2 minesweepers 3 submarines 21 merchantmen totalling 102,000 tons also 20 floatplanes and 2 flying boats.

(9) Cape Orford - At 1355/2 an enemy submarine was reported off
this area heading N.E. At 2245/2 a Sopac aircraft reported
contacting an enemy submarine 87 miles S.E. Cape Orford. The same aircraft also reported sighting another submarine in the same area at 2255/2. (10) Ubili - At 0235/2 an enemy destroyer was reported 46 miles
WHW Ubili course 30 indicating a unit possibly returning from a night transportation run. (11) H ansa Bay - At 1150/1 3 small harbour craft were observed.
(12) Huon Peninsula - At 0325/2 our PT boats reported sighting a surfaced enemy submarine 25 miles N. by E. of Sic.
At 1345/2 a possible enemy submarine was reported 11 miles N. of Finschhafen.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) AILIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/3:

(1) 11 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS) "ML.814" "ML.815" Merchant Vessels: "ALDINGA" "KOOLIGA" "TULAGI"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Aree Is. - Forencon November 2nd 6 Beaufighters made a harassing attack on Trangan Island. Interception by 2

floatplanes one of which was possibly destroyed.

5 Mitchells also attacked villages this area.

(2) Pomelaa - At 1710/1 11 Liberators attacked the nickel mines and Installations at Pomelaa and Maniang Is. Interception by one fighter which dropped one aerial bomb without effect.

One medium freighter was observed at the jetty
together with numerous small craft. Pomelaa strip appears still unserviceable although grading is in progress.

(3) Timor - One Liberator bombed Cape Chater early hours Nov. 2nd.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/3:

(1) "YP.288" dep. Fremantle 1122/1 for Exmouth Gulf.
(2) "W.B.PRESTON" dep. Fremantle 1700/1 for Exmouth Gulf ETA 1600/4.

(b) In Harbour:

- Wer ships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL)
"NIZAM" "WERK HIDDES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "DUBBO"
"HOR SHAM" (AMS) "ATREUS" (CM) "WHIPPOORWILL"
"LARE" (AR) "CHILDS" (AV) "PELIAS" (AS)
"W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) "SC.739" "CHANTICIE ER" (ASR) Fremantle "ISABEL" (PY) Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - YP. 286"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/3:

(1) "WARR NAM BOOL" "MORESBY" departed Caloundra 1608/2 for Sydney ETA 0500/14.

(2) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting Convoy PG.79 (1 MV) departed Calcundra 2042/2 for Sydney ETA 2000/4.

(3) "DELORAINE" "MILDURA" "GLENEIG" "ML.808" escorting Convoy GP.80

(% MV) were to depart Sydney 0800/3 for Calcundra.

(4) "BUNGAREE" dep. Sydney 1720/1 for Melbourne ETA 0400/4.

(5) "TOWNSVILLE" "BUNDABERG" "KALGOORLIE" "BROOME" escorting Convoy

OC.139 (7 MV including "GANNYMEDE") en route Sydney and Newcastle .

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) "SC.982"
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "BENDIGO"
"BALLARAT" "DELORAINE" "MILDURA" "GLENELG" "ROCKHAN PTON" "ECHUCA" "ABRAHAM CRI JNSSEN" (AMS)
"YANDRA" "KYBRA" (A/S Vessels) "ML,430" "ML,813"
"ML,817" "ML.818" "ML.822"

(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (GL) "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD)

"WILCANNIA" (AMS) - Warships & Aux. - "KAPUNDA" (AMS) "DOOMBA" (A/S Melbourne Vessel) Westernport - Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel)

SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

Nauru - Photos Nov.lst show approximately 12 large alreraft on old strip and 10 aircraft on new strip. Also one small cargo vessel.

MAVAL INCIDENTS

Buka-Bougainville - Further details of the successful bombardment of the Buka-Bougainville airfields and the Shor tlands Ballale area early hours Nov.lst by a cruiser and destroyer Task Force are as follows:

The Buka attack was opposed by inaccurate shore battery fire, one single aircraft and motor torpedo boat attacks all of which were ineffective.

Enemy shore batteries on the south coast Shortlands and Poporang opposed the later bombardment in this area but these guns were silenced and the area was well covered including the Ballale sirfield.

Our ships received only minor casualties and some personnel shrapnel injuries.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshallsm Carolines,
North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
Air and possibly naval counter-action against allied
moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night
transportation runs to forward positions.
Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South
and South West Pacific Areas. (1)

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DAILY HAVAL SURMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

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GENERAL HEADOUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 645

Date:

4 November 1943

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1, NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/4:

- (1) "BENALLA" carrying out survey duties in Huon Gulf and Vitiaz Strait from 30 Oct. to 12 Nov. (2) "RALPH TALBOT" was to depart Milne Bay 0700/4 to rejoin T.F.74.

- "DRAYTON" en route Port Moresby to Brisbane.
 "YMS.334" "GLADSTONE" "COLAC" "YMS.53" escorting Convoy TN.74 (8 MV, 2 LST) dep. Townsville 1930/31 Oct. "GLADSTONE"
 escorting Port Moresby portion ("KATOOMBA" "CORIO") was
 due 1100/4: "COLAC" "YMS.53" "YMS.334" escorting Milne
 Bay portion ("LUDINGTON" "DUNTROON" "G.S.BOUTWELL" "REIJNST"
 "F.P.BLAIR" "J.H.ROSSITER" & 2 LST's) was due 1100/4.
- (5) "ML.818" "ML.430" en route Milne Bay.
- (6) "PC.476" dep. Brisbane 1555/1 for Town sville ETA 1400/3 thence
- proceeds Milne Bay.

 (7) "MIZAR" dep. Calcundra 0009/2 for Milne Bay ETA 1300/5.

 (8) "WAGGA" escorting Convey FT.36 (1 MV, 1 LST) to Townsville ETA 2100/4.

 (9) "ML.804" standing by cable-laying operations Thursday Is. Port
- Moresby. On completion to return Thursday Is.

 (10) "SAN PABLO" dep. Calcundra 1009/2 for Palm Is. was due 1000/4.

 (11) "GOULBURN" "PC.1123" "SC.741" escorting Convoy QL.26 (11 MV incl.
- "SHIKELLAMY") dep. Brisbane 1645/2 was due Bustard Head 0300/4.
- (12) "BOWEN" dep. Cairns 0015/3 for Brisbane ETA 0500/8 for repairs.
 (13) "INVERELL" dep. Townsville 1516/3 for Sydney ETA 1900/7 thence to
- proceed Melbourne for repairs.

 (14) "VENDETTA" was to depart Calcundra to RV with "FRED.C.AINSWORTH" from Auckland at approx 0530/4 and escort to Brisbane.
- (15) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

- Lae Warships & Aux. "PC.1121" "SC.982"

 Merchant Vessels: "BARBARA C." "B.BONNEVILLE"

 Goodenough Is. Warships & Aux. "YMS.72" "SC.737"

 Merchant Vessels: "J.KELLY" "YOCHOW" "VAQUERO"
 - "RING LARDNER"
- Warships & Aux. "SC.749" Kiriwina
- Warships & Aux. "ML.427" Morobe Buna
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- Warships & Aux. "ML.427"
 Warships & Aux. "SC.637" "SC.746" "YMS.51" "ML.425"

 "ML.428" "HILO"(PG) "PORTUNUS" (AGP)

 Merchant Vessels: "J.ROYCE" "J.EARL"

 Warships & Aux. "SC.738" "SC.746" "SC.747"

 Merchant Vessels: "SIBLEY" "R.J.WALKER" "JOHN MUIR"

 "N.J.SINNOTT" "R.P.WARNER" "J.LANE"

- Warships & Aux. - "SC.745" Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - "VICTORIA" (AO)
- Warships & Aux. - "SMITH" "PERINS" "MAHAN" "BAGLEY"
"SHAW" "GILMER" "CONYNGHAM" "MUGFORD" "FLUSSER" Porlock Hor. Milne Bay "LAMSON" "REID" (DD) "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPEREYS" (APD) "PIRIE" (AMS) SC.648 SC.698 SC.699 SC.703 SC.732 SC.734 SC.731 80.742 30.743 SC . 744 SC.748 SC.750 SC. 981 YMS.11 YMS.50 YMS.52 YMS.70 YMS.71 YMS.335 YMS.49 "ML.801 ML.805 YP. 278 YP.280 YP.283 23 LSTs ML.806 ML.818 ML.819 PC.479 PC.1120 PC PC.1124 15 APC'S 46 PT'S "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "RIGEL" (AR) "DOBBIN" (AD) "OTUS" "FULTON" ML.806 PC.1121 PC-1124 "HALF MOON" (AVP) "TRINITY" "SUSQUEHANNA"

"AASE MAERSK" (AO) "POLLUX" (AKS) "SPRINGDALE"

(YDG) "MERKUR" (AF) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" (APA) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) (Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.) Merchant Vessels: "MACTAN" "ALCOA FENNANT" "H.COBB"
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"SEA WITCH" "J.B.McPHERSON" "I.M. SCOTT" "TAROONA"
"H.T.ALVARADO" "W.B.BURNHAM" "BORGFRED" "J.EVANS"
"H.L.ABBOTT" "BALIKPAPAN" "SWARTENHOODT"
"ISOLATOR" "THO.JEFFERSON" "W.WRIGHT" "S.BENSON"
"W.VAN DEVENTER" "GEN.J.POPE" "E.N.WESTCOTT"

"THEDENS" "PATRAS" "WEST CUSETTA"

Port Moresby - Merchant Vessels: "MULIAMA" "HERMICH" "C.KING"

"WM. HUME" "CHARON" "ADM. HALSTEAD" "J.W. GRIMES" "C.S. JONES"

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" (AMS) "ML.804"

Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "KATOOMBA" "WAGGA" BUNBURY"

"GYMPIE" "WARREGO" "ARARAT" (AMS) "SC.736" YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 PC.477 PC.1119 ML.426 "PLATYPUS" (AR)

- Warships & Aux. - "HERON" (AVP) "STAWELL" (AMS)
"EURUMBA" "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "YP.233" "ML.429" Townsville "YMS. 336"

Percy Islands - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE" (CA)
"WARRAM UNGA" "ARUNTA" "HELM" (DD)

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"KANIMBLA" (APA) "ALGORAB" (AKA) "COUCAL" (ASE)

"SHEPPARTON" (SURVEY VESSE1) "POYAEG" (ASIS)

"AMYCUS" (ARL)

(Repairing, Trausk etc.) - "WHYALLA" (AMS) Brisbane

(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "YP. 291" to depart Caloundra 1500/4 for Palm Island ETA 1000/7.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Treasury Is. - Mopping up operations are continuing.
(2) Choiseul Is. - Allied troops are advancing towards the N.W. end of Choiseul. Several enemy forces have been contacted in the vicinity of the Warrior River. An attempt was made to land enemy troops by 8 barges behind our forward patrols but these were successfully withdrawn under cover of PT boats.

(3) Bougainville (a) Empress Augusta Bay - No further report ground situation.

Six enemy aircraft observed airborne this area 0700/3 but no other aircraft sighted.

(b) Buin-Faisi - Photos this area 1000/3 show -Aircraft: Kara - 2 serviceable fighters: field 2/3 unserviceable Kahili - 1 fighter: runway unserviceable Ballale - 3 fighters; runway unserviceable.

Shipping: 5 barges.

(4) Buka - Photos complete coverage this area a.m. Nov. 3rd show Aircraft: Buka - 4 fighters; runway unserviceable
Bonis - 1 fighter: runway unserviceable.
Shipping: one small & 18 barges.
In a ddition aircraft reported same morning observing 2 large cargo vessels W. end Buka Passage, 4 other small freighters

vicinity Soraken and Schana.

Reliable report indicates over 300 Japanese are at Talena (Matchin Bay) while at Soraken enemy strength is

estimated at not more than 200.

(5) New Ireland - At 0800/3 a Sopac Liberator attacked a surfaced enemy submarine 90 miles S.E. Cape St. George with negative results. A Liberator also bombed a small cargo vessel night Nov. 2/3 70 miles S.E. Cape St. George, one bomb hitting the vessel amidships and vessel believed sunk.

(6) Mussau Island - 1351/2 a partially submerged submarine reported 160 miles NNE Mussau Is. course 240°.

(7) Mandates-Bismarcks - Further to the report of an enemy 6-ship southbound convoy sighted north of Kavieng at 0630/3 further intercept reports indicate this convoy was shadowed towards Kavieng during the day (Nov. 3rd). Several reports were received from aircraft throughout day until 1400/3 when the position was given as 30-50 miles N.E. Kavieng and the convoy was still heading S. or S.W. A further report at this time from another aircraft indicated the possibility of another similar convoy being in the area/the position as given by this aircraft may well have been inaccurate and in fact have referred to the same force. This last sighting described the convoy as comprising one light cruiser, 3 destroyers, 2 medium to large freighter transports and one escort vessel. The convoy was being covered by fighter escort but intercept reports from our aircraft indicate some damage was apparently inflicted on the ships by their attacks during the day.

This is the first evidence of an important convoy proceeding into Kavieng from the north for some considerable time. All recent convoy sightings both inward and outward bound have indicated forces proceeding between Mandates and Rabaul, either via the Manus Is. - New Hanover route or via the E. coast New Ireland. This sudden use of Kavieng may well be a result of our heavy air strikes on shipping in the enemy's

main base - Rabaul. (8) Kavieng - At 2135/3 one large transport was reported 57 miles S. by E. Kavieng on course 130° while at 0100/4 an aircraft reported attacking one medium cargo vessel 32 miles W.S.W. Kavieng heading east.

(9) Rabaul - Preliminary reports of the heavy air strike against shipping in Rabaul indicate this attack to have been highly successful (see Naval Incidents).

At 0025/3 a Liberator reported attacking a large merchant vessel or tanker 45 miles W. Rabaul on course 90° scoring one direct hit and vessel claimed as sunk.

Four Beauforts attacked Tobers dispersal area night

hours November 2/3.

Afternoon Nov. 3rd 13 Lightnings reported 3 heavy cruisers across the entrance to harbour and later proceeding from harbour in the direction of New Ireland.

Cape Orford - At 0645/3 enemy submarine reported on course 320°. (11) Garove Island - Liberator attacked bivouac area early hours Nov.

2nd. Another attacked same area afternoon Nov. 2nd. (12) Wewak - At 1142/3 one Lightning, 4 Thunderbolts reported 3 small

merchantmen Wewak Harbour. (13) New Guinea coast - 9 Mitchells attacked barges and installations between Alexishafen and Madang forencon November 3rd.

12 Vengeance bombed barge hideouts vicinity Sio afternoon November 2nd.

(14) Finschhafen - 9 Bostons attacked staging area and targets vicinity xx Fortification Point afternoon November 2nd. (15) Buna - Late report indicates enemy aircraft bombed Buna strip early hours October 2) th. 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA (i) ALLED FORCES (a) At Sea to 1200/4: (1) "FREMANTLE" escorting "ALAGNA" "MATTHEW FLINDERS" en route Thursday Is. to Darwin ETA 1230/9. (2) 11 submarines on patrol. (b) In Harbour: - Warships & Aux. - "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS) "ML.814" "ML.815" Merchant Vessels: "ALDINGA" "KOOLIGA" "TULAGI" Darwin (11) ENEMY FORCES Dutch New Guinea - Preliminary report 3 Liberators were intercepted by enemy fighters over Sorong Nov. 3rd. Same aircraft reported sighting 8 enemy fighters on Efman Strip.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/4:

(1) "YP.288" dep. Fremantle 1122/1 for Exmouth Gulf.
(2) "W.B.PRESTON" dep. Fremantle 1700/1 for Exmouth Gulf ETA 1600/4.

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL)
"NIZAM" "TJERK HIDDES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "DUBBO"
"HOR SHAM" (AMS) "ATREUS" (CM) "W HI PPOORWILL"
"LAR K" (AR) "CHILDS" (AV) "PELIAS" (AS)
"W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) "SC. 739" "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) Fremantle "ISABEL" (PY) Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "YP.286"

4. EASTERN & SCUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/4:

(1) "DELORAINE" "MILDURA" "GLENELG" "ML. 808" escorting Convoy GP. 80

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(7 MV) to Calcundra ETA 0630/6.

(2) "WARRINAM BOOL" "MORES BY" dep. Calcundra 1608/2 for Sydney were

due 0500/14.

(3) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting Convoy PG. 79 (1 MV) dep. Calcundra

2042/2 for Sydney ETA 2000/4.

(4) "TOWNSVILLE" "BUNDA BERG" "KALGOORLIE" "BROOME" escorting Convoy

OC.139 (7 MV incl. "GANNYMEDE") en route Sydney and Newcastle .

(5) "ROCKHAMPTON" "ABRAHAM CHIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy CO.140
(10 MV) dep. Sydney 1600/3 for Melbourne ETA 1200/6.
(6) "STUART" en route Sydney was due C700/4 from escort duties

towards boundary S.W.P.A.

(7) "BUNGAREE" dep. Sydney 1720/1 for Melbourne ETA 0400/4.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) "SC.982"

- Warships & Aux. - "TRO MF" (CL) "BENDIGO" "BALLARAT"

"BENEVEYARENE"XXXXXXX "ECHUCA" (AMS) "YANDRA" "KYBRA"

(A/S Vessels) "ML.430" "ML.813" "ML.817" "ML.818"

(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD)

Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "KAPUNDA" (AMS) "DO OMBA" (A/S Westernport - Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel)

(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "LE TRIOMPHANT" to RV with "REPUBLIC" in position 31°55'S 154°58'E at 0700/9 and escort to Sydney.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

Ocean Island - At 1215/3 a Soupac aircraft sank a small freighter 30 miles S.W. Ocean Island on easterly course.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

Rabaul - Preliminary reports of the attack by 75 Mitchells and 80 fighters against shipping and A.A. positions Simpsons Harbour afternoon Nov. 2nd reveal the following results:

Shipping

Sunk - 1 destroyer le ader

2 destroyers

8 merchantmen totalling approx 60,000 tons

4 luggers

Seriously - 2 heavy cruisers (one "Nachi" class observed with large hole in bow)

2 destroyers 7 merchantmen

2 tankers

Aircraft

Destroyed: 67 fighters in combat

2 flying boats 8 floatplenes

8 aircraft on ground

Probably destroyed: 23 fighters in combat several grounded aircraft.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

(1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayaereas.

(2) Air and possibly naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.

(3) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward positions.

(4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific areas.

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY PART II

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

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R GALIFORNIA

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V(E)

SUWANNEE SAMGAMON CHENANGO BARNES A TAMAHA COPAREE LISCOME BAY MISSION BAY

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R PORTLAND MINTEA POLIS

m ST.LOUIS R LOUISVILLE * WICHITA

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RE RENO M CONCORD m OAKLAND

TATSUTA * YUBARI MATORI

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GENERAL HEADOUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 646

Date: 5 November 1943

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/5:

- (1) CTF.74 in AUSTRALIA with "SHROPSHIRE", "WARRAMUMGA" "ARUNTA" "HELM" en route Milne Bay were due 0730/5.
- "DRAYTON" en route Port Moresby to Brisbane.
 "ML.818" "ML.430" en route Milne Bay. (2)
- (3)
- "MIZAR" dep. Caloundra 0005/2 for Milne Bay ETA 1300/5. (4)
- "COLAC" escorting 3 MV was to depart Milne Bay p.m. 4 November or (5)a.m. 5 November.
- (6)
- "TASMAN" departed Milne Bay 1300/4 for Brisbane ETA 0500/8.
 "PIRIE" "PC.1124" escorting "WESTRALIA" "MANOORA" were to depart (7) Milne Bay p.m. 3 November for Camps ETA 1350/5.
- "ML.804" standing by cable laying operations Thursday Is. Port (8)
- Moresby. On completion to return Thursday Is. "YP.291" was to depart Calcundra 1630/4 for Palm Island ETA 1000/7 (9) thence to proceed Cairns.
- (10) "PC.476" was to depart Townsville 1200/4 for Cairns.
 (11) "GOULBURN" "PC.1123" "SC.741" escorting LQ.26 (5 MV) departed
 Gladstone 0001/5 for Calcundra ETA 0900/16.
 (12) "BOWEN" dep. Cairns 0015/3 for Brisbane ETA 0500/8 for repairs.
 (13) "INVERELL" dep. Townsville 1516/3 for Sydney ETA 1900/7 thence to
- proceed Melbourne for repairs. (14) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

- Las - Warships & Aux. - "PC.1121" "SC.982" "BENALLA" (Survey ship)
- Merchant Vessels: "BARBARA C. % %B. BONNEVILLE"
 Warships & Aux. "YMS.72" "SC.737"
- Goodenough Is.
 - Merchant Vessels: "J.KELLY" "YOCHOW" "VAQUERO" "RING LARDNER" "G.S.BOUTWELL" "J.H.ROSSITER"
- Kiriwina - Warships & Aux. - "SC.749" Morobe
- Warships & Aux. "ML.427"
 Warships & Aux. "SC.637" "SC.750" "YMS.51"
 "ML.424" "ML.425" "ML.428" "ML.801" "ML.806" Buna
- "M. 816" "M. 819" "HILO"(PG) "PORTUNUS" (ACP)

 Merchant Vessels: "J.ROYCE" "J.EARL" "W.WRIGHT"

 Warships & Aux. "SC.731" "SC.738" "SC.746" "SC.747

 Merchant Vessels: "SIBLEY" "R.J.WALMER" "JOHN MUIR"

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- Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - "VICTORIA" (AO) Porlock Hor.

- Werships & Aux. - "SMITH" "PERKINS" "MAHAN"
"BAGLEY" "SHAW" "GILMER" "CONYNGHAM" "MUGFORDW Milne Bay "FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "REID" (DD) "SANDS" "BRO OKS"
"COLAC" "HUMPHREYS" (APD) SC.648 SC.698 SC.699 SC.703 SC.732 SC.734 SC.742 SC.743 SC.744 SC.748 SC.981 YMS.11 YMS.49 YMS.50 YMS.52 YMS.35 YMS.70 YMS.71 YMS.334 YMS.335 YP.278 YF.280 YP.283 ML.805 ML.818 PC.479 PC.1121 28 LST'S 15 APC'S 46 PT'S "YUNNAN" (ASIS)
"RIGEL" (AR) " DOBBIN" (AD) "OTUS" "FULTON" (AS)
"HALF MOON" (AVP) "TRINITY" "SUSQUEHANNA"
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(YDG) "MERKUR" (AF) "MANOGRA" (AFA) "GOLDSTAR"
(AG) "TASMAN" (AH) (Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILME BAY NOT SHOWN.) Merchant Vessels: "MACTAN" "ALCOA PENNANT"
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GRIMES" "C.S. JONES" "KATOOMBA" "CORIO" Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" (AMS) "ML.804"
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"GYMPIE" "WARREGO" (AMS) "SC.736" YMS.8 YMS.46 Thursday Is. Cairns YMS.47 YMS.48 PC.477 PC.1119 M.426 "FLATYPUS" (AR) - Warships & Aux. - "SAN PABLO" "YP.253"
- Warships & Aux. - "HERON" (AVP) "STAWELL" "WAGGA"
"ARARAT" (AMS) "KURUMBA" "BISHOPDALE" (AO) Palm Is. Townsville "ML.429" "YMS. 336" - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE" (CA)
"WARRAM UNGA" "ARUNTA" "HELM" (DD) Percy Islands - Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA" (DD) "SWAN" "GEELONG"
"LITHGOW" (AMS) SC.650 SC.735 ML.431 ML.805
ML.820 YP.236 YP.291 YMS.9 YMS.10 YMS.73
YMS.313 YMS.314 "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "MANUNDA"
(AH) "MANIMBLA" (APA) "ALGORAB" (AKA) "COUCAL" Brisbane (ASR) "SHEPPARTON" (Survey Vessel) "POYANG" (ASIS) "ANYCUS" (ARL)
(Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WHYALLA" (AMS) (11) ENEMY FORCES (1) Empress Augusta Bay - Further reports concerning the landing at Cape Torokina at dawn 1 November indicate that some shore opposition was encountered but by nightfall enemy astivity had been reduced to sporadic firing. Enemy killed totalled 155 compared with 260 casualties suffered by the U.S. Marines of which 50 was the estimated humber killed. On the 2nd November mopping up operations on Poruata Island were completed during which 29 Japs were killed. It is estimated that Torokina was held by 300 Japanese. At 1210/3 some 35 enemy aircraft including fighters and dive bombers were sighted in two formations over the area but these aircraft were prevented from attacking by our fighter patrols.

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(2) Kavieng Area - With reference to the six ship convoy first sighted 0630/3 north of Kavieng this convoy was attacked at 0935/3 by a force of Soupac Liberators. (See Naval Incidents). (3) Mandates - Bismarcks - Considerable shipping was reported by aircraft in this area 4 November but details need clarification particularly with regard to intercept reports from Soupac aircraft. At least three convoys appear to have been

involved in addition to some odd ships:-

(a) 0800-1000/4, small seaplane tender or tanker or heavy cruiser, or one destroyer and a tanker, probably in the vicinity of Kapingamarangi.

0932/4, hospital ship 170 miles N.E. Kavieng course 2200.

(c) 1145/4, 13 ship convoy probably comprising -3 "ATAGO" class cruisers 2 "TONE" class cruisers

3 CL's single stack (probably "AGANO"Class)
5 DD's including one "TERATSUKI" Class.

1315/4, an additional six ships including one whaling factory ship, 3 medium freighters or freighter transports and 2 corvettes, were sighted and reported as being in company with the heavy cruiser force. The position at 1315/4 was 95 miles N.N.W. of Mussau Island and the course was 2200.

(d) 1815/4 one heavy cruiser ("ATAGO" Class), 2 destroyers, one cargo vessel 140-165 miles N. Kavieng course 60°.

(e) 1835/4, 3 destroyers, 3 large merchant vessels, 229 miles N.E. Kavieng course 2200.

The force under (c) was undoubtedly a cruiser Task Force coming South. The merchant ship convoy reported in company at 1315/4 may have been in the same vicinity by chance as the aircraft reported that the corvettes specifically remained with the merchant ships.

The force under (d) may well be one of the heavy cruisers. damaged in the Rabaul raid 2 November returning to Truk.

The convoy under (e) would appear to be another transportation force on route Rabaul persibly via Kavieng.

At approximately 0230/5 aircraft reported a Task Force of nine ships in position 58 miles S.S.W. Kavieng course 1200. This would appear to be the cruiser Task Force which could easily have reached this point from its position at 1315/4, proceeding Rabaul via West coast New Ireland.

(4) S.E. Coast New Britain - At 0800/3 Palmalmal plantation (Jacquinot Bay) was attacked by 10 Beaufighters, 10 Kittyhawks and

probably some Bostons. At 1600/3 Kalai plantation (Wide Bay) was attacked by

nine Besufighters.

At 1550/4 Palmalmal plantation was again attacked by 12 Beaufighters.

(5) Cape Gloucester - At 2330/3, two Liberators on patrol reported two small sea trucks and a barge or barges 47 miles N.E. Cape Gloucester, on course 190°, speed 8 knots, probably on a transportation mission to Cape Gloucester airdrome from

Rabaul apparently via or passing close to Witu Island Group.

(6) Finschhafen - A Jap strong post 700 yards E. of Ziwewaning was cleared by a.m. 3 November and another 300 yards E. Ziwewaning was cleared by p.w. 3 November. apparently several such strong posts in this area still to be eliminated.

At 2200/3 our PT boats en countered six barges off

Lakona (14 miles N. Finschhafen) and sank five. At 0910/4 a single enemy plane ineffectively bombed and strafed Langemak Bay.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/5:

(1) "FREMANTLE" escorting "ALAGNA" "MATTHEW FLINDERS" en route Thursday Is. to Darwin ETA 1230/9.

(2) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting Convoy DT.35 (2 MV) from Darwin to Thursday Island.

11 submarines on patrol. (3)

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS) "ML.814" "ML.815" Merchant Vessels: "ALDINGA"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Dutch New Guines - Photos 1159/3 show two small barges at Kokas.

At 1240/3 aircraft observed two small freighters and
6/8 barges at Sorong.

Photos 1242/3 of the Efman Island strip show six probable

medium bombers and four Zeros. Possibly another four Zeros were observed taking off.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/5:

(1) "YP.288" dep. Fremantle 1121/1 for Exmouth Gulf.

(2) "NIZAM" escorting 2 MV dep. Geraldton 1230/4 for Indian Ocean.

(b) In Harbour:

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA.

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/5:

(1) "DELORAINE" "MILDURA" "GLENEIG" "ML.808" escorting Convoy GP.80 \$7 MV) to Caloundra ETA 0630/6.

"ROCKHAMPTON" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy CO.140 (10 MV) dep. Sydney 1600/3 for Melbourne ETA 1200/6.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) "SC.982"
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "STUART" (DD) "BENDIGO" "BALLARAT" "CASTLEMAINE" "WARRNANBOOL" "MORESEY" "TOWNSVILLE" "BUNDABERG" "KALGOORLIE"
"BROOME" "ECHUCA" (AMS) "YANDRA" "KYBRA" (A/S
Vessels) "ML.430" "ML.813" "ML.817" "ML.818" "ML. 822"

(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD) "WILCANNIA" (AMS)

- Warships & Aux. - "KAPUNDA" (AMS) "DOOMBA" (A/S Vessel) "BUNGAREE" (CM) Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel) Westernport

(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "LE TRIOMPHANT" to RV with "REPUBLIC" in position 31055'S 154058'E at 0700/9 and escort to Sydney

(2) "BUNGAREE" to depart Melbourne approx 9 November for Sydney.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

(1) Kavieng Area - At 0935/3 19 Soupae Liberators attacked convoy of three destroyers and three large merchant ships 135 miles N.E. Ravieng. One flight attacked a large ship in the centre of the convoy bringing the ship to a standstill with a heavy list. Another flight scored a direct hit on a smaller cargo vessel. Ten to twenty Zeros and floatplanes intercepted our bombers and four were shot down in addition to three probably. One Liberator was lost at sea and another crash-landed at base.

(2) Solomon Sea - Details concerning the naval action early a.m. 2 November west of Empress Augusta Bay indicate that the U.S. Cruiser and Destroyer Task Force encountered approximately 12 enemy ships in three groups. The advance group consisted of 4 destroyers, the second group four heavy units and the 3rd group believed to be four vessels. Contact was first medeat 0227/2 at 36,000 yards

range. Our forces deployed and launched a torpedo attack on the enemy's Advance Force. Effective gunfire from the cruisers and destroyers followed and after approximately ninety minutes the enemy remmants retired to the west. pursued by our units until 0540 when the last ship remaining in the area was caught and sunk by our destroyers.

Preliminary estimate of enemy losses shows 1 cruiser. four destroyers sunk, two cruisers and two destroyers damaged.

After re-forming cas Task Force was attacked by 67 enemy fighters and dive bombers of which 17 were destroyed by our ships. Several of our ships were damaged but none were lost.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

(1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines,
Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
(2) Air and possibly naval counter-action against allied moved in

Solomons and New Guinea areas.

(3) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward positions.

(4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific areas.

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY PART II

ALLED & ENEMY ONDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENE MY FORCES

Southwest (Eastern		South Pacific	Bismar cks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
BB	•	Washington Massachusetts South Dakota Alabama Tennessee	•	YAMATO MUSASHI KONGO HARUNA FUSO NAGAT O MUTSU
<u>cv</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	Z UIKAKU SHOKA KU
CV(L)	-	PRINCETON	-	ZUIHO
V(E)	LONG ISLAND	NASSAU PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON	-	C HUYO
CA	A USTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	ATAGO TAKAO CHIKUMA TONE SUZUYA MYOKO HAGURO	MOGAMI CHORAI MAYA.
<u>L</u>		COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER MONTPELLIER NASHVILLE SAN IX EGO SAN JUAN LEANDER		TAMA KISO sunk damaged
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	WARRAM UNGA ARUNTA STUART VENDETTA BAGLEY HELM MUGFORD RALPH TALBOT CONYNGHAM DRAYTON FLUSSER LAM SON MAHAN PERKINS REID	Approx 40	20 (7-10 reported sunk or damaged)	25 (some repairing)

Southwest (Eastern	Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
58	ALBACORE BALAO BLACKFISH DRUM MARWHAL SCAMP SILVERSIDES) On Patrol	20	20
	GATO GUARDFISH PETO RATON RAY s.31	At Brisbane		
	K.9 At Syd	ney		
v/cvs	HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON	Wright Ballard Chandelier	-	NOTORO
AV/xcvs		3	1	2-3
ND.	35	Approx 30	?	?
PA/APD/AKA	H.T.ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA KANIMBLA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUM PHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA		
8	FULT ON OTUS		1	•
2	DOBBIN		1	1
-	RIGEL PLAT YPUS	PROMETHEUS		
IRCRAFT (N.	E. Area Only)			
ighters (in ight & M/Bo: E/Bombers ying Boats loatplanes ransport &		124)	ntative assessmen	t only

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R ST.LOUIS * LOUISVILLE M WI CHITA

M RENO

E CONCORD

* OAKLAND

XCL AV/CVS XAV/XCVS

POC ON OKE

Approx 35 Approx 50

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* CHIYODA (under conversion

to ACVs) 20-25 (a few repairing)

Approx 30 1

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H YUBARI

M NATORI

Non-effective

	4	. NORTHERN PACIFIC	MOST SECRET 5 November, 1943
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	ADELAIDE	FROBISHER	WHYNG H
-	VAN HEEMSKERK	Gambia Mauritius	RUMA OI
		KENYA	KITAGAMI
		New Castle Ceres	KINU WAKAMIYA
		DAUNTLESS	
		Capetown Caradoc	
		DATAE	3
CL(T)		EMERALD	KASHII
KCL	-	CANTON	1
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AW/CVS	CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI
XAV/XCVS	•	8	1-2
P	van calen Tjerk hiddes Nizam	Approx 27	10
33	BILLFISH)		4
	BLUEFISH) BOWFIN)		6
	CABRILA CAPELIN CISCO COD	On Patrol	
	GREVALLE)		
	KINGFISH) POMPON) RASHER)		
-	K.12)	
•	BONEFISH PUFFER TUNA	At Fremantle	H-D
AS	PELIAS	8	
AIRCRAFT	(E.W. area Only)		
	(incl. 5 twin-eng.)	113	R Non-effective
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Transport	ats es & Obsn. A/c	14 - 4 -	
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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 647

Date:

6 November 1943

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/6:

- (1) "PC.1120" en route Port Moresby to Milne Bay ETA 1700/6.
 (2) "GYMPIE" "BUNBURY" "STAWELL" "PC.476" "YMS.336" escorting Convoy

 TN.175 (10 MV) dep. Fitzroy Is. approx 1400/5. "BUNBURY"

 escorting Portion (a) ("ROBERT S.BRANT" "HIRAM BINGHAM")

 to Port Moresby ETA 1100/8, others escorting Portion (b)

 ("OSARK" "BIRCHEROVE PARK" "KURUMBA" "MALCOLM M.STEWART"

 "WEST CACTUS" "ANDREW D.WHITE" "SIBIGO" "VAN SPILMERGEN"

 also "ML.818" "ML.430" in tow) to Milne Bay ETA 1100/8.

 (3) "GLADSTONE" escorting Convoy NT.65 ("KATOOMBA" "CHAS.S.JONES"

 "AMES W.GRIMES") dep. Port Moresby 1230/5 ETA Cairns 0730/7.

 (4) "COLAC" escorting Convoy FT.37 ("MERKUR" "THEDENS" "ISOLATOR") dep.

 Milne Bay 1730/4 for Townsville ETA 1730/7.

 (5) "TASMAN" dep. Milne Bay 1300/4 for Brisbane ETA 0500/8.

 (6) "YP.291" was to depart Calcumdra 1630/4 for Palm Island ETA 1000/7

 thence to proceed Cairns.

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 (7) "ML.431" "ML.803" "ML.820" were to depart Brisbane a.m. 6 November to be taken under tow to Townsville. "ML.803" "ML.820" for Carns: "ML.431" for Milne Bay.

 (8) "BOVEN" dep. Cairns 0015/3 for Brisbane ETA 0500/8 for repairs.

- (9) "DRAYTON" on route Port Moresby to Brisbane ETA 0730/7.
 (10) "DELORATES" "MILDURA" "GLENELG" escorting Convoy PG.80 (6 MV) were to depart Caloundra 1200/6 for Sydney and Newcastle.
- (11) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. "SC.738" "SC.746" "SC.747" "BENALL Lac
- Goodenough Is. Warships & Aux. "YMS.72" "SC.737"

- Merchant Vessels: "J.KELLY" "RING LARDNER"
 "G.S.BOUTWELL" "J.H.ROSSITER"
 Werships & Aux. "SC.749"
- Kiriwina - Warships & Aux. -
- Warships & Aux. "ML.427" Morobe
- Warships & Aux. "SC.637" "YMS.51" "ML.424" "ML.421 "ML.428" "ML.801" "ML.806" "ML.816" "ML.819" "PORTUNUS" (AGP) Buna
- Merchant Vessels: "J.ROYCE" "J.EARL" "W.WRIGHT"
- Oro Bay - Warships & Aux. -Merchant Vessels: "R.J.WALKER" "N.J.SINNOTT"
 "R.P.WARNER" "J.LANE" "LUDDINGTON"

 - Warships & Aux. - "SC.745"
- Woodlark Is.
- Warships & Aux. "VICTORIA" (A0) Porlock Hbr.

- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRAL IA" "SHROPSHIRE" (CA)
"WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "HELM" "RALPH TALBOT" Milne Bay "SMITH" "PERKINS" "MAHAN" "BAGLEY" "SHAW" "CONYNGHAM" "MUGFORD" "FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "REID" (DD) "SANDS" "BROOKS" "GILMER" "HUMPHREYS" (APD) SC.698 SC.699 SC -648 SC.703 SC.731 SC.732 SC.750 SC.734 SC.742 SC .743 SC .744 SC.748 SC.981 SC . 982 YMS.11 YMS.49 YMS.50 YMS. 52 YMS. 70 YMS, 71 YE3.53 YMS.334 YMS.335 YP.278 YP.283 ML.805 ML.818 PC.479 PC.1121 YP. 280 PC.1122 25 LST's 15 PC's 46 PT's "HILO" (PG)
"YUNNAN" (ASIS) "RIGEL" (AR) "DOBBIN" (AD)
"OTUS" "FULTON" (AS) "HALF MOON" (AVP) "TRINITY"
"SUSQUEHANNA" "AASE MAERSK" (AC) "PCLLUX" (AKS)
"SPRINGDALE" (YDG) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "MIZAR" (AF) SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.) Merchant Vessels: "BARBARA C." "B.BONNEVILLE"
"MACTAN" "ALCOA PENNANT" "H.COBE" "F.P.BLAIR" "MACTAN" "ALCOA PENNANT" "H.COBE" "F.P.BLAIR"

"J.HOLMES" "VAN HEUTSZ" "A.BIERCE" "D.F.EARRY"

"J.M.CLEMENTS" "THOMAS G.POWER" "BANYANG"

"CALEDONIAN SALVOR" "CAPE SANDY" "A.BURLINGHAME"

"SEA WITCH" "J.B.McPHERSON" "I.M.SCOTT" "TAROONA"

"H.T.ALVARADO" "W.B.BURNHAM" "BORGFRED" "J.EVANS"

"H.L.ABBOTT" "BALIKPAPAN" "SWARTEMHONDT" "THOMAS

JEFFERSON" "S.BENSON" "W.VAN DEVENTER" "GEN. J.

POPE" "E.N.WESTCOTT" "PATRAS" "WEST CUSETTA"

"DUNTRO ON" "REIJNST" "YOCHOW" "WAQUERO" Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. Merchant Vessels: "MULIAMA" "HERMION" "C. KING"
"WM. HUME" "CHARON" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "CORIO" - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" (AMS) "MI.804" - Warships & Aux. - "KATOOMBA" "WAGGA" "WARREGO" (AMS) Thursday Is. Cairns "SC.736 YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 PC.477 PC.1119 PC.1124 ML.426 YP.233 "PLATYPUS" (AR) - Warships & Aux. - "SAN PABLO" (AVP)
- Warships & Aux. - "HERON" (AVP) "WAGGA" "PIRIE"
"ARARAT" (AMS) "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "ML.429"
"XYNS "NANOORA" "WESTRALIA" (APA) Palm Is. Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA" (DD) "SWAN" "GEELONG"
"GOULBURN" "LITHGOW" (AMS) SC.650 SC.735 Brisbane SC.741 ML.431 ML.803 ML.808 ML.820 YP.236
YMS.9 YMS.10 YMS.73 YMS.313 YMS.314 PC.1123
"H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "KANIMBLA" (APA) "MANUNDA" (AH)
"ALGORAB" (AKA) "COUCAL" (ASR) "SHEPPARTON"
(Survey Vessel) "POYANG" (ASIS) "AMYCUS" (ARL)
(Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WHYAILA" (AMS) (c) Proposed Movements: (1) "GEELONG" "LITHGOW" escorting Convoy QL.27 (8 MV) to depart Calcundra approx 1800/6 for Bustard Head. (2) "SC.650" "SC.735" escerting Convoy QL.27A (2 MV) to depart Calcundra approx 1800/6. (11) ENEMY FORCES (1) Munda - Night Nov.1/2 enemy aircraft raided Munda 3 times without (2) Choiseul - Our paratroops have been successfully withdrawn leaving booby traps and mines. As a result of their raid on Nov. 2nd these troops counted 143 dead Japs. Wounded unknown but believed to be considerable. At Sangigai the camp and 180 tens of stores and equipment were destroyed. The raid is believed to have considerably shaken the confidence and morale of the enemy in the area. - 2 -

(3) Treasury Is. - During the night Nov.1/2 a few enemy bombs were dropped on Stirling Island without causing damage. On Nov.4th about 100 Japs attacked our troops in the north of Treasury Is.

but were repulsed leaving 60 dead.

(4) Buin-Faisi - At 1100/4 57 Dauntless, 19 Avengers attacked Kahili. Photos showed Kahili and Ballale unserviceable and Kara serviceable for 3000 ft. No aircraft on Kara, 4 fighters on Kahili, 3 on Ballale and 1 F/P. 31 small craft were observed in the area including 23 barges.

(5) Bougainville:

(a) Empress Augusta Bay - On Mov.4th small enemy groups unsuccess-fully attempted infiltration while snipers were also active. Mopping up operations continue on the islands offshore. No interception was reported by our fighter patrols over this area on Nov. 4th.

(b) Fighter sweeps of the east coast Bougainville Nov.4th destroyed and damaged several small craft. One patrol craft was fired off Mabire (18 miles N.W.Kieta), another small AK was left burning and a schooner sunk: 2 small small AK was left burning and a schooner sunk: 2 small vessels were set on fire and three barges sunk in Matchin Bay. Barges were also attacked off Mutupina Point, Kieta

(6) Buka - Nov.4th 23 Liberators dropped 184 one thousand pounders

on Buka al rfield. No interception.

Photos Nov. 4th show Buka unserviceable, Bonis apparently serviceable. 4 floatplanes, 1 small AK and 6 barges in area.
At 0815/4 lifeboat containing 20 Japs reported 30 miles

WNW Buka Passage heading Buka.

and Cape Friendship.

(7) Cape St. George - Asmall enemy convoy comprising 1 destroyer or escort vessel with 2 small freighters was observed eastbound off Cape St. George at 1650/5 and later sighted during night, last position 61 miles east of Cape on course 100° appearently heading Buka.

(8) Kavieng - At 0104/6 a force described as 1 light cruiser and one unidentified vessel was reported 47 miles south of Eavieng on course 160 apparently heading Rabaul.

apparently heading Rabaul.

At 1005/5 a hospital ship probably the same unit as sighted further north the previous day, was sighted 53 miles SSE Kavieng course 1200 apparently also heading Rabaul. (9) Mandates-Bismarcks - Further shipping sighted to the north and

northeast of Mussau Island yesterday, Nov.5th, indicates that 2 convoys which had been observed in this area the previous day, apparently joined forces and were last observed during the afternoon (5th) proceeding north.

(a) At 0418/5 3 destroyers and 3 cargo vessels were observed 160 miles NE Mussau Is. on course 3250.

(b) At 0446/5 1 heavy cruiser, 2 destroyers and 1 tanker were reported 140 miles N.E. by N. Mussau Is, the tanker apparently being dead in the water.

(c) At 1315/5 a force described as 2 heavy cruisers, 4 light cruisers and 3 destroyers was reported 210 miles MWE of

Mussau Is. on course 360°.

It is possible in view of our attacks on enemy shipping yesterday Nov.5th that the first two mentioned convoys sheve remained in the general area during the afternoon Nov. 4th. Force (a) is probably the same six-ship convoy as sighted in this area southbound at 1835/4 while force (b) may be the force of one CA, 2 DD, 1 AK reported in this area on an easterly course at 1815/4.

Although the composition of Force (c) is different from (a) & (b) combined, the number of ships is approximately the same and there are no other sightings to link up with Force (c) proceeding away from the area. The enemy may well have decided, in view of heavy attacks on shipping in the Bismarcks

area, to wi thdraw these forces back to Truk.

(10) Rabaul - A further successful air strike was carried out against shipping in Rabaul Harbour a.m. Nov.5th by a force of carrier aircraft including Avengers, Dauntle ss and Hellcats (see Naval Incidents). This shipping probably included the enemy cruiser and destroyer task force which was last observed south of Kavieng heading towards Rabaul shortly after midnight Nov. 4th.

Preliminary report of photos Rabaul Harbour at 1228/5

indicate -

6 cruisers 10-14 destroyers 1 large AP 2 AO

16 AP/AK

1 hospital ship

(11) New Britain - Forencon Nov. 3rd, 12 Kittyhawks attacked Palmalmal Plantation (Jacquinot Bay area). Afternoon Nov. 4th 12 Beaufighters attacked the same area.

(12) Wewak - At 1105/5 4 Thunderboats attacked 20 enemy fighters over

Wewak destroying six during the first dive.

Two small coasters were observed 62 miles east of Wewak at 1615/5 course 140° and one small coaster 62 miles east by north course 240°.

(13) Upper Ramu Valley - 19 Mitchells, 5 Marauders attacked enemy

defence positions on Upper Faria River forencen Nov. 5th.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/6:

- (1) "FREMANTLE" escorting Convoy TD.35 ("ALAGNA" "MATTHEW FLINDERS")
 dep. Thursday Is. 0439/5 for Darwin ETA 1230/9.
 (2) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting Convoy DT.35 (2 MV) from Darwin to
- Thursday Island.
- (3) 10 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "ML.814" "ML.815" Merchant Vessels: "ALDINGA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "LATROBE" escorting "PETER DESMET" to depart Thursday Is. 1930/6 for Darwin ETA 1430/9.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Makassar - Nov. 5th 2 large vessels were reported in this area in addition to luggers and other small craft.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/6:

(1) "NIZAM" escerting 2 MV dep. Geraldton 1230/4 for Indian Ocean.

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux . - "ADELAI DE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL) Fremantle "TJERK HIDDES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) "ATREUS" (CM) "WHI PPOORWILL"
"LARK" (AR) "CHILDS" (AV) "PELIAS" (AS) SO
"CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ISABEL" (PY)

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B. FRESTON" (AVD) "YP. 288" "YP-286"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/6:

(1) "INVEREIL" dep. Townsville 1516/3 for Sydney ETA 1900/7 thence

to proceed Melbourne for repairs.
(2) "BENDIGO" "TOWNSVILLE" "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy CO.141 (9 MV)

from Newcastle and Sydney to Melbourne.
(3) "ROCKHAMPTON" "ECHUCA" "ABRAHAM CHI JNSSEN" escorting Convoy

OC.140 (11 MV), for Port Kemblas 3 MV ETA 0100/9, Sydney 2 MV ETA 0700/9, Newcastle 6 MV ETA 1700/9. (4) "DOOLBA" escorting Convoy CO.140 (10 MV) to Melbourhe was due

1200/6.

(b) In Harbour :

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) "SC.982"
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "STUART" (DD)
"CASTLEMAINE" "WARRNAMBOOL" "MORESBY" "B UMLABERG" "KALGOORLIE" "BROOME" (AMS) "YANDRA" "KYBRA" (A/S Vessels) "ML.430" "ML.813" "ML.817" "ML.818" "ML.822"

(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD) "WILGANNIA" (AMS)

Melbourne - Werships & Aux. - "KAPUNDA" (AMS) "EXO"BUNGAREE" (CM)
Westernport - Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel)

(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "WARRNAMBOOL" "CASTLEMAINE" "MOMESBY" escorting Convoy GP.81
to depart Sydney p.m. 6 Nov. for Calcundra.
(2) "LE TRIOMPHANT" to RV with "REPUBLIC" in position 31°55'S
154°58'E at 0700/9 and escort to Sydney.

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(S) "BUNGAREE" to depart Melbourne approx 9 Nov. for Sydney.
(4) "STUART" to RV with "MONTICELLO" in position 32024'S 154022'E at 0900/13 and escort to Sydney.

SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

Gilberts - Nov.5th Sopac aircraft bombed a fuel storage tank and buildings Apemama Is, scoring 3 direct hits on the tank.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

Rabaul - At 1130/5 23 Avengers carrying torpedoes, 22 Dauntless carrying 1000-1b bombs covered by 52 Hellcats attacked shipping in Rabaul Harbour with the following results:

5 of the 6 heavy cruisers observed in harbour were hit by both bombs and torpedoes, one was observed to blow up. The 6th heavy cruiser was torpedoed.

I of the 2 light cruisers observed was hit by bombs and torpedoes and the other was hit by bombs only.

2 of the 15-20 destroyers present were torpedoed and most of the others were also strafed.

During interception by 70-100 enemy fighters our aircraft destroyed 24 and probably another 22.

5 Hellcats, 2 Avengers, one Dauntless failed to return while 2 other avengers were forced down in water on return. Several other aircraft personnel were killed and wounded.

The reference to 6 heavy cruisers indicates that the enemy task force described as 5 heavy cruisers, 3 light cruisers, 5 destroyer which was observed approaching the Bismarcks from the north, November 4th, had actually arrived in Rabaul Harbour prior to the attack. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas. (2) Air and possibly naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas. (3) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward positions. (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific areas. --- 000 ---

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PART II ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE 1. SOUTH WEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

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ENEMY FORCES

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	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
BB	•	Washington Massachusetts South Dakota Alabama Tennessee	•	YAMATA MUSASHI KONGO HARUNA FUSO NAGATA
				MUTSU
CV	6.0	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
GA (T)		PRINCETON		ZVIHO
V(E)		NASSAU PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON LONG ISLAND	-	CHUYO
CA	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE		ATAGO TAKAO MAYA CHIKUMA TONE MYOKO HAGURO	SUZUYA MOGAMI CHOKAI
CL	TROMP H HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER MONT PELLIER NASHVILLE SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN LEANDER	ISUZU NAKA NOSHIRO OYODO NAGARA SENDAI) 1 AGANO) 1	TAMA KISO sunk damaged
(T)	-	á		TA CITTURA
		•		KASHIMA KATORI
XCL		•	2 en route	1
DD	WARRAMUNGA ARUNTA STUART			
	VENDETTA BAGLEY HELM RABPH TALBOT CONYNGHAM DRAYTON FLUSSER LAMSON MAHAN PERKINS REID	Approx 40	20 (7-10 reported sunk or damaged)	25 (some repairing)
	M LE TRIOMPHANT			-
		Wannaffeaties		

			O MOAGH	iber 1943
	est Pacific en Section)	South Pacific	Mismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
SS	ALBACORE BALAO BLACKFISH DRUM) On Patrol	20	20
	MARWHAL RAY SCAMP SILVERSIDES			
	GATO) PETO) GUARDFISH) RATON) S.31	At Brisbane		
	K. 9 At Syd	ney		
AV/cvs	HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON	WRIGHT BALLARD CHANDELIER	•	NCTORO
(AV/XCVS	•	3	1	2-3
PT	85	Approx 30	?	9
APA/APD/AKA	H.T.ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA KANIMBLA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 11 APD 6 ARA		
AS	FULTON OTUS		1	-
AD **	DOBBIN DIXIE		1	1
AR	RIGGL PLATY PUS	PROMETHEUS		
AIRCRAFT (N.E.	Area only)			
Fighters (incl Light & M/Bomb E/Bombers Tlying Boats	l. 21 twin-eng	114		
loatplanes	sn. A/e	2) Tent 45) 14)	tative assessmen	t only

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3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

MORTH CAROLINA BB INDIANA COLORADO MARYLAND OKLAHOMA

MISSISSIPPI WEST VIRGINIA

- * CALIFORNIA
- MEW MEXICO
- m IDAHO

CV ENTER PRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN LEXINGTON BUNKER HILL

CV(T)

INDEPENDENCE CV(L) COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD

CV(E)

SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO BARNES AHAMATAR COPAHEE LISCOMBE BAY MISSION BAY

CA

BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER NEW ORLEANS SAN FRANCISCO FENSACOLA * INDIANAPOLIS

- * SALT LAKE CITY
- R FORTLAND
- # MINNEAPOLIS
- M ST. LUUIS
- . HOUISVILLE
- M WICHITA

MOBILE BIRMI NGHAM SANTA FE

- M HONOLULU
- # RENO
- * CONCORD
- -MOAKLAND

XCL Ab/cvs XAV/XCVS

POC OMORE

Approx 35 Approx 50

R Non-sffective

ENEMY FORGES

YAMASHIRO

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HYUGA (being modernised

HOSHO

HITAKA HAYATAKA RYUHO

UNYO CHITOSE * OTAKA

KUMANO AOBA

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TATSUTA * YUBARI

* NATORI

AIL	TED FORCES	NORTHERN PACIFIC	MOST SECRET 6 November 1943 ENEMY FORCES
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND		NACHI ABUKUMA
AV/CVS XAV/XCVS DD SS AS	22		AKITSUSHIMA 5 Approx 4
	5. EAS	r indies - indian	OCEAN
	est Pacific ern Section) Ea	astern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
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GA	•	SUFFOLK SUSSEX HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASEIGARA
CL	ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK	GAMBIA MAURITIUS KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN CARADOC DANAE EMERALD	KUMA OI KITAGAMI KINU WAKAMIYA
CL (T)	•	CANTON CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTER SHIRE	KASHII
AV/CVS	CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI
MAY/XCVS	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	10 - 2
55	BILLFISH BLUEFISH BOWFIN CABRILLA CAPELIN GISCO COD GREVALLE KINGFISH POMPON RASHER	On Patrol	6
	BONEFISH PUFFER	At Fremantle	
AS	Tuna Pelias	?	
AIRCRAFT (N.) Fighters (in: Light & M/Ber SE/Bombers Flying Boats Floatplanes Transport &	cl. 5 twin-eng.)	122 #- 1 81 12 12 12 54	Non•effective

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No.648

Date: 7 November 1943

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/7:

- (1) "GYMPIE" "BUNBURY" "STAWELL" "PC.476" "YMS.336" escerting Convoy
 TN.175 (10 MV) dep. Fitzroy Is. approx 1400/5. "BUNBURY"
 escerting Portion (a) ("ROBERT S. BRANT" "HIRAM BINGHAM") to Mort Moresby ETA 1100/8, others escorting Portion (b)
 ("OSARK" "BIRCHEROVE PARK" "KURUMBA" "MALCOLM M.STEWART"
 "WEST CACTUS" "ANDREW D.WHITE" "SIBIGO" "VAN SPILSBERGEN"
 also "ML.818" "ML.430" in tow) to Milne Bay ETA 1100/8.
 (2) "LATROBE" escorting "PETER DESMET" dep. Thursday Is. 1930/6 for
 Darwin ETA 1430/9.
- (3) "YP.291" was to depart Caloundra 1630/4 for Palm Island ETA 1000/7
- thence to proceed Cairns.

 (4) "YP.233" dep. Cairns 0813/6 for Thursday Is. ETA 1200/10.

 (5) "GRELONG" "LITHGON" escorting Convoy QL.27 (8 Mytowing ML.431" bound for Milne Bay, "ML's 803, 820" bound for Cairns and 3 PT) dep. Caloundra 1657/6 for Bustard Head ETA 0600/8.

- (6) "SC.650" "SC.735" escorting Convoy QL.27A (2 MV each towing 1 barge)
 departed Caloundra 1833/6 for Bustard Head ETA 1300/8.

 (7) "TASMAN" dep. Milne Bay 1300/4 for Brisbane ETA 0500/8.

 (8) "BOWEN" dep. Cairns 0015/3 for Brisbane ETA 1700/7 for repairs.

 (9) "GLADSTONE" escorting Convoy NT.65 ("KATOOMBA" "CHAS.S.JONES"

 "MAMES W. GRIMES") dep. Port Mc esby 1230/5 was due Cairns 0730/7).
- (10) "MERKUR" en route Milne Bay to Townsville ETA 1730/7.
- (11) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

- Werships & Aux. "SC.738" "SC.746" "SC.747" Lae
- "BENALLA" (Survey Ship)

 Merchant Vessels: "H.SIBLEY"

 Goodenough Is. Warships & Aux. "YMS.72" "SC.737" Merchant Vessels: "J. RELLY" "RING LARDWER"
- "J.H.ROSSITER" - Warships & Aux. - "SC.749" Kiriwina Morobe
- Warships & Aux. "ML.427" - Warships & Aux. - "SC.637" "YMS.51" "ML.424"
 "ML.425" "ML.428" "ML.801" "ML.806" "ML.816" Buna
- Warships "easts "sc. 724" "W. WRIGHT"

 Merchant Vessels: "R. J. WALKER" "N. J. SINNOTT"

 "R. P. WARNER" "J. LANE" "LUDDINGTON" "BORGFRED" Oro Bay
- Warships & Aux. "SC.745" Woodlark Is.
- Porlock Hor. - Warships & Aux. - "VICTORIA" (AO)

- Warships & Aux. - "AU STRAL IA" "SHROPSHIRE" (CA)
"WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "HELM" "RALPH TALBUT"
"SMITH" "FERKINS" "MAHAN" "BAGLEY" "SHAW" Milne Bay "CONYNGHAM" "MUGFORD" "FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "REID" (DD) "SANDS" "BROOKS" "GILMER" "HUMPHREYS" (AFD) SC.698 SC.699 SC.703 SC.731 SC . 548 SC.734 SC.742 SC.743 SC.748 SC.750 30.982 YMS.11 YMS.49 YMS.50 YMS.52 YMS.53 YMS.70 YMS.71 YMS.334 YMS.335 YP.278 YP.280 YF.283 ML.805 ML.818 PC.479 PC.1120 PC.1121 PC.1122 25 LST's 15 APC'S 46 PT'S
"HILO" (PG) "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "RIGEL" (AR)
"DOBBIN" (AD) "OTUS" "FULTON" (AS) "HALF MOON"
(AVP) "TRINITY" "SUSQUEHANNA" "AASE HAERSK" (AO)
"PCLLUX" (AKS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG) "GOLDSTAR" (AG "MIZAR" (AF) (Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.) Merchant Vessels: "H.L.ABBOTT" "ALCOA FENNANT"
"H.T.ALVARADO" "BARBARA C." "D.F.BARKY"
"BALIKPA PAN" "S.BENSON" "A.BIERCE" "F.P.BLAIR"
"B.BONNEVILLE" "G.S.BOUTWELL" "A.BURLINGHAME"
"W.B.BURNHAM" "CALEDONIAN SALVADOR" "CAPE SANDY" "J.M.CLEMENTS" "A.COBB" "W.VAN DEVENTER" "
"DUNTROON" "J.EVANS" "HANYANG" "VAN HEUTSZ"
"J.HOLMES" "THOS. JEFFERSON" "MACTAN" "PATRAS" "GEN. J. POPE" "THOS. C. POWER" "REIJNST" "I.M. SCOTT" "SEA WITCH" "SWARTENHONDT" "TAROONA" "VAQUERO"
"E.N. WESTCOTT" "WEST CUSETTA" "YOCHOW" Port Moresby - Merchant Vessels: "MULIAMA" "HERION" "C.KING"
"WN. HUME" "CHARZON" "ADM. HALSTEAD" "CORIO" Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "ML.804"
Gairns - Warships & Aux. - "COLAC" "KATOOMBA" "WAGGA" "WARREGO" (AMS) "SC.736 YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 PC.477 PC.1119 PC.1124 ML.426
"PLATYPUS" (AR)
-- Warships & Aux. - "SAN PABLO" (AVP)
-- Warships & Aux. - "HERON" (AVP) "WAGGA" "PIRIE" Palm Is. Townsville "ARARAT" (AMS) "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "ML.429"
"MAHOORA" "WESTRALIA" (APA) Warships & Aur. - "DRAYTON" "VENDETTA" (DD) "SWAN" "GOULBURN" (AMS) SC.741 ML.431 ML.803 ML.808 Brisbane ML.820 YP.236 YMS.9 YMS.10 YMS.73 YMS.313 YMS.314 PC.1123 "E.T.ALLEN" (APA) "KANIMBLA" (APA) "MANUNDA" (AH) "ALGORAB" (AKA) "COUCAL" (ASE "SHE PPARTON" (Survey Vessel) "POYANG" (ASIS) "AMYCUS" (ARL)
(Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WHYAILA" (AMS) (11) ENEMY FORCES (1) Buin - Photos approximately noon 6 Nov. show -Kahili - runway unserviceable: 5 fighters Ballale Rara nil a/c Faisi - nil aircraft Anchorages covered by photographs show 16 barges and one small craft. (2) Rieta - Photos 0747/6 show 3 barges in the area. No aircraft are visible and the runway is unserviceable. (3) Buka - Photographs noon 6 November show Buka Fassage runway unserviceable: Bonis runway was obscured by cloud. One fighter was shown on Bonis airfield. Two small cargo ships and 22 barges were shown in the Passage - Matchin Bay area (4) W. coast Bougainville - Local sources report 4 Nov. many Jap posts along the N.W. coast. The same source reports 2 submarines off

Buka Passage).

the coast in the Kunua Plantation area (approx 22 miles 5. of

(5) St. Georges Channel - Buka - Subsequent reports on the shipping sighted in this area p.m. 5 Nov. indicate that 2 small convoys were seen . (a) 1611/5 one small tender with 2 escorts 20 miles NW Cape St. George apparently proceeding up St. Georges Channel (b) 2310/5 1 destreyer escorting one large and one medium cargo vessel 60 miles N.W. Buka Passage course 1100. This convoy was shadowed until 0120/6 when the vessels were still heading towards Buka. Aircraft continue to report wreckage and lifeboats in the area west of Buka Passage probably survivors from the naval action early a.m. 2 Nov. At 2100/6 a Catalina reported 3 destroyers 92 miles WMW Buka Passage course 900. At 0100/7 another aircraft reported 3 destroyers 45 miles WSW Buka Passage course 1000. This report would appear to concern a probable transportation mission to Buka. (6) Solomon Sea - At 0020/7 another Catalina reported 2 light cruisers 5 destroyers 35 miles WNW Cape Moltke course 2000, speed 25 knots This would appear to be a possible enemy sortie probably from This would appear to be a possible enemy sortic probably from
Rabaul if times, positions and identifications are correct.

(7) Kayleng Area • At 1125/6 a possible large 2•stack merchant vessels

Was reported by aircraft apparently at anchor off S.end Djaul Is.

(8) Mandates-Bismarcks • At 1317/6 aircraft reported 3 three-stack

cruisers possibly "KUMA" class and one destroyer 80 miles N.W.

of Mussau Is. course 310 speed 18 knots.

At 0250/7 aircraft reported one destroyer 28 miles W.

by S. New Hanover course 360 speed 18 knots.

At 0530/6 an elebteration convey described as A cargo At 0530/6 an eight-ship convoy described as 4 cargo vessels, 2 destroyers, 2 sub-chasers was reported 390 miles N.W. by W. of Lorengau, course 180° speed 9 knots probably proceeding to the Bismarcks from Palau. (9) Rabaul - At 1225-1240/5 Rabaul town area with particular attention to stores and fuel supplies near the water front, was attacked by 27 Liberators covered by 67 Lightnings. The whole target area was covered with flames from burning fuel dumps, supplies and stores. This raid followed approximately one hour after the successful carrier-borne aircraft strike already reported. Only 15-20 enemy fighters attempted interception and of these two were definitely destroyed and two were damaged. All our bombers returned but one Lightning is missing. (10) Cape Orford - At 0916/6 a submarine passed northbound. (11) Casmata - Night 5 Nov. 2 enemy submarines were contacted by our patrol craft 56 miles S.E. Gasmata. One was apparently laying to and the other proceeding on an easterly course. charges were dropped apparently without effect.

(12) Ramu Valley - At 0910/6, 4 enemy fighters strafed our positions at Gusap (15 miles E. by S. Kaigulan). (13) Finschhafen - A further enemy post in the Ziwewaning area was evercome by our troops 5 Nov. (14) Markham Valley - At 0855/6 10 enemy bombers escorted by 10 fighters raided Nadzab. (15) Port Moresby - At 0940-1010/6 one or possible 2 enemy recce aircraft were over Port Moresby. 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA (1) ALLIED FORCES (a) At Sea to 1200/7: (1) "FREMANTLE" escorting Convoy TD.35 ("ALAGNA" "MATTHEW FLINDERS")
dep. Thursday Is. 0439/5 for Darwin ETA 1230/9.
(2) "COCTAMUNDRA" escorting Convoy DT.35 (2 MV) from Darwin to
Thursday Is. ETA 1930/8. (3) 10 submerines on patrol.

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(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux/ - "ML.814" "ML.815" Darwin Merchant Vessels: "ALDINGA"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Arafura Sea - A probable enemy recce plane was located between Cape Valsche and Merauke at 0924/6.
(2) Ambon - At 2250-2330/5 Ambon was raided by 3 Catalinas.

Observations include 3 very large vessels, 4 large vessels, 33 small vessels, numerous small craft in Ambon Bay.

(3) Kendari - During the night 5-6 November one large vessels, 4 possible mine-sweepers, 6 small craft or barges were seen in the Kendari area by alreraft. (4) Tanimbar Is. - At 1420/6 2 sea-trucks (one small, one large)

were unsuccessfully attacked by a Mitchell 75 miles N.W. of Sglaru Is. course 310 probably returning to Ambon after supply mission.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) AILIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/7:

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "ADELA IDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL)
"TJERK HIDDES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "HORSHAM"
"DUBBO" (AMS) "ATREUS" (CM) "WHIPPOORWILL"
"LARK" (AR) "CHILDS" (AV) "PELIAS" (AS) "SC. 739" Fremantle "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ISAEEL" (FY)

Exa outh Gulf - Warships & Aux - "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) "YP.286" "YP-288"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/7:

(1) "DELORAINE" "MILDURA" "GEENELG" escorting Convoy PG. 80 (7 MV) dep. Caloundra 1140/6 for Newcastle and Sydney ETA
1300/8, 1900/8 respectively.
(2) "INVERELL" dep. Townsville 1516/3 for Sydney ETA 1900/7 thence

to proceed Melbourne for repairs.

(3) "WARRWANBOOL" "CASTLEMAINE" escorting Convoy GP.81 (1 MV) to

Calcundra MTA 1600/8.

(4) "BENDIGO" "TOWNSVILLE" "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy CO.141 (9 MV)

dep. Newcastle and Sydney a.m. 6 Nov. for Melbourne.

(5) "ROCKHAMPTON" "ECHUCA" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy OC.140 (10 MV), for Port Kembla 4 MV ETA 0100/9, Sydney 1 MV ETA 0700/9, Newcastle 5 MV ETA 1700/9.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) "SC.982"

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "STUART" (DD)

"MORESBY" "BUNDABERG" "KALGOORLIE" "BROCKE" (AMS
"YANDRA" "KYBRA" "DOOMBA" (A/S Vessels) "ML.430" "ML.818" "ML.817" "ML.822"

(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD)

"WILCAWNIA" (AMS)

Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "KAPUNDA" (AMS) "BUNGAREE" (CM)
Westernport - Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel)

(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "LE TRIOMPHANT" to RV with "REPUBLIC" in position 31°55'S

154°58'E at 0700/9 and escort to Sydney.

(2) "BUNGAREE" to depart "elbourne approx 9 Nov. for Sydney.

(3) "STUART" to RV with "MONTICELLO" in position 32°24'S 154°22'E at 0900/13 and escort to Sydney.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) New Caledonia - A torpedo track was reported by a merchant vessel p.m. 6 Nov. 295 miles S. by E. Noumea.
(2) Fiji Islands - Contact was obtained with a possible submarine at 1415/6 195 miles S.w. by W. of Suva.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

(1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya

Air and possibly naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.

(3) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night trans-

portation runs to forward positions.

(4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE 1. SOUTH WEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALL	IED	FOR	CES
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ENEMY FORCES

	thwest Pacific tern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
BB		Washington Massachusetts South Dakota Alabama Tennessee	•	YAMATA MUSASHI KONGO HARUNA FUSO NAGATA MUTSU
CV	•	SARATOGA		ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
CV (L)	•	PRINCETON	•	Z VIIIO
CV (E)	•	NASSAU PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON LONG ISLAND	*	CHUYO
<u>GA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHROPSEIRE		MYOKO)dam HAGURO)6 r	SUZUYA MOGAMI CHOKAI OSS. dates laged eported laged
CL	TROMP HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER MONTPELLIER NASHVIILE SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	NAGARA)5 o	TAMA KISO eported k thers
CL(T)	•	•	•	KASHIMA KATORI
KCL	-	•	2 en route	1
DD	WARRAMUNGA ARUNTA HELM HALPH TALBOT STUART VENBETTA CONYNGHAM BAGLEY DRAYTON FLUSSER LAMSON NAHAN PERKINS REID	Approx 40	20 (7-10 reported sunk or damaged)	25 (some repairing)

	west Pacific ra Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Caroline Marshall
SS	ALBACORE BALAO BLACKFISH DRUM MARWHAL RAY SCAMP SILVERSIDES	on Patrol	20	20
	GATO PETO GUARDFISH RATON S.31	At Brisbane		
	K. 9 At Sydn	ey		
AV/cvs	Heron San Pablo Half Hoon	WRIGHT BALLARD CHANDELIER	**	NOTORO
XAV/XCVS	•	3	2	2-3
PT	35	Approx 30	9	?
APA/APD/AKA	H.T.ALLEN MANOGRA WESTRALIA KANIMBLA ALGORAE GILMER SANDS EUMPHREYS EROOKS	10 APA 11 APD 6 ARA		
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AS	FULTON OTUS		1	•
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN DIXIE		1	1
AR	RIGEL PLATYPUS	Promet heus		
AIRCRAFT (N.E				
Light & M/Bon SE/Bombers Flying Boats Floatplanes	d. 21 twin-englers	114)	tative assess	ment enly

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3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALL IED FORCES

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ENEMY FORCES

BB	NORTH CAROLINA	YAMASHIRO		
	INDIANA COLORADO MARYLAND OKLAHOMA MISSISSIPPI WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA MINW MEXICO	ISE HYUGA (being modernised)		

ENTERPRISE
ES SEX
YORKTOWN
LEXINGTON
BUNKER HILL

CA

OCA

HOL AV/CVS

CV(T) HOSHO

(L) INDEPENDENCE HITAKA
COWPENS HAYATAKA
BELLEAU 100D RYUHO

CV(E)
SUWANNEE
UNYO
SANGAMON
CHENANGO
BARNES
CHUYO
ALTAMARA
COPAREE

LISCOMBE BAY
MISSION BAY
EALTIMORE KUMANO

M INDIANAPOLIS

M SALT LAKE CITY

PORTLAND

MINNEAPOLIS

ST. LOUIS

LOUISVILIE

BOSTON

M WICHITA

CHESTER HEW ORLEANS SAN PRANCISCO PENSACOLA

MOBILE TATSUTA
BIRMINGHAM MYUBARI
SANTA FE NATORI

MAKAMIYA

RENO
CONCORD
OAKLAND

Approx 35
Approx 50
Approx 50

R CHIYODA (under conversion to 2 ACV)
Acv)
Approx 50
Approx 50

* AOBA

m Non-effective

		RTHERN PACIFIC	ENEMY FORCES
	ALLIED FORCES		A Secretary State of Control of the
CA	LOUISVILLE DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND		BUKUMA
XCL AV/CVS		A	kitsushima
XAV/XCVS DD SS AS	22		pprox 4
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	Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Are	a East Indies-Philippines
BB	•	RAMILLIES	
OV(E)	•	BATTLER	ASHIGARA
GA	•	SUFFOLK SUSSEX HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHLUANA
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK	Gambia Mauritius Kenya Newcastiæ Ceres	KUMA OI KIPAGAMI KINU
	-	Dauntless Capetown Caradoc Danae Emerald	
XCL (T)		CANTON CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTER SHIRE	KASHII 1
AV/cvs	CHILDS	ALBATROSS	KAMOI
Calculation	W. B. PRESTON	9	1-2
DD XAV/XCVS	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	10
33	BILLFISH BLUEFISH BOWFIN	On Patrol	6
	CABRILLA CAPELIN CISCO COD GREVALLE	On Patroz	
	KINGFISH RASHER		
•	K.12 BONEFISH POMPON PUFFER TUNA	At Fremantle	
Fighters	(N.W. Area Only) (incl. 5 twin-eng.) M/Bombers	122 81 12	
Flying B	oate	12 * Non-of: 54 44 - 4 *	fective

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NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/8:

- (1) "SC.748" "YMS.335" escorting "BALIKPAPAN" dep. Milne Bay 1300/7
- for Lae.

 (2) "SC.731" "SC.750" "YMS.334" escorting "WILLIS VAN DAVENTER" dep.

 Milne Bay 0400/7 for Lae ETA 1500/8.

 (3) "PC.1121" escorting "TRINITY" dep. Milne Bay 1230/7 for Porlock

- Harbour ETA 1300/8.

 (4) "BENALLA" dep. Lae 1150/7 for Milne Bay ETA 2100/8.

 (5) "GYMPIE" "BUNBURY" "STAWELL" "PC.476" "YMS.336" escorting Convoy "BUNBURY" "BUNBURY" "STAWELL" "PC.476" "YMS.336" escorting Convoy "BUNBURY" "STAWELL" "PC.476" "YMS.476" "BUNBURY" "BUNBURY "BUNBURY" "BUNBURY" "BUNBURY" "BUNBURY" "BUNBURY" "BUNBUR TN.175 (10 MV) dep. Fitzroy Is. approx 1400/5. "BUNBUIG escorting Portion (a) ("ROBERT S.BEAN" "HIRAM BINGHAM") to Port Moresby ETA 1100/8, others escorting Portion (b) ("OSARK" "BIRCHGROVE PARK" "KURUMBA" "MALCOLM M. STEWART" "WEST CACTUS" "ANDREW D.WHITE" "SIBIGO" "VAN SPILSBERGEN" also "ML.818" "ML.430" in tow) to Milne Bay ETA 1030/8.
- (6) "HILO" escorted by "SC.732" en route Milne Bay to Townsville ETA 0800/9.
- (7) "YP.291" en route Caloundra 1630/4 to Palm Island ETA 1100/8 thence to proceed Cairns.
 (8) "YP. 253" dep. Cairns 0813/6 for Thursday Is. ETA 1200/10.
- (9) "GEELONG" "LITHGOW" escorting Convoy QL.27 (8 MV towing "ML.431" bound for Milne Bay, "ML803" ML.820"bound for Cairns and bound for Milne Bay, "ML803" "ML.820"bound for Cairns and 3 PT) dep. Calcundra 1657/6 for Bustard Head ETA 0600/8.

 (10) "SC.650" "SC.735" escorting Convoy (L.27A (2 MV each towing 1 barge)
- dep. Caloundra 1833/6 for Bustard Head ETA 1300/8.

 (11) "MERKUR" dep. Townsville 1630/7 for Brisbane ETA 0630/10.

 (12) "PIRIE" dep. Townsville 1802/7 for Sydney ETA 1600/11.

- (13) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "SC.738" "SC.746" "SC.747" "BENALLA" (Survey Ship) Lae

"H. SIBLEY" Merchant Vessels:

Goodenough Is. - Warships & Aux. - "YMS.72" "SC.737" Merchant Vessels: "J.KELLY" "RING LARDNER"

"J.H.ROSSITER" - Warships & Aux. - "SC.749" Kiriwina

Morobe

- Warships & Aux. - "ML.427"
- Warships & Aux. - "SC.637" "YMS.51" "ML.424" "ML.425"
"ML.428" "ML.801" "ML.806" "ML.816" "ML.819" Buna "PORTUNUS" (AGP)

Merchant Vessels: XXXXX "J.ROYCE" "W. WRIGHT"

- arships & Aux. - "SC.744" Oro Bay

Merchant Vessels: "M.J.WALKER" "N.J.SIMBOFT" "R.P.WARNER" "J.LAME" "LUDDINGTON" "BORGFRED"

- "arships & Aux. - "SC.745" Woodlark Is.

Porlock Hbr. - "arships & Aux. - "VICTORIA" (AO)
Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "AUSFRALIA" "SHROTSHIRE" (CA)
"MARKAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "HELM" "RALPH TALBOT" "SMITH" "PERKINS" "MAHAN" "BAGLEY" "SHAR" "CONYNGHAM" "MUGFORD" "FLUSSER" "LAWSON" "REID" (DD) "SANDS" "BROOKS" "GILMER" "HUMPHREYS" (APD) SC.648 SC.698 SC.699 SC.703 SC.734 YMS.49 SD. 982 YMS.11 YMS.50 SC.743 \$3.981 YMS.70 YMS.71 YP.278 YMS.53 YMS.52 ML.805 PC.479 PC.1120 PC.1122 25 LSIS YP.233 15 APC'S 45 PT'S "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "RIGEL" (AR)
"DOBBIN" (AD) "OTUS" "FULTON" (AS) "HALF MOON"
(AVP) "SUSQUEHANNA" (AASE MAERSK" (AO) "POLLUX"
(AKS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG) "BOLDSTAR" (AG) "MIZAR" (AF) SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF (Note: MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.) Merchant Vessels: "ALCOA PUNNANT" "H.T.ALVARADO"

"BARBAGA J." "D.F.BARRY" "S.BENSON" "F.P.BLAIR"

"G.S.BOUTVEIL" "A.BURLINGHAME" "W.B.BURNHAM"

"CALEDONIAN SALVOR" "CAPE SANDY" "J.M.CLEMENTS"

"DUETROON" "J.EVANS" "HANYANG" "VAN HEUTSZ"

"J.HOLMES" "THOS.JEFFERSON" "MACTAN" "PATRAS"

"A.PIERCE" "THOS.C.POWER" "REIJNST" "SEA MITCH"

"VAQUERO" "E.N.WESTCOTT" "WEST CUSETTA" "YOCHOW"

Merchant Vassels: "Mettama" "G.KING" "MM. HIME" Port Moresby - Merchant Vessels: "MULIAMA" "C.KING" "WM. HUME" "CHARON" "CORIO" Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "M..804" - Warships & Aux. - "COLAC" "GLADSTONE" "KATOOMBA" Cairns "NASEAX "VARREGO" (AMS) SC.736 YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 PC.477 PC.1119 PC.1124 ML.426 "PLATYPUS" (AR)
- Warships & Aux. - "SAN PABLO" (AVP)
- Warships & Aux. - "HERON" (AVP) "WAGGA" "ARARAT"
(ANS) "BISHOHDALE" (AO) "ML.429" "MANOORA" Palm Is. Townsville "NESTRALIA" (APA) - Warships & Aux. - "DRAYTON" "VEEDETTA" (DD) "SWAN" Brisbane "BOYEN" "GOULBURN' (AMS) 30.741 ML.808 YP.236 YMS.9 YMS.10 YMS.73 YMS.313 YMS.314 PC.1123
"H.T.AILEN" (KANIMBLA" (APA) "MANUNDA" "TASMAN"
(AH) "ALGORAB" (AKA) "COUCAL" (ASR) "SHEPPARTON"
(SURVEY VESSEL) "POYANG" (ASIS) "AMYCUS" (ARL) (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WHYAILA" (AMS) (c) Proposed Movements: (1) "KATOOMBA" "GLADSTONE" "COLAC" "PC.477" "PC.1119" escorts for Convoy TN.176 (21 MV) to dep. Cairns to RV with convoy vicinity Fitzroy Is. 1600/8. (2) "VENDETTA" to depart Caloundra 1600/9 to RV with "CAPE MEARES" in position 24030'S 157 52'E at 1100/10 and escort to Lady Elliott Is. (11) ENEMY FORCES (1) Treasury Island - Some enemy troops reported living in caves on N.W. and S.W. coasts.

(2) Buin-Shortlands - At 1200/6 44 Bauntless, 17 Avengers, 32 fighters attacked Kara followed by 24 Mitchells and 3 Corsairs. The fighters also strafed barges and installations in the area.

(3) Empress Augusta Bay - Despite heavy rain our troops are proceeding satisfactorily to consolidate in the area gained.

off Cape Moltke shortly after midnight Nov. 6th.

A late report from this area indicates the enemy was

attempting a counter attack landing somewhere in the vicinity a.m. Nov.7th but no confirmation of any such landing has yet

been received from Cdr. 3rd Fleet. This may possibly be connected with the enemy surface force of 2 CL, 5 DD reported

(4) Buka - A.M. Nov. 6th E Mitchells and 8 Corsairs attacked 2 small coasters and a corvette off W.coast Buka destroying all three. 8 enemy fighters intercepted our aircraft en route but one was left smoking.

Midday Nov. 6th a force of Liberators attacked/Bonis. 1410/6 - 4 Mitchells destroyed 2 barges off west coast and 2 small coasters in Matchin Bay. 20-25 barges in the area were also strafed.

(5) Kieta - Photos 0747/6 show nil aircraft, runway unserviceable, 3 barges.

Sopac aircraft strafed this area a.m. November 6th.

(6) Solomon Sea:

(a) Further reports indicate that at least one enemy force com-prising 2 cruisers and 5 destroyers made a sortie from Rabaul in the direction of Empress Augusta Bay during the night Nov. 6/7. There are several contact reports of shipping in the area to the kaxkke west of Buka Passage and N.W. coast of Bougainville between midnight Nov. 6th and 0258/7. Although the position is not clear it is possible that 2 forces were involved, one including 2 cruisers and 5 destroyers and another possible transportation

force comprising 3 destroyers.
Six Beauforts made a strike against this shipping between 0207 and 0258/7 claiming one probable hit on one

probable destroyer and a near miss on another.

A later sighting at 0807/7 indicated the force of 2 cruisers and 5 destroyers approached St. Georges Charnel apparently returning to Rabaul. It is possible the cruiser and destroyer force was covering a transportation run by 3 destroyers into the west coast Bougainville area. No report of any contact by our surface forces has been received.

(b) Further sighting of wreckage was reported 40 miles west of Buka Passage at 1225/7 probably a result of the naval

action to the night Nov.1/2.

(7) Mussau Is. - At 1130/7 a convoy comprising 2 escort vessels with 3 tankers was observed 65 miles N.E. Mussau Island on course 2250. Two aircraft were escorting the convoy one of which was damaged during interception. This convoy would appear to be

heading into the Fismarcks area from Truk.

At 14C7/7 another convoy comprising one large tanker,

2 medium merchantmen, 2 small coasters was reported 135 miles N.E. Mussau Island on course 2000 apparently also heading into

the Bismarcks from Truk.

(7) Rabaul - Photos of shipping in Rabaul Harbour taken by scpac aircraft at 1130/5 during their successful attack reveal -8 heavy cruisers incl. 2 "MO GAMI" cl, 2 "MACHI" cl.
3 "ATAGO" cl., 1 "TONE" class
3 light cruisers - 1 "SENDAI" cl., 1 "YUBARI" cl.,
1 "NATORI" cl.

14 destroyers. These photos show hits on each of 3 heavy cruisers - "TONE" "NACHI" and "ATAGO" classes - and one hit on a "SENDAI" class light cruiser. Bombing was incomplete at the time of the photographs and the torpedoes had not been launched.

It will be recalled, preliminary report of photos taken at 1228/5 following the attack revealed 6 heavy cruisers, 10-14 destroyers and 20 merchant vessels. The carrier strike claimed torpedo and bomb hits on 5 heavy cruisers and torpedo hits on a sixth. The apparent absence of 5 cruisers including 2 heavy cruisers in the photos taken approximately one hour after the carrier strike suggests the possibility of several units having sunk although it is also possible some of these units may have proceeded cut of harbour during the interim period.

A further attack was carried out against airfields at Rabaul by a force of Liberators escorted by fighters shortly after noon Nov.7th. Results are not yet assessed. Preiminary reports indicate possibly 25 vessels in the harbour area at 1230/7. Most of this shipping was apparently dispersed off

Praed Point and some in Keravia Bay.

(8) New Britain - A reliable source reports an average of 2 small ships (probably barges) moving west of Ubili nightly. These are probably barges engaged on supply runs. (9) Gasmata - 15 Kittyhawks attacked dump area afternoon Nov.6th. (10) Wewak - 4 Thunderbolts making a fighter sweep over this area forenoon Nov. 7th engaged 5 enemy fighters of which 4 were destroyed. (11) Huon Peninsula - At 2240/5 our PT boats attacked and scored hits on 2 enemy submarines 23 miles NNW of Finschhafen. (12) Nadzab - At 0805/7, 12 enemy bomberssescorted by 10 fighters bombed Nadzab area. 2 enemy bombers were destroyed by our fighters. -----2. NORTH WESTERN AREA (i) ALLIED FORCES (a) At Sea to 1200/8: (1) "FREMANTLE" escorting Convoy TD.35 ("ALAGNA" "MATTHEW FLINDERS")
dep. Thursday Is. 0439/5 for Darwin ETA 1230/9.
(2) "LATROBE" escorting "PETER DESMET" dep. Thursday Is. 1950/6 for
Darwin ETA 1430/9.

(3) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting Convoy DT.35 (2 MV) from Darwin to Thursday Is. ETA 1930/8.

(4) 9 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "ML.814" "ML.815" Merchant Vessels: "ALDINGA"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Tanimbar Is. Afternoon Nov.6th 8 Beaufighters strafed this
- (2) Dryadale Mission An enemy aircraft was over this area at 0836/6.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/8:

(1) "YP.286" departed Exmouth Gulf 2312/6 for Fremantle ETA 0900/10.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL)

"TJERK HIDDES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "HORSHAM"

"DUBBO" (AMS) "ATREUS" (CM) "WHIPPOORWILL"

"LARK" (AR) "CHILDS" (AV) "PELIAS" (AS) "SC.739"

"CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ISABEL" (PY)

Exmouth Gulf. - Warships & Aux. - "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) "YP.288" Fremantle

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/8:

(1) "WARRNAMBOOL" "CASTIE MAINE" escorting Convoy GP.81 (1 MV) to

Caloundra ETA 1600/8.

(2) "DELORAINE" "MILDURA" "GLENELG" escorting Convoy PG.80 (8 MV)

dep. Caloundra 1140/6 for Newcastle and Sydney ETA 1300/8, 1900/8 respectively.

(3) "ROCKHAMPTON" "ECHUCA" "ABRAHAM CRI JNSSEN" escorting Convoy OC.140 (10 MV), for Port Kembla 4 ETA 0100/9, Sydney

1 MV ETA 0700/9, Newcastle 5 MV ETA 1700/9.

(4) "BENDIGO". "TOWN SVILLE" "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy C 0.141 (9 MV)

dep. Newcastle and Sydney a.m. 6 Nov. for Melbourne.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) "SC.982"

Sydney - Harships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "STUART" (DD)

"INVERELL" "MORESBY" "BUNDABERG" "KALGOORLIE"

"BROOME" (AMS) "YANDRA" "KYBRA" "DOOMBA" (A/S

Vessels) "ML.430" "ML.817" "ML.822"

(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "LE TRIOMPHANE" (DD) "WILCANNIA" (AMS)

- Warships & Aux. - "KAPUNDA" (AMS) "BUNGAREE" (CM)
- Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel) Malbourne -Westernport

(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "LE TRIOMPHANT" to RV with "REPUBLIC" in position 31°33'S 156°09'E at 0700/9 and escort to Sydney.

(2) "BUNGAREE" to depart Melbourne approx 9 Nov. for Sydney.
(3) "STUART" to RV with "MONTICELLO" in position 32°24'S 154°22'E at 0900/13 and escort to Sydney.

(4) "IN VERELL" to proceed Melbourne from Sydney for repairs.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya, areas.
- (2) Air and possibly naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.

Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night trans-portation runs to forward positions.

Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific areas.

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE 1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

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OV(L)	- /	PRINCETON INDEPENDENCE	→	-	
CV(E)	~	NASSAU PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON LONG ISLAND	•	-	
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2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC



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ENEMY FORCES

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CV (E)	SUMANNEE SANGAMON CHENARRO BARNES ALCAMARA COPAREE LISCOMEN BAY MISSION BAY	UNYO CHITOSE CHUYO M OTAKA
CA	BALT IMORE BOS TONS OHE STER NEW ORLEANS SAN FRANCISCO PENSACOLA INVI ANAOLIS SALT LAKE CITY PORTIAND MINNEAPOLIS ST.LOUIS LOUISVILLE WICHTTA	HUMANO R AOBA
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-			SUSSEX		
			HAWKINS		
			FROBISHER		
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			KENYA	KITAGAMI	
			NEWCASTLE CERES	KINU	
			DAUNTLESS		
			CAPETOWN		
			CARADOC		
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GENERAL HEADOUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 650

Date:

9 November 1943

PART I.

A. SOUTH EST PACIFIC AREA

NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/9:

- (1) "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE" "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "HELM" exercising out of Wilne Bay.
- (2) "PC.1120" escorting "VAN SPILSBERGEN" (ex TN.175) Milne Bay to
- Oro Bay ETA 1200/9.
 (3) "KATOOMBA" "GOLAC" "GLADSTONE" "PC.1119" "PC.477" escorting Convoy TN.176 (21 MV) dep. Fitzroy Is. approx 1600/8.
 "KATOOMBA" "PC.1119" escort Portion (a) ("ROBERT STUART"
 "WICHITA FALLS" "VAN SWOLL" "ADMIRAL CHASE") to Port Moresby ETA 1200/11. Others escort Portion (b) ("FREMONT OLDER" "ED.D.BAKER" "C.KOHRS" "W.E.CHANNING" "JANSSENS" "J.M.DALY" "CITY OF FORT WORTH" "GEN.VERSPIJK" "PING WO" "H.STANBURY" "NORAB" "HOBILGAS" "TAROONA" "KARSIK" "J.PALMER" "H.DODGE" "CHAS.L.SMITH" WITH 2 PT'S in tow) to Milne Bay ETA 1200/11.
- (4) "GYMPIE" escerting 3 LCI's departed Milne Bay 1700/8 for Cairns ETA 0200/11.
- (5) "ML.431" under tow (ex QL.27) for Townsville, thence to proceed Milne Bay.
- (6) "ML.429" under tow en route Townsville to Thursday Is. ETA 0800/12. "ML.803" "ML.820" under tow (ex QL.21) for Cairns. (7)
- "YP.233" dep. Cairns 0813/6 for Thursday Is. ETA 1200/10.
- (9) "YP.291" enroute Caloundra to Palm Is. ETA 1100/8 thence to proceed
- Cairns.
 (10) "GEELONG" "SC.650" "SC.735" escorting Convoy LQ.27 (3 MV) dep.
- Gladstone 2200/8 for Brisbane.
 (11) "HILO" escorted by "SC.732" en route Milne Bay to Townsville was due 0800/9.
- (12) "MERKUR" dep. Townsville 1630/7 for Brisbene ETA 0630/10.
 (13) "PIRIE" dep. Townsville 1802/7 for Sydney ETA 1600/11.
 (14) "WARRNAMBOOL" "CASTLEMAINE" escorting Convoy FG.81 (2 MV) were to depart Calcundra 1200/9 for Newcastle ETA 1000/11 and Sydney ETA 1700/11.
- (15) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

- "SC.731" "SC.738" "SC.746" "SC.746 Lae - Warships & Aux.
- Merchant Vessels: "W.VAN DAVID RESERVE "H.SIBLEY"

 "H.SIBLEY"

 "H.SIBLEY"

 "YMS.71" "YMS.72"

 Merchant Vessels: "J.KELLY" "RING LARDNER" "SIBIGO"

 "J.H.ROSSITER" "ANDREW D.WHITE"
- Warships & Aux. "SC.749" Kiriwina - Warships & Aux. - "ML.427" Morobe

- Warships & Aux. - "SC.637" "YMS.51" "ML.424" "ML.425" "ML.428" "ML.801" 2xx "ML.806" Buna "ML.816" "ML.819" "PORTUNUS" (AGP) Merchant Vessels: "J.ROYCE" "W.WRIGHT"

- Merchant Vessels: "R.J.WALKER" "N.J.SINNOTT" Oro Bay "R. P. WARNER" "J. LANE" "LUDDINGTON" "BORGFRED" - Warships & Aux. - "PC. 1121" "TRINITY" "VICTORIA (AO) Porlock Hor. - Warships & Aux. - "FC. BEZI" "TRINITI "VIOTATA (AU)
- Warships & Aux. - "SC.745"
- Warships & Aux. - "RALPH TALBOT" "SMITH" "PERKINS"
"MAHAN" "BAGLEY" "SHAW" "CONYNGHAM" "MUGFORD"
"FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "REID" (DD) "SANDS" "BROOKS"
"GILMER" "HUMPHREYS" (APD) "STAWELL" (AMS) Woodlark Is. Milne Bay SC. 743 SC. 744 SC. 747 SC. 981 SC. 982 VMS 11 SC.743 SC.744 SC.747 SC.981 SC.982 YMS.11 YMS.49 YMS.50 YMS.52 YMS.53 YMS.70 YMS.71 YMS.336 YP.278 YP.280 YP.283 ML.430 ML.865 \$2.743 ML.818 PC.476 PC.479 PC.1120 PC.1122 25 LSTs 15 APCs 46 PTs "YUNNAN" (ASIS)
"RIGEL" (AR) "DOBBIN" (AD) "OTUS" "FULTON" (AS)
"HALF NOON" (AVP) "KURUMBA" "SUSCHEHANNA" "AASE MAERSK" (AO) "POLLUX" (AMS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) (Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN .) Merchant Vessels: "ALCOA PENNANT" "H.T.ALVARADO"
"BARBARA C." "D.F.BARRY" "S.BENSON" "F.P.BLAIR" "G.S.BOUTWELL" "A.BURLINGHAME" "W.B.BURNHAM"
"CALEDONIAN SALVOR" "CAPE SANDY" "J.M.CLEMENTS" "DUNTROON" "J.EVANS" "HANYANG" "VAN HEUTSZ" "J.HOLMES" "THOS. JEFFERSON" "MACTAN" "OSARK"

"PATRAS" "A. PIERCE" "THOS. C. POWER" "REIJNST"

"SEA WITCH" "M.M. STEWART" "VAQUERO" "WEST

CACTUS" "E.N.WESTCOTT" "WEST CUSETTA" "YOCHOW"

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "BUNBURY" (AMS) "MIZAR" (AF)

Merchant Vessels: "MULIAMA" "C. KING" "WM. HUME" "CHARON" "COBIO" "ROB.S. BEAN" "HIRAM BINGHAM" - Warships & Aux. - "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS) "ML.804" - Warships & Aux. - "WARREGO" (AMS) "SC.736 YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 PC.1124 ML.426 Thursday Is. Cairns "PLATYPUS" (AR)

"PLATYPUS" (AR)

"Warships & Aux. - "SAN PABLO" (AVP)

"Warships & Aux. - "HERON" (AVP) "WAGGA" "ARARAT"

(AMS) "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" Palm Isl. Townsville (APA) - Warships & Aux. - "DRAYTON" "VENDETTA" (DD) "SWAN"
"BOWEN" "GCULBURN" "LITHGOW" (AMS) SC.741 Brisbame MI.808 YP.236 YMS.9 YMS.10 YMS.73 YMS.3B YMS.314 PC.1123 "H.T.ALLEN" "KANIMBLA" (APA) "MANUNDA" "TASMAN" (AH) "ALGORAB" (AKA) "COUCAL" (ASR) "SHEPPARTON" (Survey Vessa) "POYANG" (ASIS) "AMYCUS" (ARL)
(Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WHYAILA" (AMS) (c) Proposed Movements: (1) "VENDETTA" 60 depart Calcundra 16 00/9 to RV with "CAPE MEARES" in position 24030'S 157052'E at 1100/10 and escort to Lady Elliott Is. (11) ENEMY FORCES (1) Treasury Is. - Only 20 Japs are now believed remaining on the island. Several bombs were dropped by enemy a ircraft night Nov . 4 6 . (2) Munda - 2 enemy bombers ineffectively raided area afternoon

Nov. 5th.

(5) Empress Augusta Bay - Further reports indicate that carly a.m.
Nov.7th the enemy landed troops from 21 barges at the mouth of the Lanuma River, 5 miles N.W. of Cape Torokina, on our western flank. Our troops are now engaging the enemy troops landed and are continuing to patrol inland. During the day Nov. 7th the enemy positions in the area were heavily attacked by Soupac aircraft as follows: . 1330/7 • 18 Dauntless, 14 Avengers attacked gun positions, supply and bivouac areas S.E. of Cape Torakina p.m.7th • 24 fighters, 8 Mitchells, 14 Dauntless and 3

Ventuas attacked barges and positions N.W. of Cape Torokina destroying or damaging numerous barges. Our landing craft with one PT boat were attacked by

12 dive bombers near this area p.m. Nov. 6th. 5 enemy aircraft were shot down. One enemy torpedo entered an LCI and enother the PF but both failed to explode.

(4) Kieta - Photos noon 7th reveal runway unserviceable, nil aircraft.

Venturas attacked airfield during afternoon.

(5) Buka - Report Nov. 8th few Japs now remaining at Buka. Photos noon Nov.7th show Buka airfield unserviceable, others obscured. 4 F/P's, 11 barges, 3 small craft visible. At 1030/8 one small AK anchored Matchin Bay.

(6) Cape Saint George - At 2150/7 a Catalina reported one destroyer and one cargo vessel were sighted in St. Georges Channel proceeding south and probably the same force was later reported 37 mile to eastward of Cape St. George at 0445/8 apparently heading for

Buka.

(7) Mussau Island - The two southbound convoys reported north of

Missau Island Nov.7th were later described as comprising (a) at 1117/7 - 3 cargo vessels, 2 gunboats
(b) at 1330/7 - 1 large, 1 medium, 3 small merchantmen. At 0040/8 a Liberator attacked a convoy described as 2 gunboats or destroyers, 1 large and one medium vessel 9 miles S.W. of Mussau Is, on course 2200. This may well be the same convoy(b)

sighted on the 7th and apparently proceeding into Rabaul.

At 1150/8 another 8-ship southbound convoy was reported
90 miles north of Mussau Island. The force was described as including 3 probable gunboats, one large, four medium size merchant ships. One enemy su bmarine was observed steaming 3 miles ahead of the convoy and another about mile astern apparently on same course.

(8) Rabaul - At 0015/9 four unidentified ships were reported 120 miles

West by north of Rabaul heading in on course 160°.
At 1227/7 25 Liberators escorted by 75 Lightnings

attacked Rapopo sirfield destroying 12 sireraft on the ground.

During interception by 50/60 enemy fighters, 23 were destroyed and another 8 probably destroyed. 5 Lightnings are missing.

(9) Gasmata - One Beaufort attacked dump area night Nov.6th.

(10) Arawe - At 2240/7 one unidentified vessel was reported 25 miles

E.S.E. of Arawe.

(11) Garove Is. - At 1350/8 an enemy submarine was reported 3 miles east of Garove Island.

(12) Hansa Bay - A.M. Nov. 7th several large type barges and much small craft activity reported.

(13) Nubia - At 1700/7 a small coaster filled with troops was reported 8 miles N.E. of Nbia heading S.W. towards the coast.

(14) Madang - 8 Kittyhawks over this area at 1400/7 engaged 6 enemy

fighters destroying 3 and probably destroying one other.

(15) Bena Bena - At 1331/7 4-6 enemy fighters strafed this area.

(16) Madzab - During an interception of 9 enemy bombers and 10 fighter over this area at 0805/7 7 enemy bombers and 7 fighters were believed destroyed and 3 others probably destroyed. Several allied aircraft were destroyed and damaged on the ground.
At 1345/7 12 Thunderbolts intercepted 15 enemy fighters this area probably destroying one.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/9:

(1) "FREMANTLE" escorting Convoy TD.35 ("ALAGNA" "MATTHEW FLINDERS")

dep. Thursday Is. 0439/5 for Darwin ETA 1230/9.

(2) "LATROBE" escorting "PETER DESMET" dep. Thursday Is. 1930/6 for

Darwin ETA 1430/9.

(3) 9 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "ML.814" "ML.815" Darwin Merchant Vessels: "AMXX "ALDINGA"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Kaimana - Nov.8th a Liberator scored one direct hit and 2 near misses on a small enemy freighter 10 miles 3.W. Kaiman a.
(2) Ambon - 4 Catalinas attacked this area night Nov.7/8. One

heavy cruiser, 2 destroyers and 2 merchant vessels were reported alongside in the harbour.

34 SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/9:

(1) "CHANTICLEER" dep. Exmouth Gulf 1015/8 for Onslow.
(2) "YP.286" departed Exmouth Gulf 2312/6 for Fremantle ETA 0900/10.

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "ADELAI DE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL)
"TJERK HIDDES" "VAN GAIEN" (DD) "HORSHAM"
"DUBBO" (AMS) "ATREUS" (CM) "WHIPPOORWILL"
"LARK" (AR) "CHILDS" (AV) "PELIAS" (AS)
"SC.739" "ISABEL" (PY) Fromentle -

Exmouth Gulf . Warships & Aux. - "W.B. FRESTON" (AVD) "YP. 288"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Fremantle - At 0200/8 an unidentified loop crossing was recorded at Fremantle. An allied patrol vessel received indications of an undersea unit and dropped three depth charges.

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALL IED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/9:

(1) "LE TRIOMPHANT" was to depart Sydney to RV with "REPUBLIC" in approx position 31055'S 155 55'E at 2100/9 and

escort to Sydney.
(2) "BENDIGO" "BALLARAT" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy OC.141 for Port Kembla ETA 0100/12, Sydney 0700/12 and Newcastle 1100/12.

(3) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy CO. 141 into Melbourne.

In Harbour!

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) "SC.982"

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "STUART" (DD)

"ROCKHAMPTON" "ECHUCA" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN"

"DELORAINE" "MILDURA" "GLENELG" "INVERELL"

"MORESBY" "BUNDABERG" "KALGOORLIE" "BROOME" (AMS)

"YANDRA" "KYBRA" (A/S Vessels) "ML.430" "ML.817" "ML.822"

(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "WILCANNIA" (AMS)

lbourne - Warships & Aux. - "KAPUNDA" (AMS) "BUNGAREE" (CM)

sternport - Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel) Melbourne Westernport

(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "BUNGAREE" to depart Melbourne approx 9 Nov. for Sydney.
(2) "STUART" to RV with "MONTICELLO" in position 32024's 154022'E at 0900/13 and escort to Sydney.

(3) "INVERELL" to proceed Melbourne from Sydney for repairs.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(3)

New Caledonia - At 1210/8 possible submarine reported 64 miles south of Noumea.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

(1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya, areas. (2)

Air and possibly naval counter-action against allied moves

in Solomons and New Guinea areas. Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night trans-

portation runs to forward positions. Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and (4) South West Pacific areas.

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED	FOR CES	UTHWEST & SOUTH PAC		FORCES
	est Pacific rn Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marsha lls
BB		WASH ING TON MASSACHUSETTS SOUTH DAKOTA ALABAMA TENNESSEE		Y AMATO MUSASHI KONGO HARUNA FUSO NAGATO MUTSU
<u>cv</u>	•	SARATOGA ESSEX BUNKER HILL	-	ZUIKAK U SHOKAK U
V(L)	-	PRINCETON INDEPENDENCE	•	*
CV (E)	-	NASSAU PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON LONG ISLAND	•	
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	•	MOGAMI MAYA ATAGO)Damaged TAKAO)may be TONE)enroute Truk	CHOKAI KUMANO SU ZUYA MYOKO HAGURO Dam-
CL	TROMP HOBART	COLUMBIA CIE VEIAND DENVER MONTPELLIER NASHVILLE SAN II EGO SAN JUAN LEANDER		NOSHIRO OYODO NAGARA AGANO(prob.dam TAMA KISO) prob. NAKA) damagad ISUZU
L(T)	•	-		KASHIMA KATORI
XCL	-		2m route	1
	WARRAMUNGA ARUNTA HELM RALPH TALBOT STUART VENDETTA CONYNGHAM BAGLEY DRAYTON FLUSSER LAMSON HAHAN PERK INS HE ID LE TRI OMPHAN	Approx 40	20 (7-10 reported sunk or damaged)	25 (some repairing)

Southwest (Eastern		South Pacific	Bismereks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
SS	ALBACORE BALAO BLACKFISH DRUM MARWHAL RAY SCAMP SILVERSIDES	On Patrol	20	20
	GATO PETO QUARDFISH > RATON >	At Brisbane		
	K.9 At Sydn	ey		
AV/CVS	HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON	WRIGHT BAILARD CHANDELIER	•	NOTORO
XAV/XOVS	-	3	1	2-3
PT	35	Approx 30	?	2
APA/ARD/AKA	H.T.ALLEN MANOORA WE STRALIA KANIMBIA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 11 A PD 6 AKA		
AS	Fulton otus		1	•
AD .	DOBBIN DIXIE		1	1
R	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS		
AIRCRAFT (N.	E.Area Only)			
Fighters (in Light & M/Bo SE/Bombers Flying Boats Floatplanes Fransport &		114	tive assessment	only.

m Non-effective

TRENTON

THERE PORCES

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BB	NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA COLORADO MARYLAND	YAMASHIRO ISE HYUGA (being modern	ised)

MISSISSIPPI WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA R NEW MEXICO

OBLAHOMA

* IDAHD

ENTER RISE CA YORKTONN LEXIMOTON

HOSEO CV(T)

HITAKA CV(L) COMPENS RYUHO BELLEAU WOOD ZUIHO HAYATAKA

UNYO SUWAMNEE CHITOSE SANGAMON CHUYO CHENANGO M OTAKA BARNES

> ALTA MA HA COPARE LISCOMBE BAY MISSION BAY

KUMANO BALTIMORE CA MAOBA BO STON

CHESTER NEW ORLEANS SAN FRANCISCO PENSACOLA H INDIAMAP OLIS

B SALT LAKE CITY BZ PORTLAND

* MINNEAPOLIS m ST.LOUIS * LOUISVILLE

* WICHTTA

R CAKLAND

TATSUTA MOBILE * YUBARI BIRMINGHAM NATORI SANTA FE WAKAMIYA

R HONOLULU R RENO * CONCORD

XCL CHIYODA (under conversion AV/CVS POC OMOKE

to ACV) 20-25 (a few repairing) Approx 35 Approx 30 Approx 50 1 ?

Non-effective

4.

CENTRAL PACIFIC

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GENERAL HEADOUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

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10 November, 1943 Date:

PART I.

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/10:

(1) "SC.748" "YMS.535" en route Milne Bay to Las ETA 1500/10.
(2) "KATOOMBA" "COLAC" "GLADSTONE" "PC.1119" "PC.477" escorting Convey

TN.176 (21 MV) dep. Fitzrey Island approx 1600/8.
"KATOOMBA" "PC.1119" escert Pertien (a) ("ROBERT STUART"
"WICHITA FALLS" "VAN SWOLL" "ADMIRAL CHASE") to Port More sby ETA 1200/11. Others escort Portion (b) ("FREMONT OLDER" "ED.D. BAKER" "C.KONRS" "W.E.CHANNING" "JANSSENS" "J.M.DALY" "CITY OF FORT WORTH" "GEN.VERSPIJK" "PING WO"
"H. STANBURY" "NORAB" "MOBILGAS" "TAROONA" "KARSIK" "J.
PALMER" "N. DODGE" "CHAS.L. SMITH" with 2 PT's in tow) to

(3) "WARREGO" "PC.1124" departed Cairns 1717/9 to RV with "MANOGRA"

"WESTRALIA" (ex Townsville) and escert to Milne Bay.

(4) "BUNBURY" escerting "CORIO" departed Port Moresby 1526/9 for Cairns

ETA 2030/11.

(5) "GYMPIE" escorting 3 LCI's departed Milne Bay 1700/8 for Cairns ETA 0200/11.

(6) "ML.429" under tow en route Townsville to Thursday Is. ETA 0800/12.
(7) "ML.803" "ML.820" under tow (ex QL.27) for Cairns.
(8) "ML.804" departed Thursday Is. 0807/9 for Cairns ETA 1900/11.
(9) "HILO" departed Townsville 1520/9 for Sydney ETA 0800/14.
(10) "GOULBURN" "PC.1123" "YMS.313" "YMS.314" escerting Convoy QL.28 (3 MV including "AMYCUS") departed Caloundra 1440/9 ETA Bustard Head 2100/10. Two YMS. to proceed from Bustard Hd. independently to Townsville for onward routing to Milne Bay. "SC.735" escerting Convoy LQ.27 (3 MV) dep. Gladstone 2200/8

for Brisbane ETA 0800/10.

(12) "SC.650" proceeding Gladstone to Brisbane independently from Convoy

LQ.27, with one engine defective.

(13) "MERKUR" dep. Townsville 1630/7 for Brisbane ETA 0630/10.

(14) #VENDETTA" dep. Caloundra 1600/9 to RV with "CAPE MEARES" in position 24 30'S 157°52'E at 1100/10 and escort to Brisbane.

(15) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Lae - Warships & Aux. - "SC.731"

Goodenough Is. - Warships & Aux. - "SC.737" "YMS.72"

Merchant Vessels: "J.RELLY" "SIBIGO" "J.H.ROSSITER" "ANDREW D.WHITE"

Ribiwina - Warships & Aux. - "Sc.749" Morobe - Warships & Aux. - "ML.427"

- Warships & Aux. - "SC. 637" "YMS. 51" "ML. 424" "ML. 425" "ML. 428" "ML. 801" "ML. 806" "ML. 816" Buna "MI. 819" "PORTUNUS" (AGP) Merchant Vessels: "J.ROYCE" "W.WRIGHT" - Warships & Aux. - "PC.1120" "SC.687" "YMS.71" Oro Bay Merchant Vessels: "R.J.WALKER" "N.J.SIMNOTT% "VAN SPILSBURGEN" RING LARDNER" "J.LANE"
"LUDDINGTON" "BORGFRED" - Warships & Aux. - "TRINITY" Porlock Hor, · Warships & Aux. - "SC.745" Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE" (CA)
"WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNFA" "HELM" "RALPH TALBOT" Milne Bay "SMITE" "PERKINS" "MAHAR" "BAGLEY" "SMAW" ""CONYEGHAM" "HUGFORD" "FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "REID" (DD) "SANDS" "EROOKS" "GILMER" "HOMPEREYS" (APD) "STAWELL" (AMS) SC.648 SC.698 SC.699 SC.703 SC.734 SC.738 SC.742 SC.743 SC.744 SC.746 SC.747 SC.750 SC . 981 SC.982 YMS.11 YMS.49 YMS.50 YMS.52 YMS.53 YMS.70 YMS.71 YMS.336 YP.278 YP.280 YP.283 ML.430 ML.805 ML.818 PC.476 PC.479 PC.1121 PC.1122 25 LST's 15 RPC's "YUWNAN" (ASIS) "RIGEL" (AR) "DOBBIN" PC .1120 46 FT's (AD) "OTUS" "FULTON" (AS) "HALF MOON" (AVP)
"KURUMBA" "SUSQUEHANNA" "VICTORIA" "ASSE
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"PATRAS" "A.PIERCE" "THOS. C.PONER" "REIMJIST"
"SEA WITCH" "H.H.SIELEY" "M.M.STEWART" "M. "VACUERO" "WEST CACTUS" "E.M.WESTCOTT" "WEST Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "MIZAR" (AF)

Merchant Vessels: "MULIAMA" "C.KING" "WM.HUME"

"CHARON" "R.B.S.BEAN" "HIRAM BINCHAM"

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "COOTAM UNDRA" (AMS) "YP.233"

Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "SC.736" "YMS.8" "YMS.46"

"YMS.47" "YMS.48" "YP.291" "MI.426" ZPLATYPUS (AR) - Warships & Aux. - "SAM PABLO" (AVP)
- Warships & Aux. - "HERON" (AVP) "WAGGA" "ARARAT"
(AMS) "BISHOFDALE" "(AO) "MANOGRA" "WESTRALIA" Palm Island Townsville (APA) SC.732 ML.431 - Warships & Aux. - "DRAYTON" (DD) "SWAN" "BOWEN"
"LIGHTOW" (AMS) SC.741 ML.808 YP.236 YMS.9
YMS.10 YMS.73 "H.T.ALLEN" "KANIMBLA" (APA)
"MANUNDA" "TASMAN" (AH) "ALGORAB" (AKA) Brisbane "COUGAL" (ASR) "SHEPPARTON" (SURVEY Vessel)
"CARTER HALL" (LSD)
(Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WHYALLA" (AMS) (11) ENEMY FORCES (1) Choiseul - Few scattered enemy parties still remain on the western coast Choiseul between Choiseul Bay (N.W. Tip) to Sangagai (30 miles to S.E.) and between Lutai (55 miles S.Choiseul Bay and Kakasa (61 miles S.E.). Further barge activity has also been reported along the coast at night. The enemy appears to have entered voza on November 4 following our withdrawal. (2) Treasury - Night Movember 5-6 and Movember 8-9 enemy aircraft attacked this area without effect.

(3) Buin-Shortlands - Photos south Bougainville fields November 9 reveal all strips still unserviceable. At 1200/9 35 Dauntless, 18 Avengers with 8 Aircobras bombed Ballale.
At 1110/9 33 Dauntless, 17 Avengers with 16 Aircobras attacked Kara. Fighters also thoroughly searched Shortlands area for barges with nil results. An allied patrol visited Gomi Island (.S.W. Shortlands) recently and reported finding 200 Japanese on N. coast. (4) Empress Augusta Bay - Our forces estimate 300 Japanese were landed to north of Cape Torokina night November 7-8. Our troops engaged this enemy force and it is estimated that 150 Japs were killed with our casualties fifty to sixty wounded. This would appear to be a second landing in this area as the first enemy landing was believed to have been made during night November 6-7 from 21 barges. Present information indicates that the allied position in the Empress Augusta Bay area is secure and satisfactory on the entire front. Mights November 5-6 and 6-7 a few enemy aircraft raided this area without effect. Six Mitchells attacked enemy newly established positions on north flank Empress Augusta Bay forenoon November 9 without visible results, Other Mitchells strafed same bivousc areas during afternoon, No enemy aircraft were encountered by our fighter patrols in this area November 9. Midday November 8 our fighter patrols intercepted a force of sixty enemy aircraft over this area shooting down 13 fighters and 13 dive bombers and probably destroying another 4 fighters and 3 dive bembers. We lost 7 fighters. Fighters and Venturas have also been attacking gun positions and barges vicinity mouth Laruma River (N.W. Torokina). (5) Buka - Forencen November 7 21 Liberators bembed north and south revetment areas. (6) Kieta - Six Mitchells attacked this area ferenoon November 8 with unobserved results. Seven escorting Corsairs shot down one enemy aircraft over Buke, destroyed another fighter on the ground and probably killed 25 Japs working this area. (7) Bougainville - Reliable sources report November 8 large enemy concentration between Chabai (N.W.Coast) and Tabut (N.E. Coast) Bougainville. (8) Mussau Island - At 1125/9 an outward bound enemy convoy described as one destroyer and two medium sized freighters, was observed 55 miles to the North of Mussau Island heading north. Probably this same convoy was attacked off the western tip of New Hanover near midday November 8 when a Liberator claimed a direct hit and two near misses on one merchant vessel. (9) Bismarck Sea - At 1130/9 an enemy convoy described as one light eruiser, three destroyers, two medium and three small merchantmen was reported 13 miles S. of the western tip New Hanover on an easterly course, apparently heading into Rabaul. This may well be the large convoy sighted 90 miles north Mussau Island the previous morning and which it has since been ascertained was being attacked by our submarines in that area. During the night hours November 9-10 a convoy described as comprising seven vessels was reported between 2004/9 and 0130/10 in the area between Gazelle Peninsula and the mid-South coast New Ireland apparently heading into Rabaul at slow speed.
All these sightings may refer to the one enemy convoy which as the result of allied submarine attacks may have been forced to proceed on to Rabaul at reduced speed.
At 2359/8 a Catalina reported attacking an enemy convoy comprising one destroyer, one subchaser, two merchantmen 95 miles W.N.W. Rabaul on course 150° apparently heading into Rabaul. - 3 -

(10) Rabaul - Photos of Rabaul Harbour at 1140/9 reveal the following shipping in the area: . l damaged Heavy Cruiser 1 light cruiser 9 destroyers including one damaged 8 merchantmen including seven damaged 2 submarines . 1 damaged destroyer tender In addition five other probable warships were observed about 15 miles out of the harbour opposite Cape Gazelle heading north. This indicates a considerable reduction in shipping since the heavy strike morning November 5 when eight heavy cruisers and three light cruisers and fourteen destroyers were reported apart from merchant shipping. Approximately 21 merchantmen were indicated in Rabaul Harbour at the time of the Mitchells attack afternoon November 2. The five or six unidentified warships proceeding away from the area may possibly have included some cruisers. . It is significant to note that only one serviceable merchant vessel was apparently in Simpsons Harbour at the time these photographs were taken. (11) New Britain - At 1855/8 three barges were reported off Cape Hoskins on easterly course. At 2300/8 a Catalina strafed three large barges fourteen miles north Rein Bay. (12) Garove Island . At 1351/8 a Liberator attacking a/a positions this area reported sighting an enemy submarine submerging while on N.E. course.
(13) Kapingamarangi - Midday November 9 Soupac Liberator reported five enemy floatplanes at this base. During interception one was destroyed and one other probably destroyed without loss to our aircraft. (14) Wewak - Second phase interpretation of photographs Wewak area midday November 6 reveal a total of 96 serviceable aircraft including 63 fighters, 22 light and 9 medium bombers. (15) Alexishafen - Our aircraft made heavy strikes against the air strips forence n November 9. A force of Bostons escorted by Thunderbolts strafed the area, followed by a heavy strike by Mitchells escorted by Lightnings. Full results not yet assessed. (16) Sio - Six Thunderbolts strafed the area from Sio to Fortification Point afternoon November 9. (17) Finschhafen -Patrol activity continues in the forward areas. (18) Lac - Two flights of enemy aircraft bombed Malahang strip area early hours Nevember 8. ----2. NORTH WESTERN AREA (1) ALL IED FORCES (A) At Sea to 1200/10: (1) 11 submarines on patrol. (b) In Harbour: - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" "FREMANTLE" (AMS) "ML.814" Darwin "ML.815" Merchant Vessels - "PETER DESMET" "ALDINGA" "ALAGNA" "MATTHEW FLINDERS" (11) ENEMY FORCES Darwin - An enemy recommaissance fighter was observed Melville Island area afternoon November 9. - 4 -

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/10:

(1) "CHILDS" en route Heron Haven to Fremantle ETA 1500/10.

(2) "CHANTICLEER" dep. Onslow 0530/9 for Fremantle ETA 1600/11.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELATDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL)
"TJERK HIDDES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "HORSHAM"
"DUBBO" (AMS) "ATREUS" (CM) "WHIPPOORWILL" "LARK" (AR) "PELIAS" (AS) "ISABEL" (PY) SC.739 YP.286

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Au x. - "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) "YP. 288"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Fremantle - Further investigations failed to disclose evidence of any movement responsible for the loop crossing indicated Frementle November 8.

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/10:

(1) "PIRIE" en route Townsville to Sydney ETA 1600/11.
(2) "WARRNAMBOOL" "CASTLEMAINE" escorting Convoy PG.81 (2 MV) departed Caloundra 1140/9 for Newcastle ETA 1000/11 and Sydney ETA 1700/11.

(3) "LE TRIOMPHANT" departed Sydney 0841/9 to RV with "REPUBLIC" in approx position 31°55s 155°55'E at 2100/9 and escort

to Sydney.

(4) "INVEREIL" departed Sydney 1032/9 for Melbourne ETA 0800/11.

(5) "BENDIGO" "BALLARAT" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy 0C.141 (10 MV) for Port Kembla ETA 0100/12, Sydney 0700/12 and Newcastle 1100/12.

(6) "BUNGAREE" departed Geelong 1657/9 for Sydney ETA 0800/12.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) "SC.982"

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "STUART" (DD)

"ROCKHAMPTON" "ECHUCA" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN"

"DELORAINE" "MILDURA" "GLENELG" "MORESBY"

"BUNDABERG" "KALGOORLIE" "BROOME" (AMS)

"YANDRA" "KYERA" (A/S Vessels) ML.430 ML.817 ML.822

(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "WILCANN IA" (AMS)
lbourne - Warships & Aux. - "KAPUNDA" (AMS) "DOOMBA"
(A/S Vessel) Melbourne

- Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel) Westernport

(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "STUART" to RV with "MONFICELLO" in position 32°24' S, 154°22'E at 0900/13 and escort to Sydney.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Cilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
- (2) Air and possibly Naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
 (3) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward positions.
 (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and
- South West Pacific areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY PART II ALLIED & ENERY ORDER OF BATTLE 1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

EMENY FORCES

Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>BB</u>	Washington Massachusetts South Dakota Alaeana Tennessee	•	YAMATO MUSASHI KONGO HARUNA FUSO NAGATO MUTSU
<u>cv</u> -	SARATOGA ESSEX EUNIER HILL	•	ZU IKAKU SH OKAKU
GV(L)	PRINCETON INDEPENDENCE	•	
CV(E) -	NASSAU FRINCE WILLIAM BRETON		
CA AUSTRALIA SER OPSHIRE		MOGANI	CHOKAI TIKUMA EUMANO SUZUYA) NYOKO) Dam- HAGURO) aged ATAGO) TAKAO)
CL TROMP HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER MONTFELLIER NASHVILLE SAN DIEGO BAN JUAN LEANDER		NOSHIRO OYODO NAGARA AGANO (prob. dam.) TAMA KISO) prob. NAKA))damaged ISUZU
CL(T)	-		Kashima Katori
XCL -		2 on route	1
DD WARRAMUNGA ARUNTA HELM RALPH TALBOT STUART VENDETTA CONYNGHAM BAGILEY DRAYTON FLUSSER LAMSON MAHAN PERKINS	Approx. 40	20 (7-10 reported sunk or damaged)	25 (some repairing)
PERKINS REID R LE TRIOMPHANT			

Southwest (Eastern		South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
SS	ALBACORE) BALAO) BLAGEFISH) DRUM) RAY) SCAMP) SILVERSIDES)	On patrol	20	20
	RATON)	t Brisbane		
	K.9 - At Sy	dney		
AV/GVS	HERON SAN FABLO HALF MOON	WRIGHT BALLARD CHANDELIER	•	NOTORO
XAV/XCVS	-	3	1	2-3
PT	35	Approx. 30	?	?
APA/APD/AKA	H.T. ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA KANIMBLA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA		
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<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN DIXIE		1	1
8	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS		
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(a few repairing)

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CENTRAL PACIFIC ALLIED FORCES ENEMY FORCES NORTH CAROLINA YAMASHIRO INDIANA ISE HYUGA (being modernised) GOLORADO MARYLAND OKLAHOMA MISSISSIPPI WEST VIRGINIA R CALIFORNIA R NEW MEXICO R IDAHO ENTER PRISE CV YORKTONN LEXINGTON HOSHO CV(T) HITAKA COMPENS CV(L) BELLEAU WOOD RYUHO ZUIHO * HAYATAKA UNYO CV(E) STWANNEE CHITOSE SANGAMON CHENANGO CHUYO BARNES OTAKA ALTAMAHA COPAHEE LISCOMBE BAY LONG ISLAND MISSION BAY BALTIMORE R AOBA CA BOSTON CHESTER NEW ORLEANS SAN FRAECISCO PENSAGOLA R INDIATAPOLIS H SALT LAKE CITY H PORTLAND MINNEAPOLIS m ST. LOUIS R LOUISVILLE R WICHITA OCA TATSUTA MOBILE H YUBARI (poss. effective in BIRMINGHAM S. theatre) SANTA FE R NATORI R HCNOLULU WAKAMIYA M RENO R CONCORD H CAKLAND XOL AV/CVS

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CA	-		SUFFOLK		ASHIGARA	
-			SUSSEX			
			HAWKINS FROBISHER			
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			CERES		NIMO	
			DAUNTLESS			
			CAPETOWN GARADOC			
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	BILLFISH BLUEFISH					
	BOWFIN)					
	CAPELIN)	On Patrol				
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	GREVALLE)					
	KINGFISH)					
	RASHER					
	Tuna)					
	K.12) BOWEFISH)					
		t Fremantle				
	POMPON)					
	PUFFER)					
ATDODAND IN S	PELIAS		6			
Fighters (inc	Area Only)	122				
Light & M/Bon	bers	81				
SE/Bombers Flying Beats		12				
Floatplanes		54				
Transport &	bsn. A/C	44				
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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No

Date: 11 November, 1943

PART I.

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTHEASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/11:

(1) "KATOOMBA" "COLAC" "GLADSTONE" "PC.1119" "PC.477" escerting Convoy TN.176 (21 MV) dep. Fitzroy Island approx. 1600/8.

"KATOOMEA" "PC.1119" escort Portion (a) ("ROBERT STUART"
"WICHITA FAILS" "VAN SWOLL" "ADMIRAL CHASE") to Port
Moresby ETA 1200/11. Others escort Portion (b) ("FREMONT
OLDER" "ED.D.BAKER" "C.KOHRS" "W.E.CHANNING" "JANSSENS"
"J.M.DALY" "CITY OF FORT WORTH" "GEN.VERSPIJK" "PING WO"
"H.STANSBURY" "NORAB" "MOBILGAS" "TARCONA" "KARSIK"
"J. PAILMER" "H. DODGE" "CHAS. I. SMITTER" with 2 PP (s. in tow) to "J. PALMER" "H. DODGE" "CHAS.L. SMITH" with 2 PT's in tow) to

Milne Bay ETA 1200/11.

(2) "WARREGO" "PC.1124" departed Cairns 1717/9 to RV with "MANOGRA"

"WESTRALIA" (ex Townsville) and escort to Milne Bay.

(3) "POLLUX" was to depart Milne Bay 1530/10 for Sydney.

(4) "MIZAR" departed Port Moresby 1216/10 for Calcundra ETA 1500/13.

(5) "VICTORIA" departed Milne Bay 0610/10 for Brisbane ETA 2300/14.

(6) "BUNBURY" escorting "CORIO" departed Port Moresby 1526/9 for Cairhs ETA 2030/11.

(7) "GYMPIE" escorting 3 LCI's departed Milne Bay 1700/8 for Cairns ETA 1259/11.

(8) "ML.429" under tow en route Townsville to Thursday Is. ETA 0800/12.
(9) "ML.804" departed Thursday Is. 0807/9 for Cairns ETA 1900/11.
(10) "GOULBURN" "PC.1123" "YMS.313" "YMS.314" escorting Convoy QL.28
(3 MV including "AMYCUS") departed Calcumdra 1440/9 were due Bustare Head 2100/10. 2 YMS. to proceed from Bustard Hd. independently to Townsville for enward routing to Milne Bay.

(11) "HILO" departed Townsville 1520/9 for Sydney ETA 0800/14.
(12) "VENDETTA" dep. Calcundra 1600/9 to RV with "CAPE MEARES" in position 24°50'S 157°52'E at 1100/10 and escort to Brisbane.

(13)7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "SC.731" "SC.748" "YMS.335"

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Merchant Vessels: "W.VAN DAVENTER" "BALIEPAPAN"
- Warships & Aux. - "ML.427"
- Warships & Aux. - "SC.637" "YMS.51" "ML.424" "ML.425"
"ML.428" "ML.801" "ML.806" "ML.816" "ML.819" "PORTUNUS" (AGP)

Merchant Vessels: "J.ROYCE" Oro Bay

- Warships & Aux. - "PC.1120" "SC.687" "SC.750" "YMS.71"

Merchant Vessels: "R.J.WALKER" "H.J.SINNOTT" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "RING LARDNER" "J.LANE" "LUDDINGTON" "BORGFRED" "W.WRIGHT"

- Warships & Aux. - "TRINITY" - Warships & Aux. - "SC.749" Porlock Hor. Kiriwina Merchant Vessels: "VAQUERO"
- Warships & Aux. - "SC.745"
- Warships & Aux. - "SC.744" "YMS.72" Woodlark Is. Goodenough Is. - Warships & Aux. - "SC.744" "YMS.72"

Merchant Vessels: "J.KELLY" "SIBIGO" "J.H.

ROSSITER" "ANDREW D.WHITE"

Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE" (CA)

"WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "HELM" "RALPH TALBOT"

"SMITH" "PERKINS" "NAHAN" "BAGLEY" "SHAW" Goodenough Is. "SMITH" "PERKINS" "MAMAN" "BAGLEY" "SHAW"
"CONYNGHAM" "MUGFORD" "FLUSSER" "LAMSON"
"REID" (DD) "SANDS" "BROOKS" "GILMER"
"HUMPHREYS" (APD) SC.648 SC.698 SC.699
SC.703 SC.734 SC.737 SC.738 SC.742
SC.743 SC.746 SC.747 SC.981 SC.982
YMS.11 YMS.49 YMS.50 YMS.52 YMS.53
YMS.70 YMS.71 YMS.336 YP.278 YP.280
YP.283 NL.430 ML.805 ML.818 PC.476
PC.479 PC.1120 PC.1121 PC.1122 25 LST's
15 APC's 46 PT's "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "RIGEL" (AR
"DOBBIN" (AD) "OTUS" "FULTON" (AS) "HALF MOON"
(AVP) "KARUMBA" "SUSQUEHANNA" "ASSE MAERSK"
(AO) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) (Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMEN'S OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.) Merchant Vessels: "ALCOA PENNANT" "H.T.ALVARADO"
"BARBARA C." "D.F.BARRY" "S.BENSON" "F.P. "BARBARA C." "D.F.BARRY" "S.BENSON" "F.P.

BLAIR" "G.S.BOUTWELL" "A.BURLINGHAME" "W.B.

BURNHAM" "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" "CAPE SANDY "

"J.M.CLEMENTS" "DUNTROON" "J.EVANS" "HANYANG"

"VAN HEUTSZ" "J.HOLMES" "THOS.JEFFERSON"

"MACTAN" "OSARK" "PATRAS""A.PIERCE" "THOS.C.

POWER" "REIJNST" "SEA WITCH" "H.H.SIBLEY"

"M.M.STEWART" "NEST CACTUS" "E.M.WESTCOTT"

"WEST CUSETTA" "YOCHOW"

PORT MORASBY - Merchant Vessels: "MULIAMA" "C.KING" "WM.HUME"

"CHARON" "R.B.S.BEAN" "HIRAM BINGHAM"

Thursday Island - Warships & Aux. - "COOTANUNDRA" (AMS) "YP.233"

Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "STAWELL" (AMS) "SC.736" "YMS.8"

"YMS.46" "YMS.47" "YMS.48" "YP.291" "ML.426"

"FLATYPUS" (AR) "PLATYPUS" (AR)

- Warships & Aux. - "SAN PABLO" (AVP)

- Warships & Aux. - "HERON" (AVP) "WAGGA" "ARARAT"

(AMS) "BISHOPDALE" (AO) SC.732 ML.431 Palm Island Townsville ML.803 ML.820 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "DRAYTON" (DD) "SWAN" "BOWEN"
"GEELONG" "LIGHGOW" (AMS) SC.650 SC.735 "GEELONG" "LIGHGOW" (AMS) SC.650 SC.735
SC.741 ML.808 YP.235 YMS.9 YMS.10
YMS.73 "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "H.T.ALLEN"
"KANIMBLA" (APA) "ALGORAB" (AKA) "COUCAL"
(ASR) "SHIPPARTON" (SURVEY VESSEL) "MERKUR"
(AF) "MANUNDA" TASMAN" (AH)
(Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WHYALLA" (AMS) (11) ENEMY FORCES (1) Bougainville Airfields - Photos a.m. 10 November of Kahili (90%),
Ballale (100%), Kara (90%), Buka (100%) and Bonis (90%) show
all to be unserviceable. A total of four fighters only can
be seen on all airfields combined and these are inoperative. (2) Empress Augusta Bay - Little change is reported in the ground position and enemy activity appears confined to patrols and snipers. At 1910/8 a preliminary report indicates 30-40 enemy torpedo bombers attacked our transportation exhelon off Empress Augusta Bay. One ship was hit and suffered some damage and another was also hit by a dud bomb. Seven enemy planes were

shot down.

(3) Bismarcks-Mendates - A delayed report indicates an aircraft sighting at 2005/8 of two possible destroyers, one 7-10000 tons Merchant Vessel 20 miles south New Hanover course 120° This would appear to be additional to the 7 or 9 ship convoy reported in the Bismarck Sea approaching Rabaul night 9-10 November. In addition to the northbound convey (reported yesterday's Summary No. 6517 sighted at 1125/9 55 miles N. Mussau Island and comprising one destroyer, two medium merchant vessels, a second northbound convoy was reported by the same aircraft 27 miles W.N.W. Mussau Island at 1405/9. The latter convoy was described as two sub-chasers, two merchant vessels (7-10000 tons). The larger merchant ship appeared to be carrying deck cargo. At 2305/10 a convoy described as one destroyer, two transports was reported by a Catalina 48 miles N.W.Rabaul course 290°, apparently heading out of the area.

(4) Mabaul - Early a.m. 9 November Vunakanau was bombed by seven
Beauforts, Rapopo by four Beauforts and shipping in the
Harbour by three torpedo carrying Beauforts. Coverage of the
aerodromes was satisfactory.

At 2230/9 Vunakanau was again bombed by three Beauforts. Photos 0930/10 show: Aircraft: 48 F. 7 L/B 99 F. 14 L/B 32 F/P Vunakanau 18 M/B Lakuna1 Harbour: Total 220 aircraft whereof 147 F, 21 L/B, 26 M/B, 32 F/P. The other airdromes were not covered. Shipping: The same 10 damaged vessels including: 1 heavy cruiser 1 destroyer 1 destroyer tender 6 merchant vessels 1 lugger were present, and undamaged vessels have increased to 25 in total, including -2 light cruisers 13 destroyers 5 submarines 5 merchant vessels. Incoming convoys have no doubt accounted for the increase. A late report states that Lakunai was attacked before dawn 10 November by 12 Liberators which started a huge fire in the revetment area. One of our bombers is missing. (5) Gazelle Peninsula - At 2110/9 one destroyer was reported by aircraft 20 miles W. by S. of Cape Pomas course 210 speed 20 knots, probably bound for Cape Hoskins area.

(6) Gazmata - At 0730/9 16 Kittyhawks bombed the dump areas at Gasmata 16 Kittyhawks bombed the dump areas at Gasmata and Anwek River.

[7] Rein Bay - At 2335/8 a Catalina reported fourteen barges in Rein Bay.

At 10005/9 five barges or luggers were located and

At 10005/9 five barges or luggers were located and effectively attacked in the Rein Bay area by a strike of nine Mitchells. (8) Cape Rauelt (approx.20 miles W. Rein Bay) - At 1137/9 two seatrucks and three barges offshore near Cape Rauelt were attacked by a Liberator. One seatruck was hit and left burning: the other and the three barges were strafed.

(9) Cape Gloucester - At 2051/8 an unidentified type vessel was observed by aircraft 16 miles W.W. Cape Gloucester heading north west.

(10) Witu Islands - At 2150/9 a Liberator observed a merchant vessel # thirty miles E.N.E. Garove Island probably engaged on a transportation mission to the Witu Group. (11) Wewak - At 1120/10 one small vessel was observed in Wewak Harbour. Six Zeros attempted interception over our reconnaissance Lightning. - 3 -

(12) Alexishafen - The raid a.m. 9 November was conducted by 11 Bostons, and 36 Mitchells covered by 9 Thunderbolts and 24 Lightnings. Twentyone planes are claimed as destroyed on the ground and others damaged. Twenty to thirty fighters intercepted and 14 were destroyed in addition to two probably. Three Lightnings

At 1050/10 22 Mitchells again raided Elexishafen, destroying one groundefighter and damaging planes and installations. One Mitchell failed to return.

(13) Sio Area - Night 8-9 November one bar ge was destroyed by our PT boats near Sio.

(14) Finschhafen Area -At 2255/9 four loaded barges were attacked by our PT boats and sunk off Waringai (19 miles N. Finschhafen). These barges were southbound.

The same night two enemy planes ineffectively raided

our patrol craft.

(15) Lae - At about noon 9 November enemy sircraft were encountered by our fighter patrols over Nadmab and over Lae. No report of any actual raid has yet been received.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/11:

11 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. -Darwin "LATRONE" "FREMANTEE" (AMS) "ML.814" Merchant Vessels - "PETER DESMET" "ALDINGA" "ALAGNA" "MATTHEW FLINDERS"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Sourabaya - At £350/9 - 0156/10 Sourabaya naval base, the Tangoeng Perak airdrome were raided by 14 Liberators. Weather was bad and the attack was made through an overcast.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/11:

- (1) "CHANTICLEER" dep. Onslow 0530/9 for Fremantle ETA 1606/11.
 - (b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL)

"TJERK HIDDES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "CHILDS" (AV)

" HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) "ATREUS" (CM)

"WHIPPOORWILL" "LARK" (AR) "PELIAS" (AS) "ISABEL"

(PY) SC.739 YP.286

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B.PRESTON" (AVD) YP.288

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/11:

(1) "PIRIE" en route Townsville to Sydney ETA 1600/11.
(2) "WARRHAMBOOL" "CASTLEMAINE" escorting Convey PG.81 (2 MV) departed Calcundra 1140/9 for Newcastle ETA 1000/11 and Sydney ETA 1700/11.

- (3) "ROCKHAMPTON" "ECHUCA" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy GP.82 (7 MV) were to depart Sydney approx. 1000/11 for
- Caloundra.
 (4) "DELORAINE" "MILDURA" "GLENEIG" escorting Convoy CO.142 (12 MV)
- were to depart Sydney approx. 0900/11 for Melbourne.

 (5) "BENDIGO" "BALLARAT" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy CO.141 (10 MV)
 for Port Kembla ETA 0100/12, Sydney 0700/12 and
 Newcastle 1100/12.

 (6) "BUNGAREE" departed Geelong 1658/9 for Sydney ETA 0800/12.

 (7) "INVERELL" departed Sydney 1032/9 for Melbourne was due 0800/11.

(b) In Harbour:

Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) "SC.982"

- Warships & Aux. - "THOMP" (CL) "STUART" "LE

TRIOMPHANT" (DD) "MORESBY" "BUNDABERG"

"KALGOORLIE" "BROOME" (AMS) "YANDRA" "KYBA

(A/S Vessels) ML.430 ML.517 ML.822

(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "WILCANNIA" (AMS)

ourne - Warships & Aux. - "KAPUNDA" (AMS) "DOOMBA" Port Stephens Sydney Melbourne (A/S Vessel)
- Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel) Westernport

(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "STUART" to RV with "MONTICELLO" in position 32024'S 154022'E at 0900/13 and escort to Sydney.

B. INDIAN OCEAN

EMENY FORCES

Cocos Island - An enemy reconnaissance plane was over Cocos Island a.m. 10 November.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, Bismarcks,
- North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.

 (2x) Air and possibly Naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- (3) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation
- runs to forward positions.
 (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific areas.

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DATLY NAVAL SUMMARY PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

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3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

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PORTLAND

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* WICHITA

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* HONOLULU

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CONCORD

OAKLAND

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* YUBARI (poss.effective in S. theatre)

* MATORI WAKAMIYA

* CHIYODA (under conversion to ACV) 20-25 (a few repairing) Approx 30

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

Date:

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PART I.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(i) ALL IED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/12:

- "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE" "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "HELM" "REID"
- "RALPH TALBOT" at sea.
 (2) "PC.1121" "SC.738" "SC.746" escerting "FREMONT OLDER" Milne Bay to Lac ETA 2000/12.
- (3) "PC.1120" escerting "BORGFRED" departed Milne Bay 1155/11 for Lae.

 (4) "WAGGA" "STAWELL" "ARARAT" "BUNBURY" "SC.732" "ML.431" to RV with Convoy TN.177 (15 MV) vicinity Fitzrey Is. at 1600/12.

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- (5) "COLAC" "CLADSTONE" "YMS.71" "SC.737" "PC.477" escorting Convoy FT.38 (2 MV) departed Milne Bay 1505/11 for Townsville ETA 1505/14.

 (6) "KATOOMBA" "PC.1119" departed Port Moresby 1910/11 for Cairbs
- ETA 1000/13.
- "YP.280" was to depart Milne Bay 11 November for Townsville.
- "ML.803" 'ML.820" departed Townsville 1300/11 for Cairns ETA 0600/12. "TASMAN" departed Erisbane 0120/12 for Milne Bay ETA 1900/15. (8)

- (9) "TASMAN" departed Brisbane Olzo/12 to Brisbane ETA 2359/15. (10) "YP.291" departed Cairbs 1357/11 for Brisbane ETA 2359/15. (11) "GOULEURN" "PC.1123" escerting Convoy LQ.28 (4 MV) departed Gladstone 2200/11 for Calokndra.
- (12) "YMS.313" "YMS.314" (ex QL.28) en route Townsville for onward routing to Milne Bay.
- "MIZAR" departed Port Moresby 1216/10 for Calcundra ETA 1500/13.
 "VICTORIA" departed Milne Bay 0610/10 for Brisbane ETA 2300/14.
- (14)
- (15)7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "SC.731" "SC.748" "YMS.335"
Merchant Vessels: "BALIKPAPAN" "W.VAN DEVENTER"
- Warships & Aux. - "ML.427" Las

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- War ships & Aux. - "SC.637" "YMS.51" "ML.424"
"ML.425" "ML.423" "ML.801" "ML.806" "ML.816"

"ML.819" "PORTUNUS" (AGP)

Merchant Vessels: "J.H.ROSSETER" Oro Bay Warships & Aux. - "SC.687" "SC.750"

Merchant Vessels: "J.LAME " "LUDDINGTON" "RING LARDNER" "N.J.SINNOPT" "VAN SPILHERGEN" "R.J. WALKER" "W.WRIGHT" "REINJNST" "CHAS.L.SMITH"

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- Warships & Aux. - "SC.744"

Merchant Vessels: "C.KOHRS! "J.KELLY" "SIBIGO"

"W.E.CHANNING" "J.PM.MER"

- Warships & Aux. - "SMITH" "PERKINS" MAHAN"

"BAGLEY" "SHAW" "CONYNGHAM" "HUGFORD"

"FLUSSER" "LAMSON" (DD) "BREDKS" "GILMER"

(APD) "WARREGO" (AMS) SC.648 SC.698 223

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"H.STANBURY" "TAROCNA" "WEST CACTUS"

"E.M.WESTGOTP" "WEST CUSETTA" "A.D.WHITE" "E.M.WESTCOTT" "WEST OUSETTA" "A.D. WHITE" "YOCHOW" - Warships & Aux. - "SANDS" "HUMPHREYS" (APD)
Merchant Vessels: MADM.CHASE" "C.KING" "CHARON"

"R.B.S.BEAN" "HIRAM BINGHAM" "R.STUART" Port Moresby "VAN SWOLL" "WICHITA PALLS" "WM. HUME" "MULIAMA" - Warships & Aux. - "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS) "YP.233" Thursday Island - Warships & Aux. - "GYMFIE" "SC. 736" YMS. 8
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"FLATYPUS" (AR) Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "SAN PABLO" (AVP)
- Warships & Aux. - "HERON" (AVP) "BISHOPDALE" Palm Island Townsville (AO) ML.451
- Warships & Aux. - "DRAYTON" "VENDETTA" (DD)
"SWAN" "BOWEN" "GEELONG" "LITHGOW" (AMS) Brisbane SC.650 SC.735 SC.741 ML.808 YP.236
YMS.9 YMS.10 YMS.73 "CARTER HALL" (LSD)
"H.T.ALLEN" "KANIMBAL" (APA) "ALGORAB"
(AKA) "COUCAL" (ASR) "SHEPFARTON" (Survey
VESSEL) "MERKUR" (AF) "MANUMDA" (AH)
(Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WHYAILA" (AMS) (c) Proposed Movements: (1) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting "TIME" "YARRA" towing "ML.429" to depart Thursday Island 2000/12 for Darwin ETA 1530/17.

Goodenough Island - Warships & Aux. - "SC. 744"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Buin - Shortly before noon 10 November Ballale was attacked by 12 unescorted Mitchells and Kara by 11 Mitchells.

Photos 11 November show Kahili and Ballale runways unserviceable but Kara was not covered. Nil operative aircraft are visible.

(2) Empress Augusta Bay - During contact 8-9 November in the area N.E. of Torokina Point, 300 Japs are estimated to have been killed. Contact was lost 10 November.

Enemy positions near the mouth of Laruma River (N.W. of Toronina) were attacked 10 November by 17 Dauntless, 12 Avengers supporting a push by U.S. Marines.

Energy aircraft were over during the night 9-10 November

but no bombs were dropped.

(3) Buka Passage - At 0805/10 Buka and Bonis aerodromes were attacked by 60 Dauntless 33 Avengers escorted by 54 fighters. Both runways were heavily hit as were A/A positions.

At 1800/11 a coastal sweep by three Mitchells resulted in one 200 ft. cargo vessel and two barges all in northern part Matchin Bay were sunk. Trucks and huts in the same area were strafed.

Photos 11 November show Bonis airfield serviceable but Buka Passage unserviceable with no operative aircraft present on either field,

(4) Kavieng - Photos 1145/9 show 16 fighters, 19 light bombers, 15 medium bombers - a total of 50 land-based aircraft in addition to seven floatplanes.

(5) Mandates-Bismarcks - At 0700/11, a six-ship convey described as one large transport, two auxiliary transports and three destroyers was reported 110 miles N.W. Mussau Island on course 165°. Our submarines were attacking.

At 1222/11 probably the same convoy described as two transports (7-9000 tons), 1 freighter (4-6000 tons), 3 destroyers was reported by aircraft 50 miles N. of Mussau Island (or 60 miles S.E. of first position) heading S.E.

Two intercept reports indicate possibly shipping moving away from Rabaul early a.m. 12 November. At 0200/ moving away from Rabaul early a.m. 12 November. At 0200/12 sever ships described as 1 light cruiser, 3 transports, 3 unidentified ships 35 miles N.N.W. of Rabaul on course 3300 were reported. At 0315/12 or shortly before 6 warships described as 2 heavy units and four destroyers were reported 81 miles N.W. of Rabaul course 2700. This sonvey could however be the six-ship group reported above awaiting daybreak to enter Rabaul.

(6) Rabaul - At 2110/10 Vunakanau dispersal areas were attacked by four Heauforts with excellent bombing results.

A.m. 11 November shipping at Rabaul was heavily hit by land-based and carrier-borne aircraft but results have not yet been received.

(7) Borgen Bay - At approximately 1500/10 aircraft reported 30-40 barges

in Borgen Bay, probably all unserviceable.

Alexishafen - At 1710/10 aircraft reported approximately ten small craft moving into Sek Harbour.

Following the Manuerxet raid on Alexishafen airfields by 22 Mitchells a.m. 10 November, the same targets were attacked

1705-1725/10 by ten escorted Bostons.
At 0730/11 three Aircobras covered by another 13 Aircobras strafed No. 2 strip Alexishafen. Observations include four medium bombers on this strip.

(9) Finschhafen - Ground activity in this area is limited to patrols.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) at Sea to 1200/12:

11 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" "FREMANTLE" (AMS) "ML.814" Darwin Merchant Vessels: "PETER DESMET" "ALDINGA" "ALAGNA"

"MATTHEW FLINDERS"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Babo -Rarly a.m. 11 November Babo was attacked by four Catalinas starting several large and small fires. Three vessels were seen in the vicinity of Babo.

(2) Arafura Sea - At 1114/11 an enemy floatplane was contacted by a patrol Beaufort 67 miles S.W. Cape Valsche. The

floatplane was shot down.
(3) Tanimbar Islands - At 0715-D815/11 Selaru airfield and neighborhood were attacked by sight Beaufighters.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/12:

(1) "CHANTICLEER" dep. Onslow 0530/9 for Frementle ETA 1600/11.

(b) In Harbour:

Premantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL)
"TJERK HIDDES" "VAN CALEN" (DD) "CHILDS" (AV)
"HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) "ATREUS" (CM)
"WHIPPOORWILL" "LARK" (AR) "PELIAS" (AS)
"ISABEL" (PY) SC.739 & YP.286

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) YP.288

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/12:

(1) "POILUX" en route Milne Bay to Sydney ETA 1900/14.
(2) "HILO" en route Townsville to Sydney ETA 0800/14.
(3) "STUART" was to RV with "MONTICELLO" in position 32°24'S
154°22'E at 0900/13 and escort to Sydney.
(4) "BUNGAREE" departed Geelong 1657/9 for Sydney ETA 0800/12.
(5) "ROCKHAMPTON" "ECHUCA" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting Convey GP.82 (7 MV) departed Sydney approx. 1043/11 for Caloundra

ETA 0630/14. [6] "DELORAINE" "MILDURA" "GLENELG" escorting Convoy CO.142 (14 MV) to Melbourne.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) "SC.982" - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) "SC.982"

- Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "LE TRIOMPHANT"

(DD) "MOHESEY" "BUNDAÉERG" "BENDIGO"

"BALLARAT" "TOWNSVILLE" "PIRIE" "WARRNAMBOOF

"CASTLEMAINE" "KALGOORLIE" "BROOME" (AMS)

"YANDRA" "KYBRA" (A/S Vessels) ML.430

ML.817 ML.822

tting) - "HOMARD" (CL) "FUT CANNOT!" Sydney

(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "WILCANNIA" (AMS) Melbourne

**BOOMBA" (A/S Vessel)
- Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL" "KAPUNDA" (AMS)

"DOOMBA" (A/S Vessel)
- Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel)

Westernport

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA.

ENEMY FORCES

(1) Nauru - Aircraft over Nauru 1045/11 contacted five Zeros over the Island.

- At approximately 0500/12 an allied vessel reported a torpedo attack 255 miles S. by W. of Suva (2) Piji

INDIAN OCEAN.

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ENEMY FORCES

- (a) CinC. Eastern Fleet reports two allied ships sunk probably by Japanese submarines: -
 - (i) 23 October probably in Mozambique Channel.

(11) 24 Oct. near Addu Attol.

indicating two submarines operating this area while a third may still be operating off S.W. coast of India. One German submarine may be moving into the Malabar coastal area while possibly as many as three German submarines are thought to have been operating recently in the area south and south east of Ceylon.

(b) An unidentified ship, possibly a Europe-bound blockade runner, was sighted by aircraft 25 October in position 8°20'S 94°28'E (approx. 720 miles W. by S. of Sunda Strait).

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

(1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, Hast Indies, Malaya areas.

(2) Air and possibly Naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guines areas.

(3) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.

(4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific areas.

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ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 654

13 November 1943 Date:

PART I.

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/13:

(1) "ML.747" with "GEN.VERSPIJK" reported stranded in position 9°36'S
150°11'E (southern Lusancay Group) at 0200/13).
(2) "SANDS" "HUMPHREYS" escerting 3 LCT's departed Port Moresby 1012/11

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for Milne Bay ETA 1200/13.

"YP.233" departed Thursday Is. 0715/12 for Milne Bay ETA 1930/15.

"WAGGA" "STAWELL" "ARARAT" "GYMPIE" "SC.732" escerting Convoy TN.177
(14 MV). "WAGGA" "STAWELL" escert Portion A ("CAPE MEREDITH

"KATOOMBA" "MARCUS DALY" "SHIKELAMY") to Port Moresby.
Others escert portion B ("ABIGAIL ADAMS" "BISHOPDALE"

"BONTEKOE" "S.CRANE" "DUNTROON" "G.H.FLANDERS" "J.LYKES"

"D.MCLEAY" "F.B.OLSON" "PAHUD") to Milne Bay. ETA-both
portions 1200/15.

"BUNBERY" (ex TN.177) returning Cairne demaged.

(5) "BUNBURY"

"BUNBURY" (ex TN.177) returning Cairns damaged.
"WARREGO" "PC.1124" escerting "WESTHALIA" "MANOORA" departed Milne

Bay 0900/12 for Cairns ETA 1700/13.
"GLADSTONE" "YMS.71" "SC.737" "PC.477" escerting Convoy FT.38 (7) "QCLAC" (2 MV) departed Milne Bay 1505/11 for Townsville ETA

1505/14.
"KITOOMBA" "PC.1119" departed Port Moresby 1910/11 for Cairns ETA 1000/13.

"YI.280" was to depart Milne Bay 11 November for Townsville.
"TASMAN" departed Brisbane 0120/12 for Milne Bay ETA 2359/15.
"YE.236" was to depart Caloundra 1100/13 for Palm Island ETA 1900/16,

thence to proceed Cairns for onward routeing to Milne Bay.
"YP.291" departed Cairns 1357/11 for Brisbane ETA 2359/15.
"GOULBURN" "PC.1123" escerting Convey LQ.28 (4 MV) departed Gladstone 2200/11 for Caloundra.

(14) "MIZAR" departed Port Moresby 1216/10 for Calcumdra ETA 1500/13.
(15) "VICEORIA" departed Milne Bay 0610/10 for Brisbane ETA 2300/14.
(16) "RCCCHAMPTON" "ECHUCA" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escerting Convoy GP.82 (7 MV) ETA Caloundra 0630/14.

(17) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

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- Warships & Aux. - "PC.1121" "SC.731" "SC.738" "SC.746" "SC.748" "YMS.335" Merchant Vessels: "BALIKPAPAN" "FREMONT OLDER" "W.VAN

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Merchant Vessels: "J.H.ROSSETER" "W.WRIGHT"

- Warships & Aux. - "SC.687" "SC.750"

Merchant Vessels: "J.LANE" "LUDDINGTON" "RING

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- Warships & Aux. - "ML.429"

- Warships & Aux. - "SC.736" "YMS.8" YMS.46 YMS.47

- YMS.48 ML.426 ML.431 ML.804 ML.803 ML.812

"PLATYPUS" (AR)

- Warships & Aux. - "SAN PABLO" (AVP)

- Warships & Aux. - "HERON" (AVP) "BISHOPDALE" (AO)

"AMYCUS" (ARL) ML.431 YMS.313 YMS.314

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- Warships & Aux. - "DRAYTON" "VENDETTA" (DD) "SWAN"

"BOWEN" "GEELCNG" "LITHCOW" (AMS) SC.650

SC.735 SC.741 SK ML.808 YMS.9 YMS.10

YMS.73 "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "H.T.ALLEN"

"KANIMBLA" (APA) "ALGORAB" (AKA) "COUCAL" (ASR)

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(Ropairing, Trials etc.) - "WHYALLA" (AMS) (c) Proposed Movements: (1) "COCAMUNDRA" escerting "TIME" "YARRA" towing "ML. 429" to depart Thursday Island 2000/12 for Darwin STA 1530/17. (11) ENEMY FORCES (1) Choiseul - There are further reports of enemy troop movements along the west coast of Choiseul in the vicinity of Sangagai. (2) Empress ugusta Bay - Our troops have now occupied Piva on the Lauma River. Considerable quantity of ammunition, supplies, equipment and several guns were found abandoned in this area following our attack againist enemy positions on November 10.

Our ground forces continue to extend their positions in all directions from the Cape Torokina area. Nov. 11, Corsairs strafed four enemy barges 20 miles north Empress Augusta Bay. He enemy contacts were made by our patrol aircraft in this area November 12. (3) Buin-Faisi - At 1410/12, 27 Avengers, 45 Dauntless escorted by 10

Corsairs attacked Kara field scoring twenty hits on runway.

Nil interception, nil A/A encountered.

(4) Buka-Bougainville - P.M. 12 November & Lightnings strafed Bonis

field and enemy positions along the N.E. coast Bougain
ville as far as Kieta. A.M. 12 November 18 Mitchells escorted by 16 Corsairs attacked Tarlena Village (N.W.Coast). No enemy aircraft were seen over the Bougainville area during 12 November.

There are further reports of enemy guns and stores around the Matchin Bay area.

(5) Mandates-Bismarcks - Shortly after noon November 12 two enemy convoys, one northbound and one southbound, consisting of a total of 15 vessels were reported to the westward of New Hanover as follows:

> 82 miles W. New Hanover Course 120° ser, & probable large 1210/12 3 DD, 4 merchantmen 1345/12

l probable heavy cruiser, or probable destroyers, four other destroyers

78 miles W. by S. New Hanover. Course 300.

One of the Liberators shadowing the first convoy reported scoring a direct hit and a near miss on one merchantman which was last reported smoking and stationary with an oil slick showing.

Photos of the above shipping reveal one "ATAGO" class heavy cruiser, one light cruiser (possibly "AGANO" class), 4 destroyers, one subchaser, four freighters (one of which was carrying landing craft on deck). These photos reveal a total of only 11 vessels as compared with 15 reported by visual sightings, but it is possible the photos do not give complete coverage of the shipping sighted. The reference to a heavy cruiser and light cruiser apparently in the force proceeding away suggests two additional damaged units endeavouring to return to Truk from Rabaul.

Shortly after midnight November 12 a Catalina reported shadowing an enemy convoy in the area south of Kavieng. This convoy was reported as including destroyers and consisting of eleven ships, the last position reported being 48 miles W.S.W. Kavieng at 0035/13.

From the position of this convoy this may well be

the 7-ship convoy sighted early in the day heading into the Bismarck area, although intercepts from the Catalina suggest the convoy was moving in a westerly direction when sighted early this morning.

(6) Forenoon November 11 snemy shipping at Rabaul was again subjected to a heavy air attack by Soupac aircraft involving two heavy

strikes by strong formations of carrier borne aircraft followed by an attack by heavy bombers. (See Naval Incidents)

Photos taken Rabaul Harbour at 0930/12 revealed two destroyers (including one damaged), five submarines, one converted destroyer tender and 23 merchantmen totalling 110,000 tons of which 65-75000 tons was believed serviceable. Five sexua to seven of the merchant vessels are new

arrivals since previous reconnaissance on Movember 10.

Partial coverage of airfields reveal a total of 52
fighters, 16 light and 22 medium bombers also 26 floatplanes in Harbour, totalling 116 aircraft in all. Photos on

November 10 revealed a total of 220 aircraft.
Orford - Submarine reported sighted off this area at 0810/12. (7) Cape Gloucester - At 1655/11 two small coasters were observed

Rabaul -

beached on a small reef three miles offshore in Rottock

Bay (20 miles E. Cape Gloucester).

(9) Enschhafen - During might November 10-11 our PT boats sank three Toaded southbound barges off Waringai (19 miles N.N.W. Finschhafen).

Indications enemy submarine off Tami Island night

November 10-11.

(10) Bogadjim - Ten Bostons covered by 15 Aircobras attacked barges and villages between Bogadjim and Saidor forencon November 11.

(11) Sio - At 1530/12 19 barges and one small enemy coaster were reported off Scharnhorst Point (7 miles E.S.E. S10).

2. NRTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/13:

() "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting Convoy TD.36 ("YARRA" "TIME") dep.
Thursday Is. 2031/12 for Darwin ETA 1530/17.
(i) "FREMANTLE" escorting "ALAGNA" departed Darwin 0847/12 for
Willingimbi ETA 0900/14.

() 11 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" (AMS) "ML.814" "ML.815" Merchant Vessels: "PETER DESMET" "ALDINGA" "MATTHEW Darwin FLINDERS"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Dutch New Guinea - One Mitchell attacked Wissel Lakes area Movember 11.

(2) Ambon - Five Liberators attacked Fort Victoria area Ambon night November 11. Three medium freighters were reported near jetty. Interception k was ineffectively made by one of three enemy night fighters.

(3) Mamlea - Three Catalinas attacked this area night November 11.

(4) Sourabaya - Twelve Liberators attacked this area night November 11-12.

Results not yet assessed.

Early hours November 11 three groups of enemy aircraft (5) Darwin -(comprising probably three each) attacked Darwin town area. During interception by eleven Spitfires, two enemy aircraft were destroyed.

3. OUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/13:

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL)

"TJERE HIDDES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "CHILDS" (AV)

"HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) "ATREUS" (CM)

"WHIPPOCRWILL" "LARK" (AR) "PELIAS" (AS)

"CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ISABEL" (PY) SC.739 YP.2

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B.PRESTON" (AVD) YP.288

SC.739 YP.286

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) AIL IED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/13;

(1) "POLLUK" en route Milne Bay to Sydney ETA 1900/14.
(2) "HILO" en route Townsville to Sydney ETA 0800/14.

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- (3) "LE TRIOMPHANT" departed Sydney 1845/12 to RV with "MONTICEILO" in position 32024'S 154022'E at 0900/13 and escort to SYDNEY.
- (4) "ROCKHAMPTON" "ECHUCA" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy GP.82
 (7 MV) departed Sydney approx 1043/11 for Calcumdra

ETA 0630/14.
(5) "DELORAINE" "MILDURA" "GIENELG" escorting Convoy CO.142 (14 MV) to Melbaurne.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens
- Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) SC.982
- Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "STUART" (DD)

"MORESEY" "BUNDABERG" "BENDIGO" "BAILARAT"

"TOWNSVILLE" "PIRIE" "WARRNAMBOOL"

"CASTLEMAINE" "KALGOORLIE" "BROOME" (AMS)

"BUNGAREE" (CM) "YANDRA" "KYBRA" (A/S Vessels)

ML.430 ML.817 ML.822

(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "WILCANNIA" (AMS)

Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "IFVERELL" "KAPUNDA" (AMS)

"DOOMBA" (A/S Vessel)

Westernport - Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel)

(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "BENDIGO" "BALLARAT" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy GP.83 (5 MV) to depart Sydney 0800/14 for Calcundra.

MAVAL INCIDENTS

(1) Rabaul - During forencen November 11 a series of heavy air strikes were made against shipping in Rabaul area as follows:

0900/ll, the first group of carrier aircraft totalling 25 Avengers, 21 Dauntless escorted by 55 Hellcats, commenced the attack scoring two bomb hits and two probable torpedo hits on a large destroyer also near misses, one probable and two possible torpedo hits on other destroyers. During interception by 30-40 enemy fighters, two enemy aircraft were destroyed and two of our aircraft were lost.

Between 0905-0935/11 a second group of carrier aircraft totalling 46 Avengers, 51 Dauntless and 71 Hellcats, made their attack claiming one light cruiser and two destroyers sunk, one heavy cruiser and eight destroyers damaged. At least two torpedo hits were claimed on the heavy cruiser. During interception by enemy fighters our aircraft shot down 24. Twelve of our aircraft in this group failed to return.

failed to return.

0940/11, 42 Liberators followed with a further medium to high level attack dropping 252 x 1000 lb. bombs, but nil hits were observed. During interception by 12-15 enemy fighters our Liberators shot down five fighters for the lost of one Liberator which was forced into the sea while

During the early afternoon one of our carrier groups was subjected to four attacks by enemy aircraft as follows:
The first attack at 1355 was made by 20 dive bombers followed by three seriess of attacks by terpedo bombers. The majority of these aircraft were intercepted by our carrier fighters together with land-based fighters before being able to attack our ships. The total enemy force intercepted by our shore-based fighters was reported as 40 dive bombers and 40-50 fighters.

During these interceptions our carrier borne fighters claimed destroying 64 enemy aircraft encountered, including 32 dive bombers, 29 torpedo bombers and 3 fighters, for the loss of three carrier fighters, while our shore-based fighters claimed destroying an additional 21 enemy aircraft including five dive bombers and nine torpedo bombers and seven fighters for the loss of four shore-based fighters, several of the pilots of which are safe.

Only minor superficial damage was suffered by our carriers and escorting vessels causing slight personnel casual ties.

A summary of damage inflicted on enemy shipping and aircraft from these operations would appear to be as follows:

One light cruiser and two destroyers sunk while Shipping: damage inflicted on one heavy cruiser, one light cruiser and up to eleven destroyers.

116 enemy aircraft destroyed for the loss of 32 Aircraft: allied aircraft.

(2) Fiji - Further to the reported submarine attack on an allied merchant ship at 0500/12, later reports at 0718/12 indicate that the ship "CAPE SAN JUAN" (Liberty ship 6,700 tons) was sinking in position 22°08'S 178°06'W (approximately 320 miles S.E. of Suva). "CAPE SAN JUAN" was carrying approx. 1300 troops to Australia.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

(1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, Bismarcks,
North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
(2) Air and possibly Naval counter-action against allied moves in
Solomons and New Guinea areas.

(3) Use of barges, submarines and destrojers against alking men for night transportation runs to forward areas.

(4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Allied and Enemy Activity

No. Date: 655 14 November 1943

PART I.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

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1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/14:

- (1) "ML.747" with "GEN.VERSPIJK" reported stranded in position 9°36'S 150°11'E (Ward Hunt Strait) at 0200/13 whilst en route Oro Bay.
- (2) "PC.1120" escorting 1 MV departed Milne Bay 1400/12 for Lae ETA
- 1400/15.

 (3) "WAGGA" "STAWELL" "ARARAT" "GYMPIE" "SC.732" escerting Convoy
 TN.177 (14 MV). "WAGGA" "STAWELL" escert Portion A
 ("CAPE MEREDITH" "KATOOMBA" "MARCUS DALY" "SHIKELAMY") to Port Moresby. Others escort Portion B ("ABIGAIL ADAMS" "BISHOPDALE" "BONTEKOE" "S.CRANE" "DUNTROON" "G.H.FLANDERS" "J.LYKES" "D.MCLEAY" "F.B.OLSON" "PAHUD")
- to Milme Bay. ETA both portions 1200/15.

 (4) "YP.233" departed Thursday Is. 0715/12 for Milne Bay ETA 1930/15.

 (5) "TASMAN" departed Brisbane 0120/12 for Milne Bay ETA 2359/15.

 (6) "PC.476" escorting "KURUMBA" departed Milne Bay 0530/13 for Thurs-
- day Is. ETA 1530/15 and Darwin.

 (7) "COLAC" "GLADSTONE" "YMS.71" "SC.737" "PC.477" escorting Convoy FT.38 (2 MV) departed Milne Bay 1505/11 for Townsville ETA 1505/14.
- (8)
- "YP.280" was to depart Milne Bay 11 November for Townsville.
 "BUNBURY" (ex TN.177) returning Cairns damaged.
 "YP.236" departed Calcumdra approx 1100/13 for Palm Island ETA 1900/16, thence to proceed Cairns for enward routeing to Milne Bay.
- (11)(12)
- "YP.291" departed Cairns 1357/11 for Brisbane ETA 2359/15.
 "VICTORIA" departed Milne Bay 0610/10 for Brisbane ETA 2300/14.
 "ROCKHAMPTON" "ECHUCA" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy PG.82
- were to depart Calcumdra 1200/14 for Sydney. (14)7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. "FC.1121" "SC.731" "SC.738" "SC.746" Merchant Vessels: "FREMONT OLDER" "W.VAN DEVENTER" Las
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 "ML.816" "ML.819" "PORTUNUS" (AGP)

 Merchant Vessels: "BALIKPAPAN" "J.H.ROSSETER" "W.WRIGHT"

 Warships & Aux. "SC.687" "SC.750"

 Merchant Vessels: "J.LANE" "LUDDINGTON" "RING LARDNER"

 "VAN SPILBERGEN" "REIJNST" "CHAS.L.SMITH" "J. KELLY"

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- Warships & Aux. - "SC.749" Kiriwina - Warships & Aux. - "30.745" Woodlark Is. az Goodenough Is. - Warships & Aux. - "SC.744 Merchant Vessels: "C.KOHRS" "W.E.CHANNING"

"J.PALMER" "HANYANG" "VAQUERO"

Warships & Auk. - "SMITH" "PERKINS" "MAHAN" "BAGLEY"

"SHAW" "CONYNGHAM" "MUGFORD" "REID" "FLUSSER" Milne Bay "LAMSON" (DD) "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" SANDS" (AFD) "LAMSON" (DD) "BROOKS AC.703 SC.734 SC.742 SC.648 SC.698 SC.699 SC.703 SC.734 SC.742 SC.743 SC.747 SC.981 SC.982 YMS.11 YMS.49 SC.743 SC.747 SC.981 SC.982 YMS.11 YMS.49
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(AO) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) (Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILEE BAY NOT SHOWN.) Merchant Vessels: "E.D.BAKER" "D.F.BARRY" "F.P.BLAIR"

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Merchant Vessels: "ADM.CHASE" "C.KING" "R.B.S.BEAN"

"HIRAM BINGHAM" "R.STUART" "WICHITA FALLS" "WM.

HUME" "MULIAMA" "THOS. JEFFERSON" A.D.WHITE"

- Warships & Aux. - "ML.429"

- Warships & Aux. - "WARREGO" "KATOOMBA" (AMS) PC.1119 Port Moresby Thursday Is. Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "Warrego" "Katoomea" (AMS) PC.1111
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- Warships & Aux. - "SAN PABLO" (AVP)
"Warships & Aux. - "HERON" (AVP) "BISHOPDALE" (AO)
"AMYCUS" (ARL) ML.431 YMS.313 YMS.314
- Warships & Aux. - "DRAYTON" "VENDETTA" (DD) "SWAN"
"BOWEN" "GOULEURN" "GEELCNG" "LIGHGOW" (AMS)
PC.1123 SC.650 SC.735 SC.741 NL.808 YMS.9 Palm Island Townsville Brisbane PC.1123 SC.650 SC.735 SC.741 ML.808 YES.9
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"KANIMELA" (APA) "ALGORAB" (AKA) "COUCAL" (ASR)
"SHEPPARTON" (Survey Vessel) "MERKUR" (AF) REMIE ! Heren (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WHYALLA" (AMS) (c) Proposed Movements: (1) "GEELONG" "LITHGOW" "SC.741" "YMS.73" escorting Convoy QL.29 (13 MV) to depart Calcundra 1600/14. "VENDETTA" to provide additional escort. (11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Buka-Bougainville - Photographs 12 November show all airfields unserviceable except Bonis. Only five aircraft are visible on all fields. Same photographs show a large number of 76 barges in the Buka Passage area in addition to 37 barges and 4 small craft in the southern Bougainville anchorages.

No shipping was found by six Mitchells on a sweep midday 12 November around the N.W. coast Bougainville.

Villages in Matchin Bay were bombed instead.

At 0435/13 Bonis airfield was strafed by Lightnings and four single engined planes were destroyed on the ground, a fifth was damaged and a barge carrying troops was probably destroyed in Matchin Bay.

At 0300/13 Buka was bombed and strafed by six Mitchells. At 1115/13 buildings at Tarlena in Matchin Bay were strafed by 16 Aircobras.
on Sea - Six enemy planes were located over shipping western
Bougainville at 0420/13 when might fighters shot down one (2) E. Solomon Sea medium bomber. (3) Cape St. George - Aircraft reported a large ship anchored off
Cape St. George night 12-13 November.

(4) Mandates-Bismarcks - (a) At 2306/12 one light cruiser, two destroyers were reported standing by one unidentified vessel 140

miles N.N.W. Mussau Island.

Midnight 12/13 November aircraft reported (b) an 11-ship convey at anchor in Cazelle & Channel between New Ireland and Dyaul Is; apparently & a destroyer was seen shortly afterwards approaching this convoy from the south east, probably for escort purposes.
(c) At 1306/13 one heavy cruiser, 2 unidentified

vessels were reported by aircraft 3 miles N.W. of Mussau Island course N.W.

(d) At the same time aircraft reported two gunboats, two possible transports, 8 miles S. of western New Hanover course N.W.; eight enemy fighters attacked our aircraft.

(e) At 2120/13 aircraft reported one tanker (7-10,000 tons), one large transport, 2 merchant ships with escorts, approximately 30 miles W.S.W. Kavieng course 140°.

At 2305/15 another aircraft reported three

large merchant ships, two destroyers 40 miles N.N.W.Rabaul course 170, possibly the same convoy as in the previous paragraph, apparently heading for Rabaul.

(f) Shortly before 0320/14 aircraft reported

five ships including one tanker, three large merchant vessels, one auxiliary 56 miles N.N.W. Rabaul course 3000.

(5) Kapingamarangi - P.m. 13 November Seapac patrol Liberator destroyed five floatplanes on the water at Mapingamarangi by a surprise bombing and strafing attack.

(6) Rabaul - at 0353-0420/13 Vunakanau and Tobers dromes were raided by six Beauforts.

(7) Gasmata - At 1230-1300/13 Gasmata airfield was attacked by nine Mitchells and eight Kittyhawks.

(8) Alexishafen - The airdromes at Alexishafen and general Alexishafen-Madang coastland were heavily attacked a.m. 13 November. Reports are not yet complete but the strike was apparently opened at 0730/13 by 16 strafing Mittyhawks, followed at 1000-1030/13 by at least 45 Liberators, 54 Mitchells with 50 Thunderbolts, concentrating on Ale xishafen strips and Madang Harbour area.

(9) Sio Area - Two northbound barges were destroyed night 11-12 November by PT boats off Sio coast. At 1600/12 coastal targets near Kiari (13 miles W. Sio) were attacked by 6 Marauders and 11

(10) Nadzab - At 1130/12 four bembers were apparently over Nadzab and at 1300/12 some ten more were reported in the area. No report of any raid has yet been received.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

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(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/14:

(1) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting Convoy TD.36 ("YARRA" "TIME") dep.
Thursday Is. 2031/12 for Darwin ETA 1530/17.
(2) "FREMANTLE" escorting "ALACNA" departed Darwin 0847/12 for
Millimgimbi was due 0900/14.

11 submarines on patrol. (3)

(b) In Harbour

Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" (AMS) MI.814 ML.815 Merchant Vessels: "PETER DESMET" "ALDINGA" "MATTHEW FLINDERS" Derwin

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Midnight 12-13 November Kaimana was attacked by three (1) Kaimana -Catalinas. Five small to medium merchant ships were observed in the vicinity of Kaimana.

(2) Kaukenau - was raided 13 November by three Liberators.
(3) Arafura Sea - At 1111/13 a probable enemy reconnaissance aircraft was located 85 miles W. of Cape Valsche.
(4) Tanimbar Is. - At 1300/14 a small sea truck was seen 10 miles S.E. of Larat Island (N.E. Tanimbar Group) course 2200. At 1545/13 this vessel was attacked in the same area by three Mitchells covered by three Beaufighters which sank same.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/14:

(b) In Harbour:

- Warshids & Auk. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK"

(CL) "TJERK HIDDES" "VAN CALEN" (DD) "CHILDS"

(AV) "HCR SHAM" "DUBBC" (AMS) "ATREUS" (CM)

"WHIPPOCRWILL" "LARK" (AR) "PELIAS" (AS) Fremantle "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ISABEL" (PY) YP. 286

· Examouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) YP. 288

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(a) At Sea to 1200/14: (1) ALLIED FORCES

(1) "MIZAR" departed Brisbane 0310/14 for Sydney ETA 2000/15.
(2) "POLLUX" en route Milne Bay ex to Sydney ETA 1900/14.
(3) "LE TRIOMPHANT" departed Sydney 0019/14 for Melbourne ETA 0830/15.
(4) "YANDRA" "BROOME" "KALGOORLIE" escorting Convoy C0.143 (6 MV)

were to depart Newcastle 1000/14.
(5) "DELORAINE" "MILDURA" "GLENELG" escorting Convoy C0.142 (14 MV)

to Melbourne. Escorts RV with Convoy 00.142 and return

Sydney except "MILDURA" to continue to Melbourne.
(6) "DOONBA" escorting Convoy 00.142 for Pt. Kembla ETA 2300/16 Sydney

ETA 0400/7 and Newcastle ETA 1300/7, departed Port

Philip Heads 2130/13 to RV with C0.142 Wilson's Promontory.

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) SC.982

- Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (OL) "STUART" (DD)

"MORESBY" "BUNDABERG" "BENDIGO" "BALLARAT"

"TOWN SVILLE" "PIRIE" "WARRNAMBOOL"

"CASTLEMAINE" (AMS) "HILO" (PG) "BUNGAREE"

(CM) "KYBRA" (A/S vessels) ML.430 ML.817 Port Stephens Sydney

ML.822

(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "WILCANNIA" (AMS)
bourne - Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL" "KAPUNDA" (AMS)
sternport - Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel) Melbourne Westernport

(c) Proposed Movements:

(I) "BENDIGO" "BALLARAT" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convey GP.83 (5 MV) to depart Sydney 0800/14 for Calcundra.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

(1) Ellice Islands - Between 2025 and 2242/11 twelve enemy bombers raided Nanumea Island, causing slight casualties and damage. One enemy plane was shot down by A/A.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
- (2) Air and possibly naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- (3) Use of parges, submarines and destroyers for night trasnportation runs to forward areas.
- (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

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3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

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- * INDIANAPOLIS
- R SALT LAKE CITY R PORTLAND
- * MINNEAPOLIS * LOUISVILLE
- * WICHITA

HONOLULU RENO RCONCORD R OAKLAND

AV/EVS XAV/XCVS DD

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POCOMORE

Approx 35 Approx 50

ENEMY FORCES

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

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Allied and Enemy Activity

No. 656 Date:

15 November 1943

PART I.

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

- (1) "ML.747" with "GEN.VERSPIJK" reported stranded in position 9036'S 150°11'E (Ward Hunt Strait) at 0200/13 whilst en route oro Bay.
- (2) "PC.1120" escorting 1 MV departed Milne Bay 1400/12 for Lae ETA 1400/15.
- (3) "YMS.336" escorting "Y.14" departed Milne Bay 1500/14 for Buna ETA 1600/15.
- (4) "ML.805" departed Port Moresby 1223/14 to RV with "MERNOO" cable laying in vicinity Redscar Bay.
- (5) "GILMER" escorting 3 LST's departed Port Moresby 1031/14 for
- Milne Bay ETA China Strait 1230/15.

 (6) "WAGGA" "STAWELL" "ARARAT" "GYMPIE" "SC.732" escorting Convoy
 TN.177 (14 MV). "WAGGA" "STAWELL" escort Portion A

 ("CAPE MEREDITH" "KATOOMBA" "MARGUS DALY" "SHIKELAMY") to Port Moresby. Others escort Portion B ("ABIGAIL ADAMS" "BISHOPDALE" "BONTEKOE" "S. CRANE" "DUNTROON" "G.H.FLANDERS" "J.LYKES" "D.McLEAY" "F.B.OLSON" "PARUD")
 to Milne Bay. ETA both portions 1400/15.
- "YP.233" departed Thursday Is. 0715/12 for Milne Bay ETA 1930/15.
 "TASMAH" departed Brisbane 0120/12 for Milne Bay ETA 2359/15.
- (9) "YMS.313" "YMS.314" escorting convoy TN.178 (10 MV including "AMYCUS") were to depart Townsville to RV with other escorts vicinity Fitzroy Island approximately 1600/15
- for Port Moresby and Milne Bay ETA both portions 1200/18.

 (10) "PC.476" escorting "KURUMBA" departed Milne Bay 0530/13 for Thursday Is. ETA 1530/15. "KURUMBA" to proceed Darwin.
- "YP.280" was to depart Milne Bay 11 November for Townsille. (11)
- "YP. 236" departed Caloundra approx 1100/13 for Palm Island ETA (12)1900/16, thence to proceed Cairns for onward routeing
- to Milne Bay.
 (13) "ROCKHAMPTON" "ECHUCA" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy PG.82
- (14) "VENDETTA" "GEELONG" "LITHGOW" "SC.741" escorting Convoy QL.29

 (13 MV, 1 LST) departed Calcundra 1600/14 ETA Bustard

 Head 0100/16. "VENDETTA" "GEELONG" return Brisbane from
 Lady Elliott Island.
- (15) 9 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. "PC.1121" "SC.738" "SC.746"

 Merchant Vessels: "FREMONT OLDER" "W.VAN DEVENTER"

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- Warships & Aux. "SC.637" "YMS.51" "YMS.335" Buna

"WL.424" "ML.425" "ML.428" "ML.801" "ML.806"

"ML.816" "ML.819" "PORTUNUS" (AGP)

Merchant Vessels: "BALIKPAPAN" "J.H.ROSSETER" "W.WRIGHT"

- Warships & Aux. - "SC.687" Oro Bay Merchant Vessels: "J.LANE" "LUDDINGTON" "RING LARDNER"
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Kiriwina - Warships & Aux. - "SC.749"
Woodlark Is-Warships & Aux. - "SC.745" Goodenough- Warships & Aux. - Mil Merchant Vessels: "C.KOHRS" "W.E.CHANNING" "J.PALMER" Island "HANYANG" "VAQUERO" Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "SMITH" "PERKINS" "MAHAN" "BAGLEY"
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"W.B.BURNHAM" "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" "CAPE SANDY" "CITY OF PORT WORTH" "J.M.CLEMENTS" "J.M.DALY" "H. DODGE" "J. EVANS" "J. HOLMES" "JANSSENS" "MACTAN" "KARSIK" "HORAB" "OSARK" "A. PIERCE" "THOS.C. POWER" "SEA WITCH" SIBIGO" "M.M. STEWART" "H. STAN BURY" "VAN OUTHOORN" "WEST CACTUS" "E.M.WESTCOTT" Port Moresby-Warships & Aux. - Nil.

Merchant Vessels: "ADM.CHASE" "C.KING" "R.B.S.BEAN"

"HIRAM BINGHAM" "R.STUART" "WICHITA FALLS"

"WM.HUME" "MULIAMA" "THOS.JEFFERSON" "A.D.WHITE" Thursday Is.-Warships & Aux. - "ML.429"
Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "BUNBURY" "COLAC" "GLADSTONE" "WARREGO" "KATOOMBA" (AMS) PC.477 PC.1119 PC.1124 SC.736 SC.737 YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48

YMS.71 ML.426 ML.431 ML.804 ML.803 ML.812

"PLATYPUS" (AR) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" (APA)

Palm Island- Warships & Aux. - "SAN PABLO" (AVP)

Townsville - Warships 7 Aux. - "HERON" (AVP) "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "ANYCUS" (ARL) ML.431 YMS.313 YMS.314
- Warships & Aux. - "DRAYTON" (DD) "SWAN" "BOWEN"
"GOULBURN" (AMS) PC.1123 SC.650 SC.735 ML.808 Brisbane YMS.9 YMS.10 YMS.73 YP.291 "CARTER HALL" (LSD)
"H.T.ALLEN" "KANIMBLA" (APA) "ALGORAB" (AKA)
(VICTORIA" (AO) "COUCAL" (ASR) "SHEPPARTON"
(SURVEY VESSEL) "MERKUR" (AF) "MANUMDA" (AH) (Repairing, Trials, etc.) - WHYALLA" (AMS) (c) Proposed Movements: (1) "KATOOMBA" "PC.1119" "PC.1124" "ML.431" to depart Cairns to RV (11) EHEMY FORCES (1) Choiseul - Further reports of enemy troops moving to the N.W. end.

with Convey TN.178 vicinity Fitzroy Is. approx 1600/15.

(2) Buin-Faisi - Photos show all southern Bougainville runways unserviceable on both November 13 and 14. Photos November 12 show 33 barges and three other small craft in this area, 5 fighters on Mahili, one on Ballal At 1215/14 49 Dauntless, 8 Avengers, 16 Corsairs attacked installations and runway Ballale. Nil interception, mil loss. Some A/A encountered. One Thunderbolt night fighter harassed Buin-Shortlands area for one hour during night 13-14 November (3) Empress Augusta Bay - No air contacts were made over this area during 14 November.

Twenty Avengers attacked enemy positions in the area to the N.E. of Cape Torokina November 14.

(4) Buka-Bougainville - At 0300/13 six Mitchells attacked Buka airdrome. At 1126/13 seventeen Liberators attacked Bonis airfield which is still apparently serviceable.

At 1115/13 16 Aircobras strafed buildings at Tarlena, (5) Bismarcks - Mandates - A further report of the force sighted off
Mussau Island at 1145/13 indicates that this included one heavy
cruiser, one gunboat and one merchant vessel all of which

were apparently stationary. This force may possibly be the damaged heavy cruiser ex Rabaul which was observed to the westward of New Hanover on 12 November heading north. The known damaged condition of this vessel may well have forced these vessels to seek shelter off Mussau Island, while repairs to possible break-downs were being effected.

At 1350/14 a northbound convoy of three vessels, described as one destroyer and two merchantmen, was observed

205 miles to the north of Mussau Island course 30°.
At 1212/13 two enemy gunboats escorting a merchant
vessel were observed 32 miles S.E. Mussau Island on course 135°. The reconnaissance Liberator making the report was intercepted by eight enemy fighters, who dropped phosphorous type bombs at our aircraft.

The Catalina which attacked the six-ship convcy heading into Rabaul at C154/14 reported scoring one 500 lb. bomb hit

on a large cargo vessel.

Another Catalina attacking a force of three vessels 18 miles N.W. Rabaul at 0200/14 reports scoring a 1000 lb. bomb hit on a light cruiser. The enemy force was described as one light cruiser, one large cargo vessel, one small vessel and these were reported to be heading towards Rabaul at the time of the attack.

(6) Kapingamarangi - Afternoom November 13 two Soupac Liberators attacked camouflaged grounded aircraft and buildings destroying five floatplanes and starting several fires. The following day another Liberator strafed the damaged aircraft and bivouse area this island. Nil enery activity was observed and the bivouse area appeared deserted.

(7) Cape Hoskins - Two barges were reported off this area at 1845/14.
(8) Hansa Bay - Considerable small craft activity was reported at the northern end of Hansa Bay a.m. November 13.

(9) Alexishafen-Madang - Both Alexishafen and Madang strips were reported to be probably serviceable a.m. November 14. Ten possible aircraft more reported observed on Madang strip.

Further details of the raid on Alexishafen strips forenoon Movember 13 indicate 57 Liberators and 70 Mitchells were involved escorted by 48 Thunderbolts and 16 Kittyhawks. Both fields were thoroughly worked over and four grounded aircraft were destroyed and others damaged. Fuel dumps, buildings and several barges in the vicinity were also destroyed or damaged. One Kittyhawk is missing.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1)ALLIED FORCES

- At Sea to 1200/15:
- (1) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting Convoy TD.36 ("YARRA" "TIME") dep. Thursday Is. 2031/12 for Darwin ETA 1530/17.
- (2) 11 submarines on patrol.
 - (b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" (AMS) ML.814 ML.815 Merchant Vessels: "PETER DESMET" "ALDINGA" "MATTHEW FLINDERS"

Millimgimbi- Warships & Aux. - "FREMANTLE" Merchant Vessels: "ALAGNA"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Kaimana Forencom November 13 three small coasters and 10-15 schooners and praus sighted in the vicinity west of Utarom (4 miles W. Kaimana).
- Three Catalinas attacked this area night 13-14 November.
- (3) Boela (Ceram) Two Catalinas attacked waterfront this area night November 13-14.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL)
"TJERK HIDDES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "CHILDS" (AV)
"HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) "ATREUS" (CM) Fremantle "WHIPPOORWILL" "LARK" (AR) "PELIAS" (AS)
"CHANTICLIER" (ASR) "ISABEL" (PY) SC.739 YP.286
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B. FRESTON" (AVD) YP.288

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

(1) "MIZAR" departed Brisbane 0310/14 for Sydney ETA 2000/15.

(2) "POLLUX" en route Milne Bay to Sydney ETA 1900/14.

(3) "LE TRIOMPHANT" departed Sydney 0019/14 for Melbourne ETA 0830/15.

(4) "YANDRA" "BROOME" "KALGOORLIE" escorting Convey CO.143 (6 MV) for Melbourne ETA 1200/17.

(5) "DELORAINE" "GLENELG" escorting Convey 00.142 (12 MV) for Pt.Kembla ETA 2300/16, Sydney ETA 1300/17 and Newcamble ETA 1300/17.

(6) "BENDIGO" "BALLARAT" escorting Convey GP.83 (4 ships including "BUNGAREE") departed Sydney 0845/14 for Calcundra ETA 2100/16. 2100/16.

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) SC.982
- Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "STUART" (DD)

"MORESBY" "BUNDABERG" "TOWNSVILLE" "PIRIE"

"WARHNAMBOOL" "CASTLEMAINE" (AMS) "HILO" (PG)

"BUNGAREE" (CM) "KYBRA" (A/S vessels) ML.430 Port Stephens Sydney (Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "WILCANNIA" (AMS)

1bourne - Warships & Aux. - "NILDURA" "INVERELL" "KAPUNDA"

(AMS) "DOOMBA" (A/S vessel)

sternport - Warships 7 Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S vessel)

Melbourne

Westernport

NAVAL INCIDENTS

Central Solomons - Enemy aircraft attacked allied cruiser - destroyer task force units in the Central Schomons as follows:

> (a) Forencon November 11 seven enemy floatplanes and two medium bombers attacked these units south of Ganongga Island. One torpedo was released but avoided. One enemy aircraft was shot down and the remainder driven off without any further torpedces or bombs being released.

(b) At 0500/13 enemy torpedo carrying aircraft attacked task force units fiftyfive miles S.W. Empress Augusta Bay. An allied night fighter shot down one medium bomber out of six intercepting while A/A fire from our warships is also reported to have shot down one enemy aircraft. One of our cruisers received one torpedo hit.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, (1)

Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.

Air and possibly naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas. (2)

Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.
Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South (3)

(4) West Pacific areas.

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PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

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CV	-	SARATOGA ESSEX BUNKER HILL	•	ZUIKAKU
CV(L)	-	PRINCETON INDEPENDENCE	-	•
CV (E)	-	NASSAU PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON	-	•
CA	-	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	•	CHOKAI KUMANO SUZUYA) Possibl MOGAMI)all TIKUMA) damaged MAYA Badly damaged
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<u>DD</u>	STUART VENDETTA CONYNGHAM BAGLEY DRAYTON FLUSSER LAMSON MAHAN PERKINS REID LE TRIOMPH	Approx 45	10-15 Some poss. sunk or damaged	25 (some repairing

	est Pacific rn Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls	
<u>ss</u>	ALBACORE BALAO BLACKFISH DRUM RAY SCAMP SILVERSIDE:) on Patrol	20	20	
	GATO PETO GUARDFISH RATON S.31)) At Brisbane)			
	K. 9	At Sydney			
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AR	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS			
AIRCRAFT (N.E	.Area Only)				
Fighters (inc Light & M/Bon SE/Bombers Flying Boats Floatplanes Transport & (104)	entative assessme	ent only	
		2. SOUTH EAS	STERN PACIFIC		
CL	TRENTON				
DD	2				

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

	3	· CENTRAL PACIFIC	
- <u>A</u>	LLIED FORCES		ENEMY FORCES
BB ·	NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND OKLAHOMA MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO IDAHO ** CALIFORNIA		YAMASHIRO ISE HYUGA (being modernised)
CV	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON		SHOKAKU
CV(T)	-		нозно
CV(L)	COWPENS BELLEAU WOCD	*	HITAKA RYUHO ZUIHO ** HAYATAKA
CV(E)	SUNANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO BARNES ALTANAHA COPAHEE LISCOMBE BAY LONG ISLAND MISSION BAY		UNYO CHITOSE CHUYO OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER NEW ORLEANS SAN FRANCISCO PENSACOLA MINDIAN APOLIS MINDIAN APOLIS MONTH PORTLAND MINNEAPOLIS LOUISVILLE MUICHITA		TONE # AOBA # HAGURO # MYOKO # ATAGO # TAKAO
OCA	-		. 6
CL	H HONOLULU RENO CONCORD OAKLAND		TATSUTA WAKAMIYA TAMA ** KISO ** YUBARI (poss.effective in ** NATORI S.theatre) 2-3
XCL AV/CVS XAV/XCVS DD SS AS	Approx 35 Approx 50		CHIYODA (under conversion 2 to ACV) 25 (a few repairing) Approx 30
AU	?	* Non-effective	1

	ALLIED FORCES	4. CENTRAL PACIFIC	MOST SECRET 15 November, 1943 ENEMY FORCES
CA	LOUISVILLE		NACHI
CA CL	DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND		ABUKUMA
XCL	-		1
AV/CVS	•		AKITSUSHIMA
V/XCVS			1
	22		5
33	10		Approx 4.
35 AS			1

AS AS	10			Approx 4.	
The state of the s		EAST I	NDIES - INDIAN (CEAN	
	Southwest Pa (Western Sec		Eastern Fleet	Area East Indies-Philippin	nes
BB CV(E)	-		RAMILLIES BATTLER	•	
CA	•		SUFFOLK SUSSEX HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA	
•	ADELATDE VAN HEEMSP	ERK	MAURITIUS KENYA NEWCASTLE MANCHESTER CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN CARADOC DANAE DURBAN EMERALD	KUMA OI KITAGAMI KINU	
CL(T) XCL			CANTON CARTHAGE CHITRAL	KASHII 1	
			RANPURA WORCE STERSHIR	E	
AV/CVS	CHILDS W.B. PRESTO	N	ALBATROSS	KAMOI	
XAV/XCVS	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDE	ES	Approx 27	10	
88	BILLFISH DELUEFISH DOWPIN CAPELIN CISCO COD COD CREVALLE MARWHAL RASHER TUNA	On Pat	rol		
	K.12 BONEFISH) CABRILLA) KINGFISH) POMPON > PUFFER)	At Fre	mantle		
Fighters (Light & M/SE/Bombers Flying Bos Floatplane	ats	y) -eng.)	? 122 81 12 12 **N 54 44 -4-	on-effective	

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 657

Date: 16 November, 1943

PART I.

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/16:

(1) "ML.747" with "GEN.VERSPIJK" reported stranded in position 9036'S 150°11'E (Ward Hunt Strait) at 0200/13 whilst en route Oro Bay.

"ML.818" departed Milne Bay 1530/15 for Buna. (2)

- (3) "ML.805" with "MERNOO" cable laying in vicinity Redscar Bay.
 (4) "KATOOMBA" "PC.1119" "PC.1124" "ML.431" "YMS.313" "YMS.314" escerting Convoy TN.178 (10 MV, 3 PT's) departed Fitzroy Island approx. 1600/15. "PC.1119" escorts Portion A ("THEDENS") to Port Moresby, others escort Portion B ("AMYCUS" "ALAMO" "T.CORWIN" "GREY LAG." "JAPARA" "T.C.LOWE" "B.OSBORNE" "W.H. POINT" "C.P. STEINMETZ" and 3 PT's in tow) to Milne Bay. ETA both portions 1200/18.

(5) "YP.236" departed Caloundra approx 1100/13 for Palm Island ETA 1900/16, thence to proceed Cairns for onward routeing to Milne Bay.

- "WARREGO" departed Cairns 2031/15 for Townsville 1100/17 conducting (6) exercised en route.
- (7) 9 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

- CAYO

- Warships & Aux. - "PC.1120" "PC.1121" "SC.738" "SC.746" Lae

Merchant Vessels: "FREMONT OLDER" "W. VAN DEVENTER"

Morobe

- Warships & Aux. - "ML.427" - Warships & Aux. - "SC.637" "YMS.51" "YMS.336" "ML.424" "ML.425" "ML.428" "ML.801" "ML.806" Buna

"ML.816" "ML.819" "PORTUNUS" (AGP)

Merchant Vessels: "J.ROSSETER" - Warships & Aux. - "SC.687"

Oro Bay

Merchant Vessels: "J.LANE" "LUDDINGTON" "RING
LARDNER" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "REIJNST" "CHAS.
L.SMITH" "J.KELLY" "KARSIK"

- Warships & Aux. - "TRINITY" (AO) "PC.479" Porlock Hrb.

Kiriwina - Warships & Aux. - "SC.749" Sequel Woodlark Is. Warships & Aux. - "SC.745"

Goodenough Is. - Warships & Aux. -Merchant Vessels: "J. PALMER" "HANYANG"

- Warships & Aux. - "SMITH" "PERKINS" "MAHAW"
"BAGLEY" "SHAW" "CONYNGHAM" "MUGFORD" "REID" Milne Bay "FLUSSER" "LAMSON" (DD) "BROOKS" "GILMER" (APD) "ARARAT" "GYMFIE" (AMS) SC.648 SC.698 SC.699 SC.703 SC.731 SC.732 SC.734 SC.742 SC.743 SC.748 SC.981 SC.750 \$2.982 YMS.50 YMS.52 YMS.53 YMS.70 SC.744 SC.747 YMS.11 YMS.49 YMS.50 YMS.72 YMS.334 YMS.335 YP.233 YP.278 YP.283
ML.430 PC.479 PC.1122 19 LST's 15 APC's
48 PT's "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "RIGEL" (AR) "DOBBIN"
(AD) "OTUS" "FULTON" (AS) "HALF MOON" (AVF) "SUSCIEMANNA" "BISHOPDALE" "AASE MAERSK" (AO) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "TASMAN" (AH) SFECIAL OFERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILE BAY HOT SHOWN.) Merchant Vessels: "ABIGAIL ADAMS" "E.D. BAKER"

"BALIKPAPAN" "D.F. BARRY" "F. P. BLAIR" "BONTEKOE"

"BORGFRED" "G.S. BOUTWELL" "A. BURLINGBAM" "W.B. "BORGFRED" "G.S.BOUTWELL" "A.BURLINGHAM" "W.B.
BURNHAM" "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" "GAPE SANDY" "CITY

OF FORT WORTH" "J.M.CLEMENTS" "S.CRANE"

"J.M.DALY" "H.DODGE" "DUNTROON" "J.EVANS"

"G.H.FLANDERS" "J.HOLMES" "JANSSENS" "J.LYKES"

"D.MCLEAY" "MACTAN" "KARSIK" "HORAB" "F.B.OLSON"

"OSARK" "PAHUD" "A.PIERCE" "THOS. C.POWER"

"SEA WITCH" "SIBIGO" "M.M.STEWART" "H.STANBURY"

"VAN OUTHOORN" "VAQUERO" "WEST CACTUS" "E.M. WESTCOTT" "W.WRIGHT" Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "WASCA" "STAWELL" (AMS) "HUMPHREYS"
"SANDS" (APD) "SHIKELAMY" (AO)

Merchant Vessels: "ADM.CHASE" "C.KING" "R.E.S.BEAN"

"W.E.CHANNING" "CAPE MEREDITH" "KATOOMBA" "MARCUS DALY" "HIRAM BINGHAM" "R.STUART" "WICHITA FALLS" "C. KOHRS" "WM. HUME" "MULIAMA" "THOS. JEFFERSON" "A.D. WHITE" day Is. - Warships & Aux. - "PC.476" "KURUMBA" (AC)

s - Warships & Aux. - "BUNBURY" "COLAC" "GLADSTONE"

WAGGA STAWELL (AMS) PC.477 SC.735 SC.737 YMS.8 YMS.46

YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.71 ML.426 ML.304 ML.803

ML.812 "PLATYPUS" (AR) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" Thursday Is. Cairns (APA) - Warships & Aux. - "SAN PABLO" (AVP) Palm Island - Warships & Aux. - "HERON" (AVF) "BISHOPDALE" (AO) Townsville YP. 280 - Warships & Aux. - "LITHGOW" "SC.741"
- Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA" "DRAYTON" (DD) "SWAN"
LITHOW "BOWEN" "GRELONG" "GOULBURN" (AMS) PC.1123 Gladstone Brisbane SC.735 ML.808 YMS.9 YMS.10 YMS.73 "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "H.T.ALLEN" SC.650 YP. 291 "KAHIMBLA" (APA) "ALGORAB" (AKA) "VICTORIA" (AO)
"COUCAL" (ASR) "SHEPPARTON" (Survey Vessel)
"MERKUR" (AF) "MANUNDA" (AH)
(Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WHYALLA" (AMS) (c) Proposed Movements: (1) "LITHGOW" "SC.741" escerting Convoy LQ.29 (3 MV) to depart Gladstone 2200/16. (2) "WARREGO" escorting "TAROONA" to depart Townsville p.m. 17 Nov. for Milne Bay.

(3) "GEELONG" "SC.650" "SC.735" "YMS.73" escorting Convoy QL.30 to depart Calcundra 1600/17. "SC.650" to return Brisbane from Lady Elliott Island: "YMS.73" to proceed Townsville independently from Bustard Head: "CEELONG" "SC. 735" to escort convoy LQ.30 departing Fort Curtis 2200/19. (ii) ENEMY FORCES (1) Treasury Islands - Two hundred Japanese are now reported to have been killed and seven taken prisoner in this area.

(2) Buin-Faisi - Forencon November 14 18 Liberators were over Kahili

weather conditions. One Liberator is missing.

but only one dropped bombs on Kahili airfield and another in the Shortlands area with unobserved results due bad

Night November 14-15 one Thunderbolt tombed Shortlands area destroying one floatplane, also strafed two barges.

Meanwhile one Ventura bombed Kara and Kahili.

At 1140/15 51 Dauntless, 26 Avengers escorted by 16

Corsairs bombed Fara field scoring many hits on runway, building and supply area and among gun positions and installations.

All aircraft returned.

(3) Bougainville - On November 11 and 12 cur ground troops made minor advances Empress Augusta Bay area contacting several small enemy patrols. On November 13 our forces encountered enemy prepared positions in the vicinity of track junction N. of Piva. Intermittent fighting was also reported E. of Laruma River while our troops on the east flank have now moved to the west bank of Piva River. Night November 11-12 seven enemy aircraft bombed Paruata Island, E. of Torokina.

Our night fighters over this area night November 14-15

Our night fighters over this area night November 14-15 reported no contact with any enemy aircraft. Our daylight patrols on 15 November also reported negative contacts but again strafed casual enemy positions around the Bougainville coast. Eight barges were destroyed, one small coaster and several barges damaged, eight buildings set on fire and many

others damaged.

(4) Mussau Island - At 1109/15 one gunboat and one medium sized freighter were reported 85 miles N. Mussau Island heading north.

(5) St. George's Channel - At 0030/15 a Navy Catalina reported two corvettes with a medium sized freighter at the northern end of St. George's Channel heading north. During an attack by the Catalina a direct hit was scored with a 250 lb. bomb and a near miss with a 1000 lb. bomb on the merchant vessel which was subsequently beached on the west coast of New Ireland.

At 2250/15 a light cruiser, destroyer and merchant vessel were reported 25 miles N. by E. of Rabaul, course 300°. This may possibly be the same force as attacked at Co30/15.

(6) Rabaul - During night November 14-15, 21 Beauforts attacked
shipping Rabaul Harbour, scoring two direct hits on stern
of one large transport which was last observed sinking, also

two hits or very near misses on another large merchant vessel.

(7) Cape Orford - At 2240/14 some of the above Beauforts reported sighting a possibly convoy of four vessels off Cape Orford, course unstated. This may possibly be barges engaged on night transportation run.

(8) Cape Hoskins - Two barges reported in Gavuvu Passage off Cape

Hoskins night November 14.

(9) New Britain - Two Liberators on a special night search for shipping along north coast New Britain night November 14-15 reported sighting a possible small coaster or gunboat 28 miles 3.W. of Ubili on E.course, at 0040/15, and one or two small coasters 35 miles N.N.W. Talasea on S. course at 0100/15. These craft are probably engaged on night transportation runs to enemy positions along the New Britain coast.

(10) Wewak - At 1135/15 several small harbour craft were reported in

Wewak Harbour.

(11) Ramu Valley - At 1000/15 13 Thunderbolts escorting a force of Mitchells to strike Wewak, encountered 14 enemy medium bombers and 20 fighters over Gusap. One bomber and two fighters were reported to have been shot down.

(12) N. coast Huon Peninsula - Nine Mitchells attacked enemy shore positions from Sio to Fortification Point forencon November 14.

The coastal road was reported to be well used by motor transport.

(13) Finschhafen - At 1050/14 13 enemy medium bombers attacked Finschhafen Harbour area.

(14) Dobodura - At 0423/15 six enemy aircraft attacked the Soputa-Dobodura strip area without effect.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/16:

(1) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting Convoy TD.35 ("YARRA" "TIME") dep. Thursday
Is. 2031/12 for Darwin ETA 1530/17.

(2) "FREMANTLE" departed Millimgimbi 1100/15 for Thursday Is. ETA 0430/17.

(3) 11 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" (AMS) "ML.814" "ML.815" Merchant Vessels: "PETER DESMET" "ALDINGA" Darwin "MATTHEW FLINDERS"

Millimgimbi - Warships & Aux. 9 "ML.429" Merchant Vessels: "ALAGNA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "ML.429" to escort "ALAGNA" from Millimgimbi to position 11°49'S 137°46'E whence "ML.429" to proceed Darwin, "ALAGNA"

to proceed Thursday Island unescorted.
(2) "FREMANTLE" escorting "KURUMBA" "BURWAH" is to depart Thursday Is.

as soon as possible after arrival for Darwin.

(ii)ENEMY FORCES

(1) Kaimans - Night November 14-15 one Catalina bombed this area. Two coasters and one barge were observed.

(2) Babo - Night November 14-15 three Catalinas attacked Babo, destroying at least two and probably four other aircraft on the ground and causing many fires in the area. One enemy night fighter was observed but failed to intercept.

(3) Kokas - Photos November 13 show seven barges.

(4) Fak Fak - Photos November 13 reveal five barges.

(5) Timor - Night November 14-15 four Hudsons and one Mitchell attacked dispersal area Penfoei airfield causing fires.

(6) Millimgimbi - One enemy reconnaissance aircraft was indicated in this area forencon Nevember 15.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALL IED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/16:

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL)
"TJERK HIDDES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "CHILDS" (AV)
"HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) "ATREUS" (CM) Fremantle "WHIPPOORWILL" "LARK" (AR) "PELIAS" (AS) "CHANTICLEER" (AR) " ISABEL" (PY) SC.739 YP.286

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) YP. 288

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/16:

(1) "TOWNSVILLE" escorting "CANBERRA" was to depart Sydney 0500/16

for Calcundra.

(2) "BENDIGO" "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy GP.83 (4 ships including "BUNGAREE") departed Sydney 0845/14 for Calcundra

ETA 2100/16.

(3) "ROCKHAMPTON" "ECHUCA" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy PG.82

(5 MV) departed Galoundra 1219/14 for Sydney ETA 2000/16.

(4) %DELORAINE" "GLENELG" escorting Convey OC.142 (12 MV) for Pt. Kembla ETA 2300/16, Sydney ETA 1300/17 and Newcastle ETA 1300/17.

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(5) "YANDRA" "BROOME" "KALGOORLIE" escorting Convoy CO.143 (6 MV) for Melbourne ETA 0300/17.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) SC.982
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "STUART" (DD)
"MORESBY" "BUNDABERG" "PIRIE" "WARRNAMBOOL" "CASTLEMAINE" (AMS) "HILO" (PG) "BUNGAREE"

(CM) "KYBRA" (A/S vessel) ML.430 ML.817

ML.822 "MIZAR" (AF) "POLLUX" (AKS)

(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "WILCANNIA" (AMS)

- Warships & Aux. - "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD) "MILDURA"
"INVERELL" "KAPUNDA" (AMS) "DOOMBA" (A/S Melbourne vessel)

- War ships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S vessel)

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

Westernport

ENEMY FORCES

Funafuti - Night November 13-14 six enemy bombers attacked Funafuti airfield causing some damage to installations and burning three aircraft.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

(1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.

(2) Air and possibly naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.

(3) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.

(4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

	ALLIED FORCES		ENE	MY FORCES
	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
BE		WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS SOUTH DAKOTA ALABAWA TENNESSEE		YAMATO MUSASHI KONGO HARUNA FUSO NAGATO MUTSU
CA	-	SARATOGA ESSEK BUNKER HILL		ZUIKAKU
CV(L)		PRINCETON INDEPENDENCE	-	•
ÇV(E)	•	NASSAU PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON		•
<u>CA</u>		AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE		CHOKAI KUMANO SUZUYA (damåged) TIKUMA (damaged) M MOGAMI M MAYA
<u>CL</u>	TROMP * HCBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER NASHVILLE ST.LOUIS SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN SANTA FE MCBILE M BIRMINGHAM M DENVER M LEANDER	AGANO (Badly damaged)	NAGARA OYODO NOSHIRO)Prob. NAKA)all 3 ISUZU)damaged
CL(T)		-	•	KATORI
XCL		-	1 damaged	1 - 3
<u>DD</u>	STUART VENDETTA CONYNGHAM BAGLEY DRAYTON FLUSSER LANSON MAHAN PERKINS REID LE TRIOMPHANI	Approx 45	10-15 Some poss. sunk or damaged	25 (Some repairing)

	vest Pacific ern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
SS	ALBACORE) BALAO) BLACKFISH) DRUM) RAY) SCAM P SILVERSIDES) PETO) RATON)	On Patrol	20	20
	GATO GUARDFISH) S.31)	At Brisbane		
	K. 9	At Sydney		
AV/CVS	HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON	WRIGHT BALLARD CHANDEL IER	•	NOTORO
MAV/MCVS		3	-	3-4
PT	35	Approx 30	?	?
APA/APD/AKA	H.T.ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA KANIMBLA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA		
AS	FULTON OTUS		-	?
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN DIXIE		1	1
AR	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS		
AIRCRAFT (N.	E.Area Only)			
Fighters (in Light & M/Box SE/Bombers Flying Boats Floatplanes Transport &		209 104 21 2 50 14		

* Non-effective

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TRENTON

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3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

	ALLIED FORCES	ENEMY FORCES
BB	NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO	YAMASHIRO ISE HYUGA (being modernised)
	MARYLAND OKLAHAMA MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO IDAHO CALIFORNIA	
CA	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	SHOKAKU
CV(T)	•	HOSHC
CV(L)	COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD	HITAKA RYUHC ZUIHC HAYATAKA
CV(E)	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO BARNES ALTAMAHA COPAHEE LISCOMBE BAY LONG ISLAND MISSION BAY	UNYO CHITGSE CHUYO OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	BALTIMORE BCSTON CHESTER NEW ORLHANS SAN FRANCISCO PENSACOLA MINDIANAPOLIS MINDIANAPOLIS MINDIANAPOLIS MINHEAPOLIS MUNICHITA	TONE # AOBA # HAGURO # MYOKO # ATAGO # TAKAO
OCA	•	6
<u>CL</u>	# HONOLULU # RENO # CONCORD # CAKLAND	TATSUTA WAKAMIYA TAMA ** KISO ** YUBARI (poss.effective in ** NATORI S.theatre)
CL(T) XCL AV/CVS XAV/XCVS	POCOMOKE Approx 35	KASHIMA 2-3 CHIYODA (under conversion 2 to ACV) 25 (a few repairing)
DD SS AS	Approx 50	Approx 30

	ALLIED FORCE		4. CENTRAL PACIFIC	MOST SECRET 16 November, 1943 ENEMY FORCES
CA CL	LOUISVILLI DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	Ē -		NACHI ABUKUMA
XCL AV/CVS XAV/XCVS	=			AKITSUSHIMA
AS	10			Approx 4
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Militaria e de la composição de la compo	Southwest Pac (Western Sect		Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
BB CV(E)	-		RAMILLIES BATTLER	•
CA	-		SUFFOLK SUSSEX HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
CL	ADELAIDE VAN HREMSI	TERK	MAURITIUS KENYA NEWCASTLE MANCHESTER CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN CARADOC DANAE DURBAN EMERALD	KUMA OI KITAGANI KINU
CL(T)	•		CANTON CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	KASHII
AV/CVS	CHILDS W.B. PRESTO	N	ALBATROSS	KAMOI
DD XAV/XCVS	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDD	ES	Approx 27	10
	BILLFISH) BLUEFISH) BOWFIN) CAPELIN) CISCO) GOD) GREVALLE) MARWHAL) RASHER)		Patrol	
	K.12 BONEFISH CABRILLA KINGFISH POMPON PUFFER	At F	Fremantle	
A TO AN A STORY	PELIAS	,	?	
AIRCRAFT Fighters Light & M/ SE/Bombers Flying Bos	(N.W.Area Only incl. 5 twin- Bombers	eng.)	122 79 12 12	
Floatplane	ats s & Obsn.A/C		12 53 44 - 4 -	

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PART I.

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/17:

- (1) "CTF.74" in "AUSTRALIA" with "SHROPSHIKE" "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "HELM" "RALPH TALBOT" due Milne Bay 1700/17.
- (2) "GILMER" departed Milne Bay 1700/15 for Brisbane ETA 0600/19.
 (3) "SANDS" and "HUMPHREYS" escorting 3 LST's en route Moresby to Buna
- ETA China Strait 1400/17.

 (4) "ML.747" with "GEN.VERSPIJK" reported stranded in position 9036'S 150°11'B (Ward Hunt Strait) at 0200/13 whilst en route
- Oro Bay.

 (5) "ML.805" with "MERNCO" cable laying in vicinity Redscar Bay.

 (6) "KATOOMBA" "PC.1119" "PC.1124" "ML.431" "YMS.313" "YMS.314"
- escorting convoy TN.178 (10 MV, 3 PT's) departed Fitzroy Island approx 1600/15. "PC.1119" escorts Portion B ("AMYCUS" "ALAMO" "T.CORWIN" "GREY LAG" "JAPARA" "T.C.LOWE" "B.OSBORNE" "W.H.POINT" "C.P.STEINMETZ" and
- 3 PT's in tow) to Milne Bay. ETA both portions 1200/18.
 (7) "TASMAN" (AH) departed Milne Bay 1512/16 en route Brisbane. ETA 0600/21.
- "GYMPIE" en route Milne Bay to Cairns.
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 "WAGGA" and "STAWELL" escorting "KATOOMBA" were to depart Port Moresby 1000/16.
- (10) "ARARAT" escorting Convoy FT.39 (LST.467 and APC.5) departed Milne Bay 0600/16. ETA Townsville 1530/18.
 (11) "PC.1122" was to depart Milne Bay 1600/16 to RV with "ESSO BALBOA"
- at approx 1200/17 and escort to Milne Bay.

 (12) "SC.750" and "SC.731" escorting "BANTEKOE" and "CAMARA" departed Milne Bay 1625/16. "BANTEKOE" for Buna, ETA 1530/17. "COMARA" for Finschhafen, ETA 1500/18. Escorts prowith "COMARA" after detaching "BANTEKOE".

 (13) "Y.14" escorted by "YMS.336" as far as East ope departed Buna 1535/15 en route Moresby. ETA 0800/18. Escorts proceed
- (14) "LITHGOW" "S.C.741" escorting Convoy LQ.29 (3 MV) departed Gladstone 2200/16 en route Brisbane. ETA 0500/18.
- (15) "YP.236" departed Caloundra approx 1100/13 for Palm Island ETA 1900/16, thence to proceed Cairns for onward routeing to Milne Bay .
- (16) "WARREGO" departed Cairns 2031/15 for Townsville 1100/17 conducting exercises en route.
- (17) 9 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "PC.1120" "PC.1121" "SC.738" "SC.746" Lae Merchant Vessels: "FREMONT OLDER" "W.VAN DEVENTER"

- Warships & Aux. - "ML.427" Morobe - Warships & Aux. - "30.637" "YMS.51" "ML.424" "ML.425" Buna "ML.423" "ML.801" "ML.806" "ML.816" "ML.818" "ML.819" "PORTUNUS" (AGP) Werchant Vessels: "J.ROSSETER" - Warships & Aux. - "SC.687" Oro Bay Merchant Vessels: "LUDDINGTON" "RING LARDNER"
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"J.KELLY" "KARSIK" Porlock Harb .- Warships & Aux. - "TRINITY" (AO) "PC.479" Kiriwina - Harships & Aux. - "SC.749" Merchant Vessels: "BULIMBA" Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - SC.745" Goodenough Is- Warships & Aux. -Werchant Vessels: "J. PALMER" "HANYANG"

- Warships & Aux. - "SMITH" "PERKINS" "MAHAN" "BAGLEY"

"SHAW" "CONYNGHAM" "MUGFORD" "REID" "FLUSSER" Milne Bay "LAMSON" (DD) "BROOKS" (APD) SC.648 SC.698 SC.699 SC.703 SC.732 SC.734 SC.742 SC.743 80.744 80.747 SC.748 SC.981 SC.982 YMS.11 YMS.49 YMS.50 YMS.52 YMS.53 YMS.70 YMS.72 YMS.334 YMS.335 YMS.336 YP.233 YP.278 YP.283 ML.430 PC.479 19 LST'S 15 APC'S 48 PT'S Y.13 "YUNNAN"
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"FULTON" (AS) "HALF MOON" (AVP) "SUSQUEHANNA"
"BISHOFDALE" "AASE MAERSK" (AO) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF (Note: WILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.) Merchant Vessels: "ABIGAIL ADAMS" "E.D.BAKER"
"BALIKPAPAN" "D.F.BARRY" "F.P.BLAIR" "BORGFRED" "3.S.BOUTWELL" "A.BURLINGHAM"
"W.B.BURNHAM" "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" "CAPE
SANDY" "CITY OF FORT WORTH" "J.M.CLEMENTS"
"S.CRANE" "J.M.DALY" "H.DODGE" "DUNTROON" "J. EVANS" "G. H. FLANDERS" "J. HOLMES" "JANSSENS" "J.LANE" "E. JOHNSON" "J.LYKES" "D.MCLEAY" "MACTAN" "KARSIK" "MORAB" "F.B.OLSON" "OSARK" "PAHUD" "A. PIERCE" "THOS. C. POWER" "SEA WITCH" "SIBIGO" "M. H. STEWART" "H. STANBURY" "VAH OUTEOORN" "VAQUERO" "WEST CACTUS" "E.M. WESTCOTT" "W.WRIGHT" Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "SEIKELAMY" (AO)

Merchant Vessels: "ADM.CHASE" "C.KING" "R.B.S.BEAN"

"W.E.CHANNING" "CAPE MEREDITH" "MARCUS DALY"

"R.STUART" "C.KOHRS" "WM.HUME" "MULIAMA"

"THOS.JEFFERSON" "A.D.WHITE"

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "PC.476" "KURUMBA" (AO) - Warships & Aux. - "BUNBURY" "COLAC" "GLADSTONE" (AMS) Cairns PC.477 SC.736 SC.737 YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.71 YP.280 ML.426 ML.804 ML.803 ML.812 "PLATYPUS" (AR) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" (APA)
Palm Island - Warships & Aux. - "SAN PABLO" (AVP) Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "HERCH" (AVP) "BISHOPDALE" (AO) Gladstone - Warships & Aux. -- Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA" "DRAYTON" (DD) "SWAN" Brisbane "BENDIGC" "BALLARAT" "BOVEN" "GEELONG"
"GOULBURN" (AMS) PC.1123 SC.650 SC.735 ML.808 YMS.9 YMS.10 YMS.73 YP.291 "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "H.T.ALLEN" "KANIMBLA" (APA) "ALGORAE" (AKA) "VICTORIA" (AO) "COUCAL" (ASR) "SHEPPARTON" (Survey Vessel)
"MEREUR" (AF) "MANUNDA" (AH) "BUNGAREE" (CM)
(Repairing, Trials, etc.) - "WHYALLA" (AMS) (c) Proposed Movements:

^{(1) &}quot;BENDIGO" "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy PG.83 (3 MV) are to depart Caloundra 1200/17 for Sydney.

(2) "WARREGO" escorting "TAROONA" to depart Townsville p.m. 17 Nov. for Milne Bay.

"GEELONG" "SC.650" "SC.735" "YMS.73" escorting Convoy QL.30 (6 MV)

to depart Calcundra 1600/17. "SC.650" to return Brisbane
from Lady Elliott Island: "YMS.73" to proceed Townsville (3)independently from Bustard Head: "GEELONG" "SC. 735" to escort Convoy LQ.30 departing Port Curtis 2200/19. (11) ENEMY FORCES (1) Buka - Photographs Nov.6 show Buka field unserviceable but Bonis serviceable with one fighter, one dive bomber. 11 barges and one floatplane were shown in the area. On November 15 twenty unescorted Liberators bombed this area starting several fires. (2) Bougainville - Noon November 15 one Liberator bombed Kahili while one P.70 harassed the area during the night November 15/16. Photographs of the South Bougainville area November 16 revealed total of 38 barges and all airfields, excepting Kara, unsorviceable. Five fighters were on Kahili and one on Ballale. Four Mitchells searched coast between Buka and Bougainville forenoon November 15 damaging one small coaster and destroying one barge and supplies. We lost two fighters during strafing mission South Bougainville on November 16 and one in Kieta areas November 15. Three Mitchells bombed and strafed east coast Bougainville on November 16 destroying 3 barges north of Kieta. (3) Rabaul - (a) Photographs Rabaul Harbour at 1150/15 reveal the following shipping: 1 destroyer leader 3 destroyers 5 submarines 1 destroyer tender 19 merchant ships totalling approx 83,500 tons 29 vessels 20 merchantmen were there November 12. (b) Further details of the enemy convoy attacked while heading away from Rabaul in the northern end of St. George's Channel, night November 15/16, indicate this force comprised 6 vessels described as 2 destroyers, 2 merchantmen and 2 other escorts. The force was attacked by 3 Catalinas between 2150/15 and 0345/16 when it was proceeding away from the area on a course 3000 at fairly slow speed. One Catalina reported scoring hits forward of the bridge on a merchantship with 1,000 and 250 pounders leaving the vessel in a sinking condition at 0120/15.

Later reports indicated only 5 vessels then in the convoy which was last reported 0345/16 50 miles N.N.W. of Rabaul. New Britain - Two Beaufighters made a parge sweep of south coast, (4) forenoon November 15, destroying one power boat and launch in vicinity Cape Dampier, and other small craft. Wewak - Fifteen Thunderbolts escorting a force of Mitchells (5) intercepted 15/20 enemy fighters over Wewak at 1130/15 destroying 5 and probably destroying 3 others. Hansa Bay - A Liberator attacked and probably destroyed a small (6) coaster 40 miles N.E. of Hansa Bay at 1630/16. Two hits were scored and the vessel left settling by stern. Alexishafen - 31 Liberators attacked ships in this area at 1230/15 (7) destroying one twin-engined aircraft on the ground and causing many fires and explosions in dispersal areas. (8) Sio - Our PT boats engaged 4 enemy barges off this area night
November 15/16 destroying two. Our fighters also strafed
3 barges near Saidor, p.m. November 16.

(9) Finschhafen - At 0220/16 one enemy aircraft bombed Langemak Bay area. 14 Mitchells attacked enemy positions this area a.m. Nov.16. - 3 -

(10) Upper Ramu Valley - Further details of the interception in the Gusap-Kaiapit area, forenoon November 15, indicated 30 enemy bombers and 30 fighters were engaged by 24 Kittyhawks and 9 Mitchells.

22 enemy aircraft were destroyed and 7 other probables. We lost 2 Kittyhawks but one pilot is safe. The enemy's bombing attack on Gusap strip at 1000/15 destroyed 4 Beaufort aircraft on the ground.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/17:

- (1) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting Convoy TD.36 ("YARRA" "TIME") departed Thursday Is. 2031/12 for Darwin ETA 1530/17.

 (2) "FREMANTLE" departed Millimgimbi 1100/15 for Thursday Is.
- ETA 0430/17.

 (3) "LATROBE" escorting Convoy DT.36 (2 MV) departed Darwin 0638/16.
- (4) 11 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "ML.814" "ML.815" Darwin Millimgimbi - Warships & Aux. - "ML. 429" Merchant Vessels: "ALAGNA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "ML.429" to escort "ALAGNA" from Millimgimbi to position 11049'S 137046'E whence "ML.429" to proceed Darwin, "ALAGNA"
- to proceed Thursday Island unescorted.

 (2) "FREMANTLE" escorting "KURUMBA" "BURNAH" is to depart Thursday Is. 1500/17 en route Darwin. ETA 1630/20.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Kai Islands - Photographs November 16 show two small coasters and Four barges off Toeal. Further development is reported on the airfield this area, runway being surfaced for use probably as bomber strip; also development dispersal area. Further development also reported Fan and Langgoer strips.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/17:

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL) Fremantle "TJERK HIDDES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "CHILDS" (AV) "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) "ATREUS" (CM) "WHIPPOORWILL" "LARK" (AR) "PELIAS" (AS)
"CHANTICLEER" (AR) "ISABEL" (PY) SC.739 Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) YP.288

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/17:

(1) "LE TRIOMPHANT" departed Port Phillip 1451/16 en route Fremantle. ETA 1000/20.
(2) "STUART" escorting "NIEUN AMSTERDAM" ETA. Sydney 0700/19.

(3) "TOWNSVILLE" escorting "CANBERRA" departed Sydney 0641/16 for

Calcundra. ETA 0800/18.

(4) "YANDRA" "BROOME" "KALGOORLIE" escorting Convoy OC.143 (6 MV)
for Newcastle, Sydney and Port Kembla.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) SC.982

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "MORESBY" "BUNDABERG"

"PIRTE" "WARHNAMBOOL" "ECHUCA" "GLENELG"

"DELORAINE" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "ROCKHAMPTON"

"GASTLEMAINE" (AMS) "HILO" (PG) "BUNGAREE (CM)

"KYBRA" (A/S vessel) ML.430 ML.817 ML.822

"MIZAR" (AF) "POLLUX" (AKS)

(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "WILCANNIA" (AMS)

bourne - Warships & Aux. - "MILDURA" "INVERELL" "KAPUNDA" (AMS)

"DOOMBA" (A/S vessel)

ternport - Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S vessel) Melbourne

Westernport

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

Fiji - At 0935/16 an enemy submarine was reported 120 miles to the north of the Fiji Group. Gilbert - Marshalls - Afternoon, November 14, 9 Liberabors bombed Tarawar (Northern Gilberts) while another 9 bombed Mili (Southern Marshalls).

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malay areas. Air and possibly naval counter-action against allied moves in (1)
- (2) Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- (3)Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to f orward areas.
- Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and (4) South West Pacific areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	est Pacific en Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
BB	•	Washington Massachusetts South Dakota Alabama Tennessee		YAMATO MUSASHI KONGO HARUNA FUSO NAGATO MUTSU
<u>cv</u>	-	SARATOGA ESSEX BUNKER HILL	•	ZUIKAKU
CA (I')	•	PRINCETON INDEPENDENCE	•	•
CV(E)	•	NASSAU PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON	-	
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE		•	CHOKAI EUMANO SUZUYA (Damaged TIKUMA (Damaged MOGANI R MAYA
<u>CL</u>	THOMP M HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONT PRLLIER NASHVILLE ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN SANTA FE MOBILE MOBILE BIRMINGHAM DENVER LEANDER	AGANO (Badly damaged)	NAGARA OYODO NOSHIRO) Prob. NAKA)all 3 ISUZU)damage
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<u>DD</u>	WARRAMUNGA ARUNTA HELM RALPH TALBO STUART VENDETTA CONYNGHAM BAGLEY DRAYTON FLUSSER LAMSON MAHAN PERKINS REID LE TRIOMPHA		10-15 Some poss. sunk or damaged	25 (Some repairing)

	rn Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Car olines Marshalls
88	ALBACORE BALAO BLACKFISH DRUM RAY SCAMP SILVERSIDES PETO	On Patrol	20	20
	GATO GUARDFISH S.31) At Brisbane		
AV/CV3	K. 9 At Sy HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON	WRIGHT BALLARD CHANDELIER	•	NOTORO
XAV/XCVS	-	3	-	3 - 4
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APA/AFD/AKA	H.T.ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA KANIWELA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA		
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3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

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<u>BB</u>	NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MAR YLAND OKLAHAMA MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO IDAHO CALIFORNIA	YAMASHIRO ISE HYUGA (being modernised)
<u>cv</u>	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	SHOKAKU
CV(T)		нозно
CA(T)	COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD	HITAKA RYUHO ZUIHO ** HAYATAKA
CV (E)	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO BARNES ALTAMAHA COPANEE LISCOMBE BAY LONG ISLAND MISSION BAY	UNYO CHITOSE CHUYO OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER NEW ORLEANS SAM FRANCISCO PERSACOLA MINDIANAPOLIS MINDIANAPOLIS MONTH PORTLAND MINNEAPOLIS LOUISVILLE MUCHITA	TONE # AOBA # HAGURO # MYOKO # ATAGO # TAKAO
OCA		6
<u>CL</u>	HONOLULU RENO CONCORD OAKLAND	TATSUTA WAKAMIYA TAMA ** KISO **-YUBARI (poss.effective in ** NATORI S.theatre)
CL(T)		KASHIMA

XCL AV/CVS XAV/XCVS POC OMOKE

Approx 35 Approx 50

2 - 3 CHIYODA (under conversion to ACV) 25 (a few repairing) Approx 30

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		4. CENTRAL PACIFIC	MOST SECRET 17 November, 1943
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CA	LOUISVILLE		NACHI
XGT CT	DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND		A BUKUMA
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-	Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
BB		RANILLIES	•
CV(E)		BATTLER	•
CA		SUFFOLK	ASHIGARA
		SUSSEX EAWKINS	
		FROBISHER	
CL	ADELATDE VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS	KUMA
	VAN HEEMOREN	KENYA NEWCASTLE	OI KITAGAMI
		MANCHESTER	KINU
		CERES DAUNTLESS	
		CAPETOWN	
		DANAE	
70.00		DURBAN EMERALD	
CL(T)	•	a Company	KASHII
AUD	-	CANTON	1
		CHITRAL	
		RAN PURA WORCE STERSHIRE	
AV/CVS	CHILDS	ALBATROSS	KAMOI
WAV/XCVS	W.B. FHESTON	9	
D	VAN GALEN	Approx 27	10
20	TJERK HIDDES		
<u>88</u>	BILLFISH) BLUEFISH)		
	BOWFIN)		6
1	CAPELIN)	On Patrol	
	GOD)		
	MARWEAL	The second second	
	RASHER TUNA		
	K.12 BONEFISH		
	CABRILLA	At Fremantle	
	KINGFISH POMPOM		
	PUFFER)		
AS AIRCRAFT (N.W.Area Only)	*	
Fighters (ncl. 5 twin-eng.)	123	
Light & M/	Bombers	79	
SE/Bombers Flying Boa	ts	12	
Floatplane	& Obsn. A/C		
Transport	a obsn. A/o	53 44 - 4 -	THE RESERVE TO SERVE THE PARTY OF THE PARTY

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 659 Date: 18 November, 1943

PART I.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/18:

- (1) "SC.750" and "SC.731" escorting "COMARA" Milne Bay to Finschhafen, ETA 1300/18.
- (2) "PC.1122" was to depart Milne Bay 1600/16 to RV with "ESSO BALBOA" at approx 1200/17 and escort to Milne Bay, ETA 18 Nov.
- (3) "BENALLA" departed Milne Bay 1823/17 for Survey grounds.
 (4) "ML.805" with "MERNOO" cable laying in vicinity Redscar Bay.
 (5) "KATOOMBA" "PC.1119" "PC.1124" "ML.431" "YMS.313" "YMS.314"
- escorting Convoy TN.178 (10 MV, 3 PT's) departed Fitzroy Island approx 1600/15. "PC.1119" escorts Portion B ("AMYCUS" "ALAMO" "T.CORWIN" "GREY LAG" "JAPARA" "T.C.LOWE" "B.OSBORNE" "W.H.POINT" "C.P.STEINMETZ" and 3 PT's in tow) to Milne Bay. ETA both portions 1200/18.
 (6) "WARREGO" escorting Convoy TN.179 ("TAROONA" was to depart
- Fitzroy Island 0600/18 for Milne Bay.
- (7) "PC.476" departed Thursday Island 1421/17 to RV with "STAGEN"
- towing barge and escort to Milne Bay.

 (8) "ARARAT" escorting Convoy FT.39 (1 LST, 1 APC) departed Milne Bay

 0600/16 for Townsville. "ARARAT" to detach Grafton Passage and proceed to Cairns.
- (9) "TASMAN" (AH) departed Milne Bay 1512/16 en route Brisbane. ETA 0600/21.
- (10)""GILMER" departed Milne Bay 1700/15 for Brisbane ETA 0600/19.
 (11) "YP.236" departed Caloundra approx 1100/13 for Palm Island ETA 1900/16, thence to proceed Cairns for onward routeing to Milne Bay.
- (12) "FREMANTLE" escorting Convoy TD.37 ("KURUMBA" "BURWAH") departed Thursday Island 1531/17 for Darwin ETA 1630/20.
- (13) "YP.291" was to depart Calcundra 1730/17 for Townsville ETA 1200/20. (14) "TOWN SVILLE" escorting "CANBERRA" for Bowen departed Sydney a.m.
- 16 Nov. "TOWNSVILLE" to return Brisbane from Lady Elliott Is. (15) "GEELONG" "SC.650" "SC.735" "YMS.73" escorting Convoy QL.30 (6 ships)
- including "BUNGAREE") departed Caloundra 1803/17 ETA
 Bustard Head 0100/19. "SC.650" to return Brisbane from
 Lady Elliott Is. "YMS.73" to proceed independently to
 Townsville from Bustard Head. "GEELONG" "SC.735" to escort
- Convoy LQ.30 departing Gladstone approx 2200/19.

 (16) "BENDIGO" "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy PG.83 (3 MV) departed Calcundra 1205/17 for Sydney ETA 1830/19.
- (17) 9 submarines on patrol.

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- Warships & Aux. - "PC.1120" "PC.1121" "SC.738"
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                                          "SC.746"
                            Merchant Vessels: "FREMONT OLDER" "W. VAN DEVENTER" - Warships & Aux. - "HI.427"
   Morobe
                           - Warships & Aux. - "SC.637" "PC.479" "YMS.51" "YMS.
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"S.CRANE" "BONTEKCE"
                          - Warships & Aux. - "SC.687" "ML.747"

Merchant Vessels: "LUDDINGTON" "RING LARDNER"

"VAN SPILBERGEN" "REIJEST" "CHAS.L.SMITH"
   Oro Bay
  "J.KELLY" "KARSIK" "GEF.VERSPIJK"

Porlock Harb. - Warships & Aux. - "TRINITY" (AO) "PC.479"

Kiriwi na - Warships & Aux. - "SC.749" "SC.982"
                             Merchant Vessels: "BULIMBA" "CITY OF FORT WORTH" - Warships & Aux. - "SC.745"
  Woodlark Is.
  Goodenough Is. - Werchant Vessels: "J. PALMER" ""HANYANG"

Milne Bay - Werships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE" (CA)

"WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "HELM" "RALPH TALBOT"

"SMITH" "PERKINS" "MAHAN" "BAGLEY" "LAW SON"

"SHAW" "CONYNGHAM" "MUGFORD" "REID" "FLUSSER"
                                          (DD) "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" (APD)
                                         SC.648 SC.698 SC.699 SC.703 SC.732
SC.734 SC.742 SC.743 SC.744 SC.747
                                         SC.748 SC.981 YM3.11 YMS.49 YMS.50
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"FULTON" (AS) "HALF MOON" (AVP) "BISHOPDALE"

"AASE MAERSK" (AO) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG)
                                         "GOLDSTAR" (AG)
                                         (Note:
                                                         SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF
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                                 Merchant Vessels: "ABIGAIL ADAMS" "E.D. BAKER"
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                                         SANDY" "CITY OF FORT WORTH" "J.M.CLEMENTS"
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                                         "J.HOLMES" "JANSSENS" "J.LANE" "E.JOHNSON"

"J.LYKES" "MACTAN" "KARSIK" "NORAD" "F.B.OLSON"

"OSARK" "PAHUD" "A.PIERCE" "THOS.C.POWER" "SEA

WITCH" "SIBIGO" "N.M.STEWART" "M.STANBURY"
                                         "VAN OUTHOORN" "VAQUERO" "WEST CACTUS" "E.M. WESTCOTT" "W. WRIGHT"
Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "SHIKELANY" (AO)

Merchant Vessels: "C.KING" "R.B.S.BEAN"

"W.E.CHANNING" "CAPE MEREDITH" "MARCUS DALY"

"R.STUART" "C.KDERS" "WE.HUME" "MULIAMA"
                                         "THOS. JEFFERSON" "A.D. WHITE"
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                        - Warships & Aux. - "GYMPIE" "BUNBURY" "COLAC"
"GLADSTONE" "NAGGA" "STAWELL" (AMS) PC.477
 Cairns
                                         SC.735 SC.737 YMS.8 TMS.46 YMS.47
YMS.48 YMS.71 YP.250 ML.426 ML.804
ML.803 ML.812 "PLATYPUS" (AR) "MAN OORA"
                                         "WESTRALIA" (AFA)
 Palm Island - Warships & Aux. - "SAN PABLO" (AVP)
Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "HERON" (AVP) "BISHOPDALE" (AO)
                         - Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA" "DRAYTON" (DD) "SWAN"
- Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA" "DRAYTON" (DD) "SWAN"
"BOWEN" "LITHSOW" "GCULBURN" (AMS) PC.1123
  Gladstone
Brisbane
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                                          (AKA) "VICTORIA" (AO) "COUGAL" (ASR) "SHEPPAR)
TON" (Survey Vessel) "MERKUR" (AF) "MANUNDA"
(AH) "BUNGAREB" (CM)
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(Repairing, Trials, etc. - "WHYALLA" (AMS)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Buka - Series of heavy strikes were made on Buka Passage area November 17th as follows:

48 Dauntless, 30 Avengers escorted by 36 fighters bombed Bonis field at 0800/17. Three enemy fighters and one dive bomber were encountered airborne of which two fighters were destroyed; one Avenger lost. Meanwhile 12 Mitchells, escorted by 8 Corsairs, bombed Buka field scoring 30 hits on the strip. Another 8 Mitchells bombed and strafed Buka Passage area before dawn November 17th. One night fighter ineffectively Four Liberators also attacked effected interception. this area during the night hours. An allied destroyer force also bombarded this area between 0415 and 0458/17.

Photographs Buke airfield forenoon November 16th showed Bonis unserviceable and Buka partly serviceable. 12 barges and 3 floatplanes observed, also 2 aircraft on

Bonis and 1 on Buka.

(2) Bougainville - Our fighter patrols, Empress Augusta Bay area, attacked at least 35 enemy fighters and dive bombers this area forencon November 17th. 16 enemy aircraft were claimed destroyed for the loss of 2 Corsairs.

> Eight Aircobras strafed the E. coast Bougainville and Buka Passage area afternoon November 16th setting one building afire.

Photos of Bougainville airfields forenoon November 17th

revealed Ballale and Kahili unserviceable and Kara partly serviceable. 26 barges were observed in the area.

Our ground troops, Empress Augusta Bay, report perimeter Torokina area now extended approximately 1,000 yards on all fronts. The beach head now extends 8,000 yards wide, 5,500 yards deep and includes two-thirds of the airfield Casualties to date number:

Enemy: 812 dead 6 prisoners Allied: 117 dead 411 wounded 87 missing. At 2148/16 our destroyers attacked a surfaced enemy submarine 45 miles W.S.W. Empress Augusta Bay scoring several hits. Several enemy aircraft harassed our destroyers and a torpedo attack was launched without effect. At least one enemy aircraft was shot down.

A strong force of enemy aircraft attacked allied shipping off Torokina early hours November 17th. (See

Naval Incidents.)

(3) New Ireland - At 1226/17 an enemy convoy described as 2 destroyers, 2 large merchantmen and 1 MTB was reported 35 miles S.E. of Kavieng, course unstated.

(4) Rabaul - Night, November 16/17, 7 Beauforts attacked dispersal area Lakunai.

(5) Wide Bay - Ten barges were expected in this area from Rabaul November 17th or 18th according to a reliable native report. Three Beaufighters attacked barges and targets of opportunity this area forencon November 17th further damaging two unserviceable small craft. No barges were observed.

(6) Talasea - It is reliably reported that as from the beginning of November only ten enemy barges have been seen or heard

leaving Stettin Bay.

(7) Wewak - Twentytwo Lightnings on fighter sweep this area forenoon November 16th reported encountering a strong force of enemy fighters described as comprising 25/30 at 0945/16 and at 1040/16, 60/70 enemy fighters. Preliminary results indicate 6 enemy aircraft destroyed and one other probably for the loss of 2 Lightnings.

At 0905/17 an enemy submarine was reported 50 miles N.E. by E. of Wewak apparently heading into that port. (8) Hansa Bay - Forencon, November 16th, P.38's on fighter sweep reported observing 1 heavy cruiser or destroyer and 8 merchant vessels in Hansa Bay and approximately 15 barges

north of Hansa Bay.

Hansa Bay (Contd) - At 0200/17 amother aircraft reported 10 enemy vessels were still in the harbour while a further reporte timed between 0200 and 0400/17 reveals 1 heavy or light cruiser and 4 merchantman in Hansa Bay.

These reports do not give any indication as to the size of the merchant vessels reported but it would appear likely that a fair sized enemy convoy has arrived in the port probably from Palau under escort of a cruiser or large destroyer. This is the first indication of a

sizeable convoy arriving in this port for several weeks.

(9) Sio area - Two Liberators attacked coastal villages this area foreneon November 17th. 15/20 possible barges were

observed leaving the shore.

(10) Finschhafen - Four Marauders were involved in attacks on enemy stores and supplies this area forenoon November 16th in addition to the attack by 14 Mitchells.

Early hours November 17th 5 enemy aircraft bombed

allied positions in the vicinity of Satelberg.

(11) Lae area - At 0535/17, 3 enemy aircraft bombed Dumpu strip without effect while an unknown number of aircraft also dropped bombs ineffectively at Lae.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/18:

(1) "LATROBE" escorting Convoy DT.36 (2 MV) departed Darwin 0638/16.

ETA Thursday Is. 1130/19.

(2) "ML.429" escorting "ALAGNA" departed Millimgimbi 1100/17 to arrive position 11°49'S. 137°46'E. at 2100/18 whence "ML.429" to proceed Darwin, ETA 0900/20. "ALAGNA" to proceed Thursday Island unescorted.

(3) 11 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS) "ML.814" "ML.815" Merchant Vessels: "YARRA" "TIME" Darwin

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Kaimana - Night, November 16/17, 5 Catalinas attacked Kaimana waterfront and Utarom strip causing many fires.

(2) Kaukenau - Night, November 16th, one Catalina strafed barged this area (3) Aros Islands - Photographs, Trangan, November 16th, reveal airstrip possibly serviceable up to 1,300 feet. Total length of

strip - 4,700 feet. (4) Dobo - Night, November 16th, one Catalina strafed 3 schooners and 2 small craft this area.

(5) Kai Islands - Photographs, November 16th, show Faan strip serviceable to 5,000 feet.

(6) Timor - Evening, November 17th, 3 Mitchells attacked Manatuto village.
(7) Banda Sea - At 1115/17 one Mitchell attacked one small freighter with escort vessel west of Jamdena Island, course 1000. One direct hit was scored on the small freighter which was last observed sinking and being abandoned.

At 1610/17, 3 Mitchells then attacked the escort vessel scoring three direct hits causing the vessel to be beached on S.E. side of Jamdena Island. Three Beaufighters also apparently engaged attacking same target report escort vessel probably destroyed.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/18:

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL) Fremantle "T JERK HIDDES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "CHILDS" (AV)

"HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) "ATREUS" (CM)

"WHIPPOORWILL" "LARK" (AR) "PELIAS" (AS)

"CHANTICLEER" (AR) "ISABEL" (PY) SC.739 YP.286

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B.PRESTON" (AVD) YP.288

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/18:

(1) "DELORAINE" "GLENELG" escorting Convoy GP.84 (4 MV) were to depart Sydney a.m. 18 Nov. for Calcundra.

(2) "STUART" escorting "NIEUW AMSTERDAM" ETA Sydney 0700/19.

(3) "YANDRA" "BROOME" "KALGOORLIE" escorting Convoy OC.143 (6 MV) for Newcastle, Sydney and Port Kembla.

(4) "LE TRIOMPHANT" departed Port Phillip 1451/16 en route

Fremantle. ETA 1000/20.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) SC.982

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "MORESBY" "BUNDABERG"

"PIRIE" "MARRNAMBOOL" "ECHUCA" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "ROCKHAMPTON" "CASTLEMAINE" (AMS)

"HILO" (PG) "BUNGAREE" (CM) "KYABRA" (A/S Vessel)

ML.430 ML.817 ML.822 "MIZAR" (AF) "POLLUX" (AKS)

(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "WILCANNIA" (AMS)

ourne - Warships & Aux. - "MILDURA" "INVERELL" "KAPUNDA" (AMS) Melbourne "DOOMBA" (A/S Vessel) - Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel) Westernport

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

Gilberts - Marshalls - Afternoon November 17th, 8 Liberators attacked Mili and Makin causing large fires. No enemy aircraft were encountered.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

Empress Augusta Bay - Between 0300 and 0500/17 a strong force of enemy aircraft attacked allied shipping (LST's, APD's and DD's) off Torokina by means of flares and float lights. Two enemy aircraft were destroyed but one of our APD's was torpedoed and sunk. 215 survivors have been accounted for. The LST apparently suffered no damage.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

(1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malay areas.

(2) Air and possible naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.

(3) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.

(4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific areas.

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE 1.SOUTH WEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

	ALLIED FORCES	SOUTH WEST & SOUTH	and the state of t	ENEMY FORCES
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BB		WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS SOUTH DAKOTA ALABAMA TENNESSEE		YAMATO MUSASHI KONGO HARUNA FUSO NAGATO MUTSU
GA	-	SARATOGA ESSEX BUNKER HILL	•	ZUIKAKU
GV(L)	-	PRINCETON INDEPENDENCE		•
ev(E)		NASSAU PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON	•	
CA	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	•		CHOKAI KUMANO SUZUYA (Damaged) TIKUMA (Damaged) M MOGAMI M MAYA
<u>CL</u>	TROMP # HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER NASHVILLE ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN SANTA FE HOBILE H BIRMINGHAM DENVER		NAGARA OYODO NOSHIRO)Prob. NAKA)all 3 ISUZU)damaged AGANO
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<u>DD</u>	WARRAMUNGA ARUNTA HELM RALPH TALBOT STUART VENDETTA CONYNGHAM BAGLEY DRAYTON FLUSSER LAMSON MAHAN PERKINS REID LE TRIOMPHANT	Approx 40	10	25 (Some repairing)

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HERON BANPABLO	WRIGHT		
BANPABLO			
	BALLARD CHANDELIER	•	NOTORO
•	3	-	3 - 4
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H.T.ALLEN MANOGRA WESTRALIA KANIMBLA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA		
FULTON OTUS		•	?
DOBBIN DIXIE		1	1
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3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

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	WEST VIRGINIA	HOGA (Being modernison)
	GOLORADO MARYBAND	
	OKLAHONA	
	MISSISSIPPI	
	NEW MEXICO	
	IDAHO	
	CALIFORNIA	
Cu	ENTERPRISE	SHOKAKU
CA	YORKTOWN	· ·
	LEXINGTON	
		новно
CV(T)	•	noano
CST /T \	COWPERS	HITAKA
CA(T)	BELLEAU WOOD	RYUHO
	and the second s	ZUIHO
		* HAYATAKA
and took	CANTEN A APPROPRIATE	UNYO
CV(E)	Suwanite Sangamon	CHITOSE
	CHENANGO	CHUYO
	BARNES	OTAKA
	ALTAMAHA	
	COPAHEE	
	LISCOMBE BAY	
	LONG ISLAND	
	NISSION BAY	
CA	BALTIMORE	TONE
enchano.	BOSTON	* AOBA
	OHESTER	m HAGURO
	HEW ORLEANS	* MYOKO
· ·	SAN FRANCISCO	m ATAGO
	PENSACOLA	* TAKAO
	R INDIANA POLIS	
	R SALT LAKE CITY	
	# MINNEAPOLIS	
	* LOUISVILLE	
	* WICHITA	
Law		6
OCA	-	0
CT	M HONOLULU	TATSUTA
CL	R RENO	WAKANIYA
	* CONCORD	TAMA
	R OAKLAND	E KISO
		* YUBARI (Poss.effective in * NATORI S.theatre)
		* NATORI S. theatre)
CL(T)		KASHIMA
XCL		2 - 3
AV/CVS	POCOMOKE	CHIYODA (under conversion to
XAV/XCVS		2 ACV)
DD	Approx 35	25 (a few repairing) Approx 30
DD SS AS	Approx 50	Approx 50
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4. CENTRAL PACIFIC

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ALLIED	FORCES		ENEMY FORCES
CA	LOUISVILLE		NACHI
CA	DETROIT		ABUKUMA
	RALEIGH		
	RIGHMOND		
XCL	-		1
AV/CVS	-		AKITSUSHIMA
XAV/XCVS	•		1
DD	22		5
33	10		Approx 4
SS AS			1

	Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippine
BB		RAMILLIES	Charles and the control of the contr
OV(E)	_	BATTLER	
CA	•	SUFFOLK SUSSEX HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
CL	ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS KENYA NEWCASTLE MANCHESTER CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN CARADOC DANAE DURBAN EMERALD	KUMA OI KITAGAMI KINU
CL(T) XOL		CANTON CARTHAGE CHITRAL RAN PURA WORCESTER SHIRE	KASHII 1
AV/CVS	CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI
AV/XCVS	VAE GALEN TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	10
<u>\$5</u>	BILLFISH BLUEFISH BOWFIN CAPELIN CISCO COD GREVALLE MARNHAL RASHER TUNA	On Patrol	6
	K.12 BONEFISH CABRILLA KINGFISH PONPOM PUFFER	At Fremantle	
Fighters Light & M, SE/Bombers	PELIAS (N.W.Area Only) (incl. 5 twin-eng.) /Bombers sts ats & Obsn. A/C.	? 122 79 12 12 12 53 44	

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 660

Date: 19 November 1943

PART I.

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALL IED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/19:

(1) "BENALLA" "POLARIS" surveying vicinity Morobe.
(2) "ML.805" with "MERNOO" cable laying in vicinity Redscar Bay.
(3) "WARREGO" escorting Convoy TN.179 ("TAROONA") departed Fitzroy Is. 0600/18 for Milne Bay ETA 1700/19.

(4) "PC.476" departed Thursday Is. 1421/17 to RV with "STAGEN" towing barge and escort to Milne Bay ETA 1800/22.

(5) "LATROBE" escorting Convoy DT.36 (2 MV) departed Darwin 0638/16

ETA Thursday Is. 1130/19.

(6) "TASMAN" (AH) departed Milne Bay 1512/16 en route Brisbane ETA

0600/21.

(7) "KATOOMBA" "PC.1124" escorting Convey FT.40 (2 MV) departed Milne Bay 1505/18 for Townsville ETA 1500/21.

"YP.291" departed Caloundra approx 1730/17 for Townsville ETA 1200/20 (8)

"BUNGAREE" at sea. (9)

"YMS.73" (ex QL.30) en route Townsville from Bustard Head.
"SC.650" (ex QL.30) en route Lady Elliott Is. to Brisbane.
"TOWNSVILLE" en route Lady Elliott Is. to Caloundra ETA 2200/19. (10)(11)

(12)(13) "PC.1131" "PC.1132" escorting 4 LCI's from Sopac area to Brisbane

ETA 19 November. (14) 9 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Finschhafen

- Warships & Aux. - "SC.731" "SC.750"

Merchant Vessels: "COMARA"

- Warships & Aux. - "PC.1120" "PC.1121" "SC.738"

"SC.746" T.ae

Merchant Vessels: "FREMONT OLDER" "W.VAN DEVENTER

- Warships & Aux. - "ML.427" Morobe

- Warships & Aux. - "SC.637" "PC.479" "YMS.51"
"ML.424" "ML.425" "ML.428" "ML.806" "ML.806 Buna

"ML.816" "ML.819" "PORTUNUS" (AGP)

"SUSQUEHANNA" (AO)

Merchant Vessels: "D.McLEAY" "S.CRANE" "BONTEKOE" Oro Bay

- Warships & Aux. - "SC.687" "ML.747"

Merchant Vessels: "LUDDINGTON" "RING LARDNER"

"VAN SPILBERGEN" "REIJNST" "CHAS.L.SMITH"

"J.KELLY" "GREY LAG" "W.H.POINT" "KARSIK" "GEN. VERSPIJK"

Porlock Harbour Kiriwina

- Warships & Aux. - "TRINITY" (AO) "PC.479"

- Warships & Aux. - "SC.749" "SC.982"

Merchant Vessels: "BULIMBA" "CITY OF FORT WORTH" - Warships & Aux. - "SC.745"

Woodlark Is. Goodenough Is.

- Merchant Vessels: "J. PALMER" "HANYANG"

- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE" (CA)
"WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "HELM" "RALPH TALBOT"
"SMITH" "PERKINS" "MAHAN" "BAGLEY" "LAMSON" "SHAW" Milne Bay "CONYNGHAM" "MUGFORD" "REID" "FLUSSER" (DD) "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" (APD) SC.648 SC.798 SC.699 SC. 703 SC. 732 SC. 734 SC. 742 SC. 743 SC. 744 SC.747 SC.748 SC.981 YMS.11 YMS.49 YMS.50 YMS.52 YMS.53 YMS.70 YMS.72 YMS.313 YMS.314 YMS.52 YMS.53 YMS.334 YMS.335 YMS.336 YP.233 YP.278 YP.283 ML.430 ML.431 ML.818 22 LSF's 15 APC's 48 PT's Y.13 "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "RIGEL" (AR) 48 PT's Y.13 "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "RIGEL" (AR)
"DOBBIN" (AD) "DTUS" "FULTON" (AS) "HALF MOON"
(AVP) "BISHCPDALE" "AASE MAERSK" (AC) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG) "AMYCUS" (ARL) (Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.) Merchant Vessels: "ABIGAIL ADAMS" "ALAMO" "E.D.BAKER"
"BALIKPAPAN" "D.F.BARRY" "F.P.BLAIR" "BORGFRED"
"G.S.BOUTWELL" "A.BURLINGHAM" "W.B.BURNHAM" "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" "CAPE SANDY" "CITY OF FORT WORTH" "J.M.CLEMENTS" "J.M.DALY" "H.DCDGE"
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Merchant Vessels: "C.KING" "RCB.S.BEAN" "W.E.

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- Warships & Aux. - "GEELONG" "SC.735" Townsville Gladstone - Warships & Aux. - "DRAYTON" (DD) "GILMER" (APD)
"SWAR" "BOWEN" "LITHGON" "GOULBURN" (AMS) Brisbane PC.1123 SC.741 ML.808 YMS.9 YMS.10 "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "H.T.ALLEN" "KAN IMBLA" (APA)
"ALGORAB" (AKA) "VICTORIA" (AO) "COUGAL" (ASR)
"SHEPPARTON" (Survey Vessel) "MERKUR" (AF) "MANUNDA" (AH)
(Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WHYALLA" (AMS) (c) Proposed Movements: (1) "PC.1119" escorting "SHIKELLAMY" to depart Port Moresby 19 November for Townsville. (2) "GEELONG" "SC. 735" to escort Convey LQ. 30 departing Gladstone at approx. 2200/19. (11) ENEMY FORCES (1) Choiseul - Local sources reported 18 November that all Japanese have moved to the N.W. extremity and that the coast up to Wareo River (2 miles S.E. Choiseul Bay) is clear of enemy.

(2) Buin Base - Photos 18 November show Ballale and Kara airfields

unserviceable, half Kahili runway possibly serviceable. The only aircraft present are four fighters on Kahili.

(3) Empress Augusta Bay - A delayed report indicates that enemy planes ineffectively attacked Torokina area before daylight 16 November. At dawn two Zeros made a bombing and strafing attack on the beach causing a few casualties. One plane was probably shot down.

One plane was probably shot down.

Before dawn next morning, 17 November, a transportation echelon was attacked off Torokina (reported yesterday's summary No.659) and in addition 12 dive bombers attacked beached landing craft at 0800/17 without causing any damage. These 12 dive bombers are probably part of the force of at least 35 mixed fighters with dive and torpedo bombers intercepted at this time by our fighter patrols (refer yesterday's Summary No. 659).

The balloon barrage is considered to have aided

considerably the defence of the landing craft.

(4) Buka Passage - Photographs 18 November show both Bonis and Buka runways unserviceable. Four aircraft were shown divided between the two airfields and in addition three floatplanes are visible.

(5) Mandates-Bismarcks - The convoy of two destroyers, three large merchant vessels and one other small escert (reported in yesterday's Summary No. 659) as sighted at 1226/17 was in fact sighted at 0100/18 in position 45 miles S.E. Kavieng on course 135°.

At 0245/18 another small convoy comprising one 3000 ton cargo ship escorted by two patrol craft was sighted three miles offshore from Komalu Bay, central S.W. coast New Ireland, on course 330°, speed not exceeding

Both the above convoys were attacked without success.

At 1010/18 aircraft reported a force described as two light cruisers in position 45 miles S. by W. Kavieng on course 60°. This report is an intercept only and position and course may be erroneous.

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(6) Gasmata - At 0730/17 the dump area at Gasmata was bombed by 11 Kittyhawks.

(7) Madang Area - At 0415/18 sircraft reported two possible sea trucks close inshore to Karkar Island (offshore 35 miles N.N.E. Madang).

(8) Wewak - A delayed report of photographs 1335/15 reveals:

Boram (100%) 54 F. 2 L/B 5 M/B But (100%) 4 F. 4 L/B Dagua (100%) 12 F. 14 L/B Wewak (50%) 15 F. 2 L/B

Total 112 aircraft whereof 85F. 22 L/B. 5 M/B

(9) Hansa Bay - Little further details available concerning the shipping reported in Hansa Bay 16-17 November, except that aircraft over the area at 0400/18 sighted no large vessels in Hansa Bay.

(10) Finschhafen area - On 16-17 November additional enemy positions
were occupied by our ground forces in the area S.E.
Satelberg including Kumawa and Arabox. The advance
continues towards Satelberg supported by tanks and
artillery against opposition in varying degrees.

In support of these ground advances, enemy positions
in the Satelberg area were attacked at 1045/17 by 11

in the Satelberg area were attacked at 1045/17 by 11 Vengsances, and again at 0900/18 by 15 Mitchells, 6 Marauders escorted by 10 Lightnings.

(11) Kiriwina - Probable enemy reconnaissance aircraft was over Kiriwina area approximately 1515/17. Kittyhawks and Spitfires were airborne but failed to intercept.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/19:

(1) "ML.429" en route Darwin for Gulf of Carpentaria ETA 0900/20.

(2) "FREMANTLE" escorting Convoy TD.37 ("KURUMBA" "BURWAH") departed Thursday Is. 1531/17 for Darwin ETA 1630/20. (3) 11 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS) "ML.814" "ML.815" Merchant Vessels: "YARRA" "TIME" Darwin

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) N.W. Dutch New Guines - At midnight 17-18 November Babo was attacked by 4 Catalinas.

At 1200/18 Fak Fak was attacked by three Liberators. One possible sea truck was observed off the

At 1050/18 three possible sea trucks were

(2) Banda Sea - Further reports of the attacks 17 November on the sea truck and escort vessel about 50 miles W. of Tanimbar Group on course 1000 indicate that both vessels were either sunk or destroyed. The sea truck was sunk by the first Mitchell attack while the escort vessel suffered several direct hits and was severely strafed by subsequent attacks and was last seen beached with a gaping hole in side and superstructure a mass of twisted metal. Aircraft over the area 18 November report the vessel on its side still smoking slightly.

(3) W. Java - Before dawn 18 November the oil refineries at Tjepoe (70 miles W. of Sourabaya) was the important target for a strike by 26 Liberators. Weather was bad but twenty tons of bombs were dropped in the general cracking factory and refinery area, with unobserved results. Other bombs were dropped in Sourabaya and on Tandjoeng

Perak airdrome.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/19:

(1) "LE TRIOMPHANT" departedPort Phillip 1451/16 for Fremantle ETA 1000/20/

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK"

(CL) "TJERK HIDDES" "BROOME" (DD) "CHILDS"

(AV) "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) "ATREUS" (CM)

"WHIPPOORWILL" "LARK" (AR) "PELIAS" (AS)

"CHANTICLEER" (AR) "ISABEL" (PY) SC.739 Fremantle YP.286

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) YP.288
Broome - Warships & Aux. - "VAN GALEN" (DD)

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/19:

(1) "DELORAINE" "GLENELG" escorting Convey GP.84 (4 MV) departed Sydney 0920/18 for Caloundra ETA 1530/20.

(2) "BENDIGO" "BAILARAT" escorting Convoy PG.83 (3 MV) departed Caloundra 1205/17 for Sydney ETA 1830/19.

(3) "STUART" escorting "NIEUW AMSTERDAM" was due Sydney 0700/19.

(4) "VENDETTA" was to depart Calcumdra 1100/19 to EV with "MOUNT VERNON" in position 32058'S 158014'E and escort to Sydney.

- (5) "YANDRA" "BROOME" "KALGOORLIE" escorting Convoy OC.143 (6 MV)
- for Newcastle, Sydney and Port Kembla.

 (6) "ROCKHAMPTON" "ECHUCA" escorting Convoy CO.144 (7 MV) for Melbourne ETA Wilsons Promontory 1200/21.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) SC.982 Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "MORESBY" - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "MORESBY"
"BUNDABERG" "PIRIE" "WARRNAMBOOL" "ABRAHAM

CRIJNSSEN" "CASPLEMAINE" (AMS) "HILO" (PG)

"KYBRA" (A/S Vessel) ML.430 ML.817 ML.822

"MIZAR" (AF) "POLLUX" (AKS)

(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "WILCAN NIA" (AMS)

urne - Warships & Aux. - "MILDURA" "INVERELL" "KAPUNDA"

1AMS) "DOOMBA" (A/S Vessel) Melbourne

- Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel) Westernport

EMEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.
- (2) Air and possible naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- (3) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.
- (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific areas.

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II AILIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE 1.SOUTH WEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

-	Southwest Pacific		Bismarcks	Carolines
3	(Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Solomons	Marshalls
BB	•	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETIS SOUTH DAKOTA ALABAMA	-	YAMATO MUSASHI KONGO HARUNA
		TENNESSEE		FUSO NAGATO MUTSU
<u>cv</u>		SARATOGA ESSEX BUNKER HILL		ZUIKAKU
(L)	•	PRINCETON INDEPENDENCE	-	-
CV(E)	•	NASSAU PRIJCE WILLIAM BRETON		
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE		-	CHOKAI KUMANO SUZUYA (Damage) TIKUMA (Damage) M MOGAMI M MAYA
<u>CL</u>	TROMP HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER NASHVILLE ST.LDUIS SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN SANTA FE MOBILE MOBILE MENUNGHAM LEANDER		NAGARA CYODO NOSHIRO)Prob. NAKA)all 3 ISUZU)damaga ** AGAN O
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	west Pacific ern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
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		At Milne Bay At Sydney		
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<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN DIXIE		1	1
AR	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS		
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CL	TRENTON			
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3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	ALLIED FORCES	ENEMY FORCES
<u>BB</u>	NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND OKLAHOMA MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO IDAHO CALIFORNIA	YAMASHIRO ISE HYUGA (being modernised)
CV	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	SHOKAKU
CV(T)	-	нозно
● CA(T)	COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD	HITAKA RYUHO ZUIHO HAYATAKA
CV(E)	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO EARNES ALTAMAHA COPAHEE LISCOMBE BAY LONG ISLAND MISSION BAY	UNYO CHITOSE CHUYO OTAKA
<u>GA</u>	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER NEW ORLEANS SAN FRANCISCO PENSACOLA MINDIANAPOLIS R SALT LAKE CITY	# TONE # AOEA # HAGURO #QMYCKO # ATAGO # TAKAO
•	# PORTLAND # MINNEAPOLIS # LOUISVILLE # WICHITA	
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Approx 35 Approx 50 KASHIMA
2-3
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2 to ACV)
25 (a few repairing)
Approx 30

* Non-effective

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CL	ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS KENYA NEWCASTLE MANCHESTER CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN CARADOC DANAE DURBAN FMERALD	KUMA OI KITAGAMI KINU
CL(T)	:	CANTON CARTHAGE CHITRAL HANPURA WORGESTERSHIRE	KASHIT 1
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XAV/XCVS	W.B.PRESTON VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	10
SS	EILLFISH ELTEPISH BOWFIN CAPELIN CISCO COD GREVALLE NARWHAL RASHER TUNA	On Patrol	
	K.12 BONEFISH CABRILLA KINGFISH POMPOM PUFFER)	At Fremantle	
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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 661

Date: 20 November, 1943

PART I.

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/20:

"SC.747" "YMS.335" escorting "JAPARA" Milne Bay to Lae ETA 0600/21. (1)

- (2) "BENALLA" "POLARIS" surveying vicinity Morobe.
 (3) "ML.805" with "MERNOO" cable laying in vicinity Redscar Bay.
 (4) "PC.476" departed Thursday Is. 1421/17 to RV with "STAGEN" towing barge and escort to Milne Bay ETA 1800/22.
- (5) "PC.1119" escorting "SHIKELLAMY" departed Port Moresby 1400/19 to Townsville ETA 2000/21.
- (6) "TASMAN" (AH) departed Milne Bay 1512/16 en route Brisbane ETA

 0600/21.

 (7) "KATOOMBA" "PC.1124" escorting Convoy FT.40 (3 MV) departed Milne

 Bay 1505/18 for Townsville ETA 1500/21.
- (8) "YP.291" departed Caloundra approx.1730/17 for Townsville ETA 1200/20.
- (9) "BUNGAREE" at sea.
- (10) "YMS.73" (ex QL.30) en route Townsville from Bustard Head.
 (11) "GEELONG" "SC.735" escorting Convoy LQ.30 (4 MV) departed Gladstone
 2200/19 for Caloundra.
- (12) "PC.1131" "PC.1132" escorting 4 LCI's from Sopac area to Brisbane were due 19 November.
- (13) 9 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Finschhafen - Warships & Aux. - "SC.731" "SC.750"

Merchant Vessels: "COMARA"
- Warships & Aux. - "PC.479" "PC.1120" "PC.1121" "SC. 738" "SC.746" Lae

Merchant Vessels: "BONTEKOE" "FREMONT OLDER" "W.VAN DEVENTER"

Morobe - Warships & Aux. - "ML.427"

- Warships & Aux. - "SC.637" "YMS.51" "YMS.72"
"YMS.314" "ML.424" "ML.425" "ML.428" "ML.801" Buna "ML.806" "ML.816" "ML.819" "PORTUNUS" (AGP)

"SUSQUEHANNA" (AO)

Merchant Vessels: "D.McLEAY" "S.CRANE" - Warships & Aux. - "SC.687" "ML.747" Oro Bay

Merchant Vessels: "THOS.CORWIN" "LUDDINGTON" "RING LARDNER" "CHAS.L.SMITH" "J.KELLY" "GREY LAG" "W.H.POINT" "GEN.VERSPIJK"

Porlock Hbr. Kiriwina

- Warships & Aux. - "TRINITY" (AO) "PC.479"
- Warships & Aux. - "SC.749" "SC.982"

Merchant Vessels: "BULIMBA" "CITY OF FORT WORTH" Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - "SC.745" Merchant Vessels: "HANYANG"

Goodenough Island - Merchant Vessels: "REIJNST" - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE"

(CA) "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "HELM" "RALPH

TALBOT" "SMITH" "PERKINS" "MAHAN" "BAGLEY" Milne Bay "LAM SON" "SHAW" "CONYNGHAM" MUGFORD" "REID" "FLUSSER" (DD) "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" (APD) "WARREGO" (AMS) SC.648 SC.798 SC.699 SC.703 SC.734 SC.742 SC.798 SC.699 SC.703 SC.734 SC.742 SC.743 SC.744 SC.981 YMS.11 YMS.49 YMS.50 YMS.52 YMS.53 YMS.70 YMS.313 YMS.334 YMS.336 YP.233 YP.278 YP.283 ML.818 22 LST's 15 APC'S 48 PT'S Y.13 "YUNNAN" (ASIS)
"RIGEL" (AR) "DOBBIN" (AD) "OTUS" "FULTON"
(AS) "HALF MOON" (AVP) "BISHOPDALE" "AASE
MAERSK" "ESSO BALBOA" (AO) "SPRINGDALE"
(YDG) "AMYCUS" (ARL) ML.430 ML.431 (Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.) Merchant Vessels: "ABIGAIL ADAMS" "ALAMO"
"E.D.BAKER" "BALIKPAPAN" "D.F.BARRY" "F.P. BLAIR" "BORGFRED" "G.S.BOUTWELL" "A.BURLINGHAM" "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" "CAPE "A.BURLINGHAM" "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" "CAPE
SANDY" "J.M.CLEMENTS" "J.M.DALY" "H.DODGE"

"J.EVANS" "G.H.FLANDERS" "J.HOLMES"

"E.JOHNSON" "J.LAHE" "J.LYKES" "MACTAN"

"T.C.LOWE" "KARSIK" "NORAD" "F.B.OLSON"

"B.OSBORNE" "PAHUD" "A.PIERCE" "THOS.C.

POWER" "SEA WITCH" "SIBIGO" "M.M.STEWART"

"H.STANBURY" "C.P.STEINMETZ" "TAROONA"

"VAN OUTEOORN" "VAQUERO" "WEST CACTUS"

"E.M.WESTCOTT" "W.WRIGHE" "E.M.WESTCOTT" "W.WRIGHT" - Warships & Aux. - "SC.732" "SC.748" Port Moresby Merchant Vessels: "C.KING" "ROB.S.BEAN" "W.E. CHARNING" "WM. BURNHAM" "CAPE MEREDITH" "MARCUS DALY" "R.STUART" "C.KOHRS" "WM.
HUME" "MULIAMA" "THOS. JEFFERSON" "THEDENS"
- Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" (AMS) Thursday Island - Warships & Aux. - "GYMPIE" "BUNBURY" "COLAC" Cairns "ARARAT" "GLADSTORE" "WAGGA" "STAWELL" (AMS PG.477 SC.736 SC.737 YMS.8 YMS.46

YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.71 YP.236 YP.280

ML.426 ML.804 ML.803 ML.812 "PLATYPUS

(AR) "MANOGRA" "WESTRALIA" (APA)

- Warships & Aux. - "SAN PABLO" (AVP)

- Warships & Aux. - "HERON" (AVP) "BISHOPDALE" "PLATYPUS" Palm Island Townsville (AO) - Warships & Aux. - "DRAY TON" (DD) "GILMER"

(APD) "TOWNSVILLE" "SWAN" "BOWEN" "LITHGOW"

"GOULBURK" (AMS) "PC.1123" SC.650 SC.741 Brisbane ML.808 YMS.9 YMS.10 "CARTER HALL" (LSD)
"H.T.ALLEN" "KANIMBLA" (APA) "ALGORAB" (AKA) "VICTORIA" (AO) "COUGAL" (ASR) "SHEPPARTON" (Survey Vessel) "MERKUR" (AF) "MARUNDA" (AH) (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WHYALLA" (AMS) (c) Proposed Movements: (1) "WAGGA" "ARARAT" "STAWELL" to depart Cairns to RV off Fitzroy Is. at 1600/20 with Convoy TN.180 ("J.J.ASTOR" "W.BEAUMONT" "F.G.NEWLANDS" "PATRAS" "A.ROBALLI" "TRIANGULUM" YP.236 1 LST 2 LCI 2 PT's in tow) and escort to Milne Bay ETA 1200/23.
(2) "WHYALLA" "SC.650" "SC.741" escorting Convoy QL.31 to depart

Caloundra 1600/21. After arrival Gladstone escorts are detailed for Convoy LQ.31.

(3) "GOULBURN" after exercising in Moreton Bay is to join Convoy PG 85 departing Caloundra approx 1200/24 for docking in Sydney

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Treasury Islands - At 0623/17, two enemy aircraft attacked an LSF entering Blanche Hr. without causing any damage. Enemy planes were over Treasury Island three times during the previous night but no bombs were dropped. A few Japanese are apparently still on Treasury Is. as four were killed by a patrol on 18 November:

another was taken prisoner.

(2) Buin Base - At 1243/18, Kara was effectively bombed by 16 unescorted Liberators. At the same time Ballale was bombed by another two Liberators and one more bombed Poporang Is. We interception was encountered and all planes returned.

At 1210/19, Kahili was attacked by 62 Dauntless 23 Avengers with 15 Corsairs escorting. Photos show 15

new bomb hits on or near the runway.

Photos 19 November reveal Kahili, Kara and
Ballale runways all unserviceable. Only three fighters
are present, all on Kahili. A few barges and small craft only are visible.

(3) Empress Augusta Bay - Further to the dive bomber attack on beached landing craft at Torokina at 0800/17 (refer Summary No.660) three enemy planes were apparently destroyed, one by fighter patrol, one by A/A fire and the third by hitting a balloon barrage.
At 0908/18 a surfaced submarine was seen

approximately 15 miles S.W. Cape Moltke.

Land activity to 19 November was limited to

consolidation and active patrolling.

(4) Buka - At 1237/18 8 Mitchells attacked Chabai. A considerably larger force of aircraft was scheduled but weather interfered.

At 1255/18 Buka Passage airfield was bombed by 18 Liberators. The whole runway and a fair portion of the dispersal area were covered and one aircraft was hit in a revetment.

During 19 November several fighter flights strafed buildings at Chabai as no shipping was located. Photos 19 November show Buka runway unserviceable, and Bonis possibly partly serviceable. Two floatplanes only are visible in addition to twenty barges and one small craft.

(5) Cape St. George - At 1245/19 two sea trucks were reported by aircraft in this vicinity, the larger in Lanisso Bay (S.E. coast near the Cape) and the smaller off Cape St. George.

(6) Mandates-Bismarcks - Further details of the report of two light cruisers 45 miles S. by W. Favieng course 600 (Refer Summary 660) indicate that the composition was one light cruiser, one destroyer and the course is confirmed as easterly.

An intercept report at 1210/19 states two heavy cruisers, five unidentified type merchant vessels sighted 135 miles N. by E. of Mussau Island course 190, speed 15 knots.

(7) E. Bismarck Sea - At 2320/19 a Catalina reported indications of twelve large ships off Komalu Bay (S.W. coast New Ireland) 37 miles N.W. Rabaul. A/A fire was encountered.

At 0210/20 another Catalina reported six ships probably in the same vicinity, described as two merchant vessels, two tankers and two escort vessels. Two hits were claimed on a 10,000 ton merchant vessel which was reported as burning from stem to stern.

(8) Cape Orford - Gasmata - At 1445/18 a southbound submarine was reported off Cape Orford.

At 0342/19 PT boats attacked a submarine, probably the same unit, 44 miles bearing 1490 from Gasmata. The submarine was proceeding on a westerly course. Torpedoss were fired but missed and depth charges were dropped with unobserved results.

(9) Cape Gloucester - At 0925/1015 19 November 9 Mitchells escorted by 11 Lightnings conducted a barge sweep between Rein Bay

and Cape Gloucester. Three luggers in Ketengi Anchorage (just west of Rein Bay) were attacked and either destroyed or damaged. (10) Admiralty Islands - At 1000/19 aircraft reported a 6,000 ton freighter escorted by a corvette 75 miles E. by S. of

Lorengau course 270

(11) Hansa Bay - Further to the reported shipping in Hansa Bay 16-17 November (refer Summary No1659 and 660) described as a possible cruiser with some eight merchant vessels, photographs taken the same morning as the original sighting show 9 luggers and six barges. This does not necessarily discount the previous reports but would tend to indicate that the shipping present was not as large as at first reported.

Photographs 0940/16 show that Nubia airfield is serviceable but no aircraft are present and there are no

signs of recent activity.

(12) Finschhafen Area - Ground advance continued towards Satelberg on 18 November in spite of stiff opposition and difficult terrain.

In the area E. of Satelberg our forward elements reached a point 1000 yards E. by N. Satelberg and in the area to the south 1000 yards from the objective.

At approximately 0900/19 enemy positions some 15 miles W.N.W. Satelberg were attacked by 21 Mitchells.

(13) Sio-Finschhafen Coast - At 0900-0925/19 a coastal sweep in this

area was conducted by 8 Bostons. (14) Kiriwina - At 0700/19 probably two enemy reconnaissance planes were over the area.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (a) At Sea to 1200/20:
- (1) "ML.429" en route Darwin from Gulf of Carpentaria was due 0900/20.
 (2) "FREMANTLE" escorting Convoy TD.37 ("KURUMBA" "BURWAH") departed
 Thursday Is. 1531/17 for Darwin ETA 1630/20.

(3) 11 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS) ML.814 ML.815 Merchant Vessels: "YARRA" "TIME"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

- (a) At Sea to 1200/20:
- (1) "LE TRIOMPHANT" departed Port Phillip 1451/16 for Fremantle was due 1000/20.
 - (b) In Harbour:
 - Warships & Aux. "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL) "TJERK HIDDES" "BROOME" (DD) "CHILDS" (AV) "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) "ATRESU" (CM) Fremantle "WHIPPOORWILL" "LARK" (AR) "PELIAS" (AS)
 "CHANTICLEER" (AR) "ISABEL" (PY) SC.739 YP.286

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B.PRESTON" (AVD) YP.288
Broome - Warships & Aux. - "VAN GALEN" (DD)

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/20:

(1) "DELORAINE" "GLENELG" escorting Convoy G.P.84 (4 MV) departed Sydney 0920/18 for Calcundra ETA 1530/20.

(2) "VENDETTA" was to depart Calcundra 1100/19 to RV with "MOUNT VERNON" in position 32°58'S 158°14'E at 1600/20

and escort to Sydney ETA 21 November.
(3) "ROCKHAMPTON" "ECHUCA" escorting Convoy 60.144 (7 MV) for Melbourne ETA Wilsons Promontory 1200/21.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) SC.982

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "STUART" (DD) "TROMP" (CL)

"MORESBY" "BROOME" "BENDIGO" "BALLARAT"

"KALGOORLIE" "BUNDABERG" "PIRIE" "WARRNAMEOCL" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "CASTLEMAINE" (AMS) "HILO" (PG) "KYBRA" "YANDRA" (A/S Vessels) ML.430 ML.817
ML.822 "MIZAR" (AF) "POILUX" (AKS)

(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "WILCANNIA" (AMS)

Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "MILDURA" "INVERELL"

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

	ALLIED FORCES			ENEMY FORCES
Company of the Company	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
BB	•	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS SOUTH DAKOTA ALABAMA TEMNESSEE	•	YAMATO MUSASHI KONGO HARUNA FUSO NAGATO MUTSU
CV	-	SARATOGA ESSEX BUNKER HILL	-	ZUIKAKU
(L)	-	PRINCETON IMDEPENDENCE	•	ZUIHO) en route from
(E)	•	NASSAU PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON	•	CHUYO } Japan
CA	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	•	CHOKAI) 1 or KUMANO) more SUZUYA) possibly TIKUMA) Bismarcks MCGAMI MAYA
<u>CL</u>	3 4	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER NASHVILLE ST.LOUIS SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN SANTA FE MOBILE BIRMINGHAM DENVER LEANDER	NOSHIRO	NAGARA OYODO NAKA ISUZU damaged AGANO
CL(T)		Inan Dan	4	Trans. T
		-		KATORI
XCL DD	WARRAMUNGA ARUNTA HELM RALPH TALBOT STUART VENDETTA CONYNGHAM BAGLEY DRAYTON FLUSSER LAMSON MAHAN PERKINS REID	Approx 40	1 damaged	25 (some repairing)
	LE TRIOMPHANT	# Non-effecti		

	hwest Pacific tern Section)		Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>DD</u>	ALBACORE) BLACKFISH) DRUM) RAY) SCAMP) PETO) RATON)	On Patrol	20	20
	GATO) GUARDFISH) S.31)	At Brisbane		
	K. 9 BALAO	At Sychey At Milne Bay		
AV/CVS	HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON	WRIGHT BALLARD CHANDELIER	-	NOTORO
KAV/XCVS	-	3	-	3 - 4
PT	35	Approx 30	?	?
APA/APD/AKA	M.T.ALLEN MANCORA WESTRALIA KAN IMBLA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA		
AS	FULTON CTUS		-	8
AD	DOBBIN M DIXIE		1	1
AR	RIGEL PLATY PUS	PROMETHEUS		
AIRCRAFT (N.E	.Area Only)			
Control of the Contro	cl. 19 twin-e	ng.) 221 114 44 2 50 14		
	2	. SOUTH EASTERN P.	ACIFIC	
CL	TRENTON			
DD	2			

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO IDAHO CALIFORNIA OKLAHOMA	YAMASHIRO ISE HYUGA (being modernised)
CV	ENTER FRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	SHOKAKU
CV(T)	_	HOSHO
CV(L)	COW PENS BELLEAU WOOD	HITAKA RYUHO HAYATAKA
CV(E)	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO BARNES ALTAMAHA COPAHEE LISCOMBE BAY LONG ISLAND MISSION BAY	CHITOSE OTAKA
CA	BALTIMORE BOSTON GHESTER HEW ORLEANS SAN FRANCISCO PENSACOLA MINDIANPOLIS MINDIANPOLIS MINDIANPOLIS MINNEAPOLIS MINNEAPOLIS MINNEAPOLIS MICHTA	M TONE M AOBA M HAGURO M MYOKO M ATAGO M TAKAO
OCA	-	6
<u>CL</u>	# HONOLULU # HENO # CONCORD # CAKLAND	TATSUTA WAKAMIYA TAMA RISO YUBARI NATORI
CL(T) XCL AV/CVS XAV/XCVS DD SS AS	FOCOMORE Approx 35 Approx 50	KASHIMA 2 - 3 CHIYODA (under conversion to 2 ACV) 25 (s few repairing) Approx 30

<u>A</u>	ILIED FORCES	4. CENTRAL PACIFIC	MOST SECRET 20 November, 1 ENEMY FORCES	943
CA	LOUISVILLE		NACHI	
OL	DETROIT RALEIGH HICHMOND		ABUKUNA	
XCL			1	
VVCWS	-		AKITSUSHIMA	
DD XXVX	22		5	
33	10		Approx 4	
AS	•		1	
	-	EAST INDIES - INDIAN	OCEAN	
	thwest Pacific stern Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philip	pines
BB	-	RAMITALIES	-	
CY (E)	1-	BATTLER	3.	
GA	-	SUFFOLK	ASHIGARA	
		SUSSEX HAWKINS		
		FROBISHER		
UL	ADELAIDE	MAURITIUS	KUMA	
	VAN HEEMSKER	K KENYA NEWCASTLE	OI	
		MANCHEST R	KITAGAMI KINU	
		CERES		
		DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN		
		CARADOC		
		DANAE		
		DURBAN EMERALD		
or (m)				
KCL (T)	-	CANTON	KASHII 1	
Salte Street Laboratory		CARTHAGE	1	
		CHITRAL		
		RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE		
AV/CVS	CHILDS	ALBATROSS	KAMOI	
	W.B. PRESTON	7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7	AND PLVA	
XAV/XCVS	WAT CATEM	Anna or Or	1	
	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	10	
SS	BILLFISH)			
-	BLUEFISH)		6	
	BOWFIN)	On Daimal		
	GAPELIN) GISCO)	On Patrol		
	COD)			
	GREVALLE)			
	RASHER			
	TUNA)			
	K.12)			
	BONEFISH) CABRILLA)	At Fremantle		
	KINGFISH)	At Fremantie		
	POMPOM)			
AO	PUFFER)			
AS AIRCRAFT (N.	PELIAS .W. Area Only)	?		
Fighters (in	ncl. 27 twin-er			
Light & M/Bo SE/Bombers	ombers	49		
Flying Boats	3	16 12		
Floatalanes		52		
Transport &	UDSn. A/C	39 - 4 -		

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 662

Date: 21 November, 1943

PART I.

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

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1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

- (1) "PC.1122" "SC.744" escorting "A.BURLINGHAME" departed Milne Bay

 0500/20 for Lae ETA 2100/21.

 (2) "BENALLA" "POLARIS" surveying vicinity Morobe.

 (3) "ML.805" with "MERNOO" cable laying in vicinity Redscar Bay.

 (4) "PC.476" escorting "STAGEN" towing barge to Milne Bay ETA 1800/22.

 (5) "WAGGA" "STAWELL" "ARARAT" escorting Convoy TN.180 ("J.J.ASTOR"

 "W.BEAUMONT" "F.G.NEWLANDS" "PATRAS" "A.ROBALLI" "TRIANGULUM"

 YP.236 1 LST 2 LCI's 2 PT's in tow) departed Fitzroy Is.

 p.m. 20 November for Milne Bay ETA 1200/23.

 (6) "PC.1119" escorting "SHIKELLAMY" for Townsville departed Port Moresby

 1400/19 was due Cairns 0900/21.

 (7) "WARREGO" escorting Convoy FT.41 ("TAROONA") departed Milne Bay
- (7) "WARREGO" escorting Convoy FT.41 ("TAROONA") departed Milne Bay 1630/20 for Townsville ETA 0300/22.
- "YP.291" departed Townsville 2024/20 for Cairns.
- (9) "BUNGAREE" at sea.
- (10) "YMS.73" (ex QL.30) en route Townsville from Bustard Head.
 (11) "GEELONG" "SC.735" escorting Convoy LQ.30 (4 MV) departed Gladstone
- 2200/19 for Caloundra.
 (12) "DELORAINE" "GLENELG" escorting Convoy GP.84 (4 MV) departed Sydney 0920/18 for Caloundra ETA 1530/20 but bad weather caused convoy to split and separate portions will be some hours late.
 - (13) 9 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

- Finschhafen - Warships & Aux. - "SC.731" "SC.750"
- Merchant Vessels: "COMARA"

 Warships & Aux. "PC.479" "PC.1121" "SC.738"

 "SC.746" "SC.747" "YMS.335"

 Merchant Vessels: "BONTEKOE" "FREMONT OLDER" "JAPARA" Lae

"W.VAN DEVENTER"

Morobe - Warships & Aux. - "ML.427"

- Warships & Aux. - "SC.637" "YMS.51" "YMS.72"
"YMS.314" "M.424" "ML.425" "ML.801" "ML.806" Buna

"ML.816" "ML.819" "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "SUSQUEHANNA" (AO)

Merchant Vessels: "D.McLEAY" "S.CRANE"

- Warships & Aux. - "SC.734"

Merchant Vessels: "THOS.CORWIN" "LUDDINGTON" "RING Oro Bay

LARDNER " "CHAS.E. SMITH" "J. KELLY" "GREY LAG" "W.H.POINT" "NORAB"

Porlock Harbour - Warships & Aux. - "TRINITY" (AO)

Kiriwina - Warships & Aux. - "SC.745" "SC.749" Woodlark Is.

- Warships & Aux - "HANYANG"

Warships & Aux. - "SC.982" Goodenough Island - Merchant Vessels: "REIJNST" "CITY OF FORT WORTH" - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "HELM" "RALPH Milne Bay TALBOT" "SMITH" "PERKINS" "MAHAN" "BAGLEY "LAMSON" "SHAW" "CONYNGHAM" "MUGFORD" "REID" "FLUSSER" (DD) "HUMPHREYS" (APD) SC.748 SC.698 SC.699 SC.703 SC.742 SC.743 SC.981 YMS.11 YMS.49 YMS.50 YMS.52 YMS.53 YMS.70 YMS.313 YMS.334 YMS.336 YP.233 YP.278 YP.283 ML.428 ML.430 ML.431 ML.818 20 LST's 15 APC'S 48 PT'S "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "RIGEL"
(AR) "DOBBIN" (AD) "OTUS" "FULTON" (AS)
"HALF MOON" (AVP) "BISHOPDALE" "AASE MAERSK" "ESSO BALBOA" (AO) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) (Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.) Merchant Vessels: "ABIGAIL ADAMS" "ALAMO"
"E.D.BAKER" "BALIKPAPAN" "D.F.BARRY" "F.F.BLAIR" "BORGFRED" "G.S.BOUTWELL" "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" "CAPE SANDY" "J.M. CLEMENTS" "J.N. DALY" "H. DODGE" "G. H. FLANDERS" "GEN . VERSPIJK" "KARSIK" "J. LANE" "T.C.LOWE" "J.LYKES" "MACTAN" "F.B.OLSON" "B.OSBORNE" "PAHUD" "A.PIERCE
"THOS.C.POWER" "SIBIGO" "H.STANBURY"
"C.P.STEINMETZ" "M.M.STEWART" "VAN
OUTHOORN" "VAQUERO" "WEST CACTUS" "E.M.WESTCOTT" "W.WRIGHT" Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "SANDS" "BROOKS" (APD) SC.732 SC.748 Merchant Vessels: "C.KING" "ROB.S.BEAN"
"W.E.CHANNING" "WM.BURNHAM" "CAPE MEREDITH" "MARCUS DALY" "R. STUART""C.KOHRS "WM. HUME" "MULIAMA" "THOS. JEFFERSON" "THEDENS" - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" (AMS) Thursday Island - "GYMPIE" "BUNBURY" "COLAC" - Warships & Aux. - "GYMPIE" "BUNBURY" "COLA "KATOOMBA" "GLADSTONE" (AMS) PC.477 Cairns PC.1124 SC.736 SC.737 YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.71 YP.280 ML.426 ML.804 ML.803 ML.820 "PLATYPUS" (AR) "MANDORA" "WESTRALIA" (APA)

- Warships & Aux. - "SAN PABLO" (AVP)

- Warships & Aux. - "HERON" (AVP)

- Warships & Aux. - "DRAYTON" (DD) "GILMER" (APD)

"TOWNSVILLE" "SWAN" "BOWEN" "LITHGOW" Palm Island Townsville Brisbane "GOULBURN" (AMS) PC.1123 PC.1131 PC.1132 SC.65D SC.741 ML.808 YMS.9 YMS.10 "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "H.T.AILEN"
"KANIMBLA" (APA) "ALGORAB" (AKA)
"VICTORIA" (AO) "COUGAL" (ASR) "SHEPPARTON" (Survey Vessel) "MERKUR" (AF) "TASMAN" "MANUNDA" (AH) (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WHYALLA" (ANS) (c) Proposed Movements: (1) "DELORAINE" "TOWNSVILLE" "GLENELG" escorting Convoy PG.84 (6 MV) to depart Caloundra approx 1200/21.
(2) "WHYALLA" "SC.650" "SC.741" "PC.1131" escorting Convoy QL.31 (7 MV) to depart Caloundra 1600/21. After arrival Gladstone escorts are detailed for Convoy LQ.31 except for "PC.1131" which returns Brisbane from Lady Elliott Is. (3) "GCUEBURN" after exercising in Moreton Bay is to join Convoy PG.85 departing Caloundra approx 1200/24 for docking in Sydney. - 2 -

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) E. Coast Bougainville - Continued absence of enemy shipping around the east coast of Bougainville is indicated by a negative sweep p.m. 20 November by 3 Mitchells. Similar sweeps have been conducted almost daily recently with negative results.

(2) S.W. Bougainville - Early morning 18 November several enemy aircraft bombed our positions on Poruata Island causing a few casualties and during the night 18-19 November some 35-40 bombs were dropped on positions near Torokina again causing

a few casualties.

At 1550/20 Jap concentrations and supply lines from Mawaraka (southern part of Empress Augusta Bay) to Mibo River (flowing out on coast S.W. Bougainville 17 miles from Kahili) were heavily attacked by 31 Avengers, 57 Dauntless escorted by 8 Corsairs dropping about 7 tons bombs including some 2000 lb. bombs. No interception was encountered and all planes returned.

Several unidentified aircraft were over Empress Augusta Bay area p.m. 20 November and our fighter patrols intercepted and shot down one medium bomber probably on reconnaissance.

Bonis airfield was raided 1100/20 by 30 Mitchells and (3) Buka -Venturas escorted by 15 Lightnings.

(4) Bougainville Airfields and Anchorages - Photos 20 November show all five airfields - Buka, Bonis, Kahili, Kara and Ballale - unserviceable, although Kara appears to be under repair. Twentysix barges and small craft are shown in S. Bougainville

anchorages, twenty at N. Bougainville and two at Kieta. (5) E. Bismarck Sea - Further details of shipping reported between Rabaul and S.W. coast New Ireland night 19-20 November (Refer Summary No. 661) show that only one convoy was sighted at 2200/19 described as two destroyers, one cargo ship (10,000 tons) two medium tankers, 45 miles N.N.W. Rabaul course 310°. As indicated, the cargo vessel was hit and was last seen being abandoned, burning fiercely.

Preliminary reports of shipping seen in the same area next night indicate one convoy seen shortly before midnight 20-21 November described as two patrol craft, two merchant vessels 70 miles N.W. of Rabaul on course 3300.

(6) Rabaul - Photographic reconnaissance aircraft over Rabaul 1100/20 reported one light cruiser or destroyer leaving the harbour and that there were exceptionally few ships in the harbour including possibly only one warship.

7) Cape Orford - At 1813/20 a southbound submarine passed Cape Orford. - At 0446/20 an unidentified type aircraft was observed (8) Hasmata

taking off Gasmata strip.

At 1009-1030/20, Ring Ring Plantation (just E.of Gasmats proper) was attacked by 50 Liberators escorted by 20 Kittyhawks. The target area was effectively covered by 1472 tons of bombs dropped.

Two 500 ton vessels and several luggers, small craft

and barges were observed near Gasmata.

(9) Wewak - At 1035/19 four unidentified merchant ships were reported in Wewak Harbour by a reconnaissance Lightning, in addition to some harbour craft.

At 2023/20 aircraft reported a 5-7000 ton ship 20 miles

N.N.W. Wewak on course 320°.
(10) Hansa Bay - At 2237/19, aircraft reported 3 merchant ships in Hansa Bay. A strike at 1245-1300/20 by nine Mitchells found only several barges and luggers in the area. Five barges and one lugger were destroyed also a jetty. A/A positions were also

attacked. One Mitchell was lost to A/A.

(11) Elingan Harbour P.m. 20 November aircraft reported one sea truck and several barges and small craft at Ulingan and in the

vicinity.

(12) Sio Area - At 0815-0835/20, stores and tracks in the Wald Bay area

were attacked by nine Bostons.

(13) Finschhafen Area - At 1645/19 a formation of 12 medium bombers with 15 Zeros was intercepted over Finschhafen by 6 Lightnings. Apart from damage to one Lightning, no casualties were claimed but all bombs fell in the sea.

(13) Finschhafen Area (Contd.) - At 0815-0840/20, enemy positions approx. 15 miles N.W. of Satelberg were attacked by 24 Mitchells and 7 Marauders.

(14) Woodlark Is. - At 1500/20, an enemy medium bomber was over

Woodlark Is. probably on reconnaissance as no bombs were dropped.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

(1) 11 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "COOTAMUNDRA" "FREMANTLE" (AMS) ML. 429 ML.814 ML.815
Merchant Vessels: "YARRA" "TIME" "BURWAH" "KURUMBA" (AO)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Sorong - At 2300/19 Sorong was attacked by four Catalinas causing a violent explosion.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL)

"LE TRIOMPHANT" "TJERK HIDDES" "BROOME" (DD)

"CHILDS" (AV) "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) "ATREUS"

(CM) "WHIPPOORWILL" "LARK" (AR) "PELIAS" (AS)

"CHANTICLEER" (AR) "ISABEL" (PY) SC.739 YP.286

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.E.PRESTON" (AVD) YP.288

Broome - Warships & Aux. - "VAN GALEN" (DD)

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

(1) "VENDETTA" escorting "MOUNT VERNON" to Sydney ETA 21 November.
(2) "STUART" escorting "NIEUW AMSTERDAM" was to depart Sydney

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(3) "YANDRA" "KALGOORLIE" "COWRA" escorting Convoy GP.85 (3 MV)

were to depart Sydney 0800/21 for Caloundra.

(4) "BENDIGO" "BALLARAT" "BROOME" escorting Convoy CO.145 (8 MV)

departed Sydney A.M. 21 November for Melbourne.

(5) "ROCKHAMPTON" "ECHUCA" escorting Convoy CO.144 (7 MV) for

Melbourne ETA Wilsons Promontory 1200/21. (6) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC.144 (12 MV) departed Port Phillip at 2330/20 to RV with Convoy CO.144 at Wilsons Promontory.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) SC.982
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "MORESBY"

"KALGOORLIE" "BUWDABERG" "PIRIE" "WARRNAMBOOL" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "CASTLEMAINE" (AMS) "HILO" (PG) "KYBRA" "YANDRA" (A/S Vessels) ML.430
ML.817 ML.822 "MIZAR" (AF) "POILUX" (AKS)

Sydney - Warships & Aux. (Contd.)

(Repairing and Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "WILCANNIA" (AMS)

Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "MILDURA" "INVERELL" "KAPUNDA"

(AMS) "DOOMBA" (A/S Vessel)

Westernport - Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel)

(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "VENDETTA" to depart Sydney a.m. 22 November for Brisbane.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

(1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, Bismarcks, North Coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.

(2) Air and possible naval counter-action against allied moves

in Solomons and New Guinea areas.

(3) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.

(4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific Areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE 1. SOUTH WEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	ALLIED FORCES		ENEMI PORCES		
_	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carclines Marshalls	
BB		WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS SOUTH DAKOTA ALABAMA TENNESSEE	-	YAMATC MUSASHI KNOGO HARUNA NAGATO MUTSU	
CA)	SARATOGA ESSEX BUNKER HILL	-	ZUIKAKU	
CV(L)	-	PRINCETON INDEPENDENCE	-	ZUIHO	
CV (E)	-	NASSAU PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON	-	CHUYO UNYO	
CA	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	~	-	CHOKAI) 1 or KUMANO) more SUZUYA) possibly TIKUMA) Bismarcks ** MOGAMI ** MAYA	
CL		COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER NASHVILLE ST. LCUIS SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN SANTA FE MOBILE BIRMINGHAM DENVER LEANDER	NOSHIRO YUBARI	NAGARA OYODO NAKA ISUZU AGANO	
CL(T)	-	-	-	KATORI KASHIMA	
ECL	-		_	2 - 3 (1 damaged)	
<u>DD</u>	WARRAMUNGA ARUNTA HELM RALPH TALBOT STUART VENDETTA CONYNGHAM BAGLEY DRAYTON FLUSSER LAM SON MAHAN PERKINS REID	Approx 40	10	25 (some repairing)	
	or traver als dell	* Non-eff	ective		

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>DD</u>	ALBACORE) BLACKFISH) DRUM) RAY) SCAMP) PETO) RATON)	On Patrol	20	20
	GATO) GUARDFISH) S.31)	At Brisbane		
	K. 9 BALAO	At Sydney At Milne Bay		-1
AV/CVS	HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON	WRIGHT BALLARD CHANDELIER	\(\frac{1}{2}\)	NOTÓRO
XAV/XCV	3 -	3	_	3-4
PT	3 5	Approx 30	?	?
APA/APD/	MAN OORA WESTRALIA KANIMBLA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA		
AS	FULTON OTUS		_	?
AD .	DOBBIN * DIXIE		1	1
IR	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS		
ghters ght & SE/Bombe Flying B Floatpla	oats	215 114 44 2 50 14		
	ALLIED FORCES	2. MORTH PACI		Y FORCES
CA	LOUISVILLE		NACHI	
<u>EL</u>	DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND		ABUKUMA	
CCL VCVS DD	22		AKITSUS 1 5	AMIH
DD SS AS	10		Approx	4

Mandates)

modernised)

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

CA

ENEMY FORCES

* HAYATAKA

BB	NORTH CAROLINA	YAMASHIRO
711	INDIANA	FUSO (poss.
	WEST VIRGINIA	ISE
	COLORADO	HYUGA (being
•	MARYLAND	
	MISSISSIPPI	
	NEW MEXICO	
	CHACT	
	CALIFORNIA	
1	* OKLAHOMA	

ENTERPRISE SHOKAKU
YORKTOWN
LEXINGTON

CV(I) - HOSHO

CV(L) COWPENS HITAKA
BELLEAU WOOD RYUHO

SUWANNEE CHITOSE OTAKA

CHENANGO
BARNES
ALTAMAHA
COPAHEE
LISCOMBE BAY
LONG ISLAND

NEW ORLEANS # MYOKO
SAN FRANCISCO # ATAGO
PEN SACOLA # TAKAO

* INDIANAPOLIS

* SALT LAKE CITY

* PORTLAND

* MINNEAPOLIS

* LOUISVILLE
* WICHITA

HONCLULU TATSUTA
RENO WAKAMIYA
CONCORD TAMA
OAKLAND # KISO

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XCL 2 - 3
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SS Approx 50
Approx 30
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* Non-effective

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

<u>CL</u> TRENTON

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

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22 November, 1943 Date:

PART I.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/22:

- (1) "BENALLA" "POLARIS" surveying vicinity Morobe.
- (2) "WHYALLA" "SC.650" "SC.741" "PC.1131" escorting Convoy QL.31 ("CARTER HALL" 1 APC and 5 MV) departed Caloundra 1717/21 ETA Bustard Head 2330/22. "PC.1131" to return Brisbane from Lady Elliott Is. Other escorts detailed for

- Convoy LQ.31.

 (3) "ML.805" with "MERNOO" cable laying in vicinity Redscar Bay.

 (4) "BROOKS" "SANDS" escorting 2 LST departed Port Moresby 1000/21 for Milne Bay ETA 1500/22. LST's to proceed Goodenough due 0500/23.
- (5) "PC.476" escorting "STAGEN" towing barge to Milne Bay ETA 1800/22.
 (6) "WAGGA" "STAWELL" "ARARAT" escorting Convoy TN.180 ("J.J.ASTOR"
 "W.BEAUMONT" "F.G.NEWLANDS" "PATRAS" "A.ROBALLI" "TRIANGULUM" YP.236 1 LST 2 LCI's 2 PT's in tow) departed Fitzroy Is.
- p.m. 20 November f or Milne Bay ETA 1200/23.

 (7) "WARREGO" escorting Convoy FT.41 ("TAROONA") for Townsville departed Milne Bay 1630/26. "WARREGO" to proceed Cairns ETA 22 Nov.
- (8) "BUNGAREE" at sea.
- (9) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - SC's 731, 750. Merchant Vessels: "COMARA" Finschhafen

- Warships & Aux. - PC's.1121, 1122. SC's.738, 744, Lae

SC.747. YMS's 72, 314, 335.
Merchant Vessels: "BONTEKOE" "FREMONT OLDER" "JAPARA" "W. VAN DEVENTER" "A. BURLINGHAME".

Morobe

- Warships & Aux. - ML.427. - Warships & Aux. - SC.637 Warships & Aux. - SC.637 YMS.51 ML's.424, 425, ML's.801, 806, 816, 819. "PORTUNUS" (AGP) Merchant Vessels: "D.McLEAY" "S.CRANE". Buna

Oro Bay

- Warships & Aux. - SC.734.

Merchant Vessels: "THOS.CORWIN" "LUDDINGTON"

"RING LARDNER" "CHAS.E.SMITH" "J.KELLY"

"GREY LAG" "W.H.POINT" "NORAB" "C.P.STEINMETZ".

Porlock Harbour - Warships & Aux. - "TRINITY" (AO). Kiriwina - Warships & Aux. - SC's.745, 749. - Warships & Aux. - SC.746

Woodlark Island

Merchant Vessels: "HANYANG".

Goodenough Island- Merchant Vessels: "REIJNST" "CITY OF FORT WORTH".

- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE" (CA)
"WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "HELM" "RALPH TALBOT"
"SMITH" "PERKINS" "MAHAN" "BAGLEY" "LAMSON" Milne Bay "SEAW" "CONYNGHAM" "MUGFORD" "REID" "FLUSSER" "SHAW" "CONYNGHAM" "MUGFORD" "REID" "FLUSSER"

(DD) "HUMPHREYS" (APD) SC's. 748, 698, 699,

SC's.703, 742, 743, 981, 282, YMS's.11, 49,

YMS's.50, 52, 53, 70, 313, 334, 336, YP'S.

YP's.233, 278, 283, ML's.428, 430, 431, 818.

22 LST's 15 APC's 47 PT's "YUNNAN" (ASIS)

"RIGEL" (AR) "DOBBIN" (AD) "OTUS" "FULTON"

(AS) "HALF MOON" (AVP) "BISHOPDALE" "AASE

MAERSK" "SUSQUEHANNA" "ESSO BALBOA" (AO)

"SPRINGDALE" (YDG) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "GOLDSTAR"

(AG) "COUCAL" (ASR). (Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.) Merchant Vessels: "ABIGAIL ADAMS" "ALAMO"
"E.D.BAKER" "BALIKPAPAN" "D.F.BARRY" " "F. P. BLAIR" "BORGERED" "G. S. BOUTWELL" "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" "CAPE SANDY" "H. DODGE" "G.H.FLANDERS" "GEN.VERSPIJK" "KARSIK"

"J.LANE" "T.C.LOWE" "J.LYKES" "MACTAN"

"F.E.OLSON" "B.OSBORNE" "PAHUD" "A.PIERCE"

"THGS.C.POWER" "H.STANBURY" "M.M.STEWART" "VAN OUTHOORN" "VAQUERO" "WEST CACTUS" "E.M.WESTCOTT" Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - SC's.732, 748.

Merchant Vessels: "C.KING" "ROB.S.BEAN"

"W.F.CHANNING" "WM.BURNHAM" "CAPE MEREDITH"

"MARCUS DALY" "R.STUART" "C.KOHRS" "WM.HUME"

"MULIAMA" "THOS.JEFFERSON" "THEDENS"

Thursday Island - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" (AMS).

"Warships & Aux. - "CYMPIE" "BURBLEY" "COLAC" - Warships & Aux. - "GYMPIE" "BUHBURY" "COLAC"

"KATOOMBA" "GLADSTONE" (AMS) PC's.477, 1119, Cairns PC.1124. SC's.736, 737. YMS's.8, 46, 47, YMS's.48, 71. YP's.280, 291. ML's.426, 803, ML's.804, 820. "PLATYPUS" (AR) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" (AFA).
- Warships & Aux. - "SAN PABLO" (AVP) Palm Island - Warships & Aux. - YMS.73 "HERON" (AVP) Townsville "SHIKELLAMY" (AO)
- Warships & Aux. - "DRAYTON" (DD) "GILMER"
"GEELONG" "TOWN SVILLE" "SWAN" "BOWEN" Brisbane "LITHGOW" "GOULBURN" (AMS) PC's.1123, 1132, SC.735 ML.808 YMS's.9, 10 "H.T.ALLEN"
"KANIMBLA" (APA) "ALGORAB" (AKA) "VICTORIA"
(AO) "SHEPPARTON" (Survey Vessel) "MERKUR" (AF)
"TASMAN" "MANUNDA" (AH). (c) Proposed Movements: (1) "GOULBURN" after exercising in Moreton Bay is to join Convoy PG.85 departing Calcundra approx 1200/24 for docking in Sydney.
(2) YMS's.8, 46, 47, 48 to leave Cairns to arrive Port Moresby by 1 Dec. (11) ENEMY FORCES (1) Buin Base - Kara airfield and surroundings were effectively bombed T400/21 by 58 Dauntless, 35 Avengers escorted by 16 Corsairs. (2) East Coast Bougainville - Another negative shipping sweep was made at dawn 21 November along E.coast by 3 Mitchells.
(3) S.W. Bougainville - At 0630/26, 2 Zeros strafed an LCI returning to Empress Augusta Bay from patrol with 3 patrol craft. A few minor casualties were suffered. A little earlier 50-60 bombs had been dropped in the Torokina area causing some damage and casualties and starting a large fire. At 0535/21, the Empress Augusta Bay fighter patrol encountered 7 enemy fighters all of which were shot down without allied loss.

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(4) Mandates - Bismarcks - At 1425/21 a Liberator observed a convoy described as 1 destroyer, 2 medium freighter transports, one small freighter, 45 miles S.W. of Mussau Island on course 250. Air cover for the convoy was encountered to the extent of 8 Zeros and 1 floatplane. The course was originally reported as 3150 indicating a northbound convoy but the change to 250° together with the strong fighter cover may well indicate that the ships were laden scuthbound. A direct hit and one near miss were scored on the largest ship which is claimed as probably sunk. the intercepting Zeros was shot down. (5) East Bismarck Sea - Further detail of the sightings made night 20-21 November indicate:-1 sub-chaser escorting 1 freighter 30 miles N.N.E. of Rabaul, course 140°. (a) 0001/21 (b) 0015/21 2 sub-chasers, 2 freighters, 53 miles S.E. of Kavieng, course 330°. (c) 0250/21 At least 6 ships 45 miles S.S.E. of Kavieng heading towards Rabaul. The force was considered to comprise warships judging from the anti aircraft fire encountered. (6) New Hanover - At 1030/21 3 ships were observed by aircraft leaving Marien Bay (S.W. coast). Observation was made from a distance and no description could be given. (7) Rabaul - Preliminary study of photographs, 1000/20, indicate

1 light cruiser, 9 destroyers and 97,000 tons of merchant shipping in Rabaul Harbour. (8) Gasmata - At 1139-1205/21, Ring Ring plantation area was attacked by Liberators. Reports received to date show 18 heavy bombers participated, covered by 34 Kittyhawks.

(9) New Britain Coastal Sweeps - The Hoskins Peninsula coastline was attacked 073040835/21 by 2 Beaufighters and 1500-1700/21 the south coast was covered by 2 flights each of 2 Bostons. A few small craft only were seen. (10) Witu Islands - At 2140/20, a sea truck was sighted by aircraft 12 miles S.S.E. of Garove Island heading S.E. (11) Wewak - A fighter sweep to Wewak, a.m. 20 November, reported several ships in the area, the most significant of which were 2 possible destroyers and a merchant ship off Boram . At 2310/20, aircraft observed one freighter (5-7,000 tons) 20 miles N. by W. Wewak, course 320°. (12) Finschhafen Area - At 0720-0920/21, an enemy reconnaissance plane was over the Finschhafen area. At 1015-1045/21, Jap positions N. to N.W. Satelberg were attacked by 12 Bostons. .3) Woodlark - Kiriwina Area - Area was reconnoitred, p.m. 20 November, by enemy aircraft. 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/22:

(1) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting Convoy DT.37 (2 MV) departed Darwin 1214/2 ETA Thursday Is. 0130/26.

(2) 9 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

- Warhips & Aux. - "FREMANTLE" (AMS) ML's.429, 814, 815.
"KURUMBA" (AO).
Merchant Vessels: "BURWAH". Darwin

NORTH WESTERN AREA.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- At 1200/21, shipping at Manakwari described as 1 freighter (2-4,500 tons), & sea trucks, 8-10 barges, was attacked by 7 Liberators in addition Manokwari another sea truck was seen off Cape Menori heading N.E., apparently away from Manokwari. 4 fighters, 2 floatplanes intercepted and 2 Zeros were destroyed. 2 direct hits were scored on the largest ship which was considered destroyed. One Liberator was lost to A/A and a nother crash-landed at base.
- Aroe Islands-Shipping in the Meikoor-Taberfane area was attacked 21 Nov. Shipping apparently included one freighter (2-4,000 tons) and 2 sea trucks in addition to 21 Nov. small craft. At 0730/21, 4 Mitchells, 6 Beaufighters attacked and the largest ship was sunk. Interception was apparently attempted by 3-5 floatplanes and 2 were shot down by Beaufighters. 1 Mitchell was lost.

At 1500/21, the attack was taken up by 14 Liberators, which scored several hits on one of the remaining small ships. 4 floatplanes intercepted and 1 was shot down.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA.

(i) ALLIED FORCES (a) At Sea to 1200/21:

- (1) "CHANTICLEER" departed Heron Haven 1236/21 for Fremantle ETA 1000/2 (b) In Harbour:
 - Fremantle Warships & Aux. "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL) "LE TRIOMPHANT" "TJERK HIDDES" "BROOME" (DD) "CHILDS" (AV) "HORSHAM" "DUBBC" (AMS) "ATREUS" (OM) "WHIPPOORWILL" "LARK" (AR) "PELIAS" (AS)

"ISABEL" (PY) SC.739 YP.286
Exmouth Gulf - Werships & Aux. p "V.B. PRESTON" (AVD) YP.288 - Warships & Aux. - "VAN GALEN" (DD) Broome

· EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

(1) "DELORAINE" "TOWNSVILLE" "GLENEIG" escorting convoy PG84 (6MV)
departed Calcundra 1221/21 for Sydney ETA 2300/23.
(2) "VENDETTA" was to depart Sydney 1000/22 for Calcundra ETA 1530/23.

(3) "YANDRA" "KALGOORLIE" "COWRA" escorting Convoy GP.35 (3 MV) departed Sydney 0751/21 for Calcumdra ETA 0300/23.

(4) "STUART" escorting "NIEUW AMSTERDAM" was to depart Sydney 0900/21

to boundary S.W.P.A. then raturn Sydney.

(5) "ROCKHAMPTON" "ECHUCA" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy OC.144

(11 MV) for Port Kembla ETA 0100/24, Sydney ETA 0600/24, and Newcastle 1400/24.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens Sydney

- Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) SC.982

- Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "MORESBY"

"KALGOORLTE" "BUNDABERG" "PIRIE" "WARRNAMBOOL"

"CASTLEMAINE" (AMS) "HILO" (PG) "KYBRÄ"

"YANDRA" (A/S Vessels) ML's.430, 817, 822;

"MIZAR" (AF) "POLLUX" (AKS).

(Repairing and Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "WILCANNIA" (AMS)

TO WARSHIPS & AUX. - WMILDURA" "INVERELL" "KAPUNDA"

(AMS) "DOOMBA" (A/S Vessel)

FOR TO WARSHIPS & AUX. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel). Melbourne

5. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

Westernport

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Nauru - Nauru was maided 1030/21 by 30 Liberators. No interception was effected.

ENEMY'S PROBABLY NEXT MOVE

(1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, Bismarcks, North Coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.

(2) Air and possible naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.

(3) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.

(4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific Areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

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	west Pacific ern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Bolomons	Carolines Marshalls	
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	GUARDFISH)	At Brisbane			
	K.9 BALAO	At Sydney At Milne Bay			
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	outhwest Pacific Nestern Section)	Castern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
BB	-	RAMILLIES	
CV(E)	•	BATILER	-
CA	-	SUPPOLK SUBSEX HANKINS TROBISHOR	ASHIGARA
CL	ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS KENYA NEWGASTLE MANCHESTER CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN CARADOC	KUMA OI KITAGAMI KINU
		DANAS DURBAN EMERALD	
CL(T)	-	_	KASHII
XCL	•	CANTON CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
AV/CVS	CHILDS W.B.PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI
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A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES (a) At Sea to 1200/23:

(1) "BENALLA" "POLARIS" surveying vicinity Morobe.
(2) "WAGGA" "STAWELL" "ARARAT" escorting Convoy TN.180 ("J.J.ASTOR"
"W.BEAUMONT" "F.G.NEWLANDS" "PATRAS" "A.ROBALLI" "TRIANGULUM" YP.236 1 LST 2 LCI's 2 PT's in tow) departed Fitzrey Is. p.m. 20 November for Milne Bay ETA 1200/23.

(3) "GILMER" was to depart Calcundra 0900/23 to overtake "CARTER HALL" (ex Convoy QL.31) and escort to Milne Bay ETA 0700/26 calling at Townsville ETA 1500/24.

(4) "YMS.73" with Gonvoy TN.181 (15 MV) departed Townsville 1930/22 to RV with escorts off Fitzroy Is. 1600/23.
(5) "ML.803" departed Cairns 0630/23 to patrol seaward of Euston Reef in connection with report of probable submarine in position 15°25'S 146°16'E.

"BUNGAREE" at sea.

(7) "PC.1131" returning Brisbane from Lady Elliott Island after escort duty Convoy QL.31.
(8) "VENDETTA" en route Sydney to Calcumdra ETA 1530/23.

(9) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Finschhafen - Warships & Aux. - SexTalxxSexTee Nil.

Merchant Vessels: "DEUTCAN" - Warships & Aux. - PC.1121 PC.1122 SC.738 SC.744 SC.747 YMS.72 YMS.314 YMS.335 Merchant Vessels: "BONTEKOE" "FREMONT OLDER" "JAPARA" "W.VAN DEVENTER" "A.BURLINGHAME" Lae

"NORAB"

Morobe - Warships & Aux. - ML.427

Buna - Warships & Aux. - SC.637 SC.731 SC.750 YMS.51 ML.424 ML.425 ML.801 ML.806 ML.816

ML.818 ML.819 "PORTUNUS" (AGP)
Merchant Vessels: "D.McLEAY" "S.CRANE"

Oro Bay

- Warships & Aux. - SC.734
Merchant Vessels: "THOS. CORWIN" "LUDDINGTON" "SIBIGO" "RING LARDNER" "CHAS.E. SMITH" "GREY LAG" "W.H. POINT" "C.P. STEINMETZ"

Porlock Hrb. Kiriwina

- Warships & Aux. - "TRINITY" (A0) - Warships & Aux. - SC.745 SC.749 Merchant Vessels: "KARSIK" YMS.334 YMS.336

Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - SC.746 Goodenough Is.

- Warships & Aux. Merchant Vessels: "REIJNST" "HANYANG"

- Warships & Aux. - "Australia" "Shropshire"
(CA) "Warramunga" "Arunta" "Helm" "Ralph
Talbot" "Smith" "Perkins" "Mahan" "Bagley" Milne Bay "LAMSON" "SHAW " "CONYNGHAM" "MUGFORD" "REID" "FLUSSER" (DD) "BROOKS" "SANDS"
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SC.703 SC.732 SC.742 SC.743 SC.748
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47 PT's "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "RIGEL" (AR)
"DOBBIN" (AD) "OTUS" "FULTON" (AS) "HALF
MOON" (AVP) "BISHOPDALE" "AASE MAERSK" "SUSQUEHANNA" "ESSO BALBOA" (AO) "SPRING-DALE" (YDG) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "JOUCAL" (ASR) (Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.) Merchant Vessels: "ABIGAIL ADAMS" "ALAMO"
"E.D.BAKER" "BALIKPAPAN" "D.F.BARRY"
"F.F.BLAIR" "BORGFRED" "B.S.BOUTWELL"
"CALEDONIAN SALVOR" "CAPE SANDY" "CITY OF
FORT WORTH" "H.DCDGE" "G.H.FLANDERS" "GEN.
VERSPIJK" "J.LANE" "T.C.LOWE" "J.LYKES"
"MACTAN" "F.B.OLSON" "B.OSBORNE" "PAHUD"
"A.FIERCE" "THOS.C.POWER" "STAGEN"
"H.STANEURY" "M.M.STEWARD" "VAN OURHOODN" "H. STANBURY" "M. M. STEWART" "VAN OUTHOORN" "VAQUERO" "WEST CACTUS" "E.M.WESTCOTT"

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YP.280 YP.291 ML.426 ML.804 ML.820

"PLATYPUS" (AR) "MANOGRA" "WESTRALIA" (APA)

- Warships & Aux. - "SAN PABLO" (AVP)

- Warships & Aux. - "HERON" (AVP) "SHIKELLAMY" Palm Island Townsville (AO) - Warships & Aux. - "DRAYTON" (DD) "GILMER" (APD)
"GEELONG" "TOWNSVILLE" "SWAN" "BOWEN" Brisbane "LITHGON" "GOULBURN" (AMS) PC.1123 PC.1132
SC.735 ML.808 YMS.9 YMS.10 "H.T.ALLEN"
"KANIMBLA" (APA) "ALGORAB" (AKA) "VICTORIA"
(AO) "SHEPPARTON" (SURVEY VESSEL) "MERKUR"
(AF) "TASMAN" "MANUMDA" (AH)
- WARSHIPS & AUX. - "WHYALLA" SC.650 SC.741 Gladstone (c) Proposed Movements: (1) "GLADSTONE" "COLAC" "BUNBURY" "PC.1119" "PC.1124" "ML.426" to depart Cairns to RV with YMS.73 and Convoy TN.181 ("KATOOMBA" "POINT SAN PEDRO" "MURADA" "F.J.IRWIN" ("KATOOMBA" "POINT SAN PEDRO" "MURADA" "F.J.IRWIN"
"NIEW ZEALAND" "SKAGERAG" for Port Moresby: "J.W.MACKAY"
"VAN DEN BOSCH" "WM.PHOUSEY" "DUNTROON" "J.ROSS"
"ADM.HALSTEAD" "J.DUBUQUE" "G.VON L.MEYER" "J.O.BEADY"
for Milne Bay) off Fitzroy Is. at 1600/23. "BUNBURY"
"PG.1124" "M.426" escort Portion A to Port Moresby,
others Portion B to Milne Bay ETA both portions 1200/26.

(2) "VENDETTA" to depart Calcundra after arrival from Sydney escorting
"CEFALU" for Townsville as far as Lady Elliott Is., themse

to return Brisbane.

(3) "WHYALLA" "SC.650" "SC.741" detailed to e scort Convey LQ.31 departing Gladstone 23 November. (4) "GOULBURN" after exercising in Moreton Bay is to join Convoy PG.85 departing Calcundra approx 1200/24 for decking in Sydney. (5) "PC.1123" escorting "GANNYMEDE" to depart Caloundra 2300/25 northbound. (6) YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 to leave Cairns to arrive Port Moresby by 1 December. (11) ENEMY FORCES (1) Buin - At 1445/22, Kahili was attacked by 52 Dauntless, 24
Avengers with 16 Corsairs escerting. Fifty two tons of bombs were dropped effectively covering the runway, taxiways and anti aircraft positions. No interception was encountered but several aircraft were damaged by anti aircraft fire. (2) Empress Augusta Bay - At 0615/21 enemy aircraft attacked our light surface patrols entering the Bay without causing damage or casualties. Enemy aircraft were located over the area night 21-22 November, but no contacts were made by fighter patrols. At 0815/22, 30-40 fighters were intercepted by eight Kittyhawks and five were shot down without allied loss. (3) Buka Passage - At midday 22 November Buka Passage aerodrome was attacked by 24 Mitchells, 5 Venturas escorted by 8 Corsairs and 8 Lightnings. Runway and taxiways were well covered. Shortly after noon 22 November Chabai area was strafed by 8 Lightnings which left three barges and several buildings in flames. (4) Bougainville Airfields - Photes 22 November show Kahili, Ballale and Kara runways unserviceable: Bonis is unserviceable but being repaired and Buka is possibly serviceable. (5) New Ireland - At 1230/22, aircraft reported two cargo vessels in Kavieng Harbour. At 1320/22, the same aircraft sank two barges northbound along the S.W. coast opposite Mamatanai. (6) Mandates-Hismarcks - At 1130/22, one freighter 5-7000 tons with one destroyer was attacked by a Liberator 140 miles N.N.W. of Mussau Island heading north. One hit and one near miss with 1000 lb. bombs was scored on the freighter which was left listing, settling and being abandoned.

(7) Rabaul - Photos 1145/22 show one light cruiser, "YUBARI" Class, possibly damaged, nine destroyers (one damaged), one converted destroyer tender, ten merchant vessels totalling approx 72,000 tons including two tenkers. floatplanes in the harbour.

(8) S.E. New Britain - At 1152/22 aircraft reported a submarine

60 miles E. by S. Gasmata course 50° . EXELUTION Tindente. (9) Gasmata - A.m. 22 November supplies area Gasmata strip, Lindenhafen Plantation, Gasmata Island and the Government station were heavily attacked by medium and heavy bombers. At 1058/22 the airfield surroundings were attacked by 22 medium bombers. At approx 1145/22, 23 Liberators struck various targets followed immediately by 41 low flying Mitchells. The whole target area was well covered. One Mitchell was lost. (10) Cape Gloucester - At 1150/22 the dump area at Cape Gloucester acrodreme was attacked by 21 Liberators as alternative (11) Wewak - At 1045/22 two possible sea trucks and one barge were reported by aircraft near Wokeo Island, 30 miles N.E. Wewak. - 3 -

(12) Finschhafen Area - Enemy troops moving along the tracks between Bonga and Warec and Bonga south to Song River were ambushed 21 November and out of two parties totalling 98 men, 45 were believed to have been killed. On 21 November advanced positions east of Satelberg contacted enemy positions 400 yards from Satelberg. Enemy counter-attacks on 22 November were

successfully repulsed.

(13) Kiriwina - At 0725/22 probably two enemy sircraft made a reconnaissance of the Kiriwina area.

(14) Coral Sea - At 1552/22 a probable enemy submarine was reported in position 15°25'S 146°16'E (approximately 75 miles N. Grafton Passage outside Barrier Reef). There is no other evidence to support the resulting of an enemy other evidence to support the possibility of an enemy submarine operating in this area.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (a) At Sea to 1200/23:
- (1) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting Convoy DT.37 (2 MV) departed Darwin 1214/ ETA Thur sday Island 0130/26.
- (2) 9 submarines on patrol.
 - (b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "FREMANTLE" (AMS) ML.429 ML.814 ML.815 "KURUMBA" (AO) Merchant Vessels: "BURWAH"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Amben - Shortly before midnight 21-22 November Ambon was attacked by two Catalinas while Molana Island (26 miles E.N.E. Ambon) was attacked by a third Catalina.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (a) At Sea to 1200/23:
- (1) "CHANTICLEER" departed Heron Haven 1236/21 for Fremantle ETA 1000/23.
 - (b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL)
"LE TRIOMPHANT" "TJERK HIDDES" (DD) "CHILDS"
(AV) "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) "ATREUS" (CM)
"WHIPPOORWILL" "LARK" (AR) "PELIAS" (AS) Fremantle

"ISABEL" (PY) SC.739 YP.286
- Warships & Aux. - "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) YP.288 Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "VAN GALEN" (DD) Brooms

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Broome - At 0815/22 a probably enemy reconnaissance plane approached Broome from the north departing half an hour later to the nor th east.

(1) ALL IED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/23:

(1) "YANDRA" "KALGOORLIE" "COWRA" escorting Convoy GP.85 (3 MV) departed Sydney 0751/21 for Calcundra ETA 0300/24,

may be early.
(2) "DELORAINE" "TOWNSVILLE" "GLENELG" escorting Convoy PG. 84 (6 MV) departed Caloundra 1221/21 for Sydney ETA

2300/23.
(3) "ROCKHAM PTON" "ECHUCA" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting Convey OC.144 (11 MV) for Port Kembla ETA 0100/24, Sydney ETA 0600/24 and Newcastle 1400/24. (4) "BENDIGO" "BROOME" "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy CO.145 (8 MV)

to Melbourne ETA 1200/24.

(b) In Harbour:

Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) "SC.982"

- Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "STUART" (DD)

"MORESEY" "KALGOORLIE" "BUNDABERG" "PIRIE"

"WARRNAMBOOL" "CASTLEMAINE" (AMS) "HILO" (PG)

"KYERA" "YANDRA" (A/S Vessels) ML.430 ML.817

ML.822 "MIZAR" (AF) "POLLUX" (AKS)

(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "WILCANNIA" (AMS) Port Stephens Sydney

- Warships & Aux. - "MILDURA" "INVERELL" "KAPUNDA"

(AMS) "DOOMBA" (A/S Vessel)

- Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel) Melbourne

Westernport

5. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

(1) Nauru - Photos taken after the strike 21 November show both runways rendered unserviceable by bomb craters. At 1120/22 an enemy submarine was located and attacked 140 miles N.N.W. of Nauru.

(2) New Caledonia - An enemy submarine was reported by aircraft 50 miles E. of Central New Caledonia at 1300/21. Further search is in progress.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.
- (2) Air and possible naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- (3) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.
 - (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific Areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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ALLIED & ENEMY CREER OF BATTLE 1. SOUTH WEST & SOUTH PACIFIC ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

(Eastern Section)	South Pacific WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS SOUTH DAKOTA ALABAMA	Solomons	Marshalls YAMATO MUSASHI
-	MASSACHUSETTS SOUTH DAKOTA	-	MUSASHI
	TENNESSEE		KONGO HARUNA NAGATO MUTSU
-	SARATOGA ESSEX BUNKER HILL	-	ZUIKAKU
-	PRINCETON INDEPENDENCE	-	ZUIHO
-	NASSAU PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON	-	CHUYO
AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	•	-	CHOKAI KUMANO SUZUYA TIKUMA MOGAMI MAYA
TROMP HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER NASHVILLE ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN SANTA FE MOBILE BIRMINGHAM DENVER	NOSHIRO ? YUBARI	NAGARA OYODO NAKA ISUZU # AGANO
	_	2	KATORI
			KASHIMA
-	-	-	2-3 (1 damaged)
WARRAMUNGA ARUNTA HELM RALPH TALBOT STUART VENDETTA CONYNGHAM BAGLEY DRAYTON FLUSSER LAMSON MAHAN PERKINS	Approx 40	10	25 (some repairing)
	TROMP HOBART WARRAMUNGA ARUNTA HELM RALPH TALBOT STUART VENDETTA CONYNGHAM BAGLEY DRAYTON FLUSSER LAMSON MAHAN	BUNKER HILL PRINCETON INDEPENDENCE MASSAU PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON AUSTRALIA SHEOPSHIKE TROMP COLUMBIA GLEVELAND MONTPELLIER NASHVILLE ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN SANTA FE MOBILE BIRMINGHAM BIRMINGHAM LEANDER WARRAMUNGA ARUNTA HELM RALPH TALBOT STUART VENDETTA CONYNGHAM BAGLEY DRAYTON FLUSSER LAMSON MAHAN PERKINS REID	ESSEX BUNKER HILL PRINCETON INDEPENDENCE NASSAU PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE TROMP COLUMBIA CILEVELAND MONTPELLIER NASHVILLE ST. LOUIS SAN DIRGO SAN JUAN SANTA FE MOBILE MOBILE MISHRINGHAM DENVER MILEANDER WARRAMUNGA ARUNTA HELM RALPH TALBOT STUART VENDETTA CONYNGHAM BAGLEY DRAYTON FLUSSER LAMSON MAHAN PERKINS

	est Pacific rn Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls	
SS	ALBACORE) BLACKFISH) DRUM) GATO () RAY) SCAMP) PETO () PATON)	On Patrol	20	20	
	GUARDFISH)	At Brisbane		**	
	K. 9 BALAO	At Sydney At Milne Bay			
AV/CVS	HERON SAM PABLO HALF MOON	WRIGHT BALLARD CHANDELIER	-	NOTORO	
XAV/XCVS	•	3		3-4	
PT	35	Approx 30	?	?	
APA/APD/AKA	H.T.AILEN MANOCRA WESTRALIA KANIMBLA ALTORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPEREYS BROCKS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA			
AS	FULTON OTUS		- 3	?	
AD	DOBBIN DIXIE		1	1	
AR	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS			
Fighters (in Fighters (in Light & M/Box SE/Bombers Flying Boats Floatplanes Transport &	c.19 twin-en	g) 215 114 44 2 50 14			
	ALLIED FOR	2. NORTH PAC	CIFIC ENE	MY FORCES	
CA	LOUISVILLE				
CL	DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND		ABU	KUMA	
AV/CVS	-		AKI	TSUSHIMA	
XAV/XCVS DD SS AS	22		Apı	1 5 prox 4 1	

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC ENEMY FORCES ALLIED FORCES YAMASHIRO NORTH CAROLINA BB FUSO (Poss. Mandates) INDIANA ISE WEST VIRGINIA HYUGA (Being modernised) COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO IDAHO CALIFORNIA * OKLAHOMA SHOKAKU ENTERPHISE CV YORKTOWN LEXINGTON CV (T) HOSHO CV (L) COWPENS HITAKA RYUHO BELLEAU WOOD HA YATAKA SUWANNEE CHITOSE CV (E) OTAKA SANGAMON CHENANGO BARNES ALTAMAHA COPAHEE LISCOMBE BAY LONG ISLAND MISSION BAY NACHI CA BALTIMORE R TONE BOSTON M A OBA CHESTER NEW ORLLANS * HAGURO SAN FRANCISCO M MYOKO M ATAGO PENSACOLA # TAKAO * INDIANAPOLIS R SALT LAKE CITY R PORTLAND R MINNEAPOLIS * LOUISVILLE * WICHITA 6 OCA TATSUTA * HONOLULU CL WAKAMIYA * RENO * CONCORD TAMA M KISO * OAKLAND

XCL
AV/CVS
POCOMOKE
XAV/XCVS
DD Approx 35
Approx 50

9

3-4
CHIYODA (under conversion 2 to ACV)
25 (a few repairing)
Approx 30

YAHAGI (on trials)

* NATORI

4. SOUTH BASTERN PACIFIC

CL

TRENTON

DD

2

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN						
	Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines			
BB	-	RAMILLIES	-			
CV(E)	-	BATTLER	-			
CA	-	SUFFOLK SUSSEX HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA			
CL)	ADELAIDE VAN EHEMSKERI	KENYA NEWCASTLE MANCHESTER DAHAE EMERALD	KUMA OI KITAGAMI KINU			
CL(T)		•	KASHII			
XCL	-	CANTON CARTHAGE CHITRAL	1			
AV/CVS	CHILDS W.B.PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI			
XAV/XCVS	-	?	1			
<u>OD</u>	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES LE TRIOMPHANT	Approx 27	10			
SS	BILLFISH BLUEFISH BOWFIN CAPELIN COD GREVALLE MARWHAL RASHER TUNA	? n Patrol	6			
	K.12 BONEFISH) CABRILLA) KINGFISH) A POMPOM) PURFER)	t Fremantle				
Fighters Light & 1 BE/Bomber Flying Bo Floatplan	PELIAS (N.W.Area only) (inc.27 twin-eng M/Bombers rs oats	? 174 49 16 12 52 39				

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No.

24 November, 1943 Date:

PART I.

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/24:

(1) "BENALLA" "POLARIS" surveying vicinity Morobe.
(2) "GLADSTONE" "COLAC" "BUNBURY" "PC.1119" "ML.426" "YMS.73"

escorting Convoy TN.181 (15 MV) departed Fitzroy Is.
approx 1600/23. "BUNBURY" "ML.426" escort Pert.A ("F.J.
IRWIN" "KATOOMBA" "MURADA" "POINT SAN PEDRO" "NIEW ZEALAND" "SKAGERAK") to Port Moresby. others escort Portion B "(ADM.HALSTEAD" "J.G.BRADY" "J.DUBUQUE" "DUNTROON" "J.W.MACKAY" "G.Von L. MEYER" "Wm.PROUSE" "J.ROSS" "VAN DEN BOSCH") to Mine Bay: ETA both Portions 1200/26.

(3) "LCI's 27 and 74" departed Port Moresby 1316/23 en route Milne

Bay ETA 1630/24.

(4) "SC's 748 and 743" escorting "Y.15" and "BIRCHGROVE PARK" en route

More sby to Milne Bay ETA 1030/24.

(5) "GILMER" departed Calcundra 0900/23 to RV with "CARTER HALL" (ex Convoy QL.31) off Fitzroy Is. at 2200/24 and escort to Milne Bay ETA 0700/26.

(6) "WAGGA" "STAWELL" escorting Convoy FT.42 ("VAN OUTHOORN" "REIJNST" "PAHUD" "GEN.VERSPIJCK" "ESTHER JOHNSON" "GOLDSTAR" (AG)) were to depart Milne Bay 1530/23 en route Townsville

ETA 1530/26.

(7) "WHYALLA" "SC.741" "SC.650" escorting Convoy LQ.31 (6 ships incl. LST.467) were to depart Gladstone 2200/23 for Brisbane. ETA 0715/25.

(8) "VENDETTA" escorting "CEFALU" (for Townsville) as far as Lady Elliott Island dep. Brisbane 1526/23. On arrival Lady Elliott Island "VENDETTA" meets and escorts "TAROONA" to Brisbane.

(9) "YP.291" departed Cairns 0627/23 for Thursday Is. ETA 1700/26. (10) "ML.803" departed Cairns 0630/23 to patrol seaward of Euston Reef in connection with report of probable submarine in position 15025'S 146016'E.

(11) "BUNGAREE" at sea.

(12) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Finschhafen

- Warships & Aux. -Merchant Vessels: "DEUTCAN"

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- Warships & Aux. - PC's 1121, 1122, SC's 738 744 SC.747 YMS's 72 314

Merchant Vessels: "FREMONT OLDER" "JAPARA" "W. VAN DEVENTER" "A. BURLINGHAME" "NORAB"

Morobe

- Warships & Aux. - ML.427

- Warships & Aux. - SC's 637, 731, 750 YMS.51 ML's 424
ML's 425,801,806,816,818,819 "PORTUNUS" (AGP)
Merchant Vessels: "D.McLEAY" "S.CRANE"
- Warships & Aux. - "SC.734 Buna Oro Bay Merchant Vessels: "THOMAS CORWIN" "LUDDINGTON" "SIEIGO"
"RING LARDNER" "CHAS.E. SMITH" "CREY LAG" "C.P.STEINMETZ" Porlock Hrb. - Warships & Aux. - "TRINITY" (AO) Kirlwina - Warships & Aux. - SC's 745,749 YMS's 334,336 Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - "SC.746" Goodenough Is- Merchant Vessels: "E.M. WESTCOTT" "HANYARE" "M. THWATTES" "F.G. NEWLANDS" - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE" (CA)
"WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "HELM" "RALPH TALBOT" Milne Bay "SMITH" "PERKINS" "MAHAN" "BAGLEY" "LAMSON" "SHAW" "CONYNGHAM" "MUGFORD" "REID" "FLUSSER" (DD) "BROOKS" "SANDS" "HUMPHREYS" (APD) "WAGGA" "STAWELL" "ARARAT" (AMS) SC's 748,698,699,703 SC's 731,742,743,750,981,982, YMS's 11,49,50
YMS'S 52,53,70,313,335 YP'S 233,236,278,283
ML'S 428,430, 431 BC'S 476, 479, 1120 25 LST'S
15 APC'S 49 PT'S "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "RIGEL" (AR)
"DOBBIN" (AD) "OTUS" "FULTON" (AS) "HALF MOON"
(AVP) "BISHOPDALE" "AASE MAERSK" "SUSQUEHANNA"
"ESSO BALBOA" (AO) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG) "AMYCUS"
(ARL) "COUCAL" (ASR) (Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILINE BAY NOT SHOWN.) Merchant Vessels: "ABIGAIL ADAMS" "ALAMO" "J.J.ASTOR"
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"B.OSBORNE" "PATRAS" "A.PIERCE" "W.H.POINT" "THOS.C. POWER" "A. ROBALLI" "STAGEN" "H. STANBURY" "H.M. STEWART" "TRIANGULUM" "VAQUERO" "WEST CACTUS" Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "SUSQUEHANNA" (AO)

Merchant Vessels: "C.KING" "WM.BURNHAM" "MARCUS DALY"

"R.STUART" "C.KOHRS" "WM.HUME" "MULIAMA" "THOS. JEFFERSON" "THEDENS" Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" (AMS) ML.805
Cairns - Warships & Aix. - "GYMPIE" "WARREGO" "KATOOMBA" (AMS)
PC's 477, 1124, SC's 736, 737 YMS's 8, 46, 47
YMS's 48, 71, YP.280 ML's 804, 820 "PLATYPUS"
(AR) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" (APA) Palm Island - Warships & Aux. - "SAN PABLO" (AVP) - Warships & Aux. - "HERON" (AVP) "SHIKELLAMY" (AO)
- Warships & Aux. - "DRAYTON" (DD) "GEELONG" "TOWNSVILLE"
"SWAN" "BOWEN" "LITEGOW" "GOULBURN" "COWRA" (AMS) Townsville Brisbane

(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "LITHGON" and "GRELONG" escorting Convey QL.32 (8 MV) were to dep. Caloundra 1600/24. After dispersal of convoy vicinity of Bustard Head, escorts proceed immediately to Townsville and report to N.O.I.C. for duty.

(2) "PC.1123" escorting "GANNYMEDE" to depart Calcundra 2300/25

PC's 1123, 1131, 1132 SC's 735 NL.808 YMS.10
"H.T.AILEN" "KANIMBLA" (APA) "ALGORAB" (AKA)
"VICTORIA" (AC) "EMEPPARTON" (Survey vessel)
"MERKUR" (AF) "TASMAN" "MANUNDA" (AH)

northbound.

(3) "YMS's 8, 46, 47, 48" to leave Cairns to arrive Port Moresby by 1 December.

(11) ENEMY FORCES (1) Buin-Shortlands - Photos November 22 showed all airfields this area unserviceable and no aircraft visible. Fourteen barges were observed among the anchorages with the exception of Tonolei which was not covered. Photos the following day, November 23, showed runways still unserviceable and eleven damaged barges in Tonolei Harbour. (2) Treasury Island - An allied aircraft was attacked over this area early hours November 23 by an enemy night fighter. (3) Bougainville (a) Empress Augusta Bay - Soupac aircraft patrolling this area November 22 reported encountering A/A fire from enemy positions for the first time. Our ground forces have extended their perimeter on all fronts approximately 1200 yards. The perimeter is now 9000 yards wide and 7000 yards deep. Considerable enemy resistance from the north east was overcome with atillery fire and 75 Japanese were killed, Enemy sircraft were over this area night November 22-23 but our fighters failed to make contact. Two Dauntless on ground liaison work over this area November 23 dropped several bombs on enemy positions. (b) Matchin Bay Area - Twenty three Mitchells, six Venturas escorted by 24 Corsairs attacked Chabai on November 23, while 16 Mitchells also attacked this area causing numerous large fires. One Mitchell was lost, (c) Kieta - Our fighter patrols started two fires Kieta area November 23. (4) Buka - One of our search planes dropped three bombs on an enemy submarine 100 miles west of Buka at 0745/23, seoring one direct hit and probably destroying the submarine. Photos November 23 show Buka runway possibly serviceable, and Bonis unserviceable. Twenty barges were revealed in the Chabai area but nome in Buka Passage. (5) Cape St. George - At 2330/23 a Soupac Liberator reported an enemy vessel 60 miles S. by E. Cape St. George. (6) Kavieng - At 0016/23 a Catalina reported sighting a small coaster stationery in Silver Sound. At 0215/23 another Catalina reported an illuminated hospital ship 57 miles S. Kavieng. At 0210/23 another unidentified vessel, possibly an escort vessel, was reported 70 miles S. Kavieng heading north east. (7) St. George's Channel - Night November 22-23 an enemy hospital ship and patrol boat were reported northern end St. George's Channel. A Catalina strafed and sank an enemy barge same night this area. (3) Rabaul - Incomplete and hazy photographs Lakunai, Tobera and Keravat agrodromes reveal a total of 57 aircraft including 48 fighters. At 1320/22 a Soupac Liberator destroyed two large barges off Rabaul. (9) Gasmata - Photos November 23 reveal two coastal guns about four miles from Gasmata strip also probable gun positions in the centre of Avahain Island. (10) Cape Gloucester - On November 25 one unserviceable medium bomber and two unidentified aircraft were reported on No.1 At 0900/21 photographs reveal one medium cargo vessel (11) Lorengau and one possible submarine chaser in the harbour. Photographs a.m. November 21 reveal 82 serviceable (12) Wewak aircraft on four airfields this area including 65 fighters and 17 bombers. Shipping included four small merchantmen and 74 barges. Three of the merchantmen and the majority of barges were engaged unloading between Cape Boram and Wewak. - 3 -

(12) Wewak (Contd.) - A.m. November 23 our fighters in this area reported sighting one probable destroyer, three small merchantmen (4-5800 tons) and six possible sea trucks in har bour; also twelve barges heading south east from Wewak along the coast.

(13) Finschhafen - Sixteen Mitchells, six Bostons were engaged in attacks on enemy positions in Satelberg-Warec area forenoon November 22. Twelve Mitchells attacked targets

same area following morning, November 23.

(14) Vitiaz Strait - Night November 22-23 our PT boats engaged several enemy barges this area destroying one large barge laden with supplies and troops off Sio, and four other fully laden barges off Walingai sinking two, possibly sinking a third while a fourth was damaged and driven ashore.

(15) Palau - At 1140/22 an enemy convoy comprising four merchant vessels with mask two small escorts was reported approx half way between Palau and the Bismarcks apparently on a south easterly course. This suggests an enemy convoy proceeding from Palau to Rabaul.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/24:

- (1) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting Convoy DT.37 (2 MV) departed Darwin 1214/21
 ETA Thursday Is. 0130/26.
- (2) 9 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "FREMANTLE" (AMS) ML's 429, 814, 815 Merchant Vessels: "BURWAH"

(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "FREMANTLE" escorting "BURWAH" and "KURUMBA" (AO) is to depart
Darwin for Thursday Is. "BURWAH" will leave convoy at 10049'S 136044'E and proceed independently to Melville Bay.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Halmahera - At 1610/23 a Liberator reported an enemy convoy of five merchant vessels including one 7000 tonner 7 miles E. Halmahera on a southerly course. Several direct hits and a near miss were reported on the 7000 tonner which was lest reported to be sinking.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/24:

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL)

"LE TRIOMPHANT" "TJERK HIDDES" (DD) "CHILDS"

(AV) "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) "ATREUS" (CM)

"WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "PELIAS" (AS) "CHANTICLEER"

(ASR) "ISABEL" (PY) SC.739 YP.286 Fremantle

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) "LARK" (AM)

Broome - Werships & Aux. - "VAN GALEN" (DD)

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/24:

(1) "GOULBURN" departed Brisbane 1731/23 for Sydney ETA 0700/25.
(2) "YANDRA" "KALGOORLIE" comprising Convoy PG.85 were to depart
Brisbane 0900/24 for Sydney.
(3) "BROOME" "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy OC.145 (9 MV) to Sydney and Newcastle.

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) SC.982 - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "STUART" (DD) "MORESBY" "KALGOORLIE" "BUNDABERG" "PIRIE" Port Stephens Sydney "MORESBY" "KALGOORLIE" "BUNDABERG" "PIRIE"
"WARRNAMBOOL" "CASTLEMAINE" "ROCKHAMPTON"
"EGHUCA" "AB.CRIJNSSEN" "DELORAINE"
"TOWNSVILLE" "GLENELG" (AMS) "HILO" (PG)
"KYBRA" "YANDRA" (A/S Vessels) ML's 430,
ML's 817, 822 "POLLUX" (AKS)
(Repai ring, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "WILCANNIA" (AMS)
ourne - Warships & Atx. - "MILDURA" "INVERELL"
"KAPUNDA" "BENDIGO" (AMS) "DOOMBA" (A/S

Melbourne .

Vessel)

Westernport - Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel)

(c) Proposed Movements:

"MIZAR" detailed to depart Sydney 1400/24 for Brisbane.

(2) "POLLUX" detailed to depart Sydney a.m. 25 November for Brisbane.

5. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

(1) San Cristobal - At 1140/23 two enemy submarines were reported on the surface 80 miles S.E. San Cristobal.
(2) Guadalcanal - At 1721/23 another enemy submarine was reported off

Lunga Point, Guadalcanal. At 1045/22 a Soupac Liberator attacked an enemy submarine 140 miles N.N.W. Nauru. (3) Nauru -

(4) New Caledonia - At 1300/21 an enemy submarine was sighted 50 miles east New Caledonia.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

(1) Consolidation of defences Marshalls, Carolines, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.

(2) Constant effort to maintain meximum air and naval strength in general Carolines-Marshalls-Bismarcks-New Guinea areas to off-set allied forward moves.

(3) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.

(4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific Areas.

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
BB		WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS SOUTH DAKOTA	-	YAMATO MUSASHI KONGO
		ALABAMA TENNESSEE		HARUNA NAGATO MUTSU
GV		SARATOGA ESSEX BUNKER HILL	•	ZUIKAKU
CV (L)	-	PRINCETON INDEPENDENCE	-	ZUIHO
CV(E)	-	NASSAU PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON	-	CHUYO
CA	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	-	CHOKAI KUMANO SUZUYA TIKUMA MOGAMI MAYA
CL	TROMP HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER NASHVILLE ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN SANTA FE MOBILE BIRM LEGHAM DENVER LEANDER	YUBARI (poss. damaged)	NAGABA NOSHIRO OYODO NAKA ISUZU AGANO
CL(T)	-	14	-	KATORI
XCL	- 1	-	2/2	KASHIMA 2-3 (1 damaged)
<u>DD</u>	WARRAMUNGA ARUNTA HELM RALPH TALBOT STUART VENDETTA CONYNGHAM BAGLEY DRAYTON	Approx 40	10	25 (some repair- ing)
	PLUSSER LAMSON MAHAN PERKINS REID			

	uthwest Pacif astern Sectio		Bismar cks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
98	ALBACORE BLACKFISH DRUM CATO RAY SCAMP PETO RATON	On Patrol	20	20
	GUARDFISH)	At Brisbane		
	K.9 BALAO	At Sydney At Milne Bay		
AV/CVS	HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON	WRIGHT BALLARD CHANDELIER	-	NOTORO
CAV/XCVS	-	3	-	3 - 4
PP	35	Approx 30	?	?
APA/APD/A	MANDORA WESTRALIA KAN IMBLA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	lo APA 11 APD 6 AKA		
AS	Fulton Otus		-	?
<u>AD</u>	DOBSIN DIXIE	£ 1	1	1
AR	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS		
Light & E SE/Bomber Flying Bo Floatplan	(incl. 19 twi Bombers s ats	y) n-eng.)215 142 41 2 50 14		
	APT TON HARAM	2. NORTH PACIFIC		ADOTES.
CL CL	ALLIED FORCE LOUISVILLE DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND		ABUKUMA	JALES
AV/CVS	•		AKTTSUSHI	A.
XAV/XCVS DD SS AS	22		1 S Approx 4	
AS	41		1	

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

	ALLIED	FORC	ES
BB	N	ORTH	CARO

ENEMY FORCES

BB	NORTH CARCLINA
- Carrier	INDIANA
	WEST BIRGINIA
	COLORADO
	MARYLAND
	MISSISS IPPI
	NEW MEXICO
	IDAHO
	CALIFORNIA
	F OKLAHOMA

YAMASHIRO FUSO (Poss. Mandates) HYUGA (being modernised)

CV ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON

SHOKAKU

CV (T)

HOSHO

CV(L) COMPRNS BELLEAU WOOD

HITAKA RYUHO HAYATAKA

OV (E) SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO BARNES AL TAMA HA COPAHES

CHITOSE OTAKA

LISCOMBE BAY LONG ISLAND MISSION BAY

CA BALTIMORE BOSTON

CHESTER NEW ORLEANS SAN FRANCISCO PENSACOLA

R INDIANAPOLIS M SALT KAKE CITY

R PORTLAND * MIMMEAFOLIS R LOUISVILLE * WICHITA

NACHI # TONE M AOBA M HAGURO * MYOKO M ATAGO # TAKAO

OCA

CL

HONOLULU RE NO

CONCORD R OAKLAND

TATSUTA WAKAMIYA TAMA M KISO

6

M NATORI

YAHAGI (on trials)

AV/CVS XAV/XCVS

POCOHOKE

Approx 35 Apprex 50 CHIYODA (under conversion to ACV) 25 (a few repairing) Approx 30

m Non-effective

TRENTON

DD

2

100	5. EAST	INDIES - INDIAN OCE	AN
	Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Are	a East Indies-Philippines
BB	4 10	RAMILLIES	-
CV(E)	•	BATTLER	-
CA	SUR CON	SUPFOLK SUBSEX HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
CL	ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK	KENYA NEWCASTLE MANCHESTER DANAE EMERALD	KUMA OI KITAGAMI KINU
CL(T)	_		KASHII
XCL	•	CANTON CARTHAGE CHITRAL	1
AV/CVS	CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOT
XAV/XCVS	•	?	1
DD	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES LE TRIOMPHANT	Approx 27	10
<u>85</u>	BILLFISH RLUEFISH BOWFIN CAPELIN COD GREVALLE MARWHAL RASHER TUNA	Patrol	6
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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 666

Date: 25 November, 1943

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTHEASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/25:

(1) "BENALLA" "POLARIS" surveying vicinity Morobe.
(2) "GILMER" departed Townsville 1645/24 to RV with "CARTER HALL" off Fitzroy Is. at 1000/25 and escort to Milne Bay ETA

0700/26. (3) "GLADSTONE" "COLAC" "BUNBURY" "PC.1119" "M..426" "YMS.73" escorting Convey TN.181 (15 MV) departed Fitzroy Is. approx 1600/23 "BUNBURY" "ML.426" escort Portion A ("F.J.IRWIN" "KATOOMBA" "MURADA" "POINT SAN PEDRO" "NIEW ZEALAND"

"SKAGERAK") to Port Moresby; others escort Portion B
("ADM. HALSTEAD" "J.G. BRADY" "J. DUBUQUE" "DUNTROON"

"J.W. MACKAY" "G. VON L. MEYER" "WM. PROUSE" "J. ROSS"

"VAN DEN BOSCH") to Milne Bay: ETA both Portions 1200/26.

(4) "WAGGA" "STAWELL" escorting Convoy FT.42 ("VAN OUTHOORN" "REIJNST"

"PAHUD" "GEN. VERSPIJCK" "GOIDSTAR") Milne Bay to

Townsville ETA 1530/26.

(6)

"SUSQUEHANNA" departed Port Moresby 0716/24 for Townsville.

"ARARAT" escorting "AASE MAERSK" Milne Bay to Townsville ETA 2339/24

"YP.291" departed Cairns 0627/23 for Thursday Is. ETA 1700/26.

"TASMAN" departed Brisbane 0220/25 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/28. (8)

"BUNGAREE" at sea. (9)

10)

"ML.805" dep. Thursday Is. 0608/24 en route Cairns ETA 1101/28.
"GEELONG" "LITHGOW" "SC.735" escorting Convoy QL.32 (8 MV including "MERKUR") departed Calcundra 1655/24 for Townsville (11)ETA Bustard Head 0300/26.

(12) "VENDETTA" escorting "TAROONA" was to depart Gladstone a.m. 24 November for Brisbane.

(13) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Finschhafen - Warships & Aux. - "LOOKOUT" (AG)

- Warships & Aux. - PC.1122 SC's 744, 747

YMS's 72, 314, 335
Merchant Vessels: "FREMONT OLDER" "JAPARA"
"T.CORWIN" "A.BURLINGHAME" "NORAB"

- Warships & Aux. - ML.427 "PORTUNUS" (AGP) Morobe Buna

- Warships & Aux. - SC's 637 YMS.51 ML's 424, 425, ML's 801, 806, 816, 818, 819
Merchant Vessels: "D.McLEAY" "S.CRANE"

- Warships & Aux. - SC.734
Merchant Vessels: "LUDDINGTON" "SIBIGO" "RING Oro Bay LARDNER" "CHAS.E. SMITH" "GREY LAG" "C.P.

STEINETZ" "E.D. BAKER" Porlock Hrb. - Warships & Aux. - "TRINITY" (AO)

Kiriwina - Warships & Aux. - SC's 745, 749 YMS's 334, 336 Merchant Vessels: "KARSIK" Woodlark Is. - War ships & Aux. - SC.746 Geodenough Is. - Warships & Aux. - ML.431
Merchant Vessels: "E.M.WESTCOTT" "HANYANG" "D.F. BARRY - Werships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE" (CA)
"WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "HELM" "RALPH TALBOT" Milne Bay "SMITH" "PERKINS" "MAHAN" BAGLEY" "LAMSON" "SHAW" "CONYNGHAM" "MUGFORD" "REID" "FLUSSER" "SHAW" "CONYNGHAM" "MUGFORD" "REID" "FLUSSER"

(DD) "BROOKS" "SANDS" "HUMPHREYS" (APD)

SC's 648, 698, 699, 703, 731, 732, 738, 742,

SC's 743, 748, 750, 981 YMS's 11, 49, 50, 52

YMS's 53, 70, 313 YP's 233, 236, 278, 283

ML's 428, 430 PC's 476, 479, 1120 25 LST's

15 APC's 49 PT's "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "RIGEL" (AR)

"DOBBIN" (AD) "OTUS" "FULTON" (AS) "HALF MOON" (AVP) "BISHOPDALE" "ESSO BALBOA" (AO)
"SPRINGDALE" (YDG) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "COUCAL" (ASR) (Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILAE BAY NOT SHOWN.) Merchant Vessels: "ABIGAIL ADAMS" "ALAMO" "J.J.

ASTOR" "BALIKPAPAN" "W.BEAUMONT" "F.P.BLAIR"

"BONTEKOE" "BORGFRED" "B.S.BOUTWELL" "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" "CAPE SANDY" "CITY OF FORT WORTH" "H.DODGE" "G.H.FLANDERS" "J.KELLY"

"J.LANE" "T.C.LOWE" "J.LYKES" "MACTAN" "F.B.

OLSON" "B.OSBORNE" "PATRAS" "W.H.POINT" "THOS.

C.POWER" "A.ROBALLI" "STAGEN" "H.STANBURY" "M. M. STEWART" "TRIANGULUM" "VAQUERO" "WEST CACTUS" Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - SC.982

Merchant Vessels: "C.KING" "WM.BURNHAM" "MARCUS DALY"

"C.KOHRS" "WM.HUME" "MULIAMA" "THOS.JEFFERSON" - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" (AMS)
- Warships & Aux. - "GYMPIE" "KATOOMBA" (AMS)
- PC's 477, 1124 SC's 736, 737 YMS's 8,46, 47
- YMS's 48, 71 YP.280 ML's 803, 804, 820
- PLATYPUS" (AR) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" (APA)
- Warships & Aux. - "SHIKELLAMY" (AO)
- Warships & Aux. - "SAN PABLO" (AVP)
- Warships & Aux. - "HERON" (AVP) Thursday Is. Cairns Gladstone Palm Island - Warships & Aux. - "HERON" (AVP) "WARREGO" (AMS)
- Warships & Aux. - "HERON" (DD) "WHYALLA" "SWAN"

"BOWEN" "COWRA" (AMS) SC'S 650, 741

PC'S 1123, 1131, 1132 ML.808 YMS.10 "H.T.
ALLEN" "KANIMBLA" (APA) "ALGORAB" (AKA)

"VICTORIA" (AO) "MERKUR" (AF) "MANUMDA" (AH) Townsville Brisbane (c) Proposed Movements: (1) "SC.982" escorting "T. JEFFERSON" "WM. HUME" tod epart Port Moresby 2200/25 for Buna.
(2) "PC.1123" escorting "GANYMEDE" to depart Calcumdra 2300/25

(3) "YMS's 8, 46, 47, 48" to leave Cairns 0600/27 for Port Moresby.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Solomon Sea - Early hours this morning, November 25, an enemy force described as six destroyers was engaged by an allied destroyer force in the area to the south of Cape St. George (see Naval Incidents).

(2) Bougainville - It is reliably reported hundreds of Japs are at Soraken Plantation in Matchin Bay area. Along the N.E. coast Bougainville, one hundred Japs are reported at Kuraio and eighty at Sipaai Mission in the area between Matchin Bay and Cape Moltke.

strafed enemy positions along east coast Bougainville Movember 23. Further details of the enemy attack against the N.E. sector of the Torokina perimeter throughout November 22 indicate at least 104 Japs were killed. The enemy used considerable artillery fire causing slight damage and some casualties to our troops. During night November 22-23 a marine radar group landed at the mouth of the Torokina River.

— It is reliably reported no Japanese new remain south of Warrior River. (3) Choiseul (4) Buin-Shortlands - Soupac aircraft strafed three barges at Fauro Island November 23. All were reported smoking. (5) Cape Orford - At 0632/24 a Liberator sighted an enemy submarine 20 miles S.S.E. Cape Orford. The submarine crash-dived on sighting the aircraft.
At 0506/23 four Beauforts attacked dump area. (6) Gasmata 1015/24, 24 Liberators escorted by 42 Kittyhawks and 13 Lightnings, attacked Ring Ring Plantation area. (7) Garove Island - At 2035/24 an enemy destroyer was reported 11 70 miles N.E. by E. Garove Island heading south. Our aircraft dropped three bombs which missed the jarget. At 2100/24 an enemy vessel apparently damaged was reported by another aircraft in position 30 miles N.N.E. Garove Island. The vessel was moving slowly on a north westerly course. The above reports indicate a possible destroyer night transportation run to Garove Island. (8) Manus Island - One medium cargo vessel, one unidentified vessel were reported 50 miles S.S.W. Lorengau at 0915/23. Another small cargo vessel was reported possibly aground east of Lorengau strip.
At 1435/24 a small coaster was reported burning & beached off the western tip of Wokeo Island (30 miles N.E. Wewak). (9) Wewak -A Liberator bombed and strafed two similar craft in this area forencon November 22. At 1200/24 only two small merchantmen and one patrol craft were reported in Wewak Harbour. An earlier report at 0800/24 had indicated one destroyer, three medium freighters and six possible small coasters were in harbour, suggesting the majority of these vessels had departed during the interim period. (10) Hansa Bay - At 1220/24 possibly four small craft and eight barges were observed. Forencon November 23, 12 Aircobras patrolling this (11) Saidor area encountered nine enemy fighters escorting nine bombers. Two fighters were destroyed, one fighter and one bomber possibly destroyed for the loss of one Aircobra. Eighteen Mitchells, nine Marauders, five Bostons were involved in attacks Kalasa Village (Sie area) forenoon (12) Sio -Movember 24. Ten to fifteen possible camouflaged barges were reported in Kalena Harbour. (13) Morobe - At 0807/24 an enemy submarine was reported 38 miles N.E. Morobe. 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA (i) ALLIED FORCES (a) At Sea to 1200/25: (1) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting Convoy DT.37 (2 MV) departed Darwin 1214/21 ETA Thursday Is. 0130/26.
(2) "FREMANTLE" escorting Convoy DT.38 ("KURUMBA" and 1 MV) departed Darwin 1110/24 for Thursday Is. ETA

(2) Bougainville (Contd.) - Four unescorted Mitchells bombed and

(3) 10 submarines on patrol.

0600/27. MV detaches for Melville Bay.

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - ML's 429, 814, 815 Darwin

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Halmahera - Further reports indicate five Liberators were involved in attacks on shipping in the Kace Bay area (Halmahera) afternoon November 23. A total of six merchantmen and two possible destroyers were observed in this area including one 7000 ton freighter, which was attacked and probably destroyed by five direct hits. Other merchantmen were possibly small coasters. In addition the same Liberators sighted two small coasters near the Banda Islands and one small coaster vicinity of Dawalor Is.
(2) Timor - Photos this area November 23 indicate -

3 barges, 26 praus 15 barges, 1 small coaster Koopang: Tenau : Hansisi: 5 barges.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/25:

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK"

(CL) "VAN GALEN" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "TJERK

HIDDES" (DD) "CHILDS" (AV) "HORSHAM"

"DUBBO" (AMS) "ATREUS" (CM) "WHIPPOORWILL"

(AM) "PELIAS" (AS) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR)

"ISABEL" (PY) SC.739 YP.286 Fremantle

- Warships & Aux. - "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) "LARK" Exmouth Gulf (AM) YP.288

- Warships & Aux. Broome

(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "LE TRIOMPHANT" detailed to escort 2 ships from Fremantle, thence proceed out of S.W.P.A.

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/25:

(1) "MIZAR" departed Sydney 1432/24 for Brisbane.
(2) "DELORAINE" "GLENELG" ML.821 escorting Convoy GP.86 (3 MV)

were to depart Sydney 0800/25 for Calcundra.

(3) "GOULBURN" departed Brisbane 1731/23 for Sydney was due 0700/25.

(4) "YANDRA" "KALGOORLIE" comprising Convoy PG.85 departed Brisbane 1000/24 for Sydney ETA 0800/26.

(5) "BROOME" "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy 00.145 (9 MV) to Sydney ETA 0800/27 and Newcastle. ETA 1700/27.

(6) "WARRNAMBOOL" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy CO.146 (12 MV) were to depart a.m. 25 November for Melbourne.

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) SC.982 - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "STUART" (DD) "MORESBY" "KALGOORLIE" "BUNDABERG" "PIRTE" "CASTLEMAINE" "ROCKHAMPTON" Port Stephens Sydney "PIRIE" "CASTLEMAINE" "ROCKHAMPTON"

"ECHUCA" AB.CRIJNSSEN" "(AMS) "HILO"

(PG) "KYBRA" "YANDRA" (A/S Vessels)

ML's 430, 817, 822 "POLLUX" (AKS)

(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "WILCANNIA" (AMS)

ourne - Warships & Aux. - "MILDURA" "INVERELL"

"KAPUNDA" "BENDIGO" (AMS) "DOOMBA"

(A/S Vessel)

ernport - Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel) Melbourne

Westernport

(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "POLLUX" is to depart Sydney 25 November for Brisbane.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

(1) St. George's Channel - Buka - At 0145/25 an enemy destroyer force, apparently comprising 6 units in two groups, was contacted by an U.S. Destroyer Force 57 miles W. by N. of Buka Passage. In the first encounter at 0206 two Jap destroyers in one group were sunk by torpedoes, the remainder were then chased towards Rabaul and three of these units were damaged by gunfire; two were overtaken and sunk, the other two escaped.

Later reports state that four Jap destroyers were observed to sink, the fifth was definitely damaged but the sixth apparently escaped undamaged. Allied units

suffered no damage.

It would appear likely that this enemy force was engaged on a transportation mission between Rabaul and Buka and at the time of the action was returning to Rabaul.

Further reports of a six-ship convoy (2) Palau - Bismarcks sighted proceeding between Palau and the Bismarcks November 22, indicate that these vessels were attacked by an U.S. submarine the following evening November 23 in a position 285 miles N.W. Wewak. Three probable hits were scored on the force which was described as including two escort vessels and four merchantmen. This force would appear to be proceeding from Falau to the Bismarcks, probably Rabaul.

ENEMY (S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

(1) Consolidation of defences Marshalls, Carolines, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas. (2) Constant effort to maintain maximum air and naval strength in

general Carolines-Marshalls-Bismarcks-New Guinea areas to off-set alliedforward moves.

(3) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.

(4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific Areas.

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

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	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marsh alls
BB		WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS SOUTH DAKOTA ALABAMA TENNESSEE	•	YAMATO MUSASHI KONGO HARUNA NAGATO MUTSU
CA	•	SARATOGA ESSEX BUNKER HILL	-	ZUIKAKU
CV(L)	-	PRINCETON INDEPENDENCE	-	ZUIHO
CV(E)	•	NASSAU PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON		CHUYO
CA	AUSTRALIA SEROPSHIRE	-	-	CHOKAI KUMANO SUZUYA TIKUMA MOGAMI MAYA
CL	TROMP HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONT FELL LER NASHVILLE ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN SANTA FE MOBILE BIRMINGHAM R DENVER LEANDER	YUBARI (Possedamaged)	NAGARA NOSHIRO OYODO NAKA ISUZU AGANO
CL(T)	-/	-	-	KATORI KASHIMA
XCL	•	-	-	2-3 (1 damaged
	WARRAMUNGA ARUNTA HELM RALPH TALBOT STUART VENDETTA CONYNGEAM BAGLEY DRAYTON FLUSSER LAMSON	Approx 40	10	25 (some repairing)
	MAHAN PERKINS REID	m Non-effective		
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and the same and the same and	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
38	ALBACORE) BLACKFISH)		20	20
	RAY SCAMP PETO RATON	On Patrol		
	GUARDFISH)	At Brisbane		
	K.9 BALAC	At Sydney At Milne Bay		
AV/CVS	HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON	WRIGHT BALLARD CHANDELIER	•	NOTORO
XAV/XCVS	-	3		3 - 4
PT	35	Approx 30	?	9
APA/APD/	MANORA WESTRALIA KANIMBLA	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA		
	ALGORAB BILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS			
	BROOKS			
AS	FULTON OTUS		•	?
AD	DOBSIN DIXIE		1	1
AR	RIGEL PLATY PUS	PROMETHEUS		
AIRCRAFT	(N.E.Area Only) (incl.19 twineeng.	206		
SE/BOMBER	/Bombers	142		
Flying Bo Floatplan	ats	2		
ransport	& Obsm. A/C	50 14		
	ATT TED PARAME	2. NORTH PACTFIC	•	
Α.	LOUISVILLE		ENEMY	FORCES
L	DETROIT RALEIGH		ABUR	TUMA
v/cvs	R ICHMOND		AKTI	SUSHIMA
AV/XCVS			1	COSUTME
17	22		5	
9	10	9' 1	Appr	

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

BB_	NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO HARYLAND MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO IDAHO CALIFORNIA OKLAHOMA	YAMASHIRO FUSO (Poss. Mandates) HYUGA (Being Modernised)
CV	ENTER PRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	 SHOKAKU
CV (T)	-	новно
CA (T)	GOWPENS BELLEAU WOOD	НІТАКА КУИНО НАУАТАКА
CV(E)	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO BARNES	CHITOSE OTAKA
	ALTAMAHA. COPAHEE LISCOMBE BAY LONG ISLAND MISSION BAY	
CA	EALTIMORE EOSTON CHESTER NEW ORLEANS SAN FRANCISCO FENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND MINNEAPOLIS LOUISVILLE WIGHITA	MACHI M TONE M AOBA M HAGURO M MYOKO M ATAGO M TAKAO
OCA	•	 6
<u>CL</u>	# HONOLULU # RENO # CONCORD # OAKLAND	TATSUTA WAKAMIYA TAMA TAMA KISO NATORI YAHAGI (on trials)
AVZEVS XAVZEVS DD SS AS	Approx 35 Approx 50	3 - 4 CHIYODA (under conversion 2 to ACV) 25 (a few repairing) Approx 30

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

CL

TRENTON

DD

2

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

Application to the second control of the sec	Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
BB	_	RAMILLIES	-
CV(E)	-	BATTLER	-
CA	•	SUFFOLK SUSSEX HAWKINS FROSISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK	RENYA NEWCASTLE MANCHESTER DANAE EMERALD	KUMA OI KITAGAMI KINU
CL(T)		-	KASHII
XOL	-	CANTON CARTHAGE CHITRAL	1
AV/CVS	CHILDS W.B.PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI
XAV/XCVS		9	1
<u>OD</u>	VAN GALEN TJERK HNDDES LE TRIOMPHANT	Approx 27	10
SS	BILLFISH) BLUEFISH) BONEFISH) BOWFIN) On Pat CAPELIN) COD) GREVAILE) MARWHAL) RASHER) TUNA	rol	6
	K.12 CABRILLA KINGFISH POMPON PUFFER At Fre	mantle	
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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 667

Date: 26 November, 1943

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/26:

(1) "BENALLA" "POLARIS" surveying vicinity Morobe.
(2) "GLADSTONE" "COLAC" "BUNBURY" PC.1119" "ML.426" "YMS.73" escorting Convoy TN.181 (15 MV) departed Fitzroy Is. approx 1600/23. "BUNBURY" "ML.426" escort Portion A ("F.J.IRWIN" "KATOOMBA" "MURADA" "POINT SAN PEDRO" "NIEW ZEALAND" "SKAGERAK") to Port Moresby; others escort Portion B
("ADM.HALSTEAD" "J.G.BRADY" "J.DUBUQUE" "DUNTROON" "J.W.
MACKAY" "G.VON.L.MEYER" "WM.PROUSE" "J.ROSS" "VAN DEN

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BOSCH") to Milne Bay: ETA both Portions 1200/26.

(3) "SC.982" "PC.476" escorting Convoy ME.13 ("C.KING" "WM.HUME" "THOS.

JEFFERSON") Port Moresby to Milne Bay. "PC.476" with

"C.KING" ETA Milne Bay 1430/26; others ETA Oro Bay 0630/27.

(4) "YP.291" departed Cairns 0627/23 for Thursday Is. ETA 1700/26.

(5) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting Convoy DT.37 (2 MV) departed Darwin 1214/21

Was due Thursday Is. 0130/26.

(6) "FREMANTLE" escorting Convoy DT.38 ("KURUMBA") ETA Thursday Is.

0600/27.

0600/27.

"TASMAN" departed Brisbane 0220/25 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/28. (7)

(8) "BUNCAREE" at sea.
(9) "ML.805" departed Thursday Is. 0608/24 en route Cairns ETA 1101/28.

(10) "SUSQUEHANNA" departed Port Moresby 0716/24 for Townsville.
(11) "ARARAT" escorting Convoy FT.43 ("AASE MAERSK" "BONTEKOE") Milne
Bay to Townsville ETA 1400/27.
(12) "GEFLONG" "LITHGOW" "SC.735" escorting Convoy QL.32 (8 MV including
"MERKUR") departed Caloundra 1655/24 were due Bustard

(13) "PC.1123" escorting "GANNYMEDE" (for Townsville ETA 1200/29) was to depart Caloundra 1030/26 proceeding as far as Lady Elliott Island thence returns Brisbane.
(14) "VENDETTA" escorting "TAROORA" Gladstone to Sydney ETA 1200/27.

(15) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Buns

Finschhafen - Warships & Aux. - "LOOKOUT" (AG)

- Warships & Aux. - PC.1122 SC's 744 YMS's 72,314, Lae YMS.335

Merchant Vessels: "FREMONT OLDER" "JAPARA" "T. GORWIN"
"A. BURLINGHAME" "NORAB"

Morobe

- Warships & Aux. - ML.427 "PORTUNUS" (AGP)
- Warships & Aux. - SC's 637 YMS.51 ML's 424, 425, ML's 801, 806, 816, 818, 819 Merchant Vessels: "D.McLEAY" "S.CRANE"

Oro Bay - Warships & Aux. - SC.734 Merchant Vessels: "LUDDINGTON" "SIBIGO" "RING LARDNER" "CHAS.E. SMITH" "GREY LAG" "C.P. STEINHETZ""E.D.BAKER"

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Porlock Hrb. - Warships & Aux. - "TRINITY" (AO) - Warships & Aux. - SC's 745, 749 YMS's 334, 336 Kiriwina Merchant Vessels: "KARSIK" - Warships & Aux. - SC.747 YMS.313 Woodlark Is. Merchant Vessels: "JOSEPH LANE" Goodenough Is. - Warships & Aux. - ML.431 Merchant Vessels: "E.M.WESTCOTT" "HANYARG" "D.F.BARRY" - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) Milne Bay "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "HELM" "RALPH TALBOT" "SMITH" "PERKINS" "MAHAN" "BAGLEY" "LAMSON" "SHAW" "CONYNGHAM" "MUGFORD" "REID" "FLUSSER" (DD) "GILMER" "BROOKS" "SANDS" "HUMPHREYS" (DD) "GILMER" "BROOKS" "SANDS" "HUMPHREYS"
(APD) SC's 648, 698, 699, 703, 731, 732
SC's 738, 742, 743, 746, 748, 750, 981
YMS's 11, 49, 50, 52, 53, 70 YP's 233, 236
YP's 278, 283 ML's 428, 430 PC's 479,1120
PC.1121 25 LST's 15 APC's 29 PT's
"YUNNAN" (ASIS) "RIGEL" (AR) "DOBBIN" (AD)
"OTUS" "FULTON" (AS) "HALF MOON" (AVP)
"BISHOPDALE" "ESSO BALBOA" (AO) "SPRINGDALE"
(YDG) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "COUCAL" (ASR) "CARTER HALL" (LSD) (Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.) Merchant Vessels: "ABIGAIL ADAMS" "ALAMO"
"J.J.ASTOR" "BALIKPAPAN" "W.BEAUMONT" "F.P.BLAIR" "BORGFRED" "B.S.BOUTWELL"
"CALEDONIAN SALVOR" "CAPE SANDY" "CITY OF
FORT WORTH" "H.DODGE" "G.H.FLANDERS" "J.KELLY" "T.C.LOWE" "J.LYKES" "MACTAN"
"F.B.OLSON" "B.OSECRNE" "PATRAS" "W.H.POINT"
"THOS.C.POWER" "A.ROBALLI" "STAGEN" "H. STANBURY" "M.M. STEWART" "TRIANGULUM"
"W. VAN DAVENTER" "VAQUERO" "WEST CACTUS" Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. -Mil. Merchant Vessels: "WM.BURNHAM" "MARCUS DALY" "C.KOHRS" "MULIAMA" - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" (AMS)
- Warships & Aux. - "GYMPIE" "KATOOMBA" "WAGGA"

"STAWELL" (AMS) PC's 477, 1124 SC's 736,737

YMS's 8, 46, 47, 48, 71 YP.280 ML's 803,804

ML.820 "PLATYPUS" (AR) "MANOORA" Thursday Is. Cairns "WESTRALIA" (APA) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) - Warships & Aux. - "SAN PABLO" Palm Island - Warships & Aux. - "HEROF" (AVP) "WARREGO" (AMS) Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "SHIKETLAMY" (AO) Gladstone - Warships & Aux. - "SHIRELLANY" (AO)

- Warships & Aux. - "DRAYTON" (DD) "WHYALLA"

"SWAN" "BOWEN" "GOWRA" (AMS) SC'S 650, 741

PC'S 1131, 1132 ML.808 YMS.10 "H.T.ALLEN"

"KANIMBLA" (APA) "ALGORAB" (AKA) "VICTORIA"

(AO) "MERKUR" (AF) "MANUNDA" (AH) Brisbane (c) Proposed Movements: (1) YMS's 8, 46, 47, 48 to leave Cairns 0600/27 for Port Moresby.
(2) "LATROBE" escorting "CARDROSS" "MANGOLA" to depart Thursday Is. 0001/28 for Darwin ETA 1630/2 December. (11) ENEMY FORCES (1) Choiseul - Local sources report, 24 November, that there are no Japs south of Warrior River. (2) Buin Base - At 1020/24 Kabili was bombed and strafed by 20 Mitchells covering the runway and starting several One Mitchell was lost but the crew was saved. fires. Photos 24 November show Kara to be unserviceable, Kahili was not covered and Ballale although only partially covered, showed signs of being repaired.

(3) Empress Augusta Bay - Early morning 23 November enemy 75 MM.

attillery shelled our landing craft unloading E. of
Torokina (presumably connected with the landing of the Marine raiding party landed here night 22-23 November). A few casualties were suffered but by 0830/23 enemy fire ceased following a bombardment by two destroyers combined with air and artillery gunfire. Enemy aircraft also participated in the early morning 23 November, inflicting only very slight damage.

During the night 23-24 November, enemy aircraft ineffectually dropped one stick of bombs near Laruma River mouth.
At 1420/24 enemy installations at Mutupina Pt. and Gazelle Harbour (southernmost part of the Bay) were attacked by 6 Mitchells destroying a possible radio tower. A fighter sweep over the same area also 24 November sank nine barges in Gazelle Harbour. (4) Buka Passage - At 1146/23, Bonis was raided by 16 unescorted Liberators, Buka by 3 Liberators and Chabai by two more Liberators. Photos 24 November show both Bonis and Buka airfields, possibly serviceable. At 1000/24 Chabai area was attacked by 57 Dauntless, 37 Avengers with 48 escorting fighters. A fighter patrol 24 November attacked a schooner in (5) Buka -Queen Carola Harbour. The ship was left smoking.

(6) Solomon Sea - Further details concerning the contact with six enemy destroyers 57 miles W. by N. of Buka Passage at 0145/25 indicate that the vessels at this time were on course 2850. Aircraft over this area morning 25 November report 100-150 survivors in the water 32 miles W.N.W. of Cape Henpan. This large number of survivors in one area suggests the possibility of evacuation of personnel from Buka to Rabaul. Other aircraft over this area the same morning report - (a) A surfaced submarine 40 miles W. of Cape Henpan. Three depth charges were dropped and a large oil slick and debris were observed. (b) An oil slick 100 miles W. of Buka with three aircraft circling. (7) Kavieng -Reconnaissance 24 November reported two medium to large cargo vessels and ten to twelve other vessels of varying sizes in Kavieng Harbour.

(8) S.E. New Ireland - At 1305/25 a submarine was attacked by Soupac aircraft just south of East Cape with no positive (9) Bismarck Sea -Further to the possible transportation run Rabaul to Garove Island night 24-25 November, final reports indicate that the force first observed at approximately 2035/24 comprised one cruiser (described as heavy) and two destroyers 33 miles N.W. of Cape Pomas, heading W. at 30 knots. Bombs were dropped but missed. Another W. at 30 knots. Catalina joined and scored two hits with 1 x 1000 lb. and 1 x 500 lb. bombs on the cruiser causing a heavy explosion below decks. Subsequent intercept reports indicate two bessels were observed at 2345/24 in approximately the same position as the original sighting and a third vessel described as a heavy cruiser, was reported at (10) Rabaul - Photos 24 November show one "YUBARI" Class cruiser, nine destroyers, one converted destroyer tender, 17 merchant vessels totalling approximately 70,000 tons and two large tankers. Twenty floatplanes are shown in the Harbour. Lakunai was the only airfield fully covered and 85 aircraft are shown, including 74 fighters, 9 light bombers and two medium bombers. (11) Mandates-Bismarcks - At 2317/24, the six ship convoy previously reported (2 sub chasers, 4 merchant ships) was again reported by submarine 225 miles N.W. Lorengau, course 1000. - 3 -

(12) Hollandia - Photographs 19 November of Hollandia airfield show 82 twin-engined Bombers and three fighters. Two new strips (Sentani and Cyclops) have apparently been fully cleared although there is no evidence as yet of dispersal facilities or other installations. (13) Wewak -Fighter sweeps over Wewak 0915-1230/25 reported two sizeable ships (4-8000 tons) in the Harbour: in addition a few probable small ships off Boram strip. One enemy aircraft was encountered airborne and shot down. (14) Bogadjim - Bridges on the Bogadjim road were attacked a.m. 25 November by eight bombing Aircobras.
(15) Sio Area - At 1530-1545/24 barge base at Kiari (10 miles W. of Sio) was attacked by five Bostons.

(16) Finschhafen Coast - During the night 23-24 November, two empty northbound barges were sunk off Hardenberg Point (28 miles N.N.W. Finschhafen) by PT boats. (17) Finschhafen Area - At 0929/23 nine enemy medium bombers ineffectively raided our positions S. of Satelberg. On 24 November nine medium bombers escorted by 20 fighters bombed the Heldsbach Plantation area again without effect. Pressure on Satelberg continues and our forward elements reached a point 150 yards from the top of Satelberg Ridge on 24 November in the face of heavy opposition. 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA (1) ALL IED FORCES (a) At Sea to 1200/26: (1) 10 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - ML's 429, 814, 815

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Ambon At 1109/25 Halong was bombed by 4 Liberators with unobserved results. Eight floatplanes and one flying boat were observed on the water, in addition to one floatplane airborne. Two large merchant ships were observed in the Bay and 15-20 other small ships in Harbour.
- (2) Halmahera Shipping in Waisile Bay shown by photographs to comprise:

7 freighter transports (totalling approx. 4 sea trucks 31,000 tons)

1 possible mine layer

was attacked by 13 Liberators at noon 24 November without success.

Five or six enemy fighters intercepted and one was destroyed and another damaged.

At the same time a convoy in Weda Bay was attacked by another five Liberators. The convoy was described as:

1 8,000 ton freighter

1 sea truck 1 corvette

on course 1800, but photos show only 2 vessels (2-3000 ton merchant ships).

Two or three other vessels were also attacked in Weds Bay.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/26:

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK"

(CL) "VAN GALEN" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "TJERK

HIDDES" (DD) "CHILDS" (AV) "HORSHAM"

"DUBBO" (AMS) "ATREUS" (CM) "WHIPPOORWILL"

(AM) "PELIAS" (AS) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR)

"ISABEL" (PY) SC.739 YP. 286

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

(AM) YP.288

(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "LE TRIOMPHANT" detailed to escort 2 ships from Fremantle, thence proceed out of S.W. P.A.

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/26:

(1) "MIZAR" departed Sydney 1432/24 for Brisbane.
(2) "DELORAINE" "GLENELG" ML.821 escorting Convoy GP.86 (2 MV)
departed Sydney 0828/25 for Calcundra ETA 2030/27.
(3) "STUART" escorting EMPIRE SILVER" (for Townsville ETA 1100/1

December) was to depart Sydney 1100/26 proceeding as far as Lady Elliott Is. thence return Brisbane.

(5) "YANDRA" "KALGOORLIE" comprising Convoy PG.85 departed Brisbane
1000/24 for Sydney was due 0800/26.

(6) "BROOME" "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy OC.145 (9 MV) to Sydney
ETA 0800/27 and Newcastle ETA 1700/27.

(7) "TROMP" departed Sydney 1704/25 for Melbourne ETA 0900/27.

(8) "WARRNAMBOOL" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy CO.146 (12 MV) to

Melbourne ETA 1200/28.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG)
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "GOULBURN" "MORESEY"
"KALGOORLIE" "BUNDABERG" "PIRIE" "KALGOORLIE" BUNDABERG" "PIRIE"
"CASTLEMAINE" "ROCKHAMPTON" "ECHUCA"
"AB.CRIJNSSEN" (AMS) "HILO" (PG) "KYBRA"
"YANDRA" (A/S Vessels) ML's 430,817,822
(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (GL) "WILCANNIA" (AMS)
bourne - Warships & Aux. - "MILDURA" ("INVERELL"
"KAPUNDA" "BENDIGO" (AMS) "DOOMBA" Melbourne (A/S Vessel) Westernport - Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel)

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

(1) Consolidation of defences Marshalls, Carolines, Bismarcks, North

coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.

(2) Constant effort to maintain maximum air and naval strength in general Carolines, Marshalls, Bismarcks, New Guinea areas to off-set allied forward moves.

(3) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.

(4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South

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ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)		Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls YAMATO
	MASSACHUSETTS	•	
	MASSACHUSETTS		
			MUSASHI
			KONGO
	ALABAMA		HARUNA
	TENNESSEE		NAGATO
	17 11		MUTSU
-	SARATOGA	-	ZUTKAKU
	ESSEX		
	BUNKER HILL		
_	PRINCETON	_	ZUIHO
70		-	ZOLEO
	Thomas and and a		
_	MAGGATT	2	CHARLO
		7	CHUYO
*	BRETON	7 E	UNYO
ATTSTRAT.TA			MENAGEL BY
	-	-	CHOKAT
OTHER TIME			KUMANO
			SUZUYA
			TIKUMA
			m MOGAMI
			■ MAYA
TROMP	COLUMBIA	YUBARI	NAGARA
* HOBART		(Poss.	NOSHIRO
		damaged)	OYODO
			NAKA
			ISUZU
			# AGANO
	LEANDER		
-	-	-	KATORI
			KASHIMA (Poss.
152			Empire)
The state of the s		-	2-3 (1 damaged)
WARRAMUNGA	Approx 40	10	25 (some repairing
		(4 reported	And the same state of the same of the
		sunk, 1 or	
		2 damaged)	
			7
	* HOBART	FRINCETON INDEPENDENCE NASSAU PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON AUSTRALIA SHROPSEIRE COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MOFFESLLIER NASHVILLE ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN SANTA FE MOBILE BIRMINGHAM RELM RELM RALPH TALBOT STUART VENDETTA CONYNGHAM BAGLEY DRAYTON FLUSSER LAMSON MAHAN PERKINS	PRINCETON INDEPENDENCE NASSAU PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE COLUMBIA CLEVELAND (Poss. MOFFESLIER damaged) NASHVILLE ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN SANTA FE MOBILE BIRMINGHAM R DENVER LEANDER WARRAMUNGA ARUNTA HELM RALPH TALBOT STUART VENDETTA CONYNGHAM BAGLEY DRAYTON FLUSSER LAMSON MAHAN PERKINS

	Southwest Paci (Eastern Secti		Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marsha lls
SS	ALBACORE BLACKFISH	}	20	20
	GATO RAY SCAMP	On Patrol		
	PETO RATON)	4	
	GUARDFISH S.31) At Brisbane		
	K.9 BALAO	At Sydney At Milne Bay		
AV/CVS	HERON SAN PABLO EALF MOON	WRIGHT BALLARD CHANDELIER		NOTORO
XAV/XCVS	-	3	•	3 - 4
PT	35	Approx 30	?	?
APA/APD/	H.T.ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA KAN IMBLA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS EUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA		
AS	FULTON OTUS		-	8
AD	DOBBIN * DIXIE		1	1
AR	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS		
Fighters	(N.E.Area Only (incl. 19 twin M/Bombers	eng.) 218 142 41		
Flying Bo Floatplar	pats	2 50 14		
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AV/CVS	•		AKITSUSHIM	A
XAV/XCVS DD SS AS	22		5	
SS	10		Approx 4	

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

YAHAGI (on trials)

	ALLI	ED FORCES	ENEMY FORCES
<u>BB</u>	4 1	NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA WEST VIRGINIA GOLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO IDAHO	YAMASHIRO FUSO (Poss. Mandates) HYUGA (being modernised)
	26	CALIFORNIA OKLAHOMA	
CV		ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	SHOKAKU (en route Truk)

CV(T) HOSHO

CV(L) COW PENS HITAKA BELLEAU WOOD RYUHO HAYATAKA

CV(E) SUWANNEE CHITOSE SAUGAMON OTAKA CHENANGO

> BARNES AL TAMAHA COPAHEE LISCOMBE BAY LONG ISLAND MISSION BAY

BALTIMORE CA NACHI BOSTON # TONE CHESTER AOBA NEW ORLEANS SAN FRANCISCO * HAGURO

MY OKO PENSACOLA # ATAGO R TAKAO

A INDIANAPOLIS R SALT LAKE CITY * PORTLAND M MINNEAPOLIS

* LOUISVILLE M WICHITA

OCA 6

CL R HONOLULU TATSUTA * RENO WAKAMIYA # CONCORD AMAKUSA * OAKLAND TAMA

KISO * NATORI

XCL AV/CVS POCOMORE CHIYODA (under conversion to XAV/XCVS ACV)

Approx 35 25 (a few repairing) Approx 30 Approx 50

m Non-effective

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

DD

TRENTON 2

	Southwest Pac (Western Sect		Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
BB	-	f	RAMILEIES	•
CV (E)	-	1	HATTLER	-
CA	•		SUFFOLK SUSSEX HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
CL	ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKER	K	Kenya Newcastle Manchester Danae Emerald	KUMA OI KATAGAMI KINU
CL(T)	-		-	KASHII
XCL	-		CANTON CARTHAGE CHITRAL	1
AV/CVS	CHILDS W.B.PRESTON		ALBATROSS	KAMOI
XAV/XCVS	0-		?	1
DD	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES		Approx 27	10
SS	BILLFISH BLUEFISH BONEFISH BOWFIN CAPELIN GOD GREVALLE) on	? Patrol	6
	MARWHAL RASHER TUNA	}		
	K.12 CABRILLA KINGFISH POMPOM PUFFER	At I	Fremantle	
AS	PELIAS		?	
Fighters (Eight and SE/Bombers Flying Boa Floatplane	ts	eng.	168 55 16 12 49	

GENERAL HEADOUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

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27 November, 1943 Date.

PART I.

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTHEASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/27:

(1) "ARUNTA" "HELM" departed Milne Bay 1710/26 to RV with "NASHVILLE"

ex S.P.A. and escort to Milne Bay ETA 1200/27.

(2) "BENALLA" "POLARIS" surveying vicinity Morobe.

(3) "WARREGO" escorting "SUSQUEHANNA" "WM.S.LADD" was to depart

Townsville 0600/27 to RV with PC.1124 and "CANBERRA"

(ex Cairns) off Fitzroy Is. at 2000/27 and proceed as

Convoy TN.183 to Port Moresby ETA 1100/29.

(4) "TASMAN" departed Brisbane 0220/25 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/28.

(5) "EREMANTIE" escorting Convoy DT.38 ("RURIMERA") was due Thursde

(5)" FREMANTLE" escorting Convoy DT.38 ("KURUMBA") was due Thursday
Is. 0600/27.

- (6) "YMS.71" was to depart Cairns 0800/27 for Thursday Is. ETA 1200/1 December to tow dry dock to Milne Bay.
 (7) "ML.805" departed Thursday Is. 0608/24 en route Cairns ETA 1101/28.
- (8) "PC.1123" escorting "GANNYMEDE" (for Townsville ETA 1600/29) departed Caloundra 1420/26 proceeding as far as Lady Elliott Island thence returns Brisbane.

(9) "LITHGOW" proceeding Townsville after escort duty with Convoy

- QL.32.

 (10) "MERKUR" (ex Convoy QL.32) en route Townsville.

 (11) "AASE MAERSK" (ex Convoy FT.43) en route Milne Bay to Townsville ETA 1400/27.
- (12) "BUNGAREE" departed Cairns 2259/26 for Sydney ETA p.m. 1 December. (13) "GERLONG" "SC.735" escorting Convoy LQ.32 ("SHIKELLAMY" and 1 MV) were to depart Gladstone 1930/26 for Brisbane ETA 0545/28.

(14) "POLLUX" departed Sydney 1137/25 for Brisbane. (15) "DELORAINE" "GLENELG" escorting Convoy GP.86 (8 MV) departed Sydney 0825/25 for Caloundra ETA 1430/27.

(16) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Finschhafen

- Warships & Aux. - "LOOKOUT" (AG) Merchant Vessels: "MULCRA"

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- Warships & Aux. - PC.1122 SC.744 YMS's 314,335 Morchant Vessels: "FREMONT OLDER" "JAPARA"
"T.CORWIN" "A.BURLINGHAME" "NORAB"

Morobe Buna

- Warships & Aux. - ML.427 "PORTUNUS" (AGP) - Warships & Aux. - SC.637 YMS.51 ML's 424, 425

MI's 801, 806, 816, 819 Merchant Vessels: "D. McLEAY" "S. CRANE" "ADM. HAL STEAD"

- Warships & Aux. - SC.734 Oro Bay Merchant Vessels: "LUDDINGTON" "SIBIGO" "RING LARDNER" "J.DUBUQUE" "J.W.MACKAY" "WE.PROUSE"
"J.ROSS" "VAN DEN BOSCH" "WM.HUME" "THOS. JEFFERSON" "CHAS.E. SMITH" "GREY LAG" "E.D. BAKER" "E.H.WESTCOTT" Porlock Brb. - Warships & Aux. -Nil - Warships & Aux. - SC's 745, 749 ML.431 Merchant Vessels: "HANYANG" Kiriwina - Warships & Aux. - SC. 747 YMS. 313 Woodlark Is. Merchant Vessels: "JOSEPH LAME" Goodenough Is. - Warships & Aux. - YMS's 334, 336

Merchant Vessels: "D.F.BARRY" "KARSIK"

Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE" (CA)

"WARRAMUNGA" "RALPH TALBOT" "SMITH" "PERKINS"

"MAHAN" "BAGLEY" "LAMSON" "SHAW " "CONYNGHAM" "MAHAN" "BAGLEY" "LAMSON" "SHAW " "CONYNGHAM"
"MUCFORD" "REID" "FLUSSER" (DD) "GILMER" "BROOKS"
"SANDS" "HUMPHREYS" (APD) "GLADSTONE" "COLAC"
(AMS) SC's 648, 698, 699, 703, 731, 732, 738
SC's 742, 743, 746, 748, 750, 981 YMS's 11,49,50
YMS'S 52, 53, 70, 72, 73 YP'S 253, 236, 278, 283
ML'S 428, 430, 818 PC'S 476, 479, 1119, 1120,1121
25 LST'S 15 APC'S 29 PT'S "YUNNAN" (ASIS)
"RIGEL" (AR) "DOBBIN" (AD) "OTUS" "PULTON" (AS)
"HALF MOON" (AVP) "TRINITY" "BISHOPDALE" "ESSO
BALBOA" (AO) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG) "AMYGUS" (ARL)
"COUCAL" (ASR) "CARTER HALL" (LSD) (Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.) Merchant Vessels: "ABIGAIL ADAMS" "ALAMO" "J.J.ASTOR"

"BALIKPAPAN" "W.BEAUMONT" "F.P.BLAIR" "BORGFRED"

"B.S.BOUTWELL" "J.G.BRADY" "CALEDONIAN SALVCR"

"CAPE SANDY" "CITY OF FORT WORTH" "H.DODGE"

"DUNTROON" "G.H.FLANDERS" "J.KELLY" "C.KING"

"T.C.LOWE" "J.LYKES" "MACTAN" "G.L.MEYER" "F.G.

NEWLANDS" "F.B.OLSON" "B.OSBORNE" "PATRAS" "W.H.

POINT" "THOS.C.POWER" "A.BORAYLI" "STAGEN" POINT" "THOS.C. POWER" "A. ROBALLI" "STAGEN" "H. STANBURY" "M. M. STEWART" "TRIANGULUM" "W. VAN DAVENTER" "VAQUERO" "WEST CACTUS" Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "BUNBURY" (AMS) ML.426
Merchant Vessels: "WM. BURNHAM" "MARCUS DALY"

"F.J.IRWIN" "KATOOMBA" "MURADA" "C.KOHRS"

"MULIAMA" "PT.SAN PEDRO" "NEW ZEALAND" "SKAGERAK"

Thursday Island- Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS) YP.291 - Werships & Aux. - "GYMPIE" "KATOOMBA" "WAGGA" "ARARAT"
"STAWELL" (AMS) PC's 477, 1124 SC'S 736, 737
YMS'S 8, 46, 47, 48 YP.280 ML'S 803, 804, 820
"PLATYPUS" (AR) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" (APA) Cairns "RESERVAR" (AG)
- Warships & Aux. - "SAN PABLO" (AFV) Palm Island - Warships & Aux. - "HERON" (AVP) "GOLDETAR" (AG)
- Warships & Aux. - "DRAYTON" (DD) "WHYALLA" "SWAN"
"BOWEN" "COWRA" (AMS) SC's 650, 741 PC's 1131
PC.1132 ML.808 YMS.10 "H.T.ALLEN" "KANIMBLA"
(APA) "ALGORAB" (AKA) "VICTORIA" (AO) "MIZAR" (AF)
"MANUNDA" (AH) Townsville Brisbane (c) Proposed Movements:

(1) YMS's 8, 46, 47, 48 to leave Cairns 27 November for Port Moresby.
(2) "GYMPIE" "WAGGA" "ARARAT" SC.737 to depart Cairns and RV with
Convoy TN.182 (8 MV) off Fitzroy Is. 1600/27 escorting

(3) "WHYALLA" SC's 650, 741 detailed as escorts for Convoy QL.33
(3 NV) to depart Caloundra 1600/28,

(4) "DELORAINE" "GLENELG" detailed as escorts for Convoy PG.86

departing Calcundra 1200/28.

(5) "LATROBE" escorting "CARDROSS" "MANGOLA" to depart Thursday Is.

0001/28 for Darwin ETA 1630/2 December.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Buin Base - At 1510/26, Kara airfield was attacked by 37 Avengers, 57 Dauntless escorted by eight fighters. The strip and nearby installations were well covered.

Photos 26 November show Kahili and Ballale

unserviceable, Kara possibly partially serviceable.

(2) Empress Augusta Bay - Offering stern resistance from prepared positions, the enemy were driven back 800 yards in the N.E. sector of the Torokina perimeter on 25 November. Enemy casualties are reported as large. Allied casualties numbered about 300.

Total enemy casualties in the Torokina area to date, excluding those in the action 25 November, total 1146 counted.

(3) Buka Passage Area - At 0020/25, two enemy destroyers were encountered off Matchin Bay by allied patrol craft. These units are thought to be part of the force of six destroyers contacted further west by our destroyer force at 0145/25 indicating almost certainly that the enemy transportation mission was on the return journey when the action took place.

Following the heavy strike on Chabai at 1000/24 by 94 torpedo and dive bombers, the same target was again attacked at 1030/24 by 14 Liberators while Buka at rfield

was bombed by nine Liberators at the same time.

At 1152/26, Buka airfield was once more attacked by 24 Liberators and at 1730/26 again by 3 Mitchells.

At 1500/26, Bonis airfield was attacked by 24 Mitchells and again at 1700/26 by 2 Mitchells.

Photos 26 November show both Buka and Benis runways unserviceable,

(4) Solomon Sea - At 1130/26 a submarine was attacked by aircraft 38 miles W.N.W. of northern Buka Island (refer Naval Incidents.)

(5) Green Island - was attacked 1420/26 by 4 Venturas from tree top level sinking one barge and inflicting heavy damage on installations.

(6) Rabaul - Preliminary interpretation of photos 1120/26 of the airfields show: -

> 98 F. Lakunai 14 L/B 0 2 M/B 5 L/B 18 L/B Vunakanau: 14 F. 16 M/B Rapopo . 33 F. Tobera \$

a nil. Keravat Harbour

17 F/P

Total 221, whereof 145F, 37 L/B, 22 M/B, 17 F/P. (7) Bismarck Sea - Further reports of the probable transportation run from Rabaul to Garove Island night 24-25 November, indicate the possibility that two separate groups were involved, as one or possibly two destroyers were seen in the area approximately 30 miles N.H. Garove Island at about 2000/24 with one destroyer thought to be damaged.

Another group described as a cruiser and two destroyers was reported shortly before midnight off N.W. Gazelle Peninsula heading west. of this group the cruiser was claimed to have been hit.

(8) Gasmata Area - At approximately 1030/26 Lindenhafen Plantation was attacked by escorted Liberators. Full results not yet received.

On a coastal sweep Lindenhafen to Cape Archway 0820-0955/26, ten Bostons reported ten barges sighted and bombed the southern shores of Wide Bay.

(9) Mandates-Bismarcks - At 1220/25 a convoy described as two sub-chasers, three merchant vessels and one trawler, was reported by submarine 190 miles N.N.W. Lorengau course 1150. This is the same six-ship southbound convoy previously reported.

(10) Lorengau - At 1435/25 a small tanker type vessel (probably a sea truck) was an observed at Lorengau.

(11) Wewak - The report from fighters of two sizeable ships at Wewak a.m. 25 November was confirmed by a Liberator's observation the same afternoon. Aircraft over the area a.m. 26 November again reported one large, one small vessel in Harbour.

(12) Sio Coast - During the night 24-25 November one or two loaded southbound barges was sunk by our patrol craft S.E. of Sio. At 0950-1000/26 barge base at Nambariwa Village (4 miles S.E. Sio) was attacked by 28 Mitchells, 8 Marauders. The target was well covered.

(13) Finschhafen Area - Satelberg was captured p.m. 25 November despite considerable enemy resistance. Many dead and much equipment was found by our forces. Aircraft sighted a surfaced submarine at 0735/25 30 miles N.W.W. Finschhafen. 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA (1) ALLIED FORCES (a) At Sea to 1200/27: (1) 10 submarines on patrol. (b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - MI's 429, 814, 815

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Ambon - Photos 25 November during the Liberator strike, show 10 floatplanes at Halong and two other aircraft on land nearby. Partial coverage of the harbour shows one merchant vessel of 4500 tons.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/27:

(1) "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting 2 ships departed Fremantle 1400/25 proceeding out of S.W.P.A.

(2) --

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL)

"VAN GALEN" "TJERK HIDDES" (DD) "GHILDS" (AV)

"HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) "ATREUS" (CM)

"WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "PELIAS" (AS) "CHANTICLEER"

(ASR) "ISABEL" (PY) SC.739 YP.286

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B.PRESTON" (AVD) "LARK" (AM) YP. 288

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/27:

(1) "STUART" escerting "EMPIRE SILVER" (for Townsville ETA 1100/1 December) departed Sydney 1325/26 proceeding as far as

Lady Elliott Is. thence return Brisbane.

(2) "VENDETTA" escorting "TAROONA" "GLADSTONE" to Sydney ETA 1200/27.

(3) "BALLARAT" escorting Newcastle Portion Convoy OC.145 ETA 1700/27.

(4) "TROMP" departed Sydney 1704/25 for Melbourne 0900/27.

(5) "WARRNAMBOOL" "TOWNSVILLE" escerting Convoy CO.146 (12 MV) to Melbourne ETA 1200/28.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG)

- Warships & Aux. - "GOULBURN" "MORESBY"
"BROOME" "KALGOORLIE" "BUNDABERG"
"PIRIE" "CASTLEMAINE" "ROCKHAMPTON"
"ECHUCA" "AB.CRIJNSSEN" (AMS) "HILO"
(PG) "KYBRA" "YABDRA" (A/S Vessels)

ML's 430, 817, 821, 822

(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "WILCANNIA" (AMS)

Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "MILDURA" "INVERHIL"

"KAPUNDA" "BENDIGO" (AMS) "DOOMBA"

(A/S Vessel)

Westernport

- Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel)

(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "VENDETTA" is detailed to escort "ALTAMAHA" arriving Brisbane approx 1 December from S.P.A.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

Solomon Sea - At 1625/25 a submarine was attacked by aircraft in the area about 40 miles west of northern Buka Island apparently heading for a group of some 150 survivors in the water. This submarine was straddled by three depth charges and a large oil slick with much debris was observed. The submarine is reported as almost certainly sunk.

At 1130/26 aircraft dropped three depth charges on a surfaced submarine in the same vicinity. The submarine circled slowly under water for forty minutes and re-surfaced stern first with no way. Men came out on deck and were attacked with machine guns. The submarine submerged again leaving five or six men and a raft in the water.

Further aircraft were despatched as a strike against this damaged unit.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

(1) Consclidation of defences Marshalls, Carolines, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea. East Indies, Malayan areas.

(2) Constant effort to maintain meximum air and naval strength in general Carolines, Marshalls, Bismarcks, New Guinea areas to off-set allied forward moves.

(3) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.

(4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific	NATIONAL PROPERTY OF THE PROPE	Bismercks	Carolines
	(Eastern Section)		Solomons	Marshalls
BB	•	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS SOUTH DAKOTA ALABAMA TENNESSEE	-	Yamato Musasht Kongo Haruna Nagato Mutsu
CV	-	SARATOGA ESSEX BUNKER HILL	-	ZUTKAKU
CV(L)	-	PRINCETON INDEPENDENCE	-	ZUIHO
CY(E)	-	NASSAU PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON	-	CHUYO
CA	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	•		CHOKAI KUMANO SUZUYA TIKUMA MOGAMI MAYA
CL	MASHVILLE TROMP * HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN SANTA FE MOBILE BIRMINGHAM	YUBARI (Poss. damaged)	NAGARA NOSHIRO OYODO NAKA ISUZU AGANO
		DENVER LEANDER		
CL(T)	-	-	•	KATORI KASHIMA (Poss, Empire)
XCL		•	•	2-3 (1 dam- aged)
<u>DD</u>	WARRAMUNGA ARUNTA HELM BALPH TALBOT STUART VENDETTA GONYNGHAM BAGLEY DRAYTON FLUSSER	Approx 40	10 (4 reported sunk, 1 or 2 damaged)	25 (some repairing)
	LAMSON WAHAN PERKINS REID			•

* Non-effective

	Southwest Pacific		Bismarcks	Carolines
	(Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Solomons	Warshalls
88	ALBACORE) BLACKFISH) GATO	On Patrol	20	20
	RAY PETO RATON			
	GUARDFISH) SCAMP S.31	At Brisbane		
	K.9 BALAO	At Sydney At Milne Bay		
AV/cvs	HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON	WRIGHT BALLARD CHANDELIER	•	NOTORO
XAV/XCV	3 -	3	- ·	3 - 4
PT	35	Approx 30	?	?
APA/APD	/ARA			
	e.t.allen Manoora Westralia Kanimbia	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA		
	ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS			
AS	FULTON OTUS			?
AD	DOBBIN M DIXIE		1	1
AR	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS		
AIRCRAF	I (N.E. Area Only)			
Fighter &	s (incl. 19 twin-e	ng.) 245 154		
SE/Bomb	ers	41	4 4	
Plying	Boats	2		
ranspor	t & Ohan. A/C	50 14		
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	ALLIED FORCES	A TO A STATE OF THE STATE OF TH	ENEMY FO	RCES
A	LOUISVILLE		-	
	DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND		ABUKUMA	
AV/XCVS	-		AKITSUSI 1	AMIH
AV/XCVS	22		Approx 4	4

3. GENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

BB ,	NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO	YAMASHIRO FUSO (Poss. Mandates) HYUGA (being modernised)
	MARTIAND MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO IDAHO CALIFORNIA MOKLAHOMA	
CA	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	SHOKAKU (en route Truk)
CV (T)		HOSHO
CV(L)	COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD	HITAKA RYUHO HAYATAKA
CV(E)	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO BARNES ALTAMAHA	CHITOSE
	COPAHEE LISCOMBE BAY LONG ISLAND MISSION BAY	
CA	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER NEW ORLEANS	NACHI TONE AOBA HAGURO
	SAN FRANCISCO PENSACOLA ** INDIAMPOLIS ** SALT LAKE CITY	MYOKO MATAGO TAKAO
	# PORTLAND # MINEEAPOLIS # LOUISVILLE # WICHITA	
OCA		6
<u>CL</u>	# HONOLULU # RENO # CONCORD # OAKLAND	TATSUTA WAKAMIYA AMAKUSA TAMA ** KISO ** NATORI YAHAGI (on trials)
XCL AV/CVS XAV/XCVS DD SS AS	POCOMOKE Approx 35 Approx 50	3 - 4 CHIYODA (under conversion to 2 25 (a few repairing) Approx 30

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

CL TRENTON

DD 2

5.	EAST	INDIE	S-IN	IAN	OCEAN
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	Southwest Pac (Western Sect		rea East Indies-Philippines
BB		RAMILLIES	4
CV(E)		BATTLER	
CA		SUFFOLK SUSSEX HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
CL	ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKEI	KENYA	KUMA OI KITAGAMI KINU
CL(T)	-		KASHII
XCL	•	CANTON CHITRAL CARTHAGE	1
AV/CVS	CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI
XAV/XCVS	-	?	1
DD	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	10
<u>\$5</u>	BILLFISH BLUEFISH BONEFISH BOWFIN CAPELIN COD GREVALLE MARWHAL PUFFER TUNA	on Patrol	6
	K.12 CABRILLA KINGFISH POMPOM RASHER	At Fremantle	
AS	PELIAS	?	
Fighters (Light & M/ SE/Bombers Flying Bos Floatplane	ts) -eng.) 168 55 16 12 49 39	

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PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

(1) "BENALLA" "POLARIS" surveying vicinity Morobe.
(2) "TASMAN" departed Brisbane 0220/25 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/28.
(3) "GYMPIE" "WAGGA" "ARARAT" SC.737 escorting Convoy TN.182
("SWARTENHONDT" "TECUMSEH" "VAN HEUTSZ" "Y.19" "FREDERICK

("SWARTENHONDT" "TECUMSEH" "VAN MEUTSZ" "Y.19" "FREDERICK
A. EILERS" "BOTH" "TJISADANE") to Milne Bay ETA 1400/30.

(4) "YMS'S 8,46,47,48" departed Cairns 0625/27 for Port Moresby ETA
0800/29.

(5) "WARREGO" "PC.1124" escorting Convoy TN.183 ("SUSQUEHANNA" "CANBERRA"
"WM.S.LADD" to Port Moresby ETA 1100/29.

(6) "COLAC" and "GLADSTONE" departed Milne Bay 1739/26 en route

Townsville ETA Grafton Passage 1300/28.

(7) "BUNBURY" escorting Convoy NT.66 ("KATOOMBA" for Cairns, "MARCUS DALY" for Townsville) departed Port Moresby 1630/27 ETA Cairns 0930/29.

(8) "LATROBE" escerting Convoy TD.38 ("MANGOLA" "CARDROSS" departed Thursday Is. 0030/28 for Darwin ETA 1530/2 December.

(9) "YMS.71" departed Cairns 0851/27 for Thursday Island ETA 1200/1

December to tow dry dock to Milne Bay.

(10) "ML.805" departed Thursday Is. 0608/24 en route Cairns was due 1101/28.

(11) "PC.1123" escorting "GANNYMEDE" (for Townsville ETA 1600/29) departed Caloundra 1420/26 proceeding as far as Lady Elliott Island thence returns Brisbane.

(12) "MIZAR" (AF) departed Brisbane 0215/28 for Milne Bay ETA 0900/1 Dec. (13) "BUNGAREE" departed Cairns 2259/26 for Sydney ETA p.m. 1 December.

(14) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Finschhafen

- Warships & Aux. - "LOOKOUT" (AG)

Merchant Vessels: "MULCRA" "KOORAKA" "LORINNA" War ships & Aux. - PC.1122 SC's 732,744,746

YMS's 314,335, 72
Merchant Vessels: "FREMONT OLDER" "JAPARA"
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- Warships & Aux. - ML.427 "PORTUNUS" (AGP)
- Warships & Aux. - SC.637 YMS.51 ML's 424, 425 Merchant Vessels: "D.McLEAY" "S.CRANE" "ADM.
HALSTEAD" "DUNTROON"

- Warships & Aux. - SC.734
Merchant Vessels: "LUDDINGTON" "SIBIGO" "RING Oro Bay LARDNER" "J.DUBUQUE" "J.W.MACKAY" "WM.PROUSE" "J.ROSS" "VAN DEN BOSCH" "WM. HUME" "THOS. JEFFERSON" "CHAS.E. SMITH" "GREY LAG" "E.D. BAKER" "E.M. WESTCOTT" "G.V.L. MEYER" - Warships & Aux. - Nil. - Warships & Aux. - SC's 745, 749 ML.431 Merchant Vessels: "HANYANG" "ALAMO" Porlock Erb. Kiriwina Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - SC.747 YMS.313

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"BAGLEY" "LANSON" "SHAW" "CONYNGHAM" "MUGFORD"
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SC's 731, 738, 742, 743, 748, 750, 981
YMS's 11, 49, 50, 52, 53, 70, 73 YP's 233,236
YP's 278, 283, 354, 336, 428, 430 PC's 476
PC's 479, 1119, 1120, 1121 25 LST's
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(AR) "DOBBIN" (AD) "OTUS" "FULTOH" (AS)
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"TRIANGULUM" "W. VAN DAVENTER" "VAQUERO" "WEST CACTUS" Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - ML.426
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"C.KOHRS" "MULIAMA" "PT. SAN PEDRO" "NEW ZEALAND" "SKAGERAK" Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "COOTAMUMDRA" "FREMANTLE" (AMS) YP.291 "KURUMBA" (AO) - Warships & Aux. - "KATOOMBA" "STAWELL" (AMS) Cairns PC's 477, 1124 SC's 736 YMS's 8,46,47,48 YP.280 ML's 803, 804, 820 "PLATYPUS" (AR) YP.280 ML's 803, 804, 820 "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" (APA) Palm Island - Warships & Aux. - "SAN PARLO" (APV) - Warships & Aux. - "LITHGOW" (AMS) "HEROH" (AVP)

"GOLDSTAR" (AG) "MERKUR" (AF) "AASE MAERSK" (AO)

- Warships & Aux. - "DRAYTON" (DD) "WHYALLA" "SWAN"

"DELORAINE" "GLENELG" "ŒELONG" "BOWEN" Townsville Brisbane "COWRA" (AMS) SC's 650, 735, 741 PC's 113, PC.1132 ML's 808, 826 YMS.10 "H.T.ALLEN" "KANIMBLA" (APA) "ALGORAB" (AKA) "VICTORIA" "SHIKELLAMY" (AO) "MANUMDA" (AH) "POLLUX" (AKS) (c) Proposed Movements: (1) "DELORAINE" "GLENELG" detailed as escorts for Convoy PG.86 (8 MV) departing Caloundra 1200/28, (2) "WHYALLA" SC's 650, 741 detailed as escorts for Convoy QL.33
(3 MV) to depart Calcumdra 1600/28.
(3) PC.1124 (ex Convoy TN.183) to escort "New ZEALAND" departing Port Moresby 29 November for Milne Bay.

(1) Treasury Island - Enemy aircraft attempted to approach Treasury Island at 0938-0958/26 but A/A engaged and bombs were apparently dumped in the sea. One bomb was dropped on Stirling Island at 2135/26.

(2) Empress Augusta Bay - In the N.E. Sector of the Torokina perimeter, our line has been straightened and further advances made against light opposition.

During the evening and night 25 November, enemy artillery, believed 105 mm., shelled Torokina strip causing slight damage.

(3) Bougainville Airfields - Photos 27 November show Kahili, Kara, which was unserviceable 26 November, was not covered.

(4) Mandates-Bismarcks - At 2215/26, a convoy described as two sub chasers, two cargo vessels, one trawler was unsuccessfully attacked by submarine 75 miles N. by W. of Lorengau. This is the southbound convoy originally reported as two sub chasers, four cargo vessels.
At 2315/26, a northbound convoy comprising two

sub chasers, two merchant vessels was attacked by submarine 110 miles N.W. of Mussau Island. The largest vessel was left burning.

(5) New Hanover-Manus Island - At 1015/27, one freighter transport (7-8500 tons) was reported by aircraft 47 miles W.N.W. New Hanover on course 270°, possibly bound for Lorengau.

(6) Rabaul - Revised assessment of the aircraft photographed on Rabaul airfields 1120/25 indicates a reduction of 17 light bombers from Rapopo making a total of 187 landbased aircraft on the four fields.
At 2117-2137/26 Vunakanau was attacked by four

Beauforts and a fifth attacked shore installations. (7) Rabaul - Garove Island - Another probable transportation mission was apparently attempted during the night 26-27 November.

Preliminary reports indicate a "Yubari" Class light cruiser hit by a bomb at 2053/26 47 miles W. by N. of Cape Pomas (N.W. Gazelle Peninsula). At 2059/26 a possible destroyer was reported 36 miles west of Cape Pomas, course 265°, and at 2230/27 two cruisers, two unidentified vessels were reported 60 miles W.N.W. of Cape Pomas.

- At 1905/27 aircraft reported six vessels in Rein Bay. (8) Rein Bay No confirmation has yet been received of this intercept.

(9) Wewak -Photos 1320/25 show:-

18 F. 6 L/B Wewak 19 F. 13 L/B Dagua

Boram 50 F. 1 M/B

making a total of 109 aircraft whereof 87 F. 19 L/B,3 M/B excluding But.

Wewak airfields, particularly Boram and Wewak, were attacked about midday 27 November by a strong force of escorted Mitchells. Details are not yet available.

(10) Finschhafen Area - At 1056/26, ten enemy medium bombers escorted by some 15 to 25 fighters bombed the coastal area north of Quoja River near Finschhafen airfield, causing slight

damage and some casualties.

The enemy formation or parts thereof was attacked by our fighters thus:-

1050-1100/26 by 4 gircobras 20 miles N. of Finschhafen, destroying 4 fighters plus 1 probable.

1100/26 by 8 Aircobras N.W. of Saidor destroying 2 fighters plus probably six more.

1130/26 by 4 Aircobras N.W. of Saidor destroying 2 Zeros (only 2 encountered).

One Aircobra is missing from all above interceptions. After the capture of Satelberg, ground forces have consolidated and cleared the neighboring hill of enemy. Patrols are now being pushed out towards the north. After mopping up remaining enemy elements in the vicinity of the mouth of Song River, our forces are advancing northwards. - 3 -

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

(1) 10 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "ML'S 429, 814, 815"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Kaukenau - At 1235/27 the Timoeka airfield and neighbourhood were bombed and strafed by five Beauforts.

(2) Arafura Sea - A probable enemy recommaissance plane was sighted 84 miles N.W. of Melville Island at 0925/27.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

(1) "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting two ships departed Fremantle 1400/25 proceeding out of S.W.P.A.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL)

"VAN GALEN" "TJERK HIDDES" (DD) "CHILDS" (AV)

"HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) "ATREUS" (CM)

"WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "PELIAS" (AS)

"CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ISABEL" (PY) SC.739 YP.286

YP.288

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) "LARK" (AM)

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

(1) "STUART" escorting "EMPIRE SILVER" (for Townsville ETA 1100/1 December) departed Sydney 1325/26 proceeding as far as Lady Elliott Is, thence return Brishare.

Lady Elliott Is. thence return Brisbane.

(2) "WILCANNIA" "BALLARAT" "CASTLEMAINE" ML.809 ML.821 escorting Convoy GP.87 (7 MV) were to depart Sydney 0800/28 en route Brisbane.

(3) EVENDETTA" was to depart Sydney 1000/28 to RV with "ALTAMAHA" in position 26°45'S 158°45'E at 1700/29 and escort to

Brisbane ETA Approx. 1 December.

(4) "WANGANELLA" (AH) departed Sydney 1513/27 for Fremantle ETA

3 December thence to proceed Suez.

(5) "YANDRA" "KALGOORLIE" escorting Convoy CO.147 (9 MV) en route Melbourne.

(6) "WARRNAMBOOL" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy OC.146 (10 MV) for Port Kemble ETA 0001/1 December, SYDNEY ETA 0500/1 December and Newcastle 1400/1 December.

(7) "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy CO.146 (12 MV) to Melbourne ETA

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(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG)
- Warships & Aux. - "GOUZBURN" "MORESBY" "BROOME"

"BUNDABERG" "PIRIE" "ROCKHAMPTON" "ECHUCA"

"AB. CRIJNSSEN" (AMS) "HILO" (PG) "KYERA"

(a/S Vessel) ML's 430,817,822

- (Repairing and Refitting) "HOBART" (CL)
- Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "MILDURA"
"INVERELL" "KAPUNDA" (AMS) "DOOMBA" Sydney Melbourne (A/S Vessel)

- Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel) Westernport

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

1. Consolidation of defences Marshalls, Carolines, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas. 2. Constant effort to maintain maximum air and naval strength in

general Carolines, Marshalls, Bismatcks, New Guinea areas to off-set allied forward moves.

3. Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.
4. Continued use of submarines for recommaissance and offensive

patrol duties in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

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CV(E)		PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON ALTAMAHA		CHUYO	
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25 (a few repairing)

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3. CENTRAL PACIFIC ALLIED FORCES ENEMY FORCES ISE NORTH CAROLINA BB YAMASHIRO INDIANA FUSO (Poss. Mandates) WEST VIRGINIA HYUGA (being modernised) COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO IDAHO CALIFORNIA PENNSYLVANIA M OKLAHOMA SHOKAKU (en route Truk) CV ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON HOSHO CV(T) COWPENS HITAKA CV(L) (en route Malaya) RYUHO BELLEAU WOOD R HAYATAKA CHITOSE (en route Truk) SUWANTE V(E) OTAKA SAN GAMON CHENANGO BARNES COPAHEE CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR LONG ISLAND MISSION BAY NASSAU BALTIMORE CA * NACHI R TONE BOSTON CHESTER M AOBA NEW ORLEANS R HAGURO SAN FRANCISCO MYOKO # ATAGO PENSACOLA E TAKAO INDIANAPOLIS SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND * MINNEAPOLIS R LOUISVILLE ATIHOIW M 6 OCA TATUSTA PHOENIX CL WAKAMIYA R HONOLULU RENO TAMA R CONCORD R KISO R NATORI * OAKLAND YAHAGI (on trials CL(T) KASHIMA XCL AV/CVS POCOMORE CHIYODA (under conversion

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4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

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XCL	-	CANTON CHITRAL CARTHAGE	-
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GENERAL HEADOUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 670

Date: 29 November, 1943.

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EAST RN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/29:

(1) "POLARIS" surveying vicinity Morobe.

(2) "GILMER" (APD) departed Milne Bay 1200/28 to RV with "MAUI" in position 18030'S. 158008'E. at 0700 30 and escort to Milne Bay.

(3) "ARARAT" escorting "TISADANE" to Milne Bay having detached and gone ahead of Convoy TN.182.

(4) "GYMPIE" "WAGGA" SC.737 escorting Convoy TN.182 ("SWARTENHONDT" "TECUMSEH" "VAN HEUTSZ" "Y.19" "FREDERICK A.EILERS" "BOTH")

to Milne Bay ETA 1400/30.
(5) "YMS's 8,46,47,48" departed Cairns 0625/27 for Port Moresby were due 0800/29.

(6) "MIZAR" (AF) departed Brisbane 0215/28 for Milne Bay ETA 0900/1 Dec.
(7) "WARREGO" "PC.1124" escorting Convoy TN.183 ("SUSQUEHARNA" "CANBERRA"
"WM.S.LADD" to Port Moresby were due 1100/29.
(8) "BUNBURY" escorting Convoy NT.66 ("KATOOMBA" for Cairns, "MARCUS DALY" for Townsville) departed Port Moresby 1630/27 were due Cairns 0930/29.

(9) "YMS. 71" departed Cairns 0851/27 for Thursday Island ETA 1200/1 Dec. to tow dry dock to Milne Bay.

(10) "YP.291" departed Thursday Island 0832/28 for Palen Island ETA 0600/1 Dec. thence to proceed Cairns ETA 0800/2 Dec.

(11) "KURUMBA" (AO) departed Thursday Island 0827/28 for Townsville ETA 2100/30.

(12) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) en route Townsville to Brisbane ETA Gladstone 1800/29.

(13) "WHYALLA" "SC's.650, 741" escerting Convoy QL.33 (3 MV) departed Caloundra 1457/28 ETA Bustard Head 2330/29.

retirn Brisbane from Lady Elliott Is.
(14) "STUART" escorting "EMPIRE SILVER" (for Townsville) departed Sydney 1325/26 proceeding as far as Lady Elliott Is. thence to return Brisbane.

(15) 7 submarines on patrol.

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YMS's 314,335, 72.

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"CAPE SANDY" "C.KING" "T.CORWIN" "NORAB"

"A.BURLINGHAME" "SIBIGO".

- Warships & Aux. - ML.427 "PORTUNUS" (AGP) Morobe - Warships & Aux. - SC.637 YMS.51 ML's 424,425,801, Buna ML's 806,816,819 Merchant Vessels: "D.McLEAY" "S.CRANE" "ADM. HALSTEAD" "DUNTROON" - Warships & Aux. - SC.734 ML.818

Herchant Vessels: "Luddington" "Ring Landmer"

"J.Dubuque" "J.W.MACKAY" "WM.PROUSE" "J.ROSS"

"VAN DEN BOSCH" "WM.HUME" "THOS.JEFFERSON" Oro Bay "CHAS.E. SMITH" "GREY LAG" "E.D. BAKER" "E.M.WESTCOTT" "G.V.L.MEYER" - Warships & Aux. - Nil - Warships & Aux. - SC's 745,749 ML.431 Merchant Vessels: "HANYANG" "ALAMO" Porlock Erbr. Kiriwina Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - SC.747 YMS.313

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Goodenough Is. - Merchant Vessels: "D.F. BARRY" "KARSIK" "G.F. BOUTWELL"

Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE" (CA)

"NASHVILLE" (CL) "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "HELM"

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SG's.742, 743, 748, 750, 981, 982 YMS's.11,49,
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YP's.283, 334, 336, 428, 430 PC's.476, 479,
PC's 1119, 1120, 1121 25 LST's 15 APC's
29 PT's "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "RIGEL" (AR) "DOBBIN"
(AD) "CTUS" "FULTON" (AS) "HALF MOON" (AVP)
"TRINITY" "BISHOPDALE" "ESSO BALBOA" (AO)
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- Warships & Auk. - "KATOOMBA" "STAWELL" "GLADSTONE"

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"PLATYPUS" (AR) "MANOGRA" "WESTRALIA" (APA)

- Warships & Auk. - "SAN PABLO" (APV)

- Warships & Auk. - "LITHGOW" (AMS) "HERON" (AVP)

"GOLDSTAR" (AG) "MERKUR" (AF) "AASE MAERSK" (AO)

- Warships & Auk. - "DRAYTON" (DD) "WHYALLA" "SWAN"

"GEELONG" "BOWEN" "COERA" (AMS) SC's.650, 735,

SC's.741 PC's.1123, 1131, 1132. ML's.808,826

YMS.10 "H.T.ALLEN" "KANIMBLA" (APA) "ALGORAB"

(AKA) "VICTORIA" "SHIKELLAMY" (AO) "MANUMDA" Cairns Palm Island Townsville

(c) Proposed Movements:

Brisbane

(1) "WARREGO" is detailed as escert for "CANBERRA" from Port Moresby to mainland.

"TASMAH" (AH) "POLLUX" (AKS)

(AKA) "VICTORIA" "SHIKELLAMY" (AO) "MANUNDA"

(1) Choiseul - Local sources report 27 November that there are some 2,000 Japs at Choiseul Bay and that patrols operate south as far as Warrior River. Some Japs are apparently still at Luti (45 miles down the coast from Choiseul Bay) and may be escaping by submarine, possibly via Manning Strait. In this connection a probable submerged submarine was

reported by aircraft at 1000/28, 27 miles N. of Cape Giraud

(central N.E. coast).

Augusta Bay - Enemy positions and concentrations at Mutupina (2) Empress Point, Mawaraka and Mosigetta (all southern end of Bay) were attacked by 60 Dauntless 37 Avengers escorted by 8 Aircobras at 1000/27. Six large and 24 smaller buildings were destroyed, an ammunition dump exploded and several fires started. This raid was followed at 1525/27 by 3 Venturas and at 1540/27 by 2 Mitchells which found Mutupina a mass of wreckage.

(3) Buka Passage - At 1005/27, Buka aerodrome was raided by 23 Mitchells escorted by 24 fighters. The runway was well covered. Later Bonis aerodrome was raided by 19 Liberators.

A runway at Chabai with dispersal lanes has apparently been under construction for some time. A report on photos taken 23 November indicates that no further progress has been made.

(4) Buka Island - At 0940/27, shore installations at Queen Carola Harbour were attacked by 5 Mitchells with 8 fighters escorting. Several buildings were destroyed and a pier

damaged.
(5) Rabaul-Cape Hoskins-Garove Is. - Further to the probable transportation run to Garove Island night 27-28 November, reports indicate 2 destroyers and 2 unindentified vessels sighted at 2200/27 28 miles south of Cape Pomas course 2500. At 0340/28, 2 barges were seen 29 miles N.E. of Cape Hoskins heading towards the shore and at 0425/28, 2 destroyers were seen 32 miles E. of Garove Is. on course 45.

These reports may indicate the two barges were towed by 2 destroyers (as was done in the Guadalcanal operations early 1943) and detached off Cape Hoskins, the destroyers

proceeding to Garove Island.
This is the third attempted run to Garove Is. since 24 November. On that night 1 cruiser and 2-4 destroyers made the attempt followed on the night of 26 November by 1 or 2 probable destroyers.

In addition to the above sightings, a single sea truck was reported by aircraft at 2015/27, 22 miles W. by N. of

Cape Pomas on course 2500.

(6) Vitiaz Strait - During the night 26-27 November, an empty southbound barge was sunk by PT boats off Walingai (23 miles N.N.W. of Finschhafen). An empty barge proceeding south in this area would appear to be on evacuation mission possibly incapacitated personnel from the Bonga area.

The same night 5 barges loaded with 200 troops. provisions, artillery and gun carriages, were sunk 4 miles S. of Gress Pt. (westernmost extremity of New Britain). It is not certain if these barges were heading southwest

or northwest.

(7) Wewak - The strike on Wewak at 1128-1138/27 was conducted by 62 Mitchells escerted by 53 Lightnings. Wewak and Boram dromes were the chief targets and 5 bombers and 1 fighter were destroyed on the ground, 9 bombers and 14-19 fighters damaged. In addition much damage was inflicted and many fires were started amongst installations. Only 4 Zeros were seen airborne but these were not engaged.

Two or three medium freighters and two small freighters, in addition to several luggers and barges were seen in the area and of these one of the larger freighters was hit by a 75 m.m. shell and seven barges sunk or damaged.

Wewak and Boram airfields were again raided about noon 28 November by a considerable force of escorted heavy bombers but results are not yet available.

(8) Song River Area - Ground forces continued their advance northwards from Song River, 27 November, maintaining contact with the enemy.

At 1047/27 enemy positions on the Bonga-Wario track

were attacked by 18 Mitchells.

Similar targets were attacked, 1015-1030/28, by 9

Mitchells and 7 Marauders.

(9) Kiriwina - At approximately 2230/27, a formation, probably consisting of six enemy aircraft approached within 20 miles of Kiriwina. Second formation approached within 50 miles and also departed north.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/29:

- (1) "LATROHE" escorting Convey TD.38 ("MANGOLA" "CARDROSS") departed Thursday Is. 0030/28 for Darwin ETA 1530/2 Dec.
- (2) 10 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "ML's. 429, 814, 815" Darwin

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Ambon - At 2325/27-0030/28, Ambon wharf and barracks areas were attacked by 3 Catalinas. Two probable vessels were seen in the Bay.

(2) Sourabaya - Three Catalinas over Sourabaya early a.m. 27 November, sighted one probable destroyer and two merchant vessels in the naval dockyards.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/29:

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(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL)

"VAN GALEN" "TJERK HIDDES" (DD) "CHILDS" (AV)

"HOR SHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) "ATREUS" (CM)

"WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "PELIAS" (AS) "CHANTICLEER"

(ASR) "ISABEL" (PY) SC.739 YPIS.286, 288.

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B.PRESTON" (AVD) "LARK" (AM) - "ADELA IDE" "VAN HEEM SKERK" (CL)

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/29: (1) "WILCANNIA" "BALLARAT" "CASTLEMAIN" ML.809 ML.821 escorting Convoy GP.87 (7 MV) departed Sydney 0749/28 for Brisbane ETA 1100/1 Dec.

(2) "BUNGAREE" (CM) departed Cairns 2259/26 for Sydney ETA p.m. 1 Dec.
(3) "DELORAINE" "GLENELG" escorting Convoy PG.86 (8 MV) departed
Calcundra 1200/28 ETA Newcastle 1000/30 and Sydney 1600/30.

(4) "VENDETTA" departed Sydney 1027/28 to RV with "ALTAMAHA" in position 26°45'S°158°45'E at 1700/29 and escort to Brisbane ETA approx. 1 December.

- (5) "DENI" "STRINGHAM" (APD) en route SPA to Sydney ETA 29 November.
 - (6) "WARRNAMBOOL" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy OC.146 (10 MV) for Port Kembla ETA 0001/1 Dec, Sydney ETA 0500/1 Dec. and
 Newcastle 1400/1 Dec.

 (7) "YANDRA" "KALGOORLIE" escorting Convoy CO.147 (9 MV) en route

Melbourne ETA 1200/1 Dec.
(8) "WANGANELIA" (AH) departed Sydney 1513/27 for Fremantle ETA 3 December thence to proceed Suez.

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) Port Stephens

- Warships & Aux. - "ML.807" Newcastle

- Warships & Aux. - "GOULBURN" "MORESBY" Sydney

"BROOME" "BUNDABERG" "PIRIE" "ROCKHAMPTON" "ECHUCA" "A.B.CRIJNSSEN" (AMS) "HILO" (PG) "KYERA" (A/S Vessel) ML's.430, 817

ML.822.

(Repairing & Refitting) "HOBART" (CL) "PHILIP" (DD)
- Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "MILDURA"
"BENDIGO" "INVERELL" "KAFUNDA" (AMS) Melbourne

"DOOMBA" (A/S Vessel).
- Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel) Westernport

NAVAL INCIDENTS

Further successes are reported by U.S. submarines as follows:

(1) Phillippines - One submarine reports inflicting the following damage on shipping off Manila recently.

> Sunk -1 converted aircraft carrier (4 hits)

1 large merchantman

1 medium merchantman

1 small merchantman

Damaged - 1 large transport

(2) Palau - Another submarine attacked a convoy near Palau on November 26 with the following results:

> 2 medium merchantmen Sunk •

Possibly

- 1 medium merchantman Sunk

Damaged - 1 large merchantman

(3) Truk-Bismarcks - Another submarine attacked a northbound convoy comprising 3 merchantmen and 3 escorts, 250 miles S.W.of Truk November 26, with the following results:

> 1 large merchantman ("KASHIMA MARU" Class Sunk -

9,000 tons)

1 3,000 ton merchantman

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

1. Consolidation of defences Marshalls, Carolines, Bismarcks,

North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas. 2. Constant effort to maintain maximum air and naval strength in general Carolines, Marshalls, Bismarcks, New Guinea areas to off-set allied forward moves.

3. Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.

4. Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive patrol duties in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENERY ORDER OF BATTLE

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3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

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	COLORADO
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	MISSISSIPPI
7	NEW MEXICO
	IDAEO
	CALIFORNIA
	PENESYLVANIA
3	AMCHAINO :

ISE YAMASHIRO FUSO (Poss. Mandates) HYUGA (Being modernised)

CA

ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON

SHOKAKU (en route Truk)

CV(T)

CV(L) COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD HOSHO

CV(E)

SUWAFNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO BARNES COPABEE CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR LONG ISLAND HISSION BAY NASSAU CHITOSE (en route Truk)

CA

BALTIMORE
BOSTON
CHESTER
MEW ORLEANS
SAN FRANCISCO
PENSACOLA
INDIANAPOLIS
SALT LAKE CITY
PORTLAND

M NACHI
M TONE
M AOBA
M HAGURO
M MYOKO
M ATAGO
M TAKAO

* MINNEAPOLIS * LOUISVILLE

M WICHITA

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PHOENIX

* HOMOLULU

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M CARLAND

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TATSUTA
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YAHAGI (on trials)

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Approx 35 Approx 50 6 - 7
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3 ACV)
25 (some repairing)
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4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 671

Date: 30 November, 1943

PART I.

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/30:

(1) "STELLA" "POLARIS" surveying vicinity Morebe.

(2) "GILMER" (APD) departed Milne Bay 1200/28 to RV with "MAUI" in position 18 30'S 158008'E at 0700/30 and escort to Milne

(3) "SC.738" departed Milne Bay 1500/29 to RV with "MORMACDALE" in position 12°15'S 152°20'E at 1200/30.

(4) "SUSQUEHANNA" departed Port More sby 1840/29 for Mine Bay ETA
1500/30.
(5) "GYMPIE" "WAGGA" "SC.737" escorting Convoy TN.182("SWARTENHONDT"
"TECUMSEN" "VAN HEUTSZ" "Y.19" "FREDERICK A.EILERS" "BOTH") to Milne Bay ETA 1400/30.

"NIZAR" (AF) departed Brisbane 0215/28 for Milne Bay ETA 0900/1 pec.

(7) "WESTRALIA" was to depart Cairns 0600/23 for Milne Bay ETA 1800/1.
(8) "ARARAT" departed Milne Bay 1612/29 FTA Grafton Passage 0400/1 Dec.
(9) "YMS.71" departed Cairns 0851/27 for Thursday Island ETA 1200/1 Dec.

to tow dry dock to Milne Bay.

(10) "LITHGOW" escorting Convoy TN.184 (1 MV for Port Moresby: "GANNYMEDE"

6 MV. Y.6 1 APC. for Milne Bay) was to depart Townsville to RV with other escorts off Fitzroy Is. at 1500/30 (refer proposed movements).

(11) "YP.291" departed Thursday Island 0832/28 for Palen Island ETA 0600/1

December thence to proceed Cairns ETA 0800/2 December. (12) "KURUMBA" (A0) departed Thursday Island 0827/28 for Townsville ETA 2100/30.

(13) "WHYALLA" SC's 650, 741 escorting Convoy QL.33 (3 MV)departed Caloundra 1457/28 ETA Bustard Head 2330/29. "SC.650" return Brisbane from Lady Elliott Is.

(14) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Finschhafen - Warships & Aux. - "LOO KOUT" (AG) Merchant Vessels: "MULCRA" "LORINVA"

Lae - Warships & Aux. - PC.1122 SC's 732, 744, 746

YMS's 314, 335, 72

Merchant Vessels: "FREMONT OLDER" "JAPARA" "CAPE SANDY" "C.KING" "T.CORWIN" "NORAB" "SIBIGO" "A.BURLINGHAME"

- Warships &: Aux. - ML.427 "PORTUNUS" (AGP) Morobe Runa

- Warships & Aux. - SC.637 YMS.51 ML's 424. ML's 801, 806, 816, 819 "TRINITY" (A0) Merchant Vessels: "S.CRANE" "ADM. HALSTEAD"

- Warships & Aux. - SC.734 ML.818 oro Bay Merchant Vessels: "LUDCINGTON" "RING LARDNER" "J. BUBUQUE" "J. W. MACKAY" "WM. PROUSE" "J.ROSS" "VAN DEN BOSCH" "WM. HUME" "THOS. JEFFERSON" "CHAS.E.SMITH" "GREY LAG" "E.D. BAKER" "E.M.WESTCOTT" "G.V.L.MEYER" - Warships & Aux. - Nil. Porlock Hrbr. - Warships & Aux. - SC's 745, 749 ML.431 PC.1121 Merchant Vessels: "HANYANG" "ALAMO" "CALEDONIAN Kiriwina SALVOR" - Warships & Aux. - SC.747 YMS.313 Woodlark Is. Merchant Vessels: "JOSEPH LANE"

- Merchant Vessels: "G.F. BOUTWEIL"

- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) Goodenough Is. Milne Bay "NASHVILLE" (CL) "SMITH" "MAHAN" "BAGLEY"
"LAMSON" "SHAW" "CONYNGHAM" "MUGFORD" "REID" "FLUSSER" (DD) "GILMER" "BROOKS" "SANDS" "HUMPHREYS" (APD) SC's 648, 698 SANDS" "HUMPHREYS" (APD) SC's 648, 698
SC's 703, 731, 742, 743, 748, 750, 981,982
YMS's 11, 49, 50, 52, 53, 70, 73
YP's 233, 236, 278, 283, 334, 336, 428,430
PC's 476, 479, 1119, 1120 25 LST's
15 APC's 29 PT's "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "RIGEL"
(AR) "DOBBIN" (AD) "OTUS" "FULTON" (AS) "HALF MOON" (AVP) "BISHOPDALE" "ESSO BALBOA" (AO) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG) "AMYCUS" "(ARL) "COUCAL" (ASR) "CARTER HALL" (LSD) (Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.) Merchant Vessels: "ABIGAIL ADAMS" "J.J.ASTOR"

"BALIKPAPAN" "W. BEAUMONT" "F.P.CLAIR"

"BORGFRED" "J.G.BRADY" "CEFALU" "H.DODGE" "DUNTROON" "G.H.FLANDERS" "KARSIK"
"J.KELLY" "T.C.LOWE" "J.LYKES" "MACTAN" "
"F.G.NEWLANDS" "F.B.OLSON" "B.OSBORNE" "PATRAS" "W.H. POINT" "THOS.C. POWER" "A.
ROBALLI" "STAGEN" "H. STANBURY" "M.M. STEWART"
"TJISADANE" "TRIANGULUM" "W.VAN DAVENTER" "VAQUERO" "WEST CACTUS" - Warships & Aux. - "WARREGO" (AMS) YMS's 8,46,47,48 Port Moresby Merchant Vessels: "F.J. IRWIN" "MURADA" "C. KOHRS" "MULIAMA" "FF. SAN PEDRO" "MEW ZEALAND" "SKAGERAK" "CANBERRA" "W.S.LADD" Thursday Island - Warships & Aux. - "COCTAMUNDRA" "FREMANTLE" (AMS) - Warships & Aux. - "GOUTAMUNDRA" "FREMANTLE" (AMS)

"ML.805" "KURUMEA" (AO)

- Warships & Aux. - "KATOOMBA" "STAWELL" "GLADSTONE"

"BUNBURY" "COLAC" (AMS) PC'S 477, 1124

SC.736 YP.28C ML'S 803, 804, 880

"PLATYPUS" (AR) "MANOORA" (APA)

- Warships & Aux. - "SAN PABLO" (APV)

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YMS's 9, 10 "H.T.ALLEN" "HANIMBLA" (APA)
"ALGORAB" (AKA) "VICTORIA" "SHIKELLAMY" (AO)
"MANUNDA" "TASMAN" (AH) "POLLUX" (AKS) (c) Proposed Movements: (1) "KATOOMBA" "BUNBURY" "GLADSTONE" ex Cairns RV with "LITHGOW" and Convoy TN.184 off Fitzroy Is. at 1500/30. "GLADSTONE" escorts Portion A to Port Horesby, others to Milne Bay. (2) "GRELONG" PC.1131 SC's 650,735 and "CASTLEMAINE" (ex Convoy GP.87) detailed to escort Convoy QL.34 departing Calcundre 1600/1 December. YMS.9 to proceed in company for docking at Cairns with SC.650.

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"COOTAMUNDRA" escorting "WANAKA" to depart Thursday Is. 1930/1 (3) December for Darwin ETA 1430/4 December. "WARREGO" detailed as escort for "CANBERRA" from Port Moresby (4)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Buin-Shortlands - Photos November 29 show Kahili and Kara unserviceable but Ballale serviceable. A total of 29 barges and one 70-foot boat were observed in the general area. Four Aircobras strafed barges this area afternoon November 28 with unobserved results.

(2) Empress Augusta Bay - Little ground activity was reported this area November 27. A light raid was made over the area night

to mainland.

During night Hovember 28-29 a marine battalion which was landed six miles E. of Torokina (between the Reini and Saus Rivers) encountered a greatly superior enemy force.

A further allied reinforcement convoy arriving Torokina early forenoon November 28 was attacked by one enemy bomber the previous afternoon without effect.

Thirty eight Avengers, 17 Dauntless escorted by 8 Aircobras bombed and strafed enemy positions southern end Empress Augusta Bay afternoon November 29 destroying several large and small buildings. Twelve other Dauntless destined attack same area late afternoon turned back due weather. Six Mitchells also attacked this area forencon November 28.

(3) Bougainville - Eighteen Mitchells escorted by twelve fighters bombed and strafed enemy positions along the N.E. coast between Timputz Harbour, Numa Numa and Kieta, forenoon November 29 causing considerable damage. One Mitchell shot down from A/A fire.

Empress Augusta Bay patrols strafed west coast

Bougainville November 28.

(4) Buka Passage - At 1000/28, 14 Kittyhawks strafed the Tinputz Harbour area causing fires. Photos November 29 show Buka and Bonis fields unserviceable. Five barges visible Chabai area (Matchin Bay).

(5) Sclomon Sea - Soupac patrol aircraft reported attacking two, probably three, enemy submarines in the N.E. Solomon Sea area, probably damaging two. Our surface craft on a hunt for submarines this area during the afternoon, reported sighting an oil slick and several belly tanks in one position and much debris including life jackets but no oil slick in another.

An enemy submarine was also attacked 47 miles E. of Cape St. George at 0135/29. Four enemy fighters were

also patrolling in the area.

Another Soupac patrol aircraft destroyed an enemy barge with supplies and troops in Green Island Lagoon afternoon November 28. Sighting reports indicate the enemy is endeavouring to operate a barge supply line between New Ireland and Suka-Bougainville area via Green Island and the Feni Group.

(6) Kavleng - Night November 27-28 Navy Catalinas on shipping searches in Rabaul-Kavieng area reported mil shipping but many enemy

aircraft patrolling the N.E. coast New Treland.

(7) Bismarck Sea - Sighting reports indicate further transportation runs along the north New Britain coast during night November 29-30, involving probably six vessels.

At 2212/29 a Liberator attacked a 4-ship convoy 70 miles S.W. by W. Cape Pomas, course and speed not reported.
At 2215/29 another two vessels described as one

light cruiser and one unidentified unit were attacked in the

same area by another aircraft.

This makes the fourth night during the past week in which transportation missions have been attempted from Rabaul to positions in the north New Britain area, principally Carove Island. Previous sightings have indicated the bulk of vessels used have been destroyers and it seems likely that the six vessels reported last night to the west of Gazelle Peninsula would be destroyers probably bound for Garove Island and/or positions along the W. New Britain coast.

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(9) Cape Gloucester - Nine Marauders, 29 Mitchells escorted by 12 Thunderbolts were involved in attacks on supply dumps at Cape Gloucester airdrome forencon November 29. Several small craft were sighted along the N.W. coast New Britain and four barges were reported beached on the southern tip of Rooks Island. One Liberator attacked Cape Gloucester airdrome

afternoon same day.

At 2040/29 two unidentified vessels were reported (10) Rooke Island - Further reports indicate the barges sunk by our PT boats in Dampier Strait night Movember 26-27 may have been

en route Rooke Island with supplies.

Night November 27-28 an enemy submarine was sighted

in this area.

(11) Wewak -Wewak and Boram airfields were attacked by 47 Liberators covered by 39 Thunderbolts shortly after noon November 28. Two small to medium sized and one unidentified merchantmen were reported in the area, also one sea truck,

one lugger and fifteen barges.

(12) N. Coast Muon Gulf - Eighteen Mitchells escorted by 12 Lightnings, attacked enemy positions this area forenoon November 26. Evidence of barge activity along the coast was reported. Forencon November 29, eight Aircobras strafed two barges off Sio and reported numerous water-logged barges along the coast between Sio and Fortification Point. Nine Bostons attacked enemy positions vicinity

Kalasa forencon November 28.
(13) Finschhafen - At 1822/28 four enemy dive bombers attacked Finschhafe

area causing some casualties.
Our ground troops attacking northwards, supported by tanks, reached a point 700 yards S. by W. of Bonga at 2100/28. Enemy was reported withdrawing and destroying bridges in the rear. Enemy dead counted since November 20 now number 170.

(14) Kiriwina - At 1017/28 an enemy reconnaissance bomber was shot down

by a Spitfire.

(15) Milne Bay - At 1113/29 an enemy recommaissance aircraft was over this area.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/30:

(1) "LATROBE" escorting Convoy TD.38 ("MANGOLA" "CARDROSS" departed Thursday Is. 0030/28 for Darwin ETA 1530/2 December.

(2) 9 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - ML's 429, 814, 815

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Manokwari - Six Liberators attacked township and shipping this area noon November 29. Four to six enemy aircraft were airborne but only two attempted interception.

Four to five small coasters were observed in the area.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/30:

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Auk. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL)
"VAN GALEN" "TJERK HIDDES" (DD) "CHILDS" (AV)
"HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) "ATREUS" (CM) Fremantle "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "PELIAS" (AS)
"CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ISABEL" (PY) SC.739 YP's 286, 288 - Warships & Aux. - "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) "LARK" (AM) Exmouth Gulf

2. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/30:

(1) "WILCANNIA" "BALLARAT" "CASTLEMAINE" ML. 809 ML. 821 escorting Convoy GP.87 (7 NV) departed Sydney 0749/28 for Brisbene ETA 1100/1 December.

(2) "BUNGAREE" (CM) departed Cairns 2259/26 for Sydney ETA p.m. 1 December.

(3) "DELORAINE" "GLENELG" escorting Convoy PG. 26 (8 MV) departed Calcundra 1200/28 ETA Newcastle 1000/30 and Sydney 1600/30.

(4) "VENDETTA" departed Sydney 1027/28 to RV with "ALTAMAHA" in position 26°45'S 158°45'E at 1700/29 and escort to Brisbane ETA approx 1 December.

(5) "STRINGHAM" (APD) en route 3.P.A. to Sydney ETA 30 November. (6) "WARRNAMBOOL" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy OC.146 (10 MV) for Port Kembla ETA 0930/30, Sydney ETA 1400/30 and

Newcastle 2230/30.
(7) "YANDRA" "KALGOORLIE" escorting Convey CO.147 (9 MV) on route Melbourne ETA 0001/1 December.

(8) "WANGANELLA" (AH) departed Sydney 1513/27 for Fremantle ETA 3 December thence to proceed Suez.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens Newcastle

- Warships & Aux. - "TULSA (RG)

- Warships & Aux. - ML. 307

- War ships & Aux. - "DENT" (APD) "GOULBURN"
"MORESBY" "BROOME" "BUNDABERG" "PIRIE" Sydney "ROCKHAMPTON" "ECHUCA" "A.B.CRIJNSSEN" (AMS) "HILO" (PG) "KYERA" (A/S Vessel)

ML's 430, 817, 822.

(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "PHILIP" (DD)

- Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "MILDURA"

Melbourne "BENDIGO" "INVEREIL" "KAPUNDA" (AMS)
"DOGMBA" (A/S Vessel)

Westernport - Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel)

NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) Further U.S. submarine successes are reported as follows:-
 - (a) Mandates-Bismarcks: -Noon November 28 one of our submarines reported attacking a 7-ship convey including 5 merchantmen and two trawler type escerts in a position approximately 300 miles N.W. Wewak. Four or five hits were scored on two of the merchantmen, both of which were probably sunk, as only three Marus plus the two escorts were observed two hours later.
 - (b) South China Sea: Another U.S. submarine operating in this area has reported sinking an estimated total of 49,000 tons of shipping including one tanker, two large freighters. one medium transport, one small freighter and probably sinking two other large freighters totalling 19,000 tons.

(2) Formosa Strait - Two American Mitchells attacked an enemy convoy comprising six merchantmen escorted by three destroyers in Formosa Strait November 27, sinking one destroyer, setting one merchantman on fire and scoring several misses on another.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

Consolidation of defences Marshalls, Carolines, Bismarcks,
North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.
Constant effort to maintain maximum air and naval strength in

(2) general Carolines, Marshalls, Bismarcks, New Guinea areas to off-set allied forward moves.

Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.

(3)

Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive patrol duties in allied operational areas in Pacific and (4) Indian Oceans.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENERY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

AI	Southwest Pacific		Bismarcks	Carolines
	(Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Solomons	Marshalls
BB	•	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS SOUTH DAKOTA ALABAMA		YAMATO MUSASHI KONGO HARUNA NAGATO MUTSU
CV		SARATOGA ESSEX BUNKER HILL		ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU (en rout)
GA(T)		PRINCETON INDEPENDENCE		ZUIHO
OV(E)	•	PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON ALTAMAHA		CHUYO) Poss.en UNYO) route Japen CHITOSE (En route)
CA	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE			CHOKAI KUMANO SUZUYA TIKUMA MOGAMI MAYA
CL		COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN SANTA FE MOBILE BIRMINGHAM DENVER LEANDER	YUBARI (Poss. damaged)	NAGARA NOSHIRO OYODO NAKA ISUZU AMAKUSA AGANO
CL(T)			-	KATORI
XCL				1-2 (1 damaged)
DD	WARRAMUNGA ARUNTA HELM RALPH TALBOT STUART VENDETTA CONYNGHAM BAGLEY DRAYTON FLUSSER LAMSON MAHAN PERKINS	Approx 40	5 (1 or 2 damaged)	25 (some repairing)
	REID PHILIP			
		Non-effective		

30 November, 1943. Carolines Southwest Pacific Bismarcks (Eastern Section) South Pacific Solomons Marshalls 20 20 ALBACORE 55 BLACKFISH GATO RAY On Patrol PETO RATON GUARDFISH At Brisbane SCAMP 5.31 At Sydney K. 9 At Milne Bay BALAO * NOTORO AV/CVS HERON WRIGHT SAN PABLO HALF MOON BALLARD CHANDELIER XAV/XCVS 3 35 Approx 30 2 HAT ALLEN APA/APD/AKA 10 APA 11 APD WESTRALIA 6 AKA KANIMBLA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUM PHREYS BROOKS AS FULTON ? orus AD DOBBIN 1 1 R DIXIE AR RIGEL PROMETHEUS PLATYPUS AIRCRAFT (N.W.Area Only)
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Enght & M/Bombers 154
SE/Bombers 41 Flying Boats 2 Floatplanes 50 Transport & Obsn. 13 2. NORTHERN PACIFIC ALLIED FORCES ENEMY FORCES CA EQUISVILLE CL DETROIT ABUKUMA RALEIGH RICHMOND AKITSUSHIMA 22 5 10 Approx 4 1

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

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BB .	NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI MEW MEXICO IDAHO CALIFORNIA PENN SYLVAN IA OKLAHOMA	Y	SE AMASHIRO USO (Poss. Mandates) YUGA (Being modernised)
GA	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON		
QV(T)	•	I	IOSHO
CV(L)	COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD HOWTEREY	R	HTTAKA YUHO) en route Malaya MAYATAKA
<u>cv(E)</u>	SUSANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO BARNES COPAHEE CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR LONG ISLAND MISSION BAY NASSAU	# C	TAKA
CA	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER WICHITA NEW ORLEANS MINNEAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS	H T H A H H H A	IACHI CONE AOBA HAGURO FYOKO ATAGO PAKAO
•	SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND		

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PHOENIX HONCLULU

* LOUISVILLE

RENO

M CONCORD OAKLAND

CL(T) XCL AV/CVS XAV/XCVS

POCOMOKE

Approx 35 Approx 50 6

TATSUTA
TAMA
** KISO
** NATORI

YAHAGI (on trials)

KASHIMA 6 - 7 CHIYODA

CHTYODA (under conversion 3 to ACV) 25 (some repairing)

Approx 30 2 (1 repairing)

m Non-effective

4. SOUTH BASTERN PACIFIC

CL TRENTON

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5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN				
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BB		RANILLIES	•	
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CA		SUFFOLK SUSSEX	ASHIGARA	
		HAWKINS		
		FROBISHER		
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		EMERALD		
CL(T)		•	KASHII	
CL		CANTON CHITRAL CARTHAGE	*	
v/cvs	CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAHOI	
AV/XCVS	•	?	1	
)D	VAN CALEN TJERK EIDDES	Approx 27	10	
S	BILLFISH) BONEFISH BOWFIN	9	6	
	CAPELIN COD GREVALLE MARWHAL PUFFER TUNA	Patrol		
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