

JAPANESE NAVAL LOSSES - September 1942

SOUTH PACIFIC & SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA.

The following is a summary of enemy naval losses for September 1942, resulting from both Souwespacfor and Soupacfor operations:

SHIPS SUNK

Date	Ship	Location	Attack	Detail
11/9	1 destroyer	Trobriands Is. area	1 - 500-lb direct hit from 1500-2,000 feet	Left listing to port & afire. Stern under water. Air recce 12/9 showed large patch of oil 3 miles square 1 mile in position where attack delivered 11/9. No wreckage visible
13/9	1 cargo vessel	10 NW Seloe Is.	1 direct hit on stern. Bombs dropped - 8 x 250 24 x 100	Stern blown off. Vessel seen sinking rapidly

SHIPS PROBABLY SUNK

2/9	1 tanker or S/P Tender	20 miles NNW Rekata Bay heading Rekata Bay	1 - 500-lb direct hit	Vessel stopped. Fire developed forward and large oil slick developed.
29/8-3/9	1 submarine	12 SSW Port Moresby	Depth charged H.M.A.S. "ARUNTA"	"ARUNTA" on escort duty 3/9 passed through patch of oil 1 1/2 miles square in same area as last attack made on submarine
24/9	1 transport or cargo vessel	Shortlands area	3 hits from 8,000 feet	Comairsoupac Report
26/9	1 large transport	Shortlands area	Hit heavily	Left burning and considered probably sunk (Comairsoupac report)

PROBABLY DAMAGED

15/9	1 large u/i vessel	Rabaul Harbor	Nil hits observed 16 x 500-lb from 24 - 27,000 feet	Rear gunner of bomber reports sighting through break in clouds one large ship on fire
15/9	1 u/i ship	Saumlaki Bay, Tanimbar Is.	1 direct hit 1 near miss 100-lb bombs	Damage caused to stern



Date	Ship	Location	Attack	Detail
16/9	1 light cruiser	New Georgia area	1 direct hit by aerial torpedo	Ex Soupac
16/9	1 light cruiser	New Georgia area	1 bomb hit 1 near miss	Ex Soupac
24/9	1-8000 ton cargo vessel	Rabaul Harbor	1 direct hit amidships Bomb calibre 3 - 500 lb.	Hit followed by fire and secondary explosion
26/9	1 large cruiser	Shortlands area	Hit on stern	afire (Comairsoapac report)
26/9	1-500 ton ship (suggested weather reporting ship)	Trobriands area	Direct hit	Vessel reported completely gutted by fire & men observed leaving vessel. Indications 27/9 that this vessel may have been taken in tow & was returning to the Shortlands base
27/9	1 large transport or cargo vessel (12/15000 tons)	Rabaul Harbor	1 direct hit 1 near miss Bombs 500-lb	Large column of black smoke from rear & midships to height of 300 feet observed 10 minutes after hit scored

POSSIBLY DAMAGED

13/9	1 cruiser or destroyer	Guadalcanal area	Hit by gun fire	During bombardment of Guadalcanal by 2 cruiser & 4 destroyers, fire was returned & 1 ship believed hit
14/9	1 battleship	Solomons - Santa Cruz area (180 NE of Ulawa Is.)	3 possible hits	
22/9	1 large u/i vessel	Rabaul Harbor	2 probable hits amidships-bombs 500-lb from 6/8000 feet	) ) ) ) ) May possibly be same ship
24/9	1 large u/i vessel	Rabaul Harbor	1 prob. hit 2 other bombs burst directly in line with same ship. Calibre 500 & 1000-lbs.	



Date	Ship	Location	Attack	Detail
25/9	1 heavy cruiser	Shortlands area	1 hit believed to have been made on stern Bombs - 500-lb	Comairsoupac Report
25/9	1 Seaplane Tender	15 S.E. Buka Passage	1 possible hit on stern	Comairsoupac report
26/9	1 u/i vessel	Rabaul Harbor	1 probable hit with 1000-lb bomb	
26/9	1 u/i vessel	Rabaul Harbor	3 possible hits Bomb calibre - 500 & 1,000-lbs.	

S U M M A R Y

<u>Sunk</u>	2	1 destroyer 1 cargo vessel
<u>Probably sunk</u>	4	1 submarine 1 tanker or S/P Tender 2 merchant vessels
<u>Probably Damag- ed</u>	8	1 Heavy cruiser 2 light cruisers 1 weather reporting ship 2 merchant vessels 2 unidentified vessels
<u>Possibly damaged</u>	7/8	1 battleship 1 heavy cruiser 1 cruiser or destroyer 1 seaplane tender 3/4 unidentified vessels

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

1st September, 1942

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

- (i) "GOULBURN" "GEELONG" escorting Convoy A ("KATOOMBA" "VANDERLIJN" "CREMER") to depart Brisbane today 1/9 for Townsville. Thence Milne Bay. "GOULBURN" arr. Brisbane from escort duty 1308/31.
- (ii) ~~"SWAN" "BALLARAT" to escort combined P and Q convoy departing Townsville 1/9 for position Z (150 miles SSE Moresby). Thence "BENDIGO" escorts Convoy P ("TAROOMA" "SEAWITCH") to Moresby E.T.A. 1800/4. Q Convoy proceeds Milne Bay E.T.A. 1100/5.~~
- (iii) "ARUNTA" escorting "TASMAN" dep. Port Moresby 1305/31 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1200 today 1/9.
- (iv) "WARREGO" "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy P ("BARALABA" "H.D. THOREAU") en route Townsville to Port Moresby E.T.A. 1600 today 1/9.
- (v) "SWAN" "BALLARAT" to escort combined P and Q convoy departing Townsville 1/9 for position Z (150 miles SSE Moresby). Thence "BENDIGO" escorts Convoy P ("TAROOMA" "SEAWITCH") to Moresby E.T.A. 1800/4. Q Convoy proceeds Milne Bay E.T.A. 1100/5.
- (vi) "DUBBO" escorting Convoy PGI1 (5 MV) en route Brisbane to Newcastle (E.T.A. 0730/1/9) and Sydney (E.T.A. 1330/1/9).
- (vii) "WEYALLA" & "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy OC22 (13 MV) en route Melbourne to Sydney.
- (viii) "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Convoy CO23 dep. Newcastle 0945/31 for Melbourne. "MORESBY" escorting Sydney section (3 MV) departed 1601/31.
- ~~(ix) "CESSNOCK" arrived Sydney from Townsville 0820/31.~~
- (x) "ARMIDALE" with lighter in tow dep. Brisbane for Darwin 26/8.
- (xi) "WESTRALIA" to depart Sydney today 1/9 for Newcastle. Thence Port Stephens tomorrow 2/9.
- (xii) At Sydney - "STUART" "K.9" "DOBEIN" "WIZAR" "BISHOPDALE" "MILDURA" "WALLARCO" "DELOIRINE" "WILCANNIA" "BENGAL" "BROOME" "CESSNOCK" "ALCYONE" Repairing - "CHICAGO" "MUGFORD" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "VICTORIA"
- (xiii) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "GAWLER" "DOOMBA" Repairing - "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xiv) At Adelaide - "MARTBOROUGH" "IPSWICH"
- (xv) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "TULSA" "KURUMBA" "BUNGAREE"
- (xvi) At Townsville - ~~"SWAN" "BALLARAT"~~ "KATOOMBA" "COLAC" "CASTLEMAINE"
- (xvii) At Thursday Is. - "WARRNAMBOOL"
- (xviii) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces

- (i) FAISI-BUIN AREA - There was again considerable movement of enemy shipping in the Faisi-Buin area on 31/8. A "SENDAI" class cruiser either "NAKA" or "JINTSU", was in the area during the day. Air recce at midday reported 19 vessels, as follows -  
One 4 funnelled cruiser; 6 destroyers; 9 transports, 3 small unidentified vessels.  
Other information indicates that a total of 12 destroyers is operating in the vicinity.
- (ii) BUKA - The vessel reported as a merchant vessel which arrived Buka 30/4, is now described as a cruiser type vessel with one funnel and a structure resembling a mast on the extreme stern. It is believed that the vessel may be either "CHITOSE" or "CHIYODA" (seaplane tender (AV), 9,000 tons; 14 aircraft).  
Air recce 31/8 reported 2 large transports, 1 destroyer, 1 gunboat off Sohana. Two destroyers, 1 transport and the vessel mentioned above were reported in the area 30/8.
- (iii) CAPE GLOUCESTER (New Britain) - Aircraft on recce sighted a 7,000 ton cargo vessel and a small vessel possibly destroyer approx 120 miles NNE Cape Gloucester at 0953/31, course 225°.
- (iv) GIZO - a Japanese warship is reported to have entered Gizo Harbour 25/8.
- (v) ONTONG JAVA - A light cruiser and 3 destroyers on course 310° were observed by aircraft approx 28 miles SSW Ontong Java at 1625/31.



Another aircraft sighted an enemy destroyer approx 120 miles North of Ontong Java at 1045/31 course 235°.

- (vi) ENEMY SUBMARINE ACTIVITY - There were indications 29/8 of an enemy submarine in the vicinity of Ontong Java, of one North of Mussau Is. and of one within 100 miles of Gasmata.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "KANIMBLA" escorting Convoy US16 ("DEVONSHIRE" "ARONDA" "RAJULA") en route Sydney to Fremantle E.T.A. 1600/2/9.  
"TROMP" to depart Fremantle for R.V. with US16 at 0900 ~~XXXXXX~~ today 1/9 in position 36°12'S, 113°35'E. The convoy may, however, be up to 24 hours late at the R.V. position.
- (ii) "ADELAIDE" and "MABOORA" escorting Convoy US17 ("FELIX ROUSSEL" "WESTERLAND" "EKMA") en route Sydney to Fremantle E.T.A. 3/9.  
"BOMBAY" to R.V. off Albany tomorrow 2/9.
- (iii) "CAIRNS" was to depart Adelaide p.m. 26/8 for Fremantle.
- (iv) "VIGILANT" dep. Darwin for Timor 19/8.
- (v) "VOYAGER" en route Darwin to Fremantle E.T.A. 1930/4.
- (vi) "TOOWOOMBA" en route Adelaide to Fremantle E.T.A. 0500/4/9.
- (vii) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "JAMES" "COOK" en route Darwin to Thursday Is. E.T.A. 1430/2/9.
- (viii) "SAILFISH" dep. Albany 28/8 for East Coast Australia.
- (ix) "K.12" en route Thursday Is. to Darwin E.T.A. 4/9.
- (x) At Fremantle - "TROMP" "TRINITY" "K.8" "W.B. PRESTON" "HOLLAND" "HERON" "ISABEL" "MADRAS" "ERLING BROVIG" "BURNIE" "WOLLONGONG" "LAUNCESTON" "WHIPPOORWILL"
- (xi) At Albany - "PELIAS" "LARK"
- (xii) At Darwin - "LITHGOW"
- (xiii) At Exmouth Gulf - "CHILDS"
- (xiv) For submarines in Western Sector - see Appendix.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

12 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or N.E.I. area (see appendix)  
Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) ~~"ATREUS" dep. Newcastle 27/8 for Auckland.~~
- (ii) At Tongatabu - "SEMINOLE" "VESTAL"
- (iii) At Samoa - "TURKEY" "KINGFISHER" "BRAZOS" "CAMANGA" "FLUSSER" "CRESCENT CITY" "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "PRESIDENT HAYES" "PRESIDENT JACKSON" "ALCHIBA" "RALEIGH"
- (iv) At Suva - "GALE" ~~"XXXXXXXX"~~ "HELENA"
- (v) At Auckland - "MONOWAI" "RIGEL" "ALSEY" ~~ATREUS~~
- (vi) At Noumea - "LEANDER" "HUGHES" "KANAWHA" "CHEVREUIL" "SABINE" "SOUTHARD" "HOVEY" "ARGONNE" "RAINIER" "HEYWOOD" "BELLATRIX" "NEVILLE" "McCAWLEY" "BARNETT" "LIBRA" "HUNTER LEGGETT" "AMERICAN LEGION" "MERKUR" "POYANG" "WHITNEY" "ACHILLES" "HOPKINS"
- (vii) At Vila - "PRESIDENT TYLER" "BOISE" "KITTYHAWK"
- (viii) At Espiritu Santo - "CURTISS" "ALBENA" "ZEILIN" "SOLACE" ~~"XXXXXXXX"~~ "MACKINAC"
- (ix) At Wellington - ~~"XXXXXXXX"~~ "FULLER"
- (x) At Ndeni - "MacFAHLAND"

Enemy Forces

There were indications of enemy submarines 29/8 in the New Hebrides and Santa Cruz areas.

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA (See Appendix)



2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

GUADALCANAL - An enemy submarine probably "I.56" type was successfully attacked by a U.S. destroyer in Indispensable Strait on 30/8.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

ALLIED

- (i) ST. GEORGE'S CHANNEL - Five Fortresses unsuccessfully attacked a cruiser and transport in St. George's Channel 30/8.
- (ii) LAE - 9 B.26's and 6 A.20's attacked Lae noon 31/8. One dive bomber, several fighters damaged. Two luggers hit. Numerous fires started.
- (iii) BUNA - Three Fortresses attacked Buna 1235/31 results unknown.
- (iv) KOKODA - Three Aircobras strafed enemy positions 31/8.

ENEMY

- (i) GUADALCANAL - Six enemy aircraft bombed our positions 0040/29. No damage. 18 bombers, 22 fighters raided Guadalcanal 1155/29. Four Zero's, 3 bombers shot down by fighters, 1 bomber by AA fire. 18 bombers attacked shipping Kukum 1605/30 - results unknown.
- (ii) MILNE BAY - Seven Zero's over Milne Bay 31/8.
- (iii) DARWIN - Two attacks were made on Darwin early a.m. 31/8, the second by 3 heavy bombers. No damage reported.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Heavy naval and air counter-attacks against allied positions in the Solomons, with a view to re-occupation of Guadalcanal.
- (ii) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (iii) Intensified submarine activity in the S.W.P.A.

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
8" Cruiser		CHICAGO
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA STUART	
Destroyer		MUGFORD
Submarines	S.38 ) S.43 ) S.44 ) S.46 )	At Brisbane
	SCULPIN ) STURGEON )	
	S.37 ) S.40 ) S.41 ) S.42 ) S.45 ) S.47 )	On Patrol
Dutch Submarine	K.9	At Sydney
A.M.C.	WESTRALIA	
Submarine Tender	GRIFFIN	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Storeships	MIZAR	GOLDSTAR
Gunboat	TULSA	
Oiler		VICTORIA

Enemy Forces

Truk - Jaluit - New Britain - Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet	
CinC 2nd Fleet	
CinC 8th Fleet	
CinC 4th Fleet	
CinC 1st Air Fleet	
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)	
4 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO NAGATO MUTSU YAMASHIRO
4 Battlecruisers (BB)	KONGO HARUNA HIYEI KIRISHIMA
3 Aircraft Carriers (CV)	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU RYUJO (damaged)
4 converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	KASUGA MARU <del>ZUIHO (possible still enroute Truk)</del>
10 heavy cruisers (CA)	ATAGO CHOKAI KUMANO HAGURO MAYA ? TONE TIKUMA ? MYOKO TAKAO FURUTAKA
8 light cruisers (CL) possibly	one "KAKO" class YUBARI JINTSU KATORI NAKA YURA KAGARA
Approx 25 Submarines incl. 4-8 "RO" class, 15 "I" class	2 "TENRYU" class
40-45 Destroyers (DD)	
2 seaplane carriers (AV)	CHITOSE CHIYODA



6 converted S/P Tenders incl. KIYOKAWA MARU  
(XAV) KAMOI  
KAGU MARU  
KAMIKAWA MARU

2 submarine tenders  
Approx 20 Merchant Ships  
8 Patrol Craft  
6 Minelaying Craft  
16 Sub. Chasers  
15 M.T.B.'s  
5 Gunboats

Approx 270 shore-based aircraft including 72 fighters, 120 H/B, 31 F/B,  
27 F/P, 20 Obsn. or transport aircraft

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR  
British and Allied Forces

6" Cruiser  
Flotilla Leader  
Destroyer  
A.M.C.'s

S/P Tenders

Submarine Tenders

Submarines

ADELAIDE  
TROMP  
VOYAGER  
KANIMBLA  
MANOORA  
CHILDS  
HERON  
W.S. PRESTON

HOLLAND  
PELIAS  
On Patrol

SAURY  
TAUTOG  
SKIPJACK  
GRENADIER  
GUDGEON  
GRAYBACK  
SNAPPER  
SEAWOLF  
SALMON  
SEAL

SARGO  
SEADRAGON  
Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

SPEARFISH )  
SEARAVEN ) At Fremantle

THRESHER )  
GRAMPUS ) At Albany  
GAR )

SAILFISH ) En route Brisbane  
K.8 ) At Fremantle  
K.12 ) Enroute Darwin

Dutch Submarines

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

12 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see appendix)

Enemy Forces

CinC 3rd Fleet

CinC Southern Expeditionary Fleet

1 - 8" Cruiser "ASHIGARA"

4 Light Cruisers ("NATORI" "KASHII" "ISUZU" "SENDAI")

16 Destroyers

Converted Seaplane Tenders ?

Timor

Approx 30 shore-based aircraft incl. 16 F, 4 H/B, 4 F/B, 6 F/P

Ambon

Approx 28 shore-based aircraft incl. 9 F, 8 H/B, 8 F/B, 3 F/P

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

MARYLAND  
COLORADO  
IDAHO  
MISSISSIPPI  
NEW MEXICO  
TENNESSEE  
PENNSYLVANIA

CALIFORNIA  
NEVADA (to be ready  
about 1/10)  
WEST VIRGINIA

Aircraft Carrier

8" Cruiser

6" Cruiser

CHESTER  
DETROIT

YORKTOWN



Destroyers 10 (approx)  
Submarines 23 (approx)

Enemy Forces

Palao - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

3 Battleships (BB) HYUGA } possibly en route Truk - New  
FUSO } Britain area  
ISE }

3 aircraft carriers (CV) HOSHO  
JUEYO (HAYATAKA) } Possibly enroute Truk  
HIYO (HITAKA) } New Britain area

1 converted A/C Carrier<sup>S</sup> (XCV) NISSEI  
2 - 8" Cruisers (CA) NACHI SUZUYA

3 - 6" Cruisers (CL) incl. ABUKUMA  
TAMA

3 4 converted S/P Tenders (XAV) NCTOHO  
GOSHU MARU  
~~HANIKAWA MARU~~ } ~~En route Rabaul~~  
FUJIKAWA MARU }

Approx 30 Destroyers  
Approx 20 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA  
British and Allied Forces  
Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

SOUTH DAKOTA  
NORTH CAROLINA  
WASP  
HORNET  
SARATOGA  
ENTERPRISE  
LONG ISLAND (Converted)  
PORTLAND  
ASTORIA  
NORTHAMPTON  
PENSACOLA  
VINCENNES  
MINNEAPOLIS  
QUINCY  
SAN FRANCISCO  
NEW ORLEANS  
AUSTRALIA  
SALT LAKE CITY  
HOBART  
PHOENIX  
BOISE  
RALEIGH  
JUNEAU  
SAN DIEGO  
ATLANTA  
HELENA  
LEANDER  
ACHILLES  
SAN JUAN  
SELFRIDGE  
34 (approx)

Squadron Leader  
Destroyers

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA  
British and Allied Forces  
8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE  
INDIANAPOLIS  
HONOLULU  
ST. LOUIS  
NASHVILLE

15 Destroyers  
10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians

1 Light Cruiser "KISO"

Approx 10 Submarines

1st Base Force



E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

1 Battleship  
6 Cruisers

WASHINGTON  
CONCORD  
TRENTON  
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battle ships

WARSPITE  
VALIANT  
RESOLUTION  
ROYAL SOVEREIGN  
REVENGE  
INDOMITABLE  
ILLUSTRIOUS  
FORMIDABLE  
DEVONSHIRE  
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)  
PROBISHER  
CALEDON  
DRAGON  
ENTERPRISE  
EMERALD  
CERES  
BIRMINGHAM  
GLASGOW  
CAPETOWN  
DANAE  
DAUNTLESS  
MAURITIUS  
GAMBIA  
NEWCASTLE  
SUMATRA (Dutch)  
WORCESTERSHIRE  
RANCHI  
CORFU  
ALAUNIA  
CHITRAL  
RANPURA  
CANTON  
QUEEN OF BERMUDA  
CARTHAGE  
HEEMSKERCK  
CARLISLE

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruiser

6" Cruisers

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

Approx 25 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

1 Squadron Submarines



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- (i) "GOULBURN" "GEMELONG" escorting Convoy "A" (8 M.V. Townsville ETA 1500/4; 1 MV Urangan ETA 2400/2; 1 MV Bowen ETA 0600/4; 1 MV Cairns ETA 0600/5; also "BUNGAREE") dep. Brisbane 1359/1. Three vessels ("KATOOMBA" "VAN DER LIJN" "GREMER") to proceed Townsville to Port Moresby. Convoys to Milne Bay are temporarily cancelled.
- (ii) "SWAN" "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy P2 ("SRAWITCH" "TAROONA") to depart Townsville 1400 today 2/9 for Port Moresby E.T.A. 1000/4.
- (iii) "ARUNTA" escorting "TASMAN" has been ordered to clear Milne Bay and proceed southwards until the situation clears.
- (iv) "WARREGO" escorting "ALDINGA" en route Port Moresby to Cairns. ("WARREGO" & "BENDIGO" escorting 2 vessels were due Moresby yesterday 1/9).
- (v) "DUBBO" escorting Convoy P011 arr. Sydney 0640/1.
- (vi) "WHYALLA" & "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy 0022 (13 MV) en route Melbourne to Newcastle. "WHYALLA" to remain Newcastle. "TOWNSVILLE" to return Sydney.
- (vii) "ROCKHAMPTON" & "MORESBY" escorting Convoy 0025 en route Newcastle and Sydney to Melbourne.
- (viii) "YANDRA" escorting "HEROS" with net in tow dep. Sydney 1628/1 for Port Stephens.
- (ix) "KURUMBA" dep. Brisbane 1810/1 for Townsville E.T.A. 0100/5.
- (x) "MANUNDA" dep. Brisbane 0200/2 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 2400/5.
- (xi) "WESTRALIA" arr. Newcastle from Sydney 1645/1. Thence Port Stephens today 2/9.
- (xii) "ARMIDALE" with lighter in tow dep. Townsville 1935/1 ETA Ince Point 1600/7; E.T.A. Darwin 1700/13.
- (xiii) At Sydney - "STUART" "K.9" "DOBBIN" "MIZAR" "BISHOPDALE" "MILDURA" "WALLAROO" "DELOIRINE" "WILCANNIA" "BENGAL" "BROOME" "CESSNOCK" "ALGYONE"  
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- (xvii) At Townsville - "SWAN" "BALLARAT" "KATOOMBA" "COLAC" "CASTLEMAINE"
- (xviii) At Thursday Is. - "HARRNAMBOOL"
- (xix) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces

- (i) BUIN-PAISI - Air recon at 1155/1 observed the following enemy shipping in the vicinity of Faisi -  
1 heavy cruiser, 3 destroyers, 4 other warships, 2 transports  
24 miles ESE Faisi proceeding towards Faisi at 8 knots.  
3 merchant vessels at anchor between Faisi and Buin.  
Other sources indicate that a total of 24 vessels was in the area during the day, including two cruisers, (one "JINTSU" class, one "TATSUTA" class), 3 cruisers or destroyers, 2 destroyers, 3 merchant vessels, 14 small unidentified vessels.  
A landing party was again ashore at Buin 1/9.  
Comment - A "JINTSU" class cruiser, probably additional to the above, was off Guadalcanal midnight 31/8 (see Naval Incidents).  
From reports over the past week it would appear likely that the following force is operating from the Faisi - Buin - Tonolet Harbour area, probably under the command of CinC 6th Fleet.  
1 heavy cruiser (prob. "CHOKAI")  
2 probably 3 light cruisers ("JINTSU" "NAKA" "YURA")  
12 destroyers  
1 probably seaplane tender



2 tankers  
6 transports or supply ships  
several small patrol craft or M.T.B.'s

(i) BUKA - The four vessels at Buka 31/8 (probably 1 destroyer, 1 seaplane tender - "CHITOSE" type; 1 transport; 1 gunboat) departed during the night: course unknown.

(iii) RABAU - A preliminary examination of photographs taken over Rabaul Harbour 1007/1 shows the following shipping:

- 1 heavy cruiser
- 1 light cruiser
- 5 destroyers
- 2 seaplane tenders
- 1 minelayer
- 3 submarine-chaser type
- 14 cargo vessels (2/10,000 tons)
- 1 tanker (10,000 tons)
- 2 large transports
- 20 unidentified vessels

Total - 50 vessels

Also 50 landing barges; 15 small motor boats; 7 flying boats; 5 float planes.

In addition, one unidentified vessel was sighted at 0948, 35 miles NNW Rabaul, course E.S.E., and 2 unidentified vessels at 1005, 12 miles N. Rabaul course N.W.

(iv) MILNE BAY - It is reported that our forces were shelled by small naval craft or light guns (approx 2 pdr.) early 31/8 near Gili Gili. Mopping up operations are continuing on the north shore of Milne Bay; the situation is now well in hand.

(v) Marshall Bennett Is. - Two cruisers were sighted in position 08°45'S, 151°40'E (off Iwa Is.) at 1030/1., course 206°. The vessels were shadowed until 1555 and they frequently changed course during the period; at 1555 they were north of Iwa Is. on course 20°. (Probably 1 "TERRYU" class, & "YUBARI")

(vi) NEW GEORGIA - 7 enemy destroyers were sighted by an allied aircraft 18 miles E.S.E. Langdale Pt., New Georgia, on course 306° at 0930/1.

(vii) COFFS HARBOUR - A possible enemy submarine was reported off Coffs Harbour by land observers at 1412/1. The report is not highly graded.

(viii) YSABEL IS. - One enemy destroyer was observed by allied aircraft 66 miles NNE Rekata Bay at 1005/1 on course 300°.

## 2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

### British and Allied Forces

(i) "KANIMBLA" escorting Convoy US16 ("DEVONSHIRE" "ARONDA" "RAJULA") en route Sydney to Fremantle E.T.A. 1600 today 2/9.

"TROMP" departed Fremantle 1206/1 to R.V. with US16 at 0900 today 2/9 in position 34°34'S, 113°17'E.

(ii) "ADELAIDE" & "MANOORA" escorting Convoy US17 ("FELIX ROUSSEL" "WESTERLAND" "EKMA") en route Sydney to Fremantle E.T.A. 3/9. "BOMBAY" dep. Albany 0914/1 for R.V. today 2/9.

(iii) "CAIRNS" was due Albany from Adelaide 1300/1.

(iv) "VIGILANT" dep. Darwin for Timor 19/8.

(v) "VOYAGER" en route Darwin to Fremantle E.T.A. 1930/4.

(vi) "TOOWOOMBA" en route Adelaide to Fremantle E.T.A. 0500/4.

(vii) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "JAMES COOK" en route Darwin to Thursday Is. E.T.A. 1430 today 2/9.

(viii) "HERRON" dep. Fremantle 0737/1 for Exmouth Gulf E.T.A. a.m. 6/9.

(ix) "K.12" en route Thursday Is. to Darwin E.T.A. 4/9.

(x) At Fremantle - "TRINITY" "K.8" "W.B. PRESTON" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "MADRAS" "ERLING BROVIG" "BURNIE" "WOLLONGONG" "LAUNCESTON" "WHEEPOORWILL"

(xi) At Albany - "FELIAS" "LARK"

(xii) At Darwin - "LITHGOW"

(xiii) At Exmouth Gulf - "CHILD'S"

(xiv) For submarines in Western Sector - see Appendix.

## 3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

### British and Allied Forces

12 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or N.E.I. area (see appendix)

### Enemy Forces

(i) Keopang - Air recce 1/9 reported 5 vessels approx 200 tons, 1 vessel 1000 tons, one vessel 2/3000 tons in Keopang area.



- (ii) Dilli - An unconfirmed report states that a vessel was sighted in Dilli Harbour 29/8, but air recce 31/8 reported no enemy shipping there.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) At Tongatabu - "SEMINOLE" "VESTAL" "FLUSSER"  
(ii) At Samoa - "TURKEY" "KINGFISHER" "BRAZOS" "CAMANGA" "CRESCENT CITY"  
"PRESIDENT ADAMS" "PRESIDENT HAYES" "PRESIDENT JACKSON"  
"ALCHIBA" "RALEIGH" "MEREDITH"  
(iii) At Suva - "GALE"  
(iv) At Auckland - "MONOHAI" "RIGEL" "ALSEY" "ATREUS"  
(v) At Noumea - "LEANDER" "KAHAWHA" "CHEVREUIL" "SOUTHARD" "HOVEY"  
"ARGONNE" "RAINIER" "HRYWOOD" "BELLATRIX" "NEVILLE"  
"MCCAWLEY" "BARNETT" "LIBRA" "HUNTER LEGGETT" "MERKUR"  
"POYANG" "WHITNEY" "ACHILLES" "HOPKINS" "FULLER" "ZANE"  
"CAP DES PALMES"  
(vi) At Vila - "PRESIDENT TYLER" "BOISE" "KITTYHAWK" "SOLACE"  
(vii) At Espiritu Santo - "CURTISS" "ALHENA" "ZEILIN" "MACKINAC"  
"POMALHAUT"  
(viii) At Ndeni - "MacPARLAND" "BALLARD"

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA (See Appendix)

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

(1) GUADALCANAL

- a) Taivu Pt. - 2 cruisers (including one "JINTSU" class) and 2 destroyers were sighted by patrol aircraft approx 80 miles N.W. Lunga at 1745/30 course East.

The same units were located and attacked two miles west of Taivu Point (Guadalcanal - 20 miles E. Lunga) close inshore at 0050/31. Two attacks were made by dive bombers; one near miss was scored on a cruiser, but no further results were seen. The vessels are believed to have dispersed after the first attack and withdrawn.

- b) Kukum - 18 enemy dive bombers attacked our ships off Kukum at 1500/30. *ONE SHIP WAS HIT.*

- (ii) COOK IS. - The Dutch vessel "BLOEMPONTEIN's" Distress signal at 2045/17/8 in position 033°30'S, 164°00'W is now cancelled. It is learned that the tanker "CHINA" mistook "BLOEMPONTEIN" for a submarine and opened fire.

AIR OPERATIONS

- (i) KOKODA - Four Aircobras attacked Kokoda area 1915/1; 12 Aircobras attacked 1100/1. Huts machine-gunned.  
(ii) MILNE BAY - Kittyhawks machine gunned the area approx 1000 yards east of E.B. Mission 1/9. One landing barge was destroyed.

ENEMY

- (i) PAISI - Four enemy fighters attacked a B.17 on recce midday 1/9. One Zero probably damaged.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Heavy naval and air counter-attacks against allied positions in the Solomons, with a view to re-occupation of Guadalcanal.  
(ii) Attack on Port Moresby area.  
(iii) Intensified submarine activity in the S.W.P.A.

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For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

2/9/42



A P P E N D I X

to

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

6" Cruiser

Flotilla Leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

Dutch Submarine

A.H.C.

Submarine Tender

Destroyer Tender

Storeships

Gunboat

Oiler

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet

CinC 2nd Fleet

CinC 8th Fleet

CinC 4th Fleet

CinC 1st Air Fleet

CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)

4 Battleships (BB)

4 Battlecruisers (BB)

3 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

1 converted A/C carrier (XCV)

10 heavy cruisers (CA)

8 light cruisers (CL)

Possibly

Effective

AUSTRALIA

HOBART

ARUNTA

SELFRIDGE

STUART

BAGLEY

PATTERSON

S.38

S.43

S.44

S.46

SCULPIN

STURGEON

S.37

S.40

S.41

S.42

S.45

S.47

SAILFISH

K.9

WESTRALIA

GRIFFIN

DOBBIN

MIZAN

TULSA

Refitting or Repairing

CHICAGO

MUGFORD

At Brisbane

On Patrol

En route Brisbane

At Sydney

GOLDSTAR

VICTORIA

YAMATO

NAGATO

MUTSU

YAMASHIRO

KONGO

HARUNA

HIYEI

KIRISHIMA

ZUIKAKU

SHOKAKU

RYUJO (damaged)

KA SUGA MARU

ATAGO

CHOKAI

KUMANO

HAGURO

MAYA ?

TCHE

TIKUMA ?

MYOKO

TAKAO

FURUTAKA

one "KAKO" class

YUBARI

JINTSU

KATORI

NAKA

YURA

NAGARA

2 "TENRYU" class

Approx 25 submarines incl. 4-8 "RO" class, 15 "I" class  
40-45 Destroyers (DD)



2 seaplane carriers (AV) CHITOSE  
 CHIYODA  
 5 converted S/P Tenders incl. KIYOKAWA MARU  
 (XAV) KAMOI  
 KAGU MARU  
 KAMIKAWA MARU

2 submarine tenders  
 Approx 20 Merchant Ships  
 8 Patrol Craft  
 6 Minelaying Craft  
 16 Sub. Chasers  
 15 M.T.B.'s  
 5 Gunboats

Approx 270 shore-based aircraft including 72 fighters, 120 H.B, 31 F/B  
 27 F/P, 20 Obsn. or transport aircraft

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruiser  
 Flotilla Leader  
 Destroyer  
 A.M.C.'s

S/P Tenders

Submarine Tenders

Submarines

ADELAIDE  
 TROMP  
 VOYAGER  
 KANIMBLA  
 MANOORA  
 CHILDS  
 HERON  
 W.B. PRESTON  
 HOLLAND  
 PELIAS  
On Patrol  
 SAURY  
 TAUTOG  
 SKIPJACK  
 GRENADIER  
 GUDGEON  
 GRAYBACK  
 SNAPPER  
 SEAWOLF  
 SALMON  
 SEAL  
 SARGO  
 SEADRAGON

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

SPEARFISH )  
 SEARAVEN ) At Fremantle  
 THRESHER )  
 GRAMPUS ) At Albany  
 GAR )  
 K.8 At Fremantle  
 K.12 Enroute Darwin

Dutch Submarines

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

12 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see appendix)

Enemy Forces

CinC 3rd Fleet

CinC Southern Expeditionary Fleet

1-8" Cruiser "ASHICARA"

4 Light Cruisers ("NATORI" "KASHI" "ISUZU" "SENDAI")

16 Destroyers

Converted Seaplane Tenders ?

Timor

Approx 30 shore-based aircraft incl. 16 F, 4 H/B, 4 F/B, 6 F/P

Ambon

Approx 28 shore-based aircraft incl. 9 F, 8 H/B, 8 F/B, 3 F/P

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

MARYLAND  
 COLORADO  
 IDAHO  
 MISSISSIPPI  
 NEW MEXICO  
 TENNESSEE  
 PENNSYLVANIA

CALIFORNIA  
 NEVADA (to be ready  
 about 1/10)  
 WEST VIRGINIA



Aircraft Carrier  
 8" Cruiser  
 6" Cruiser  
 Destroyers  
 Submarines

CHESTER  
 DETROIT  
 10 (approx)  
 23 (approx)

Enemy Forces

Palao - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

3 Battleships (BB)	HYUGA FUJINO ISE	} Possibly en route Truk - New British area
3 aircraft carriers (CV)	HOSHIO JUNYO (HAYATAKA) HIYO (HITAKA)	
2 converted A/C carriers (XCV)	ZUIHO	} Possibly en route Truk - New Britain area
2 - 8" Cruisers (CA)	KANAKA NISSHIN	
3 - 6" Cruisers (CL) incl.	NACHI ABUKUMA	SUZUYA
3 converted S/P Tenders (AV)	TAMA NOTORO GOSHU MARU FUJIKAWA MARU	

Approx 30 Destroyers  
 Approx 20 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA  
British and Allied Forces  
Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

SOUTH DAKOTA  
 NORTH CAROLINA  
 WASP  
 HORNET  
 SARATOGA  
 ENTERPRISE  
 LONG ISLAND (Converted)  
 PORTLAND  
 ASTORIA  
 NORTHAMPTON  
 PENSACOLA  
 VINCENNES  
 MINNEAPOLIS  
 QUINCY  
 SAN FRANCISCO  
 NEW ORLEANS  
 SALT LAKE CITY  
 PHOENIX  
 BOISE  
 RALEIGH  
 JUNEAU  
 SAN DIEGO  
 ATLANTA  
 HELENA  
 LEANDER  
 ACHILLES  
 SAN JUAN  
 30 (approx)

Destroyers

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA  
British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE  
 INDIANAPOLIS  
 HONOLULU  
 ST. LOUIS  
 NASHVILLE

15 Destroyers  
 10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians

1 Light Cruiser "KISO"

Approx 10 Submarines  
 1st Base Force



E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleship  
6" Cruiser

WASHINGTON  
CONCORD  
TRENTON  
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

WARSPITE  
VALIANT  
RESOLUTION  
ROYAL SOVEREIGN  
REVENGE  
INDOMITABLE  
ILLUSTRIOUS  
FORMIDABLE  
DEVONSHIRE  
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)  
PROBISHER  
CALEDON  
DRAGON  
ENTERPRISE  
EMERALD  
GENES  
BIRMINGHAM  
GLASGOW  
CAPE TOWN  
DANAE  
DAUNTLESS  
MAURITIUS  
GAMBIA  
NEWCASTLE  
SUMATRA (Dutch)  
WORCESTERSHIRE  
RANCHI  
CORFU  
ALANIA  
CHITRAL  
RANPURA  
CANTON  
QUEEN OF BERMUDA  
CARTHAGE  
HEEMSKERCK  
CARLISLE

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruiser

6" Cruisers

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

Approx 25 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

1 Squadron Submarines



## DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC &amp; INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

3rd September, 1942

## 1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED &amp; ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

## A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

## 1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (1) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "SELFRIDGE" "BAGLEY" "PATTERSON" are due Moreton Bay 1200 today 3/9 from South Pacific Area.
- (ii) "SWAN" & "CASTLEMAINE" escorting Convoy P2 ("SEAWITCH" "TARCOONA") and Q2 ("ANSHUN" "JACOB") dep. Townsville 2142/2 for New Guinea via Grafton Passage. Convoy will R.V. at 1700/4 in position 012°57'S, 147°32'E, thence to position Z (150 miles SSE Port Moresby) where convoy will split. "BENDIGO" escorts P2 to Moresby E.T.A. 1500/5; "SWAN" & "CASTLEMAINE" escort Q2 to Milne Bay E.T.A. 0100/6.
- (iii) "GOULBURN" "GEELONG" escorting Convoy "A" (8 MV Townsville E.T.A. 1500/4; 1 MV Urangan ETA 2400/2; 1 MV Bowen ETA 0600/4; 1 MV Cairns ETA 0600/5; also "BUNGAREE") dep. Brisbane 1/9. Three vessels ("KATOOMBA" "VAN DER LIJN" "CREMER") to proceed Townsville to Milne Bay; "GEELONG" "GOULBURN" to return on reaching Capricorn Channel.
- (iv) "ARUNTA" escorting "TASMAN" was ordered to return Milne Bay yesterday 2/9.
- (v) "WARREGO" escorting "ALDINGA" en route Port Moresby to Cairns ETA 1000/4. "WARREGO" thence Townsville ETA 1700/4.
- (vi) "WHYALLA" escorting Convoy OC22 arr. Newcastle 1145/2. "TOWNSVILLE" arr. Sydney from escort duty 0420/2.
- (vii) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC23 (7 MV) dep. Port Phillip 0112/3 to R.V. with "ROCKHAMPTON" & "MORESBY" escorting Convoy C023 from Newcastle and Sydney to Melbourne. Convoys to exchange escorts.
- (viii) "DELOIRINE" escorting "YUNNAN" dep. Sydney 1303/2 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1700/4.
- (ix) "YANDRA" escorting "HEROS" with net in tow dep. Sydney 1/9 for Port Stephens.
- (x) "KURUMBA" en route Brisbane to Townsville E.T.A. 0100/5.
- (xi) "MANUNDA" en route Brisbane to Milne Bay E.T.A. 2400/5.
- (xii) "WESTRALIA" to depart Newcastle for Port Stephens 1930 today 3/9 E.T.A. 2400/3.
- (xiii) "ARMIDALE" with lighter in tow en route Townsville to Ince Point E.T.A. 1600/7; thence Darwin E.T.A. 1700/13.
- (xiv) At Sydney - "STUART" "K.9" "DOBBS" "MIZAR" "BISHOPDALE" "WALLAROO" "WILCANNIA" "BROOME" "CESSNOCK" "ALCYONE"  
Repairing - "CHICAGO" "MUGFORD" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "VICTORIA"
- (xv) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "GAWLER"  
Repairing - "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xvi) At Adelaide - "MARYBOROUGH"
- (xvii) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "TULSA"
- (xviii) At Townsville - "BALLARAT" "KATOOMBA" "COLAC"
- (xix) At Thursday Is. - "WARRNAMBOOL"
- (xx) At Port Moresby - "BENDIGO"
- (xxi) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces

- (1) BUIN-FAISI - One "SENDAI" class cruiser, one supply ship and nine destroyers were reported off Buin 1200/2 and three other destroyers were observed east of Buin under way.

An allied aircraft on recon reported 3 large, 5 medium merchant vessels in Faisi Harbour at 1055/2.

One "TATSUTA" class cruiser, two supply ships and six destroyers departed Buin during the night 1/2 September.

Air patrols were active 2/9.

The above reports represent no substantial increase on the numbers of enemy vessels already known to be operating in the area.

Comment - There has been no sighting during the past few days of the heavy cruiser and probable seaplane tender recently reported in the Faisi area.



(ii) BUKA - Air recce at 0240/2 and 0400/2 reported a cruiser and destroyer in Buka Passage. Other reports indicate that a destroyer with an unidentified vessels entered Buka Passage during the night 1/2 and departed 1616/2, proceeding southwards along the west coast of Bougainville.

Another aircraft on recce reported 2 cargo vessels in at Buka 1313/2.

A large schooner was also sighted in the vicinity at 0831/2 during the day.

(iii) DANGER POINT - There were indications yesterday 2/9 of an unidentified vessel in the vicinity of Danger Point (Queensland) at 1850; a reliable observer reported a light to seawards east of Southport (14 miles NNE Danger Point).

(iv) KAVIENG - Air recce over Kavieng 2/9 reported a transport (10,000 tons - 3 funnels - high superstructure) and a cargo vessel (8000 tons) in harbour. Three small launches were also observed.

(v) KIETA - An allied aircraft on recce reports that three enemy cruisers were anchored in Kieta Harbour at 1115/2.

Comment - There has been no recce of Kieta since 9/8, when four small vessels were observed in Harbour. On that date four heavy cruisers were also observed in the vicinity.

(vi) GASMATA - A 3,000 ton vessel on course 60°, was sighted 90 miles S.W. Gasmata at 1213/2. The aircraft which made the sighting was attacked by two zero's.

(vii) SOLOMONS

a) New Georgia - Three vessels were sighted between ~~the~~ Gizo and Kulambangra Is. at 0100/1. An attack was made by a single aircraft.

b) Ysabel Is. - An unidentified enemy vessel was observed 20 miles North of Rekata Bay at 1010/2.

(viii) SAMARAI - There were indications 1/9 that an enemy submarine was in 12°S, 151°E (87 miles South Samarai).

(ix) D'ENTRECASTEAUX - There were indications 2/9 of an enemy unit off the N.E. coast of Goodenough Is.

(x) ONTONG JAVA - There were indications 1/9 of an enemy submarine in 5°S, 161°E (87 miles ENE Ontong Java).

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

(i) "KAVIMELA" & "TROMP" escorting Convoy US16 ("DEVONSHIRE" "ARONDA" "RAJULA") were due Fremantle yesterday 2/9.

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(iii) "IPSWICH" to depart Adelaide 1200 today 3/9 for Fremantle.

(iv) "VIGILANT" dep. Darwin for Timor 19/8.

(v) "VOYAGER" en route Darwin to Fremantle E.T.A. 1930/4.

(vi) "TOOWOOMBA" en route Adelaide to Fremantle E.T.A. 0500/4.

(vii) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "JAMES COOK" arr. Thursday Is. from Darwin 1215/2 & dep. escorting "SIBIGO" 1220/2 for Darwin E.T.A. 1930/5.

(viii) "HERON" en route Fremantle to Exmouth Gulf E.T.A. a.m. 6/9.

(ix) "K.12" en route Thursday Is. to Darwin E.T.A. 4/9.

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(xi) At Albany - "PELIAS" "LARK" "CAIRNS"

(xii) At Darwin - "LITHGOW"

(xiii) At Exmouth Gulf - "CHILDS"

(ix) For submarines in Western Sector - see Appendix.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

12 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see appendix)

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

(i) At Tongatabu - "SEMINOLE" "VESTAL" "FLUSSER" "GWIN"

(ii) At Samoa - "TURKEY" "KINGFISHER" "BRAZOS" "CAMANGA" "CRESCENT CITY" "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "PRESIDENT AHYES" "PRESIDENT JACKSON" "ALCHIBA" "RALEIGH" "MEREDITH"



- (iii) At Suva - "GALE"
- (iv) At Auckland - "MONOWAI" "RIGEL" "ALSEY" "ATREUS"
- (v) At Noumea - "LEANDER" "KANAWHA" "CHEVREUIL" "SOUTHARD" "HOVEY"  
"ARGONNE" "RAINIER" "HEYWOOD" "NEVILLE" "McCAWLEY"  
"BARNETT" "LIBRA" "MERKUR" "POYANG" "WHITNEY" "FULLER"  
"ZANE" "CAP DES PALMES" "CUMMINGS" "ALDEBARAN"
- (vi) At Vila - "PRESIDENT TYLER" "BOISE" "KITTYHAWK" "SOLACE"
- (vii) At Espiritu Santo - "CURTISS" "ALHENA" "ZEILIN" "MACKINAC"  
"FOMALHAUT" "HULL"
- (viii) At ~~xx~~ Ndeni - "MacFARLAND" "BALLARD"

Enemy Forces

SANTA CRUZ IS. - There were indications 1/9 of two enemy submarines in the vicinity of Ndeni Is.

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA (See Appendix)

EXCHANGE VESSELS - "TATUTA MARU" was due Lourenco Marques 27/8 with British and American citizens from the Far East. "KAMAKURA MARU" departed Singapore 24/8 for Lourenco Marques E.T.A. 7/9, routed via Sunda Strait, and south of Mauritius.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) GILBERT IS. - It is reported that six battleships and one three funnelled vessel entered Abemama Passage 2/9. Aircraft were heard continually during the day.
- (ii) NEW CALEDONIA - FIJI -- A ship whose identity is unknown reported an enemy submarine in position 23° 34' S, 174° E (420 miles E. by S. of ~~XXXXXX~~ Noumea at 2100/2. It is not known whether the vessel was attacked.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

- (i) BUKA - Four Catalinas attacked Buka aerodrome and a destroyer in Buka Passage early a.m. 2/9. Results unknown.
- (ii) LAE - Six Marauders attacked aerodrome 1205/2. No damage observed.
- (iii) KOKODA - Four attacks on enemy installations Kokoda - Alola - Isurava area 2/9 by Bostons and Aircobras. Results not observed.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Heavy naval and air counter-attacks against allied positions in the Solomons, with a view to re-occupation of Guadalcanal.
- (ii) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (iii) Intensified submarine activity in the S.W.P.A.

For DIRECTOR C.C.I.C.

3/9/42



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to

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

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A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

<u>British and Allied Forces</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
3" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA	CHICAGO
6" Cruiser	HOBART	
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA	
	SHELFRIDGE	LE TRIOMPHANT
	STUART	
Destroyers	BAGLEY	MUGFORD
	PATERSON	
Submarines	STURGEON	
	S.38	} At Brisbane
	S.41	
	S.43	
	S.44	
	S.46	
	SCULPIN	} On Patrol
	S.37	
	S.40	
	<del>S.41</del>	
	S.42	
	S.45	} En route Brisbane
	S.47	
Dutch Submarine	SAILFISH	At Sydney
A.M.C.	K.9	
Submarine Tender	WESTRALIA	
Destroyer Tender	GRIFFIN	
Storeships	DOBBIN	
Gunboat	MIZAR	GOLDSTAR
Oiler	TULSA	VICTORIA

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain - Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet	
CinC 2nd Fleet	
CinC 8th Fleet	
CinC 4th Fleet	
CinC 1st Air Fleet	
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)	
4 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO NAGATO MITSU YAMASHIRO
4 Battlecruisers (BB)	KONGO BARUNA HIYEI KIRISHIMA
2-3 Aircraft Carriers (CV)	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU RYUJO (damaged, possibly sunk)
1 converted A/C Carrier (XCV)	KASUGA MARU
10 heavy cruisers (CA)	ATAGO CHOKAI KUMANO HAGURO MAYA ? TONE TIKUMA ? MYOKO TAKAO FURUTAKA
9 light cruisers (CL) possibly	one "KAKO" class YUBARI JINTSU KASHIMA KATORI NAKA YURA NAGARA



2 "TENRYU" class  
Approx 25 submarines incl. 4-8 "RO" class, 15 "I" class

40-45 Destroyers (DD)

2 seaplane carriers (AV)

CHITOSE

CHIYODA

5 Converted S/P Tenders incl. (XAV)

KIYOKAWA MARU

KAMOI

KAGU MARU

KAMIKAWA MARU

2 submarine tenders

Approx 20 Merchant Ships

8 Patrol Craft

6 Minelaying Craft

16 Sub. Chasers

15 W.T.B.'s

5 Gunboats

Approx 270 shore-based aircraft including 72 fighters, 120 H/B, 31 F/B  
27 F/P, 20 Obsn. or transport aircraft

## 2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

### British and Allied Forces

6" Cruiser

ADELAIDE

Flotilla Leader

TROMP

Destroyer

VOYAGER

A.M.C.'s

KANIMBLA

MANOORA

S/P Tenders

CHILDS

HERON

W. B. PRESTON

Submarine Tenders

HOLLAND

FELIAS

Submarines

On Patrol

SAURY

TAUTOG

SKIPJACK

GRENADIER

GUDGEON

GRAYBACK

SNAPPER

SEAWOLF

SALMON

SEAL

SARGO

SEADRAGON

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

SPEARFISH )

SEARAVEN )

THRESHER )

GRAMPUS )

GAR )

At Fremantle

At Albany

Dutch Submarines

K.8

At Fremantle

K.12

En route Darwin

## 3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

### British and Allied Forces

12 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see appendix)

### Enemy Forces

Cinc 3rd Fleet

Cinc Southern Expeditionary Fleet

1-8" Cruiser "ASHIGARA"

4 Light Cruisers ("NATORI" "KASHII" "ISUZU" "SENDAI")

16 Destroyers

Converted Seaplane Tenders ?

### Timor

Approx 30 shore-based aircraft incl. 16 F, 4 H/B, 4 F/B, 6 F/P

### Ambon

Approx 28 shore-based aircraft incl. 9 F, 8 H/B, 8 F/B, 3 F/P

## B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

### British and Allied Forces

Battleships

MARYLAND

COLORADO

IDAHO

MISSISSIPPI

NEW MEXICO

ARKANSAS

CALIFORNIA

NEVADA (to be ready  
about 1/10)

WEST VIRGINIA



Battleships (Contd)

TENNESSEE  
PENNSYLVANIA

YORKTOWN

Aircraft Carrier

CHESTER

8" Cruiser

DETROIT

6" Cruiser

10 (approx)

Destroyers

23 (approx)

Submarines

Enemy Forces

Palao - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

3 Battleships (BB)

HYUGA ) Possibly en route Truk - New  
FUSO ) Britain area  
ISE )

3 aircraft carriers (CV)

KOSHO  
JUNYO (HAYATAKA) ) Possibly en route  
HIYO (HITAKA) ) Truk - New Britain  
ZUIHO ) area  
NISSHIN )

2 converted A/C Carriers (KCV)

NACHI SUZUYA

2 - 8" Cruisers (CA)

2 - 6" Cruisers (CL)

ABUKUMA

TAMA

3 converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

NOTORO  
GOSHU MARU  
FUJIKAWA MARU (en route South)

Approx 30 Destroyers

Approx 20 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

SOUTH DAKOTA  
NORTH CAROLINA

Aircraft Carriers

WASP  
HORNET  
SARATOGA  
ENTERPRISE  
LONG ISLAND (Converted)

8" Cruisers

PORTLAND  
ASTORIA  
NORTHAMPTON  
PENSACOLA  
VINCENNES  
MINNEAPOLIS  
QUINCY

6" Cruisers

SAN FRANCISCO  
NEW ORLEANS  
SALT LAKE CITY  
PHOENIX  
BOISE  
RALEIGH  
JUNEAU  
SAN DIEGO  
ATLANTA  
HELENA  
LEANDER  
ACHILLES  
SAN JUAN  
30 (approx)

Destroyers

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE  
INDIANAPOLIS  
HONOLULU  
ST. LOUIS  
NASHVILLE

6" Cruisers

15 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians

1 Light Cruiser "KISO"

Approx 10 Submarines

1st Base Force



E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleship

6" Cruiser

WASHINGTON

GONCORD

TRENTON

RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

WARSPITE

VALIANT

RESOLUTION

ROYAL SOVEREIGN

REVENGE

INDOMITABLE

ILLUSTRIOUS

FORMIDABLE

DEVONSHIRE

GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)

FROBISHER

CAL EDON

DRAGON

ENTERPRISE

EMERALD

CERES

BIRMINGHAM

GLASGOW

CA PETOWN

DANAE

DAUNTLESS

MAURITIUS

GAMBIA

NEWCASTLE

SUMATRA (Dutch)

WORCESTERSHIRE

RANCHI

CORPU

ALAUNIA

CHITRAL

RANPURA

CANTON

QUEEN OF BERMUDA

CARTHAGE

HEMSKERCK

CARLISLE

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruiser

6" Cruisers

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

Approx 25 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

1 Squadron Submarines



ADDENDUM TO DAILY APPRECIATION 3/9

EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR  
British and Allied Forces

"WHYALLA" escorting Convoy CO 24 will depart Newcastle this morning 3/9. "DUBBO" ~~"MILNE BAY"~~ "BENGAL" to rendezvous off Sydney with Sydney section and proceed Melbourne. "BENGAL" to be detached off Cape Liptrap and proceed Adelaide.

Enemy Forces

TROBRIANDS - MILNE BAY AREA

A cruiser and two destroyers were reported 36 miles S. of Kitava (Trobriands) at 1355/2 course 120.

A force of two vessels <sup>times</sup> described as cruisers or destroyers, was sighted several during the afternoon on various courses, but proceeding in a general southerly direction. These two vessels were last sighted 31 miles E. by S. of Killerton Point (Milne Bay) on course 300° at 1812, and a later report

stated that two enemy vessels were in Milne Bay at 2010.  
Comment: Two vessels, (probably same) were patrolling the area East of the Trobriands on 1/9.



DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

4th September, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "PHOENIX" "SELFLEDGE" "BAGLEY" "PATTERSON" arr. Brisbane 1301 yesterday 3/9 from South Pacific area.
- (ii) "SWAN" & "CASTLEMAINE" escorting Convoy P2 ("SEAWITCH" "TARCONA") and Q2 ("ANSHUN" "JACOB") will R.V. with "ARUNTA" at 1700 today 4/9 in position 012°57'S, 147°32'E, thence to position Z (150 miles SSE Port Moresby) where convoy will split. "ARUNTA" escorts P2 to Moresby E.T.A. 0800/5; "SWAN" & "CASTLEMAINE" escort Q2 to Milne Bay E.T.A. 0100/6.
- (iii) "ARUNTA" escorting "TASMAN" arr. Port Moresby 1203/3.
- (iv) Convoy "A" (8 MV Townsville ETA 1500/4; 1 MV Urangan ETA 2400/2; 1 MV Bowen ETA 0600/4; 1 MV Cairns ETA 0600/5; also "BUNGARKE") dep. Brisbane 1/9. Three vessels ("KATOOMBA" "VAN DER LIJN" "GREMER") to proceed Townsville to Milne Bay; "SEELONG" "GOULBURN" returning Brisbane from Capricorn Channel after escorting above.
- (v) "WARREGO" escorting "ALDINGA" en route Port Moresby to Cairns ETA 1000 today 4/9. "WARREGO" thence Townsville ETA 1700/4.
- (vi) "MILDURA" "DUBBO" "BENGAL" escorting Convoy C024 dep. Sydney 1558/3 to RV with "WHYALLA" escorting Newcastle section, and proceed Melbourne ETA RV position with "DOOMBA" 1700/6. "WHYALLA" arr. Sydney 1858/3. "BENGAL" to be detached off Cape Liptrap and proceed Adelaide ETA 1730/7.
- (vii) "STUART" to depart Sydney a.m. 5/9 escorting "WILLIAM ELLERY" to Caloundra. "STUART" thence with despatch to Townsville.
- (viii) "ROCKHAMPTON" & "MORESBY" escorting Convoy C023 (7 MV) en route Westernport area to Sydney. "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy C023 to Melbourne from RV with above vessels.
- (ix) "DELOIRINE" escorting "YUNNAN" en route Sydney to Brisbane ETA 1700 today 4/9.
- (x) "KURUMBA" en route Brisbane to Townsville ETA 0100/6.
- (xi) "MANUNDA" en route Brisbane to Milne Bay ETA 2400/6.
- (xii) "ARMIDALE" with lighter in tow arrived Cooktown 1755/3. "ARMIDALE" to return Townsville ETA 1300/4 for escort duties with Convoy P03, departing Townsville 1400/5.
- (xiii) At Sydney - "STUART" "K.9" "DOBBIN" "MIZAN" "BALLAROO" "TOWNSVILLE" "WILCANNIA" "BROOME" "CESSNOCK" "ALCYONE" Repairing - "CHICAGO" "MUGFORD" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA"
- (xiv) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "GAWLER" Repairing - "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xv) At Adelaide - "MARYBOROUGH"
- (xvi) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "TULSA"
- (xvii) At Townsville - "BALLARAT" "KATOOMBA" "COLAC"
- (xviii) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA" "PINGWO"
- (xix) At Port Moresby - "BENDIGO"
- (xx) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces

- (i) MILNE BAY AREA - Two enemy destroyers were sighted on course 10° approx 85 miles NE of the entrance to Milne Bay at 0750/3 (see Naval Incidents).
- (ii) KIETA - Analysis of photographs taken 2/9 shows 3 heavy cruisers, 2 floatplanes in Kieta Harbour.
- (iii) KAVIENG - Photographs show that the two vessels in Kavieng Harbour 2/9 were of 6/7000 tons and 4/5000 tons, instead of 10,000 and 8,000 tons as previously reported.
- (iv) BUIH - A report from Buinh states that another 8 destroyers were off Buinh 1826/3.



- (v) BUKA - Photographs show that the two vessels reported as cargo vessels at Buka 2/9, were a destroyer and minelayer north of Toiokh Is. (3 1/2 miles S. by W. Sohana Is.).
- (vi) NEW BRITAIN - A merchant ship (approx 3,000 tons) was sighted by allied aircraft in 06°05'S, 152°05'E (approx 31 miles S. Cape Orford) course North.
- (vii) ENEMY SUBMARINE ACTIVITY - One enemy submarine was indicated approx 100 miles east of San Cristoval 2/9 and another approx 300 miles east of Ontong Java.
- (viii) YSABEL - An enemy tanker or large seaplane tender was attacked 2/9 off Rekata Bay (see Naval Incidents).
- (ix) An enemy destroyer was attacked approx 160 miles N. by East of Ontong Java 2/9 (see Naval Incidents).

## 2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

### British and Allied Forces

- (i) "KANIBLA" & "TROMP" escorting Convoy US16 ("DEVONSHIRE" "ARONDA" "RAJULA") arrived Fremantle 0427/3.
- (ii) "ADELAIDE" "MANCORA" "BOMBAY" escorting Convoy US17 ("WESTERLAND" "FELIX ROUSSEL" "EKMA") were due Fremantle yesterday 3/9.
- (iii) "BOMBAY" arr. Fremantle 1621/3 having failed to make contact with Convoy US17.
- (iv) "WOLLONGONG" dep. Fremantle 2/9 to R.V. with US17 and escort to Fremantle.
- (v) "TARNAMBOOL" escorting "KOOLICA" dep. Darwin 0708/3 for Thursday Is. ETA 1700/6.
- (vi) "IPSWICH" was to depart Adelaide 3/9 for Fremantle.
- (vii) "VIGILANT" dep. Darwin for Timor 19/8.
- (viii) "VOYAGER" en route Darwin to Fremantle E.T.A. 1930 today 4/9.
- (ix) "TOONGOMBA" en route Adelaide to Fremantle arr. Albany 1751/3 to shelter from adverse weather.
- (x) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "SIBIGO" en route Thursday Is. to Darwin E.T.A. 1930/5.
- (xi) "HERON" en route Fremantle to Exmouth Gulf ETA a.m. 6/9.
- (xii) "K.12" en route Thursday Is. to Darwin ETA today 4/9.
- (xiii) At Fremantle - "TRINITY" "K.8" "W.B. PRESTON" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "TROMP" "KANIBLA" "MADRAS" "ERLING BROVIG" "WHIPPOORWILL" "LAUNCESTON"
- (xiv) At Albany - "PELIAS" "LARK" "CAIRNS"
- (xv) At Darwin - "LITHGOW"
- (xvi) At Exmouth Gulf - "CHILDS"
- (xvii) For submarines in Western Sector - see Appendix.

## 3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

### British and Allied Forces

12 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see appendix)

### Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

## B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

## C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

### British and Allied Forces

- (i) At Tongatabu - "SEMINOLE" "VESTAL" "FLUSSER" "GWIR" "ARCTIC" "SOUTH DAKOTA" "JUNEAU" "DUNCAN" "LANSDOWNE" "ACHILLES" "LARDNER"
- (ii) At Samoa - "TURKEY" "KINGFISHER" "BRAZOS" "CAMANGA" "CRESCENT CITY" "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "PRESIDENT HAYES" "PRESIDENT JACKSON" "ALCHIBA" "RALEIGH" "MEREDITH" "HOVEY"
- (iii) At Suva - "GALE"
- (iv) At Auckland - "MONGWAI" "RIGEL" "ALSEY" "ATREUS"
- (v) At Noumea - "LEANDER" "KANAWHA" "CHEVREUIL" "SOUTHERN" "ARGONNE" "RAINIEN" "McCAWLEY" "ZANE" "MERKUR" "POYANG" "WHITNEY" "FULLER" "CAP DES PALMES" "CUMMINGS" "ALDEBARAN" "ANTARES" "BEHAM" "SOLACE"
- (vi) At Vila - "PRESIDENT TYLER" "BOISE" "KITTYHAWK"
- (vii) At Espiritu Santo - "CURTISS" "ALENA" "ZEILIN" "MACKINAC" "HULL" "FOMALHAUT" "HENLEY" "HELS" "SABINE" "HUGHES" "BETELGEUSE"
- (viii) At Ndeni - "MacPARLAND" "BALLARD"

## D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)



E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA (See Appendix)

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

(i) MILNE BAY - Following the report of two destroyers 85 miles NE. of the entrance to Milne Bay at 0750/3, a large destroyer on a S.E. course was observed between Kiriwina and Kitava Is. (Trobriands) at 1324/3 and at 1405, heading towards Kiriwina.

At 0240/4 an unspecified number of enemy vessels in Milne Bay commenced shelling allied positions on the northern shore of the bay. It was reported that the firing which had not been directed at the aerodrome, ceased at 0315.

An unknown number of vessels apparently transport type, were standing off shore one mile east of K.B. Mission at 0337/4; equipment including tanks and vehicles was being unloaded.

(ii) MIDDLETON REEF - S.S. "PAINE WINDGATE" (U.S) reports that torpedoes were fired across her bows at 2120/1 in position 28°22'S, 159°13'E (60 miles North Middleton Reef).

(iii) SOLOMONS - Air attacks on enemy ships have been carried out as follows -

A direct hit was made by a Fortress on an enemy tanker or large seaplane tender approx 20 miles NNW of Rekata Bay (Ysabel) at 1035/2. The vessel stopped and took fire, and a large oil slick was observed in the water.

A Catalina scored a near miss on an enemy destroyer 2/9 approx 160 miles N. by E. of Ontong Java. The destroyer was escorting a submarine.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

ALLIED

(i) FAISI - One Fortress attacked shipping and flying boats at Misi 3/9. Four warships and a merchant ship in harbour.

(ii) BUKA - One Catalina attacked aerodrome night 2/3. Four hits on fuel dumps; large fires started on aerodrome; hits on runway.

(iii) BUSANA - Four B.25's attacked stores Busana (5 miles N. Salamaua) 3/9. No damage observed.

(iv) SALAMAUA - 7 Bostons attacked Busana - Hube area 3/9. Fires observed in Busana area.

(v) KOKODA - Two attacks by Aircobras on Kokoda area 3/9. No results observed.

• ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

(i) Heavy naval and air counter-attacks against allied positions in the Solomons, with a view to re-occupation of Guadalcanal.

(ii) Attack on Port Moresby area.

(iii) Intensified submarine activity in the S.W.P.A.

*Rennett*  
For DIRECTOR C.I.C.

4/9/42



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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

5<sup>th</sup> Cruisers

6<sup>th</sup> Cruiser

Flotilla Leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

Dutch Submarine

A.M.C.

Submarine Tender

Destroyer Tender

Storeships

Gunboat

Oiler

Enemy Forces

Truke-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet

CinC 2nd Fleet

CinC 8th Fleet

CinC 4th Fleet

CinC 1st Air Fleet

CinC 3th Fleet (Submarines)

4 Battle ships (BB)

4 Battlecruisers (BB)

2-3 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

1 converted A/C Carrier (XCV)

10 heavy cruisers (CA)

9 Light Cruisers (CL)

Effective

AUSTRALIA

HOBART

ARUNTA

SELFRIDGE

STUART

BAGLEY

PATTERSON

STURGEON

S.38

S.41

S.43

S.44

S.46

SCULPIN

S.37

S.40

S.42

S.45

S.47

SAILFISH

K.9

WESTRALIA

GRIFFIN

DOBBIN

MIZAR

TULSA

Refitting or Repairing

CHICAGO

LE TRIOMPHANT

MUGFORD

At Brisbane

On Patrol

En route Brisbane

At Sydney

GOLDSTAR

VICTORIA

YAMATO

NAGATO

MUTSU

YAMASHIRO

KONGO

HARUNA

HIYET

KIRISHIMA

ZUIKAKU

SHOKAKU

RYUJO (damaged, possibly sunk)

KASUGA MARU

ATAGO

CHOKAI

KUMANO

HAGURO

MAYA ?

TONI

TIKUMA

MYOKO

TAKAO

PURUTAKA

possibly one "HAKO" class

YUBARI

JINTSU

SENDAI

KATORI

HAKA

YURA

NAGARA



2 "TENRYU" class  
Approx 25 Submarines incl. 4-8"RO" class, 15 "I" class  
40-45 Destroyers (DD)  
2 seaplane carriers (AV)

CHITOSE  
CHIYODA  
KIYOKAWA MARU (poss. en route North)  
KAMOJ  
KAGU MARU  
KAMIKAWA MARU

5 Converted S/P Tenders incl. (XAV)

2 submarine tenders  
Approx 25 Merchant Ships  
8 Patrol Craft  
6 Minelaying Craft  
16 Sub. Chasers  
15 M.T.B.'s  
5 Gunboats

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27 F/P, 20 Obsn. or transport aircraft

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR  
British and Allied Forces

8" Cruiser  
Flotilla Leader  
Destroyer  
A.M.C.'s

ADELAIDE  
TROMP  
VOYAGER  
KAMIBELA  
MAYCOORA  
CHILDS  
HERON  
W. E. PRESTON

S/P Tenders

Submarine Tenders

HOLLAND  
PELIAS

Submarines

On Patrol  
SAURY  
TAUTOG  
SKIPJACK  
~~GREENADIER~~  
~~TAMBOUR~~  
GRAYBACK  
SNAPPER  
SEAWOLF  
SALMON  
SEAL  
SANGO  
SEADRAGON

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

SPEARFISH }  
SEARAVEN } At Fremantle  
THRESHER }  
GUDGON } At Albany  
GRAMPUS }  
GAR }

Dutch Submarines

K.8 At Fremantle  
K.12 En route Darwin

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES  
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12 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see appendix)

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Timer

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Ambon

Approx 28 shore-based aircraft incl. 9 F, 8 H/B, 8 F/B, 3 F/P

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

MARYLAND  
COLORADO  
IDAHO  
MISSISSIPPI  
CALIFORNIA  
NEVADA (to be ready about 1/10)  
WEST VIRGINIA



Battleships (Contd)

NEW MEXICO  
TENNESSEE  
PENNSYLVANIA

YORKTOWN

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruiser

CHESTER

6" Cruiser

DETROIT

Destroyers

19 (approx)

Submarines

23 (approx)

Enemy Forces

Palao - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

3 Battleships (BB)

HIYUGA ) Possibly enroute Truk - New  
FUSO ) Britain area  
ISE )

3 aircraft carriers (CV)

HOSHO  
JUNYO (HAYATAKA) ) Possibly enroute  
HIYO (HITAKA) ) Truk-New Britain area

2 converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

ZUIHO Vicinity Truk

2 - 8" Cruisers (CA)

NISSHIN  
NACHI SUZUYA

3 - 6" Cruisers (CL)

ABURUMA

TAMA

3 converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

KASHIMA (en route Truk)

NOTORO

GOSHU MARU

FUJIKAWA MARU (en route South)

Approx 30 Destroyers

Approx 20 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

SOUTH DAKOTA  
NORTH CAROLINA

Aircraft Carriers

WASP  
HORNET  
SARATOGA  
ENTERPRISE  
LONG ISLAND (Converted)

8" Cruisers

PORTLAND  
ASTORIA  
NORFOLK  
VINCHUKES  
PENSACOLA  
MINNEAPOLIS  
QUINCY

6" Cruisers

SAN FRANCISCO  
NEW ORLEANS  
SALT LAKE CITY  
PHOENIX  
BOISE  
RALBIGH  
JUNEAU  
SAN DIEGO  
ATLANTA  
HELENA  
LEANDER  
ACHILLES

Destroyers

SAN JUAN  
30 (approx)

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE  
INDIANAPOLIS

6" Cruisers

HONOLULU  
ST. LOUIS  
NASHVILLE

15 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians

1 Light Cruiser ("KISO")

Approx 10 Submarines

1st Base Force



E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleship  
6" Cruisers

WASHINGTON  
CONCORD  
TRENTON  
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

WARSPITE  
VALIANT  
RESOLUTION  
ROYAL SOVEREIGN  
REVENGE  
INDOMITABLE  
ILLUSTRIOUS  
FORMIDABLE  
DEVONSHIRE  
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)  
PROBISHER  
CALEDON  
DRAGON  
ENTERPRISE  
EMERALD  
CERES  
BIRMINGHAM  
GLASGOW  
CAPETOWN  
DANAE  
DAUNTLESS  
MAURITIUS  
GAMBIA  
NEWCASTLE  
SUMATRA (Dutch)  
WORCESTERSHIRE  
RANCHI  
CORFU  
ALAU NIA  
CHITRAL  
RAN PURA  
CANTON  
QUEEN OF BERMUDA  
CARTHAGE  
BEEMSKERCK  
CARLISLE

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruiser

6" Cruisers

A.N.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

Approx 25 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

1 Squadron Submarines



DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITIES.

5th September, 1942.

DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES.

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA.

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

British and Allied Forces.

- ✓ (1) Convoy P2 ("SWAVITCH" "TARCOONA") escorted by "CASTLEMARINE" were due Port Moresby 0800 today 5/9.
- ✓ ~~1122~~ Convoy Q2 ("ANSHUN" "JACOB") escorted by "ARUNTA" & "SWAN" is due Milne Bay 0200 tomorrow 6/9.
- ✓ (11) Convoy P3 ("KURUMBA" "SWARTENHOEDT" "ADMIRAL HALSTRAED" "MONT-CHO") and Convoy Q3 ("VAN KERSKERK" "JAPANA") escorted by "WARRAGO" "BALLARAT" "ARMIDALE", are to depart Townsville 1400 today 5/9. "BENDIGO" will R.V. in position Z (150 miles E.S.E. Moresby) and with "ARMIDALE" will escort P3 to Moresby. ETA. 1400/8. Remaining ships proceed Milne Bay. ETA. 1600/8. ("WARRAGO" "ARMIDALE" were due Townsville yesterday 4/9 from escort duty.)
- (111) "STUART" escorting Convoy GP.11 (3 MV) to depart Sydney 1300 today 5/9 for Brisbane. ETA. Caloundra 2230/7. "STUART" thence with despatch to Townsville.
- (iv) "SOULBURN" & "GHELONG" returning Brisbane from Capricorn Channel after escort duty.
- (v) "MILDURA" "DIBBO" "BENGAL" escorting Convoy CG.24 en route Newcastle & Sydney to Melbourne. ETA. 1700/6. "BENGAL" to be detached off Cape Liptrap & proceed Adelaide. ETA. 1730/7.
- (vi) "ROCKHAMPTON" "MORSEY" escorting Convoy CG.23 (7 MV) en route Westernport area to Sydney.
- "DCOMBA" escorting CG.21 arr. Melbourne 0601/4.
- (vii) "YANDRA" to depart Port Stephens 0900 today 5/9, with "HESS" for Brisbane, thence with same vessel to Sydney.
- (viii) "DELOIRAIN" escorting "YUNGAN" Sydney to Brisbane was due Caloundra 0100/5. "DELOIRAIN" to return Sydney.
- (ix) "MIZAR" was to depart Sydney 1630/4 for Melbourne. ETA. 1400/6.
- (x) "MANUNDA" en route Brisbane to Milne Bay. ETA. 2400 today 5/9.
- (xi) At Sydney - "K.9" "DORRIS" "WALLAROO" "TOWNSVILLE" "WHYALLA" "WILCANNIA" "BROOME" "CHESMOCK" "ALCYONS".  
 Repairing - "CHICAGO" "HUSFORD" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA".
- (xii) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM GYBESSEN" "GAWLER".  
 Repairing - "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR".
- (xiii) At Adelaide - "MARYBOROUGH".
- (xiv) At Brisbane - "AUSTRALIA" "ROBART" "PHOENIX" "SHELFRIDGE" "BAGLEY" "PATTERSON" "GRIFFIN" "TULSA".
- (xv) At Townsville - "BALLARAT" "RATOOMBA" "COLAC".
- (xvi) At Port Stephens - "AUSTRALIA" "PIRGO".
- (xvii) At Port Moresby - "BENDIGO".
- (xviii) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces.

(1) Buin - Faisi

A further report indicates that one "SENDAI" class cruiser, 14 destroyers and one supply ship were off Buin at 1820/3. Aircraft en recon. forenoon 4/9 sighted 2 transports, 2 destroyers, 1 cruiser East of Faisi at 1110 and later, at 1156, 3 cruisers, 6 destroyers, 10 transports, in Tonolei harbour.

Two destroyers departed Buin in a northerly direction at 1130. At 1730 the "SENDAI" class cruiser and 4 supply ships were off Faisi and six destroyers were off Buin 1800. A destroyer and transport were observed -- approaching Faisi from the West -- at 1345/4, and may have joined the force off Faisi.



ENEMY FORCES (Continued).

Reports indicate that the following minimum force was in the area 4/9:-

1 poss. 4 cruisers  
 approx. 15 destroyers  
 7 merchant ships

26.

- (iii) Milne Bay.  
 A cruiser was sighted 37 miles N. by E. Cape Pierson, Normanby Is. at 1930/4 and was shadowed during the day. The vessel frequently changed course, and was last sighted at 1745, 40 miles East of Killerton Point (Milne Bay).  
 A destroyer was also sighted in the area during the day, and at 1714 three warships were seen on a Southerly course 45 miles S.W.E. Point Killerton.  
 A heavy cruiser was sighted 43 miles East of Woodlark Is. on course 090° at 1341. One Hudson attacked the vessel without result.  
 Aircraft detailed to attack enemy warships in the Milne Bay area 4/9, and at 1730/4 were unable to locate the target. Only one small vessel was observed.
- (iiii) Buka.  
 Only two vessels (viz. mineslayer and destroyer) were reported in Buka Passage at dawn 3/9. They departed in the afternoon.
- (iv) Lae.  
 Photographic reconnaissance on 3/9 showed 11 small boats in Harbour.
- (v) D'Entrecasteaux Is.  
 Two ketches were observed at anchor at Urasi Is. (Northernmost of D'Entrecasteaux Is.) at 0952/4.
- (vi) Enemy submarines  
 Enemy submarines were indicated 2/9 in positions 70°40'S. 161° 20'E (approx. 110 miles N. by E. Maringe Lagoon) and 11°S. 161°40'E. (43 miles W.S.W. Cape Surville, San Cristobal).

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.British and Allied Forces.

- (i) "ADELAIDE" "MANGORA" "WOLLONGONG" escorting Convoy HS.12 ("WESTERLAND" "FELIX ROUSSEL" "EKMA") arr. Fremantle 0535/4.
- (ii) "BARNABOOL" escorting "KOOLIGA" en route Darwin to Thursday Is. ETA. 1700/6.
- (iii) "IPSWICH" departed Adelaide 0130/4 for Fremantle. ETA. 2105/9.
- (iv) "VIGILANT" dep. Darwin for Timor 19/8.
- (v) "VOYAGER" arr. Fremantle from Darwin via Geraldton 2031/4.
- (vi) "TOOGOOHBA" en route Adelaide to Fremantle arr. Albany 3/9 to shelter from adverse weather.
- (vii) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "SIBICO" en route Thursday Is. to Darwin ETA. 1935 today 5/9.
- (viii) "HERON" dep. Emu Gulf for Geraldton 0600/6. ETA. am. 7/9.
- (ix) "K.12" en route Thursday Is. to Darwin. ETA. 4/9.
- (x) At Fremantle - "ADELAIDE" "MANGORA" "TROMP" "KAWINBLA" "TRINITY" "E.S." "W.B. PRESTON" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "MADRAS" "ERLING BROVIG" "WHIPPOORWILL" "LAUNCESTON" "WOLLONGONG" "BOMBAY".
- (xi) At Albany - "PELIAS" "LARK" "CAIENS".
- (xii) At Darwin - "LITHGOW".
- (xiii) At Emu Gulf - "CHILDS".
- (xiv) For submarines in Western Sector - see appendix.



3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.

British and Allied Forces.

12 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see appendix).

Enemy Forces.

Timor.

There are unconfirmed reports that 6 fishing boats departed Dilli 1/9 with troops for Vila de Manatuto (30 miles E. by N. Dilli).

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA. (See appendix.)

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

British and Allied Forces.

- (i) At Songshan - "SEMINOLE" "VESTAL" "FLORRER" "GWIN" "ARCTIC" "SOUTH DAKOTA" "JUNEAU" "DUNCAN" "LAUSDOWNE" "ACHILLES" "LARDNER".
- (ii) At Samoa - "TURKEY" "KINGFISHER" "BRAZOS" "CANANGA" "CRESCENT CITY" "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "PRESIDENT HAYES" "PRESIDENT JACKSON" "ALCHIBA" "RALSON" "MEREDITH" "HOVEY".
- (iii) At Suva - "GALE".
- (iv) At Auckland - "HONOWAI" "RIGEL" "ALSEY" "ATREUS".
- (v) At Noumea - "LEANDER" "KANAWHA" "CHYPREUIL" "ARGONNE" "RAINIER" "McCAWLEY" "MERCUR" "POYANG" "WHITNEY" "FAREHOLT" "AARON WARD" "BUCHANAN" "SALT LAKE CITY" "CAP DES PALMES" "CUMMINGS" "ALDERMAN" "ASTARIS" "BREM" "SOLACE" "SAN FRANCISCO" "WASP" "LONG" "STACK" "STERETT".
- (vi) At Vila - "PRESIDENT TYLER" "BOISE" "KITTYHAWK".
- (vii) At Espiritu Santo - "CHRYSS" "ZEILIN" "ALHENA" "RULL" "FOHAKAUT" "SABINE" "HUGHES" "BETSELGENCE" "BELLATRIX" "HOPKINS" "TRACY".
- (viii) At Ndeni - "Mac" "ARLAND" "BALLARD".

Enemy Forces.

Gilberts.

Seven vessels including at least 2 cruisers were reported off Tarawa Is. (Gilberts) on 3/9.

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA. (See appendix.)

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA. (See appendix.)

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA. (see Appendix.)

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS.

(i) Guadalcanal.

Allied positions on Guadalcanal were heavily shelled by at least 2 destroyers at 0100/5 and by 5 enemy ships at 0200.

(ii) Port Moresby.

"ARUNTA" reports having sighted, on 3/9, a large oil patch 12 miles SSW Port Moresby, in the position of her last attack on the enemy submarine which attacked "MALAITA" 29/8. C.O. "ARUNTA" considers that the submarine was destroyed.

(iii) Gulf of Aden.

The tanker "BRITISH GENIUS" (3553 tons) was torpedoed in position 13° N. 43° 04' E. at 1800/3.

3. AIR OPERATIONS.

Enemy.

(i) Darwin.

There were indications 1230/4 of an enemy reconnaissance aircraft 90 miles W. Darwin.

(ii) Buin.

A Fortress on recon. was attacked by 2 Zeros and 2 floatplanes over Buin, and was slightly damaged.



- (iii) Samara  
A Hudson on recon. sighted an unidentified aircraft off  
Samara 1545/4.
- (iv) Gilberts  
Unidentified aircraft were reported 2/9 over Kuria Is.  
Maiana Is. (also 3/9) Abesama, Boru, Aranuka Is.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE.

- (i) Heavy naval and air counter-attacks against Allied positions  
in the Solomons, with a view to re-occupation of Guadalcanal.
- (ii) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (iii) Intensified submarine activity in the S.W.P. area.

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For DIRECTOR, C.O.I.C.

5/9/42.



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TO

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR  
British and Allied Forces

5<sup>th</sup> Cruisers  
6<sup>th</sup> Cruisers

Flotilla Leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

Dutch Submarine  
A.W.C.  
Submarine Tender  
Destroyer Tender  
Storeships  
Gunboat  
Oiler

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet  
CinC 2nd Fleet  
CinC 4th Fleet  
CinC 5th Fleet  
CinC 1st Air Fleet  
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)  
4 Battleships (BB)

4 Battlecruisers (BC)

2-3 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

1 converted A/C Carrier (XCV)  
10 heavy cruisers (CA)

9 Light Cruisers (CL) possibly

Effective

AUSTRALIA

PHOENIX

HOBART

ARUNDA

STUART

BAGLEY

PATTERSON

S.33

S.41

S.43

S.44

S.46

STURGEON

SOULFIN

S.37

S.40

S.42

S.45

S.47

SAILFISH

K.9

WESTRALIA

GRIFFIN

BOBBIN

HEAR

FULSA

Refitting or Repairing  
CHICAGO

LE TRIOMPHANT

MUGFORD

At Brisbane

On Patrol

En route Brisbane  
At Sydney

GOLDSTAR

VICTORIA

YAMATO

NAGATO

MUTSU

YAMASHIRO

KONGO

HARUNA

KIYOH

KIRISHIMA

SHIRAKU

SEOKAKU

KUJYO (damaged, possibly sunk)

KASUGA MARU

ATAGO

CHOKAI

KUMANO

HAGURO

MAYA ?

TONE

TIKUMA ?

MYOKO

TAKAO

FURUTAKA

one "YAKO" class

YUBARI

JINSHU

SENDAI

KATORI

NAKA

YURA

NAGARA

2 "TENRYU" class



Approx 25 Submarines incl. 4-8 "RO" class, 15 "Y" class

40-45 Destroyers (DD)

2 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHITOSE

CHIYODA

KIYOKAWA MARU (poss. en route North)

KANOI

KAGU MARU

KAMIKAWA MARU

2 submarine tenders

Approx 25 merchant ships

8 patrol craft

6 Minelaying Craft

15 Sub. Chasers

15 M.T.B.'s

5 Gunboats

Approx 278 shore-based aircraft including 74 fighters, 126 H/B, 31 P/E

27 P/P, 20 Obsn. or transport aircraft

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruiser

ADELAIDE

Flotilla Leader

TROMP

Destroyer

VOYAGER

A.M.C.'s

KANIMBA

MAHOORA

S/P Tenders

CHILD'S

HERON

W. B. PRESTON

Submarine Tenders

NOLLAND

FELIAS

Submarines

On Patrol

SAURY

TAUTOG

SKIPJACK

GRENADEIER

TAMBOUR

GRAYBACK

SHAPPER

SEAWOLF

SALMON

SEAL

SARGO

SEADRAGON

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

SPRANFISH

} At Fremantle

SEARAVEN

THRASHER

GUDGEON

} At Albany

GRAMPUS

GAN

Dutch Submarines

K.8

At Fremantle

K.12

At Darwin

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

12 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see appendix)

Enemy Forces

CINC 3rd Fleet

CINC Southern Expeditionary Fleet

1-6" Cruiser "ASHIGARA"

4 Light Cruisers ("NATORI" "KASHII" "ISSU" "KINU")

16 Destroyers

Converted S/P Tenders 7

Timor

Approx 28 shore-based aircraft incl. 9 P, 9 H/B, 4 F/B, 6 P/P

Ambon

Approx 28 shore-based aircraft incl. 9 P, 8 H/B, 8 F/B, 3 P/P

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

MARYLAND

CALIFORNIA

COLORADO

NEVADA (to be ready about 1/10)

IDaho

MISSISSIPPI

WEST VIRGINIA

NEW MEXICO

TENNESSEE

PENNSYLVANIA



Aircraft Carrier  
 8" Cruiser  
 6" Cruiser  
 Destroyers  
 Submarines

CHESTER  
 DETROIT  
 10 (approx)  
 23 (approx)

Enemy Forces

False - Salpan - Bonina - Japan

3 Battleships (BB)	HYUGA FUSO ISE	} Possibly en route Truk - New Britain area	
3 aircraft carriers (CV)	HOSHIO JUNYO (HAYATAKA) HIYO (HITAKA)		} Possibly enroute Truk-New Britain area
2 converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	ZUHO HISSHIH		
2 - 8" Cruisers (CA)	NACHI	SUZUYA	
3 - 6" Cruisers (CL)	ABUKUMA TAMA KASHIMA (en route Truk)		
3 converted S/P Tenders (XAV)	NOTORO GOSHU MARU FUJIKAWA MARU (en route south)		

Approx 30 Destroyers  
 Approx 20 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

SOUTH DAKOTA  
 NORTH CAROLINA

Aircraft Carriers

WASP  
 HORNET  
 SARATOGA  
 ENTERPRISE  
 LONG ISLAND (Converted)

8" Cruisers

PORTLAND  
 ASTORIA  
 NORFOLK  
 VINCENTES  
 PENSACOLA  
 MINNEAPOLIS  
 QUINCY  
 SAN FRANCISCO  
 NEW ORLEANS  
 SALT LAKE CITY

6" Cruisers

BOISE  
 RALEIGH  
 JUNEAU  
 SAN DIEGO  
 ATLANTA  
 HELWA  
 LEANER  
 ACHILLES  
 SAN JUAN

Destroyers

30 (approx)

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE  
 INDIANAPOLIS  
 HONOLULU  
 ST. LOUIS  
 NASHVILLE

6" Cruisers

15 Destroyers  
 10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians

1 Light Cruiser ("KISC")

Approx 10 Submarines

1st Base Force



E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleship  
6" Cruisers

WASHINGTON  
CONCORD  
TRENTON  
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

WARSPITE  
VALIANT  
RESOLUTION  
ROYAL SOVEREIGN  
REVENGE  
INDOMITABLE  
ILLUSTRIOUS  
FORMIDABLE  
DEVONSHIRE  
GEORGIOS AVENOFF (Greek)

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruiser

6" Cruisers

PROBISHER  
CALDON  
DRAGON  
ENTERPRISE  
EMERALD  
GENE  
BIRMINGHAM  
GLASGOW  
CAPETOWN  
DANAB  
DAUNTLESS  
MAURITIUS  
CAMBIA  
NEWCASTLE  
SUMATRA (Dutch)  
WORCESTERSHIRE  
RANCHI  
CORFU  
ALAKIA  
CHITRAL  
RANPURA  
CANTON  
QUEEN OF BERMUDA  
CARTHAGE  
HEMLOCK  
CARLISLE

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

Approx 25 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

1 Squadron Submarines



DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

6th September, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Convoy P2 ("SEAWITCH" "TAROOMA") escorted by "CASTLEMAINE" arr. Port Moresby 1136/5.  
 Convoy Q2 - "ARUNTA" escorting "ANSHUN" due Milne Bay this morning 6/9. "ARUNTA" to stand by during unloading.  
 "SWAN" escorting "JACOB" to remain south of China Strait until further orders.
- (ii) "ARMIDALE" arr. Cairns 0800/5. To depart escorting Convoy Q3 ("VAN HEEMSKERK" "JAPANA") to R.V. at 0900/7 off Fitzroy Is. with "COLAC" & "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy P3 ("KURUMBA" "SWARTENHONDT" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "MONTORO") which dep. Townsville 1756/5. "ARMIDALE" to remain Fitzroy Is.; remainder proceed to position Z (150 miles SSE Port Moresby), where "CASTLEMAINE" & "BENDIGO" will R.V. at 2100/7. "CASTLEMAINE" & "BENDIGO" escort P3 to Moresby ETA 1400/8. "COLAC" "BALLARAT" & Q3 proceed Milne Bay ETA 2300/8.
- (iii) "STUART" escorting Convoy GP11 (3 MV) departed Sydney 1035/5 for Brisbane ETA Caloundra 2230/7. "STUART" thence with despatch to Townsville.
- (iv) "GOULBURN" & "GEELONG" returning Brisbane from Capricorn Channel after escort duty.
- (v) "MILDURA" "DUBBO" "BENGAL" escorting Convoy G024 (9 MV) en route Newcastle & Sydney to Melbourne ETA 1700/6. "BENGAL" to be detached off Cape Liptrap and proceed Adelaide ETA 1730/7.
- (vi) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy G024 dep. Port Phillip 0613/6 to R.V. with G024.
- (vii) "ROCKHAMPTON" "MORESEY" escorting Convoy G023 (7 MV) en route Westernport area to Sydney.
- (viii) "DELORAIN" escorting "YUNNAN" arr. Brisbane 0241/5. "DELORAIN" dep. 0710 to return Sydney ETA 2130/6.
- (ix) "MIZAR" en route Sydney to Melbourne ETA 1400 today 6/9.
- (x) "MANUNDA" was due Milne Bay yesterday 5/9.
- (xi) "YANDRA" escorting "HEROS" towing battle practice target en route Brisbane ETA 1530/10. Thence Sydney.
- (xii) "WARREGO" & "ARMIDALE" are to escort "KATOOMBA" & "CREMER" dep. Townsville for Port Moresby today 6/9.
- (xiii) At Sydney - "K.9" "DOBBIN" "WARRAROO" "TOWNSVILLE" "WHYALLA" "WILCANNIA" "BROOME" "CESSNOCK" "ALCYONE"  
 Repairing - "CHICAGO" "MUGFORD" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA"
- (xiv) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "GAWLER"  
 Repairing - "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xv) At Adelaide - "MAKYBOROUGH"
- (xvi) At Brisbane - "AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "PHOENIX" "SELPRIDGE" "BAGLEY" "PATTERSON" "GRIFFIN" "TULSA"
- (xvii) At Townsville - "KATOOMBA"
- (xviii) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA" "PINGO"
- (xix) At Port Moresby - "BENDIGO"
- (xx) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces

- (1) BUIN - FAISI AREA --- Reports including air recce indicate considerable movement with enemy shipping in the area Buin - Faisi - Tonolei area yesterday 5/9. The minimum force in the area yesterday was probably 22 vessels as follows -
  - 1 light cruiser
  - 2 possible light cruisers
  - 6 destroyers
  - 2 gunboats or patrol boats
  - 1 probable seaplane tender
  - at least 7 merchant vessels (including 2 10,000 tons)
  - 3 unidentified vessels
 Total 22 ships



- (ii) D'ENTRECASTEAUX IS. - A force including 1 cruiser, 2 destroyers, 1 unidentified vessel was sighted 35 miles SSE of Kitava Is. at 1045/5 on a southerly course. The force was sighted several times during the day and was last reported off Milne Bay at 1814. No enemy sightings were made in Milne Bay during air recce about 1925/5.
- (iii) KIETA - Air recce 5/9 reported 1 tanker (3/5000 tons) off Kieta at 1310.
- (iv) BUKA - Only one schooner was observed in the vicinity of Buka Passage 5/9.
- (v) RABAUL - Air recce 5/9 revealed only 8 vessels, 9 seaplanes and several small craft in Rabaul Harbour.  
Comment - Photographic recce 1/9 revealed 50 vessels (including 20 unidentified vessels) in Rabaul Harbour.
- (vi) SALAMAUA - Aircraft reported 2 medium vessels in Salamaua Harbour at 0730/5.
- (vii) BUNA - Aircraft on recce reported 10/20 barges in Buna Bay at 0730/5.

## 2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

### British and Allied Forces

- (i) "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting "KOOLIGA" en route Darwin to Thursday Island ETA 1700/6.
- (ii) "IPSWICH" en route Adelaide to Fremantle ETA 2105/9.
- (iii) "VIGILANT" dep. Darwin for Timor 19/8.
- (iv) "TOOWOOMBA" en route Adelaide to Fremantle ~~ETA~~ dep: Albany 1518/5 for Fremantle ETA 0600/7.
- (v) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "SIBIGO" arr. Darwin 1715/5.
- (vi) "HEMON" dep. Exmouth Gulf for Geraldton 0600/6 ETA a.m. 7/9.
- (vii) "MADRAS" & "LAUNCESTON" dep. Fremantle 1530/4 for Colombo ETA 18/9
- (viii) "LITTON" escorting "BURWAN" dep. Darwin 1207/5 for Thursday Is. ETA 1830/8.
- (ix) Convoy US17 escorted by "ADELAIDE" & "MANCORA" and Convoy US16 escorted by "TROMP" & "KANIMBLA" are to depart Fremantle in company today 6/9, for Colombo.
- (x) At Fremantle - "ADELAIDE" "MANCORA" "TROMP" "KANIMBLA" "VOYAGER" "TRINITY" "K.S." "W.B. PRESTON" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "ERLING BROVIG" "WHIPPOONWILL" "WOLLONGONG" "BOMBAY"
- (xi) At Albany - "PELIAS" "LARK" "CAIRNS"
- (xii) At Darwin - K.12
- (xiii) At Exmouth Gulf - "CHILES"
- (xiv) For submarines in Western Sector - see Appendix.

## 3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

### British and Allied Forces

12 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see appendix)

### Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

## B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

## C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

### British and Allied Forces

- (i) At Tongatabu - "SEMIROLE" "VESTAL" "FLUSSER" "ARCTIC" "JUNEAU" "SOUTH DAKOTA" "DUNCAN" "LANSDOWNE" "LARDNER" "LIBRA" "CHUMMINGS" "NEVILLE" "AMERICAN LEGION" "HUNTER LEGGETT" "HEYWOOD"
- (ii) At Samoa - "TURKEY" "KINGFISHER" "BRAZOS" "CAMANGA" "CRESCENT CITY" "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "PRESIDENT HAYES" "PRESIDENT JACKSON" "ALCHIEA" "RALPH" "MEREDITH" "HOVEY"
- (iii) At Suva - "GALE"
- (iv) At Auckland - "MOKOWAI" "RIGEL" "ALSEY" "ATREUS"
- (v) At Noumea - "LEANDER" "KANAWHA" "CHEVREUIL" "ARGONNE" "RAINIER" "MCCAWLEY" "MERKUR" "POYANG" "WHITNEY" "FARENHOLT" "AARON WARD" "BUCHANAN" "SALT LAKE CITY" "CAP DES PALMES" "XOUM" "ALDEBARAN" "ANTARES" "BERAM" "SOLACE" "WASP" "LONG" "SAN FRANCISCO" "STACK" "STERETT"
- (vi) At Vila - "PRESIDENT TYLER" "BOISE" "KITTYHAWK"
- (vii) At Espiritu Santo - "CURTISS" "ALEXNA" "HULL" "FOMALHAUT" "SABINE" "HUGHES" "BELLATRIX" "HOPKINS" "TRACY"
- (viii) At Ngei - MacPARLAND" "BALLARD"



- D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)
- E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)
- F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA (See Appendix)

## 2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) GUADALCANAL - Allied positions were shelled by an enemy submarine at 0200/3. The vessels which shelled our positions at 0100 and 0200/5 departed at 0330/5.
- (ii) TOWNSVILLE - ss "PERTSHIRE" collided with the troopship "VAN DER LIJN" 10 miles off Cape Cleveland during the night 4/5 September. Both ships proceeded to Townsville. "VAN DER LIJN" was considerably damaged and is unable to continue her voyage; casualties one killed, 5 injured. The troops on board have been disembarked and will board "KATOOMBA" or "CREMER" for transport to Port Moresby. "PERTSHIRE" is also considerably damaged.
- (iii) JAPANESE MERCHANT VESSELS - It is learned from a prisoner of war ~~captured~~ captured at Milne Bay that "HOKODATE MARU" was sunk at Rabaul 11/8 and 500 troops were lost. Also that "MANKAI MARU" (8461 tons) was sunk at Milne Bay 28/8 with approx 300 troops.

## 3. AIR OPERATIONS

- (i) BUNA - Three attacks by Bostons and Aircobras were made on Buna aerodrome 5/9. Two aircraft were probably destroyed and also a probable petrol dump and generator. Two A.A. positions were silenced and huts and 2 landing barges were destroyed.
- (ii) KOKODA - Four Aircobras attacked Kokoda area 5/9.
- (iii) MILNE BAY - Six Kittihawks attacked enemy positions on the north shore of Milne Bay on 4/9. Results not observed.
- (iv) GUADALCANAL - Enemy boats and barges near Taivu Point were machine gunned by allied aircraft 4/9.

## ENEMY

- (i) GILBERTS - Further enemy air recon in the Gilberts was reported 3/9 (Beru Is.) and 4/9 (Maiana Is.).

## 4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Heavy naval and air counter-attacks against allied positions in the Solomons, with a view to re-occupation of Guadalcanal.
- (ii) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (iii) Intensified submarine activity in the S.W.P.A.

*Lauder*  
For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

6/9/42



APPENDIX

to

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA.

EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.  
British and Allied Forces.

8" cruisers  
6" cruisers

Flotilla Leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

Effective.

AUSTRALIA

PHOENIX

HOBART

ARUNTA

STUART

BANLEY

PATTERSON

S.38

S.41

S.43

S.44

S.46

STURGEON

SCULPIN

S.37

S.40

S.42

S.45

S.47

SAILFISH

K.9

WESTRALIA

GRIFFIN

DOBBIN

NIZAR

TULSA

Refitting or Repair-  
ing.

CHICAGO

LE TRIOMPHANT

MUGFORD

At Brisbane

On Patrol

En route Brisbane  
At Sydney.

Dutch Submarine

A.H.C.

Submarine Tender

Destroyer Tender

Storeships

Gunboat

Oiler

GOLDSTAR

VICTORIA

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons.

C.in C. Combined Fleet

C.in C. 2nd Fleet

C.in C. 4th Fleet

C.in C. 8th Fleet

C.in C. 1st Air Fleet

C.in C. 6th Fleet (Submarines)

4 Battleships (BB)

YAMATO

NAGATO

MITSU

YAMASHIRO

4 Battlecruisers (BB)

KONGO

HARUNA

HIYEI

KIRISHIMA

2-3 Aircraft carriers (CV)

ZUIKAKU

SHOKAKU

KYUJO (damaged, possibly sunk)

1 poss. 2 converted A/c carrier

(XCV)

KASUGA MARU

10 heavy cruisers (CA)

ATAGO

CHOKAI

KUMANO

HAGURO

MAYA ?

TONI

TIKUMA ?

MYOKO

TAKAO

FURUTAKA

one "KAKO" class

possibly  
10 light cruisers (CL)

YUBARI

JINTSU

SENDAI

KATORI



KASEIMA  
 NAKA  
 YURA  
 NAGARA  
 2 "TENRYU" class  
 2 "HO" class, 15 "Y" class  
 Approx. 25 submarines incl. 4-8  
 40-45 destroyers (DD)  
 1 Seaplane carrier (AV)  
 5 converted S/P.tenders incl. (XAV)  
 CHIYODA  
 KIYOKAWA MARU (poss.en route North)  
 KAMO I  
 KAGU MARU  
 KAMIKAWA MARU  
 2 submarine tenders  
 approx. 25 merchant ships  
 8 patrol craft  
 6 minelaying craft  
 16 subm.chasers  
 15 M.T.Bs.  
 5 gunboats.  
 Approx. 278 shore-based aircraft including 74 fighters, 126 H/B.  
 31 F/B. 27 F.P. 20 Oban.or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.  
British and Allied Forces.

6" cruiser  
 Flotilla Leader  
 Destroyer  
 A.M.Cs.

S/P.tenders.

Submarine tenders

Submarines

ADELAIDE  
 TROMP  
 VOYAGER  
 KANIMBLA  
 MANOORA  
 CHILDS  
 HERON  
 W.B.FRESTON  
 HOLLAND  
 PELLAS

On patrol

SAURY  
 TABTOG  
 GREENADIER  
 TAMBOR  
 SNAPPER  
 SEAWOLF  
 SALMON  
 SEAL  
 SARCO

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols.

SPEARFISH }  
 SKIPJACK }  
 SEARAVEN } At Fremantle.  
 THRESHER }  
 GUDGEON }  
 GRAYBACK } At Albany.  
 GRAMPUS }

Dutch submarines.

K.8 At Fremantle.  
 K.12 At Darwin.

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

12 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see appendix.)

Enemy Forces.

C.in C.3rd fleet.  
 C.in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet.  
 1-8" cruiser "ASHIGARA"  
 4 light cruisers ("NATORI" "KASHII" "ISUZU" "KINU")  
 16 destroyers  
 converted S/P.tenders ?

Timor.

Approx. 28 shore-based aircraft incl. 9 F, 9 H/B. 4 F/B. 6 F.P.



Ambon.

Approx. 28 shore-based aircraft incl. 9 F, 8 H/B. 8 F/B. 3 F.P.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.  
British and Allied Forces.  
Battleships.

MARYLAND  
COLORADO  
IDAHO  
MISSISSIPPI  
NEW MEXICO

CALIFORNIA.  
NEVADA (to be ready  
about 1/10).  
WEST VIRGINIA

Aircraft  
Carriers.  
8" cruisers  
  
6" cruiser  
~~Destroyer~~  
Destroyers.  
Submarines

TENNESSEE  
PENNSYLVANIA  
ENTERPRISE  
PORTLAND  
CHESTER  
DETROIT  
SAN JUAN  
15 (approx.)  
23 (approx.)

Enemy Forces.

Palao - Saipan - Honing - Japan.

3 Battleships (BB)

HYUGA } Possibly en route Truk - New  
FUSO } Britain area.  
ISE }

3 aircraft carriers (CV)

HOSHO  
JUNYO (HAYATAKA) Possibly en route  
HIYO (HITAKA) Truk-New Britain area.

2 converted A/C. carriers (XCV)

ZUIHO Vicinity Truk.

Conv. S/P. carrier

NISSHIN  
CHITOSE.

2 - 8" cruisers (CA)

NACHI SUZUYA.

2 - 6" cruisers (CL)

ABUKUMA  
TAMA

3 converted S.P. tenders (XAV)

NOTORO  
OGSHU MARU  
FUJIKAWA MARU

Approx. 30 destroyers.

Approx. 20 submarines.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.  
British and Allied Forces.  
Battleships

SOUTH DAKOTA  
NORTH CAROLINA  
WASP

Aircraft carriers

HORNET  
SARATOGA  
LONG ISLAND (converted)

8" cruisers

ASTORIA  
NORTHAMPTON  
VINCENNES  
PENSACOLA  
MINNEAPOLIS  
QUINCY  
SAN FRANCISCO  
NEW ORLEANS  
SALT LAKE CITY

6" cruisers

BOISE  
RALEIGH  
JUNEAU  
SAN DIEGO  
ATLANTA  
HELENA  
LEANDER  
ACHILLES

Destroyers

25 (approx.)

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.



D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

British and Allied Forces.

8" cruisers

LOUISVILLE  
INDIANAPOLIS  
HONOLULU  
ST. LOUIS  
NASHVILLE

6" cruisers

15 Destroyers  
10 Submarines.

Enemy Forces.

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians.

1 light cruiser ("KISO")

4 destroyers.

Approx. 10 submarines.

1st Base Force.

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA.

British and Allied Forces.

Battleship

WASHINGTON  
CONCORD  
TRENTON  
RICHMOND.

6" cruisers

Approx. 4 destroyers.

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

British and Allied Forces.

Battleships

WARSPITE  
VALIANT  
RESOLUTION  
REVENGE  
INDOMITABLE  
ILLUSTRIOUS  
FORMIDABLE  
DEVONSHIRE  
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)  
PROBISHER  
HAWKINS  
CALEDON  
DRAGON  
ENTERPRISE  
EMERALD  
CERES  
BIRMINGHAM  
GLASGOW  
CAPE TOWN  
DANAÉ  
DAUNTLESS  
MAURITIUS  
GAMBIA  
NEWCASTLE  
SUMATRA (Dutch)  
WORCESTERSHIRE  
RANGEI  
CORFU  
ALANIA  
CHITRAL  
RANPURA  
CANTON  
QUEEN OF BERMUDA  
CARTHAGE  
HEENSKERCK  
CARLISLE

Aircraft carriers

8" cruisers

7.5" cruisers

6" cruisers

A.M.C's.

A.A. Vessels

Approx. 25 destroyers.

Approx. 7 submarines.

Enemy Forces.

1 Squadron Submarines.



DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

7th September, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR  
British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "SELFRIDGE" & "BAGLEY") to carry out day and night firings off Cape Moreton today 7/9.
- ✓(ii) "SWAN" escorting "S JACOB" was to clear Chira Strait at dawn today 7/9 and proceed Milne Bay. "ANSHUN" (in Milne Bay with "ARUNTA") when unloaded to be sailed from Milne Bay escorted by "SWAN". "ARUNTA" was to stand by "S JACOB" until unloading if the situation permitted.
- ✓(iii) "ARMIDALE" dep. Cairns 1315/6 escorting Convoy Q3 ("VAN HEEMSKERCK" "JAPARA") to R.V. off Fitzroy Island with "COLAC" & "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy P3 ("KURUMBA" "SWARTENHONDT" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "MONTORO" "BOTH"). "ARMIDALE" to remain Fitzroy Is., remainder to proceed to R.V. at 1700/7 in position approx 210 miles S. of Port Moresby with "CASTLEMAINE" & "BENDIGO". "BENDIGO" dep. Port Moresby 1802/6 for above R.V. "CASTLEMAINE" & "BENDIGO" to escort P3 to Moresby ETA 1400/8. "COLAC" & "BALLARAT" & Q3 to proceed Milne Bay ETA 2300/8.
- (iv) "STUART" escorting Convoy GP11A (3 MV) en route Sydney to Brisbane ETA Caloundra 2230 today 7/9. "STUART" thence with despatch to Townsville.
- (v) "GOULBURN" & "GEELONG" escorting Convoy B, dep. Brisbane 1832/6 ETA Townsville 1233/9.
- (vi) "MILDURA" & "DUBBO" escorting Convoy CC24 en route Melbourne to Sydney and Newcastle.
- (vii) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy CC24 arr. Melbourne 1847/6.
- (viii) "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Sydney section of Convoy CC23 arr. Sydney 1228/6. "ROCKHAMPTON" after escorting Newcastle portion to Newcastle arr. Sydney 2242/8.
- (ix) "DELORAIN" arr. Sydney 1840/8 from Brisbane. "DELORAIN" & "ROCKHAMPTON" to escort Convoy GP12 departing Sydney 0700/8 for Brisbane.
- (x) "MIZAR" arr. Port Phillip 1415/6.
- (xi) "YANDRA" escorting "HEROS" towing battle practice target en route Brisbane ETA 1530/10. Thence Sydney.
- ✓(xii) "WARREGO" & "ARMIDALE" to escort "KATOOMBA" & "CREWER" which were to depart Townsville 0300 today 7/9 ETA Port Moresby 0600/9.
- (xiii) "BENGAL" detached from Convoy CC24 off Cape Liptrap is en route Adelaide ETA 1730 today 7/9.
- (xiv) "TOWNSVILLE" arr. Newcastle from Sydney 1753/6 to escort Newcastle portion (8 MV) of Convoy CC25 departing 0900 today 7/9. "WALLAROO" & "WHYALLA" with Sydney section (1 MV) to RV with main convoy off Sydney Heads. 2 MV to join from Port Kembla. "WALLAROO" to be detached off Cape Liptrap and proceed to Adelaide.
- (xv) At Sydney - "K.9" "DOBBIN" "WHYALLA" "WILCANNIA" "BROOME" "CESSECK" "ALCYONE"  
Repairing-"CHICAGO" "MUGFORD" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "  
"BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA"
- (xvi) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "GAWLER" "DOOMBA"  
Repairing-"VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR" "MIZAR"
- (xvii) At Adelaide - "MARYBOROUGH"
- (xviii) At Brisbane - "BOBART" "HEERHIDGE" "PATTERSON" "GRIFFIN" "TULSA"
- (xix) At Townsville - "KATOOMBA"
- (xx) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA" "PINGWO"
- (xxi) At Milne Bay - "MANUNDA"
- (xxii) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces

- (1) BUIH-PAISI -
  - a) A B.17 reported sighting 19 vessels in the Tonolei - Paisi area at 1136/6.
  - b) From other reports the minimum shipping sighted in the Buin - Tonolei - Paisi area on 6/9 would appear to include -



- 3 light cruisers (one "SENDAI" class, one prob. "NATORI" class, one possible "KATORI" class)
- 26 destroyers (some possibly gunboats)
- 1 armed motor boat (probably a M.T.B.)
- 1 possible seaplane tender
- 5 supply ships or transports

Total 36 ships

On both 5/9 and 6/9 enemy parties from the ships went ashore in the Buin area.

(ii) BUKA PASSAGE

- a) A possible destroyer was sighted to the west of Buka proceeding northerly at 0940/6.
- b) A schooner and two small supply ships arrived at Buka from the south at 1145/6. The two supply ships departed again in a N.W. direction at 1656/6.

(iii) RABAU - Photographs taken at Rabaul on 5/9 show -

- 1 heavy cruiser ("ATAGO" class)
- 1 light cruiser ("TATSUTA" class)
- 3 first-class destroyers
- 1 possible seaplane tender
- 1 minelayer
- 1 submarine depot ship ("ZINGEI" class)
- 1 submarine ("RO" class)
- 3 3/12,000 ton transports (possibly military landing craft carriers)
- 6 5/8,000 ton transports
- 3 2/5,000 ton cargo ships
- 1 7/8,000 ton tanker
- 4 naval escort vessels (150 ft. long)
- 12 lighters (135 ft. long)
- 111 landing craft
- 17 small boats

38

Possibly several midget submarines

(iv) TROBRIANDS-MILNE BAY

A) Between 0726/8 and 1535/6 allied aircraft reported four sightings of enemy shipping in this area indicating the probable presence of two forces -

- (a) One light cruiser (probably "TENRYU")
- 2 destroyers
- (b) 2 destroyers
- 2 small unidentified type vessels (possibly gunboats or small patrol craft)
- 1 other vessel (described as transport)

Force B was last sighted at 1150/6 in the vicinity of Kitava Is. (Trobriands) proceeding on a northerly course at 25 knots.

A cruiser with one destroyer in company (possibly Force A) was last sighted at 1535 approx 28 miles S. by E. Kitava Is. on a Southerly course. This force was attacked by allied aircraft at 1025/6 (see Air Operations).

Force A was first sighted approx 23 miles off S. entrance to Milne Bay at 0725/5 proceeding on a Northerly course at 20 knts

It is possible that the force sighted off Kitava Is. at 1535 was a different force to that sighted off the entrance to Milne Bay in the morning in which case the total number of vessels operating in the general Trobriands - Milne Bay area would include -

- 2 light cruisers ("TENRYU" "TATSUTA")
- 5 destroyers
- 3 other unidentified craft (possibly gunboats or patrol craft)

B) At 2217/6 a cruiser in Milne Bay was reported to be shelling wharf and shipping at Gili Gili (see Naval Incidents).

(v) SOLOMONS (ex Comsopac)

a) Allied aircraft reported the following sightings 5/9 -

- a) At 0900/6 one destroyer in position 7°30'S, 158°30'E (10 miles W. of Rekata Bay) course 330°.
- b) At 0700/6 2 destroyers in position 8°10'S, 158°10'E (22 miles N. of Marove Lagoon, New Georgia), course 290°, speed 15 knts
- c) There are continued indications of intensive enemy submarine activity in the Solomons - Santa Cruz - Gilberts area.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

(1) "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting "KOOLIGA" en route Darwin to Thursday Is.

ETA 1700/7.

(ii) "IPSWICH" en route Adelaide to Fremantle ETA 2105/9.



- (iii) "VIGILANT" dep. Darwin for Timor 19/8.
- (iv) "TOONOOMBA" en route Adelaide to Fremantle dep. Albany 1518/5 for Fremantle ETA 0800 today 7/9.
- (v) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "SIBICO" arr. Darwin 1715/5.
- (vi) "HERON" dep. Exmouth Gulf for Geraldton 0500/6 E.T.A. a.m. today 7/9.
- (vii) "LITEGOW" escorting "BURWAH" dep. Darwin 1207/5 for Thursday Is. ETA 1830/8.
- (viii) Convoy US17 escorted by "ADELA DE" & "MANOORA" & Convoy US16 (escorted by "TROMP" & "KANIMBLA") were to depart Fremantle in company 6/9 for Colombo and Durban respectively. To RV with "DEVONSHIRE" which departed Colombo 4/9.
- (ix) At Fremantle - "VOYAGER" "TRINITY" "K.8" "W.B. PRESTON" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "ERLING BROVIG" "WHIPPOORWILL" "BOMBAY" "WOLLONGONG"
- (x) At Albany - "PELIAS" "LARK" "CAIRNS"
- (xi) At Darwin - "K.12"
- (xii) At Exmouth Gulf - "CHILDS"
- (xiii) For submarines in Western Sector - see Appendix.

### 3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

12 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NHI area (see appendix Enemy Forces (See Appendix))

### B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

### C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA British and Allied Forces

- (i) "GRAYSON" & "MONSSEN" (U.S. Destroyers) arr. Vila 1049/3.
- (ii) "HENLEY" "HELM" dep. Noumea 0700/6 for Brisbane. Earliest ETA 1700 today 7/9.
- (iii) At Tongatabu - "SEMINOLE" "VESTAL" "FLUSSER" "ARCTIC" "JUNEAU" "SOUTH DAKOTA" "DUNCAN" "LAWSDOWNE" "LARDNER" "LIBRA" "CUMMINGS" "NEVILLE" "AMERICAN LEGION" "HUNTER LEGGETT" "HEYWOOD"
- (iv) At Samoa - "TURKEY" "KINGFISHER" "BRAZOS" "CAMANCA" "CRESCENT CITY" "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "PRESIDENT HAYES" "PRESIDENT JACKSON" "ALCHIBA" "RALEIGH" "MEREDITH" "HOVEY"
- (v) At Suva - "CALE"
- (vi) At Auckland - "MONOWAI" "RIGEL" "ALSEY" "ATREUS"
- (vii) At Noumea - "LEANDER" "KANAWHA" "CHEVREUIL" "ARGONNE" "RAINIER" "McCAWLEY" "MERCUR" "POYANG" "WHITNEY" "FARENHOLT" "AARON WARD" "BUCHANAN" "SALT LAKE CITY" "CAP DES PALMES" "ALDEBARAN" "ANTARES" "BEHAM" "WASP" "LONG" "SAN FRANCISCO" "STACK" "STRETT" "CIMARRON" "GUADALOUPE" "BETELGEUSE" "ZEILIN" "CLARK"
- (viii) At Vila - "PRESIDENT TYLER" "KITTYHAWK"
- (ix) At Espiritu Santo - "CURTISS" "ALBENA" "FOMALHAUT" "SABINE" "TRACY" "McFARLAND" "BOISE"
- (x) At Ndeni - "BALLARD" "MACKINAC"

### D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

### E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

### F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA British and Allied Forces

- (1) "MADRAS" & "LAUNCESTON" enroute Fremantle to Colombo ETA 18/9.

## 2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) MILNE BAY - At 2217/6 an enemy cruiser was reported to be shelling the wharf and shipping at Gili Gili (Milne Bay).  
A later report states that the "ANSUN" (British transport, 3188 tons) was sunk by enemy shellfire at the pontoon wharf in Milne Bay at 0040 this morning 7/9.  
At 0055 this morning 7/9 our land positions were still reported being shelled.

## 3. AIR OPERATIONS

- (1) YSABEL IS. - On 3/9 allied aircraft bombed and machine gunned 13 vessels off S.E. coast Ysabel Is. and 30 landing craft off S.W. coast of San Jorge Is. Most of the vessels attacked were left sunk or burning.



- (ii) KOKODA AREA - A number of P.400's attacked enemy positions and troops in the Kokoda area on 6/9. All bombs dropped in target area.
- (iii) MILNE BAY AREA - Three B.17's attacked an enemy naval force in the vicinity of Milne Bay at 1043/6. No results observed.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Heavy naval and air counter-attacks against allied positions in the Solomons, with a view to re-occupation of Guadalcanal.
- (ii) Heavy attack and attempt at consolidation Milne Bay - Buna area.
- (iii) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (iv) Intensified submarine activity in the S.W.P.A.

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For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

7/9/42



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CinC 1st Air Fleet

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4 Battleships (BB)

YAMATO

NAGATO

MUTSU

YAMASHIRO

4 Battlecruisers (BB)

KONGO

HARUNA

HIYEI

KIRISHIMA

3-4 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

ZUIKAKU

SHOKAKU

OTARA

RYUJO (damaged, possibly sunk)

3 converted A/C Carriers(XCV)

ZUIHO

KASUGA MARU

YAWATA MARU

10 heavy cruisers (CA)

ATAGO

CHOKAI

KUMANO

HAGURO

MAYA ?

TONI

TIKUMA ?

MYOKO

TAKAO

FURUTAKA

10 light cruisers (CL)

YUBARI

JINTSU

SENDAI

KATCRI

KASHIMA

NAKA

YURA



6" Cruisers (Contd)

NAGARA  
2 "TENRYU" class

Approx 25 submarines incl. 4-8 "RO" class, 15 "I" class

40-45 destroyers (DD)

1 Seaplane Carrier (AV)

CHIYODA

5 converted S/P Tenders incl. (XAV)

KIYOKAWA MARU (possibly en route North)  
KANOI  
KAGU MARU  
KAMIKAWA MARU

2 submarine tenders

approx 25 merchant ships

8 patrol craft

6 minelaying craft

16 sub. chasers

15 M.T.B.'s

5 gunboats

Approx 275 shore-based aircraft including 72 fighters, 126 H/B, 31 F/B, 27 F/P, 20 Obsn. or transport aircraft

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruiser

ADELAIDE

Flotilla Leader

TROMP

Destroyer

VOYAGER

A.M.C.'s

KANIMELA

MANOCRA

S/P Tenders

CHILES

NERON

W.B. PRESTON

Submarine Tenders

HOLLAND

PELIAS

Submarines

On Patrol

SAURY

TAUTOG

GRENADIER

TAMBOUR

SNAPPER

SEAWOLF

SALMON

SEAL

SARGO

SEADRAGON

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

SPEARFISH

SKIPJACK

SEARAVEN

THRESHER

GUDGEON

GRAYBACK

GRAMPUS

GAR

} At Fremantle

} At Albany

Dutch Submarines

K.8

At Fremantle

K.12

At Darwin

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

12 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see appendix)

Enemy Forces

CinC 3rd Fleet

CinC Southern Expeditionary Fleet

1-8" Cruiser "ASHIGARA"

4 Light Cruisers ("NATORI" "KASHII" "ISUZU" "KINU")

16 Destroyers

Converted S/P Tenders ?

Timor

Approx 28 shore-based aircraft incl. 9 F, 9 H/B, 4 F/B, 6 F/P

Ambon

Approx 32 shore-based aircraft incl. 9 F, 8 H/B, 8 F/B, 7 F/P

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

MARYLAND

COLORADO

IDAHO

MISSISSIPPI

NEW MEXICO

CALIFORNIA

NEVADA (to be ready about 1/10)

WEST VIRGINIA



Battleships (Contd)

TENNESSEE  
PENNSYLVANIA

Aircraft Carriers

ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN

3" Cruisers

COPAHEE (Converted)

6" Cruisers

PORTLAND

CHESTER

DETROIT

SAN JUAN

Destroyers

15 (approx)

Submarines

23 (approx)

Enemy Forces

Palao - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

3 Battleships (BB)

HYUGA

FUSO

ISE

} Possibly en route Truk - New  
} Britain area

4 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

HOSHO

JUNYO (HAYATAKA)

MIYO (HITAKA)

one unknown

} Possibly en route  
} Truk-New Britain area

1 converted A/O Carrier (XCV)

NISSHIN

1 Converted S/P Carrier

CHITOSE

2-3" Cruisers (CA)

FACHI

SUZUYA

2-6" Cruisers (CL)

ABUKUMA

TAMA

3 converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

NOTORO

GOSHU MARU

FUJIKAWA MARU

Approx 30 Destroyers

Approx 20 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

SOUTH DAKOTA

NORTH CAROLINA

WASP

HORNET

SARATOGA

LONG ISLAND (Converted)

Aircraft Carriers

ASTORIA

NORFOLK

VINCENNES

PENSACOLA

MINNEAPOLIS

QUINCY

SAN FRANCISCO

NEW ORLEANS

SALT LAKE CITY

8" Cruisers

BOISE

RALPH

JUNEAU

SAN DIEGO

ATLANTA

HELENA

LEANDER

ACHILLES

6" Cruisers

25 (approx)

Destroyers

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE

INDIANAPOLIS

6" Cruisers

HONOLULU

SP. LOUIS

NASHVILLE

15 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians

1 Light Cruiser ("KISO")

4 Destroyers

Approx 10 Submarines

1st Base Force



E) SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleship  
6" Cruisers

WASHINGTON  
CONCONE  
TRENTON  
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

WARSPITE  
VALIANT  
RESOLUTION  
REVENGE  
INDOMITABLE  
ILLUSTRIOUS  
FORMIDABLE  
DEVONSHIRE  
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)  
FROBISHER  
HAWKINS  
CALEDON  
DRAGON  
ENTERPRISE  
EMERALD  
CERES  
BIRMINGHAM  
GLASGOW  
CAPETOWN  
DANAÉ  
DAUNTLESS  
MURITIUS  
GAMBIA  
NEWCASTLE  
SUMATRA (Dutch)  
WORCESTERSHIRE  
RANCHI  
CORFU  
ALANIA  
CRITRAL  
RANPURA  
CANTON  
QUEEN OF BERMUDA  
CARTRAGE  
HEEMSKERCK  
CARLISLE

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

Approx 25 Destroyers  
Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

I Squadron Submarines



DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

8th September, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "SELFRIDGE" "BAGLEY") dep. Brisbane 1245/7.
- ✓(ii) "ARUNTA" "SWAN" escorting "sJACOB" were ordered to proceed out of Milne Bay and remain south of China Strait during night 7/9, returning Milne Bay first light today 8/9.
- ✓(iii) "CASTLEMAINE" & "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy F3 ("KURUMBA" "SWARTENHONDT" "ADMIRAL HALSTRAD" "MONTORO" "BOTH") ETA Port Moresby 1400 today 8/9. "COLAC" & "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy Q3 ("VAN HEEMSKERCK" "JAPANA") ETA Milne Bay 2300 today 8/9.
- (iv) "STUART" escorting Convoy GFL1A (3 MV) en route Sydney to Brisbane ETA Caloundra 1300 today 8/9. "STUART" thence with despatch to Townsville.
- (v) "GOULBURN" & "GEEKLONG" escorting Convoy B dep. Brisbane 1832/6 ETA Townsville 1233/9.
- (vi) "MILBURA" & "DUBBO" escorting Convoy OC24 en route Melbourne to Sydney and Newcastle.
- ✓(vii) "WARHEGO" escorting Convoy P4 ("KATOOMBA" & "CREMER") which dep. Townsville 0346/7 were to RV with "ARMIDALE" vicinity Fitzroy Is. at 1600/7, thence Port Moresby ETA 0600/9.
- (viii) "WARNAMBOOL" escorting "KOOLIGA" arr. Thursday Is. 1855/6.
- (ix) "DELORAINE" & "ROCKHAMPTON" to escort Convoy SPL2 (4 MV) departing Sydney 0700 today 8/9 for Brisbane ETA 2100/10.
- (x) "BUNGAREE" arr. Townsville 2345/8 and departed 1417/7.
- (xi) "YANDRA" escorting "HEROS" towing battle practice target en route Brisbane ETA 1530/10. Thence Sydney.
- (xii) "WANAKA" dep. Townsville 1330/6 and arr. Cairns 0945/7.
- (xiii) "BENGAL" en route Adelaide ETA 1130 today 8/9.
- (xiv) "TOWNSVILLE" dep. Newcastle 0915/7 escorting portion (6 MV) of Convoy CO25. "WALLAROO" & "WHYALLA" with Sydney section (1 MV) dep. Sydney 1552/7 to RV with main convoy off Sydney Heads. Two MV to join from Port Kembla. "WALLAROO" to be detached off Cape Liptrap and proceed to Adelaide.
- (xv) "ST. GILES" arr. Cairns 1800/6.
- (xvi) "HENLEY" & "HELM" arr. Brisbane 1300/7.
- (xvii) "WANUNDA" at Fall River. ~~ETA p.m. today 8/9~~ *China Strait area*
- (xviii) At Sydney - "K.9" "DOBBIN" "WILCANNIA" "BROOME" "GESSNOCK" "ALCYONE" Repairing - "CHICAGO" "MUSFORD" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA"
- (xix) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "GANLER" "DOOMBA" Repairing - "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR" "MIZAR"
- (xx) At Adelaide - "MARYBOROUGH"
- (xxi) At Brisbane - "HOBART" "PATTERSON" "GRIFFIN" "TULSA" "HENLEY" "HELM"
- (xxii) At Townsville - "KATOOMBA"
- (xxiii) At Port Stephens - "AUSTRALIA" "PINOWO"
- (xxiv) At Milne Bay - "WANUNDA"
- (xxv) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces

(1) BUIN-FAISI-TONELEI HARBOUR AREA

a) During the night 6/7 three enemy cruisers including one believed "NACHI" type and one supply ship arrived in the Buin-Faisi area and later in the same night the cruisers departed in a S.E. direction.

Comment - It would appear likely that these units are the 3 cruisers which are believed to have been operating around the general Bougainville area and were reported off Kieta last week. The vessel described as a "NACHI" class cruiser is possibly the "CHOKAI" (10,000 tons; 10-8" - Flagship CinC 8th Fleet) and the other two units possibly heavy cruisers of CruDiv 6. These three units are possibly the heavy cruisers covering the enemy's advanced operations in the Solomons from the Faisi - Buin - Tonelei Harbour base.



- b) The "SEHDAL" class light cruiser and ten of the destroyers reported in the Buin Faisi area on 6/9 were not sighted on 7/9 and it is thought that these vessels may have proceeded in company with the heavy cruisers reported above.
- c) A B.17 on recce at 1510/7 reported sighting in the Faisi area one cruiser, 6 destroyers, 4 gunboats, 3 transports and one large unidentified vessel.

Comment - The minimum total of vessels operating in the Buin Faisi Tonolei Harbour area yesterday would appear to include -

- 2 light cruisers (poss. 1 "KATORI" class - poss. Flagship destroyers, one "KATORI" class poss. Flagship Submarine Fleet)
- 12 destroyers
- 4 gunboats
- 1 probable seaplane tender
- 6 supply ships or transports.

d) The enemy is reported to be establishing a shore base at Kina Buin on 7/9. At 1430/7 an unknown number of vessels was still unloading at Buin and it would appear that heavy gear was being brought ashore.

- (ii) SOLOMONS - At 1052/6 air recce reported nil sightings at Kieta.
- (iii) There are continued indications of enemy submarines operating in the general Solomons - New Hebrides area. At least one submarine was indicated operating approx 200 miles S.E. Rennell Is., at least one in the New Hebrides and one N.E. of Malaita on 7/9.
- (iv) MILNE BAY AREA - At 0745/7 allied aircraft reported one cruiser and two other vessels in the vicinity of N. Trobriand Is. course 80°.

At 1550/7 two cruisers were reported 27 miles N.E. of the North-eastern tip of Normanby Is. course 180°, speed 25 knots.

At 1630/7 the above vessels were sighted 18 miles further south proceeding on the same course at 30 knots.

At 0005/8 enemy vessels (presumably the above cruisers) in Milne Bay were reported shelling allied positions.

Comment - From recent intelligence it would appear likely that these two cruisers are the "TENRYU" and "TATSUTA" (3,230 tons; 4-5.5"; Crudiv 18) which are covering operations in this area.

- (v) BUNA - 25 barges were reported anchored on shore at Waytutu Point approx 5 miles N.W. Buna at 0835 this morning 8/9.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "KALGOORLIE" dep. Darwin 0432/7 escorting "TULAGI" to approx 10° 50'S, 136°E (approx 40 miles W. by N. of Cape Wessel).
- (ii) "IPSWICH" en route Adelaide to Fremantle ETA 2105/9.
- (iii) "VIGILANT" dep. Darwin for Timor 19/8.
- (iv) "TOOWOOMBA" from Adelaide arr. Fremantle 1959/7.
- (v) "HERON" arr. Geraldton 1210/7
- (vi) "LITHEOW" escorting "BURWAH" dep. Darwin 1207/5 for Thursday Is. ETA 1830/8.
- (vii) "KI Convoy US17 escorted by "ADELAIDE" & "MANOORA" & Convoy US16 (escorted by "TROMP" & "KANIMBLA") were to depart Fremantle in company 6/9 for Colombo and Durban respectively. To RV with "DEVONSHIRE" which departed Colombo 4/9.
- (viii) At Fremantle - "VOYAGER" "TRINITY" "K.8" "W.B. PRESTON" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "ERLING BROVIG" "WHIPPOORWILL" "BOMBAY" "WOLLONGONG"
- (ix) At Albany - "PELIAS" "LARK" "CAIRNS"
- (x) At Darwin - "K.12"
- (xi) At Exmouth Gulf - "CHILDS"
- (xii) For submarines in Western Sector - see Appendix.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

12 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see appendix)

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) At Tongatabu - "SEMINOLE" "VESTAL" "ELUSSER" "ARCTIC" "WORDEN"



SOUTH DAKOTA" "LIBRA" "CUMMINGS" "WILSON" "NEVILLE"  
"AMERICAN LEGION" "SUNTER LEGGETT" "HEYWOOD" "NEW ORLEANS"  
"ATLANTA" "SARATOGA" "PHELPS" "DEWEY"

- (ii) At Samoa - "TURKEY" "KINGFISHER" "BRAZOS" "CAMANCA" "RALEIGH"  
"HOVEY"
- (iii) At Suva - "CALE"
- (iv) At Auckland - "MONOWAI" "RIGEL" "ALSEY" "ATREUS"
- (v) At Noumea - "LEANDER" "KANAWHA" "CHEVREUIL" "ARGONNE" "RAINIER"  
"MERCUR" "POYANG" "WHITNEY" "CAP DES PALMES" "ALDEBARAN"  
"ANTARES" "BEHAM" "CIMARRON" "BETELGEUSE" "ZEILIN"
- (vi) At Vila - "KITTYHAWK" "GRAYSON" "MONSSEN"
- (vii) At Espiritu Santo - "CURTISS" "ALHENA" "FOMALHAUT" "SABINE"  
"TRACY" "McFARLAND" "BOISE" "GAMBLE" "W.W.BURROWS"
- (viii) At Ndeni - "BALLARD" "MACKINAC"

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

"HADRA" & "LAUNCHSTON" enroute Fremantle to Colombo KTA 18/9.

Enemy Forces

GULF OF ADEN - Cinc E.F. estimates that two possibly three Japanese submarines were operating in the vicinity of the Gulf of Aden at the beginning of September.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) MILNE BAY - Enemy vessels in Milne Bay (probably lights cruisers "TERRYU" "TATSUTA") were reported shelling allied positions at 0005/8.
- (ii) GULF OF ADEN -
  - a) SS "GAZCON" (French, 4131 tons) was sunk by a Japanese submarine in position 13°01'N, 50°41'E (approx 80 miles NNW of Cape Guardafui) at 0215/2.
  - b) It is now learned that the submarine attack on "BRITISH GENIUS" (Tanker, 8583 tons) at 1800/3 in position 13°N, 48°04'E (approx 210 miles NNE of Cape Guardafui) was unsuccessful.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

- (1) MUBO - One B.17 attacked Mubo 6/9, results unobserved.
- (ii) KOKODA - A.20's and P.400's carried out four attacks on 7/9 on Myola - Efogi area. Bombs fell in target area and machine gunning of huts started fires.
- (iii) ONGTONG JAVA - Two Catalinas on patrol 6/9 shot down a T.97 four engine P/B in position approx 260 miles E.by N. of Ontong Java.
- (iv) SOLOMONS
  - a) On 5/9 allied a/c from Guadalcanal attacked landing boats off San Jorge Is. and off N.W.Coast Guadalcanal. Photographs confirm that 36 landing boats were destroyed.
  - b) Choiseul Is. - A B.17 (ex Soupac) attacked at T.97 P/B in position 7°30'S, 157°40'E (approx 11 miles S.E. Choiseul Is.) on 6/9. Many hits scored by the enemy a/c escaped in a rain squall.

ENEMY

- (1) GUADALCANAL - 26 twin-engine bombers & 20 fighters attacked Guadalcanal on 5/9. Attacking a/c were forced to release bombs before reaching the target. 2 bombers & 1 fighter shot down.
- (ii) GILBERTS - A series of enemy recces was carried out on 6/9 and 7/9 over Makama Is.
- (iii) PORT MORESBY - 26 H/B escorted by at least 6 Type "O" fighters attacked aerodrome 7/9. Three direct hits on runway others in dispersal area. Nil casualties., slight damage to Aircobras, utility truck and Buildings. One enemy bomber shot down.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Heavy naval and air counter-attacks against allied positions in the Solomons with a view to re-occupation of Guadalcanal.
- (ii) Heavy attack and attempt at consolidation Milne Bay - Buna area.
- (iii) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (iv) Intensified submarine activity in the S.W.P.A.

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Flotilla Leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

Effective

AUSTRALIA

PHOENIX

HOBART

ARUNTA

STUART

BAGLEY

PATTERSON

SCULPIN

SAILFISH

S.38

S.41

S.43

S.44

S.46

STURGEON

S.37

S.40

S.42

S.45

S.47

K.9

WESTRALIA

GRIFFIN

DOBBIN

Refitting or Repairing

CHICAGO

LE TRIOMPHANT

MUGFORD

At Brisbane

On Patrol

At Sydney

Dutch Submarine

A.M.C.

Submarine Tender

Destroyer Tender

Storeships

MIZAR

GOLDSTAR

Gunboat

Oiler

TULSA

VICTORIA

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet

CinC 2nd Fleet

CinC 8th Fleet

CinC 1st Air Fleet

CinC 4th Fleet

CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)

4 Battleships (BB)

YAMATO

HAGATO

MUTSU

YAMASHIRO

4 Battlecruisers (BB)

KONGO

HARUNA

HIYEI

KIRISHIMA

3-4 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

ZUIKAKU

SHOKAKU

OTAKA ?

RYUJO (damaged, possibly sunk)

3 Converted A/G Carriers (XCV)

ZUIHO

KASUGA MARU

YANATA MARU

10 heavy cruisers (CA)

ATAGO

CHOKAI

KUMANO

HAGURO

MAYA ?

TONE

TIKUMA ?

MYOKO

TAKAO

FURUTAKA

10 light cruisers (CL)

YUBARI

JINTSU

SENDAI

KATORI

KASHIMA

NAKA

YURA



Light Cruisers (Contd) HAGARA  
 2 "TENRYU" class  
 Approx 25 submarines incl. 4-8 "RO" class, 15 "I" class (at least 2 minelayers)  
 40-45 Destroyers (DD)  
 1 Seaplane Carrier (AV) CHIYODA  
 5 converted S/P Tenders incl. KIYOKAWA MARU (possibly en route north)  
 (XAV) KAMOI  
 KAGU MARU  
 KAMIKAWA MARU

2 submarine tenders  
 approx 25 merchant ships (incl. possibly 3 Military Landing Craft Carriers)  
 8 Patrol Craft  
 6 Minelaying Craft  
 16 Sub. Chasers  
 15 M.T.B.'s  
 5 Gunboats  
 Approx 276 shore-based aircraft including 72 fighters, 126 H/B, 31 F/B,  
 27 F/P, 20 Obsn. or transport aircraft

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR  
British and Allied Forces

6" Cruiser	ADLAIDE	
Flotilla Leader	TROMP	
Destroyer	VOYAGER	
A.M.C.'s	KANIMELA	
	MANOORA	
S/P Tenders	CHILDS	
	HERON	
	W.B. PRESTON	
Submarine Tenders	HOLLAND	
	PELIAS	
Submarines	<u>On Patrol</u>	
	SAURY	
	TAUPOG	
	GRENADEER	
	TAMBOR	
	SNAPPER	
	SEAWOLF	
	SALMON	
	SEAL	
	SARGO	
	SEADRAGON	
	<u>Repairing &amp; Preparing for Patrols</u>	
	SPEARFISH	} At Fremantle
	SKIPJACK	
	SEARAVEN	
	THRESHER	} At Albany
	GUDGEON	
	GRAYBACK	
	GRAMPUS	
	GAR	
Dutch Submarines	K.8	At Fremantle
	K.12	At Darwin

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES  
British and Allied Forces

12 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or N.E.I. area (see appendix)  
Enemy Forces  
 Cinc 3rd Fleet  
 Cinc Southern Expeditionary Fleet  
 1-8" Cruiser "ASHIGARA"  
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 Approx 32 shore-based aircraft incl. 9 F, 8 H/B, 8 F/B, 7 F/P

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA  
British and Allied Forces

Battleships	MARYLAND	CALIFORNIA
	COLORADO	NEVADA (to be ready about 1/10)
	IDAHO	
	MISSISSIPPI	WEST VIRGINIA



Battleships (Contd)

NEW MEXICO

TENNESSEE

PENNSYLVANIA

Aircraft Carriers

ENTERPRISE

YORKTOWN

OPAHNEE (Converted)

8" Cruisers

PORTLAND

CHESTER

6" Cruisers

DETROIT

SAN JUAN

Destroyers

15 (approx)

Submarines

23 (approx)

Enemy Forces

Palao - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

3 Battleships (BB)

RYUGA

} Possibly en route Truk - New

FUSO

} Britain area

ISE

4 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

HOSHIO

JUNYO (HAYATAKA)

} Possibly en route

HIYO (HITAKA)

} Truk - New Britain

one unknown

} area

1 converted A/C Carrier (XCV)

NISSHIN

1 converted S/P Carrier (AV)

CHITOSE

2 - 8" Cruisers (CA)

HACHI

SUZUYA

2 - 6" Cruisers (CL)

ABUKUMA

TAMA

3 converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

NOTORO

GOSHU MARU

FUJIKAWA MARU

Approx 30 Destroyers

Approx 20 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

SOUTH DAKOTA

NORTH CAROLINA

WASP

Aircraft Carriers

HORNET

SARATOGA

LONG ISLAND (Converted)

8" Cruisers

ASTORIA

NORTHAMPTON

VINCENNES

PENSACOLA

MINNEAPOLIS

QUINCY

SAN FRANCISCO

NEW ORLEANS

6" Cruisers

SALT LAKE CITY

BOISE

RALEIGH

JUNEAU

SAN DIEGO

ATLANTA

HELENA

LEANDER

ACHILLES

Destroyers

25 (approx)

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE

INDIANAPOLIS

6" Cruisers

HONOLULU

ST. LOUIS

NASHVILLE

15 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

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1 Light Cruiser ("KIYO")

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British and Allied Forces

Battleship  
6" Cruisers

WASHINGTON  
CONCORD  
PRENTON  
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

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

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

A.M.C.'s

A. A. Vessels

Approx 25 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

6-9 Submarines



9th September, 1942

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British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "SELFRIDGE" "BAGLEY") dep. Brisbane 7/8 on patrol.
- (ii) "HENLEY" "HELM" dep. Brisbane 1234/8 to Join Task Force 44 about 1030/10.
- (iii) "ARUNTA" arr. Townsville 1755/8 with crew of "ANSHUR".
- (iv) "SWAN" escorting "sJACOB" was due Port Moresby 1530/8.
- (v) "CASTLEMARINE" & "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy P3 ("KURUMBA" "SWARTENHOND" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "MONTORO" "BOTH") arr. Port Moresby 2219/8.
- (vi) "COLAC" & "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy Q3 ("VAN HEEMSKERCK" "JAPARA") en route Milne Bay, were ordered at 1331/8 to return Cairns.
- (vii) "WARREGO" "ARMIDALE" escorting Convoy P4 ("KATOOMBA" "CREMER") were due Port Moresby 0600 today 9/9.
- (viii) "GOULBURN" & "CHELONG" escorting Convoy B en route Brisbane to Townsville ETA 1233 today 9/9.
- (ix) "STUART" escorting Convoy GP11A (3 MV) arr. Galoundra 1250/8. "STUART" thence with despatch to Townsville ETA 0500/10.
- (x) "DELCRAINE" & "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Convoy GP12 (5 MV) departed Sydney 0705/8 for Brisbane ETA 2100/10. "ROCKHAMPTON" to proceed Noumea to escort "MERKUR" & "POYANG" to Sydney.
- (xi) "YANDRA" escorting "HEROS" towing battle practice target en route Brisbane ETA 1530/10. Thence Sydney with Convoy PG12.
- (xii) "MILDURA" & "DUBBO" escorting Convoy GC24 arr. Sydney 2330/8.
- (xiii) "TOWNSVILLE" "WALLAROO" "WHYALLA" escorting Convoy CG25 (9 MV) en route Sydney and Newcastle to Melbourne. "WALLAROO" to be detached off Cape Liptrap and proceed Adelaide.
- (xiv) "MORESBY" to depart Sydney 1000 today 9/9 for Newcastle to escort Convoy CG25 departing Newcastle 10/9. "MILDURA" with Sydney section to RV off Port Jackson.
- (xv) "LITHGOW" escorting "BURMAN" arr. Thursday Is. 1950/8 from Darwin. "LITHGOW" dep. for Townsville 2012/8 ETA 0700/12.
- (xvi) "BUNGAREE" dep. Townsville 7/9 for operations.
- (xvii) "MIZAR" dep. Melbourne 0801/8 for Albany ETA 1900/12.
- (xviii) "ST. GILES" dep. Cairns 1010/8 for Port Moresby ETA 1200/10.
- (xix) "MANUNDA" dep. Milne Bay 1200/8 for Port Moresby ETA 0900/9.
- (xx) At Sydney - "K.9" "BOBBIN" "WILCANNIA" "BROOME" "CESSNOCK" "ALCYONE"  
Repairing - "CHICAGO" "MUGFORD" "LE TRIOMPHANT"  
"BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA"
- (xxi) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "GAWLER" "DOOMBA"  
Repairing - "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xxii) At Adelaide - "MARYBOROUGH"
- (xxiii) At Brisbane - "HOBART" "PATERSON" "GRIFFIN" "TULSA"
- (xxiv) At Townsville - "KATOOMBA"
- (xxv) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA" "PINGWO"
- (xxvi) At Thursday Is. - "WARRNAMBOOL"
- (xxvii) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see Appendix.

TROBRIAND IS.

Between 0738 and 1230/8, allied aircraft sighted four enemy vessels including 2 light cruisers ("TERRYU" and "TATSUTA") and two destroyers in the area between New Britain and the Trobriands. All units were on a northerly course. (See Air Operations).

- (ii) BOUGAINVILLE STRAIT AREA - At 1142/8 the following units were observed by air recce in the Tonolei - Faisi area -
- a) Tonolei Harbour - 4 light cruisers, 4 destroyers, 7 transports (6,000/11,000 tons - one with large superstructure amidships) 6 possible cargo ships or tankers.
- b) Treasury Is. - One destroyer, 1 transport.
- c) Faisi - 5 Four-engined P/B's in small lagoon.
- At 1500/8 an enemy force of one cruiser and ten destroyers was sighted in a position bearing 140° 50 miles from southern tip of Bougainville Is.



The enemy force operating in the area would appear to include 35 ships as follows -

- 3 light cruisers (1 "SENDAI" cl., 1 "NATORI" cl., 1 "KATORI" class)
- 2 large destroyers (possibly light cruisers)
- 12 destroyers
- 4 gunboats or patrol craft
- 1 seaplane tender
- poss. 2 converted seaplane tenders
- 11 merchant ships

- (iii) KAVIENG - An allied aircraft on recce 7/9 reports sighting the following enemy units at Kavieng -  
1 destroyer, 1 transport (7,000 tons), 5 landing barges, 10 small craft and one heavy bomber
- (iv) RABAU - An allied aircraft reports having sighted at 7/9 approx 30 ships in Rabaul Harbour.
- (v) SALAMAUA-MUBO AREA - An allied land patrol, returning from Busama (5 miles N. Salamaua) stated that there was no enemy activity west of Busama. A patrol operating in the Mubo area engaged the enemy occupying a position on the Mubo - Kaisinik track. The enemy's strength in this area is reported to be considerable.
- (vi) KFOGI (20 miles S.W. Kokoda) - Our positions, p.m. 7/9, in this area remain generally unchanged.
- (vii) MILNE BAY - Allied land operations: 6/9 - 7/9  
Our patrols have reached Ahiona (3 miles NE of Killerton Point, N. shore Milne Bay). Two cases of bombs were found and the enemy dump at Wagga Wagga has been destroyed.
- (viii) SAN CRISTOVAL IS. - Sightings reported on 6/9, 7/9, 8/9 by allied aircraft and surface vessels indicate the presence of at least one enemy submarine in the San Cristoval - Espiritu Santo area.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "MARGORA" "KANIMELA" on escort duty off Fremantle
- (ii) "VOYAGER" arr. Fremantle 1816/8 from escort duty.
- (iii) "KALGOORLIE" dep. Darwin 0432/7 escorting "TULAGI" to approx 10° 50'S, 136°E (approx 40 miles W. by N. of Cape Wessel).
- (iv) "IPSWICH" en route Adelaide to Fremantle ETA 2105 today 9/9.
- (v) "BENGAL" arr. Adelaide 1145/8. To depart for Fremantle today 9/9.
- (vi) "W.B. PRESTON" dep. Fremantle 1831/8 for Geraldton ETA 1000/9. Throo Exmouth Gulf.
- (vii) At Fremantle - "VOYAGER" "TRINITY" "K.8" "W.B. PRESTON" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "HELING BROVIG" "WHIPPOORWILL" "BOMBAY" "WOLLONGONG" "TOOWOOMBA"
- (viii) At Albany - "PELIAS" "LARK" "CAIRNS"
- (ix) At Darwin - "K.12"
- (x) At Exmouth Gulf - "CHILDS"
- (xi) At Geraldton - "HERON"
- (xii) For submarines in Western Sector - see Appendix.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces (see appendix)

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) At Tongatabu - "SEMINOLE" "VERSTAL" "PLUSSE" "ARCTIC" "WORDEN" "SOUTH DAKOTA" "CUMMINGS" "WILSON" "NEVILLE" "GWIN" "MEREDITH" "CRESCENT CITY" "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "PRESIDENT HAYES" "DEWEY" "PRESIDENT JACKSON" "AMERICAN LEGION" "HUNTER LEGGETT" "NEW ORLEANS" "ATLANTA" "SARATOGA" "PHELPS" "ALCHIBA" "TREVET"
- (ii) At Samoa - "TURKEY" "KINGFISHER" "BRAZOS" "CAMANCA" "RALEIGH" "HOVEY" "AYLWIN"
- (iii) At Suva - "GALE" "SPACE"
- (iv) At Auckland - "MONOWAI" "RIGEL" "ALSEY" "ATREUS"
- (v) At Noumea - "KANAWHA" "CHEVREUIL" "ARGONNE" "RAINIER" "MERKUR" "POYANG" "WHITNEY" "CAP DES PALMES" "ALDEBARAN" "ANTARES" "CIMARRON" "BETELGEUSE"
- (vi) At Vila - "KITTYHAWK" "GRAYSON" "MONSSEN"



- (vii) At Espiritu Santo - "CURTISS" "ALBENA" "FOWALHAUT" "SABINE"  
"TRACY" "McFARLAND" "BOISE" "CAMELE" "W.W.BURROWS" "LANG"  
(viii) At Ndeni - "BALLARD" "MACKINAC"  
(ix) At Wellington - "SOLACE"

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

"MADRAS" & "LAUNCESTON" en route Fremantle to Colombo ETA 18/9.

## 2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) TULAGI - A report timed 0100/9 states that Tulagi was being shelled by an undetermined number of surface craft.  
(ii) MILNE BAY - It is reported that "ANSHUN", which was sunk by enemy gunfire during the night of 6 /7 September, fell away on the starboard side, blocking the wharf. It is considered that salvage is possible.

## 3. AIR OPERATIONS

- (i) NORMANBY IS. - An enemy force consisting of a cruiser and large destroyer was attacked at 1705/7 by 3 Hudsons, 6 Beauforts, 2 Beaufighters, 16 Kittyhawks. No damage reported. A similar force was attacked by 2 Hudsons at 0743/8 and by three Fortresses at 1230. The Hudsons reported near misses on the stern of the destroyer.  
(ii) EFOGI - Eight Aircobras attacked Efoqi 0845/8. No results observed  
(iii) MYOLA LAKE - 11 Aircobras attacked enemy positions at 0840/8.  
(iv) BUNA - One Fortress attacked enemy barges at 1530/8. One direct hit, 2 near misses.

## 4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Heavy naval and air counter-attacks against allied positions in the Solomons with a view to re-occupation of Guadalcanal.  
(ii) Heavy attack and attempt at consolidation Milne Bay - Buna area.  
(iii) Attack on Port Moresby area.  
(iv) Intensified submarine activity in the S.W.P.A.

  
For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

9/9/42



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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Flotilla Leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

Effective

AUSTRALIA

PHOENIX

HOBERT

ARUNTA

STUART

BAGLEY

PATERSON

SAILFISH )

S.38 )

S.41 )

S.43 )

S.44 )

S.46 )

STURGEON )

SCULPIN )

S.37 )

S.40 )

S.42 )

S.45 )

S.47 )

K.9 )

WESTRALIA

GRIFFIN

DOBBIN

Refitting or Repairing

CHICAGO

LE TRIOMPHANT

MUGFORD

At Brisbane

On Patrol

At Sydney

Dutch Submarine

A.M.C.

Submarine Tender

Destroyer Tender

Storeships

MIZAR

GOLDSTAR

Gunboat

TULSA

Oiler

VICTORIA

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet

CinC 2nd Fleet

CinC 5th Fleet

CinC 1st Air Fleet

CinC 4th Fleet

CinC 6th Fleet

1 Battleship (BB)

YAMATO

2 Battlecruisers (BB)

KIRISHIMA

HIYEI

2-3 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

ZUIKAKU

SHOKAKU

RYUJO (damaged, possibly sunk)

3 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

ZUINO

KASUGA MARU

YAWATA MARU

10 heavy cruisers (CA)

ATAGO

CHOKAI

KUMANO

HAGURO

MAYA ?

STONE

TIKUMA ?

MYOKO

TAKAO

FURUTAKA

10 light cruisers (CL)

YUBARI

JINTSU

SENDAI

KATORI

KASHIMA

NAKA

MURA

NAGARA

2 "TENRYU" class

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

40-45 Destroyers (DD) 1 S/P Carrier ("CHIYODA")



5 converted S/P Tenders incl. KIYOKAWA MARU (possibly en route North)  
(XAV) KAMOI  
KAGU MARU  
KAMIZAWA MARU

2 submarine tenders  
approx 25 merchant ships (incl. possibly 3 Military Land Craft Carriers)  
3 Patrol Craft  
6 Minelaying Craft  
16 Sub. Chasers  
15 M.T.B.'s  
5 Gunboats  
Approx 276 shore-based aircraft including 72 fighters, 126 H/B, 31 F/B,  
27 F/P, 20 Obsn. or transport aircraft

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR  
British and Allied Forces

6" Cruiser  
Flotilla Leader  
Destroyer  
A.M.C.'s

S/P Tenders

Submarine Tenders

Submarines

ABELLAIDE  
TROMP  
VOYAGER  
KAKIMBLA  
MANGORA  
CHILDS  
HERON  
W.B. PRESTON

HOLLAND

PELIAS

On Patrol

SAVRY  
TAUTOG  
GRENADEER  
TAMBOUR  
SHAPER  
SEAWOLF  
SALMON  
SEAL  
SARGO

SEADRAGON

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

SPRANFISH )  
SKIPJACK ) At Fremantle  
SEARAVEN )  
THRESHER )  
GUDGEON )  
GRAYBACK ) At Albany  
GRAMPUS )  
GAR )

Dutch Submarines

K.8 At Fremantle  
K.12 At Darwin

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES  
British and Allied Forces

12 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see appendix)

Enemy Forces

CinC 3rd Fleet

CinC Southern Expeditionary Fleet

1-8" Cruiser "ASHIGARA"

3 Light Cruisers ("KASHII" "ISUZU" "KINU")

Approx 16 Destroyers

Converted S/P Tenders ?

Timor

Approx 28 shore-based aircraft incl. 9 F, 9 H/B, 4 F/B, 6 F/P

Ambon

Approx 32 shore-based aircraft incl. 9 F, 8 H/B, 8 F/B, 7 F/P

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

MARYLAND CALIFORNIA  
COLORADO NEVADA (to be ready  
IDaho about 1/10)  
MISSISSIPPI WEST VIRGINIA  
NEW MEXICO  
TENNESSEE  
PENNSYLVANIA  
ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN  
COPABEE (Converted)  
PORTLAND  
CHESTER

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers



6" Cruisers	DETROIT
Destroyers	SAN JUAN
Submarines	15 (approx)
	23 (approx)

Enemy Forces

Palao - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

6 Battleships (BB)	MAGATO	
	MUTSU	
	YAMASHIRO	
	HYUGA	) Possibly en route Truk -
	FUSO	) New Britain area
	ISE	)
2 Battlecruisers (BB)	KONGO	
	HARUNA (possibly damaged)	
4 Aircraft Carriers (CV)	HOSHO	
	JUNYO (HAYATAKA)	
	HIYO (HITAKA)	
	one unknown - en route Truk	
2 converted A/c Carriers (XCV)	NISSHIN	
	OTAKA (en route Palao)	
1 converted S/P Carrier (AV)	CHITOSE	
2 - 8" Cruisers (CA)	NACHI	SUZUYA
3 - 6" Cruisers (CL)	ABUKUMA	
	TAMA	
	NATORI	
3 converted S/P Tenders (XAV)	MOTORO	
	GOSHU MARU	
	FUJIKAWA MARU	
Approx 30 Destroyers		
Approx 20 Submarines		

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA  
British and Allied Forces

Battleships	WASHINGTON
	SOUTH DAKOTA
	NORTH CAROLINA
Aircraft Carriers	WASP
	HORNET
	SARATOGA
	LONG ISLAND (Converted)
8" Cruisers	ASTORIA
	NORTHAMPTON
	VINCENNES
	PENSACOLA
	MINNEAPOLIS
	QUINCY
	SAN FRANCISCO
	NEW ORLEANS
	SALT LAKE CITY
6" Cruisers	BOISE
	RALEIGH
	JUNEAU
	SAN DIEGO
	ATLANTA
	HELENA
	LEANDER
	ACHILLES
Destroyers	25 (approx)

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA  
British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers	LOUISVILLE
	INDIANAPOLIS
6" Cruisers	HONOLULU
	ST. LOUIS
	NASHVILLE

15 Destroyers  
10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians

1 Light Cruiser ("KISO")  
4 Destroyers  
Approx 10 Submarines  
1st Base Force



E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

CONCORD  
TRENTON  
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

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

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

Approx 25 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

6-9 Submarines



DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

10th September, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "SELFRIDGE" "BAGLEY") dep. Brisbane 7/9 on patrol.
- (ii) "HENLEY" "HELM" to join Task Force 44 about 1030 today 10/9.
- ✓(iii) "ARUNTA" dep. Townsville p.m. yesterday 9/9 to R.V. with "COLAC" "BALLARAT" etc. and assume escort of two transports. "COLAC" & "BALLARAT" to proceed Townsville. (see vi)
- ✓(iv) "SWAN" escorting "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "TASMAN" "sJACOB" dep. Port Moresby 1400/9 for Cairns ETA 2000/11. "SWAN" thence to Townsville ETA 0600/12.
- ✓(v) "BERDIGO" escorting "KURUMBA" "HENRY D. THOREAU" to depart Port Moresby 0700/10.
- ✓(vi) "COLAC" & "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy Q3 ("VAN HEEMSKERK" "JAPARA") en route Milne Bay, were ordered at 1331/8 to return Cairns.
- ✓(vii) "WARREGO" "ARNIDALE" escorting Convoy P4 ("KATOOMBA" "GREMER") arr. Port Moresby 0802/9.
- (viii) "GOULBURN" "SEKLONG" arr. Brisbane 1001/9 from escort duty; departed 1839/9 escorting northbound Convoy BT2 (3 MV and "BRITISH SAILOR").
- (ix) "STUART" was due Townsville 0500 today 10/9.
- (x) "DELOIRINE" & "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Convoy GP12 (5 MV) enroute Sydney to Brisbane ETA 2100 today 10/9. "ROCKHAMPTON" to proceed Noumea to escort "MERKUR" & "POYANG" to Sydney.
- (xi) "YANBRA" escorting "BEROS" towing battle practice target arr. Brisbane 1531/9. Thence Sydney with Convoy PG12.
- (xii) Convoy B ("HARTSUYCKER" "JASON LEE") arr. Townsville 1018/9.
- (xiii) "TOWNSVILLE" "WALLAROO" "WYALLA" escorting Convoy CG25 (9 MV) en route Sydney and Newcastle to Melbourne. "WALLAROO" to be detached off Cape Liptrap and proceed Adelaide.
- (xiv) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy CG25 dep. Port Phillip 2113/9 to RV with Convoy CG25.
- (xv) "MORESBY" dep. Sydney 1042/9 for Newcastle to escort Newcastle portion of Convoy CG26 (5 MV) departing Newcastle 0800 today 10/9. "WILDURA" with Sydney section (22 MV) to RV off Port Jackson.
- (xvi) "LITHGOW" enroute Thursday Is. to Townsville ETA 0700/12.
- (xvii) "BUNGAREE" returning Cape Moreton from Townsville area 1600/12. Thence Sydney ETA 1600/14.
- (xviii) "ST. GILRS" (salvage steamer) enroute Cairns to Port Moresby ETA 1200 today 10/9.
- (xix) "TAMWORTH" was to depart <sup>Is</sup> Makip Point 0800/9 for Sydney ETA 1001/11.
- (xx) "ALCYONE" dep. Sydney 0945/9 for Los Angeles.
- (xxi) At Sydney - "K.9" "DOBBIN" "WILCANNIA" "BROOME" "CESSENOCK" "DUBBO"  
Repairing - "CHICAGO" "MCGFORD" "LE TRIOMPHANT"  
"BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA"
- (xxii) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "CAWLER" "DOOMBA"  
Repairing - "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xxiii) At Adelaide - "MARYBOROUGH"
- (xxiv) At Brisbane - "MCBART" "PATTERSON" "GRIPPIN" "TULSA"
- (xxv) At Townsville - "KATOOMBA"
- (xxvi) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA" "PINGWO"
- (xxvii) At Thursday Is. - "WARRNAMBOOL"
- (xxviii) At Port Moresby - "CASTLEMAINE" "MANUNDA"
- (xxix) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces

- (i) D'ENTRECASTEAUX-TROBRIANDS AREA - A recce by two Hudsons on 9/9 of the Milne Bay - Trobriands - Woodlark Is. area was negative.
- (ii) NEW GEORGIA - Nine enemy ships were sighted by allied aircraft at 0954/9, off Vahell Bay (east coast New Georgia).
- iiii) A battleship and seven cruisers, being part of this force, were unsuccessfully attacked at 1108/9.
- (iii) BUKA - The small steamer which arr. Buka 5/9 departed 9/9, leaving no shipping in the immediate vicinity.



- (iv) LAE - Photographs 8/9 show 23 fighters, 7 heavy bombers (including 4 dummies) on Lae aerodrome, one 60' motor boat, 6 small craft in Harbour.
- (v) EASTERN NEW GUINEA - Aircraft on recce between Cape Nelson and Madang 9/9 made a negative report.
- (vi) GOODENOUGH ISLAND - 7 camouflaged barges landed enemy reinforcements on Goodenough Is. night 28/29 August.  
An initial landing was made on 25/8 from seven barges which were later destroyed by allied aircraft.

## 2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

### British and Allied Forces

- (i) "ADELAIDE" "PROMP" "MANOORA" "KANIMBLA" on escort duty off Fremantle
- (ii) "IPSWICH" was due Fremantle 2105 yesterday 9/9.
- (iii) "BENGAL" departed Adelaide for Fremantle yesterday 9/9, ETA 1800/14
- (iv) "W.B. PRESTON" arr. Geraldton 1015/9. Departed 1307 for Exmouth Gulf.
- (v) "MIZAR" en route Melbourne to Albany ETA 1900/12.
- (vi) "TRINITY" "WHIPPOORWILL" dep. Fremantle 1508/9 for Albany ETA a.m. 11/9.
- (vii) At Fremantle - "VOYAGER" "K.8" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "ERLING BROVIG" "BOMBAY" "WOLLONGONG" "TOOWOOMBA"
- (viii) At Albany - "PELIAS" "LARK" "CAIRNS"
- (ix) At Darwin - "K.12" "KALGOORLIE"
- (x) At Exmouth Gulf - "CHILDS"
- (xi) At Geraldton - "HERON"
- (xii) For submarines in Western Sector - see Appendix.

## 3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

### British and Allied Forces

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

### Enemy Forces

- (i) KOEPANG - A Hudson on recce reported one 1000 ton vessel, two 100 ton vessels at Koepang 9/9.
- (ii) DILLI - A destroyer and 5,000 ton transport arrived at Dilli from the east 2/9, and departed during the night after discharging.  
Two ships are reported to have disembarked troops 6/9 and a further report graded C.3 states that a destroyer and transport embarked troops at Dilli 9/9.  
Great activity is reported on Dilli aerodrome. Native uprisings are reported in the Dilli area. Two Portuguese have been killed by the natives.

### B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

### C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

#### British and Allied Forces

- (i) At Tongatabu - "SOUTH DAKOTA" "NEW ORLEANS" "VESTAL" "ARCTIC" "WORDEN" "CUMMINGS" "WILSON" "NEVILLE" "GWIN" "MEREDITH" "DEWEY" "AMERICAN LEGION" "HUNTER LEGGETT" "ATLANTA" "SARATOGA" "PHELPS"
- (ii) At Samoa - "TURKEY" "BRAZOS" "CAMANOA" "BOVEY" "AYLEIN"
- (iii) At Suva - "GALE" "STACK"
- (iv) At Auckland - "MONOWAI" "RIGEL" "ALSEY" "ATREUS"
- (v) At Noumea - "KANAWHA" "CHEVREUIL" "ARGONNE" "RAINIER" "MERKUR" "POYANG" "SHITNEY" "CAP DES PALMES" "ALDEBARAN" "ANTARES" "CIMARRON" "BETELGEUSE"
- (vi) At Vila - "GRAYSON" "MONSSEN" "KITTYHAWK"
- (vii) At Espiritu Santo - "CURTISS" "ALHENA" "FOMALHAUT" "McCAWLEY" "TRACY" "McFARLAND" "BOISE" "GAMELE" "W.W. BURROWS" "LANG"
- (viii) At Ndeni - "BALLARD" "MACKINAC"
- (ix) At Wellington - "SOLACE"

#### Enemy Forces

ENEMY SUBMARINE ACTIVITY - One enemy submarine was sighted in the vicinity of Tongatabu 7/9.

### D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

### E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

### F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

#### British and Allied Forces

"MADRAS" & "LAUNCESTON" en route Fremantle to Colombo ETA 18/9.



2. NAVAL INCIDENTS - Nil

3. AIR OPERATIONS

ALLIED

EFOGI - Nine Bostons attacked enemy positions Efofi area 9/9.  
Only opposition was machine gun post which was silenced.

ENEMY

GILBERTS - Enemy air recce was reported over Maiana and Kuria  
Is. 8/9.

RAKAHANGA (500 miles N. Cook Is.) - An unidentified seaplane was  
reported over Rakahanga and Nassau (270 miles W.S.W. Rakahanga)  
on 7/9.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Heavy naval and air counter-attacks against allied positions in the Solomons with a view to re-occupation of Guadalcanal.
- (ii) Heavy attack and attempt at consolidation Milne Bay - Buna area.
- (iii) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (iv) Intensified submarine activity in the S.W.P.A.

For DIRECTOR C.C.I.C.

10/9/42



A P P E N D I X

to

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

<u>British and Allied Forces</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
8 <sup>th</sup> Cruisers	AUSTRALIA	CHICAGO
6 <sup>th</sup> Cruisers	PHOENIX	
	HOBART	
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA	LE TRIOMPHANT
	STUART	
Destroyers	PATTERSON	MUGFORD
	BAGLEY	
	MENLEY	
	HELM	
Submarines	SAILFISH )	
	S.38 )	
	S.41 ) At Brisbane	
	S.44 )	
	S.46 )	
	STURGEON )	
	SCULPIN )	
	S.37 )	
	S.40 ) On Patrol	
	S.42 )	
	S.43 )	
	S.45 )	
	S.47 )	
Dutch Submarine	K.9	At Sydney
A.M.C.	WESTRALIA	
Submarine Tender	GRIFFIN	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Storeship		COLDSTAR
Gunboat	TULSA	
Oiler		VICTORIA

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain - Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet

CinC 2nd Fleet

CinC 8th Fleet

CinC 1st Air Fleet

CinC 4th Fleet

CinC 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet)

1 poss. 2 Battleships (BB)

YAMATO

NAGATO

2 Battlecruisers (BB)

KIRISHIMA

HIYEI

3-4 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

ZUIKAKU

SNOKAKU

one unknown

3 converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

RYUJO (damaged, possibly sunk)

ZUIHO

KASUGA MARU

YAWATA MARU

10 heavy cruisers (CA)

ATAGO

CHOKAI

KUMANO

HAGURO

MAYA ?

TONI

TIKUMA ?

MYOKO

TAKAO

FURUTAKA

10 light cruisers (CL) possibly

KINUGASA

YUBARI

JINTSU

SENDAI

KATORI

KASHIMA

NAKA

YURA

NAGARA

2 "TENKYU" class



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

40-45 Destroyers  
1 Seaplane Carrier (AV) OBIYODA  
3 converted S/P Tenders incl. KIYOKAWA MARU (possibly en route North)  
(XAV) KAMOI  
KAGU MARU  
KAMIKAWA MARU

2 submarine tenders  
approx 25 merchant ships (incl. possibly 3 Military Landing Craft Carriers)  
6 Patrol Craft  
6 Minelaying Craft  
16 Sub. Chasers  
18 M.T.B.'s  
5 Gunboats

Approx 276 shore-based aircraft including 72 fighters, 126 H/B, 31 F/B, 27 F/P, 20 Obsn. or transport aircraft

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR  
British and Allied Forces

6" Cruiser ADELAIDE  
Flotilla Leader TROMP  
Destroyer VOYAGER  
A.M.C.'s KANIMBLA  
MANOORA

S/P Tenders CHILDS  
HERON  
W.B. PRESTON

Submarine Tenders HOLLAND  
PELIAS  
MIZAR  
Storeship  
Submarines On Patrol

SAURY  
TAUTOU  
GRENADIER  
TAMBOR  
SNAPPER  
SEAWOLF  
SALMON  
SEAL  
SARGO  
SEADRAGON

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

SPRANFISH )  
SKIPJACK ) At Fremantle  
SEARAVEN )  
THRESHER )  
GUDGEON )  
GRAYBACK ) At Albany  
GRAMPUS )  
GAR )  
K.6 At Fremantle  
K.12 At Darwin

Dutch Submarines

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES  
British and Allied Forces

12 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see appendix)

Enemy Forces

CinC 3rd Fleet

CinC Southern Expeditionary Fleet

1 Carrier (CV or XCV) OTAKA  
1 - 8" Cruiser ASHIGARA

3 Light Cruisers ("KASHII" "ISUZU" "KINU")

Approx 16 Destroyers

Converted S/P Tenders?

Timor

Approx 28 shore-based aircraft incl. 9 F, 9 H/B, 4 F/B, 6 F/P

Ambon

Approx 32 shore-based aircraft incl. 9 F, 8 H/B, 8 F/B, 7 F/P

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

MARYLAND CALIFORNIA  
COLORADO NEVADA (to be ready  
IDaho about 1/10)  
MISSISSIPPI WEST VIRGINIA  
NEW MEXICO TENNESSEE  
PENNSYLVANIA



Aircraft Carriers	ENTENPRISE	YORKTOWN
.8" Cruisers	COPAHKEE (Converted)	
	PORTLAND	
4" Cruisers	CHESTER	
	DETROIT	
Destroyers	SAN JUAN	
Submarines	15 (approx)	
Enemy Forces	25 (approx)	

Palao - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

5 Battleships (BB)	NAS MUTSU		
	YAMASHIRO		
	KYUGA		
	FUSO		
	ISE		
2 Battlecruisers (BB)	KONGO		
	HARUNA (possibly damaged)		
3 Aircraft Carriers (CV)	HOSHU		
	JUNYO (HAYATAKA)		
	HIYO (HITAKA)		
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)	NISSEIN		
2-8" Cruisers (CA)	KRIESEE	NACHI	SUZUYA
3-6" Cruisers (CB)	ABUKUMA		
	TAMA		
	NATORI		
1 converted S/P Carrier (AV)	CHITOSE		
3 converted S/P Tenders (XAV)	NOTORO		
	GOSHU MARU		
	FUJIKAWA MARU		
Approx 30 Destroyers			
Approx 20 Submarines			

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces  
Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Destroyers

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

15 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians

1 Light Cruiser ("KISO")

4 Destroyers

Approx 10 Submarines

1st Base Force

WASHINGTON  
SOUTH DAKOTA  
NORTH CAROLINA  
WASP  
HORNBY  
SARATOGA  
LONG ISLAND (Converted)  
ASTORIA  
NORTHAMPTON  
VIRGENNES  
PENSACOLA  
MINNEAPOLIS  
QUINCY  
SAN FRANCISCO  
NEW ORLEANS  
SALT LAKE CITY  
BOISE  
RALEIGH  
JUNEAU  
SAN DIEGO  
ATLANTA  
HELENA  
LEANDER  
ACHILLES  
25 (approx)

LOUISVILLE  
INDIANAPOLIS  
HONOLULU  
ST. LOUIS  
NASHVILLE



E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA  
British and Allied Forces  
6 Cruisers

CONCORD  
TRENTON  
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA  
British and Allied Forces  
Battleships

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

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

Approx 25 Destroyers  
Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces  
6-9 Submarines



DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

11th September, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "SHELPRIDGE" "BAGLEY" "HENLEY" "HELE") on patrol.
- (ii) "HOBART" dep. Brisbane 1414/10 to join Task Force 44.
- ✓(iii) "ARUNTA" was to RV with "COLAC" "BALLARAT" escorting "VAN HEEMSKERK" "JAPARA" at 1930/10 and assume escort of two transports. "COLAC" & "BALLARAT" proceeding Townsville.
- ✓(iv) "SWAN" escorting "ADMIRAL HALSTED" "TASMAN" "sJACOB" dep. Port Moresby 1400/9 for Cairns ETA x 1000/11. "SWAN" to RV off Fitzroy Is. with "TAROONA" at 1000/11 and escort to Moresby ETA 1600/13.
- ✓(v) "BENDIGO" escorting "EUREMBA" "HENRY D. THORAU" dep. Port Moresby 0610/10. ETA "BENDIGO" "H.D. THORAU" Townsville 2400/12. "EUREMBA" to proceed independently to Brisbane.
- (vi) "GOULBURN" "GHELONG" escorting northbound Convoy BT2 (3 MV and "BRITISH SAILOR") dep. Brisbane 9/9.
- (vii) "DELOKRAINE" & "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Convoy GP12 arr. Brisbane 0315/11. "ROCKHAMPTON" to depart Cape Moreton 0200/12 escorting "WILLIAM ELLERY" to RV with "CLARK" escorting "POYANG" and "MERCUR" from Noumea, in position 031°51'S, 157°30'E at 1200/13. "CLARK" escorts "WILLIAM ELLERY" to Noumea; remainder to Sydney.
- (viii) "YANDRA" escorting "HEROS" and Convoy PG12 was to depart Brisbane for Sydney 2200/10.
- (ix) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy 0025 arr. Port Melbourne 1615/10. "TOWNSVILLE" "WHYALLA" have assumed escort duty with Convoy 0025, bound for Sydney. "WALLAROO" enroute Adelaide from escort duty with 0025.
- (x) "MORESBY" escorting Convoy 0026 dep. Newcastle a.m. 10/9. "MILDURA" with Sydney section dep. 1555 for RV with main convoy.
- (xi) "LITHGOS" enroute Thursday Is. to Townsville ETA 0700/12.
- (xii) "BUNGAREE" returning Brisbane from Townsville area ETA 1600/12; to join next PG convoy.
- (xiii) "TAMWORTH" due Sydney 1001 today 11/9.
- (xiv) "MANUNDA" dep. Port Moresby 2100/9 for Brisbane ETA 0600/14.
- (xv) At Sydney - "K.9" "DOBBIN" "WILCANNIA" "BROOME" "DUBBO"  
Repairing - "CHICAGO" "MUGFORD" "LE TRIUMPHANT"  
"BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA" "CRSSNOCK"
- (xvi) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "CAWLER" "DOOMBA"  
Repairing - "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xvii) At Adelaide - "MARYBOROUGH"
- (xviii) At Brisbane - "PATERSON" "CRIFFIN" "TULSA"
- (xix) At Townsville - "STUART" "EATOOMBA"
- (xx) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA" "PINGWO"
- (xxi) At Port Moresby - "CASTLEMAINE" "WARREGO" "ARMIDALE"
- (xxii) For submarines in Eastern sector - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces

(i) BUIH-FAISI AREA - An aircraft on recon reported the following enemy vessels in the Buin - Tonolet Harbour area at noon 10/9 -

- 1 heavy cruiser
- 1 seaplane tender or small aircraft carrier
- 3 destroyers
- 2 transports
- 4 large warships
- 2 gunboats
- 1 corvette

In addition, two destroyers were observed on a S.E. course approx 20 miles E. by S. of Faisi.

Photographs taken during the same recon showed the following in Faisi Harbour at noon -

- 1 seaplane tender
- 2 small destroyers
- 1 gunboat



- 1 minelayer
- 1 8,000 ton transport
- 1 small vessel

Another report indicates that the shipping off Buin probably included one "SEEDAI" class cruiser, and also that a small vessel left the area at 0930 in a N.W. direction.

- (ii) KIETA - Two light cruisers were reported in Arawa Bay (5 miles W. Kieta) on 8/9 and one light cruiser at Kieta, (prob. "YUBARI"). It is reported that 20 men go ashore daily at the southern entrance to the Harbour and proceed to an aircraft observation post. Coastal land patrols are also reported. Parties return to their ships at night.
- (iii) BUKA - A destroyer arrived Buka Passage from the west at 1500/10 and another was observed on a southerly course 10 miles East Buka Passage at 1908.
- (iv) ONTONG JAVA - There were indications of enemy submarines in the following positions on 9/9 -  
4°S, 162°E; 2°S, 157°E
- (v) GIZO - No enemy shipping was observed at Gizo 9/9.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "MANCORA" "KANIMBLA" on escort duty off Fremantle
- (ii) "IPSWICH" arr. Fremantle 1231/10.
- (iii) "BENGAL" en route Adelaide to Fremantle ETA 1600/14.
- (iv) "W. B. PRESTON" dep. Geraldton 9/9 for Exmouth Gulf.
- (v) "WIZAR" en route Melbourne to Albany ETA 1900/12.
- (vi) "TRINITY" "WHIPPOORWILL" due Albany from Fremantle a.m. today 11/9.
- (vii) "WARRHAMBOOL" escorting "DARVEL" dep. Thursday Is. 2350/10 for Darwin ETA 1600/13.
- (viii) At Fremantle - "VOYAGER" "K.8" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "ERLING BROVIG" "BOMBAY" "WOLLONGONG" "TOOWOOMBA"
- (ix) At Albany - "PELIAS" "LARK" "CAIRNS"
- (x) At Darwin - "K.12" "KALCOORLIE"
- (xi) At Exmouth Gulf - "CHILDS"
- (xii) At Geraldton - "HEKON"
- (xiii) For submarines in Western Sector - see Appendix.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) At Tongatabu - "SOUTH DAKOTA" "NEW ORLEANS" "ATLANTA" "SARATOGA" "VESTAL" "ARCTIC" "WORDEN" "CUMMINGS" "WILSON" "NEVILLE" "GWIN" "MEREDITH" "DEWEY" "AMERICAN LEGION" "HUNTER LEGGETT" "PHELPS"
- (ii) At Samoa - "TURKEY" "BRAZOS" "CAMANCA" "BOVEY" "AYLEIN"
- (iii) At Suva - "CALE" "STACK"
- (iv) At Auckland - "MOFOWAI" "RIGEL" "ALSEY" "ATREUS"
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- (vii) At Espiritu Santo - "CURTISS" "ALHENA" "FOMALHAUT" "McCAWLEY" "TRACY" "McFARLAND" "BOISE" "GAMBLE" "W. W. BURROWS" "LANG" "BETELGEUSE" "STRINGHAM"
- (viii) At Ndeni - "BALLARD" "MACKINAC"
- (ix) At Wellington - "SOLACE"

Enemy Forces

ENEMY SUBMARINE ACTIVITY - There were indications of the presence of enemy submarines in the following positions 9/9 - 10°S, 165°E (65 miles N.W. Ndeni); 2°S, 176°E (approx 45 miles S. Beru Is. - Gilberts); 7°S, 171°E (320 miles W. by S. Nanamanga Is.).

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

"MADAGASCAR" & "ANTANANARIVANA" en route Fremantle to Colombo ETA 18/9.



2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

GUADALCANAL - Allied troops including paratroops landed at Taivu Point (20 miles E. Lunga) a.m. 8/9 and engaged the enemy, who were forced to retire to the S.W. abandoning much equipment. Allied troops withdrew before nightfall.

Another report indicates a possible enemy landing in the vicinity of S Visale on 8/9. Two large submarines were reported in Coughlan Harbour on that date.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

NEW GEORGIA - An allied aircraft on recce encountered A.A. fire in position 8020'S, 157°17'E (Reviana Lagoon, western tip New Georgia) on 9/9.

ENEMY

TULAGI - 26 bombers attacked allied shipping 8/9 and 9/9.

MILNE BAY - Unidentified enemy aircraft were observed north and north-east of Milne Bay 10/9.

*Reynolds*

For DIRECTOR C.C.I.C.

11/9/42



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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Flotilla Leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

Dutch Submarine

A.M.C.

Submarine Tender

Destroyer Tender

Storeship

Gunboat

Oiler

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet

CinC 2nd Fleet

CinC 8th Fleet

CinC 1st Air Fleet

CinC 4th Fleet

CinC 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet)

1 poss. 2 battleships (BB)

2 Battlecruisers (BB)

3-4 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

3 converted A/C Carriers  
(XCV)

10 heavy cruisers (CA)

10 light cruisers (CL)  
poss.

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WESTRALIA

ORIPPIN

DOBBIN

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GRAYBACK ) At Albany  
GRAMPUS )  
GAR )  
Dutch Submarines K.8 At Fremantle  
K.12 At Darwin

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES  
British and Allied Forces

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B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA  
British and Allied Forces

Battleships MARYLAND CALIFORNIA  
COLORADO NEVADA (to be ready about 1/10)  
IDANG  
MISSISSIPPI WEST VIRGINIA  
NEW MEXICO TENNESSEE  
PENNSYLVANIA



Aircraft Carriers	ENTERPRISE	YORKTOWN
8" Cruisers	COPAHNE (Converted)	
	PORTLAND	
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	DETROIT	
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Palao - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

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	HYUGA	
	FUSO	
	ISE	
2 Battlecruisers (BB)	KONGO	
3 Aircraft Carriers (CV)	HARUNA (possibly damaged)	
	HOSHO	
	JUNYO (HAYATAKA)	) Possibly Southern Waters
	HIYO (HITAKA)	
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)	NISSHEIN	
2 - 8" Cruisers (CA)	NACHI	SUZUYA
3 - 6" Cruisers (CL)	ABUKUMA	
	TAMA	
	KATONI	
1 converted S/P Carrier (AV)	CHITOSE	
3 converted S/P Tenders (XAV)	NCTORO	
	GOSHU MARU	
	PUJIKAWA MARU	

Approx 30 Destroyers  
Approx 20 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA  
British and Allied Forces  
Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

WASHINGTON  
SOUTH DAKOTA  
NORTH CAROLINA  
WASP  
HORNET  
SARATOGA  
LONG ISLAND (Converted)  
ASTORIA  
NORTHAMPTON  
VINCENNES  
PENSACOLA  
MINNEAPOLIS  
QUINCY  
SAN FRANCISCO  
NEW ORLEANS  
SALT LAKE CITY  
BOISE  
RALPH  
JUNEAU  
SAN DIEGO  
ATLANTA  
HELENA  
LEANDER  
ACHILLES  
25 (approx)

Destroyers

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA  
British and Allied Forces  
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E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA  
British and Allied Forces  
6" Cruisers

CONCORD  
TRENTON  
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA  
British and Allied Forces  
Battleships

WARSPITE  
VALIANT  
RESOLUTION  
REVENGE  
INDOMITABLE  
ILLUSTRIOUS  
FORMIDABLE  
DEVONSHIRE  
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)  
FROBISHER  
HAWKINS  
CALEDON  
DRAGON  
ENTERPRISE  
EMERALD  
CERES  
BIRMINGHAM  
GLASGOW  
CAPETOWN  
DARAR  
DAUNTLESS  
MAURITIUS  
GAMBIA  
NEWCASTLE  
SUMATRA (Dutch)  
WORCESTERSHIRE  
BANGHI  
COBPU  
ALANIA  
CHITRAL  
RAMPURA  
CANTON  
QUEEN OF BERNUDA  
CARTHAGE  
HEMSKERCK  
CARLISLE

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

Approx 25 Destroyers  
Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces  
6-9 Submarines



DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

12th September, 1942.

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES.

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA.

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

British and Allied Forces.

- (1) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" "MOBART" "PROSERPINE" "SELFRIDGE" "HAGLEY" "HENLEY" "ERIM") on patrol.
- ✓ (ii) "ARUNTA" escorting "VAN HEEMSKERK" "JAPARA" is due Milne Bay 1700 today 12/9. "GOULBURN" "GERSHOW" arr. Brisbane 0907/12 from escort duty.
- ✓ (iii) "SWAN" was to RV off Fitzroy Is. with "TARONGA" at 1000/11 and escort to Moresby. ETA. 2000/13.
- (iv) "CLARK" escorting "MERCUR" "POYAN" en route Boumea to Sydney.
- (v) "MONGWAI" "HEMMA" dep. Wellington 1800/11 for Sydney. ETA. 0600/15 with 281 US & Aust. Naval personnel, including 61 wounded.
- ✓ (vi) "BUNDIGG" escorting "KUMUMBA" "HENRY D. THOREAU" dep. Port Moresby 0810/10. ETA. "BUNDIGG" "H. D. THOREAU" Townsville 2400/12 "KUMUMBA" to proceed independently to Brisbane. Thence Sydney in PS convoy.
- (vii) "DELRADINE" "YANDRA" escorting "HEROS" and Convoy EG.12 departed Brisbane for Sydney 0622/11. ETA. 0630/13.
- (viii) "TOWNSVILLE" "MYALLA" escorting Convoy EG.25 en route for Sydney.
- (ix) "MORSEBY" & "MILDURA" escorting Convoy EG.26 en route Sydney & Newcastle to Melbourne.
- ~~(x) "BRINDLEY" off Fitzroy Is. Thence Milne Bay via Grafton Passage.~~
- (xi) "MUNGABEE" returning Brisbane from Townsville area. ETA. 1600/12; to join next PG convoy.
- (xii) "CAP DES PALAIS" arr. Sydney 1608/11.
- (xiii) "LITHGOW" arr. Townsville 1530/11 dep. 0220/12 for Brisbane. ETA. 1600/14.
- (xiv) "YANMORIE" arr. Sydney 1111/11.
- (xv) "MANUMBA" en route Port Moresby to Brisbane. ETA. 0600/14.
- (xvi) At Sydney - "K.9" "DOBBI" "WILCANNIA" "BROOME" "DUBBO" Repairing - "CHICAGO" "SIMPSON" "LE TRIUMPHANT" "BIENFIDALE" "VICTORIA" "ESSEXUCK".
- (xvii) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM CRINOLEN" "GAWLER" "BO. MSA". Repairing - "VENDETTA" "ELOSTAR".
- (xviii) At Adelaide - "MARYBOROUGH".
- (xix) At Brisbane - "PATTERSON" "GRIFFIN" "TULSA" "BUCKHAMPTON" "BRITISH SAILOR".
- (xx) At Townsville - "STUART" "KATOomba".
- (xxi) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA" "PINGO".
- (xxii) At Port Moresby - "CASTLELINE" "HARRIS" "ARMIDALE".
- (xxiii) At Cairns - "ADMIRAL KALSTRAD" "JACOB" "TASMAN".
- (xxiv) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces.

- (1) Faisi-Tonolei area.  
Aircraft on recon. reported no enemy shipping in the Faisi-Tonolei area at 1000/11.  
Other reports state that a supply ship and destroyer were observed on a westerly course off Bain at 1600, but that all shipping had left the area at 1500.
- (ii) Buka Passage area.  
Recon. aircraft sighted a cruiser and destroyer on course 085° approx. 28 miles NW Cape Hengan (Northern tip Buka) and two cargo vessels (7,000 tons, 5,000 tons) at anchor in Hatchin Bay (NW coast Bougainville) at about 0920/11.  
Other reports indicate that 4 heavy cruisers (reported as having twin funnels), and a possible aircraft carrier, passed Eastwards of Buka passage on a southerly course during the morning 11/9, and that two small passenger-cargo vessels arrived Buka from the North-west at 1019/11 and proceeded to unload cargo.



Enemy Forces (Continued).

- (iii) Ongtong Java area.  
An enemy destroyer and cargo vessel were observed by recon. aircraft at 1110/11, 190 miles N.by E. of Ongtong Java. An attack was made; results unknown. There were indications 11/9 of the presence of two enemy submarines in the vicinity of Ongtong Java.
- (iv) Rabaul.  
Air recon. 11/9 reported 25 vessels, including some warships in Rabaul Harbour, one 5,000 ton cargo vessel 15 miles NW Rabaul on course 340°, one 6,000 ton cargo vessel and a small ship 5 miles NE of Rabaul on course 90° at 0805.
- (v) Trobriand Is. area.  
Aircraft on recon. reported an enemy cruiser approx. 30 miles N. by E. Woodlark Is. at 1535/11 on course 190°. Two enemy destroyers were sighted by aircraft at noon 11/9 9 miles NNE Iwa Is. They were shadowed during the day and attacked at 1610 27 miles NE Cape Ventenat, SE tip Normanby Is. (See Naval Incidents).
- (vi) Choiseul.  
Two enemy destroyers were sighted by Allied aircraft approx. 12 miles S. by E. Cape Gerard, Choiseul Is., at 0930/11.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

British and Allied Forces.

- (i) "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "MANGORA" "KANIMBLA" on escort duty off Fremantle.
- (ii) "BENGAL" en route Adelaide to Fremantle. ETA. 1600/14.
- (iii) "HIZAR" en route Melbourne to Albany. ETA. 1900/12.
- (iv) "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting "DARVEL" en route Thursday Is. to Darwin, ETA. 1600/13.
- (v) At Fremantle - "VOYAGER" "K.8" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "ERLING BROVIG" "BOMBAY" "WOLLONGONG" "TOOWOOMBA" "IPSWICH".
- (vi) At Albany - "PELIAS" "CAIRNS" "TRINITY" "WHIPPOORWILL".
- (vii) At Darwin - "K.12" "KALGOORLIE".
- (viii) At Esmond Gulf - "CHILDS" "W.B. PRESTON".
- (ix) At Geraldton - "HERON".
- (x) For submarines in Western Sector - see appendix.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.

British and Allied Forces.

19 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see appendix).

Enemy Forces.

See appendix.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA. (See appendix.)

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

British and Allied Forces.

- (i) At Tongatabu - "SOUTH DAKOTA" "NEW ORLEANS" "ATLANTA" "SARATOGA" "VESTAL" "ARCTIC" "WORDEN" "CUMMINGS" "WILSON" "NEVILLE" "OWIN" "MEREDITH" "DEWEY" "AMERICAN LEGION" "HUNTER LEGGETT" "PHELPS".
- (ii) At Samoa - "TURKEY" "BRAZOS" "CAMANGA" "HOVEY" "AYLWIN".
- (iii) At Suva - "GALE" "STACK".
- (iv) At Auckland - "RIGEL" "ALSEX" "ATREUS".
- (v) At Noumea - "KANAWHA" "CHEVREUIL" "ARGONNE" "RAINIER" "WHITNEY" "ANTARES" "CIMARRON" "STERETT".
- (vi) At Vila - "GRAYSON" "MONSSEN" "KITTYHAWK".
- (vii) At Espiritu Santo - "CURTISS" "ALHENA" "POMALHAUT" "McCAWLEY" "TRACY" "McPARLAND" "BOISE" "GAMBLE" "W.W. BURROWS" "LANG" "BETELGEUSE" "STRINGHAM" "LEANDER" "HULL" "KUCHES" "FULLER" "BELLATRIX" "HOPKINS" "ZANE" "SOUTHWARD".
- (viii) At Ndani - "BALLARD" "MACKINAC".
- (ix) At Wellington - "SOLACE" "ZEILIE".



- D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA. (See appendix.)
- E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA. (See appendix.)
- F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA.  
British and Allied Forces.

(1) "MADRAS" "LAUNCKSTON" en route Fremantle to Colombo.  
ETA. 16/9.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS.

(1) Normanby Island.

Two enemy destroyers were attacked by 5 Fortresses in position 09°55'S. 151°35'E. (27 miles NE Cape Ventenat, Normanby Is.) at 1617/11. One direct hit was made on the stern of the leading destroyer, which was left listing to port, on fire, and with the stern under water. Two rafts and personnel were observed on the water. A near miss was scored on the other destroyer, which was last seen proceeding on course 160° at 30 knots at 1725/11, one mile North of the damaged destroyer, which was stationary in the position in which she was hit. The vessel was still burning and down by the stern.

(ii) Santa Cruz Is.

It was reported 11/9 that "MACKINAG" was being shelled. No details are available.

(iii) Akyab Harbour.

10 Blenheims 6 Hudsons attacked enemy shipping in Akyab Harbour 9/9. A probable ammunition ship was hit and believed sunk. An escort vessel (500 tons) was probably damaged. Ammunition dumps were also hit.

3. AIR OPERATIONS.

Allied.

(i) Buna.

6 Marauders attacked Buna aerodrome 11/9. Results unknown.

(ii) Efogi.

One Boston attacked Efogi - Menari area 11/9. Probable ammunition dump hit.

(iii) Goodenough.

Air recce. 11/9 Goodenough Is. negative.

(iv) Taan Is. (Damar Is.)

One Hudson attacked buildings 11/9. No hits.

Enemy.

(i) Guadalcanal.

Twentyseven bombers, 30 fighters, attacked Guadalcanal 1225/10. 11 Allied aircraft intercepted and shot down 4 bombers.

(ii) Tulagi.

5 heavy bombers 4 "Zeros" were shot down during the attack on Tulagi 9/9.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE.

- (i) Heavy naval and air counter-attacks against Allied position in the Solomons with a view to re-occupation of Guadalcanal
- (ii) Heavy attack and attempt at consolidation Milne Bay - Buna area.
- (iii) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (iv) Intensified submarine activity in the S.E.P.A.



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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTION

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers  
6" Cruisers

Flotilla Leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

Dutch Submarine

A.S.C.

Submarine Tender

Destroyer Tender

Storeship

Gunboat

Oiler

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet

CinC 2nd Fleet

CinC 8th Fleet

CinC 1st Air Fleet

CinC 4th Fleet

CinC 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet)

1 poss. 2 battleships (BB)

2 Battlecruisers (BB)

3-4 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

3 converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

10 heavy cruisers (CA)

10 Light Cruisers (CL)

Effective

AUSTRALIA

PHOENIX

ROBERT

ARUNTA

STUART

PATTERSON

BAGLEY

HENLEY

HELM

S.38

S.41

S.43

S.44

STURGEON

SAILFISH

SCULPIN

S.37

S.40

S.42

S.45

S.46

S.47

K.9

WESTRALIA

GRIFFIN

DOBBIN

TULSA

Refitting or Repairing

CHICAGO

LE TRIOMPHANT

MUSFORD

At Brisbane

On Patrol

At Sydney

GOLDSTAR

VICTORIA

poss.

YAMATO

HAGATO

KIRISHIMA

HIYEI

ZUIKAKU

SHOKAKU

one unknown

KYUJO (damaged, possibly sunk)

ZUIHO

KASUGA MARU

YAWATA MARU

ATAGO

CHOKAI

KUMANO

HAGURO (poss. returning Japan)

MAYA ?

TOHE

TIKUMA

MYOKO

TAKAO

PURUYAKA

KINUGASA

YUBARI

JIETSU

SENDAI

KATORI

KASHIMA

KAMA

MURA

NAGARA

2 "TENRYU" class



Approx 25 submarines incl. 4-6 "RO" class, 15 "T" class (at least 2 minelayers)

40-45 Destroyers  
2 Seaplane Carriers (AV) CHITODA  
AKITSUSEIMA  
5 converted S/P Tenders incl. KIYOKAWA MARU (possibly en route north)  
(XAV) KANOI  
KAGU MARU  
KANIKAWA MARU

2 submarine tenders  
approx 25 ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ merchant ships (incl. poss. 3 Military Landing Craft Carriers)  
8 patrol craft  
6 minelaying craft  
16 Sub Chasers  
15 M.T.B.'s  
5 Sunboats  
Approx 275 shore-based aircraft including 72 fighters, 126 H/B, 31 F/B, 27 P/P, 20 Obsn. or transport aircraft

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR  
British and Allied Forces

6" Cruiser ADLAIDE  
Flotilla Leader TROMP  
Destroyer VOYAGER  
A.W.C.'s KANIMBLA  
KANOORA  
S/P Tenders CHILDS  
NERON  
K.B. PRESTON  
Submarine Tenders HOLLAND  
PELIAS  
Storeship WIZAR  
Submarines On Patrol

SAURY  
TAUTOO  
GRENADIER  
TAMBOUR  
SHAPPER  
SEAWOLF  
SALMON  
SEAL  
SAS GO  
SEADRAGON  
Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

SPEARFISH }  
THRESHER } At Fremantle  
SKIPJACK }  
SEARAVEN }  
OUDGEON }  
GRAYBACK } At Albany  
GRAMPUS }  
CAR }  
Dutch Submarines K.8 At Fremantle  
K.12 At Darwin

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES  
British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces  
CINC 3rd Fleet  
CINC Southern Expeditionary Fleet  
1 Carrier (CV or XCV) OTAKA (en route Davao to Rabaul)  
1 - 8" Cruiser ASHIGARA  
3 Light Cruisers ("KASHII" "ISUZU" "KINU")

Approx 16 Destroyers  
Converted S/P Tenders ?  
Timor  
Approx 25 shore-based aircraft incl. 9 F, 9 H/B, 4 P/B, 6 P/P  
Ambon  
Approx 32 shore-based aircraft incl. 9 F, 8 H/B, 8 P/B, 7 P/P

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA  
British and Allied Forces

Battleships MARYLAND CALIFORNIA  
COLORADO NEVADA (to be ready about 1/10)  
IDaho WEST VIRGINIA  
MISSISSIPPI TENNESSEE  
NEW MEXICO  
PENNSYLVANIA



Aircraft Carriers

ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN

COPAHNE (Converted)

LONG ISLAND "

5" Cruisers

PORTLAND

CHESTER

6" Cruisers

DETROIT

SAN JUAN

Destroyers

15 (approx)

Submarines

23 (approx)

Enemy Forces

Palao - Bataan - Bonins - Japan

5 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI

MUTSU

YAMASHIRO

HYUGA

FUSO

ISE

2 Battlecruisers (BB)

KONGO

HARUNA (possibly damaged)

3 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

HOSEO

JUNYO (HAYATAKA) }

Possibly Southern Waters

MIYO (KITAKA) }

1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)

BISHIN

2 - 8" Cruisers (CA)

NACHI

SUZUYA

3 - 6" Cruisers (CL)

ABUKUMA

TAMA

KATORI

1 converted S/P Carrier (AV)

CHITOSE

3 converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

NOTORO

GOSU MARU

FUJIFAWA MARU

Approx 30 Destroyers

Approx 20 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

WASHINGTON

SOUTH DAKOTA

NORTH CAROLINA

Aircraft Carriers

WASP

HORNET

SARATOGA

8" Cruisers

ASTORIA

NORFOLK

VINCENNES

PENSACOLA

MINNEAPOLIS

QUINCY

SAN FRANCISCO

NEW ORLEANS

SALT LAKE CITY

6" Cruisers

BOISE

RALEIGH

JUNEAU

SAN DIEGO

ATLANTA

HELENA

LEANDER

ACHILLES

25 (approx)

Destroyers

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE

MINNEAPOLIS

6" Cruisers

HONOLULU

ST. LOUIS

NASHVILLE

15 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians

1 Light Cruiser ("KISO")

4 Destroyers

Approx 10 Submarines

1st Base Force



E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

CONCORD  
TRENTON  
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

WARSPITE  
VALIANT  
RESOLUTION  
REVENGE  
INDOMITABLE  
ILLUSTRIOUS  
FORMIDABLE  
DEVONSHIRE  
GEORGIOS AVENOFF (Greek)  
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BIRMINGHAM  
GLASGOW  
CAPE TOWN  
DANAE  
DAUNTLESS  
MAURITIUS  
GAMBIA  
NEWCASTLE  
SUMATRA (Dutch)  
WORCESTERSHIRE  
RANCHI  
CORPU  
ALAUNIA  
CHITRAL  
RANPURA  
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QUEEN OF BERNUDA  
CARTRAGE  
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Enemy Forces

6-9 Submarines



## DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC &amp; INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

13th September, 1942

## DISPOSITIONS ALLIED &amp; ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

## A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

## EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

## British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "PHOENIX" "SELFRIDGE" "BAGLEY" "HENLEY" "HELM") on patrol.
- (ii) Air recon yesterday 12/9 showed no enemy naval force in the Milne Bay area and "ARUNTA" has therefore left "JAPARA" & "VAN HEEMSKERK" unloading in Milne Bay, while she proceeds Port Moresby to refuel E.T.A. 0530 today 13/9. She will return to Milne Bay by 1900/13. Unloading will not be completed before p.m. 15/9.
- (iii) "WARREGO" escorting "KATOOMBA" dep. Port Moresby 11/9 for Townsville E.T.A. 2200/14. "KATOOMBA" thence independently to Brisbane ETA 1800/15.
- (iv) "ARMIDALE" escorting "CREMER" "THEOPHANO LIVANOS" were to depart Port Moresby 2400 yesterday 12/9.
- (v) "CLARK" escorting "MERKUR" "POYANG" enroute Noumea to Sydney.
- (vi) "MONOWAI" "BENHAM" enroute Wellington to Sydney ETA 0600/15, with 281 U.S. and Australian naval personnel, including 61 wounded.
- (vii) "STUART" arr. Cairns 0900/12, dep. 1730 escorting "MULIAMA" "BABINDA" (with 600 and 750 tons rations respectively) to Milne Bay via Grafton Passage ETA 1100/15.
- (viii) "GEELONG" escorting Convoy "R" ("JOHN STEELE", "WANHUI") with "MATTHEWS" in company to depart Brisbane for Townsville 1430 today 13/9 ETA 15/9. Thence Port Moresby.
- (ix) "COLAC" ran aground on Euston Reef 0450/12 while en route Townsville with "BALLARAT". She was refloated at 0610/12 and proceeded, arriving 2305/12. An examination will be made by divers. "BALLARAT" arr. Townsville 2045/12.
- (x) "BENDIGO" escorting "HENRY D. THOREAU" arr. Townsville 2055/12. "KURUMBA" proceeding independently Townsville to Brisbane. Thence Sydney in PG convoy.
- (xi) "DELORAIN" "YANDRA" escorting "ERROS" and Convoy P012 enroute Brisbane to Sydney ETA not earlier than 0830 today 13/9.
- (xii) "TOWNSVILLE" "WHYALLA" escorting Convoy 0025 en route for Sydney E.T.A. 2100 today 13/9.
- (xiii) "MORESBY" & "MILDURA" escorting Convoy C026 en route Sydney and Newcastle to Melbourne.
- (xiv) "BUNGARIE" arr. Brisbane 1715/12 to join next PG convoy.
- (xv) "LITHGOW" enroute Townsville to Brisbane ETA 1600/14.
- (xvi) "WALLAROO" arr. Adelaide 1651/11. To exp proceed with boiler-cleaning and depart p.m. 16/9 for Fremantle.
- (xvii) "MANUNDA" enroute Port Moresby to Brisbane ETA 0600/14.
- (xviii) "BUNDABERG" was commissioned at Brisbane yesterday 12/9.
- (xix) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy 0026 (12 MV) dep. Port Phillip 2149 yesterday 12/9 to arrive at MV with 0026 (38° 55' S, 145° 26' E) at 0800 today 13/9. Convoys to exchange escorts and proceed. ETA 0026 Port Kembla 1700/15; Sydney 2400/15; Newcastle 0800/16. Also one MV for Auckland ETA 16/9. One vessel grounded in Port Phillip was unable to proceed.
- (xx) At Sydney - "CAPIES PALMES" "K.9" "DOBBIN" "WILCANNIA" "BROOME" "DUBBO" "TANWORTH"  
Repairing - "CHICAGO" "MUGFORD" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA" "CESSNOCK"
- (xxi) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "GAWLER"  
Repairing - "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xxii) At Adelaide - "MARYBOROUGH"
- (xxiii) At Brisbane - "PATTERSON" "GRIFFIN" "TULSA" "ROCKHAMPTON" "GEELONG" "GOULBURN"
- (xxiv) At Townsville - "KATOOMBA" "BENDIGO" "H.D. THOREAU" "BRITISH SAILOR"
- (xxv) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA" "PINGWO"
- (xxvi) At Port Moresby - "CASTLEMAINE" "SEAWITCH" "BOTH" "MONTORO" "SWARTENHONET"
- (xxvii) At Cairns - "JACOB" "TASMAN"
- (xxviii) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see Appendix.



Enemy Forces

(i) RABAU - Photographs taken during air recce 11/9 show the following vessels in Rabaul Harbour -

- 2 light cruisers
- 3 probable seaplane tenders
- 5 destroyers
- 3 torpedo boats
- 3 gunboats
- 1 large submarine
- 3 transports (7/10,000 tons)
- 7 cargo vessels (6/8,000 tons)
- 6 unidentified vessels
- 33 ships

In addition, 60 landing barges, several motor boats, 7 floatplanes and six flying boats were in the Harbour, and 24 heavy bombers and 6 fighters on Vunakanau aerodrome.

(ii) BUIN-FAISI AREA - Two enemy vessels returned to the Buin - Faisi area yesterday 12/9. Four warships, including probably one "SENDAI" class cruiser and 3 destroyers departed Buin about 1100/12 and were later sighted by aircraft approx 10 miles S.E. Faisi on course 120°. The composition of the remaining force (8 vessels) is doubtful, but probably included 4 destroyers and 4 merchant vessels (including one tanker). The two seaplane tenders which were operating in this area appear to have moved to a new base. The minelayer observed at Faisi 10/9 is probably operating in nearby waters.

(iii) BUKA - There is no evidence of increased activity in Buka Passage. The two supply ships which arrived at Buka 1019/11 dep. to the south along the west coast of Bougainville at 0806/12. The two destroyers operating in the area were again sighted 11/9. Two twin-engined aircraft were observed on the aerodrome 12/9.

(iv) NEW IRELAND - A small enemy warship (probably submarine chaser or minesweeper) was attacked by a Fortress on recce, approx 50 miles south of Kavieng at 0938/12.

(v) SOLOMONS

a) Guadalcanal - Enemy forces estimated at several thousand have reached Walumbu River (7 miles E. Lunga Point), i.e. 5 miles east of the allied positions.

b) New Georgia - 3 enemy cruisers and one destroyer were reported by allied aircraft approx 20 miles NNW Vaholi Bay at 0750/12 on course 300°.

c) Ysabel Is. - 2 destroyers, 2 transports were reported by aircraft approx 60 miles N.W. Rekata Bay at 0855/12, course 60°.

d) Ongtong Java - 1 destroyer, 1 cargo vessel were observed by aircraft 200 miles NNE Ongtong Java at 1053/11.

e) Nukumanu Is. (35 miles N. Ongtong Java) - Air recce 11/9 reported an enemy settlement on Nukumanu. A seaplane base is suspected.

f) Ulawa - A submarine was sighted at 0351/10 8 miles S.S.E. Ulawa I.

(vi) TROBRIANDS - Two destroyers were observed by aircraft in the vicinity of the Trobriands about 1220/12.

(vii) DEBOYNE IS. - Air recce of the Deboyne Is., where a possible enemy seaplane base has been suspected, was negative.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

(i) "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "MANOORA" "KANIMELA" on escort duty off Fremantle.

(ii) "BENGAL" enroute Adelaide to Fremantle ETA 1600/14.

(iii) "WIZARD" arr. Albany 0948/12.

(iv) "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting "DARVEL" enroute Thursday Is. to Darwin ETA 1600 today 13/9.

(v) "KALGOORLIE" dep. Darwin 1120 yesterday 12/9 for Bebano (Timor) ETA 1730 today 13/9. To return a few hours later.

(vi) "LARK" enroute Albany to Fremantle ETA 1400 today 13/9.

(vii) "CAIRNS" dep. Albany 1222/12 for Fremantle ETA 0100/15.

(viii) "TRINITY" dep. Albany 1508/12.

(ix) "SHILES" dep. Exmouth Gulf 1307/12 for Fremantle ETA 0900/14.

(x) At Fremantle - "VOYAGER" "K.8" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "ERLING BROVIG" "BOMBAY" "WOLLONGONG" "TOOWOOMBA" "IPSWICH" "BURNIE"

(xi) At Albany - "PELIAS" "WHIPPOORWILL"

(xii) At Darwin - "K.12"

(xiii) At Exmouth Gulf - "W.B. PRESTON"

(xiv) At Geraldton - "HERON"

(xv) For submarines in Western Sector - see Appendix.



### 3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

#### British and Allied Forces

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

#### Enemy Forces

BANDA SEA - Air recce of the Kai, Aroe and Sermata Is. 12/9 reported no activity.

#### B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

#### C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

##### British and Allied Forces

- (i) At Tongatabu - "SOUTH DAKOTA" "NEW ORLEANS" "SARATOGA" "VESTAL"  
"ARCTIC" "WORDEN" "CUMMINGS" "WILSON" "GWIN" "MEREDITH"  
"DEWEY" "AMERICAN LEGION" "HUNTER LEGGETT" "PHELPS"  
"NAVAJO" "BLEECHER"
- (ii) At Samoa - "TURKEY" "BRAZOS" "CAMANGA" "HOVEY" "AYLWIN"
- (iii) At Suva - "GALE" "STACK"
- (iv) At Auckland - "RIGEL" "ALSKY" "ATREUS"
- (v) At Noumea - "KANAWHA" "CHEVREUIL" "ARGONNE" "RAINIER" "WHITNEY"  
"ANTARES" "CIMARRON" "STERETT"
- (vi) At Vila - "GRAYSON" "MONSSEN" "KITTYHAWK"
- (vii) At Espiritu Santo - "CURTISS" "ALHENA" "FOMALHAUT" "McCAWLEY"  
"TRACY" "McFARLAND" "BOISE" "GAMBLE" "W.W.BURROWS" "LANG"  
"BETELGEUSE" "LEANDER" "HULL" "HUGHES" "FULLER" "HOPKINS"  
"BELLATRIX" "ZANE" "SOUTHARD" "MINNEAPOLIS" "CRESCENT CITY"  
"PRESIDENT ADAMS" "PRESIDENT JACKSON" "RAYWOOD" "ALCHIBA"  
"LIBRA" "TREVET" "PRESIDENT HAYES" "STERETT"
- (viii) At Ndeni - "BALLARD" "MACKINAC"
- (ix) At Wellington - "SOLACE"

#### Enemy Forces

NDENI IS. (Santa Cruz Group) - An enemy aircraft carrier and cruiser were reported in position 7°20'S, 168°50'E (265 miles NE of Ndeni Is.) at 1339/12, course 195°. Two other suspicious vessels were sighted in the vicinity, during the day and were last reported 160 miles SSE Ndeni at 1650.

The aircraft carrier may be planning an attack on allied seaplane tenders, two of which are operating at Ndeni. There is no further information concerning the reported shelling of "MACKINAC" early a.m. 12/9.

#### D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

#### E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

#### F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

##### British and Allied Forces

"MADRAS" & "LAUNGESTON" enroute Fremantle to Colombo ETA 18/9.

### 2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

SYDNEY - A crossing of one of the outer loops at Sydney was recorded at 1340/12. A vessel of at least 1000 tons was probably responsible. Present intelligence has indicated that at least two "I" class mine-laying submarines are operating off the Eastern Australian coast. "DUBBO" departed Sydney 0530 today to patrol and "NARANI" will sweep for mines. Convoy P012 has been ordered to arrive later than 0830.

TROBRIANDS - Photographs show that the destroyer hit by Fortress 11/9 was of the "AKIKAZE" class (1200 tons; 4-4.7"). One hit had been made on the stern and steam was escaping from the funnel and engine room. Aircraft on recce 12/9 sighted a large patch of oil 3 miles long, 1 mile wide approx 5 miles N.W. of the position of the attack. No wreckage was visible.

GUADALCANAL - It was reported at 0040 today that a cruiser and four destroyers had been bombarding allied positions on Guadalcanal for over an hour. No further details are available.

### 3. AIR OPERATIONS

BUNA - 15 Bostons attacked Buna 11/9. Buildings were hit and fires started. 2 prob. 3 aircraft destroyed. Four attacks were made on Buna area 12/9 by seven Fortresses, 5 Marauders, 9 Bostons, 12 Aircobras. At least 4 aircraft destroyed. Buildings damaged.



ENEMY

- (i) GUADALCANAL - 26 Heavy Bombers escorted by Zero fighters bombed allied positions 1245/11. Six bombers five Zero's shot down. The base radio was destroyed.
- (ii) GILBERTS - Enemy Seaplane was observed at Maiana Is. 11/9.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Heavy naval and air counter-attacks against allied positions in the Solomons with a view to re-occupation of Guadalcanal.
- (ii) Heavy attack and attempt at consolidation Milne Bay - Buna area.
- (iii) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (iv) Intensified submarine activity in the S.W.P.A.

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For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

13/9/42



A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY  
to

SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA  
EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR  
British and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA	CHICAGO
6" Cruisers	PHOENIX	
	HOBART	
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA	LE TRIOMPHANT
	STUART	
Destroyers	PATTERSON	MUGFORD
	BAGLEY	
	HENLEY	
	HELM	
Submarines	S.38 )	
	S.41 ) At Brisbane	
	S.43 )	
	S.44 )	
	STURGEON )	
	SAILFISH )	
	SCULPIN )	
	S.37 )	
	S.40 ) On Patrol	
	S.42 )	
	S.45 )	
	S.46 )	
	S.47 )	
Dutch Submarine	K.9	At Sydney
A.M.C.	WESTHALIA	
Submarine Tender	GRIFFIN	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Storeship		GOLDSTAR
Gunboat	TULSA	
Oiler		VICTORIA

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet	
CinC 2nd Fleet	
CinC 8th Fleet	
CinC 1st Air Fleet	
CinC 4th Fleet	
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet)	
1 poss. 2 battleships (BB)	YAMATO
	NAGATO
2 Battlecruisers (BB)	KIRISHIMA
	HIYEI
3-4 Aircraft Carriers (CV)	SHIKAKU
	SHOKAKU
	one unknown
	RYUJO (damaged, possibly sunk)
3 converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	ZUIHO
	KASUGA MARU
	YAWATA MARU
10 heavy cruisers (CA)	ATAGO
	CHEKAI
	KUNANO
	HAGURO (poss. returning Japan)
	MAYA ?
	TOHE
	TIKUMA
	MYOKO
	TAKAO
	FURUTAKA
	KINUGASA
10 Light Cruisers (CL) possibly	YUBARI
	JINTSU
	SENDAI
	KAFORI
	KASHIMA
	NAKA
	YURA
	NAGARA
	2 "TENRYU" class



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

40-45 Destroyers

2 Seaplane Carriers (AV) CHIYODA  
AKITSUSHIMA

5 converted S/P Tenders incl. KIYOKAWA MARU (possibly enroute north)  
(XAV) KAMOI

KAGU MARU  
KAMIKAWA MARU

2 submarine tenders

approx 25 merchant ships (incl. poss. 3 Military Landing Craft Carriers

8 patrol craft

6 minelaying craft

16 sub chasers

15 M.T.B.'s

5 Gunboats

Approx 276 shore-based aircraft including 72 fighters, 126 H/B, 31 F/B,

27 F/P, 20 Obsn. or transport aircraft

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruiser

ADELAI DE

Fletilla Leader

TROMP

Destroyer

VOYAGER

A.N.C.'s

KANIMBLA

MANOORA

S/P Tenders

CHILDS

HERON

W. B. PRESTON

Submarine Tenders

HOLLAND

PELIAS

Storeship

MIZAR

Submarines

On Patrol

SAURY

GRENADIER

TAMBOR

SNAPPER

SEAWOLF

SALMON

SEAL

SARGO

SEADRAGON

SPEARFISH

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

THRESHER

TAUTOG

SKIPJACK

At Fremantle

SEARAVEN

GUDGEON

GRAYBACK

At Albany

GRAMPUS

GAR

Dutch Submarines

K.8

At Fremantle

K.12

At Darwin

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

CINC 3rd Fleet

CINC Southern Expeditionary Fleet

1 Carrier (CV or XCV)

OTAKA (enroute Davao to Truk)

1 - 8" Cruiser

ASHIGARA

3 Light Cruisers ("KASHII" "ISUZU" "KINU")

Approx 16 Destroyers

Converted S/P Tenders ?

Timor

Approx 28 shore-based aircraft incl. 9 F, 9 H/B, 4 F/B, 6 F/P

Ambon

Approx 32 shore-based aircraft incl. 9 F, 8 H/B, 8 F/B, 7 F/P

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

MARYLAND

COLORADO

IDaho

MISSISSIPPI

NEW MEXICO

PENNSYLVANIA

CALIFORNIA

NEVADA (to be ready about 1/10)

WEST VIRGINIA

TENNESSEE



Aircraft Carriers	ENTERPRISE	YORKTOWN
	COPAHKEE (Converted)	
	LONG ISLAND "	
8" Cruisers	PORTLAND	
	CHESTER	
6" Cruisers	DETROIT	
	SAN JUAN	
Destroyers	15 (approx)	
Submarines	23 (approx)	

Enemy Forces  
Palao - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

6 Battleships (BB)	MUSASHI	
	MUTSU	
	YAMASHIRO	
	HYUGA	
	FUSO	
	ISE	
2 Battlecruisers (BB)	KONGO	
	HARUNA (possibly damaged)	
3 Aircraft Carriers (CV)	HOSHU	
	JUNYO (HAYATAKA) )	Possibly Southern
	MIYO (HITAKA) )	Waters
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)	MISSHIN	
2 - 8" Cruisers (CA)	NACHI	SUZUYA
3 - 6" Cruisers (CL)	ABUKUMA	
	TAMA	
	NATORI	
1 converted S/P Carrier (AV)	CHITOSE	
3 converted S/P Tenders (XAV)	KOTORO	
	GOSHU MARU	
	FUJISAWA MARU	

Approx 30 Destroyers  
Approx 20 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA  
British and Allied Forces

Battleships	WASHINGTON
	SOUTH DAKOTA
	NORTH CAROLINA
Aircraft Carriers	WASP
	HORNET
	SARATOGA
8" Cruisers	ASTORIA
	NORTHAMPTON
	VINCENNES
	PENSACOLA
	MINNEAPOLIS
	QUINCY
	SAN FRANCISCO
	NEW ORLEANS
6" Cruiser	SALT LAKE CITY
	BOISE
	RALEIGH
	JUNEAU
	SAN DIEGO
	ATLANTA
	HELENA
	LEANDER
	ACHILLES
Destroyers	25 (approx)

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA  
British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers	LOUISVILLE
	INDIANAPOLIS
6" Cruisers	HONOLULU
	ST. LOUIS
	NASHVILLE

15 Destroyers  
10 Submarines

Enemy Forces  
Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians

1 Light Cruiser ("KISO")  
4 Destroyers  
Approx 10 Submarines  
1st Base Force



E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

CONCORD  
TRENTON  
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

WARSPITE  
VALIANT  
RESOLUTION  
REVENGE  
INDOMITABLE  
ILLUSTRIOUS  
FORMIDABLE  
DEVONSHIRE  
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)  
PROBISHER  
HAWKINS  
CALLEDON  
DRAGON  
ENTERPRISE  
EMERALD  
CERES  
BIRMINGHAM  
GLASGOW  
CAPETOWN  
DANAE  
DAUNTLESS  
MAURITIUS  
GAMBIA  
NEWCASTLE  
SUMATRA (Dutch)  
WORCESTERSHIRE  
RANCHI  
CORFU  
ALAVNIA  
CHITRAL  
RANFURA  
CANTON  
QUEEN OF BERMUDA  
CARTHAGE  
HEEMSKERCK  
CARLISLE

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

Approx 25 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

6-9 Submarines



## DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC &amp; INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

14th September, 1942

## 1. POSITIONS ALLIED &amp; ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

## A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

## 1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "PHOENIX" "SELFRIEDGE" "BAGLEY" "HENLEY" "HELM") on patrol.
- ✓(ii) "ARUNTA" with "VAN HEEMSKERK" & "JAPARA" in Milne Bay ETD 1800 today 14/9.
- ✓(iii) "WARREGO" escorting "KATOOMBA" dep. Port Moresby 11/9 for Townsville ETA 2200/14. "KATOOMBA" thence independently to Brisbane ETA 1800/16.
- ✓(iv) "ARMIDALE" escorting "CREMER" "THEOPANO LIVANOS" departed Port Moresby 2200/13 for Townsville ETA 1100/16.
- (v) "CLARK" escorting "MERKUR" "POYANG" enroute Noumea to Sydney.
- (vi) "MONOWAI" "BENHAM" enroute Wellington to Sydney ETA 0600/15, with 281 U.S. and Australia naval personnel, including 61 wounded.
- ✓(vii) "STUART" escorting "MULIANA" "BABINDA" (with 600 and 750 tons rations respectively) enroute Milne Bay via Grafton Passage ETA 1100/15.
- (viii) "SWAN" escorting "TARONGA" en route Townsville to Port Moresby ETA 1600 today 14/9.
- ✓(ix) Convoys T ("JASON LEE" "MAETSUYCKER") and V ("VAN HEUTSZ" "WEST CACTUS" "HANYANG") are expected to depart Townsville for Port Moresby before 1600 today 14/9, having been delayed by the grounding of "WEST CACTUS" at the entrance to the harbour.
- (x) "GERLONG" escorting Convoy R ("JOHN STEELE" "ANNUI") with "MATTHEWS" in company has been delayed by engine trouble in "ANNUI" ETD Caloundra 0700 today 14/9 ETA Townsville 16/9; thence Port Moresby.
- (xi) "DELOIRINE" "YANDRA" escorting "HEROS" and Convoy PG12 arr. Sydney 0931/13.
- (xii) "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Sydney portion Convoy CG25 arr. Sydney 1923/13. "WHYALLA" continued with Newcastle section.
- (xiii) "TOWNSVILLE" & "YANDRA" to escorting Convoy GP13 (3 MV) dep. Sydney 0900 today 14/9 for Brisbane ETA 0500/16.
- (xiv) "PINGWO" escorted by "DUBBO" dep. Sydney 1645/13.
- (xv) "WHYALLA" & "DUBBO" to escort Convoy CG27 (2 MV) departing Newcastle 1001 today 14/9.
- (xvi) "MORESBY" "MILDURA" escorting Convoy CG26 (12 MV) ETA Port Kembla 1700/15; Sydney 2400/15; Newcastle 0800/16.
- (xvii) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy CG26 was due Melbourne yesterday 13/9.
- xviii) "COLAC" has damaged her port propeller due to grounding and dep. Townsville 0201/14 for Brisbane for docking ETA 0700/17.
- (xix) "ROCKHAMPTON" to depart Brisbane escorting "WILLIAM ELLERY" (for Noumea) at 1500 today 14/9.
- (xx) "KURUMBA" enroute Port Moresby to Brisbane ETA 1200/15. Thence Sydney in PG convoy.
- (xxi) "LITHGOW" en route Townsville to Brisbane has been ordered to return Townsville to relieve Colac ETA 0700/16.
- (xxii) "MANUNDA" en route Port Moresby to Brisbane ETA 0600/14.
- (xxiii) At Sydney - "CAP DES PALMES" "K.9" "DOBBIN" "WILCANNIA" "BROOME" "TANWORTH"  
Repairing - "CHICAGO" "MUGFORD" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA" "CESSNOCK"
- (xxiv) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "GAWLER"  
Repairing - "VENETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xxv) At Adelaide - "MARYBOROUGH" "WALLAROO"
- (xxvi) At Brisbane - "PATTERSON" "GRIFFIN" "TULSA" "BUNDABERG" "GOULBURN" "BUNGAREE"
- (xxvii) At Townsville - "KATOOMBA" "BENDIGO" "BALLARAT" "BRITISH SAILOR"
- (xxviii) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA"
- (xxix) At Port Moresby - "CASTLEMAINE" "SEAWITCH" "BOTH" "MONTORO" "SWARTENHONDT"
- (xxx) At Cairns - "sJACOB"
- (xxxi) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see Appendix.



Enemy Forces

- (i) BUIN-FAISI - Enemy shipping is again being concentrated in the Buin - Faisi area. At least 23 vessels, chiefly warships, were operating in the area yesterday 13/9, as follows -
  - 4 cruisers
  - 12 destroyers
  - 6 large merchant vessels (incl. 2 tankers)
  - 1 small escort vessel

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Of these, two probable cruisers, 3 destroyers and a large merchant vessel were observed approaching Faisi from the S.E. at 1220, and a tanker with escort vessel departed Buin westwards at 0900/13.

- (ii) BUIN - Natives report that the enemy are clearing land in the Kihili area (near Buin) with a view to constructing an aerodrome
- (iii) NEW IRELAND - Aircraft on recon reported a cargo vessel (3000 tons) escorted by a corvette approx 68 miles S.E. Kavieng making for Rabaul.
- (iv) NEW BRITAIN - A cruiser and destroyer were reported approx 40 miles ~~at~~ East of Jacquinot Bay at 1245/13 and were attacked (see Air Operations). The pilot of one of the aircraft reported four transports approx 25 miles north of the cruiser.
- (v) NORMANBY IS. - An enemy submarine was reported by aircraft 10°35' S, 151°12' E (30 miles S. Normanby Is.) at 0945/13.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "MANCORA" "KANIMELA" on escort duty off Fremantle.
- (ii) "BENGAL" en route Adelaide to Fremantle ETA 1600 today 14/9.
- (iii) "WIZAR" dep. Albany for Fremantle 0556/13.
- (iv) "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting "DARVEL" arr. Darwin from Thursday Is. 1704/13.
- (v) "KALGOORLIE" dep. Darwin 12/9 for Bebrano (Timor) ETA 1730/13. To return a few hours later.
- (vi) "CAIKNS" enroute Albany to Fremantle ETA 0100/15.
- (vii) "CHILDS" en route Exmouth Gulf to Fremantle ETA 0900/14.
- (viii) "BOMBAY" dep. Fremantle 1815/13 to RV with "TRINITY" (dep. Albany 12/9) and escort to Diego Garcia ETA 26/9. "TRINITY" thence Bahrein, Bombay to Colombo.
- (ix) At Fremantle - "VOYAGER" "K.S." "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "ERLING BROVIG" "WOLLONGONG" "TOOWOOMBA" "IPSWICH" "BURNIE" "LARK"
- (x) At Albany - "PELIAS" "WHIPPOORWILL"
- (xi) At Darwin - "K.12"
- (xii) At Exmouth Gulf - "W.B. PRESTON"
- (xiii) At Geraldton - "HERON"
- (xiv) For submarines in Western Sector - see Appendix.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

Banda Sea - 2 small cargo vessels were reported approx 65 miles N.W. Seloe Is. (Tanimbar Is.). An unsuccessful attack was made, at 0950/13 but a later attack sank one of the vessels (see Air Ops.)

Kai Is. - A Hudson reported a 6,000 ton merchant vessel beached on Wallir Is. (Kai Is.) 13/9. An attack was unsuccessful.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) At Tongatabu - "AMERICAN LEGION" "HUNTER LEGGETT" "NAVAJO" "VESTAL" "ARCTIC"
- (ii) At Samoa - "HOVEY" "AYLWIN" "TURKEY" "BRAZOS" "CAMANGA"
- (iii) At Suva - "STACK" "DALE" "VIREO"
- (iv) At Auckland - "ACHILLES" "RIGEL" "ALSEY" "ATREUS"
- (v) At Noumea - "CHEVREUIL" "ARGONNE" "RAINIER" "WHITNEY" "ANTARES" "CIMARRON" "KANAWHA" "ROAMER"
- (vi) At Espiritu Santo - "MINNEAPOLIS" "BOISE" "LEANDER" "LANG" "ZANE" "HOPKINS" "SOUTHARD" "TREVER" "GWIN" "MEREDITH" "GRAYSON" "MONSSEN" "CURTISS" "ALHENA" "FOMALHAUT" "McCAWLEY" "TRACY"



"GAMBLE" "BETELGEUSE" "CRESCENT CITY" "PRESIDENT ADAMS"  
"PRESIDENT JACKSON" "KEYWOOD" "ALCHIBA" "LIBRA" "SABINE"  
"PRESIDENT HAYES"

- (vii) At Ndeni - "MACKINAC" "McFARLAND"  
(viii) At Wellington - "SOLACE"

Enemy Forces

- (i) SANTA CRUZ AREA - At least 5 enemy cruisers and 8 destroyers making towards the Santa Cruz area were sighted by aircraft yesterday 13/9. This force was observed approx 240 miles NNW Ndeni at 1402/13, on course 160°. Other reports indicate that at least 2 cruisers and possible other vessels are also in the vicinity.  
(ii) NEW ZEALAND - A suspicious vessel showing an amber light was reported approx 300 miles N. of North Cape (N.Z) at 0335/13.

- D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)  
E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)  
F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "MADRAS" & "LAUNCESTON" en route Fremantle to Colombo ETA 18/9.  
(ii) "WANGANELLA" dep. Suez 12/9 with 500 invalids for Australia and New Zealand.

Enemy Submarines - 1 poss. 3 enemy submarines are believed to be in the Gulf of Aden and 1 in the Chagos Archipelago area.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) GUADALCANAL - Allied positions were again shelled at 0015/14 by at least 1 cruiser, 2 destroyers.  
(ii) GIZO - Buildings at Gizo were destroyed by allied aircraft at 1100/11.  
(iii) SYDNEY - Intensive searches for an enemy vessel, following the unidentified loop crossing 12/9, were negative.  
(iv) SANTA CRUZ - It is learned that "MACKINAC" was shelled off Ndeni at 0217/12 probably by a submarine. Six salvos were fired without damage.  
(v) A Blockade Runner, name unknown, dep. Japan prior to 5th September.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

- (i) LAE - Two attacks were made on Lae aerodrome by 12 Marauders 13/9. Two bombers probably destroyed.  
(ii) JACQUINOT BAY - 6 Fortresses attacked an enemy cruiser & destroyer approx 40 miles E. Jacquinot Bay at 1245/13 - no hits.  
(iii) TAI IMBAR IS. - 4 Hudsons attacked 2 small cargo vessels (2/300 tons) approx 10 miles N.E. Seloe Is. at 1807/13. One direct hit on smaller vessel; the stern was blown off and the vessel was seen to be sinking.  
(iv) YSABEL IS. - A Fortress was intercepted by 5 enemy floatplanes off the N.W. end of Ysabel 12/9 and shot down 2 of the enemy aircraft

ENEMY

- (i) BUKA - Five fighters and several other unidentified aircraft arr. Buka from the south 1654/13.  
(ii) SANTA CRUZ - Four unidentified aircraft were reported over Vanikoro Is. 13/9.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Heavy naval and air counter-attacks against allied positions in the Solomons with a view to re-occupation of Guadalcanal.  
(ii) Heavy attack and attempt at consolidation Milne Bay - Buna area.  
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For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

14/9/42



APPENDIX

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

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

	<u>Effective.</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing.</u>
8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA	CHICAGO
6" Cruisers	PHOENIX	
	HOBART	
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA	LE TRIOMPHANT
	STUART	
	PATTERSON	
	BAGLEY	
	HENLEY	
	HELM	
Submarines	S.37	
	S.38) At Brisbane	
	S.41)	
	S.43)	
	S.44)	
	STURGEON )	
	SAILFISH )	
	SCULPIN )	
	S.40.	
	S.42 ) On Patrol	
	S.45 )	
	S.46 )	
	S.47 )	
Dutch Submarine	K.9	At Sydney.
A.M.C.	WESTRALIA	
Submarine Tender	GRIFFIN	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Storeship		GOLDSTAR
gunboat	TULSA	
Oiler		VICTORIA

Enemy Forces.

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons.

C.in C. Combined Fleet	
C.in C. 2nd Fleet	
C.in C. 8th Fleet	
C.in C. 1st Air Fleet	
C.in C. 4th Fleet	
C.in C. 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet)	
2 poss. 3 battleships (BB)	YAMATO
	MUTSU
	NAGATO ?
2 Battlecruisers (BB)	KIRISHIMA
	HIYEI
3-4 Aircraft Carriers (CV)	ZUIKAKU
	SHOKAKU
	ZUIHO
	RYUJO (damaged, possibly sunk)
3 converted A/c. Carriers (XCV)	KASUGA MARU
	YAWATA MARU
	One unknown
10 heavy cruisers (CA)	ATOGO
	CHOKAI
	KUMANO
	HAGURO (poss. returning Japan)
	MAYA ?
	TONE
	TIKUMA
	MYOKO
	TAKAO
	FURUTAKA
	KINUGASA
Possibly	YUBARI
10 light Cruisers (CL)	JINTSU
	SENDAI



KATORI  
KASHIMA  
NAKA  
YURA  
NAGARA

2 "TENRYU" class  
Approx. 25 submarines incl. 4-8 "RD" class, 15 "I" class (at least 2 minelayers)

40-45 destroyers.

3 Seaplane carriers (AV)

CHITOSE  
CHIYODA  
AKITSUSHIMA

5 converted S/P.tenders incl. (XAV) KIIYOKAWA MARU (poss.en route North)

KAMOI  
KAGU MARU  
KAMEKAWA MARU

2 submarine tenders

approx. 25 merchant ships (inc. poss. 3 Military Landing Craft Carriers).

8 patrol craft

6 minelaying craft

16 sub.chasers

15 M.F.Bs.

5 gunboats

Approx. 276 shore-based aircraft including 72 fighters, 126 H/B, 31 F/B.  
27 F/P., 20 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

## 2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

### British and Allied Forces.

6" cruiser

Flotilla Leader

Destroyer

A.M.Cs.

S/P.TENDERS

Submarine Tenders.

Storeship

Submarines

ADELAIDE  
TROMP  
VOYAGER  
KANIMBLA  
MANOORA  
CHILDS  
HERON  
W.B. PRESTON  
HOLLAND  
PELIAS  
NIZAR  
On patrol  
SAURY  
GRENADIER  
TAMBOR  
SHAPPER  
SEAWOLF  
SALMON  
SEAL  
SARGO  
THRESHER  
SEADRAGON  
SPEARFISH

### Repairing & Preparing for Patrols.

SKIPJACK }  
SEARAVEN } At Fremantle.  
GUDGEON }  
GRAYBACK }  
GRAMPUS } At Albany  
GAR }  
K.8 } At Fremantle  
K.12 } At Darwin

2  
Dutch Submarines

## 3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.

### British and Allied Forces.

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

### Enemy Forces.

C.in C. 3rd Fleet.

C.in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet.

1-8" cruiser

ASHIGARA

3 light cruisers ("KASHII" "ISUZU" "KINU")

Approx. 16 destroyers.

Converted S/P.tenders ?



Timor.

Approx. 28 shore-based aircraft incl. 9 F, 9 H/B, 4 F/B. 6 F/P.

Ambon.

Approx. 32 shore-based aircraft incl. 9F, 8 H/B, 8 F/B. 7 F.P.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

British and Allied Forces.

Battleships

MARYLAND

CALIFORNIA

COLORADO

NEVADA (to be ready about 1/10)

IDAHO

MISSISSIPPI

WEST VIRGINIA

NEW MEXICO

TENNESSEE

PENNSYLVANIA

Aircraft carriers

ENTERPRISE

YORKTOWN

COPAHEE (converted)

LONG ISLAND "

8" cruisers

PORTLAND

CHESTER

6" cruisers

DETROIT

SAN JUAN

Destroyers

15 (approx.)

Submarines

23 (approx.)

Enemy Forces.

Palao - Sainan - Bonins - Japan.

5 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI

YAMASHIRO

HYUGA

FUSO

ISE

2 Battlecruisers (BB)

KONGO

HARUNA (poss. damaged)

3 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

HOSHIO

JUNYO (HAYATAKA) } poss. Southern waters.

HIYO (HITAKA) }

2 converted A/c. carriers (XCV)

NISSHIN

OTAKA (poss. en route Truk)

2-8" cruisers (CA)

NACHI

SUZUYA

3-6" cruisers (CL)

ABUKUMA

TAMA

MATORI

3 converted S/P. tenders (XAV)

NOTORO

GOSHU MARU

FUJIKAWA MARU

Approx. 30 destroyers.

Approx. 20 submarines.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

British and Allied Forces.

Battleships

WASHINGTON

SOUTH DAKOTA

NORTH CAROLINA

Aircraft carriers

WASP

HORNET

SARATOGA

8" cruisers

ASTORIA

NORTHAMPTON

VINCENNES

PENSACOLA

MINNEAPOLIS

QUINCY

SAN FRANCISCO

NEW ORLEANS

SALT LAKE CITY

6" cruiser

BOISE

RALEIGH

JUNEAU

SAN DIEGO

ATLANTA

HELENA

LEANDER

ACHILLES

Destroyers

25 (approx.)



D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA  
British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

15 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians

1 Light Cruiser ("Kiso")

4 Destroyers

Approx 10 Submarines

1st Base Force

LOUISVILLE  
INDIANAPOLIS  
HONOLULU  
ST. LOUIS  
NASHVILLE

SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

Approx 4 Destroyers

CONCORD  
TRENTON  
HICKORY

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA  
British and Allied Forces  
Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

WARSPITE  
VALIANT  
RESOLUTION  
REVENGE  
INDOMITABLE  
ILLUSTRIOUS  
FORMIDABLE  
DEVONSHIRE  
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)  
FROBISHER  
HAWKINS  
CALDON  
DRAGON  
ENTERPRISE  
EMERALD  
CERES  
BIRMINGHAM  
GLASGOW  
CAPE TOWN  
DANAÉ  
DAUNTLESS  
MAURITIUS  
GAMBIA  
NEWCASTLE  
SUMATRA (Dutch)  
WORCESTERSHIRE  
RANGHI  
CORFU  
ALANIA  
GRIFFIN  
RANPURA  
CANTON  
QUEEN OF HELENA  
CARTHAGE  
HERMSKERCK  
CARLISLE

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

Approx 25 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces  
6-9 Submarines



## DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC &amp; INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

15th September, 1942

## 1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED &amp; ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

## A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

## 1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (1) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "PHOENIX" "SELFRIDGE" "BAGLEY" "HENLEY" "HELM") on patrol.
- ✓(ii) "ARUNTA" with "VAN BREMSKERK" & "JAPARA" were to depart Milne Bay 1800/14.
- ✓(iii) "BALLARAT" "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy T ("JASON LEE" "MAETSUYCKER") and V ("VAN HEUTSZ" "WEST CACTUS" "HANYANG") dep. Townsville 2010/14. To RV with "ARUNTA" in position 12°56'S, 147°32'E at 1700/16. Thence position Z (150 miles SSE Port Moresby) where convoy splits at 0100/17. "BALLARAT" & "BENDIGO" escort Convoy T to Port Moresby ETA 1600/17; "ARUNTA" escorts V to Milne Bay ETA 2300/18.
- (iv) "PATTERSON" dep. Brisbane for trials 1135 yesterday 14/9.
- ✓(v) "WARREGO" arr. Townsville 0840/14. "KATOOMBA" proceeded independently to Brisbane.
- ✓(vi) "ARMIDALE" escorting "CREMER" "THEOPHANO LIVANOS" dep. Port Moresby 2200/13 for Townsville ETA 1100/16. "THEOPHANO LIVANOS" to be detached in Grafton Passage and proceed Cairns.
- (vii) "CLARK" escorting "MEREUR" "POYANG" enroute Noumea to Sydney.
- (viii) "MONGWAI" "BENHAM" en route Wellington to Sydney ETA 0600/15, with 281 U.S. and Australian naval personnel, including 61 wounded.
- ✓(ix) "STUART" escorting "MULIAMA" "BABINDA" (with 800 and 750 tons rations respectively) en route Milne Bay via Grafton Passage ETA 1100 today 15/9.
- ✓(x) "SWAN" escorting "TAROCNA" arr. Port Moresby 1622/14.
- (xi) "GEELONG" escorting Convoy R ("JOHN STEELE" "ANNUI") with "MATTHEWS" in company dep. Brisbane 0640/14 for Townsville ETA 16/9, thence Port Moresby.
- (xii) "MORESBY" "MILDURA" escorting Convoy OC26 (12 MV) ETA Port Kembla 1700/15; Sydney 2200/15; Newcastle 0600/16.
- (xiii) "YANBRA" escorting Convoy GPL3 (3 MV) dep. Sydney for Brisbane 0908/14 ETA 1500/18. "TOWNSVILLE" dep. Sydney 1232 to join convoy as additional escort.
- (xiv) "WHYALLA" escorting Convoy OC25 arr. Newcastle 0850/14.
- (xv) "DUBEC" escorting Convoy CO27 dep. Newcastle 0858/14 ETA RV position with "DOOMBA" 1200/17. "WHYALLA" dep. Sydney 1735/14 to RV and provide additional escort.
- (xvi) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy CO26 arr. Melbourne 1107 yesterday 14/9.
- ✓(xvii) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "BOTH" dep. Port Moresby 0700/14 for Townsville ETA 2400/15.
- (xviii) "COLAC" en route Townsville to Brisbane for docking ETA 0700/17.
- (xix) "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting "WILLIAM ELLERY" dep. Brisbane for Noumea 0859/14 ETA 0930/18.
- (xx) "KURUMBA" arr. Brisbane 0135/15. Thence Sydney in PG convoy.
- (xxi) "LITHGOW" en route Townsville to Brisbane has been ordered to return Townsville to relieve "COLAC" eta 0700/15.
- (xxii) "MANUNDA" en route Port Moresby to Brisbane ETA 0600/14.
- (xxiii) At Sydney - "CAP DES PALMES" "E.9" "DOBBIE" "WILCANNIA" "BROOME" "TAMWORTH" "DELORAINÉ"  
Repairing - "CHICAGO" "MUGFORD" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA" "CESSNOCK"
- (xxiv) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "GAWLER"  
Repairing - "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xxv) At Adelaide - "MARYBOROUGH" "WALLAROO"
- (xxvi) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "TULSA" "BUNDABERG" "GOULBURN" "BUNGAREE"
- (xxvii) At Townsville - "KATOOMBA" "BRITISH SAILOR"
- (xxviii) At Port Stephens - "AUSTRALIA" "PING WO"
- (xxix) At Port Moresby - "SEA WITCH" "MONTORO" "SWARTENHOUT"
- (xxx) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces

- (i) BUIN-FAISI - Considerable activity continues in the Faisi - Buin - Tonolei Harbour area. Air recon at 1135/14 sighted 16 vessels in the area including -



- 2 cruisers
- 3 possible cruisers
- 5 destroyers
- 4 cargo vessels
- 2 large vessels (unloading into 8 barges)

Seven seaplanes were also observed.

The only movement of shipping observed yesterday was the arrival of two destroyers at Buin from the west at 1630, but it is clear that considerable movement is taking place in the vicinity. A warship was observed refuelling from a tanker off Buin at 1645 (one tanker is reported to have departed from the area and another to have arrived, on 13/9).

It is probable that one of the cruisers is of the "SENDAI" class.

- (ii) BUKA - Two destroyers escorting a 12,000 ton passenger-cargo vessel, were observed on course 120° off the west coast of Bougainville approx 20 miles south of Buka Passage at 1215/14.
- (iii) ST. GEORGE'S CHANNEL - A small gunboat escorting a cargo vessel of 10,000 tons was sighted in St. George's Channel heading for Rabaul at 1020/14.

These vessels are probably the large tanker and small escort vessel which departed Buin westwards at 0900/13.

(iv) SOLOMONS

- a) Ysabel Is. - A possible aircraft carrier and two other vessels, covered by Zero fighters were observed by aircraft 20 miles north of Rekata Bay at 0717/14. It is believed that the enemy has established a seaplane base at Rekata Bay.
- b) Malaita - Enemy forces were sighted by aircraft on 14/9 in the area north-east of Malaita, as follows -  
At 1115, 165 miles N.E. of Ulawa Is. (off S. end Malaita) on course 140°, and again at 1415, 30 miles further east, on course 095° -  
3 battleships  
4 cruisers  
4 destroyers  
1 transport

(This force was bombed at 1555, and two hits and 4 near misses were scored.)

At 1145, 235 miles NNE Ulawa Is., on course 160° -

- 1 aircraft carrier
- 3 cruisers
- 4 destroyers

The minimum force operating east of the Southern Solomon Is. is therefore -

- 3 battleships
- 2 aircraft carriers
- 7 cruisers
- 8 destroyers
- 1 transport
- 2 unidentified vessels probably cruisers

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2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "MANGORA" "KANIMBLA" on escort duty off Fremantle.
- (ii) "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" arr. Fremantle 1114/14 from escort duties.
- (iii) "BENGAL" was due Fremantle 1600 yesterday 14/9.
- (iv) "MIZAR" arr. Fremantle 1430/14.
- (v) "KALGOORLIE" dep. Darwin 12/9 for Bebane (Timor) ETA 1730/13. To return a few hours later.
- (vi) "CAIRNS" en route Albany to Fremantle ETA 0100/15.
- (vii) "CHILDS" arr. Fremantle 0817/14.
- (viii) At Fremantle - "VOYAGER" "K.8" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "ERLING BROVIC" "WOLLONGONG" "TOOWOOMBA" "IPSWICH" "BURNIE" "LARK"
- (ix) At Albany - "PELIAS" "WHIPPOORWILL"
- (x) At Darwin - "K.12" "WARRNAMBOOL"
- (xi) At Exmouth Gulf - "W.B. PRESTON"
- (xii) At Geraldton - "HERON"
- (xiii) For submarines in Western Sector - see Appendix.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

11 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see appendix)

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)



B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) At Espiritu Santo - "MINNEAPOLIS" "BOISE" "LEANDER" "LANG" "ZANE" "HOPKINS" "SOUTHARD" "TREVOR" "OWIN" "MEREDITH" "GRAYSON" "RONSSSEN" "CURTISS" "ALHENA" "FOMALHAUT" "MCCAWLEY" "TRACY" "GAMBLE" "BEHELGEUSE" "CRESCENT CITY" "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "PRESIDENT JACKSON" "HEYWOOD" "ALCHIBA" "LIBRA" "SABINE" "PRESIDENT HAYES"
- (ii) At Tongatabu - "AMERICAN LEGION" "HUNTER LEGGETT" "NAVAJO" "VESTAL" "ARCTIC"
- (iii) At Samoa - "HOVEY" "AYLWIN" "TURKEY" "BRAZOS" "CAMANGA"
- (iv) At Suva - "STACK" "DALE" "VINEO"
- (v) At Auckland - "ACHILLES" "RIGEL" "ALSEY" "ATREUS"
- (vi) At Noumea - "CHEVREUIL" "ARGONNE" "RAINIER" "WHITNEY" "ANTARES" "CIMARRON" "KANAWHA" "ROAMER"
- (vii) At Bora Bora - "CASTOR"
- (viii) At Wellington - "SOLACE"

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "MADRAS" & "LAUNCESTON" en route Fremantle to Colombo ETA 18/9.
- (ii) "WANGANELLA" dep. Suez 12/9 with 500 invalids for Australia and New Zealand.
- (iii) "BOMBAY" escorting "TRINITY" en route Western Australia to Diego Garcia ETA 26/9. "TRINITY" thence to Bahrain; "BOMBAY" to Colombo.

Enemy Forces

One possibly three enemy submarines are believed to be in the Gulf of Aden and one in the Chagos Archipelago area.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) GUADALCANAL - The bombardment of allied positions on Guadalcanal at 0005/13 was carried out by one cruiser and 4 destroyers, and lasted 45 minutes. It was preceded by a 20 minute bombardment by one destroyer, commencing at 2130/12. It is believed that one enemy vessel was hit by return fire. Tulagi was also bombarded at 0300/13. An enemy air patrol was maintained there from 0100 to daylight.
- (ii) TANIMBAR IS. - Three Hudsons attacked an enemy vessel (150 tons) in Saunlaki Bay at 0658/14, no hits. Nine Hudsons attacked another vessel there (1300 tons) at 1145. Four near misses.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

ALLIED

- (i) Ysabel Is. - The enemy base at Rekata Bay was attacked by allied aircraft 13/9. Four recon floatplanes were attacked, one of which was destroyed and one damaged. Two enemy aircraft intercepted, and one was probably shot down. Buildings and M.G. emplacements were observed in the area but no shipping.
- (ii) EFOGI - One Boston attacked Efofi - Nauro area 14/9.

ENEMY

Enemy recon planes were active in the area NE of Ndeni Is. yesterday 14/9.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Heavy naval and air counter-attacks against allied positions in the Solomons with a view to re-occupation of Guadalcanal.
- (ii) Heavy attack and attempt at consolidation Milne Bay - Buna area.
- (iii) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (iv) Intensified submarine activity in the S.W.P.A.

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Flotilla Leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

Dutch Submarine

A.M.C.'s

Submarine Tender

Destroyer Tender

Storeship

Gunboat

Oiler

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet

CinC 2nd Fleet

CinC 8th Fleet

CinC 1st Air Fleet

CinC 4th Fleet

CinC 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet)

2 poss. 3 battleships (BB)

2 battlecruisers (BB)

~~4~~ 5 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

3 converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

9 heavy cruisers (CA)

10 light cruisers (CL) possibly

Effective

AUSTRALIA

PHOENIX

HOBART

ARUNTA

STUART

SELFRIDGE

CLARK

PATTERSON

BAGLEY

HENLEY

HELM

BENHAM

S.38

S.37

S.41

S.43

S.44

STURGEON

SAILFISH

SCULPIN

S.40

S.42

S.45

S.46

S.47

K.9

WESTRALIA

MONOWAI

GRIFFIN

DOBBIN

TULSA

Refitting or Repair

CHICAGO

LE TRIOMPHANT

At Brisbane

On patrol

At Sydney

GOLDSTAR

VICTORIA

*Possibly*

YAMATO

MUTSU

NAGATO &

KIRISHIMA

HIYEI

ZUIKAKU

SHOKAKU

ZUIHO

HITAKA

RYUJO (damaged, possibly sunk)

KASUGA MARU (Possibly Palao - Truk area)

YAWATA MARU

one unknown

ATAGO

TAKAO

CHOKAI

KUMANO

TONE

TIKUMA

MYOKO

FURUTAKA

KINUGASA

YUBARI

JINTSU

SENDAI

KATORI



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YURA  
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2 "TENRYU" class

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KANCI  
KAGU MARU  
KAMIKAWA MARU

5 converted S/P Tenders incl. (XAV)

2 submarintenders  
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8 minelaying craft  
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15 M.T.B.'s  
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Fleetilla Leader  
Destroyer  
A.M.C.'s

ADELAIDE  
TROMP  
VOYAGER  
KANIMBLA  
MANGORA  
CHILDS  
HERON  
W. B. PRESTON

S/P Tenders

Submarine Tenders

Storeship  
Submarines

HOLLAND  
PELIAS  
NIZAR  
On Patrol  
SAURY  
GRENADE  
TAMBOUR  
SNAPPER  
SEAWOLF  
SALMON  
SEAL  
SARGO  
THRESHER  
SEADRAGON  
SPEARFISH

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

TAUTOG  
SKIPJACK )  
SEARAVEN ) At Fremantle  
JUDGEON )  
GRAYBACK )  
GRAMPUB ) At Albany  
GAR )  
K.8 At Fremantle  
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B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

MARYLAND  
COLORADO

CALIFORNIA  
NEVADA (to be ready about 1/10)



Battleships (Contd)

- 3 -

WEST VIRGINIA  
TENNESSEE

Aircraft Carriers

IDAHO  
MISSISSIPPI  
NEW MEXICO  
PENNSYLVANIA  
ENTERPRISE  
COPANEE (Converted)  
LONG ISLAND "  
PORTLAND  
CHESTER  
DETROIT  
SAN JUAN  
15 (approx)  
23 (approx)

YORKTOWN

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Destroyers

Submarines

Enemy Forces

Palao - Salpan - Bonins - Japan

5 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI  
YAMASHIRO  
HYUGA  
FUJIO  
ISE

2 Battlecruisers (BB)

KONGO

KARUNA (possibly damaged)

2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

HOSHIO (possibly southern waters)

HAYATAKA

2 converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

NISSHIN

OTAKA (possibly enroute Truk)

4 - 8" Cruisers (CA)

NACHI

SUZUYA

HAGURO (poss. enroute Japan)

unknown unit Crudiv 7 (poss. enroute Japan)

1 - 6" Cruiser (CL)

NATORI

3 converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

NOTORO

GOSHU MARU

FUJIKAWA MARU

Approx 30 destroyers

Approx 20 submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

WASHINGTON  
SOUTH DAKOTA  
NORTH CAROLINA  
WASP

Aircraft Carriers

HORNET

SARATOGA

8" Cruisers

ASTORIA

NORTHAMPTON

VINCENNES

PENSACOLA

MINNEAPOLIS

QUINCY

SAN FRANCISCO

NEW ORLEANS

SALT LAKE CITY

6" Cruisers

BOISE

HALEIGH

JUNEAU

SAN DIEGO

ATLANTA

BELENA

LEANDER

ACHILLES

25 (approx)

Destroyers

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE

INDIANA POLIS

6" Cruisers

HONOLULU

ST. LOUIS

NASHVILLE

15 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians

3 Light Cruisers ("KISO" "ABUKUMA" "TAMA")

8 Destroyers

Approx 10 Submarines

1st Base Force



E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA  
British and Allied Forces  
6" Cruisers

CONCORD  
TRENTON  
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA  
British and Allied Forces  
Battleships

WARSPITE  
VALIANT  
RESOLUTION  
REVENGE  
INDOMITABLE  
ILLUSTRIOUS  
FORMIDABLE  
DEVONSHIRE  
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)  
FROBISHER  
HAWKINS  
CALEDON  
DRAGON  
ENTERPRISE  
EMERALD  
CERES  
BIRMINGHAM  
GLASGOW  
CAPETOWN  
DANAÉ  
DAUNTLESS  
MAURITIUS  
GAMBIA  
NEWCASTLE  
SUMATRA (Dutch)  
WORCESTERSHIRE  
RANGHI  
CORFU  
ALAU NIA  
CHITRAL  
RANPURA  
GANTON  
QUEEN OF BERMUDA  
CARTHAGE  
HEEMSKERCK  
CARLISLE

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

Approx 25 Destroyers  
Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces  
8-9 Submarines



DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

16th September, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "PHOENIX" "SELFRIDGE" "BAGLEY" "HURMLEY" "HELM") withdrawing to Challenger Bay, Palm Is., to refuel. To enter Grafton Passage 0800 today 16/9 and arrive Palm Is. 1600. "BRITISH SAILOR" & "YUNGAN" to be sailed from Townsville for RV at Palm Is.
- ✓ (ii) "STUART" escorting "MULIAMA" "BABINDA" (with 600 and 750 tons rations respectively) arr. Milne Bay yesterday 15/9. "STUART" & "ARUNTA" to depart Milne Bay 1600 yesterday 15/9 escorting "JAPARA" "VAN HEEMSKERK" to Townsville. "STUART" to be detached for RV with Convoys T and V at 1700 today 16/9 (see iii).
- ✓ (iii) "BALLARAT" "BENDIGO" escorting Convoys T ("JASON LEE" "MAETSUYCKER" and V ("VAN HEUTSZ" "WEST CACTUS" "HANYANG"). To RV with "STUART" in position 12°56'S, 147°32'E at 1700 today 16/9. Thence position Z (150 miles SSE Port Moresby) where convoy splits at 0100/17. "BALLARAT" & "BENDIGO" escort Convoy T to Port Moresby ETA 1600/17; "STUART" escorts V to Milne Bay ETA 2300/17.
- (iv) "CLARK" escorting "MERNUR" "POYANG" arr. Sydney from Noumea 1221/15
- (v) "MONOWAI" "BENHAM" with 281 U.S. and Australian Naval personnel, including 61 wounded arr. Sydney 0637/15.
- (vi) "PATTERSON" en route Brisbane to Sydney ETA 0800 today 16/9.
- ✓ (vii) "ARMIDALE" escorting "GREWER" arr. Townsville 2055/15.
- (viii) "GERRONG" escorting ~~xxxxx~~ Convoy R ("JOHN STEELE" "ANHUI") with "MATTHEWS" in company dep. Brisbane 14/9 for Townsville, thence Port Moresby ETA 1600/20.
- ✓ (ix) "SWAN" escorting "ST. GILES" towing "MALAITA" dep. Port Moresby 0600/15 for Stephen Is. "ST. GILES" "MALAITA" thence unescorted to Cairns for refit.
- (x) "GOULBURN" escorting Convoy S ("JOSEPH LANE" "PAINE WINGATE") with "ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "NORDNES" in company, were to depart Moreton Bay 2100 yesterday 15/9 for Townsville. Thence Port Moresby.
- (xi) "YANDRA" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy GPL3 en route Sydney to Brisbane ETA 1500 today 16/9.
- (xii) Convoy PGL3 (incl. "BUNGARKE" "KURUMBA") to depart Caloundra 1500 today 16/9.
- (xiii) "MILDURA" escorting Sydney portion Convoy OC26 arr. 0002/16. "MORESBY" continued with main convoy to Newcastle. To remain there and escort Convoy C028 to RV off Sydney tomorrow 17/9.
- (xiv) "MUBBO" "WHYALLA" escorting Convoy C027 en route Newcastle and Sydney to Melbourne are to RV with "DOOMBA" at 2100 today 16/9.
- ✓ (xv) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "BOTH" en route Port Moresby to Townsville ETA 2400/16.
- (xvi) "COLAC" en route Townsville to Brisbane for docking ETA 0700/17.
- (xvii) "LITHGOW" due Townsville to relieve "COLAC" 0700 today 16/9.
- (xviii) "TULSA" to conduct exercises with S.44 in Moreton Bay today 16/9 and tomorrow 17/9.
- (xix) At Sydney - "CAP DES PALMES" "K.9" "DOBBIN" "WILCANNIA" "BROOME" "TAMWORTH" "DELOIRANE"  
Repairing - "CHICAGO" "MUGFORD" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA" "CESSNOCK"
- (xx) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM GRYNESSEN" "GAWLER"  
Repairing - "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xxi) At Adelaide - "MARYBOROUGH" "WALLAROO"
- (xxii) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "BUNDABERG" "MANUNDA"
- (xxiii) At Townsville - "SARREGO" "KATCOMBA"
- (xxiv) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA" "PING WO"
- (xxv) At Port Moresby - "SEAWITCH" "MONTORO" "SWARTENBONDT"
- (xxvi) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see Appendix.



Enemy Forces

(i) BUIN-FAISI AREA - There were no reports of enemy shipping in the Buin-Faisi-Tonolei Harbour area 15/9. The force proceeding southwards from Buka (identified from photographs as 2 destroyers and a 9,000 ton transport) may have arrived in the area, and it is believed that 8 additional destroyers arrived at Buin after the air recce at noon 14/9, making a probable total force as follows:

- 2 cruisers
- 3 probable cruisers
- 15 destroyers
- 7 merchant vessels (incl. one tanker)

(ii) BUKA - One small supply ship arrived at Buka Passage from the North 14/9, and one from H.W. 15/9.

Reports of considerable burning-off on Buka aerodrome support previous reports of extensions to the aerodrome.

(iii) SOLOMONS

a) New Georgia Area - Four enemy cruisers were sighted 15 miles North Kulambangra Is. at 0830/15 on course 250°.

Four light cruisers and 3 destroyers were sighted 32 miles E. by N. Kulambangra at 1530/15 on course 120°.

In addition three destroyers were proceeding on course 050°, 37 miles S.W. by W. of Gizo at 1020/15.

b) Ysabel - Recce of Rekata Bay 14/9 reports no shipping and only one effective seaplane. Two seaplanes were seen sunk, and two on fire.

c) Rennel Is. - A submarine was reported in 11°30'S, 159°45'E at 1700/14 (vicinity Rennel Is.)

(iv) SANTA CRUZ - Latest reports of the battleship force sighted north of Ndeni 14/9 state that the composition was -

- 3 battleships
- 4 heavy cruisers
- 9 destroyers
- 2 merchant vessels

This force was last sighted 210 miles NNW Ndeni at 1555/14 on course 007°. An attack by B.17's resulted in 3 possible hits on a battleship.

Photographs show that the force included one "NAGATO" class battleship (32,700 tons; 8-16"), one light cruiser, one destroyer one auxiliary, possibly a minelayer "ITSUEUSHIMA" type (1970 tons - 250 large, 500 small mines).

The presence of a "NAGATO" class battleship suggests that the battleships in the force are those of Batdiv 1, viz 2 "NAGATO" class ("NAGATO" "MUTSU") and "YAMATO" (CinC Combined Fleet -- 35,000 tons; 9-15").

Allied recce of Ndeni Harbour 15/9 reported no enemy ships.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "MANGORA" "KANIMBLA" on escort duty Ceylon area.
- (ii) "KALGOORLIE" dep. Darwin 12/9 for Betane (Timor) ETA 1730/13. To return a few hours later.
- (iii) "CAIRNS" arr. Fremantle 1546/15.
- (iv) "WARRNAMBOOL" dep. Darwin for Timor 0352/15.
- (v) "VOYAGER" dep. Fremantle 2240/14 arr. Geraldton 1317/15. Thence Darwin.
- (vi) "BENGAL" arr. Albany 1120/15.
- (vii) At Fremantle - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "K.8" "ROLLAND" "CHILDS" "ISABEL" "MIZAR" "ERLING BROVIG" "WOLLONGONG" "TOOWOOMBA" "IPSWICH" "BURNIE" "LARK"
- (viii) At Albany - "PELLIAS" "WHIFFOORWILL"
- (ix) At Darwin - "K.12"
- (x) At Exmouth Gulf - "S.B. PRESTON"
- (xi) At Geraldton - "HERON"
- (xii) For submarines in Western Sector - see Appendix.

3. EAST INDIES- PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

Timor - "KALGOORLIE" reported one enemy merchant ship and several other vessels 10 miles ESE Betane at 1550/13. Air recce of the Betano area 15/9 was negative.

Amboina - Air recce reported a vessel of 7/10,000 tons at anchor in Ambon Bay. 15/9



B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) At Espiritu Santo - "MINNEAPOLIS" "BOISE" "LEANDER" "LANG" "ZANE" "HOPKINS" "SOUTHARD" "GWIN" "MEREDITH" "GRAYSON" "MONSSEN" "CURTISS" "POMALHAUT" "TRACY" "BETHELGEUSE" "HEYWOOD" "LIBRA" "SABINE" "McFARLAND" "KACKINAC" "ALHENA"
- (ii) "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting "WILLIAM ELLENY" en route Brisbane to Noumea ETA 0930/18.
- (iii) At Tongatabu - "AMERICAN LEGION" "HUNTER LEGGETT" "NAVAJO" "VESTAL" "ARCTIC"
- (iv) At Samoa - "HOVEY" "AYLWIN" "TURKEY" "BRAZOS" "CAMANGA"
- (v) At Suva - "DALE" "VIREO"
- (vi) At Auckland - "ACHILLES" "RIGEL" "ALSEY" "ATREUS"
- (vii) At Noumea - "CHEVREUIL" "ARGOENE" "RAINIER" "WHITNEY" "ANTARES" "CIMARRON" "KANAWHA" "BOAMER" "W.W. BURROWS"
- (viii) At Bora Bora - "CASTOR"
- (ix) At Vila - "SOLACE"

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "MADRAS" & "LAUNCESTON" en route Fremantle to Colombo ETA 18/9.
- (ii) "MANGANELLA" dep. Suez 12/9 with 500 invalids for Australia and New Zealand.
- (iii) "BOMBAY" escorting "TRINITY" en route western Australia to Diego Garcia ETA 26/9. "TRINITY" thence to Bahrain; "BOMBAY" to Colombo.

Enemy Forces

Rangoon - Photographs taken during air race 13/9 show 34,000 tons of shipping at Rangoon.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS - Nil

3. AIR OPERATIONS

- (i) BUNA - 11 B.25's attacked barges and stores Buna area 15/9. Damage unknown. No activity observed on aerodrome.
- (ii) EPOGI - One Boston bombed enemy camp 15/9. Results unknown.
- (iii) RABAUL - Four Fortresses attacked shipping Rabaul Harbour. Visibility poor. One gunner reported large ship on fire. 10/15 Zero's intercepted one destroyed. One possible Military Landing Craft Carrier observed.
- (iv) SAUMLAKI - Three Hudsons obtained one hit one near miss on a vessel in Saumlaki Bay 15/9.

ENEMY

Guadalcanal - 26 Zero's engaged by 28 Wildcats over Guadalcanal 1020/13. 28 bombers with Zero's attacked allied positions 1345/13. 20 Wildcats intercepted. Four Zero's, four bombers shot down.  
 4 Zero's shot down by allied fighters over Lunga aerodrome 0930/14  
 3 Fockewulfe bombers, 25 Zero's attacked aerodrome 1340/14. One Zero one bomber shot down.  
 12 S/E seaplanes attacked Guadalcanal 1830/14.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Heavy naval and air counter-attacks against allied positions in the Solomons with a view to re-occupation of Guadalcanal.
- (ii) Heavy attack and attempt at consolidation Milne Bay - Buna area.
- (iii) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (iv) Intensified submarine activity in the S.W.P.A.

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Fleetilla Leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

Dutch Submarine  
A.M.C.'s

Submarine Tender  
Destroyer Tender  
Storeship  
Gunboat  
Oiler

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CINC Combined Fleet

CINC 2nd Fleet

CINC 8th Fleet

CINC 1st Air Fleet

CINC 4th Fleet

CINC 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet)

2 poss. 3 battleships (BB)

4 battlecruisers (BB)

Aircraft Carriers (CV)

Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

9 heavy cruisers (CA)

10 Light Cruisers (CL)

Effective

AUSTRALIA

PHOENIX

HOBART

ARUNTA

STUART

SELFRIDGE

CLARK

FATTERSON

BAGLEY

HENLEY

HELM

BENHAM

S.37 ) 2

S.38 )

S.41 ) At Brisbane

S.43 )

S.44 )

STURGEON )

SAILFISH )

SCULPIN )

S.40

S.42

On Patrol

S.45

S.46

S.47

K.9

At Sydney

WESTRALIA

MONOWAI

GRIFFIN

DOBBIN

Refitting or Repairing  
CHICAGO

LE TRIOMPHANT

GOLDSTAR

VICTORIA

striking Force Units

Poss. still in Empire Waters

RYUJO (damaged, possibly sunk)

KASUGA MARU (poss. Palao - Truk area)

YAWATA MARU

one unknown

ATAGO

TAKAO

CHOKAI

KUMANO

TONE

FIKUMA

MYOKO

FURUTAKA

Possibly KINUGASA

YUBARI

JINTSU



Light Cruisers (Contd)

SENDAI  
KATORI  
KASHIMA  
NAKA  
HURA  
NAGARA  
2 "TENRYU" class

Approx 25 submarines incl. 4-8 "RO" class, 15 "I" class (at least 2 minelayers)  
40-45 Destroyers  
3 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHITOSE (poss. damaged, returning Japan)  
CHIYODA  
AKITSUSHIMA  
KIYOKAWA MARU (poss. en route North)  
KAMOI  
KAOU MARU  
KAMIKAWA MARU

2 submarine tenders  
approx 25 merchant ships (incl. poss. 3 Military Landing Craft Carriers)  
8 patrol craft  
6 minelaying craft  
16 sub. chasers  
15 M.T.B.'s  
5 Gunboats  
Approx 311 shore-based aircraft incl. 106 fighters, 128 H/B, 30 F/B,  
27 F/P., 20 Obsn. or transport aircraft

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruiser  
Flotilla Leader  
Destroyer  
A.M.C.'s

ADELAIDE  
TROMP  
VOYAGER  
KANTIMELA  
NANOCORA  
CHILDS  
HERON  
W. B. PRESTON  
HOLLAND  
PELIAS  
MIZAR  
On Patrol  
SAURY  
GRENADE  
TAMBOR  
SNAPPER  
SALMON  
SEAL  
SARGO  
THRESHER  
SEADRAGON  
SPEARFISH

S/P Tenders

Submarine Tenders

Storeship  
Submarines

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

SKIPJACK )  
SEARAVEN ) At Fremantle  
SEAWOLF )  
GUDGEON )  
GRAYBACK )  
GRAMPUS ) At Albany  
TAUTOG )  
GAR )

Dutch Submarines

K.8 At Fremantle  
K.12 At Darwin

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

CinC 3rd Fleet  
CinC Southern Expeditionary Fleet  
1 - 8" Cruiser "ASHIGARA"  
3 Light Cruisers ("KASHII" "ISUZU" "KINU")  
Approx 16 Destroyers  
Converted S/P Tenders ?

Timor

Approx 9 shore-based aircraft incl. 6 Fighters, 3 H/B

Ambon

Approx 32 shore-based aircraft incl. 9 F, 8 H/B, 8 F/B, 7 F/P



B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA  
British and Allied Forces  
Battleships

MARYLAND  
COLORADO  
IDAHO  
MISSISSIPPI  
NEW MEXICO  
PENNSYLVANIA  
ENTERPRISE  
COPAHBE (Converted)  
LONG ISLAND "  
PORTLAND  
CHESTER  
DETROIT  
SAN JUAN  
15 (approx)  
23 (approx)

CALIFORNIA  
NEVADA (to be ready  
about 1/10)  
WEST VIRGINIA  
TENNESSEE  
YORKTOWN

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Destroyers

Submarines

Enemy Forces

Palae - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

5 Battleships (BB)

MUSASEI  
YAMASHIRO  
HYUGA  
FUSO  
ISE  
KAYATAKA  
NISHIN  
OTAKA (possibly enroute Truk)  
NACHI SUZUYA  
HAGURO (poss.enroute Japan)  
unknown unit Crudiv 7 (poss.enroute Japan)  
NATORI  
NOTORO  
GOSHU MARU  
FUJIKAWA MARU

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)

2 converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

4 - 8" Cruisers (CA)

1 - 6" Cruiser (CL)

3 converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

Approx 30 Destroyers

Approx 20 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA  
British and Allied Forces  
Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Destroyers

WASHINGTON  
SOUTH DAKOTA  
NORTH CAROLINA  
WASP  
HORNET  
SARATOGA  
ASTORIA  
NORTHAMPTON  
VICERESS  
PENSACOLA  
MINNEAPOLIS  
QUINCY  
SAN FRANCISCO  
NEW ORLEANS  
SALT LAKE CITY  
BOISE  
RALPH  
JUNEAU  
SAN DIEGO  
ATLANTA  
HELENA  
LEANDER  
ACHILLES  
25 (approx)

B) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA  
British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

15 Destroyers

10 Submarines

LOUISVILLE  
INDIANAPOLIS  
HONOLULU  
ST. LOUIS  
NASHVILLE



Enemy Forces

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8 Destroyers  
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British and Allied Forces  
6" Cruisers

CONCORD  
TRENTON  
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

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British and Allied Forces  
Battleships

WARSPITE  
VALIANT  
RESOLUTION  
REVENGE  
INDOMITABLE  
ILLUSTRIOUS  
FORMIDABLE  
DEVONSHIRE  
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)  
PROBISHER  
HAWKINS  
CALEDON  
DRAGON  
ENTERPRISE  
EMERALD  
CERES  
BIRMINGHAM  
GLASGOW  
CAPETOWN  
DAHAE  
DAUNTLESS  
MAURITIUS  
GAMBIA  
NEWCASTLE  
SUMATRA (Dutch)  
WORCESTERSHIRE  
RANCHI  
CORFU  
ALAUNIA  
CHITRAL  
NAMPURA  
CANTON  
QUEEN OF BERMUDA  
CARTHAGE  
HEEMSKERCK  
CARLISLE

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

Approx 25 Destroyers  
Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces  
6-8 Submarines



## DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

17th September, 1942

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## A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

## 1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "PHOENIX" "SLEFRIDGE" "BAGLEY" "HENLEY" "HELM") were to arrive Challenger Bay, Palm Is. 1600/16 to refuel from "BRITISH SAILOR" & "YUNNAN" (dep. Townsville for RV at Palm Is. 1045/16). "WARREGO" dep. Townsville 1125/16 to carry out A/S patrol for Task Force.
- ✓ (ii) "STUART" & "ARUNTA" were to depart Milne Bay 1400/15 escorting "JAPARA" "VAN HEEMSKERK" to Townsville ETA 1700/18. "STUART" was to be detached for RV with Convoys T and V at 1700/16 (see iii).
- ✓ (iii) "BALLARAT" "BENDIGO" escorting Convoys T ("JASON LEE" "MARTSUYCKER" and V ("VAN HEUTSE" "WEST CACTUS" "HANYANG") were to RV with "STUART" in position 12°56'S, 147°32'E at 1700/16. Thence position Z (150 miles SSE Port Moresby) where convoy splits at 0100 today 17/9. "BALLARAT" & "BENDIGO" escort Convoy T to Port Moresby ETA 1600 today 17/9; "STUART" escorts V to Milne Bay ETA 2300 today 17/9.
- (iv) "PATTERSON" arr. Sydney 0902/16.
- (v) "GEELONG" after escorting to Capricorn Channel Convoy R ("JOHN STEELE" "ANNUI") with "MATTHEWS" in company arr. Brisbane 0417/16. Convoy to proceed unescorted from Capricorn Channel to Townsville. "BONTERKOE" to join convoy at Townsville, thence Port Moresby ETA 1600/20.
- ✓ (vi) "SWAN" escorting "ST. GILES" towing "MALAITA" dep. Port Moresby 0600/15 for Stephen Is. "ST. GILES" "MALAITA" thence unescorted to Cairns for refit. "SWAN" then to return Moresby ETA 0800 today 17/9.
- (vii) "SOULBURN" escorting Convoy S ("JOSEPH LANE" "PAINE WINGATE") with "ASPASIA KONIKOS" "NORDNES" in company dep. Moreton Bay 0535 yesterday 16/9 for Townsville. Thence Port Moresby.
- (viii) "YANDRA" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy SP13 are due Moreton Bay 0900 today 17/9. On arrival "Townsville" will require approx 4 hours at the anchorage to effect boiler repairs before proceeding northwards with "YANDRA" as escort for Convoy PG13 (incl. "BUNGAREE" "KURUMBA").
- (ix) "MORESBY" escorting Newcastle section Convoy OC25 arr. Newcastle yesterday 16/9. To escort Convoy CO28 (departing Newcastle today 17/9) to RV off Sydney Heads p.m. today where "MILDURA" "DELORAINI" "CESSNOCK" will assume escort. "CESSNOCK" to be detached in Bass Strait and proceed Adelaide and Fremantle.
- (x) "PINGWO" arr. Newcastle 1104/16.
- (xi) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC27 (13 MV) dep. Port Phillip 0425 today 17/9 to RV with Convoy CO27 and exchange escorts.
- (xii) "DUBBO" "WHYALLA" escorting Convoy CO27 en route Newcastle and Sydney to Melbourne are to RV with "DOOMBA" at 1200 today 17/9.
- ✓ (xiii) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "BOTH" arr. Townsville 2230/16.
- (xiv) "COLAC" arr. Brisbane from Townsville 0630 today 17/9 for docking.
- (xv) "LITCOCK" arr. Townsville 1803/15.
- (xvi) "TULSA" conducting exercises with 3.44 in Moreton Bay 15/9 and today 17/9.
- (xvii) "MUGFORD" dep. Sydney 1635/16 for Brisbane ETA 0800/18.
- (xviii) "WALLAROO" is to be sailed (weather permitting) p.m. today 17/9 from Adelaide to Albany.
- (xix) At Sydney - "CLARE" "BENHAM" "MOROWAI" "CAP DES PALMES" "K.9" "DOBBIE" "WILCANNIA" "BROOME" "TANWORTH" Repairing - "CHICAGO" "MUGFORD" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA"
- (xx) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "GAWLER" Repairing - "VENOETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xxi) At Adelaide - "WALLAROO"
- (xxii) At Brisbane - "GRIPPIN" "BUNDABERG" "MANUNDA"
- (xxiii) At Townsville - "WARREGO" "KATOOMBA" "ARMIDALE"
- (xxiv) At Port Stephens - "AUSTRALIA"



- (xxv) At Port Moresby - "SHAWITCHE" "MONTOKO" "SWARTENHONDT"
- (xxvi) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces

(i) NEW GUINEA

- a) Buna - 22 barges were observed at 0810/16 concentrated on the beach at Sanananda (4 miles N.W. Buna).
- b) Huon Gulf - A B.17 observed two cruisers at 1245/16 in position 6°58'S, 149°10'E (128 miles E. by N. of Salamaua), course 220° speed 20 knots. Two type "O" fighters which were in the vicinity climbed above the B.17 but no attack developed.

(ii) BUIN-FAISI

- a) An allied aircraft sighted 22 vessels in the vicinity of Buin - Faisi at 1200/16. Of these vessels three were described as cruisers, 2 as destroyers, 8 as cargo vessels and 9 unidentified.

- b) A summary of enemy vessels in the Buin - Faisi area at 1400/16 was reported as follows -

Off Buin - 3 heavy cruisers (described as 2 "NACHI" class, one "YAKO" class) - possibly "CHOKAI" (CinC 8th Fleet) "FURUTAKA" & KUNUGASA or "AOBA" - (Crudiv 6)

2 light cruisers (one "SENDAI" class, one "NATORI" class)

11 destroyers

1 tanker

1 gunboat

Off Kihili - 1 Motor passenger ship, prob. troop ship

Off Faisi - 1 supply ship

1 destroyer

- (iii) BUKA - One cargo vessel of 2000 tons was observed at Buka Passage at 1101/16.

(iv) SOLOMONS

- a) Three light cruisers and 4 destroyers were observed at 0700/16 in position 7°57'S, 157°33'E (off Langsdale Pt. New Georgia), course 280°, speed 25 knots. One hour later a force of 3 cargo vessels and 4 destroyers were reported in position 7°40'S, 157°20'E.

Comment - These two sightings are probably identical. (See Air Ops. for attack)

- b) Three enemy destroyers were observed at 1620/16 in position 8°05'S, 157°50'E (approx 12 Miles N. of Vaholi Bay, New Georgia) course 120°, speed 18 knots. The vessels may be portion of force sighted in (a) above.

- c) On 15/9 nil enemy activity was observed at Gizo.

- (v) NEW HEBRIDES - At 0650/16 a submarine was sighted at periscope depth in position 13°02'S, 168°01'E (approx 120 miles NE Espiritu Santo) course easterly, speed 8 knots.

- (vi) ONTONG JAVA - At 1310/16 an allied aircraft sighted one cargo vessel and one gunboat or destroyer proceeding on a course of 230° in position 5°45'S, 159°15'E (approx 30 miles SW of Ontong Java), speed 15 knots.

- (vii) KAVIENG - A small unidentified 60 ft. vessel was observed 40 miles S.W. Kavieng course 105°, speed 10 knots.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "WARRNAMBOOL" dep. Darwin for Timor 0352/15.

- (ii) "VOYAGER" having executed temporary repairs at Geraldton dep. 1900/16/9 for Darwin ETA 0831/21.

- (iii) "WALGOOLIE" was to land 16 men and 15 tons of stores at Betano (Timor) on the evening of 15/9, and return Darwin.

- (iv) "MARYBOROUGH", after refit, will be ready to depart Adelaide for Fremantle p.m. today 17/9.

- (v) "BENGAL" departed Albany 1126/16 for Fremantle ETA 0600/18.

- (vi) At Fremantle - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "K.8" "HOLLAND" "CHILDS" "ISABEL" "MIZAR" "ERLING BROVIG" "WOLLONGONG" "TOOWOOMBA" "CAIRNS" "IPSWICH" "BURNIE" "LARK"

- (vii) At Albany - "PELIAS" "WHIPPOORWILL" "BENGAL"

- (viii) At Darwin - K.12"

- (ix) At Exmouth Gulf - "W.B. PRESTON" "HERON"

- (x) For submarines in Western Sector - see Appendix.



3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

(i) "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting "WILLIAM ELLERY" en route Brisbane to Noumea ETA 0930/18. On completion of escort duties "ROCKHAMPTON" to fuel and return Sydney.

(ii) At Espiritu Santo - "McPARLAND" "MACKINAC" "CURTISS"

(iii) At Tongatabu - "AMERICAN LEGION" "HUNTER LEGGETT" "NAVAJO" "VESTAL" "ARCTIC"

(iv) At Samoa - "HOVEY" "TURKEY" "BRAZOS" "CAMANGA"

(v) At Suva - "RALEIGH" "CONYUNGHAM" "AYLWIN" "DALE" "VIREO" "WHARTON"

(vi) At Auckland - "ACHILLES" "RIGEL" "ALSEY" "ATREUS"

(vii) At Noumea - "CHEVREUIL" "ARGONNE" "RAINIER" "WHITNEY" "ANTARES" "KANAWHA" "ROAMER" "BALLARD" "HEYWOOD" "LIBRA" "BREESE"

(viii) At Bora Bora - "CASTOR"

(ix) At Vila - "SOLACE" "BETHELGEUSE" "GAMBLE"

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

(i) "MADRAS" & "LAUNCESTON" en route Fremantle to Colombo ETA 18/9.

(ii) "MANGANELLA" dep. Suez 12/9 with 500 invalids for Australia and New Zealand.

(iii) "BOMBAY" escorting "TRINITY" en route Western Australia to Diego Garcia ETA 26/9. "TRINITY" thence to Bahrein; "BOMBAY" to Colombo.

(iv) "MANOORA" "KANIMBLA" on escort duty Ceylon area.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS - Nil

3. AIR OPERATIONS

(i) NAURO-EFOGI - One A.20 attacked the Nauro - Mendri - Efoqi area dropping 8 x 100 lb bombs from 1500 feet on the target.

(ii) RABEUL - 4 B.17's attacked Vunakanau aerodrome night 15/16/9. All bombs fell in target area but results not observed.

(iii) SALAMAUA - One B.17 attacked one medium sized cargo vessel anchored in Salamaua Harbour scoring one direct hit and two near misses.

(iv) BUKA PASSAGE - 2 ~~Katakina~~ Catalinas attacked Buka aerodrome night 15/16. Bombs fell in aerodrome area & small fires seen. No other results observed owing darkness.

(v) SOLOMONS -

a) 13 dive bombers and 5 torpedo aircraft (ex Soapac) attacked 3 light cruisers and 4 destroyers in position 7°37'S, 156°55'KE at 1000/16. One torpedo hit scored on one light cruiser, and one bomb hit and two near misses on another light cruiser.

b) Two B.17's (ex Soapac) on 15/9 bombed the enemy base at Rekata Bay and started fires. No shipping observed.

ENEMY

(i) SALAMAUA AREA - Two large unidentified planes circled Bulolo and Bulwa (28 miles W. Salamaua) from 1200 to 1300/15.

(ii) GUADALCANAL - 37 enemy land based aircraft approached to within 100 miles of Guadalcanal from WNW direction a.m. 16/9. At 1200/16 the aircraft turned back.

4. GENERAL

Admiralty report that any of the following German and Italian vessels may have departed Japanese or Far Eastern ports during August and may reach ~~Europe~~ European ports any time after September 14th.

German - "HEGENSBURG" "DRESDEN" "TANNENFELS" "HAVELLAND" "MOSEL" "RAMSES" "RHAKOTIS" "KULMERLAND"

French - "PERSEE"

Italian - "RAMB II"

5. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

(i) Heavy naval and air counter-attacks against allied positions in the Solomons with a view to re-occupation of Guadalcanal.



- (ii) Heavy attack and attempt at consolidation Milne Bay - Buna area.
- (iii) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (iv) Intensified submarine activity in the S.W.P.A.

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For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

17/9/42



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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers  
6" Cruisers

Effective

AUSTRALIA

Refitting or Repairing

CHICAGO

Flotilla Leaders

PHOENIX

HOBART

LE TRIOMPHANT

ARANTA

STUART

SELYFRIDOE

CLARK

Destroyers

PATTERSON

MUGFORD

BAGLEY

HENLEY

HELM

Submarines

BENHAM

S.37 )

S.38 )

S.41 ) At Brisbane

S.44 )

STURGEON )

SAILFISH )

SCULPIN )

S.40

S.42 } On Patrol

S.43

S.45

S.46

S.47

Dutch Submarine

K.9

At Sydney

A.M.C.'s

WESTRALIA

MONOWAI

GRIFFIN

Submarine Tender

Destroyer Tender

DOBBIN

Storeship

Gunboat

GOLDSTAR

Oiler

TULSA

VICTORIA

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet

CinC 2nd Fleet

CinC 8th Fleet

CinC 1st Air Fleet

CinC 4th Fleet

CinC 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet)

2 poss. 3 battleships (BB)

YAMATO

MUTSU

NAGATO

4 Battlecruisers (BB)

KIRISHIMA

HIYRI

KONGO

HARUNA

Aircraft Carriers (CV)

ZUIKAKU )

SHOKAKU ) Striking Force Units

ZEIHO )

HOSHIO - possibly still in Empire Waters

RYUJO - damaged, possibly sunk

Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

KASUGA MARU - poss. Palao-Truk area

YAWATA MARU

OTAKA

9 heavy cruisers (CA)

one unknown

ATAGO

TAKAO

SHOKAI

KUMANO

TONI

TIKUMA

MYOKO

FURUTAKA

10 Light Cruisers (CL) possibly

KINUGASA

YUBARI

JINTSU



Light Cruisers (Contd)

2  
SENDAI  
KATORI  
KASHIMA  
NAKA  
YURA  
NAGARA  
2 "TENRYU" class

Approx 25 submarines incl. 4-B "RO" class, 15 "I" class (at least 2 minelayers)

40-45 Destroyers

3 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHIYODA  
AKITSUSHIMA  
MISUMI  
CHITOSE (poss. damaged, returning Japan)  
KIYOKAWA MARU  
KAMOI  
KAGU MARU  
KAMIKAWA MARU

5 converted S/P Tenders incl. (XAV)

2 submarine tenders

approx 25 merchant ships (incl. poss. 3 Military Landing Craft Carriers)

8 patrol craft

6 minelaying craft

16 sub. chasers

15 M.T.B.'s

5 Gunboats

Approx 311 shore-based aircraft incl. 106 fighters, 128 H/B, 30 F/B, 27 F/P, 20 Obsn. or transport aircraft

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruiser

Flotilla Leader

Destroyer

S/P Tenders

ADELAIDE  
TROMP  
VOYAGER  
CHILDS  
HERON  
W.B. PRESTON

Submarine Tenders

HOLLAND

Storeship

PELIAS

Submarines

WIZAR

On Patrol

SAURY

GRENADIER

TAMBOR

SNAPPER

SALMON

SEAL

SARGO

THRESHER

SEADRAGON

SPEARFISH

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

SKIPJACK

SEARAVEN

SEAWOLF

GAR

GUDGEON

HAYBACK

GRAMPUS

TAUTOG

) At Fremantle

) At Albany

Dutch Submarines

K.8

) At Fremantle

K.12

) At Darwin

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

CinC 3rd Fleet

CinC Southern Expeditionary Fleet

1 - 8" Cruiser "ASHIGARA"

3 Light Cruisers ("KASHII" "ISUZU" "KINU")

Approx 16 Destroyers

Converted S/P Tenders ?

Timor

Approx 9 shore-based aircraft incl. 6 fighters, 3 H/B

Ambon

Approx 32 shore-based aircraft incl. 9 F, 8 H/B, 8 F/B, 7 F/P



B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA  
British and Allied forces  
Battleships

MARYLAND  
COLORADO  
IDAHO  
MISSISSIPPI  
NEW MEXICO  
PENNSYLVANIA  
ENTERPRISE  
COPAHNE (Converted)  
LONG ISLAND "  
PORTLAND  
CHESTER  
DETROIT  
SAN JUAN  
15 (approx)  
23 (approx)

CALIFORNIA  
NEVADA (to be ready  
about 1/10)  
WEST VIRGINIA  
TENNESSEE

~~YORKTOWN~~

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Destroyers  
Submarines

Enemy Forces

Palao - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

5 Battleships (BB)

MUSASSI  
YAMASHIRO  
HYUGA  
FUSO  
ISE

2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

HAYATAKA }  
KITAKA } possibly Southern Waters

4 - 8" Cruisers (CA)

NACHI }  
SUZUYA }  
HAGURO (poss. enroute Japan)  
unknown unit Crudiv 7 (poss. enroute Japan)

1 - 6" Cruiser (CL)

3 converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

NATOH  
NOTORO  
GOSHU MARU  
FUJIKAWA MARU

Approx 30 Destroyers  
Approx 20 submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA  
British and Allied Forces  
Battleships

WASHINGTON  
SOUTH DAKOTA  
NORTH CAROLINA  
WASP  
HORNET  
SARATOGA  
ASTORIA  
NORTHAMPTON  
VINCENNES  
PENSACOLA  
MINNEAPOLIS  
QUINCY  
SAN FRANCISCO  
NEW ORLEANS  
SALT LAKE CITY  
BOISE  
RALPH  
JUNEAU  
SAN DIEGO  
ATLANTA  
HELENA  
LEANDER  
ACHILLES  
25 (approx)

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~  
6" Cruisers

Destroyers

D) SOUTHERN NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA  
British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE  
INDIANAPOLIS  
HONOLULU  
ST. LOUIS  
NASHVILLE

6" Cruisers

15 Destroyers  
10 Submarines



Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians  
3 Light Cruisers ("KISO" "ABUKOMA" "YAMA")  
8 Destroyers  
Approx 10 Submarines  
1st Base Force

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

5" Cruisers

CONCORD  
TRENTON  
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

WARSPITE  
VALIANT  
RESOLUTION  
REVENGE  
INDOMITABLE  
ILLUSTRIOUS  
FORMIDABLE  
DEVONSHIRE  
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)  
PROBISHER  
HAWKINS  
CALLEDON  
DRAGON  
ENTERPRISE  
EMERALD  
CERES  
BIRMINGHAM  
GLASGOW  
CAPETOWN  
DAHAE  
DAUNTLESS  
MAURITIUS  
GAMBIA  
NEWCASTLE  
SUMATRA (Dutch)  
WORCESTERSHIRE  
RANCHI  
CORFU  
ALANIA  
CHITRAL  
RANPURA  
CANTON  
QUEEN OF BERMUDA  
CARTHAGE  
MANORA  
KALIMELA  
HEEMSKERCK  
CARLISLE

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

Approx 25 Destroyers  
Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces  
5-9 Submarines



DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

18th September, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" "EGBART" "PHOENIX" "SELFRIDGE" "BAGLEY" "HENLEY" "HELM") to depart Palm Is. 0900 today 18/9 for Grafton Passage ETA 1700; thence patrol area.  
 "BRITISH SAILOR" to sail for Townsville on completion of fuelling Task Force 44. Thence Brisbane to refuel; thence Townsville with "MERCUR" ETA 27/9.  
 "CASTLEMAINE" dep. Townsville 1301/17 to relieve "WARRAGO" as A/S escort for T.F.44.
- ✓ (ii) "ARUNTA" escorting "JAPARA" en route Milne Bay to Townsville ETA 0600 today 18/9.
- (iii) "STUART" escorting Convoy V ("VAN HEUTSZ" "HANYANG" "WEST CACTUS") was due Milne Bay 2300 yesterday 17/9.
- ✓ (iv) "BALLARAT" "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy T ("JASON LEE" "MARTSUYCKER") arr. Port Moresby 1702 yesterday 17/9.
- ✓ (v) Convoy R ("JOHN STEELE" "ANNUI") with "GEORGE MATTHEWS" in company to be joined by "BOYTRKOK" at Townsville and proceed Port Moresby ETA 1800/20.
- + (vi) "GOULBURN" escorting Convoy S ("JOSEPH LANE" "PAINE" "INCATE") with "ASPASIA" "NOMIKOS" "NORDEES" in company dep. Moreton Bay 16/9 for Townsville. Thence Port Moresby.
- ✓ (vii) Convoy W ("HENRY D. THORAU" "WILLES VAN DEVENTER" "GEORGE TAYLOR") to depart Brisbane with A/S escort to Capricorn Channel at 2400 today 18/9. "BENJAMIN FRANKLIN" to follow as soon as ready with A/S escort to Capricorn Channel. Convoy to be escorted from Magnetic Is. to Port Moresby.
- (viii) "YANDRA" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy GP13 arrived Moreton Bay 0950/17; dep. 1427 as escort for Convoy P313 (6 MV, "BUNGAREE" "KURUMBA") ETA Newcastle 1000/19, ETA Sydney 1700/19.
- (ix) "MILDURA" "DELOIRINE" "GESSNOCK" escorting Convoy C028 dep. Sydney 1646/17 for Melbourne TA RV with "DOOMBA" 1200/20. "MORESBY" arr. Sydney from escort duty with Newcastle section 1848/17.
- (x) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy C027 arr. Port Phillip 1807/17.
- (xi) "DUBBO" "WHYALLA" escorting Convoy OC27 (13 MV) en route Melbourne to Sydney.
- (xii) "CLARK" dep. Sydney 1425/17 ETA 2300/20.
- (xiii) "MUSFORD" en route Sydney to Brisbane ETA 0800 today 18/9.
- ✓ (xiv) "SWAN" escorting "MONTORO" to depart Port Moresby 0700 today 18/9.
- (xv) "CAP DES PALMES" dep. Sydney 1822/17.
- (xvi) "TULSA" to depart Brisbane 1000 today 18/9 for Sydney to fit Asdic gear. Later to return Brisbane.
- (xvii) At Sydney - "K.9" "DOBBIN" "WILCANNIA" "BROOME" "TAMWORTH" "MORESBY" Repairing - "CHICAGO" "LE TRICOMPANT" "BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA" "PATTERSON"
- (xviii) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM GRYNSSSEN" "CAWLER" Repairing - "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xix) At Newcastle - "PINGWOD"
- (xx) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "BUNDABERG" "MANUNDA" "COLAC" "GEELONG"
- (xxi) At Townsville - "KATOOMBA" "ARMIDALE" "BITHSON"
- (xxii) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA"
- (xxiii) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces

- (1) BUIN-FAISI-Aircraft reported 22 vessels in Tonolei Harbour at 1300/1 including 2 heavy cruisers, 3 light cruisers, 5 destroyers, 5 cargo vessels, 6 small ships possibly gunboats, 1 possible aircraft carrier. Other reports indicate that the force was composed as follows -  
 3 heavy cruisers (described as 2 "NACHI" class, 1 "KAKO" class - poss. "CHOKAI" (Cinc 8th Fleet), "FURUTAKA" and "KINUGASA" or "AOBA")  
 2 light cruisers (one "SENDAI" class, one "MATORI" class)  
 at least 11 destroyers  
 4 cargo vessels incl. one tanker  
 2 possible gunboats  
 1 poss S/P mine



1 possible aircraft carrier

1 possible seaplane carrier

TOTAL 23 vessels

A vessel described having a large crane aft arrived Buin at 1530. This may be a seaplane carrier of the "CHITOSE" type (9,000 tons; 14 seaplanes).

The vessel described as an aircraft carrier (flat deck, no funnel visible) departed Tonolei Harbour with a destroyer at 1300 on course 030°.

- (ii) NEW GEORGIA - Two light cruisers were observed 14 miles NE by E. of Marovo Lagoon at 1750/17. Course not reported.
- (iii) BUKA - Aerial photographs show that continued improvement of the Buka aerodrome is taking place. Another report indicates that a smaller aerodrome may be in preparation at Kessa.
- (iv) GASMATA - A very large unidentified vessel was reported at anchor in Montagu Harbour (40 miles East by North of Gasmata) at 0405/17. This is the first report of use of this anchorage by enemy vessels.
- (v) OIZO-Air recce reported approx 4 cruisers, 16 other vessels (Soupac) at 0900/17. These vessels had reported 1110.

## 2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

### British and Allied Forces

- (i) "WARREMBROOK" dep. Darwin for Timor 15/9.
- (ii) "VOYAGER" dep en route Geraldton to Darwin ETA 0831/21.
- (iii) "KALGOORLIE" arr. Darwin 0759/17 from Betano. (Timor).
- (iv) "MANYBOROUGH", after refit, to be ready to depart Adelaide for Fremantle p.m. 17/9.
- (v) "BENGAL" en route Albany to Fremantle ETA 0600 today 18/9.
- (vi) "WALLAROO" dep. Adelaide for Albany 1800 yesterday 17/9 ETA 0830/21.
- (vii) At Fremantle - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "K.8" "HOLLAND" "CHILDS" "ISABEL" "MIZAR" "ERLING BROVIC" "TOONGOMBA" "WOLLONGONG" "CAIRNS" "IPSWICH" "BURNIE" "LARK"
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- (iii) At Tongatabu - "AMERICAN LEGION" "HUNTER LEGGETT" "NAVAJO" "VESTAL" "ARCTIC"
- (iv) At Suva - "BOVEY" "TURKEY" "BRAZOS" "CAMANCA" "STACK"
- (v) At Suva - "RALEIGH" "DALE" "VIREO"
- (vi) At Auckland - "ACHILLES" "RIEGL" "ALSEY" "ATREUS"
- (vii) At Noumea - "CHEVREUIL" "ARGONNE" "RAINIER" "WHITNEY" "ANTARES" "KANAWHA" "HOMER" "HEYWOOD" "LIBRA"
- (viii) At Bora Bora - "CASTOR"
- (ix) At Vila - "SOLACE" "BETELGEUSE"

### D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

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- (iv) "MANOORA" "KANIMBLA" on escort duty Ceylon area.

## 2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

Nil.



3. AIR OPERATIONS

- (i) BUKA - 3 Catalinas attacked aerodrome 0040/16.
- (ii) RAFAUL - 6 Fortresses attacked Vunakanau 1850/10. Two large fires started. A possible cruiser and a mother ship were observed at anchor in Wide Bay.  
1 Fortress attacked Lakunai 0405/17. One bomb on runway: two large fires observed.
- (iii) GASMATA - 1 Fortress attacked aerodrome 16/9.
- (iv) BUNA - 6 Kittyhawks machine-gunned 25 landing barges early 16/9. 12 Beaufighters attacked Buna area 0955/17. Several barges destroyed, many damaged. Large fires observed.

ENEMY

- GASMATA - An enemy aircraft was sighted by allied recon plane 73 miles W. by S. Gasmata.
- PORT MORESBY - One unidentified aircraft dropped bombs on Seven Mile aerodrome 1905/17. No damage.

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4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Heavy naval and air counter-attacks against allied positions in the Solomons with a view to re-occupation of Guadalcanal.
- (ii) ~~Continued infiltration tactics by enemy destroyers. Against you~~
- (iii) Heavy attack and attempt at consolidation Milne Bay - Buna area.
- (iv) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (v) Intensified submarine activity in the S.W.P.A.

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For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

18/9/42

ADDENDUM

FIJI - An unidentified heavy cruiser and two light cruisers were reported in position 17°29'S, 174°09'E (approx 248 miles W. by N. of Suva) on course 120° at 0933/17. (Soupac).



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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Flotilla Leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

Dutch Submarine

A.M.C.'s

Submarine Tender

Destroyer Tender

Storeship

Gunboat

Oiler

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet

CinC 2nd Fleet

CinC 8th Fleet

CinC 1st Air Fleet

CinC 4th Fleet

CinC 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet)

3 Battleships (BB)

4 Battlecruisers (BB)

Aircraft Carriers (CV)

Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

9 heavy cruisers (CA)

Effective

AUSTRALIA

PHOENIX

HOBART

ARUNTA

STUART

SELFRIDGE

CLARE

MUGFORD

BAGLEY

HENLEY

HELM

BENHAM

S.37

S.38

S.41

S.44

STURGEON

SAILFISH

SCULPIN

S.40

S.42

S.43

S.45

S.46

S.47

K.9

WESTRALIA

MONOWAI

GRIFFIN

DORBIN

TULSA

Refitting or Repairing

CHICAGO

LE TRIOMPHANT

PATTERSON

At Brisbane

On Patrol

At Sydney

GOLDSTAR

VICTORIA

Striking Force Units

Poss. still in Empire Waters

- damaged, possibly sunk

- poss. Palao - Truk area

~~OTAKA~~

NISSHIN (Fleet Oiler & A/C Transport)

ATAGO

TAKAO

CHOKAI

KUMANO

TONE

TIKUMA

MYOKO

PURUTAKA

EINUGASA



10 Light Cruisers (CL)

YUBARI  
JINTSU  
SENDAI  
KATORI  
KASHIMA  
NAKA  
YURA  
NAGASA

2 "TENRYU" class

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45-50 Destroyers (DD)

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KAGU MARU  
KAMIKAWA MARU

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8 patrol craft

6 minelaying craft

16 sub. chasers

15 M.T.B.'s

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Destroyer

S/P Tenders

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Ambon

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MISSISSIPPI  
NEW MEXICO  
PENNSYLVANIA  
SOUTH DAKOTA  
ENTERPRISE  
GOPAHEE (Converted)  
LONG ISLAND "  
PORTLAND  
CHESTER  
SAN JUAN  
15 (approx)  
23 (approx)

CALIFORNIA  
NEVADA (to be ready  
about 1/10)  
WEST VIRGINIA  
TENNESSEE

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruiser

Destroyers

Submarines

Enemy Forces

Palao - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

5 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI  
YAMASHIRO  
HYUGA  
FUSO  
ISE

Aircraft Carrier (CV)

4 - 8" Cruisers (CA)

UNYOU ✓  
KACHI  
MAGURO (poss. enroute Japan) SUZUYA  
unknown unit Crudiv 7 (poss.enroute Japan)  
NATORI  
NOTORO  
GOSHU MARU  
FUJIKAWA MARU

1 - 6" Cruiser (CL)

3 converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

Approx 25 Destroyers

Approx 20 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA  
British and Allied Forces  
Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

WASHINGTON  
NORTH CAROLINA  
WASP  
HORNET  
SARATOGA  
ASTORIA  
NORTHAMPTON  
VINCENNES  
PENSACOLA  
MINNEAPOLIS  
QUINCY  
SAN FRANCISCO  
NEW ORLEANS  
SALT LAKE CITY  
BOISE  
RALEIGH  
DETROIT  
JUNEAU  
SAN DIEGO  
ATLANTA  
HELENA  
LEANDER  
ACHILLES  
25 (approx)

6" Cruisers

Destroyers

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA  
British and Allied Forces  
8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE  
INDIANAPOLIS  
HONOLULU  
ST. LOUIS  
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15 Destroyers

10 Submarines



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1st Base Force

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TRENTON  
RICHMOND

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WARSPITE  
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RESOLUTION  
ILLUSTRIOUS  
FORMIDABLE  
DEVONSHIRE  
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)  
REVENGE

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

HAWKINS  
PROBISHER  
CALEDON  
DRAAGON  
ENTERPRISE  
EMERALD  
CERES  
BIRMINGHAM  
GLASGOW  
CAPETOWN  
DANAE  
DAUNTLESS  
MAURITIUS  
GAMBIA  
SUMATRA (Dutch)  
WORCESTERSHIRE  
RANCHI  
ALAUNIA  
CHITRAL  
RANPURA  
CANTON  
QUEEN OF BERMUDA  
CARTHAGE  
MANGORA  
KANIMBLA  
HEEMSKERCK  
CARLISLE

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

Approx 25 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

6-9 Submarines



DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.19th September, 1942.1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES.A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA.1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.British and Allied Forces.

- (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "PHOENIX" "SELFLEDGE" "BAGLEY" "HENLEY" "HELM") on patrol south of China Strait area.
- ✓ (ii) "ARUNTA" escorting "JAPARA" "VAN HEEMSKERK" was due Townsville yesterday 18/9.
- (iii) "STUART" to depart Milne Bay today 19/9 escorting "VAN HENTON" "HANYANG" "WEST CACTUS" "MULIAN" "BABINDA", when first 3 have completed discharge and "VAN HENTON" has embarked 750 Air Force personnel and 500 tons of stores for Darwin. "VAN HENTON" to be detached in Grafton passage and proceed Darwin escorted by "CASTLEMAINE" or "ARMIDALE".
- ✓ (iv) "LITHGOW" escorting Convoy R ("JOHN STEELE" "ANHUI" "BOWTHER") dep. Townsville 18/9 for Port Moresby. ETA. 1600/21. "TAROONA" dep. 2310/18 to RV with convoy in Grafton Passage. "WARRECO" to RV off Palm Is. at 2300/18 and provide additional escort.
- ✓ (v) Convoy S ("JOSEPH LANE" "PAINE WINGATE") with "ASPASIA" "SOMIKOS" "HORDNES" in company en route Brisbane to Townsville. Convoy S to proceed Port Moresby. ETA 22/9.
- ✓ (vi) Convoy U ("HENRY D. THOREAU" "WILLES VAN DEVENTER" "GEORGE TAYLOR") to depart Brisbane with A/S. escort to Capricorn Channel at 0550 today 19/9. "BENJAMIN FRANKLIN" to follow as soon as ready with A/S. escort to Capricorn Channel. Convoy to be escorted from Magnetic Is. to Port Moresby. ETA. 24/9.
- ✓ (vii) "YANDRA" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy GP.14 dep. Sydney 0900/21. Escorting Convoy PG.13 (6 MV, "BURGAREE" "KURUMBA") were due Sydney yesterday 18/9.
- ✓ (viii) "MIDURA" "DELOIRINE" "CESSNOCK" escorting Convoy CO.23 dep. Sydney 1646/17 for Melbourne. ETA RV with "DOOMBA" 1200/20. "CESSNOCK" to be detached in Bass Strait & proceed Adelaide and Fremantle.
- ✓ (ix) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OG.23 (incl. "AASE MAERSK") to depart Melbourne today 19/9 for RV with Convoy CO.23. "AASE MAERSK" to be sailed for Brisbane in Convoy GP.15.
- ✓ (x) "DUBBO" "WHYALIA" escorting Convoy OG.27 (13 MV) en route Melbourne to Sydney. "MORESBY" & "DUBBO" to escort Convoy CO.29 dep. Newcastle for Melbourne 21/9.
- ✓ (xi) "MUGFORD" arr. Brisbane 0750/18 dep. 1607.
- ✓ (xii) "SWAN" escorting "MONTORO" departed Port Moresby 1400/17. ETA. Cairns 1200/20. "SWAN" proceeds Townsville. ETA. 0700/21.
- ✓ (xiii) "GOULBURN" arr. Brisbane from escort duty 1145/18.
- ✓ (xiv) "BRITISH SAILOR" was to sail for Townsville on completion of fuelling Task Force 44, 18/9. Thence Brisbane to refuel; thence Townsville with "MERKUR". ETA. 27/9.
- ✓ (xv) "TULSA" departed Brisbane 1315/18, ~~later to proceed~~ ~~later to return~~ for Sydney to fit Asdic gear. ETA. 1300/20. Later to return Brisbane.
- ✓ (xvi) At Sydney - "K.9" "DOBBIN" "FILCAENIA" "BROOME" "TANWORTH" "MORESBY". Repairing - "CHICAGO" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "BISHOPDALE" "CIVCOTIRA" "PATTERSON".
- (xvii) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "GAWLER". Repairing - "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR".
- (xviii) At Newcastle - "PINOWO".
- (xix) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "BUNDABERG" "MANUNDA" "GEELONG". Repairing - "COLAC".
- (xx) At Townsville - "KATOOMBA" "ARMIDALE" "LITHGOW".
- (xxi) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA".
- (xxii) At Port Moresby - "BALIA RAT" "BENDIGO" "JASON LEE" "MATSU-YAKKI" "SEAWITCH".



(xxiii) For submarines in Eastern sector - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces.

- (i) Buin. At least two tankers were included in the enemy force in the Buin-Tonolei area on 17/9.
- (ii) Normanby Is. Aircraft reported a possible flare path and possibly two ships in Sawatotoi Bay (North coast Normanby Is.) during the night 17/18.  
A native report 11/9 stated that a group of Japanese had landed on the North-east coast of Normanby Is. (presumably survivors from the destroyer sunk in the vicinity on 11/9). The vessels sighted in Sawatotoi Bay may have been sent to rescue these survivors or they may possibly be attempting to evacuate troops from the Northern coast of the peninsula North of Milne Bay, where enemy parties have been sighted heading North-west, in the vicinity of Taupola.
- (iii) Solomons. There were indications of enemy vessels 15/16 Sept. as follows:-  
Guadalcanal,  
a possible submarine off South coast ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
a possible submarine off Cape Subville (San Cristobal),  
a possible surface unit 50 miles SSW Ongtong Java,  
a possible surface unit 150 miles NE Cape Subville.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

British and Allied Forces.

- (i) "WARRNAMBOOL" arr. Darwin from Timor 1229/18 with 40 military and police from Timor also 9 other civilians.
- (ii) "VOYAGER" en route Geraldton to Darwin. ETA. 0830/21.
- (iii) "MARYBOROUGH" to depart Adelaide for Fremantle dawn today 19/9
- (iv) "BENJAL" arr. Fremantle 0830/18.
- (v) "WALLAROO" en route Adelaide to Albany. ETA. 0830/21.
- (vi) "WIZARD" dep. Fremantle 1152/18 for Melbourne. ETA. 1600/23.
- (vii) At Fremantle - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "K.8" "HOLLAND" "CHILDS" "ISABEL" "ERLING BROVIC" "TOOWOOMBA" "WOLLONGONG" "CAIRNS" "IPSWICH" "BURNIE" "LARK".
- (viii) At Albany - "PELIAS" "WHIPPOORWILL".
- (ix) At Darwin - "K.12" "KALGOORLIE".
- (x) At Exmouth Gulf - "W.B. PRESTON" "HERON".
- (xi) For submarines in Western Sector - see appendix.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.

British and Allied Forces.

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

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA. See appendix.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

British and Allied Forces.

- (i) "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting "WILLIAM ELLIENY" en route Brisbane to Noumea. ETA. 0930 ~~ix~~ 18/9. On completion of escort duties "ROCKHAMPTON" to refuel and return Sydney.
- (ii) "MANOWAI" "BENJAM" en route Sydney to Auckland. ETA. am. 21/9.
- (iii) "CLARK" en route Sydney to Noumea. ETA. 2300/20.
- (iv) "CAP DES PALMES" en route Sydney to Noumea. ETA. 1700/21.
- (v) At Espiritu Santo - "MACKINAC" "CURTISS" "O'BRIEN".
- (vi) At Tongatabu - "AMERICAN LEGION" "HUNTER LEGGOTT" "NAVAJO" "VESTAL" "ARCTIC".
- (vii) At Samoa - "HOVEY" "TURKEY" "BRAZOS" "CAMANGA" "STACK".
- (viii) At Suva - "RALPH" "DALE" "VIREO".
- (ix) At Auckland - "ACHILLES" "RIGEL" "ALBY" "ATREUS".
- (x) At Noumea - "CHEVREUIL" "ARGONNE" "RAINIER" "WHITNEY" "ANTANES" "KAWAHA" "ROAMER" "HEYWOOD" "LIBRA".
- (xi) At Bora Bora - "CASTOR".
- (xii) At Vila - "SOLACE" "BETELGEUSE".

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA. (See appendix.)

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA. (See appendix.)



F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

British and Allied Forces.

- (I) "WANGARELLA" dep. Suez 12/9 with 500 invalids for Australia and New Zealand.
- (II) "BOMBAY" escorting "TRINITY" en route Western Australia to Diego Garcia. ETA. 26/9. "TRINITY" thence to Bahrain; "BOMBAY" to Colombo.
- (III) "MANGORA" "KANINELA" on escort duty Ceylon area.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS.

- (I) Cape Howe. S.S. "ORRISTON" sighted a floating mine approx. 84 miles S. Cape Howe, approx. 2100/18. Attempts to destroy the mine with machine-gun fire were inconclusive. The mine is ~~possibly~~ <sup>possibly</sup> from the German field laid in 1940.
- (II) Guadalcanal. Allied positions at Guadalcanal were shelled by at least four unidentified enemy vessels at 0615/19.
- (III) New Georgia. Two enemy heavy cruisers were unsuccessfully attacked by aircraft off Langsdale Point at 1810/17.

3. AIR OPERATIONS.

- (I) Rabaul. One Fortress attacked Lakunai 17/9, starting fires.
- (II) Lae-Salamaua. One Fortress attacked Lae aerodrome 17/9, starting fires; one Fortress attacked Salamaua 18/9 causing some damage.
- (III) Buna. One Beaufighter strafed huts and pack trains on the Buna-Kokoda road 18/9. Several huts destroyed.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE.

- (I) Heavy naval and air counter-attacks against Allied positions in the Solomons, with a view to re-occupation of Guadalcanal.
- (II) Heavy attack and attempt at consolidation Milne Bay-Buna area.
- (III) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (iv) Intensified submarine activity in the S.W.P.A.

5. GENERAL.

"ASAKA MARU" and "CONTEVERDE" (Italian) are to depart Japan shortly on their 2nd repatriation voyage. ETA Lorence Marques 1/10.  
 "STATUTA MARU" and "KAMUKURA MARU" are to return shortly to Japan from Lorence Marques.

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 For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

19/9/42.



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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Flotilla Leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

Dutch Submarine

A.E.C.'s

Submarine Tender

Destroyer Tender

Storeship

Gunboat

Oiler

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

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GAMBIA  
SUMATRA (Dutch)  
WORCESTERSHIRE  
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- (iii) "STUART" arr. Port Moresby from Milne Bay to refuel and dep. 1759 for Milne Bay ETA 1300/20. Then to provide naval cover for a punitive force being despatched by C.O.C. Milne Bay to Normanby Is. Troops will be landed on the east side of Normanby at dusk 2/9 and will re-embark at dawn 22/9. "STUART" to depart Milne Bay escorting "VAN HEUTSZ" "HANYANG" "EST CACTUS" "MULIAMA" "BABINDA", when first three have completed discharge and "VAN HEUTSZ" has embarked ~~xxx~~ 750 Air Force personnel and 500 tons of stores for Darwin (not before 1500/23). "VAN HEUTSE" to be detached in Grafton Passage and proceed Darwin escorted by "CASTLEMAINE" or "ARMIDALE". "MULIAMA" arr. Port Moresby 2103/18 for provisions and fuel. Later to return Milne Bay.
- (iv) "WARREGO" "LITHGOW" escorting Convoy R ("JOHN STEELE" "ANHUI" "BONTEKOE" "TARCONA") en route Townsville to Port Moresby ETA 1600/21.
- (v) Convoy S ("JOSEPH LANE" "PAINE WINGATE") en route Port Moresby ETA 22/9.
- (vi) "GEELONG" escorting Convoy U ("HENRY D. THORNAU" "WILLES VAN DEVENTER" "GEORGE TAYLOR") dep. Brisbane 0644/19 for Moresby. "GEORGE TAYLOR" returned later for engine repairs. "BENJAMIN FRANKLIN" to follow as soon as ready with A/S escort to Capricorn Channel. Convoy to be escorted from Magnetic Is. to Port Moresby ETA 24/9. "GEELONG" to return at Capricorn Channel.
- (vii) "TOWNSVILLE" arr. Newcastle with portion Convoy PGL3 1056/19. "YANDRA" arr. Sydney with Sydney section 1644/19 (incl. "KURUMBA" "BUNGAREE"). "YANDRA" & "TOWNSVILLE" to depart Sydney 0900/21 escorting Convoy CPL4 (incl. "KURUMBA").
- (viii) "DUBBO" is due Sydney this morning 20/9 with section of Convoy OC27. "WHYALLA" continuing towards Newcastle until relieved at 0800 by "MORSEBY" which departed Sydney 0501/20.
- (ix) "MILDURA" "DELOIRINE" "CESSNOCK" escorting Convoy C028 dep. Sydney 1646/17 for Melbourne. ETA RV with "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC28 (incl. "AASE MAERSK") at 1200/20. Convoys to exchange escorts and proceed. "CESSNOCK" to be detached in Bass Strait and proceed Adelaide and Fremantle.
- (x) "SWAN" escorting "MOMERO" en route Port Moresby to Cairns ETA 1200 today 20/9. After refuelling, "SWAN" to proceed at 1000/22 to Fitzroy Is. for escort duty to Port Moresby.
- (xi) "BRITISH SAILOR" was to sail for Townsville on completion of fuelling Task Force 44, 18/9. Thence Brisbane to refill; thence Townsville with "MERKUR" ETA 27/9.
- (xii) "TULSA" en route Brisbane to Sydney to fit Asdic gear ETA 1300/20. Later to return Brisbane.
- (xiii) "BENDIGO" was to depart Port Moresby yesterday 17/8 for A/S duties at Fall River.
- (xiv) At Sydney - "K.9" "DOBBI" "WILCAENIA" "BROOME" "TANWORTH" "BUNGAREE" "KURUMBA"  
Repairing - "CHICAGO" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA" "PATTERSON"
- (xv) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "CAWLER"  
Repairing - "VENNETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xvi) At Brisbane - "MUGFORD" "GRIFFIN" "BUNDABERG" "MANUNDA" GOULBURN  
Repairing - "COLAC"
- (xvii) At Townsville - "KATOOMBA" "ARMIDALE" "CASTLEMAINE"
- (xviii) At Port Stephens - "AUSTRALIA" "PING WO"
- (xix) At Port Moresby - "BALLARAT" "JASON LEE" "MANTSUYCKER" "SEAWITCH"
- (xx) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see Appendix.



Enemy Forces

- (i) BUIN-PAISI AREA - An examination of reports on enemy shipping in the Buin-Paisi area 19/9 indicates that 29 vessels were operating there, as follows -
  - 3 heavy cruisers (described as 2 "NACHI", 1 "KAKO" cl. possibly "CHOKAI" (CinC 8th Fleet), "PURUTAKA" and "KINUGASA")
  - 1 light cruiser ("SENDAI" class)
  - 16 destroyers
  - 2 probable gunboats
  - 1 seaplane tender (AV - poss. "CHITOSE" type)
  - 1 poss. converted S/P Tender (XAV)
  - 1 tanker
  - 4 merchant ships

Of these, the light cruiser arrived off Buinat 1330 with 9 destroyers, one destroyer and one merchant vessel were lying off Loluei Point (33 miles NNE Buin) at 1330 and the converted seaplane tender was reported by aircraft 35 miles WSW of Buin at 1202 on course 065°. A single destroyer arrived at Buin before noon. The remaining 15 vessels were between Buin and Paisi at 1159.

A destroyer and transport (5/7000 tons) sighted by aircraft approx 73 miles SW Buka Passage on course 170° may have been en route Rabaul to Buin. (Time of sighting 1005/19).

- (ii) BUKA PASSAGE - A small merchant vessel arr. at Buka from the NW at 1502/19. A similar vessel was lying off Soraken at that time. Two schooners have been observed operating off both eastern and western entrances to the Passage during the past few days. It is possible that the vessels are engaged in minelaying, or more probably in survey work.
- (iii) UMBOI IS. (Vitiav Strait) - Reports from aircraft indicate that two merchant vessels were in the vicinity of Umboi Is. yesterday 19/9. One vessel reported as a 5,000 ton transport was sighted 10 miles east of Umboi on course 140° at 1901, and a 2,000 ton transport was reported off the west coast of the island at 1540. The latter was attacked by Fortresses and two near misses were made.
- (iv) GOODENOUGH 3A - There were signs of enemy activity on Goodenough Is. yesterday 19/9 (see Air Ops).
- (v) NORMANBY IS. - Natives report that 50/70 Japanese are living in a village in the northern part of the island. Aircraft on recce 18/9 observed a number of canoes near Kuanaura, where the Japanese were reported to have landed on 11/9 from the enemy destroyer sunk on that date in the vicinity.
- (vi) EGUM IS. - (48 miles N. by S. Woodlark Is.) - A large vessel was reported by natives in the vicinity of Egum Is. at 2130/18. Graded C.3.
- (vii) GIZO - Air recce 18/9 observed no enemy shipping at Gizo.
- (viii) QUEEN CAROLA HARBOR (Buka) - No enemy shipping was observed by air recce at 1100/19 but two aircraft were seen to take off in the vicinity.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "VOYAGER" en route Geraldton to Darwin ETA 0830/21.
- (ii) "MARYBOROUGH" was to depart Adelaide for Fremantle dawn 19/9, ETA 1800 (23/9).
- (iii) "WALLAROO" en route Adelaide to Albany ETA 0830/21.
- (iv) "MIZAR" en route Fremantle to Melbourne ETA 1600/23.
- (v) "MANOORA" arr. Fremantle from escort duties.
- (vi) "KOOKABURRA" dep. Darwin 0854 today 20/9 for Brisbane for refit, via Thursday Is., Townsville, Whitsunday Passage ETA Thursday Is. 0815/23. To return Darwin by 1/12.
- (vii) "KALGOORLIE" dep. Darwin 0932/19 for patrol between Cape Don and Cape Wessel and for escort duties.
- (viii) At Fremantle - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "K.8" "HOLLAND" "CHILDS" "ISABEL" "ERLING BROVIS" "TOOWOOMBA" "WOLLONGONG" "CAIRNS" "BENGAL" "IPSWICH" "BURNIE" "LARK"
- (ix) At Albany - "PELIAS" "WHIPPOORWILL"
- (x) At Darwin - "K.12" "WARRNAMBOOL"
- (xi) At Exmouth Gulf - "W.B. PRESTON" "HERON"
- (xii) For submarines in Western Sector - see Appendix.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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



B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "ROCKHAMPTON" due Noumea 18/9 on escort duties was to refuel and return Sydney.
- (ii) "MONOWAI" "BENSAM" en route Sydney to Auckland ETA a.m. 21/9.
- (iii) "CLARK" en route Sydney to Noumea ETA 2300/20.
- (iv) "CAP DES PALMES" en route Sydney to Noumea ETA 1700/21.
- (v) At Espiritu Santo - "MACKINAC" "CURTISS" "O'BRIEN" "HERCULES" "ALHENA"
- (vi) At Tongatabu - "NORTH CAROLINA" "HUNTER LEGGETT" "VESTAL" "BARNETT" "MAJARA"
- (vii) At Samoa - "DETROIT" "HOVEY" "TURKEY" "BRAZOS" "CAMANGA" "STACK" "JUPITER" "CHESTNUT" "CASTOR"
- (viii) At Suva - "RALPH" "DALE" "VIREO" "CATALPA" "W.W. BURROWS" "E. HINDS"
- (ix) At Auckland - "ACHILLES" "RIGEL" "ALSEY" "ATREUS" "EBONY" "TALAMANCA"
- (x) At Noumea - "SOLACE" "HELENA" "SALT LAKE CITY" "LAPPEY" "LANDSDOWNE" "CONYNGHAM" "FULLER" "WHARTON" "KINGFISHER" "CHEVREUIL" "ARGONNE" "RAINIER" "WHITNEY" "ANTARES" "KANAWHA" "LIBRA" "HEYWOOD" "SUMNER" "MANLEY" "MCKEAN" "KANKAKU" "ARCTIC" "WALKE"
- (xi) At Vila - "BETELGEUSE"
- (xii) At Wellington - "AMERICAN LEGION" "NEVILLE"

Enemy Forces

SANTA CRUZ - Two enemy destroyers were reported by aircraft approx 300 miles N. by W. Ndeni Is. on course 200° at 1245/19.

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "WANGANELLA" dep. Suez 12/9 with 500 invalids for Australia and New Zealand.
- (ii) "BOMBAY" escorting "TRINITY" en route Western Australia to Diego Garcia ETA 26/9. "TRINITY" thence to Bahrain; "BOMBAY" to Colombo.
- (iii) "KANIMBLA" to depart Ceylon for Fremantle 23/9.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

AUREED IS. - (72 miles NE Thursday Is.) - A floating mine was sighted in the vicinity of Aureed Is. on 17/9 and a native reports that a mine was washed up on Aureed Is. on 18/9.

Japanese mines were laid in the Torres Strait area earlier in the year, possibly by an enemy submarine.

GERMAN - JAPANESE BLOCKADE RUNNERS -- In addition to German and Italian vessels running the blockade from Far Eastern ports to Europe, there are now indications that some of these vessels may be proceeding back to Japanese ports from Europe.

A merchant vessel believed to be probably the German "ERMLAND" (6,500 tons) was sighted off the Spanish Coast southward bound on September 10th.

There were strong indications in June 1942 that arrangements had been completed between the German and Japanese Governments for an interchange of raw materials, and that 12 vessels were then known to be available in French Ports and 10 in Japanese ports for this purpose.

Admiralty reported recently that any of the ten vessels available for this purpose in Japanese waters may have departed Japan for Far Eastern ports during August and may reach European ports any time after the middle of September.

Previous intelligence has suggested that the route used is via Sunda Straits and the Cape of Good Hope.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

- (i) LAE - 6 Bostons, 6 Marauders attacked Lae aerodrome. Bombs fell on centre of runway.
- (ii) BUNA - 7 Beaufighters attacked enemy positions Buna. A.A. positions strafed, one gun silenced; one possible dump set on fire; buildings damaged.
- (iii) GOODENOUGH Bay - Two Kittyhawks strafed an enemy whaler in Good-enough Bay, probably killing all occupants.

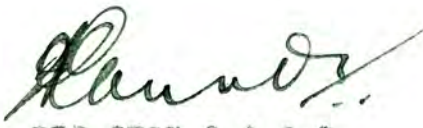


ENEMY

- (i) MALAITA - An unidentified aircraft was observed 70 miles NE of Cape Astrolabke at 0940 course S.E.
- (ii) NDENI - An unidentified patrol aircraft was also sighted 170 miles NE Ndeni at 1335.

1. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Heavy naval and air counter-attacks against allied positions in the Solomons, with a view to re-occupation of Guadalcanal.
- (ii) Heavy attack and attempt at consolidation Milne Bay - Buna area.
- (iii) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (iv) Intensified submarine activity in the SPPA.

  
For DIR CTOR C.O.I.C.

20/9/42



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

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA.

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.  
British and Allied Forces.

	<u>Effective.</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing.</u>
8" cruisers	AUSTRALIA	CHICAGO
6" cruisers	PHOENIX	
	HOBART	
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA	LE TRIOMPHANT
	STUART	
	SRLFRIDGE	
Destroyers	MUGFORD	PATTERSON
	BAGLEY	
	HENLEY	
	HELM	
Submarines.	S.37 )	
	S.38 )	
	S.41 )	At Brisbane.
	S.42 )	
	STURGEON )	
	SAILFISH )	
	SCULPIN )	
	S.40 )	
	S.43 )	On patrol.
	S.44 )	
	S.45 )	
	S.46 )	
	S.47 )	
Dutch Submarine	K.9	At Sydney.
A.M.Gs.	WESTRALIA.	
Submarine Tender	GRIFFIN	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Storeship		GOLDSTAR
Gunboat	TULSA	
Oiler		VICTORIA

Enemy Forces.

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons.

C.in C. Combined Fleet		
C.in C. 2nd Fleet		
C.in C. 8th Fleet		
C.in C. 1st Air Fleet		
C.in C. 4th Fleet		
C.in C. 6th Fleet (Submarine fleet)		
4 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO	
	MUTSU	
	HAGATO	
	ISE	
4 Battlecruisers (BB)	KIRISHIMA	
	HIYEI	
	KONGO	
	MARUNA	
Aircraft Carriers (CV)	ZUIKAKU )	Striking Force Units.
	SHOKAKU )	
	ZUIHO )	
	HAYATAKA )	Poss. still in Empire Waters
	HITAKA )	
	HOSHIO )	
Converted A/C. carriers (XCV)	HYUJO - damaged, possibly sunk.	
	KASUGA MARU - poss. Palao-Truk area.	
	YAMATA MARU	
	OTAKA	
9 heavy cruisers (CA)	NISSEIN (Fleet oiler & A/c. transport).	
	ATAGO	
	TAKAO	
	CHOKAI	
	KUMANO	
	TONI	
	TIKUMA	



10 light cruisers (CL)

MYOKO  
FURUTAKA  
KINUGASA or AOBA  
JINTSU  
SENDAI  
KATORI  
KASHIMA  
NAKA  
YURA  
HAGARA  
TENRYU  
TATSUTA

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

45-50 destroyers (DD)  
3 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHIYODA  
AKITSUSHIMA  
CHITOSE (poss. damaged, returning Japan).  
NIYOZAWA MARU  
KAMOI  
KAGU MARU  
KANIKAWA MARU  
KINUGASA MARU

5 Converted S/P.tenders (XAV)

2 submarine tenders  
Approx. 25 merchant ships (incl. poss. 3 Military Landing Craft Carriers).  
8 patrol craft  
6 minelaying craft  
16 submarine chasers  
15 M.T.Bs.  
5 Gunboats  
Approx. 311 shore-based aircraft incl. 106 fighters, 128 H/B, 30 F/B.  
27 F/P. 20 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

British and Allied Forces.

6" cruiser  
Flotilla Leader  
Destroyer  
S/P.tenders

ADELAIDE  
TROMP  
VOYAGER  
CHILD'S  
HERON  
W. B. PRESTON

Submarine tenders

PELLAS  
HOLLAND  
MIZAR

Storeship  
Submarines

On patrol  
SAURY  
TAMBOR  
SHAPPER  
SALMON  
SEAL  
SARGO  
THRESHER  
SEADRAGON  
SPEARFISH

Repairing & Preparing for patrols.

SKIPJACK )  
SEARAVEN )  
SEAWOLF ) At Fremantle.  
GAR )  
GRENADEIER ) En route Fremantle to Albany.  
GUDGEON )  
GRAYBACK )  
GRAMPUS ) At Albany.  
TAUTOG )  
K.8 At Fremantle.  
K.12 At Darwin.

Dutch Submarines

3. EAST INDIES-PHILIPPINES.

British and Allied Forces.

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

Enemy Forces

C. in C. 3rd Fleet.  
C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet



1-8" Cruiser "ASHIGARA"  
 3 Light Cruisers ("KASHII" "ISUZU" "KINU")  
 Approx.16 destroyers.  
 Converted S/P.tenders ?  
Timor.  
 Approx.9 shore-based aircraft incl.6 fighters, 3 H/B.  
Ambon.  
 Approx.32 shore-based aircraft incl.9 F, 8 H/B. 8 F/B. 7 F/P.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.  
British and Allied Forces.  
Battleships

MARYLAND  
 COLORADO  
 IDAHO  
 MISSISSIPPI  
 NEW MEXICO  
 PENNSYLVANIA  
 SOUTH DAKOTA  
 ENTERPRISE  
 COPAHEE (converted)  
 LONG ISLAND "  
 PORTLAND  
 CHESTER  
 SAN JUAN  
 15 approx.  
 23 approx.

CALIFORNIA  
 NEVADA (to be ready  
 about 1/10)  
 WEST VIRGINIA  
 TENNESSEE

Aircraft Carriers

8" cruisers

6" cruisers

Destroyers

Submarines

Enemy Forces.

Palao-Formosa-Saipan-Bonins-Japan.

4 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI  
 YAMASHIRO  
 HYUGA  
 FUSO  
 UNYO  
 NACHI  
 HAGURO  
 One unknown unit Crudiv 7 (poss.enroute  
 Japan).  
 NATORI  
 NOTORO  
 GOSHU MARU  
 FUJIKAWA MARU  
 SOUYOU MARU  
 KENYO MARU

SUZUYA

Aircraft Carrier (CV)

4-8" Cruisers (CA)

1-6" cruiser (CL-)

5converted S/P.tenders (XAV)

6 old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx.25 destroyers.

Approx.20 submarines.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.  
British and Allied Forces.  
Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

WASHINGTON  
 NORTH CAROLINA  
 WASP  
 HORNET  
 SARATOGA  
 ASTORIA  
 NORTHAMPTON  
 VINCENNES  
 PENSACOLA  
 MINNEAPOLIS  
 QUINCY  
 SAN FRANCISCO  
 NEW ORLEANS  
 SALT LAKE CITY  
 BOISE  
 RALEIGH  
 DETROIT  
 JUNEAU  
 SAN DIEGO  
 ATLANTA  
 HELENA  
 LEANDER  
 ACHILLES  
 25 approx.

6" cruisers

Destroyers



D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

British and Allied Forces.

8" cruisers

LOUISVILLE  
INDIANAPOLIS  
HONOLULU  
ST. LOUIS  
NASHVILLE

6" cruisers

15 destroyers

10 submarines

Enemy Forces.

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians.

3 light cruisers ("KISO" "ANOKUMA" "TAMA")

8 destroyers

Approx. 10 submarines

1st Base Force

Converted S/P. tenders (XAVs?)

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA.

British and Allied Forces.

6" cruisers

CONCORD  
TRENTON  
RICHMOND

Approx. 4 destroyers.

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

British and Allied Forces.

Battleships

WARSPITE  
VALIANT  
RESOLUTION REVENGE  
ILLUSTRIOUS  
FORMIDABLE  
DEVONSHIRE  
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)  
JAWKINS FROGISHER.  
CALEDON  
DRAGON  
ENTERPRISE  
EMERALD  
CERES  
BIRMINGHAM  
GLASGOW  
CAPETOWN  
DANAÉ  
DAUNTLESS  
MAURITIUS  
GAMBIA  
SUMATRA (Dutch)  
WORCESTERSHIRE  
RANCHI  
ALANIA  
CHITRAL  
RANPURA  
CANTON  
QUEEN OF BERMUDA  
CARTHAGE  
~~MINOCERA~~  
KANIMBLA  
HEEMSKERK  
CARLISLE

Aircraft carriers

8" cruisers

7.5" cruisers

6" cruisers

A.M.Cs.

A.A. vessels

Approx. 25 destroyers

Approx. 7 submarines

Enemy Forces.

6-9 submarines.



DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

21st September, 1942

I. DISPOSITIONS & LIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

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- "VAN HEUTSZ" to be detached in Grafton Passage and proceed Darwin escorted by "CASTLEMAINE" or "ARMIDALE". "MULIAMA" now returning Milne Bay from Port Moresby.
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- + (iv) Convoy S ("JOSEPH LANE" "PAINE WINGATE") to depart Townsville for Port Moresby tomorrow 22/9.
- x (v) "GERLONG" escorting Convoy U ("HENRY D. THORAU" "WILLES VAN DEVENTER" dep. Brisbane 19/9. "GERLONG" to return at Capricorn Channel. "ARONA" to join at Townsville. Convoy to be escorted from Magnetic Island to Port Moresby ETA 26/9.
- ✓ (vi) "SPAN" arr. Cairns 1345/20. After refuelling, to proceed at 1000/22 to Fitzroy Is. for escort duty to Port Moresby.
- + (vii) "DUBBO" arr. Sydney 0635/20 with section of Convoy OC27. To dep. Sydney 0900 today 21/9 escorting Convoy SPI4, for Brisbane.
- + (viii) "MORESBY" arr. Newcastle with section of Convoy OC27 at 1509/20. To depart Newcastle today 21/9 escorting Convoy OC29, for Melbourne.
- + (ix) "WYALLA" arr. Sydney from escort duty 0818/20.
- + (x) "MILDURA" "DELOBARINE" escorting Convoy OC28 (14 MV) en route Sydney and Newcastle.
- + (xi) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC28 (11 MV) en route Melbourne.
- + (xii) "CESSNOCK" has been detached from Convoy OC28 and is proceeding to Adelaide and Fremantle.
- (xiii) "BALLARAT" escorting "MAETSUYCKER" was to depart Port Moresby yesterday 20/9.
- x (xiv) "BENDIGO" dep. Port Moresby 0903/20 for Milne Bay ETA 1000 today 21/9
- (xv) "PING WO" arr. Sydney 1633/20.
- x (xvi) "BRITISH SAILOR" dep. Townsville 0700/20 for Brisbane ETA 1300/23; thence Townsville with "MERKUR" ETA 27/9.
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Repairing - "COLAC"
- (xxi) At Townsville - "KATCOMBA" "ARMIDALE" "CASTLEMAINE"
- (xxii) At Cairns - "ARUNTA"
- (xxiii) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA"
- (xxiv) At Port Moresby - "JASON LEE" "SEAWITCH"
- (xxv) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces

- (1) NEW GEORGIA - Enemy activity continues in the waters between New Georgia and Ysabel Is. An enemy light cruiser with 3 destroyers was sighted by aircraft approx 33 miles NW Langsdale Point (New



Georgia) at 1445/20 on course 120°, and a light cruiser, probably the same, was seen unattended 20 miles E.N. of Vaholi Bay, also on course 120°, at 1755.

- (ii) BUKA - A small vessel was reported making for Buka Passage, from the N.E., but turned northwards before reaching the passage. This may be one of the two schooners reported operating recently off the eastern and western entrances to the Passage.
- (iii) MISIMA - Reports from Misima Is. state that suspicious white and green lights have been observed in the vicinity during the past few weeks. An unidentified vessel showing such lights was last observed proceeding in the direction of Rossel Is. on the night of 15/16 September. Enemy submarines are probably active in this area; also Deboyne Is., near Misima, was used by the enemy as a seaplane base prior to the Coral Sea engagement last May.
- (iv) LAE-SALAMAU - Reports indicate that the landing strip at Hopoi (20 miles East Lae) is being lengthened and resurfaced, and that a new strip is under construction at Paiawa (30 miles SSE Salamaua).
- (v) NORMANBY IS. - Aircraft reported 12 strong lights on the S.E. corner of Normanby Is. at 0430/19. Suspicious activity was reported in Sawatatoi Bay on 18/9 and a number of Japanese were reported to be living in the Northern part of the island 18/9.

## 2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

### British and Allied Forces

- (i) "MANOORA" dep. Fremantle 1032/20 for Sydney ETA 1400/27.
- (ii) "VOYAGER" en route Geraldton to Darwin ETA 0830/21.
- (iii) "MANYBOROUGH" en route Adelaide to Fremantle ETA 1800/23.
- (iv) "WALLAROO" en route Adelaide to Albany ETA 0830/today 2/9.
- (v) "WIZAR" en route Fremantle to Melbourne ETA 1600/23.
- (vi) "KOOKABURRA" dep. Darwin 0254/20 for Brisbane for refit, via Thursday Is., Townsville, Whitsunday Passage ETA Thursday Is. 0815/23. To return Darwin by 1/12.
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- (ix) At Albany - "PELIAS" "WHIPPOORWILL"
- (x) At Darwin - "K.12" "WARRNAMBOOL"
- (xi) At Exmouth Gulf - "W.B. PRESTON" "HERON"
- (xii) For submarines in Western Sector - see Appendix.

## 3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

### British and Allied Forces

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

## B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

## C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

### British and Allied Forces

- (i) "ROCKHAMPTON" due Noumea 18/9 on escort duties was to refuel and return Sydney.
- (ii) "MONOWAI" en route Sydney to Auckland ETA a.m. 21/9.
- (iii) "CLARK" en route Sydney to Noumea ETA 2300/20.
- (iv) "CAP DNS PALMES" en route Sydney to Noumea ETA 1700/21.
- (v) At Espiritu Santo - "McFARLAND" "MACKINAC" "CURTISS" "O'BRIEN" "TRACY" "PRESIDENT HAYES" "HERCULES" "ALHENA"
- (vi) At Tongatabu - "NORTH CAR LINA" "VESTAL" "BARNETT" "MAJABA"
- (vii) At Samoa - "DETROIT" "HOVEY" "TURKEY" "BRAZOS" "CAMANCA" "STACK" "JUPITER" "CHESTNUT" "CASTOR" "E.A. POE" "JAMESTOWN" "LACKAWANNA" "TAPPANANNOCK"
- (viii) At Suva - "RALSIGH" "DALE" "CATALPA" "W.W. BURROWS" "E. HINDS"
- (ix) At Auckland - "ACHILLES" "RIGEL" "ALSEY" "ATREUS" "EBONY" "NEVILLE" "TALAMANCA"
- (x) At Noumea - "HELENA" "SALT LAKE CITY" "CHESTER" "SOLACE" "BENHAM" "LAFPEY" "LANDSDOWNE" "CONYNGHAM" "FILLER" "WHARTON" "KING-FISHER" "CHEVREUIL" "ARGONNE" "RAINIER" "WHITNEY" "ANTARES" "KANAWHA" "LIBRA" "HEYWOOD" "SUMNER" "MANLEY" "McKEAN" "KANKAKU" "ARCTIC" "WALKE" "VIREO"
- (xi) At Vila - "BETELGEUSE" "ROAMER"
- (xii) At Wellington - "AMERICAN LEGION".



Enemy Forces

SANTA CRUZ IS. - A destroyer and possible seaplane carrier escorted by two floatplanes were reported 375 miles NNE Ndeni at 1135/20 on course 90° and two destroyers on course 30°, 127 miles N. by W. Ndeni at 1234. The two destroyers were shadowed and were last sighted 210 miles North Ndeni at 1448 on course 325°. An unidentified submarine was also sighted 181 miles NNW of Ndeni at 0800/20 course 130°.

- D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)
- E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)
- F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "WANGANELLA" dep. Suez 12/9 with 500 invalids for Australia and New Zealand.
- (ii) "BOMBAY" escorting "TRINITY" en route Western Australia to Diego Garcia ETA 26/9. "TRINITY" thence to Bahrain; "BOMBAY" to Colombo
- (iii) "KANIMBLA" to depart Ceylon for Fremantle 23/9.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

CAPE HOWE - "DELORAINE" & "WHYALLA" report having seen parachute flares while in the vicinity of Cape Howe on 18/9 and 19/9. "DELORAINE" reported four flares, which burned for 5 minutes, and "WHYALLA" sighted 2 pairs of white flares, five miles apart.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

- (i) VITIAZ STRAIT - The enemy vessel attacked in Vitiaz Strait 1415/19 was again attacked at 1700, 21 miles West Cape King (N.W. tip Umboi Is.) by 2 Fortresses. Strafing silenced one A.A. gun and started a small fire on deck.
- (ii) LAE - Five Beaufighters attacked a tug and 4/5 barges at Lae 1240/20. The barges were set on fire and the wharf possibly damaged. No activity was observed on the aerodrome.
- (iii) BUNA AREA - 6 Bostons attacked Buna - Kokoda and Buna - Andiamba (16 miles S.W. Buna) Roads 0740/20.
- (iv) KOKODA - Twelve Kittyhawks attacked Kokoda - Efogi area 0715/20. Large fire started at Kagi.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Heavy naval and air counter-attacks against allied positions in the Solomons, with a view to re-occupation of Guadalcanal.
- (ii) Heavy attack and attempt at consolidation Milne Bay - Buna area.
- (iii) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (iv) Intensified submarine activity in the S.W.P.A.

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For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

21/9/42



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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Flotilla Leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

Dutch submarine

A.M.C.'s

Submarine Tender

Destroyer Tender

Storeship

Gunboat

Oiler

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet

CinC 2nd Fleet

CinC 8th Fleet

CinC 1st Air Fleet

CinC 4th Fleet

CinC 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet)

4 battleships (BB)

4 battlecruisers (BB)

Aircraft Carriers (CV)

Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

9 heavy cruisers (CA)

10 light Cruisers (CL)

Effective

AUSTRALIA

PHOENIX

HOBART

ARUNTA

STUART

SELFRIEDGE

MUGFORD

BAGLEY

HENLEY

HELM

S.37 )

S.38 )

S.41 ) At Brisbane

S.42 )

STURGEON )

SAILFISH )

SCULPIN )

S.40 )

S.43 ) On Patrol

S.44 )

S.45 )

S.46 )

S.47 )

K.9 ) At Sydney

WESTRALIA

GRIFFIN

DOBBIN

TULSA

Refitting or Repairing

CHICAGO

LE TRIOMPHANT

PATTERSON

GOLDSTAR

VICTORIA

Striking Force Units

Poss. still in Empire Waters

RYUJO - damaged, possibly sunk

KASUGA MARU - poss. Palao-Truk area

YAWATA MARU

ONAKA

NISSHIN (Fleet Oiler & A/C transport)

ATAGO

TAKAO

CHOKAI

KUMANO

TONE

TIKUMA

MYOKO

FURUTAKA

KINUGASA or ACBA

JINTSU

SENDAI

KATORI



Light Cruisers (Contd)

KASHIMA  
NAKA  
YURA  
NAGARA  
TENRYU  
TATSUTA

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

CHIYODA  
AKITSUSHIMA  
CHITOSE (poss. damaged, returning Japan)  
KIYOKAWA MARU  
KAMOI  
KASU MARU  
KAMIKAWA MARU  
KINUGASA MARU

2 submarine tenders  
Approx 25 merchant ships (incl. poss. 3 Military Landing Craft Carriers)  
8 patrol craft  
6 minelaying craft  
16 submarine chasers  
15 M.T.B.'s  
5 Gunboats  
Approx 288 shore-based aircraft incl. 75 fighters, 115 H/B, 36 F/B  
42 F/P, 20 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruiser

ADELAIDE  
TROMP  
VOYAGER  
MANOORA  
CHILDS  
HERON  
W.B. PRESTON

Flotilla Leader

Destroyer

A.N.C.

S/P Tenders

Submarine Tenders

PELIAS  
NOLLAND  
WIZAR

Storeship

On Patrol

SAURY  
SHAPPER  
SALMON  
SEAL  
SARGO  
THRESHER  
SEADRAGON  
SPEARFISH

Repairing and Preparing for Patrols

SKIPJACK }  
SEARAVEN } At Fremantle  
SEAWOLF }  
GAR }  
GRENADIER } En route Fremantle to Albany  
GUDGEON }  
GRAYBACK }  
GRAMPUS }  
TAMBOR } At Albany  
TAUTOG }  
K.8 } At Fremantle  
K.12 } At Darwin

Dutch Submarines

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

CINC 3rd Fleet

CINC Southern Expeditionary Fleet

1 Aircraft Carrier "ZUIKAKU" (probably damaged)

1 - 8" Cruiser "ASHICARA"

3 Light Cruisers ("KASHII" "ISUZU" "KINU")

Approx 16 Destroyers

Converted S/P Tenders ?

Timor

Approx 9 shore-based aircraft including 6 fighters, 3 H/B

Ambon

Approx 32 shore-based aircraft incl. 9 F, 8 H/B, 8 F/B, 7 F/P



B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA  
British and Allied Forces  
Battleships

MARYLAND  
COLORADO  
IDAHO  
MISSISSIPPI  
NEW MEXICO  
PENNSYLVANIA  
SOUTH DAKOTA  
ENTERPRISE  
COPAHEE (Converted)  
LONG ISLAND "  
PORTLAND  
SAN JUAN  
15 (approx)  
23 (approx)

CALIFORNIA  
NEVADA (To be ready  
about 1/10)  
WEST VIRGINIA  
TENNESSEE

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers  
6" Cruiser  
Destroyers  
Submarines

Enemy Forces

Palao - Formosa - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

4 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI  
YAMASHIRO  
HYUGA  
FUSO

Aircraft Carrier (CV)

4 - 8" Cruisers (CA)

UNYO

SUZUYA

NACHI  
HAGURO

one unknown unit Crudiv 7 (poss. enroute  
Japan)

1 - 6" Cruiser (CL)

5 converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

NATOHI

NOTORO

GOSHU MARU

FUJIKAWA MARU

BOUYOU MARU

KENYO MARU

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 25 Destroyers

Approx 20 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA  
British and Allied Forces  
Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

WASHINGTON  
NORTH CAROLINA  
VASP  
HORNET  
SARATOGA  
ASTORIA  
NORTHAMPTON  
VINCENNES  
PENSACOLA  
MINNEAPOLIS  
QUINCY  
SAN FRANCISCO  
NEW ORLEANS  
SALT LAKE CITY  
CHESTER

6" Cruisers

BOISE

RALEIGH

DETROIT

JUNEAU

SAN DIEGO

ATLANTA

BELENA

LEANDER

ACHILLES

25 (approx)

Destroyers

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA  
British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE  
INDIANAPOLIS

6" Cruisers

HONOLULU

ST. LOUIS

NASHVILLE

15 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians

3 Light Cruisers ("KISO" "AKAKAKI" "ABUKUMA" "TAMA")



8 Destroyers  
Approx 10 Submarines  
1st Base Force  
Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) ?

B) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA  
British and Allied Forces  
6" Cruisers

CONCORD  
TRENTON  
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA  
British and Allied Forces  
Battleships

WARSPITE  
VALIANT  
RESOLUTION REVENGE  
ILLUSTRIOUS  
FORMIDABLE  
DEVONSHIRE  
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)  
HAWKINS PROBISHER  
CALEDON  
DRAGON  
ENTERPRISE  
EMERALD  
CERES  
BERMINGHAM  
GLASGOW  
CAPETOWN  
DANAE  
DAUNTLESS  
MAURITIUS  
GAMBIA  
SUMATRA (Dutch)  
WORCESTERSHIRE  
RANCHI  
ALAUNIA  
CHITRAL  
BENPURA  
CANTON  
QUEEN OF BERMUDA  
CARTHAGE  
KANTINBLA  
HEEMSKERK  
CARLISLE

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

Approx 25 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

6 - 9 Submarines



DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

22nd September, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "PHOENIX" SELPRIDGE" "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "HENLEY" "HELM") on patrol south of China Strait area.
- (ii) "CHICAGO" dep. Sydney 1628/21 for Fiji.
- (iii) "STUART" to transport punitive force being despatched by G.D.C. Milne Bay to Normanby Is. Troops will land near Cape Peirson approx 0630 today 22/9. "STUART" will then proceed back to Milne Bay and return to re-embark troops at 1600/23. Thence Milne Bay.  
"STUART" to depart Milne Bay escorting "VAN HEUTSZ" "HANYANG" "WEST CACTUS" "MULIAMA" "BABINDA", when first three have completed discharge and "VAN HEUTE" has embarked 750 Air Force personnel and 500 tons of stores for Darwin (not before 27/9). "VAN HEUTSZ" to be detached in Grafton Passage and proceed Darwin escorted by "CASTLEMAINE" or "ARMIDALE"
- ✓ (iv) "WARREGO" "LITBROW" escorting Convoy R ("JOHN STEELE" "ANHUI" "BOHTEKOE" "TARONA") were due Port Moresby yesterday 21/9.
- ✓ (v) "WARREGO" to depart Port Moresby for RV at 1600/23 with "SWAN" "CASTLEMAINE" escorting Convoy S ("JOSEPH LAKE" "PAINE WINGATE" "ARONA") and Convoy W ("SIDELIA" "ISLANDER" "JACOB") in position 012°58'S, 147°31'E. The convoys will separate at dark: "SWAN" "CASTLEMAINE" escort Convoy S to Port Moresby, "WARREGO" escorts W to Milne Bay via position Z (150 miles SSE Moresby) ETA 25/9. "SWAN" to depart Cairns 1000 today 22/9 to RV with Convoys off Fitzroy Is.
- + (vi) Convoy U ("HENRY D. THOREAU" "WILLES VAN DEVENTER" "GEORGE TAYLOR") to be escorted from Magnetic Is. 24/9 to Port Moresby ETA 26/9.
- + (vii) "GOULBURN" escorting Convoy BT3 ("GEORGE TAYLOR" "BENJAMIN FRANKLIN") dep. Brisbane 1704/21 for Townsville ETA 0820/24.
- + (viii) "ORLONG" arr. Brisbane from escort duty 1200 yesterday 21/9. To depart 0700 today 22/9 to RV at 0700/23 with U.S.S. "TJISDANA" and escort her to Brisbane.
- + (ix) "COLAC" escorting "TASMAN" "KARSIK" to Capricorn Channel. To dep. Brisbane p.m. 23/9.
- + (x) "DUBBO" dep. Sydney 0922 yesterday 21/9 escorting Convoy GP14 for Brisbane ETA 2222/23.
- + (xi) "MORESBY" was to depart Newcastle yesterday 21/9 escorting Convoy G029, for Melbourne ETA RV with "DOOMBA" 1200/24.
- + (xii) "MILDURA" "DELOHAINE" escorting Convoy G028 (14 MV) en route Sydney and Newcastle.
- + (xiii) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy G028 (11 MV) arr. Melbourne 0315/21.
- + (xiv) "CESSNOCK" has been detached from Convoy G028 and is proceeding to Adelaide and Fremantle.
- + (xv) "BALLARAT" escorting "MAETSUYCKER" dep. Port Moresby for Brisbane ETA 1800/25. "BALLARAT" ETA Townsville 2200/23.
- + (xvi) "BRITISH SAILOR" en route Townsville to Brisbane ETA 1300/23; thence Townsville with "MERKUR" ETA 27/9.
- + (xvii) "MIZAR" en route Fremantle to Melbourne ETA 1600 tomorrow 23/9.
- + (xviii) "WAREE" "KINCHELA" to depart Sydney 1700/23 for Newcastle, thence Brisbane. "WAREE" after coaling is to proceed Port Moresby via Townsville, to replace "LYSANDER" & "KWATO", which have broken down.
- (xix) At Sydney - "K.9" "DOBBIN" "WILGANNIA" "BROOME" "TANWORTH" "YANDRA" "WHYALLA" "SUNGAREE" "TOWNSVILLE" "PING WO" "TULSA" "KURUMBA"  
Repairing - "CHICAGO" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA" "PATTERSON"
- (xx) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM CRYESSEN" "CAWLER"  
Repairing - "VEHETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xxi) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "BUNDABERG" "HAMUNDA" "GOULBURN"  
Repairing - "COLAC"
- (xxii) At Townsville - "KATOOMBA" "ARMIDALE"
- (xxiii) At Cairns - "ARUNTA"



- (xxiv) At Port Stephens - "AUSTRALIA"
- (xxv) At Port Moresby - "JASON LEE" "SEAWITCH"
- (xxvi) At Milne Bay - "BENDIGO"
- (xxvii) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces

- (i) BUIN - Visibility at Buin yesterday 21/9 was poor, and a report of enemy shipping in the area is inconclusive. At 1800, two "NACHI" class cruisers, one "SENDAI" class, two unidentified large cruisers and many destroyers were sighted off Buin, indicating that an additional heavy cruiser may now be operating in the area.  
An allied aircraft saw enemy aircraft (3 enemy single seater fighter landplanes) flying over the new slip at Buin 19/9.  
Recent intelligence has indicated that the enemy force operating from the Buin - Faisi - Tonelei Harbour base has included the following vessels -  
3 heavy cruisers  
3 light cruisers  
16 destroyers  
1 possible aircraft carrier  
1/2 seaplane tenders (AV)  
2 converted seaplane tenders (XAV)  
1 minelayer  
1 submarine tender  
several gunboats and small patrol craft  
4/6 merchant vessels (incl. tankers & supply ships)  
8 Flying Boats
- (ii) RABOUL - Air recce 21/9 reported a 6000 ton cargo vessel 22 miles W. by N. Cape Tawui at 1045; course 090°, a destroyer 6 miles N. by E. Cape Tawui at 1053, course 170°. 12/14 unidentified vessels in Rabaul Harbour (closer observation prevented by "Zero's" intercepting).
- (iii) NEW IRELAND - An enemy destroyer was observed 100 miles NNE Buka Passage at 1000/21 proceeding in the general direction of New Ireland (315°).
- (iv) CAPE HOWE AREA - It is learned that the flares reported in the Cape Howe area 18/9 and 19/9 were dropped by training aircraft. There were indications of an enemy unit within 10 miles of Gabo Island 21/9, as follows -  
At 0016, Gabo 199° 7 miles, on course 049°  
At 0345, Gabo 063° 10 miles, on course 049°
- (v) SOLOMONS  
(a) Ontong Java - Two enemy cruisers were sighted by allied aircraft approx 140 miles NNE Ontong Java at 1055/21. Course not reported.  
(b) San Cristobal - Allied aircraft reported an enemy submarine 45 miles ENE Cape Surville at 0615/20, course 145°.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "MANGORA" en route Fremantle to Sydney ETA 1400/27.
- (ii) "VOYAGER" was due Darwin yesterday 21/9.
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"ERLING BROVIG" "TOOWOOMBA" "WOLLONGONG" "CAIRNS"  
"BENGAL" "IPSWICH" "BURNIE" "LARK"
- (viii) At Albany + "PELIAS" "WHIPPOORWILL"
- (ix) At Darwin - "K.12" "WARRNAMBOOL"
- (x) At Exmouth Gulf - "W.B. PRESTON" "HERON"
- (xi) For submarines in Western Sector - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces

GERALDTON - A dummy periscope similar to that found off the coast of New South Wales early in August, was found on the beach near Point Gregory (38 miles NNW Geraldton) on 15/9.

The pole recovered from the sea off NSW was of bamboo, approx 8' long, and weighted to allow 2'6" to be visible above water. The object



marked with Japanese characters

found near Geraldton had beer-bottles attached to the bottom as floats.

It seems that enemy submarines release these objects when operating in our waters, as decoys for our aircraft attacks. The ruse is probably not frequently used; since only two of the dummies have been discovered.

One enemy submarine is possibly operating off Geraldton at the present time (see Naval Incidents).

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix) ✓

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

(i) At Espiritu Santo - "McFARLAND" "MACKINAC" "CURTISS" "O'BRIEN" "TRACY" "PRESIDENT HAYES" "HERCULES" "ALHENA" "GUADALUPE" "BALLARD" "STERETT" "BUCHANAN" "NAVAJO"

(ii) At Tongatabu - "NORTH CAROLINA" "VESTAL" "BARNETT" "MAJABA" "AMERSON"

(iii) At Samoa - "DETROIT" "HOVEY" "TURKEY" "BRAZOS" "CAMANCA" "STACK" "JUPITER" "CHESTNUT" "CASTOR" "E.A. POE" "LACKAWANNA" "TAPPANHANNOCK"

(iv) At Suva - "BALEIGH" "DALE" "CATALPA" "W.W. BURROWS" "E. HINDS"

(v) At Auckland - "ACHILLES" "MONOWAI" "CLARK" "RIGEL" "ALSEY" "ATREUS" "EBONY" "NEVILLE" "PALAMANCA"

(vi) At Noumea - "CHESTER" "SOLACE" "LAPPEY" "FULLER" "KINGFISHER" "CHEVREUIL" "ARGONNE" "RAINIER" "WHITNEY" "ANTARES" "KANAWHA" "LIBRA" "HMYWOOD" "SUMNER" "MANLEY" "McKEAN" "KANKAKU" "ARCTIC" "WALKE" "VIREO" "ROCKHAMPTON" "CAP DES PALMES" "CIMARRON" "LASSEN" "BULL" "HAMMONDS PORT"

(vii) At Vila - "BETELGEUSE" "RCAMER"

(viii) At Wellington - "AMERICAN LEGION"

Enemy Forces

NIENI - An unidentified enemy unit was indicated 1528/20 within 100 miles of 06°S, 169°30'E (340 miles NNE Ndeni).

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix) ✓

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(iii) "KANIMBLA" to depart Ceylon for Fremantle 23/9.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

SHARK BAY (W.A.) - A Catalina reported attacking with depth charges an unidentified submarine at 1400/21, 70 miles South Cape Inscription (entrance Shark Bay). The submarine failed to observe the recognition procedure and dived when sighted. Two depth charges were dropped, one of which failed to explode, but no evidence of damage was observed. The Dutch submarine K.12 was in the vicinity and may have been the vessel sighted.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

(i) Buka - One Catalina bombed runway and dispersal areas Buka aerodrome 0200/21. Results not observed.

(ii) Buna-Kokoda Area - Ten Kittyhawks obtained 4 partial hits and 2 near misses on a bridge on the Buna - Kokoda Road and strafed buildings between Buna and Kokoda 21/9.

ENEMY

(i) Port Moresby - 24/30 bombers escorted by 10 "Zero's" attacked Borona aerodrome (35 miles NW Port Moresby) at 1209/21. No damage.

(ii) Groote Eylandt - The light of an unidentified aircraft was seen over Groote Eylandt at 0658/21.



4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE / ✓

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For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

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A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

Effective

Refitting or Repairing

AUSTRALIA

CHICAGO

6" Cruisers

PHOENIX

HOBART

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WESTRALIA

Submarine Tender

GRIFFIN

Destroyer Tender

DOBBIN

Storeships

MIZAR

GOLDSTAR

Gunboat

TULSA

Oiler

VICTORIA

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet

CinC 2nd Fleet

CinC 8th Fleet

CinC 1st Air Fleet

CinC 4th Fleet

CinC 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet)

4 battleships (BB)

YAMATO

MUTSU

HAGATO

ISE

4 battle cruisers (BB)

KIRISHIMA

HIYEI

KONGO

HARUNA

Aircraft Carriers (CV)

ZHOKAKU )

ZUIHO )

Striking Force Units

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HOSHO

Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

RYUJO - damaged, possibly sunk

KASUGA MARU

YAWATA MARU

OTAKA

9 Heavy Cruisers (CA)

NISSEIN (Fleet Oiler & A/C Transport)

ATAGO

TAKAO

CHOKAI

KUMANO

TONE

TIKUMA

MYOKO

PURUTAKA

10 Light Cruisers (CL)

KINUGASA

JINTSU

SENDAI

KATORI



Light Cruisers (Contd)

KASHIMA  
NAKA  
YURA  
NAGARA  
TENRYU  
TATSUYA

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

3 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

GHIYODA  
AKITSUSHIMA  
CHITOSE (poss. damaged, returning Japan)

5 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

KIYOKAWA MARU  
KAMOI  
KAGU MARU  
KANIKAWA MARU  
KINUCASA MARU

2 submarine tenders

Approx 25 merchant ships (incl. poss. 3 Military Landing Craft Carriers)

8 patrol craft

6 minelaying craft

16 submarine chasers

15 M.T.B.'s

5 Gunboats

Approx 288 shore-based aircraft incl. 75 fighters, 115 H/B, 36 F/B, 42 F/P, 20 Obsn. or transport aircraft

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British and Allied Forces

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Flotilla Leader

TROMP

Destroyer

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A.M.C.

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PERON

W.B. PRESTON

Submarine Tenders

PELIAS

HOLLAND

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On Patrol

SAURY

SNAPPER

SALMON

SEAL

SARGO

TERESNER

SEADRAGON

SPEARFISH

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SEARAVEN

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GUDGEON

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GRAMPUS

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K.8

K.12

\* At Fremantle

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

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B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA  
British and Allied Forces  
Battleships

MARYLAND  
COLORADO  
IDAHO  
MISSISSIPPI  
NEW MEXICO  
PENNSYLVANIA  
SOUTH DAKOTA  
SARATOGA  
ENTERPRISE  
COPAHNE (Converted)  
LONG ISLAND "  
PORTLAND  
NEW ORLEANS  
SAN JUAN  
15 (approx)  
23 (approx)

CALIFORNIA  
NEVADA (to be ready  
about 1/10)  
WEST VIRGINIA  
TENNESSEE

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Destroyers

Submarines

Enemy Forces

Palao - Formosa - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

4 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI  
YAMASHIRO  
RYUGA

Aircraft Carriers (CV)

FUSO  
HAYATAKA  
UNYO

4 - 8" Cruisers (CA)

NACHI  
HAGURO

SUZUYA

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unknown unit Crudiv 7 (poss.enroute Japan)

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NATORI  
NOTORO  
GOSHU MARU  
FUJIKAWA MARU  
SOUYOU MARU  
KENYO MARU

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 25 Destroyers

Approx 20 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA  
British and Allied Forces  
Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

WASHINGTON  
NORTH CAROLINA  
WASP  
HORNET  
ASTORIA  
NORTHAMPTON  
VINCENNES  
PENSACOLA  
MINNEAPOLIS  
QUINCY  
SAN FRANCISCO  
SALT LAKE CITY  
CHESTER  
BOISE  
RALBIGH  
DETROIT  
JUNEAU  
SAN DIEGO  
ATLANTA  
HELENA  
LEANDER  
ACHILLES  
25 (approx)

6" Cruisers

Destroyers

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA  
British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE  
INDIANAPOLIS  
HONOLULU  
ST. LOUIS  
NASHVILLE

15 Destroyers

10 Submarines



Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians

3 light cruisers ("KISO" "ABUKUMA" "TAMA")

8 Destroyers

Approx 10 Submarines

1st Base Force

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) ?

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

CONCORD  
TRENTON  
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

WARSPITE  
VALIANT  
RESOLUTION REVENGE  
ILLUSTRIOUS  
FORMIDABLE  
DEVONSHIRE  
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)  
HAWKINS PROBISHER

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

CALEDON  
DRAGON  
ENTERPRISE  
EMERALD  
CERES  
BIRMINGHAM  
GLASGOW  
CAPETOWN  
DANAE  
DAUNTLESS  
MAURITIUS  
GAMBIA  
SUMATRA (Dutch)  
WORCESTERSHIRE  
RANCHI  
ALAUNIA  
CHITRAL  
RANPURA  
CANTON  
QUEEN OF BERMUDA  
CARTHAGE  
KATIMBLA  
HEEMSKERK  
CARLISLE

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

Approx 25 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

6-9 Submarines



C O I C

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

23rd September, 1942

1. POSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "PHOENIX" "SELFRIDGE" "MUGFORD" "HENLEY" "HELM") on patrol south of China Strait area. "BAGLEY" is proceeding Sydney ETA 1200/24. On 26/9, T.F.44 will withdraw to Cid Harbour (Whitsunday Is.) to refuel and re-provision from "BRITISH SAILOR" & "MERKUR" a.m. 28/9.
- \* (ii) "STUART" to arrive Cape Peirson (Normanby Is.) from Milne Bay to re-embark punitive expedition at 1600 today 23/9. Then to return Milne Bay.
- \* (iii) "MANOORA" en route Fremantle to Sydney ETA 1400/27.
- ✓ (iv) "WARREGG" dep. Port Moresby 1802/22 for RV at 1600 today 23/9 with "SWAN" "CASTLEMAINE" escorting Convoy S ("JOSEPH LANE" "PAINE WINGATE" "ARCONA") and Convoy W ("BIDELIA" "ISLANDER" "sJACOB") in position 012°58'S, 147°31'E. The convoys will separate at dark: "SWAN" "CASTLEMAINE" escort Convoy S to Port Moresby ETA 1900/24. "WARREGG" escorts W to Milne Bay via position Z (150 miles SSE Moresby) ETA 0100/25.
- \* (v) Convoy U ("HENRY D. THOREAU" "WILLES VAN DEVENTER" "GEORGE TAYLOR") to be escorted from Magnetic Is. 24/9 to Port Moresby ETA 26/9.
- + (vi) "GOULBURN" escorting Convoy BT3 ("GEORGE TAYLOR" "BENJAMIN FRANKLIN") dep. Brisbane 21/9 for Townsville ETA 0820/24.
- + (vii) "DUBBO" escorting Convoy GPL4 (3 MV Brisbane; 2 Townsville; 1 Cairns en route Sydney to Brisbane ETA 2222/23. All ships to enter Moreton Bay; 4 ships plus "BRITISH SAILOR" to continue in convoy. Convoy PGL4 to depart Brisbane 2300 today 23/9.
- + (viii) "DELORAIN" escorting Sydney portion Convoy 0028 arr. 2156/22. "MILDURA" continued with Newcastle section. "MILDURA" to depart Newcastle tomorrow 24/9 escorting Convoy 0030 to RV off Sydney with "DELORAIN" "WHYALLA", which continue escort southwards.
- + (ix) "MORESBY" escorting Convoy 0029, en route Newcastle to Melbourne ETA RV with "DOOMBA" 1200/24.
- + (x) "BALLARAT" escorting "MAETSUYCKER" is now to proceed Cairns. "MAETSUYCKER" to continue to Townsville.
- + (xi) "CEELONG" dep. Brisbane 0934/21 to RV at 0700/23 with USS "TJISDANA" and escort her to Brisbane.
- + (xii) "COLAC" escorting "TASMAN" "KARSIK" to Capricorn Channel. To depart Brisbane p.m. today 23/9.
- + (xiii) "CRESSWICK" was due Adelaide 1900/22.
- + (xiv) "ROCKHAMPTON" arr. Sydney from Noumea 0640/22.
- + (xv) "GAWLER" dep. Melbourne 1455/22 for Sydney ETA 1300/25.
- + (xvi) "MIZAR" en route Fremantle to Melbourne ETA 1600 today 23/9.
- + (xvii) "WAREE" "KINCHELA" to depart Sydney 1700/23 for Newcastle, thence Brisbane. "WAREE" after coaling is to proceed Port Moresby via Townsville, to replace "LYSANDER" & "KWATO", which have broken down.
- (xviii) At Sydney - "K.9" "DOBIE" "WILCANNIA" "BROOME" "TAMWORTH" "YANDRA" "WHYALLA" "BUNCAREE" "TOWNSVILLE" "PING WO" "TULSA" "KURUMBA"  
Repairing - "CHICAGO" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA" "PATTERSON"
- (xix) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN"  
Repairing - "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xx) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "BUNDABERG" "MANUNDA"
- (xxi) At Townsville - "KATOOMBA" "ARMIDALE"
- (xxii) At Cairns - "ARUNTA"
- (xxiii) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA"
- (xxiv) At Port Moresby - "LITHGOW" "JASON LEE" "SEAWITCH" "JOHN STEELE" "BONTEKOE" "ANHUI" "PAROONA"
- (xxv) At ex Milne Bay - "BENDIGO" "VAN NEUTSZ" "WEST CACTUS" "HANYANG" "WELIAMA" "BABINDA"
- (xxvi) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see Appendix.



Enemy Forces

(i) BUIN-FAISI AREA - Air recce yesterday 22/9 reported only one cargo ship (10,000 tons) off Faisi at 1140. A light cruiser was observed 42 miles NE of Kieta on course 180° at 0945, and was probably proceeding to the Buin - Faisi - base.

At 1815 28 ships were observed in the area, as follows -

- 3 heavy cruisers (described as two "NACHI", one "KAKO")
- 4 light cruisers (2 "TENRYU", "YUBARI", one other)
- 17 destroyers
- 3 merchant vessels (incl. one tanker)
- 1 large unidentified vessel

This last vessel was anchored off Sanai Is. (21 miles SSE Buin), accompanied by 3 destroyers, two of which were laying a smoke screen around the other 2 ships.

- (ii) ST. GEORGE'S CHANNEL - A destroyer and gunboat escorting a 10,000 ton transport and a possible seaplane tender on course 140°, 58 miles E.S.E. Cape Orford, New Britain, at 1245/22.
- (iii) CAPE NELSON - Natives report that a large unidentified vessel was observed on an easterly course off Cape Nelson on 21/9.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "VOYAGER" dep. Darwin 1818/22 with 250 Army personnel and 15 tons of stores for Timor.
- (ii) "CHILD'S" dep. Fremantle 1340/22 for Exmouth Gulf.
- (iii) "MARYBOROUGH" en route Adelaide to Fremantle ETA 1800/23.
- (iv) "KOOKABURRA" en route Darwin to Brisbane for refit, via Thursday Is., Townsville, Whitsunday Passage ETA Thursday Is. 0815/23. To return Darwin by 1/12.
- (v) "KALGOORLIE" dep. Darwin 18/9 for patrol between Cape Don and Cape Wessel and for escort duties.
- (vi) At Fremantle - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "K.8" "MOLLARD" "ISABEL" "CAIRNS" "ERLING BROVIG" "TCCWOOMBA" "WOLLONGONG" "BENGAL" "IPSWICH" "BURNIE" "LARK"
- (vii) At Albany - "PELIAS" "WHIPPOORWILL" "BALLAROO"
- (viii) At Darwin - "WARRNAMEBOOL"
- (ix) At Exmouth Gulf - "W.B. PRESTON" "HERON"
- (x) For submarines in Western Sector - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces

ALBANY - A possible enemy submarine was reported 35 miles E. of Bald Head, Albany at 0850/22.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "CHICAGO" dep. Sydney 21/9 for Fiji.
- (ii) At Espiritu Santo - "MACKINAC" "CURTISS" "TRACY" "HERCULES" "ALHENA" "GUADALUPE" "BALLARD" "BUCHANAN"
- (iii) At Tongatabu - "NORTH CAROLINA" "VESTAL" "BARNETT" "CASTON"
- (iv) At Samoa - "DETROIT" "BOVEY" "TURKEY" "BRAZOS" "CAMANGA" "CHESTNUT" "E.A. POE" "LACKAWANNA" "TAPPANANNOCK"
- (v) At Suva - "RALEIGH" "DALE" "CATALPA" "W.W. BURROWS" "E. HINDS" "MAJARA"
- (vi) At Auckland - "ACHILLES" "MONOWAI" "CLARK" "RIGEL" "ALSEY" "ATREUS" "EBONY" "NEVILLE" "TALAMANCA"
- (vii) At Noumea - "CHESTER" "SOLACE" "LAFEY" "STACK" "FULLER" "KINGFISHER" "CHEVREUIL" "ARCONNE" "RAINIER" "WHITNEY" "ANTARES" "KANAWHA" "LIBRA" "BRYWOOD" "SUMNER" "MANLEY" "MCKEAN" "KANKAKU" "ARCTIC" "WALKER" "VIBRO" "CAP DES PALMES" "CIMARRON" "LASSER" "HULL" "HAMMONDS PORT" "JUPITER"
- (viii) At Vila - "BETELGEUSE" "ROAMER"
- (ix) At Wellington - "AMERICAN LEGION"
- (x) At Bora Bora - "TERN"

Enemy Forces

NEW HEBRIDES - There were indications 19/20 September that 3 or 4 enemy submarines were operating in the New Hebrides area.

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)



E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "WANGANELLA" dep. Suez 12/9 with 500 invalids for Australia and New Zealand.
- (ii) "BOMBAY" escorting "TRINITY" en route Western Australia to Diego Garcia ETA 26/9. "TRINITY" thence to Bahrain; "BOMBAY" to Colombo
- (iii) "KANIMELA" to depart Ceylon for Fremantle 23/9.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

SHARK BAY - It is now established that the submarine attacked by a Catalina 70 miles S. Cape Inscription at 1400/21 was the Dutch vessel "K.12". No damage is reported.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

- (i) BUKA - 3 Catalinas attacked aerodrome 0001/22. 114 bombs dropped. One large fire started.
- (ii) BUNA-KOKOBA AREA - Four attacks 22/9 by one B.25, 4 Aircobras, 12 Kittihawks, 6 Bostons, on enemy positions this area. Considerable damage to buildings and stores.

ENEMY

REKATA BAY - One enemy seaplane was observed in Rekata Bay 21/9, and three Zero floatplanes in Kologilio Passage (30 miles WNW Rekata Bay) on 22/9.

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SALT LAKE CITY  
NORTHAMPTON  
PENSACOLA  
CHESTER  
CHICAGO  
BOISE  
HELENA  
RALEIGH  
DETROIT  
JUNEAU  
SAN DIEGO  
ATLANTA  
LEANDER  
ACHILLES  
25 (approx)

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Destroyers

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA  
British and Allied Forces  
8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE  
INDIANAPOLIS  
HONOLULU  
ST. LOUIS  
NASHVILLE

6" Cruisers

15 Destroyers

10 Submarines



Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians

3 Light Cruisers ("KISO" "ABUKUMA" "TAMA")

8 Destroyers

Approx 10 Submarines

1st Base Force

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) ?

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

CONCORD  
TRENTON  
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

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

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

Approx 25 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

8-9 Submarines



DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

24th September, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

a) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "PHOENIX" "SELPRIDGE" "MUSFORD" "HENLEY" "HELM") on patrol south of China Strait area. "BAGLEY" is proceeding Sydney ETA 1200 today 24/9. On 26/9, T.F.44 will withdraw to Cid Harbour (Whitsunday Is.) to refuel and re-provision from "BRITISH SAILOR" & "MERKUR" 26/9.
- (ii) "STUART" was to arrive Cape Peirson (Normanby Is.) from Milne Bay to re-embark punitive expedition at 1800/23. Then to return Milne Bay
- (iii) "MANCOMA" en route Fremantle to Sydney ETA 1400/27.
- (iv) Convoy including "BRITISH SAILOR" "MERKUR" for Cid Harbour ETA p.m. 27/9; 2 MV for Townsville, 1 MV for Cairns, 1 other MV was to depart Moreton Bay 1800 yesterday 23/9.
- (v) "MARRIGO" escorting Convoy W ("BIDELIA" "ISLANDER" "JACOB") en route Milne Bay ETA 0500 tomorrow 25/9.
- (vi) "SWAN" "CASTELMAINE" escorting Convoy S ("JOSEPH LANE" "PAINE" "WINGATE" "ARCONA") due Port Moresby 1800 today 24/9.
- (vii) Convoy BT3 ("GEORGE TAYLOR" "BENJAMIN FRANKLIN") was due Townsville from Brisbane 0820 today 24/9.
- (viii) Convoy U ("HENRY D. THOREAU" "WILLES VAN DER WENTER" "ASPASIA NOMIKOS") to depart Townsville today 24/9 for Port Moresby ETA 26/9.
- (ix) "DUBBO" escorting Convoy GP14 due Brisbane 0800 today 24/9. "DUBBO" escorting Convoy PG14 to depart Brisbane for Sydney later today 24/9.
- (x) "MILDURA" arr. Newcastle 0712/23 with Newcastle section Convoy OC28. To depart Newcastle today 24/9 escorting Convoy CO30 to RV off Sydney with "DELORAINE" "WHYALLA", which continue escort southward.
- (xi) "MORESBY" escorting Convoy CO29, en route Newcastle to Melbourne ETA RV with "DOOMBA" 0300 today 24/9.
- (xii) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC29 dep. Port Phillip 2135/23 to RV with CO29 at 0800 today 24/9.
- (xiii) "BALLARAT" arr. Cairns from escort duty 0940/23.
- (xiv) "GOULBURN" returning to Brisbane after escorting ~~convoy~~ BT3 to Capricorn Channel.
- (xv) "GEMELONG" arr. Brisbane 0255/24 escorting U.S.S. "TJISDAK". ~~xxxxxxx~~
- (xvi) "COLAC" escorting 3 MV dep. Brisbane 2031/23. Delayed in Moreton Bay RTD 0600/24.
- (xvii) "CESSNOCK" arr. Adelaide 0700/23.
- (xviii) "GAWLER" en route Melbourne to Sydney ETA 1300/25.
- (xix) "MIZAR" was due Melbourne 1600/23.
- (xx) "WARRE" "EIMCHELA" were to depart Sydney 1700/23 for Newcastle, thence Brisbane. "WARRE" after coaling is to proceed Port Moresby via Townsville, to replace "LYSANDER" & "KNATC", which have broken down.
- (xxi) At Sydney - "K.9" "DOBIE" "WILCANNIA" "BROOME" "TAMWORTH" "YANDRA" "SUNGAREE" "TOWNSVILLE" "PING WU" "TULSA" "KURUMBA" "ROCKHAMPTON"  
Repairing - "CHICAGO" "LE TRICHAUNT" "BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA" "PATTERSON"
- (xxii) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN"  
Repairing - "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xxiii) At Brisbane - "GRIPPIN" "BUNDABERG" "MANUNDA"
- (xxiv) At Townsville - "KATOOMBA" "ARMIDALE"
- (xxv) At Cairns - "ARUNTA"
- (xxvi) At Port Stephens - "AUSTRALIA"
- (xxvii) At Port Moresby - "LITHGOW" "JASON LEE" "JOHN STEELE" "BONTEKOE" "ANNUI"
- (xxviii) At Milne Bay - "BENDIGO" "VAN HEUTSZ" "WEST CACTUS" "NANYANG" "MULIANA" "BABINDA"
- (xxix) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces

- (i) Torres Strait - The mine reported sighted 32 miles NNE Horn Is. on 17/9 has been located and is now reported as being of German origin. It appears to have been laid 8 months ago and has now been



rendered safe.

- (ii) Cairns - A floating mine with horns visible is reported to have been sighted 12 miles north of Cairns at 2030/20.
- (iii) Milne Bay - A native report states that a submarine was observed off eastern extremity southern coast Milne Bay on night 22/9. N.L.O. Port Moresby grades the report C.E.
- (iv) Normanby Is. - The patrol landed by HMAS "STUART" on Normanby Is. secured 8 prisoners including probably one senior officer and later returned to Milne Bay. Our troops observed one destroyer and one other escort type vessel near Cape Peirson at 2320/22 apparently signalling to Japanese survivors on Normanby Is.
- (v) Buin-Faisi-Tonelei area - Reports from this area yesterday 23/9 from air recce (both visual reports and photographs) indicate enemy force included -

- at least 2 light cruisers
- 2 seaplane tenders
- 12 destroyers
- 6 other vessels including supply ships

The first visual report from the aircraft reported one probable battleship and 6 cruisers in the force but examination of photographs subsequently indicated that no battleship was present and that the majority of cruisers were apparently large destroyers.

As 28 vessels were reported in the area 22/9, it is possible that the three heavy cruisers and the two light cruisers of the "TENRYU" class may have departed from the area yesterday morning.

- (vi) Buka Passage - Two small steamers arr. Buka at 1802/22, one of these dep. at 0816/23 on a northerly course.
- (vii) Kieta - An enemy destroyer was sighted by a Soupac aircraft at 0823. 22/9 35 miles off Kieta, course 195°.

## 2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

### British and Allied Forces

- (i) "VOYAGER" aground Etano Bay (see Naval Incidents).
- (ii) "CHILDS" dep. Fremantle 22/9 for Exmouth Gulf.
- (iii) "MARYBOROUGH" was due Fremantle 1800/23.
- (iv) "KOOKABURRA" en route Darwin to Brisbane for refit, via Thursday Is. Townsville, Whitsunday Passage ETA Thursday Is. 0815/23. To return Darwin by 1/12.
- (v) "KALGOORLIE" dep. Darwin 19/9 for patrol between Cape Don and Cape Wessel and for escort duties.
- (vi) "WALLAROO" en route Adelaide to Fremantle.
- (vii) At Fremantle - "ADELAIDE" "TRUMP" "K.S" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "CAIRNS" "ERLING BROVIG" "TOOWOOMBA" "WOLLONGONG" "BENGAL" "IPSWICH" "BURNIE" "LARK"
- (viii) At Albany - "PELIAS" "WHIPPOGWILL"
- (ix) At Darwin - "WARRHAMBOOL"
- (x) At Exmouth Gulf - "W.B. PRESTON" "BERON"
- (xi) For submarines in Western Sector - see Appendix.

## 3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

### British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy - Air recce Koepang am 23/9 reported 3 vessels 2/3000 tons. Poss. other vessels in bay most of which was not observed.

### B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

(See Appendix)

### C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

#### British and Allied Forces

- (i) "CHICAGO" dep. Sydney 21/9 for Fiji.
- (ii) At Espiritu Santo - "MACKINAC" "CURTISS" "TRACY" "HERCULES" "ALHENA" "GUADALUPE" "BALLARD" "BUCHANAN"
- (iii) At Tongatabu - "NORTH CAROLINA" "VESTAL" "BARNETT" "CASTOR"
- (iv) At Samoa - "DETROIT" "HOVEY" "TURKEY" "BRAZOS" "CAMANCA" "CHESTNUT" "E.A. POE" "LACKAWANNA" "TAPPANANOCK"
- (v) At Suva - "RALEIGH" "DALE" "CATALPA" "W.W. BURROWS" "E. HINDS" "MAJABA"
- (vi) At Auckland - "ACHILLES" "MONOWAI" "CLARK" "RIGEL" "ALSEY" "ATREUS" "EBONY" "NEVILLE" "TALAMANCA"
- (vii) At Noumea - "CHESTER" "SOLACE" "LAFFEY" "STACK" "FULLER" "KINGFISHER" "CHEVREUIL" "ARGONNE" "RAINIER" "WHITNEY" "ANTARES" "KANAWHA" "LIBRA" "HEYWOOD" "MANLEY" "McKREAN" "KANKAKU" "ARCTIC" "WALKE" "VIREO" "CAP DES PALMES" "CIMARRON" "LASSEN" "HAMMONDS PORT" "JUPITER"



- (viii) At Vila - "BETHELGEUSE" "ROAMER"
- (ix) At Wellington - "AMERICAN LEGION"
- (x) At Bora Bora - "TERN"

Enemy Forces

SAETA CRUZ - Allied aircraft sighted two enemy submarines 22/9 as follows -

- (a) At 0900 position 6°10'S, 164°50'E (280 miles N. by W. of Ndeni);
- (b) At 1052/22 position 5°S, 166°02'E (340 miles N. of Ndeni.)

- D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)
- E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)
- F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "WANGANELLA" dep. Suez 12/9 with 500 invalids for Australia and New Zealand.
- (ii) "BOMBAY" escorting "TRINITY" en route Western Australia to Diego Garcia ETA 26/9. "TRINITY" thence to Bahrain; "BOMBAY" to Colombo.
- (iii) "KANIMBLA" to depart Ceylon for Fremantle 23/9.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

BETANG (Timor) - "VOYAGER" reported at 2035/23 having grounded heavily at Betano Bay, Timor. Every endeavour is being made but little hope is held of salvaging the vessel. All troops have been landed and contact is being maintained with them. "WARRNAMBOOL" has been despatched to assist "VOYAGER" arriving before dusk 25/9. If salvage is hopeless, orders have been issued for the destruction of the vessel and removal of personnel to "WARRNAMBOOL".

3. AIR OPERATIONS

ALLIED

- (i) RABAU - 4 B.17's attacked shipping Rabaul 2200/22. 20 x 500 lb. bombs dropped. Two probable hits amidships on a large vessel. One B.17 attacked Lakunai aerodrome 2155/22 with unobserved results.
- (ii) BUNA-KOKODA - 5 attacks were carried out in this area on 23/9. Targets were Buna aerodrome, barges, houses and village of Buna, Buna-Kokoda road. 7 barges were machine-gunned and hit, and bombs fell on the S.E. end of runway.

ENEMY

- (i) PORT MORESBY - One enemy aircraft raided Moresby 1944/23, at nil damage or casualties.
- (ii) INDIAN OCEAN - A catalina on patrol was attacked by an enemy bomber at 1007/23 in position 15°30'S, 116°30'E (360 miles WNW Broome). The enemy aircraft flew off in a northerly direction.
- (iii) BUIN - A report dated 23/9 states that Buin aerodrome is expected to be completed in a weeks time. Report indicates considerable is taking place and many hundreds of natives are being forced to work on the aerodrome. There is apparently a considerable force of Japanese marines developing this base and the report indicates that equipments includes 27 lorries, 6 motor ~~vehicles~~ car, 6 motor cycles, 4 tractors, 10 horses. Two A.A. guns have been established together with fuel and ammunition dumps at the mouth of the Ugumo River while another gun has been established north-west end of the aerodrome. 8 iron buildings and a wireless station have also been established near the drome.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Continued night infiltration on Guadalcanal by means of destroyers and submarines from the Buin - Faisi - Tonolei Harborbase.
- (ii) Heavy naval and air counter-attacks against allied positions in the Solomons, with a view to re-occupation of Guadalcanal.
- (iii) Heavy attack and attempt at consolidation Milne Bay - Buna area.
- (iv) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (v) Intensified submarine activity in the S.W.P.A.

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For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.



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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruiser

6" Cruisers

Flotilla Leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

Dutch Submarine

A.M.C.'s

Submarine Tender

Destroyer Tender

Storeships

Gunboat

Oiler

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet

CinC 2nd Fleet

CinC 8th Fleet

CinC 1st Air Fleet

CinC 4th Fleet

CinC 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet)

4 Battleships (BB)

4 Battle cruisers (BB)

Aircraft Carriers (CV)

Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

9 Heavy Cruisers (CA)

10 Light Cruisers (CL)

Effective

AUSTRALIA

PHOENIX

HOBART

ARUNTAK

STUART

SELEFRIDGE

MUGFORD

BAGLEY

HENLEY

HELM

S.37 )

S.42 )

S.45 ) At Brisbane

S.47 )

STURGEON )

SAILFISH )

SCULPIN )

S.38 )

S.40 ) On Patrol

S.41 )

S.43 )

S.44 )

S.46 )

K.9

At Sydney

WESTRALIA

MANCORA

GRIFFIN

DOBBIN

MIZAR

GOLDSTAR

FULSA

VICTORIA

Refitting or Repairing

LE TRIOMPHANT

PATTERSON

At Brisbane

On Patrol

At Sydney

Striking Force Units

YAMATO

MUTSU

NAGATO

ISE

KIRISHIMA

HIYEE

KONGO

HARUNA

SHOKAKU

ZUIHO

HOSHO

RYUJO - damaged, possibly sunk

KASUGA MARU

YAWATA MARU

GTAKA

NISSHIN (Fleet Oiler & A/C Transport)

ATAGO

TAKAO

CHOKAI

KUMANG

TONE

TIKUMA

MYOKO

FURUTAKA

KINUGASA

KATORI

KASHIMA

JINTSU



Light Cruisers (Contd)

SENDAI  
NAKA  
ISUZU  
KINU  
YURA  
NAGARA  
TENRYU  
TATSUTA

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

3 Seaplane Carriers (AV) CHIYODA  
CHITOSE  
AKITSUSHIMA  
6 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) KAMOI  
KIYOKAWA MARU  
KAGU MARU  
KAMIKAWA MARU  
KINUGASA MARU  
OKITSU MARU

2 submarine tenders  
Approx 25 merchant ships (incl. poss. 3 Military Landing Craft Carriers)  
8 patrol craft  
6 minelayer craft  
16 submarine chasers  
15 M.T.B.'s  
5 Gunboats  
Approx 288 shore-based aircraft incl. 75 fighters, 115 H/B, 36 F/B,  
42 F/P, 20 Obsn. or transport aircraft

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR  
British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers ADELAIDE  
Flotilla Leader TROMP  
Destroyer VOYAGER  
S/P Tenders CHILDS  
HERON  
Submarine Tenders W.B. PRESTON  
PELIAS  
HOLLAND  
Submarines On Patrol

SAURY  
SNAPPER  
SALMON  
SEAL  
SARGO  
THRESHER  
SEADRAGON  
SPEARFISH  
Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

SKIPJACK )  
SEARAVEN )  
SWORDFISH ) At Fremantle  
SEAWOLF )  
GAR )  
GRENADIER )  
GUDGEON )  
GRAYBACK )  
GRAMPUS ) At Albany  
TAMBOR )  
TAUTOG )  
K.8 At Fremantle  
K.12 On Patrol

Dutch Submarines

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES  
British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

Cinc 3rd Fleet

Cinc Southern Expeditionary Fleet

1 aircraft carrier ZUIKAKU (possibly damaged)  
1 - 8" Cruiser ASHIGARA  
1 Light Cruiser KASHII

Approx 16 Destroyers  
2 Converted S/P Tenders

KENJO MARU  
SOUYOU MARU

Timor

Approx 9 shore-based aircraft including 6 fighters, 3 H/B



Ambon

Approx 32 shore-based aircraft incl. 9 F, 8 H/B, 8 F/B, 7 F/P

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

SOUTH DAKOTA  
MARYLAND  
COLORADO  
IDAHO  
MISSISSIPPI  
NEW MEXICO  
PENNSYLVANIA  
SARATOGA  
ENTERPRISE  
COPAHEE  
LONG ISLAND  
PORTLAND  
NEW ORLEANS  
SAN JUAN  
15 (approx)  
23 (approx)

CALIFORNIA  
TENNESSEE  
NEVADA (to be ready  
about 1/10)  
WEST VIRGINIA

Aircraft Carriers

Converted A/C Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruiser

Destroyers

Submarines

Enemy Forces

Palao - Formosa - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

4 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI  
YAMASHIRO  
HYUGA  
FUSO  
HAYATAKA  
HITAKA  
UNYO  
NACHI  
HAGURO  
unknown new unit Crudiv 7  
NATORI  
NOTORO  
GOSHU MARU  
FUJIKAWA MARU

SUZUYA

Aircraft Carriers (CV)

4 - 8" Cruisers (CA)

1 - 6" Cruiser (CL)

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 25 Destroyers

Approx 20 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

WASHINGTON  
NORTH CAROLINA  
WASP  
HORNET  
ASTORIA  
VINCENNES  
MINNEAPOLIS  
QUINCY  
SAN FRANCISCO  
SALT LAKE CITY  
NORTHAMPTON  
PENSACOLA  
CHESTER  
CHICAGO  
BOISE  
HELENA  
RALEIGH  
DETROIT  
JUNEAU  
SAN DIEGO  
ATLANTA  
LEANDER  
ACEILLES  
25 (approx)  
MONOWAI  
ASCANIA

Destroyers

A.M.C.'s

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

15 Destroyers

10 Submarines

LOUISVILLE  
INDIANAPOLIS  
HONOLULU  
ST. LOUIS  
NASHVILLE



Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians

3 Light Cruisers ABUKUMA  
TAMA  
KISO

8 Destroyers  
Approx 10 Submarines  
1st Base Force  
Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) ?

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers CONCORD  
TRENTON  
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

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

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

Approx 25 Destroyers  
Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces  
6-9 Submarines



## DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC &amp; INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

25th September, 1942

## 1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED &amp; ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

## A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

## 1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "PHOENIX" "SELFRIDGE" "MUGFORD" "HENLEY" "HELM") on patrol south of China Strait area. "BAGLEY" arr. Sydney 1315/24. On 26/9, T.F.44 will withdraw to Cid Harbor (Whitsunday Is.) to refuel and re-provision from "BRITISH SAILOR" & "MERKUR" 28/9.
- (ii) "MANDORA" en route Fremantle to Sydney ETA 1400/27.
- (iii) "GOULBURN" "GRELONG" escorting Convoy BT4 ("BRITISH SAILOR" "MERKUR" for Cid Harbour ETA 1700/27; 2 MV for Townsville, 1 MV for Cairns; 1 other MV) ~~to~~ depart Brisbane 2126 yesterday 24/9.
- (iv) "WARREGO" escorting Convoy W ("BIDELIA" "ISLANDER" "S JACOB") en route Milne Bay ETA a.m. tomorrow 26/9.
- (v) "SWAN" "CASTLEMAINE" escorting Convoy S ("JOSEPH LANE" "PAINE WINGATE" "ARCONA") arr. Port Moresby 1856/24.
- (vi) "DUBBO" escorting Convoy P314 (5 MV) dep. Brisbane for Sydney 0929/24.
- (vii) "DELOIRHE" "WYALLA" escorting Sydney portion Convoy C030 dep. Sydney 1455/24. "MILDURA" arr. Sydney 1806/24.
- (viii) "MORESBY" escorting Convoy C029 (incl. "AASE NAERSK") en route Melbourne to Sydney.
- (ix) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy C029 to Port Phillip.
- (x) "GOLAC" escorting 3 MV dep. Moreton Bay for Townsville 0753/24 ETA 0600/27.
- (xi) "GAWLER" en route Melbourne to Sydney ETA 1300 today 25/9.
- (xii) "MIZAN" to proceed Melbourne to Sydney.
- (xiii) At Sydney - "K.9" "DOBBIN" "WILCANNIA" "BROOME" "TAMWORTH" "YANDRA" "BUNGARRE" "TOWNSVILLE" "PING WO" "TULSA" "KURUMBA" "ROCKHAMPTON" "MILDURA"  
Repairing - "LE TRIOMPHANT" "BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA" "PATTERSON"
- (xiv) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM GRYNSSSEN"  
Repairing - "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xv) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "BUNDABERG" "MANUNDA"
- (xvi) At Adelaide - "CESSNOCK"
- (xvii) At Townsville - "KATOOMBA" "ARKIDALE"
- (xviii) At Cairns - "ARUNTA"
- (xix) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA"
- (xx) At Port Moresby - "LITHGOW" "JASON LEE" "JOHN STERLE" "BONTEKOE" "ANHUI"
- (xxi) At Milne Bay - "STUART" "BENDIGO" "VAN HEUTSZ" "HANYANG" "MULIAMA" "BABINDA"
- (xxii) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces

- (i) Buin - Faisi Area - Reports indicate that the minimum total of enemy shipping at the Shortlands Is. base yesterday 24/9 included at least 28 vessels, as follows -
- 3 heavy cruisers (described as 2 "NACHI", 1 "KAKO" - possibly "CHOKAI" "FURUTAKA" "KINUGASA")
  - 1 light cruiser ("SENDAI" class)
- At least 11 (poss. 15) destroyers
- 6 gunboats
  - 2 seaplane tenders
  - 1 possible minelayer
  - 1 tanker
  - 3 supply ships

There appears to have been considerable movement of shipping in the area again, including the arrival of 6 gunboats with a supply ship at 1140, the departure of a heavy cruiser (described as "NACHI" class) to the westward at 1700, and the movement of 4 destroyers to the S.E. These last were sighted off <sup>Vah</sup> Bell Bay (New Georgia) at 1730 on course 120°.

- (ii) GIZO - It is reported that the Japanese evacuated Gizo on the night of 19/8. Supplies were discovered by our patrol.



- (iii) KIETA - No shipping was observed at Kieta 1000/23.
- (iv) BUKA - It is reported 23/9 that two schooners are still observed operating in the eastern and western entrances to Buka Passage, twice daily. A vessel which departed 23/9 was observed taking soundings of all the Channels leading to Soraken Harbor. A destroyer escorting a 7,000 ton transport arr. Buka Passage from the south at 0707/24.
- (v) RABAUL - Aircraft attacking shipping in Rabaul reported 20/40 ships in Harbour but accurate observation was impossible.
- (vi) HERCULES BAY (65 miles SE Salamsua) - Allied aircraft reported two large and one small merchant ships at anchor in Hercules Bay noon 24/9. Twelve Aircobras set out to attack these vessels but were unable to locate them at 1630. A later search by 6 Fortresses was also unsuccessful.

## 2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

### British and Allied Forces

- (i) "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" dep. Fremantle 1209/24 for exercises and patrol 300 miles westward of Fremantle, returning 26/9.
- (ii) "WARRNAMBOOL" dep. Darwin 0859/24 to render assistance to "VOYAGER" ETA Betano 2030 today 25/9.
- (iii) "VOYAGER" aground Betano Bay.
- (iv) "KALGOORLIE" arr. Darwin 1244/24 dep. 1729 for Betano to assist "VOYAGER" ETA 2030 today 25/9.
- (v) "CHILDS" dep. Fremantle 22/9 for Exmouth Gulf.
- (vi) "MARYBOROUGH" arr. Albany 1740/24.
- (vii) "KOOKABURRA" en route Darwin to Brisbane for refit, via Thursday Is., Townsville, Whitsunday Passage ETA Thursday Is. 23/9. To return Darwin by 1/12.
- (viii) "WALLAROO" arr. Fremantle 0525/24.
- (ix) At Fremantle - "K.8" "K.12" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "CAIRNS" "BENGAL" "ERLING BROVIG" "TOOWOOMBA" "WOLLONGONG" "IPSWICH" "BURNIE" "LARK"
- (x) At Albany - "PELIAS" "WHIPPOORWILL"
- (xi) At Exmouth Gulf - "W.B. PRESTON" "NERON"
- (xii) For submarines in Western Sector - see Appendix.

## 3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

### British and Allied Forces

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

## B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

## C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

### British and Allied Forces

- (i) "CHICAGO" dep. Sydney 21/9 For Fiji.
- (ii) At Espiritu Santo - "MACKINAC" "CURTISS" "TRACY" "HERCULES" "ALHENA" "GUADALUPE" "BALLARD" "BUCHANAN" "WHARTON" "CONYNGHAM" "GAMBLE"
- (iii) At Tongatabu - "NORTH CAROLINA" "VESTAL" "BARNETT"
- (iv) At Samoa - "DETROIT" "HOVEY" "TURKEY" "BRAZOS" "CAMANGA" "CHESTNUT" "E.A. POE" "LACKAWANNA" "TAPPANNOCK"
- (v) At Suva - "RALEIGH" "DALE" "CATALPA" "W.W. BURROWS" "E. HINDS" "MAJABA"
- (vi) At Auckland - "ACHILLES" "MONOWAI" "CLARK" "RIGEL" "ALSEY" "ATREUS" "EBONY" "NEVILLE" "TALAMANCA"
- (vii) At Noumea - "CHESTER" "SOLACE" "LAPPEY" "STACK" "FULLER" "KINGFISHER" "CHEVREUIL" "ARGONNE" "RAINIER" "WHITNEY" "ANTARES" "KAWAHA" "LIBRA" "HEYWOOD" "MANLEY" "McKEAN" "KANKAKU" "ARCTIC" "WALKE" "VIBRO" "CAP DES PALMES" "CIMARRON" "LASSEN" "HAMMONDS PORT" "JUPITER" "O'BRIEN" "NAVAJO" "McCAULEY" "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "PRESIDENT JACKSON" "ALCHIDA" "STRINGHAM" "BELLATRIX" "SABINE" "BRESE" "JAMESTOWN"
- (viii) At Vila - "BETELGEUSE" "ROAMER"
- (ix) At Wellington - "AMERICAN LEGION"
- (x) At Bora Bora - "TERN"

## D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

## E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

## F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

### British and Allied Forces

- (i) "WANGANELLA" dep. Suez 12/9 with 500 invalids for Australia and New Zealand.



- (ii) "BOMBAY" escorting "TRINITY" en route Western Australia to Diego Garcia ETA 26/9. "TRINITY" thence to Bahrein; "BOMBAY" to Colombo  
(iii) "KANIMBLA" was to depart Ceylon for Fremantle 23/9.

## 2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

BETANO - It is reported that "VOYAGER" was bombed yesterday 24/9, but no details have been received of any further damage. "WARRNAMBOOL" & "KALGOORLIE" are to delay their arrival until 2030 today 25/9 to avoid possible air attacks.

## 3. AIR OPERATIONS

### ALLIED

- (i) BUNA-KOKODA - 8 Kittihawks attacked Kokoda aerodrome. Several huts set on fire.  
(ii) BUKA - A catalina attacked Buka aerodrome 0340. Four direct hits on dispersal bays.  
(iii) RABAU - Six Fortresses attacked shipping Rabaul Harbour 0300. Direct hit on 8000 ton cargo ship caused fire and secondary explosion. Other results not observed.

### ENEMY

- (i) BROOME - An unidentified aircraft was reported over Broome 0910.  
(ii) INDIAN OCEAN - A Catalina on patrol engaged an enemy bomber 260 miles W. by N. Broome. No casualties or damage.  
(iii) RENNEL IS. - Native reports indicate enemy four-engined patrol aircraft passes daily over Rennel Is.

## 4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Continued night infiltration on Guadalcanal by means of destroyers and submarines from the Buin - Faisi - Tonolei Harbor base.  
(ii) Heavy naval and air counter-attacks against allied positions in the Solomons, with a view to re-occupation of Guadalcanal.  
(iii) Heavy attack and attempt at consolidation Milne Bay - Buna area.  
(iv) Attack on Port Moresby area.  
(v) Intensified submarine activity in the S.W.P.A.

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For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

25/9/42



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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruiser

6" Cruiser

Flotilla Leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

Dutch Submarine

A.M.C.'s

Submarine Tender

Destroyer Tender

Storeships

Gunboat

Oiler

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet

CinC 2nd Fleet

CinC 8th Fleet

CinC 1st Air Fleet

CinC 4th Fleet

CinC 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet)

3 Battleships (BB)

4 Battlecruisers (BB)

Aircraft Carriers (CV)

Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

9 Heavy Cruisers (CA)

11 Light Cruisers (CL)  
(2 prob. damaged)

Effective

AUSTRALIA

PHOENIX

HOBART

ARYENTA

STUART

SELFRIDGE

MUGFORD

BAGLEY

BEELEY

HELM

S.37 )

S.42 )

S.45 ) At Brisbane

S.47 )

STURGEON )

SAILFISH )

SCULPIN )

S.38 ) On Patrol

S.40 )

S.41 )

S.43 )

S.44 )

S.46 )

K.9 At Sydney

WESTRALIA

MANCOORA

GRIFFIN

DOBBIN

MIZAR

TULSA

Refitting or Repairing

LE TRIOMPHANT

PATTERSON

GOLDSTAR

VICTORIA

Striking Force Units

NISSEIN (Fleet Oiler & A/C Transport)

ATAGO

YAKAO

CHOKAI

KUMANO

TONE

TIKUMA

MYOKO

FURUTAKA

KINUGASA

KASHIMA

JINTSU

YUBARI

SENDAI

NAKA



Light Cruisers (Contd)

ISUZU  
KINU  
YURA  
NAGARA  
TENRYU  
TATSUTA

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

CHIYODA  
CHITOSE  
AKITSUSHIMA  
NISSEIN

6 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

KAMOI  
KIYOKAWA MARU  
KAGU MARU  
KAMIKAWA MARU  
KINUGASA MARU  
OKITSU MARU

2 submarine tenders incl.

JINGEI

Approx 25 merchant ships (incl. poss. 3 Military Landing Craft Carriers)

8 patrol craft  
6 minelaying craft  
16 submarine chasers  
15 M.T.B.'s  
5 Gunboats

Approx 288 shore-based aircraft incl. 75 fighters, 115 H/B, 36 F/B,  
42 F/P, 20 Obsn. or transport aircraft

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR  
British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers  
Flotilla Leader  
Destroyer  
S/P Tenders

ADELAIDE  
TROMP  
VOYAGER  
CHILDS  
EERON  
W.B.PRESTON

Submarine Tenders

FELIAS  
HOLLAND

Submarine

On Patrol

SNAPPER  
SALMON  
SEAL  
SARGO  
THRESHER  
SEADRAGON  
SPRARFISH

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

SKIPJACK  
SEARAVEN  
SWORDFISH  
SAURY  
SEAWOLF  
GAR  
GRENADIER  
GUDCEON  
GRAYBACK  
GRAMPUS  
TAMBOR  
TAUTOG

At Fremantle

At Albany

At Fremantle

Dutch Submarines

K.8  
K.12

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES  
British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

CinC 3rd Fleet

CinC Southern Expeditionary Fleet

Poss. 1 aircraft carrier

1 - 8" Cruiser

1 Light Cruiser

Approx 16 Destroyers

2 Converted S/P Tenders

ZUIKAKU (poss. now in Truk - Solomons area)  
ASHIGARA  
KASHII

KENJO MARU  
SOBYOU MARU

Timor

Approx 9 shore-based aircraft including 6 fighters, 3 H/B



Ambon

Approx 32 shore-based aircraft incl. 9 F, 8 H/B, 8 F/B, 7 F/P

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

SOUTH DAKOTA  
MARYLAND  
COLORADO  
IDAHO  
MISSISSIPPI  
NEW MEXICO  
PENNSYLVANIA  
SARATOGA  
ENTERPRISE  
COPAHEE  
LONG ISLAND  
PORTLAND  
NEW ORLEANS  
SAN JUAN  
15 (approx)  
23 (approx)

CALIFORNIA  
TENNESSEE  
NEVADA (to be ready  
about 1/10)  
WEST VIRGINIA

Aircraft Carriers

Converted A/C Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruiser

Destroyers

Submarines

Enemy Forces

Palao - Formosa - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

5 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI  
YAMASHIRO  
HYUGA  
FUSO  
ISE  
HAYATAKA  
HITAKA  
UNYO  
NACHI

Aircraft Carriers (CV)

4 - 8" Cruisers (CA)

SUZUYA  
HAGURO  
unknown new unit Crudiv 7  
(MOGAMI" ?)

2 - 6" Cruisers (CL)

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

KATORI  
KATORI  
SOTORO  
GOSHU MARU  
FUJIKAWA MARU

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 25 Destroyers

Approx 20 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

WASHINGTON  
NORTH CAROLINA  
HORNET  
WASP  
ASTORIA  
VINCENNES  
MINNEAPOLIS  
QUINCY  
SAN FRANCISCO  
SALT LAKE CITY  
NORTHAMPTON  
PENSACOLA  
CHESTER  
CHICAGO  
BOISE  
HELENA  
HALEIGH  
DETROIT  
JUNEAU  
SAN DIEGO  
ATLANTA  
LEANDER  
ACHILLES  
25 (approx)  
MONOWAI  
ASCANIA

6" Cruisers

Destroyers

A.M.C.'s

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE  
INDIANAPOLIS  
HONOLULU ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE

15 Destroyers: 10 Submarines



Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians

3 Light Cruisers ABUKUMA  
TAMA  
KISO

8 Destroyers  
Approx 10 Submarines  
1st Base Force  
Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) ?

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers CONCORD  
TRENTON  
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

WARSPITE  
VALIANT REVENGE  
RESOLUTION  
ILLUSTRIOUS  
FORMIDABLE  
DEVONSHIRE  
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)  
HAWKINS PROBISNER

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

MAURITIUS  
GAMBIA  
BIRMINGHAM  
GLASGOW  
ENTERPRISE  
EMERALD  
DAUNTLESS  
DANAE  
DRAGON  
CAPETOWN  
CERES  
CALEDON  
SUMATRA (Dutch)  
WORCESTERSHIRE  
RANCHI  
ALANIA  
CHITRAL  
RANPURA  
CANTON  
QUEEN OF BERMUDA  
CARTHAGE  
KANTIBLA  
HEEMSKERK  
CARLISLE

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

Approx 25 Destroyers  
Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

6-9 Submarines



DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

26th September, 1942.

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

- (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "SELFREDGE" "PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "HENLEY" "HELM") on patrol south of China Strait area. Today 26/9 T.F.44 will withdraw to Cid Harbour (Whitsunday Is.) to refuel and reprovision from "BRITISH SAILOR" & "MERCUR" 23/9.
- (ii) "MANGORA" en route Fremantle to Sydney. ETA.1400/28.
- (iii) "COULBURN" "GEELONG" escorting Convoy BT.5 ("BRITISH SAILOR" "MERCUR" for Cid Harbour ETA.1700/27; 2 MV for Townsville, 1 MV for Cairns; 1 other MV) departed Brisbane 2126/24.
- (iv) "WARREGO" escorting Convoy W ("BIDELIA" "ISLANDER" "sJACOB") en route Milne Bay. ETA.0700 today 26/9.
- (v) "ARMIDALE" escorting "BENJAMIN FRANKLIN" "HENRY D.THOREAU" "GEORGE TAYLOR" "WILLIS" "VAN DER VENTER" dep.Townsville yesterday 25/9. To RV off Fitzroy Is.with "BALLARAT" at 2100 today 26/9. Thence Port Moresby. ETA.1600/28.
- (vi) "SWAN" escorting "JASON LEE" dep.Port Moresby 1600/25 for Townsville. ETA.2400/27.
- (vii) "STUART" escorting "VAN HEUTSE" dep.Milne Bay 1000/25 for Cairns. ETA.1600/27. "VAN HEUTSE" thence Darwin. "CASTLEMAINE" to RV at Thursday Is. and provide escort to Darwin. "STUART" to proceed Townsville. "STUART" has on board 8 Japanese Naval prisoners, including one Officer.
- (viii) "BENDIGO" escorting "HAN YANG" dep.Milne Bay 1500/24 for Townsville via Grafton Passage. ETA.0700/27.
- (ix) "DURBO" escorting Convoy PG.14 (5 MV) dep.Brisbane for Sydney 24/9.
- (x) "DELRORAINE" "WHYALLA" escorting Convoy CO.30 dep.Sydney 24/9 for Melbourne.
- (xi) "MORESBY" escorting Convoy OC.29 (incl."AASE MAERSEK") en route Melbourne to Sydney. ETA.off Sydney 2000 today 26/9 Newcastle 0400/27.
- (xii) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy CO.29 arr.Melbourne 0901/25.
- (xiii) "COLAC" escorting 3 MV en route Moreton Bay to Townsville ETA.0600/27.
- (xiv) "GAWLER" arr.Sydney 1136/25.
- (xv) "YANDRA" escorting "KINCHELA" dep.Sydney 1712/25 for Newcastle and Brisbane.
- (xvi) "WARBE" dep.Newcastle 0428/25 for Brisbane. ETA.0800/27. Thence Port Moresby.
- (xvii) "KOCKABURRA" arr.Thursday Is.0432/24. dep.1220/25 for Cairns. ETA.1300/28. Thence Brisbane for refit via Townsville and Whitsunday Passage.
- (xviii) "MULIARA" to depart Milne Bay a.m. today 26/9, "BABINDA" p.m. To proceed independently to Townsville.
- (xix) "MANUNDA" dep.Brisbane for Milne Bay 1546/25. ETA.2240/28.
- (xx) "MIZAN" dep.Melbourne for Sydney 1101/25. ETA.1100/27.
- (xxi) "ORMISTON" dep.Port Phillip 1721/25 with 218 troops with equipment for Sydney. ETA.1500/28. There to embark 210 troops and join Convoy GP.15 for Brisbane. ETD.0830/29.
- (xxii) "FAURO'CHER" dep.Cairns for Port Moresby and Milne Bay 1700/25.
- (xxiii) At Sydney - "K.9" "DOBBIN" "WILCANNIA" "BROOME" "TAMWORTH" "YANDRA" "BAGLEY" "BUNGARBE" "TOWNSVILLE" "PING WO" "TULSA" "KURUMBA" "ROCKHAMPTON" "MILDURA".  
Repairing: "LE TRIOMPHANT" "BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA" "PATTERSON".
- (xxiv) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN".  
Repairing: "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR".
- (xxv) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "BUNDABERG".
- (xxvi) At Adelaide - "CESSNOCK".



- (xxvii) At Townsville - "KATOOMBA" "ARMIDALE".
- (xxviii) At Cairns - "ARUNTA".
- (xxix) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA".
- (xxx) At Port Moresby - "LITHGOW" "JOHN STEELS" "BONTEKOE" "CASTLEMAINE" "ANHUI" "PAINE" "WINGATE" "JOSEPH LANE" "ARCONA".
- (xxxi) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces.

- (i) Buin-Faisi. Reports indicate that at least 13 enemy ships were at the Shortlands Base yesterday 25/9, as follows:-
  - 4 possible heavy cruisers,
  - 3 light cruisers (possibly "ISUZU" "KINU" one other)
  - 9 destroyers,
  - 5 gunboats,
  - 2 seaplane tenders,
  - 9 cargo vessels,
  - 1 tanker.

Further sightings of the four destroyers reported off New Georgia 24/9, indicate that the vessels may have reached Guadalcanal (probably in the Coughlan Harbour area, with supplies or reinforcements for the enemy forces West of our positions on Guadalcanal) and returned to the base at Buin during the night. The flotilla was sighted and attacked approx. 25 miles NE Guadalcanal at 2100, and was again sighted approx. 50 miles NE Guadalcanal at 0135/25, on course 300°. The destroyers were then towing an unspecified number of landing barges.
- (ii) Holnicate Bay. Aircraft on patrol reported 2 transports stationary 7 miles N. by E. Gona at 0745/25. The vessels could not be located at 1121.
- (iii) Buka Passage. The destroyer and transport which arrived 24/9 were reported to be still in the Passage at 2047/25 together with another small steamer.
- (iv) Nekata Bay. It was reported 21/9 that there were 400 Japanese at Nekata Bay.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.British and Allied Forces.

- (i) "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" dep. Fremantle 24/9 for exercises and patrol 300 miles Westward of Fremantle, returning 26/9.
- (ii) "WARRAMBOOL" "KALGOORLIE" were to arrive Betano Bay (Timor) 2030 yesterday 25/9 to embark the crew of "VOYAGER" (see Naval Incidents).
- (iii) "CHILD'S" dep. Fremantle 22/9 for Exmouth Gulf.
- (iv) At Fremantle - "K.8" "K.12" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "CAIRNS" "HENGAL" "ERLING BROVIG" "TOOWOONBA" "WOLLONGONG" "IPSWICH" "WALLAROO" "BURNIE" "LARK".
- (v) At Albany - "PELIAS" "WHIPPOORWILL" "MARYBOROUGH".
- (vi) At Exmouth Gulf - "W.B. PRESTON" "HERON".
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7 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see appendix).

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA. (See appendix).C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.British and Allied Forces.

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- (ii) At Tongatabu - "NORTH CAROLINA" "VESTAL" "BARNETT".
- (iii) At Samoa - "DETROIT" "BOVEY" "TURKEY" "BRAZOS" "CANANGA" "CHESTNUT" "E.A. POE" "LACKAWANNA" "TAPPAHANNOCK".



- (iv) At Suva - "RALEIGH" "DALE" "CATALPA" "W.W.BURROWS" "E.HINDS" "MAJABA".
- (v) At Auckland - "ACHILLES" "MONOWAI" "RIGEL" "ALSEY" "ATREUS" "EBONY" "NEVILLE" "TALAMANCA".
- (vi) At Noumea - "CHESTER" "SOLACE" "LAPPEY" "STACK" "FULLER" "KINGFISHER" "ARGONNE" "WHITNEY" "ANTARES" "KANAWHA" "LIBRA" "KEYWOOD" "MANLEY" "McKEAN" "KANKAKU" "ARCTIC" "WALKE" "VIRSO" "CIMARRON" "LASSEN" "HAMMONDS PORT" "JUPITER" "O'BRIEN" "NAVAJO" "McCAWLEY" "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "PRESIDENT JACKSON" "ALCHIBA" "STRINGHAM" "BELLATRIX" "SABINE" "JAMESTOWN" "PRESIDENT HAYES" "McFARLAND" "HULL"
- (vii) At Vila - ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ "CHEVREUIL" "CAP DES PALMES".
- (viii) At Wellington - "AMERICAN LEGION" "HUNTER LEGGETT".
- (ix) At Bora Bora - "TERN".
- (x) Guadalcanal Area - "STERETT" "BETELGEUSE".

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA. (See appendix.)

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA. (see appendix.)

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

British and Allied Forces.

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- (ii) "KANIMBLA" was to depart Ceylon for Fremantle 23/9.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS.

Timor.

Aircraft on reconnaissance reported sighting "VOYAGER" at Betano smoking heavily from the stern, which was very low in the water, and damaged, at 0905/25. The vessel blew up as the aircraft was leaving, and is evidently a total loss. "WARRNAMBOOL" & "KALGOORLIE" were to embark the crew last night 25/26, and return Darwin in company.

3. AIR OPERATIONS.

Allied.

- (i) Rabaul. Six Fortresses attacked enemy shipping at 1945/24. One probable hit on large unidentified vessel.
- (ii) Buna. Six Fortresses attacked aerodrome 25/9. No details available.
- (iii) Wairopi. Six Kittihawks attacked Wairopi bridge and strafed buildings 25/9. One direct hit on bridge.
- (iv) Dilli. Three Hudsons attacked buildings 25/9. Four Zeros intercepted. 2 probably shot down.

Enemy.

- (i) Darwin. Raids by probably 2 aircraft 0340/25 and 0548. Some fuel destroyed.
- (ii) Broome. Aircraft reported 24/9 now identified as friendly.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE.

- (i) Continued night infiltration on Guadalcanal by means of destroyers and submarines from the Buin-Faisi-Tonolei Harbour base.
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A SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

5<sup>th</sup> Cruiser

6<sup>th</sup> Cruisers

Flotilla Leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

~~Submarines~~

Dutch Submarine

A.M.C.'s

Submarine Tender

Destroyer Tender

Storeships

Gunboat

Oiler

Enemy Forces

Truk-JBuit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet

CinC 2nd Fleet

CinC 8th Fleet

CinC 1st Air Fleet

CinC 4th Fleet

CinC 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet)

3 Battleships (BB)

4 Battlecruisers (BB)

Aircraft Carriers (CV)

Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

9 heavy cruisers (CA)

11 Light Cruisers (CL)  
(2 prob. damaged)

Effective

AUSTRALIA

PHOENIX

ROBANT

ARUNTA

STUART

BELFRIDGE

MUGFORD

BAGLEY

HENLEY

HELM

S.37 )

S.42 )

S.45 ) At Brisbane

S.47 )

STURGEON )

SAILFISH )

SCULPIN )

S.38

S.40

S.41

S.43

S.44

S.46

K.9

WESTRALIA

MANOORA

GRIFFIN

DOBBIN

MIZAR

TULSA

Refitting or Repairing

LE TRIOMPHANT

PATTERSON

On Patrol

At Sydney

COLDSTAR

VICTORIA

Striking Force Units

YAMATO

MUTSU

NAGATO

KIRISHIMA

HIYEI

KONGO

HARUNA

SHOKAKU )

ZUIKAKU )

SHIKI )

KASUGA MARU

YAWATA MARU

OTAKA (en route Palau)

NISSHIN (Fleet Oiler & A/C Transport)

ATAGO

TAKAO

CHOKAI

KUMANO

TONE

TIKUMA

MYOKO

FURUTAKA

KINUGASA

YUBARI

KASHIMA

JINTSU

SENDAI

NAKA

ISUZU



Light Cruisers (Contd)

KINU  
YURA  
HAGANA  
TENRYU  
TATSUTA

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

CHUYODA  
CHITOSE  
AKITSUSHIMA  
NIBSHIN  
KIYOKAWA MARU  
KAMIKAWA MARU  
KINUGASA MARU  
KAOU MARU  
KAMOI  
OKITSU MARU  
JINGEI

6 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) Prob. en route Japan

2 submarine tenders incl.

Approx 25 merchant ships (incl. poss. 3 Military Landing Craft Carriers)

8 patrol craft  
6 minelaying craft  
16 submarine chasers  
15 M.T.B.'s  
5 Gunboats

Approx 288 shore-based aircraft incl. 75 fighters, 115 H/B, 36 F/B, 42 F/P, 20 Obsn. or transport aircraft

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers  
Flotilla Leader  
Destroyer  
S/P Tenders

ADLAIDE  
TROMP  
VOYAGER  
CHILDS  
HERON  
W.S. PRESTON

Submarine Tenders

PELIAS  
HOLLAND

Submarines

On Patrol

GUDGON  
GRAYBACK  
GRAMPUS  
~~XXXXXXXX~~ SNAPPER  
SALMON  
SEAL

*en route East coast*

SARGO  
THRASHER  
SEADRAGON  
SPEARFISH

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

SKIPJACK  
SEARAVEN  
SWORDFISH  
SAVRY  
SEACKY SEAWOLF  
GAR

} At Fremantle

ORENABIER  
TANBOR  
TAUTOO

} At Albany

Dutch Submarines

K.8  
K.12 } At Fremantle

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

7 ~~25~~ submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see above)

Enemy Forces

CINC 3rd Fleet

CINC Southern Expeditionary Fleet

1 - 6" Cruiser ASHIGARA  
1 Light Cruiser KASHII

Approx 16 Destroyers

2 Converted S/P Tenders KENYO MARU  
SOYOU MARU

Timor

Approx 9 shore-based aircraft including 6 fighters, 3 H/B

Ambon

Approx 32 shore-based aircraft incl. 9 F, 8 H/B, 8 F/B, 7 F/P



B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA  
British and Allied Forces  
Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

Converted A/C Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruiser

Destroyers

Submarines

Enemy Forces

Palao - Formosa - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

5 Battle ships (BB)

Aircraft Carriers (CV)

4 - 8" Cruisers (CA)

2 - 6" Cruisers

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 25 Destroyers

Approx 20 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces  
Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Destroyers

A.M.C.'s

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

SOUTH DAKOTA  
MARYLAND  
COLORADO  
IDAHO  
MISSISSIPPI  
NEW MEXICO  
PENNSYLVANIA  
SARATOGA  
ENTERPRISE  
COPANEE  
LONG ISLAND  
PORTLAND  
NEW ORLEANS  
SAN JUAN  
16 (approx)  
23 (approx)

CA. IPORNIA  
TENNESSEE  
NEVADA (to be ready  
about 1/10)  
\* WEST VIRGINIA

MUSASHI  
FUSO  
YAMASHIRO  
ISE  
HYUGA  
H AYATAMA  
HITAKA  
UNYO  
NACHI

SUZUYA  
HAGURO

unknown new unit Crudiv 7  
("MOGAMI" ?)

NATOH  
NATOH  
NOTORO  
GOSEU MARU  
FUJIKAWA MARU

WASHINGTON  
NORTH CAROLINA  
HORNET  
WASP  
ASTORIA  
VINCENNES  
WINNEAPOLIS  
QUINCY  
SAN FRANCISCO  
SALT LAKE CITY  
NORHAMPTON  
PENSACOLA  
CHESTER  
CHICAGO  
BOISE  
HELENA  
RALEIGH  
DETROIT  
JUNEAU  
SAN DIEGO  
ATLANTA  
LEANDER  
ACVILLES  
25 (approx)  
MONOWAI  
ASCANIA

LOUISVILLE  
INDIANAPOLIS  
HONOLULU  
ST. LOUIS  
NASHVILLE



15 Destroyers  
10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians

3 Light Cruisers      ABUKUMA  
                              YAMA  
                              KISO

6 Destroyers  
Approx 10 Submarines  
1st Base Force  
Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) ?

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers      CONCORD  
                              TRENTON  
                              RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships      WARSPITE      REVENGE  
                              VALIANT

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers      RESOLUTION  
                              ILLUSTRIOUS  
                              FORMIDABLE

7.5" Cruisers      DEVONSHIRE  
                              GEORGIOS AVENOFF (Greek)  
                              HAWKINS      PROBISHER

6" Cruisers      MAURITIUS  
                              GAMBIA

                              BIRMINGHAM

                              GLASGOW

                              ENTERPRISE

                              EMERALD

                              DAUNTLESS

                              BAHAE

                              DRAGON

                              CAPETOWN

                              CERES

                              CALEDON

                              SUMATRA (Dutch)

A.M.C.'s      WORCESTERSHIRE

                              RANCHI

                              ALANIA

                              CHITRAL

                              RANPURA

                              CANTON

                              QUEEN OF HERMUDA

                              CARTHAGE

                              KANIMBLA

A.A. Vessels      HEEMSKERK

                              CARLISLE

Approx 25 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

6-9 Submarines



## DALEY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC &amp; INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

27th September, 1942

## 1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED &amp; ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

## A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

## 1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

## British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "SELFRIDGE" "PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "HENLEY" "HELE") proceeding to Cid Harbour (Whitsunday Is.) to refuel and reprovision from "BRITISH SAILOR".
- (ii) "MANOORA" en route Fremantle to Sydney ETA 1400/28.
- (iii) "GOULBURN" "SEELONG" escorting Convoy BT5 ("BRITISH SAILOR" "MERKUR" for Cid Harbour ETA 1700 today 27/9; 2 MV for Townsville, 1 MV for Cairns; 1 other MV) departed Brisbane 2128/24.
- (iv) "WARREGG" escorting Convoy W ("SIDELIA" "ISLANDER" "sJACOB") was due ~~xxxx~~ Milne Bay ETA 0700/28.
- (v) "ARMIDALE" escorting "BENJAMIN FRANKLIN" "HENRY D. THOREAU" "GEORGE TAYLOR" "WILLIS VAN DER VENSTER" was to RV off Fitzroy Is. with "BALLARAT" at 2100/26. Thence Port Moresby ETA 1800/28. "BALLARAT" dep. Cairns for RV 1825/28.
- (vi) "SWAN" escorting "JASON LEE" en route Port Moresby to Townsville ETA 2400 today 27/9.
- (vii) "STUART" escorting "VAN HEUTSZ" en route Milne Bay to Cairns ETA 1000 today 27/9. "VAN HEUTSZ" thence Darwin. "CASTLEMAINE" to RV at Thursday Is. and provide escort to Darwin, "STUART" to proceed Townsville, ETA 0800/28. "STUART" has on board 8 Japanese naval prisoners, including one officer.
- (viii) "BENDIGO" escorting "BANYANG" dep. Milne Bay 1500/24 for Townsville via Grafton Passage ETA 0700 today 27/9.
- (ix) "DUBBO" escorting Convoy P614 (5 MV) from Brisbane arr. Newcastle and Sydney 1450/26 and 2101/26 respectively.
- (x) "DEBORAH" "WYALLA" escorting Convoy C030 dep. Sydney 24/9 for Melbourne.
- (xi) "MORESBY" escorting Convoy OC29 (including "AASE MAERSK") from Melbourne arr. Sydney 2041/26, ETA Newcastle portion 0400/27.
- (xii) "COLAC" escorting "TASMAN" "KARSIK" "FIELD" due Townsville 0600/27.
- (xiii) "YANDRA" escorting "KINGHELA" dep. Sydney 1712/25 for Newcastle and Brisbane.
- (xiv) "WARBE" en route Newcastle to Brisbane ETA 0800 today 27/9. Thence Port Moresby.
- (xv) "KOOKABURRA" en route Thursday Is. to Cairns ETA 1300/28. Thence Brisbane for refit via Townsville and Whitsunday Passage.
- (xvi) "MANUNDA" en route Brisbane to Milne Bay ETA 2240/28.
- (xvii) "MIZAR" en route Melbourne to Sydney ETA 1100 today 27/9.
- (xviii) "ORMISTON" with 218 troops and equipment en route Sydney ETA 1800 28/9. There to embark 210 troops and join Convoy GFL5 for Brisbane ETD 0830/28.
- (xix) "FAURO CHIEF" dep. Cairns for Port Moresby and Milne Bay 1700/25.
- (xx) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy C030 was to depart Gellibrand 1800/26 so as to RV with Convoy C030 ex Sydney at approx 0900 today 27/9.
- (xxi) "LITGOV" escorting "ANSUI" dep. ~~xxx~~ Port Moresby 2200/25 for Palm Is. ETA 2400/28. "ANSUI" thence Brisbane ETA p.m. 2/10.
- (xxii) At Sydney - "BAGLEY" "K.9" "DOBBS" "WILCANNIA" "BROOME" "TAMWORTH" "YANDRA" "BUNGAREE" "TOWNSVILLE" "PINGWO" "TULSA" "EURUMBA" "ROCKHAMPTON" "MILDURA" "GAWLER"
- Repairing - "LE TRICHEMANT" "BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA" "PATTERSON"
- (xxiii) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM GRYNSSER"
- Repairing - "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xxiv) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "BUNDABERG"
- (xxv) At Adelaide - "CESSNOCK"
- (xxvi) At Townsville - "KATOOMBA"
- (xxvii) At Cairns - "ARUNTA"
- (xxviii) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA"
- (xxix) At Port Moresby - "CASTLEMAINE" "JOHN STEELE" "BONTEKOE" "ARCONA" "PAINE WINGATE" "JOSEPH LANE"
- (xxx) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see appendix.



Enemy Forces

(1) BUIIN-FAISI AREA -- The following enemy shipping was reported at the Shortlands base yesterday 26/9 -

- 3 heavy cruisers (prob. "CHOKAI" "FURUTAKA" "AOBA" or "KINUGASA")
- 3 light cruisers ("SENDAI"; two "TENRYU" class)
- 12 destroyers
- 2 large submarines
- 1 tanker
- 4 merchant ships
- 2 warships (possibly minelayers)

Two destroyers and a supply ship arrived at Buin 1000; one supply ship departed on a northerly course at 0930; and 6 warships incl. 2 "TATSUTA" class cruisers moved from Buin to Faizi at 0800.

In addition to the above, one destroyer was reported by aircraft approx 48 miles S.W. Faizi on course 340° at 1045.

- (ii) KIETA - Two destroyers were reported 45 miles east of Kieta at 0935 yesterday 26/9.
- (iii) TROBRIAND IS. - A 500 ton enemy merchant ship was reported in the vicinity of Kaxaxiax Kitava Is. at 0755/26 (see Naval Incidents).
- (iv) YSABEL IS. - It was reported 25/9 that the S.W. coast of Ysabel Is. was clear of Japanese. The wreckage of 11 motor barges has been found along the coast.
- (v) GUADALCANAL - Reports now indicate that the four destroyers making for Guadalcanal from the Buin base were forced to turn back before reaching Guadalcanal.
- (vi) SALAMAUA-LAE -- Enemy strength in the Markham Valley area is estimated at 2/3000, at Busama 1000, at Salamaua 1000 and at Mubo 900.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (1) "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" returned Fremantle from exercises yesterday 26/9
- (ii) "W.B. PRESTON" dep. Exmouth Gulf 1300/25 for Fremantle ETA a.m. 28/9
- (iii) "WARRNAMBOOL" "KALGOORLIE" were to embark the crew of "VOYAGER" at Betano Bay 25/26 September and return Darwin.
- (iv) At Fremantle - "K.8" "K.12" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "CAIRNS" "BENGAL" "TOONGOMBA" "WOLLONGONO" "IPSWICH" "WALLAROO" "BURNIE" "LARK" "REILING BROVIG"
- (v) At Albany - "PELIAS" "WHIPPCORWILL" "MARYBOROUGH"
- (vi) At Exmouth Gulf - "HERON" "CHILDS"
- (vii) For submarines in Western Sector - see Appendix.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (1) At Espiritu Santo - "MACKINAC" "CURTISS" "TRACY" "HERCULES" "BALLARD" "GAMBLE"
- (ii) At Pongatabu - "NORTH CAROLINA" "VESTAL" "BARNETT"
- (iii) At Samoa - "HOVEY" "TURKEY" "BRAZOS" "CAMANCA" "CHESTNUT" "E.A. POE" "LACKAWANNA" "TAPPAHANNOCK"
- (iv) At Suva - "DALE" "CATALPA" "MAJABA"
- (v) At Auckland - "ACHILLES" "MONOWAI" "RIGEL" "ALSEY" "ATREUS" "EBONY" "NEVILLE"
- (vi) At Noumea - "HORNET" "NORTHAMPTON" "PENSACOLA" "CHESTER" "SAN DIEGO" "JUNEAU" "MORRIS" "ANDERSON" "HUGHES" "MUSTIN" "RUSSELL" "BARTON" "MEADE" "LAFREY" "FULLER" "KINGFISHER" "ARGONNE" "WHITNEY" "ANTARES" "KANAWHA" "LIBRA" "HEYWOOD" "MANLEY" "McKEAN" "KANAKU" "ARCTIC" "WALKE" "VINEO" "CIMARRON" "LASSEN" "HAMMONDS FORT" "JUPITER" "O'BRIEN" "NAVAJO" "McCANN" "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "PRESIDENT JACKSON" "ALGHIBA" "STRINGHAM" "BELLATRIX" "JAMESTOWN" "PRESIDENT HAYES" "McFARLAND" "HULL"
- (vii) At Vila - "CLARK" "KANAWHA"
- (viii) At Wellington - "AMERICAN LEGION" "HUNTER LEGGETT"
- (ix) At Bora Bora - "TERN"



- D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)
- E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)
- F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (1) "WANGANELLA" dep. Suez 12/9 with 500 invalids for Australia and New Zealand.
- (11) "KANIMBLA" was to depart Ceylon for Fremantle 23/9.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

TROBRIAND IS. - A Hudson on reconce sighted and unsuccessfully attacked a 500 ton enemy merchant vessel 52 miles E.S.E. Kitava Is. at 0755/26. A direct hit was obtained later and the vessel was destroyed by fire. Four men were seen to leave the ship in a small boat at 0955.

TOWNSVILLE - A floating mine was reported 2 miles S.W. Dunk Is. (90 miles NNW Townsville) at 1100/25.

GILBERT IS. - It is reported that Abemama Is. was occupied by the Japanese 2/9. The landing was effected from 5 cruisers and 2 seaplane tenders all except one of which departed before 4/9 leaving 150 Japanese on the island. Four warships arrived 17/9 and departed on the same day with the vessel left behind on 4/9.

Almost daily air reconce of the unoccupied islands in the Gilberts has taken place since the occupation of Abemama and enemy ships are frequently observed in the unoccupied area. It is believed that Tarawa Is. was occupied 3/9, Maiama on 24/9 and Beru 25/9. Reports of the occupation of Kuria were unfounded.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

(1) SOUPAC OPERATIONS 25/9 - 2 Fortresses attacked shipping Tonolei Harbor and reported one hit on the stern of a heavy cruiser. 12 floatplanes were observed, three of which were destroyed. One Fortress reported a hit on the stern of a seaplane tender approx 15 miles S.E. Buka Passage.

(11) RABAU - 5 Fortresses attacked ships at Rabaul 0300/26. One probable hit with 1000 lb bomb on unidentified vessel; 3 possible hits on another.

(111) BUNA - One Fortress attacked Buna aerodrome 1025/26.

(1v) IORIBAIWA - Three Bostons attacked enemy positions this area 26/9.

ENEMY

(1) DARWIN - Three bombers attacked Hughes aerodrome 0415/26. No damage.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Continued night infiltration on Guadalcanal by means of destroyers and submarines from the Buin - Faisi - Tonolei Harbour base.
- (11) Heavy naval and air counter-attacks against allied positions in the Solomons, with a view to re-occupation of Guadalcanal.
- (111) Heavy attack and attempt at consolidation Milne Bay - Buna area.
- (1v) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (v) Intensified submarine activity in the S.W.P.A.

*Raunder*  
For DIRECTOR C.C.I.C.

27/9/42



A P P E N D I X

M O S T S E C R E T .

to  
DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA.

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

British and Allied Forces.

8" cruiser.  
6" cruisers.

Flotilla Leaders.

Destroyers.

Submarines.

Dutch submarine.  
A.M.Cs.

Submarine Tender.  
Destroyer Tender.  
Storeships  
Gunboat  
Oiler

Enemy Forces.

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons.

C.in C. Combined Fleet.  
C.in C. 2nd Fleet.  
C.in C. 8th Fleet.  
Cin C. 1st Air Fleet.  
C.in C.4th Fleet.  
C.in C. 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet)

3 Battleships (BB)

4 Battlecruisers (BB)

Aircraft carriers (CV)

Converted A/C. Carriers (XCV)

9 heavy cruisers (CA)

12 light cruisers (CL)  
(2 prob. damaged)

Effective.

AUSTRALIA.

PHOENIX

HOBART

ARUNTA

STUART

SELFRIDGE

MUGFORD

BAGLEY

HENLEY

HELM

S.37 )

S.40 )

S.42 ) At Brisbane.

S.45 )

S.47 )

STURGEON )

SAILFISH )

SCHULPIN )

S.38 )

S.41 ) On patrol.

S.43 )

S.44 )

S.46 )

K.9 At Sydney.

WESTRALIA

MANOORA.

GRIFFIN

DOBBIN

MIZAR

TULSA

LE TRIOMPHANT.

PATTERSON

GOLDSTAR

VICTORIA.

At Brisbane.

On patrol.

At Sydney.

Striking Force Units.

Air transports.  
(Fleet Oiler & A/c.  
transport.)

ISUZU



Light cruisers (continued).

KINU  
YURU  
NAGARA  
TENRYU  
TATSUTA

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

CHIYODA  
CHITOSE  
AKITSUSHIMA  
NISSHIN  
KIYOKAWA MARU )  
KAMIKAWA MARU )  
KINUGASA MARU )  
KAGU MARU  
KAMO I  
OKITSU MARU  
JINGEI

) Prob. en route Japan.

6 converted S/P.tenders (XAV)

2 submarine tenders incl.

Approx. 25 merchant ships (incl. poss. 3 Military Landing Craft carriers).

8 patrol craft.

6 minelaying craft

16 submarine chasers

15 M.T.Bs.

5 gunboats.

Approx. 288 shore-based aircraft incl. 73 fighters, 115 H/B. 36 F/B.

42 F/P. 20 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2 WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

British and Allied Forces.

6" cruisers.

Flotilla Leader.

S/P.tenders.

ADELAIDE  
TROMP  
CHILDS  
HERON  
W.B.PRESTON

Submarine Tenders

PELIAS  
HOLLAND

Submarines

On Patrol  
SNAPPER  
SALMON  
SEAL  
SARGO

THRESHER  
SEADRAGON  
SPEARFISH

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols.

SKIPJACK  
SEARAVEN  
SWORDFISH  
SAURY  
SEAWOLF  
GAR

} At Fremantle.

GRENADIER  
TAMBOR  
TAUTOG

} At Albany.

GUDGEON  
GRAYBACK  
GRAMPUS

} en route East coast.

Dutch submarines

K.8 )  
K.12 ) At Fremantle.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.

British and Allied Forces.

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

Enemy Forces.

C. in C. 3rd fleet.

C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet.

1 - 8" cruiser.

ASHIGARA.

1 light cruiser.

KASHII

Approx. 16 destroyers.

2 Converted S/P.tenders.

KENYO MARU  
SOYOU MARU.

Timor.

Approx. 9 shore-based aircraft including 6 fighters, 3 H/B.

Ambon.

Approx. 32 shore-based aircraft incl. 9 F, 8 H/B. 8 F/B. 7 F/P.



**B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.  
British and Allied Forces.  
Battleships**

SOUTH DAKOTA  
MARYLAND  
COLORADO  
IDAHO  
MISSISSIPPI  
NEW MEXICO  
PENNSYLVANIA.  
SARATOGA  
ENTERPRISE  
COPAHSE  
LONG ISLAND.  
PORTLAND  
NEW ORLEANS  
SAN JUAN  
RALEIGH  
DETROIT  
15 (approx.)  
23 (approx.)

CALIFORNIA  
TENNESSEE  
NEVADA (to be ready  
about 1/10)  
WEST VIRGINIA

Aircraft carriers.  
Converted A/c.Carriers.  
8" cruisers  
6" cruisers

Destroyers  
Submarines  
Enemy Forces.

Palau - Formosa - Saipan - Bonins - Japan.

5 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI  
FUSO  
YAMASHIRO  
ISE  
HYUGA  
HAYATAKA  
HITAKA  
UNYO  
GTAKA (poss.en route Palau-Rabaul).  
NACHI

SUZUYA  
HAGURO  
Unknown new unit Crudiv 7  
("MOGAMI" ?)

Aircraft Carriers (CV)  
Converted A/c.Carrier (XCV)  
4-8" cruisers (CA)

1 - 6" cruiser  
Converted S/P.Tenders (XAV)

HATORI  
HOTORO  
GUSHO MARU  
FUJIKAWA MARU

6 old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)  
Approx.25 destroyers.  
Approx.20 submarines.

**C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.  
British and Allied Forces.  
Battleships**

Aircraft Carriers  
8" Cruisers

6" cruisers

Destroyers  
A.M.Cs.

WASHINGTON  
NORTH CAROLINA  
HORNET  
WASP  
ASTORIA  
VINCENNES  
MINNEAPOLIS  
QUINCY  
SAN FRANCISCO  
SALT LAKE CITY  
NORTHAMPTON  
PENSACOLA  
CHESTER  
CHICAGO  
BOISE  
HELENA  
JUNEAU  
SAN DIEGO  
ATLANTA  
LEANDER  
ACHILLES  
25 (approx.)  
MONOWAI  
ASCANIA

**D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.  
British and Allied Forces.  
8" cruisers.**

LOUISVILLE  
INDIANAPOLIS



6" cruisers.

HONOLULU  
ST. LOUIS  
NASHVILLE

15 destroyers.  
10 submarines.

Enemy Forces.

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians.

3 Light cruisers.

ABUKUMA  
TAMA  
KISO

8 destroyers  
Approx. 10 submarines  
1st Base Force  
Converted S/P. Tenders (XAV) ?

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA.

British and Allied Forces.

6" cruisers

CONCORD  
TRENTON  
RICHMOND

Approx. 4 destroyers.

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

British and Allied Forces.

Battleships

WARSPITE  
VALIANT  
RESOLUTION  
ILLUSTRIOUS  
FORMIDABLE  
DEVONSHIRE  
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)  
HAWKINS  
MAURITIUS  
REVENGE  
PROBISHER

Aircraft carriers

8" cruisers

7.5" cruisers

6" cruisers

TAMBIA  
BIRMINGHAM  
GLASGOW  
ENTERPRISE  
EMERALD  
DAUNTLESS  
DANAE  
DRAGON  
CAPE TOWN  
CERES  
CALDON  
SULATRA (Dutch)  
WORCESTERSHIRE  
RANCHI  
ALAUNIA  
CHITRAL  
RANPURA  
CANTON  
QUEEN OF BERMUDA  
CARTRAGE  
KANIMBLA  
HEMISKERK  
CARLISLE

A.M.Cs.

A.A. Vessels

Approx. 25 destroyers  
Approx. 7 submarines

Enemy Forces.

6-9 submarines.



DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY28th September, 19421. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCESA) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTORBritish and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "SELFRIDGE" "PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "HENLEY" "HELM") to arrive Cid Harbour (Whitsunday Is.) 0620 today 28/9 to refuel and reprovision from "BRITISH SAILOR" & "MERKUR". To sail 0600/30 for patrol area via Grafton Passage ETA 2000/30.
- +(ii) "MANOORA" en route Fremantle to Sydney ETA 1400 today 28/9.
- ✓(iii) "ARMIDALE" "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy UK ("BENJAMIN FRANKLIN" "HENRY D. THOREAU" "GEORGE TAYLOR" "WILLIS VAN DER VENTER") en route Port Moresby ETA 1600 today 28/9.
- ✓(iv) "MUGFORD" arr. Townsville 1815/27.
- ✓(v) "SWAN" escorting "JASON LEE" was due Townsville 2400/27.
- ✓(vi) "STUART" escorting "VAN HEUTSZ" arr. Cairns 0901 yesterday 27/9. "VAN HEUTSZ" thence Darwin. "CASTLEMAINE" to RV at Thursday Is. p.m. 30/9 and provide escort to Darwin, "STUART" dep. for Townsville 1750/27 ETA 0500/28 with 7 Japanese naval prisoners.
- ✓(vii) "BENDIGO" escorting "HANYANG" arr. Townsville 1006/27.
- ✓(viii) "COLAC" escorting "TASSAN" "KANSIK" "FIELD" arr. Townsville 0601/27. Convoy misus "FIELD" dep. 1630/27 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/30.
- +(ix) "GRELONG" to depart Brisbane 1200 today 28/9 escorting "KAT O'MBA" "JOHN ASNE" northwards.
- +(x) "GOULBURN" arr. Brisbane from escort duty 0805 yesterday 27/9.
- +(xi) "DELDORRAINE" "WHYALLA" escorting Convoy 0030 en route Melbourne to Sydney.
- +(xii) "DOOMBA" arr. Melbourne 1759/27 escorting Convoy 0030.
- ✓(xiii) "LITHGOW" escorting "ANHUI" en route Port Moresby to Palm Is. ETA 2400 today 28/9. "ANHUI" thence Brisbane ETA p.m. 2/10.
- +(xiv) "TOWNSVILLE" dep. Sydney for Newcastle 1236/27 arr. 1753.
- +(xv) "YANDRA" arr. Sydney 1341/27.
- +(xvi) "WAREH" arr. Brisbane 1127/27. Thence Port Moresby.
- +(xvii) "GOOLGWAI" escorting "KINCHELA" dep. Newcastle 0601/27 for Brisbane ETA 1200/30.
- +(xviii) "KOOKABURRA" en route Thursday Is. to Cairns ETA 1300 today 28/9. Thence Brisbane for refit via Townsville and Whitsunday Passage.
- +(xix) "WIZAR" arr. Sydney 1102/27.
- +(xx) "ORMISTON" with 218 troops and equipment en route Sydney ETA 1500/28. There to embark 210 troops and join Convoy GPL5 for Brisbane BYD 0830/29.
- +(xxi) "FAURO CHIEF" dep. Cairns for Port Moresby and Milne Bay 25/9.
- +(xxii) "MANUNDA" en route Brisbane to Milne Bay ETA 2240/28.
- (xxiii) At Sydney - "BAGLEY" "K.9" "DOBBS" "WILCANNIA" "BROOME" "TAMWORTH" "MORESBY" "YANDRA" "BUNGAREE" "TOWNSVILLE" "PINGWO" "TULSA" "KURUMBA" "ROCKHAMPTON" "MILDURA" "GAWLER" "DUBBO"
- (xxix) Repairing - "LE TRIOMPHANT" "BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA" "PATTERSON"
- (xxiv) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN"  
Repairing - "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xxv) At Brisbane - "GRIPPIN" "BUNDABERG"
- (xxvi) At Adelaide - "CESSNOCK"
- (xxvii) At Townsville - "KAT O'MBA"
- (xxviii) At Cairns - "ARUNTA"
- (xxix) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA"
- (xxx) At Port Moresby - "CASTLEMAINE" "JOHN STEELE" "BONTEKOE" "ARCONA"  
"PAINE WINGATE" "JOSEPH LANE"
- (xxxi) At Milne Bay - "WARNEGO" "BIDELIA" "ISLANDER" "sJACOB"

Enemy Forces

- (1) BOUGAINVILLE STRAIT - Following a successful allied air attack on 26/9 (see Naval Incidents), part of the enemy naval force concentrated in Bougainville Strait left the area yesterday 27/9. One "SENDAI" class cruiser and one "TENRYU" class cruiser with 4 destroyers were observed proceeding N.W. along the N.E.



coast of Bougainville at 0930. This force was later joined by two more destroyers and a supply ship and returned to Buin before 1930.

Another force including one heavy cruiser, one light cruiser, 4 destroyers and two transports or cargo vessels was sighted by aircraft approx 40 miles S.E. Kieta at 0920 on course 340°.

A vessel described as possibly a "MUTSU" class battleship, previously reported in the area, was sighted off Buin at 0715, departed with 2 submarines at 0930, and was finally sighted at 1030 proceeding WNW with an unidentified cruiser and a destroyer.

From the details available it is suggested this vessel <sup>is</sup> one of the large submarine depot ships either "TAIGEI" or "ZINGEI". "TAIGEI" conforms more with the vague descriptive details available. This vessel is of 10,000 tons, 20 knots and is the largest submarine depot ship the enemy is known to possess. Its silhouette gives the impression of considerable size which may have been responsible for it being referred to as a battleship.

A gunboat arrived Buin at 1630 with one supply ship.

Other reports show that 14 other vessels were at the Buin - Faisi base during the morning, and that the total shipping in the vicinity yesterday 27/9 was 37 vessels, as follows -

- 4 heavy cruisers (2 described as "NACHI" class, one as "KAKO" class)
- 3 light cruisers (incl. one "SENDAI", one "TENRYU" class)
- 1 unidentified cruiser
- 16 destroyers
- 2 submarines
- 1 large vessel, poss. submarine depot ship (poss. "TAIGEI")
- 1 probable minelayer
- 1 gunboat
- 1 tanker
- 7 merchant vessels (incl. prob, S/P Tenders & Supply Ship)

In addition to the above, one other light cruiser, which may be based on the Buin area, reported as "KURE" class (but more probably "NAGARA" class; 5,170 tons; 7-5.5") was sighted alone approx 80 miles W.S.W. Buka Passage at 1030 on course 270°.

- (ii) TROBRIAND IS. - A 600 ton merchant vessel and a 500 ton tug were sighted by aircraft at 1155/27 approx 111 miles W.S.W. Buin on course 070°. It seems likely that the merchant vessel was that bombed east of Kitava area on 26/9. This vessel is now reported as having two very tall radio masts and is thought to be a weather reporting vessel. It has probably been taken in tow and is returning to the Buin base.
- (iii) BUKA PASSAGE - The destroyer and transport reported at Buka 25/9 departed at 1700/27 to RV with another destroyer which arr. from the S.W. All three vessels dep. westwards, leaving only a small steamer in the Passage.
- (iv) RABAUL - Aircraft attacking shipping in Rabaul Harbour 27/9 (see Naval Incidents) reported at least 20 vessels in Simpson Harbor and two other vessels leaving Rabaul.
- (v) WOODLARK IS. - Recce aircraft reports that two searchlights were visible on Woodlark Is. at 2306/27

## 2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

### British and Allied Forces

- (i) "WARRNAMBOOL" "KALGOORLIE" arr. Darwin from Betanc 1924.
- (ii) "W.B. PRESTON" arr. Fremantle 1326/27 from Exmouth Gulf.
- (iii) "MANKYBOROUGH" dep. Albany 1608/27 for Fremantle ETA 0600/29.
- (iv) At Fremantle - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "K.8" "K.12" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "CAIRNS" "BENGAL" "TOONOCOMBA" "WOLLONGONG" "IPSWICH" "WALLAROO" "BURNIE" "LARK" "ERLING BROVIC"
- (v) At Albany - "PELIAS" "WHIPPOORWILL"
- (vi) At Exmouth Gulf - "HERON" "CHILDS"

## 3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

### British and Allied Forces

7 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area

### B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

### C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

#### British and Allied Forces

- (i) At Espiritu Santo - "STERETT" "CLARK" "NICHOLAS" "MACKINAC" "TRACY" "CURTISS" "HERCULES" "BALLARD" "GAMBLE" "BETELGEUSE"



- (ii) At Tongatabu - "NORTH CAROLINA" "VESTAL" "SUMNER" "TALAMANCA"
- (iii) At Samoa - "BOVEY" "TURKEY" "BRAZOS" "CAMANCA" "CHESTNUT" "E.A. POE"  
"LACKAWANNA" "TAPPANANNOCK"
- (iv) At Suva - "DALE" "CATALPA" "MAJABA"
- (v) At Auckland - "ACHILLES" "MONOWAI" "RIGEL" "ALSEY" "ATREUS" "EBONY"  
"NEVILLE" "RAINIER"
- (vi) At Noumea - "HORNET" "NORTHAMPTON" "PENSAZOLA" "CHESTER" "SAN DIEGO"  
"JUNEAU" "MORRIS" "ANDERSON" "HUGHES" "MUSTIN" "RUSSELL"  
"BARTON" "MEADE" "FULLER" "KINGFISHER" "ARGONNE" "WHITNEY"  
"ANTARES" "LIBRA" "HEYWOOD" "MANLEY" "MCKEAN" "KANKAKU"  
"ARCTIC" "WALKE" "VIREO" "CIMARRON" "LASSEN" "HAMMONDS PORT"  
"JUPITER" "O'BRIEN" "NAVAJO" "McCAWLEY" "PRESIDENT ADAMS"  
"PRESIDENT JACKSON" "ALCHIBA" "STRINGHAM" "BELLATRIX"  
"JAMESTOWN" "PRESIDENT HAYES" "McFARLAND" "HULL" "ZEILIN"
- (vii) At Vila - "KANAWHA"
- (viii) At Wellington - "AMERICAN LEGION" "HUNTER LEGGETT"
- (ix) At Bora Bora - "TERN"
- (x) Guadalcanal area - "BALLARD"

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "WANGANELLA" dep. Suez 12/9 with 500 invalids for Australia and New Zealand.
- (ii) "KANIMBLA" was to depart Ceylon for Fremantle 23/9.

Enemy Forces

R.P.A. "SEPIA" was unsuccessfully attacked by a submarine off the Arabian Coast 12/9 and another vessel was torpedoed east of the Chagos Archipelago on 22/9, probably by a submarine homeward bound from the Gulf of Aden. It is considered that at least one other submarine is operating probably in the Gulf of Aden.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

BOUGAINVILLE STRAIT - Eight Fortresses from a Soupac base attacked enemy shipping in the Buin - Faisi area 26/9. One large transport was probably sunk, and a large cruiser was hit on the stern and left afire. Three "Zero" floatplanes and 3 float biplanes were shot down.

SUSPICIOUS VESSEL - s.s. "KEKERANGU" reported a suspicious steamer at approx 1600/27 in position 039°S, 141°15'E. No further details are available.

3. AIR OPERATIONS - 27/9

- (i) BUINA - One Catalina bombed Kihili aerodrome 0130. Results unknown.
- (ii) RABAUL - 6 Fortresses were to attack shipping Rabaul Harbor. Only 1 a/c dropped bombs owing weather conditions. A direct and a near miss were scored on a large merchant vessel (12/15,000 tons)
- (iii) GONA - 1 Fortress attacked buildings 0820.
- (iv) BUNA - 6 Beaufighters attacked buildings 1022. Some prob. set on fire.  
2 Fortresses attacked barges and A.A. positions 1540. Barges damaged by shrapnel.
- (v) IORIBAIWA - 7 Bostons attacked enemy positions 1030 results unknown
- (vi) BETANO BAY - "VOYAGER" shot down one enemy a/c during the attack 24/9

ENEMY

- (i) DARWIN - 2 poss. 3 heavy bombers made 2 attacks early morning 27/9 no damage reported.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Continued night infiltration on Guadalcanal by means of destroyers and submarines from the Buin - Faisi - Tonolei Harbor base.
- (ii) Heavy naval and air counter-attacks against allied positions in the Solomons, with a view to re-occupation of Guadalcanal.
- (iii) Heavy attack and attempt at consolidation Milne Bay - Buna area.
- (iv) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (v) Intensified submarine activity in the S.W. P.A.

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For DIRECTOR G.C.I.C.



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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruiser  
6" Cruisers

Flotilla Leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

Dutch Submarine  
A.M.C.'s

Submarine Tender  
Destroyer Tender  
Storeships  
Gunboat  
Oiler

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet  
CinC 2nd Fleet  
CinC 8th Fleet  
CinC 1st Air Fleet  
CinC 4th Fleet  
CinC 6th Fleet (SubmarineFleet)  
3 Battleships (BB)

4 Battlecruisers (BB)

Aircraft Carriers (CV)

Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

9 heavy cruisers (CA)

12 Light Cruisers (CL)  
(2 prob. damaged)

Effective

AUSTRALIA

PHOENIX

HOBART

ARUNTA

STUART

SELFRIDGE

MUGFORD

HENLEY

HELM

S.37

S.40

S.42

S.45

S.47

STURGEON

SAILFISH

SCULPIN

S.43

S.44

S.46

K.9

WESTRALIA

MANOORA

GRIFFIN

DOBBIN

MIZAR

TULSA

Refitting or Repairing

LE TRIOMPHANT

PATTERSON  
BAGLEY

At Brisbane

On Patrol

At Sydney

GOLDSTAR

VICTORIA

Striking Force Units

Air Transports

(Fleet Oiler & A/C Transport)

YAMATO

MUTSU

NAGATO

KIRISHIMA

HIYEI

KONGO

HARUNA

SHOKAKU

ZUIKAKU

ZUIHO

HOSHO

KASUGA MARU

YAWATA MARU

NISSHIN MARU

ATAGO

TAKAO

CHOKAI

KUMANO

TONE

TIKUMA

MYOKO

PURUTAKA

KINUGASA or AOBA

YUBARI

KASHIMA

KATORI

JINTSU

SENDAI

NAKA

ISUZU



Light Cruisers (Contd)

KINU  
YURA  
NAGARA  
TENRYU  
TATSUTA

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

CHITOSE  
AKITSUSHIMA  
NISSHIN  
NITCHO MARU  
NOTORO  
EINUGASA MARU  
KAGU MARU  
KAMOI  
OKITSU MARU  
JINGEI

6 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

2 submarine tenders incl.

Approx 25 merchant ships (incl. poss. 3 Military Landing Craft Carriers)

8 patrol craft  
6 minelaying craft  
16 sub chasers  
15 M.T.B.'s  
5 Gunboats

Approx 287 shore-based aircraft incl. 74 fighters, 115 H/B, 36 F/B,  
42 F/P, 20 Obsn. or transport aircraft

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

Flotilla Leader

S/P Tenders

ADELAIDE  
TROMP  
HERON  
CHILDS  
W. B. PRESTON  
PELIAS  
HOLLAND

Submarine Tenders

Submarines

On Patrol  
SNAPPER  
SALMON  
SEAL  
SARGO  
THRESHER  
SEADRAGON  
SPEARFISH

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

SKIPJACK  
SHEARAVEN  
SWORNFISH  
SAURY  
SEAWOLF  
GAR

} At Fremantle

GRENADIER  
TAMBOUR  
TAUTOG  
GUDGEON

} At Albany

GRAYBACK  
GRAMPUS

} En route East Coast

Dutch submarines

K.8  
K.12

} At Fremantle

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

CinC 3rd Fleet

CinC Southern Expeditionary Fleet

1 - 8" Cruiser

ASHIGARA

1 Light Cruiser

KASHII

Approx 18 Destroyers

2 Converted S/P Tenders

KENYO MARU  
SOUYOU MARU

Timor

Approx 9 shore-based aircraft including 6 fighters, 3 H/B

Ambon

Approx 32 shore-based aircraft incl. 9 F, 8 H/B, 8 F/B, 7 F/P



BRITISH AND ALLIED FORCES  
British and Allied Forces  
Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

Converted A/C Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Destroyers

Submarines

Enemy Forces

Palao - Formosa - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

5 Battleships (BB)

Aircraft Carriers (CV)

Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)

4 - 8" Cruisers (CA)

1 - 6" Cruiser (CL)

1 S/P Tender (AV)

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 25 destroyers

Approx 20 submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA  
British and Allied Forces  
Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Destroyers

A.M.C.'s

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA  
British and Allied Forces  
8" Cruisers

SOUTH DAKOTA

MARYLAND

COLORADO

IBAHO

MISSISSIPPI

NEW MEXICO

PENNSYLVANIA

SARATOGA

ENTERPRISE

COFAHEE

LONG ISLAND

PORTLAND

NEW ORLEANS

SAN JUAN

RALEIGH

DETROIT

15 (approx)

25 (approx)

CALIFORNIA

TENNESSEE

NEVADA (to be ready  
about 1/10)

WEST VIRGINIA

MUSASHI

FUSO

YAMASHIRO

ISE

HYUGA

HAYATAKA

HITAKA

UEYO

OTAKA (poss. en route Palao-Rabaul)

NACHI

SUZUYA

HAGURO

Unknown new unit Crudiv 7  
("MOGAMI" ?)

NATORI

CHIYODA

OGSHU MARU

FEJIKAWA MARU

KAMIKAWA MARU

HIYOKAWA MARU

WASHINGTON

NORTH CAROLINA

BORNET

WASP

ASTORIA

VINCENNES

MINNEAPOLIS

QUINCY

SAN FRANCISCO

SALT LAKE CITY

NORTHAMPTON

PENSACOLA

CHESTER

CHICAGO

BOISE

HELENA

JUNEAU

SAN DIEGO

ATLANTA

LEANDER

ACHILLES

25 (approx)

MONOWAI

ASCANIA

LOUISVILLE

INDIANAPOLIS



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NASHVILLE

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6" Cruisers

CONCORD  
TRENTON  
RICHMOND

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F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battle ships

WARSPITE REVENGE

VALIANT

RESOLUTION

ILLUSTRIOUS

FORMIDABLE

DEVONSHIRE

GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)

HAWKINS PROBISHER

MAURITIUS

GAMBIA

BIRMINGHAM

GLASGOW

ENTERPRISE

EMERALD

DAUNTLESS

DANAE

DRAGON

CAPETOWN

CERES

CALEDON

SUMATRA (Dutch)

WORCESTERSHIRE

RANCHI

ALANIA

CHITRAL

RANPURA

CANTON

QUEEN OF BERMUDA

CARTHAGE

KANIMBLA

HEEMSKERK

CARLISLE

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

2 7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

Approx 25 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

6-9 Submarines



## DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC &amp; INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

29th September, 1942

## I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED &amp; ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

## A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

## 1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "PHOENIX" "SELFRIDGE" "HENLEY" "HELM") at Cid Harbour (Whitsunday Is.) refuelling and reprovisioning from "BRITISH SAILOR" & "MERKUR". To sail 0600/30 for patrol area via Grafton Passage (ETA 2000/30). "MUGFORD" dep. Townsville 0525/28 to rejoin squadron at 1400/28. "BAGLEY" repairing at Sydney.
- + (ii) "MANGORA" arr. Sydney 1337/27.
- + (iii) "ARMIDALE" "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy UX ("BENJAMIN FRANKLIN" "HENRY D. THOREAU" "GEORGE TAYLOR" "WILLIS VAN DER VENTER") arr. Port Moresby 1714/28.
- + (iv) "STUART" arr. Townsville 0555 yesterday 28/9 with 3 Japanese naval prisoners, including one officer. To proceed Sydney for docking and repairs.
- + (v) "COLAC" escorting Convoy Y ("TASMAN" "KARSIK") en route Milne Bay ETA 1200/30.
- + (vi) "GERLONG" dep. Brisbane 1430/28 escorting Convoy BT6 ("KATOOMBA" "JOHN ASHE") northwards.
- + (vii) "GLITHGOW" escorting "ANEUI" was due Palm Is. 2400/28. "ANEUI" thence Brisbane ETA p.m. 2/10.
- + (viii) "MORESBY" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy GP15 ("AASE MAERSK" "KURUMBA" 6 MV incl. "DILGA" "BAN HONG LIONG" with rations and service stores for Milne Bay, and "ORMISTON" with 419 A.I.F. troops and equipment for Thursday Is.) were to depart Sydney 0830 today 29/9.
- + (ix) "DELOIRINE" "WHYALLA" escorting Convoy 0030 en route Melbourne to Sydney.
- + (x) "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy 0031 was to depart Newcastle yesterday 28/9. "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Sydney section dep. 1320/28 for RV with main convoy.
- + (xi) "VAN HEUTSZ" was to depart Cairns 1500 yesterday 28/9 for Thursday Is. To proceed thence p.m. 30/9 escorted by "CASTLEMAINE" to Red Is., to discharge 250 personnel and equipment. Thence Darwin.
- + (xii) "WARRE" was to depart Brisbane 0600 today 29/9 for Townsville ETA 1600/2/10. Thence Port Moresby.
- + (xiii) "GOOLGWAI" escorting "KINCHELA" en route Newcastle to Brisbane ETA 1200/30.
- + (xiv) "KOOKABURRA" was due Cairns 1300/28. Thence Brisbane for refit via Townsville and Whitsunday Passage.
- + (xv) "FAURO CHIEF" dep. Cairns for Port Moresby and Milne Bay 25/9.
- + (xvi) "MANUNDA" was due Milne Bay 2240/28.
- (xvii) At Sydney - "K.9" "DOBBIN WILCANNIA" "HECOOME" "TAMWORTH" "BUNGAREE" "PINOW" "TULSA" "MILDURA" "SAWLER" "DUBBO" "MIZAR" Repairing - "LE TRIOMPHANT" "BAGLEY" "BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA" "PATTERSON"
- (xviii) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "DOOMBA" Repairing - "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xix) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "BUNDABERG" "GOULBURN"
- (xx) At Adelaide - "CESSNOCK"
- (xxi) At Townsville - "KATOOMBA" "BENDIGO"
- (xxii) At Cairns - "ARUNTA"
- (xxiii) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA"
- (xxiv) At Port Moresby - "CASTLEMAINE" "ARCONA" "PAINE WINGATE" "JOSEPH LAMB"
- (xxv) At Milne Bay - "WARREGO" "BIDELIA" "ISLANDER" "sJACOB"

Enemy Forces

- (i) BUIH-FAISI - Only two ships were at the Buin - Faisi - Tonolei Harbor base during the morning 28/9, a probable seaplane tender at Faisi and a medium cargo vessel near Tonolei. A destroyer and transport were sighted by aircraft 47 miles West of Mano Is. (Treasury Is.) on course 090° at 1120, and several groups of warships and auxiliaries were sighted off the east coast of Bougainville, most of which appear to have returned to the base during the afternoon, making a total of 29 vessels, probably constituted as follows -



- 3 light cruisers (one "SENDAI", 2 "TENRYU" class)
- 16 destroyers
- 1 minelayer
- 1 gunboat
- 1 tanker
- 7 merchant vessels (incl. 3/P Tenders & supply ships)

The disappearance of the three heavy cruisers which have been operating in the area, and the sighting of 4 heavy cruisers at Rabaul yesterday 28/9, suggests that these vessels may have changed their base, at least temporarily, following the successful allied air attacks on shipping at Faisi.

At least one of the heavy cruisers, however, appears to have moved to Buka Passage where a very large warship, believed to be a cruiser, was observed approaching the eastern entrance at 1911/28.

- (ii) RABAU - 41 vessels were reported by recon aircraft 28/9 in Rabaul Harbour, or in the vicinity, as follows -
  - 4 heavy cruisers
  - 12 light cruisers or destroyers
  - 2 destroyers
  - 1 possible seaplane tender
  - 20 merchant vessels (transports & cargo-vessels)
  - 2 tankers
- (iii) WEWAK - An unidentified destroyer (900 tons) was observed off Aitape (85 miles W.F.W. Wewak) on an easterly course at 1415/28.
- (iv) MANNING STRAIT (Choiseul - Ysabel Is.) - An enemy destroyer with 2 cargo vessels was reported at anchor 5 miles north of Sikopo Is. at 0745/28.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "MANTBOROUGH" was due Fremantle 0600 today 29/9.
- (ii) At Fremantle - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "K.8" "K.12" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "CAIRNS" "BENGAL" "TOOWOOMBA" "WOLLONGONG" "IPSWICH" "VALLAROO" "BURNIE" "LARK" "ERLING BROVIG" "W.B. HESION"
- (iii) At Albany - "PELIAS" "WHIPPOORWILL"
- (iv) At Darwin - "WARRNAMBOOL" "KALGOORLIE"
- (v) At Exmouth Gulf - "HERON" "CHILDS"

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

AMBON - One 1500 ton vessel was observed 10 miles West of Ambon on course 090° at 1230/28.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) At Espiritu Santo - "STERETT" "CLARK" "NICHOLAS" "BALLARD" "TRACY" "MACKINAC" "CURTISS" "HERCULES" "GAMBLE" "BETELGEUSE" "BREESE" "POMALHAUT"
- (ii) At Tongatabu - "NORTH CAROLINA" "AYLWIN" "STACK" "SABINE" "VESTAL" "SUMNER" "TALAMANCA"
- (iii) At Samoa - "HOVEY" "TURKEY" "BRAZOS" "CAMANGA" "CHESTNUT" "E.A. POE" "LACKAWANNA" "TAPPAHANNOCK" "CRESCENT CITY" "BOBALINK" "STRATFORD"
- (iv) At Suva - "CHICAGO" "DALE" "CATALPA" "MAJABA"
- (v) At Auckland - "ACHILLES" "MONOWAI" "RIGEL" "ALSEY" "ATREUS" "EBONY" "NEVILLE" "RAINIER"
- (vi) At Noumea - "HORNET" "NORTHAMPTON" "PENSACOLA" "SAN DIEGO" "JUNEAU" "MORRIS" "ANDERSON" "HUGHES" "MUSTIN" "RUSSELL" "BARTON" "HEADS" "FULLER" "KINGFISHER" "ARGONNE" "WHITNEY" "ANTARES" "MANLEY" "McKEAN" "KANKAKU" "ARCTIC" "WALKE" "VIREO" "LASSEN" "CIMARRON" "HAMMONDS PORT" "JUPITER" "O'BRIEN" "NAVAJO" "McCAWLEY" "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "PRESIDENT JACKSON" "ALCHIBA" "STRINGHAM" "BELLATRIX" "JAMESTOWN" "PRESIDENT HAYES" "HULL" "McFARLAND" "ZEILIN"
- (vii) At Vila - "KANAWHA"
- (viii) At Wellington - "AMERICAN LEGION" "HUNTER LEGGETT"
- (ix) At Bora Bora - "FLETCHER" "O'BANNON" "TERN"
- (x) Guadalcanal area - "MONSSEN" "ALHENA"



Enemy Forces

NEW HEBRIDES - A possible submarine was reported in Selwyn Strait (Ambrym Is. and Pentecost Is.) on 28/9.

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

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "WANGANELLA" dep. Suez 12/9 with 500 invalids for Australia and New Zealand.
- (ii) "KANIMBLA" was to depart Ceylon for Fremantle 23/9.

Enemy Forces

There were indications of an enemy submarine in position 1°N, 78°E (approx 340 miles SSW Dundra Head, Ceylon) 27/9. At least 2 other Japanese submarines are believed to be operating at present in the Indian Ocean, probably in the Gulf of Aden.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

Summary Enemy Shipping Losses from Air Attacks in the New Britain - Solomons area -- As from 21/9.

PROBABLY SUNK

1 transport or cargo vessel	Shortlands Area	24/9
1 large transport	Shortlands Area	26/9

DAMAGED

1 large unidentified vessel *	Rabaul Harbour	22/9
1 8,000 ton cargo vessel	Rabaul Harbour	24/9
1 large unidentified vessel *	Rabaul Harbour	24/9
1 heavy cruiser	Shortlands Area	25/9
1 seaplane tender	Shortlands area	25/9
1 heavy cruiser	Shortlands area	26/9
1 unidentified vessel	Rabaul Harbour	26/9
1 <del>large</del> unidentified transport	Rabaul Harbour	26/9
1 500 ton M.V.	Trobriands area	26/9
1 12/15000 ton cargo vessel	Rabaul Harbour	27/9

\* - Possibly same vessel attacked twice

SUMMARY

Probably Sunk

2 large merchant ships

Damaged

- 2 heavy cruisers
- 1 seaplane tender
- 1 12/15,000 ton cargo vessel
- 1 8,000 ton cargo vessel
- 2 large unidentified vessels
- 2 unidentified vessels
- 1 small merchant ship

(ii) FIJI - On 27/9 A German mine was reported ashore on an island in the Lau Group (E. Group Fiji Is.).

3 AIR OPERATIONS - 28/9

- (i) BUIN - 3 Catalinas attacked Kihili aerodrome. No results observed.
- (ii) LAE - 1 Portress attacked aerodrome. Damage unknown
- (iii) BUNA-KOKODA - 2 attacks were made on barges in the Buna-Gona area and supply dumps and buildings on the Buna-Kokoda road by 3 Beaufighters, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ and 20 Kittihawks. One loaded barge destroyed, 4 fires started. 12 Aircobras attacked Wairope Bridge and buildings in the area. Very little damage.

ENEMY

Unidentified aircraft were reported over Reketa Bay and north of Vella Lavella.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Continued night infiltration on Guadalcanal by means of destroyers and submarines from the Buin - Faisi - Tonolei Harbour base.
- (ii) Heavy naval and air counter-attacks against allied positions in the Solomons, with a view to re-occupation of Guadalcanal.
- (iii) Heavy attack and attempt at consolidation Milne Bay - Buna area.
- (iv) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (v) Intensified submarine activity in the S.W.P.A.

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruiser

6" Cruisers

Flotilla Leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

Dutch Submarine

A.M.C.'s

Submarine Tender

Destroyer Tender

Storeships

Gunboat

Oiler

Enemy Forces

Truk - Jaluit - New Britain - Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet

CinC 2nd Fleet

CinC 8th Fleet

CinC 1st Air Fleet

CinC 4th Fleet

CinC 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet)

3 Battleships (BB)

4 Battlecruisers (BB)

Aircraft Carriers (CV)

Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

9 Heavy Cruisers (CA)

12 Light Cruisers (CL)  
(2 prob. damaged)

Effective

AUSTRALIA

PHOENIX

HOBART

ARUNTA

STUART

SELFRIDGE

MUGFORD

HENLEY

HELM

GRAMPUS

GRAYBACK

GUDGEON

S.37

S.40

S.42

S.45

S.47

STURGEON

SAILFISH

SCULPIN

S.43

S.44

S.46

K.9

WESTRALIA

MANOORA

GRIFFIN

DOBBIN

MIZAR

TULSA

Refitting or Repairing

LE TRIOMPHANT

PATTERSON

BAGLEY

En route Albany to Brisbane

At Brisbane

On Patrol

At Sydney

GOLDSTAR

VICTORIA

Striking Force Units

(possibly identical) Air Transports

(poss. "UNYO") (Fleet Oiler & A/C Transport)

HOSHO

YAMATO

MUTSU

NAGATO

KIRISHIMA

HIYEI

KONGO

HARUNA

SHOKAKU

ZUIKAKU

KASUGA MARU

OTAKA

YAWATA MARU

NISSHIN MARU

TONE

TIKUMA

KUMANO

FURUTAKA

KINUGASA or AOBA

ATAGO

TAKAO

CHOKAI

KASHIMA

KATORI

JINTSU

SENDAI

NAKA

YUBARI

ISUZU



Light Cruisers (contd)

Also  
YURA  
NAGARA  
TENRYU  
TATSUTA

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

CHITOSE  
AKITSUSHIMA  
NISSEI  
NITCHO MARU  
NOTORO  
KINUGASA MARU  
KAGU MARU  
KAMOJ  
OKITSU MARU  
JINGEI

6 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

2 submarine tenders incl.

Approx 25 merchant ships (incl. poss. 3 Military Landing Craft Carriers)

8 Patrol Craft  
6 Minelaying Craft  
16 Sub Chasers  
15 M.T.B.'s  
5 Gunboats

Approx 279 shore-based aircraft incl. 72 fighters, 115 H/B, 36 F/B,  
36 F/P, 20 Obsn. or transport aircraft

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers  
Flotilla Leader  
S/P Tenders

ADELAIDE  
TROMP  
HERON  
CHILDS  
W.B. PRESTON

Submarine Tenders

PELIAS  
HOLLAND  
On Patrol

Submarines

SNAPPER  
SALMON  
SEAL  
SARGO  
THRESHER  
SEADRAGON  
SPEARFISH  
SKIPJACK  
SRARAVEN

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

SWORDFISH )  
SAURK ) At Fremantle  
SEAWOLF )  
GAR )  
GRENADIER )  
TAMBOUR ) At Albany  
TAUTOG )  
K.8 )  
K.12 ) At Fremantle

Dutch Submarines

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

CINC 3rd Fleet

CINC Southern Expeditionary Fleet

1 - 8" Cruiser

ASHIGARA  
KASHII

1 Light Cruiser

Approx 16 Destroyers

2 Converted S/P Tenders

KENYO MARU  
SOUYOU MARU

Timor

Approx 12 shore-based aircraft including 6 fighters, 6 H/B

Ambon

Approx 32 shore-based aircraft incl. 9 F, 8 H/B, 8 F/B, 7 F/P



B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA  
British and Allied Forces  
Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

Converted A/C Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Destroyers

Submarines

Enemy Forces

Palao - Formosa - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

5 Battleships (BB)

Aircraft Carriers (CV)

Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)

4 - 8" Cruisers (CA)

1 - 6" Cruiser (CL)

1 S/P Tender (AV)

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 30 Destroyers

Approx 14 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA  
British and Allied Forces  
Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Destroyers

A.M.C.'s

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA  
British and Allied Forces  
8" Cruisers

SOUTH DAKOTA

MARYLAND

COLORADO

IDAHO

MISSISSIPPI

NEW MEXICO

PENNSYLVANIA

SARATOGA

ENTERPRISE

COPAHNE

LONG ISLAND

PORTLAND

NEW ORLEANS

SAN JUAN

RALEIGH

DETROIT

15 (approx)

23 (approx)

MUSASHI

FUSO

YAMASHIRO

ISE

HYUGA

HAYATAKA

HITAKA

ZUIHO

UNYO (poss. ex "YAWATA MARU") en route

NACHI

SUZUYA (Truk)

HAGURO

unknown new unit Grudiv 7

("MOGAMI" ?)

NATORI

CHIYODA

GOSHU MARU

FUJINAWA MARU

KAMIKAWA MARU

KIYOKAWA MARU

WASHINGTON

NORTH CAROLINA

HORNET

WASP

ASTORIA

VINCENNES

MINNEAPOLIS

QUINDY

SAN FRANCISCO

SALT LAKE CITY

NORTHAMPTON

PENNSACOLA

CHESTER

CHICAGO

BOISE

HELENA

JUNEAU

SAN DIEGO

ATLANTA

LEANDER

ACHILLES

25 (approx)

MONOWAI

ASCANIA

LOUISVILLE

INDIANAPOLIS

CALIFORNIA

TENNESSEE

NEVADA (to be ready  
about 1/10)

WEST VIRGINIA



6" Cruisers

HONOLULU  
ST. LOUIS  
NASHVILLE

15 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians

3 Light Cruisers

ABUKUMA  
TAMA  
KISO

Approx 4 Destroyers

Approx 20 Submarines

1st Base Force

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) ?

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

CONCORD  
TRENTON  
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

WARSPITE  
VALIANT  
RESOLUTION  
ILLUSTRIOUS  
FORMIDABLE  
DEVONSHIRE  
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)  
HAWKINS  
MAURITIUS  
GAMBIA  
BIRMINGHAM  
GLASGOW  
ENTERPRISE  
EMERALD  
DAUNTLESS  
DANA  
DRAGON  
CAPETOWN  
CERES  
CALEDON  
SUMATRA (Dutch)  
WORCESTERSHIRE  
RANCHI  
ALAUNIA  
CHITRAL  
RANPURA  
CANTON  
QUEEN OF BERMUDA  
CARTHAGE  
KANIMBLA  
HEEMSKERK  
CARL ISLE

REVENGE  
PROBISHER

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

Approx 25 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

5 Submarines



DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

30th September, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "PHOENIX" "SELFRIDGE" "MUGFORD" "HENLEY" "HELM") was to depart Cid Harbour (Whitsunday Is.) 0800 today 30/9 after refuelling and reprovioning from "BRITISH SAILOR" & "MERKUR". To arrive Grafton Passage 2000. Thence patrol area.
- (ii) "STUART" dep. Townsville 0601 yesterday 29/9 for Sydney for docking and repairs ETA 1700/1/10.
- (iii) "COLAC" escorting Convoy Y ("TASMAN" "KARSIK") en route Milne Bay ETA 1200 today 30/9.
- (iv) "GHELONG" escorting Convoy BT6 ("KATOOMBA" "JOHN ASHE") to Capricorn Channel dep. Brisbane 28/9 ETA Townsville - "KATOOMBA" 0815/1/10, "JOHN ASHE" 1115/1/10.
- (v) "LITHDOW" escorting "ANHUI" arr. Townsville 1029/29. "ANHUI" thence Brisbane ETA p.m. 2/10
- (vi) "MORESBY" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy GP15 ("AASE NAERSK" "KURUMBA", 8 MV incl. "DILGA" "BAN HONG LIONG" with rations and service stores for Milne Bay, and "ORMISTON" with 410 A.I.F. troops and equipment for Thursday Is.) dep. Sydney 1301 yesterday 29/9 ETA Caloundra 2100/1/10.
- (vii) "DELORAINE" "WHYALLA" escorting Convoy OC30 arr. Sydney 1510/29. "DELORAINE" arr. Sydney 0010/30 having escorted portion of convoy to Newcastle.
- (viii) "TOWNSVILLE" & "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Convoy C031 (18 MV) en route Sydney to Melbourne.
- (ix) "VAN HEUTSZ" was to depart Cairns 1500/yesterday 29/9 for Thursday Is. To proceed thence p.m. 30/9 escorted by "CASTLEMAINE" to Thursday Is. to discharge 250 personnel and equipment. Thence Darwin. "CASTLEMAINE" dep. Port Moresby 1006/29.
- (x) "WARRE" dep. Brisbane 0918/29 for Townsville ETA 1600/2/10. Thence Port Moresby.
- (xi) "GOOLGWAI" escorting "KINCHELA" en route Newcastle to Brisbane ETA 1200/30.
- (xii) "KOOKABURRA" arr. Cairns 2010/29. Thence Brisbane for refit via Townsville and Whitsunday Passage.
- (xiii) "PAURO CHIEF" dep. Cairns for Port Moresby & Milne Bay 25/9, but returned to Cooktown having made water rapidly in heavy weather.
- (xiv) "MANUNDA" arr. Milne Bay 1600/29.
- (xv) "SWAN" was to proceed from Townsville with despatch for Sydney,
- (xvi) "MULIAMA" arr. Cairns 1255/29.
- (xvii) "ULLADULLA" dep. Cairns 1130/29 for Port Moresby.
- (xviii) "BLACK" (U.S. Launch) dep. Cairns 1200/29 for Daru and Moresby.
- (xix) At Sydney - "MANGORA" "K.9" "DOBBIN" "WILCANNIA" "BROOME" "TAMWORTH" "DELORAINE" "WHYALLA" "BUNGAREE" "PINGWO" "TULSA" "MILDURA" "SAWLER" "DUBBO" "MIZAR" Repairing - "LE TRIOMPHANT" "BAGLEY" "BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA" "PATTERSON"
- (xx) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "DOOMBA" Repairing - "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xxi) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "BUNDABERG" "GOULBURN"
- (xxii) At Adelaide - "CESSNOCK"
- (xxiii) At Townsville - "KATOOMBA" "BENDIGO"
- (xxiv) At Cairns - "ARUNTA"
- (xxv) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA"
- (xxvi) At Port Moresby - "ARMIDALE" "BALLARAT" "BENJAMIN FRANKLIN" "ARCONA" "H.D. THOREAU" "GEORGE TAYLOR" "WILLIS VAN DER VEEN" "VENTER" "JOSEPH LANE"
- (xxvii) At Milne Bay - "WARREGO" "MANUNDA" "BIDELIA" "ISLANDER" "JACOB"

Enemy Forces

- (i) BUIN-FATSI-TONOLEI HARBOR - Reports from this area yesterday 29/9 are inconclusive because of poor visibility. At 0940/29 the following vessels were visible off Kihili (Buin area)



- 1 prob. 2 light cruisers ("TATSUTA" class)
- 12 destroyers
- 1 tanker
- 3 supply ships

Faisi was not visible at this time.

(iii) A later report at 1150/29 from a B.17 reported nil sightings in this area but the aircraft was 15 miles out at a height of 22,500 ft. while cumulous clouds interfered with observation. The ~~xxxx~~ same B.17 reported one heavy cruiser 84 miles WNW Buin at 1233/29, course 133°.

(ii) BUKA - Reports indicate the presence of possibly two heavy cruisers, one probable seaplane tender and one destroyer in this area on 28/9. One possibly two heavy cruisers were observed to enter Kessa (Queen Carola Harbour) at 1400/28 having arr. possibly from the north. One of these vessels was seen at dusk 28/9 off the eastern end of Buka Passage but was not observed in the area on 29/9. A destroyer and a possible seaplane tender ("CHITOSE" type) were sighted at 1536/28 in Buka Passage. a.m. 29/9 a large vessel was observed at Kessa and 2 destroyers reported in Buka Passage but no further report was received on the destroyer and possible seaplane tender seen in the Passage on 28/9.

(iii) STEFFEN STRAIT (Kavieng Area) - At 1028/29 three vessels were reported by air recce to be stationary in Steffen Strait. Analysis of photographs of these vessels indicates that they were two probable seaplane tenders and one 7,000 ton transport. The photographs also revealed a 4,000 ton merchant vessel and another small vessel in Kavieng Harbour.

(iv) RABAU - Analysis of photographs of shipping in portion of Simpson Harbour at 1213/28 reveals

- 2 light cruisers
- 8 destroyers
- 2 S/P Tenders
- 2 probable S/P Tenders
- 17 merchant vessels
- 1 unidentified type vessel.

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The visual reports of ~~xxxx~~ sightings at this time reported a total of 33 vessels in the Harbour including 3 heavy cruisers. In addition, one heavy cruiser was reported to be 6 miles South of Rabaul.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

(i) "MARYBOROUGH" arr. Fremantle 0035/29.

(ii) At Fremantle - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "K.8" "K.12" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "CAIRNS" "BENGAL" "TOOWOMBA" "WOLLONGONG" "IPSWICH" "WALLAROO" "BURNIE" "LARK" "ERLING BROVIC" "W.B. PRESTON"

(iii) At Albany - "PELIAS" "WHIPPOORWILL"

(iv) At Darwin - "WARRNAMBOOL" "KALGOORLIE"

(v) At Exmouth Gulf - "MERON" "CHILDS"

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

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C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

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(ii) At Tongatabu - "NORTH CAROLINA" "AYLWIN" "STACK" "SABINE" "VESTAL" "SUMNER" "TALAMANCA"

(iii) At Samoa - "HOVEY" "TURKEY" "BRAZOS" "CAMANGA" "CHESTNUT" "E.A. POE" "LACKAWANNA" "TAPPANNOCK" "CRESCENT CITY" "BOBALINK" "STRATFORD"

(iv) At Suva - "DALE" "CATALPA" "MAJABA"

(v) At Auckland - "ACHILLES" "MONOWAI" "RIGEL" "ALSEY" "ATREUS" "EBONY" "NEVILLE" "RAINIER"



(vi) At Noumea - "HORNET" "NORTHAMPTON" "PENSACOLA" "SAN DIEGO" "JUNEAU"  
"MORRIS" "ANDERSON" "HUGHES" "MUSTIN" "HESSELL" "BARTON"  
"MEADE" "FULLER" "KINGFISHER" "ARGONNE" "WHITNEY" "ANTARES"  
"MANLEY" "McKEAN" "KANAKAKU" "ARCTIC" "WALKE" "VIREO" "LASSEN"  
"CIMARRON" "HAMMONDS PORT" "JUPITER" "O'BRIEN" "NAVAJO"  
"McCAWLEY" "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "PRESIDENT JACKSON" "ALCHIBA"  
"STRINGHAM" "BELLATRIX" "JAMESTOWN" "PRESIDENT HAYES" "HULL"  
"McFARLAND" "ZEILIN" "GUADALOUPE" "MacDONOUGH"

(vii) At Vila - "KANAWHA"

(viii) At Wellington - "AMERICAN LEGION" "HUNTER LEGGETT"

(ix) At Bora Bora - "FLETCHER" "O'HANNON" "TERN"

Enemy Forces

- (i) KURIA - It is reported that at 0810/28 two Japanese warships arr.  
at Kuria Island and landed men there.
- (ii) LAU GROUP (Fiji Is.) - A report timed 1203/27 states that a mine  
has been located off the Lau Group. The mine was brown in  
colour, number of horns unknown, and had apparently been recently  
laid.

B) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "WANGANELLA" dep. Suez 12/9 with 500 invalids for Australia and  
New Zealand.
- (ii) "KANIMBLA" was to depart Ceylon for Fremantle 23/9.

Enemy Forces

CEYLON - At 2400/28 there were indications of an enemy submarine in the  
vicinity of position 2°N, 83°E (290 miles SSE of Dondra Head.)

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

The following is a summary of enemy air activity against "VOYAGER" off  
Betano (Timor) -

- 22/9 - One medium bomber carried out a recce from 10,000 ft.
- 23/9 - One T.98 Mitsubishi Mitsui 104, carried out recce from 2,000 ft.
- 24/9 - One T.97 Mitsubishi Dairai 108, and a light bomber reconnoitred  
the vessel from 600 ft. A Zero at 15,000 ft provided top  
cover.
- Later 3 Type 1 Mitsubishi Heavy Bombers escorted by 2 Zero's  
made several dummy runs, then 5 separate bombing runs from  
3,000 ft. dropping 250 kilogram bombs, scoring one direct hit  
in the boiler room of "VOYAGER" and several damaging near misses.
- Two Type 97 - Mitsubishi Dairai 108 - followed up with sticks of  
bombs along the shore.
- 25/9 - Before dawn the enemy carried out a recce.  
At 0805 one Zero strafed from 100 ft.  
One A/C thought to be a T.97 twin engined flying boat was  
observed flying high out to sea.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

- (i) SALAMAUVA - 1 B.17 bombed aerodrome at 1148/29 with unobserved result
- (ii) BUNA - 2 B.17's bombed barges at Buna at 1815/29 destroying 6  
barges and one A.A. position.
- (iii) MENARI - 2 A.20's bombed enemy camps at Menari Village at 0805/29,  
results unobserved.

ENEMY

BETANO (Timor) - One enemy bomber bombed Betano on 28/9.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Continued night infiltration on Guadalcanal by means of destroyers  
and submarines from the Buin - Faisi - Tonolet Harbour base.
- (ii) Heavy naval and air counter-attacks against allied positions in the  
Solomons, with a view to re-occupation of Guadalcanal.
- (iii) Heavy attack and attempt at consolidation Milne Bay - Buna area.
- (iv) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (v) Intensified submarine activity in the S.W.P.A.

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For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.



A P P E N D I X  
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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

<u>British and Allied Forces</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
8" Cruiser	AUSTRALIA	
6" Cruisers	PHOENIX	
	ROBART	
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA	LE TRIOMPHANT
	STUART	
	SELFRIDGE	
Destroyers	MUGFORD	PATTERSON
	HENLEY	BAGLEY
	HELM	
Submarines	GRAMPUS )	
	GRAYBACK )	En route Albany to Brisbane
	GUDGEON )	
	S.37 )	
	S.40 )	
	S.42 )	At Brisbane
	S.45 )	
	S.47 )	
	STURGEON )	
	SAILFISH )	
	SCULPIN )	
	S.43 )	On Patrol
	S.44 )	
	S.46 )	
Dutch Submarine	K.9	At Sydney
A.W.C.'s	WESTRALIA	
	MANOORA	
Submarine Tender	GRIFFIN	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Storeships	MIZAR	GOLDSTAR
Gunboat	TULSA	
Oiler		VICTORIA

Enemy Forces

Truke-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet		
CinC 2nd Fleet		
CinC 8th Fleet		
CinC 1st Air Fleet		
CinC 4th Fleet		
CinC 8th Fleet (Submarine Fleet)		
3 Battle ships (BB)	YAMATO	
	MUTSU	
	NAGATO	
4 Battlecruisers (BB)	KIRISEIMA	
	HIYEI	
	KONGO	
	HARUNA	
Aircraft Carriers (CV)	SHOKAKU )	Striking Force Units
	ZUIKAKU )	
Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	HOSHO	
	KASUGA MARU ) (possibly )	Air Trans- ports
	OTAKA ) identical) )	
	YAWATA MARU (poss "UNYO") )	
	NISSHIN MARU (Fleet Oiler & A/C Transport	
9 Heavy Cruisers (CA)	STONE	
(2 prob. damaged)	TIKUMA	
	KUMANO	
	ATAGO <small>CHOKAI</small>	
	TAKAO	
	MYOKO	
	FURUTAKA	
	KINUGASA or AOBA	
12 Light Cruisers (CL)	KASHIMA	
(2 prob. damaged)	KATORI	
	JINTSU	
	SENDAI	
	NAKA	
	YUBARI	
	ISUZU	



Light Cruisers (Contd)

KINU  
YURA  
NAGARA  
TENRYU  
TATSUTA

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

CHITOSE  
AKITSUBHIMA  
NISSEIN  
NITCHO MARU  
NOTORO  
KINUGASA MARU  
KAGU MARU  
KAMOJ  
OKITSU MARU

6 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

JINGEI

2 submarine tenders incl. Approx 25 merchant ships (incl. poss. 3 Military Landing Craft Carriers)

8 Patrol Craft  
6 Minelaying Craft  
16 Sub Chasers  
15 M.T.B.'s  
5 Gunboats

Approx 252 shore-based aircraft incl. 68 fighters, 108 H/B, 36 F/B, 20 F/P, 20 Obsn. or transport aircraft

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers  
Flotilla Leader  
S/P Tenders

ADELAIDE  
TROMP  
HERON  
CHILDS  
W.B. PRESTON

Submarine Tenders

PELIAS  
HOLLAND  
On Patrol

Submarines

SNAPPER  
SALMON  
SEAL  
SARGO  
THRESHER  
SEADRAGON  
SPEARFISH  
SKIPJACK  
SEARAVEN

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

SWORDFISH }  
SAURY } At Fremantle  
SEAWOLF }  
GAR }

GRENADIER }  
TAMBOR } At Albany  
TAUTOG }

Dutch Submarines

K.8 )  
K.12 ) At Fremantle

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

CinC 3rd Fleet

CinC Southern Expeditionary Fleet

1 - 8" Cruisers ASHIGARA  
1 Light Cruiser KASHII

Approx 16 Destroyers

2 Converted S/P Tenders KENYO MARU  
SOUYOU MARU

Timor

Approx 12 shore-based aircraft including 6 fighters, 6 H/B

Ambon

Approx 32 shore-based aircraft incl. 9 F, 8 H/B, 8 F/B, 7 F/P



B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA  
British and Allied Forces  
Battleships

Aircraft Carriers  
Converted A/C Carriers  
8" Cruisers  
6" Cruisers

Destroyers  
Submarines  
Enemy Forces

Palao - Formosa - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

5 Battleships (BB)

Aircraft Carriers (CV)

Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)  
4 - 8" Cruisers

1 - 6" Cruiser (CL)  
1 S/P Tender (AV)  
Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)  
Approx 30 Destroyers  
Approx 14 submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA  
British and Allied Forces  
Battleships

Aircraft Carriers  
8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Destroyers  
A.M.C.'s

SOUTH DAKOTA  
MARYLAND  
COLORADO  
IDAHO  
MISSISSIPPI  
NEW MEXICO  
PENNSYLVANIA  
SARATOGA  
ENTERPRISE  
COPAHEE  
LONG ISLAND  
PORTLAND  
NEW ORLEANS  
SAN JUAN  
RALEIGH  
DETROIT  
15 (approx)  
23 (approx)

CALIFORNIA  
TENNESSEE  
NEVADA (to be ready  
about 1/10)  
WEST VIRGINIA

MUSASHI  
FUSO  
YAMASHIRO  
ISE  
HYUGA  
HAYATAKA  
HITAKA  
ZUIHO  
UNYO (poss.ex YAWATA MARU) enroute Truk  
NAGHI  
SUZUYA  
HAGURO  
unknown new unit Crudiv 7  
("MOGAMI" ?)

NATORI  
CHIYODA  
GOSHU MARU  
FUJIMAWA MARU  
KAMIKAWA MARU

WASHINGTON  
NORTH CAROLINA  
HORNET  
WASP  
ASTORIA  
VINCENNES  
MINNEAPOLIS  
QUINCY  
SAN FRANCISCO  
SALT LAKE CITY  
NORTHAMPTON  
PENSACOLA  
CHESTER  
CHICAGO  
BOISE  
HELENA  
JUNEAU  
SAN DIEGO  
ATLANTA  
DEANDER  
ACHILLES  
25 (approx)  
MONOWAI  
ASCANIA

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA  
British and Allied Forces  
8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE  
INDIANAPOLIS



6" Cruisers

HONOLULU  
ST. LOUIS  
NASHVILLE

15 Destroyers  
10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians

3 Light Cruisers  
ABUKUMA  
TAMA  
KISO

Approx 4 Destroyers  
Approx 20 Submarines  
1st Base Force  
Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) ?

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA  
British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers  
CONCORD  
TRENTON  
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA  
British and Allied Forces

Battleships  
WARSPITE  
VALIANT  
RESOLUTION  
ILLUSTRIOUS  
FORMIDABLE  
DEVONSHIRE  
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)  
HAWKINS  
MAURITIUS  
GAMBIA  
BIRMINGHAM  
GLASGOW  
ENTERPRISE  
EMERALD  
DAUNTLESS  
DANAE  
DRAGON  
CAPETOWN  
CERES  
CALEDON  
SUMATRA (Dutch)  
WORCESTERSHIRE  
RANCHI  
ALA UNIA  
CHITRAL  
RAHPURA  
GANTON  
QUEEN OF BERMUDA  
CARTHAGE  
KANIMBLA  
HEMSKERK  
CARLISLE

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

Approx 25 Destroyers  
Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Approx 5 Submarines