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•	(a) At Sea to 1200/1:
(7) (8) (9) (10) (11)	"HENLEY" due Milne Bay after escort duty to Beli Beli. "BENALLA" "SHEPPARTON" departed Milne Bay 0600/31 for survey ground "HELM" "PC.1119" escorting Convey MF.43 ("CANBERRA" "KATOOMBA") departed Port Moresby 1730/30 for Town sville ETA 1930/1. "YP.291" departed Townsville 1246/31 for Brisbane ETA 1159/4.
(20)	(b) In Harbour:
	Suna - Warships & Aux "SC.698" "SC.699" "SC.705" "HILO" (PG) Merchant Vessels: "HANYANG" "SIBIGO" "JUNIPERO SERRA' "OZARK" Ore Bay - Warships & Aux "YMS.72" Merchant Vessels: "ESTHER JOHNSON" "JAPARA" "COMARA" "ALAMO" "ADONIRAM JUDSON" "JOHN WHITEAKER"
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- Warships & Aux. -"WMS.53" Beli Beli Merchant Vessels: "B.M.SHAW" "ANDREW D.WHITE" - Warships & Aux. - "MAHAN" "SMITH" "PERKINS" Milne Bay "FLUSSER" "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "LAMSON" "DRAYTON" "CONYNGHAM" "REID" (DD) "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" "GILMER" (APD) "TULSA" (PG) SC.648 SC.731 SC.734 SC.742 SC.744 SC+637 \$6.745 SC.048 SC.747 SC.744 SC.742 SC.744 SC.745 SC.746 BC.747 SC.749 SC.982 YMS.11 YMS.49 YMS.50 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.70 YMS.71 YP.233 YP.280 33 PTs ML.425 ML.427 ML.817 "WESTRALIA" (APA) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "POYANG" "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "TRINITY" (AO) "RIGEL" (AR) (Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN,) Merchant Vessels: "KARSIK" "JOSIAH ROYCE" "WILLIS DEVENTER" "S. HALL YOUNG" "VAN SWOLL" "CAPE GREIG" "ANSON BURLINGHAME" "CAFE ANNE" "ANHUI" "HANYANG" Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "LE TRIOMPHANT" Merchant Vessels: "KHOEN HOEA" "GEO.EASTMAN" "ADMIRAL CHASE" "VAN DEN BOSCH" "CREMER" "JOSIAH EARL" "J.W.GRIMES" "COLAC" "DILGA" "C.P.STEIN-METZ" "W.E.CHANNING" "SUVA" "JOHN CARROLL" "ELIZABETH BLACKWELL" Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL" "FREMANTLE" (AMS) YP.291 YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "KATOOMBA" (AMS) SC.738 SC.750 SC.981 ML.426 ML.428 1 PT "PLATYPUS" (AR) Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "WARRAMUNGA" (DD) "PIRIE" "WAGGA" "KAPUNDA" (AMS) SC.736 "BISHOPDALE" (AO) Warships & Aux. - "SC.732" "DOBBIN" (AD) ckay - Warships & Aux. - "SC.732" "DOBBIN" (AD) adstone - Warships & Aux. - "GEELONG" "LITHGON" (AMS) isbane - Warships & Aux. - "STUART" (DD) PC.479 PC.1121 SC.650 SC.735 SC.741 YP.236 YP.273 YP.279 YP.283 YMS.9 YMS.10 ML.429 ML.816 HL.818 "SUSQUENANNA" "KURUMEA" (AO) "MIZAR" (AF) "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "FULTON" "OTUS" (AS) (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WARREGO" (DE) "WMYALLA" (AMS) Mackay Gladstone Brisbane

(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "STUART" escorting "OTUS" (for Townsville) to depart Calcundra 1600/1. To provide escort to Lady Elliott Island and return Brisbane.

(2) "SC.650" "SC.735" escerting Convoy QL9A (3 vessels including "SUSQUEHANNA") to depart Calcundra 1730/1. To provide escort to Lady Elliott Island and return Brisbane.

#### (11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Santa Ysabel - Rekata Bay was bombed approx 1600/30 by two Liberators which failed to reach their primary target -Kahili. No anti-aircraft fire was encountered. This report strengthens the possibility that Rekata Bay may have been evacuated.

Also on 30 August an enemy aircraft probably on photographic reconnaissance was shot down by a Corsair over southern Santa Ysabel.

(2) Kolomban gara Area - The allied advance across Arundel Island continued on 30 August. Local sources report, however, that small parties of Japanese are still located along the N.W. coast of Kolombangara. Of this coast, PT boats attacked and damaged 2 barges during the night 29-30 August.

- (3) Vella La Ila Local sources report between 100 and 200 Japanese, some unarmed, were at Simbilando Plantation (S.W.coast) on 30 August. Off the N.E. and east coast, 2 barges and one small ship were set optime by Corsairs p.m. 29 August and early next morning a 70 ft. barge loaded with cargo was sunk by PT boats.
- (4) Choiseul During the night 29-30 August a cargo vessels, probably small, was contacted by a Catalina off Choiseul on a southerly course.
- (5) <u>Buin Base</u> Early a.m. 30 August, 5 vessels were contacted dispersed just north of Bougainville Strait by patrol Liberators. A hit was claimed on one vessel. At 1620/30, 24 Liberators escorted by 44 fighters attacked Kahili Strip and many bombs fell along the runway.

attacked Kahili Strip and many bombs fell along the runway. 50-60 enemy fighters were encountered in anaxamenned a running combat to Ganongga Island and 36 enemy fighters were shot down for the loss of one Liberator and five of our fighters.

- (6) <u>St.Georges Channel At 1330/31</u> one destroyer and one light cruiser were observed by a Liberator 5 miles west of Cape St.George course 140° probably proceeding from Rabaul to Solemons, possibly Buka, One floatplane was covering the enemy ships.
- (7) Wide Eay At Oll5/1 Sept. a patrol Catalina obtained indications of several ships and small craft between Cape St.George and Wide Bay, course west. Indistinct night photos of the entrance to Wide Bay show possibly one submarine, one destroyer and kin one light cruiser.
- (8) <u>Cape Orford</u> At 1010/31 a northbound submarine passed Cape Orford. At 1315/31 a reconnaissance Liberator observed and unsuccessfully attacked a submarine in the entrance to Wide Bay on course south. This is probably the same unit that was observed massing Cape Orford at 1430/31 southbound with deck carge.
- (9) Borgen Bay Barges at Borgen Bay were attacked 1430-1515/30 by 9 Mitchells. 8 or 9 serviceable barges were seen near Matame and a number of wrecked barges on the western shore of Borgen Bay. The serviceable barges were bombed and strafed.
- (10) Gareve Is. Three barges, apparently freshly peinted and new, were attacked by a Liberator at 1600/31 on the N.W. coast at Garove Island which may be possibly a stageing point for transportation between Rabaul and Cape Houcester.
- (11) Vitiaz Strait At 1115/31, 6 barges were sighted 10 miles off Finschhafen heading towards Rabaul. Five minutes later, one small sea-truck was sighted in the same vicinity heading towards Finschhafen.
- (12) Las Slight barge activity continues at Las: 7 barges were observed in the harbour at 0716/31 and in the afternoon one barge arrived Las from the direction of Labu and 2 mere from Malahang.

Slight aircraft activity was reported on and over the aerodrome between dawn and sarly afternoon.

- (13) Salamaua Area New enemy positions have been overcome in the area S.E. of Old Bobdubi and also in the coastal area N.W. of Dot Inlet but enemy strongpoints are still holding but.
- (14) <u>Nassau Bay</u> Enemy aircraft attacked our positions at Nassau Bay during the night 28 August but details are not yet available.
- (15) Morobe A probable enemy reconnaissance plane was sighted over Morobe area 1350/31.
- (16) Coral Sea A possible submarine was sighted 77 miles N.E. of Cooktewn at 0545/31.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/1:

(1) 5 submarines on patrol.

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(b) In Harbour:

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- Warships & Aux, - "COOTAMUNDRA" "LATROBE" (AMS) "ML. 814" "ML. 815"

Merchant Vessels: "BAN HONG LIONG" "TIME"

#### (11) ENEMY FORCES

- N.W. New Guinea A possible freighter of 1000-1500 tons was sighted off Kokas at 1110/31.
   Ten imbar Islands At 1101/31 a possible small sea-truck was
- sighted at Saumlaki pier.
- (3) Ka Islands Dispersal area at Langgeer airfield was attacked 2005/31 by 3 Rudsons. One enemy night fighter carrying a searchlight was observed.
- (4) Demar Is. A two-masted lugger was observed at a nchor off Nila Island p.m. 31 August.
- (5) Seemba Is. An unidentified type vessel was sighted off Soemba Island a.m. 30 August.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

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(a) At Sea to 1200/1:

#### (b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "VAN HEEMSKERK" "TROMP" (CL) "TJERK HIDDES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) "ISABEL" (FY) "ATREUS" "ALSEY" (CM) "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "SC.739" "YP.288" "CHILDS" (AVD) "FELIAS" (AS) Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHANTICLEER" (ASR)" YP.286" "W.B. FRESTON" (AVD)

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

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#### (a) At Sea to 1200/1:

(1) "CASTLEMAINE" "GLENELG" "MORESBY" "ABRAHAM CRI JNSSEN" escorting

Convoy PG.55 (5 MV) departed Caloundra 1200/30 for Sydney ETA 2300/1 Sept.
 "BUNDABERG" "BENDIGO" "TOWNSVILLE" escerting Convoy CO.122 (7 MV).
 "HERON" en route Fremantle to Brisbane ETA 6 September.
 "KALGOORLIE" "BROOME" "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting Convoy Convoy
 CONVOY CO.122 (7 MV).

OC.121 (7 MV) for Sydney (4 MY) and Newcastle (3 MV). (5) "MANUNDA" departed Sydney 0909/30 for Brisbane was due 0400/1. (6) "GOULBURN" escorting "MONTORO" (for Townsville ETA 0100/5) dep. Sydney 1156/31. "GOULBURN" to provide escort to Lady

Elliott Island and return Brisbane ETA Caloudra 0200/4.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux, - "MAN OORA" (APA) 1 LST Sydney - Warships & Aux, - "ARUNTA" (DD) "ARARAT" "MILDURA" "ROCKHAMPTON" "ECHUCA" (AMS) "ALGORAB" (AKA) "YANDRA" "WILCANNIA" (A/S Vessels) "BUNGAREE"(CD "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "HOBART" (CL) (Refitting) "AUSTRALIA" (CA) (On Reserve) "KANIMBLA" (APA) lbourne - Werships & Aux. - "BALLARAT" (AMS)" (Refitting) "ADELAIDE" (CL) "NIZAM" (DD) "DOOMBA" (A/S Melbourne

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- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Northern Solomons, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas. Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in
- (2) Solomons and New Guinesareas,
- Increased use of barges, in addition to warships -principally destroyers and submarines, for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons-(3) New Guinea areas.
- (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the Northern and South Pacific areas.

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### PART I.

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

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(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (a) At Sea to 1200/2:
- "BAGLEY" escorting "WESTRALIA" departed Milne Bay 0400/1 for Goodenough Island, was due 1300/1. (1)
- (2)"SC.744" escorting Convey F0.5 ("CITY OF FORT WORTH" "EMPIRE HAMELE" one other merchant vessel) departed Milne Bay 1130/1 for ore Bay ETA 1200/2.
- "BONER" escorting "JOSIAH EARL" departed Port Moresvy 1730/1 (3)for Bune ETA 1330/3.
- (4) "SC.731" escorting "BALIKPAPAN" departed Milne Bay 1030/1 for Kiriwina; was due 1100/2.
- "COLAC" escorting "JOSIAH ROYCE" was to depart Milne Bay 1200/2 (5)for Port Moresby. "BENALLA" "SHEPPARSON" departed Milne Bay 0600/31 for survey
- (6) "SWAN" "GYMPIE", "BUNEURY" departed Milne Bay 0011/1 for Cairns
- (7) ETA 1830/2.
- "YMS. 52" escorting 1 LST. 1 LC1 departed Milne Bay 0600/31 for Townsville ETA 7/9. (8)
- "DELORAINE" escorting Convoy FT.23 ("HANYANG" "ALAMO") departed (9)
- (10) "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting Convoy MI.44 ("DILGA" for Cairns) departed Port Moresby 1230/1 ETA Townsville 0830/4.
- (11) "FREMANTLE", escorting "KOOLIGA" was to depart Thursday Island 0200/2 for Barwin ETA 1430/6.
- (12) "YP.291" departed Townsville 1246/31 for Brisbane ETA 1159/4.
  (13) "GEELONG" "LITHON" escorting Convoy LQ.9 (6 MV) departed Gladstone 2200/1 ETA Calcundra 0930/3.
  (14) "PTRIE" "WAGGA" "SC.736" escorting Convoy TN.149 ("TECUMSEN" "HOWARD STANSBURY" "MANOERAN" "WILLIAM HEAUMONT" 2 LST's)
- (15) "ML.424" en route Bustard Head to Townsville. (16) "GOULBURN" escorting "MONTORO" (for Townsville ETA 01.00/5) departed Sydney 1156/31. To provide escort to Lady Elliott
- (17) "SC.650" "SC.755" escorting Convey QL.9A (3 vessels including "SUSQUEHANNA") departed Brisbane 1730/1. To provide escort to Lady Elliott Island ETA 1800/2 and return Brisbane.
   (18) "STUART" escorting "OTUS" departed Caloundra 0058/2. To provide
- - escort to Lady Elliott Island and return Brisbane. (19) "YMS.S35" on route Noumea to Brisbane was due 0800/2.
  - (20) 11 submarines on patrol.

# (b) In Harbour:

	Buna	- Warships & Aux "SC.698" "SC.699" "SC.703" "SC.746" "HILO" (PG)
	÷ .	Merchant Vessels: "SIBIGO" "JUNIPERO SERRA"
	Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux "YMS. 72"
		Merchant Vesele : "ESTHER JOHNSON" "JAPARA" "COMARA" "ADONIRAM JUDSON" "JOHN WHITEAKER" "BENJAMIN BOINEVILLE" "GEO. H. FLANDERS"
	Woodlark Is.	- Warships and Aux 1 SC Merchant Vessels: "MELINGA"
	Kiriwina	- Warships & Aux "SC.748" Merchant Vessels : "LORINNA"
	Beli Beli	- Warships & Aux "YMS.53" Merchant Vessels: "B.M. SHAW" "ANDREW D. WHITE"
	Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux "MAHAN" "SMITH" "FERKINS" "FLUSSER" "MUGFORD" "HEMLEY" "LAMSON" "DRAYTON" "CONYNGHAM" "REID" (DD) "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPEREYS" "GILMER" (AFD) "GULSA" (PG) SC.637 SC.643 SC.734 SC.742 SC.745 SC. 747 SC.749 SC.982 YMS.11 YMS.49 YMS. 50 YMS.51 YMS.70 YMS.71 YP.233 YP.280 33 PTs ML.425 ML.427
		ML.817 "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "POYANG" "YUMNAN" (ASIS) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "TRINITY" "VICTORIA" (AO) "RIGEL" (AR) "MERKUR" (AF)
		(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL HOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)
		Merchant Vessels: "KARSIK" "WILLIS DEVENTER" "S.HALL YOUNG" "VAN SWOLL" "CAPE GREIG" "ANSON BURLINGHAM" "CAPE ANN" "ANHUI""CAPE HATTERAS"FRED C.AINSWORTH"DAVID C.SHANKS"
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	Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux "INVEREIL" (AMS) YP.291 YMS.8 YHS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48
	Cairns	• Warships & Aux. • "KATOOMBA" (AMS) FC.1119 SC.732 SC.738 SC.750 SC.981 ML.426 ML.428 1 FT "PLATYFUS" (AR)
9	Townsville	• Warships & Aux, • "WARRAMUNGA" "HELM" (DD) "KAPUNDA" (AMS) BISHOFDALE (AO)
	Mackay Brisbane	- Warships & Aux "BOBBIN" (AD) - Warships & Aux "GLADSTONE" (AMS) FC.476 PC.479 PC.1121 SC.741 FF.236 YP.278 YP.279 YP.283 YMS.9 YMS.10 ML.429 ML.816 HL.818 ML.819 "KURUMBA" (AO) "MIZAR" (AF) "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "FULTON" (ASY MAN UHDA" (AH)
	(Repairing, Tria	s etc.) - "WARREGO" (DE) "WHYALLA" (AMS)

### (11) ENEMY FORCES

1. Shortlands - Photos of Kahili and Ballale aerodromes 31/8 reveal -

Rahili : 53 F. 12 bombers (including 8 D/B) Ballale : 13 F. 1 D/B 1 unidentified.

• <u>Vella Lavella</u> • Barges in Timbala Bay (N.W. corner Vella Lavella) were attacked by allied aircraft afternoon 31/8. Allied positions on Vella Lavella were attacked five times by enemy aircraft 31/8. A/A fire is reported to have brought down four aircraft during these attacks. Allied shipping off Vella Lavella was also attacked by 12 dive bombers and 6 Zeros morning 31/8. Four Warhawks intercepted and shot down five dive bombers without loss.  Kolombangara - Vila was attacked by 22 Mitchells,16 Avengers and 34 Dauntless. The radio station was probably destroyed and hats were scored on gun positions including a five-inch coastal gun. In addition allied artillery bombarded Vila 31/8.
 Santa Ysabel - A further report 1/9 states that it is believed that the Japanese have completely evacuated Santa Ysabel. A previous report together with the absence of A/A fire during a recent attack suggested that the enemy had evacuated at

- 5. <u>New Hanover</u> A force described as two heavy cruisers, three transports and one motor torpedo boat was reported 15 miles W.S.W. of Cape Matanalem, New Hanover, course 330° at 1435/1. The observing aircraft unsuccessfully attacked the convoy. Contact was broken off when two aircraft were launched. The launching of the aircraft would appear to confirm the report of cruisers in the convoy, and position and course suggests that the convoy was probably en route Rabaul to Bruk.
- 6. <u>Ravieng Area</u> A Liberator at ten miles distance reported sighting one possible light cruiser and one large unidentified vessel thirty miles N. of Kavieng on course 90° speed 20 knots. The cruiser was two miles astern of the other vessel, and one member of the aircraft crew believed that the unidentified vessel was a converted carrier. Further observation was prevented by the cover of 14 Zeros and one bi-plane. These aircraft attacked the Liberator which took evasive action.

The presence of such a heavy air cover may indicate that this vessel was possibly a converted carrier, which was en route to the Solomons area, probably Buke with air reinforcements.

- 7. <u>Cape St. George</u> Five ships were observed 28 miles E.S.E. of Cape St. George on an easterly course at 2100/1. They were attacked by the observing Catalina and one hit with a small bomb was claimed. These vessels would appear to be en routé to the Buka-Bougainville area.
- <u>Cape Orford</u> A submari ne was sighted ten miles E. by S. of Cape Orford northbound at 1155/1.
   Cape Gloucester - An energy werehead and its in the second se
- 9. <u>Cape Gloucester</u> An enemy merchant vessel of 1500-2500 tons was observed 18 miles S.S.W. Cape Gloucester course 210° at 1020/1.
- 10. Aitape Wewak Area A convoy which was described as two destroyors and five very large transports (9-12,000 tons) was reported 63 miles N. by W. of Aitape on course 200°. Photos were ungatisfactory. An aircraft reported sighting at least three large and two small unidentified vessels in Wewak Harbour early morning 2/9; an earlier report 2340/1 stated that four medium messels were sighted entering Wewak Harbour.

11. <u>Alexishafen-Madang</u> - Alexishafen, Amron and the Madang area were heavily attacked by 39 Liberators and 42 Mitchells morning 1/9, which dropped approximately 190 tons of bombs. Many buildings were destroyed and set on fire, explosions were started and fuel dumps destroyed. One grounded aircraft was destroyed and direct hits were scored on five barges. Photos after the attack show number one strip

at Alexishafen to be serviceable, with one fightersand one light bomber in revetments. Photos after the attack at Madang show that the strip appears serviceable but no aircraft were visible.

12. Labu Island - Labu Island was attacked by 11 Fortresses morning

13. <u>New Guinea-New Britain-Barge Sweeps</u> - Twelve Mitchells swept the Finschhafen-Rooke Island-Rein Bay area morning 1/9. Three large loaded barges were destroyed or heavily damaged, and several others were strafed.

and several others were strafed. Twelve Beaufighters in a midday (1/9) sweep of the south wastern coast of New Britain left three barges burning, and set fire to fuel dumps.

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#### (1) ALLIED FORCES

# (a) At Sea to 1200/2:

(1) "LATROBE" "COOTAMUNDRA" "VIGILANT" escerting Convoy DF 31 ("BAN HONG LIONG" "TIME") departed Darwin 0449/1 for Thursday Island ETA 0130/5.

(2) 5 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "ML.814" "ML.815"

#### (11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Kokas Photos 1110/31 reveal one small lugger at Kokas. The visual report covered a possible 1000 ton merchant vessel.
- (2) Geram Photos 31/8 show that one, possibly two, further large tank foundations are being cleared at Boela. Previous photos mid-June revealed tank construction in progress.
- (3) Soembawa Bima was bombed by three Liberators afternoon 1/9.
   (4) Waingapoe Three to four medium merchant vessels were observed In Waingapoe Harbour afternoon 1/9. Two Liberators
  - bombed Waingapoe at this time starting fires.
- (5) Lombok Five fighters were sighted on Rambang aerodrome afternoon 1/9.
- (6) Manatuto Manatuto was attacked by three Mitchells 1440/1. Fires were started, and direct hits were scored on buildings.
- (7) Taberfane The floatplane base was attacked just before midnight 31/8 by four Hudsons. Several fires and explosions were started.

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA.

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/2:

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "VAN HEEMSKERK" "TROMP" (OL) "TJERK HIDDES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "AMS) "ISABEL" (PY) "ATREUS" "ALSEY" (CM) "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "SC.739" "YP.288" "CHILDS" (AVD) "PELIAS" • Warships & Aux. - "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "YP.286" (As "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)

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4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA.

#### (1) ALLIED FORCES

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

- "MIZAR" to depart Caloundra 1600/2 for Sydney ETA 0700/4. "VENDETTA" en route Sydney ETA 1800/2. (Note: "VENDETTA" failed to effect RV with "ROCHAMBEAU") "BUNDABERG" "BENDIGO" "TOWN SVILLE" escorting Convoy <u>CO.122</u>  $\binom{1}{2}$
- (3) (7 MV).
- (4)"HERON" on route Fremantle to Brisbane ETA 6 September.
- "KALGOORLIE" "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting Newcastle Section Convoy (5)

(b) <u>I</u>	Harbour:
Port Stephens Sydney	• Warships & Aux. • "MANOORA" (APA) 1 LST. • Warships & Aux. • "ARUNTA" (DD) "ARARAT" "MILDURA" "BROOME" "GLENELG" "CASTLEMAINE" "MORESEY" "ROCKHAMPTON" "ECHUCA" (AMS)
	"ALGORAB" (AKA) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "YANDRA" "WILCANNIA" (A/S Vessels) "BUNGAREE" (CM)
(Refitting) (On Reserve) Melbourne (Refitting)	• "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "HOBART" (CL)

#### NAVAL INCIDENTS.

Espiritu Santo - An enemy submarine torpedoed an allied tanker off Espiritu Santo early a.m. 1/9. The vessel remained afloat.

> An attack on an enemy submarine 22 miles S.E. by E. of Espiritu Santo was reported at 1331/1.

# ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE.

- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Northern Solomons, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.
- (2) Air and naval counter-action against & lied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- (3) Increased use of barges, in addition to warships principally destroyers and submarines, for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons-New Guinea areas.
- (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the Northern and South Pacific areas.

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# DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY PART II

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

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest (Eastern		South Pacific	Bismareks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
BB	-	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS NORTH CARCLINA MARYLAND COLORADO WEST VIRGINIA	*	YAMATO MUSASHI MUTSU ) poss. NAGATO)Empire KONGO HAR UNA FUSO YAMASHIRO
CV		SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAK U SHOKAKU
CV(L)		-	RYUHO	ZUIHO
CT(E)	•	PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON		CHUXO .
<u>04</u>	AUSTRALIA	•	CHOKAI ? SUZUYA	ATAGO TAKAO MAYA MYOKO HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI
<u>CL</u>	R ADELAIDE	LEANDER COLUMBIA CLE VELAND MONT PELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO	OYODO ISUZU NAKA
CL (T)	inct.	-	-	KATORI KASHIMA
		-		1
DD	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART			
•	VENDETTA MIZAM BAGLEY HELM MUGFORD HENLEY MAHAN DRAYTON LAMSON FLUSSER REID CONYNGHAM E RKINS SMITH LE TRIOMPHAN	Appr ox 40 T	10	25
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Southwest (Eastern		South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>SS</u>	ALBACORE BALAO BLUEFISH CISCO DRUM GREENLING GROUPER GROWLER GUARDFISH PUFFER SILVERSIDES STINGRAY S.31	) On Patrol	20	15
	BONEFISH PETO POMPON SCAMP K.9 At Syde	At Brisbane		
AV/CVS	HERON	POC OM OKE WRIGHT		NOTORO
XAV/XCVS	-	3	1 .	2
PT	35	Approx 30	*	1
APA/APD/ARA	H.T.ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS ALGORAB MANIMELA	lo APA ll APD 6 AKA		
AS or XAS	Fulton otus		1	2 or more
AD	DOBBIN	DIXIE	1	1
Arr	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS	1	1
AIRCRAFT (N.E.	Area Only)			
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BB	INDIANA * CALIFORNIA	ISE HYUGA
CV	ENTERPRISE ESSEX WORKTOWN LEXINGTON VICTORIOUS	•
CV(L)	INDEPENDENCE BELLEAU WOOD PRINCETON	n HITAKA
CV (T)	-	HOSHO
<u>CV (E)</u>	SUWANNEE SANGAMON LONG ISLAND CHENANGO BARNES	UNYO OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA SALT LAKE CITY MINNEAPOLIS ST.LOUIS	R AOBA R KUMANO
OCA CE	MOBILE HONOLULU NASHVILLE HIGHMOND FALEIGH DETROIT	6 SENDAI (poss, Mandates) TATSUTA E KINU E YUBARI E NATORI
XCL AV/CVS	•	4 E CHIYODA) Under conversion E CHITOSE) to ACVS
XAV/XCVS BD SS AS/XAS	Approx 35 Approx 50 ?	3 25-30 (approx 15 repair Approx 30 3 or more
	4. NOR THERN B	A CIPTO
BB	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO TENNESSEE PENNSYLVANIA	•
CA	WICHITA LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND INDIANAPOLIS	NAC HI
CL	Sai Pà Fe	TAMA KISO Abukuma
XCL		3
AV/CVS		AKITSUSHIMA 1
XAV/XOVS	82	4
35	10	Approx 10
	# Non-effective	

ALLIED	5. EAST IN	NDIES - INDIAN OCEAN	MOST SECRET 2 September 1943 ENEMY FORCES
(Southwest (Mestern S	Pacific ection)	Eatern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
BB		WARSPITE	
	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	
CV (L)	-	•	HAYATAKA
CV(E)	-	ALTANA HA	•
CA	-	SUFFOLK SUSSEX HAWKINS FROBISMER	ASHIGARA (Poss.Empire
CL	TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENY A NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARAD C E MERALD	kuma OI KITAGAMI
CL (T)	· · ·	0	KASHII
XCL	-	CARTHACE CHIERAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	. 1
AV/CVS	CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI
XAV/XCVS	-	?	1
DD	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	11
SS	BILLFISH BOWFIN GRAYLING TROUT TUNA	On Patrol	5
	KINGFISH } At	Frementle	1.2
AS or XAS	FELIAS	8	1
AIRCRAFT (N	.W.Area Only)		
Fighters (in Light or M/B SE/Bombers Flying Boats Floatplenes ransport &	obsn. A/C	recent intelligence.	113 120 12 12 12 44 44 44
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	GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
	SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
	Combined Operational Intelligence Centre
	DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY
	Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity
	Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle
	No. 585 Date: 3 September 1943
	PART I.
SOUTH	WEST PACIFIC AREA
1. NON	TH EASTERN AREA
	(1) ALLIED FORCES
	(a) At sea to 1200/3:
(1)	"BOWEN" escorting "JOSIAH EARL" departed Port Moresby 1730/1
(2)	for Buna ETA 1330/3.
(3)	"ML.425" departed Milne Bay 0400/2 for Buna. "ML.817" departed Milne Bay 1330/1 for Buna.
(4)	"COLAC" escorting "JOSIAH ROYCE" was to depart Milne Bay 1200/S for Port Moresby.
(5)	"BENALLA" "SHEPPARTON" surveying.
(6)	"SWAN" "GYMPIE" "BUNBURY" departed Milne Bay 0011/1 for Cairns
(7)	"YMS.52" escorting 1 LSF, 1 LCI departed Milne Bay 0600/31 for
	Townsville ETA 7 September.
1.1.1	"DELORAINE" escorting Convoy FT.23 ("HANYANG" "ALAMO") departed
(9)	Milne Bay 1300/1 for Townsville ETA 2000/4.
	Milne Bay 1300/1 for Townsville ETA 2000/4. "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting Convoy NF.44 ("DILGA" for Cairns) dep.
(30)	"LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting Convoy NF.44 ("DILGA" for Cairns) dep. Port Moresby 1230/1 ETA Townsville 0830/4.
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(11)	"LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting Convoy NE.44 ("DILGA" for Cairns) dep. Port Moresby 1230/1 ETA Townsville 0830/4. "FREMANTLE" escorting "KOOLIGA" enroute Thursday Island to Derwin ETA 1430/6. "INVERELL" escorting "WANAKA" was to depart Thursday Island 0600/3 for Melville Bay ETA 1230/4. "LATROBE" "COOTAMUMDRA" "VIGILAMF" escorting Convoy DT.31 ("BAN HONG LIONE" "TIME") departed Darwin 0449/1 for Thursday
(11) (12)	"LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting Convoy NF.44 ("DILGA" for Cairns) dep. Port Moresby 1230/1 ETA Townsville 0830/4. "FREMANTLE" escorting "KOOLIGA" enroute Thursday Island to Derwin ETA 1430/6. "INVERELL" escorting "WANAKA" was to depart Thursday Island 0600/S for Melville Bay ETA 1230/4. "LATROBE" "COOTAMUNDRA" "VIGILANT" escorting Convoy DT.31 ("BAN HONG LIONC" "TIME") departed Darwin 0449/1 for Thursday Island ETA 0130/5.
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	Kiriwina	• Warships & Aux "SC.731" "SC.748" Merchant Vessels: "LORINNA" "BALIKPA PAN"
	Goodenough Is	Warships & Aux, - "YMS, 53" "WESTRALIA" Merchant Vessels: "B.M. SHAW" "ANDREW D. WHITE"
	Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux "MUGFORD" "HENLEY" "BAGLEY" "MAHAN" "SMITH" "PERKINS" "FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "DRAYTON" "CONYNGHAM" "REID" (DD) "SAMDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" "GILMER" (APD) "TULSA" (PG) SC.637 SC.648 SC.734 SC.742 SC.745 SC.747 SC.749 SC.982 YMS.11 YMS.49 YMS.50 YMS.51 YMS.70 YMS.71 YMS.72 YP.233 YP.280 33 PTs ML.427 "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "POYANG" "YUMNAN"(ASIS) "SAM PABLO" (AVP) "TRINITY" "VICTORIA" (AO) "RIGEL" (AR)" "MERKUR" (AF)
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	Thursday Is.	• Warships & Aux "YP.291 YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48
	Cairns	<ul> <li>Warships&amp; Auz "KATOOMEA" (AMS) PC.1119 SC.732 SC.738 SC.750 SC.981 ML.425 ML.428 1 PT "PLATYPUS" (AR)</li> </ul>
	Townsville	- Warships & Auz "WARRAMUNGA" "HELM" (DD) "KAFUNDA" (AMS) "BISHOFDALE" (AO) ML. 424
	Mackay Brisbane	<ul> <li>Warships &amp; Aux "DOBBIN" (AD)</li> <li>Warships &amp; Aux "GLADSTONE" (AMS) PC.476</li> <li>PC.479 PC.1121 SC.741 YP.236 YP.278 YP.279</li> <li>YP.283 YMS.9 YMS.10 YMS.335 ML.429 ML.816</li> <li>ML.818 ML.819 "KURUMBA" (AO) "H.T.ALLEN" (APA)</li> <li>"FULTON" (AS) "MANUNDA" (AH)</li> </ul>
	(Repairing,	Trials etc.) - "WARREGO" (DE) "WHYALLA" (AMS)
	(c) Propos	ed Movements:
(		119" escorting <u>Senvoy TN.150</u> to RV Fitzroy Island 1600/4 and proceed Port Moresby ETA 0700/6.
		(11) ENEMY FORCES
(	1) Shortlands -	Photos a.m. 1st September reveal - 1 small destroyer 1 sub.chaser or gunboat 5 small cargo vessels 2 small u/i craft

- 16 barges

On Kahili aerodrome 44 F, 3 M/B, 1 D/B. At 1600/2, 27 Liberators covered by approximately 80 fighters attacked Kahili. Results are not yet reported. (2) Mussau Island - Photos 0910/2 reveal a seven-ship convoy com-prising one sub.chaser, one 5000 ton freighter and five u/i vessels 62 miles west of Cape Siemens. An aircraft reported sighting six ships which were described as two destroyers, 2 merchantmen (2000-4500 tons) and two probable sea-trucks 57 miles west of Cape Siemens on course 200° at 0800/2. It would appear likely that this was a sighting of part of the convex photographed. convoy photographed.

- (3) <u>New Hanover</u> The force previously described as two heavy cruisers, three transports and a motor torpedo boat which was reported 15 miles W.S.W. Cape Matanalem on course 330° at 1435/1, (see yesterday's Summary No.582) was later reported as comprising two possible destroyers, two possible gunboats, one large two-stack transport, one unidentified transport and one medium freighter. Two hundred men were observed on the deck of the large transport. Two floatple on the water alongside a destroyer took off. Two floatplanes
- (4) <u>Kavieng</u> 2 destroyers escorting three large merchant vessels were reported 210 miles N.E. of Kavieng course 200° morning 2 September.
- (5) <u>Cape St.George</u> The five vessels sighted 27 miles E.S.E. of Cape St.George at 2115/1 (previously referred to in yesterday's Summary No.582) are reported to have comprised 3 x 7000 ton and 2 x 300 ton vessels on course 120°. One of the larger vessels was straddled and believed damaged.
- (6) Wewak Shipping was attacked by 16 Mitchells 0953-0958/2 (see Naval Incidents).
   (7) Las Photos 0950/2 reveal that the strip is serviceable, and
- there was one possibly serviceable fighter in a revetment.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/3:

(1) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin

- Warships & Aux. - "ML.814" "ML.815"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Timika One Hudson attacked two vessels revealed by photos to be of 500 tons each with a fifty foot barge alongside stationary off Timika. Results of bombing were not observed but personnel casualties were inflicted by stafing.
- (2) Lombok Photos of Rambang 1 Sept. reveal 3 fighters on the aerodrome. The visual report covered 5 fighters. In addition one small naval patrol vessel was anchored offshore in the vicinity of Rambang.
- (3) Scemba Three merchant vessels of 5-7000 tons were observed in Waingapoe Harbour 2 Sept. They were attacked and a near miss was scored on one. A fourth vessel of 8000 tons was sighted 4 miles east of Waingapos heading towards the harbour. Signeed 4 miles east of waingapes heading towards the harbour. Photos of Waingapes 1 Sept. revealed 3 merchant vessels of 2000-3000 tons, and 21 small craft.
   (4) Soembawa - Photos of Bima during the attack 1355/1 reveal about 40 praus. Bombs are shown badly damaging 8 of these, also badly damaging 35 huts and starting substantial fires.
- (5) Den Pasar Photos 1 Sept. reveal 2 single-engine aircraft and one large dummy aircraft. One small u/i vessel was photographed at a jetty off the south coast of Beli.

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES (a) At Sea to 1200/3:

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#### (b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "VAN HEEMSKERK" "TROMP" (CL) "TJERK HIDDES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) "ISABEL" (PY) "ATREUS" "ALSEY" (CM) "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "SC.739" "YP.288" "CHILDS" (AVD) "PELIAS" (AS) Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "YP.286" "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

#### (2) ALLIED FORCES

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

(1) "STUART" escorting "MIZAR" was to depart Calcundra 0600/3 for Sydney.

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(2) "HERON" on route Fremantle to Brisbane ETA 6 September.
(3) "BAILARAT" escorting Convoy OC.122 (12 MV) was to depart Port Phillip Ol00/3 to RV in Wilson's Promontory area with "BUNDABERG" "BENDIGO" "TOWN SVILLE" escorting Convoy CO.122 (7 MV) ETA Convoy OC.122 Port Kembla Ol00/6, Sydney O600/6, Newcastle 1500/6.
(4) "VENDETTA" escorting "TAROONA" was to depart Sydney O800/3, To provide escort to Dent Island.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens Newcastle	- Warships & Aux "MANOORA" (APA) 1 LST - Warships & Aux "KALGOORLIE" "WARRNAMBOOL" (AMS)
Syāney	- Warships & Aux "ARUNTA" (DD) "ARARAT" "STAWELL" "MILDURA" "BROOME" "GLENELG" "CASTLEMAINE" "NORESEY" "ROCKHAMPTON" "ECHUCA" (AMS) "ALGORAB" (AKA) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "YANDRA" "WILCANNIA" (A/S Vessels) "BUNGAREE" (CM) "TASMAN" (AH)
(Refitting) (On Reserve) Melbourne	"AUSTRALIA" (CA) "HOBART" (CL)
(Refitting)	"ADELAIDE "(CL) "NIZAM" (DD) "DOOMBA" (A/S Vessel)

# (11) ENEMY FORCES

Coff's Harbour: An aircraft observer reported sighting a submarine 43 miles N.E. of Coff's Harbour at 0846/1. Subsequent search proved negative.

#### NAVAL INCIDENTS

Wewak - Shipping was bombed and strafed by 16 Mitchells from minimum altitude 0953-C958/2. Visual reports indicate that three medium merchant vessels were left burning fiercely and sinking, and one gunboat was set on fire. A sea-truck was also reported to have been hit. The aircraft reported a balloon barrage of at least one 10 ft. balloon attached to a cable from the centre of each merchant vessel at an altitude of 500-1000 feet. Enemy fighters engaged the Mitchells and a total of 6 enemy fighters were destroyed, 5 probably destroyed and 5 damaged. Photos which were taken during the attack (at 0955/2) revealed 2 x 6800 ton freighters on fire also one 5500 ton freighter on which 2 near misses were scored. Also visible in the photographs were merchantmen offe of 4500 and one of 3800 tons, 2 x 2000 ton sea-truck was shown sunk, but there is an old wreck of this description

in the harbour. The photos show all vessels in process of being unloaded, and numerous trucks and large crates were observed, and a heavy concentration of stores was noted on shore. Three balloons, apparently moored to the ships, were visible at an altitude of 3-400 feet.

The attacking aircraft also set fire to a small

42 miles S.E. of Wewak, and to an enemy floatplane on the beach 24 miles S.E. of Wewak. In combats between 27 covering Lightnings and enemy fighters 0930-1005/2 2 enemy fighters (including one twin-engined) were destroyed and three probably destroyed. Our losses were 3 Mitchells crashed, one Lightning

missing.

#### ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Northern Solomons, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas. (1)
- Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in (2)Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- Increased use of barges, in addition to warships -(3) principally destroyers and submarines, for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons-New Guines areas.
- Offensive submarine activity particularly in the Northern (4)and South Pacific Areas.

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MOST SECRET 3 September 1943

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		DAILY NAVAL S PART II	UMMARY	
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		COLORADO WEST VIRGINIA		NACATO )Empire Kongo Haruna Fuso
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CV ()	<u>e)</u> -	PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON	-	CHUYO
<u>CA</u>	M AUSTRALIA	•	CHOKAI SUZUYA	ATAGO TAKAO MAYA MYORO HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI
<u>or</u>	ADELAIDE	LEANDER COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONT PELL IER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO NAGARA	OYCDO ISUZU NAKA
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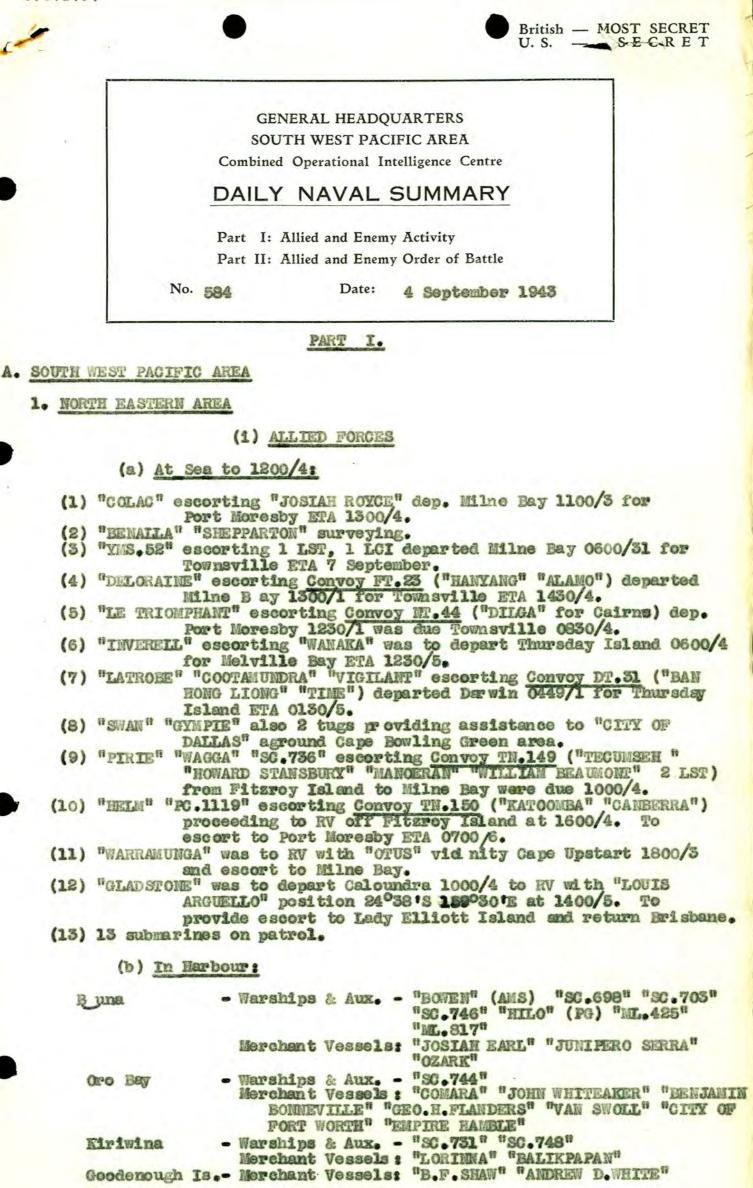
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CV (T)	•		HOSHO
CV (E)	Suwannee Sangamon Long Island Chenango Barnes	2. 2. 1. 2	UNYO OTAKA
CA	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA SALT LARE CITY MINNEAPOLIS ST. LOUIS		* AOBA * KUMANO
OCA	1		6
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CV (E)	-	ALTAMAHA	
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Milne Bay

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	1 PF "PLATYPUS" (AR)
Townsville	- Warships & Aux, - "Stand (S) "Synthe" "BUNBURY"
	"KAPUNDA" (AMS) "BI SHOPDALE" (AO)
	ML,424
Mackay	- Warships & Auz "DOBBIN" (AD)
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux "LITHGON" "GEELONG" "GOULBURN"
	(AMS) PC.476 PC.479 PC.1121 SC.650 SC.735
	SC.741 Y P.236 YP.278 YP.279 YP.283 YP.291
	YMS,9 YMS.10 YMS.335 ML.429 ML.816 ML.818
	ML.819 "KURUMBA" (AO) "H.T.ALLEN" (APA)

"FULTON" (AS) "MANUNDA" (AH)

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

(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "LITHGOW" "PC.476" "SC.742" escorting Convoy QL9E (including "KURUMBA") to depart Calcundra 1700/4. On arrival Lady Elliott Island "LITHGOW" to return Calcundra ETA 1600/6. "PC.476" to proceed to RV with "PENNANT" position 24°15'S 156°10'E at 0800/7 and escort to Lady Elliott Island. "SC.741" to RV with "POINT SAN FEDRO" vicinity Lady Elliott Island at 1700/5 and escort to Brisbane.

#### (11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Shor tlands Four grounded enemy aircraft were destroyed in a strafing attack on Kahili aerodrome by 7 Corsairs early
- (2) Kolombangara Vila was attacked by a total of 87 Avengers, Mitchells and Dauntless 1500/2. Several fires were started,
- and a truck and trawler destroyed. (3) <u>Arundel Island</u> - On 1 September an allied patrol dispersed two small enemy patrols. One Japanese was killed. On 2 Sept. our units advancing westward on northern Arundel encountered enemy machine guns, and later a minefield and booby traps. No resistance was encountered on the east coast.
- (4) <u>Choiseul 2 large barges off the coast were sunk night 2 Sept.</u> by a Liberator.
- (5) Santa Ysabel A further report confirms that there are no Japaness on the mainland of Santa Ysabel. It is reported that a quantity of foodstuffs and munitions were abandoned by the enemy.

(6) Cape St. George - A small sea truck trailing an oily wake was reported 23 miles E.S.E. of Cape St.George on course 300° at 1058/2. On the night 1 Sept. five vessels were attacked in this area, and one vessel was claimed as damaged. This may possibly be the damaged vessel returning to Rabaul. The vessel was strafed.

At 1249/3 a small-medium vessel was sighted 40 miles

east of Cape St. George on course 90°. At approx 2300/3 an aircraft reported sighting a convoy comprising two large merchant vessels, three auxiliaries 35 miles east of Cape St. George on course 90°. The aircraft attacked the vessels but results were reported doubtful.

These vessels sighted 3 Sept. may have been on route from Rabaul to the Buka-Bougainville area.

(7) Rabaul - Incomplete photos 0915/3 revealed - 3 destroyers

6 submarine chasers

3 submerines

1 submarine tender

1 destroyer tender

14 merchant vessels totalling 66,000 tons. These included 28 three ships loaded with military la nding craft, also one "SHIRETOKO" class tanker (approx 8000 tons).

The usual cruiser anchorage was missed by photos. The visual report stated that several small craft similar in size to motor torpedo boats were in the vicinity of the harbour, while one 5000 ton vessel was moving out of harbour on a S.E. course, and a 2-3000 ton vessel was sighted at 0930/3 in St.George's Channel on course 310°.

Aerocomes:

Vunakanau (partly cloud obscured) - 54 M/B, 14 F. Lakunai (complete coverage) - 12 M/B, 86 F, 19 twin-engined fighters or R/P, 1 transport

1 F/B, 7 F/P Rabaul Earbour .

(8) <u>Cape Orford</u> - A submarine was sighted passing Cape Orford southbound 1430/3,

Two destroyers and three large freighters were observed 30 miles E.N.E. of Cape Orford proceeding north at 0620/4. It is probable that this is a sonvoy returning to Rabaul from the Solomons area.

- (9) Gasmata-Cape Gloucester Four Beaufighters on a barge sweep from Gasmata to Cape Gloucester 1058-1250/3 sighted and strafed seven barges. One was left smoking.
- (10) Cape Gloucester Cape Gloucester runways were attacked 1000-1235/2 by 12 Fortresses, 9 Marauders with a cover of 14 Lightnings, Explosions were seen but actual results were not observed. The Lightnings encountered 14 twin-engined and single-engined fighters, and the Fortresses reported interception by 10 fighters. The Lightnings shot down 5 twin-engined fighters and probably destroyed two other fighters. 2 SSF were destroyed by the Fortresses. One Fortress is missing.

One medium vessel was reported stationary between

Sakar Island and Cape Gloucester. On the following morning the aerodrome was again attacked by 9 Mitchells. Fires were started. Three probably unserviceable twin-engined bombers were sighted.

- (11) Vitiaz Strait A vessel of 1500-2500 tons was reported close into shore of the southwest coast of Long Island at 1330/3. One 100 ft, native boat was also observed off the south coast of Long Island.
- (12) Madang Lightnings engaged and destroyed 2 enemy recce aircraft 25 miles S.W. of Madang heading towards Madang 1045/2.
- (13) Las . The building area was attacked by 21 Liberators 1042-1113/3. Considerable damage is believed to have been done to buildings. About this time positions in the Markham Valley area were attacked by 9 Mitchells. Buildings were hit and fires were started.

At 0718/3, 10 barges were observed in Lae Harbour. At 1806/3 a bomber landed on the aerodrome.

(14) <u>Salamaua</u> - In the Bobdubi area, allied forces took Kunai Spur (one mile S.S.E. of Old Bobdubi) on 1 Sept. Six enemy pill boxes were destroyed by artillery fire. Enemy casualties were 65.

Allied troops advancing in the coastal area inflicted 80 casualties 31 Aug. - 1 Sept.

(15) Morobe - 9 enemy bombers covered by 26 fighters raided Morobe 1200/3. No damage is reported.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/4:

(1) "FREMANTLE" escorting "KOOLIGA" en route Thursday Island to Darwin ETA 1430/6.

(2) 5 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "ML.814" "ML.815"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Ambon - Aircraft attacking Ambon p.m. 3 Sept. reported sighting a considerable concentration of shipping in Ambon Harbour. Adverse weather conditions precluded accurate observation but one cruiser, one destroyer, one large transport and possibly 10-15 merchant vessels of 2000-4500 tons were sighted. Nine floatplanes and 2 flying boats were also sighted at Halong.

This is a heavy concentration of shipping. The last report of shipping in Ambon was on August 9 when two u/i vessels were reported. The last concentration of any size reported was on April 29, when photos showed one destroyer, one sub.chaser, 5 merchant vessels (small and small-medium).

- (2) Koepang In an attack by 5 Hudsons night 3 Sept. on the Koepang area, one small sea-truck was attacked with uncbserved results. Large fires were also started in the building area at Tenau. 5 Mitchells also attacked the area night 3 Sept. starting fires.
- (3) McCluer Gulf One probable 1000-2000 ton vessel was observed anchored north of Cape Sekar at 2338/2.
- (4) Soemba Photos Waingapoe 2 Sept. reveal two freighter transports of 3000 and 4000 tons.

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

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(a) At Sea to 1200/4:

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "TJERK HIDDES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) "ISABEL" (PY) "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL (AM) "SC.739" "YP.288" "CHILDS" (AWD) "PELIAS" (AS) Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "YP.286" "W.B.PRESTON" (AVD)

#### (1) ALLIED FORCES

# (a) At Sea to 1200/4:

- (1) "STUART" escorting "MIZAR" dep. Caloundra 0545/3 for Sydney
- ETA 1200/4. (2) "WARRNAMBOOL" "KALGOORLIE" escorting Newcastle Section Convoy CO.123 were to depart Newcastle 1000/4. "BROOME" escorting Sydney section to depart Sydney p.m. 4 Sept . to RV with Newcastle section off Sydney.
- "HER ON" en route Fremantle to Brisbane ETA 6 September. "BUNDABERG" "BENDIGO" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy OC.122 (3) (4)
  - (10 MV) en route Port Kembla ETA 0100/6, Sydney 0600/6, Newcastle 1500/6.
- (5) "VENDETTA" escorting "TAROONA" dep. Sydney 0800/3. To provide escort to Lady Elliott Island. "VENDETTA"
- (6) "WILCANNIA" "CASTLEMAINE" "ECHUCA" escorting Convoy GP.66 were to depart Sydney 0800/4 for Caloundra.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA" (APA) 1 LST Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "ARARAT" "STAWELL" "MILDURA" "BROOME" "GLENELG" "MCRESBY" "ROCKHAMPTON" (AMS) "ALGORAB" (AKA) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "YANDRA" (A/S Vessels) "BUNGAREE" (CM) "TASMAN" (AH) "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "HOBART" (CL) "ARUNTA" (DD) (Refitting) "KAN IMBLA" (APA)
 Warships & Aux. - "BALLARAT" (AMS)
 "ADELAIDE" (CL) "NIZAM" (DD) "DOOMBA" (A/S) (On Reserve) Melbourne (Refitting) Vessel)

#### B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

#### ENEMY FORCES

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New Hebrides - At 1015/3 an aircraft reported sighting a submarine 33 miles WNW of Aneityum Island. A submarine was attacked 114 miles N.W. by N. of Cape Cumberland, Espiritu Santo, at 2005/3.

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#### NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) <u>Guadalcanal</u> Commander 3rd Fleet reports that an enemy submarine unsuccessfully attacked an allied convoy en route Guadalcanal 2 Sept.
- (2) New Hebrides An allied destroyer reported attacking on a submarine contact 114 miles N.W. by N. of Cape Cumber-land, Espiritu Santo, at 2005/3. No results are reported.

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#### ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Northern Solomons, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East
- Indies, Malayan areas. Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in (2) Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- (3)Increased use of barges, in addition to warships principally destroyers and submarines, for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons-New Guinea areas.
- Offensive submarine activity particularly in the Northern (4) and South Pacific Areas.

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ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

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BB	-	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS NORTH CAROLINA MARYLAND COLORADO WEST VIRGINIA		YAMATO MUSASHI MUTSU )poss. NAGATO)Empire KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO
CV	•	SARATOGA		ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
CV(L)	-	•	( <del>on route from</del> East Indies)	ZUIHO RYUHO
CV(E)	•	PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON		CHUYO
CA	R AUSTRALIA	-	CHOKAI SUZUYA	ATAGO TAKAO MAYA MYOKO HAGURO TOME CHIKUMA MOGAMI
CL	MADELAIDE MOBART	* LEANDER COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO NAGARA	OYODO ISUZU NAKA
CL (T)	•	•	•	KATORI KASHIMA
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AR	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS	1	1
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CV(L)	INDEPENDENCE BELLEAU WOOD PRINCETON	* HITAKA
CV (T)	•	HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	Suwannee Sangamon Long Island Chenango Barnes	UNYO OTAKA
<b>6</b> <sup>A</sup>	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA SALT LAKE CITY MINNEAPOLIS ST. LOUIS	M AOBA M KUMANO
OCA	•	6
CL	MOBILE MONOLULU MASHVIILE MRICHMOND MRALEIGH DETROIT	SENDAI (poss. Mandates) TATSUTA E KINU E YUBARI H NATORI
XCL		4
AV/CVS	8	R CHIYODA (Under con- R CHITOSE version to ACVs)
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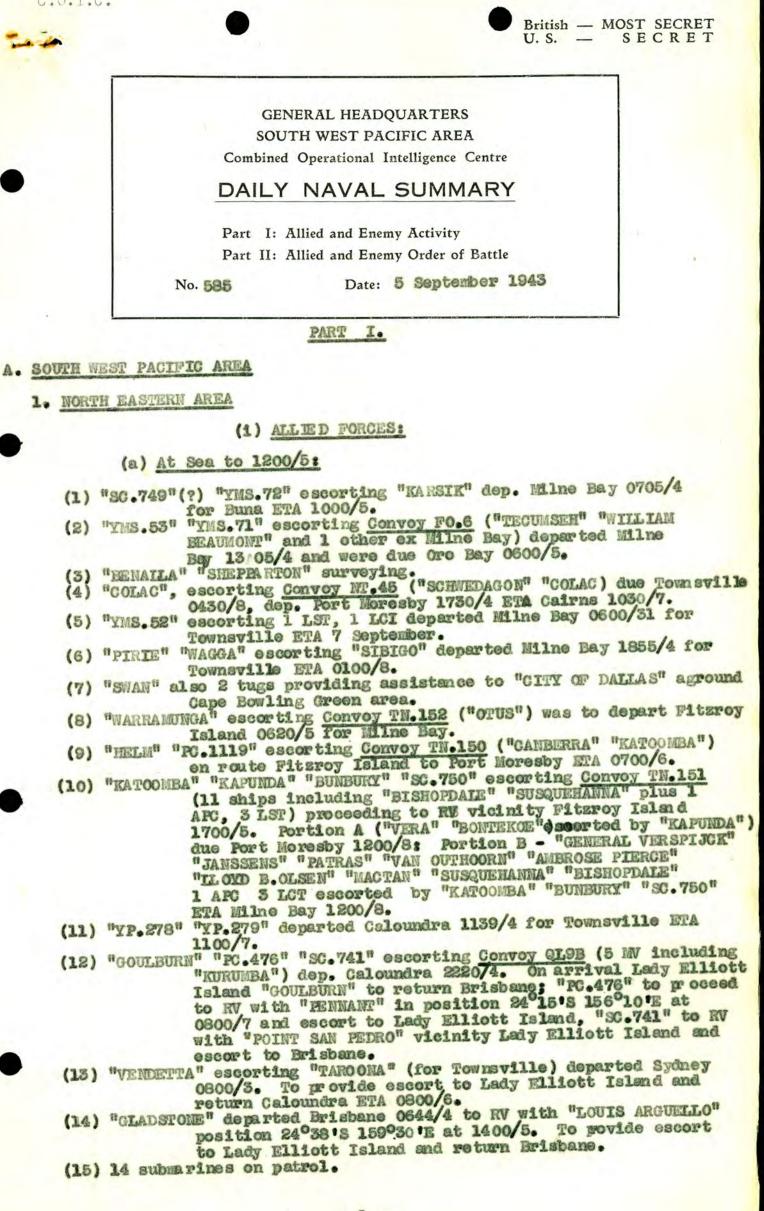
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5. EAST\_INDIES . INDIAN OCEAN ALL IED FORCES ENEMY FORCES Southwest Pacific Eastern Fle et Area East Indies-Philippines (Western Section) -WARSPITE CV ø ILLUSTRIOUS CV(L) -HENMTAKAN CV(E) ALTAMAHA CA SUFFOLK ASHIGARA (POSS. SUSSEX -Kimpano # HAWKINS FROBISHER CL TROMP MAURITIUS KUMA VAN HEEMSKERK GAMBIA OI KENYA KITAGAMI NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNFLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC EMERALD CV(T) KASHIT XCL CARTHAGE 1 CHITRAL RANFURA WORCESTERSHIRE AV/CVS CHILDS ALBATROSS KAMOT W. B. PRESTON XAV/XCVS ? 1 DD VAN GALEN TJERK MIDDES Approx 27 11 BILLFISH BOWFIN GRAYLING TROUT On Patrol KINGFISH TUTA K.12 at Fremantle is or XAS PELIAS 1 AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only) Fighters (incl. 2 twin-eng.) Light or M/Bombers 118 120 SE/Bombers 12 Flying Boats 12 oatplanes 44 ansport & Obsn. A/C 44 ø No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain, # In-offective

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(b) In Ha	rbours
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	Merchant Vessels: "JOSIAH EARL" "JUNIPERO SERRA" "OZARK"
Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux "SC.744"
	Morchant Vessels: "COMARA" "JOHN WHITEAKER" "BENJAMI BONNEVILLE" "GEO.H.FLANDERS" "VAN SWOLL" "CITY OF FORT WORTH" "ENPIRE HAMBLE"
Kiriwina	<ul> <li>Warships &amp; Aux "SC.731" Merchant Vessels: "BALIKPAPAN"</li> </ul>
Goodenough :	Is Merchant Vessels: "B.F.SHAW" "ANDREW D.WHITE" "DEVENPORT"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux "MUCFORD" "HENLEY" "BAGLEY" "MAHAN" "SMITH" "PERKINS" "FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "DRAYTON" "CONYNGHAM" "REID" (DE) "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" "GILMER" (APD) SC.637
	SC.648 SC.734 SC.736 SC.742 SC.745 SC.747 SC.748 SC.982 YMS.11 YMS.49 YMS.50 YMS.51
	YMS.70 YP.233 YP.280 33 PTs ML.427 "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "POYANG" "YUNNAN" (ASIS)
	"WESTRALIA" (APA) "SAN PABLO" (AVP)" TRINITY"
	"VICTORIA" (AO) "RIGEL" (AR) "MERKUR" (AF)
	(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)
	Merchant Vessels : "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" "HOWARD
	STANBURY" "CAPE GREID" "ANSON BURLINGHAME" "CAPE ANNE" "MAN "MANGERAN" "LORINNA" "ANHUI"
	"CAPE HATTERAS" "FRED.C.AINSWORTH" "DAVID C.
	SHANKS" "JOHN MUIR" "ESTHER JOHNSON"
Port Moresby	y -Warships & Aux "TULSA" (PG) Merchant Vessels : "GEO.EASTMAN" "ADMIRAL CHASE"
	"VAN DEN BOSCH" "J.V.GRIMES" "SUVA" "C.P.STEIN- METZ" "W.E.CHANNING" "JOHN CARROLL" "ELIZABETH BIACHWEIL" "JOSIAH ROYCE"
	- Warships & Aux "YP.291" "YMS.8" "YMS.46" "YMS.47" "YMS.482 "LATROBE" "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS)
Cairns	- Warships & Aux "SC.732" "SC.738" "SC.981" "ML.428 "ML.428" 1 PT "PLATYPUS" (AR)
Townsville	- Warships & Aux "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD) "DELORAINE" "GYMPIE" (AMS) ML.424
Mackay	- Warships & Aux "DOBBIN" (A D) - Warships & Aux "LITHGOW" "GEELONG" (AMS) 20.479
Brisbane	PC.1121 SC.650 SC.735 YP.236 YP.283 YP.291 YMS.9 YMS.10 YMS.335 ML.425 ML.816 ML.818
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- (1) Arundel Island Our advance continued on 3 Sept. in the face of enemy delaying action.
- (2) <u>Kolombangara</u> A small cargo vessel and a concentration of barges was reported at Webster Cove, W. of Vila, 3 Sept. and p.m. 3 Sept. 4 Mitchells with fighter escort attackd. The same target was again attacked 1845/3 by medium bombers. No results are reported.

During the night 3-4 Sept. 2 enemy barges were destroyed off N.coast Kolombangara by 2 U.S. destroyers making a sweep of the area.

(3) Buin Base - Following the attack early 2 Sept. on Kahili airfield by 7 Corsairs, the same target was again a ttacks d 1600/2 by 27 Liberators covered by approx 80 Corsairs and Hellcats (latter making their first appearance), as reported in Summaries 585 and 584. The fighter sweep destroyed 4 grounded aircraft and 2 h unches while a trawler was damaged: one Corsair was lost

to A.A. The heavy bombers covered the target area satisfactorily by pattern bombing and 3 probable burning aircraft were observed. The covering Corsairs shot down 5 out of 30-35 Zeros encountered in aerial combat: 2 of our fighters were lost.

Rahili aerodrome was again attacked 1430/3 by Corsairs which destroyed at least 4 grounded aircraft. Photos 2 Sept. show a new air strip 10 miles N.W. of the

- existing Kahili field, 60% graded. (4) Buka-St.Georges Channel At 0115/5, 2 ships described as a
  - cruiser and & cargo vessel were observed by aircraft 37 miles N.W. of Buka Passage on course 135°. At 0620/4, 2 destroyers and 3 large freighters were observed 30 miles ENE of Cape Orford heading north probably

en route Rabaul from Buka - Bougainville area.

- (5) Rabaul Between 2148/3 and 0330/4, Lakunai, Vunakanau, Rataval and Rapopo airfields were attacked by 9 Catalinas.
- (6) Cape Orford At 1215/4 a northbound submarine passed Cape Orford.
- (7) Gasmata Area At noon 3 September a large submarine was sighted 50 miles south by west of Gasmata course 80° probably returning to Rabaul from Huon Gulf.

Gasmata airfield was attacked 0750/4 by 10 Beauforts and 3 Bostons. A machine-gun position was silenced and 4 medium sized fires started. The strip was considered unserviceable and no serviceable aircraft were seen.

Cape Gloucester - The airfield was attacked 1015-1024/3 by 9 Mitchells and 9 Marauders in addition to the 9 Mitchells (8) reported in Summary No. 584. 4 serviceable aircraft and several unserviceable were seen on the strips and 2 aircraft probably destroyed.

At 0935/4 the airfield was again attacked by nine Mitchells.

(9) Lae Area - Following a naval barrage, at 0631/4 allied troops landed in the vicinity of Hopoi (26 miles east of Lae) without shore opposition. Two beach-heads were established between Hopoi and Cape Arkona (2 miles further east). At 0706/4, 20 enemy bombers attacked our shipping and at 0720/4 7 bombers again attacked but our fighter cover effected intercept ion in addition to intense A.A. barrage. No damage has been reported. Preliminary reports indicate that the enemy continued aerial assaults on our beach-heads throughout the day. Between 0755 and 0830/4 the area behind our beach-heads

was attacked by 9 Mitchells. During the morning a strong force of Liberators attacked the general Lae area inflicting much damage causing many fires.

Reports from our fighter cover involving at least 60 Lightnings during 4 September indicate that 25-30 Zeros, 30 medium bombers and 5 dive-bombers were encountered of which at least 17 fighters, 2 bombers and 1 dive-bomber were destroyed plus one fighter probably destroyed and 4 damaged. These reports are all of a preliminary nature. Two of our Lightnings are missing.

Later reports indicate that the beach-heads were established further to the west than stated above. One beach-head was probably on the west bank of the Buso River

- (10) <u>Salamaus Area</u> Our forward elements have engaged the enemy in the area S. to S.W. of Kennedy's Crossing and at least 35 enemy have been killed. An enemy position in the coastal area was occupied by 3 September without opposition.
- (11) Norobe At 1400/4 25 enemy dive bombers escorted by 25 fighters attacked Morobe. No results have been reported.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALL IED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/51

(1) "FREMANTLE" escorting "KOOLIGA" en route Thursday Island to Darwin ETA 150/6.

(2) "INVERELL" escorting "WANAKA" departed Thursday Island 0653/4 for Melville Bay ETA 1230/5 thence Darwin ETA 1430/7. (3) 5 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "ML.814" "ML.815"

#### (11) ENEMY FORCES

Ambon - Photos taken 3 September show 12 aircraft on Laha acrodrome of which 5 are unserviceable and 11 seaplane at Halong.

The main anchorage is not covered by photos.

5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

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(a) At Sea to 1200/5:

(b) In Harbour:

• Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "TJERK HIDDES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) "ISABEL" (PY) "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL (AM) "SC.739" "YP.288" "CHILDS" (AVD) "PELIAS" (AS) Fremantle Exmouth Gulf • Warships & Aux. - "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "YP.286" "W.B.FRESTON" (AVD)

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

11) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/5:

"HERON" en route Fremantle to Brisbane ETA 6 September. "BUNDABERG" "BENDIGO" "TOWN SVILLE" escorting Convoy OC.122 (1)

(10 MV) en route Port Kembla ETA 0100/6, Sydney 0600/6, Newcastle 1500/6.
(3) "WILCANNIA" "CASTLEMAINE" "ECHUCA" escorting Convoy GP.66 (7 MV) departed Sydney 0831/4 for Caloundra.
(4) "WARRNAMBOOL" "KALGOORLIE" "BROOME" escorting Convoy CO.125

(6 ships including "BUNGAR EE") ETA Wilson's Promontory 1200/7. (

#### (b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA" (APA) 1 LST Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "STUART" (DD) "ARARAT" "STAWEIL" "MILDURA" "GLENELG" "MORESEY" "ROCKHAMPTON" (AMS) "ALGORAB" (AKA) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "YANDRA" (A/S Vessels) "BUNGAREE" (CM) "MIZAR" (AF) (A/S Vessels) TASMAN" (AH) "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "HOBART" (CL) "ARUNTA" (DD) (Refitting) "KANINELA" (APA)
 Warships & Aux. - "BALLARAT" (AMS)
 "ADELAIDE" (CL) "NIZAM" (DD) "DOOMBA" (A/S) (On Reserve) Melbourne (Refitting) Vessel)

# (c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "STUART" to RV with "MATSONIA" in position 26049'S 155050 "E at 0800/6 and escort to Brisbane.

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### ENEMY FORCES

Southern Solomons - A single enemy bomber unsuccessfully attacked an allied vessel escorted by a destroyer east of Sen Christobal at midday 4 September.

C. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

#### ENEMY FORCES

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Cocos Island - At 1130/4 an enemy plane, probably a flying boat was reported over Cocos Island.

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#### NAVAL INCIDENTS

(1) Buka-Cape St.George - Results of the attack on the 5-ship convoy 35 miles east of Cape St.George course 90° at approx 2300/3 is now to hand. Depth-charges were dropped at a 2000 ton sea-truck type vessel and near misses obtained. The vessel was also strafed and fires broke out fore and aft, but they were under control within 15 minutes.

The convoy was described as containing 2 large cargo vessels, 1 x 2000 ton sea-truck and 2 escort vessels.

(2) Espiritu Santo - Further to the reported attack on a submarine contact 114 miles N.W. of Espiritu Santo at 2005/3 by a U.S. destroyer, Cdr. 3rd Fleet reports that there were strong indications that the submarine sank.

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#### ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

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

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

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwe (Easter				Carolines Marshalls
BB		WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS NOR TH CAROLINA MARYLAND COLORADO WEST VIRGINIA	-	YAMATO MUSASHI MUTSU ) poss. NAGATO) Empire KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO
CV	-	SARATOGA		ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
CV(L)	-	-	HATATANA (enroute from East Indies)	ZUIHO RYUHO
<u>CV (E )</u>	-	PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON	-	CHUYO
CA	AUSTRALIA	-	CHOKA I SUZUYA	ATACO TAKA O MAXA MYOK O HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA MUE AMI
CL	ADELA IDE HOBART	LEAN DER COLUMBIA GLEVELAND MONT PELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO NAGARA	OTODO ISUEU NARA
(T)				KA TORI KASHIMA
XCL	-	•	-	1
Đ	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA MIZAM BAGLEY HELM MUGFORD HENLEY MANAN IRAYTON LAMSON FLUSSER REID CONYNCHAM PERKINS SMITH LE TRIOMPHAN		10	25
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Southwest (Eastern		South Pacific	Bisma rcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls	
58	ALBACORE BALAO BLUEFISH	}	20	15	
	DRUM GREENLING GROUPER GRONLER GUANDFISH PETO PUFFER SCAMP SILVERSIDES STINGRAY S.31	On Patrol			
		2.8 \$8.5°			
•	BONEFISH CISCO POMPON	t Brisbane			
	K.9 At Syda	ney			
AV/CVS	HERON	POCOMOKE WRIGHT	-	NO TORO	
XAV/XCVS	- 1	3	1	8	
FT	35	Approx 30	?	?	
APA/APD/AKA	H.T.ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA KANIMBLA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS	lo APA 11 APD 6 AKA			
	Hum Phreys Brooks				
AS OF XAS	FULTON OTUS		2	2 or more	
AD	DOBBIN	DIXIE	1	1	
AR	RIGEL PLATY PUS	PROMET HEUS	1	1	
AIRCRAFT (N.I	E.Area Only)				
Light & M/B SE/Bombers	cl. 12 twin-eng ombers	5.)	2 <b>7</b> 4 215 29		
Flying Boats Floatplanes Transport &	Obsn. A/C		6 61 16		

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CL	CONCORD TRE MION	
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BB	INDIANA R CALIFORNIA		ISE HYUGA
CV	ENTER PRISE ESSEX		-
•	YORKTOWN LEXINGTON VICTORIOUS		
CV(L)	IN DEHI NDENCE BEILEAU WOOD PRINCETON	×.	R HITAKA
<u>CV (T)</u>	- 1		HOSHO
CV (E)	SUWANNEE SANGAMON LONG ISLAND CHENANGO BARNES		UNYO OTAKA
GA	NEW ORLEANS PENSAJOLA N SALT LAKE CITY N MIRN EAPOLIS N ST.LOUIS		R AOBA R KUMANO
OCA CL	Mob IIE Horolulu MASHVILLE RICHMOND HALEIGH RETROIT		6 SENDAI (poss, Mandates) TATSUTA M KINU M YUBARI M NATORI
XCL AV/CVS	?		4 * CHIYODA) Under conversion * CHITOSE) to ACVs
XAV/XCVS DD SS AS/XAS	Approx 35 Approx 50 ?		3 25-30 (approx 15 mpairing) Approx 30 3 or more
	4.	NORTHERN PACIFIC	
	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW NEXICO TENNESSEE PENNSYLVANIA		•
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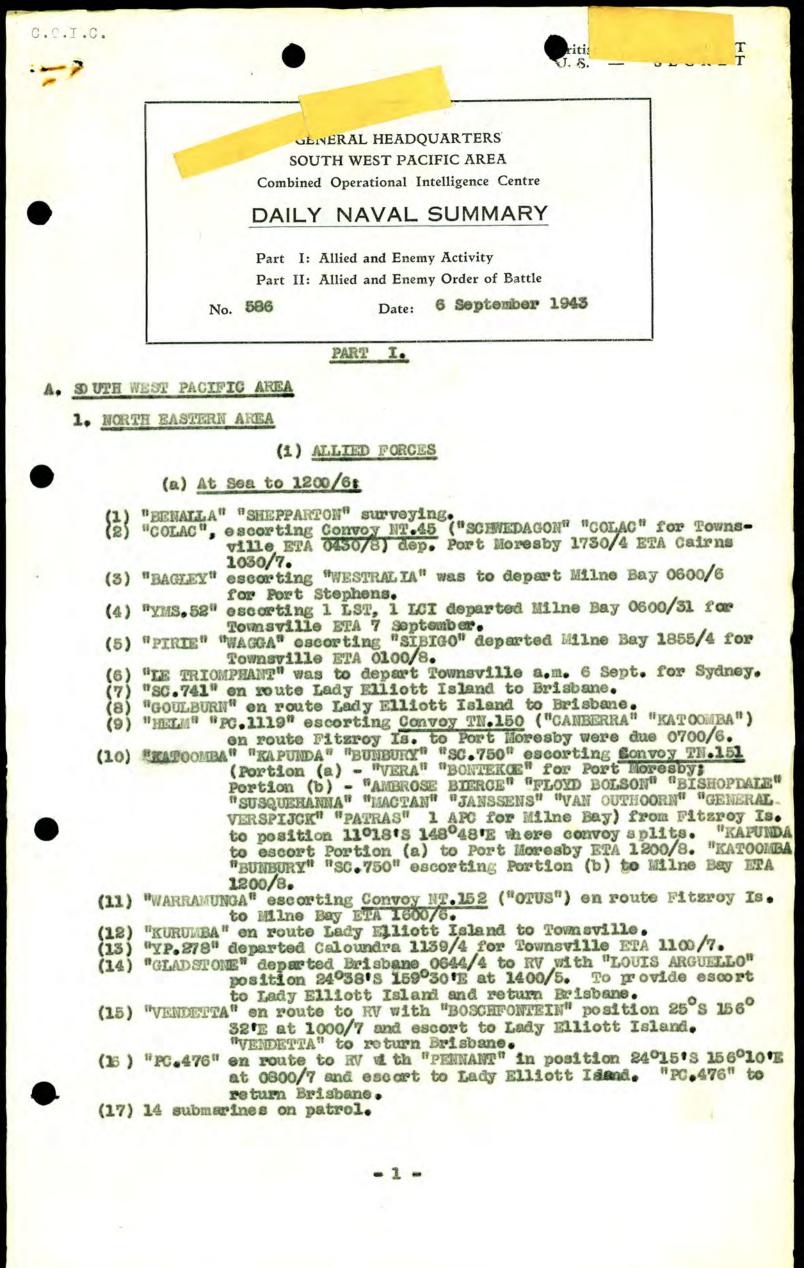
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5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

MOST SECRET 5 September 1943

ENEMY FORCES

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	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC EMERALD VAN HEEMSKERK	kuma OI KITAGAMI
	•	KASHII
	CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
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SH) At F	reman tle	
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M	Pre	/C / No recent intelligence. Present location uncerta



(b) In Harl	bour :
Buna	- Warships & Aux "SC.698 SC.699 SC.703 SC.746 SC.982 YMS.72 "HILO" (PG) ML.425 ML.817
	Merchant Vessels: "JOSIAH EARL" "JUNIPERO SERRA" "OZARK" "KARSIK"
Oro Bay	• Warships & Aux "SC.744 YMS.53 YMS.72 Merchant Vessels: "BENJAMIN BONNEVILLE" "VAN SWOLL" "GEO.H.FIANDERS" "CITY OF FORT WORTH" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "TECUMSEN" "MANOERAN" "WILLIAM BEAUMONT
Kiriwina	- Warships & Aux "SC.731" Merchant Vessels: "BALIKPA PAN"
Coodenough Is. Milne Bay	<ul> <li>Merchant Vessels: "ANDREW D.WHITE</li> <li>Warships &amp; Aux "MUGFORD" "HENLEY" "MAHAN" "SMITH "PERKINS" "FLUSSER" "LAM SON" "DRAYTON" "REID" "CONYNGHAM" (DD) "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS"</li> </ul>
	"GILMER" (APD) "BOWEN" (AMS) SC.637 SC.648 SC.734 SC.736 SC.742 SC.745 SC.747 SC.748 SC.749 YMS.11 YMS.49 YMS.50 YMS.51 YMS.70 YP.233 YP.280 33 PTs ML.427 "GOID STAR" (AG) "POYANG" "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "TRINITY" "VICTORIA" (AO) "RIGEL" (AR) "MERKUR" (AF)
	(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.) Merchant Vessels: "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" "HOWARD "STANBURY" "ANSON BURLINGHAME" "KHOEN HOEA"
	"CAPE ANNE" "AN HUI" "CAPE HAT TERAS" "DAVID. C. SHANKS" "JOHN MUIR" "ESTHER JOHNSON" "B.F. SHAW"
	• Warships & Aux. • "TULSA" (PG) Merchant Vessels: "GEO.EASTMAN" "ADMIRAL CHASE" "VAN DEN BOSCH" "J.W.GRIMES" "SUVA" "C.P.STEIN- METZ" "W.E.CHANNING" "JOHN CARROLL" "ELIZABETH BLACKWELL" "JOSIAH ROYCE"
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux "LATROBE" "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS) YP.291 YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48
Cairns	• Warships & Aux "SWAN" (DE) SC.732 SC.738 SC.981 ML.425 ML.428 1 PT "PLATYPUS" (AR)
Townsville	• Warships & Aux. • "DELORAINE" "GYMPIE" (AMS) ML.424
Mackay Brisbane	- Warships & Aux "DOBBIN" (AD) - Warships & Aux "LITHGOW" "GEELONG" (AMS) FC.479 PC.1121 SC.650 SC.735 YP.236 YP.283 YP.291 YMS.9 YMS.10 YMS.335 ML.425 ML.816 ML.818 ML.819 "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "MANUNDA"(AH) "FULTOW" (AS)
(Repairing	, Trials etc.) - "WARREGO" (DE) "WHYALLA" (AME)

#### (11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) <u>New Georgia</u> Enemy artillery, presumably on S.Kolombangara, intermittently shelled our positions at Baeroko Earbour on 4 September,
  - On Arundel Is. enemy continues to conduct debyming action in N.E. area.
- (2) <u>Kolombangara</u> Local sources report 4 September, that Japs are located along the entire section of the W.coast of Kolombangara from Gatere to Ropa Point (10 and 17 miles from Vila respectively).

Vila respectively). On 3 Sept. 17 fighters and 5 bombers or transports were meported on Vila airfield. At 1845/3, the airfield was attacked by 5 Avengers but at this time no aircraft were observed on the aerodrome.

At about noon 4 September, Vila a rfield and Dula Cove (6 miles west of Vila) were attacked by Liberators. Late p.m. 4 Sept. the same targets were attacked by 81 Dauntless, Avengers and Mitchells. One Dauntless was lost to A.A. and one Avenger crash-landed at base. During the night 3-4 Sept. PT boats damaged and

possibly destroyed 2 barges in Vella Gulf and the same night 2 U.S. destroyers sank 3 more barges off N.coast Kolombangara (not 2 barges as reported in Summary 585), Floatplanes attacked our PT boats and damaged one.

- (3) Gizo Local sources report 4 Sept. that Japs are distributed around Gizo coast.
- (4) <u>Vella Lavella</u> At 1440/4, 2 probable landing craft were seen on a northerly course off Mundi Mundi possibly having contasted enemy at Mundi Mundi or further south at Oula. A party of enemy was contacted by our troops on 4 Sept. at Boko Village (NE. Vella Lavella).
- (5) Buin Base At 1200/3, Kahili aerodrome was attacked by 23 Fortresses escorted by 61 fighters. Approximately 20 Zeros intercepted and 2 were shot down. One Kittyhawk was lost. At 1200/4, Ballale was attacked by 9 Liberators escorted by 41 fighters.
- (6) Buka-St. Georges Channel At 1033/5 a possible destroyer was observed by aircraft five miles south of Cape St. George course west and at 1048/5 a large barge was sighted 40 miles S.E. of Cape St.George, course 3150. Bombs were dropped at the barge which was believed damaged.
- (7) Wide Bay At 0900-1030/5 a destroyer was observed in Wide Bay heading N.E.
- (8) Cape Grford At 0932/5 a northbound submarined passed Cape Orford and at 1423/5 another submarines was sighted in the
- (9) <u>Gasmata Area</u> At 1528/4 a submarine was observed 32 miles south by west of Gasmata course 90°.
- (10) Witu Islands At midday 4 September, 16 barges were seen in John Albert Harbour (Garote Is.).
- (11) Cape Gloucester At 0724/5 Cape Gloucester a infield area was attacked by 9 Mitchells. Several probably serviceable aircraft were observed at or near No.1 Strip and two of them aircraft were turning. were left burning. (12) Wewak - Photos 0821/5 show: Dagua - 5 M/B, 1 L/B, 18 F But - 1 M/B, 9 L/B But - 1 M/B, 9 L/B

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35 probably serviceable aircraft on the Total . two airfields.

(13) Las Area - Latest reports following our landing east of Las at dawn 4 Sept. indicate that our forces are firmly establish-ed on both beach-heads. Athreads At the eastern beach-head, at Bulu Plantation (18 miles east of Lae) 30 Japs who were encountered fled to the north. On the western beach-head, at the mouth of Buso River, our forces are established over an area of 5 square miles and are advancing west towards Singana Plantation. Forward patrols have cut two traks one mile N.E. of Singana Plantation. A summary of the landing operation is given in Naval Incidents.

At 1010/5, approximately 60 Mitchells bombed and strafed Nadzab area immediately prior to a successful landing by U.S. paratroops in 3 positions around Nadzab aerodrome (approx 15 miles NW of Lae). The landing was effected in a smoke screen laid by Bostons. No air opposition was encountered and no ground activity noticed.

Between 1023 and 1115/5 defence area Heath's Plantation and the Las area general ly were attacked by strong formations of Liberators. Photographs show the defence positions destroyed and the surrounding area heavily plastered.

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#### (1) ALLIED FORCES

## (a) At Sea to 1200/6:

(1) "FREMANTLE" escorting "KOOLIGA" on route Thursday Island to

 (2) "INVERELL" escorting "WAHAKA" departed Thursday Island 0653/4 for Melville Bay ETA 1230/5 thence Darwin ETA 14 30/7. (3) 5 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

• Warships & Aux. - "ML.814" "ML.815" Darwin

(11) EREMY FORCES

(1) Merauke Area - Tanahmerah (135 miles N. of Merauke) was bombed and strafed by 9 enemy bombers 0925-0940/5. At 1030/5 one twin-engined aircraft was over Mappi Post and at 1045-1120/5, 8 enemy bombers attacked without causing damage or casualties.

- (2) N.W. New Guinea P.M. 5 September a 2-4000 ton freighter and a gunboat were attacked by 3 Liberators at Manokwar 1. One small freighter was sighted approximately 30 miles east of Sorong on a westerly course.
- .(3) Ambon Further interrogation of the aircraft crews over Ambon 3 Sept. indicates that the warship sighted at Ambon was a heavy cruiser.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/6:

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "TJERK HIDDES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) "ISABEL" (FY) "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" "WHIPPOORWEL: (AM) "SC.739" "YP.288" "CHILDS" (AVD) Fremantle "PELIAS" (AS) Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHANTICLE ER" (ASR) "YF.286" "W. B. PRESTON" (AVD)

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

## (a) At Sea to 1200/6:

(1) "HERON" on route Fremantle to Brisbane ETA 6 September. (2) "WARRNAMBOOL" "KALGOORLIE" "BROOME" escorting Convoy CO.125

- (6 ships including "BUNGAREE") ETA Wilson's Promontory 1200/7.
- (3) "TOWN SVILLE" escorting Newcastle section Convoy OC.122
- (4) "WILCANNIA" "CASTLEMAINE" "ECHUCA" escorting Convoy GP.66
  (5) "STUART" departed Sydney 0830/5 to RV with "MATSONIA" position 26°49'S 155°50'E at 0800/6 and escort to Brisbane.

# (b) In Harbours

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "MANCORA" (APA) 1 LST Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "ARAHAT" "STAWELL" "BUNDABERG" "BENDIGO" "MILDURA" "GLENELG" "MORESBY" "ROCKHAMPTON" (AMS) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "YANDRA" (A/S Vessels) "ALGORAB" (AKA) "MIZAR" (AF) "TASMAN" (AH) "MIZAR" (AF) "TASMAN" (AH) "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "HOBART" (CL) "ARUNTA" (DD) "KANIMELA" (APA) Melbourne (Refitting) - Warships & Aux. - "BALLARAT" (AMS) "ADELAIDE" (CL) "NIZAM" (DD) "DOOMBA" (A/S Vessel)

#### (c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "WILCANNIA" "CASTIE MAINE" "ECHUCA" "ML.820" escorting Convoy <u>FG.66</u> (5 MV) to depart Caloundra 1200/7 for Newcastle and Sydney.

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### NAVAL INCIDENTS

Lae Landing - A summary of a report by an observation Fortress of the Ending east of Lae dawn 4 September is given hereunder:-

- 0605 1st echelon consisting of approx 30 landing craft with 3 destroyers on each flank observed approx 10 miles off Hopoi.
- 0610 Entire invasion force visible. Destroyers launched small boats which headed directly for the two beachheads.
- 0616 Destroyers on both flanks opened fire laying an intense accurate barrage on the beach extending approx 200 yards inland.
- 0631 8 small boats from destroyers landed on eastern beach-head, and at

0633 - 7 landed on the western beach-head.

0631 onwards - Landing craft worked in shuttles between ships and shore, executing perfect timing. As one echdon left the beach another was ready to land.

0725-0720 - Small formation enemy aircraft including a few medium bombers attacked landing craft approaching beach. Landing craft put up fierce A.A. barrage but 2 LCI hit: one abandonned, other beached. Our

fighters pursued enemy aircraft. 0754-0815 - 9 Mitchells attacked behind beach-head. 0830 - Final landing force of 10 landing craft ashore and troops moved into jungle behind beach-heads.

Details of the attack on our shipping off Morebe 4th September are briefly:-

At 1400/4, 11 torpedo bombers and 5 dive bombers attacked a northbound echelon of amphibious craft 20 miles off Morobe. 2 LST's were damaged, one by 2 bombs and the other by torpedo, and casualties were suffered,

Simultaneously 3 destroyers were attacked by 3, 4 and 4 dive-bombers respectively but only minor damage was suffered by one destroyer.

Five minutes later 11 aircraft made a torpedo approach on an echelon of amphibious craft returning south wards off Cape Ward Hunt but broke off when 4000 yards away without kanding: launching.

Incomplete data shows that 5 enemy aircraft including probably 3 D/B and 2 T/B, were destroyed by A.A. fire from our ships.

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# ENEMY IS PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

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AV/CVS	HEROM	POC OMOKE WRIGHT	-	NOTORO
XAV/XCVS	-	3	1	2
PT	35	Approx 30	?	?
APA/AFD/AJ	KA H.T.ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA KANIMBLA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROCKS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA		
AS or XAS	FULTON		1	2 or more
AD	DOBBIN	DIXIE	1	1
AR	R IGEE PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS	1	1
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XCL AV/CVS	×3 - ?		4 R CHIYODA) Under conversion R CHITOSE) to ACVS
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CA	WICHITA LOUE VILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND INDIANAPOLIS		NAC HI
CL	SANTA FE		TAMA
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ALLIED FORCES

EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

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ENEMY FORCES

	t Pacific Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
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CV	-	ø illustfi ous	HAVATAHT
CV (E)		ALTAMAHA	•
CA	-	SUFFOLK SUSSEX R HAWKINS FROBISMER	ASHIGARA .
<u>CL</u>	TROM P	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETONN DURBAN CARADOC EME RALD VAN HEEMSKE KK	Kuma OI KITAGAMI
CL(T)	-	•	KASHII
XOL	. ( <del>.</del>	CARTHAGE CHITRAL RAN PURA WORCE STERSHIRE	1
AV/CVS	CHILDS W.B.PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI
XAV/XCVS	÷	8	1
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SS.	BILLFISH BOWFIN GRAYLING TROUT TUNA KINGFISH	On Patrol At Fremantle	5
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AS or XAS	PELIAS	Ŷ	1
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	r	"SC.748" escorting "ANHUI" departed Milne Bay 1400/6 for Kimisina ETA 0600/7. "SHEPPARTON" surveying.	
(3)	"COLAC", e	"SHEPPARTON" surveying. escerting <u>Convoy NF.45</u> ("SCHWEDAGON" "COLAC" for Townsy ETA 0430/8), dep. Port Moresby 1730/4 were due Cairns 1030/7.	ville
(4)	"BAGLEY" o	escorting "WESTRALIA" departed Milne Bay 0600/6 for Por	et
(5)	"YMS,52" e	Stephens ETA 0700/11. escorting 1 LST, 1 LCI departed Milne Bay 0600/31 for	
(6)	"BOWEN" es	Fownsville ETA 7 September. scorting "DEVENPORT" departed Milne Bay 1200/5 for	
(7)	"SC.741" e	Fownsville ETA 2000/8. en route Lady Elliott Island to Brisbane.	
(9)	"GLADSTONE "PC.1122"	E" en route Lady Elliott Island to Brisbane. en route Noumea to Brisbane ETA 0800/8.	
(10)	"KATOOMBA" ( P U V t	""KAPUNDA" "BUNBURY" "SC.750" escerting <u>Convoy TN.151</u> (Pertion (a) - "VERA" "BONTEKOE" for Port Moresby; Pertion (b) - "AMBROSE BIERCE" "FLOYD BOLSON" "BISHOPDA "SUSQUENANNA" "MACTAN" "JANSSENS" "VAN OUTHOORN" "GENER VERSPIJCK" "PATRAS" 1 APC for Milne Bay) from Fitzroy to position 11°18'S 148°48'E where convoy splits. "KAP to escert Portion (a) to Port Moresby ETA 1700/8. "KATO "BUNBURY" "SC.750" escerting Portion (b) to Milne Bay E 1700/8.	ALE" RAL IS. PUNDA" DOMBA" ETA
(11) (12)	"YP.278" de "VENDETTA" 3	leparted Caloundra 135 9/4 for Townsville was due 1100/7 " en route to RV with "BOSCHFONTEIN" position 25°S 156° 52°E and escort to Lady Elliott Island. "VENDETTA" to return Brisbane.	0
(13)	"PC . 476" et al	return Brisbane. m route to RV with "PENNANT" in position 24°15'S 156°1 and escort to Lady Elliott Island. "PC.476" to return Brisbane.	.0'E
(14)		ines on patrol.	
	(b) <u>In H</u>	larbour:	
P	Buna	- Warships & Aux "SC.698 SC.699 SC.703 SC.982 "HILO"(PG) ML.425 ML.817	2
		Merchant Vessels: "JOSIAH EARL" "JUNIPERO SERRA" "OZARK" "KARSIK"	
0	ro Bay .	- Warships & Aux "YMS.71" Merchant Vessels: "VAN SWOLL" "GEO.H.FLANDERS" "CI OF FORT WORTH" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "TECUMSEN" "MA NOERAN" "WILLIAM EEAUMONT"	YT
K	(iriwina	- Warships & Aux "SC.731" Merchant Vessels: "BALIKPAPAN"	

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Milne Bay	<ul> <li>Warships &amp; Aux "WARRAMUNGA" "MUGFORD" "HENLEY" "MAHAN" "SMITH" "PERKINS" "FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "DRAYTON" "REID" "CONYNGHAM" (DD) "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUM PHREYS" "GILMER" (AFD) SC.637 SC.648 SC.734 SC.735 SC.742 SC.745 SC.746 SC.747 SC.749 YMS.11 YMS.49 YMS.50 YMS.51 YMS.53 YMS.70 YMS.72 YP.233 YP.280 33 PTS ML.427 "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "POXANG" "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "SAN PABLO" "(AVP) "TRINITY" "VICTORIA" (AO) "RIGEL" (AR) "MERKUR" (AF) "OTUS" (AS)</li> <li>(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)</li> </ul>
	Merchant Vessels: "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" "HOWARD STANBURY" "KNOEN HOEA" "CAPE ANNE" "CAPE HATTERAS" "JOHN MUIR"
Port Moresby	
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux "LATROBE" "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS) YP.291 YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48
Cairns	- Warships & Aux "SWAN" (DE) "PIRIE" "WAGGA" (AMS) SC.732 SC.738 SC.981 ML.425 ML.428 1 PT "PLATYPUS" (AR)
Townsville	- Warships & Aux "DELORAINE" "GYMPIE" (AMS) ML.424
Mackay	- Warships & Aux "DOBBIN" (AD)
Gladstone	- Warships & Aux "KURUMBA" (A0)
	- Warships & Aux "GOULBURN" "LITHGOW" "GEELONG" (AMS) PC.476 PC.1121 SC.550 SC.735 YP.236 YP.283 YP.291 YMS.9 YMS.10 YMS.335 ML.425
	ML.816 ML.818 ML.819 "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "MANUNDA" (AH) "FULTON" (AS) "HERON" (AVP)
(Repairing.	Trials etc.) - "WARREGO" (DE) "WEYALLA" (AMS)

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

## (c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "CEELONG" "SC.650" "SC.735" "SC.743" escerting <u>Convoy QL10</u> (5 MV) to depart Cal oundra 1600/7. Convoy to disperse vicinity Bustard Head.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) <u>Kelembangara Area</u> - At 1100/5, enemy gun positions at Paiapatu Point, Which had been shelling Baeroko Harbour, were attacked by 21 Dauntless and 13 Avengers with fighter cover. Many direct hits were scored.

Enemy resistance on N.E. Arundel Island, continued 5 Sept. on high ground across Blackett Strait from Vib.

- (2) Choiseul On 2 Sept. 2 vessels landed a number of troops at Zoga (10 miles S.E. of Kakasa, central S.W. coast). These troops are additional to the 1000 previoual y reported at Kakasa. At 1430/5, Zoga area was thoroughly strafed by 11 Corsairs.
- (3) Buin Base During the night 4-5 Sept. 2 small vessels were contacted by a Liberator in Bougainville Strait. One was possibly sunk after an attack by the aircraft.
- (4) <u>Kieta</u> During the night 5-6 Sept. 10 to 12 Zeros unsuccessfully attacked a patrol Liberator ten miles off Kieta.
- (5) E.New Britain-Witu Islands A barge sweep conducted by 4 Beaufighters a.m. 6 September located and attacked 3 probably unserviceable barges on Wide Bay mainland opposite Brown Is. Two barges at Talasea and 4, of which 2 probably unserviceable, at John Albert Barbour, Garove Is., were set on fire.

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(6) Buka-St.Georges Channel - At 1505/5 2 small sea-trucks were strafed by a Fortress 20 miles east of Cape St.George course 90°. A M/G position on one ship was silenced. At 2310/5, 2 small escort vessels were sighted on an easterly course 48 miles ESE of Cape.St. George. At 1020/6 2 100 ton vessel was observed 5 miles S.E. of Cape St.George course N. at 3 knots and at 1044/6 a

destroyer was sighted 28 miles ESE of Cape St. George on course 360 speed 20.

- (7) <u>Mussau Island Area</u> Reconnaissance p.m. 6 Sept. observed two hespital ships confirmed by photos proceeding north independently in the Mussau Island area.
- (8) Gasmata The aerodrome was raided 1600/4 by 3 Bostons and again at 0610/5 by 5 Bostons followed by 10 Beauforts an hour later. The ranway was covered with bombs which included a number of delay action up to 36 hours dropped by the Beauforts. Three Beauforts are missing and another crash-landed at base. At 0546/5 a submarine was sighted 30-40 miles south of Gasmata course east. This is thought possibly to be a duplication of the report of the unit reported in the same position at 1528/4.
- (9) <u>Cape Gloucester</u> At 1000/5 Cape Gloucester aerodrome and barges in Borgen Bay were attacked by 6 Beaufighters. One twin-engined aircraft was hit on the strip, also several barges in the bay.
- (10) Hollanda Photographs 1015/6 show 42 aircraft on the aerodrome including 26 M/B, 7 L/B, 9 F of which 4 twin-engined. The aerodrome has been extensively developed with 50 blast pens. Numerous trucks noted, xxx sexheavy traffic in aerodrome area, also heavy traffic.
- (11) Lae Area Targets in the Lae area, principally Jacobsen's Plantation and Malahang Plantation and aerodrome were attacked approximately 1000/6 by 6 Fortresses and 18 Liberators followed shortly afterwards by 48 Mitchells.

No reports have been received of enemy opposition to the advance of our troops towards Singaua Plantation. By 1700/5/FUFward troops had reached a line from the mouth of the Buiem River to Tali. This line is was approximately 8 miles from Lae, Our H.Q. midway between Buiem and Buso Rivers were strafed by 4 Zeros at 1100/6.

In the Markham Valley sector, opposition was encountered p.m. 4 September by our troops at Markham Point.

(12) <u>Salamaua Area</u> - Two enemy counter attacks 5-6 September against our positions in the coastal sector north of Lokanu were repulsed. Another enemy position approximately mile south of Kennedy's Crossing was occupied 5-6 September.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

### (a) At Sea to 1200/7:

(1) "INVERELL" escorting "WANAKA" departed Thursday Island 0653/4 for Darwin ETA 1430/7.

(2) 5 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

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

# (11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) N.W.New Guinea - Photos of Manokwari 1220/5 show one freighter (4,500 tons), one sea-truck, one naval patrol vessel, in addition to 13 barges, lighters and launches. At Efman Island off Sorong, no sircraft are visible on the strip but 12 revetments and roundabouts are shown.  (2) <u>Timor</u> - At approximately 1915/6, 3 Mitchells attacked Fuilore aerodrome and about the same time Dilli was attacked by another 4.

(3) Darwin - A probable reconnaissance plane was over the Darwin area at noon 6 September,

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/7:

## (b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "TJERK HIDDES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) "ISABEL" (PY) "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL (AM) "SC.739" "YP.288" "CHILDS" (AVD) "PELIAS" (AS) Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "YP.286" "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

#### (1) ALLIED FORCES

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## (a) At Sea to 1200/7:

(1) "LE TRIOMPHANT" departed Townsville 0750/6 for Sydney ETA 1000/8. (2) "WILCANNIA" "CASTLEMAINE" "ECHUCA" "ML.820" escorting <u>Convoy</u> <u>PG.66</u> (5 MV) were to depart Calcundra 1200/7 for

- (3) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC.123 departed Port Phillip 2330/6 to RV in Wilson's Promontory area with "WARRNAMBOOL" "KALGOORLIE" "BRCOME" escorting Convoy CO.123 (6 ships including "EUNGAREE"), ETA Convoy OC.123 Port Kembla OlOO/10, Sydney O600/10.
- (4) "STUART" departed Sydney 0830/5 to RV with "MATSONIA" position 25 049 3 155 50 E at 2300/6 and escort to Brisbane.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA" (APA) 1 LST Newcastle - Warships & Aux. - "TOWNSVILLE" Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "ARARAT" "STAWELL" "BUNDA EERG" "BENDIGO" "MILDURA" "GLENELG" "MORESEY" "ROCK HAN PTON" (AMS) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "YANDRA" (A/S Vessels) "ALGORAB" (AKA) "MIZAR" (AF) "TASMAN" (AM) "MIZAR" (AF) "TASMAN" (AM) "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "HOBART" (CL) "ARUNTA" (DD) (On Reserve) "KAN IMBLA" (APA) Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "BALLARAT" (AMS) "ADELAIDE" (CL) "NIZAM" (DD)

#### B. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

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(1) "VAN HEEMSKERK" escorting "ALTAMAHA" en route Karachi to Melbourne ETA 1000/19.

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### NAVAL INCIDENTS

### NIL.

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# ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Northern Solomons, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas. Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in (1)
- (2) Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- Increased use of barges, in addition to warships -principally destroyers and submarines, for night (3) transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons-New Guinea areas.
- Offensive submarine activity particularly in the (4) Northern and South Pacific areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY PART II

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ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

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	t Pacific Section)	South Pacific	Bismer <b>sk</b> s Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
BB	-	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS NORTH CAROLINA MARYLAND COLORADO WEST VIRGINIA	-	YAMATO MUSASHI NAGATO) poss. MUTSU )Empire KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO
CV	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAK U SHOKAKU
CV(L)	-	-	(enroute from East Indies)	ZUIHO RYUHO
CV (E)	-	PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON	-	CHUYO
<u>CA</u>	* AUSTRALIA		CHOKAI SUZUYA	ATAGO TAKAO MAYA MYOKO HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI
CL	# ADELAIDE # HOBART	■ LEANDER COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO NAGARA	OYODO ISUZU NARA Noshiro
CL(T)	-	-	-	KATORI KA SHIMA
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DD	R ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART			
•	VENDETTA VENDETTA BAGLET HELM MUGFORD HENLEY MAHAN DRAYTON LAMSON FLUSSER REID CONYNGHAM PERKINS SMITH LE TRIOMPH	Approx 40	10	25
	R Non-ef	fective		



# NOST SECRET 7 September 1943

Southwest (Eastern		South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
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•	BONEFISH ) CISCO ) POMPON )	it Brisbane		
	K.9 At Sydne	y		
AV/CVS	HERON	POC OMOKE WR IGHT	3	NOTOR O
XAV/XCVS	-	3	1	2
PT	35	Approx 30	8	8
<u>A PA / A PD / ARA</u>	H.T.ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA KANIMBLA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA		
s or XAS	FULTON OTUS		1	2 or more
AD	DOBBIE	DIXIE	1	1
AR	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS	1	1
AIRCRAFT (N.E	.AreaOnly)			
Fighters (inc Light & M/Bom SE/Bombers Flying Boats	1. 15 twin-eng bers	(•)	269 238 38 6	
Floatplanes Transport & O	ibsn. A/C		61 16	
	2. 50	UTHEASTERN PACI	FIC	
CL	CONCORD TRENTON			
DD	8			

		MOST SECRET
AIL	3. ENTRAL PACE	
BB	INDIANA CALIFORNIA	TSE HYUGA
CV	ENTERPRISE ESSEX	
•	YORKTOWN LEXING <b>TON</b> VICTORIOUS	
CV(L)	INDEPENDENCE BELLEAU WOOD PRINCETON	* HITAKA
CV (T)	-	HOSHO
CV (E)	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO LONG ISLAND BARNES	UNYO OFAKA
	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA SALT LAKE CITY MINNEAPOLIS ST.LOUIS	H AOBA H KUMANO
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XCL AV/CVS	?	4 * CHIYODA) Under conversion * CHITOSE) to ACVs
XAV/XCVS DD SS AS/XAS	Approx 35 Approx 50 ?	3 25-30 (approx 15 repairing Approx 30 3 or more
-	4. NORTHERN PAC	CIFIC
•	IDAHO MISSISJIPPI NEW MEXICO TENNESJEE PENNSYLVANIA	-
<u>A0</u>	WICHITA LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND INDIANAPOLIS	NACHI
<u>OL</u>	SANTA FE	TAMA XXXX KISO ABUKUMA
XCL AV/CVS	-	3 AKITSUSHIMA
W/XCVS	-	1
DD SS	22	Approx 10
Reference		
	R Non-effective	



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EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

MOST SECRET 7 September 1943

ENEMY FORCES

	st Pacific n Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippin
•	an a	52	•
CV	-	ILLUSINOUS	HRYATAKA.
OV (E)	-	ALTAMAHA	÷
<u>CA</u>		SUFFOLK SUSSEX HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>OL</u>	TROMP	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DUREN CARADOC EMERALD VAN HEEMSKERK	KUMA OI KITAGAMI
CL(T)	-		KASHII
XCL	-	CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
AV/CVS	CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI
XAV/XCVS		?	1
DD	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	11
55	BILLFISH ) BOWFIN ) GRAYLING ) On TROUT ) TUNA )	Patrol	5
	KINGFISH ) A	t Fremantle	
AS or XAS	PELIAS	?	1
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		DAILY N	AVAL	UMMARY		
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(1	a) At Sea	to 1200/8:				
(1) "BEI	NATLA" "SH	EPPARTON" SU	rvoving.			
(2) "BAG	LEY" esco	rting "WEST hens ETA 070	ALIA" de	parted Milne	Bay 060	0/6 for Port
(3) MWAL	RRAMUNGA"	departed Mil	ne Bey 1	320/7 was du	e CAIRNS	0900/8
(4) "BO	VEN" escor	Townsville ( ting "DEVENI	PORT" dep	arted Milne	Bay 1200	/5 for
	Town	sville ETA 2 19 escorting	2000/8.		4	
	depar	rted Port Ma	resby 174	5/7 for Tow	nsville	RTA 2145/9.
(7) "KAI	punda" esce	route Noumes orting "VERA	" "BONFEI	COE" to Port	Moresby	ETA 1700/8.
(8) "KAI	"MAC" "VAN	INBURY" "SC. FAN" "AMBROS OUTHOORN" "	750" esco E BIERCE GENERAL 1	"FLOYD BOL	SON" "JA	"SUSQUEHANNA"
(9) "PIR	IE" "GYMPI	Bay ETA 17 IE" "COLAC"	"WAGGA"	scorting Co	nvoy TN.	153 (Portion
	(a) "MAET	"Thomas Corw PSUYCKER" fo	r Port M	DER LIJN" " resby. "WES	CLARENCE T CACTUS	KING" "MONTORO"
	CONST	PEAD" "JOEL PANCE" 2 APC	s. for M	ine Bay fro	m Fitzro	7 Island.
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	"伐太陽下	PIE" "WAGGA"	to escor	t pertion (	a) to Por	et Moresby
	to Ma	L200/11. "P Line Bay ETA	1200/11.			
(10) "KUR (11) PC.4	and e	ce to RV with escort to La	h "PENNAL	T" in posit:	lon 24°1	nd ETA 1900/11. 5' S.156°10'E. to return
(12)"GEE	LONG" SC.6 depar	ane. 50 SC.735 ted Calound: ETA 0830/8.	SC.743 ra 1742/7	escorting Co , convoy to	disperse	10B (6 MV) at Bustard
(13) 15	submarines	on patrol.				
(1	b) In Harb	ours				
Buna		- Warships	& Aux	"SC.698 SC	.699 SC	.703 SC.982
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Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux "MUGFORD" "HENLEY" "MAHAN" "SMITH" "PERKINS" "FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "DRAYTON" "REID" "CONYNGHAM" (DD) "SANDS" "BHO OKS" "HUMPHREYS" "GILMER" (APD) SC.637 SC.648 SC.734 SC.736 SC.742 SC.745 SC.746 SC.747 SC.749 YMS.11 YMS.49 YMS.50 YMS.51 YMS.53 YMS.70 YMS.72 YP.233 YP.280 33 PTs ML.427 "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "POYANG" "YUMNAN" (ASIS) "RIGEL" (AR) "MERKUR" (AF) "OTUS" (AS)
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Port Moresby	• Warships & Aux "TULSA" (PG) ML.425 Werchant Vessels: "GEO.EASTMAN" "ADMIRAL CHASE" "VAN DEN BOSCH" "C.P.STEINMETZ" "JOHE CARFOLL" "ELIZABETH BLACKWELL" "JOSIAH ROYCE"
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Cairns	- Warships & Aux "SWAN" (DE) SC.732 SC.738 SC.981 ML.425 ML.428 1 PT "PLATYPUS" (AR)
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Mackay	- Warships & Aux "DOBBIN" (AD)
Gladstone	- Warships & Aux SC.741
Brisbane	- Warsips & Aux. • "STUAR T" "VENDETTA" (DD) "GOULBURN" "LITHGOW" "GLADSTONE" (AMS) PC.477 PC.1121 YP.236 YP.283 YP.291 YMS. 9 YMS.10 YMS.335 MG.425 ML.816 ML.818 ML.819 "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "MANUNDA"
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(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "LATROBE" escorting "TULAGI" "ALLARA" "HEROS" to depart Thursday Island 0800/9 for Darwin ETA 1130/13.

(11) ENEMY FORCES.

(1) Vella Lavella -A report from an observer states that two or three unidentified vessels were sighted proceeding at high speed off the north coast of Vella Lavella course S.E. at 1314/7.

(2) Buka - St. George's Channel - Two large and one small merchant vessels were reported five miles South of Cape St. George on course 90° at 2230/7, apparently en route to the Buka-Bougainville area. The observing aircraft made an attack. At 0100/8 one small merchant vessel was strafed 35 miles west of Cape Henpan. The vessel was on course (3) Cape Orford - At 1450/7 a submarine was observed off Cape Orford

heading South.

(4) Cape Orford - Gasmata Area - An aircraft reported sighting six yellow cylindrical objects approximately one foot in diameter protruding above the surface 32 miles S. of Gasmata, apparently anchored in a line extending six miles South at 0730/5. Three yellew boxes 3' x 6' were sighted 75 miles S.W. by S. of Gasmata at 1610/5, nine such boxes 18 inches square 146-151 miles S.E. of Gasmata. At 1400/7 another yellow box was reported 34 miles E. of Cape Orford.

The interesting feature of these sightings by several aircraft is the possible connection with a sighting in the New Hebrides area on August 3rd of similar objects which were believed to be a sonic bomb actuated by the engine vibrations of approaching aircraft.

- (5) <u>Gareve Island</u> In a sweep 1355-1445/7 by four Beaufighters two barges were set on fire, three others damaged and a small launch left smoking.
- (6) Northern New Guinea Coast Vitiaz Strait A barge sweep around Long Island and along the coast of New Guinea north of Finschhafen by nine Mitchells midday 6/9. Three barges were strafed, and a small lugger on a reef off Long Island was left smoking.
- (7) Lee At 0030/6 it was reported that 100 Japanese moved east across the Bunga River (62 miles E.N.E. of Lae). Allied troops attacked the enemy near Singaua Plantation. Stubborn resistance was encountered but the enemy fell back after sustaining heavy casualties. By 1750/6 it was reported that allied forces were approaching Hopoi Mission (8 miles E. of original eastern beachhead) without coposition. Other troops advancing through thick jungle had reached a point on the coast seven miles E.N.E. of Lae and were still in contact with the enemy. Reports to 1230/7 covering activity in the Markham

Reports to 1230/7 covering activity in the Markham River sector stated that our troops were occupying defence positions covering the Nadzab area with an advance position at a point on the Markham Road 4200 yards east of Nadzab strip.

Twelve Aircobras over Nadzab engaged 14 enemy bombers and 16 fighters 1350/6. One fighter was destroyed. In the Hopoi area 4 Kittyhawks intercepted 31 bombers and 25 fighters at 1640/6 shoeting down three bombers and one fighter. One Kittyhawk engaged two enemy fighters between Salamaua and Lae afternoon 7/9 shoorting down one.

During 7/9 the Lae area and the Markham Valley Road were attacked by 24 Liberators and 20 Mitchells. Two large fires were started and one A/A position believed silenced.

- (8) Huon Gulf An enemy floatplane unsuccessfully attacked allied motor torpedo boats night 5-6/9.
- (9) <u>Nassau Bay</u> At 2150/5, a possible enemy submarine fellewed by three torpedo wakes was sighted by motor torpedo boats approx. 19 miles East of Nassau Bay.
   (10) <u>Morebe</u> - Fifteen Lightnings engaged 18 to 20 medium bembers and

(10)Merobe - Fifteen Lightnings engaged 18 to 20 medium bembers and approx. 10 Zeros in the Morobe area 1355/6. Two Zeros and one bomber were destroyed and one Zero three bombers probably destroyed. One Lightning missing.

(11)Dobodura - On night 7 September, 6-8 enemy aircraft were over Debodura. Bombs were dropped without damage or casualties.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/8:

(1) 5 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "FREMANTLE" "INVERELL" (AMS) ML.814 ML.815 Merchant Vessels: "KOOLIGA" "WANAKA"

#### (11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Gorong Islands (off south east tip Ceram Island) Approx. midday 7/9 an aircraft reported sighting one unidentified ship anchored off the west coast of Pandjang Island and (2) <u>Timor</u> - In a night attack 5/9 Atamboea was bombed by five Hudsons.
   Several explosions and fires were observed.
- (3) Tanimbar Islands Two sea trucks were observed anchored in Selaru Harbour 7/9.
- (4) Darwin Twentyone enemy aircraft comprising a heavily escorted reconnaissance were over the Darwin area morning 7/9. Interception was effected by 31 Spitfires and an assessment, which is not yet final, states the enemy losses to be 5 fighters destroyed, 2 probably destroyed and 7 damaged. Our losses were two Spitfires destroyed (both pilots safe) and one Spitfire missing.

No bombs were dropped, and this heavily escorted reconnaissance may well have been the result of the last recce 17/8 when all four recce aircraft were shot down.

SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALL IED FORCES

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(a) At Sea to 1200/8:

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "TJERK HIDDES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) ISAHEL (PY) "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) 3C.739 YP.288 "CHILDS" (AVD) "PELIAS" (AS) Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) YP.286 "W.E.PRESTON" (AVD)

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AR EA

(1) AILIED FORCES

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

X (1) "CHEVALIER" escorting "COLUMBIA" en route Espiritu Santo to Sydney

- (1) "ETA 9/9.
   (2) "LE TRIOMPHANT" departed Townsville 0750/6 for Sydney was due 1000/8.
   (3) "WILCANNIA" "CASTLEMAINE" "ECHUCA" escorting Convcy PG.66 (5 MM) departed Calcundra 1201/7 for Newcastle ETA 1100/9 and
- Sydney ETA 1600/9. (4) "MORESEY" departed Sydney 2140/7 to RV with "TOWNSVILLE" escorting
  - Newcastle section Convoy CO.124. "BUNDABERG" "BENDIGO" escorting Sydney section Convey CO.124 to depart Sydney p.m. 3/9 to RV with Newcastle Section off Sydney. "TOWNSVILLE" to proceed Sydney.
- (5) "ARARAT" departed Sydney 1236/7 for Caloundra ETA 1200/9.
   (6) "WARRNAMBOOL" "KALGOORLIE" "BROOME" escorting Convoy OC.123 (8MV) en route Port Kembla ETA 0100/10 and Sydney 0600/10.

### (b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA" (APA) 1 LST Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "STAWELL" "BUNDABERG" "HENDIGO" "MILDURA" "GLENELG" "ROCKHAMPTON" (AMS) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "YANDRA" (A/S Vessels) "ALGORAB" (AKA) "MIZAR" (AF) "TASMAN" (AH)

(Refitting)

(On Reserve) Melbourne

(Refitting) Geelong

"AUSTRALIA" (CA) "HOBART" (CL) "ARUMTA" (DD)

- (DD) "KANIMBLA" (APA) "bins & Aux. "BALLARAT" (AMS) "DOOMBA" - Warships & Aux. - "BALLARAT" (. (A/S Vessel) "ADELAIDE" (CL)"NIZAM" (DD)
- Warships & Aux, "BUNGAREE" (CM)

B. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(1) "VAN HEEMSKERK" escerting "ALTAMAHA" en route Karachi to Melbourne ETA 1000/19.

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### NAVAL INCIDENTS

#### NIL.

# ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Northern Solemons, Bismarcks, North Coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas. (2) Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in Solemons
- and New Guinea areas.
- (3) Increased use of barges, in addition to warships principally destroyers and submarines, for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons-New Guinea areas.
   (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the Northern and South Pacific areas.

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MOST SECRET 8 September 1943

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

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

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EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

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Townsville	- Warships & Aux "DELORAINE" "BOWEN" (AMS) VP.278 ML.424
Mackay Gladstone	- Warships & Aux "DOBBIN" (AD) - Warships & Aux "GEELONG" (AMS) SC.650 SC.735 SC.741
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux "STUART" "VENDETTA" (DD) "GOULERS "LITHGOW" "GLADSTONE" (AMS) FC.476 FC.477 PC.1121 PC.1122 YP.283 YP.291 YMS.9 YMS.10 YMS.52 YMS.335 ML.425 ML.816 ML.818 ML.819

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

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Kolombangara A.M. 6 Sept. a barge at Kundu Kundu (W.coast) Was attacked and left smoking by 2 Corsairs, and at dusk 6 Sept. 2 more barges, one each at Webster Cove and Ringi Cove, were badly damaged by Corsairs. Meanwhile Vila area was well covered by pattern bombing by 24 Liberators during early afternoon. The barge depot and supply area at Ringi Cove were again attacked shortly before noon 7 Sept. by 25 Mitchells.
- (2) Arundel Is. Bamboe Village on N.E. coast opposite Webster Cove was occupied by our troops by 7 Sept. Two enemy concentrations remain on N.E. coast, one of which is now surrounded.
- (3) Vella Lavella Enemy resistance is still being encountered in the Boko Mission Kokolope Bay area (N.E. coast) where there is evidence that the enemy is preparing defences and for further occupation.

Early a.m. 7 Sept. 3 enemy barges were attacked and damaged by 4 PT's off Tambama Bay (N.E.coast): 2 PT's were grounded on a reef and later destroyed by our own gunfire. At 0115/9 an enemy cargo vessel (probably small sea-

truck type) was located and attacked by aircraft off N.W.

- (4) Choiseul At 1005/3 shore installations at Kakasa were attacked by 7 Mitchells.
- (5) Buin Base At 1255/6 a suspected radar site off S. coast Shortland Is. was attacked by 18 Avengers and 7 Aircobras covered by 32 Hellcats and Corsairs. 20-25 Zeros were encountered and 5 were destroyed.

Photos of Kahili a.m. 7 September disclose 30 fighters and one dive-bomber. On the new Kara airfield (N.W. of Kahili) 12 revetments have been completed. (6) <u>Kavieng Area</u> - At 1115/8 a 6-ship convoy described as 3 destroyers and 3 large merchant vessels was observed by aircraft 105 miles north by east of Kavieng course 240° possibly en route Kavieng or Rabaul from Truk.

- (7) <u>Gasmata Area</u> At 1451/8 an enemy submarine was sighted approximately 50 miles east of Gasmata course 40°. The unit was attacked by aircraft with unobserved results. At 0133/9 an enemy submarine was attacked by aircraft 40 miles S.S.E. Gasmata course 270°.
- (8) <u>Vitiaz Strait</u> At approximately 2015/8 a Catalina made contact with 15 unidentified aircraft over Long Island area.
- (9) Hansa Bay At 0930/8 reconnaissance observed 20-30 barges in Hansa Bay.
- (10) <u>Karkær Island</u> At 0945/8 an unidentified vessel was observed stationary off N. Karkar Island (35 miles N.E. Madang).
- (11) <u>Alexishafen</u> Photos 1000/8 show both strips to be serviceable with 2 fighters on No.1 Strip and 10 trucks engaged on surfacing this strip.
- (12) Las Area Az By 2200/6, our advanced elements had reached Tikereng (62 miles ENE Las).

A.M. 7 September Didyman's Bridge and the defence area north of the strip were attacked by 9 Marauders in addition to the aircraft reported attacking Lae in Summary 588. A.M. 8 September the Lae area was a gain attacked by approx 24 heavy and medium bombers while Mitchells (approximately 12) attacked Markham Valley Road. At 0330/8, Voco Point and other targets in the

At 0330/8, Voco Point and other targets in the vicinity of Lae were bombarded by 4 U.S. destroyers. Between 2030 and 2130/7 several enemy aircraft attacked our 4 destroyers while en route to the Huon Peninsula beach-heads. No damage was suffered but two enemy planes were destroyed for certain and another probably by our ships! A.A.

At 0950/8, 6 enemy bombers and 6 fighters were intercepted in the vicinity of Hopoi by 7 Aircobras. No damage was inflicted.

(13) Morebe - At approximately 1310/7 some 27 enemy medium bombers escorted by 30 fighters attacked shipping at Morebe. 15 Lightnings intercepted and destroyed 3 Zeres. The only damage reported is by a pattern of 6 bombs around U.S. destroyer "DRAYTON" which suffered only minor structural damage with one man wounded.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

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- (a) At Sea to 1200/9:
- (1) 7 submarines on patrol.
  - (b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "FREMANTLE" "INVERELL" (AMS) "ML.814" "ML.815" Merchant Vessels: "KOOLIGA" "WANAKA"

#### (11) ENERY FORCES

- (1) <u>Babo</u> Buildings and the dispersal area were attacked 1220/8 by 9 Liberators. Approximately 10 aircraft were seen on the airfield and probably another 8 were airborne. No interception was attempted. One small sea-truck was observed in the vicinity.
- (2) Kai Is. At Midday, 8 September a small vessel was observed stationary near Koer Is. (50 miles WMW Toeal).

- (3) <u>Kendari</u> A superine was sighted at approximately 2300/7 one mile east of Kendari Bay on an easterly course. Two small fast launches were observed just outside the harbour but no other shipping was seen.
- (4) Drysdale Mission A probable enemy reconnaissance plane was located at 1230/8 over the Drysdale Mission area.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

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(a) At Sea to 1200/9:

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "TJERK HIDDES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) "ISABEL" (PY) "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL (AM) "SC.739" "YP.288" "CHILDS" (AVD) "PELIAS" (AS) Frementle Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "GHANTICLEER" (ASR)" "YP.286" "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) AILIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/9:

(1) "CHEVALTER" escorting "COLUMBIA" en route Espiritu Santo to Sydney ETA 9 Sept. (2) "WILCANNIA" "CASTLEMAINE" "ECHUCA" escorting Convoy PG.66

- (5 MV) departed Caloundra 1201/7 for Newcastle was due 1100/9 and Sydney ETA 1600/9.
  (3) "MORESEY" "BUNDABERG" "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy CO.124 (10 MV).
  (4) "WARRNAMBOOL" "KALGOORLIE" "BROOME" escorting Convoy OC.123 (8 MV) en route Port Kembla ETA 0100/10 and Sydney 0600/10.
- - (5) "ARARAT" departed Sydney 1236/7 for Caloundra was due 0900/9.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA" (AFA) 1 LST Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "STAWELL" "BUNDABERG" "BENDIGO" "TOWN SVILLE" "MILDURA" "GLENELG" "ROCKHAMPTON" (AMS) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "YAN DRA" (A/S Vessels "ALGORAB" (AKA) "MIZAR" (AF) "TASMAN" (AH) (Repairing, Refitting) - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "HOBART" (CL) "ARUNTA" "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD) - "KANIMBLA" (APA) (On Reserve) - Warships & Aux. - "BALLARAT" (AMS) "DOOMBA" (A/S Melbourne Vessel) • "ADELAIDE" (CL) "NIZAM" (DD) (Refitting) - Warships & Aux, - "BUNGAREE" (CM) Geelong

B. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

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(1) "VAN HEEMSKERK" escorting "ALTAMAHA" en route Karachi to Melbourne ETA 1000/19.

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## ENEMY FORCES

- (1) <u>S.Solomons</u> At 1200/8 one enemy bomber probably on patrol attacked a transportation unit 108 miles E.S.E. Rennell Island.
- (2) <u>Nauru</u> At 1205/8 one destroyer and one large freighter were seen at Nauru. Enemy fighters unsuccessfully attacked our reconnaissance Liberator while one enemy medium bomber was also encountered and damaged.
- also encountered and damaged.
   (3) Ellice Islands At 0700/7 an enemy submarine was located 15 miles south of Funafuti. The submarine was attacked after a second contact at 0910/7. The search is proceeding.

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## NAVAL INCIDENTS

## NIL.

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## ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Northern Solomons, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.
- (2) Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- (3) Increased use of barges, in addition to warships principally destroyers and submarines, for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons-New Guinea areas.
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# DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH A CIFIC

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9 September 1943

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				HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI
*	ADELAIDE HOBART COLUMBIA	LEANDER CLEVELAND MONTPEILIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO NAGARA	OYODO ISUZU NAKA NOSHIRO
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CV (T)	-	5	HOSHO
<u>CV (E)</u>	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHEMANGO LONG ISLAND BARNES		UNYC (enroute from Truk) OTAKA
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5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN ENEMY FORCES

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CL(T)			KASHII
XCL	•	CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
AV/CVS	CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	RAMOI
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DD	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	11
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## DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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

No. 590

Date: 10 September 1943

### PART I.

## A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

## (a) At Sea to 1200/10:

- (1) "SHEPPARTON" surveying.
- (2) "BENALLA" dep. Port Moresby 1347/8 for survey ground Caution Bay.
   (3) "KATOOMBA" "BUNBURY" escorting Convoy FT.24 ("VAN SNOLL" "BALIKPAPAN" "ESTHER JOHNSON" LST.457) on route Milne Bay to Townsville ETA 0300/12.
- (4) "LATROBE" escorting <u>Convoy TD.31</u> ("TULAGI" "ALLARA" "HEROS") dep. Thursday Is. 0816/9 for Darwin ETA 1130/13.
  (5) "BONEN" departed Townsville 0200/9 for Brisbane ETA 1800/11.
  (6) "GEELONG" "SC.650" "SC.735" "SC.741" escorting <u>Convoy LQ.10</u> (7 IN)
- (7) "GYMPIE" "COLAC" "WAGGA" "ML.424" escorting Convoy IN.153 (Portion (a) "THOMAS CORWIN" "VAN DER LIJN" "CLAMENCE KING" "MONTORO" "MAETSUYCKER" for Port Morosby; "WEST CACTUS" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "JOEL PALMER" "WILLIAM LUCKENBACH" "CAPE CONSTANCE" 2 APC's for Milne Bay) from Fitzroy Island to position 11013: S 148048'E where convoy splits. "GYM PIE" "WAGGA" to escort Portion (a) to Port Moresby ETA 1200/11. "COLAC" "ML.424"

to escort Portion (b) to Milne Bay ETA 1200/11. (8) "WARRAMUNGA" en route to RV with "ROCHAMBEAU" off Cairns at 1500/10 and escort to Milne Bay ETA 0600/12.

- "KURUMBA" departed Gladstone 0830/7 for Thursday Is. ETA 1900/11. (9)"YP.236" dep. Caloundra 1101/8 for Mackay ETA 1700/10. (10)
- "SC.743" en route Brisbane to Townsville ETA 1700/10. (11)
- (12) "WATO" towing "ML.804" and 2 barges dep. Caloundra 1357/9 for Cairns. (13) 12 submarines on patrol.

### (b) In Harbour:

Buna	- Warships & Aux "SC.698" "SC.699" "SC.703" "SC.982" "HILO" (PG) "ML.817"
	Merchant Vessels: "JOSIAH EARL" "JUNIPERO SERRA" "OZARK" "HA RSIK"
Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux "SC.746" "YMS.71"
	Merchant Vessels: "CITY OF FORT WORTH" "EMPIRE HAMBLE!
	"TECUMSEH" "MANOERAN" "WILLIAM BEAUMONT" "JANSSENS!
	"VAN OUTHOORN" "GEMERAL VERSPIJCK" "PATRAS"
Kiriwina	- Warships & Aux "SC.744"
	Merchant Vessels: "ANHUI"
Goodenough Is.	- Warships & Aux "SC.731" "SC.747"
0	Merchant Vessels: "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux "MUGFORD" "HENLEY" "MAHAN" "SMITH"
	"PERKINS" "FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "DRAYTON" "REID"
	"CONYNGHAM" (DD) "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS"
	"GILMER" (APD) SC.637 SC.648 SC.734 SC.736
	SC.742 SC.745 SC.748 SC.749 SC.750 XMS.11
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Milne Bay (Contd.)

YMS.49 YMS.50 YMS.51 YMS.53 YMS.70 YMS.72 YP.233 YP.280 35 PTs ML.427 "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "POYANG" "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "RIGEL" (AR) "MERKUR" (AF) "OTUS" (AS) "SUSQUEHANNA" "BISHOPDALE" (AO)

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

Merchant Vessels: "AMBROSE BIERCE" "FLOYD B.OLSEN" "KHOEN HOEA" "CAPE ANNE" "CAPE HATTERAS" "JOHN MUIR" "MACTAN" Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "KAPUNDA" (AMS) "TULSA" (PG) ML.425 Merchant Vessels: "GEO.EASTMAN" "C.P.STEINMETZ" "JOHN CARROLL" "ELIZABETH BLACKWELL" "JOSIAH ROYCE" "VERA" "BONTEROE" - Warships & Aux. - "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS) "YP.291" "YMS.8" "Y MS.46" "YMS.47" "YMS.48" - Marships & Aux. - "SWAN" (DE) "PIRIE" (AMS) PC.1119 Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. -"SWAN" (DE) "PIRIE" (AMS) PC.1119 SC.732 SC.738 SC.997 Cairns SC.738 SC.981 ML.425 1 PT "PLATYPUS" (AR) " "HELM" (DD) "DELORAINE" ML.428 • Warships & Aux. -Town sville (AMS) "YP.278" "DOEBIN" (AD) Mackay • Warships & Aux. - "DOBBIN" (AD) • Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "VENDETTA" (DD) "GOULBURN" Brisbane "ARARAT" "GLAD STONE" (AMS) PC.476 PC.477 PC.479 PC.1121 PC.1122 YP.283 YP.291 YMS.9 YMS.10 YMS.52 YMS.335 ML.425 ML.816 ML.818 ML.819 "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "MANUNDA" (AH) "FULTON" (AS)

"HERON" (AVP)

(Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WARREGO" (DE) "WHYALLA" "LITHGON" (AMS)

### (c) Proposed Movements:

"STUART" escorting "MATSONIA" to depart Calcundra 1000/11. To part company 1900/11 and return Calcundra.
 "COULEURN" "GLADSTONE" "PC.476" "PC.479" escorting Convoy QL.11

(6 ships including 1 LST) to depart Caloundra 1800/11. Convoy to disperse vicinity Bustard Head. "GOULBURN" "GLADSTONE" "PC.476" to proceed Gladstone; "PC.479" to proceed Townsville.

### (11) ENERY FORCES

(1) Arundel Is. - On 8 September, our troops pushed forward 200 yards on N.E. coast against opposition: 7 Japs were killed.

During the night 8-9 September, the enemy attempted a barge landing (probably only one barge) at Bamboe Village (N.E. coast opposite Webster Cove) but was repulsed. This was the second successive night on which such an operation was attempted without success. It would appear likely to be an attempt to run supplies to the beleaguered garrison.

(2) Kolombangara - Our offensive against barge traffic continues: at 0700/8 a barge near Ropa Point (M.coast) was destroyed by PT boats and in two sweeps each by 4 Corsairs p.m. 8 September, two barges were set on fire, one off N.E. coast and one off W.coast.

At 1420/7, Dula Cove (6 miles west of Vila River mouth) was raided by 12 Avengers and 21 Dauntless and p.m. 8 September, Vila strip was attacked by 12 Mitchells.

- (3) Vella Lavella Local sources report that 8 barges approached N.W. coast at Dawn 9 Sept. from S.W. and all were believed to have put in near Tambama Bay (northern extremity).
- (4) Ontong Java 0900/9 a submarine was located 130 miles NNW Ontong Java. Bombs were dropped with uncertain results.
- (5) Buka-St.Georges Channel The following shipping was reported by aircraft 8-10 September: (a) 2352/8 1 small sea-truck 57 miles E. by S. Cape St.George

course 290°.

(b) 0245/9 - 1 x 2000 ton freighter 41 miles N.E. of Cape St. George course nor the

(c) 1435/9 - 1 2 2-3000 ton merchant vesse. Cape St. George course 280 52 miles S.E.

(d) 0130/10 - 2 small merchant vessels 25 miles S.S.E. Feni

Island, either stationary or heading north. The above indicate the max continued movements of small ships in this area probably between Rabaul and Buka.

- (6) <u>Mussau Is. Area</u> At 1110/9 a 4-ship convoy described as one cargo vessel 5-7000 tons, 2xmitex 2 snall and one probably large sea-truck 70 miles west of Mussau Is. course 240°. Photos covered only 2 vessels described as luggers of 500 and 1000 tons respectively.
- (7) Garove Island At 0800/9 an A.A. position on Garove Island was attacked by 8 Beaufighters.
- (8) Wewak Photos 1000/9 show aircraft on the four aerodromes as follows: .

Wewak - 13 F, including 3 twin-engined Boram - 21 F, 6 L/B, 5 M/B Dagua - 21 F, 34 M/B But - 1 F, 4 L/B, 2 M/B Total - 107 aircraft In addition, the reconnaissance Lightning sighted 18 fighters The runways at Borsm and Dagua are airborne flying inland. repaired and serviceable.

The usual barges are visible in the harbour and another 21 to the west of Wewak Peninsula. A 2000 ten ship is visible off Wewak Point possibly a wreck and the stern of a small lugger can be seen just above water in the harbour. Off Boram two sunken freighters of 5500 tons are visible, also a 1000 ton lugger beached.

- (9) Alexishafen At 0910-0920/9, motor pool and dump area at Alexishafen were attacked by 12 Mitchells. Six trucks Six trucks were hit and believed destroyed and 15 barges were bombed and strafed effectively.
- (10) Saidor Area Approximately 12 barges in the vicinity of Saidor were attacked after 0920/9 by the same Mitchells which earlier attacked Alexishafen.
- (11) Ramu Valley A patrol reports 7 Sept. that the road work Bogadjim to Dumpu is in progress with coolie labour and Japanese overseers.
- Lae Area Our troops advancing westwards from the beach-heads (12)on the south coast of Huon Peninsula reached the Busu River (a little over 1000 yards east of Malahang airfield) at 1700/8. Small enemy parties were encountered en route. In the advance towards the east our patrols have reached
  - a point & mile S.S.W. of Hopoi Mission.
- (13) Salamaua Area In the coastal sector enemy forces were driven from the eastern edge of Lokanu Spur (approx 700 yards N. by E. of Lokanu).

(14) Huon Gulf - Probably during the night 5-7 September, 6 enemy aircraft shadowed but failed to locate our destroyers screening a transportation echelon. The next two successive nights, 7-8 and 8-9 Sept., numerous planes again attacked our destroyers escorting transportation echelons between Cape Ward Hunt and south coast Huon Gulf. Some close misses were registered but no damage or casualties were suffered. Apparently only those ships which opened fire on the sircraft were attacked.

At 0415/10 a submarine was located by our destroyers 17 miles E. by N. of Salamaua. The attack was last reported in progress.

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2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/10:

(1) 7 sucmarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbours

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "FREMANTLE" "INVERELL" (AMS) "ML.814" "ML.815" Merchant Vessels: "KOOLIGA" "WANAKA"

### (11) ENERY FORCES

- (1) Merauke At approximately 1045/9, 16 medium bombers escorted by 15 fighters dropped an estimated number of 91 bombs in the strip area. One aircraft was destroyed on the ground but otherwise only very slight casualties and damage were suffered. 14 Kittyhawks and 4 Boomerangs were airborne and the former probably destroyed 3 enemy fighters. A.A. claims to have probably destroyed one bomber.
- (2) <u>Babo</u> Photos 1220/8, taken during the attack by 9 Liberstors reported in Summary 589, show 16 fighters and 5 bombers on the ground of which 7 fighters and all the bombers are apparently unserviceable or wrecked. 16 barges, landing craft and lighters are visible in the photos which do not cover the whole area.
- (3) Kai Islands Langgoer airfield was attacked 2019-2105/8 by 5 Hudsons and approximately an hour later by one Catalina. The small vessel reported near Keer Island 8 Sept. in Summary 589 is shown by photographs to be a known wreck.

   (4) Ambon - Laha airfield was attacked 2030-2130/8 by 4 Mitchells.
- The area was again attacked as about midnight by three Gatalinas.
- 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALL IED FORCES

### (a) At Sea to 1200/10:

(1) "VAN HEEMSKERK" escorting "ALTAMAHA" en route Karachi to Melbourne ETA 1000/19.

(b) In Marbour:

Premantle - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "TJERK HIDDES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "HORSHAM" "DUBEO" (AMS) "ISABEL" (PY) "ATREUS" (CM) "WHIPPOORWILL" "LARK" (AM) "SC.739" "YP.288" "CHILDS" (AVD) "PELIAS (AS) Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "YP.286" "W.B.FRESTON" (AVD)

### (11) ENEMY FORCES

Fremantle - At 1420/9 a possible submarine was sighted by aircraft 25 miles NNW of Fremantle. At 1800/9 another aircraft attacked a submarine sighted 35 miles north by west of Fremantle.

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

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### (a) At Sea to 1200/10:

(1) "ADELA IDE" to depart Melbourne p.m. 10 Sept. for Fremantle. (2) "BAGLEY" escorting "WESTRALIA" departed Milne Bay 0600/6 for Port Stephens ETA 0700/11.

- X (3) "CHEVALIER" escorting "COLUMBIA" en route Espiritu Santo to Sydney ETA 10 Set.
  - (4) "MORESEY" "BUNDABERG" "BENDIGO" escorting Convey CO.124 (10 MV).

### (b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA" (APA) 1 LSF Newcastle - Warships & Aux. - "WARRNAM BOOL" Sydney - Werships & Aux. - "STAWELL" "BUNDABERG" "BENDIGO" "KALGOORLIE" "BROOME" "CASTLEMAINE" "ECHUCA" "TOWNSVILLE" "MILDURA" "GLENELG" "ROCKHAM PTON" (AMS) "WILCANNIA" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" (YANDRA" (A/S Vessels) "ALGORAB" (AKA) "MIZAR" (AF)

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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

### ENEMY FORCES

Ellice Islands - At 1404/8 12 enemy planes raided Nanumea (northernmost of Ellice Islands). No damage or casualties have been reported.

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### NAVAL INCIDENTS

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### ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Northern Solomons, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East (1) Indies, Malayan areas,
- (2) Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- Increased use of barges, in addition to warships . (3) principally destroyers and submarines, for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons-New Guinea areas. Offensive submarine activity particularly in the Northern
- (4) and South Pacific Areas,

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CV	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
CV(L)		•	-	ZUIHO R YUHO
CV(E)	÷	PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON	-	CHUYO (poss. Empire)
<u>CA</u>	R AUSTRALIA	-	CHOKAI SUZUYA	ATAGO TAKAG MAYA MYOKO HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA MOGANI
CL	* ADELAIDE * HOBART * CCLUNBIA	R LEANDER CIE VELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO NAGARA	OYODO ISUZU NAKA NOSHIRO
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XCL	-	-	-	1
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XAV/XCVS	-	3	1	8
PT	35	Approx 30	8	9
APA/APD/AKA	H.T.ALLEN MANOORA	10 APA 11 APD		
	WESTRALIA R KANIMBLA ALGORAB GILPER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	6 AKA		
AS or XAS	FULTON		1	2 or more
AD	DOBBIN	DIXIE	1	ľ
	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS	1	1
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<u>CA</u>	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN LEXINGTON VICTORIOUS	•
CV(L)	INDEPENDENCE BELLEAU WOOD PRINCETON	* HITAKA
CV(T)	-	HOSHO
CV (E)	SUWAN NEE SANGAMON CHENANGO LONG ISLAND BARNES	UNYO (enroute from Truk) OTAKA
•	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS * ST.LOUIS	R AOBA R KUMANO
OCA CL	MOBILE HONOLULU NASHVILLE RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT	6 SENDAI (poss. Mandates) TATSUTA M KIEU M YUBARI % NATORI
X L AV/CVS	?	# CHIYODA ) Under conversion # CHIYOSE ) to ACVs
XAV/XCVS DD SS AS/XAS	Approx 35 Approx 50	3 25-30 (approx 15 repairing) Approx 30 3 or more
	4. NORTHERN PACIFIC	
	IDAHO New Mexico TENNESSEE PENN SYLVANIA	-
CA	WICHITA LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND INDIANAPOLIS	NAC HI

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		(1) ALLIED FORCES	
	(a) At See	to 1200/11:	
(1) (2) (3)	"SHE PPARTON" "BENALLA" SU "SC.750" "SC	rveting. .746" escorting "CAPE HATTH	RAS" dep. Milne Bay 1219/10
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× (6)	"HELM" dep.	rted Townsville 0200/9 for Townsville 1250/10 for Mack on route Noumea to Milne Bay	ay, was due 2100/10. ETA 0600/12.
(8)	Roy	onted Cladetene 2350/G War	corting Convoy IQ.10 (7 IN) e due Caloundra 1030/11.
(9)	"GYMPIE" "WA	GGA" escorting "THOMAS CORV G" "MONTORO" "MAETSUYCKER"	IN" "VAN DER LIJN" "CLARENCE to Port Moresby, were due
(10)	"COLAC" "ML.	424" escerting "WEST CACTUM MER" "WILLIAM LUCKENBACH" Milne Bay, were due 1200/11	'CAPE CONSTANCE" 2 APC'S
(11)	WARRAMUNGA	escerting "ROCHAMERAU" fro	m vicinity Cairns to Milne
(12)	"SC . 732" esc	erting 2 LCT's was to depar ETA 0300/14.	t Cairns 1400/10 for Milne
(13) (14)	"KIRIMBA" de	marted Gladstone 0830/7 for	Thursday Is. ETA 1900/11. Caloundra 1357/9 for Cairns
(15)	12 submarine	s on patrol.	
	(b) In Har	bour :	
	Buna	BHTL.	98" "SC.699" "SC.705" "SC.98 )" (PG) "ML.817"
		Merchant Vessels: "JOSI "OZAF	AH EARL" "JUNIPERO SERRA"
	Oro Bay	OUTHOORN" "GENERAL \	RE HAMBLE" "TECUMSEN" BEAUMONT" "JANSSENS" "VAN VERSPIJCK" "PATRAS"
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• Warships & Aux. - "HUGFORD" "HENLEY" "MAHAN" "SMITH" "PERKINS" "FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "REID" Milne Bay "DRAYTON" "CONVNGHAM" (DD) "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPPREYS" "GILMER" (APD) SC.637 SC.648 SC.734 SC.736 SC.742 SC.745 SC.748 SC.749 YMS.11 YMS.49 YMS.50 YMS.51 YMS.53 YMS.72 YP.233 YP.280 33 PTs ML.427 "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "POYANG" "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "RIGEL" (AR) "MERKUR" (AF) "OTUS" (AS) YMS.11 YMS.50 YMS.51 YMS.70 "SUSQUEHANNA" "BISHOPDALE" (AQ) SHCIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF (Note: MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.) Merchant Vessels: "AMBROSE BIERCE" "FLOYD B.OLSEN" "KHOEN HOEA" "JOHN MUIR" "MACTAN" "CITY OF FORT WORTH" Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "KAPUNDA" (AMS) "TULSA" (PG) "ML.425" "GEO.EASTMAN" "C.P.STEINMETZ" Merchant Vessels: "JOHN CARROLL" "ELIZABETH BLACKWELL" "JOSIAH ROYCE" "VERA" "BONTEKOE" · Warships & Aux. - "COOTAM UNDRA" (AMS) "YP.291" Thursday Is. "YMS.8" "YMS.46" "YMS.47" "YMS.48 - Warships & Aux. - "SWAN" (DE) "PIRIE" (AMS) PC.1119 SC.738 SC.981 ML.425 ML.428 1 PT "FLATYPUS" (AR) Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "DELORAINE" (AMS) SC. - Warships & Aux. - "YP.236 "DOBBIN" (AD) SC.743 YP.278 Town sville Mackay - Warships & Aux. - "IP.236 "DUBBIN" (AD) • Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "VENDETTA" (DD) "GOULBURN" "ARARAT" "GLADSTONE" (AMS) Brisbane PC.476 PC.479 PC.1121 PC.1122 YP.283 YP.291 PC .477 YMS. 9 YMS. 10 YMS. 52 YMS. 335 ML. 425 ML. 816 ML.818 ML.819 "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "MANUNDA" (AM) "FULTON" (AS) "HERON" (AV P) (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WARREGO" (DE) "WHYALLA" "LITHFOW" (AMS

(c) Proposed Movements:

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 "SWAN" to RV with Convoy TE.154 ("TAR OONA") off Fitzroy Island at OlOO/12 and e scort to Port Moresby ETA 1400/13.
 "VENDETTA" to depart Calcundra 1500/12 to RV with "MORMACSEA" in position 24°18'S 157°34'E at 1000/13 and escort to Lady Elliott Island. "VENDETTA" to return Brisbane.
 "GOULBURN" "GLADSTONE" "PC.476" "PC.479" escorting Convoy QL.11 (6 ships including 1 LST) to depart Calcundra 1600/11. Convoy to disperse vid nity Bustard Head. "GOULBURN" "GLADSTONE" "PC.476" to proceed Gladstone; "PC.479" to proceed Townsville.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Buin Base - Kahili airfield was bombed 0949/9 by 18 Liberators escorted by 28 fighters. 10 Zeros were prevented from effecting interception by our fighter cover and one Zero was shot down for the loss of 1 Corsair, missing. At the same time, 16 Helicats and 13 Corsairs engaged 15 enemy fighters over Fauro Island and another 8 over Ballale. Two Zeros were destroyed by Helicats and one Corsair was lost in combat but the pilot is safe.

Radar is believed to be installed on Poporang Island (off S.E. coast Shortland Is.).

Photos of shipping a.m. 9 Sept. show one medium freighter, one tanker (300 ft.), 3 naval auxiliaries, 6 small craft and 2 2 barges.

(2) Buka Passage - Photos a.m. 9 September show 2 small cargo vessels, one small unidentified type ship and 6 barges.

At 1105/11, a crashed enemy medium bomber was seen by aircraft on the water 70 miles S.W. Buka Passage. The bomber was further strafed. (3) Kolombangara Area - At 1945/8, an enemy barge was attacked and crippled of destroyed by PT boats north of Parapatu Point (3 miles N.E. of Vila River Mouth). Other barges were contacted until after midnight but could not be engaged. A 3" gun at Parapatu Point and 2 other guns at Bambari-Bay (3 miles further north) took cur patrol craft under fire throughout the operation.

At 2330/8, 2 more enemy barges were attacked by patrol craft near Tuki Cove (N. extremity): one barge escaped and the other forced aground. Next morning in daylight the grounded barge was destroyed.

At 0937/9, Vila was raided by 65 mixed Dauntless, Avengers and Mitchells with fighter escort. Three guns are reported destroyed, a bridge damaged and many Japs killed.

- (4) Vella Lavella During the night 8 Sept. 2x2 a 500 ft. cargo vessel was located by patrol aircraft 15 miles west of Vella Lavella and attacked. A direct home bit was claimed.
- Lavella and attacked. A direct bomb hit was claimed. (5) Buka-St.Georges Channel - At 1220/10, a reconnaissance Liberator observed a 5-7000 ton freighter escorted by a destroyer at the S.entrance to St.Georges Channel on course S.E. probably bound for Buka-Bougainville area. The convoy was covered by 7 Zeros which attacked and damaged our recce plane. Intercepts from an aircraft commencing at 2220/10 indicate a convoy of at least 5 ships including possibly a destroyer sighted 25 miles S.W. by S. of Cape St.George on course 150° speed 15 and shadowed until 0130/11 when in position 35 miles S.S.E. of Cape St.George course 100°.
- (6) <u>Kavieng Area</u> An enemy medium bomber was shot down 175 miles N.E. of Kavieng 9 September by a reconnaissance Liberator.
- (7) Cape Orford At 1450/10 a southbound submarine was sighted 15 miles off Cape Orford.
- (8) <u>Alexishafen</u> Further examination of photographs 1000/8 show that 2 serviceable and one unserviceable aircraft were on No.2 Strip in addition to the 2 fighters already reported as on No.1 Strip.
- (9) Finschhafen Area At 1648/9, 8-10 enemy fighters were observed by aircraft off Cape Cretin heading towards Cape Cloucester.
- (10) Las Area By 1945/9 our forward elements in the Huon Peninsula sector had crossed the Busu River near t he mouth encountering some enemy fire during the operation. Enemy concentrations are believed to be drawn up on the eastern side of Malahang Strip.

In the Nadzab Sector patrols have moved to Narakapor (65 miles S.E. Nadzab airfield) and Yalu (85 miles east of Nadzab airfield) without contact. In the western direction patrols have reached Talerang and Wasin also without contact.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

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### (a) At Sea to 1200/11:

 "LATROBE" escorting Convoy TD.31 ("TULAGI" "AILARA" "HEROS") departed Thursday Island 0816/9 for Derwin ETA 1130/13.
 "FREMANTLE" escorting "KOOLIGA" departed Darwin 0430/11 for

- Thursday Island ETA 0100/15.
- (3) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

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

## (11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Arafura Sea - An enemy reconnaissance plane was sighted by aircraft at 1216/9 approximately midway between Cape Wessel and Cape Valsch indicating continued enemy aerial recce of the shipping lanes in this crea.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/11:

(1) "VAN HEEMSKERK" escorting "ALTAMAHA" en route Karachi to Melbourne ETA 1000/19.

### (b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "TJERK HIDDES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) Fremantle "ISABEL" (PY) "ATREUS" (CM) "WHIPPOORWIIL" "LARK" (AM) "SC,739" "YP,288."CHILDS" (AVD) "PELIAS" (AS)

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

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERNAREA

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### (1) ALLIED FORCES

## (a) At Sea to 1200/11:

- "BAGLEY" escorting "WESTRALIA" departed Milne Bay 0600/6 for Port Stephens was due 0700/11.
   "MILDURA" "ML.821" departed Sydney 0035/11 to RV with Newcastle Section Convoy CO.125. "KALGOORLIE" "BROOME" escorting Sydney section to depart Sydney p.m. 11 Sept. to RV with Newcastle section off Sydney. "ML.821" to
- (3) "GLEMELG" escorting "SABINE PASS" towing "PETER H. BURNETT" (for Espiritu Santo) was to depart Sydney 1030/11.
  - To provide e scort to 1590E.
- To provide e scort to 159°E.
  (4) "TAYLOR" en route Noumea to Sydney ETA 1400/12.
  (5) "ADELAI DE" departed Melbourne 2245/10 for Fremantle ETA 0600/15.
  (6) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC.124 departed Port Phillip 2346/10 to RV in Wilson's Promontery area with "MORESEY" "BUNDABERG" "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy CO.124 (10 MV). ETA Convoy OC.124 Port Kembla 0100/14, Sydney 0600/14, Newcastle 1500/14.
  (7) "WILCANNIA" "CASTLEMAINE" "ECHUCA" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting
- Convoy GP.67 were to depart Sydney 0800/11 for Caloundra.
- (8) "MIZAR" was to depart Sydney 0800/11 for Townsville.

### (b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA" (APA) 1 LST Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "STAWELL" "WARRNAM BOOL" "KALGOORLIE" "BROOME" "TOWN SVILLE" "ROCKHAMPTON" (AMS) "YANDRA" (A/S Vessel) "ALGCRAB" (AKA) "TASMAN" (AH)

Sydney (Contd.) (Repairing, Refitting) - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "COLUMBIA" "HOBART" (CL) "ARUNTA" "CHEVALIER" "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD) "KANIMEIA" (APA)

(On Reserve) Melbourne (Refitting) Geelong

- Warships & Aux. -"NIZAM" (DD) "BALLARAT" (AMS) - Warships & Aux. - "BUNGAREE" (CM)

### NAVAL INCIDENTS

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## ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Northern Solomons, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.
- (2) Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
   (3) Increased use of barges, in addition to warships -
- (3) Increased use of barges, in addition to warships principally destroyers and submarines, for night transportation runs to forward positions in Selemons-New Guinea areas.
- (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific Areas.

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CV	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU Shokaku
CV(L)	•	•	•	ZUIHO RYUHO (Poss. Empire)
<u>CV (E)</u>	•	PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON	•	CHUYO (Pess. OTAKA Empire)
<u>GA</u>	AUSTRALIA	-	CHOKAI SUZUYA	ATAGO TAKAO MAYA MYOKO HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI
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AD	DOBBIN	DIXIE	1	1
AR	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETMEUS	1	1
AIRCRAFT (1	.E. Area only	)		
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	3. CENTRAL PA	CIFIC MOST SECRET 11 September 1943
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BB	INDIANA CALIFORNIA MISSISSIPPI	ISE HYUGA } One Unit being modernised.
CA	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN LEXINGTON VICTORIOUS	•
CV(L)	INDEPENDENCE BELLEAU WO OD PRINCETON	= HITAKA
CV (T)	-	HOSHO
CV (E)	Suwannee Sangamon Chenango Long Island Barnes Copahee	UNYO
CA	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA # SALT LAKE CITY # MINNEAPOLIS # ST. LOUIS	R AOBA R KUMANO
OCA	MOBILE MOBILE HONOLULU NASHVILLE RICHMOND RALEIGH DEBROTE	6 SENDAI (PosseMandates) TATSUTA M KINU M YUBARI M NATORI
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		CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC EMERALD		
CL(T)	•		KASHII	
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(9) "WATO" towing "ML.804" and 2 barges dep. Calcundra 1357/9 for Cairns.
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Townsville Mackay Brisbane

"PLATYPUS" (AR) "PLATYPUS" (AR) • Warships & Aux. - "DELORAINE" (AMS) SC.745 YP.278 • Warships & Aux. - "HELM" (DD) "YP.236" "DCBBIN" (AD) • Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "VENDETTA" (DD) "GEELONG" "BOWEN" "GOULBURN" "ARARAT" "GLADSTONE" (AMS) • WARSHIPS & AUX. - "STUART" "GLADSTONE" (AMS) PC.476 PC.477 PC.479 PC.1121 PC.1122 SC.650 SC.735 SC.741 YP.283 YP.291 YMS.9 YMS.10 YMS.52 YMS.335 ML.425 ML.816 ML.813 ML.819 "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "MANUNDA" (AH) "FULTON" (AS)

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- to depart Thursday Island 0300/13 for Darwin ETA 1230/17. (3) "WAGGA" escorting "TRINITY" to depart Fort Horesby a.m. 13 Sept. (4) "GYMPIE" escorting "CHAS.STEINMETZ" "JOSIAH BOYCE" to depart
- (5) "GLADSTONE" to RV with "SUVA" ex South Pacific in vicinity Lady
- Elliott Island a.m. 15 Sept. and escort to Brisbane.

## (11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) New Georgia Group - On Arundel Is. our forces are maintaining contact with the enemy. On N.E. Vella Lavella guantities of food supplies, personal equipment, small arms and mortars have been captured by our forces. Scouts report no Japs on Simbo Island nor on the east and south coasts of Gizo except around the anchorage. Local sources estimate that there are some 400 Japs in N. Vella Lavella.

In three Corsair sweeps by 4, 4 and 2 aircraft respectively p.m. 9 Sept., one barge was destroyed in Blackett Strait, 3 damaged off W.coast Kolombangara and 5 set on fire in Warambari Bay on N.W. coast Vella Lavella.

At 2100/9 a heavily armoured barge was attacked by our patrol craft off Ropa Point (N. Kolombangara) and the next morning another barge was prevented from departing Cape Harfor (S.E. coast Kolombangara) by the same patrol craft. Once a enemy shore batteries took our patrol craft under fire off Once again, S.E. coast Kolombangara.

At 1252/10 the barge depot and camp area east of Dula Cove were attacked by 15 Mitchells with fighter cover and 30 minutes later by 20 Dauntless with fighter protection.

During the night 10 September, 4 barges were sighted by our patrol craft at Marquana Bay and another on fire at Tambama Bay (N.W. and N. coast Vella Lavella respectively). Subsequently enemy floatplanes ineffectively bombed our patrol craft off W.ecast Vella Lavella.

- (2) Buin Base Photos a.m. 10 Sept. show 23 fighters and 2-4 dive bombers at Kahili representing a reduction of 7 fighters and a slight increase in dive bombers since 7 September. Shipping in the area is described as extremely light.
- (3) Buka Passage Photos a.m. 10 Sept. show 11 fighters, 9 medium and 7 light bombers on the Buka Passage airfield. Last photos of this area were on 15 August when 15 fighters, 1 medium and 7 dive bombers were present.
- (4) Buka-St. Georges Channel Area At 1025/11 aircraft observed a convoy consisting of one destroyer, four landing craft, two freighters (2-4000 tons) 48 miles W.S.W. Buka Passage course 90°. One of the vessels was strafed and left smoking. At 1425/11, two freighters of 2-4000 tons were observed by another aircraft 20 miles S.W. Buka Passage course 90°, The latter sighting could have been ships from the earlier report.
- (5) Hansa Bay Area At 0931/11 aircraft sighted one freighterm (5-7000 tons) and 2 small sea-trucks 40 miles north by west of Hansa Bay course 220° being possibly a convoy en route Hansa Bay.
- (6) Finschhafen Area . On two successive nights, 7-8 and 8-9 Sept., enemy shore positions near Firschhafen were strafed by our PT boats. On the first night, enemy aircraft unsuccessfully attacked our patrol craft.
- (7) Lae Heavy rains have delayed further crossings of the Busu River and on 9 Sept. enemy artillery shelled our positions from the vicinity of Malahang serodrome. On 10 September, an enemy strongpoint approximately 500 yards N.W. of the Busu River Mouth was destroyed and occupied by our troops. A subsequent counter attack was repulsed with 40 Japs killed. In the Nadzab sector, our patrols moving S.E. contacted an enemy ambush party 2000 yards N.W. by N. of Heaths. 30 enemy were killed.
- (8) Salamaua At 0830/11 a detachment of our forces occupied Salamaua aerodrome after swimming the flooded Francisco River. Heavy harassing fire enabled our forces to make a general advance despite torrential rain and the enemy's

third line of defence has been pierced. After Charley's Hill (2000 yards/of Kennedy's Grossing) had been captured on 9 Sept. during which operation 90 Jap dead were accounted for, our troops continued their advance north and captured Kennedy's Crossing inflicting a further 130 casualties (killed).

In addition, further advances have been made in the coastal sector and an enemy position has been captured together with some artilbry.

### 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

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### (a) At Sea to 1200/12:

- (1) "LATROBE" escorting Convoy TD.31 ("TULAGI" "ALLARA" "HEROS") departed Thursday Island 0816/9 for Darwin ETA 1130/13.
   (2) "FREMANTLE" escorting "KOOLIGA" departed Darwin 0430/11 for
- Thursday Island ETA 0100/15. (3) "INVERELL" escorting "WANAKA" en route Darwin to Melville Bay.
- (4) 7 submarines on patrol.

### (b) In Harbour:

Derwin - Warships & Aux. - XXNXENEXE ML.814 ML.815

### (11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Tanimbar Is. - The airfield area on Selaru Island was a ttacked by 3 waves each of three Beaufighters at 0810, 1140 and 1510/11 respectively. One twin-engined enemy aircraft ineffectively attempted interception.

(2) Ambon - was raided 2029/11 by 2 B.25's.

(3) Kai Islands - As alternative target to Langgoer which was closed in, Doela airfield area was raided at a pproximately 2000/11 by 5 Hudsons. 2-4 enemy night fighters were airborne and attempted interception without effect.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

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(a) At Sea to 1209/12:

(1) "VAN HEEMSKERK" escorting "ALTAMANA" en route Karachi to Melbourne ETA 1000/19.

(b) In Harbour :

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "TJEHK HIDDES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) "ISABEL" (PY) "ATREUS" (CM) "WHIPPOORWILL" "LARK" (AM) "SC.739" "YP.288 "CHILDS" (AVD) "PELIAS" (AS) Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHANTICLE ER" (ASR) "YP.286" "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Cape Leeuwin - At 1310/8 a ship was sighted by aircraft 90 miles S.E. of Cape Leeuwin. After attmpting to identify the ship with other vessels known to be in the area, N.O.I.C. Fremantle reports that she remains unidentified.

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/12:

 "TAYLOR" en route Noumea to Sydney ETA 1400/12.
 "GEENELG" escorting "SABINE PASS" towing "PETER H.BURNETT" (for Espiritu Santo) departed Sydney 1116/11. To provide escort to E 9°E.

 (3) "WILCANNIA" "CASTLEMAINE" "ECHUCA" "ABRAHAMCRIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy GP.67 (10 MV) dep. Sydney 0800/11 for Caloundra ETA 0530/14.
 (4) "KALCOOHLIE" "BROOME" escorting Convoy CO.125 (11 MV) departed

 (4) "KALCOOMLIE" "BROOME" escorting Convoy CO.125 (11 MV) departed Sydney 1515/11.
 (5) "MORESEY" "BUNDABERG" "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy OC.124 (4 MV)

(5) "MORESEY" "BUNDABERG" "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy OC.124 (4 MV) for Port Kembla ETA 0100/14, Sydney 0600/14 and Newcastle 1500/14.

(6) "ADELAIDE" departed Melbourne 2245/10 for Fremantle ETA 0600/15.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "BAGLEY" (DD) "MANOORA" "WESTRALL (APA) 1 LST Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "STAWELL" "WARRNAMBOOL" "MILDURA" "TOWNSVILLE" "ROCKHAMPTON" (AMS) "YANDRA" (A/S Vessel) "ALGORAB" (AKA) "TASMAN" (AH) "MIZAR" (AF (Repairing, Refitting) - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "COLUMBIA" "HOBART" (CL) "ARUNTA" "CHEVALIER" "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD) (On Reserve) - "KANIMELA" (APA) Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "DOOMBA" (AMS) (Refitting) - "NIZAM" (DD) "BALLARAT" (AMS) Geelong - Warships & Aux. - "BUNGAR EE" (CM)

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### NAVAL INCIDENTS

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### ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Northern Solomons, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.
- (2) Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas,
  (3) Increased use of barges, in addition to warships -
- (3) Increased use of barges, in addition to warships principally destroyers and submarines, for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons-New Guinea areas.
- (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific Areas.

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

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•	<ul> <li>NTZAM BAGLEX HELM MUGFORD HENLEY MAHAN DRAYTON LAMSON FLUSSER REID CONYNCHAM MERKINS SMITH</li> <li>CHEVALTER</li> <li>LE TRIOMPHAN TAYLOR NICHOLAS</li> </ul>	WT		
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CV (E)	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO LONG ISLAND BARNES COPAHEE	UNYO
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CL (T)	-	-	KASHII
XCL	-	CARTHAGE CHITRAL RAN FURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA Combined Operational Intelligence Centre
DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY
Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle
No. 593 Date: 13 September 1943
PART I.
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
1. NORTH EASTERN AREA
(1) ALLIED FORCES
(a) At sea to 1200/13:
<ul> <li>(1) "BENAILA" surveying.</li> <li>(2) "GYMPIE" escorting "CHARLES P.STEINMETZ" "JOSIAH ROYCE") was to depart Port Moresby 1005/13 for Ore Bay.</li> </ul>
(3) "COLAC" escorting Convoy FT.25 ("CITY OF FORT WORTH" "OZARK" "EMPIRE HAMBLE") dep. Milne Bay 1345/11 for Townsville ETA 2345/14.
(4) "KAPUNDA" escorting Convey MT.47 ("BONTEKOE" "GOLDSTAR") dep. Port Moresby 1115/11 ETA Townsville 0800/14.
(5) "WAGGA" escerting Convoy NT.48 ("MAETSUYCKER" "VERA") was to depart Port Moresby 0600/13 for Townsville.
<ul> <li>(6) "WARRAMUNGA" on route Milne Bay to Townsville ETA 1330/13.</li> <li>(7) "COOTAMUNERA" escorting Convoy TD.32 ("KURUMBA" "MATTHEW FLINDERS" "YARRA") dep. Thursday Is. 0324/13 for Darwin ETA 130/17.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>X (8) "O'BANNON" en route Noumea to Milne Bay.</li> <li>(9) "BALLARD" escorting "STANNAC CAPETOWN" "ESO RICHMOND" en route Espiritu Santo to Brisbane ETA 0700/16.</li> </ul>
(10) "SC.737" escorting 1 LST en route Noumea to Brisbane ETA 0800/14. (11) "FC.1123" en route Noumea to Brisbane ETA 15 Sept.
<ul> <li>(12) "GLADSTONE" escorting "SUVA" from Lady Elliott Island to Brisbane.</li> <li>(13) "SC.732" escorting 2 LCT's dep. Cairns 0545/11 for Hilne Bay ETA 1600/14.</li> </ul>
(14) "SWAN" escorting Convoy TN.154 ("TAROONA") from Fitzroy Island to Port Moresby ETA 1400/13.
(15) "DELORAINE" "KATOOMBA" "BUNBURY" "PC.1119" "SC.785" "SC.981" and <u>Convoy TN.155</u> ("MURADA" "FREMONT OLDER" "RIVER CLARENCE" "CAMBERRA" for Port Moresby; "SAMUEL K.BARLEW" "JOHN S. SARGENT" "SWARTENHONDT" "Y .13" "THEOFANO"IVANOS" "Y OCHOW" "NATHAN IEL CARRIER" "SEA SNIPE""THOMAS JEFFERSON" "PENNAMT" "YP.278" "SC.738" towing "PORT HULL" for Milne Bay) proceeding to HV off Fitzroy Island at 1700/13. ETA Convoy Port Moresby and Milne Bay 1200/16.
(16) "PC.479" en route Busterd Head to Townsville. (17) "WATO" towing "ML.804" and 2 barges dep. Caloundra 1357/9 for Cairna
(18) "VENDETTA" was to depart Caloundra 1500/12 to RV with "MORMACSEA" position 24°18's 157°34'E at 1000/13 and escort to Lady Elliott Island. "VENDETTA" to return Brisbane.
(19) 10 submarines on patrol.
(b) In Harbour:
Buna - Warships & Aux "SC.698" "SC.699" "SC.703" "SC.982" "HILO" (PG) "ML.817"
Merchant Vessels: "JOSIAH EARL" "KAR SIK"
Gro Bay - Warships & Aux "SC.748" Merchant Vessels: "TECUMSEH" "MANOERAN" "WILLIAM BEAUMONT" "JANSSENS" "CAPE CONSTANCE" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK" "PATRAS" "CAPE HATTERAS"

Goodenough Is. -

Woodlark Is. Milne Bay

- Warships & Aux. - "SC.731" SC.747" Merchant Vessels: "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" Warships & Aux. - "SC.750" - Warships & Aux - "MUGFORD" "HENLEY" "MAHAN" "SMITH" "PERKINS" "FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "REID" "DRAYTON" "CONYNGHAM" "NICHOLAS" (DD) "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" "GILMER" (A PD) SC.637 SC.648 SC.650 SC.734 SC.736 SC.742 SC.744 SC.745 SC.746 SC.749 YM3.11 YMS.49 YMS.5 135.49 INS.50 IMS.72 VP.50 YMS.51 YMS.53 YMS.70 YMS.71 YMS.72 YP.233 YP.280 33 PTS ME.424 ML.427 "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "POYANG" "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "RIGHL" (AR) "MERKUR" (AF) "OTUS" (AS) "SAN PABLO" (AVP)" VICTORIA" "TRINITY" "SUSQUEHANNA" "BISHOPDALE" (AO) SHECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF (Note: MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN .) Merchant Vessels: "AMBROSE BIERCE" "FLOYD B.OLSEN" "KHOEN HOEA" "JOHN MUIR" "WACTAN" "JOEL PALMER" "WILL TAM LUCKEN BACH" "WEST CASTUS" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "ROCHAMBEAU" "VAN OUTHOORN" • Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) "ML.4 25" Port Moresby Merchant Vessels: "GEO. RASTMAN" "JOHN CARROLL" "ELIZABETH BRACKWELL" "THOMAS CORWIN" "VAN DER LIJN" "CLARENCE KING" "M CNTOR) " Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "YP.291 YNE.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YNS .48 . Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE" (AMS) "ML. 425" "ML. 428" Cairns 1 PT "PLATYPUS" (R) · Warships & Aux, Warships & Aux. - "HELM" (DD) "YP.236" "DOBBIN" (AE)
Warships & Aux. - "GOUGBUR N" (AMS) "FC.476"
Warships & Aux. - "STUART" (DP) "GEELONG" Townsville Mackay Gladstone Brisbane "ARARAT" (AMS) PC.477 PC.1121 PC.1122 SC.650 SC.735 SC.741 YP.283 YP.291 YMS.9 YMS.10 YMS.52 YMS.335 ML.425 ML.816 ML.818 ML.819 TH.T.ALLEN" (APA) "MANUNDA" (AH) "MIZAR" (AF) "FULTON" (AS) "HERON" (AVP) (Repairing, Trials etc.) "WARREGO" (DE) "WHYALLA" "LITHGOW" "BOWEN" (AMS)

# (11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Kolombangara Allied PT's engaged 5 barges en route Vila from Bambari Harbour (S.E. Kolombangara) 1930-2030/10. Two of the barges partially disabled put in at Kape Harbour (approx 32 miles N.E. of Vila) and the other 3 reached Vila. Our PI's sustained hits as a result of heavy return barge fire, and our Pr's large guis near Stanmore Plantation also fired on the bosts. In attacks on enemy positions in the Kolombangara area 11 Sept., 4 Corsairs strafed and set on fire one barge and a fuel dump at Vanga Vanga (S.W.coast), 24 Deanth ss, 15 Avengers bombed and strafed enemy positions on the S.E.coast early afternoon starting fires. A fire and a large explosion was observed at Bambari Harbour. One **transp** Avengers is missing About the same time, 18 Mitchells attacked the Vila -Disappointment Gove area starting a fire. At Disappointment Cove three barges were sighted.
- (2) Rendovalsland An enemy submarine was attacked by an aircraft 17 75 miles S.W. of RendovaIsland at approx 0145/13 (see Naval Incidents).
- (3) Ganongga Island An enemy submarine was sighted 107 miles SSW of LungaPoint course 130° at 0820/12.
- (4) Vella Lavella It is reported that an additional party of Japanese arrived in the vicinity of Timbala Bay (N.E.Vella Lavella) evening 10 sept. There are now 100 enemy in this area.

It is also reported that our forces are developing their attack on the Boko Mission-Kokolope Bay area.

- (5) Shortlands P. tos a.m. 11 Sept. of the Ortlands base reveal four small cargo vessels 41 barges and 3 other small craft. At Kahili there were 35 fighters, 5 D/B. At approx the same time there were 7 fighters and one dive bomber at Ballale. Photos taken an hour later revealed only 4 fighters at Kahili while at Noon there were 20 fighters and 4 dive bombers at Ballale. The difference may be due to units moving in or out from patrol, or possibly movements from Kahili to Ballale.
- (6) <u>Bougainville Is.</u> An intercept report states than an allied alreraft attacked a convoy of six ships including a destroyer 20 miles E. by H. of Kieta night 12-13 Sept.
  - (7) <u>Buka-Cape St.George Area</u> Photos of Buka Passage a.m. 11 Sept. reveal one sub.chaser, two small cargo vessels and 15 small craft and barges. On Buka aerodrome 11 fighters, 8 medium 7 dive bombers were visible.

Photos of the two vessels described as 2000-4500 ton merchantmen observed 20 miles S.W. by S. of Buka Passage on course 90° at 1425/11 reveal 1 x 1500 ton merchant vessel and one of 500 tons.

At 1020/12 one destroy or and two merchant vessels were reported 52 miles W. by N. of Suka Passage on course 200°. These may have been the force described as one destroyer 2 small medium merchantmen with 4 landing craft observed approaching the Buka area at 1025/11, now returning to Rabaul.

A submarine was a ttacked by an allied aircraft 95 miles S.W. of Buka Passage at 0043/13. No results are reported.

- (8) Hoskins's Peninsula An examination of photos taken 1050/6 of a new aerodrome situated on the west coast of Hoskins Peninsula (on the west coast of Stettin Bay across from Talasea) reveals that the strip is 3800 x 250 feet, is cleared and graded but is not yet surfaced and serviceability is doubtful. A comprehensive system of dispersal lanes including 27 fighter unsumer revetments is under construction.
- (9) <u>Cape Orford</u> A Catalina attacked a large enemy submarine 8 miles S. by E. of Cape Orford on course 30° at 0115/12. Results were not observed.
- (10) <u>Cape Gloicester</u> Photes 1215/12 show the runway is apparently unserviceable. Dispersal lanes and points are being extended. The aircraft unsuccessfully attacked a twin-engined bomber on the strip.

In the Borgen Bay area, 15 to 20 landing barges were observed along the beach.

- (21) Witu Islands A Catalina attacking ground installations at Garove Island 2345/11 reported sighting two barges and a tug in the harbour.
- (12) Finschhafen In a sweep by allied PT's on night 10-11 Sept., three barges were destroyed and one other damaged off Blucher Point (23 miles NNW of Finschhafen). Enemy aircraft made ineffectual attacks on the PT's.
- (13) Las Enemy positions were attacked by 10 Liberators and 12 Fortresses morning 12 Sept. Several buildings were destroyed and gun positions silenced. Enemy aircraft were reported attacking Singaua at 1204/12.

Reports of the land operations to 11 Sept. state that forward elements have reached a creek approx is mile west by south of the Busu River, while the main body are crossing the river by punt. Four miles inland the crossing of the river is hindered by machine gun fire, while to the north matrols have rached Kunda Bridge (9 miles north of Las aerodrome) on the Busu River. Heavy rains resulting in flooding are slowing up movement generally.

From the Markham River sector, it is reported that Heath's Plantation was shelled by allied artillery 11 Sept. (14) Salamana - By 1300/11 Salamana was occupied up to and including the isthmus. The main enemy resistance is now in well prepared enemy positions from a position 12 miles west of

- prepared enemy positions from a position 12 miles west of Macdonald's Junction to apoint approx one mile to the WSW.
- (15) Morobe At 1300/12, 12-15 enemy bombers and fighters attacked the landing craft at Morobe scoring hits on two. Two personnel are missing and 20 reported injured. Two enemy aircraft were shot down by A.A.

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(1) ALLIED FORCES

# (a) At Sea to 1200/13:

"LATROBE" escorting <u>Convoy TD.31</u> ("TULAGI" "ALLARA" "HEROS") departed Thursday Is. 0816/9 for Darwin ETA 1130/13.
 "FREMANTLE" escorting "KODLIGA" dep. Darwin 0430/11 for Thursday Is. ETA 0100/15k.
 "INVERELL" escorting "WANAKA" dep. Darwin 1245/12 for Melville

- Bay ETA 1100/14.
- (5) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Derwin - Warships & Aux, - "ML.814" "ML.815"

#### (11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) <u>Tanimbar Is</u> Houses at Larat were hit and a near miss scored on a ketch at Larat in an attack by 6 Beaufighters 0610-0737/12. Two ketches were sighted on the beach at Larat.
- (2) Makassar Direct hits on warehouses at Juliana Quay and large fires observed in oil tank, warehouse, wharf and military barracks areas were reported as the result of an attack by 12 Liberators 2145-2505/11. A medium sized vessel was attacked without result. One Liberator from this force also bombed Mandai aerodrome stæting a fire, One Liberator is missing.

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

# (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 12 00/13:

- (1) "VAN HEEMSKERK" escorting "ALTAM HA" en route Karachi to
- (2) "HORSHAM" escorting "KO OLINDA" dep. Fremantle 1134/12 for Exmouth Gulf ETA 15 00/14 thence Broome via Port Hedland.

#### (b) In Harbour:

• Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "TJERK HIDDES" "VAN GALER" (DD) DUEBO" (AMS) "ISABEL "(FY) "ATREUS" (CM) "WHIPPOORWILL" "LARK" (AM) SC.739" "YP.288 "CHILDS" (AVD) "PELIAS" (AS) Fremantle Exmouth Gulf Warships & Aux. - "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "YP. 286" "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)

#### 4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

#### (1) ALLIED FORCES

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## (a) At Sea to 1200/13:

- (1) "OLENELG" escorting "SABINE PASS" towing "PETER H.BURNETT" (for Espiritu Sento) dep. Sydney 1116/11. To provide
- (2) "KALGOORLIE" "BROOME" escorting Convoy CO.125 (11 MV) dep. Sydney 1515/11.
- (3) "ADELAIDE" dep. Melbourne 2245/10 for Frementle ETA 0600/15.
   "MIR ESEY" "BUNDABERG" "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy 00.124 (4 MV) for Port Kembla ETA 1500/13, Sydney 1900/13 and Newcastle 0500/14.
- (5) "WILCANNIA" "CASTLEMAINE" "ECHUCA" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting Convey GP.67 (10 MV) dep. Sydney 0800/11 for Cdeandra ETA 0530/14.

# (b) In Harbours:

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Port Stephens - Warships & Aux, - "BAGLEY" (DD) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" (APA) 1 LST Sydney - Warships & Aux, - "STAWELL" "WARRNAMBOOL" "MILDURA "TOWNSVILLE" "ROCHHAMPTON" (AMS) "YANDRA" (A/S Vessel) "XEENGARETCON" (AMS) "YANDRA" (A/S Vessel) "XEENGARETCON" (AMS) "TASMAN" (AH) (Repairing, Refitting) - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "COLUMBIA" "HOBART" (CL) "ARUNTA" "CHEVALIER" "TAYLOR" "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD) (On Reserve) - "KANIMBIA" (APA) Melbourne - Warships & Aux, - "DOOMBA" (AMS) (Refitting) - "NIZAM" (DD) "BALLARAT" (AMS) Geelong - Warships & Aux, - "BUNGAR EE" (CM)

#### NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) <u>Rendova</u> An allied aircraft reported having attacked and sunk an enemy submarine 75 miles S.W. of Rendova Island at approx 0145/13.
- (2) Huon Gulf Further to the reported attack on an enemy submarine 17 miles E. by N. of Salamaua a.m. 10 Sept. U.S. Destroyers "PERKINS" & "SMITH" attacked with depth charges and believe that the submarine was sunk. As no visible evidence was obtained the claim cannot be rated higher than "possibly sunk".

# ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

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- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Northern Solomons, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.
- (2) Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas,
- (3) Increased use of barges, in addition to warships principally destroyers and submarines, for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons-New Guinea areas.
- (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY PART II

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

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	st Pacific A Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
BB	•	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS NORTH CAROLINA MARYLAND COLORADO WEST VIRGINIA	•	Yamato Musashi Nagato) Doss. Fuso )Empire Kongo Haruna Fuso Yamashiro
CV	- 1	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU Shokaku
CV(L)	<b>T</b> 2	•	-	ZUIEO RYUHO (poss.Empir
CV (E)	•	PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON	-	CHUYO OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	•	CHOKAI SUZUYA	ATAGO TAKAO MAYA MYOKO HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI
CL	ADELAIDE HOBART COLUMBIA	ELEANDER CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO NAGARA	NOSHIRO OYODO ISUZU NAKA
CL(T)	-	•	-	KASHIMA KATORI
L	-	-	-	1
DD	* ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA	Approx 40	10	25
•	<ul> <li>NIZAM</li> <li>BAGLEY</li> <li>HELM</li> <li>MUGFORD</li> <li>HENLEY</li> <li>MAHAN</li> <li>DRAYFON</li> <li>LAMSON</li> <li>FLUS SER</li> <li>REID</li> <li>CONYNCHAM</li> <li>PERKINS</li> <li>SMITH</li> <li>CHEVALIER</li> <li>LE THIOMPHA</li> <li>TAYLOR</li> <li>NICHCLAS</li> </ul>			
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Southwest (Eastern S	Pacific ection)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls	
	ALBACORE BALAO BONEFISH CISCO DRUM GROUPER GUARDFISH PETO SCAMP	On Patrol	20	15	
	STINGRAY S.31 GROWLER POMPON RASHER SILVERSIDES	At Brisbane			
	K.9 At Syd	Iney			
AV/CVS	HERON	POC OMOKE WRIGHT	-	NOTORO	
XAV/XCV3	-	3	1	8	
PT	35	Approx 30	- 9	?	
APA/APD/AKA	H. T. AILEN MANOGRA WE STRALIA KANIMBLA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUM PHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA			
AS or XAS	FULTON OTUS		1	2 or more	
AD	DOBBIN	DIXIE	1	1	
AR	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROME THEUS	1	1	
AIRCRAFT (N.I	.Area Only)				
Fighters (ind Light & M/Bon SE/Bombers Flying Boats	ol. 20 twin-en abers	age)	231 289 37 6		
Floatplanes Transport & (	Dosa. A/C		61 16		
	2.	SOUTHEASTERN P	ACIFIC	na provi dina mana no mining kana kang di kana kang di	
<u>ST</u>	CONCORD TRENTON				
DD	2				

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ALLIED	3. CENTRAL	PACIFIC	MOST SECRET 13 September 19 ENEMY FORCES
BB	INDIANA R CALIFORNIA R MISSISSIPPI		ISE ) One unit being HYUGA ) modernised,
GA	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN LEXINGTON VICTORIOUS		•
CV(L)	INDEPENDENCE BRILEAU WOOD PRINCETON	÷	# HITAKA HAYATAKA (poss, Truk-Rabaul area)
CV(T)			HOSEO
CV (E)	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO LONG ISLAND BARNES COPAHEE	•	UNYO
	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA R SALT LAKE CITY MINNEA POLIS R ST.LCUIS		M AOBA MKUMANO
OCA CL	MOBILE HONOLULU NASHVILLE RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROTT		6 S ENDAI (poss. Mendates) TATSUTA # KINU # YUBAR I # NATORI
AVIOUS	?		4 # CHIYODA) Under conversion # CHITOSE) to Acvs
XAV/XCVS DD SS AS/XAS	Approx 35 Apprex 50		3 25-30 (approx 12 repairing) Approx 30 3 or more
	4. NORTH	ERN PACIFIC	an na manana ang kanaka sa kanan Panana kanana a tang kanang manang manana kanang kanang kanang kanang kanang 🧰
BB	IDAHO NEW MEXICO TENNESSEE PENNSYLVANIA		-
	FICHITA LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND INDIANAPOLIS		NACHI
CL	Santa FE		TAMA KISO
XCL XAV XCVS DD SS	22		ABUKUMA 3 AKITSUSHIMA 1 4 Approx 10
	* Non-effec	tive	
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ALLIED FOR	5, EAS	ST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN	MOST SECRET 13 September 1943 ENEMY FORCES
Southwest (Western S		Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
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GV	-	SILL USTRIOUS	-
CV(E)	ALTAMAHA	-	
CA	-	SOFFOLK SUSSEX HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
CL	TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWGASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADCC EMERALD	KUMA OI KITAGAMI
CL (T)	-	-	KASHII
XCL		CARTHAGE CHITRAL RAMPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
AV/CVS .	CHILDS W.E.PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI
XAV/XCVS	-	?	1
DD	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	11
83	BILLFISH BLUEFISH BOWFIN GRAYLING PUPFER TROUT TUNA	Patro 1	5
	KINGFISH) At Fr	remantle	
AS OF XAS	PELIAS	?	1
AIRCRAFT (N.W	.Area Only)		
Fighters (inc Light or M/Bo SE/Bombers lying Boats Floatplanes Transport & O	ban. A/C & No Pre	recent intelligence. esent disposition unkno	113 102 12 12 48 44 44

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	GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA Combined Operational Intelligence Centre
•	DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY
	Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle 594 No. 14 September 1943 No. Date:
	PART I.
A. SOUTH	WEST PACIFIC AREA
1. NO	RTH EASTERN AREA
detorement	(1) ALLIED FORCES
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•	(a) At Sea to 1200/14:
<b>(1)</b> <b>(2)</b>	"BENALLA" surveying. "GYMPIE" escorting "CHARLES P.STEINMETZ" "JOSIAH ROYCE" on route Port Moresby to Oro Bay ETA 0600/15.
	"COLAC" escorting Convoy FT.25 ("CITY OF FORT WORTH" "OZARK" "EMPIRE HAMBLE") dop. Milne Bay 1345/11 for Townsville ETA 2345/14.
(4)	"NICHOLAS" escorting "JOHN MUIR" "AMEROSE BIERCE" dep. Milne Bay 1215/13 for Town sville ETA 2330/15.
(5)	"KAPUNDA" escorting Convey NF.47 ("BONTEKOE" "GOLDSTAR") dep. Port
(6)	Moresby 1115/11 was due Townsville 0800/14. "WAGGA" escorting Convoy NT.48("MAETSUXCKER" "VERA") departed Port Moresby 0655/13 for Townsville ETA 0430/16.
(7)	"SNAN" escorting Convoy NT.49 ("TAROONA") was to depart Port Moresby 0630/14 for Townsville.
(8)	"FREMANTLE" escorting "KOOLIGA" departed Darwin 0430/11 for Thursday
(9)	Island ETA 0100/15. "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting Convoy TD.32 ("KURUMBA" "MATTHEW FLINDERS" "YARRA") dep. Thursday Is. 0324/13 for Darwin ETA 1250/17.
(10)	"MMEXERN "YMS.8" "YMS.46" "YMS.47" "YMS.48" dep. Thursday Island 1401/13 for Cairns ETA 1400/15.
(11)	"WARRAMUNGA" departed Townsville 2110/13 for Melbourne ETA 1000/17.
(12)	"O'BANNON" en route Noumea to Milne Bay. "BALLARD" escorting "STANVAC CAPETOWN" "ESO RICHMOND" en route Espiritu Santo to Brisbane ETA 0700/16.
(14)	"SC. 737" escorting 1 LSF en route Noumea to Brisbane ETA 0800/14.
(16)	"PC.1123" en route Noumea to Brisbane ETA 15 September. "GOULBURN" "PC.476" escorting Convoy LQ.11 (2 MV) departed Gladstone
	2200/13 ETA Caloundra 0930/15. "SC.732" escorting 2 LCT's dep. Cairns 0545/11 for Milne Bay ETA 1600/14.
(18)	"DELORAINE" "KATOOMBA" "BUNBURY" "PC.1119" "SC.743" "SC.981" and
	Convoy TN.155 ("MURADA" "FREMONT OLDER" "RIVER CLARENCE" "CANEERRA" for Port Moresby; "SAMUEL K.BARLEW" "JOHN S. SARGENT" "SWARTENHONDT" "Y.13" "THEOFANO LIVANOS" "YOCHOW" "NATHANIEL CARRIER" "SEA SNIPE" "THOMAS JEFFERSON" "PENNANT" "YP.278" "SC.738" towing "PORT HULL" for Milne Bay) proceeding to RV off Fitzrey Island at 1700/13 ETA Convoy Port Moresby and Milne Bay 1200/16.
	"PC.479" en route Bustard Head to Townsville. "YP.236" en route Mackay to Cairns ETA 1200/15.
(20) (21) (22)	"WATO" towing "ML.804" and 2 barges dep. Calcundra 1357/9 for Cairns. "VENDETTA" escorting "MIZAR" was to depart Calcundra 1030/14. To provide escort to vicinity Lady Elliott Island and return
(23)	Brisbane. 10 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Herbour:

Mordoe	- Warships & Aux "SHEPPARTON"
Buna	- Warships & Aux "SC.698" "SC.699" "SC.703" "SC.982" "HILO" (PG) "ML.817"
	Merchant Vessels: "JOSIAH BARL" "KARSIK"
Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux
	Merchant Vessels: "TECUMSEH" "MANOERAN" "WILLIAM BEAUHONT" "JAN SSENS" "CAFE CONSTANCE" "GENERAL VERS PIJCK" "PATRAS" "CAPE HATTERAS" "WEST CACTUM
Goodenough Is.	- Warships & Aux.
Woodlark Is.	- Warships & Aux "SC.750"
Milre Bay	- Warships & Aux "MUGFORD" "HENLEY" "MAHAN" "SMITH" "PERKINS" "FDUSSER" "LAMSON" "REID" "DRAYTON" "CONYNGHAM" (DD) "SAMDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" "CILMER" (APD) SC.637 SC.648 SC.731 SC.734 SC.736 SC.742 SC.744 SC.745 SC.746 SC.747 SC.748 SC.749 YMS.11 YMS.49 YMS.50 YMS.51 YMS.53 YMS.70 YMS.71 YMS.72 YF.233 YF.280 33 PTs ML.424 ML.427
	"GOLD STAR" (AG) "POYANG" "YUNNAN" (ASIS)
	"RIGEL" (AR) "MERKUR" (AF) "OTUS" (AS) "SAN
	PABLO" (AVP)" VICTORIA" "TRINITY" "SUSQUEHANNA" "BISEOPDALE" (AO) "ROCHAMBEAU" (AP)
	(NODE: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)
	Merchant Vessels: "FLCYD B.OLSEN" "KHONN HCEA" "MACTAN" "JOEL PALMER" "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" "WILLIAM LUCKENBACH" "ADMIRAL HAL STEAD" "VAN OUTHOORN"
Port Moresby	<ul> <li>Warships &amp; Aux "TULSA" (FG)" ML.425"</li> <li>Merchant Vessels: "GEC.EASTMAN" "JOHN CARROLL"</li> <li>"FLIZABETH BLACKWHIL" "THOMAS CORWIN" "VAN DER LIJN" "CLARENCE KING" "MONTORC"</li> </ul>
Thursday Is.	• Warships & Aux.
Cairns	• Warships & Aux "PIRIE" (AMS) "ML.425" "ML.428" 1 PT "PLATYPUS" (AR)
Mackay	Benching & Any - HERTMI (DD) "DORRTN" (AD)
Brisbane	<ul> <li>Warships &amp; Aux "STUART" (DD) "GEELONG" "GLADSTON "ARARAT" "CASTIE MAINE" (AMS) PC.477 PC.1121 PC.1122 SC.650 SC.735 SC.741 YP.283 YP.291 YMS.9 YMS.10 YMS.52 YMS.335 ML.425 ML.816 ML.818 ML.819 "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "MANUNDA" (AH) "PULTON" (AS) "HERON" (AV P)</li> </ul>
(Repairing,	Trials etc.) - "WARREGO" (DE) "WHYAILA" "LITHGON" "BOWEN" (AMS)

# (c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "LITHGOW" "ARARAT" "SC. 735" "SC. 741" escorting Convoy QL.12 (7 MV) to depart Caloundra 1600/14.

#### (11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) <u>Gatukai Is.</u> - A sub.chaser reported anattack by an enemy scaplane 10 miles south by west of Gatukai at 2215/13.

(2) <u>Rolombangara</u> - Vila was bombed by 2 Liberators at 1215/11, and during the night three additional single Liberators bombed the same area.

On 12 Sept., gun positions in S.E. Kolombangara were

 (3) Kolombangara-Vella Lavella - Between 2100-2300/11 allied motor
 torpedo boats operating off the west coast of Kolombangara and the east coast of Vella Lavella were continusculy bombed and strafed by enemy floatplanes.

- (4) <u>Choiscul</u> A small camouflaged cargo vessel was reported at Redman Island, near the southern entrance to Choiseul Bay 11 Sept.
- (5) Shortlands Kahili aerodrome was a ttacked at 1215/11 by 25 Liberators covered by Hellcats, Corsairs, Warhawks and Aixobras. Several fires were started. The Corsairs were engaged by 15-20 fighters and the Hellcats by 7 fighters, and a total of 7 enemy alreraft were destroyed for the loss of one Hellcat. At 1850/11, Kahili was again attacked by 4 Corsairs and 7 unidentified aircraft are reported as probably destroyed on the ground. One Corsair reported strafing and scoring hits on a destroyer off the strip.

Photos of Kahili at 1110/12 showed 44 fighters, 4 dive bombers. At the same time there were 2 small cargo vessels. 22 barges and 2 other small craft in the area.

- vessels, 22 barges and 2 other small craft in the area.
  (6) Bougainville At 1035/12 a force described as four destroyers,
  two merchant vessels was reported 10 miles off Tinputz Harbour.
  No course was given. An allied destroyer force reported no
  contact with this force in the normal Central Solomons
  transportation lanes. A sighting of 6 vessels (reported in
  yesterday's Naval Summary No.593) was reported 15 miles east
  of Kieta at 2350/12, and may possibly have been the same force.
- (7) Buke A four fifths coverage of Buka aerodrome 1030/12 revealed 6 fighters, 8 medium, 12 dive bombers.
- (8) New Ireland Waters Three enemy merchant vessels (described as of 500 feet) were unsuccessfully attacked by a Catalina 30 miles N.E. Cape St.George early hours 13 Sept. Four enemy barges were also unsuccessfully attacked by
- an allied aircraft 5 miles off Rast Cape at 0135/13. (9) New Hanover - A hospital ship described as of 5500-7000 tons
  - Was observed 30 miles WHW of Cape Matanalem en course 330° at 1225/13.
- (10) <u>Gasmata</u> 4 Beaufighters one a barge sweep early afternoon 12 Sept. failed to locate any barges, and 3 attacked the W/T Station on Gasmata Island with unobserved; results. Three Beaufighters were lost.
- (11) New BritainCoast-Barge Sweeps At 1258/12 the area from Cape Gloucester to Wilson Point (80 miles east of Cape Cloucester) was swept by 3 Beaufighters. Two unserviceable barges in Rein Bay were strafed.

The Borgen Bay - Cape Busching Area was covered by 9 Mitchells 1515-1540/12, Three or four barges were believed destroyed, and one other loaded barge damaged in the vicinity of Cape Gloucester. 30-35 barges, all unserviceable, were observed in the Borgen Bay area.

(12) Wewak - Further interpretation of photos of Wewak serodromes on 9 Sept. reveal 114 serviceable aircraft, comprising 37 medium, 15 light bombers, 60 fighters and 2 d reraft either twin-engined fighters or light bombers. The preliminary photographic report revealed 107 aircraft. The interesting feature of this interpretation reveals that in addition 119 unserviceable aircraft were on the four Wewak aerodromes.

Dagua and But aerodromes were attacked by 21 Liberators and 15 Lightnings morning 13 Sept. Photos reveal 9 medium, one light bomber and 6 fighters destroyed at Dagua, of which 6 medium and one light bomber were previously considered unserviceable. Dagua runway is unserviceable, and only one light bomber and four fighters are shown to be possibly serviceable. An ammunition dump appears to have been destroyed at the western end of the strip.

On But aerodrome, it was claimed that 2 or 3 aircraft received a direct hit and fires and a large explosion were started. Photos show snoke indicating probable hits among aircraft.

The Lightnings were intercepted by 24 fighters and Air Force/to date states that they shot down 3 fighters and probably destroyed one. An army report states that the Lightnings destroyed 7 fighters and 2 were probably destroyed. The Liberators shot down one fighter and probably destroyed another. In addition, it is reported that a total of 12 vessels and small craft was sighted around Kairiru and Muschu Island including one small sea-truck, while all the others were coastal luggers or barges.

- (13) <u>Hansa Bey</u> A ship was sighted 15 miles south of Hansa Bay a.m. 13 Sept. The ship fired on the observing aircraft,
- (14) Saidor 9 Mitchells which failed to locate serviceable enemy barges bombed a village midway between Saidor and Langemak Bay morning 12 Sept. They reported sighting 9 unserive-able barges between these two points.
   (15) Marilinan - It is reported approx 11 enemy bombers and 19 fighters
- (15) Marilinan It is reported approx 11 enemy bombers and 19 fighters attacked Marilinan 1037/13. Slight damage only was reported. 8 Thunderbolts reported sighting 15 med um bombers and 35 fighters in this area at 1050/13 and reported destroying one bomber, one fighter and probably destroyed one fighter. Five Kittyhawks also intercepted enemy bombers and fighters after their bombing run, and reported damaging one enemy aircraft. One Kittyhawk is overdue.
- (16) Lae Area In the Huon Peninsula area, our troops after crossing Busu River near the mouth had reached one point & mile S.E. of the S. end of Malahang Strip and another 1900 yards S.S.E. of the strip by 0800/12. At Kunda Bridge, (9g mile sup Busu River), a small Jap party was successfully ambushed. Eneny positions near Lae and Malahang airfield are being shelled by our artillery probably from positions on Burep River. The general Burep River area was raided at 1200/12 by 12 enemy aircraft causing some casualties and damage.

In the Markham Valley sector, 95 Jap dead had been accounted for up to 2000/11 as a result of the engagements at Markham Pt. since 5 Sept. Our forces are advancing towards Whittakers Plantation from the north and towards Heath's Flantation from the west along the N. bank of the Markham River. Tari, approx 3 miles down Markaam Markham River from

Markham Point, was attacked by 12 Mitchells afternoon 13 Sept.

(17) Salamaua - Our forces have captured the Port, Town and Peninsula of Salamaua. The enemy has been completely routed and is fleeing northward being north of a line running east-west through Aisini (approx 2 miles N.W. of Kela Willage) by evening 12 Sept. Our troops are in close pursuit and have captured much equipment.

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2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) A. LIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/14:

(1) "INVERELL" escorting "WANAKA" dep. Darwin 1245/12 for Melville Bay was due 1100/14.

(2) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" (AMS) "ML.814" "ML.815" Merchant Vessels: "TULAGI" "ALLARA"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Wissel Lakes - Enarotali Village on the east side of Lake Fanial was bombed by a Catalina at 0540/13. Small fires were started. Forty to fifty small craft, probably native cances, were observed in the northeast corner of Lake Panial. 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

# (1) ALLIED FORCES

# (a) At Sea to 1200/14:

 "VAN HEEMSKERK" escorting "ALTAMAHA" en route Karachi to #elbourne ETA 1000/19.
 "HORSHAM" escorting "KOOLINDA" dep. Fremantle 1134/12 for

(2) "HOR SHAM" escorting "KOOLINDA" dep. Fremantle 1134/12 for Exmouth Gulf ETA 1500/14 thence Broome via Port Hedland.

(3) "ADELAIDE" departed Melbourne 2245/10 for Fremantle ETA 0600/15.

# (b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux - "THO MP" (CL) "TJERK HIDDES" "VAN CALEN" (DD) DUBBO (AMS) "ISABEL" (PY) "ATREUS" (CM) "WHIPPOORWILL" "LARK" (AM) "SC.739" "YP.288" "CHILDS" (AVD) "PELIAS" (AS) Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHANTICLE ER" (ASR) "YP.286" "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

#### (1) ALLIED FORCES

# (a) At Sea to 1200/14:

- (1) "WILCANNIA" "ECHUCA" "ABRAHAM CRI JNSSEN" escorting Convoy PG.67
- (2) "GLENELG" escorting "SABINE PASS" towing "PETER H.BURNETT"
  - (for Espiritu Santo) dep. Sydney 1116/11. To provide escort to 159°E.

(3) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC.125 departed Port Phillip 0134/14 to RV in Wilson's Promontory area with "MILDURA" "KARDORLIE" "BROOME" escorting Convoy CO.125 (11 MV). ETA Convoy OC.125 Port Kembla 0200/17, Sydney 0700/17, New castle 1600/17.

# (b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" (APA) 1 LST Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "BAGLEY" (DD) "STAWELL" "WARKNAMBOOL" "MORESEY" "BUNDABENG" "TOWN SVILLE" "ROCKHAMPTON" (AMS) "YANDRA" (A/S Vessel) "ALGORAB" (AKA) "TASMAN" (AH) (Repairing, Refitting) - "COLUMBIA" "HOBART" (CL) "ARUNTA" "CHEVALIER" "TAYLOR" "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD) (On Reserve) - "KANINBIA" (APA) Melbourne - Warships & Aux. -(Refitting) - "NIZAM" (DD) "BALLARAT" (AMS) Geelong - Warships & Aux. - "BUNGAREE" (CM)

# (c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "AUSTRALIA" "BAGLEY" to depart Sydney 1400/14 for Palm Island ETA 0830/17.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

## ENEMY FORCES

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New Hebrides - An allied destroyer attacked an enemy submarines 60 miles E.S.E. of Vila (Efate Island) at 2245/13. No results are ma reported. C. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

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Cocos Island - An enemy flying boat reconnoitred Cocos Island at 1235/13. It approached from a nd departed to the north.

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#### NAVAL INCIDENTS

NIL.

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#### ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Northern Solomons, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas. Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in (1)
- (2) Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- Increased use of barges, in addition to warships -(3) principally destroyers and submarines, for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons-New Guinea areas.
- (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific areas.

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ALLI	ED FORCES			ENEMY FORCES
	est Pacific rn Section)	South Pacific	Bismar cks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
BB	•	WASHING TON MASSACHUSETTS NORTH CAROLINA MARYLAND COLORADO WEST VIRGINIA	-	YAMATO MUSASHI MAGATO) poss. MUTSU ) Empire KONGO HARU NA FUSO YAMASHIRO
CV	-	SAR ATOGA	-	ZUIKAR U SHORAKU
CV(L)	-		-	ZUINO
CV(E)		PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON	•	CHUYO OT AKA
CA	# AUSTRALIA		CHOKAI SUZUYA	ATAGO TAKAO MAYA MYOKO HAGURO TONE CH IKUMA MOGAMI
CL	* HOBART	LEANDER CLEVELAND MONFPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO NAGARA	NOSHIRO OYODO ISUZU NAKA
CL(T)			-	Kashima Katori
T	-		-	1
DD	<ul> <li>ARUNTA</li> <li>WARRAMUNGA</li> <li>STUART</li> <li>VENDETTA</li> <li>NIZAM</li> </ul>	Approx 40	10	25
	BAGLEY HELM MUGFORD HENLEY MAHAN			
•	DRAYTON LAMSON FLUSSER REID CONYENGHAM PERKINS SMITH			
	E CHEVALIER E LE TRIOMPHANI E TAYLOR NICHOLAS O'BANNON			
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	t Pacific Section)	South Facific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>ss</u>	ALBACORE ) BONEFISH ) CISCO ) DRUM ) GROUPER ) GUAKDFISH ) PETO ) SCAM P ) STINGRAY ) S.31	On Patrol	20	15
	Balao Growler Pompon Rasher Silversides	) ) At Brisbane		
	K.9 At Sydi	ney		
CVS	ME RON	POC OMOKE WRIGHT	•	NO TORO
XAV/XCVS	-	3	1	2
PP	35	Approx 30	?	?
APA/APD/AKA	H.T.ALLEN MANOORA WE STRALIA KANIMBLA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS EROOKS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA		
AS OF XAS	FULTON OTUS		1	2 or more
AD	DOBBIN	DIXIE	1	l
AR	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS	1	1
AIRCRAFT (N.E.	Area Only)			
Fighters (inc) Light & M/Bom SE/Bombers Flying Boats Floatplanes Fransport & O		g.)	316 293 48 6 61 16	
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		ENTRAL PACIFIC	MOST SECRET 14 Sept.1943 ENEMY FORCES
ALA	IED FORCES		ENEMI FORGES
BB	INDIANA R CALIFORNIA R MISSISSIPPI		ISE ) One unit being HYUGA ) modernised
CV	ENTER PRISE ESSEX YORKFOWN LEKINGTON		-
	VICTORIOUS		
CV(L)	INDEPENDENCE BELLEAU WOOD PRINCETON		HITAKA HAYATAKA (poss.Truk-Rabaul KYUNO area)
CV (T)	-		HOSHO
CV (E)	SUVAINEE SANGAMON CHENANGO LONG ISLAND BAFINES COPAHEE		UNYO
	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA SALT LAKE CITY MINNEAPOLIS ST.LOUIS	3	AOBA KUMANO
OCA CL	MOBILE HONOLULU R NASHVILLE RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT	3	6 SENDAI (poss. Mandates) TATSUTA KINU YUBARI NATORI
XCL AV/CVS	?		4 CHIYODA) Under conversion CHITOSE) to ACVs
XAV/XCVS DD SS AS/XAS	Approx 35 Approx 50 ?	÷	3 25-30 (approx 12 repairing) Approx 30 3 or more
	4.	NORTHERN PACIFIC	
<b>.</b> .	IDAHO NEW MEXICO TENNE SSEE PENN S YLVA NIA		
CA	AIGHITA LOUISVIILE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND INDIANAPOLIS		NACHI
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XCL AV/CVS	1	1	ABURUMA 3 AKITSUSHIMA
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MOST SECRET 14 Sept.1943

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific (Western Section)		Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippine	
BB	-	ø	•	
	-	# ILL UPTRI OUS	(	
CV (E)	ALTAMA PA		-	
CA	-	SUFFOLK SUSSEX MAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA	
CL	ADELAIDE TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE GERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN	KUMA OI KITAGAMI	
		CARADOC EMERALD		
CL(T)	5 <del>-</del> 1	-	KASHII	
XCL		CARTHAGE CHITRAL RAN PURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1	
AV/CVS	CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI	
XAV/XCVS	-	?	1	
DD	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	11	
BS	BILLFISH BLUEFISH BONFIN GRAYLING PUFFER TROUT TUNA	n Patrol	5	
	KINGFISH ) At	Fremantle		
AS or XAS	PELIAS	?	1	
AIRCRAFT (N.	(.Area Only)		4	
Fighters (inc Light or M/Bo SE/Bombers Flying Boats Floatplanes ansport & (	Obsn. A/C	No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain	113 102 12 12 48 48 44	
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		PART I.		
A. 500	TH WEST PACIFIC A	REA		
1.	NORTH EASTERN ARE	Δ		
		(1) ALL TED FORCES		
•	(a) At Sea to	1200/15:		
(1) (2)	"BENALLA" survey 1 SC escorting "	WANNON" departed Milne H	Bay 1230/14 for	Buna
(3)	ETA 093 "NICHOLAS" escor	ting "JOHN MUIR" "AMBROS	E BIERCE" dep.	Milne Bay
	1215/13	for Townsville ETA 2330 g Convey NT.48 ("MAETSUN	0/15.	
(4)	Port Mo	resby 0655/13 for Townsv	ville ETA 0430/	16.
(5)	"SWAN" escorting	Convoy NT. 49 ("TAROONA For Townsville ETA 1500	(1) departed Po	ort Moresby
(6)	"YMS. 8" "YMS. 46"	"YMS. 47" YMS. 48" dop. 1	hursday Island	1 1401/13
(77)	for Cai	rns ETA 1400/15. ute Noumea to Milne Bay	waa due 0630/1	5.
(7) (8)	"GOLDSTAR" denar	ted Townsville 1330/14 f	for Gladstone H	TA 1330/16.
(9)	"BALLARD" escrot	ing "STANVAC CAPETOWN"	"ESO RICHMOND"	en route
(10)	"PC.1123" en rou	u Santo to Brisbane ETA te Noumea to Brisbane ET	A 15 September	•
(11)	"VENDETTA" on ro	ute Lady Elliott Island	to Brisbane.	
(12)	"DELORAINE" "KAT	OOMBA" "BUNBURY" PC.1119 TN.155 ("MURADA" "FREMON	F OLDER " "RTVE	981" and
	"CANBER	RA" for Port Moresby: "S	SAMUEL K. BARLE	W" "JOHN S.
•	SARGENT	" "SWARTENHONDT" "Y.13"	"THEOFANO LIVA	NOS" "YOCHOW"
	"NATHAN "PENNAN	TEL CARRIER" "SEA SNIPE" T" "YP.278" "SC.738" tou	THOMAS JEFFE	"for Milne
	Bay) pr	oceeding to RV off Fitzr	oy Islanda t 1	700/13 ETA
(9 (7 )	Convoy	Port Maresby and Milne H Lady Elliott Island to	Bay 1200/16.	A 0700/17
(13) (14)	"YP-236" en rout	e Mackay to Cairns was d	iue 1200/15.	TH UIUUTIC
(15)	"WATO" towing "M	L.804" and 2 barges dep.	Caloundra 135	57/9 for
(16)	"LITHGOW" "ARARA	T" "SC.735" "SC.741" esc	orting Convoy	QL.12
	(7 MV)	departed Caloundra 1645/ ard Head ETA 0830/16.	14. Convoy to	disperse
(17)		d Caloundra 1341/14 for	Mackay/	
(18)	11 submarines on			
	(b) In Harbour			
-	Merobe - Buna -	Warships & Aux "SHER Warships & Aux "SC.6	PARTON"	SC. 705#
	D. WTYCK	"SC.9	982" "HILO" (PG	) "ML.817"
		Merchant Vessels: "JOSI	AH EARL" "KARS	SIK" "JANSSENS"

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Ore Bay:	• Warships & Aux. • "GYMPIE" "AMS) Merchant Vessels: "TECUMSEH" "MANOERAN" "WILLIAM BHAUMONT" "CHARLES P.STEINMEZ" "JOSIAH ROYCE" "PATRASW "CAPE HATTERAS" "WEST CACTUS"
Goodenough Is.	- Warships & Aux.
Woodlark Is. Milne Bay	<ul> <li>Warships &amp; Aux. • "SC.750"</li> <li>Warships &amp; Aux. • "MUGFORD" "HENLEY "MAHAN" "SMITH" "PERKINS" "FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "REID" "DRAYTON" "CONYNCHAM" (DD) "SANDS" "BRO OKS" "HUMPHREYS" "GILMER" (APD) SC.637 SC.648 SC.731 SC.732 SC.374 SC.736 SC.742 SC.744 SC.745 SC.746 SC.747 SC.748 SC.749 YMS.11 YMS.49 YMS.50 YMS.51 YMS.53 YMS.70 YMS.71 YMS.72 YP.233 YP.280 33 PTs ML.424 ML.427 "POYANG" "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "RIGKL" (AR) "MERKUR" (AF) "OTUS" (AS) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "VICTORIA" "TRINITY" "SUSQUEHANNA" "BISHOFDALE" (AO) "ROCHAMBEAU" (AP)</li> </ul>
	(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)
	Merchant Vessels: "FLOYD B. OLSEN" "KHOEN HOEA" "MACTAN" "JOEL PALMER" "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" "WILLIAM LUCKENBACH" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "VAN OUTHOORN" "CAPE CONSTANCE" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK"
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux "TULSA" (PG) "ML.425" Merchant Vessels: "GEO.EASTMAN" "JOHN CARROLL" "ELIZABETH BLACKWELL" "THOMAS CORWIN" "VAN DER LIJN" "CLARENCE KING" "MONTORO"
Thursday Island CAirns	- Warships & Aux "FREMANTLE" (AMS) - Warships & Aux "KAPUNDA" "COLAC" "PIRIE" (AMS) "ML.425" "ML.428" 1 PT. "PLATYPUS" (AR)
Townsville	- Warships & Aux "PC. 479"
Mackay Brisbane	- Warships & Aux "HELM" (DD) "DOBBIN" (AD) - Warships & Aux "STUART" (DD) "GEELONG" "GOULBURN" (AMS) PC.476 PC.477 PC.1121 PC.1122 SC.650 SC.737 YP.283 YMS.9 YMS.10 YMS.52 YMS.335 ML.425 ML.816 ML.818 ML.819 "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "MENUNDA" (AH) "FULTON" (AS) "HERON" (AVP)
(Repairing, Tr	ials etc.) - "WARREGON (DE) "WHYALLA" "GLADSTONE" "BOWEN" (AMS)

#### (c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "VENDETTA" to depart Calcundra 1300/16 to RV with "MORMACLARK" in position 26040'S 159045'E at 1400/17 and escort to Brisbane.

#### (11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) <u>Arundel Island</u> - Reports to 14/9 state that operations are proceeding satisfactorily, and an undetermined number of Japanese have been pocketed between two allied forces in the north eastern cerner of the island,

- (2) <u>Vella Lavella</u> Seven Corsairs engaged 15 enemy figh ters over Baga Island 0746/13. Three enemy fighters were destroyed. We lost two Corsairs.
- (3) Shortlands A photographic report dated 8/9 of the new Kara strip states that grading and surfacing had extended over an area 3160 x 260 feet and construction was still in progress at both ends. No aircraft were visible, but it was considered that the strip is ready for fighters.

Photos of the attack on Mahili by 25 Liberators at 1215/11 show direct hits on 13 aircraft in the repair area east of the strip; two other fighters and one unserviceable medium bomber were left burning. At 1700/12 in a further attack on Kahili by four

Corsairs, six aircraft were strafed, of which one was left Three bærges offshore were strafed and one was set burning. on fire.

- (4) Buka Passage Photographs of the new Bonis Plantation aerodrome on the south shore of Buka Passage reveal that by 5/9 several surfaced areas were visible, and loads of coral were noted near the strip. Many stores, trucks and bull-dozers have been observed.
- (5) Selomons Submarine sightings 13-14/9 An enemy submarine described as 350 ft, in length was sighted and unsuccessfully attacked by an allied aircraft 100 miles West of Empress Augusta Bay, Bougainville Island early morning 13/9. Another submarine was attacked by an a rcraft 115 miles S.W. of Rendova Island at 2241/13 (See Naval Incidents). At 1540/14 an air craft reported sighting a possible submarine 72 miles W.S.W. of Lunga Point, Ganongga Island,
   Buka - Cape St. George - Three vessels including two auxiliaries were observed 19 miles S.S.W. of Buka Passage course 280° at 2140/14, probably returning to Rabaul from the Buka-Bougainville
- area.

In the Cape St. George area, an aircraft reported sighting a convoy of seven vessels including one light cruiser, one gunboat and five merchantmen of which two were medium and the remainder small, 11 miles S.S.E. of Cape St. George course 130° at 1415/14. One blurred photograph revealed one small escort vessel and 6 merchant vessels of approx. 1000 tons each. At 1445/14 the same aircraft reported sighting another convoy six miles East of Cape St. George comprising one probable destroyer followed by 6 or 8 small merchantmen. These vessels were also on course 130°, These forces, from positions indicated, would appear to be en route to the Buka-Bougainville area from Rabaul.

- (7) Admiralty Islands Photos 1215/14 reveal a small escort vessel taking evasive action during a bombing attack 55 miles N.W.
- (8) New Ireland New Hanover One destroyer and one transport were reported 80 miles N.N.E. of Kavieng on course 50° at 1026/14. Another transport vessel was sighted 94 miles W.S.W. of Cape Matanalem, New Hanover, at 0740/14.
- (9) Cape Orford . A submarine was observed 15 miles E. by S. of Cape Orford northbound at 0740/14.
- (10) Wewak Bansa Bay Area An additional report from 11 Lightnings providing escert for Liberators attacking Wewak morning 13/9 states that they engaged 10-15 enemy aircraft in the vicinity of Boram and destroyed one twin-engined fighter, and probably destroyed one single-seater fighter. Two Lightnings missing. Eighteen Lightnings between 1045-1055/13 encountered eighteen enemy fighters in the Mubia area and destroyed three.

One Lightning missing. In an attack on Hense Bay by 9 Mitchells 1045/14 over

30 barges were bombed and strafed and two direct hits were scored on a concentration of ten barges. Two heavy A/A positions were silenced, and a direct hit was scored on a building. Fires were started.

(11) Las - During 13/9 our forward troops captured two enemy positions on the coastal track and occupied a dump 600 yards east of Malahang anchorage, and the enemy was also driven from New Yanga (1000 yards east of the south end of Malahang strip). At dusk 13/9 allied troops were along a line running from a point 600 yards east of the centre of Malahang strip to New Yaula, and thence to the dump position 600 yards east of Malahang anchorage.

> In the Markham River sector Heath's Flantation was captured morning 14/9 and at 2000/14 it was reported that

Vernon' Plantation (approx. a mile orward of Heath's) had also been captured.

In this area it is reported that to 13/9 approx. 100 casualties had been inflicted on the enemy, and equipment had been captured. Our own casualties were light. The Lae area was attacked at noon 14/9 by eleven

Mitchells. Buildings were destroyed. (12) Kaiapit - Native reports to 14/9 which are believed reliable,

state that the Japanese have cleared Kaiapit strip (58 miles N.W. of Lae) and this is confirmed by visual recce. These reports state that enemy parties occupy nearby villages and are building a bridge across the Markham, 8 miles N.W. of Kaiapit. (13) Salamana - During 13/9 allied troops continued pursuit of the

- enemy north of Salamaua. Only minor opposition was encountered.
- (14) Milne May . An enemy recce aircraft was over Milne Bay at 1105/13.
- (15) Kiriwina Two enemy aircraft were sighted 20 miles E. by N. of Kiriwina heading S.E. at 1026/14. (16) Coral Sea - One member of an aircraft crew reported sighting
- a submarine which crash dived on the approach of aircraft, 370 miles N.E. by E. of Brisbane. The report is graded B.2. at 0845/14

NORTH WESTERN AREA

#### (1) ALLIED FORCES

# (a) At Sea to 1200/15:

- (1) "COOTAMUNERA" escorting Convoy TD.32("KURUMBA" "MATTHEW FLINDERS" "YARRA") departed Thursday Island 0324/13 for Darwin ETA 1250/17.
- (2) "INVERELL" escorting "WANAKA" dep. Darwin 1245/12 for Melvüle Bey was due 1100/14.
- (3) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour;

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" (AMS) "ML.814" "ML.815" Merchant Vessels: "TULAGI" "ALLARA"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Babo Babo was attacked by 2 Catalinas night 13-14/9 with unobserved results.
- (2) Ambon In an attack by four Catalinas night 13-14/9 several large fires were started. Eight seaplanes were strafed, and it is reported that two floatplanes were damaged and a flying boat extensively damaged.

One possible cruiser and one other warship under way, and one medium and three small ships were sighted at Ambon, and another vessel which was firing A/A was reported 80 miles E.S.E. of Ambon.

(3) Tanimbar Islands - Selaru Island was attacked by 6 Beaufighters and three Hudsons morning 14/9. Fires were started and A/A fire silensed.

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALL IED FORCES

# (a) At Sea to 1200/15:

- (1) "VAN HEEMSKERK" escorting "ALTAMAHA" en route Karachi to Melbourne
- ETA 1000/19. (2) "HORSHAM" escorting "KOOLINDA" dep. Fremantle 1100/12 for Exmouth Gulf was due 1900/14 thence Broome via Port Hedland,
- (3) "ADELAIDE" departed Melbourne 2245/10 for Fremantle was due 0600/15.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Fremantle

Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "TJERK HIDDES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "DUBEO" (AMS) "ISABEL" (PY) "ATREUS" (CM) "WHIPPOORWILL" "LARK" (AM) "SC.739" "YP.288" "CHILDS" (AVD) "PELIAS" (AS)

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "YP.286" "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)

### (11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) <u>Cape Leeuwin</u> - A later report from N.O.I.C. Fremantle states that the vessel, previously inidentified 90 miles S.E. of Cape Leeuwin sighted at 1310/8, has now been identified as friendly. Refer Daily Naval Summary No.592, September 12.

4, EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

#### (1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

(1) "BAGLEY" escorting "AUSTRALIA" departed Sydney 1413/14 for Palm Island ETA 0830/17.

- (4) "WARRNA MBOOL" departed Sydney 0229/15 to RV with "Bendige" escorting Newcastle section Convey CO.126. "MORESEY" "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Sydney section to depart Sydney p.m. 15/9 to RV with Newcastle section off Sydney. "BENDIGO" to detach and proceed Sydney.
   (5) "GLENELG" escorting "SABINE PASS" towing "PETER"H.BURNETT" (for

(5) "GLENELG" escorting "SABINE PASS" towing "PETER"H. BURNETT" (for Espiritu Santo) dep. Sydney 1116/11. To provide escort to 159° E.

(6) "MILDURA" "KALGOORLIE" "BROOME" escorting Convoy OC.125 (10 MV) en route Port Kembla ETA 0200/17 Sydney 0700/17 Newcastle 1600/17.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" (APA) l LST. Sydney - Warships & Aux. - STAWELL" "MORESEX" "BUNDABERG" "TOWNSVILLE" "ROCKHAMFTON" (AMS) "YANDRA" (A/S Vessel) "TASMAN" (AH) (Repairing, Refitting) - "COLUMBIA" "HOBART" (CL) "ARUMTA" "CHEVALIER" "PAYLOR" "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD) (On Reserve) - "KANIMBLA" (APA) Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "DOOMBA" (A/S Vessel) (Refitting) - "NIZAM" (DD) "BAILARAT" (AMS) Geelong - Warships & Aux. - "BUNGAREE" (CM)

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

#### ENEMY FORCES

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Nauru - Two cargo vessels were sighted at Nauru 1215/14.

#### NAVAL INCIDENTS

(1) Bougainville Island - A late report of the attack on a convoy of six vessels 15 miles East of Kieta at 2350/12 states that a direct hit followed by a heavy explosion was made on the bridge of a destroyer. Six to seven Zeros attempted interception and the allied aircraft withdrew.

(2) <u>Rendove Island</u> - An allied aircraft attacking an enemy submarine 115 miles S.W. Rendova Island at 2241/13 reported scoring one hit. The submarine disappeared 10 seconds later leaving an oil slick 200 feet in diameter.

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# ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Northern Solomons, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas,
- (2) Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- (3) Increased use of barges, in addition to warships principally destroyers and submarines, for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons - New Guinea areas.
- (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific areas.



DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

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

ALL TED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	est Facific In Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Caroline's Marshalls
BB	•	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS NORTH CAROLINA MARYLAND COLORADO WEST VIRGINIA	-	YAMATO MUSASHI NAGATO) poss. MUTSU ) Empire KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO
CV	-	SARATOGA		Z UTKARU SH OKAKU
GV(L)	-	•	-	ZUIHO RYUHO (poss. Empire)
07(E)	-	PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON		CHUYO OFARA
<u>CA</u> .	AUSTRALIA	-	CHOKAI SUZUYA	ATAGO TAKAO MAYA MYOKO HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI
CL	R HOBART	LEANDER CIEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO NAGARA	NO SHIRO OYODO ISUZU NAKA
CL(T)	-	-	-	KA SHIMA KATORI
CL	= ARUNEA	-	-	1
DD	WARRAMUNGA STUART		14.5	
	VENDETTA RIZAM BAGLEY HELM MUCFORD HENLEY	Approx 40	10	25
	MAHAN DRAYTON LAMSON FLUS SER REID CONYNGHAM PERKINS			
•	SMITH R CHEVALIER			
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AS or XAS	FULTON		1	2 or more	
AD	DOBBIN	DIXIE	1	1	
AR	RICEL PLATY <b>PUS</b>	PROMETHEUS	1	1	
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•	LEXINGTON VICTORIOUS		
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CV(T)			HOSHO
CV (E)	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO LONG ISLAND BARNES COPAHEE		UNY O
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	t Pacific Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies - Philippines
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CV(E)	ALTAMAHA	-	-
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or (m)		EMERALD	KASHII
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	GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
	SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
	Combined Operational Intelligence Centre
	DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY
	Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity
	Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle
	No. 596 Date: 16 September 1943
	PART I.
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1. NORT	H EASTERN AREA
	(1) ALLIED FORCES
	(a) At Sea to 1200/16:
(1)	"ML.424" "ML.427" departed Milne Bay 1335/15 for Woodlark Island
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	Merchant Vessels: "JOSIAH EARL" "KARSIK" "JANSSENS"
Price Plane	- Warships & Aux "GYMPIE" (AMS)
oro Bay	- WET Ships & Auk Gimpins (Auks)
	Merchant Vessels: "TECUMSEH" "MANOERAN" "CHARLES P.
	STEINMETZ" "JOSIAH ROYCE" "CAPE HATTERAS" "WEST
	CACTUS"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux "MUGFORD" "HENLEY" "MAHAN" "SMITH"
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	"CONYNGHAM" "O'BANNON" (DD) "SANDS" "BROOKS"
	"HUMPHREYS" "GILMER" (AFD) SC.637 SC.648 SC. 731
	SC.746 SC.747 SC.748 SC.749 SC.750 YMS.11
	YMS.49 YMS.50 YMS.51 YMS.53 YMS.70 YMS.71
	YMS.72 YP.233 YP.280 33 PTs "POYANG"
	"YUNNAN" (ASIS) "RIGEL" (AR) "MERKUR" (AF)
	"OTUS" (AS) "SAN PABLO" (AV P) "VICTORIA"
	"TRINITY" "SUSQUEHANNA" "BISHOPDALE" (AO)
	"Rochambeau" (AP)

	Merchant Vessels: "FLOYD B. OLSEN" "KHOEN HOEA"
	"MACTAN" "JOEL PALRER" "WILLIAM LUCKERBACH"
2	"ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "CAPE CONSTANCE" "PATRAS" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK"
Port Horesby	
	Merchant Vessels: "GEO.EASTMAN" "ELIZABETH BLACK- WELL" "THOMAS CORWIN" "VAN DER LIJN" "CLARENCE KING" "MONTORO" "EDNA" "BAR BARA"
Thursday Is.	• Warships & Aux. • "FREMANTLE" (AMS)
Cairns	- Warships & Aux "SNAR" (DE) "KAPUNDA" "COLAC"
	"WACGA" "PIRIE" (ANS) YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 YP.236 ML.425 ML.428 ML.804 1 PT "PLATYPUS" (AR)
rown sville	- Warships & Aux "PC.479"
Mackay	- Warships & Aux "DOBBIN" (AD)
Gladstone	- Warships & Aux "LITEGON" (AMS) "SC. 735" "SC. 741
Brisbane	• Warships & Aux "VENDETTA" (DD) "GEELONG"
	"GOULBURN" (AMS) PC.476 PC.477 PC.1121
	PC.1122 PC.1123 SC.650 SC.737 YP.283 YMS.9
	YMS.10 YMS.52 YMS.335 ML.425 ML.816 ML.818
	ML.819 "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "MANUNDA" (AE)

(c) Proposed Novements:

(1) "VENDETTA" escorting "F.C.AINSWORTH" to depart Caloundra 1700/16. "VENDETTA" to part company so as to RV with "MORMACLARK" position 26 40's 159045'E at 1400/17 and escort to Brisbane.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) <u>Russell Islands</u> One enemy bomber ineffectually raided our positions 2248/13.
- (2) New Georgia Two enemy aircraft attacked the Munda area before dawn 14 Sept. Two Corsairs were severely damaged on the strip.
   (3) Ganongga Island - A report 15 Sept. states that an allied patrol
- (3) <u>Ganongga Island</u> A report 15 Sept. states that an allied patrol which was recently on Ganongga Island destroyed many enemy huts and installations, also large quantities of supplies, including gasoline, knee mor tars and ammunition in N.E. Ganongga.
- (4) Kolombangara There are further reports of the harassing of our motor torpedo boats by enemy aircraft. On the night 13-14 Sept. an enemy bomber dropped a bomb near one PT wounding an officer but doing no material damage. A Soupac night fighter attacked the enemy aircraft on the same night fleatplanes swice attacked PT's operating south of Fergusson Passage but inflicted no damage.
   (1) V Vila was attacked by 3 Mitchells morning 14 Sept.
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   (5) Vella Lavella At 0315/13 three enemy aircraft unsuccessfully attacked the Lambu Lambu area (northeastern corner). Our patrols operating in this area reported having encountered heavy light machine gun and mortar fire.
- (6) Shortlands A preliminary report states that ght highly successful attacks were delivered on aerodromes by a total of 229 aircraft comprising 43 heavy bombers, 25 Avengers, 34 Dauntless covered by 127 fighters during 14 Sept.
- (7) <u>Guadalcanal</u> The Lunga area was attacked by enemy aircraft night 13-14 Sept. Only minor damage resulted.
- (8) Buka Area A later report of the sighting of three vessels 19 miles S.S.W. Buka Passage on a westerly course at 2130/14 (see yesterday's Naval Summary No.595) states that the force comprised one destroyer, one large and one small cargo vessels. The observing Catalina attacked and reported scoring near misses. At 2300/14, the same aircraft reported two medium cargo vessels 15 miles S.W. by W. of Buka Passage. No course

was given. These vessels were effectively strafed. The Catalina evaded interception by an enemy night fighter. A Liberator attacked a small freighter mille of Cape Eenpan at 1428/15. One direct hit was scored, and the vessel stopped, listing to starboard.

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 A Catalina early a.m. 16 Sept. reported attacking a transport 50 miles WNW of Buka Passage on course 1000.
 (9) <u>Cape St.George</u> - One destroyer, one merchant vessel were sighted 40 miles NME of Cape St.George course 10 at approx 2215/15.

- (10) <u>Kavieng</u> A small enemy cargo vessel was unsuccessfully attacked by an allied aircraft 180 miles N.E. of Kavieng at 1130/13.
- (11) Admiralty Islands Photos of Lorengau strip 1230/15 show that the runway appears serviceable, but there are no aircraft present.
- (12) Borgen Bay A large barge and a lugger in Borgen Bay were strafed by a Catalina night 14-15 Sept.
- (13) Wewak Wewak and Boram aerodromes were attacked by 22 Liberators Covered by 14 Lightnings 1010-1022/15. Large fires were reported at Boram, and at least 4 aircraft were observed burning in dispersal areas. Other results were not observed owing to cloud and interception. Large numbers of enemy fighters intercepted our aircraft and it is reported that the Liberators shot down 39 fighters and probably destroyed 10 more. The Lighthings claim 9 fighters shot down and one probably destroyed making a total of 48 fighters destroyed and 11 probables. Our losses were one Lighthing. Poor photos of Boram at 1015/15 (during the attack) reveal 5 medium, 4 light bombers and 13 fighters possibly serviceable of which 2 medium bombers, one fighter were damaged or destroyed by bomb hits also two previously unserviceable light bombers destroyed by fire.

Shipping sighted during the attack comprises only small vessels and other small craft. One group of aircraft reported sighting 3 x 500 ton luggers at Muschu Island, one gunboat and 10 smaller vessels or barges. Another Liberator reported three small sea-trucks in Wewak Harbour.

(14) <u>Han sa Bay-Sepik River</u> - Targets in this area were attacked by 4 Mitchells morning 14 Sept. Direct hits were scored on buildings, and a fire and explosion was observed. At Awar Point a concentration of approx 20 camouflaged

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to Sio. While in the Busu River Sector there is little further intelligence, in the Markham Valley Sector, a report to 1230/15 states that Edward's Plantation (approx 2 miles forward of Heath's) has been captured. At Heath's much equipment was captured. To 14 Sept. enemy casualties were estimated at 300, while ours were light.

estimated at 300, while ours were light. At 1045/14, eight Thunderbolts intercepted and shot down an enemy recce aircraft. Chinatown was attacked by 8 Fortresses morning 15 Sept. A direct hit was scored on a building, an A.A. position silenced and a large explosion reported. One Fortress crashed.

(16) <u>Salamaua</u> - A report to 2000/14 states that by an unopposed barge landing our troops advanced to a position 12 miles NNW of Salamaua (10 miles SSW of Lae).

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

## (1) ALLIED FORCES

# (a) At Sea to 1200/16:

- (1) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting Convoy TD.32 ("KURUMBA" "MATTHEW FLINDERS" "YARRA") departed Thursday Island 0324/13 for Darwin
- (2) "INVERELL" escorting "WANAKA" dep. Darwin 1245/12 for Melville Bay was due 1100/14.
- (3) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Har our :

- Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" (AMS) "ML.814" "ML.815" Merchant Vessels: "TULAGI" "ALLARA" Darwin

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) <u>Celebes</u> Kendari town and aerodrome was attacked by 12 Liberators, 2148-2315/14. Hits were scored in the building and wharf areas, and large fires and explosions resulted. On the aerodrome numerous fires were started south of the runway.
- (2) Ambon Ambon was again attacked by 4 Catalinas on night 14 Sept. Fires were started in the wharf and adjacent building area.

Three probable destroyers, two merchant vessels, two unidentified medium vessels, and possibly other small ships were sighted. On the previous night, one possible cruiser, one other warship, one medium and three small ships were sighted in addition to an unidentified vessel which was sighted 80 miles E.S.E. of Ambon.

- (3) Arafura Sea A Beaufort sighted and attacked an enemy recce floatplane 115 miles north of Cape Wessel 1023/15. The enemy aircraft finally broke off contact.
- (4) Darwin Apreliminary report states that enemy aircraft attacked Fenton aerodrome during the early hours 16 Sept. No damage or casualties were reported. It is estimated that 12-15 enemy aircraft took part in the attack.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALL IED FORCES

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

(1) "ALTAMAHA" en route Karachi to Melbourne ETA 1100/18. (2) "HORSHAM" escorting "KOOLINDA" dep. Frema tle 1100/12 for Exmouth Gulf was due 1900/14, thence Broome via Port Hedland.

(b) In Harbour:

• Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL) "TJERK HIDDES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "DUBBO" (AMS) "ISABEL" (PY) "ATREUS" (CM) "WHIPPOORWILL" "LARK" (AM) "SC.739" "YP.288" "CHILDS" (AVD) "PELIAS" (AS) Fremantle Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "YP.286" "W.E. PRESTON" (AVD)

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

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# (a) At Sea to 1200/16:

- (1) "WARRAMUNGA" departed Townsville 2110/13 for Melbourne ETA 1000/17 (2) "HELM" en route Mackay to Melbourne ETA 0700/18. (3) "STUART" departed Brisbane 2245/15 for Melbourne ETA 0600/18. (1) "WARKAMONGA" departed rownsville 2110/15 for melbourne BTA 1000/1
   (2) "HELM" en route Mackay to Melbourne ETA 0700/18.
   (3) "STUART" departed Brisbane 2245/15 for Melbourne ETA 0600/18.
   (4) "CONWAY" "WILSON" escorting "DIXIE" departme Espiritu Santo 16 Sept. for Sydney ETA 20 Sept.
   (5) "WILCANNIA" "ECHUCA" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "CASTLEMAINE" escorting
- Convoy PG.67 (S MV) were due Newcastle 1000/16 ETA Sydney 1700/16. (6) "GLEMELG" en route Sydney after escort duty to 163°27'E ETA
  - (7) "WARRNAMBOOL" "MORESEY" "ROCK HAMPTON" escorting Convoy CO.126
  - (9 MV).

(8) "MILDURA" "KALGOORLIE" "BROOME" escorting Convey OC.125 (10 MV) en route Port Kembla ETA 0200/17, Sydney 0700/17, Newcastle 1600/17.

## (b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & <sup>A</sup>ux. - "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" (APA) "ALGORAB" (AKA) Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "STAWELL" "BUNDABERG" "BENDIGO" "TOWNSVILLE" (AMS) "YANDRA" (A/S Vessel) "TASMAN" (AE) (Repairing, Efitting) - "COLUMBIA" "HOBART" (CL) "ARUNTA" "CHEVALIER" "TAYLOR" "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD) (On Reserve) - "KANIMBLA" (APA) Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "DOOMBA" (A/S Vessel) (Refitting) - Warships & Aux. - "BUNGAREE" (CM)

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# ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE.

- Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Northern Solomons, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
- (2) Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- (3) Increased use of barges, in addition to warships principally destroyers and submarines, for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons - New Guinea areas.
- (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific areas.

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V(L)		-	-	ZUIHO
CV (E)	ALTAMABA	PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON COPAHEE	•	CHUYO OTAKA
24	AUSTRAL IA	•	CHOKAI SUZUYA	ATAGO TAKAO MAYA MYOKO HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI
	HOBART	Leander Cleveland Montpeil Ier Denver San Diego San Juan	AGANO NAGARA	NOSHIRO OYODO ISUZU NARA
L(T)	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
CL	-	-	-	1
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CV (E)	Suwannee Sangamon Chenango Long Island Barnes	UNYO
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	Merchant Vessels: "FLOYD B.OLSEN" "KHOEN HORA" "MACTAN" "JOEL PALMER" "WILLIAM LUCKENBACH" "ADMIRAL MALSTEAD" "CAPE CONSTANCE" "PATRAS" "JOSIAH EARL" "SWARTENHONDT" "SAMUEL K. BARLEW" "JOHN S. SARGENT" "NATHANIEL CARRIER" "PENNANT" "SEA SNIPE" "THOMAS JEFFERSON"
Port Moresby	Merchant Vessels: "ELIZABETH BLACKWELL" "THOMAS CORWIN" "CLARENCE KING" "EDNA" "BARBARA" "MURADA" "FREMONT OLDER" "RIVER CLARENCE"
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Townsville Mackay Brisbane	<ul> <li>Warships &amp; Aux "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "BAGLEY" (DD)</li> <li>Warships &amp; Aux</li> <li>Warships &amp; Aux "DOBBIN" (AD) "YP.291"</li> <li>Warships &amp; Aux "GEELONG" "GOULEURN" (AMS)</li> <li>PC.476 PC.477 PC.1121 PC.1122 PC.1123</li> <li>SC.650 SC.737 YP.283 YMS.9 YMS.10 YMS.52</li> <li>YMS.335 ML.425 ML.816 ML.818 ML.819</li> <li>"E.T.ALLEN" (APA) "MA NUNDA" (AH) "FULTON" (AS)</li> <li>"HERON" (AVP) "BALLARD" (AVD)</li> </ul>
(Repairing,	Trials etc.) - "WARREGO" (DE) "WHYALLA" "CLADSTONE" "BOMEN" (AMS)

#### (c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "GEELONG" "BOWEN" "PC.1121" "SC.650" "YNS.335" escarting Convoy QL.13 (7 ships including "HERON") to depart Caloundra 1600/18. After arrival Bustard Head "BOWEN" "YMS.335" "PC.1121" to proceed Townsville, "GEELONG" "SC.650" to proceed Gladstone.

## (11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) New Georgia-Vella Lavella . On the night 14-15 Sept., 40 to 60 enemy aircraft raided allied positions in the Munda and Barakoma area (south Vella Lavella). One Hellcat was destroyed, 5 Hellcats were damaged. Personnel casualties comprised 7 killed, 28 wounded.
- (2) Arundel Island During the night 14-15 Sept. it is reported that 4 barge loads of enemy reinforcements were landed at Sagekarasa Island (off N.E. coast Arundel). On Arundel Island a Japanese attack on our positions was repulsed with an enemy loss of 33 killed.
- (3) Kolombangara Gun positions in the vicinity of Vila were attacked by 6 Venturas 1600/14.
- (4) Vella Lavella Allied motor torpedo boats destroyed 5 barges of which 2 were reported loaded off northern Vella Lavella 15 Sept. Buildings in this area were also strafed.

It is also reported 15 Sept. that 200 enemy armed with rifles and light machine guns moved in the direction of Umomo (N.W. Vella Lavella).

(5) Shortlands - Further reports of attacks delivered 14 Sept. state that the Kahili aerodrome was heavily attacked by 47 Liberators covered by 76 Corsairs and Warhawks at 1335/14. Some 70 enemy fighters intercepted of which 8 were shot down. Three Warhawks were lost. A further attack was delivered by 24 Mitchells night 14 Sept. but results are not reported.

Balla e was strafed by 3 Corsairs at 1300/14 and one Zero was destroyed, and one Zero and one modium bomber damaged on the strip. Fires were also started. At 1313/14, Ballale was attacked by 24 Avengers, 35 Dauntless with a cover of 26 Hellcats and 15 Aircobras, Fires and explosions, were caused, and one u/i aircraft was destroyed by strafing. 21 enemy fighters attempted interception, of which 8 were size shot down by the Hellcats. One Mellcat crash landed, while another landed in the water off Munda. At 2330/14, a further attack was made on Ballale by 6 Venturas.

Preliminary reports of attacks on 15 Sept. state that 16 heavy and medium bombers struck Kahili, while the new Kara Strip was attacked by 6 medium bombers, and 54 Dauntless and Avengers hit Ballale. A large fighter cover was provided, and it is reported that all strikes were very successful.

- (6) Buka A preliminary report states that 8 heavy bombers successfully attacked Buka 15 Sept.
- (7) Guadalcanal The Lunga area was raided by 4 enemy aircraft 044515 One Daintless was destroyed, slight damage was caused to other aircraft, and two men were killed and six injured.
- (8) San Cristobal An enemy submarine was sighted and attacked approx 110 miles E.S.E. of San Cristobal at 1445/15 (see Naval Incidents).
- (9) Buka-Cape St.George A delayed report states that at midnight 14 Sept. a Catalina sighted a convoy, probably comprising 8 barges 80 miles west of Buka. The aircraft reported encountering intense A.A. fire.

At oilo/16 one large cargo vessel and six barges were observed 45 miles west of Cape Henpan course 120°.

Two small h nding craft were sighted and attacked 20 miles S.S.E. of Cape St.George course 340° at approx 1050/16. Near misses were scored.

One small sea truck and a barge were reported 22 miles W.S.W. Cape St.George on course 110° at 1220/16 and at 1240/16 one sea truck of 1500-2500 tons, one smaller sea truck and a barge were sighted 38 miles WSW of Cape Henpan on course 150°.

A reconneissance Catalina attacked two 500 ton vessels 52 miles ESE of Cape St.George on course 120° at approx OL55/17. A p eliminary report states that one vessel was sunk and the other damaged. At approx O215/17 two small vessels were also reported 38 miles NE by E. of Cape St.George on course 120°.

From these sighting it appears that a constant flow of shipping, chiefly small, is proceeding to and from the Buka - Bougainville area.

- (10) Tabar Islands Area A destroyer and a cargo vessel were sighted 25 miles east of Simberi Msand course 80° at 1142/16. The vessels were unsuccessfully attacked.
- (11) <u>Mussau Island</u> A convoy of 8 vessels comprising three destroyers, 3 cargo vessels of 5500-7500 tons and 2 cargo vessels of 4000-5800 tons was sighted and attacked 71 miles N.W. by N. of Mussau Island on course 170° and at 0745/16. Near misses were obtained on one of the large merchantmen. At 1155/16, the aircraft reported sighting 7 ships approximately 30 to 35 miles further S.S.E. on course 150°. It was stated that this was the same convoy, but although observation was made from a distance this second sighting definitely comprised only 7 ships.
   (12) Hansa Bay - An enemy twin-engined aircraft was sighted by
  - 2) Hansa Bay An enemy twin-engined aircraft was sighted by Lightnings over Hansa Bay at 1030/16. One Lightning engaged the aircraft and shot it down into Krauel Bay (24 miles S.E. of Wewak4.

An unidentified merchant vessel was observed stationary off Hansa Bay at 1055/16.

At 1300/16, a preliminary report from an aircraft stated that it had attacked a cargo vessel 10 miles N.E. of Bogia, and i that the vessel was on fire and sinking. (13) <u>Alexishafen-Finschhafen</u> - In a barge sweep by 23 Mitchells 0915-1045/15, 15 barges were destroyed and others believed damaged. An A.A. position was destroyed, also two supply or ammunition dumps. Villages along the route were attacked and several fires were started.

Alexishafen was attacked by 9 Liberators 1000/16. Results generally were not observed. Photos taken during the attack revealed No.1 Strip temporarily unserviceable with two fighters on the strip. No.2 Strip was apparently serviceable with one unserviceable fighter.

- (14) Sio Photos 1430/15 show that the track along the coast in the vicinity of Sio is well used, but no uunusual activity was visible.
   (15) Lae At 1240/16 it is reported that allied units entered Lae.
- (15) Lae At 1240/16 it is reported that allied units entered Lae. Other units are advancing. One report to 1400/16 states that allied troops were in contact with a large number of enemy troops approx 5miles N. by W. of Heath's Plantation. During the morning 16 Sept. Lae had been at tacked by
- 6 Fortresses, 8 Mitchells and 8 Marauders. (16) Muon Peninsula - On night 14 Sept. an allied destroyer shot
- down an enemy aircraft in Huon Gulf.
  (17) Torres Strait H.M.A.S. "BIRCHGROVE PARK" reported sighting two unidentified objects in a position 35 miles N.E. by N. Cape York at 1300/12 and 123 miles N.E. of Cape York at 1300/13. The objects were round, approx two feet in diameter, made of metal, and were of a yellowish colour, streaked black with a definite rim around the centre. No horns were visible.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

#### (1) ALLIED FOR CES

(a) At Sea to 1200/17:

(1) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS) "ML.814" "ML.815" "KUFUMBA" (AO) Merchant Vessels: "TULAGI" "ALEARA" "MATTHEW FLINDERS" "YARRA" Merchant Vessels: "WANAKA"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) <u>Celebes</u> 3 medium u/i vessels were sighted at Makassar 0436/16. The same aircraft also reported sighting one 7009-10,000 ten ship escorted by a small vessel 10 miles N.E. by N. of Salajar Strait (S.W. Celebes) heading towards Makassar.
- (2) Danar Islands Two small luggers were observed off Nila Island 16 September.
- (3) Ceram A large three masted sail boat was reported stationary off the eastern coast of Ceram at 1045/16. Two small seatrucks and nine small barges were observed in Warce Bay (N.E. coast) at 1105/16, and at Boela at 1110/16 were 2 small seatrucks and 9 native barges.
- (4) Sorong Two small sea-trucks and some native boats were observed at Sorong 1210/16. Three Liberators attacked Sorong starting fires in the building area.
- starting fires in the building area.
  (5) MacCluer Gulf One unidentified merchant vessel was sighted at
  anchor in Palipi Bay (southern entrance to MacCluer Gulf) at
  1305/16.
- (6) <u>Kaimana</u> At 1420/16, two small sea-trucks and two small u/i merchantmen were observed at Kaimama, and 15 minutes later one sea-truck of 1500-2500 tons and one small/<sup>SUTATOM</sup> was bombed by 3 Liberators with unobserved results.
- (7) Hollandia Paotos 1115/15 show 35 medium bombers. The north dispersal area was obscured by clouds. Heavy ground activity was reported over the whole area.

## (1) ALLIED FORCES

## (a) At Sea to 1200/17:

(1) "AL TAMAHA" en route Karachi to Melbourne ETA 1100/18. (2) "HORSHAM" escorting. "KOOLINDA" dep. Fremantle 1100/12 for Exmouth Gulf was due 1900/14, thence Broome ria Port Hedland.

## (b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "VAN MEEMSKE RK" (CL) "TJERK HIDDES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "DUBBO" (AMS) "ISABEL" (PY) "ATREUS" (CM) "WHIPPOORWILL" "LARK" (AM) "SC.739" "YP.288" Fremantle "CHILDS" (AVD) "PLLIAS" (AS) Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "YP. 286" "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)

## (11) ENEMY FORCES

Exmouth Gulf - Onslow Area - At least two enemy aircraft were over the area early hours 16 Sept. Bombs were dropped but no damage or casualties reported. Four Boomerangs failed to make contact,

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4/ EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

#### (1) ALLIED FORCES

## (a) At Sea to 1200/17:

- "MARRAMUNGA" dep. Townsville 2110/13 for Melbourne was due 1300/17
   "HELM" en route Mackay to Melbourne ETA 0700/18.
   "STUART" dep. Brisbane 2245/15 for Melbourne ETA 0600/18.
   "CONWAY" "WILSON" escorting "DIXIE" dep. Espiritu Santo 16 Sept. for Sydney ETA 20 Sept.
   "GLENELG" en route Sydney after escort duty to 163°27'E ETA
- 1600/18. (6) "WARRNAMBOOL" "MORESBY" "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Convey CO.126 (9 MV). (7) "MILDURA" "KALGOORLIE" escorting Convoy OC.125 from Sydney to
- Newcastle.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" (APA) "ALGORAB" (AKA) Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "STAWELL" "BUNDABERG" "BENDIGO" "ECHUCA" "CASTLEMAINE" "BROOME" "TOWNSVILLE" (AMS "YANDRA" "WILCANNIA" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" (A/S (Repairing, Refitting) - "COLUMBIA" "HOBART" (CL) "ARUNTA" "CHEVALIER" "TAYLOR" "LE TRI OMPHANT" (DD) - Warships & Aux. - "DOOMBA" (A/S Vessel) - "NIZAM" (DD) "BALLARAT" (AMS) (on Reserve) Melbourne (Refitting)

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. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

#### FINEMY FORCES

Nauru - One transport vessel and one escort were observed at Nauru 1110/16.

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#### NAVAL INCIDENTS

San Cristobal - At 1100/15 an enemy submarine unsuccessfully attacked an escorted convoy 110 miles ESE of San Cristobal. An aircraft in the area at the time aided one of the escorting destroyers U.S.S." SAUFLEY" in the search and at 1445/15, the submarine was forced to the surface by depth-charges from "SAUFLEY". The submarire was hit in the conning tower with 5" shells, also by 2 depth charges from the aircraft, and disappeared again. An underwater explosion followed and wood fragments together with a large amount of oil appeared. Another pattern of depth charges was dropped on a weaker contact but no further contact was made although the area was searched by "SAUFLEY" and an aircraft until 2200/15 when large oil slicks and an odor of diesel oil were still present.

Cdr. 3rd Fleet believes that the submarine was sunk.

#### ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

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- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Northern Solomons, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
- (2) Air and naval counter-action against a lied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- (3) Increased use of barges, in addition to warships principally destroyers and submarines, for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons - New Guinea areas.
- (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific areas.

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## DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY PART II ALL IED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE 1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

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CV(L)	-	-	-	ZUIHO
(E)	ALTAMAHA	PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON COPAHEE	-	CHUYO OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	-	CHOKAI SUZUYA	ATAGO TAKAO MAYA MYOKO HAGURO TONE C MIKUMA MOGAMI
CL	R HOBART COLUMBIA	* LEANDER CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	· AGANO NAGARA	NOSHIRO OYODO ISUZU NAKA
CL(T)	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
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<u>CV (E)</u>	SUNANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO LCNG ISLAND BARNES	UNYO	
<b>.</b>	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA SAIT LAKE CITY MINNEAPOLIS ST.LOUIS	R AOBA R KUMANO	
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# DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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

No. 598

Date: 18 September 1943

## PART I.

## A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

## 1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

#### (1) ALLIED FORCES

## (a) At Sea to 1200/18:

- (1) "DELORAINE" escorting "JOSIAH EARL" departed Milne Bay 1215/17 for Townsville ETA 0300/20. (2) "BENAILA" was to depart Milne Bay a.m. 18 Sept. for survey ground
- Goodenough Island. (3) "SC.731" "YMS.72" escorting "THOMAS JEFFERSON" "SEA SNIFE" dep. Milne Bay 1439/17 for Oro Bay ETA 1630/18. (4) "O'BANNON" escorting "ROCHAMBEAU" departed Milne Bay 1550/16 for
- (4) "O'BANNON" escorting "ROCHAMBEAD" departed milne Bay 1550/16 for Brisbane ETA 2000/20.
   (5) CONVOY MT.50 (a) "BUNBURY" escorting "MONTORO" (for Cairns) "VAN DER LIJN" (for Townsville) departed Port Moresby 1400/16. (b) "GYMPIE" "PC.1119" "YMS.53" escorting "TRINITY" (for Cairns) "MERKUR" "GEMERAL VERSPIJCK" (towing "ML.817") "JAN SSENS" (for Townsville) departed Milne Bay 1315/16.
- (6) "KATOOMBA" escorting Convoy MF.51 ("CANBERRA" "GEORGE EASTMAN")

- (6) "KATOOMBA" escorting Convoy MT.51 ("CANEERRA" "GEORGE EASTMAN") departed Port Moresby 0703/17 for Townsville ETA 1800/19.
  (7) "NICHOLAS" departed Townsville 1136/16 was due Caloundra 0600/18.
  (8) "LITHGOW" "SC.735" "SC.741" escorting Convoy LQ.12 (3 vessels including "GOLDSTAR") departed Gladstone 2200/16 were due Caloundra 0630/18.
  (9) "PIRIE" "KAPUNDA" "WAGGA" "PC.479" escorting Convoy TN.156 -(Portion (a) "BRTTISH"HINGESS" "WILLIAM B.ALLISON" "VAN HEUTSZ" "STEPHEN CRANE" for Port Moresby; Portion (b) "JOHN W. MACKAY" "HOWELL COBB" "JAMES M.GOODHUE" "ROBERT STUART" "WILL H.POIMF" 1 LST for Milne Bay) from Fitzroy Island to position 11°18'S 148°48'E where convoy splits; "KAPUNDA" "PIRIE" escorting Portion (a) to Port Moresby ETA 1600/19, "WAGGA" "PC.479" escorting Portion (b) to Milne Bay ETA 1600/19. Milne Bay ETA 1600/19.
- (10) "YP.236" departed Cairns 0731/16 for Thursday Is. ETA 1600/19. (11) "ARARAT" rendering assistance to "JOSEPH A. HOLMES" aground vicinity
- Sandy Cape Shoal. (12) "VENDETTA" escorting "MORMACLARK" from position 26°40'S 159°45'E to Brisbane.
- (13) 10 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Morobe Buna	- Warships - Warships	& Aux & Aux	"SHEPPARTON" "SC.698" "SC.699"	"SC.703" "SC.96	81
	Merchant	Vessels:	"HILO" (PG) "JOSIAH ROYCE" "Y LIVANOS"	OCHOW" "THEOFAN	0

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Woodlark Is. Milne Bay

"KARSIK" - Warships & Aux. - "ML.424" - Warships & Aux. - "MUGFORD" "HENLEY" "MAHAN" "SMITH" "PERKINS" "FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "REID" "DRAYTON" "CONYNGHAM" (DD) "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" "GILMER" (APD) SC.637 SC.648 SC.732 SC.734 SC.736 SC.738 SC.742 SC.743 SC.748 SC.749 SC.744 SC.745 SC.746 SC.747 SC.981 YMS.11 YMS.49 YMS.71 YP.233 YP.278 YMS.50 YMS.51 YP.280 SSPTs SC.750 YMS.70 YMS.71 YP,233 YP.273 YP.280 SSPTS "MIZAR" (AF) "POYANG" "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "RIGEL" (AR "OTUS" (AS) "SAN PAELO" (AVP) "VICTORIA" "SUSQUEHANNA" "BISHOPDALE" (AD)

Merchant Vessels: "TECUMSEH" "MANOERAN" "CHARLES P.STEINMETZ" "CAPE HATTERAS" "WEST CACTUS"

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

Merchant Vessels: "FLOYD B.OLSEN" "KHOEN HOEA" "MACTAN" "JOEL PALMER" "WILLIAM LUCKENBACH" "BOSCHFONTEIN" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "ADMIRAL HAL STEAD" "CAFE CONSTANCE" "SWARTENHONDT" "SAMUEL K.BAFLEW" "JOHN S.SARGENT" "NATHANIEL CURR IER" "PENNANT"

- Warships & Aux. - "TUL SA" (PG) "ML.425" Port Moresby Merchant Vessels: "ELIZABETH BLACKWELL" "THOMAS CORWIN" "CLARENCE KING" "EDNA" "BARBARA" "MURADA" "FREMONT OLDER" "RIVER CLARENCE" - Warships& Aux, - "FREMANTLE" (AMS) - Warships & Aux, - "SWAN" (DE) "COLAC" (AMS) YMS,8 Thursday Is. Cairns YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 ML.428 ML.804 1 PT "FLATYPUS" (AR) - Warships & Aux. - "AU STRALIA" (CA) "BAGLEY" (DD) - Warships & Aux. - "DO BBIN" (AD) "YP.291" - Warships & Aux. - "GEELONG" "GOULBURN" (AMS) - Warships & Aux. - "GEELONG" "GOULBURN" (AMS) Palm Island Mackay Brisbane Ships & Aux. - "GEELONG" GOOLDGRN" (AMS) PC.476 PC.477 PC.1121 PC.1122 PC.1123 SC.650 SC.737 YP.285 YMS.9 YMS.10 YMS.52 YMS.335 ML.425 ML.816 ML.818 ML.819 "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "MANUNDA" (AH) "FULTON" (AS)

"HERON" (AVP) (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WARREGO" (DE) "WH WAILA" "GLADSTONE"

"BOWEN" (AMS)

#### (c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "GEELONG" "BOWEN" "PC.1121" "SC.650" "YMS.335" escorting Convoy QL.13 (7 ships including "HERON") to depart Cal oundra 1600/18. After arrival Bustard Head "BOWEN" "YMS.335" "PC.1121" to proceed Townsville, "GEELONG" "SC.650" to 1600/18. proceed Gladstone.

#### (11) ENEMY FORCES

- Warships & Aux. -

- (1) <u>New Georgia</u> Munda was raided three times night 15-16 Sept. A fire was started in an ammunition dump and three personnel were wounded. One Japanese aircraft was shot down.
- (2) Vella Lavella Commander Third Fleet reports further Japanese movement towards the N.W. coast.
- Captured enemy equipment included German atabrin.
- (3) Kolombangara Vil a was attacked by one Mitchell at 0545/15. At 1130/15, enemy positions in S.E. Kolombangara were bombed by five Liberators,
- 14) Shortlands Further reports of attacks on 15 Sept. state that Kahili and Kara airfields were each attacked by six Mitchells at 0455. Fires and explosions were started. Ballale was attacked at 1115 by 31 Dauntless, 24 Avengers starting fires. Hits were started among parked aircraft and trucks, and a hit on one aircraft started a large fire, A fighter cover of 42 Hellcats, 12 Aircobras and 7 Corsairs was intercepted by 50

enemy fighters, of which 14 were shot down. Our losses were one Hellcat, one Aircobra, and another Hellcat landed in the water with engine trouble.

Kaili was again attacked at 1130 by 16 Liberators covered by 26 fighters. Fires were started.

Preliminary reports of attacks 16 Sept. state that Kahili and Ballale were each successfully attacked.

Commander Third Fleet observes that the Japanese reaction to our recent attacks on Bougainville aerodromes has been to reinforce his strength, and that despite allied destruction of aircraft, there has been a slight increase in his strength in that area.

(5) Buke Passage - Buka aerodrome was bombed by 8 Liberators 1144/15. Ten to fourteen medium bombers were observed on the field.

At 1135/15, four cargo vessels with two escorts were observed 25 miles east of Buka Passage.

- (6) <u>Guadalcanal</u> An enemy aircraft bombed allied positions at 2351/15 causing only minor damage.
- (7) <u>Cape St.George-Buka Area</u> A later report states that a <u>Catalina attacked two small enemy sea-trucks 52 miles S.E.</u> by E. of Cape St.George on course 160° at 2325/16. One vessel burst into flames and burned down to the waterFine. The other was strafed with unebserved results. The p eliminary report stated that one of the vessels had been sunk, and the other damaged.

A Beaufort on reconnaissance reported sighting ten small sea-trucks and one landing craft 25 miles east by south of Cape St.George, on course 190° at 1040/17. These vessels were attackedwith unobserved results. The same aircraft later reported sighting approximately 15 petrol drums some of which were burning and one barge 60 miles E.S.E. of Cape St. George. These were strafed.

- (8) <u>Cape Orford</u> A submatine passed Cape Orford southbound at 1520/17.
- (9) Gasmata A large enemy barges was sighted and attacked by a Catalina 4 miles south of Gasmata on course 240° at 2130/16. The barge was forced on to a reef.
- (10) <u>Rooke Island</u> An aircraft reported sighting a vessel heavily on fire, and possibly on a reef 8 miles S.W. of Rooke Island at 0900/17. At 1420/17 the same aircraft reported a large hulk in this position.
- (11) Admiralty Islands Photos 1220/17 reveal a new strip on Los Negros Island in a position approx 10 miles E.S.E. Lorengau. There is a clearing 4000 x 300 feet, the serviceability of which is doubtful; but grading is in progress over the whole area, and there are several well used roads leading from the strip.
- (12) Hansa Bay A 1200 ton cargo vessel was sighted and attacked 9 miles S.E. of Manam Island on course 340° at 2155/16. A direct hit and a near miss were scored and the vessel burst into fk mes, and was last sighted three hours after the attack, burned down to the waterline, and in a sinking condition. This corrects the report in yesterday's Naval Summary No.597 of the attack on a vessel 10 miles N.E. of Bogia at 1300/16. Another vessel of the same description was sighted and heavily strafed three miles north of the first vessel. Many barges were reported in Stephan Strait (west of Manam Island).
- (13) <u>Alexishafen</u> Alexishafen was a ttacked by 8 Liberators 1118-1120/16. Fires were started and hangars were possibly destroyed It was reported yesterday that an attack was delivered by 9 Liberators prior to this strike, making a total of 17 in all, morning 16 Sept.
- (14) Sio-Finschhafen-Barge Sweep A barge sweep was conducted by 6 Mitchells morning 18 Sept. One barge was probably damaged off Arndt Point. Sio Village, Finschhafen and native villages were strafed.
- (15) Finschhafen An army report states that a Mitchell was intercepted by 5 Zeros over Finschhafen 17 Sept., and one Zero was shot down.

(15) Las - By 1810/16 allied troops were established on Las aero-Grome, and also at Emery's Plantation 1400 yards further north.

Enemy casualties are reported to be heavy. In the Markham River Sector, allied forces were reported moving nor th to Boana (10 miles N. by E. of Nadzab) 16 Sept. The Japanese are reported to be in strong positions at Markham Point.

Reports 15-16 Sept. state that our forces advancing from the Salamaua area occupied Labu No.2 (4 miles S.W. of Lae) and then advanced north. Another patrol is 22 miles west of Labu No.2.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/18:

(1) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin	-	Warships	& Aux	"LATROBE" "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS) "ML.814" "ML.815" "KURUMBA" (AD)
		Merchant	Vessels:	"TULAGI" "ALLARA" "MATTHEW FLINDERS" "YARRA"
Melville Be	ey -		& Aux Vessels:	"INVERELL" (AMS)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) <u>Tanahmerah</u> - An enemy aircraft was over Tanahmerah 0940/17. (2) <u>Utaron - Photos 16 Sept. reveal that</u> two 650 ton sea-trucks and one small naval patrol vessel with a square stern. In addition 2 x 80 ft, craft were visible and 15 other barges. 13 medium bomber revetments have been completed, 17 are almost complete and 4 have been started. The dispersa lane has been extended and the photos show several A.A. positions occupied.

- (3) Sorong Photos 16 Sept. reveal only small craft, 1 x 50 ft. power barge, 10 lighters and 2 Praus.
- (4) Taberfane The floatplane base and village at Taberfane were attacked by 5 Hudsons, 7 Beaufighters night 16-17 Sept. One floatplane was destroyed on the beach by strafing) one barge carrying fuel set on fire; and fires and explosions were started. Two floatplanes intercepted the Beaufighters over Taberfane, and a third intercepted 35 miles S. by W. of Taberfane,
- (5) Ceram Island Photos 16 Sept. show that Boela aerodrome has been elaborately camouflaged. At Waroe 2 x 80 ft. stack aft vessels and 18 small power barges were visible.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

## (a) At Sea to 1200/18:

 "ALTAMAHA" en route Karachi to Melbourne was due 1100/18.
 "HORSHAM" escorting "KOOLINDA" dep. Fremantle 1100/12 for Exmouth Gulf was due 1900/14, thence Broome via Port Hedland,

#### (b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "ADELA IDE" "TROMP" "VAN Freman tle HEEMSKERK" (CL) "TERK HIDDES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) Fremantle (Contd.) "DUBBO" (AMS) "ISABEL" (FY) "ATREUS" (CM) "WHIPPOCRWILL" "LARK" (AM) "SC.739" "YP.2885" "CHILDS" (AVD) "PELIAS" (AS) Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHANFICLEER" (ASR) "YP.286" "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

## (1) ALLIED FORCES

## (a) At Sea to 1200/18:

(1) "HELM" en route Mackay to Melbourne was due 0700/18.

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"STUART" dep. Brisbene 2245/15 for Melbourne was due 0600/18. 2)

- "BALLARD" departed Brisbane 1538/17 for Sydney ETA 0600/19. "CONWAY" "WILSON" escorting "DIXIE" dep. Espiritu Santo 16 (3)(4)
- (5) "GLENELG" on route Sydney after escort duty to 163027'E ETA 1600/18.
- (6) "BROOME" departed Sydney 0405/18 to RV with "KALGOORLIE" escorting Newcastle section Convoy CO.127. "MILDURA" "TOWN SVILLE" escorting Sydney section to depart Sydney
- (7) "DCOMBA" escorting Convoy OC.126 (including "BUNGAREE") departed Fort Fhillip 2350/17 to RV with "WARRNANBOOL" "ROCKHAMPTON" "MORESBY" escorting Convoy CO.126

ETA Convoy OC.126 Port Kembla 2359/20, Sydney 0500/21, Newcastle 1400/21. (8) "WILCANN IA" "CASTLEMAINE" "ECHUCA" "ABRAHAM C RIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy GP.68 were to depart Sydney 1000/18 for Calcundra.

#### (b) In Harbours

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "MANCORA" "WESTRALIA" (APA) "ALGORAB" (AKA) - Warships & Aux. - "STAWELL" "BUNDABERG" "BENDIGO" Sydney (Repairing, Refitting) - "COLUMBIA" "HOBART" (CL) "ARUNTA" "CHEVALIER" "TAYLOR" "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD) "MILDURA" "TOWN SVILLE" (AMS) "YANDRA" (A/S "KANIMBLA" (APA) (On Reserve) - Warships & Aux. - "WARRAMUNGA" (DD) - "NIZAM" (DD) "BALLARAT" (AMS) Melbourne (Refitting

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#### ENEMA'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Northern Solomons, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, (1)Malaya areas.
- Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in (2) Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- Increased use of barges in addition to a bmarines for night (3)transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons.
- Offensive submarine and activity particularly in the South (4)and South West Pacific areas.

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#### ADDENDUM:

Mussau Island - A Liberator attacked 3 small merchant vessels (500-1000 tons) 63 miles west of Cape Siemens course 1300 at 0932/17. One near miss was scored on one vessel which was left listing.



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# DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENERY ORDER OF BATTLE

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CA (E)	ALTAMAHA	PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON COPAREE	•	CHUYO OTAKA	
<u>A0</u>	AUSTRALIA	•	CHOKAI SUZUYA	AT490 TAKAO MAYA MYOKO HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI	
CL	R HOBART R COLUMBIA	<ul> <li>LEANDER</li> <li>CLEVELAND</li> <li>MONTPELLIER</li> <li>DENVER</li> <li>SAN DIEGO</li> <li>SAN JUAN</li> </ul>	AGANO NAGARA	NOSHIRO OYODO ISUZU NAKA	
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ICI.	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA	•	-	1	
	<ul> <li>NIZAM BAGLEY HELM MUGFORD HENLEY MAHAN DRAYTON LAMSON FLUSSER HEID COMYNGHAM PERKINS SMITH</li> <li>CHEVALIER</li> <li>LE THOMPHANT</li> <li>TAYLOR NICHOLAS O'BANNON</li> </ul>	Approx 40	10	25	
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CA	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA SALT LARE CITY MINNEAPOLIS ST. LOUIS	RUMANO
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## PART I.

## A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

## 1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

#### (1) ALLIED FORCES

## (a) At Sea to 1200/19:

- "BENAILA" surveying Goodenough Island area.
   "MIZAR" departed Port Moreaby 1815/18 ETA Milne Bay 0900/19.
   "SC.748" escorting "PATRAS" departed Port Moreaby 1636/18 for
- Milne Bay ETA 1800/19.
- (4) "SUSQUEHANNA" was to depart Milne Bay 18 Sept. for Cairns.
  (5) "DELORAINE" escorting "JOSIAH EARL" departed Milne Bay 1215/17 for Townsville ETA 2200/19.
  (6) "O'BANNON" escorting "ROCHAMBEAU" departed Milne Bay 1550/16 for
- (8) "G'BARNOR" ESCOPPING "ROCHAMBER'S" departed mills Bay 1350/10 for Brisbane ETA 2000/20.
  (7) "GYMPIE" "PC.1119" With remainder <u>Convoy NT.50</u> ("MERKUR" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK", towing "ML.817", "JANSSENS") en route Townsville ETA 19 Sept.
  (8) "KAPUNDA" "PIRIE" escorting <u>Convoy TN.156</u> Portion (a) ("BRITISH PRINCESS" "WILLIAM <u>B.ALLISON</u>" "VAN HEUTSZ" "STEPHEN CRAME")
- from Position 11018'S 148048'E to Port Moresby ETA 1600/19. (9) "WAGGA" "PC.479" escorting Convoy TN.156 - Portion (b) ("JOHN W. MACKAY" "HOWELL COBB" "JAMES M.GOODHUE" "ROBERT STUART" "WILL H.POINT" 1 LST) from position 11°18'S 148°48'E to
- "WILL H.POINT" I LST) from position IPUS'S 143-48 to Milne Bay ETA 1600/19. (10) "GEELONG" "BOWEN" "PC.1121" "SC.650" "YMS.335" escorting Convoy QL.13 (6 ships including "HERON") departed Caloundra 1750/18. After arrival Bustard Head at approx 2200/19 "BOWEN" "YMS.335" "PC.1121" to proceed Townsville; "GEELONG" "SC.650" to proceed Gladstone. (11) "YP.236" departed Cairns 0731/16 for Thursday Island ETA 1600/19. (12) "ARARAT" rendering assistance to "JOSEPH A.HOLMES" aground vicinity "Sondy Care Shoal"

- (13) "YP.233" dep. Townsville 2002/18 for Calcundra ETA 1100/22.
- (14) "YMS. 53" aground near Green Island.
- (15) 8 submar ines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Morobe	- Warships & Aux "SHEPPARTON"
Buna	- Warships & Aux "SC.698" "SC.699" "SC.703"
	Merchant Vessels: "JOSIAH ROYCE" "YOC HOW" "THEOFANO
Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux "SC.731" "YMS.72" Merchant Vessels: "TECUMSEH" "MANOERAN" "CHARLES P.
	STEINMETZ" "CAPE HATTERAS" "WEST CACTUS" "KARSIK" "THOMAS JEFFERSON" "SEA SNIPE"

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Warships & Aux. - "ML.424" "ML.427"
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"SMITH" "PERKINS" "FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "REID"
"DRAYTON" "CONYNGHAM" (DD) "SANDS" "BROOKS"
"HUMPHREYS" "GILMER" (AFD) SC.637 SC.648
SC.732 SC.734 SC.736 SC.748 SC.742 SC.743
SC.744 SC.745 SC.746 SC.747 SC.749 SC.982
YMS.11 YMS.49 YMS.50 YMS.51 YMS.70 YMS.71
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(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)

Merchant Vessels: "FLOYD B.OLSEN" "KHCEN HOEA" "MACTAN" "JOEL PALMER" "WILLIAM LUCKENBACH" "BOSCHFONTEIN" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "CAPE CONSTANCE" "SWARTENHONDT" "SAMUEL K.BARLEW" "NATHANIEL CURRIER" "PENNANT" Port Moresby · Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) "ML.425" Merchant Vessels : "ELIZABETH BLACKWELL" "THOMAS CORWIN" "CLARENCE KING" "EDNA" "BARBARA" "MURADA" "FREMONT OLDER" "RIVER CLARENCE" - Warships & Aux. - "FREMANTLE" (AMS) - Warships & Aux. - "SWAN" (DE) "COLAC" "KATOOMBA" Thursday Is. Cairns "BUNBURY" (AMS) YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 ML.428 ML.804 1 PT "PLATYPUS" (AR) "TRINITY" (AO) Werships & Aux, - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "BAGLEY" (DD)
Warships & Aux, - "YP.291"
Warships & Aux, - "DOBBIN" (AD)
Warships & Aux, - "VENDETTA" "NICHOLAS" (DD)
"GOULBURN" "LITHGOW" (AMS) PC.476 PC.477 Palm Island Bowen Mackay Brisbane PC.1122 PC.1123 SC.735 SC.737 SC.741 YP.283 XMS.9 YMS.10 YMS.52 ML.425 ML.816 ML.818 ML.819 "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "MAN UNDA" (AH)

"FULTON" (AS) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WARREGO" (DE) "WHYALLA" "GLADSTONE" (AMS)

(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "WAGGA" "PC.479" escorting "BOSCHFONTEIN" to depart Milne Bay 20/21 Sept. for Townsville. "KAPUNDA" to join from Port Moresby as additional escort.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) <u>Arundel Is.</u> An enemy attempt to land barges at Sagekarasa Is. (off N.E.Coast) during the night 15-16 Sept. was repulsed by our artillery and mortar fire. This was the second successive night on which such an operation had been attempted.
- (2) <u>Vella Lavella</u> An enemy floatplane over Vella Lavella 16 Sept. was shot down by a patrolling Corsair.

Local sources report continued movement of Japanese westwards from N.E. coast. During the night 16 Sept. a party of 300 Japs arrived at Warambari Bay (approx 4 miles S.W. of northern extremity of Vella Lavella) having proceeded down the Warambari Valley.

- (3) <u>Kolombangara</u> Six large guns at Banberi Harbour (5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> miles NME of Vila) fired on our patrol craft operating in S. Kula Gulf on the night 16-17 Sept. Previous reports indicated only 3 guns in this area.
- (4) Buin Base Further details are now to hand concerning the continued air offensive against Kahili and Ballale night 15-16 and 16 Sept. At 2355/15, 5 Venturas bombed Ballale and simultaneously 9 Mitchells bombed and strafed Kahili from tree-top height effecting complete surprise as the aerodrome lights were burning when our aircraft arrived over the target. At 0155/16 another 7 Mitchells conducted a similar strike on Kahili. One Ventura and one Mitchell are missing.

At 1450/16 Ballale was attacked by 50 Dauntless and 24 Avengers covered by 24 Corsairs, 33 Hellcats, 8 Kittyhawks, 8 Warhawks. The target area was well plastered and in addition an unidentified vessel off the south end of the strip was observed on fire. 50-60 enemy fighters intercepted our strike and a 25 minute aerial battle ensued. 14 enemy fighters were destroyed by our fighter cover: one Corsair, 5 Hellcats were lost but 2 pilots are safe. Two Avengers were lost as a result off A.A. or bomb blast.

At 1130-1230/17, 4 large transports or 3 transports and 1 destroyer were observed in the Buin area.

- (5) Solomons Aircraft Photographs 1100/16 show 56 fighters, 5 medium bombers and 29 dive bombers on the Kahili, Ballale and Buka Passage airfields with the dive bombers apparently all at Buka. This represents a slight increase in the enemy's aircraft strength in spite of the three days concerted air attacks.
- (6) St.Georges Channel-Buka Area At 1045/18 aircraft reported 2 vessels described as one small naval vessel and one freighter (1000 tons) 60 miles E.S.E. of Cape St.George course 270°. At 1220/18, another aircraft reported 2 vessels described as one small and one large sea-truck 32 miles E.S.E. Cape St. George also course 270°. Both sightings probably refer to the same 2 vessels.
- (7) Hoskins Peninsula (N.coast New Britain across Stattin Bay from Willaumez Peninsula) - Photographs 17 Sept. show the new strip on the western shore possibly serviceable but nil aircraft present. Continued activity is noticeable along the shoreline with motor trucks and fuel drums visible. At 1105-1122/18 the airfield together with 3 small

vessels and 3 barges all beached, was attacked by 5 Beaufighters with unobserved results.

- (8) S.Coast New Britain Reconnaissance 18 Sept. reported a road along the south coast from Gasmata to Wide Bay. No bridges were visible but streams appeared to be forded.
- (9) Wewdt A final assessment by 5th Air Force of enemy aircraft destroyed in attacks on the aerodrome in Wewda area 15 Sept. shows that 10 definitely destroyed on ground plus another 10 probably, in addition to 40 definitely destroyed in the air plus a further 10 probably.
- (10) Finschhafen Area At 1145-1210/18 the Finschhafen area was attacked by 9 Marauders and Tami Is. (10 miles off Cape Cretin) was attacked by 9 Bostons.
- (11) Hopoi At 2215/16 2 enemy aircraft attacked our positions near H opoi. No damage was reported.
- (12) Lae Area No further enemy have been encountered by our forces in the immediate vicinity of Lae although no definite statements have been received concerning the reported strong positions at Markham Point. Some enemy are reported at the head-waters of the Bumbu (Butibum) River at a point approx 4½ miles N. by E. of Heath's Plantation.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

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(a) At Sea to 1200/19:

(1) "LATROBE" escorting <u>Convoy DT.32</u> ("KURUMBA" "ALLARA" "TULAGI") departed Darwin 0435/18 for Thursday Island ETA 1530/21.

(2) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin	• Warships & Au	x "GOOTAMUNDRA" "ML.815"	(AMS) "ML. 814"
Melville Bay	• Warships & Au	els: "MATTHEW FLINI x "INVERELL" (AD els: "WANAKA"	DERS" "YARRA" MS)

### (11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Nabire Local sources report that the aerodrome at Nabire was (2) Banda Sea - At noon 18 September 3 small vessels were observed
- 20 miles west by south of Damar Island. The largest vessel was strafed and the crew dived overboard.

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) AIL IED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 12 00/19:

(1) "HORSHAM" escorting "KOOLINDA" dep. Fremantle 1100/12 for Exmouth Gulf was due 1900/14, thence Broome via Port Hedland.

(b) In Harbour:

• Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL) "TJERK HIDDES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "DUBBO" (AMS) "ISABEL" (PY) "ATREUS" (CM) "WHIPPOORWILL" "LARK" (AR) "SC,739" "YP.283" Fremantle "CHILDS" (AVD) "PELIAS" (AS) Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "W.B.FRESTON" (AVD) (ASR) "YP. 2815"

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4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/19:

 "ARUMTA" was to depart Sydney p.m. 18 Sept. for Palm Island.
 "BROOME" "MILDURA" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy CO.127.
 "BALLARD" departed Brisbane 1538/17 for Sydney was due 0600/19.
 "GONWAY" "WILSON" escorting "DIXIE" dep. Espiritu Santo 16 Sept. for Sydney ETA 20 Sept. (5) "GLENELG" en route Sydney after escort duty to 163°27&E was due 1600/18. (6) "WILCANNIA" "CASTLEMAINE" "ECHUCA" "ABRAHAM CRI JNS SEN" escorting Convoy GP.68 (4 MV) were to depart Sydney 1000/18 for Cal oundra, (7) "WARRNAMBOOL" "ROCKHAMPTON" "MOR ESEY" escorting Convoy OC.126 (9 vessels including "BUNGAREE") for Port Kembla ETA 2359/20, Sydney 0500/21, Newcastle 1400/21. (b) In Harbour: Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" (APA) - Warships & Aux. - "STAWELL" "BUNDA BERG" "BENDICO" "KALGOORLIE" (AMS) "YAN DRA" (A/S Vessel) Sydney "TASMAN" (AH) (Repairing, Refitting) - "COLUMBIA" "HOBART" (CL) "ARUNTA" "CHEVALIER" "TAYLOR" "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD) - "KANIMEIA" (APA) (On Reserve) - Warships & Aux. - "ALTAMAHA" (CV(E) "WARRAMUNGA" "HELM" "STUART" (DD) "DOOMBA" (A/S Vessel) - "NIZAM" (DD) "BALLARAT" (AMS) Melbourne (Refitting) ...... . 4 .

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## ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Northern Solomons, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
- (2) Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- (3) Increased use of barges in a ddition to submarines for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons.
- (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific areas.

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ALLIED FORCES

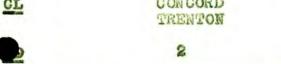
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ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)		South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
		WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS NORTH CAROLINA MARYLAND COLORADO WEST VIRGINIA	•	YAMATO MUSA SHI NAGATO) Poss. MUTSU ) Empire KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMA SHIRO
CV	-	BARATOGA	-	Z UIKAK U SHOKAK U
J(L)	-	-	-	ZUIHO
CV(E)	ALTAMA HA	PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON COPAHEE	-	CHUYO OTAKA
CA	AUSTRALIA	-	CHOKAI Suzuya	ATAGO TAKAO MAYA MYOKO HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI
CL	R HOBART	E LEANDER CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGAN O NAGARA	NOSHIRO OYODO ISUZU NAKA
CL(T)	-	-		KASHIMA KATORI
XCL	-	-	-	1
DD	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA NIZAM BAGLEY HELM MUGFORD HE NLEY	Approx 40	10	25
	MAHAN DRAYTON LAMSON FLUSSER REID CONYNGHAM PERKINS SMITH CHEVALIER LE TRIOMPHAN TAYLOR NICHOLAS O'BANNON CONWAY WILSON			

Southwest 1 (Eastern Se	Pacific ection)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls	-
58	ALBACORE DRUM GROUPER GUARDFISH PETO POMPON SCAM P STINGRAY	On Patrol	20	15	
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	BALAO GROWLER RASHER SILVERSIDES S.31	) At Brisbane			
	K.9 At Sydi	ney			
AV/CVS	HERON BALL ARD	POCOMOKE WRIGHT	-	NOTORO	
XAV/XCVS	-	3	1	2	•
PT	35	Approx 30	?	8	
APA/APD/AKA	H.T.ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA KANIMBLA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA			
AS or XAS	FUETON		1	2 or more	
	OTUS		1	1	
AD	DOBBIN		1	1	
AR	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS	•	-	
AIRCRAFT (N.E	Area Only)				
Fighters (inc Light & M/Bom SE/Bombers Flying Boats Floatplanes Transport & O		•)	245 290 46 61 16		

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	3. CENTRAL PACE	MOST SECRET 19 September 1943
ALLIP	D FORCES	ENEMY FORCES
BB	INDIANA E CALIFORNIA E MISSISSIPPI	ISE ) One unit being HYUGA ) modernised.
CU	ENTERPR <b>ISE</b> ESSEX Yorktown Lexing <b>ton</b> Victoricus	•
CV(L)	Independence Belleau wood Princeton	# HITAKA HAYATAKA RYUHO
CV (T)	-	HOSHO
CV (E)	SUWANNEE SANGAMON C HENANGO LONG ISLAND BAR NES	UNYO
•	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA SALT LAKE CITY MINNEAPOLIS ST.LOUIS	H AOBA H KUMANO
OCA CL	MOBILE HONOLULU MASEVILLE PICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT	6 SENDAI (poss. Mandates) TATSUTA M KINU M YUBARI M NATORI
XCL AV/CVS	?	4 * CHIYODA) Under conversion * CHITOSE) to ACVs
XAV/XOVS DD SS AS/XAS	Approx 35 Approx 50 ?	3 30-35 (approx 12 repairing) Approx 30 3 or more
	4. NORTHERN PACI	FIC
and a second sec	IDAHO MEN MEXICO TENNESSEE PENNSYLVANIA	•
CA	WICHITA LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND INDIANA POLIS	NACHI
CL	SANTA FE	TAMA KISO ABUKUMA
XCL	-	3 AKITSUSH IMA
V/CVS V/XCVS		1
DD	22	Approx 10
-	a Non-effective	



ALLIED FORCES

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN



ENEMY FORCES

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	t Pacific Section)	Eastern Floet Area	East Indies - Philippines
BB		ø	•
CV		ø ILLUSTRIOUS	-
CV (E)	-		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
CA	-	SUFFOLK SUSSEX HAWKINS FRO BISHER	A SHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC E MERALD	KUMA OI KITAGAMI
CL(T)	-	-	KASHII
XCL	-	CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
AV/CVS	CHILDS W.B.PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI
XAV/XCVS		7	1
DD	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	11
88	BILLFISH BLUEFISH BONEFISH CISCO BOWFIN PUFFER TROUT TUNA	Patrol	5
	KINGFISH ) At	Fremantle	
AS or XAS	PELIAS	9	1
AIRCRAFT (N.W.	Area Only)		
Fighters (incl Light or M/Bon SE/Bombers Ving Boats Catplanes Transport & Ob	bsn. A/C	113 102 12 12 47 44 recent intelligence.	
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C.O.I.C. ritish — MOST SECRET SECRET GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA Combined Operational Intelligence Centre DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle 600 20 September 1943 No. Date: PART I. A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA 1. NORTH EASTERN AREA (1) ALL IED FORCES (a) At Sea to 1200/20: (1) "SC.738" "SC.744" escorting "PENNANT" (for Oro Bay ETA 1500/20) "ROBERT STUART" "WILL.H.POINT" "JAMES M.GOODHUE" (for (2) "SC.746" escorting "HONELL COBB" departed Milne Bay 1805/19. for Goodenough Island, was due 0200/20. (3) "KA PUNDA" dep. Port Moresby 1701/19 for Milne Bay ETA 1600/20. (4) "BENALLA" surveying Goodenough Island area. (5) "O'BANN ON" escorting "ROCHAMBEAU" dep. Milne Bay 1550/16 for Brisbane ETA 2000/20. (6) "LATROBE" escorting Convoy DT.32 ("KURUMBA" "ALLARA" "TULAGI") departed Darwin 0435/18 for Thursday Is. ETA 1530/21. (7) "COPAHEE" "HALF MOON" en route from Noumea. "COPAHEE" for Gladstone ETA 0630/21 (for onward routing to Townsville). "HALF MOON" en route Brisbane ETA 2 Sept. (8) "YP.233" dep. Townsville 2002/18 for Calcundra ETA 1100/22. (9) "YP.291" dep. Bowen 1730/19 for Brisbane ETA 0530/21. (10) "ARARAT" rendering assistance to "JOSEPH A.HOLMES" aground vicinity Sandy Cape Shoal. "ARARAT" to RV with Convoy LQ.13 vicinity Lady Elliott Island at 0700/21 and relieve "GEELONG". "GEELONG" to proceed vicinity Sandy Cape Shoal to take over from "ARARAT". (11) "BOWEN" "PC.1121" "YMS.335" "HERON" en route Bustael Head to Townsville. Brisbane ETA 2000/20. Townsville. (12) "SC.741" escorting 5 LCM's departed Brisbane 2025/19. To provide escort to Wide Bay Bar, thence to intercept <u>Convoy LQ.13</u> vicinity Lady Elliott Island at 0700/21 and provide additional escort to Brisbane. (13) 10 submarines on patrol. (b) In Harbour: - Warships & Aux. - "SHEPPARTON" - Warships & Aux. - "SC.698" "SC.699" "SC.703" Morobe Bung "HILO" (PG) Merchant Vessels: "JOSIAH ROYCE" "YOCHON" "THEOFANO LIVANOS" - Warships & Aux. - "SC.731" Oro Bay Merchant Vessels: "TECUMSEH" "MANOERAN" "CHARLES P. STEINMETZ" "WEST CACTUS" "KARSIK" "THOMAS JEFFERSON" "SEA SNIPE" Kiriwina - Warships & Aux. - "ML.424" "ML.427" Goodenough Is. - Warships & Aux. - "SC.750" Merchant Vessels: "JOHN S. SARGENT"

Milne Bay	• Warships & Aux "MUGFORD" "HENLEY" "MAHAN" "SMITH" "PERKINS" "FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "REID" "DRAYTON" "CONYNGHAM" (DD) "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" "GILMER" (APD) "WAGGA" (AMS) PC.479 SC.637 SC.648 SC.732 SC.734 SC.736 SC.742 SC.745 SC.745 SC.747 SC.748 SC.749 SC.981 SC.982 YMS.11 YM3.49 YMS.50 YMS.51 YMS.70 YMS.71 YMS.72 YP.278 YP.280 33 PTs "MIZAR" [AF] "POYANG" "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "RIGEL" (AR "OTUS" (AS) "SAN PABLO" (AYF)"VICTORIA" "BISHOPDA E" (AO) "MIZAR" (AF)
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Thursday Is. Cairns	<ul> <li>Warships &amp; Aux, - "FREMANTLE" (AMS) "YP.236"</li> <li>Warships &amp; Aux, - "SWAN" (DE) "JOLAC" "KATOOMBA"</li> <li>"GYMPIE" (AMS) YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48</li> <li>YMS.53 ML.428 ML.804 1 PT "PLATYPUS" (A)</li> <li>"SUSQUEHANNA" "TRINITY" (A0)</li> </ul>
Palm Island	• Warships & Aux "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "BAGLEY" (DD)
Town sville	- Warships & Aux "DELORAINE" "BUNBURY" (AMS) "PC.1119" "MERKUR" (AF) "ML.817"
Mackay	- Warships & Aux "DOBEIN" (AD)
Gladstone	- War ships & Aux "GEELONG" (AN3) "SC. 650"
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux "VENDETTA" "NICHOLAS" (DD) "GOULBURN" "LITHGON" (AMS) PC.476 PC.477 PC.1122 PC.1123 SC.735 SC.737 YP.283 YMS.9 YMS.10 YMS.52 ML.425 ML.816 ME.818 ML.819 "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "MANUNDA" (AH) "FULFON" (AS) "GOLDSTAR" (AG)
(Repairing,	Trials etc.) - "WAEREGO" (DE) "WHYALLA" "GLADSTONE"

# (c) Proposed Movements:

"WAG GA" "KAPUNDA" "PC.479" escorting "BOSCHFONTEIN", 1 other vessel to depart Milne Bay 1200/21 for Townsville.
 "GEELONG" "SC.650" escorting Convoy IQ.13 to depart Gla datone

20 Sept.

## (11) ENERY FORCES:

- (I) San Cristobal At 1230/19 enemy aircraft, probably one, attacked allied transportation unit 90 miles E. of San Cristobal. No further details are available.
- (2) <u>Munda</u> During the night 17-18 Sept., enemy aircraft were over Munda four times. In all, approx 12 aircraft dropped over 35 light bombs in the airfield area. No casualties and only slight damage was suffered.
- (3) Kolombangara At 1355/18 enemy gun positions at Hamberi Harbour and Parapatu Point (S.E.Goast) were attacked by 24 Dauntless and 15 Avengers with fighter cover, and the target area was well covered.

During 18 Sept., a careful daylight search along N.E.

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coast by patrol craft provided negative results. (4) Vella Lavelia - Five alerts were scunded at Barakoma (S.E.Vella Lavella) during the night 17-18 Sept., and bombs fell near the strip. No damage has been reported. During the same night enemy floatplanes ineffectually borbed and strafed our patrol craft operating off W.coast.

At about noon 18 Sept. enemy aircraft including dive bombers, attempted to attack allied shipping probably near Barakoma but they were successfully intercepted by our fighter cover. No further detail yet available. Local sources report that all Japs in Vella Lavella

- (5) New Hanover At 1120/19, in poor visibility aircraft observed two unidentified type vessels 17 miles N. by E. of Cape Matanalem, probably heading S.E.
- (6) Wide Bay Area At 0832/19 a northbound submarine passed Cape Orford, At approx 1230/19, a destroyer entering Wide Bay from the sea was observed for 10 minutes by a patrol Lightning. At 1442/19 a southbound submarine passed Cape Orford. The continued submarine traffic past this area would appear to be concerned possibly with points on S.coast New Britain or more likely with Finschhafen area.
- (7) Hoskins Peninsula The strip and a beached 100 ton vessel nearby were attacked 0755-0900/19 by 6 Beaufighters. A quantity of stores was observed on the beach and there is evidence of much vehicular traffic. One Beaufighter was lost to A.A.
- vehicular traffic. One Eeaufighter was lost to A.A.
  (8) <u>Cape Gloucester</u> At appor 0815/19 a small sea-truck was observed 100 miles N.W. of Cape Gloucester course S.E. The position given is vague and the vessel may have been in fact engaged on coastal or island traffic off New Guinea coast. At 1215-1245/19, Cape Gloucester airfield area including Nos. 1 & 2 Strips, personnel and dump areas were attacked by 24 Liberators and 11 Fortresses. The target area was effectively covered. Photos taken at the time of the attack show one unserviceable aircraft destroyed and no other serviceable aircraft although several planes were reported from sighting.
- A.A. encountered included phosphorous shells spraying white streams over a 15 yard radius.
   (9) <u>Sio-Pinschhafen At 0250/18, 2 troop laden barges north of Finschhafen wers attacked by allied patrol craft and one was</u>
  - Finschhafen wers attacked by allied patrol craft and one was sunk while the other was probably sunk. The barges were northbound and the fact that they were laden with troops would suggest a movement of troops out of Finschhafen al though the traps could be Las evacues. The continuance of the submarine traffic along S.coast New Britain probably connected with Finschhafen is also perhaps of significance in this respect.

At 1140/18, Finschhafen was attacked by 14 Vengeance. A sampan at Tami Island was also strafed. This attack was probably co-ordinated with those by 9 Marauders and 9 Bostons at approx the same time, as reported in Summary No.599. Between 1000 and 1030/19 Finschhafen and Heldsbach

Mission were attacked by 7 Marauders and 6 Mitchells and at 1100-1145/19 a barge sweep from Sio to Finschhafen was conducted by another 6 Mitchells. Only 2 barges and one 30 ft. boat were located.

- (10) Ramu Valley Native reports state that Japanese arrived at Old Dumpu on the night 15-16 Sept.
- (11) Las The remaining Japa were cleared from positions at Markham Point on 17 Sept.
- (12) Woodlark Is. A possible submarine was reported 1215/18 3 miles N.E. of Woodlark Is. Subsequently, a target believed to be a submarine in the same vicinity was attacked with torpedoes by a patrol craft. Two hits were claimed.
- (13) Port Moresby At 0347/20, probably 2 enemy aircraft dropped bombs in the vicinity of Jacksons Field and 12 Mile Drome. No damage or casualties reported. A.A. engaged with unobserved results: no fighters were airborne.

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2. NORTH WESTERN AREA:

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/20:

(1) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin

- Warships & Aux. - "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS) "ML.814" "ML.815" Merchant Vessels : "MATTHEW FLINDERS" "YARRA" Werships & Aux. - "INVERELL" (AMS) Melville Bay Merchant Vessels: "WANAKA"

#### (11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Ambon At 0245-0430/19 the barracks area and seaplane base at Ambon and the airfield area at Namlea (Boerce Is.) were Big fires were started in both bombed by 13 Liberators, localities,
- Four unidentified vessels were observed in Ambon Bay. (2) Tan imbar Group - Targets on Selaru Is. were attacked 0929 /19 by Z Mitchells, Three enemy aircraft were observed in the vicinity flying W.S.W.
- (3) Darwin Approx 9 enemy aircraft dropped bombs on two airfields around Darwin at 0316/19. No damage or casualties are reported.
- 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

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(a) At sea to 1200/20:

X (1) "ADELAIDE" escorting "SAM BRIDGE" (for Trincomalee) departed Fremantle 1000/19. To rv with "CANTON" (AMC) position 20°15'S 92°E on 25 Sept. "ADELAIDE" to return thence to Fremantle.

(2) "HORSHAM" escorting "KOOLINDA" dep. Fremantle 1100/12 for Exmouth Gulf was due 1900/14, thence Broome via Port Hedland.

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSK RK" (CL) Fremantle "ISABEL" (PY) "ATREUS" (CM) "WHIPFOORWILL" "LARK" (AR) "SC.739" "EX "YP.288" "CHILDS" (AVD) "PELIAS" (AS)

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "YP.286" "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

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(1) ALLIED FORCES

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## (a) At Sea to 1200/20:

(1) "CONNAY" "WILSON" escorting "DIXIE" dep. Noumea 18 Sept. for

 "OONMAY" "WILSON" ESCORTING DIAIN Cop. Notable is deported Sydney ETA 20 Sept.
 "CHEVALIER" escorting "COLUMBIA" dep. Sydney 20 Sept. for Noumes.
 "BROOME" "MILDURA" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy CO.127.
 "WARRAMUNGA" "HELM" escorting Convoy FV1 ("RACHEL JACKSON" "SIMON BENSON" "ADONIRAM JUDSON") were to depart Melbourne a.m. 20 Sept. "WARRAMUNGA" "HELM" to provide escort to Lady Elliott Island and return

(5) "WARRNAMBOOL" "BOCKHAMPTON" "MORESBY" escorting Convoy OC.126 (9 vessels including "BUNGAREE") for Port Kembla ETA 2359/20, Sydney 0500/21, Newcastle 1400/21. (6) "WILCANNIA" "CASTLE MAINE" "ECHUCA" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting

Convoy GP.68 (4 MV) on route Sydney to Caloundra.

## (b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" (APA) "ALGORAB" (AKA)
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"BENDIGO" "GLENELG" "KALGOORLIE" (AMS)
"YANDRA" (A/S Vessel) "BALLARD" (AVD) "TASMAN"AH
(Repsi ring, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "TAYLOR" "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD)
(On Reserve) - "KANIMELA" (APA) Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "ALTAMAHA" (CV(E) "STUART" (DD) "DOOMBA" (A/S Vessel) Melbourns - "NIZAM" (DD) "BALLARAT" (AMS) (Refitting)

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

#### ENEMY FORCES

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- (1) Canton Island A fragmentary report indicates that Canton Island was bombed during the night 15-16 Sept. No further details are available.
- (2) <u>Tarawa-Nauru</u> A U.S. Navy communique states that strong forces carried out heavy raids on Tarawa and Nauru during the night 17-18 Sept. and on 18 Sept. Details are not available but carrier-borne aircraft were probably used in the strike on Tarawa and land-based aircraft for Nauru.

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#### NAVAL INCIDENTS

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#### ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
   Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in
- Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- Increased use of barges in addition to submarines for (3)night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons, together with possible destroyer transportation missions.
- (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY



# PART II.

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

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CV(T)	-	HOSHO
<u>CV (E)</u>	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO LONG ISLAND BARNES	UNTO
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5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

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ENEMY FORCES

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XCL	-	CANTON CARTHAGE CHITRAL RAN PURA WO RCESTER SHIRE	-
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22	CISCO KINGFISH K.12	At Fremantle	
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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA	
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre	
DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY	<u>`</u>
Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle	
No. 601 Date: 21 September 194	13
PART I.	
A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA	
1. NORTH EASTERN AREA	
(1) ALLIED FORCES	
(a) At Sea to 1200/21:	
(1) "SC.732" "SC.743" departed Milne Bay 1310/20 fo	or Port Moresby
ETA 1100/21. (2) "BENALLA" surveying Goodenough Island area. (3) "O'BANNON" escorting "ROCHAMBEAU" dep. Milne Ba	ay 1550/16 for
(4) "WAGGA" "KAPUNDA" "BC.479" escorting "BOSCHFONT	EIN" one other
(5) "LATROBE" escerting Convey DT.32 ("KURUMBA" "AL departed Darwin 0435/18 for Thursday	LARA" "TULAGI")
(6) "FREMANTLE" escorting "CARDROSS" was to depart 0300/21 for Darwin ETA 1330/25.	Thursday Island
(7) "TRINITY" departed Cairns 1010/20 for Brisbane (8) "YP.233" dep. Townsville 2002/18 for Caloundra	ETA 1100/22.
<ul> <li>(9) "MERKUR" departed Townsville 1430/20 for Brisbs</li> <li>(10) "DELORAINE" to wing "ML.817" dep. Townsville 010 ETA 0600/25.</li> </ul>	
(11) "ARARAT" "SC.650" "SC.741" escorting Convoy LQ. vicinity Lady Elliott Island to Brisba	13 (4 MV) from
(12) "COPAHEE" was due Gladstone 0630/21. (13) "HALF MOON" en route Noumea to Brisbane ETA 21.	Sept.
(14) "GEELONG" rendering assistance to "JOSEPH A.HOL vicinity Sandy Cape Shoal.	
(15) "KATOOMBA" "COLAC" "PC.1119" escorting Convoy T PENNANT" "THEDENS" "RESERVE" "Y.14) fr	N.157 ("ALCOA om Fitzroy Is.
to Milne Bay ETA 1200/23. (16) "BOWEN" "YMS.335" "HERON" on route Bustard Head (17) 9 submarines on patrol.	l to Townsville.
(b) In Harbour:	
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"HILO" (PG) Merchant Vessels: "JOSIAH ROYCE "LIVA NOS" "ROBERT STUART" "W "JAMES M.GOODHUE"	" "YOCHOW" "THEOFANO
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Milne Bay

- Warships & Aux. - "MUGFORD" "HENLEY" "MAHAN" "SMITH" "PERKINS" "FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "REID" "DRAYTON" "CONYNGHAM" (DD) "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" "GILMER" (APD) SC.637 SC.648 
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> (Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)

Merchant Vessels: "FLOYD B. OLSEN" "MACTAN" JOEL PALMER" "WILLIAM LUCKENBACH" "BOSCHFONTEIN" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "CAFE CONSTANCE" "SWARTEN HONDT" "SAMUEL K.BARLEW" "NATHANIEL CURRIER" "JOHN W.MACKAY" "CHARON" "CHARLES P.STEINMETZ"

Port Moresby - Warships& Aux. - "PIRIE" (AMS) "TULSA" (PG) "ML+425

Merchant Vessels : "ELIZABETH BLACKWELL" "THOMAS CORWIN" "CLARENCE KING" "EDNA" "BARBARA" "MURADA" "FREMONT OLDER" "RIVER CLARENCE" "WILLIAM B.ALLISON" "BRITISH PRINCESS" "VAN HEUTSZ" "STEPHEN CRANE" "PATRAS" Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "YP.236" Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "SWAN" (DE) "GYMPIE" (AMS) YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.53 ML.428 ML.804 1 PT "PLATPUS" (AR) "SUSQUEHANNA" (AO)

- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "BAGLEY" (DD)

- Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA" "NICHOLAS" (DD) "GOULBURN" "LITHGOW" (AMS) PC.476 PC.477

Palm Island Townsville Mackay Gla dstone Brisbane

> PC.1122 PC.1123 SC.735 SC.737 YP.283 YP.291 YMS.9 YMS.10 YMS.52 ML.425 ML.429 ML.816 ML.818 ML.819 "H.T.ALLEN" (AFA) "MANUNDA" (AH) (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WARREGO" (DE) "MAX "WHYAILA" "GLADSTONE" (AMS)

- Warships & Aux. - "BUNBURY" (AMS) - Warships & Aux. - "DOBEIN" (AD)

### (c) Froposed Movements:

"VENDETTA" to depart Caloundra 1300/21 to RV at OBGC/22 in position 27°01'S 159°06'E with "GRAYSON" escorting "PRESIDENT GRANT" "KOTA AGOENG". "VENDETTA" to take over from "GRAYSON" and escort "PRESIDENT GHANT" "KOTA AGOENG" to Brisbane. "GRAYSON" to proceed (1) Noumea.

(2) "LITHGOW" "SC.735" "PC.1121" "ML.429" escorting Convoy QL.14 (7 MV) to depart Cabundra 1600/21, On arrival Bustard Head "PC.1121" to proceed Townsville. "ML.429" to return Brisbane from Lady Elliott Is. "LITHGOW" "SC.735" to proceed Gladstone.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- Warships & Aux.

(1) San Cristobal - The air attack on an allied transportation unit 90 miles east of San Cristobal at 1230/19 was by a single enemy aircraft, as indicated in Summary No. 600. No damage was suffered.

Indications 20 Sept. suggest 3 enemy submarines

- (2) <u>Guadalcanal</u> At 0234/19, 2 or 3 enemy aircraft dropped a number of light anti-personnel bombs in the barracks area wounding
- several men and destroying a small petrol storage tank. (3) Sata Ysabel - Local sources reported 20 Sept. that there were 8 barges and a number of Japanese at Long Island (of? Austria

Sound at S.entrance to Kia Passage N.W. Ysabel). It is possible that there is a radio reporting station in this vicinity.

(4) Arundel Island - Stiff enemy resistance is being offered to our land operations on N. Arundel Is. The enemy continues his attempts to land barges in this area: on the night 16-17 Sept. 5 barges made the attempt but probably not more than 2 succeeded in the face of our shore gunfire.

Early a.m. 19 Sept., a single enemy plane ineffectually dropped 2 bombs on Arundel and another 2 bombs near Munda strip. (5) Vella Lavella - Details are now to hand concerning the enemy

air formation which was prevented by our fighters from attacking shipping off Barakoma (S.E.Vella Lavella) at noon 18 Sept. Between 1245-1300/18, 30 dive-bombers escorted by 20 fighters were intercepted by 17 Corsairs and 4 Warhawks; 12 dive bombers and 5 Zeros were shot down. In addition Barakoma A.A. claims 1 dive bomber shot down and an aircraft crash boat, which was undamaged by 21 near misses from light anti-personnel bombs, destroyed 2 more dive bombers for a a total of 15 dive bombers and 5 Zeros. One Corsair was lost and 2 more are missing. A new feature of the raid was that some of the enemy fighters carried and dropped bombs.

Negative patrols were conducted north and east of Vella Lavella during the night 18-19 Sept. by our patrol craft but two air raid alerts sounded from shore positions.

(6) Kolcmbangara - During the night 17-18 Sept., 4 enemy planes were seen to drop parachutes on Vila possibly indicating supply difficulties. It is recalled that the Japs had to resort to this method of supply towards the end of the Buna competen.

At 1337-1412/19 gun positions in the vicinity of Vila were attacked by 28 Dauntless, 14 Avengers and 10 Mitchells.

- (17) Mussau Is. Area At 1410/20 a Liberator observed a 9-ship convoy, described as 2 warships and 7 freighters (4-6000 tons each) 160 miles N.E. of Mussai Is. course 180°.
- (8) Rabaul A Lightning over Rebaul 0915-1015/20 reported approximately 20 ships in the harbour and 2 more off N.E. shore Crater Peninsula.
- (9) Ubili At 0045/21, atransferremented a Catalina reported one destroyer approximately 10 miles off Ubili on course 45°.
- (10) Hansa Bay Photos 1300/20 show the Nubia Strip serviceable with 2 fighters and 1 medium bomber all serviceable on the airfield.

The new field at Condor Pt. (western jaw Hansa Bay), which was first observed 24 August is now cleared for 4000 x 190 ft.

Partial coverage of the Bay shows 12 barges.

(11) Bogadjim-Madang Area - The coastal belt between Bogadjim and Madang also bridges in the Yaula district were attacked 0930-1015/20 by 35 Mitchells and 8 Fortresses. Two main bridges on the Yaula road were destroyed, and another damaged: a jetty at Erima Harcour (near Bogad jim) was set on fire and considerable destruction inflicted on buildings along the coast. On the Yaula road 10 miles south of Bogadjim 20-30 trucks were observed.

At approx 1700/20, the attack was taken up by 14 Aircobras with bombs. Another bridge was destroyed: 5 motor trucks were also destroyed and more damaged out of 14 observed, on the Yaula road.

- (12) Finschhafen At 2345/19 an enemy submarine was depth-charged by patrol craft 32 miles north of Finschhafen.
- (13) Markham Valley At Boana (22 miles NNN of Lae) an enemy force of unknown size is holding out against our attacks.

Kaiapit (55 miles N.W. of Las) was occupied by our troops by a.m. 20 Sept. after killing 20 Japs and putting to flight the remaining 50-60 Japs. (14) Marilinan - At approx 0330/20, a single enemy plane ineffectively

bombed one of the strips at Marilinan.

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### (1) ALLIED FORCES

# (a) At Sea to 1200/21:

(1) "INVERELL" escorting "WANAKA" departed Melville Bay 1200/20 for Darwin ETA 1230/22.

(2) I submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

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

### (11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Ambon At 0015-0045/20 Namlea town and aerodrome were attacked
- (1) Amboin At Odio-Odio, 20 handed form and define an attacked by
   (2) Kai Islands At 0400-0500/20 Langgoer Strip was attacked by
   4 Hudsons and Doela Strip by 2 Hudsons.
   (3) Darwin At approximately 0830/20 a probable enemy reconnaissance plane was located in the area immediately south of Bathurst Island suggesting possible weather reconnaissance.
   (4) Derward and suggesting possible weather reconnaissance.
  - × (4) Drysdale Mission At 0840-1000/20 a probable enemy recce plane was over the Drysdale Mission area.
  - X(5) Arafura Sea At 0929/20 a probable enemy recce plane was located 38 miles N. of Cape Wessel heading W.S.W. and at 1110/20 indications were again obtained of an aircraft 8

miles S. of Cape Arnhem heading NNW. At 1135/20 a Beaufort encountered 2 enemy recce floatplanes 45 miles WSW of Cape Valsch heading S.E. One of the floatplanes was made to force-land and was destroyed. These reports indicate the continued enemy aerial reconnaissance of the shipping lanes in this area.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) AILIED FORCES

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(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

- (1) "CHANTICLEER" departed Exmouth Gulf 1100/19 for Fremantle
- (1) "HORSHAM" escorting "KOOLINDA" dep. Fremantle 1100/12 for Exmouth Gulf was due 1900/14, thence Broome via Port Hedland.

### (b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL) "TJERK HIDDES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "DUBBO" (AMS) "ISABEL" (PY) "ATREUS" (CM) "WHIPPOORW ILL" "LARK" (AR) "SC.739" "YP.288" "CHILDS" (AVD) Fremantle "PELIAS" (AS)

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

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4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

### (1) AILIED FORCES

# (a) At Sea to 1200/21:

- (1) "WILCANNIA" "CASTLEMAINE" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy PG.68 were to depart Caloundra 1200/21 for
- (2) "CONWAY" "WILSON" escorting "DIXIE" dep. Noumea 18 Sept. for Sydney were due 20 Sept.

 (3) "ARUNTA" was to depart Sydney 0900/21 for Melbourne.
 (4) "CHEVALIER" escorting "COLUMBIA" departed Sydney 1522/20 for Noumea ETA 1200/22.
 (5) "STUART" escorting "ALTAMAHA" (for San Diego) was to depart Fort Phillip 0745/21. "STUART" to provide escort to 151°E and return Melbourne. (6) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC.127 was to depart Port Phillip 2310/20 to RV in Wilson's Promontory area with "BROOME" "MILDURA" "TOWN SVILLE" escorting Convoy CO.127, ETA Convoy OC.127 Port Kembla 2359/23, Sydney O500/24.
 (7) "WARRAMUNGA" "HELM" escorting Convoy PV1 ("RACHEL JACKSON" Newcastle 1300/24. GA" "HELM" escorting Convoy FV1 ("RACHEL JACKSON" "SIMON BENSON" "ADONIRAM JUDSON") dep. Melbourne 0907/20 Sept. "WARRAMUNGA" "HELM" to provide escort (8) "STAWELL" departed Sydney 1818/20 for Brisbane HTA Caloundra 0600/23. (9) "MORESEY" escorting Convoy OC.126 from Sydney to Newcastle. (b) In Harbour: Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" (APA)

Sydney lbourne - Warships & Aux. -(Refitting) - "NIZAM" (DD) "BALLARAT" (AMS) Melbourne

B. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

ALL IED FORCES

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### At sea to 1200/21:

(1) "ADELAIDE" escorting "SAM BRIDGE" (for Trincomales) departed Fremantle 1000/19. To RV with "CANTON" (AMC) position 20°15'S 92°E 25 Sept. "ADELAIDE" to return thence to Frementle.

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### NAVAL INCIDENTS

#### NIL.

### ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
   Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in
- Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- Increased use of barges in addition to submarines for (3) night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons, together with possible destroyer transportation missions.
- (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific areas.

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### ADDENDA

RABAUL

- Photos 0935/20 show:-1 heavy cruiser ("MOGAMI" class) 1 light cruisers ("JINTSU" class) Shipping . 1 converted destroyer tender 9 destroyers (4 "Fubuki" cl., 3 "Minekaze"/"Kamikaze"/ "Mutsuki" cl., 2 poss. "Asashio" cl.) 1 sub.tender 5 submarines (2 large, 3 small) 1 gunboat

  - 4 probable sub-chasers 1 tanker (10,000 tons) 20 Merchant Ships totalling 76,000 tons 44

The previous complete photographic coverage of the Harbour was 13 August when 23 warships and 19 merchant ships totalling 85,000 tons were shown. Incomplete photos 3 Sept. showed 14 merchant ships totalling 66,000 tons.

Aircraft :

In Harbour - 1 F/B, 7 F/P - 46 SSF, 22 L/B or T.E/F, 13 M/B Lakunai (complete) Vunakanau (partial) 6 먥 3 -43 H Rapopo (approx half 9 10 8 2 transcovered port 160 a/c whereof 61 SSF, 25 L/B or T.E/F, 64 M/B, 2 transport, 1 F/B, 7 F/P Total

No aircraft are visible on Keravat airfield a though the strip appears serviceable.

ALEXISHAFEN - Photos 0920/20 show 5 fighters in revetments. TWO of these are probably unserviceable.

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MOST SECRET 21 September 1943

# DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

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Southwest (Eastern		South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
BB	•	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS NORTH CAROLINA MARYLAND COLORADO WEST VIRGINIA	-	YAMATO MUSASHI NAGATO) Poss. MUTSU ) Empire KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO
CV	-	SARATOGA	-	z uikak u Sh okaku
CV(L)	-	-	-	ZU ІНО Ж НАУАТАКА
SV(E)	ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	PRINCE WILL, IAM BRETON	-	× CHUYO )Poss.en × OTAKA )route Empire
<u>GA</u>	AUSTR <b>ALIA</b>	•	CHOKAI SUZUYA	ATAGO TAKAO MAYA MYOKO HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI
CL	HOBART COLUMBIA	LEANDER CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN JUAN SAN DIEGO	AGAN O NAGARA SENDAI	NOSHIRO OYODO NAKA ISUZU
CL(T)	-	-	-	Kashima Katori
XCL DD	AR UNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART	•	-	1
	VENDETTA NIZAM BAGLEY HEIM MUGFORD HENLEY MAHAN DRAYTON LAMSON FLUSSER REID CONYNGHAM PERKINS SMITH	Approx 40	10	25
•	CHEVALIER LE TRIOMPHAN TAYLOR NICHOLAS O'BANNON CCNWAY	P		
	WILSON R Non-eff	ective		

MOST SECRET 21 September 1943

Southwest B (Eastern Se		South Pacific	Bismar cks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>SS</u>	ALBACORE DRUM GROUPER GUARDFISH GATO PETO POMPON SCAM P STINGRAY	On Patrol	20	20
	BALAO GROWLER RASHER SILVERSIDES S.31	) At Brisbane	3	
	R.9 At Syd	ney		
AV/CVS	HERON BAILARD SAN PABLO HALF MOON	WRIGHT	-	NOTORO
XAV/XCVS	-	3	1	2
PT	35	Approx 30	?	?
APA/APD/AKA	H.T. ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA KAN IMBLA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA		
	NUMPEREYS BROOKS	72		
AS or XAS	FULTON OTUS		1	2 or more
AD	DOBBIN DIXIE		1	1
AR	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS	1	1
AIRCRAFT (N.E	.Area Only)			
Fighters (incl. 19 twin-eng.) Light & M/Bombers SE/Bombers Flying Boats Floatplanes Transport & Obsn. A/C		g*)	268 287 46 60 21	•

SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC



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ALLIE	D FORCES	MOST SECRET 21 September 1943 ENEMY FORCES
BB	INDIANA	ISE ) One unit being
22	E CALIFORNIA MISSISSI PPI	HYUGA ) modernised.
CA	ENTER PRISE ESSEX YORFTOWN LEXINGTON VICTORIOUS	-
CV(L)	INDEPENDENCE BELLEAU WOOD PRINCETON	HITAKA Kyund
CV(T)	-	HOSHO
CV(E)	SUWANNEE SAN GAMON CHENANGO LONG ISLA ND BARNES	UNYO
•	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA # SALT LAKE CITY # MINNEAPOLIS # ST.LOUIS	MAOBA M KUMANO
OCA CL		6
CL	MOBILE HONOLULU	TATSUTA R KINU
	R NASHVILLE RICHMOND RALEICH DETROIT	* MUBARI * NATORI
AV/CVS	?	5 E CHIYODA) Under conversion E CHITOSE) to ACVS
XAV/XCVS DD SS AS/XAS	Anur av 25	3 30-35 (approx 12 repairing)
SS	Approx 35 Approx 50	Approx 30
AS/XAS	7	3 or more
-	4. NORTHERN PACIN	FIC
28	IDAHO NEW MEXICO TENNESSEE PENNSYLVANIA	· · · · · ·
CA	WICHITA LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND INDIANAPOLIS	NACHI
CL	SANPA FE	TAMA Kiso Abukuma
XCL	-	3
AV/CVS		AKITSUSHIMA
DD	22	4
SS	10	Approx 4
	Mon-effective	

5. ALLIED FORCES

EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

MOST SECRET 21 September 1943

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest (Western		Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
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CV	-	S ILLUSTRIOUS	-
CA		SUFFOLX SUSSEX HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
CL	TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KUMA OI KITAGAMI
		EMERALD ADELAIDE	
CL (T)		5 BL/ / 14 L/ 20 L/	KASHII
XCL		CANTON CARTHAGE CHITRAL RAN PURA WORCESTERSHIRE	-
AV/CVS	CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI
XAV/XCVS	-	?	1
DD	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	11
<u>88</u>	BILLFISH ) BLUEFISH ) BOWFIN ) On PUFFER ) TROUT ) TUNA )	Patrol	6
7,	CISCO ) KINGPISH ) A K.12 )	t Fremantle	
AS or XAS	PELIAS	?	1
AIRCRAFT (N.W	Area Only)		
Fighters (inc Light or M/Bos SE/Bombers lying Boats Floatplanes Transport & O		No recent intelligen Present disposition	
		Non-effective	

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	GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
	Combined Operational Intelligence Centre
	DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY
	Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity
	Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle
	No. 602 Date: 22 September 1943
	PART I.
A. SOUTH WEST	PACIFIC AREA
1. NORTH E	LASTERN AREA
- All growth and a second s	(1) ALLIED FORCES
(a) <u>A</u>	t Sea to 1200/21:
(1) "SC.	747" "SC.981" escorting "SWARTENHONDT" departed Milne Bay 1020/21 for Buna.
(2) #S.C	.732" "SC.743" escorting "ELIZABETH BLACKWELL" departed Port Moresby 1600/21 for Oro Bay ETA 0800/23.
(3) "SHE	PPARTON" departed Milne Bay 1230/21 for Morobe ETA 2300/22.
(4) "BEN (5) "PIR	ALLA" surveying Goodenough Island area. IE" escorting Convoy NT 52 ("THOMAS CORWIN") en route Port
	Moresby to Townsville. GA" "KAPUNDA" "PC.479" escorting Convoy FT 26 ("BOSCHFONTEIN"
	for Cairns, "CHARLES P. STEINMETZ" for Townsville) en route. from Milne Bay.
(7) "SC.	746" escorting "SPRIGHTLY" towing one LST, "COUCAL" towing
(8) "FRE	one LST departed Milne Bay 1227/21 for Townsville ETA 2100/2 MANTLE" escorting "CARDROSS" departed Thursday Island 0243/21
(9) "KUR	for Darwin ETA 1330/25. UMBA" departed Thursday Island 0126/22 for Townsville ETA 1500
(10) "TRI (11) "MER	NTTY" departed Cairns 1010/20 for Brisbane ETA 0900/24. KUR" departed Townsville 1430/20 for Brisbane ETA 1730/23.
(12) #DEL	ORAINE" towing "ML.817" dep. Townsville 0100/21 for Sydney ETA 0600/25.
(13) "ARA	RAT" "SC.650" "SC.741" escorting Convoy LQ.13 (4 MV) from
(14) "HAL	vicinity Lady Elliott Island to Brisbane. F MOON" en route Noumea to Brisbane was due 21 Sept.
	LONG" rendering assistance to "JOSEPH A. HOLMES" aground vicinity Sandy Cape Shoal.
(16) "KAT	OOMBA" "COLAC" "PC.1119" escorting Convey TN.157 ("ALCOA PENNANT" "THEDENS" "RESERVE" "Y.14") from Fitzrey Island
(17) "BOW	to Milne Bay ETA 1200/23. EN" "YMS.335" "HERON" en route Bustard Head to Townsville.
(18) "LIT	ngow" "SC.735" "PC.1121" "ML.429" escorting Convoy OL. 14
	(7 vessels including "SHIKELLAMY") departed Caloundra 1907/21 "ML.429" to return Brisbane from Lady Elliott Island. On
	arrival Bustard Head ETA 0600/23 convoy to disperse. "PC.112 to proceed Townsville. "LITHGOW" "SC.735" to proceed Gladston
(19) "VEM	"GRAYSON" escorting "PRESIDENT GRANF" "KOTA AGGENA" in
	position 27°01' S. 159°06' E. at 0800/22. "VENDETTA" to escort "FRESIDENT GRANT" "KOTA AGOENG" to Brisbane. "GRAYSON"
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Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux "SC.731" Merchant Vessels: "TECUMSEN" "MANOERAN" "WEST CACTUS" "KARSIK" "THOMAS JEFFERSON" "SEA SNIPE" "FERMANT"
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Kiriwina	- Warships & Aux "YMS.11"
Goodenough Is.	- Warships & Aux "SC.750"
	Merchant Vessels: "JOHN S. SARGENT" "HOWELL COBB"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux "MUGFORD" "HENLEY" "MAHAN" "SMITH" "PERKINS""FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "FEID" "DRAYTON" "GONYNGHAM" (DD) "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" "GILMER" (APD)
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	SC.742 SC.744 SC.745 SC.748 SC.749
	SC.982 INS.49 IMS.50 INS.51 INS.70
	MES. 71 MMS. 72 MP.278 MP.280 BL.424
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	SAN PABLO" (AWY VICTORIA" BISHOPDALE"
	(0A)
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	PRINCESS" "VAN HEUTSZ" "STEPHEN CRANE"
Thursday Is.	• Warships & Aux. "LATROBE" (AMS) "YP.236"
Cáirns	Warships & Aux. "SWAN" (DE) "GYMPIE" (AMS) YMS. 8 YMS 46 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.53
	ML.428 ML.804 1 PT "PLATYPUS" (AR)
Dolm Taland	"SUSQUEHANNA" "(AO)
Palm Island	- Warships & ABX. "AUSTRALIA" (GA) "BABLEY" (DD)
Townsville	• Warships & Aux. • "BUNBURY" (AMS)
Mackay	• Warships & Aux "DOBBIN" (AD)
Gladstone	- Warships & Aux "COPAREE" (CV (E))
Brisbane	• Warships & Aux. • "GOULBURN" (AMS) PC.476 PC.477 PC.1122 PC.1123 SC.737 Ag
	YP.233 YP.283 YP.291 ML.818 ML.819
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(Repairing,	Trials etc.) "O'BANNON" "NICHOLAS" (DD) "WARREGO"
	(DE) "WHYALLA" "GLADSTONE" (AMS)

### (11) ENEMY FORCES

 <u>Choiseul</u> - A report 17 Sept. states that there are 300 Japanese in the vicinity of Choiseul Bay. On 21 Sept. a large amount of barge traffic on course S.E. was observed off S.W. coast of Choiseul. This is probably in connection with supplies to the Japanese in the Vella Lavella-Kolombangara area.
 <u>Cape St. George-Buka</u> - A medium merchant vessel and a small sea truck were reported 40 miles M.W. by W. of Buka Passage course 120° at 1310/21. An attack was made and near misses were scored on the merchantman. At 2335/21 four vessels (type unstated) were observed 65 miles W.S.W. of Cape Henpan.
 <u>Mussau</u> - Photos reveal a thousand ton sea truck 117 miles N.E. of Cape Siemens at 0835/21. The visual report stated that the vessel was on course 260° when sighted, and this was changed to 360° as the aircraft departed. Two black cylindrical objects were thrown from the vessel, and one exploded within 10 ft. of the Liberator which made a low level attack scoring a near miss. At 1340/21 four merchant vessels of which photos showed

one to be a 5500 ton transport and another a 3800 ton merchant vessel were observed 12 miles N.E. by N. of Mussau on course 300°. A near miss was scored on the transport.

With reference to the report of a nine ship convoy described in Naval Summary No. 601 as comprising two warships and seven freighters, 160 miles N.E. of Mussau heading South at 1420/20, a later report gives the composition as one medium freighter, 1 destroyer and 5 possible corvettes with a 1500-2500 ton merchant vessel 5 miles eastward on the same course. One aircraft was covering the convoy.

At 1700/20, a submarine attacked a convoy comprising a merchant vessel with a deckload of aircraft with four escorts 137 miles N.E. of Mussau Island. This convoy had air cover, and it appears most likely that it was part of the force sighted further north approx. 25 hours earlier. Photos 1120/21 reveal 1 M/B, 7 F. on Kavieng aerodrome (believed to be 75% coverage of aircraft on aerodrome). No aircraft were visible at Panapei, which appears unserviceable, while Kavieng aerodrome is serviceable. There have been practically no changes in the area since the last coverage on June 15.

(5) <u>Cape Orford</u> -A further report of a southbound submarine was made at 1550/21.
 (6) Gasmata - Photos 1015/20 show no serviceable sizewaft. Two thousand

Photos 1015/20 show no serviceable aircraft. Two thousand feet of the east end of the runway appear serviceable. A submarine was sighted and attacked by a Boston at 0525/21, 31 miles South of Gasmata. The submarine crash dived, the aircraft scored hits on the conning tower and cargo. The submarine surfaced four minutes later suggesting damage. Another aircraft also reported sighting a submarine on a similar course, and within a few miles of this position at 0519/21. This would probably be the same submarine, although the report suggests the possibility of two submarines in the area.

 (7) Cape Gloucester - The aerodrome was attacked by 23 Liberators 1035-1043/21. Results generally were unobserved. Photos taken during the attack reveal No. 2 strip under repair. There were no serviceable aircraft.
 (8) Garove Island - Photos 2020/07

(8) Garove Island - Photos 1012/21 reveal a possible direct hit on a 500 ton sea truck 55 miles N.N.E. of Garove Island. The vessel was smoking, and dead in the water, and surrounded by an oil slick.
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 (9) Wewak - Photos morning 20 Sept. revel 14 F. 1 M/B, 2 transport aircraft on Boram airdrome, and 1 M/B, 12 F. at Wewak; all serviceable. At 1014/21 one small vessel was sighted stationary
 (10) Bogadjim - Photos 20/9 show three bridges and several buildings destroyed

as the result of attacks morning 20 Sept. In a further attack by 8 Mitchells 1030-1100/21 further hits were scored on bridges, and two hits were residented

(4) Kavieng -

(11) Tami Islands - (13 miles S.S.E. Finschhafen). Enemy instal lations on Kalal Island were attacked by 12 installations Vengeance, 7 Bostons 0955-1035/21. Hits were scored on buildings and installations and fires were started, Wonam Island was attacked by 9 Marauders 0955-1014/21.

(12) Markham Valley - A later report on the allied capture of Kaiapit states that on the night 19-20 Sept. two enemy attacks were launched againsta llied perimeter defences. The second attack was by approx. 200 Japanese of whom 120 were killed. There were 30 allied casualties. At 1000/20, as a result of an allied counter attack Kaiapit mission and village was captured.

At 1145/20 nine enemy medium bombers raided Nadzab. Two men were killed, two seriously wounded, and some

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equipment and rations were damaged. Sixteen Lightnings were engaged by 16 enemy fighters over Nadzab at 1140/20 shooting down 3 and probably destroying one. One Lightning was lost.

(13) Las - 16 Kittyhawks intercepted an unknown number of enemy bombers and fighters over Hopoi 1735/21. 4 bombers and 5 fighters were destroyed and one homber probably destroyed

(14) <u>Marilinan</u> - A preliminary report of an enemy air attack 1110/21 states that an Aircobra was damaged, a small fuel dump hit, and two men killed and 4 injured.

(15) Coral Sea - An aircraft reported an enemy submarine 116 miles S. by E. of Port Moresby on course 120° at 1334/21. The report is ungraded.

2. North WESTERN AREA:

# (1) ALLIED FORCES

# (a) At Sea to 1200/22:

 "INVERELL" escorting "WANAKA" departed Melville Bay 1200/20 for Darwin ETA 1230/22.
 (2) 7 submarine an eta 1230/22.

(2) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Derwin - Warships & Aux. - "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS) "ML.814" "ML.815" Merchant Vessels: "Marthew FLINDERS" "YARRA"

# (11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Aree Islands Two small sea trucks and one twin engined flying boat were observed at Dobo 1303/21.
- (2) Tanimbar Islands An enemy submarine which fired on the observing aircraft was observed 17 miles E. by N. of Larat Island at 1430/21.
- (3) Langgoer: In a strike on Langgoer 1440/21 reports of six attacking Liberators state that bombs fell in the dispersal area. Ten is to twelve eneny aircraft intercepted our aircraft and a preliminary report states that six were destroyed, one probably destroyed and two damaged. We lost two Liberators, of which one crashed on return to base.

(4) <u>Koepang</u> - Penfoel aerodrome was attacked by 3 Mitchells 2021-2108/20. Fires were started. Six aircraft including three twin-engined fighters attempted interception. Results not stated.

SOUTH WESTERE AREA.

# (1) ALLIED FORCES

# (a) At Sea to 1200/22:

(1) "HORSHAM" escorting "KOOLINDA" dep. Fremantle 1100/12 for Exmouth Gulf was due 1900/12, thence Broome via Port Hedland.

(h) In Harbour:

Frementie - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL) "TJERK HIDDES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "DUBBO" (AMS) "ISAEEL" (PY) "ATREUS" (CM) "WHIPPOORWILL" "LARK" (AR) "SC.739" "YP.2 88" "CHILDS" (AVD) "PELIAS" (AS) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "YP.286" "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)

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### 4. EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

### (a) At Sea to 1200/22:

(1) "WILCAN NIA" "CASTLEMAT NE" "ECHUCA" "ABRAHAM ORIJNSSEN" (2) "ARUNTA" departed Sydney OS4/21 for Melbourne was due 1030/22.
 (2) "ARUNTA" departed Sydney O934/21 for Melbourne was due 1030/22.
 (3) "MILDURA" "BRO OME" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy 0C.127 en route Port Kembla ETA 2359/23 Sydney 0500/24 Newcastle 1500/22. (4) "STUR T" escorting "ALTAMAHA" (for San Diego) departed Port Phillip 0745/21. "STUART" to provide escort to 151° E and return Melbourne. (5) "WARRAMUNGA" "HELM" escorting Convoy FV1 ("HACHEL JACKSON" "SIMON BENSON" "ADOLIRAM JUDSON") dep. Helbourne 0907/20 Sept. "WARRAMUNGA" "HELM" to provide escort to Lady Elliott Island ETA 0100/26 and return Sydney. (6) "STAWELL" departed Sydney 1818/20 for Brisbane ETA Caloundra 0600/23. (b) In Harbour: Fort Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "MANOCRA" "WESTRALIA" (APA) "ALGORAB" (AKA) Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "BUNDABERG ""WARRNAMBOOL" "ROCEHAMPTON" "MORESEY" "BENDIGO" "GLENELG" "KALGOORLIE" (AMS) "BUNGAREE" (CM) "YANDRA" (A/S Vessel). (Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "TAYLOR" "CONWAY WILSON" "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD) "DIXIE " (AD) "BALLARD" (AVD) ) "KANIMELA" (APA) - Warships & Aux. - "DOOMEA" (A/S Vessel) - "NIZAM" (DD) "BARLARAT" (AMS) (On Reserve) Melbourne (Refitting) -

B. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

### ALL IED FORCES

At Sea to 1200/22:

(1) "ADELAIDE" escorting "SAM BRIDGE" (for Trincomalee) departed Fremantle 1000/19. To RV with "CANTON" (AMC) position 20° 15' S. 92°E 25 Sept. "ADELAIDE" to return thence to Fremantle.

C. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

1) Ellice Islands - An enemy submarine was possibly sighted 32 miles N. by W. of Funafuti on course 190° at 0650/20.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

NIL

#### ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
- (2) Air and Naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- (3) Increased use of barges in addition to submarines for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons, together with possible destroyer transportation missions.

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

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

est Pacific rn Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
•	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS NORTH CAROLINA MARYLAND COLORADO WEST VIRGINIA	-	YAMATO MUSASHI NAGATO) Poss. MUTSU ) Empire KONGO HARUNA FUSC YAM ASHIRO
4	SARATOGA	-	ZU IKAK U SHOKAK U
4	-	-	ZUIEO HAYATAKA
ALTAMAHA COFAREE	PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON	-	CHUYO ) poss. en OTAKA ) route Empire
AUSTRALIA	-	CHOKA I SUZ UYA	ATAGO TAKAO MAYA MYOKO HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI
HOBART R	LEANDER COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO NAGARA SENDAI	NOSHTRO OYODO NAKA ISUZU
	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART		-	1
VENDETTA MIZAM BA GLEY HELM HELM HENLEY MUGFORD CONYNGHAM DRAYTON FLUSSER LAMSON MAHAN PERKINS REID SMITH LE THIOMPHANT TAYLOR NICHOLAS O'BANNON CONWAY WILSON	Approx 40	10	25
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MOST SECRET 22 September 1943

Southwest (Eastern	Pacific Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>85</u>	ALBACORE ) DRUM ) GROUPER ) GUARDFISH ) GATO ) PETO ) POMPON ) SCAMP ) STINGRAY )	On Patrol	20	20
	BALAO GROWLER RASHER SILVERSIDES S.31	) ) At Brisbane )		
	K.9 At Sydn	еу		
AV/CVS	HER ON BALLARD SAN PABLO HALP MOON	WRIGHT	791	NOTORO
XAV/XCVS	-	3	1	2
PT	35	Approx 30	?	9
APA/APD/AKA	H.T.ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA KANIMBLA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA		
AS OF XAS	FULTON OTUS		1	2 or more
AD	DOBBIN DIXIE		1	1
AR	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS	1	1
AIRCRAFT (N.	E.Area Only)			
Fighters (in Light & M/Bo SE/Bombers Flying Boats Floatplanes Transport &		eng.)	268 287 46 60 21	

2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

E	CONCORD TRENTON		
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	3.	CENTRAL PACIFIC	MOST SECRET 22 September 1943
ALL	TED FORCES		ENEMY FORCES
BB	INDIANA		ISE ) One unit being HYUGA ) modernised.
	# CALIFORNIA # MISSISSIPPI	2	HIJOUR / MORELINGOUR
CV	ENTER PRISE		4. <b>-</b> (*)
	ESSEX Yorky own		
	LEXINGTON VICTORIOUS		
CV(L)	INDEPENDENCE BELLEAU WOOD PRINCETON		# HITAKA RYUHO (poss.enroute E.Indie
CV(T)	-		HOSHO
CV (E)	SUVANNEE		UNYO
	SANGAMON CHENANGO LONG ISLAND BAR NES		
	NEW ORLEANS		R ACBA
	PENSACOLA SALT LAKE CITY		R RUMANO
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	HONOLULU		¥ KINU ¥ YUBARI
	RICHMOND RALEIGH		# NATORI
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XAV/XCVS DD SS AS/XAS	Approx 35		3 30-35 (approx 12 repairing)
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	. 4.	NORTHERN PACIFIC	
	IDAHO NEW MEXICO TENNESSEE PENNSYLVANIA		-
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	t Pacific Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
BB	•	ø	
CV	-	# ILLUSTRIOUS	-
CA	-	SUFFOLK SUSSEX HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
CL	TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	MAUR TTIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAFETOWN DURBAN CARADOC EMERALD ADELA IDE	kuma OI KITAGAMI
CL (T)			KASHII
XCL	0 <del>-</del> 0	CANTON CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTER SHIRE	-
AV/CVS	CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROS S	KAMOI
XAV/XCVS	-	?	1
DD	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	11
	BILLFISH ) BLUEFISH ) BONEFISH ) BOWFIN ) On PUFFER ) TROUT ) TUNA )	Patrol	6
2	CISCO KINGFISH } At I K.12	Temantle	
AS or XAS	PELIAS	?	1
AIRCRAFT (	N.W.Area Only)		
Fighters (i) Light or M/ SE/Bombers Dying Boats Coatplanes Transport &	obsn. A/ C	o recent intelligence.	113 102 12 12 56 44
	P	resent disposition unc	ertain.

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		ied and Enemy Activity ied and Enemy Order of Battle
	No. 603	Date: 23 September 1943
		PART I.
A. SOUTH WESS	F PACIFIC AREA	
1. NORTHE	ASTERN AREA	
		ALLIED FORCES
	a) At Sea to 1200/23	
	IRIE" escorting Convo	odenough Island area. by NT.52 ("THOMAS CORWIN") en route Port
(3) "S	0.746" escorting "SPI one LST depar	WNSVILLE ETA 1500/24. RIGHTLY" towing one LST, "COUCAL" towing rted Milne Bay 1227/21 for Townsville
(4) <sup>4</sup> M) (5) <sup>4</sup> K/	LPUNDA" "WAGGA" escon Cairns, "CHAN from Milne Ba detach in Gra "KAPUNDA", to	Bay 1655/22 for Brisbane ETA a.m. 26/9 ting Convoy FT.26 ("BOSCHFONTEIN" for UES P. STEINMETZ" for Townsville) en route ay. "WAGGA" escorting "BOSCHFONTEIN" to afton Passage for Cairbs ETA 1300/23. escort "CHARLES P. STEINMETZ" to Townsville
(6) "KI	ETA 0110/24. JRUMBA" deperted Thur	sday Island 0126/22 for Townsville ETA
(7) "TI (8) "SI	ISQUEHANNA" departed	ths 1010/20 for Brisbane ETA 0900/24. Cairns 0725/22 for Townsville was due
(9) "M (10) "GI	0700/23. ERKUR" departed Towns EELONG" rendering ass Sandy Cape Sh	eville 1430/20 for Brisbane ETA 1730/23. Distance to "JOSEPH A. HOLMES" aground vicinity
(12) "YI (12) "KA	P.236" en route Thurs TOOMBA" "COLAC" "PC. PENNANT" "THE	aday Island to Port Moresby. 1119" escorting Convoy TN.157 ("ALCOA EDENS" "RESERVE" 7.14) from Fitzroy Island were due 1200/23.
(14) "SI	L.1121" en route Bust HIKELLANY" en route I	tard Head to Townsville. Bustad Head to Townsville. PRESIDENT GRANT" "KOTA AGOENG" from RV
	27°01'S 159°	6'E to Brisbane.
	(b) <u>In Harbour</u> :	Warman and dates it cannot be and dates b
	iorobe - Buna -	Warships & Aux "SHEPPARTON" (AMS) Warships & Aux "SC.698" "SC.699" "SC.703" "HILO" (PG) Merchant Vessels: "YOCHON" "THEOFANO LIVANOS" "ROBERT STUART" "WILL. H. POINT" "JAMES M. GOODHUE" "WWARTENHONDT"
c	1999 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 -	Warships & Aux "SC.731" "SC.732" "SC.743" YMS.72 Merchant Vessels: "TECUMSEH" "MANOERAN" "WEST CACTUS" "KARSIK" "THOMAS JEFFER- SON" "SEA SNIPE" "PENNANT" "ELIZABETH BLAGKWELL"

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	Kiriwina Goodenough Is: Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux "YMS.11" - Warships & Aux. Merchant Vessels: "JOHN S. SARGENT" "HOWELL COBS" - Warships & Aux "MUGFORD" "HENLEY" "MAHAN" "SNITH" "PERKINS" "FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "REID" "DRAYTON" "CONYNGHAM" (DD) "SANDS" "BROCKS" "HUMPHREYS" "GILMER" (APD) PC.479 SC.637 SC.648 SC.734 SC.736 SC.738 SC.742 SC.744 SC.745 SC.747 SC.748 SC.749 SC.750 SC.981 SC.982 YMS.49 YMS.50 YMS.51 YMS.70 YMS.71 Y.P.278 YP.280 ML.424 ML.427 33 PTs "POYANG" "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "BIGEL" (AR) "OTUS" (AS) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "VICTORIA"
•		( Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)
		Morchant Vessels: "FLOYD B. OLSEN" "MACTAN" "JOEL PALMER" "WILLIAM LUCKENBACH" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "CAPE CONSTANCE" "SAMUEL K. BARLEW" "NATEANIEL CURRIER" "JOHN W. MACKAY" "CHARON"
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	Thursday Island Cairns	<ul> <li>Warships &amp; Aux "LATROBE" (AMS)</li> <li>Warships &amp; Aux "SWAN" (DE) "GYMPIE" (AMS) YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.53 ML.428 ML.804 1 FT "PLATYPUS" (AR)</li> </ul>
	Palm Island	- Warships & Aux "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "BAGLEY" (DD)
	Townsville	- Warships & Aux "BUNBURY" "BOWEN" (AMS) YMS.335
	Mackay	- Warships & Aux "DOBBIN" (AD)
	Gladstone	- Warships & Aux "COPAHEE" (CV(E)) "LITHGOW" (AMS) SC.735
	Brisbane	<ul> <li>Warships &amp; Aux. • "NICHOLAS (DD) "ARARAT" "ECHUCA" (AMS) PC.476 PC.477 PC.1122 PC.1123 SC.650 SC.737 SC.741 YP.233 YP.283 YP.291 ML.818 ML.819 "H.T.ALLEN" (APA)"MANUNDA" (AH) "FULTON" (AS) "GOLDSTAR" (AG)</li> </ul>
	(Repairing,	"HALF MOON" (AVP) "ROCHAMBEAU" (AP) Trials etc.) "O'BANNON" (DD) "WARREGO" (DE) "WHYALLA" "GLADSTONE" (AMS)

(c) Proposed Movements:

 "NICHOLAS" escorting "ROCHAMBEAU" (for U.S.) to depart Caloundra 1630/23.
 "YP.283" to depart Brisbane 24/9 for Palm Island.

# (11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Guadalcanal -

(2) Arundel Is.

At 0308-0433/20, 6 Jap bombers attacked Carney Strip (Koli Pt. area; destroying 1 Liberator and damaging 6 grounded planes and some instal lations. There were no personnel casualties. Alerts were sounded twice again early a.m. 21 September. Cdr. 3rd Fleet reports 21 Sept. that enemy resistance on Arundel Is, has been broken and remaining pockets are being mopped up. During the night 19-20 Sept.

there was considerable barge activity between Vila and Arundel: out of six barges engaged by shore gunfire two were sunk. The same night Jap. artillery probably from S. Kolombangara heavily shelled cur positions on N. Arundel Island, probably as cover for the barge operations. (3) Kolombangara - At 0610/20 an enemy bomber was attacked off W. coast by a Corsair. The Corsair was lost but the pilot saved. At 1015/20 gun positions at Parapatu Point were (4) Vella Lavella - During the night 19/20 Sept. an enemy floatplane was shot down by our patrol craft operating off the east coast. On the N.W. coast a total of approx. 390 Japs are apparently concentrating in the Umeno area. (5) <u>Choiseul</u> - The eight barges together with a number of Japanese reported in Summary 601 at Long Island, off Austria Sound, Santa Ysabel, are now corrected to Long Island, 9 miles N.W. Sumbi Head, Choiseul. (6) Buin Area - At approx. 2230/22 a destroyer was sighted 25 miles W.S.W. of Buin course 60°. An hour later the destroyer was reported proceeding into Shortland Island. George's Channel Area - At 0230/23 a possible light cruiser was sighted 26 miles S.E. of Cape St. George on course 200°, probably en route to Buka-Bougainville area. (7) Buka-St. (8) Greenwich Island - At 1000/22 a five ship convey shown by photes to include one transport (9000 tens), 2 freighters (2500-4000 tons each) and two u/i vessels, 344 miles W. by N. of Greenwich Island course 330°, was reported by aircraft. (9) Witu Island - At 0130/23 aircraft reported one destroyer 9 miles East Garove Island course 500. (10) Cape Orford - At approx. 1030/21 a small sea truck and a 100 ton vessel were observed 15 miles N.E. Cape Orford course 90°. Between 0417-0630/21 Gasmata airfield was attacked by 14 (11) Gasmata -Beauforts and 3 Bostons. At 1600/22 Gasmata Island and the strip were attacked by 12 Eittyhawks. (12) Cape Gloucester - Between 0315-0730/22 21 Liberators and 12 Mitchells attacked Cape Gloucester airfield. (13) Wewak - A late report indicates that Wewak and Boram aerodromes were attacked at 1015/20 by 12 Liberators. 7 enemy fighters intercepted after the bombing run and two Zeros were destroyed. (14) Finschhafen Area - At approx. 0445/22 an allied amphibious force supported by air attacks and naval bombardment made a successful beach landing in the vicinity of Song River, miles N. of Finschhafen. On landing our troops captured newly prepared defence positions. An enemy party of approx. 300 located N. of the landing area retired. Our casualties were light. Between 0855-1030/22 targets in the area south of Finschhafen were attacked by at least 18 Mitchells and 7 Bostons. During the morning 22 Sept. our fighters including Lightnings and Kittyhawks, covering our landing craft and attacking bombers, encountered at least eight to ten enemy bombers and 30 Zercs in the Finschhafen area. Preliminary reports indicate that 7 enemy bombers and 18 fighters were destroyed; two Lightnings are missing. At 0500/22 enemy bombers dropped nine bombs near No. 1 (15) Nadzab strip without causing damage or casualties. (16) Lae Area - At 1755/21, three enemy bombers ineffectively dropped 12 bombs on the mouth of the Buse River. (17) Las-Salamaua Area - Land forces reported the following enemy dead to date: Salamaua Area 30 June-25 August 2227 26 Aug.-15 Sept. 1915 Lao Area 4-15 September 2240 counted to date Total 6382 (18) Marilinan - At 1115/21 two enemy bembers attacked Tsili Tsili strip

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One enemy fighter is reported damaged.

causing some damage and casualties. At 1130/21 eighteen enemy Righters bombers and 25 fighters were engaged by 8 Thunderbolts (19) Buna - Two waves of aircraft, the first consisting of three or four, and the second of two aircraft, bombed and strafed Buna 0351/22. Twelve personnel were killed and # 30 were wounded. Some damage was also done to shipping and installations (see Naval Incidents).

The attacking aircraft, which dropped twelve bombs, apparently came from the New Britain area, and at 0435/22 were 70 miles from Gasmata heading towards that point.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALL IED FORCES

# (a) At Sea to 1200/23:

- (1) "FREMANTLE" escorting "CARDROSS" departed Thursday Island 0243/21 for Darwin ETA 1330/25.
- (2) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorbing Convey DT.33 ("MATTHEW FLINDERS" "YARRA" departed Darwin 0430/22 for Thursday Island ETA 0200/26.
- (3) 9 submarines on patrol.

### (b) In Harbour:

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

#### (11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Tanahmerah At 1400/21 probable enemy reconnaissance plane was over Tanahmerah.
- (2) Aree Islands At 1250/21 Liberators proceeding to attack Langgeer observed 4 floatplanes either airborne or taking off from Taberfane. There was no interception.
- (3) <u>Kai Islands</u> Liberators attacking Langgoer 21 Sept. made a positive report of a landing strip at Decrea Island 8 miles N. of Langgeer, and also reported eight aircraft which had apparently taken off from that strip. At 1510/21 a possible submarine was sighted two miles north of Cape Dean, S. extremity of lesser Kai Is.
  (4a) <u>Ambon</u> - At 1135/22 the seaplane base at Halong was attacked by 12 Liberators. Interception was ineffectively attempted by 3 fighters and two floatplanes. In addition one flying beat and two floatplanes were seen near the shore. A total of 50 to 40 vessels including barges were observed in Ambon Bay including one or two destroyers or escort vessels, one large freighter, two other medium merchantmen and several small sea trucks.
  (5) <u>Timor</u> - Fullere and Cape Chater airfields were attacked approx. 1945/21 by one or two Hudsons repectively. Another Hudson attacked Wetar Island.

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### 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/23:

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL) "TJERK HIDDES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "DUBBO" (AMS) "ISABEL" (PY) "ATREUS" (CM) "WHIPPOORWILL" "LARK" (AR) "SC.739" "YP.288" "CHILDS" (AVD) "PELIAS" (AS) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "YP.286" "W.B.PRESTON" (AVD)

### (11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) <u>Cape Leeuwin Area</u> - An unidentified wessel made a "QQQQ" signal approx. 110 miles W.S.W. of Cape Leeuwin at 2330/22. At 2359/22, the same vessel cancelled the signal.

4. EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/23:

- "DELORAINE" towing "ML.817" departed Townsville 0100/21 for Sydney ETA 0600/25.
   "WILCAN NIA" "CASTLEMAINE" "ABRAMAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy
- PG.68 (5 MV) departed Galoundra 1608/21 for Newcastle
- (3) "GOULBURN" departed Brisbane 1835/22 for Melbourne ETA 0600/26.
- (4) "TAYLOR" departed Sydney 1405/22 for Noumea.
   (5) "WARRNAMBOOL" "ROCKHAMPTON" "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy CO.128
- (6) "MILDURA" "BROOME" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convey OC.127 (5 MV) en route Port Kembla ETA 2359/23 Sydney 0500/25 24 Newcastle 1300/22.
- (7) "WARRAMUNGA" "HELM" escorting Convey PV.1 ("RACHEL JACKSON" "SIMON BENSON" "ADONIRAM JUDSON") dep. Melbourne 0907/20 Sept. "WARRAMUNGA" "HELM" to provide escort to Lady Ellistt Island ETA 0100/26 and return Sydney.
- (8) "STAWELL" departed Sydney 1818/20 for Brisbane was due Caloundra 1200/23.

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" (APA) "ALGORAB" (AKA) Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "BUNDABERG" "MORESBY" "GLEMELG" "KALGOORLIE" (AMS) "BUNDAREE" Sydney (CM) "YANDRA" (A/S Vessel) (Repairing, Refitting) "HOBART" (CL) "CONWAY WILSON" "LE TEIOMPHANT" (DD) "DIXIE" (AD) "BALLARD" (AVD) "KANIMELA" (APA) - Warships & Aux, - "ARUMTA" "STUART% (DD) (On Reserve) Melbourne "DOOMEA" (A/S Vessel) "NIZAM" (DD) "EALLARAT" (AMS) (Refitting)

INDIAN OCEAN AREA

### ALL IED FORCES

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At Sea to 1200/22:

(1) "ADELAIDE" escorting "SAM BRIDGE" (for Trincomalee) departed Fremantle 1000/19. To RV with "CANTON" (AMG) position 20°15'S 92°E 25 Sept. "ADELAIDE" to return thence to Fremantle.

C. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

### ENEMY FORCES

(1) Nauru . The aerodrome and phosphate plant were attacked 0450-0515/ 19 Sept. by 14 Liberators.

### NAVAL INCIDENTS

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In the air raid on Buna during early morning 22/9 "TEEOFANO LIVANOS" (4815 tons) received some damage forward. (1) Buna -A launch and one landing craft (LCV) were also destroyed.

The wharf was hit but sustained superficial damage only.

### ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

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 Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
 Air and Naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
 Increased use of barges in addition to submarines for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons, with possible destroyer transportation missions.
 Offensive submarine a ctivity particularly in the South and South West Pacific areas.

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5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

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# GENERAL HEADOUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

# DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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

No. 604

Date: 24 September 1943

# PART I.

# A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH-EASTERN AREA

### (1) ALL TED FORCES

### (a) At Sea to 1200/24:

- (1) "SC.731" escorting "KARSIK" departed Oro Bay 1100/23 for Milne Bay. (2) "SC.748" escorting "Y.14" from vicinity Milne Bay to Buna ETA
- (3) "SC.982" "PC.479" escorting "CHARON" dep. Milne Bay 1303/23 for
- Port Moresby were due 1000/24
- (4) "SC.732" "SC.745" escorting "TECUMSER" dep. Oro Bay 1445/23. Were to provide escort to East Cape and were due 0600/24. "TECUMSEH" to proceed Townsville ETA 0600/27.
- (5) "EENALLA" surveying Goodenough Island area.
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  (6) "PIRIE" escorting Convoy NT.52 ("THOMAS CORWIN") en route Fort Moresby to Townsville ETA 1500/24.
  (7) "SC.746" escorting "SPRIGHTLY" towing one LST, "COUCAL" towing one LST, dep. Milne Bay 1227/21 for Townsville ETA 2100/24.
  (8) "MIZAR" dep. Milne Bay 1655/22 for Brisbane ETA a.m. 26 Sept.
  (9) "KATOOMBA" "COLAC" escorting Convoy FT.27 ("ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "FLOYD B.OLSEN") dep. Milne Bay 1400/23 for
- Town sville ETA 2300/26.
- (10) "KURUMBA" dop. Thursday Island 0126/22 for Townsville ETA p.m. 24
- (10) KONOMER GOP. IMPSULY ISLAND OLSOPES for ICANSVILLO MAR PER September.
   (11) "TRINITY" dep. Cairns 1010/20 for Brisbane was due 0900/24.
   (12) "LITHGOW" "SC.735" escorting Convoy LQ.14 (5 MV) en route from Gladstone to Lady Elliott Island, where "GEELONG" takes over from "LITHBOW". "LITHBOW" to proceed to render assistance to "JOSEPH A.HOLMES" aground vicinity Sandy Cape Shoal. "PC.1122" dep. Caloundra 1131/23 for Lady Elliott Island to provide additional escort for Convoy
- LQ.14.
  (13) "YP.236" on route Thursday Is. to Port Moresby ETA 1200/25.
  (14) "SWAN" "BOWEN" "GYMPIE" "KAPUNDA" "YMS.335" escorting Convoy TN.158
   (Portion (a) "CAMEERRA" "WICHITA FALLS"; Portion (b) "Y.15" "JAMES J.KELLY" "JAMES B.MACPHERSON" "NORLAGO".
   "MACUS DALY" "SIBIGO" "S.HALL YOUNG" "JOHN H.ROSSITER"
   "JULIEN DUBUQUE" "LYMAN J.GAGE") to position 11°18'S
   14004015 There converted wild a position (a) proceeding 148048'E where convoy splits, portion (a) proceeding (15) "DOBBIN" was to depart Mackay 1000/24 for Townsville ETA Cape

- (15) DOBBIN Was to depart matchay 1000/24 for foundsville ETA 0500/26.
  (16) "GLADSTONE" dep. Calcundra 2005/23 for Townsville ETA 0500/26.
  (17) YP.283" departs Brisbane 24 Sept. for Palm Island.
  (18) "NICHOLAS" escorting "ROCHAMBEAU" (for San Francisco) dep. Calcundre. 1602/23. "NICHOLAS" is to part company at 2000/24 and proceed Noumea ETA 0700/26.
- (19) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Herbour:

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Buna -	Warships & Aux "SHEPPARTON" (AMS) Warships & Aux "SC.745" "YMS.51" "HILO" (PG) Merchant Vessels: "THEOFANG LIVANOS" "ROBERT STUART "WILL.H.POINF" "JAMES N.GOODHUE" "SWARTENHONDT"
	Warships & Aux "YMS.72" Merchant Vessels: "MAN OERAN" "WEST CACTUS" "THOMAS JEFFERSON" "SEA SNIPE" "PENNANT" "ELIZABETH BLACKWELL"
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	(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.) Merchant Vessels: "HACTAN" "JOEL PALMER" "WILLIAM LUCKENBACH" "ALCOA PENNANT" "THEDENS" "CAPE CONSTANCE" "SAMUEL K.BARLOW" "NAT HAN IEL CURRIER" "JOHN W.MACKAY" "WEST CACTUS" "YOCHOW"
	Warships & Aux "TULSA" (PG) "ML.425" Merchant Vessels: "CLARENCE KING" "EDNA" "BARBARA" "MURADA" "FREMONT OLDER" "RIVER CLARENCE" "WILLIAM B.ALLISCN" "ERITISH PRINCESS" "VAN HEUTSZ" "STEPHEN CRANE"
Cairns -	Warships & Aux "LATROBE" (AMS) Warships & Aux "KAPUNDA" (AMS) YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.53 ML.428 ML.804 1 FF "PLATYPUS" (AR)
Palm Island - Townsville -	Warships & Aux "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "BAGLEY" (DD) Warships & Aux "BUNBURY" (AMS) "PC.1121 "SUSQUEHANNA" "SHIKELLAMY" (AO)
Brisbane -	Warships & Aux "COPAHEE" (GV(E) Warships & Aux "VENDETTA" (DD) "ARARAT" "DELORAINE" "ECHUCA" (AMS) PC.476 PC.477 PC.1123 SC.650 SC.737 SC.741 YP.233 YP.291 ML.429 ML.816 ML.817 ML.818 ME.819 "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "MANUNDA" (AH) "FULTON" (AS) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "MERKUR" (AF) "HALF MOON" (AVP)
(Repairing, Tr	ials stc.) - "O'BANNON" (DD) "WARREGO" (DE) "STAWELL" "WHYALLA" (AMS)

### (c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "ARARAT" "PC.476" "SC.737" "SC.741" escorting Convoy QL.15 (5 MV) to depart Calcundra 1600/25. On a rrival Bustard Head convoy to disperse; "SC.737" to proceed Tomsville. "ARARAT" "PC.476" "SC.741" to proceed Gladstone.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

 Guadalcanal - Between 0351 and 0400/21, 12-16 enemy bombers raided Guadalcanal airfields destroying one Corsair and damaging 5 other planes. There were a few casualties.
 Munda - During the night 19-20 Sept. enemy aircraft dropped 4 bombs near the airfield. Three Corsairs intercepted and shot down one bomber. No damage or casualties were suffered. Again early a.m. 21 Sept. enemy planes were over and dropped bombs in the Lambeti area causing only minor damage and no casualties. (3) Vella Lavella - Enemy planes ineffectually bombed the strip area at Barakoma at 0235-0330/20.

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- (4) Choiseul Barge activity continues on S.W. coast of Choiseul and our counter air offensive has been maintained. At 1710/20, 8 barges off the coast were attacked by 8 Corsairs: 3 were burned and the rest damaged. At 0915/21, another barge in the same area was set on fire by 6 Corsairs which also left burning a small freighter in Choiseul Bay.
- (5) Buin At 1630/21, Kahili airfield was strafed in a surprise attack by 4 low flying Corsairs with 24 fighters covering. 6 to 8 Zeros on the strip were believed destroyed or damaged. At 0920/23, 1 large, 1 medium and 2 small car go ships were observed by aircraft in Tonolei Harbour and at 1500/23, 2 small cargo vessels were sighted 20 miles W.S.W. of Buin.
- (6) Buke At 1105/21, Buke Passage airfield was raided by 23 Liberators unescorted. 15-18 enemy fighters intercepted and 2 were shot down.

At 0930/23, 5 small craft or barges were observed in Buka Passage.

(7) Buke/Bougainville-Rabaul - At 1030/23 a destroyer was observed 42 miles W. by N. of Buka Passage on course 300°. This could be the unit seen late p.m. 22 Sept. in the Buin area returning to Rabal.

At 2200/23 aircraft made contact with 3 small vessels 19 miles W. of N. Buke Is.

(8) <u>Mandates-Bismarcks</u> - A delayed report states that at 1000/20 a small cargo vessel 330 miles MNE of Kavieng was attacked by aircraft and left burning and sinking. At 1930/21, a U.S. submarine sighted an 8 ship convoy

described as 6 merchantmen and 2 escort vessels on a S.E. course 250 miles N. of Aitape (New Guinea). This could be the same convoy as that reported by aircraft 0900/23 110 miles M.W. of Mussau Island course 80° and shown by photos to include 2 escort vessels, 5 freighters (4-6000 tons) and 1 small seatruck, probably bound for Rabaul from Palau.

At 1051/23, a single destroyer was reported by aircraft E2 miles ENE of Mussau Island on course 150°. At 1430/23, a heavy cruiser and 1 destroyer were observed 190 miles W. of Kapingamarangi on course 180° speed 20 knots probably bound for Rabaul from Truk.

(9) Wide Bay Area - At C950/23, a surfaced submarine was unsuccess-fully attacked by aircraft 57 miles S.E. of Cape Orford on course 230°,

At 1620/23, a southbound submarine was sighted off Cape Orford.

The continuance of these regular reports indicates maintained transportation missions probably for South coast Now Britain further west than Gasmata.

- (10) Cape Hoskins At 0400-0420/23 the Hoskins airfield was attacked by 4 Beaurorts.
- (11) Gasmata At 0645/23 Gasmata Island was attacked by 12 Kittyhawks. (12) Lorengau Photos of the new girfield at Los Negros 0726/23 show 12 revetments under construction although serviceability of the runway is doubtful.

Photos of the existing Loregau airfield show no aircraft and the runway rough but probably serviceable.

(13) Finschhafen - Further details of the aerial combats between enemy M/B, D/B and all types of land-based fighters and our fighters including 60 Lightnings, 29 Thunderbolts, 16 Kitty-hawks covering cur landing forces and also attacking bombers between 0925 and 1300/22 are now to hand. 39 enemy planes including 10 M/E, 1 L/B, 5 D/B, 23 fighters were destroyed plus 4 fighters probably: 3 of our Lightnings are missing. Apparently some enemy aircraft got through the fighter protection as the beach-head at Song River was attacked at 0950 and again at 1250/22.

Subsequent to the landing our troops occupied Bonga (3 miles N. of Song River) without opposition. Other elements moved south from the beach-head and encountered some opposition. 20 Japs were killed. By 1715/22 our forward elements had reached a point within 700 yards of the Finsch-hafen aerodrome. Finschhafen is being shelled by our 25

pounders.

- (14) Markham Valley Between 0900 and D930/23 tracks leading from Markham Valley to Ramu Valley were bombed and strafed by 12 Mitchells.
- (15) Lae Area A party of Japanese described as large was reported in the jungle country 12 miles NNW of Lae moving N.W.
   (16) Woodlark Is. Area A possible enemy reconnaissance plane was
- over the Woodlark Island area at 0700-1015/22.
- (17) Solomon Sea-Submarine Activity: There were indications 23 Sept. of probably 4 enemy submarines operating in the area D'Entrecasteaux Trobriands New Georgia.

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2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

## (a) At Sea to 1200/24:

- (1) "FREMANTLE" escorting "CARDROSS" dep. Thursday Is. 0243/21
- (2) "COOTAMUNERA" escorting Convoy DT.33 ("MATTHEW FLINDERS" "YARRA") dep. Darwin 0430/22 for Thursday Island ETA 0200/26.
- (3) 8 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

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

#### (11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Maccluer Gulf During the night 22 September 6 barges were seen near Sekar Bay (S.coast near entrance) and some more
- around the Kokas jetty. (2) <u>Kai Islands</u> Photos 21 Sept. of Doeroa Is. (3 miles N.W. Doela) show that a strip has been cleared for 5,400 x 350 feet. Five motor transport are apparently at work. At Doela the runway is serviceable for 4150 x 350 feet. 3 serviceable Zeros are what visible in inserts.
- (3) Ambon Area Photographs 22 Sept. show a new strip at Pelauw (N. ccast Har oekoe Is. off E. coast Ambon Is.). 4500 x 200 ft. have been cleared, grading is in progress and the runway is nearing completion but not yet serviceable.

Photographs of Ambon to 22 Sept. show a 10,000 ton tanker, 1 x 6000 ton freighter, 13 small freighters probably sea-trucks varying 500 to 2500 tons, 3 unidentified type ships, 10 praus or barges.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

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(a) At Sea to 1200/24:

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL) "TJERE HIDDES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "DUBBO" (AMS) "ISABHL" (PY) "ATREUS" (CM) "WHIPPOORWILL" "LARK" (AR) "SC.739" "YP.288" "CHILDS" (AVD) "PELIAS" (AS) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "YP.286" "W.B.PRESTON" (AVD)

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

#### (1) ALL TED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/24:

(1) "WILCANNIA" "CASTLEMAINE" "ABRAHAM CRI JNSSEN" escorting Convoy PG.68 (5 MV) dep. Caloundra 1608/21 were due Sydney 0700/24.

- (2) "GOULBURN" dep. Brisbane 1835/22 for Melbourne ETA 0600/26. (3) "WARRNAMBOOL" "ROCKHAMPTON" "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy CO.128 (3 MV).
- (3 MV).
   (4) "BROOME" escorting Convoy OC.127 was due Newcastle a.m. 24 Sept.
   (5) "WARRAMUNGA" "HELM" escorting Convoy FV.1 ("RACHEL JACKSON" "SIMON BENSON" "ADONIRAM JUDSON") dep. Melbourne 0907/20 "WARRAMUNGA" "HELM" to provide escort to Lady Elliott Is. ETA 0100/26 and return Sydney.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "MAN OORA" "WESTRALIA" (APA) "ALGORAB" (AKA) Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "BUNDABERG" "MOR ESBY" "GLENELG" "KALGOORLIE" (AMS) "BUNGAREE" (CM) "YANDRA" (A/S Vessel) (Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "CONWAY" "WILSON" "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD) "DIXTE" (AD) "BALLARD" (AVD) - "KAN IMBIA" (APA) (On Reserve) - Warships & Aux. - "ARUNTA" "STUART" (DD)" Melbourne "DOOMBA" (A/S Vessel) - "NIZAM" (DD) "BALLARAT" (AMS) (Refitting)

B. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

#### ALLIED FORCES

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#### At Sea to 1200/24:

(1) "ADELAIDE" escorting "SAM BRIDGE" (for Trincomalee) departed Fremantle 1000/19. To RV with "CANTON" (AMC) position 20 15'S 92°E 25 Sept. "ADELA DE" to return thence to Fremantle.

## NAVAL INCIDENTS

#### NIL.

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#### ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
   Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in
- Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- Increased use of barges in addition to submarines for (3) night transportation runs to forward positions in
- Solomons with possible destroyer transportation missions. Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South (4) and South West Pacific areas.

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# DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	(Southwest Facific) (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
BB	•	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS NORTH CAROLINA MARYLAND COLORADO WEST VIRGINIA		YANATO MUSASHI NAGATO)Pess. MUTSU )Empire KONGO HAR UNA FUSO YAMASHIRO
CV		SARATOGA	•	zuikaku Shokaku
CV(L)	•	•	•	ZUIHO HAYATAKA
CV(E)	COPAHEE	ALTAMAHA PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON		CHUYO) Poss.en OTAKA)route Empire
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	•	CHOKAI SUZUYA	ATAGO TAKAO MAYA MYCKO HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI
	* HOBART	LEANDER COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONT PELL IER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO NAGARA SENDAI	NOSHIRO OYODO NAKA ISUZU
CL(T)	-	•	-	KASHTMA KATOR I
NGL DD	AR UNTA WARRA MUNGA	-	•	1
	STUART VENDETTA NIZAM BAGLEY MELM HENLEY MUGFORD CONYNGHAM DRAYTON FLUSSER LAMSON MAHAN PERKINS REID SMITH LE TRIOMPHANT NICHOLAS O'BANMON	Approx 40	10	25

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	hwest Pacific tern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
53	ALBACORE ) DRUM ) GROUPER ) GUARDFISH ) OF GATO ) PETO ) SCAMP ) STINGRAY )	Patrol	20	20
(H		)n Passage		
	BALAO BROWLER BASHER SILVERSIDES 5.31	At Erisbane		
	E.9 At Jervis	Bay (working u	up)	
AV/CVS	HERON SAN PABLO EALF MOON BALLARD	WRIGHT	-	Not or o
XAV/XCVS		3	1	2
PT	35	Approx 30	?	?
APA/APD/ARA	H.T.AILEN MANOORA WESTRALIA * KANIMBLA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS EROOKS	10 APA 11 AFD 6 AKA		
ASOr XAS	FULTON OFUS		1	2 or more
<u>ND</u>	DOBBIN # DIXIE	Q	1	1
	RIGEI. PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS	1	1
AIRCRAFT (N.)	E. Area Ohly)			
Fighters (inc Light and M/I SE/Bombers Flying Boats Floatplanes Transport & (		223 266 31 6 59 21		

## 2. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

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ALLIED FORC	Ciae	ENTRAL PACIFIC	MOST SECRET 24 September 1943 ENEMY FORCES
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BB	INDIANA CALIFORNIA MISSISSIPPI		ISE ) One unit being HYUGA ) modernised.
GV	ENTERPRISE ESSEX Yorktown Lexington VICTORIOUS		-
CV(L)	INDEPENDENCE BELLEAU WOOD PRINCETON		RYUHO (Poss. en route E. Indies)
CV (T)	-		HOSHO
CV (E)	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO LONG ISLAND BARNES		UNYO
	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA SALT LAKE CITY MINNEAPOLIS ST. LOUIS		RUMANO
OCA	-		6
CL	MOBILE HONOLULU NASHVILE RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT		TATSUTA * KINU * YUBARI * NATORI
XCL	-		5
AV/CVS	3		* CHIYODA (Under conversion * CHITOSE to ACVs)
XAV/XCVS DD SS AB/XAS	Approx 35 Approx 50 ?		3 30-35 (approx. 12 repairing Approx 30 3 or more
	4. NO	RTHERN PACIFIC	
BB	IDAHO NEW MEXICO		-
	TENNESSEE PENNSYLVANIA		
GA	WICHITA LOUISVILLE SAM FRANCISCO PORTLAND INDIANAPOLIS		NACHI
CI.	SANTA FE		TAMO
Mart		-	KISO Abukuma
CI.			3
AV/CVS	•		AKITSUSHIMA
XAV/XCVS	22		4
ABXNAS SS	20		Approx 4
	# Non	-effective	

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ALLIED FORCES

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

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ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific (Western Section)		Eastern Fleet Area	West Indies-Philippines
BB	•	ø	-
ov	-	# ILLUSTRIOUS	
CA	-	SUFFOLK SUSSEX HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
CL	TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC EMERALD ADELAIDE	KUMA OI KITAGAMI
CL (T)	•	•	KASHII
KCL	•	CANTON CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANFURA WORCESTERSHIRE	
AV/CVS	CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI
ZAV/XCVS	-	?	1
DD	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	11
55	BILLFISH BLUEFISH BONEFISH ) On BOWFIN CISCO POMPON PUFFER TUNA )	Patrol	
	KINGFISH K.12	At Fremantle	
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	GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA	
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DAI	LY NAVAL SUMMARY	
Part	I: Allied and Enemy Activity	
Part	II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle	
No. 605	Date: 25 September 1943	· .
	PART I.	

## (1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/25:

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(1	) "BENALLA"	surveying	Goodenough	Island	area.

- "MIZAR" dep. Milne Bay 1655/22 for Brisbane ETA a.m. 26 September.
   "KATOOMBA" "COLAC" escorting Convoy FT.27 ("ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "VAN SPILEERGEN" "FLOYD B.OLSEN") dep. Milne Bay 1400/23 for
- (4) "PC.1119" "SC.738" escorting Convoy FT.28 ("JOEL PALMER" "YOCHOW" "WEST CACTUS") departed Milne Bay 1330/24 for Townsville
- ETA 1500/27.
  (5) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting Convoy DT.33 ("MATTHEW FLINDERS" "YARRA") dep. Darwin 0430/22 for Thursday Island ETA 0200/26.
  (6) "GEELONG" "PC.1122" "SC.735" escorting Convoy LQ.14 (4 MV) from Lady Elliott Island to Brisbane.
  (7) "LITHGON" rendering assistance to "JOSEPH A.HOLMES" aground vicinity Sardy Case Shoel.

- (7) "LITHGON" rendering assistance to "JOSEPH A. HOLLAR C. C. C. Sandy Cape Shoal.
  (8) "SWAN" "BOWEN" "GYMPIE" "KAPUNDA" "YMS.335" "ML.804" escerting Convoy TN.158 (Portion (a) "CAN BERRA" "WICHITA FALLS": Portion (b) "Y.15" "JAMES J.KELLY" "JAMES B.MAC PHERSON" "NORLAGO" "MACUS DALY" "SIBIGO" "S. HALL YOUNG" "JOHN H. ROSSITER" "JULIEN DUBUQUE" "LYMAN J.GAGE") to position 11°18'S 148°48'E where convoy splits. "SWAN" "ML.804" escorting Portion (a) to Port Moresby; "BOWEN" "GYMPIE" "KAPUNDA" "YMS.335" escorting Portion (b) to Milne Bay.

(9) "DOBBIN" dep. Mackay 0845/24 for Townsville was due 0600/25.
(10) "GLADSTONE" dep. Calcundra 2005/23 for Townsville ETA 0500/26.
(11) "WARRAMUNGA" "HELM" escorting Convoy PV.1 ("RACHEL JACKSON" "SIMON BENSON" "ADONIRAM JUDSON") dep. Melbourne 0907/20. "WARRAMUNGA" "HELM" to provide escort to Lady Elliott Is.

ETA 0100/26 and return Sydney.

(12) 9 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Morobe Buna	- Warships & Aux "SHEPPARTON" (AMS) - Warships & Aux "SC.745" "SC.748" "YMS.512"HILO" (PG) Merchant Vessels: "THEOFANO LIVANOS" "ROBERT STUART"
Oro Bay	"WILL.H. POINT" "JAMES M.GOODHUE" "SWARTENHONDT" - Warships & Aux "YMS.72" Merchant Vessels: "MANOERAN" "WEST CACTUS" "THOMAS JEFFERSON" "SEA SNIPE" "PENNANT" "ELIZABETH BLACKWELL"
	- Warships & Aux "YMS.11" s Warships & Aux. Merchant Vessels: "JOHN S.SARGENT" "HOWELL COBB"

Mine Bay

- Warships & Aux. - "MUGFORD" "HENLEY" "MAHAN" "SMITH" "PERKINS" "FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "REID" "DRAYTON" "CONYNGHAM" (DD) "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" "GILMER" (AFD) SC.637 SC.648 SC.698 SC.699 SC.703 SC.731 SC.732 SC.734 SC.736 SC.742 SC.743 SC.744 SC.747 SC.749 SC.750 SC.981 YMS.49 YMS.50 YMS.70 YMS.71 YP.278 YP.280 ML.424 ML.427 33 PTs "POYANG" "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "RICEL" (AR) "DTUS" (AS) "SAN RABLO" (AVP) "VICTORIA" "BISHOPDALE" (AO)

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

Merchant Vessels: "MACTAN" "WILLIAN LUCKENBACH" "ALCOA PENNANT" "THEDENS" "CAPE CONSTANCE" "SAMUEL K.BARLOW" "NATHANIEL CURRIER" "JOHN W.MACKAY" "KARSIK" Port Moresby - Werships & Aux. -"TULSA" (PG) "PC.479" "SC.982" "YP.236" "ML.425" Merchant Vessels: "CLARENCE KING" "EDNA" "BARBARA" "HURADA" "FREMONT OLDER" "RIVER CLARENCE" "WILLIAM B.ALLISON" "BRITISH PRINCESS" "VAN HEUTSZ" "STERHEN CRANE" "CHAROR" - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" (AMS) Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux, - "KAPUNDA" (AMS) "YMS.8 YMS.46 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "AFGNDA" (AMS) 'IMS.8 INS.40 YMS.47 YNS.48 YMS.53 ML.425 1 PT "PLATYPUS" (AR) - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "EAGLEY" (DD) - Warships & Aux. - "COPAHEE" (CV(E) "EUNEURY" (AMS) "PIRIE" (AMS) "SC.746" "PC.1121" "KURUMBA" Palm Island Town sville "SUSQUEHANNA" "SHIKELLAMY" (AO) - Warships & Aux. - Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA" (DD) "ARARAT" "ECEUCA" (AMS) PC.476 PC.477 PC.1123 SC.650 SC.737 SC.741 YF.233 YF.283 YF.291 ML.429 "W F. ALLEN" (APA) Gladstone Brisbane SC.737 SC.741 YP.233 ML.816 ML.818 ML.819

ML.816 ML.818 ML.819 "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "MAN UNDA" (AN) "FULTON" (AS) "TRINITY" (AO) "COLDSTAR" (AG) "MERKUR" (AF) "HALF MOON" (AVP) (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "O'BANNON" (DD) "WARREGO" (DE) "STAWELL" "WHYALLA" (AMS)

(v) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "SC.743" "SC.747" escorting "MAIWARA" to depart Milne Bay 0100/26 for Goodenough Island.
- (2) "O'BANNON" to depart Caloundra 2359/25 for Noumes ETA 1700/27.
- (3) "YP.283" to depart Caloundra 1830/25 for Palm Island EFA 1500/29.

### (11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) San Cristobal A submarine was sighted by aircraft 140 miles S.S.E. of San Cristobal at 0830/24.
- (2) Arundel Prisoners state that one entire regiment had been in action on Arundel Island and that heavy casualties had been sustained.
- (3) <u>Kolombangara</u> Prisoners taken on Arundel Island state that supplies for Vila were being transported by floatplanes and submarines. It is recalled that during the night 17-18 Sept. 4 enemy planes were seen to drop parachutes over Vila: prisoners state that A/A ammunition was being dropped.
  - (4) Vella Lavella Allied patrols were landed 21 Sept. at Paraso (on N.coast) and at Mundi Mundi (on N.W.ceast) and later reported contact with enemy. Reinforcements were landed next day. It is recalled that local sources reported recently 386 Japs either at or moving to Umomo on N.W.ceast.
  - 386 Japs either at or moving to Umomo on N.W.coast. (5) <u>Choiseul</u> - At 0210/25, two enemy barges off Cape Alexander (N. extremity) were strafed and forced ashore by aircraft. On 24 Sept., 5 or 6 barges were observed in a bay south of Kakasa (central S.W.coast).

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(6) Buin Bass - In addition to the 4 cargo ships sighted in Tonolel Harbour at 0930/23, a reported in Summary No.604, 1 probable light cruiser and 4 probable destroyers were observed off Buin, Photos a.m. 24 Sept. show:-Shipping - 2 small cargo vessels, 22 barges & small craft Jakohina - 10 small oraft Ballale Shortlands - 15 barges and small craft Visual reports at this time indicated in addition 1 large, 3 medium cargo vessels and 2 auxiliaries in Tonolei Harbour. Aircraft: 46 F, 1 M/B, 1 D/B 15 F Kahili . Kara . 7 1 Ballale -14 F/P Faisi -Therekenidtenak At 0125/25, a destroyer was sighted by aircraft 16 miles WMW of Faisi course 20°. The post tion and course could indicate either that the unit was returning to Buin from the south or returning to Rabaul from Buin. The significant points in these photos are -(1) that this is the first occasion on which aircraft have been seen on the new Kara field; and, (11) fighter and floatplane strength remains more or less static but bomber strength is negligible. Bomber concentration seems to be maintained at Buka and further in the rear. (7) Kieta - Cn 24 Sept. 2 and cargo vessels and one small craft were observed at Kieta. (8) Buka Area - The three vessels contacted 19 miles west of nor thern Buka Is. at 2200/23 were later described as 3 medium freighters. Bombs were dropped but without success. Photos a.m. 24 Sept. show one medium cargo vessel, 11 barges and small craft in Buka Passage area. On Buka Passage airfield, 9 fighters, 7 medium and 13 dive bombers are visible. The strength is relatively unchanged since the last detailed photos on 12 Sept. X (9) Mandates-Bismarcks - At 0950/24 aircraft reported a substantial convoy, described as:-E destroyers 1 auxiliary aircraft carrier 2 merchant vessels 1 auxiliary 10 ships on course 190° prob. bound for Rabaul. The presence of an auxiliary aircraft carrier in a merchant ship convoy suggests that the vessel may be of the "AKITSU MARU" class, a landing craft tender or carrier. (10) Mussau Is, Area - At 1308/24 a sea-truck (larger type) was bombed by a Liberator off Emanamus Is. A near miss was scored and the vessel reported settling. A clearing for a possible landing strip was also observed on Emanants Is. (11) Rabaul - Further study of photos 20 Sept. shows that the new Keravat Strip is apparently serviceable but not yet op rational. X (12) Bogia Herbour - Further interpretation of photos 20 Sept. suggests some of the gun positions may have been dismantled. No new construction is noticeable and a jetty has been removed. (13) Finschhafen Area - In the southward advance from the beachhead, our troops have passed the Finschhafen aerodrome and had reached Subsequently a crossing was effected the Bumi River by 0800/23. in faces of strong opposition. Natives report enemy positions on S. shore of Langemak Bay. At 1750/23 the beach south of Bong River was ineffectually raided by enemy aircraft. At noon 24 Sept. 9 enemy bombers and 25-30 fighters were intercepted over Finschhafen by 15 Lightnings. One enemy fighter was destroyed and another probably: 2 Lightnings are missing.

(14) Hanisch Harbour Area - Enemy forces were contacted at 1335/23 10 miles east of Wideru (approx 6 miles east of Hopoi near W.bank of Busa River mouth) but by 1400/23 our troops had advanced 450 yards to S.E.

(15) Upper Markham Valley - Enemy were contacted 22-23 Sept. by our forward troops at the Umi River crossing approx 6 miles WNW of Kaiapit.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

## (1) ALLIED FORCES

## (a) At Sea to 1200/25:

- (1) "FREMANTLE" escorting "CARDROSS" dep. Thursday Is. 0245/21 for Darwin ETA 1330/25.
- (2) 8 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

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

#### (11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) <u>Sorong</u> At approx 1035/24, 2 small freighters and a few small craft and barges were observed in the Sorong area. Some bombs were dropped on the Sorong waterfront by one of three Liberators over the area.
- (2) Manokwari At 1132/24 a small freighter was sighted at Manokwari. The buildings and barracks area were bombed by 3 Liberators on armed reconnaissance.
- (3) Ambon Area Photos 22 Sept, show a cleared strip at Liang on N.E. Extremity Ambon Is. 4500 ft, have been surfaced and the strip is probably serviceable. This indicates two new airfields in the area - at Liang and at Pelauw - in addition to the existing fields at Laha on Ambon and Namlea on Boerce Island and the seaplane base at Halong.
- (4) Arafura Sea A probable enemy recce plane was located 17 miles N.N.W. Cape Wessel at 1412/24.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

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## (a) At Sea to 1200/25:

(1) "CHILDS" dep. Fremantle 0950/24 for Exmouth Gulf ETA a.m. 26 Sept = (2) "YP.288" dep. Fremantle 1120/24 for Exmouth Gulf ETA 28 Sept.

#### (b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux, # "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL) "FJERK HIDDES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "DUBBO" (AMS) "ISABEL" (PY) "ATREUS" (CM) "WHIPPOORWILL" Fremantle "LARK" (AR) "SC. 739" "EHXENSXXXXXN) "PELIAS" (AS "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) • Warships & Aux. - "YP.286" "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)

Exmouth Gulf

"SHROPSHIRE" arrived Fremantle 0625/24.

## (c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "SHROPSHIRE" to depart Fremantle 0630/27 for Sydney ETA 2 October.

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN A REA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/25:

(1) "GOULBURN" dep. Brisbane 1835/22 for Melbourne ETA 0600/26. (2) "DELORAINE" towing "ML.817" departed Caloundra 1511/24 for

- (2) "BUNDABERG" "BROOME" escorting Newcastle Section Convoy CO.129
   (3) "BUNDABERG" "BROOME" escorting Newcastle 0700/25. "MILDURA" "TOWN SVILLE" were to depart Newcastle 0700/25. "MILDURA" "TOWN SVILLE" escorting Sydney Section to depart Sydney p.m. 25 Sept. to RV with Newcastle Section off Sydney. "BROOME" to detach and proceed Sydney.
- (4) "TROMP" escorting "NIEUW AMSTERDAM" departed Fremantle 0615/22 ETA Port Phillip 1030/26.
- (5) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC.128 departed Port Phillip 2330/24 to RV Wilson's Promon tory areawith "WARRNAMBOOL" "ROCKHAMPTON" "BENDING" escorting Convoy CO.128 (3 MV). ETA Convoy OC.128 Port Kembla 0100/28, Sydney 0900/28, Newcastle 1500/28.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "MA NOORA" "WESTRALIA" (APA) "ALGORAB" (AKA) Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "MORESBY" "GLENELG" "CASTLEMAINE" "ECHUCA" "MALGOORLIE" (AMS) "BUNGAREE" (CM) "WILCANNIA" "YANDRA" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" (A/S Vessels) (Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "CONWAY" "WILSON" "LE TRICMPHANT" (DD) "DIXIE" (AD) "BALLA RD" (AVD) (On Reserve) - "KANIMBIA" (APA) Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "ARUNTA" "STUART" (DD) (Refitting) - "NIZAM" (DD) "BALLARAT" (AMS)

B. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

#### ALL TED FORCES

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## At Sea to 1200/25:

(1) "ADELAIDE" escorting "SAM BRIDGE" (for Trincomalee) departed Fremantle 1000/19. To RV with "CANFON" (AMC) position 20°15'S 92°E 25 Sept. "ADELAIDE" to return thence to Fremantle.

C. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

#### ENEMY FORCES

<u>Nauru</u> - Photos 18 Sept. show that both landing strips which are along the southern shores of the island are in operation, 10 fighters, 3 dive bombers and 2 medium are visible on the ground and another fighter airborne. There are apparently greatly increased defences, mainly around the south and southwest beaches but also at points around the whole coast-line, including trenches, whicle traps, barbed wire, gun positions and pillboxes.

#### NAVAL INCIDENTS

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## ENEMY'S PRO BABLE NEXT MOVE

- Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
   Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in
- Solomons and New Guinea areas. Increased use of barges in addition to submarines for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons with possible destroyer transportation (3) missions.
- (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific areas.

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

ALLIED FORCES

ENERY FORCES

	t Pacific Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
BB	-	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS NORTH CAROLINA MARYLAND COLORADO WEST VIRGINIA	-	YAMATO MUSASHI NAGATO) POSS. MUTSU ) Empire KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO
CV	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
CV(L)	-	-	-	ZUIHO HAYATAKA
CV(E)	COPAHEE	ALTANAHA PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON	-	CHUYO ) Poss. OTAKA ) Empire
CA	AU STRALIA	-	CHOKA I SUZ UYA	ATAGO TAKAO MAYA MYOKO HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI
CL	TROMP	LEANDER COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPEIL IER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	NAGARA SENDAI	NOSHIRO CYCDO AGANO MAKA ISUZU
CL(T)	-	•	÷	kashima Katori
XCL DD	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART	-	-	1
•	VENDETTA NIZAM BAGLEY HELM HENLEY MUGFORD CONYNGHAM DRAYTON FLUSSER LAMSON MAHAN MAHAN MERKINS REID SMITH LE TRIOMPHAN O'BANNON CONWAY	Approx 40	10	25
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	t Pacific Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
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X	BLACKFISH GOD NARWHAL	On Passage		
	BALAO GROWLER SILVERSIDES S.31	) At Brisbane		
	K.9 At Jer	vis Bay (working up	)	2
AV/CVS	HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON BALLARD	WRIGHT	-	NOTORO
XAV/XCVS	-	3	1	2
PT	35	Approx 30	?	?
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AS or XAS	FULTON OTUS		1	2 or more
	DOBBIN DIXIE		1	ı
AR	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS	1	1
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CV(E)	SUWANNEE SANCAMON CHENANGO LONG ISLAND BARNES		UNYO
	NEW ORLEANS PEN SACOLA SALT LAKE CITY MINNEAPOLIS SI,LOUIS		R AOBA R KUMANO
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CL	VAN HEEMSKERK	MAUR ITTUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLES CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC EMERALD ADELA IDE	KUMA OI KITAGAMI
CL (T)	-		KASHII
XOL		CANTON CARTHAGE C HI TRAL RANPURA WORCE STERS HIRE	-
AV/CVS	CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI
XAV/XCVS	-	8	1
DD	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	11
<u>SS</u>	BILLFISH BLUEFISH BONEFISH BOWFIN GISCO POMPON PUFFER TUNA	On Patrol	6
	KINGFISH } At	Fremantle	
AS or XAS	PELIAS	?	1
AIRCRAFT (N.	W.Area Only)		
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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA Combined Operational Intelligence Centre
DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY
Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle
No. 606 Date: 26 September 1943
PART I.
A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
1. NORTH EASTERN AREA
(1) ALLIED FORCES
(a) <u>At Sea to 1200/26:</u>
<ol> <li>"BENALLA" surveying Goodenough Island area.</li> <li>"SC.981" escorting "Y.13" departed Milne Bay 0545/25 en route Fort Moresby ETA 1500/26.</li> </ol>
(3) "SHEPPARTON" departed Morobe en route Las. (4) "SC.743" "SC.747" escorting "MAIWARA" departed Milne Bay 0430/26 for
(5) "KATOOMBA" "COLAC" escorting Convoy FT.27 ("ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "VAN SPILEERGEN" "FLOYD B.OLSEN") dep. Milne Bay 1400/23 for
(6) "FC.1119" "SC.738" escorting Convoy FT.28 ("JOEL PALMER" "YOCHOW" "WEST CACTUS") dep. Milne Bay 1330/24. "YOCHOW" "WEST CACTUS" for Townsville ETA 1500/27: "JOEL PALMER" for Caime
(7) "LITHGON" escorting "JOSEPH A.HOLMES" in tow of "TANCRED". (8) "SWAN" "BOWEN" "GYMPIE" "KAPUNDA" "YMS.335" "ML.804" escorting <u>Convoy TN.158</u> - (Portion (a) "CAN BERRA" "WICHTTA FALLS"; Fortion (b) "Y.15" "JAMES J.KELLY" "JAMES B.MAC PHERSON" "NORLAGO" "MACUS DALY" "SIBIGO" "S.HALL YOUNG" "JOHN H. ROSSITER" "JULIEN DUBUQUE" "LYMAN J.GAGE") to position 11°18'S 148°48'E where convoy splits. "SWAN" "ML.804" escorting Portion (a) to Port Horesby; "BOWEN" "GYMPIE" "KAPUNDA" "YMS.335" escorting Portion (b) to Milne Bay.
(9) "PC.479" escorting <u>Convoy NT.53</u> ("ERIFICESH PRINCESS") was to depart Moresby 0630/26. "PC.479" to detach at Grafton Passage and return Port Moresby; "ERIFISH PRINCESS" to proceed Townsville.
<ul> <li>(10) "GLADSTONE" dep. Calcundra 2005/23 for Townsville ETA 0500/26.</li> <li>(11) "VENDETTA" escerting Convoy QL.14A (2 MV) was to depart Brisbane 0715/25. ETA Lady Elliett Is. 0115/26 where "VENDETTA" returns to Brisbane.</li> </ul>
<pre>(12) "YP.283" was to depart Caloundra 1730/26 for Palm Is. ETA 1500/29. (13) "ARARAT" "SC.737" "SC.741" and "PC.476" escorting Convoy QL.15 ("BONTEKCE" "MAETSUYCKER" "SKAGERAK") dep. Caloundra 1709/25.</pre>
(14) "WILCANNIA" "CASTLEMAINE" "ABRAHAM CHIJNSSEN" "ML.820" escorting <u>Convoy GP.69</u> (7 MV) were to depart Sydney 0858/25 en route Brisbane ETA Calcundra 1030/28.
<ul> <li>(15) "APC.9" "APC.20" were to depart Calcundra 1400/26 en route Cairns.</li> <li>(16) "WARRAMUNGA" "HELM" escerting Convoy PV.1 ("RACHEL JACKSON" "SIMON BENSON" "ADONIRAM JUDSON") dep. Melbourne 0907/20.</li> <li>"WARRAMUNGA" "HELM" to provide escort to Lady Elliott Is. ETA 0100/26 and return Sydney.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>(17) "O'BANNON" was to depart Caloundra 2359/25 for Noumea ETA 1700/27.</li> <li>(18) "KURUMBA" dep. Townsville en route Gladstone ETA 0700/27.</li> <li>(19) 9 submarines on patrol.</li> </ul>

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#### (b) In Harbour:

Buna	- Warships & Aux "SC.745" "YMS.51" "HILO" (PG) Merchant Vessels: "THEOFANO LIVANOS" "ROBERT STUART"
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oro Bay	<ul> <li>Warships &amp; Aux "YES.72"</li> <li>Merchant Vessels: "MANCERAN" "NEX "THOMAS JEFFERSON"</li> <li>"SEA SNIPE" "PENNANT" "ELIZABETH BLACKWELL"</li> </ul>
Woodlark Is. Goodenough Is	- Warships & Aux "YMS.11" - Warships & Aux. Merchant Vessels: "JOHN S.SARGENT" "HOWELL COBB"
Milne Bay	<ul> <li>War ships &amp; Aux "MUGFORD" "HEMIEY" "MAHAN"</li> <li>"MITH" "PERKINS" "FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "REID"</li> <li>"DRAYTON" "CONVNCHAM" (DD) "SANDS" "BROOKS"</li> <li>"HUMPHREYS" "GILMER" (AFD) SC.637 SC.648</li> <li>SC.698 SC.699 SC.703 SC.731 SC.732 SC.734</li> <li>SC.736 SC.742 SC.744 SC.748 SC.749 SC.750</li> <li>YMS.49 YMS.50 YMS.70 YMS.71 YP.278 YP.280</li> <li>ML.424 ML.427 33 PTs "POYANG" "Y UMNAN" (ASIS)</li> <li>"RIGEL" (AR) "OTUS" (AS) "SAN PABLO" (AVP)</li> </ul>
	(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)
	Merchant Vessels: "MACTAN" "WILLIAM LUCKENBACH" "ALCOA PENNANT" "THEDENS" "CAPE CONSTANCE" "SAMUEL K.BARLOW" "NATHANIEL CURRIER" "JOHN W.MACKAY" "KARSIK"
Port Moresby	- Werships & Aux "TULSA" (PG) "SC.982" "YP.236" "ML.425"
	Merchant Vessels: "CIA RENCE KING" "EDNA" "BARBARA" "MURADA" "FREMONT OLDER" "RIVER CLARENCE" "WILLIAM B.ALLISON" "VAN HEUTSZ" "STEPHEN CRAME" "CHARON"
Thursday Is. Cairns	- Warships & Aux "LATROBE" "COOTAN UEDRA" (AMS) • Warships & Aux "YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.53 ML.425 1 PT "PLATYPUS" (R)
Palm Island Townsville	<ul> <li>Warships &amp; Aux "AUSTRAIA" (CA) "BAGLEY" (DD)</li> <li>Warships &amp; Aux "COPAHEE" (CV (E) "DOBBIN" (AD)</li> <li>"BUNBURY" (AMS) XEXIXX "PIRIE" (AMS) SC.746</li> <li>PC.1121 "SUSQUEHANNA" "SHIKELLAMY" (AO) LST.473</li> <li>LST.471 U.S.S."COUCAL"</li> </ul>
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux "GRELONG" "ECHUCA" (AMS) PC.477 PC.1122 PC.1125 SC.650 SC.735 YP.233 YP.291 ML.429 ML.816 ML.818 ML.819 "H.T.ALEEN"(APA) "MIZAR" (AF) "MANUNDA" (AH) "FULTON" (AS) "TRI NITY" (AO) "COLD STAR" (AG) "MPRKUR" (AF) "HALF MOON" (AVP)
(Repairing,	Trisls etc.) - "WARREGO" (DE) "STAWELL" "WHYALLA" (AMS)
	(11) ENEMY FORCES
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- (1) <u>Arundel Is. Area</u> Jap. dead/on <u>Arundel Is. total 345</u> indicating probably 5-600 eliminated estimating conservatively. During the night 23-24 Sept. enemy artillery ineffectively
- shelled Ondongo Is. (E.shore Diamond Narrows opposite Arundel Is. (2) Kolombangara - At 1540-1520/24, Vila area was attacked by 4 Mitchells, 30 Dauntless, 18 Avengers. Gun positions, shore defences and barge hideouts were among the targets hit. The same general target area was also bombed by 2 planes returning from a raid on Kshili a.m. 23 Sept.
- (3) Choiseul At 1550/23, 2 barges apparently loaded with oil were attacked by 8 Aircobras on central S.W. coast and left burning violently.
- violently.
   (4) Euin Ease At 0935/23 Jakohina, Kahili and Buin areas were bombed by 25 Liberators, 22 Deuntless, 12 Avengers escorted by approx 50 fighters. As our planes departed 50-60 Zeros intercepted and 9 were destroyed, 7 by fighters and 2 by bombers. 2 Corsairs were lost.

Photos 0815-0830/25 show -

1.5	Kahili - 23 fighters; 5 dive bombers (50% cover)	
	Ballar e 2 " (75% cover)	
	Faisi - 5 floatplanes (75% cover) Shipping sighted at this time included only harges	
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	(5) Buka Passage - At 0251/25 aircraft made radar contact with 2	
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•	truck and 2 small craft 35 miles W. by N. of Buka rassage	
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	(7) <u>Cape Hoskins</u> - Photes 1010/25 show continued progress with the strip and that surfacing has been commenced. No aircraft	
	(8) Western Shores New Britein - No serviceable barges were observed	
	Bushing. As alternative targets and other objectives strafed. and Iboki Plantation were bombed and other objectives strafed. Photos 0930/25 show one medium bomber on No.2 Strip at	
	Cape Gloucester. This strip was apparently serviceable but	
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	(10) <u>Wewak Area</u> - Photos 0915/25 of But airfield show 15 medium bombers, 8 light bombers, 3 fighters. Onesmall freighter	
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	stanted by hamps dramad and o LIUCES were out out	
	least 2 laden trucks were seen heading for Bogadjim. The same area was a ttacked 1055-1120/25 by 5 Liberators	
	a the same had dee was destroyed.	
	enemy 23 Sept., a party of Japs is now reported in at sector	
	The stand of the kind KIVAN DAVE DESIL SILOUVA	
	but enemy resistance is being encouncered immediatory south of	
	the river. Finschhafen township area was attacked 0945-1010/25 by	
	8 Bostons. The aircraft reported no activity observed in the	
	a and los a second to have a more have been and and a south	
	At 1230/24, enemy aircrait bombet out pe of the bombers Finschhafen airfield. This indicates that some of the bombers engaged by our fighters in this area (as reported in Summary 60)	5)
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•	got through to the target. At 0735/25, a prox 9 enemy bombers with 10 fighters	
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	the area at the time: no other reports have been received. (13) Markham-Remu Velleys - By p.m. 24 Sept. Boana was reported clear	
	(13) Markham-Ramu Velleys - By p.m. 27 Sept. Bound of ences there. of Japs although recently they occupied strong defences there. At 1020-1130/25, Ramum headwaters were bombed by 6	
	Tanking and 3 Liberstors, while the upper reaction of the	
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	(14) Guadal canal - At 1200/25, a submarine was sighted by aircraft 15 miles ESE of Cape Esperance.	
2.	NORTH WESTERN AREA	
	(1) ALLIED FOR CES	
	(a) At Sea to 1200/26:	
	Bring Han David a anyoute Malville Bay	

- "INVERELL" escorting "WANARA" dep. Derwin enn ETA 1100/27.
   8 au bma Fines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:



(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Merauke Probably one enemy recce plane was located E. & N.E.
- of Merauke a.m. 25 Sept. (2) Tanahmerah - A probable enemy recce plane was over Tanahmerah at 101 5/25.
- (3) Nabire Photos 1300/24 reveal no aircraft and apparently construction continues.
- (4) Sorong Area Photos 1115/24 show that the runway at Efman Is. is still obstructed and is not operational.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

## (a) At Sea to 1200/26:

(1) "CHILDS" dep. Fremantle 0950/24 for Exmouth Gulf ETA a.m. 25 Sept. (2) "YP.288" dep. Fremantle 1120/24 for Exmouth Gulf ETA 28 Sept.

#### (b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL) "TJERK HIDDES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "DUBBO" (ANS) "ISABEL" (PY) "ATREUS" (CM) "WHIPPOORWILL" "LARK" (AR) "SC.739" "PELIAS" (AS) "CHANTICLEER" Fremantle " (ASR) Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "YP.286" "W.B. PRESTON" (AV D)

(c) Proposed Movementer---

(1) "SHROPSHIRE" escorted by "TJERK HIDDES" to depart Fremantle. 0630/27 for Sydney ETA 2 October.

G. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

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## (a) At Sea to 1200/26:

"GOULBURN" dep. Brisbane 1835/22 for Melbourne was due 0600/26.
 "DELORAINE" towing "ML.817" dep. Caloundra 1511/24 for Sydney ETA 1700/26.
 "BUNDABERG" "MILDURA" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy CO.129 (6 MV).

- (4) "TROMP" escorting "NIEUW AMSTERDAN" dep. Fremantle 0615/22 was due Port Phillip 1030/26.
   (5) "WARR NAM BOOL" "ROCKHAMPTON" "GIE NELG" escorting Convey 0C.128 (7 MV) to Margar Port Kentla ETA 0100/28, Sydney 0900/28, Newcastle 1500/28 .

## (b) In Har bour :

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "MA NOORA" "WESTRALIA" (APA) "ALGORAB" (AKA) Sydney (AVD) - "KAN IMBIA " (A PA ) (On Reserve)

Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "ARUNTA" "STUART" (DD) "BENDIGO" (AMS) "DOOMBA" (A/S Vessel) - "NIZAM" (DD) "BALLARAT" (AMS)

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At Sea to 1200/26:

(1) "ADELAIDE" on route from position 20°15'S 92°E to Fremantle after escort duty.

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C. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

#### ENEMY FORCES

Fiji Area - At 0700/25 a submarine was sighted by aircraft 320 miles S.W. of Suva.

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## NAVAL INCEDENTS

## NIL.

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#### ENEMY'S PROBABLE MEXT MOVE

- Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
   Air and naval coUnter-action against allied moves in
- Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- Increased use of barges in addition to submarines for (3) night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons with possible destroyer transportation missions.
- (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific areas.

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<u>CA</u>	•	SARATOGA	•	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
	-	-		ZUIHO Hayataka
CV (E)	COPAHEE	ALTAMAHA PRINCE WILLIAM ERETON	•	•
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	•	CHOKAI SUZUYA	ATAGO TAKAO MAYA MYOKO HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI
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	GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA Combined Operational Intelligence Centre
•	DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY
	Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle
	No. 607 Date: 27 September 1943
	PART I.
	TH EASTERN AREA
•	(a) At Sea to 1200/271
(1)	"BENAILA" surveying Goodenough Island area. "PIRIE" "PC.1121" "SC.738" escorting <u>Convoy TN.159</u> (3 MV) were to depart Townsville 2359/26 on route Port Mcresby ETA
(3)	1740/29, Milne Bay 1200/30. "KATOOMBA" "COLAC" escerting Convoy FT.27 ("ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "FLOYD B.OLSEN") dep. Milne Bay 1400/23 for Torm suille WEA 2300/26
(4)	Townsville ETA 2300/26. "PC.1119" "SC.738" escorting Convoy FT.28 ("JOEL PALMER" "YOCHOW" "WEST CACTUS") dep. Milne Bay 1330/24. "YOCHOW" "WEST CACTUS" for Townsville ETA 1500/27; "JOEL PALMER" for Cairns.
•	"SWAN" "BOWEN" "GYMPIE" "KAPUNDA" "YMS.335" "ML.804" escorting <u>Convoy TN.158 - (Portion (a) "CANEERRA" "WICHITA FALLS";</u> <u>Portion (b) "Y.15" "JAMES J.KELLY" "JAMES B.MACPHERSON"</u> "NORLAGO" "MACUS DALY" "SIBIGO" "S.HALL YOUNG" "JOHN H. ROSSITER" "JULIEN DUBUQUE" "LYMAN J.GAGE") to position 11°18'S 148°48'E where convoy splits. "SWAN" "ML.804" escorting Portion (a) to Port Moresby; "BOWEN" "GYMPIE" "KAPUNDA" "YMS.335" escorting Portion (b) to Milne Bay.
(6)	"PC.479" escorting Convoy NT.53 "(BRITISH PRINCESS") was to depart Moresby 0630/25. "PC.479" to detach at Grafton Passage and return Port Moresby; "BRITISH PRINCESS" to proceed Townsville ETA 2400/28.
	"GLADSTONE" "BUNBUHY" escorting Convoy TN.160 ("TAR CONA") departed Town sville 0100/27 en route Port Meresby ETA 0800/29.
	"SC.746" escorting "LST.471" towing U.S.S"COUCAL" and "LST.473" on tow "SFRIGHFLY" departed Townsville 0830/25 en route Brisbane ETA 1700/30.
	"ARUMTA" "STUART" "GOULBURN" "HENDIGO" "WARRAHUNGA" "HELM" escorting Convoy FV.2 (9 MV) were to depart Port Phillip 0900/27. "ARUMTA" "STUART" to escort vid nity of Lady Elliott Is. and then return Brisbane. "GOULBURN" "BENDIGO" to detach in vicinity of Port Kembla and return Melbourne. "WARRAMUNGA" "HELM" to join convoy off Jervis Eay at 0600/29 and on arrival at Lady Elliott Is. to return Sydney.
(10)	"VENDETTA" escorting <u>Convoy QL.14A</u> (2 MV) was to depart Brisbane 0715/25 ETA Lady Elliott Is. 0115/26 where "VENDETTA" returns to Brisbane.
(12)	"YP.283" was to depart Caloundra 1730/26 for Palm Is. ETA 1500/29. "ARARAT" "SC.737" "SC.741" "PC.476" escorting Convoy GL.15 ("BONTEKOE" "MAETSUYCKER" "SKACERAK") dep. Caloundra 1700/26. On arrival Lady Elliott Is. "ARARAT" returns to Brisbane.
(13)	"WILCANNIA" "CASTLEMAINE" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "ML.820" escorting <u>Convoy GP.69</u> (7 MV) were to depart Sydney 0858/25 enroute Brisbane ETA Caloundra 1030/28.

## (14) "APC.9" "APC.20" were to depart Calcundra 1400/26 en route Cairns ETA 1200/4 Oct.

(15) "O'BANNON" dep. Caloundra 2359/25 for Noumea ETA 1700/27.
(16) "KURUMBA" dep. Townsville en route Glastone ETA 0700/27.
(17) 9 submarines on patrol.

### (b) In Harbour:

Morobe	- Warships & Aux "SHEPPARTON" (AMS)
Buna	- Warships & Aux "SC.745" "YMS.51" "HILO" (RG)
	Merchant Vessels: "THEOFAN O LIVAN OS" "ROBERT STUART "WILL.H. POINT" "JAMES M. GOODHUE" "SWARTENHONDT"
Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux "YMS. 72"
	Merchant Vessels : "MANOERAN" "THOMAS JEFFERSON"
Woodl only Ta	"SEA SNIPE" "PENNANT" "ELIZABETH ELACKWELL" - Warships & Aux "YMS.11"
Goodenough 12	- Warships & Aux. Merchant Vessels ; "MAIWARA" "HOWELL COBB"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux "MUGFORD" "HENLEY" "MAHAN"
	"SMITH" "PERKINS" "FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "REID"
	"DRAYTON" "CONYNCHAM" (DD) "SANDS" "BROOKS"
	"HUMPHREYS" "GILMER" (APD) SC.637 SC.648
	SC.698 SC.699 SC.703 SC.731 SC.732 SC.734
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	SC.749 SC.750 YMS.49 YMS.50 YMS.70 YMS.71 YP.278 YP.280 ML.424 ML.427 33 PTs "POYANG"
	"YUNNAN" (ASIS) "RIGEL" (AR) "OTUS" (AS)
	"SAN PABLO" (AVP) "VICTORIA" "BISHOPDALE" (AO)
	(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF
	MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN. )
	Merchant Vessels: "MACTAN" "WILLIAM LUCKENBACH"
	"JOHN S. SARCENT" "ALCOA PENNANT" "CAPE CONSTANCE "SAMUEL K. BARLOW" "NATHANIEL CURRIER" "JOHN W.
	MACKAY" "HA RSIK"
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux "TULSA" (PG) "SC.982" "SC.981"
	"YP.236" "HL.425" "Y.15"
	Merchant Vessels: "CLARENCE KING" "EDNA" "BAFFARA"
	"MURADA" "FREMONT OLDER" "RIVER CLARENCE"
10	"WILLIAM B.ALLISON" "VAN HEUTSZ" "STEPHEN CRAME"
	"CHARON"
	- Warships & Aux "IA TROBE" "COOTAMUNDRA" (AM S)
Cairns	- Warships & Aux "YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48
	YMS. 53 ML.425 1 PT "PLATYPUS (A
Townsville	- Warships & Aux, - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "BAGLEY" (DD)
	"COPAHEE" (CV (E) "DOBEIN" (AD) "GLADSTONE" (AMS) "SUSQUEHANNA" "SHIKELLAMY" (AO)
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux "GEELONG" "ECHUCA" "LITHGOW" (AMS)
	- Warships & Aux "GEELONG" "ECHUCA" "LITHGOW" (AMS) PC.477 PC.1120 PC.1122 PC.1123 PC.1124
	SC.650 SC.735 YP.233 YP.291 ML.429 ML.816
	ML, 818 ML. 819 LST, 22 LST, 68 LST. 171
	"H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "MIZAR" (AF) "MANUNDA" (AH)
	"FULFCN" (AS) "TRINITY" (AO) "GOLDSTAR" (AG)
1	"MERKUR" (AF) "HALF MOON" (AVP) U.S.S."PORTUNUS"
(Repairing, T	Prials etc.) - "WARREGO" (DE) "STAWELL" "WHYALLA" (AMS)

#### (c) Proposed Novements:

(1) "VENDETTA" "ARARAT" "SC.650" "PC.1122" "PC.1123" escorting Convoy QL.16 (14 MV) are to depart Calcundra 1800/28. After arrival Lady Elliott Island "VENDETTA" proceeds on other escort duty and "ARARAT" returns to Brisbane.

## (11) ENEMY FORCES

 Yella Lavella - Local sources report 24 Sept. that 180 Japs, in weak condition, arrived in the Timbala area from Warambari (both N.W.coast, former a few miles 5.W. of latter). The same source stated 25 Sept. that there were approx 300 Japs in the Umomo-Timbala area.

On 25 Sept. enemy planes heavily bembed an LST of Ruravai (on SE coast 9% miles NE of Barakoma). The ship was set afire and 12 personnel killed. (2) Choiseul - Local sources report 26 Sept. that an enemy barge base at Titoi-Long Island (central S.W.coast approx 9 miles N.W. of Sunbi Mead) is used by a considerable number of barges daily. This base is a staging point on the barge route to Kolombangara, barges running from Sumbi Head directly south to the northern tip of Kolombangara probebly Tuk Point, and thence along W.coast Kolombangara.

thence along W.coast Kolombangara. In the Titoi Is. area, a local party recently destroyed 4 barges and killed many Japs. The barges were full of ammunition and supplies. In this same area a small supply sampan was strafed and left sinking by aircraft at 1555/25. Off West Cape (N.W.extremity) 2 barges were attacked by aircraft at 1530/25.

- (3) New Hanover At 1115/26, aircraft reported a small freighter in the close proximity to Cape Matanalem course 60°. It is recalled that reconnaissance 25 September reported a medium freighter on a reef off Cape Matanalem and it is suggested that the two reports may refer to the same vessel.
- (4) Mussau Is.Area At 0845/26, aircraft reported 2 small freighters 140 miles N. of Mussau Is. course 170°. Probably these are the same two vessels photographed by another aircraft at 1440/26 in position given as 45 miles MNW of Mussau course 140°. The photos show 2 ships of 500 and 700 ton respectively. At 1050/26 a freighter shown by photos as of 1500 tons
- At 1050/26, a freighter shown by photos as of 1500 tons was reported by aircraft in Epalakau Harbour (S.coast Mussau Is. (5) Wewak - Dagua and But airfields were attacked 1000/26 by B and 6 Liberators respectively covered by 15 Lightnings. The target area was well covered. 15-20 enemy fighters attempted interception and 3 were destroyed. At least 10 twin-engined aircraft and 5 fighters were observed on Wewak strip; 15-20 in revetments on Dagua strip.
- (6) Hansa Bey At 1045/26 Nubia Plantation was attacked by 8 Liberators which were originally scheduled to attack Wewak airfields but were prevented by weather. 4 or 5 Zeros attempted interception without result.

Photographs show 3 luggers and the usual barge concentration in Hansa Bay. No aircraft were visible on Mubia or Awar Strips.

(7) Finschhafen - At 0950/25 Salankaus Plantation was attacked by 10 Vengeance. This attack was co-ordinated with that by 8 Bostons at the same time, reported in Summary No.606.

Enemy aircraft raided Song River banks 4 times on 25 September. The first raid was at 0445/25: no damage or casualties were suffered. Some casualties were suffered in the other 3 raids hut ho other details are available. It is recalled that 9 bombers with 10 fighters covering were seen bombing Song River beach-head at 0735/25 by an observation aircraft.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

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(1) ALLIED FORCES

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(a) At Sea to 1200/27:

- (1) "INVERELL" escorting "WANAKA" dep. Darwin en route Melville Bay ETA 1100/27.
- (2) 9 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

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

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1 200/27:

(1) "CHILDS" dep. Fremantle 0950/24 for Exmouth Gulf ETA a.m. 26 Sept. (2) "YP.288" dep. Fremantle 1120/24 for Exmouth Gulf ETA 28 Sept. (3) "SHROPSHIRE" escorted by "TJERK HIDDES" was to depart Fremantle 0630/27 for Sydney ETA 2 October. (b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "SKNORANIRRÄXIRA) "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL) "TARXKIKINDENX" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "DUBBO" (AMS) "ISABEL" (FY) "ATREUS" (CM) "WHIPPOORWILL" "LARK" (AR) "HORSHAM" (AMS) "SC.739" "PELIAS" (AS Fremantle "CHANTICLE ER" (ASR)" Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "YP. 286" "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)

4. EASTERN & SO UTHERN AREA

#### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/27:

- "BUNDA BERG" "MILDURA" "TOWN SVILLE" escorting Convoy CO.129 (6 MV).
   "TROMP" escorting "NIEUW AMSTERDAM" dep. Fremantle 0615/22 was due Port Phillip 1030/26.
   "WARRNAMBOOL" "ROCKHAM PTON" "GLENELG" escorting Convoy 00.128
- (7 MV) to port Kembla ETA 0100/28, Sydney 0900/28, Newcastle 1500/28.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" (APA) "ALGORAB" (AKA) Sydney

- Warships & Aux. "WARRAMUNGA" "HELM" (DD) "MORESEY "BROOME" "ECHUCA" "DELORAINE" "KALGOORLIE" (AMS) "BUNGAREE" (CM) "EYBRA" "YANDRA" (A/S Vessels) "ML. 817"
- (Repairing, Refitting) "HOBART" (CL) "CONWAY" "WILSON" "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD) "DIXIE" (AD) "BALLARD" (AVD)
- Warships & Aux. "DOOMBA" (A/S Vessel) Warships & Aux. "DOOMBA" (A/S Vessel) "NIZAM" (DD) "BAILARAT" (AMS) (On Reserve) Melbourne (Refitting)

#### (c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "CASTLEMAINE" "ABRAMAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy PG.69 are to depart Caloundra 1200/23.

INDIAN OCEAN AREA

ALLIED FORCES

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## At 30a to 1200/27:

(1) "ADELAIDE" en route from position 20015'S 920E to Fremantle after escort duty.

C. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

#### ENEMY FORCES

Nauru - At 1105/26 a 2,500 ton freighter was attacked by a Liberator 180 miles N.W. of Nauru course 150°. Bombs missed but the ship was well strafed and left severely damaged and burning.

## NAVAL INCIDENTS

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#### NIL.

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## ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, North coast New Guinea, East Indics, Malaya areas. Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in (1)
- (2) Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- Increased use of barges in addition to submarines for night transportation runs to forward positions in (3) Selomons with possible destroyer transportation missions,
- Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South (4) and South West Pacific areas.

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	K.9 At Syd	ney		
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ALLIED	D FORCES		ENEMY FORCES
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CL	VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC EMERAID ADELAIDE	KUMA OI KITAGAMI
CL(T)	-	-	KASHII
XCL	-	CANTON CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCE STERS HIRE	-
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AS or XAS	PELIAS	?	1
AIRCRAFT ()	N.W.Area Only)		
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## PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

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1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (a) At Sea to 1200/28:

- "MUGFORD" "MAHAN" escorting "DOBBIN" "SUSQUEHANNA" were to depart Townsville 1200/28 en route Milne Bay.
   "BENAILA" surveying Boodenough Island area.
   "PIRTE" "PC.1121" "SC.738" escorting Convoy TN.159 (3 M) dep. Townsville 2359/25 en route Port Moresby ETA 1740/29, Milne Baz 2000/20

- (4) "KAPUNDA" dep. Milne Bay 1715/27 enroute Townsville ETA 230/29.
  (5) "SC.750" dep. Milne Bay 1120/27 enroute Buna ETA 1500/28.
  (6) "PC.479" escorting Convoy NT.53 ("BRITISH PRINCESS") was to depart Moresby 0630/26. "PC.479" to detach at Grafton Passage and return Port Moresby; "BRITISH PRINCESS" to proceed
- Townsville ETA 2400/28.
   (7) "GLADSTONE" "BUNBURY" escorting Convoy TN.160 ("TAROONA") departed Townsville 0100/27 en route Port Moresby ETA 0800/29.
   (8) "SC.746" escorting "LST.471" towing U.S.S. "COUCAL" and "LST.473" on tow "SPRIGHTLY" departed Townsville 0830/25 en route Brisbane ETA 1700/30.

(9) <u>Convoy LQ.15</u> (4 ships) was to depart Port Curtis 0600/28. To be escorted from Lady Elliott Is. by "LITHGOW" "PC.476" "SC.741.
(10) "SNAN" was to depart Port Moresby 0530/28 en route Cairns ETA 2300/28.
(11) "YP.283" was to depart Caloundra 1730/26 for Palm Is. ETA 1500/29.
(12) "APC.9" "APC.20" were to depart Caloundra 1400/26 en route Cairns ETA 1400/30.

(13) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Morobe Buna	- Warships & Aux "SHEPPARTON" (AMS) - Warships & Aux "SC.745" "YMS.51" "HILO" (PG) Merchant Vessels: "THEOFANO LIVANOS" "ROBERT STUART" "WILL.H.POINT" "JAMES M.GOODHUE" "SWARTENHONDT"
Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux "YMS.72" Merchant Vessels: "MANCERAN" "THOMAS JEFFERSON" "SEA SNIPE" "PENNANT" "ELIZABETH BLACKWELL"
Woodlark Is. Goodenough Is Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux "YMS.11" - Merchant Vessels: "MAIWARA" "HOWEIL COBE" - Warships & Aux "HENLEY" "SMITH" "PERKINS" "FLUSSER "LAMSON" "REID" "DRAYTON" "CONYNGHAM" (DD) "SANDS" "BR OOKS" "HUMPHREYS" "GILMER" (APD) "GYMPIE" "BOWEN" (AMS) SC.637 SC.648 SC.698 SC.699 SC.703 SC.731 SC.732 SC.734 SC.736 SC.742 SC.743 SC.744 SC.747 SC.748 SC.749 YMS.49 YMS.50 YMS.70 YMS.71 YMS.335 YP.278 YP.280 ML.424 ML.427 Y.15 33 FT's "POYANG" "YUNMAN" (ASIS) "RIGEL" (AR) "OTUS" (AS) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "VICTORIA" "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG) "RESERVE" (A.T)

Milno Bay (Contd) - (Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWE.)

Merchant Vessels: "MACTAN" "WILLIAM LUCKENBACH" "JOHN S.SARGENT" "ALCOA PENMANT" "CAPE CONSTANCE" "LIMAN J.GAGE" "SAMUEL K.BARLCW" "NATHANIEL CUMRIER" "JOHN W.MACKAY" "KARSIK" "JAMES J.KEELY" "JAMES B.MACPHERSON" "NORLAGO" "MACUS DALY" "JULIEN DUBUQUE" "SIBIGO" "S.HALL YOUNG" "JOHN H.ROSSITER" Port Moresby • Warships & Aux. • "TULSA" (PG) "SC.982" "SC.981" "YP.236" "ML.425" Y.13" "ML.804" Merchant Vessels: "JLARENCE KING" "EDNA" "BARBARA" "MURADA" "FREMONT OLDER" "RIVER CLARENCE" "WILLIAM B.ALLISON" "VAN HEUTSZ" "STEPHEN CRANE"

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS) Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.53 ML.425 1 PT "PLATYPUS(AR) Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRAL IA" (CA) "BAGLEY" (DD) "COPANEE" (CV(E) "KATOOMBA" "COLAC" "GLADSTONE" "WAGGA" (AMS) FC.1119 ML.425 ML.428 "SHIKELLANY" (AC)

Gladstone Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "KURUMBA" (A.O) - Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA" (DD) "GEELONG" "ECHUCA" "ARARAT" "LITHGON" (AMS) FC.477 PC.1120 PC.1122 PC.1123 PC.1124 SC.650 SC.735 YP.233 YP.291 ML.429 ML.816 ML.818 ML.319 ML.820 LST.22 LST.68 LST.171 "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "MANUNDA" (AH) "FULTON" (AS) THINFTY" (AO) GOLDSTAR" (AG) "MERKUR" (AF) "HALF MOON" (AVF) U.S.S." PORTUNUS" (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WAHREGO" (DE) "STAWELL" "WHYALLA" (ANS)

(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "VENDETTA" "ARARAT" "SC.650" "PC.1122" "PC.1123" escorting <u>Convoy</u> <u>QL.16</u> (14 MV) are to depart Caloundra 1600/28. After arrival Lady Elliott Island "VENDETTA" proceeds on other escort duty and "ARARAT" returns to Brisbane.

- escort duty and "ARARAT" returns to Brisbane. (2) "LATROME" escorting 2 MV is to depart Thursday Is. 0100/29 enroute Darwin ETA 1230/3 October.
- (3) "BAGLEY" "COLAC" "WAGGA" " PC.1119" escorting Convoy TN.161 (3 MV) are to depart Townsville 1800/28 en route Milne Bay ETA 1100/30.

#### (11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) <u>Kolombangara</u> - At 1000-1025/25 gun positions in the vicinity of Vila were effectively attacked by 10 Mitchells, 19 Avengers, 29 Dauntless with fighter cover.

A.M. 26 Sept. enemy submarines unsuccessfully attacked an U.S. Task Force in Vella Gulf (see Naval Incidents). (2) Vella Lavella - In the N.W. Area, no enemy were contacted by our patrols which had moved 12 miles north from Mundi Mundi on 26 September.

In the E. and S.E. sector, at 1113/25, 18 enemy dive bombers covered by 20 Zeros attacked anallied convoy off Barakoma. 8 Hellcats effectively intercepted and shot down one Zero although three dive bombers got through and hit one LST (as reported yesterday in Summary 607). Next day, 26 Sept., enemy dive bombers attacked our land positions at Kundurumbangara starting a large fire while 4 Zeros strafed Biloa area (southern extremity) killing 1 Marine.

(3) Choiseul - There are reports of increasing barge traffic central S.W. coast on 27 September. On this date local sources report that many Japanese arrived and were unloading cargo at Atzova (17 miles N.W. Bambatani) during the morning. Aircraft reported at 2300/27 10 barges beached in the same location.

- (4) <u>Buka</u> At 1330/27 a 1500 ton unidentified ship was sighted by aircraft 27 miles west of Buka Is. course 270°.
- (5) New Hanover At 1225/27 a 1000 ton vessel was sighted by aircraft 67 miles S.W. Cape Matanalem course 45°. It is recalled that on the previous two days reconnaissance has reported a single ship off Cape Matanake originally reported as on a reef. Although there is some disgrepancy in the positions it is suggested that all three reports refer to the same vessel probably weeked.
- (6) Wewak At 0840-0900/27 Boram and Wewak airfields were bombed by 17 Liberators followed at 1050-1100/27 by bombing and strafing of Wewak, Boram and But fields by 44 Mitchells while another 9 Mitchells attacked shipping around Kairiru Island. One Mitchell is missing.

Photos at 1050/27 of the fourth strip, Dagua, showed no services le aircraft. The other 3 fields were well worked over, and a preliminary estimate of casualties on ground aircraft is as follows:-

- 25 planes destroyed Wewak

- 30 planes on field: all estimated destroyed Boram

- 2 planes destroyed, 1 damaged Approx 15-20 enemy fighters attempted interception and 6 probably damaged. There is no report yet received concerning our fighter escort engagements.

In Victoria Bay (W.coast Kairiru Island) a 2-4000 ton freighter was reported hit with 3 bombs and believed sunk, but a reconnaissance plane over the area at 1420/27 reported scoring a direct hit on a similar sized vessel in the same place indicating possibly that the ship may have been beached after the first attack.

In addition 1 lugger, 1 small sea-truck were hit and considered destroyed on the Kairiru Is, shores while a sea-truck in Muschu Strait was set on fire by strafing. Total shipping seen in the area appeared to be:-

1 x 2-4000 ton freighter

3-4 sea-trucks

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number of luggers and small craft.

- (7) Hansa Bay At 1015/27 1 barge in Hansa Bay was set on fire and another damaged by strafing from 4 Lightnings & part of a formation of 17 making a sweep in conjunction with heavy and medium bombers attack on Wewak. In addition atruck on the road to Nubia was strafed and set on fire.
- (8) <u>Markham-Ramu Valleys</u> Enemy positions, containing probably about 70 Japs have been located approx 7 miles N.W. of Kaiapit. Natives report prepared positions occupied by some 80 Japs at Dumpu (30 miles N.W. of Kaiapit).
- (9) Finschhafen Area Enemy positions have been encountered at Kakakog (approx & mile N.W. Finschhafen township) and on

high ground about 1 mile west of the township. At 0715/27 ane nemy submarine approached the beach near Finschhafen airfield but withdrew in face of shore gunfire. This unit was probably trying to effect evacuation.

a.m. 26 September enemy planes ineffectively bombed our positions near Satelberg and Finschhafen.

In the south coast Huon Peninsula secos our forward troops advancing eastwards had crossed the Mongi River moth and reached a point 1000 yards further east without contacting enemy by a.m. 26 September.

(10) Goodenough Is. - & probable enemy recce plane was over Goodenough Is. 1500/27. No bombs were dropped.
 (11) Kiriwina - At 1220/27 a single enemy aircraft was over the area

to the south of Kiriwina Island.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

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(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

- (1) "INVERELL" escorting "WANAKA" dep. Darwin enroute Melville Bay ETA 1100/27.
- (2) 9 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

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

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Merauke A probable enemy reconnaissance plane was located over Merauke 1000-1200/27.
- (2) Kai Is. Langgoer airfield was attacked 2200-2230/26 by 3 Gatalinas
   (3) S.E.Celebes At 2137/26 5 pery large ships with one probable escort vessel were sighted by aircraft 40 miles S.W. of Bostceng Is. course 280° and another 2 ships were sighted 0011/27 56 miles
- (4) Drysdale Mission At 0728/27 a probable recce plane was over Drysdale Mission and an hour later xmm 21 M/B's with 4 fighters attacked the airfield causing a few casualties and some damage to buildings.

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

(1) "YP.288" dep. Fremantle 1120/24 for Exmouth Gulf ETA 28 Sept. (2) "SHROPSHIRE" dep. Fremantle 0605/27 for Sydney ETA 0830/2 Oct.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL) "TJERK HIDDES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "DUBBO" (AMS) "ISABEL" (PY) "ATREUS" (CM) "WHIPPOORWILL" "LARK" (AR) "HORSHAM" (AMS) "SC.739" "PELIAS" (AS) "CHANTICLE ER" (ASE) Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV) "YP.2862 "W.B.PRESTON" (AVD)

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

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(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

 "WILCANNIA" "CASTLEMAINE" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy PG.69 (9 MV) were to depart Caloundra 1200/28.
 "BUNDABERG" "TOWNSVILLE" "MILDURA" escorting Convoy 0C.129 (10 MV)

were to depart Port Phillip Ol00/28.
(3) "MIZAR" was to depart Calcundra 1130/28 en route Sydney ETA 30 Sept.
(4) "ARUNTA" "STUART" "GOULBURN" "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy PV.2 (9 MV)
dep. Port Phillip 0900/27. "ARUNTA" "STUART" to escort
vicinity of Lady Elliott Is. and then return Erisbane.
"BENDIGO" to detach in vicinity Port Kembla and return
Melbourne. "WARRAMUNGA" to join Convoy off Jervis Bay
at 0600/29 and on arrival at Lady Elliott Is. to return

Sydney.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" (APA) "AL GORAE" (AKA) Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "WARRAMUNGA" "HELM" (DD) "MONESBY" "ROCKHAMPTON" "WARRAM BOOL" "GLENELG" "BROOME" "ECHUCA" "DELORAINE" "KALGOORLIE" (AMS) "BUNGAREE" (CM) "KYBRA" "YANDRA" (A/S Vessels) "ML.817" (Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "CONWAY" "WILSON" "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD) DIXIE" (AD) "BALLARD" (AVD) (On Reserve) - "KANIMELA" (APA)

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- Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "DOOMBA" (A/S Vessel) - "NIZAM" (DD) "BAILARAT" (AMS) Melbourne (Refitting)

B. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

### ALLIED FORCES

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At Sea to 1200/28: (1) "ADELAIDE" en route from position 20015'S 92°E to Frementle after escort duty.

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C. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

#### ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Espiritu Santo A probable enemy reconnaissance plane was located 0410/25 75 miles N.W. of Espiritu Santo.
   (2) Tonga At 0630/27 an enemy submarine was sighted 70 miles S.E. by E. of Tongatabu.

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#### NAVAL INCIDENTS

Vella Gulf - A.M. 26 September a U.S. Task Force in Vella Gulf was unsuccessfully attacked by probably one enemy submarine. One destroyer and a light cruiser opened fire on what appeared to be a surfaced submarine which promptly disappeared.

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#### ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
   Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in
- Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- (3) Increased use of barges in addition to submarines for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons with possible destroyer transportation missions .
- (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific areas.

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# DATLY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

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

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

MOST SECRET 28 September 1943

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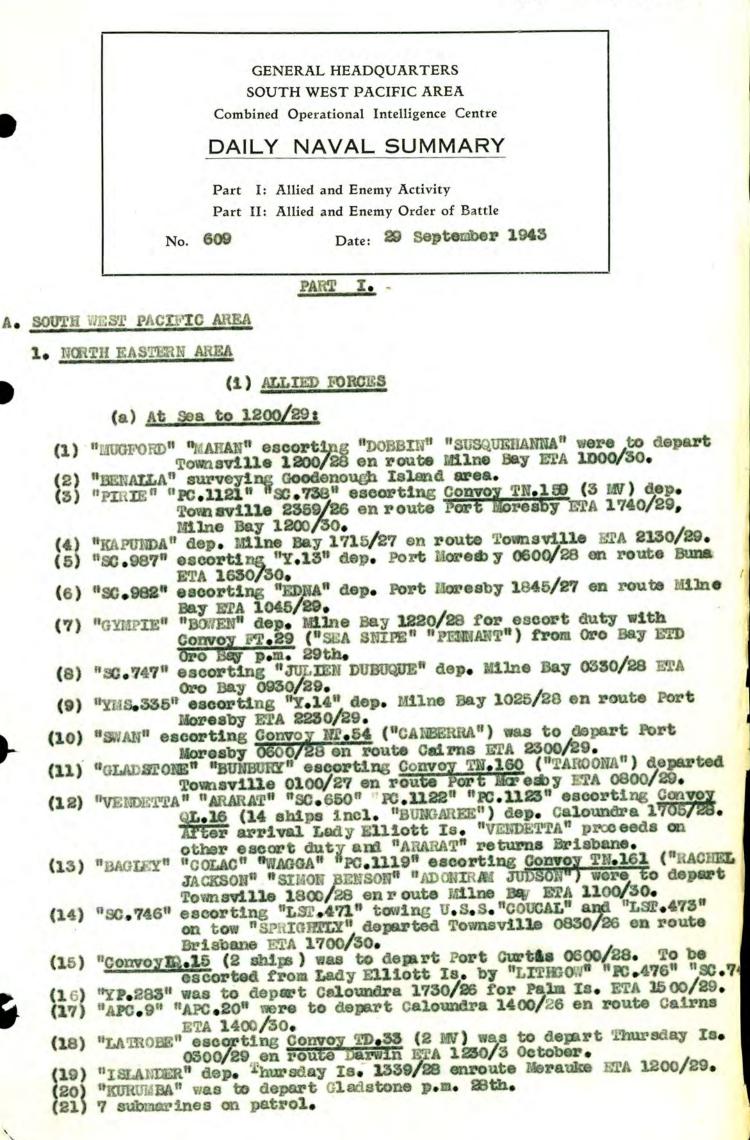
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#### (b) In Harbour:

Morobe Buna	- Warships & Aux "SHEPPARTON" (AMS) - Warships & Aux "SC.745" "YMS.51" "HILO" (PG)
	Merchant Vessels: "THEOFANO LIVANOS" "ROBERT STUART"
	"WILL H. POINT" "JAMES M. GOODHUE" "SWARTENHONDT"
oro Bay	- Warships & Aux "YMS.72" Merchant Vessels: "THOMAS JEFFERSON" "ELIZABETH BLACKWELL"
Woodlark Is.	• Warships & Aux "YMS.11"
Goodenough Is.	- Merchant Vessels: "MAINARA"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux "HENLEY" "SMITH" "PERKINS" "FLUSSER" "LANSON" "REID" "DRAYTON" "CONYNGHAM"
	(DD) "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" "GILMER" (APD)
	SC.537 SC.648 SC.598 SC.699 SC.703 SC.734
	SC. 736 SC. 742 SC743 SC. 744 SC. 748 SC. 749
	YMS.49 YMS.50 YMS.70 YMS.71 YMS.335 YP.278 YP.280 ML.424 ML.427 33 PTs "POYANG"
	"YUMNA" (ASIS) "RIJEL" (AR) "OTUS" (AS)
	"SAN PABLO" (AVP) "VICTORIA" "BISHOPDALE" (AO)
	"SPRINGDALE" (YDG) "RESERVE" (A.T)
	(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)
	Merchant Vessels: "MACTAN" "JOHN S.SARGENT" "ALCOA PENNANT" "CAPE CONSTANCE" "LYMAN J.GAGE" "SAMUEL K.BARLOW" "NATHANIEL CURRIER" "JOHN W.MACKAY" "KARSIK" "JAMES J.KELLY" "JAMES B.MACPHERSON" "NOFLAGO" "MARCUS DALY" "SIBIGO" "S.MALL YOUNG" "JOHN H.ROSSITER" "THEDENS" "TAMBAR"
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux "TULSA" (PG) "SC.731 SC.782
	Merchant Vessels: "CLARENCE KING" "BARBARA"
	"MURADA" "FREMONT OLDER" "RIVER CLARENCE"
	"WILLIAM B.ALLISON" "VAN HEUTSZ" "STEPHEN CRANE" "CHARON" "WICHITA FALLS" "HOWELL COBB"
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS)
Cairns	- Warships & Aux "YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.53 ML.425 1 PT "PLATYPUS"AR
Town sville	- Warships & Aux "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "KATOOMBA" "GLADSTONE" (AMS) RC.1119 ML.425 ML.428
and a state of the	"SHIKELLAMY" (AO) "SC.737"
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux "GEELONG" "ECHUCA" (AMS) FC.477 PC.1120 FC.1124 SC.735 YF.233 YF.291 ML.429 ML.816 ML.818 ML.819 ML.820 LST.22 LST.68 LST.171 "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "MANUNDA" (AH) "FULTON" (AS) "TRINITY" (AO) "GOLDSTAR" (AC) "MERKUR" (AF) "HALF MOOR" (AVP) U.S.S." PORTUNUS"
(Repairing,	Trials etc.) - "WARREGO" (DE) "STAWELL" "WHYALLA" (AMS)

#### (11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) <u>Munda</u> Enemy aircraft ineffectively dropped 15 bombs evening 26th.
- (2) Kolombangara On the night 28-29th there were several shipping sightings in the area between S.W. coast Choiseul, Northern Vella Lavella, Kolombangara indicating a night transportation run to Kolombangara by at least one force comprising 7 vessels including one destroyer, the others being possibly barges. 18 Dauntless, 15 Avengers heavily attacked barge centre Ringi Cove p.m. 26th starting fires.
- (3) Gizo 4 Corsairs strafed docks and houses early a.m. 24th while 8 others strafed the same area starting fires during the afternoon.
- (4) Vella Lavella PT boats operating in Vella Gulf night 27-23th sank 3 possibly 4 enemy barges. The PT boats were harassed by enemy aircraft.

(5) Buka-Bougainville - Sighting reports indicate an enemy force comprising probably 11 destroyers made a transportation run to Central Solomons via the east coast Bougainville during the night September 28th. A force described as 8 destroyers was observed 60 miles north of Buka on course 125° at 1345/28. The force was covered by 8 fighters at the time, one of which was shot down by our patrol aircraft. Probably the same force which was later reported as comprising 11 vessels was attacked by our aircraft to the N.W. of West Cape at approximately 1930 hours the same evening. Two hits were scored on the last ship of the convoy causing a large explosion and fire visible for 20 miles. One aircraft reported at 2240/28 the convoy was then believed to be at Kahili.

At 0725/29 the force reported as 10 destroyers was observed 20 miles N.E. of Buke proceeding on a N.W. course at 20 knots. This force was proceeding in two column s, one of 4 destroyers, the other of 6. The times and positions of sightings suggest therefore that a force or probably 11 destroyers made a transportation run to the Buin case during the night and one of these vessels was possibly destroyed as a result of our air attack off West Cape. This operation may well have been connected with barge operations in the area between Buin and Kolombangara and may have been concerned with the evacuation of personnel from Kolombangara. Although one aircraft with the vessels at the Buin base they could well have made the run through to N. Kolombangara area during the

- night hours, possibly RV ing with barges.
   (6) Buka Photos a.m. 27th show 27 fighters, 4 M/B's, 23 D/B's which is a considerable increase on the air strength observed. at this base previously. Shipping included 2 shall coasters, 24 small craft and barges.
- (7) Buin-Fais Photos noon 27th show only 4 fighters at Ballale and nil operational aircraft on Kahili or Kara. Shipping included one medium cargo vessel, 9 small coasters, 16 small craft. 21 Liberators, 24 Dauntless, 12 Avengers escorted by 79 fighters attacked guppositions and bivouac area Kahili afternoon 26th. Interception by 20-30 Zeros, two of which were destroyed by our aircraft without loss.
- (8) <u>Cape St.George</u> 5 small vessels were observed 15 miles S.E. at 2100/28 course 2 100°.
- (9) Cape Orford 2 enemy submarines were observed proceeding north off this area a.m. 28th.
- (10) Wewak Five Liberators attacked this area morning 28th starting several fires.
- One small merchantman was observed this area at noon.
- (11) Bogadjim Road 8 Liberators attacked this area a.m. 28th.
   (12) Markham Valley Allied patrol activity continues upper reaches of Markham Valley where several small enemy parties have been
- contacted. (13) Finschhafen - Enemy max sircraft raided allied positions twice on September 27th without effect.

7 Bostons attacked enemy positions a.m. 28th.

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2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At sea to 1200/29:

(1) "FREMANTLE" escorting "CARDEO SS" dep. Derwin 0508/28 en route Thursday Island ETA 2400/1 Oct. (2) 9 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Melville Bay - Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL" (AM'S) Merchant Vessels : "WANAKA" - Warships & Aux. - "ML.814" "ML.815" Darwin

## (11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) <u>Hollandia</u> One merchant vessel sighted a.m. 28th.
  - (a) Eaucau is reported to be patrolled by a strong enemy force. (b) Dilli 60 motor vehicles carrying 1500 Japanese arrived from Manatuto a.m. 25th.
- (3) Cape Wessel an unidentified aircraft was believed in the area p.m. 28th.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) AILIED FORCES

(a) At sea to 1200/29:

(1) "SHROPSHIRE" dep. Fremantle 0605/27 for Sydney ETA 0830/2 Oct.

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL) "TJERK HIDDES "VAN GALEN" (DD) "DUBBO" (AMS) "ISABEL" (PY) "ATREUS" (CM) "WHIPPOORWILL" (LARK" (AR) "HOR SHAM" (AMS) "SC.739" "PELIAS" (AS) Fremantle "CHANFICLEER" (ASR) "CHANFICLEER" (ASR) Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV) "YP.286" "YP.288" "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

## (a) At Sea to 1200/29:

- "VILCANNIA" "CASTLEMAINE" "ABRAHAN CRIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy PG.69 (9 MV) dep. Caloundra 1405/28.
   "BUNDABERG" "TOWN SVILLE" "MILDURA" escorting Convoy OC.129 (10 MV) were to depart Port Phillip Ol00/28 ETA Port Kembla 0200/1. Sydney 0700/1. Newcastle 1600/1 Oct.
   "MIZAR" was to dep. Caloundra 1130/28 enroute Sydney ETA 30 Sept.
   "MIZAR" was to dep. Caloundra 1130/28 enroute Sydney ETA 30 Sept.
   "ARUNTA" "STUART" "GOULBURN" "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy PV.2 (9 MV) dep. Port Phillip 0900/27. "ARUNTA" "STUART" to escort vicinity of Lady Elliott Ta. and then neture to escort vicinity of Lady Elliott Is. and then return Brisbane. "BENDIGO" to detach in vicinity Port Kembla and return Malbourne. "WARRAMUNGA" to join Convoy off Jervis Bay at 0600/29 and on arrival at Lady Elliott Is.

to return Sydney. (5) "DELORAINE" "ECHUCA" "KAIGOORLIE" escorting Convoy GP.70 (4 MV) were to depart Sydney 0800/29 for Newcastle and Brisbane. (6) "ROCKHAMPTON" "MORESEY" "GLENELG" "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting Convoy

CO.130 (11 MV) were to depart Newcastle 0900/29. "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting to Sydney only, where "ROCKHAMPTO and "GLENELG" join.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "MAN OORA" "WESTRALIA" (APA) - Werships & Aux. - "HELM" (DD) "BROOME" (AMS) "KYBRA" "YANDRA" (A/S Vessels) "ML.817" Sydney "AASE MAERSK" (AO) (Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "CONWAY" "WILSON" "IE TRI OMPHANT" (DD) "DIXIE" (AD) "BAILARD" (AVD - "KANIMBIA" (APA) - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "DOOMB" (A/S Vessel - "NIZAM" (DD) "BAILARAT" (AMS) (on Reserve) Melbourne

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### ALL TED FORCES

# At sea to 1200/29:

(1) "ADELAIDE" en route from position 20°15'S 92°E to Fremantle after escort duty.

C. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

#### ENEMY FORCES

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Nauru - Recce Liberator was a ttacked by 5 Zeros off Nauru a.m. 27th, of which one was destroyed, another probably. One small cargo vessel and one other small craft were sighted at Nauru.

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### NAVAL INCIDENTS

MEWAK - As a result of the attack on this area a.m. 27th by 17 Liberators and 93 Mitchells covered by 121 fighters -54 enemy aircraft estimated destroyed on ground 8 other airborne fighters destroyed, 3 others probably 5 small tanker type vessels sunk or burning fiercely 3 small freighters 1 sea-truck 9 luggers ) 5 leunebes ) destroyed on severely damaged

5 launches ) destroyed or severely damaged

#### ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

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- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilbrts, Marshalls, Carolines, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas,
- (2) Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- (3) Increased use of barges in addition to submarines for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons with possible destroyer transportation missions.
- (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific areas.

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

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	st Pacific Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Mar shalls
BB	•	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS NORTH CAROLINA MARYLAND COLORADO WEST VIRGINIA	-	YAMATO MUSASHI NAGATO) poss. MUTSU ) Empire KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO
CV	-	SARATOGA	-	Z UTRARU SHOKA KU
(L)	-	-	-	ZUIHO NAYATAKA
CV (E)	COPA HEE	ALTAMAHA PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON	-	-
GA	AUSTRALIA	-	CHOK AI SUZUYA	ATAGO TAKAO MAYA MYOKO HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI
CL	ROBART :	LEANDER COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	NAGARA SENDA I	NOSHIRO OYODO AGARO NAKA ISUZU
L(T)	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
XCL DD	ARUNTA MARRAMUNGA STUART	-	-	1
·	VENLETTA NIZAM BAGLEY HELM HENLEY MUGPORD CONVIGHAM INTAYTON FLUSSER LAMSON MAHAN PERK INS REID SMITH LE TRIOMPHAN O'BANNON R CONWAY WILSON	Approx 40 T	15	20

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Southwest (Eastern S	Pacific Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomona	Carolines Marshalls	
<u>SS</u>	DRUM GROUPER GUARDFISH GATO PETO RASHER SCAMP STINGRAY	On Patrol	20	20	
	COD NAR WHAL } ON	n Passage			
	Albacore Bala o Blackfish Growler St Lversides S.31	At Brisbane			
	K.9 At Sydn	ney			
AV/CVS	HER ON SAN PABLO HALF MOON BALLARD	WRIGHT	-	NOTORO	
XAV/XCVS	-	3	1	2	
PT	35	Approx 30	?	9	
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AS OF XAS	FULTON		1	2 or more	
AD	DOBBIN		1	1	
AR	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS	1	1	
AIRCRAFT (N.J	E.AreaOnly)				
Fighters (ind Light & M/Bor SE/Bombers Flying Boats Floatplanes Transport & (		ng.)	252 273 30 6 59 20		
	2,	SOUTHEASTERN PAC	DIFIC		
CL	CONCORD TRENTON				
DD	8				

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BB	ALABAMA INDIANA CALIFORNIA MISSISSI PPI PENNSYLVANIA	ISE ) One unit being HYUGA ) moderniced
•	NEW MEXICO IDA HO	
CV	ENTER FRISE ESSEX Yorktovn IE XINGTON VICTORIOUS	-
CV(L)	INDEPENDENCE BEILEAU WOOD PRINCETON	* HITAKA RYUHO (poss. enroute E.Indies)
CV (T)	-	HOSEO
<u>CV(E)</u>	SUVANNEE S ANGAMON CHENAN GO LONG ISLAND BAR NES	UNYO CHUYO OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	NEW ORLEANS PEN SACOLA INDIA NAP OLIS SALT LAKE CITY MINMEAPOLIS ST.LOUIS FICHITA	KUMANO
OCA CL	MOBILE BIRMINGHAM SANTA FE HONOLULU HASHVILLE HRICHMOND RALEIGH	6 TATSUTA # KINU # YUBARI # NATORI
XCL	R LETROIT	5
AV/CVS		# CHIYODA) Under conversion # CHIFOSE) to ACVS
AV/XC	Approx 35	3 30-55 (approx 12 repairing)
AV/XO DD SS AS/XAS	Approx 50 ?	Approx 30 3 or more

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# 4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

BB	TENNESSEE	-
CA	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND	NACHI
CL	-	TAMA Keo Abukuma
JUL,	-	3
AV/CVS	-	AKITSUSHIMA
XAV/XCVS	-	1
DD	22	4
SS	10	Approx 4
	* Non-effective	

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5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA Combined Operational Intelligence Centre DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY	
Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle	
No. 610 Date: 30 September 1943	
PART I.	
A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA	
1. NORTH EASTERN AREA	
(1) ALLIED FORCES	
(a) At Sea to 1200/30:	
(1) "MUGFORD" "MAHAN" escorting "DOBBIN" "SUSQUEHANNA" were to depa	art
Townsville 1200/28 on route Milne Bay ETA 1000/30. (2) "YMS.52" escerting LCT's 166, 359, 393 dep. Cairns 1359/29 onro	
(3) "PIRIE" "PC.1121" "SC.758" escorting Convoy TN.159 (3 MV) dep. Town sville 2359/26 en route Port Moresby ETA 1740/29,	
Mile Bay 1200/30. (4) "KA FUNDA" dep. Mile Bay 1715/27 en route Townsville ETA 2130/2 (5) "SC.987" escorting "Y.13" dep. Port Moresby 0600/28 enroute Bun ETA 1630/30.	9.
(6) "GLADSTONE" "BUNBURY" escorting Convoy NT.55 ("HOWELL COBB" "TA were to depart Port Moresby 1730/29 ETA Grafton Passag 0830/1 where "HOWELL COBB" detaches. ETA "TAROONA" Ca	je
(7) "GYMPIE" 1500/1, ETA "HOWELL C OBB" Townsville 2330/1. "BOWEN" dep. Milne Bay 1220/28 for escort duty with Convey FT.29 ("SEA SNIPE" "PENNANT") from Oro Bay ETD Oro Bay p.m. 29 th.	
<ul> <li>(8) "TULSA" enroute Brisbane ETA 2200/3, Oct.</li> <li>(9) "YMS.8" en route Ceirns to Bramble Cay ETA 1600/2 Oct.</li> </ul>	
(10) "ARARAT" "SC.650" "PC.1122" "PC.1123" escorting Convoy QL.16 (1 ships incl. "BUNGAREE") dep. Caloundra 1705/28. After arrival Lady Elliott Is. "ARARAT" returns Brisbane.	4
(11) "BAGLEY" "GOLAC" "WAGGA" "PC.1119" escorting Convoy TN.161 ("RA JACKSON" "SIMON BENSON" "ADONIRAM JUDSON") were to dep Townsville 1800/28 enroute Milne Bay ETA 1100/30.	
(12) "APC.9" "APC.20" were to depart Caloundra 1400/26 on route Cair ETA 1400/30.	ns
(13) "LATROBE" escorting Convoy TD.33 (2 MV) was to depart Thursday 0300/29 en route Darwin ETA 1230/3 October.	Is.
(14) "ISLANDER" dep. Thursday Is. 1339/28 enroute Merauke ETA 1200/2 (15) 8 submarines on patrol.	9.
(b) In Harbour:	
Buna - Warships & Aux "SC.745" "YMS.51" "HILO" (PG) "Y.14" "Y.15" "SC.750"	
Ore Bay - Warships & Aux "YNS. 72" "SC.747"	
Werchant Vessels: "THOMAS JEFFERSON" "ELIZABETH BLACKWELL" "HOKI TIKI" "JULIEN DUBUQUE" Woodlark Is Warships & Aux "YMS.11"	

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Milne Bay

- Warships & Aux. - "HENLEY" "SMITH" "PERKINS" "FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "REID" "DRAYFON" "CONVNGHAM" (DD) "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" "GILMER" (APD)

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SC.637	SC.648	SC. 698	SC.699	SC.703	SC.731
SC.732	SC.734	SC .736	SC. 742	SC.743	SC.744
50,748	SC. 749	SC.982	IMS.49	YMS.52	YMS.50
YMS.70	YMS. 71	YMS.335	YP.278	YP.280	ML.424
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Ships)					

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

Merchant Vessels: "MACTAN" "JOHN S.SARGENT" "ALCOA PENNANT" "CAPE CONSTANCE" "LYMAN J.GAGE" "SAMUEL K.BARLOW" "NATHANIEL CURRIER" "JOHN W. MACKAY" "CANNONBAR" "KWATO" "BOPPLEY" "KARSIK" "JAMES J.KELLY" "JANES B. MACPHERSON" "NORLAGO" "MARCUS DALY" "SIBIGO" "S. HALL YOUNG" "JOHN H.ROSSITER" "THEDENS" "TAMBAR" "EDNA"

Port Moresby . Warships & Aux. - "PC.479 YMS.335 Y.14 YP.236 ML.425 ML.804 Merchant Vessels: "CLARENCE KING" "BAHARA" "MURADA" "PREMONT OLDER" "RIVER CLARENCE" "WILLIAM B. ALLISON" "VAN HEUTSZ" "STEPHEN ORANE" "CHARON"

"NICHITA FALLS" - Warships & Aux. - "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS) Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "SWAN" "YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 Warships & Aux. - "SWAN" "YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.53 ML.425 1 PT "PLATYPUS(AR)
Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "KATOOMBA" "GLADSTONE" (ANS) PC.1119 ML.425 ML.428 YP.283 "SHIKHLLAMY" (AO) "SC.737 "MANUNDA"(AH)
Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA" (DD) "GEEBONG" LITHGOW "ECHUCA" (AMS) PC.476 PC.477 PC.1120 PC.1124
SC.735 YP.233 YP.291 ML.429 ML.816 ML.818 ML.819 ML.820 SC.741 SC.746 YMS.334 LST.22 LST.68 LST.171 LST.471 LST.473 "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "KURUMBA" (AO) "FULTON" (AS) TRI NITY" (AO) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "NERKUR" (AF) "HALF MOON" (AV P) U.S.S. "PORTUNUS" U.S.S. "COUCAL" Cairns Townsville Brisbane U.S.S. "PORTUNUS" U.S.S. "COUCAL" (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WARREGO" (DE) "STAWELL" "WHYALLA" (AMS)

(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "LITHGOW" is to depart Brisbane so as to RV with "PRESIDENT JOHNSON" (enroute Townsville) at OBOO/1 Oct. in a position 2702788 155045 E and escort her to Lady Elliott Island.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) <u>Russell Is. Area</u> At 0957/29 a submarine was sighted 10 miles <u>N.E. of Buraku</u> (or Murray) Island. This is perhaps confirmatory to the doubtful report of a periscope north of Russell Is. at 1855/28.
- (2) New Georgia Enemy artillery ineffectively shelled Ondonga Is. (E.shore Diamond Narrows opposite Arundel Is.) night 27-28 September.
- (3) Kolombangara At 0730/28 a cargo leden barge off H. coast Kolombanger a was sunk by strafing from 3 Corsairs.

At 0935/28 gun post tions and encampment areas in the Vila area were attacked by 13 Mitchells, 48 Dauntless, 26 Avengers. The target area was well covered and hits scored on 7 gun positions.

(4) <u>Choiseul</u> - P.M. 28 September, two 40 ft. barges laden with cargo were strafed and sunk at anchor in Choiseul Bay. Subsequently 4 barges were observed by aircraft in Choiseul Bay.

At 1630/28 a 100 ft, boat falled with troops was attacked and sunk off central S.W. coast Choiseul by a flight of 8 Hellcats.

At 0700/29 aircraft observed 5 barges from which troops, wearing helmets, were landing 1 mile S.E. of Kakasa (central S.W.,coast). At 0735/29 another aircraft was over this area. No A.A. was encountered and no personnel were seen: 2 deserted barges and were observed at Bambatana and one at Kakasa.

- (5) Buin Base At 1220/27 Kahili was attacked by 27 Liberators escorted by 36 fighters. 25-30 Zeros attempted interception and 12 were shot down, 5 by Liberators and 7 by Corsairs. One Corsair is missing and one Kittyhawk crash-landed. It is recalled that photos at noon 27th probably taken at about the time of the strike showed nil operative aircraft at either Kahili or Kara and only 4 fighters at Ballale.
  - (6) Buka-Bougainville Additional reports concerning the probable transportation run to Central Solomons indicate that the facts were substantially as reported in yesterday's Summary No.609, except that there is no substantiation of the report that the convoy possibly put into Buin (see Naval Incidents).
  - (7) <u>Kieta A single enemy ship was attacked by recce plane 26 miles</u> east of Kieta at 2055/28.
  - (8) New Hanover At 0704/29 one probable gunboat was strafed by a Liberator 80 miles S.W. of Cape Matanalem. The vessel was reported on source 350°.
  - (9) Mussau Is. Area At 1448/29 a five-ship convoy including 3 freighters B- 2 Sf 2-4000 tons, 1 of 5-7000 tons, 2 sub-chasers 47 miles SSW of Mussau Is. course 310° apparently departing the area. Photos confirm the presence of 2 freighters (2-3000 tons each) and one subchaser. The freighters decks are clear. At 1425/29 a single possible sea-truck was sighted 50 miles S.S.W. Mussau Is. heading S.E.
- (10) Ubili Area At approximately 0900/29 9 barges were located off S.E. Lolobau Is. (off Ubili) by 3 Beaufighters. The barges were strafed: 5 blew up, one sank and the other 3 left burning. The barges were a pparently loaded with fuel and supplies.
- (11) Hollandia Photos 1030/28 show 41 aircraft including 9 fighters, 6 light and 25 medium bombers and one transport plane in
- addition to 5 unserviceable medium bombers on the aerodrome. (12) <u>Wewsk</u> - The total force which attacked Wewak area shortly before noon 28 September was 40 Liberators with fighter escort. At least 30 enemy fighters including some old types were engaged by 29 Lightnings and 7 were destroyed plus 2 probably. 7 or 3 Zeros attempted to attack the bombers and one was destroyed plus another probably.
- (13) Bogadjim Area Photos 1045/28 show that construction continues on the Bogadjim road and that at least two of the kargam bridges previously damaged are apparently repaired. At 1715-1740/28 the road was attacked by 8 Aircobras

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(14) Finschhafen Area - At 1645/27, 9 enemy bombers ineffectually raided the Song River area. This may be one of the two raids reported in Summary 609.

At 1515-1545/28 positions in the Langemak Bay area were attacked by 12 Vengeance, 8 Bostons.

- (15) Semarai At 1130/29 a submarine was reported by aircraft 31 miles E.S.E. Samerai.
- (16) Woodlark Is. An enemy aircraft was sighted 70 miles N.N.E. Woodlark Is. at 1020/28.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

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(a) At sea to 1200/30:

(1) "FREMAMFLE" escorting "CARDROSS" dep. Darwin 0508/28 en route Thursday Is. ETA 2400/1 Oct. (2) "LATROBE" escorting Convoy TD.33 (2 MV)dep. Thursday Is. 0300/29 en route Darwin ETA 1230/3. (3) 9 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Melville	Bay	-	Warships	& Aux	"INVERELL" (AMS)
					"WANARA"
Derwin			Warships	& Aux	"ML.814" "ML.815"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Celebes - The wharf and town area at Pomelaa were attacked 2130-2210/28 by 4 Catalinas. Fires were started in the barracks and wharf area and hits were observed on a 7-8000 ton freighter off the jetty.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

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#### (a) At Sea to 1200/30:

(1) "SHROPSHIRE" dep. Fremantle 0605/27 for Sydney ETA 0830/2 Oct.

#### (b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL) "TJERK HIDDES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "DUBBO" (AMS) Fremantle "ISABFL" (PY)" "ATREUS" (CM) "WH IPPOORWILL" "LARK" (AR) "HOR SHAM" (AMS) "SC, 739" "PELIAS" (AS "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "W.B. PRESTON " (AVD) Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV) "YP.286" "YP.288"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

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#### (a) At Sea to 1200/30:

(1) "WILCANNIA" "CASTLEMA INE" "ABRAHAM CRI JNSSEN" escorting Convoy

- "WILCANNIA" "CASTLEMA INE" "ABRAHAM CRI JNSSEN" escorting Convoy PG.69 (9 MV) dep. Calcundra 1405/28.
   "BUNDABERG" "TOWNSVILLE" "MILDURA" escorting Convoy OC.129 (10 MV) were to depart Port Phillip ClCO/28 ETA Port Kembla O200/1, Sydney O700/1, Newcastle 1600/1 Oct.
   "MIZAR" was to dep. Calcundra 1130/28 enroute Sydney ETA 30 Sept.
   "ARUNTA" "STUART" "BENDIGO"/escorting Convoy PV.2 (9 MV) dep. Port Phillip 0900/27. "ARUNTA" "STUART" to escort vicinity of Lady Elliott Is. and then return Brisbane. "BENDIGO" to detach in vicinity Port Kembla and return Melbourne. "WARRAMUNNA" to join Convoy off Jervis Bey at 0600/29 and on arrival at Lady Elliott Is. to return Sydney. Sydney.
- (5) "DELORAINE" "ECHUCA" "KALGOORLIE" escarting Convoy GP.70 (4 MV) dep. Sydney 0800/29 for Newcastle and Brisbane.
   (6) "ROCKHAMPTON" "MORESBY" "GLENELG" escorting Convoy CO.130 (11
- (7) "BALLARD" dep. Sydney 1647/29 enroute Espiritu San to ETA 1500/3.

### (b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "HELM" (DD) "BROOME" "WARRNAMBOOL (AMS) "BINGERA" "KYERA" "YANDRA" (A/S Vessels) "ML.817" "ML.813" Port Stephens - Warships & Apx. - "MANCORA" "WESTRALIA" (APA) Sydney

Sydney (Contd.) (Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "CONWAY" "WILSON" "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD) "DIXIE" (AD) (On Reserve) - "KA NIMELA" (APA) Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "TRO MP" (CL) "DOOMEA" (A/S Vessel (Refitting) - "NIZAM" (DD) "BALLARAT" (AMS)

### (c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "MAN OORA" "WESTRALIA" are to depart Port Stephens at 0700/2 enroute Sydney.

C. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

#### Enemy Forces

New Caledonia - 2 submarine reports were made by aircraft both approximately 0830/29, one 170 miles N. by W. of New Caledonia and the other 218 miles north of New Caledonia.

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## NAVAL INCIDENTS

Buka-Bougainville - The force reported as 8 destroyers was first sighted 60 miles north of Buka course 125° at 1305/28. Of the 8 Zeros covering, 2 were shot down definitely and a third probably, by the patrol Liberator, At 1930/28. a 10 or 11 ship convoy was sighted 10 miles N.W. of Choiseul Bay heading S. The furthest south that the ships were reported by aircraft was of 9 ships of unstated identity 13 miles east of Kundurumbangara Point (E.coast VellaLavella) probably at about midnight. The last report of the operation was at 0708/29, when 10 destroyers were sighted 18 miles N.E. of Buka course 310°.

Attacks were made on the ships apparently by five of the reconnaissance planes in the area N.W. of Choiseul Bay between 1930/28 and midnight. Preliminary reports indicate 2 hits on a probable cargo ship resulting in a large explosion and fire. Another aircraft reported 2 hits on a large ship with square stern while a third aircraft scored 3 or 4 hits on another ship which appeared to be a 2-stack destroyer from the light of the explosion. An independent aircraft confirmed the sinking of one of the vessels, probably the last named.

vessels, probably the last named. It is not yet clear whether the Transportation Force, apparently including 11 destroyers, actually reached Kolombangara or whether this force proceeded only as far as Bougainville Strait area.

## ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
- (2) Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- (3) Increased use of barges in addition to submarines for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons with possible destroyer transportation missions.
- (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific Areas.

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# DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY PART II ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE 1: SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

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	est Pacific ern Section)	South Pacific	Solomons	Marshalls
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( <u>L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO HAYATAKA
<u>CV (E)</u>	COPAHEE	ALTAMAHA PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON	-	-
CA	AUSTRALIA		CHOKAI SUZUYA	ATAGO TAKAO MAYA MYOKO HAGURO TON E CHIKUMA MOGAMI
CL	HOBART TROMP	R LEANDER COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER LENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	NAGARA SENDAI	NOSHTRO OYODO AGANO NAKA I SUZU
CL(T)		-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
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	COD NARWHAL ) O	n Passage	•		
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	I.9 At Syda	ney			
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CV(T)			HOSEO
(E)	SUN ANNEE SAN GA MON CHE NANG O LONG ISLAND BARNES		UNYO CHUYO OTAKA
CA	NEW ORLEANS FENSACOLA MINDIANAPOLIS MSALTIAKE CITY MINNEAPOLIS MST,LOUIS WICHITA		R AOBA R KUMANO
<u>OCA</u>	MOBILE BIRMINGHAM SANTA FE MONOLULU NASHVILLE RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT		6 TATSUTA R KINU R Y UBARI NATORI
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CVS	CHILDS W.B.PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOT
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### K.12 At Fremantle

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AIRCRAFT (N.W.AreaOnly)

Fighters (incl. 5 t	win-eng.)	113
Light or M/Bombers		102
Bombers		12
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Floatplanes		56
Transport & Obsn.	AC	44
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