

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY1st August, 19421. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCESA) SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTORBritish and Allied Forces

- (i) "PHOENIX" escorting Convoy ZK12 ("WESTRALIA" "MANGORA" "DUNTRON" and 6 vessels ex Indian Ocean Convoy) en route Sydney E.T.A. Melbourne 3/8.
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- (ii) "STUART" to proceed from Sydney to Noumea to escort "WEST CACTUS" carrying 300 troops from Noumea to Brisbane. To depart Noumea 1000/2 and arrive Brisbane not later than 1800/6.
- (iii) "CHEVREUIL" & "CAP DES PALMES" departed Sydney 1755/30 for Noumea.
- (iv) "ARUNTA" escorting two M.V. from Convoy ZK16 arrived Brisbane 2210/30. "KALGOORLIE" to continue to Townsville with one M.V. E.T.A. 0800/2 and then proceed Darwin.
- (v) "GEELONG" & "WHYALLA" escorting Convoy GP7 departed Sydney 0702/31 for Brisbane E.T.A. 0700/3.
"ARUNTA" & "WHYALLA" to escort Convoy PG7 (including "BUNGAREE" "ATREUS" & "ALSEY"). "GEELONG" to remain Brisbane.
- (vi) "ROGHAMPTON" & "CAIRNS" escorting Convoy COL3 en route Sydney E.T.A. 1900/1 and Newcastle E.T.A. 0200/2.
"DOOMBA" escorting Convoy COL3 (9 M.V.) after relieving above escort arrived Melbourne 0421/31.
- (vii) "SWAN" departed Townsville for Cairns 2025/30 arrived 0945/31.
- (viii) "WARREGO" departed Townsville for Cairns 1708/30 arrived 0710/31.
- (ix) "KATOOMBA" due Milne Bay 30/7 was to escort "ANHUI" to a position clear of China Strait, then return Milne Bay to escort "BANTAM" to Townsville.
- (x) "WARRNAMBOOL" arrived Port Moresby from Milne Bay 2125/30 departed 0300/31 for Thursday Island E.T.A. 1600/1.
- (xi) "MUNGANUI" (Hospital Ship) departed Port Phillip 1950/30 for Wellington E.T.A. 1000/4.
- (xii) At Sydney - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "K.12" "K.9" "DOBBIN" "VICTORIA" "MILDURA" "DELORAINE" "YANDRA"
- (xiii) At Melbourne - Repairing "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR" "OTUS"
- (xiv) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "ATREUS" "ALSEY" "TULSA" "BUNGAREE" "KURUMBA"
- (xv) At Townsville - "BENDIGO" "COLAC"
- (xvi) At Moresby "POTRERO"
- (xvii) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces

- (i) RABAUL - Air recce 31/7 reported 6 cargo vessels and 5 other vessels (type unknown) in Harbour and one large vessel probably Seaplane Tender.
- (b) Cape Gazelle - The same recce reported one large vessel 10 miles S.E. Cape Gazelle.
- (c) Meraï - (36 miles S. by E. Rabaul) - One merchant vessel (5/8000 tons) and one warship probably a cruiser 20 miles off Meraï course 195°. One M.T.B. was escorting these vessels.
- (d) Wide Bay - One vessel approx 10,000 tons, one warship (type unknown) one naval motor boat course 195°.
- Comment - Four warships and 15 merchant vessels were observed in Rabaul Harbour by air recce 29/7. It is apparent that the vessels sighted south of Rabaul as shown above have left Rabaul Harbour since that date and are probably proceeding to the Buna area.
- (ii) KAVIENG - Three cruisers and two merchant vessels were observed by allied aircraft in the vicinity of Kavieng a.m. 31/7.
- (iii) ENEMY SUBMARINE ACTIVITY - "CAIRNS" reported three heavy underwater explosions in her wake at 0300/31 in position 38°S, 149°43'E (30 miles S. by W. Gabo Island).
There were indications later in the day that a submarine was

- operating approx 30 miles E. of Gabe.
- (b) Rockhampton - A merchant vessel reported sighting a possible submarine approx 140 miles E. of Rockhampton at 1810/30.
Graded D.4.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "TROMP" & "VOYAGER" arrived Fremantle from escort duty 0820/31.
(ii) "TOWNSVILLE" escorting "TULAGI" was due Thursday Is. from Darwin 31/7.
(iii) "BOMBAY" en route Fremantle to Adelaide E.T.A. 1730/2.
(iv) "GERALTON" escorting "BAHREIN" en route Fremantle to Addu Atoll E.T.A. 8/8.
(v) "LITHGOW" escorting "JOHN JAY" en route Thursday Island to Darwin E.T.A. 1730/2.
(vi) "TOOWOOMBA" en route Adelaide from Western Australia E.T.A. 1330/5.
(vii) At Fremantle - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "VOYAGER" "KANIMBLA" "TRINITY" "CHILDS" "HERON" "HOLLAND" "K.8" "ERLING BROVIG" "ISABEL" "LANAKAI" "WOLLONGONG" "MADRAS"
(viii) At Albany - "PELIAS" "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" "MARYBOROUGH"
(ix) At Exmouth Gulf - "W.B. PRESTON"
(x) For submarines in Western Sector - see Appendix.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

- (i) "BANDA SEA" - An allied aircraft on reconce sighted one cruiser, 2 destroyers and one flying boat in 4°35'S, 130°20'E (approx 10 miles E. of Banda Island) at 1100/31. The cruiser was attacked and probably hit.
An examination of other sightings in the area indicates that at least one other cruiser is operating in these waters, last sighted in 5°04'S, 130°53'E (approx 115 miles W.N.W. Toعال, Kai Islands) at approx 1600/31, course W. by N.
(ii) There are indications that at least one unit of Crudiv 7 ("KUMANG") and units of Desron 3 are operating in the N.E.I. - Malayan area. It is also possible that the "TONE" (Crudiv 8) is operating in this area or in company with C in C 8th Fleet ("CHOKAI") in the New Britain area.
(iii) There is no further information concerning the aircraft carrier "ZUIKAKU" which was recently reported en route Singapore.
Comment - The presence of additional heavy cruisers and one first class aircraft carrier in this area may indicate the formation of a Task Force for operations from this area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces (See Appendix)

Enemy Forces

- (i) There are indications that the heavy cruiser "TONE" (8-8") is possibly in company with C in C 8th Fleet ("CHOKAI" - 10,000 tons, 10-8"). "CHOKAI" is now believed operating in the Rabaul area and C in C 8th Fleet appears to have now taken command of operations in that area.
(ii) The Cruiser "KA SHIMA" (5,800 tons; 4-5.5"), former Flagship of C in C Fourth Fleet is now believed in Japanese Home Waters. C in C Fourth Fleet is believed to have transferred his Flag to one of the cruisers operating in the Truk - New Britain area. ~~xxxxx~~
(iii) There are indications that the enemy has re-organized his Aircraft Carrier Fleets following the loss of units of Cardivs 1 and 2.
(iv) The major portion of Japanese heavy units is still in Home Waters.
(v) The aircraft carriers, with the exception of "ZUIKAKU"; are thought to be in Home Waters, with the majority exercising round the Southern Kyushu area.

- (vi) A Submarine Task Force under the command of Comsubron 3 is operating in the Southern Pacific area. It would appear that approx 12 - 14 enemy submarines are operating in New Britain - Australasian waters including probably half RO class (under 1000 tons) and half "I" class (1000 to 2000 tons).
- (vii) The Converted Seaplane Carrier "KANOI" is now reported en route Japan to the Marshalls while the Seaplane Carrier "CHITOSE" is believed to be in Formosan Waters.
- (viii) The Converted Seaplane Tender "KENJO MARU" is believed en route Truk from Rabaul escorted by destroyers.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "CANBERRA" "CHICAGO" "HOBART" and nine destroyers) has reported to Comsopac.
- (ii) At Tongatabu - "SOLACE" "RAINIER" "WHITNEY" "ANTARES" "KANAWHA" "NAVAJO" "HOPKINS" "TREVOR" "Zane" "ALDEBARAN"
- (iii) At Samoa "TURKEY" "KINGFISHER" "BRAZOS"
- (iv) At Suva - "CUMMINGS" "GALE" "FLUSSER" "KASKASKIA"
- (v) At Auckland - "ACHILLES" "LEANDER" "PERKINS" "ALCYONE" "RIGEL" "MACKINAC" "CASTOR" "WALKE"
- (vi) At Noumea - "CURTIS" "McPARLAND" "SUMNER" "SOUTHARD" "HOVEY" "ARGONNE" "BISHOPDALE"

Enemy Forces

- (i) NOUMEA - A possible submarine was observed by allied aircraft at 0037/31 approx 74 miles S.W. Noumea.
- (ii) LOYALTY IS. - An enemy submarine was reported 29/7 off Lifu Island (21°S, 167°15'E).

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces (See Appendix)

Enemy Forces

Western Aleutians

- (i) The movement of enemy supplies to Kiska area continues.
- (ii) One cruiser, one 7,000 ton transport, one destroyer and possibly 4 small tankers were observed at Kiska 29/7.
- (iii) Enemy submarines remain active in the Aleutians - Hawaiian area.

E) SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA
British and Allied Forces (See Appendix)

Enemy Forces

- (i) SURFACE RAIDERS - There are continued indications of enemy raiders operating in the Indian Ocean. These include probably German Raider E and two Japanese merchant raiders.
 - (a) U.S. Freighter "IRENE DU PONT" sent out a raider distress signal from a position 1140 miles E. by N. of Durban at 1700/21.
 - (b) British vessel "INDUS" was attacked by an enemy raider approx 1200 miles S.W. of Cocos Is. at 1503/20.
 - (c) The British vessel "HANNAKI" was captured by a Japanese raider 1500 miles south of Colombo on 12/7.
 - (d) A Japanese unit was in the vicinity of Cocos Is. on 5/7 while a Japanese aircraft was reported flying over Cocos Is. at 1015/20.
- (ii) SUBMARINES - There are indications that enemy submarines in the Indian Ocean are operating over a much broader area, namely, in the Seychelles, Chagos, Maldives area as well as the Mozambique Channel. There are also indications that some of the units from the S.W. Indian Ocean area are changing stations or returning to their base, probably Penang.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) GABO ISLAND - "CAIRNS" reported three heavy underwater explosions in her wake at 0300/31 in position 38°S, 149°43'E (30 miles S. by W. Gabo Island), while escorting Convoy OGI3. The Captain considers that the convoy was attacked by a submarine or submarines using magnetic torpedoes.

(ix) SOLOMONS - Small parties of Japanese are reported to have landed from schooners on 30/7 at Auki, Fuambo and Feu Bay (vicinity Cape Ritters) on the N.W. coast of Malaita Island.

3. AIR OPERATIONS - 31/7

ALLIED

(i) GONA

(a) Two Catalinas attacked Katuna (14 miles N. by W. Gona) from 2346/30 to 0204/31. Results not observed. A merchant ship was observed at the mouth of the Opi River and two schooners off Gona.

(b) Four B.17's attacked Gona village 1200/31. Two hits on wreck off Gona which was again set on fire. No shipping at Buna.

(ii) RABAU - B.17 on recce attacked by three Zero's 30 miles S.E. Cape Gazelle. Only one Zero attacked and was probably destroyed.

(iii) SOLOMONS - (NEW GEORGIA)

(a) One B.24 unsuccessfully attacked a merchant vessel (2/3000 tons) off Tuki Point (Northern tip Kulambangra Is.).

(b) Tulagi - One U.S. Navy Catalina bombed Tulagi during the night 29/30. Results unknown.

(c) Kukum - Three Catalinas attacked Kukum 29/7. Hits on stores dump. Two small fires observed. One possible hit on large ship. Only other shipping observed was one small vessel.

ENEMY

(i) MOSSMAN (33 miles N. Cairns)

A single unidentified enemy aircraft dropped one bomb near Saltwater (9 miles from Mossman) at 0300/31. A farmhouse was damaged and a civilian ~~man~~ injured.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

(i) Development of major advanced air base in Guadalcanal - Tulagi area (Solomons).

(ii) Attack on Port Moresby area.

(iii) Occupation of Nauru and Ocean Island.

(iv) Consolidation of bases in occupied territory.

(v) Continued submarine and surface raider activity in the Indian Ocean and Pacific areas.


For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

1/8/42

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DAILY SUMMARY - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

1) SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruiser

Flotilla Leaders

Submarines

Dutch Submarines

A.M.C.'s

Submarine Tenders

Destroyer Tender

Storeship

Gunboat

Oiler

Effective

PHOENIX

STUART

ARUNTA

S.37)

S.39)

S.40) At Brisbane

S.41)

S.42)

S.45)

S.38)

S.43)

S.44) On Patrol

S.46)

S.47)

K.9) At Sydney

K.12)

WESTRALIA

MANOCRA

GRIFFIN

OTUS

DOBBIN

TULSA

Refitting or Repairing

LE TRIOMPHANT

GOLDSTAR

VICTORIA

Enemy Forces

New Guinea - Bismarck Archipelago - Solomons Area

C in C 4th Fleet

3 poss. 4 heavy cruisers (one "KAKO"; one "AOBA" class; "CHOKAI")

3 Light Cruisers ("YUBARI"; two "TENRYU" class)

12-16 Destroyers

1 Converted Seaplane Tender ("KIYOKAWA MARU")

Approx 20 Merchant Ships

Several small patrol craft

9 M.T.B.'s

12-14 Submarines

Approx 138 shore-based aircraft including probably 49 fighters,

41 heavy bombers, 24 flying boats and 24 float planes

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

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Flotilla Leader

Destroyer

A.M.C.'s

Seaplane Tenders

Submarine Tenders

Submarines

ADELAIDE

TROMP

VOYAGER

KANIMBLA

GILDS

HERON

W.B. PRESTON

HOLLAND

PELIAS

On Patrol

SAILFISH

SARGO

SEADRAGON

SPEARFISH

SEARAVEN

GAR

PERMIT

TAUTOG GRAMPUS

SKIPJACK GRAYBACK

Submarines (Contd)

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

	SNAPPER)	
	SWORDFISH)	
	SEAWOLF)	
	SALMON)	At Fremantle
	SAURY)	
	SEAL)	
	STURGEON)	
	SCULPIN)	At Albany
Dutch Submarine	K.8	At Fremantle

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES
British and Allied Forces

11 Submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or N.E.I. area (see above)

Enemy Forces

1 Aircraft Carrier	ZUIKAKU (en route Singapore)
3 - 8" Cruisers	ASHIGARA
	KUMANO) (en route Sourabaya)
	SUZUYA)

2 Light Cruisers
12-16 Destroyers
Several Converted Seaplane Tenders

Timor

Approx 17 shore-based aircraft including 11 fighters, 6 H/B

Bali

Approx 25 shore-based aircraft including 21 fighters, 4 Obsn. Aircraft

Ambon

Approx 22 shore-based aircraft including 9 fighters, 9 H/B, 4 F/B

Celebes

Approx 167 shore-based aircraft including 87 fighters, 50 H/B, 12 F/B,
18 P/P

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces
Battleships

Effective

Refitting or Repairing

	MARYLAND	CALIFORNIA
	COLORADO	NEVADA (to be ready about 1/10)
	IDAHO	
	MISSISSIPPI	WEST VIRGINIA
	NEW MEXICO	
	TENNESSEE	
	PENNSYLVANIA	
Aircraft Carriers	HORNET	YORKTOWN
	LONG ISLAND (Converted)	
8" Cruisers	NORTHAMPTON	
	PENSACOLA	
6" Cruisers	BOISE	DETROIT
	HELENA	
	SAN DIEGO	
	RALEIGH	
Destroyers	15 (approx)	
Submarines	23 (approx)	

Enemy Forces

Palao - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

11 Battleships	YAMATO	
	MUTSU	FUSO
	NAGATO	KIRISHIMA
	HYUGA	KONGO
	MIYEI	ISE
	YAMASHIRO	
	HARUNA	
5 Aircraft Carriers	SHOKAKU	
	RYUJO	
	HOSHO	
	HIYO	
	JUNYO	
3 Converted A/C Carriers	ZUIHO	
	KASUGA MARU	
	NISSHIN	
5 - 8" Cruisers	ATAGO	
	TAKAO	
	TOBE	
	HAGURO	
	MYOKO	

2 - 6" Cruisers
1 Seaplane Carrier ("CHITOSE")
2 Converted S/P Tenders ("NOTONO" "PUJIKAWA MARU")
Approx 40 Destroyers (some damaged)
Approx 20 Submarines

Mandated Islands

Truk Area

1 Light Cruiser
Approx 8 Destroyers
2 Converted Seaplane Tenders ("KAI IKAWA MARU" "KENJO MARU")
1 Gunboat Division
Several Chartered Merchant Ships
Special Landing Party Force (Marines)
Approx 10 Submarines
7 Motor Torpedo Boats

Marshalls

2 Converted Seaplane Tenders ("GOSHU MARU" & "KAI OI")
At least 2 Submarine Squadrons from 6th Fleet
1 M/S Flotilla (12h)
Air Tenders and Minesweepers
15 Motor Torpedo Boats
Commander Submarine Force

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces

Battleship

Aircraft Carriers

NORTH CAROLINA
WASP
SAHATOGA
~~SAH~~ ENTERPRISE
ASTORIA
PORTLAND
VINCENNES
MINNEAPOLIS
QUINCY
NEW ORLEANS
SAN FRANCISCO
AUSTRALIA
CANBERRA
CHICAGO
SALT LAKE CITY
NOBART
ATLANTA
LEANDER
ACHILLES
SAN JUAN
SELPRIDGE
30 (approx)

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Squadron Leader
Destroyers

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE
INDIANAPOLIS
HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE

15 Destroyers
10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians Area

1 Heavy Cruiser
2 Light Cruisers
1 Seaplane Carrier ("CHIYODA" - en route Home Waters)
12 Destroyers
2 Squadrons Submarines
1st Base Force

E) SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces
6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces
Battleships

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

Aircraft Carriers

Seaplane Carrier
8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruiser
6" Cruisers

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

At least 25 Destroyers
At least 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Several Destroyers
1 Submarine Squadron
C in C Southern Expeditionary Fleet

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2nd Aug., 1942

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- (iv) "ROCKHAMPTON" with Sydney section of Convoy ^{OC13} C014 arrived 1248/1. "WILCANNIA" with Newcastle portion arrived 2050/1. "CAIRNS" arrived Sydney from escort duty with this convoy 1533/1.
- (v) "ROCKHAMPTON" & "MILDURA" to escort Convoy C015. "MILDURA" to depart Sydney 0900 today 2/8 for Newcastle. "ROCKHAMPTON" to depart Sydney with section of convoy p.m. 3/8 and R.V. with "MILDURA", and Newcastle section.
- (vi) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy C014 (7 M.V.) departed Port Phillip 2211/1 to R.V. with C014 and exchange escorts. (*mostly armille*)
- (vii) "SWAN" departed Cairns 0930/1 to R.V. with "BENDIGO" escorting "SWARTENHONDT" off Fitzroy Island at 1001/1. "SWAN" to escort "SWARTENHONDT" to Milne Bay via China Strait E.T.A. 1900/3. "BENDIGO" proceeded Cairns arriving 1530/1.
- (viii) "WARRNAMBOOL" arrived Port Moresby 2246/31.
- (ix) "GESSMOCK" departed Milne Bay 0600/31 escorting "MANGOLA" to Townsville E.T.A. p.m. today 2/8.
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- (xviii) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces

- (i) BANDA SEA - Sightings by aircraft on 31/7 and 1/8 indicate at least two enemy cruisers and three destroyers were in the vicinity of Banda Is.
- (ii) RABAU - Photographs 31/7 show one destroyer, 3 merchant vessels, 1 landing craft carrier, one seaplane tender, one minelayer and one light cruiser in Rabaul Harbour.
Air recce 1/8 reported 4 probable cruisers, 6 merchant vessels, and one large unidentified vessel (approx 15,000 tons) in Harbour, and a large ship 20/25,000 tons, possibly "TONAN MARU" class (whaling factory ships), escorted by a destroyer off Cape Tawui, course 138°.
- (iii) NIGHTINGALE BAY (15 miles E.S.E. Wewak) - The vessel reported on 29/7 departed Northwards 31/7. It is reported that the vessel was probably a destroyer, "KAMIKAZE" class.
- (iv) HUON GULF - One cruiser, one destroyer, one merchant vessel (8/10,000 tons) were observed approx 80 miles N. of Gona at 1417/1. An air attack was not successful.
- (v) ENEMY SUBMARINE ACTIVITY -
(a) Sydney - There were W/T indications of an enemy submarine within 50 miles of Sydney at 0238/31 and submarines were sighted by aircraft at 1645/1 approx 25 miles S. of South Head and 6 miles

east of Barrenjessy Head (Broken Bay).

(b) Gabo Is. - There were indications that at least one enemy submarine was in the vicinity of Gabo Island on 31/7.

(vi) GUADALCANAL-A native report 31/7 indicates that the aerodrome on grass plains is nearly completed & work is continuing

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (British and Allied Forces) (night and day.)

(i) "KANIMBLA" escorting Convoy "Schooner B" (4 M.V.) departed Fremantle 1530/31 for Melbourne E.T.A. 1600/7.

"WOLLONGONG" in company to provide A/S escort until 1900/1,

"ADELAIDE" & "VOYAGER" to provide A/S escort until 1900/2.

(ii) "BOMBAY" en route Fremantle to Adelaide E.T.A. 1730 today 2/8

(iii) "TOWNSVILLE" en route Thursday Island to Townsville.

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(iii) There is no further information concerning the aircraft carrier "ZUIKARU" which was recently reported en route Singapore.

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British and Allied Forces (See Appendix)

Enemy Forces

Western Aleutians

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3. AIR OPERATIONS

ALLIED

- (i) GONA - Two attacks on Gona 1/8. No damage observed.
- (ii) GUADALCANAL - 9 Portresses, 3 Catalinas made 2 attacks on Kukum area 1/8. One small fire observed. No A.A. fire. No interception.
- (iii) BANDA SEA - Three Hudsons attacked barges at Toel at 1200/1. No shipping or activity was observed at Saumlaki or Dobo.

ENEMY

- (i) TANIMBAR IS. - Floatplanes were twice observed on 31/7 patrolling Tanimbar Island.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Development of major advanced air base in Guadalcanal-Tulagi area.
- (ii) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (iii) Occupation of Hauru and Ocean Island.
- (iv) Consolidation of bases in occupied territory.
- (v) Continued submarine and surface raider activity in the Indian Ocean & Pacific areas.

For *Revised* DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

A P P E N D I X

to

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruiser

Flotilla Leaders

Submarines

Effective

PHOENIX

STUART

ARUNTA

S.37)

S.39)

S.40) At Brisbane

B.41)

B.42)

S.45)

S.38)

S.43)

S.44) On Patrol

S.46)

S.47)

Dutch Submarines

K.9) At Sydney

K.12)

A.M.C.'s

WESTRALIA

Submarine Tenders

MANOCRA

GRIFFIN

Destroyer Tender

OTUS

Storeship

DOBBIN

Gunboat

TULSA

GOLDSTAR

Oiler

VICTORIA

Enemy Forces

New Guinea - Bismarck Archipelago - Solomons Area

C in C 4th Fleet

3 poss. 4 heavy cruisers (one "KAKO"; one "AOBA" class; "CHOKAI")

3 Light Cruisers ("YUBARI"; two "TENRYU" class)

12-16 Destroyers

1 Converted Seaplane Tender ("KIYOKAWA MARU")

Approx 20 Merchant Ships

Several small patrol craft

9 M.T.B.'s

12-14 Submarines

Approx 138 shore-based aircraft including probably 49 fighters,

41 heavy bombers, 24 flying boats and 24 float planes

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruiser

Flotilla Leader

Destroyer

A.M.C.

Seaplane Tenders

ADELAIDE

TROMP

VOYAGER

KARIMBLA

CHILDS

HERON

W.B. PRESTON

Submarine Tenders

HOLLAND

PELIAS

Submarines

On Patrol

SAURY

SARGO

SEADRAGON

SPEARFISH

SEARAVEN

GAR

PERMIT

TAUTOG

SKIPJACK

GRAMPUS

GRAYBACK

Submarines (Contd)

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

	SNAPPER)	
	SWORDFISH)	
	SEAWOLF)	At Fremantle
	SALMON)	
	SAILFISH)	
	SEAL)	
	STURGEON)	At Albany
	SCULPIN)	
Dutch Submarine	K.8	At Fremantle

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES
British and Allied Forces

11 Submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or N.K.I. area (see above)

Enemy Forces

1 Aircraft Carrier	ZUIKAKU (en route Singapore)
2 8 - 8" Cruisers	ASHIGARA
	KUMANO - en route Surabaya
2 Light Cruisers	
12-16 Destroyers	
Several Converted Seaplane Tenders	

Timor

Approx 17 shore-based aircraft including 11 fighters, 6 H/B

Bali

Approx 25 shore-based aircraft including 21 fighters, 4 Obsn. Aircraft

Ambon

Approx 22 shore-based aircraft including 9 fighters, 9 H/B, 4 F/B

Celebes

Approx 167 shore-based aircraft including 87 fighters, 50 H/B, 12 F/B, 18 F/P

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces
Battleships

Effective

MARYLAND
COLORADO
IDAHO
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
TENNESSEE
PENNSYLVANIA
HORNET
LONG ISLAND (Converted)
PENSACOLA
NORTHAMPTON
BOISE
HELENA
SAN DIEGO
RALEIGH

Refitting or Repairing

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

Air craft Carriers

YORKTOWN

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

DETROIT

Destroyers

15 (approx)

Submarines

23 (approx)

Enemy Forces

Falao - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

11 Battleships

YAMATO
MUTSU FUSO
NAGATO KIRISHIMA
HYUGA KONGO
HIYEI ISE
YAMASHIRO

5 Aircraft Carriers

HARUNA
SHOKAKU
RYUJO
HOSHO
MIYO

3 Converted A/C Carriers

JUNYO
ZUIHO
KASUGA MARU
NISSHIN

5 - 8" Cruisers

ATAGO
TAKA O
TONE
HAGURO
MYOKO

- 2 - 6" Cruisers
- 1 Seaplane Carrier ("CHITOSE")
- 2 Converted S/P Tenders ("NOTORO" "FUJIKAWA MARU")
- Approx 40 Destroyers (some damaged)
- Approx 20 Submarines

Mandated Islands

Truk Area

- 1 Heavy Cruiser ("SUZUYA")
- 1 Light Cruiser
- Approx 8 Destroyers
- 2 Converted Seaplane Tenders ("KAMIKAWA MARU" "KENJO MARU")
- 1 Gunboat Division
- Several Chartered Merchant Ships
- Special Landing Party Force (Marines)
- Approx 10 Submarines
- 7 Motor Torpedo Boats

Marshalls

- 2 Converted Seaplane Tenders ("GOSHU MARU" & "KAMOI")
- At least 2 Submarine Squadrons from 6th Fleet
- 1 M/S Flotilla (16th)
- Air Tenders and Minesweepers
- 15 Motor Torpedo Boats
- Commander Submarine Force

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleship

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Squadron Leader

Destroyers

NORTH CAROLINA
WASP
SARATOGA
ENTERPRISE
ASTORIA
PORTLAND
VINCENNES
MINNEAPOLIS
QUINCY
NEW ORLEANS
SAN FRANCISCO
AUSTRALIA
CANBERRA
CHICAGO
SALT LAKE CITY
HOBART
ATLANTA
LEANDER
ACHILLES
SAN JUAN
SELFRIDGE
30 (approx)

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

15 Destroyers

10 Submarines

LOUISVILLE
INDIANAPOLIS
HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians Area

1 Heavy Cruiser

2 Light Cruisers

1 Seaplane Carrier ("CHIYODA" - en route Home Waters)

12 Destroyers

2 Squadrons Submarines

1st Base Force

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

WARSPITE
VALIANT
RESOLUTION
REVENGE
ROYAL SOVEREIGN

Aircraft Carriers

RAMILLIES
INDOMITABLE
FORMIDABLE
ILLUSTRIOUS

Seaplane Carrier

8" Cruisers

ALBATROSS
DEVONSHIRE
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)

7.5" Cruiser

6" Cruisers

PROBISHER
GALEDON
DRAGON
ENTERPRISE

A.M.C.'s

EMERALD
CERES
BIRMINGHAM
GLASSGOW
CAPETOWN
DANAE
DAUNTLESS
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
NEWCASTLE
SUMATRA (Dutch)
WORCESTERSHIRE

A.A. Vessels

RANCHI
CORFU
ALAUNIA
CHITRAL
HANPURA
CANTON
QUEEN OF BERMUUDA
CARTHAGE
HEEMSKERCK
CARLISLE

At least 25 Destroyers

At least 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Several Destroyers

1 Submarine Squadron

C in C Southern Expeditionary Fleet

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

3rd August, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "PHOENIX" escorting Convoy ZK12 ("WESTRALIA" "MANOORA" "DUNTRON" and 6 vessels ex Indian Ocean Convoy) en route Sydney E.T.A. Melbourne today 3/8.
After disembarking, fuelling and provisioning at Sydney "WESTRALIA" to proceed Port Stephens to act as training ship for school of Combined Operations.
- (ii) "ARUNTA" departed Brisbane on escort duty 0430/2.
To R.V. with "PHOENIX" and convoy at 0800/5 and escort to Sydney.
- (iii) "STUART" escorting "WEST CACTUS" carrying 300 Australian troops departed Noumea 1343/2 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1600/7.
- (iv) "GEELONG" & "WHYALLA" escorting GP7 en route Sydney to Brisbane E.T.A. 0700/3.
- (v) "MILDURA" arrived Newcastle from Sydney 1457/2 to escort Convoy C015 "ROCKHAMPTON" to depart Sydney p.m. today 3/8 with Sydney section to R.V. with "MILDURA".
- (vi) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy C014 arrived Melbourne 1805/2.
- (vii) "MORESBY" & "ARMIDALE" escorting Convoy C014 (6 M.V.) en route Wilsons Promontory to Sydney.
- (viii) "SWAN" escorting "SWARTENHOND" en route Milne Bay E.T.A. 1900 today 3/8.
- (ix) "COLAC" escorting two transports departed Townsville 1437/2 to R.V. with "WARREGO" off Fitzroy Island at 0700 today 3/8. Convoy will proceed ~~MILNE BAY~~ via China Strait E.T.A. 1100/5. After disembarkation "WARREGO" will escort "TASMAN" to Port Moresby, thence Townsville; "COLAC" will escort "JAPARA" direct to Townsville.
- (x) "KALGOORLIE" escorting one M.V. arrived Townsville 0601/2, thence to escort one M.V. to Darwin departing 0600 today 3/8.
- (xi) "GESSNOCK" escorting one M.V. was due Townsville yesterday 2/8.
- (xii) "KATOOMBA" at Milne Bay is to escort "BANTAM" to Townsville.
- (xiii) "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting one M.V. departed Port Moresby 0630/2.
- (xiv) "TOWNSVILLE" en route Thursday Island to Townsville passed Archer Point 0055/2.
- (xv) At Sydney - "ABRAHAM GRYNSEN" "K.12" "K.9" "DOBBIN" "VICTORIA" "DELOIRINE" "YANDRA" "MIZAR" "CAIRNS"
- (xvi) At Melbourne - Repairing "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xvii) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "ATREUS" "ALSEY" "TULSA" "BUNGAREE" "KURUMBA"
- (xviii) At Cairns - "BENDIGO"
- (xix) At Moresby - "POTRERO"
- (xx) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces

- (i) RABOUL - Further reports indicate that there were eight and not six merchant vessels in Rabaul Harbour on 1/8.
- (ii) KAVIENG - Four destroyers and one cargo vessel were observed in the vicinity of Kavieng by aircraft on recce 2/8.
- (iii) PORT FAIRY (11 miles W. Warrnambool, Vic.) - Fishermen reported a possible submarine off Port Fairy at 1600/2. Graded C.3.
- (iv) GABO ISLAND - An unidentified aircraft was reported off Gabo Island at 2110/1.
- (v) GONA - Aircraft ordered to attack enemy shipping off Gona were unable to find a target at 0900/2.
- (vi) SALAMAUA - A small cargo vessel (500-1000 tons) was observed by aircraft off Salamaua at 0940/2 and a medium transport was reported drifting off Salamaua Isthmus at 1450.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "KANIMBLA" escorting Convoy "Schoener B" (now five M.V.) en route Fremantle to Melbourne E.T.A. 1600/7.
"ADELAIDE" & "VOYAGER" were to provide A/S escort until 1900/2, and then return Fremantle.
"WOLLONGONG" arrived Fremantle 1501/2 from escort duty with above.

- (ii) "TROMP" to R.V. with "GAMBIA" escorting "STIRLING CASTLE" approx 900 miles W. of Fremantle at 1700/6. "GAMBIA" to proceed Fremantle to refuel. "TROMP" to escort "STIRLING CASTLE" to Melbourne calling at Fremantle en route if the M.V.'s endurance makes it necessary.
- (iii) "BOMBAY" was due Adelaide 1730/2.
- (iv) "GERALDTON" escorting "BAHREIN" en route Fremantle to Addu Atoll E.T.A. 8/6.
- (v) "LITHGOW" escorting "JOHN JAY" was due Darwin 1730/2.
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3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

- (i) BANDA SEA - There is no evidence of an increase in enemy naval forces in this area. One cruiser was anchored off Genoenengapi Is. (Banda Is.) and was attacked by two Hudsons without result at 1723/1. Air recce 2/8 reported no enemy activity in the vicinity of Saumlaki (Tanimbar Is.) or Dobo (Aru Is.). Two invasion barges were observed off Tceal (Kai Is.).
- (ii) GENERAL - There are indications that a Task Force is being formed under C in C 3rd Fleet in the East Indies area. This force would appear to include, in addition to the Flagship of C in C 3rd Fleet (heavy cruiser "ASHIGARA"), the two heavy cruisers of Crudiv 7 ("KUMANO" & "SUZUYA"), units of Desrons 3 and 5 and an air attack force. This force may be intended to operate in the Indian Ocean area against allied shipping lines of communication to Australia. The two heavy cruisers of Crudiv 7 are now believed to have been the two units sighted in the Malacca Straits with destroyers on July 28th. There are now indications that the aircraft carrier "ZUIKAKU" may not have proceeded to Singapore as previously reported but that she is possibly still in Home Waters. There are indications that a southbound convoy is about to proceed through the Makassar Straits. Recent intelligence indicating -
 - (a) Possible enemy occupation of Aru Is. and Kai Is.
 - (b) Increased air activity in the Dilli area;
 - (c) Enemy southbound convoys in the East Indies area;
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2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

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(ii) ENEMY SUBMARINE ACTIVITY - There are continued indications of enemy submarine activity in the Eastern approaches to Bass Strait. There are also indications that an enemy submarine is in the Tasman Sea and another in Suva area.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

ALLIED

- (i) KOKODA - Four Aircobras attacked 1/8; several buildings fired. Opposition by M.G. fire.

- (ii) SALAMAU - Fortress on recce in effectively attacked small cargo vessel off Salamaua 2/8. Zero's intercepted one of which probably destroyed.
Air search 2/8 Salamaua to Cape Ward Hunt reported no shipping.
- (iii) LAE - Two Catalinas bombed A.A. positions Lae 2/8. Results unknown.
- (iv) GONA - One B.17 attacked Gona 2/8 results unknown. Nine Zero's intercepted, one probably damaged.
- (v) AMBASI-BUNA - Five Marauders, 11 Aircobras failed to locate convoy observed north of Gona 1/8 but were attacked by enemy aircraft, during search. Three possibly five enemy aircraft believed destroyed including one unidentified twin engined aircraft, 2 possibly 4 Zero's.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Development of major advanced air base in Guadalcanal-Tulagi area.
- (ii) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (iii) Occupation of Nauru and Ocean Island.
- (iv) Intensified submarine activity in the S.W. Pacific area.
- (v) Increased operations from the East Indies area involving possibly -
(a) Raids by an enemy Task Force (2 or 3 heavy cruisers and destroyers) against allied lines of communications ^{in the Indian O.}
(b) Possible attacks on N.W. Australian coastal area including Torres Strait.


For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.
3/8/42

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1) SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

<u>British and Allied Forces</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
6" Cruiser	PHOENIX	
Flotilla Leaders	STUART	LE TRIOMPHANT
	ARUNTA	
Submarines	S.37)	
	S.39)	
	S.40)	
	S.41) At Brisbane	
	S.42)	
	S.45)	
	S.38)	
	S.43)	
	S.44) On Patrol	
	S.46)	
	S.47)	
Dutch Submarines	K.9)	
	K.12) At Sydney	
A.M.C.'s	WESTRALIA	
	MANGORA	
Submarine Tender	GRIFFIN	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Storeships	MIZAR	GOLDSTAR
Gunboat	TULSA	
Oiler		VICTORIA

Enemy Forces

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Flotilla Leader	TROMP
Destroyer	VOYAGER
A.M.C.	KANIMBLA
Seaplane Tenders	CHILDS
	HERON
	W. B. PRESTON
Submarine Tenders	HOLLAND
	FELIAS
Submarines	<u>On Patrol</u>
	SAURY
	SARGO
	SEADRAGON
	SPEARFISH
	SEARAVEN
	GAR
	PERMIT
	TAUTOG
	SKIPJACK
	GRAMPUS
	GRAYBACK

Submarines (Contd)

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

SNAPPER)	
SWORDFISH)	
SEAWOLF)	
SALMON	)	At Fremantle
SAILFISH)	
SEAL)	
STURGEON	)	At Albany
SCULPIN)	
K.8	)	At Fremantle

Dutch Submarine

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES
British and Allied Forces

1 Aircraft Carrier
2 - 8" Cruisers

ZUIKAKU (en route Singapore)
ASHIGARA
KUMANO SUZUYA

2 Light Cruisers
12-16 Destroyers
Several Converted Seaplane Tenders
Timor

Approx 17 shore-based aircraft including 11 fighters, 6 H/B

Bali

Approx 25 shore-based aircraft including 21 fighters, 4 Obsn. Aircraft

Ambon

Approx 22 shore-based aircraft including 9 fighters, 9 H/B, 4 F/B

Celebes

Approx 167 shore-based aircraft including 87 fighters, 50 H/B, 12 F/B,
18 F/P

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleships

Effective

MARYLAND
COLORADO
IDAHO
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
TENNESSEE
PENNSYLVANIA
HORNET
LONG ISLAND (Converted)
PENSACOLA
NORTHAMPTON
BOISE
HELENA
SAN DIEGO
RALEIGH
15 (approx)
23 (approx)

Refitting or Repairing

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

Aircraft Carriers

YORKTOWN

8" Cruisers

PENSACOLA
NORTHAMPTON

6" Cruisers

BOISE
HELENA

DETROIT

Destroyers

Submarines

Enemy Forces

Palao - Salpan - Bonins - Japan

11 Battleships

YAMATO
MUTSU PUSO
NAGATO KIRISHIMA
HYUGA KONGO
HIYEI ISE
YAMASHIRO
HARUNA

5 Aircraft Carriers

SHOKAKU
RYUJO
HOSHIGAKI
HIYO

3 Converted A/C Carriers

ZUIHO
KASUGA MARU
NISSEIN

5 - 8" Cruisers

ATAGO
TAKAO
TONE
HAGURO
MYOKO

2 - 6" Cruisers

1 Seaplane Carrier ("CHITOSE")

2 Converted S/P Tenders ("NOTORO" "FUJIKAWA MARU")

Approx 40 Destroyers (some damaged)

Approx 20 Submarines

Mandated Islands

Truk Area

~~1 Heavy Cruiser ("SOMBA")~~

1 Light Cruiser

Approx 3 Destroyers

2 Converted Seaplane Tenders ("KAWIKAWA MARU" "KENJO MARU")

1 Gunboat Division

Several Chartered Merchant Ships

Special Landing Party Force (Marines)

Approx 10 Submarines

7 Motor Torpedo Boats

Marshalls

2 Converted Seaplane Tenders ("GOSHU MARU" & "KAMOI")

At least 2 Submarine Squadrons from 6th Fleet

1 M/S Flotilla (16th)

Air Tenders and Minesweepers

15 Motor Torpedo Boats

Commander Submarine Force

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleship

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Squadron Leader

Destroyers

NORTH CAROLINA

WASP

SARATOGA

ENTERPRISE

ASTORIA

PORTLAND

VINCENNES

MINNEAPOLIS

QUINCY

NEW ORLEANS

SAN FRANCISCO

AUSTRALIA

CANBERRA

CHICAGO

SALT LAKE CITY

HOBART

ATLANTA

LEANDER

ACHILLES

SAN JUAN

SELFREDGE

30 (approx)

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

15 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians Area

1 Heavy Cruiser

2 Light Cruisers

1 Seaplane Carrier ("CHIYODA" - en route Home Waters)

12 Destroyers

2 Squadrons Submarines

1st Base Force

LOUISVILLE

INDIANAPOLIS

HONOLULU

ST. LOUIS

NASHVILLE

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

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleships

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

Aircraft Carriers

Seaplane Carrier
8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruiser
6" Cruisers

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

At least 25 Destroyers
At least 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Several Destroyers
1 Submarine Squadron
C in C Southern Expeditionary Fleet.

DAILY SUMMARY - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

4th Aug., 1942

A) SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "PHOENIX" escorting Convoy ZK12 ("WESTRALIA" "MANGORA" "DUNTROON" and 6 vessels ex Indian Ocean Convoy) en route Sydney. After disembarking, fuelling and provisioning at Sydney "WESTRALIA" to proceed Port Stephens to act as training ship for school of Combined Operations.
- (ii) "ARUNTA" to join Convoy PG7 off Cape Moreton. Later to R.V. with "PHOENIX" and convoy at 0800/5 100 miles East of Sydney and escort to Sydney.
- (iii) "STUART" escorting "WEST CACTUS" carrying 300 Australian troops en route Noumea to Brisbane E.T.A. 1600/7.
- (iv) "WHYALLA" & "BUNGAREE" escorting PG7 en route Brisbane to Sydney departed Brisbane 1127/3. E.T.A. Sydney 2400/5.
- (v) "MILDURA" ~~xxxxxx~~ and "WILCANNIA" departed Newcastle 1112/3 escorting Convoy COL5 to Sydney ^{MELBOURNE} E.T.A. 1200/6. "WILCANNIA" to be detached off Sydney.
- (vi) "MORESBY" & "ARMIDALE" escorting Convoy OOL4 (6 M.V.) en route Wilsons Promontory to Sydney.
- (vii) "SWAN" escorting "SWARTENHONDT" was due ~~Milne~~ Milne Bay E.T.A. 1900 3/8.
- (viii) "COLAC" & "WARREGO" escorting two transports to Milne Bay via China Strait E.T.A. 1100/5. After disembarkation "WARREGO" will escort ~~xxx~~ "TASMAN" to Port Moresby, thence Townsville; "COLAC" will escort "JAPARA" direct to Townsville.
- (ix) "KALGOORLIE" escorting one M.V. departed Townsville 0530/3 for Darwin via Thursday Island E.T.A. 0630/6.
- (x) "KATOomba" at Milne Bay is to escort "BANTAM" to Townsville.
- (xi) "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting one M.V. departed Port Moresby 0630/2.
- (xii) "TOWNSVILLE" departed Townsville 1835/3 for Brisbane E.T.A. 0700/6.
- (xiii) "BOMBAY" arrived Adelaide 1738/2.
- (xiv) At Sydney - "ABRAHAM C RYNSSEN" "K.12" "K.9" "DOBBIN" "VICTORIA" "DELORATINE" "YANDRA" "WIZAR" "CAIRNS"
- (xv) At Melbourne - "DOOMBA" -- Repairing "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xvi) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "ATREUS" "ALSEY" "TULSA" "KURUMBA"
- (xvii) At Cairns - "BENDIGO"
- (xviii) At Moresby - "POTRENO"
- (xix) At Townsville - "CESSNOCK"
- (xx) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces

(1) SALAMAUA

- (a) A reliable report at 1345/3 states that 50 or more Japanese crossed the mouth of the Francisco River at Salamaua to the South Bank with either cattle or rafts.
- (b) At 0700/3 a reliable report indicated the presence of a transport ashore and on fire on the S. side of Salamaua Isthmus. At 1110/3 the same freighter was observed still burning, by our aircraft.
- (ii) LAE - Allied recce on 3/8 observed four bombers on Lae aerodrome. At 1110/3 a small freighter was observed three miles off shore between Lae and Salamaua.
- (iii) COLLINGWOOD BAY (N.E. Coast of Papua) - Allied aircraft on recce over Buna - Gona area at 0745/3 reported sighting a vessel in position 9°35'S, 149°30'E (near Hilda Is. in Collingwood Bay). The vessel was described as a probable freighter of less than 10,000 tons. Yellow sh grey smoke was seen coming from the bow. Six B.26's detailed to attack this vessel at 1130/3, failed to locate the target.
- (iv) RABAUL - Analysis of photographs taken on 1/8 of portion only of Rabaul Harbour reveals the following enemy units -
 2 light cruisers, 1 minelayer type vessel, 1 large vessel,
 4 transports - North of Beehives.
 3 floatplanes Malaguna; 1 floatplane Matupi; 5 bombers, 12 fighters Lakunai; 2 fighters airborne

- (v) BOWEN (Queensland) - There were indications p.m. 2/8 of a possible enemy unit 220 miles E.N.E of Bowen.
- (vi) GABO ISLAND - Further to the report from "CAIRNS" at 0300/31 of three heavy underwater explosions in the wake of the ship whilst off Gabo, it is now learned that an unidentified aircraft passed over the vessel at a height of 1000 ft at 0315/31.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "KANIMBLA" escorting Convoy "Schooner B" (now 5 M.V.) en route Fremantle to Melbourne E.T.A. 1600/7. "ADELAIDE" & "VOYAGER" were to provide A/S escort until 1900/2 and then return Fremantle. "WOLLONGONG" arrived Fremantle 1501/2 from escort duty with above.
- (ii) "TROMP" to R.V. with "GAMBIA" escorting "STIRLING CASTLE" approx 900 miles W. of Fremantle at 1700/6. "GAMBIA" to proceed Fremantle to refuel. "TROMP" to escort "STIRLING CASTLE" to Melbourne calling at Fremantle en route if the M.V.'s endurance makes it necessary.
- (iii) "GERALDTON" escorting "BAHRBIN" en route Fremantle to Addu Atoll E.T.A. 8/8.
- (iv) "LITHGOW" escorting "JOHN JAY" was due Darwin 1730/2.
- (v) "TOOWOOMBA" en route Adelaide from Western Australia E.T.A. 1330/5.
- (vi) At Fremantle - "TRINITY" "CHILDS" "HERON" "HOLLAND" "K.S" "ISABEL" "ERLING BROVIG" "LANAKAI" "MADRAS"
- (vii) At Albany - "PELIAS" "LARK" "WHIPPOGRWILL" "MARYBOROUGH"
- (viii) At Exmouth Gulf - "W.B. PRESTON"
- (ix) For submarines in Western Sector - see Appendix.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

- (i) PENANG IS. (MALACCA STRAIT) - At 2130GN/2 there were indications that an enemy unit previously reported to be operating in the vicinity of the Chagos Archipelago was in the vicinity of the Penang base.
- (ii) DILLI (TIMOR) - On 31/7, 1/8 and 2/8 thirty fighters and two bombers landed and took off at the Dilli aerodrome. These and earlier reports indicate increased air activity in this area.
- (iii) GENERAL - There are indications that a Task Force is being formed under C in C 3rd Fleet in the East Indies area.

This force would appear to include, in addition to the Flagship of C in C 3rd Fleet (heavy cruiser "ASHIGARA"), the two heavy cruisers of Crudiv 7 ("KUMANO" & "SUZUYA"), units of Desrons 3 and 5 and an air attack force. This force may be intended to operate in the Indian Ocean area against allied shipping lines of communication to Australia. The two heavy cruisers of Crudiv 7 are now believed to have been the two units sighted in the Malacca Straits with destroyers on July 28th.

There are now indications that the aircraft carrier "ZUIKAKU" may not have proceeded to Singapore as previously reported but that she is possibly still in Home Waters.

There are indications that a southbound convoy is about to proceed through the Makassar Straits. Recent intelligence indicating -

 - (a) Possible enemy occupation of Mak Aru Is. and Kai Is.
 - (b) Increased air activity in the Dilli area;
 - (c) Enemy southbound convoys in the East Indies area;
 - (d) Increased naval strength in the East Indies area;

suggests the possibility of impending operations against the N.W. Australian coast.
- (iv) BANDA SEA - There are indications that the enemy naval force reported in the vicinity of Banda Is. in the past few days included the two light cruisers "ISUZU" & "NATORI" (5,170 - 7,550). This naval force is believed to be involved in operations probably including the Tanimbar, Aru and Kai Is. Groups.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces (See Appendix)

Enemy Forces

- (i) The major portion of Japanese heavy units is believed to be in Home Waters.
- (ii) The aircraft carriers with the possible exception of "ZUIKAKU" are thought to be operating in Home Waters, the majority exercising around the Southern Kyushu area.
- (iii) There are indications that the heavy cruiser "TONE" (Crudiv 8) is either operating in the Malayan - N.E.I. area or with C in C 8th Fleet ("CHOKAI") in the New Britain area.
- (iv) Several Marus (merchant vessels) are believed in the vicinity of Ponape (Carolines).
- (v) The new O.S.K. Liner "BRAZIL MARU" (12,750 tons) has just arrived in the Truk area. This vessel is now operating as an armed transport.
- (vi) There are indications that another submarine command may soon move to the Rabaul area.
- (vii) C in C 8th Fleet appears to have taken over command of operations in the New Britain area.
- (viii) There are indications of convoy movements between Truk and Rabaul via Kavieng.
- (ix) There are further indications that German merchant vessels in Japanese ports are continuing to run the blockade between the Far East and French Home Ports with strategically important cargoes. "REGENSBURG" is expected to depart Japan late in this month with an important cargo including Tungsten Ore.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "CANBERRA" "CHICAGO" "HOBART" and nine destroyers) has reported to Comsopac.
- (ii) "OTUS" en route Melbourne to Wellington E.T.A. 1400/6.
- (iii) At Tongatabu - "SOLACE" "RAINIER" "WHITNEY" "ANTARES" "KANAWHA" "NAVAJO" "HOPKINS" "TREVOR" "XINER" "ZANE" "ALDEBARAN"
- (iv) At Samoa - "TURKEY" "KINGFISHER" "BRAZOS"
- (v) At Suva - "CUMMINGS" "TALE" "KASKASKIA" "LAFFEY"
- (vi) At Auckland - "ACHILLES" "LEANDER" "ALCYONE" "RIGEL" "MACKINAC" "CASTOR" "WALKE"
- (vii) At Noumea - "McFARLAND" "SUMNER" "SOUTHARD" "HOVEY" "ARGONNE"

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces (See Appendix)

Enemy Forces

Western Aleutians

- (i) The movement of enemy supplies to Kiska area continues.
- (ii) Enemy submarines remain active in the Aleutians - Hawaiian area.
- (iii) There are indications of additional submarines proceeding to the Western Aleutians and of M.T.B.'s being based in the Kuriles.

E) SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA
British and Allied Forces (See Appendix)

Enemy Forces

- (i) SURFACE RAIDERS - There are continued indications of enemy raiders operating in the Indian Ocean. These include probably German Raider E and two Japanese merchant raiders.
 - (a) U.S. Freighter "IRENEE DU PONT" sent out a raider distress signal from a position 1140 miles E. by N. of Durban at 1700/21.
 - (b) British vessel "INDUS" was attacked by an enemy raider approx 1200 miles S.E. of Cocos Is. at 1503/20.
 - (c) The British vessel "HAURAKI" was captured by a Japanese raider 1500 miles south of Colombo on 12/7.
 - (d) A Japanese unit was in the vicinity of Cocos Is. on 5/7 while a Japanese aircraft was reported flying over Cocos Is. at 1015/20/7.
- (ii) SUBMARINES - There are indications that enemy submarines in the Indian Ocean are operating over a much broader area, namely, in the Seychelles, Chagos, Maldives area as well as the Mozambique Channel. There are also indications that some of the units from the S.W.

Indian Ocean area are changing stations or returning to their base, probably Penang.

It is reported that two allied vessels were unsuccessfully attacked by submarines off Coconada (E. Coast of India) on 29/7. It is probable that the submarines responsible were new arrivals from the Penang base.

The disposition of enemy submarines in the Indian Ocean 29/7 is estimated as follows -

- (i) Coconada Area - One
- (ii) Area bounded by 0° - 10°S and 76° - 80°E - Two
- (iii) Area bounded by 5°N-5°S and 55° to 65°E - One
- (iv) 4°N and 94°E - One, probably returning to Base from Mozambique Area.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) NOUMEA - ss "CAGOU" (French; 2,795 tons) which departed Sydney 24/7 for Noumea and which was due there p.m. 29/7 had not arrived a.m. 3/8. A search by air patrol on 1/8 failed to locate "CAGOU".
- (ii) MORUYA (N.S.W.) - "DURENBER", a fishing trawler of 223 tons was shelled by a submarine at 0045/3 off Moruya. Two of the crew were killed and 4 injured. The trawler "MIRRABOOKA" is standing by. At 1945/3 a green rocket and a gun flash, in association with a loud noise, were observed off Moruya. ~~It is probable that these phenomena are associated with the continued presence in this area of the enemy submarine responsible for the attack on "DURENBER".~~

3. AIR OPERATIONS

- (i) LAE - SALAMAUA - Two Catalinas attacked 3/8. Bombs dropped across Salamaua Isthmus and at Lae.
- (ii) KOKODA - OIVI AREA - Four P.400's attacked rest house and native huts in vicinity of Oivi between 1555/3 and 1615/3. Targets successfully hit and left burning.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Development of major advanced air base in Guadalcanal - Tulagi area.
- (ii) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (iii) Occupation of Nauruan and Ocean Island.
- (iv) Intensified submarine activity in the S.W. Pacific area.
- (v) Increased operations from the East Indies area involving possibly -
 - (a) Raids by an enemy Task Force (2 or 3 heavy cruisers and destroyers) against allied lines of communications in the Indian Ocean;
 - (b) Possible attacks on N.W. Australian coastal area including Torres Strait.

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For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

4/8/42

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

1) SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruiser

Flotilla Leaders

Submarines

Dutch Submarines

A.M.C.'s

Submarine Tender

Destroyer Tender

Storeships

Gunboat

Oiler

Effective

PHOENIX

STUART

ARUNTA

S.37)

S.40)

S.41) At Brisbane

S.42)

S.45)

S.38)

S.39)

S.43) On Patrol

S.44)

S.46)

S.47)

K.9) At Sydney

K.12)

WESTRALIA

HANOORA

GRIFFIN

DOBBIN

MIZAN

TUBSA

Refitting or Repairing

LE TRIOMPHANT

GOLDSTAR

VICTORIA

Enemy Forces

New Guinea - Hasmareck Archipelago - Solomons Area

C in C 4th Fleet

3 poss. 4 heavy cruisers (one "KAKO"; one "AOBA" class; "CHOKAI")

3 Light Cruisers ("YUBARI"; two "TENRYU" class)

12-16 Destroyers

1 Converted Seaplane Tender ("KIYOKAWA MARU")

Approx 20 Merchant Ships

Several small patrol craft

9 M.T.B.'s

12-14 Submarines

Approx 138 shore-based aircraft including probably 49 fighters,
41 heavy bombers, 24 flying boats and 24 float planes

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruiser

Flotilla Leader

Destroyer

A.M.C.

Seaplane Tenders

Submarine Tenders

Submarines

ADELAIDE

TID MF

VOYAGER

KAN INBLA

CHILDS

HERON

W. B. PRESTON

HOLLAND

PELIAS

On Patrol

SAURY

SARGO

SPEARFISH

SEARAVEN

GAR

PERMIT

TAUTOG

SKIPJACK

GRAMPUS

GRAYBACK

Cinc 8th Fleet

Submarines (Contd.)

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

	SNAPPER)	
	SWORDFISH)	
	SEADRAGON)	
	SEAWOLF)	At Fremantle
	SAILFISH)	
	SALMON)	
	SEAL)	
	STURGEON)	At Albany
	SCULPIN)	
Dutch Submarine	K.8	At Fremantle

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

Enemy Forces

1 Aircraft Carrier
2 - 8" Cruisers

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B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Effective

Refitting or Repairing

Battleships

MARYLAND

CALIFORNIA

COLORADO

NEVADA (to be ready about 1/10)

IDAHO

WEST VIRGINIA

MISSISSIPPI

NEW MEXICO

TENNESSEE

PENNSYLVANIA

Aircraft Carriers

HORNET

YORKTOWN

LONG ISLAND (Converted)

8" Cruisers

PENSACOLA

NORTHAMPTON

6" Cruisers

BOISE

DETROIT

~~MINNAPOTA~~

SAN DIEGO

RALPH

Destroyers

15 (approx)

Submarines

23 (approx)

Enemy Forces

Palao - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

11 Battleships

YAMATO

MUTSU

FUSO

NAGATO

KIRISHIMA

HYUGA

KONGO

HIYEI

ISE

YAMA SHIRO

HARUNA

5 Aircraft Carriers

SHOKAKU

RYUJO

HOSHIO

HIYO

JUNYO

3 Converted A/C Carriers

ZUINO

KASUGA MARU

NIS SHIN

5 - 8" Cruisers

ATAGO

TAKAO

TONE

HAGURO

NYOKO

2 6" Cruisers
 1 Seaplane Carrier ("CHITOSE")
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 Approx 40 Destroyers (some damaged)
 Approx 20 Submarines

Mandated Islands

Truk Area

1 Light Cruiser
 Approx 8 Destroyers
 2 Converted Seaplane Tenders ("KAMIKAWA MARU" "KENJO MARU")
 1 Gunboat Division
 Several Chartered Merchant Ships
 Special Landing Party Force (Marines)
 Approx 10 Submarines
 7 Motor Torpedo Boats

Marshalls

2 Converted Seaplane Tenders ("GOSHU MARU" & "KANOI")
 At least 2 Submarine Squadrons from 6th Fleet
 1 M/S Flotilla (16th)
 Air Tenders and Minesweepers
 Commander Submarine Force
 15 Motor Torpedo Boats

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleship

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

NORTH CAROLINA
 WASP
 SARATOGA
 ENTERPRISE
 ASTORIA
 PORTLAND
 VINCENNES
 MINNEAPOLIS
 QUINCY
 NEW ORLEANS
 SAN FRANCISCO
 AUSTRALIA
 CANBERRA
 CHICAGO
 SALT LAKE CITY
 HOBART
 ATLANTA
 HELENA
 LEANDER
 ACHILLES
 SAN JUAN
 SELFRIDGE
 30 (approx)

6" Cruisers

Squadron Leader
 Destroyers

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE
 INDIANAPOLIS
 HONOLULU
 ST. LOUIS
 NASHVILLE

15 Destroyers
 10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians Area

1 Heavy Cruiser
 2 Light Cruisers
 1 Seaplane Carrier ("CHIYODA" - en route Home Waters)
 12 Destroyers
 2 Squadrons Submarines
 1st Base Force

E) SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

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

Aircraft Carriers

Seaplane Carrier

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruiser

6" Cruisers

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

At least 25 Destroyers

At least 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Several Destroyers

1 Submarine Squadron

C in C Southern Expeditionary Fleet

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

5th August, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "PHOENIX" escorting Convoy ZK12 ("WESTRALIA" "MANOORA" "DUNTROON" and six vessels ex Indian Ocean Convoy) to R.V. with "ARUNTA" at 0800 today 5/8 100 miles E. of Sydney and proceed Sydney.
- (ii) "KANIMBLA" escorting Convoy "Schooner B" (5 M.V.) en route Fremantle to Melbourne E.T.A. 1600/7.
- (iii) "STUART" escorting "WEST CACTUS" carrying 300 troops en route Noumea to Brisbane E.T.A. 1600/7.
- (iv) "WHYALLA" & "BUNGAREE" escorting Convoy PG7 en route Brisbane to Sydney. (5 M.V.) E.T.A. 2400/5.
- (v) "ROCKHAMPTON" & "YANDRA" escorting Convoy GP8 departed Sydney 0803/4 but returned 1523 to restow cargo in "DANIEL BOONE" which will not be ready to proceed till tomorrow 6/8.
- (vi) "ARMIDALE" escorting Sydney section of Convoy OCL4 arrived 2035/4. "MOHESBY" arrived Sydney after escorting Newcastle section 0330/5 and departed for R.V. with Convoy ZK12, (see (1)).
- (vii) "MILDURA" escorting Convoy COL5 en route Newcastle and Sydney to Melbourne E.T.A. 1200/6.
- (viii) "DELOIRINE" to proceed Newcastle from Sydney 1200 today 5/8 to escort Convoy COL6. "CASTLEMAINE" to depart Sydney with Sydney section p.m. 6/8 to R.V. with "DELOIRINE".
- (ix) "SWAN" escorting "SWARTENHONDT" arrived Milne Bay 2300/3; to depart a.m. today 5/8 for Cleveland Bay via Grafton Passage. "SWAN" to proceed thence Townsville and "SWARTENHONDT" to Brisbane.
- (x) "WARREGO" escorting two transports to Milne Bay via China Strait E.T.A. 1100 today 5/8.
- (xi) "COLAC" returning to Grafton Passage from escort duty in company with "WARREGO" as above, to R.V. with two transports at 0600/5.
- (xii) "KALGOORLIE" escorting one M.V. en route Townsville to Darwin via Thursday Island E.T.A. Thursday Island 0630/6.
- (xiii) "KATOOMBA" escorting "BANTAM" departed Milne Bay 1400/3 for Cleveland Bay. "KATOOMEA" thence Townsville E.T.A. 2000/6.
- (xiv) "TOWNSVILLE" en route Townsville to Brisbane E.T.A. 0700/6.
- (xv) "WARRNAMBOOL" departed Port Moresby on escort duty 2/8.
- (xvi) At Sydney - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "K.12" "K.9" "DOBBIN" "VICTORIA" "DELOIRINE" "WIZAR" "CAIRNS" "CASTLEMAINE" "WILCANNIA"
- (xvii) At Melbourne - "DOOMBA" -- Repairing "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xviii) At Adelaide - "BOMBAY"
- (xix) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "ATREUS" "ALSEY" "TULSA" "GOULBURN" "KURUMBA"
- (xx) At Cairns - "BEEDIGO"
- (xxi) At Townsville - "CESSNOCK"
- (xxii) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces

- (i) KAVIENG - Analysis of photographs taken by recon aircraft 2/8 shows 4 ships probably cruisers and a gunboat in Balgai Bay and confirms the presence of a destroyer and a large merchant ship off Baudissin (S.W. Kavieng).
- (ii) RABAU - Photographs taken 29/7 of the "TONAN MARU" class ship at Rabaul show approx 21 single engined aircraft on deck. Comment - The ship's superstructure is unaltered; the vessel is evidently being employed to transport aircraft.
- (iii) MALAITA - Further information indicates that the landings reported at Auki, Fuambo and Feu Bay were for recon and foraging only. It is further reported 1/8 that an enemy post has been established approx 1 mile south of Cape Astrolabe (N.W. tip Malaita).
- (iv) GUADALCANAL - A report 2/8 indicates that there was some naval activity during the previous night by small vessels escorted by aircraft between the northern tip of the island and Cape Hunter (S.W. coast).
- (v) SAUMAREZ REEF - There were indications of the presence of an enemy unit possibly a submarine in 22°S, 154°E (approx 200 miles E.N.E. Rockhampton) at 1457/4.

Comment - An enemy unit was indicated in the same general area p.m. 2/8.

- (vi) ENEMY SUBMARINE ACTIVITY - There has been no further evidence of enemy submarine activity off the East Coast since the attack on "DURKENBEE" 0045/3.
- (vii) Indications additional air strength moving towards Rabaul area from (Mandates).

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "ADELAIDE" & "VOYAGER" arrived Fremantle from escort duty 0801/4.
- (ii) "TROMP" departed Fremantle 1415/2 to H.V. with "GAMBIA" escorting "STIRLING CASTLE", approx 900 miles West of Fremantle, at 1700/6, or if possible further westward earlier in the day. "GAMBIA" to proceed Fremantle to refuel. "TROMP" to escort "STIRLING CASTLE" to Melbourne direct, unless "STIRLING CASTLE" requires fuel at Fremantle.
- (iii) "GERALDTON" escorting "BAHREIN" en route Fremantle to Addu Atoll E.T.A. 8/8.
- (iv) "TOOWOOMBA" en route Adelaide from Western Australia E.T.A. 1330/5.
- (v) At Fremantle - "ADELAIDE" "VOYAGER" "TRINITY" "CHILDS" "HERON" "K.B" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "ERLING BROVIC" "LANAKAI" "MADRAS"
- (vi) At Albany - "PELIAS" "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" "MARYBOROUGH"
- (vii) At Darwin - "LITHGOW"
- (viii) At Exmouth Gulf - "W.B. PRESTON"
- (ix) For submarines in Western Sector - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces

- (i) LA GRANGE (approx 55 miles S.S.W. Broome) - A large unidentified steamer with one funnel was sighted off La Grange at 1405/4 and was later reported to be steering north.
- (ii) ALBANY - There is evidence that at least one enemy submarine is operating in the Albany area (see Naval Incidents).

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

- (i) BANDA IS. - Allied air recce 4/8 revealed no enemy activity in this area.
 - (ii) There are indications that operations from the N.E.I. area may be co-ordinated with an enemy offensive against Port Moresby. There is evidence of association between C in C of the newly formed Task Force (3rd Fleet) and the C in C 8th Fleet who is controlling operations in the Rabaul - New Britain area. Furthermore, the Ambon Base Force and the 8th Base Force stationed at Rabaul appear to be associated in operations.
 - (iii) There are indications that an enemy convoy is proceeding south via Makassar Straits escorted by one destroyer division.
 - (iv) The Task Force formed under C in C 3rd Fleet in the East Indies area is believed to include -
 - Heavy cruisers "ASHIGARA" (Flagship 3rd Fleet), "KUMANO" & "SUZUYA" (Crudiv 7)
 - Units of Desrons 3 and 5
 - An air attack force
 - C in C Southern Expeditionary Fleet
 - (v) The two heavy cruisers of Crudiv 7 were last reported sighted in the Malacca Straits with destroyers on July 28th.
 - (vi) The light cruisers "ISUZU" and "HATORI" with a destroyer force are believed to have been involved in recent operations covering the Tanimbar, Aru and Kai Is. Groups.
 - (vii) There is as yet no evidence of an aircraft carrier joining the Task Force in this area although earlier intelligence had suggested that the aircraft carrier "ZUIKAKU" would proceed to the Singapore area.
- Comment - The absence of an aircraft carrier suggests the possibility that the enemy intends to operate a heavy cruiser squadron with destroyer escort against allied shipping lines of communication in the Indian Ocean.
- On the other hand, in view of -
- (a) Recent indications enemy occupation Aru, Kai and Tanimbar Is;
 - (b) Increased air activity in the Dilli area;

- (c) Enemy southbound convoys in the East Indies area;
 - (d) Increased naval strength in the East Indies area;
 - (e) Indications of association between operations from the East Indies area and New Britain area,
- suggests the possibility of impending operations against the N.W. Australian coast including Torres Strait possibly in conjunction with an offensive against Port Moresby.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces (See Appendix)

Enemy Forces

- (i) The major portion of Japanese heavy units is believed to be in Home Waters.
- (ii) The aircraft carriers with the possible exception of "ZUIKAKU" are thought to be operating in Home Waters, the majority exercising around the Southern Kyushu area.
- (iii) There are indications that the heavy cruiser "TONE" (Crudiv 8) is either operating in the Malayan - N.E.I. area or with C in C 8th Fleet ("CHOKAI") in the New Britain area, making a total of four heavy cruisers.
- (iv) There are indications that another submarine command may soon move to the Rabaul area.
- (v) C in C 8th Fleet appears to have taken over command of operations in the New Britain area.
- (vi) There are indications of convoy movements between Truk and Rabaul via Kavieng.
- (vii) There are further indications that German merchant vessels in Japanese ports are continuing to run the blockade between the Far East and French Home Ports with strategically important cargoes.
- (viii) There are indications that one heavy cruiser of Crudiv 6 (one "KAKO"; one "AOBA" class) was damaged recently and may be repairing at Truk.
Comment - There has been no recent intelligence from local sources to suggest that one of the two remaining units of this Crudiv has been damaged.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "CANBERRA" "CHICAGO" "HOBART" and nine destroyers) has reported to Comsopac.
- (ii) "OTUS" en route Melbourne to Wellington E.T.A. 1400/6.
- (iii) At Tongatabu - "RAINIER" "WHITNEY" "ANTARES" "NAVAJO" "HOPKINS" "TREVINO" "ZANE" "ALDBEARAN"
- (iv) At Samoa - "TURKEY" "KINGFISHER" "BRAZOS"
- (v) At Suva - "LEANDER" "CUMMINGS" "CALE" "KASKASKIA" "LAPPEY" "KANAWAH"
- (vi) At Auckland - "MONOWAI" "ALCYONE" "RIGEL" "MACKINAC" "CASTOR" "WALKE"
- (vii) At Noumea - "McFARLAND" "SUMNER" "SOUTHARD" "HOVEY" "ARGONNE" "CHEVREUIL" "CAP DES PALMES"

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces (See Appendix)

Enemy Forces

Western Aleutians

- (i) The movement of enemy supplies to Kiska area continues.
- (ii) Enemy submarines remain active in the Aleutians - Hawaiian area.
- (iii) There are indications of additional submarines proceeding to the Western Aleutians and of M.T.B.'s being based in the Kuriles.

E) SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA
British and Allied Forces (See Appendix)

Enemy Forces

- (i) Cincpac reported 2/8 indications of increased enemy interest in the Ceylon area.
Comment - This may be connected with the newly formed Task Force in the East Indies area and recent ~~increase~~ increase in enemy submarine activity off the Indian Coast.
- (ii) SURFACE RAIDERS - There are continued indications of enemy raiders operating in the Indian Ocean. These include probably German Raider E and two Japanese merchant raiders.

(iii) SUBMARINES - There are indications that enemy submarines in the Indian Ocean are operating over a much broader area, namely, in the Seychelles, Chagos, Maldives area as well as the Mozambique Channel.

There are also indications that some of the units from the S.W. Indian Ocean area are changing stations or returning to their base, probably Penang.

The disposition of enemy submarines in the Indian Ocean 29/7 was estimated as follows -

- (i) Coconada Area - One
- (ii) Area bounded by 0° - 10° S and 76° - 80° E - Two
- (iii) Area bounded by 5° N- 5° S and 55° to 65° E - One
- (iv) 4° N and 94° E - One, probably returning to base from Mozambique Channel area.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

(1) ALEANY - ss "KATOOMBA" (9,000 tons) reported being shelled by an enemy submarine in position $36^{\circ}53'S$, $123^{\circ}34'E$ (approx 275 miles E.S.E. Albany) at 1850/4 and again at 1900/4.

She again signalled that she was being shelled at 2120 approx 325 miles E.S.E. Albany.

An allied aircraft on patrol over an area of 60 miles from Albany reports having intercepted Japanese signals which increased in strength on the southern leg of the patrol.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

ALLIED

(1) Milne Bay - Our aircraft attacked four Zero's in the vicinity of Milne Bay at 1253/4. Details not yet available.

ENEMY

(ii) NAURU - Enemy recon planes were sighted over Nauru twice p.m. 3/8. On the second occasion the enemy aircraft machine gunned the island.

Cincpac reports 3/8 regular enemy recon of Ocean Island recently.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Development of major advanced air base in Guadalcanal - Tulagi area.
- (ii) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (iii) Occupation of Nauru and Ocean Island.
- (iv) Intensified submarine activity in the S.W. Pacific area.
- (v) Increased operations from the East Indies area involving possibly -
 - (a) Raids by an enemy Task Force (2 or 3 heavy cruisers and destroyers) against allied lines of communication in the Indian Ocean;
 - (b) Possible attacks on N.W. Australian coastal area including Torres Strait.



for DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

5th August, 1942

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruiser

Flotilla Leaders

Submarines

Effective

PHOENIX

STUART

ARUNTA

S.37)

S.40)

S.41) At Brisbane

S.42)

S.45)

S.38)

S.39)

S.43)

S.44) On Patrol

S.46)

S.47)

Dutch Submarines

K.9) At Sydney

K.12)

A.N.C.'s

WESTRALIA

MANCORA

KAWIMBLA

GRIFFIN

Submarine Tender

Destroyer Tender

DOBBIN

Storeships

NIZAR

GOLDSTAR

Gunboat

TULSA

Oiler

VICTORIA

Enemy Forces

New Guinea - Bismarek Archipelago - Solomons Area

C in C 4th Fleet

3 poss. 4 heavy cruisers (one "KAKO"; one "AOBA" class; "CHOKAI")

3 Light Cruisers ("YUBARI"; two "TENRYU" class)

12-16 Destroyers

1 Converted Seaplane Tender ("MKIYOKAWA MARU")

Approx 20 Merchant Ships

Several small patrol craft

9 M.T.B.'s

12-14 Submarines

Approx 138 shore-based aircraft including probably 49 fighters,

41 heavy bombers, 24 flying boats and 24 float planes

C in C 8th Fleet

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruiser

Flotilla Leader

Destroyer

Seaplane Tenders

ADELAIDE

TROMP

VOYAGER

CHILD'S

HERON

W. S. PRESTON

Submarine Tenders

HOLLAND

PELIAS

Submarines

On Patrol

SAUNY

SPEARFISH

SEARAVEN

GAR

PERMIT

TAUTOG

SKIPJACK

GRAMPUS

GRAYBACK

Submarines (Contd)

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

	SHAPPER)	
	SWORDFISH)	
	SEADRAGON)	
	SEAWOLF)	
	SAILFISH)	At Fremantle
	SALMON)	
	SARGO)	
	SEAL)	
	STURGEON)	
	SCULPIN)	At Albany
Dutch Submarine	K.8	At Fremantle

3. BBBT INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

Nine submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or W.E.I. area (see above)

Enemy Forces

1 Aircraft Carrier	ZUTARU (en route Singapore)
3 - 8" Cruisers	ASHIGARA
	KUMANO
	SUZUYA

2 Light Cruisers

12-16 Destroyers

Several Converted Seaplane Tenders

Timor

Approx 17 shore-based aircraft including 11 fighters, 6 H/B

Bali

Approx 25 shore-based aircraft including 21 fighters, 4 Obsn. Aircraft

Ambon

Approx 22 shore-based aircraft including 9 fighters, 9 H/B, 4 F/B

Celebes

Approx 167 shore-based aircraft including 87 fighters, 50 H/B, 12 F/B, 18 F/P

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

Effective

MARYLAND

COLORADO

IDaho

MISSISSIPPI

NEW MEXICO

TENNESSEE

PENNSYLVANIA

HORNET

LONG ISLAND (Converted)

PENSACOLA

NORTHAMPTON

BOISE

SAN DIEGO

RALEIGH

15 (approx)

23 (approx)

Refitting or Repairing

CALIFORNIA

NEVADA (to be ready about 1/10)

WEST VIRGINIA

Aircraft Carriers

YORKTOWN

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

DETROIT

Destroyers

Submarines

Enemy Forces

Palao - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

11 Battleships

YAMATO

MUTSU

FUSO

NAGATO

KIRISHIMA

HYUGA

KONGO

HIYEI

ISE

YAMASHIRO

HARUNA

SHOKAKU

RYUJO

HOSHO

HIYO

JUNYO

ZUIHO

KASUGA MARU

NISSIN

ATAGO

TAKAO

TONE

HAGURO

MYOKO

ZUIKAKU

*Chiyoda
Shikou*

3 Converted A/C Carriers

2 S/D Carriers
5 - 8" Cruisers

2 6" Cruisers

1 Seaplane Carrier ("CHITOSE")

2 Converted S/P Tenders ("NOTORO" "FUJIKAWA MARU")

Approx 40 Destroyers (some damaged)

Approx 20 Submarines

Mandated Islands

Truk Area

1 Light Cruiser

Approx 8 Destroyers

2 Converted Seaplane Tenders (~~"KAMIKAWA" "KAWASUMI MARU"~~)

1 Gunboat Division

Several Chartered Merchant Ships

Special Landing Party Force (Marines)

Approx 10 Submarines

7 Motor Torpedo Boats

Marshalls

2 Converted Seaplane Tenders ("GOSHU MARU" & "KANOI")

At least 2 Submarine Squadrons from 6th Fleet

1 M/S Flotilla (16th)

Air Tenders and Minesweepers

Commander Submarine Force

15 Motor Torpedo Boats

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleship

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Squadron Leader

Destroyers

NORTH CAROLINA
WASP
SARATOGA
ENTERPRISE
ASTORIA
PORTLAND
VINCENNES
MINNEAPOLIS
QUINCY
NEW ORLEANS
SAN FRANCISCO
AUSTRALIA
CANBERRA
CHICAGO
SALT LAKE CITY
HOBART
ATLANTA
HELENA
LEANDER
ACHILLES
SAN JUAN
SELFRIDGE
30 (approx)

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

15 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians Area

1 Heavy Cruiser

2 Light Cruisers

1 Seaplane Carrier (~~"SHIRYUDA" - en route Home Waters~~)

12 Destroyers

2 Squadrons Submarines

1st Base Force

LOUISVILLE
INDIANAPOLIS
HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE

E) SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

WARSPITE
VALIANT
RESOLUTION
REVENGE
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
RAMILLIES
INDOMITABLE
ILLUSTRIOUS
FORMIDABLE
ALBATROSS
DEVONSHIRE
GEORGIOS AVROFF (Greek)
FROBISHER
CALEDON
DRAGON
ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
CERES
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
CAPETOWN
DANAÉ
DAUNTLESS
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
NEWCASTLE
SUMATRA (Dutch)
WORCESTERSHIRE
RAN CHI
CORFU
ALAUNIA
CHITRAL
RAN PURA
CANTON
QUEEN OF BERMUDA
CARTHAGE
HEEMSKERCK
CARLISLE

Aircraft Carriers

Seaplane Carrier

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

A.N.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

At least 25 Destroyers

At least 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Several Destroyers

1 Submarine Squadron

C in C Southern Expeditionary Fleet

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6th August, 1942

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"ARUNTA", on completion of fuelling, departed 0030/6 to R.V. with Convoy A1 (see below).
- (ii) "KANIMBLA" escorting Convoy "Schooner B" (5 M.V.) en route Fremantle to Melbourne E.T.A. 1600/7.
- (iii) "STUART" escorting "WEST CACTUS" carrying 300 troops en route Noumea to Brisbane E.T.A. 1600/7.
- (iv) "GOULBURN" & "GEEELONG" to depart Brisbane 1000 today 6/8 to escort northbound convoy A1 ("KURUMBA" "BOTH" "JAMES F. COOPER" "JAMES WILSON") departing Moreton Bay at noon. "GOULBURN" to continue with convoy for approx 300 miles, then return Brisbane. "GEEELONG" to return by 2359/7. "KURUMBA" to be detached off Whitsunday Is. and proceed Cid Harbour to await orders. "ARUNTA" to join convoy as escort as early as possible.
- (v) "WHYALLA" escorting Convoy PG7 including "BUNGARIE" and arrived Sydney 2241/5.
- (vi) "ARMIDALE" & "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Convoy GP8 departed Sydney 0800/6 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1530/8.
- (vii) "MILDURA" escorting Convoy C015 from Newcastle and Sydney will R.V. with "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy C015 at 1200 today 6/8 off Wilsons Promontory. "DOOMBA" with C015 departed Melbourne 1752/5.
- (viii) "DELORAIN" arrived Newcastle from Sydney 1742/5 to escort Convoy C016 to Melbourne.
- (ix) "CASTLEMAINE" was to depart Sydney with Sydney section of C016 to R.V. with "DELORAIN".
- (x) "SWAN" escorting "SWARTENHONDT" was to depart Milne Bay 5/8 for Cleveland Bay via Grafton Passage. "SWAN" to proceed thence Townsville and "SWARTENHONDT" to ~~return~~ Brisbane.
- (xi) "WARREGO" escorting "TASMAN" & "JAPARA" was due Milne Bay 1100/5.
- (xii) "COLAC" was to R.V. with two transports in Grafton Passage at 0600/5.
- (xiii) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "SIBIGO" en route Townsville to Darwin passed Thursday Island 2047/5.
- (xiv) "KATOOMBA" escorting "BANTAM" en route Milne Bay to Cleveland Bay. "KATOOMBA" thence Townsville E.T.A. 2000 today 6/8. "BANTAM" to proceed Bowen.
- (xv) "TOWNSVILLE" was due ~~return~~ Brisbane from Townsville 0700 today 6/8.
- (xvi) "TOOWOOMBA" arrived Adelaide 1500/5.
- (xvii) "WARRNAMBOOL" departed Port Moresby on escort duty 2/8.
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- (iii) "WATON" towing oil lighter departed Fremantle for Exmouth Gulf 0255/3 E.T.A. 12/8.
- (iv) "VIGILANT" departed Darwin on special duties 1910/5.
- (v) At Fremantle - "ADELAIDE" "VOYAGER" "TRINITY" "CHILDERS" "HERON" "K.8" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "ERLING BROVIG" "LANAKAI" "MADRAS" "WOLLONGONG"
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Enemy Forces

LA GRANGE - The unidentified vessel was reported off La Grange 4/8 is now known to be friendly.

ALBANY - There is probably at least one enemy submarine operating in the Albany area.

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The disposition of enemy submarines in the Indian Ocean 29/7 was estimated as follows -

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- (ii) Area bounded by 0° - 10°S and 76° - 80°E - Two
- (iii) Area bounded by 5°N-5°S and 55° to 65°E - One
- (iv) 4°N and 94°E - One, probably returning to base from Mozambique Channel area.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) VILA (New Hebrides) - U.S. Destroyer "CUMMINGS" ^{IS REPORTED TO HAVE} sighted and sank and enemy submarine at the entrance to Vila Harbour at 1300/5.
- (ii) SYDNEY - An unidentified crossing was reported on No.12 Loop Sydney Harbour at 0352/6.
- (iii) ALLIED SHIPPING
- (a) "MAROSA" (Norwegian; 1513 tons) was due Fremantle from Colombo 31/7 but has not yet arrived.
- (b) "CAGOU" was due Noumea 29/7 but has not yet arrived.
- (iv) NOUMEA - "BISHOPDALE" (Fleet Oiler; 17,357 tons) struck a mine off Amedee Island Lighthouse (approx 12 miles S. by E. of Noumea) at 1225/4g but later reached port.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

ENEMY

- (i) STRADBROKE IS. - A flight of one or three unidentified aircraft was reported over Point Lookout (N.E. tip Stradbroke Is.) at 1705/5.
- (ii) ALBANY - Two unidentified aircraft were observed over Albany Harbour at 1139/5.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Development of major advanced air base in Guadalcanal - Tulagi area
- (ii) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (iii) Occupation of Nauru and Ocean Island.
- (iv) Intensified submarine activity in the S.W. Pacific area.
- (v) Increased operations from the East Indies area involving possibly -
- (a) Raids by an enemy Task Force (2 or 3 heavy cruisers and destroyers) against allied lines of communication in the Indian Ocean;
- (b) Possible attacks on N.W. Australian coastal area including Rasmussen Strait.


For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

6th August, 1942

A P P E N D I X

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR
British and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
6" Cruiser	PHOENIX	
Flotilla Leaders	STUART	LE TRIOMPHANT
	ARUNTA	
Submarines	S.37)	
	S.40)	
	S.41) At Brisbane	
	S.42)	
	S.45)	
	S.38)	
	S.39)	
	S.43) On Patrol	
	S.44)	
	S.46)	
Dutch Submarines	S.47)	
	K.9) At Sydney	
A.M.C.'s	K.12)	
	WESTRALIA	
	MANOORA	
	KANIMBLA	
Submarine Tender	GRIFFIN	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Storeships	MIZAR	GOLDSTAR
Gunboat	TULSA	
Oiler		VICTORIA

Enemy Forces

New Guinea - Bismarck Archipelago - Solomons Area

- C in C 4th Fleet
- C in C 8th Fleet
- 3 poss. 4 heavy cruisers (one "KAKO"; one "AOBA" class; "CHOKAI")
- 3 Light Cruisers ("YUBARI"; two "TENRYU" class)
- 12-16 Destroyers
- 1 Converted Seaplane Tender ("KIYOKAWA MARU")
- Approx 20 Merchant Ships
- Several small patrol craft
- 9 M.T.B.'s
- 12-14 Submarines
- Approx 138 shore-based aircraft including probably 49 fighters,
41 heavy bombers, 24 flying boats and 24 float planes

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruiser	ADELAIDE
Flotilla Leader	TROMP
Destroyer	VOYAGER
Seaplane Tenders	CHILDS
	HERON
	W.B. PRESTON
Submarine Tenders	HOLLAND
	PELIAS
Submarines	<u>On Patrol</u>
	SAURY
	SPEARFISH
	SEARAVEN
	GAR
	PERMIT
	TAUTOG
	SKIPJACK
	GRAMFUS
	GRAYBACK

Submarines (Contd.)

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

	SWAPPER	}	At Fremantle
	SWORDFISH		
	SEADRAGON		
	SEAWOLF		
	SAILFISH		
	SALMON		
	SARGO		
	SEAL	}	At Albany
	STURGEON		
Dutch Submarine	SCULPIN	}	At Fremantle
	K.8		

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES
British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

3 - 8" Cruisers

ASHIGARA
KUMANO
SUZUYA

2 Light Cruisers

12-16 Destroyers

Several Converted Seaplane Tenders

Timor

Approx 17 shore-based aircraft including 11 fighters, 6 H/B

Bali

Approx 25 shore-based aircraft including 21 fighters, 4 Obsn. aircraft

Ambon

Approx 22 shore-based aircraft including 9 fighters, 9 H/B, 4 F/B

Celebes

Approx 167 shore-based aircraft including 87 fighters, 50 H/B, 12 F/B, 18 F/P

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces
Battleships

Effective

MARYLAND
COLORADO
IDAHO
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
TENNESSEE
PENNSYLVANIA
HORNET
LONG ISLAND (Converted)
NORTHAMPTON
PENNSACOLA
BOISE
SAN DIEGO
RALEIGH

Refitting or Repairing

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

Aircraft Carriers

YORKTOWN

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

DETROIT

Destroyers
Submarines

15 (approx)
23 (approx)

Enemy Forces

Palao - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

11 Battleships

YAMATO
MUTSU FUSO
NAGATO KIRISHIMA
HYUGA KONGO
HIYEI ISE
YAMASHIRO

6 Aircraft Carriers

HARUNA
ZUIKAKU
SHOKAKU
RYUJO
HOSHO
JUNYO

3 Converted A/C Carriers

HIYO
ZUIHO
KASUGA MARU

2 Seaplane Carriers

NISSHIN
CHIYODA
CHITOSE

5 - 8" Cruisers

ATAGO
TAKAO
TONE
MYOKO
HAGURO

2 - 6" Cruisers

2 Converted S/P Tenders ("NOTORO" "FUJIKAWA MARU")

Approx 40 Destroyers (some damaged)

Approx 20 Submarines

Mandated Islands

Truk Area

1 Light Cruiser

Approx 8 Destroyers

1 Converted Seaplane Tender

1 Gunboat Division

Several Chartered Merchant Ships

Special Landing Party Force (Marines)

Approx 10 Submarines

7 Motor Torpedo Boats

Marshalls

2 Converted Seaplane Tenders ("GOSHU MARU" & "KAMOI")

At least 2 Submarine Squadrons from 6th Fleet

1 M/S Flotilla (16th)

Air Tenders and Minesweepers

Commander Submarine Force

15 Motor Torpedo Boats

G) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleship

Aircraft Carriers

NORTH CAROLINA

WASP

SARATOGA

ENTERPRISE

ASTORIA

PORTLAND

VINCENNES

MINNEAPOLIS

QUINCY

SAN FRANCISCO

NEW ORLEANS

AUSTRALIA

CANBERRA

CHICAGO

SALT LAKE CITY

HOBART

ATLANTA

HELENA

LEANDER

ACHILLES

SAN JUAN

SELFRIDGE

30 (approx)

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Squadron Leader

Destroyers

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE

INDIANAPOLIS

HONOLULU

ST. LOUIS

NASHVILLE

15 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians Area

1 Heavy Cruiser

2 Light Cruisers

12 Destroyers

2 Squadrons Submarines

1st Base Force

E) SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battle ships

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

Aircraft Carriers

Seaplane Carrier

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruiser

6" Cruisers

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

At least 25 Destroyers

At least 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Several Destroyers

1 Submarine Squadron

C in C Southern Expeditionary Fleet

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

7th August, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "STUART" escorting "WEST CACTUS" carrying 300 troops en route Noumea to Brisbane E.T.A. 1500 today 7/8.
- (ii) "KANIMBLA" escorting Convoy "Schooner B" (5 M.V.) en route Fremantle to Melbourne E.T.A. 1600 today 7/8.
- (iii) "GOULBURN" & "GEELONG" escorting Convoy A1 ("BOTH" "JAMES F. COOPER" "JAMES WILSON") and "KURUMBA" departed Moreton Bay 1530/6. "GOULBURN" to continue with convoy approx 300 miles then return Brisbane. "GEELONG" to return by 2359/7. "KURUMBA" to be detached off Whitsunday Island and proceed Cid Harbour to await orders. "ARUNTA" departed Sydney 6/8 to join convoy as escort as early as possible. Convoy's E.T.A. Magnetic Island 1400/9.
- (iv) Convoy A2 ("BALIK PAPAN" "HEEMSKERK" "BONTEKOE") and Convoy B2 ("J.G. WHITTIER" "ZEBULON" "PIKE") to depart Brisbane today 7/8 E.T.A. Magnetic Island 1300/11.
- (v) "ARMIDALE" & "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Convoy GP8 (4 M.V.) en route Sydney to Brisbane E.T.A. 1730/8.
- (vi) "MILDURA" escorting Convoy OC15 (2 M.V. Port Kembla E.T.A. 1600/8; 4 M.V. Sydney E.T.A. 2200/8; 3 M.V. Newcastle E.T.A. 0600/9).
- (vii) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy CO15 arrived Port Phillip 2327/6.
- (viii) "DELOIRINE" escorting Convoy CO16 departed Newcastle 0745/6. "CASTLEMAINE" with Sydney section departed Sydney 1456/6 for R.V. Convoy's E.T.A. R.V. position off Wilsons Promontory 1200/9.
- (ix) "SWAN" escorting "SWARTENHONDT" departed Milne Bay 1900/5 for Cleveland Bay via Grafton Passage. "SWAN" to proceed thence Townsville E.T.A. 1800/8 and "SWARTENHONDT" Brisbane E.T.A. 1900/11
- (x) "WARREGO" escorting "TASMAN" departed Milne Bay 0900/6 for Port Moresby E.T.A. 0800/7. "JAPARA" remains Milne Bay.
- (xi) "COLAC" escorting "HENRY D. THOREAU" and "HANYANG" en route Milne Bay via Grafton Passage and China Strait E.T.A. 1500 today 7/8.
- (xii) "KATOOMBA" arrived Townsville 1200/6.
- (xiii) "TOWNSVILLE" arrived Brisbane 0605/6.
- (xiv) "WANGANELLA" departed Sydney 1824/6 for Fremantle and the Middle East.
- (xv) At Sydney - "PHOENIX" "WESTRALIA" "MANOCRA" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "K.12" "K.9" "DOBBIN" "VICTORIA" "MIZAR" "CAIRNS" "WILCANNIA" "MORESEY" "WHYALLA" "BUNGAREE"
- (xvi) At Melbourne - Repairing "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xvii) At Adelaide - "BOMBAY" "TOOWOOMBA"
- (xviii) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "ATREUS" "ALSEY" "TULSA"
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- (xx) At Townsville - "CESSNOCK"
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- (xxiii) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces

- (i) RABAU - Recce by aircraft 6/8 reported 10 merchant vessels (6-8000 tons), 8 cruisers or destroyers and 8 other vessels of unknown type anchored off Praed Point, Blanche Bay.
- (ii) KAVIENG - The same aircraft as in (i) reported the following shipping in the vicinity of Kavieng 6/8:-
 - (a) 1 merchant vessel 100 miles W.S.W. of Kavieng at 0930 course 130°.
 - (b) 3 destroyers escorting a Seaplane Tender or Carrier 32 miles S.S.W. of Kavieng at 1330, course 300°.
 The carrier is described as being approx 600 ft. in length, 70 ft. beam, one small funnel on starboard side

slightly forward of amidships. Flight deck extends from stern to within 50 ft. of the bow. Three distinct white strips were observed along the full length of the flight deck with a large white circle just forward of an open hatch. Displacement approx 15,000 tons - no aircraft were observed on the flight deck. Six A.A. guns observed on port side.

Destroyers were circling the carrier which was stationary when first observed but later moved on a course 300° towards cloud cover.

Comment - There has been no recent intelligence to suggest the presence of an enemy aircraft carrier in this area. Recent intelligence has indicated the presence of the converted Fleet oiler "HARUTO" (14,050 tons) proceeding to the Rabaul area and at the present time this vessel is believed en route Truk from Rabaul. "HARUTO" is believed to have been converted to transport aircraft in addition to her capacity as a fleet oiler and it is possible that this vessel has had a flight deck constructed for this purpose.

From the description available the vessel would appear to be a converted aircraft carrier and not a seaplane carrier. If this vessel is not "HARUTO" proceeding back to Truk via Kavieng after transporting aircraft to Rabaul, it is possible the unit is one of the new converted carriers "ZUIHO" (12,000 tons) or "NISSHIN" (12,000 tons) as we have had no specific intelligence on either of these units for some time.

- (iii) SOLOMONS - It is reported that on 30/7 one cruiser, one destroyer and one gunboat were anchored in Maringe Lagoon (S.E. coast Santa Isabel Is.), and that Japanese warships and other vessels have used this anchorage freely since 9/7.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

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- (iii) "WATO" towing oil lighter en route Fremantle to Exmouth Gulf E.T.A. 12/8.
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3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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- (viii) At Vila - "CUMMINGS"

Enemy Forces

- (i) NEW CALEDONIA - There were indications 5/8 of the presence of 3 or 4 enemy submarines within 100 miles of Amedee Light, and at 0531/6 2 enemy submarines were reported in a position 30 miles south of Amedee.

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces (See Appendix)

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There were indications 5/8 that an unknown enemy unit was in position 0°S, 85°E (approx 510 miles S.E. Colombo).
- (iv) BAY OF BENGAL - 2 heavy cruisers (Crudiv 7) are now thought operating in Bay of Bengal area.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) LOYALTY IS. - The Master of ss "KAPARA" reports having sighted a mine approx 24 miles W.S.W. from the Southern end of Lifu Is. at 1500/21. He believes that he sank the mine by rifle fire.

3. AIR OPERATIONS - 6/8

ALLIED

- (i) LAE - 6 B.26's attacked aerodrome Results unknown.
- (ii) SALAMUA - 7 B.25's bombed Salamua aerodrome. Several bombs exploded on runway.
- (iii) GUADALCANAL - Two B.17's attacked Kukum. Results unknown.

ENEMY

- (i) STRADBROKE IS. - The aircraft reported 5/8 has been identified as friendly.
- (ii) MALALLA (S.A) - An unidentified a/c was reported over Malalla aerodrome at 2025/5. Graded A.2.
- (iii) GILBERTS - Abemama reported enemy plane to S.W. 1540/6.
- (iv) OCEAN IS. - At 1215/5 Jap. flying boat flew over Ocean Is. and later attacked with cannon.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Development of major advanced air base in Guadalcanal - Tulagi area.
- (ii) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (iii) Occupation of Nauru and Ocean Is.
- (iv) Intensified submarine activity in the S.W. Pacific area.
- (v) Increased operations from the East Indies area involving possibly -
 - (a) Raids by enemy Task Force (2 or 3 heavy cruisers and destroyers against allied lines of communication in the Indian Ocean.
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For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.
7/8/42

A P P E N D I X

to

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruiser

Flotilla Leaders

Submarines

Effective

PHOENIX

STUART

ARUNTA

S.37)

S.40)

S.41)

S.42) At Brisbane

S.43)

S.45)

S.47)

S.38)

S.39)

S.44) On Patrol

S.46)

Dutch Submarines

K.9)

K.12) At Sydney

A.M.C.'s

WESTRALIA

MANOORA

KANIMBLA

Submarine Tender

GRIFFIN

Destroyer Tender

DOBBIN

Storeships

MIZAR

GOLDSTAR

Gunboat

TULSA

Oiler

VICTORIA

Enemy Forces

New Guinea - Hismarek Archipelago - Solomons Area

C in C 8th Fleet

C in C 4th Fleet

3 poss. 4 heavy cruisers (one "KAKO"; one "AOBA" class; "CHOKAI")

3 Light Cruisers ("YUBARI"; two "TENRYU" class)

12-16 Destroyers

1 Converted Seaplane Tender ("KIYOKAWA MARU")

Approx 20 Merchant Ships

Several small patrol craft

9 M.T.B.'s

12-14 Submarines

Approx 138 shore-based aircraft including probably 49 fighters,

41 heavy bombers, 24 flying boats and 24 float planes

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruiser

Flotilla Leader

Destroyer

Seaplane Tenders

ADELAIDE

TROMP

VOYAGER

CHILDS

HERON

W.B. PRESTON

Submarine Tenders

HOLLAND

PELIAS

Submarines

On Patrol

SAURY

SPEARFISH

SEARAVEN

GAR

PERMIT

TAUPOG

SKIPJACK

GRAMPUS

GRAYBACK

Submarines (Contd)

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

SNAPPER	}	At Fremantle
SWORDFISH		
SEADRAGON		
SEAWOLF		
SALMON		
SARGO		
SEAL	}	At Albany
STURGEON		
SAILFISH		
SCULPIN	}	At Fremantle

Dutch Submarine

K.8

At Fremantle

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

C in C 3rd Fleet
 C in C Southern Expeditionary Fleet
 2 - 8" Cruisers ("ASHIGARA" "KUMANO")
 4 Light Cruisers
 12-16 Destroyers
 Several Converted Seaplane Tenders

Timor

Approx 17 shore-based aircraft including 11 fighters, 6 H/B

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Approx 25 shore-based aircraft including 21 fighters, 4 Obsn. Aircraft

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Approx 22 shore-based aircraft including 9 fighters, 9 H/B, 4 F/B

Celebes

Approx 167 shore-based aircraft including 87 fighters, 50 H/B, 12 F/B, 18 P/P

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

Effective

MARYLAND
 COLORADO
 IDAHO
 MISSISSIPPI
 NEW MEXICO
 TENNESSEE
 PENNSYLVANIA
 HORNET

Refitting or Repairing

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

Aircraft Carriers

LONG ISLAND (Converted) YORKTOWN

8" Cruisers

NORTHAMPTON

6" Cruisers

PENSACOLA

DETROIT

BOISE

SAN DIEGO

RALEIGH

Destroyers

15 (approx)

Submarines

23 (approx)

Enemy Forces

Falco - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

11 Battleships

YAMATO	
MUTSU	FUSO
HAGAR O	KIRISHIMA
HYUGA	KONGO
HIYEI	ISE

6 Aircraft Carriers

YAMASHIRO

HARUNA

ZUIKAKU

SHOKAKU

RYUJO

HOSHO

JUNYO

HIYO

3 Converted A/C Carriers

ZUIHO

KASUGA MARU

NISSHIN

2 Seaplane Carriers

CHIYODA

CHITOSE

6 - 8" Cruisers

ATAGO

TAKAO

TONE

8" Cruisers (Contd)

MYOKO
HAGURO
SUZUYA

2 - 6" Cruisers

2 Converted S/P Tenders ("NOTORO" "FUJIKAWA MARU")

Approx 40 Destroyers (some damaged)

Approx 20 Submarines

Mandated Islands

Truk Area

1 Light Cruiser

Approx 8 Destroyers

1 Converted Seaplane Tender

1 Gunboat Division

Several Chartered Merchant Ships

Special Landing Party Force (Marines)

Approx 10 Submarines

7 Motor Torpedo Boats

Marshalls

At least 1 Seaplane Carrier ("CHITOSE")

2 Converted Seaplane Tenders ("GOSHU MARU" "&"KAMO")

At least 2 Submarine Squadrons from 6th Fleet

1 M/S Flotilla (16th)

Air Tenders and Minesweepers

Commander Submarine Force

15 Motor Torpedo Boats

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleship

Aircraft Carriers

NORTH CAROLINA

WASP

SARATOGA

ENTERPRISE

ASTOR

PORTLAND

VINCENNES

MINNEAPOLIS

QUINCY

SAN FRANCISCO

NEW ORLEANS

AUSTRALIA

CANBERRA

CHICAGO

SALT LAKE CITY

HOBART

ATLANTA

HELENA

LEANDER

ACHILLES

SAN JUAN

SELFRIDGE

30 (approx)

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Squadron Leader

Destroyers

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE

INDIANAPOLIS

6" Cruisers

HONOLULU

ST. LOUIS

NASHVILLE

15 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians Area

1 Heavy Cruiser ("NACHI")

2 Light Cruisers

12 Destroyers

2 Squadrons Submarines

1st Base Force

E) SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

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

Aircraft Carriers

Seaplane Carrier

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruiser

6" Cruisers

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

At least 25 Destroyers

At least 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

1 Squadron Submarines

ALLY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

8th August, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Convoy A1 ("BOTH" "JAMES F. COOPER" "JAMES WILSON") and "KURUMBA" escorted by "AKUNTA" en route Brisbane to Magnetic Island E.T.A. 1400/9, thence Milne Bay. "GEELONG" returned Brisbane from escort duty 2127/7. "GOULBURN" was to return ~~by 2127/7~~ after escorting 300 miles. "KURUMBA" to be detached off Whitsunday Island and proceed Cid Harbour to await orders.
- (ii) Convoy A2 ("BALIK PAPAN" "HEERMSKERK" "BONTERKOE") and Convoy B2 ("J. O. WHITTIER" "ZEBULON" "PIKE") were to depart Brisbane 2200/8 escorted by "STUART" & "GEELONG" E.T.A. Magnetic Island 1300/11.
- (iii) Convoy A3 ("ANHUI" "JACOB" "VAN DER LYB") and Convoy B3 ("SEAWITCH" "JOHN HART") to depart Brisbane 1800/10 E.T.A. Magnetic Island 0800/14.
- (iv) "STUART" escorting "WEST CACTUS" carrying ~~more~~ 300 troops from Noumea was due Brisbane 1800/7.
- (v) "KAMIMBA" escorting Convoy "Schooner B" arrived Melbourne 0805/7.
- (vi) "ANNEIDA K" & "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Convoy OFB (4 M.V.) en route Sydney to Brisbane E.T.A. 1730 today 8/8.
- (vii) "MILDURA" escorting Convoy COL5 (2 M.V. Port Kembla E.T.A. 1800/8; 4 M.V. Sydney E.T.A. 2200/8; 3 M.V. Newcastle E.T.A. 0600/9).
- (viii) "DELOIRAIN" & "CASTLEMAINE" escorting Convoy COL6 en route Newcastle and Sydney to R.V. position off Wilsons Promontory E.T.A. 1200/9.
- (ix) "SWAN" escorting "SWARTENHONDT" Milne Bay to Cleveland Bay. "SWAN" to proceed thence Townsville E.T.A. 1800 today 8/8 and "SWARTENHONDT" Brisbane E.T.A. 1900/11.
- (x) "SARAGO" escorting "TASMAN" was due Port Moresby from Milne Bay 0800/7.
- (xi) "COLAC" escorting "HENRY D. THOREAU" & "HANYANG" was due Milne Bay 1500/7. To escort "HANYANG" when unloaded clear of China Strait; then return Milne Bay if fuel suffices. Otherwise proceed Port Moresby for fuel, thence Milne Bay to escort "HENRY D. THOREAU" to Townsville.
- (xii) "WABIANELLA" departed Sydney 6/8 for Fremantle and Middle East.
- (xiii) "WARRAMBOOL" departed Port Moresby 1835/7 for Port Kennedy to search for survivors of "MAJUTU" (see Naval Incidents) E.T.A. 0600/8. To be sailed thence Thursday Island to join escort with "LITHOON" for "JOHN JAY" & "MARTSUYCKER" to Port Moresby.
- (xiv) At Sydney - "WESTRALIA" "MANGORA" "ABRAHAM CHRYSSEN" "K.12" "K.9" "DOBBIN" "HIZAR" "CAIRNS" "WILCANNIA" "MORSEY" "HYALA" "BUNGARIE"
Repairing - "PHOENIX" "VICTORIA"
- (xv) At Melbourne - "DOOMBA" - Repairing "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xvi) At Adelaide - "BOMBAY" "TOONGOMBA"
- (xvii) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "ATREUS" "ALSEY" "TULSA" "TOWNSVILLE"
- (xviii) At Cairns - "BENDIGO"
- (xix) At Townsville - "CESSHOCK" "KATOOMBA"
- (xx) "RAMBUCCA" en route Adelaide to Sydney E.T.A. 0600/12.
- (xxi) For submarines in eastern sector - see appendix.

Enemy Forces

- (1) RABAU - Analysis of photographs taken by recon aircraft 6/8 reveals 1 converted seaplane tender, 3 light cruisers, 4 destroyers, 10 merchant vessels (5-7,000 tons) 3 merchant vessels (3-4,000 tons), 9 gunboats, numerous landing craft, 8 flying boats in Rabaul Harbour. 44 unidentified on Lakunai aerodrome.
Enemy shipping observed during allied air attack 7/8 as follows - 8 large, 14 smaller ships in Harbour
6 unidentified ships off Cape Sawul in St. Georges Channel course S.W.
1 cruiser, 1 destroyer, 3 light cruisers approx 31 miles W.N.W. Rabaul

(11) MORESBY STRAIT

- (a) 2 submarines were sighted off Murray Is. at 0930/7.
- (b) "MAMUTU" (300 tons) on route Moresby to Daru) was attacked by a submarine in position 0°11'S, 144°12'E at 1142/7 (see Naval Incidents).

- (iii) JERVIS BAY - Aircraft on recon reported sighting a submarine at 1441/7 in position 35°30'S, 150°30'E (approx 29 miles S.W. by S. of Perpendicular Point, Jervis Bay). Graded B.3.
- (iv) SOLOMONS - A destroyer was sighted by recon aircraft at 1546/7 62 miles S.S.W. of Buka Passage. Course South.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "TROMP" escorting "STIRLING CASTLE" on route Melbourne from R.V. with "GAMBIA" approx 900 miles West of Fremantle 6/8. "GAMBIA" on route Fremantle from R.V.
- (ii) "ADELAIDE" departed Fremantle on escort duty 1722/7.
- (iii) "HERON" departed Fremantle 0730/7 for Exmouth Gulf E.T.A. a.m.10/8.
- (iv) "GERALDTON" escorting "BAHRAIN" is due Addu Atoll today 8/8.
- (v) "LITHGOW" escorting "JOHN JAY" on route Darwin to Rax Thursday Island, thence Port Moresby E.T.A. 0830/10.
- (vi) "WATO" towing oil lighter on route Fremantle to Exmouth Gulf E.T.A. 2 12/8.
- (vii) "VIGILANT" departed Darwin on special duties 5/8.
- (viii) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "SIBIRO" on route Thursday Island to Darwin.
- (ix) At Fremantle - "VOYAGER" "TRINITY" "CHILDS" "HERON" "K.S" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "ERLING BROVIG" "LANAKAI" "MADRAS" "HERON" "WOLLONGONG"
- (x) At Albany - "ELIAS" "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" "MARYBOROUGH"
- (xi) At Exmouth Gulf - "W.B. PRESTON"
- (xii) For submarines in Western Sector - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces

(1) ENEMY SUBMARINE ACTIVITY

- (a) JURIEAN BAY (approx 100 miles N.N.W. Fremantle) - A recon aircraft sighted a submarine about 13 miles S.W. Juriean Bay (30°20'S, 114°51'E) at 0952/7.
- (b) ROTTNEST IS. - "HERON" sighted the periscope of a submarine approx 37 miles N.N.W. of Cape Vlaming (Rottneest Is.) 31°28'S, 115°10'E at 1316/7.

Comment - The same submarine could not have been responsible for these two sightings.
In addition to these two submarines in the Fremantle area, the vessel which attacked "KATOOMBA" off Albany 4/8 may still be operating in that area.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

- (i) The Task Force formed under C in C 3rd Fleet in the East Indies area is believed to include -
Heavy cruisers "ASHIGARA" (Flagship 3rd Fleet), "KUNASO" and possibly one other (Crudiv 7)
Units of Desrons 3 and 5
An air attack force
C in C Southern Expeditionary Fleet
- (ii) There are indications that two heavy cruisers of Crudiv 7 are now operating in the Bay of Bengal area.
- (iii) At least two light cruisers including C in C Southern Expeditionary Fleet ("KASHII") are believed at present in the Singapore area.
- (iv) Enemy convoys are believed moving from Davao (Philippines) to Rabaul via Palao.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces (See Appendix)

Enemy Forces

- (i) The majority of heavy units are still believed to be in Home Waters.
- (ii) The converted aircraft carrier "KASUGA MARU" is now believed operating in the Northern Honshu area.
- (iii) There are indications that the newly organized Cardiv 1 and 2 will apparently replace the old Cardiv 4 and 5. "ZUIKAKU" and "SHOKAKU" are indicated as possibly forming portion of Cardiv 1 and "HIYATAKA" (JUNYO) AND "HIYAKA" ("HIYO") portion of Cardiv 2.
- (iv) The Converted Seaplane Carrier "KANIKAWA MARU" is now believed en route Truk from Saaseb.
- (v) The damaged heavy cruiser "SUZUYA" (Crudiv 7) is now believed en route Japan from Truk with a repair ship in company. This unit has apparently been severely damaged as it has been endeavouring to effect temporary repairs at Truk since the Midway action.
- (vi) There is still no indication of any of the main carriers proceeding south of Empire Waters.
- (vii) C in C 8th Fleet is controlling operations in the New Britain area.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "DANBERRA" "CHICAGO" "HOBART" and 9 destroyers) is operating under Comsopac.
- (ii) At Tongatabu - "RAINIER" "WHITNEY" "ANTARES" "HAVAJO" "HOPKINS" "TREVIER" "ZANE" "ALDEBARAN"
- (iii) At Samoa - "TURKEY" "KINGFISHER" "BRAZOS"
- (iv) At Suva - "LEANDER" "GALE" "KASKASKIA" "KANAWHA"
- (v) At Auckland - "MENCWAI" "RIGEL" "CASTOR" "WALKE"
- (vi) At Wellington - "OTUS"
- (vii) At Noumea - "McFARLAND" "SUNNER" "SOUTHEARD" "HOVEY" "ARGONNE" "CHEVREUIL" "CAP DES PALMES" "BISHOPDALE"
- (viii) At Vila - "CUMMINGS"

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

SOLOMONS - Comsopac reports indications of the presence of enemy submarines in 10° S, 162° E (approx 30 miles north of Wanoni Bay, N. coast San Cristobal Island).

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces (See Appendix)

Enemy Forces

- (i) There are indications that the light cruiser "TAKA" (5,100 tons; 7-5.5") is en route Northern Waters probably to relieve "WACHI" (Flag 5th Fleet).
- (ii) The movement of enemy supplies to Kiaka area continues.
- (iii) Enemy submarines remain active in the Aleutians - Hawaiian area.
- (iv) There are indications of additional submarines proceeding to the Western Aleutians and of E.L.B.'s being based in the Kuriles.

E) SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces (See Appendix)

Enemy Forces

- (i) There are indications of increasing air and submarine activity in the Malaya - Bay of Bengal area.
- (ii) SURFACE RAIDERS - There are continued indications of enemy raiders operating in the Indian Ocean. These include probably German Raider E and two Japanese merchant raiders.
- (iii) SUBMARINES - There are indications that enemy submarines in the Indian Ocean are operating in the Seychelles, Chagos, Maldives area as well as the Mozambique Channel.
There are also indications that some of the units from the S.W. Indian Ocean area are changing stations or returning to their base, probably Penang.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) MURRAY IS. - "NAMUTU" (300 tons) British - en route Moresby to (New) Guinea was attacked by a submarine approx 45 miles N. by E. of Murray Is. (Torres Strait), 9°11'S, 144°12'E at 1142/7. "NAMUTU" was sighted by aircraft 8 miles north of this position at 1500. The vessel was then on fire and is believed to have sunk at 1515. Survivors were sighted in the vicinity and "WARRNAMBOOL" has been despatched to search the area. Rescue aircraft reports having sighted a rusty coloured periscope approx 2 miles east of the position in which "NAMUTU" was attacked, at 1700/7.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

- (1) RABAU - 8 Fortresses attacked Rabaul 1140/7. Preliminary report states all bombs fell in target area.
- (11) LAE
- (a) 4 B.26's attacked aerodrome 1720/6. Bombs fell on runway.
 - (b) 3 Catalinas attacked aerodrome 2225/6 to 0230/7. All bombs fell in runway area. Results not observed.
 - (c) 6 B.26's bombed runway 1445/7. Four 2000-lb bombs fell along centre of runway. One bomb among 4 or 5 aircraft.

ENEMY

- (1) WILHE BAY - Air raid warnings were sounded 3 times 7/8, but no details have been received.
- (11) WESSEL IS. (130 miles N. Groote Eylandt) - Unidentified 4 engined flying boat and single engined biplane sighted at noon 6/8.
- (111) BATHURST IS. - Two four engined flying boats flew over Bathurst Island at 1330/6.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Development of major advanced air base in Guadalcanal - Tulagi area.
- (11) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (111) Occupation of Newru and Ocean Island.
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- (a) Raids by enemy Task Force (2 or 3 heavy cruisers and destroyers) against allied lines of communication in the Indian Ocean.
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For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

8/8/42

APPENDIX

to

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR
British and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
5" Cruiser		PHOENIX
Flotilla Leaders	STUART	LE TRIOMPHANT
	ARUNTA	
Submarines	S.37)	
	S.40)	
	S.41)	
	S.42) At Brisbane	
	S.43)	
	S.45)	
	S.47)	
	S.38)	
	S.39)	
	S.44) On Patrol	
	S.46)	
Dutch Submarines	K.9)	
	K.12) At Sydney	
A.E.C.'s	WESTRALIA	
	HANCOCK	
	KANIMBLA	
Submarine Tender	GRIPPIN	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Storeships	HIZAR	GOLDSTAR
Gunboat	TULSA	
Oiler		VICTORIA

Enemy Forces

New Guinea - Bismarck Archipelago - Solomons Area

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- Approx 176 shore-based aircraft including probably 75 fighters, 48 heavy bombers, 37 flying boats and 28 float planes

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR
British and Allied Forces

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Flotilla Leader	TROMP
Destroyer	VOYAGER
Seaplane Tenders	GILLIS
	HERON
	NEMIX W B PRESTON
Submarine Tenders	HOLLAND
	PELLAS
Submarines	<u>On Patrol</u>
	SAURY
	SPARFISH
	GAB
	PERMIT
	TATTOG
	SKIPJACK
	GRAMPUS
	GRAYBACK

Submarines (Contd)

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

SNAPPER	}	At Fremantle
SWORDFISH		
SEADRAGON		
SEARAVEN		
SEAWOLF		
SALMON	}	At Albany
SARGO		
SEAL		
STURGEON	}	At Fremantle
SAILFISH		
SCULPIN		
Dutch Submarines	K.6	

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

8 Submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or N.E.I. area (see above)

Enemy Forces

0 in C 3rd Fleet
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Approx 141 shore-based aircraft including 80 fighters, 31 H/B, 12 F/B
 18 F/P

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

Effective

MARYLAND
 COLORADO
 IDAHO
 MISSISSIPPI
 NEW MEXICO
 TENNESSEE
 PENNSYLVANIA
 HOENET
 LONG ISLAND (Converted)
 NORTHAMPTON
 PEN SACOLA
 BOISE
 SAN DIEGO
 RALEIGH

Refitting or Repairing

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

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

YORKTOWN
 DETROIT

Destroyers

Submarines

15 (approx)
 23 (approx)

Enemy Forces

Palao - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

11 Battleships

YAMATO
 MUTSU FUSO
 NAGATO KIRISHIMA
 HYUGA KONGO
 HIYEI ISE
 YAMASHIRO

6 Aircraft Carriers

HARUNA
 ZUIKAKU
 HOKAKU
 RYUJO
 HOSHIO
 JUNYO
 HIYO

3 Converted A/C Carriers

EVING
 HATSUGA MARU

2 Seaplane Carriers

NISSEIN
 CHIYODA
 CHITOSE

6 - 8" Cruisers

ATAGO
YAKAO
TONE
MYOHO
HAGURO
SUZUYA

2 - 6" Cruisers

2 Converted S/P Tenders ("NOTORO" "FUJIKAWA MARU")

Approx 40 Destroyers

Approx 20 Submarines

Mandated Islands

TRUK Area

1 Light Cruiser

Approx 8 Destroyers

1 Converted Seaplane Tender

1 Gunboat Division

Several Chartered Merchant Ships

Special Landing Party Force (Marines)

Approx 10 Submarines

7 Motor Torpedo Boats

Marshalls

At least 1 Seaplane Carrier ("CHITOSE")

2 Converted Seaplane Tenders ("GOSEI MARU" & "KAMOI")

At least 2 Submarine Squadrons from 6th Fleet

1 M/S Flotilla (16th)

Air Tenders and Minesweepers

Commander Submarine Force

15 Motor Torpedo Boats

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleship

Aircraft Carriers

NORTH CAROLINA

WASP

SARATOGA

ENTERPRISE

ASTORIA

PORTLAND

VINCENNES

MINNEAPOLIS

QUINCY

SAN FRANCISCO

NEW ORLEANS

AUSTRALIA

CANBERRA

CHICAGO

SALT LAKE CITY

ROBART

ATLANTA

HELENA

LEAH DEN

ACHILLES

SAN JUAN

SELFRIDGE

30 (approx)

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Squadron Leader

Destroyers

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE

INDIANAPOLIS

6" Cruisers

HONOLULU

ST. LOUIS

NASHVILLE

15 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians Area

1 Heavy Cruiser ("YAGI")

2 Light Cruisers

12 Destroyers

2 Squadrons Submarines

1st Base Force

E) SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

WARSPITE
VALIANT
RESOLUTION
REVENGE
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
RAMILLIES
INDOMITABLE
ILLUSTROUS
FORMIDABLE
ALBATROSS
DEVONSHIRE
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
FROBISHER
CALEDON
DRAGON
ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
CURIES
BIRMINGHAM
GLA SCOW
CAPETOWN
DANAE
DAUNTLESS
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
NEWCASTLE
SUMATRA (Dutch)
WORCHESTERSHIRE
RANCHI
COMPTON
ALAUZIA
CHITRAL
RAH PURA
CANTON
QUEEN OF BERNUDA
CANTHAGE
HEMSENK
CARLISLE

Aircraft Carriers

Seaplane Carrier

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruiser

6" Cruisers

A.M.C.'s

~~XXXXX~~ A.A. Vessels

At least 25 Destroyers

At least 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

1 Squadron Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

9th August, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Convoy A1 ("BOTH" "JAMES F. COOPER" "JAMES WILSON") escorted by "ARUNTA" en route Brisbane to Magnetic Is. E.T.A. 1400 today 9/8. Thence Milne Bay.
- (ii) Convoy A2 ("BALIK PAPAN" "HEERMSKERK" "BONTEKOE") for Milne Bay and Convoy B2 ("J.G. WHITTIER" "ZEBULON PIKE") for Port Moresby, departed Brisbane 2400/7 escorted by "STUART" & "GEELONG" as far as Capricorn Channel. Thence Magnetic Is. unescorted E.T.A. 1300/11.
- (iii) Convoy A3 ("ANSHUN" "JACOB" "VAN DER LYN") and Convoy B3 ("SEAWITCH" "JOHN HART") to depart Brisbane 1800/10 E.T.A. Magnetic Is. 0600/14.
- (iv) "ARMIDALE" & "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Convoy GFS arrived Brisbane 1830/8, and departed 1910/8 escorting Convoy PGS. "TOWNSVILLE" departed Brisbane 2150/8 to overtake and join Convoy PGS. ETA 1200/10.
- (v) "MILBURA" escorting Convoy OCL5 northwards (2 M.V. Port Kembla E.T.A. 2100/8; 4 M.V. Sydney E.T.A. 0300/9; 3 M.V. Newcastle E.T.A. 1100/9).
- (vi) "DELORAIN" & "CASTLEMAINE" escorting Convoy COL6 will R.V. with "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OCL6 (departed Port Phillip 0200/9) off Westernport at 0800/9, and exchange escorts.
- (vii) "SWAN" arrived Townsville 0001/9.
- (viii) "WARREGO" escorting "TASMAN" & "GAKBANK" departed Port Moresby 0500/ to R.V. with "JAPARA" (departed Milne Bay 1200/7) 110 miles S.W. Port Moresby at 1500/8. Thence Townsville.
- (ix) "COLAC" escorting "HENRY D. THOREAU" & "HANYANG" ^{arrived} ~~was due~~ Milne Bay 7/8. To escort "HANYANG" when unloaded clear of China Strait; then return Milne Bay if fuel suffices. Otherwise proceed Port Moresby for fuel, thence Milne Bay to escort "HENRY D. THOREAU" to Townsville.
- (x) "WARRNAMBOOL" was due Thursday Island 1200/8. "LITHGOW" escorting "JOHN JAY" arrived Thursday Is. 0945/8. "WARRNAMBOOL" & "LITHGOW" to escort "JOHN JAY" & "HAETSUYCKER" to Port Moresby.
- (xi) "NAMBUCCA" en route Adelaide to Sydney E.T.A. 0600/12.
- (xii) "WANGANELLA" departed Sydney 6/8 for Fremantle and Middle East.
- (xiii) At Sydney - "WESTRALIA" "MANOCRA" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "K.12" "K.9" "DOBBIN" "MIZAR" "CAIRNS" "WILCANNIA" "MORESEY" "WHYALL" "BUNGAREE"
- (xiv) At Melbourne - "KANIMELA" - Repairing "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xv) At Adelaide - "BOMBAY" "TOOWOOMBA"
- (xvi) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "ATREUS" "ALSKY" "TULSA" "GOULBURN"
- (xvii) At Cairns - "BENDIGO"
- (xviii) At Townsville - "CESSHOCK" "KATOOMBA"
- (xix) At Cid Harbour - "KURUMBA"
- (xx) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces

- (i) SALAMAUA - Allied aircraft attacking Salamaua 8/8 reported a merchant vessel about 10,000 tons close inshore with 10° list, (see Air Operations).
Comment - This is probably the vessel reported ashore on 3/8.
- (ii) RABAUL - Air recce 8/8 observed 5/7 medium merchant vessels, 3/5 small M.V., 4 unidentified ships, 4 F/B's in Rabaul Harbour and 1 heavy cruiser, 3 destroyers, 2 M.V. 10,000 tons, one M.V. 8000 tons approx 230 miles W. by N. Rabaul course 100°. Two small cargo vessels and a torpedo boat were also seen in the vicinity.
- (iii) NEW HANOVER - Two cargo vessels 3,000 tons were observed by aircraft on recce approx 70 miles N.W. New Hanover at 1105/8, course 90°
- (iv) CAPE ST. GEORGE - One destroyer and 2 other vessels passed Cape St. George at 1000/7 course 140°. Two destroyers and 3 larger

COLAC
was due
Port Moresby from
Milne Bay 0700/9. To return to
to escort
Henry D. Thoreau
to Townsville

vessels type unknown passed at 1900/7.

- (v) ENEMY SUBMARINE ACTIVITY - A) SYDNEY - An unidentified loop crossing was recorded on No.1 Loop Sydney Harbour at 1030/8. It is now considered that the crossing on 8/8 was as good as those recorded by the midget submarines on 31/5.
- b) TATHRA HEAD - (104 miles S. Jervis Bay) - "DELOIRINE" reported a possible enemy submarine 36°46'S, 150°14'E (13 miles E. by S. Tathra Head).
- c) PORT MACQUARIE - There were indications of two enemy submarines between Sydney and Port Macquarie night 7/8.
- d) WILSONS PROMONTORY - Patrol aircraft reported a possible submarine 38°56'S, 152°14'E (approx 40 miles E.N.E. Wilsons Promontory) at 1726/8.
- (vi) BUKA-BOUGAINVILLE AREA - Allied aircraft on recce 8/8 observed numerous small groups of enemy vessels N. and W. of Bougainville and Buka Is. The minimum total of enemy shipping in the area is considered to be five cruisers (including probably 3 heavy) 5 destroyers, 2 possible seaplane tenders, 4 ^{gunboats} corvettes, 1 or more submarines, 6 merchant vessels.
- (vii) GENERAL - There are indications that one division of Subron 7 and units of Subron 3 (total ^{possibly} 6 - 9 submarines) are en route Florida Is. area.
A further four destroyers are expected to depart Japan for the New Britain area shortly.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "ADELAIDE" departed Fremantle 1725/7 to R.V. with "TROMP" escorting "STIRLING CASTLE" en route Melbourne, 220 miles, south of Cape Leeuwin, to relieve "TROMP" as escort. "GAMBIA" en route Fremantle after being relieved by "TROMP".
- (ii) "HERON" en route Fremantle to Exmouth Gulf E.T.A. a.m. 10/8.
- (iii) "WATO" towing oil lighter en route Fremantle to Exmouth Gulf E.T.A. 12/8.
- (iv) "VIGILANT" departed Darwin for special duties Timor area 5/8.
- (v) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "SIBIGO" en route Thursday Island to Darwin.
- (vi) At Fremantle - "VOYAGER" "TRINITY" "CHILDS" "K.8" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "ERLING BROVIG" "LAWAKAI" "MADRAS" "WOLLONGONG"
- (vii) At Albany - "PELIAS" "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" "MARYBOROUGH"
- (viii) At Exmouth Gulf - "W.B. RESTON"
- ix) ~~ix~~ For submarines in Western Sector - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces

DARWIN - An unidentified loop crossing was reported at Darwin at 1531/8.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

- (i) AMBON - A Hudson on recce reported one large and two small ships in the vicinity of Ambon 8/8.
- (ii) KEEPANG - A Hudson on recce sighted 2 large and 3 small vessels off Keepang 8/8.
- (iii) The Task Force formed under C in C 3rd Fleet in the East Indies area is believed to include -
Heavy cruisers "ASHIGARA" (Flagship 3rd Fleet), "KUMANO" and possibly one other (Crudiv 7)
Units of Desrons 3 and 5
An air attack force
C in C Southern Expeditionary Fleet
- (iv) There were recent indications that two heavy cruisers of Crudiv 7 were operating in the Bay of Bengal area.
- (v) At least two light cruisers including C in C Southern Expeditionary Fleet ("KASHII") are believed at present in the Singapore area.
- (vi) Enemy convoys are believed moving from Davao (Philippines) to Rabaul via Palao.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces (See Appendix)

Enemy Forces

- (i) Cincpac reported 7/8 enemy Battleships (BB's) and aircraft carriers (CV's) are still believed to be in Home Waters.
- (ii) There is still no indication of any of the main carriers proceeding south of Empire Waters.
- (iii) There are indications that the newly organized Cardivs 1 and 2 will apparently replace the old Cardivs 4 and 5. "ZUIKAKU" & "SHOKAKU" are indicated as possibly forming portion of Cardiv 1 and "HIYATAKA" (JUNYO) & "HITAKA" ("HIYO") portion of Cardiv 2.
- (iv) The converted S/P Carrier "KAMIKAWA MARU" is now believed en route Truk from Basebo.
- (v) The damaged heavy cruiser "SUZUYA" (Crudiv 7) is now believed en route Japan from Truk with a repair ship in company. This unit has apparently been severely damaged as it has been endeavouring to effect temporary repairs at Truk since the Midway action.
- (vi) C in C 8th Fleet is controlling operations in the New Britain area.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "CANBERRA" "CHICAGO" "HOBART" and 9 destroyers) is operating under Comsopac.
- (ii) At Tongatabu - "RAINIER" "WHITNEY" "ANTARES" "NAVAJO" "HOPKINS" "ZANE" "ALDEBARAN"
- (iii) At Samoa - "TURKEY" "KINGFISHER" "BRAZOS"
- (iv) At Suva - "LEANDER" "GALE" "KASKASKIA" "KANAWHA" "PERKINS"
- (v) At Auckland - "MONOWAI" "RIGEL" "CASTOR" "WALKE"
- (vi) At Wellington - "OTUS"
- (vii) At Noumea - "McFARLAND" "SUMNER" "SOUTHARD" "HOVEY" "ARGONNE" "CHEVREUIL" "CAP DES PALMES" "BISHOPDALE" "PLATTE"
- (viii) At Vila - "CUMMINGS" "DALE"

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces (See Appendix)

Enemy Forces

- (i) There are indications that the light cruiser "TAMA" (5,100 tons; 7-5.5") is en route Northern Waters probably to relieve "NAGHI" (Flag 5th Fleet)
- (ii) There are indications of additional submarines proceeding to the Western Aleutians and of M.T.B.'s being based in the Kuriles.

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces (See Appendix)

Enemy Forces

- (i) There are indications of increasing air and submarine activity in the Malaya - Bay of Bengal area.
- (ii) SURFACE RAIDERS - There are continued indications of enemy raiders operating in the Indian Ocean. These include probably German Raider E and two Japanese merchant raiders.
- (iii) SUBMARINES - There are indications that enemy submarines in the Indian Ocean are operating in the Seychelles, Chagos, Maldives area as well as the Mozambique Channel.
There are also indications that some of the units from the S.W. Indian Ocean area are changing stations or returning to their base, probably Penang.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) ALBANY- ss "KATOOMBA" which was attacked off Albany at 2120/4 has now reached port undamaged. The Master considers that two submarines were concerned in the attack

3. AIR OPERATIONS

ALLIED

- (i) KOKODA - 32 Aircobras attacked Kokoda and Yodda 8/8. Fires started among buildings.
- (ii) LAE-SALAMAUA - 3 attacks Lae and 3 Salamaua 8/8 by one Catalina, 2 Fortresses, 11 Marauders, 6 B.25's.
Results - Lae - one hit A.A. position, 10 bombs on runway.
SALAMAUA - two hits centre runway, 2 other possible hits; direct hit on beached vessel 10,000 tons

which was left burning fiercely. A.A. Position silenced - fires among buildings. No enemy interception.

(iii) RABAU - Thirteen Fortresses attacked Vunakanau aerodrome 1130/7. 20 Zero's intercepted - 7 destroyed.

Two Catalinas attacked Lakunai and Vunakanau 0245/8.

(iv) BUKA - Two Catalinas attacked aerodrome 8/8. Two bombs on runway area.

ENEMY (i) BOUGAINVILLE - 40 enemy a/c reported over N. Bougainville 0942/8 course S.E.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Consolidation Buka - Bougainville bases.
- (i) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (ii) Occupation of Nauru and Ocean Island.
- (iii) Intensified submarine activity in the S.W. Pacific area.
- (iv) Increased operations from the East Indies area involving possibly
 - (a) Raids by enemy Task Force (2 or 3 heavy cruisers and destroyers) against allied lines of communication in the Indian Ocean.
 - (b) Possible attacks on N.W. Australian coastal area including Torres Strait.


For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

9/8/42

ADDENDUM

ENEMY SUBMARINES - A.C.N.B. reports D/P indications that two Japanese submarines which were recently operating off the East coast of Australia were within 100 miles of 6° South 166° East (approx 390 miles N.E. of Tulagi) at 2200/8.

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruiser

Flotilla Leaders

Submarines

Effective

STUART
ARUNTA

S.37

S.40

S.41

S.42

S.43

S.45

S.47

S.38

S.39

S.44

S.46

At Brisbane

On Patrol

At Sydney

Dutch Submarines

A.M.C.'s

WESTRALIA

MANOORA

KANIMBLA

GRIFFIN

DOBBIN

MIZAR

TULSA

Refitting or Repairing

PHOENIX

LE TRIOMPHANT

GOLDSTAR

VICTORIA

Enemy Forces

New Guinea - Bismarck Archipelago - Solomons Area

C in C 8th Fleet

C in C 4th Fleet

3 poss. 4 heavy cruisers (one "KAKO" one "AGBA" class; "CHOKAI")

3 Light Cruisers ("YUBARI"; two "TENRYU" class)

12-16 Destroyers

1 Converted Seaplane Tender ("KIYOKAWA MARU")

Approx 20 Merchant Ships

Several small patrol craft

9 M.T.B.'s

12-14 Submarines

Approx 176 shore-based aircraft including probably 73 fighters,
48 heavy bombers, 37 flying boats and 28 float planes

1 converted A/C Carrier poss. en route Truk

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruiser

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Destroyer

Seaplane Tenders

ADELAIDE

TROMP

VOYAGER

GHILDS

NERON

W. B. PRESTON

HOLLAND

PELIAS

On Patrol

SAURY

SEARFISH

GAR

PERMIT

TAUTOG

SKIPJACK

GRAMPUS

GRAYBACK

Submarine Tenders

Submarines

Submarines (Contd)

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

SHAPPER	}	At Fremantle
SWORDFISH		
SEADRAGON		
SEARAVEN		
SEAWOLF		
SALMON		
SARGO	}	At Albany
SEAL		
STURGEON		
SAILFISH	}	At Albany
SCULPIN		
K.B		At Fremantle

Dutch Submarines

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British and Allied Forces

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Enemy Forces

C in C 3rd Flotilla
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 4 Light Cruisers
 12-16 Destroyers
 Several Converted Seaplane Tenders

Timor

Approx 27 shore-based aircraft including 18 fighters, 9 H/B

Bali

Approx 25 shore-based aircraft including 21 fighters, 4 Obsn.A/C

Ambon

Approx 22 shore-based aircraft including 9 fighters, 9 H/B, 4 F/B

Celebes

Approx 141 shore-based aircraft including 80 fighters, 31 H/B, 12 F/B
 18 P/P

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied forces

Battleships

Effective

MARYLAND
 COLORADO
 IDAHO
 MISSISSIPPI
 NEW MEXICO
 TENNESSEE
 PENNSYLVANIA
 HORNET
 LONG ISLAND (Converted)
 NORTHAMPTON
 PENSACOLA
 BOISE
 SAN DIEGO
 RALEIGH

Refitting or Repairing

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

A/C Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Destroyers

Submarines

Enemy Forces

Palao - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

11 Battleships

YAMATO	FUSO
MUTSU	KIRISHIMA
NAGATO	KONGO
HYUGA	ISE
HIYEI	
YAMASHIRO	

6 A/C Carriers

HARUNA
 ZUIKAKU
 SHOKAKU
 KYUJO
 HOSHIO
 JUNYO
 HIYO
 ZUHO
 KASUGA MARU
 NISSEIN
 CHIYODA
 CHITOSE

3 Converted A/C Carriers

2 S/P Carriers

6 - 8" Cruisers

ATAGO
TAKAGI
TONE
MYOKO
HAGURO
SUZUYA

2 - 6" Cruisers

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VINCENNES

MINNEAPOLIS

QUINCY

SAN FRANCISCO

NEW ORLEANS

AUSTRALIA

CANBERRA

CHICAGO

SALT LAKE CITY

HOBART

ATLANTA

HELENA

LEAS DER

ACHILLES

SAN JUAN

SELFRIDGE

30 (approx)

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Squadron Leader

Destroyers

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PROBISHER
CALEDON
DRAGON
ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
CERES
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
CAPETOWN
DANAÉ
DAUNTLESS
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
NEWCASTLE
SUMATRA (Dutch)
WORCESTERSHIRE
RANCHI
CORFU
ALANIA
CHITRAL
RANPURA
CANTON
QUEEN OF BERMUDA
CARTHAGE
HEEMSKERCK
CARLISLE

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- (iii) Convoy A3 ("ANSHUN" "JACOB" "VAN DER LYN") and Convoy B3 ("SEAWITCH" "FERIDA") to depart Brisbane 1800 today 10/8 E.T.A. Magnetic Island 0700/14.
- (iv) Convoy A4 and B.4. to depart Brisbane 12/8.
- (v) "ARMIDALE" & "ROCKHAMPTON" and "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy PG8 departed Brisbane 8/8 for Sydney E.T.A. 1200 today 10/8.
- (vi) ~~"MILDURA" & "WILCANNIA" arrived Sydney having completed escort duty with Convoy OGL5 at 0955/9.~~
"MILDURA" to escort "MERKUR" to Noumea and return in company with "BISHOPDALE".
- (vii) "DELOIRINE" & "CASTLEMAINE" escorting Convoy COL6 northwards E.T.A. Port Kembla 1900/11; Sydney 0100/12; Newcastle 0900/12.
- (viii) "DOOMBA" was to relieve "DELOIRINE" & "CASTLEMAINE" as escort to Convoy COL6 at 0800/9 off Westernport and proceed Melbourne.
- (ix) "WARNEGGO" escorting "TASMAN" "CAKBANK" "JAPARA" en route Townsville from R.V. 1500/8 110 miles S.W. Port Moresby.
- (x) "COLAC" arrived Port Moresby from Milne Bay to refuel 0735/9
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- (xiii) "WANGANELLA" departed Sydney 6/8 for Fremantle and Middle East.
- (xiv) Convoy COL7 to depart Newcastle a.m. 10/8 escorted by "MORESEY".
- (xv) "CAIRNS" to depart Sydney p.m. today with Sydney section of Convoy COL7 to R.V. with main convoy.
- (xvi) At Sydney - "WESTPHALIA" "MANOORA" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "K.12" "K.9" "DOBBIN" "MIZAR" "CAIRNS" "WILCANNIA" "MORESEY" "WEYALLA" "BENGARRE" - Repairing "PHOENIX" "VICTORIA"
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- (xxii) At Cid Harbour - "KURUMBA"
- (xxiii) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces(1) ENEMY SUBMARINES

- (a) GABO IS. - There were D/P indications of an unidentified unit in the vicinity of Gabo Island yesterday 9/8.
- (b) EVANS HEAD - A D/P fix 9/8 indicated the presence of an enemy submarine approx 165 miles E. by S. Evans Head.
- (c) MACKAY - A report indicates the possible presence of a submarine approx 45 miles N.E. of Mackay.
- (ii) RABAU - Air recce 9/8 reported 17 unidentified vessels at anchor in Rabaul Harbour and 2 unidentified vessels entering harbour at 1030; and 28 large vessels including 2 probable cruisers, 2 probable destroyers in harbour at 1750.
Two cargo vessels, one other merchant vessel, one unidentified vessel were sighted 15 miles N.E. of Cape Tawui en route Rabaul at 1025.
- (iii) KAVIENG - Air recce 9/8 reported only one vessel in the vicinity of Kavieng.

BOUGAINVILLE

- (iv) Enemy shipping sighted in the vicinity of Bougainville 9/8 included -
 - (a) 4 cruisers in formation 18 miles E.N.E. Kieta at 1435 course 320°.
 - (b) 1 cruiser (10,000 tons) one destroyer (3000) 70 miles W.S.W. Buin at 1520 course 300°.
 - (c) 1 enemy vessel possibly an auxiliary repair ship and two small motor boats in a bay approx 5 miles S.S.E. of West entrance to Buka Passage.
- Comment - From yesterday's sightings 9/8 it would appear that five cruisers (including 2 possibly 3 heavy cruisers) are operating in the Solomons area and two cruisers including at least one heavy cruiser in Rabaul. The main cruiser force appears to be covering ~~operations~~ operations in the Kieta area.
- (d) A native report states that a large warship passed Ek Kunua Plantation (approx 25 miles S. Buka Passage) at 0800/9 course south.

(v) GENERAL

- a) C in C 8th Fleet in heavy cruiser "CHOKAI" (10,000 tons; 10-8") is probably operating with a force in the Solomons area.
- b) There are some indications that additional heavy cruisers of Crudiv 5 ("HAGURO" "MYOKO" "NACHI" -- 10,000 tons; 10-8") may proceed to the Solomons area from Home Waters with a destroyer force (Cinspac 8/8).
 Comment - If all three heavy cruisers proceed to the Solomons area this would make a total of probably seven heavy cruisers in the New Britain - Solomons area.
- c) C in C 4th Fleet was reported at ~~1145/9~~ 8/8.

(vi) AMBASI-It is reliably reported 9/8 that the enemy maintains a coastal patrol off Ambasi.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "TROMP" was relieved by "ADELAIDE" 1304/9 as escort for "STIRLING CASTLE" to Melbourne. "TROMP" to return Fremantle, from R.V. position approx 220 miles South Cape Leeuwin.
- (ii) "HERON" en route Fremantle to Exmouth Gulf E.T.A. a.m. today 10/8.
- ~~(iii) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "SIBERG" arrived Darwin from Thursday Is. 1145/9.~~
- (iv) "WATG" towing oil lighter en route Fremantle to Exmouth Gulf E.T.A. 12/8.
- (v) "VIGILANT" departed Darwin for special duties Timor area 5/8.
- (vi) At Fremantle - "VOYAGER" "TRINITY" "CHILDS" "K.8" "ENNER" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "ERLING BROVIG" "LANAKAI" "MADRAS" "WOLLONGONG"
- (vii) At Albany - "PELIAS" "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" "MARYBOUGH"
- (viii) At Exmouth Gulf - "W.B. PRESTON" ^{HERON}
- (ix) For submarines in Western Sector - see Appendix.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

- (i) TIMOR - It was reported that ~~was~~ 2/3000 natives disembarked from 20 small vessels at Atapoepoe (7 1/2 miles N.N.W. Atamboea) and were taken to Atamboea to join a mixed force of 1000 natives and 200 Japanese.
- (ii) ALOR IS. - Four small ships were observed to cross Ombai Strait from Atabai (approx 35 miles E.S.E. Dilli) to Alor Island on 7/8.
- (iii) The Task Force formed under C in C 3rd Fleet in the East Indies area is believed to include -
 - Heavy cruisers "ASHIGARA" (Flagship 3rd Fleet), "KUMANO" and possibly one other (Crudiv 7)
 - Units of Desrons 3 and 5
 - An air Attack Force
 - C in C Southern Expeditionary Fleet
- (iv) There were recent indications that two heavy cruisers of Crudiv 7 were operating in the Bay of Bengal area.
- (v) At least two light cruisers including C in C Southern Expeditionary Fleet ("KASHII") are believed at present in the Singapore area.
- (vi) Enemy convoys are believed moving from Davao (Philippines) to Rabaul via Palao.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces (See Appendix)

AT DARWIN
KALGOORLIE

Enemy Forces

- (i) Cincpac reported 7/8 enemy battleships (BB's) and aircraft carriers (CV's) were still believed to be in Home Waters.
- (ii) There are indications that one Desdiv (4 destroyers) of Desron 6 is operating in the Truk area and another Desdiv in the Rabaul area.
- (iii) The converted Seaplane Tenders "KAMOI" & "GOSHU MARU" are both believed to be in the Marshalls area.
- (iv) The converted S/P Carrier "KANIKAWA MARU" is now believed en route Truk from Sasebo.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "CANBERRA" "CHICAGO" "ROBART" and 9 destroyers) is operating under Comsopac.
- (ii) At Tongatabu - "WHITNEY" "ANTARES" "NAVAJO" "HOPKINS" "ZANE" "ALDEBARAN"
- (iii) At Samoa - "TURKEY" "KINGFISHER" "BRAZOS"
- (iv) At Suva - "LEANDER" "GALE" "KANAWHA"
- (v) At Auckland - "MONOWAI" "RIGEL" "CASTOR" "WALKE"
- (vi) At Wellington - "OTUS"
- (vii) At Noumea - "McFARLAND" "SUMNER" "SOUTHARD" "HOVEY" "ARGONNE" "CHEVREUIL" "CAP DES PALMES" "BISHOPDALE" "RAINIER" "SOLACE" "ALCYONE"
- (viii) At Vila - "CUMMINGS" "DALE"

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces (See Appendix)

Enemy Forces

- (i) There are now indications that three light cruisers "TAMA" "ABUKUMA" & "KISO" (5,100 tons; 7-5.5") are operating in the Kiska area. "TAMA" has recently replaced heavy cruiser "NACHI" as Flagship 5th Fleet.
- (ii) There are indications of additional submarines proceeding to the Western Aleutians and of M.T.B.s being based in the Kuriles.

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces (See Appendix)

Enemy Forces

- (i) There are indications of increasing air and submarine activity in the Malaya - Bay of Bengal area.
- (ii) SURFACE RAIDERS - There are continued indications of enemy raiders operating in the Indian Ocean. These include probably German Raider E and two Japanese merchant raiders.
- (iii) SUBMARINES - There are indications that enemy submarines in the Indian Ocean are operating in the Seychelles, Chagos, Maldives area as well as the Mozambique Channel. There are also indications that some of the units from the S.W. Indian Ocean area are changing stations or returning to their base, probably Penang.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS - Nil

3. AIR OPERATIONS

ALLIED

- (i) RABAU - Two Catalinas attacked Lakunai & Vunakanau aerodromes night 8/9 August. Four B.17's attacked Lakunai 9/8. Four Zero's claimed destroyed.
- (ii) GASMATA - One B.17 ordered to attack Rabaul lost formation and attacked Gasmata 9/8. Seven explosions observed.
- (iii) SALAMAUA - Eight B.26's attacked Salamaua 9/8. Hits scored on jetty. Two hits on beached ship. One A.A. position apparently silenced.

ENEMY

- (i) BUIN - A formation of aircraft was heard near Buin at 0807/9 flying S.E.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Consolidation of bases in Buka - Bougainville area.
- (ii) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (iii) Occupation of Nauru and Ocean Island.
- (iv) Intensified submarine activity in the S.W. Pacific Area.
- (v) Increased operations from the East Indies area involving possibly
 - (a) Raids by enemy Task Force (2 or 3 heavy cruisers and destroyers) against allied lines of communication in the Indian Ocean.
 - (b) Possible attacks on N.W. Australian coastal area including Torres Strait.

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For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

10/8/42

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

1) SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

Flotilla Leaders

Submarines

Effective

Refitting or Repairing

PHOENIX

LE TRIOMPHANT

STUART

ARUNTA

S.37)

S.40)

S.42)

S.43)

S.45)

S.47))

At Brisbane

S.38)

S.39)

S.41)

S.44)

S.46)

On Patrol

Dutch submarines

K.9)

K.12)

At Sydney

A.M.C.'s

WESTRALIA

MANOORA

KANIMBLA

GRIFFIN

DOBBERIN

MIZAR

TULSA

GOLDSTAR

SUBMARINE TENDER

Destroyer Tender

Storeships

Gunboat

Oiler

VICTORIA

Enemy Forces

New Guinea & Bismarck Archipelago - Solomons Area

C in C 8th Fleet

C in C 4th Fleet

3 poss. 4 heavy cruisers (one "KAKO" one "AOBA" class; "CHOKAI")

3 Light Cruisers ("YUBARI"; two "TENRYU" class)

12-16 Destroyers

1 Converted Seaplane Tender ("KIYOKAWA MARU")

Approx 20 Merchant Ships

Several small patrol craft

9 M.T.B.'s

12-14 Submarines

Approx 176 shorebased aircraft including probably 73 fighters, 48 heavy bombers,

37 flying boats and 28 float planes

1 converted A/C Carrier possibly en route Truk

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruiser

Flotilla Leader

Destroyer

Seaplane Tenders

ADELAIDE

TROMP

VOYAGER

CHILDS

HERON

W.B. PRESTON

Submarine Tenders

HOLLAND

PELLAS

Submarines

On Patrol

SAURY

SPEARFISH

GAR

PERMIT

TAUTOG

SKIPJACK

GRAMPUS

GRAYBACK

SNAPPER

SWORDFISH

Submarines (Contd)

On Patrol

SEAWOLF
THRESHER

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

SEADRAGON	}	At Fremantle
SEARAVEN		
SALMON		
SARGO		
SEAL		
STURGEON	}	At Albany
SAILFISH		
SCULPIN		
K.S		At Fremantle

Dutch Submarine

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES
British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

C in C 3rd Fleet
C in C Southern Expeditionary Fleet
2 - 8" Cruisers ("ASHIGARA" "KUMANO")
4 Light Cruisers
12 - 16 Destroyers
Several Converted Seaplane Tenders

Timor

Approx 27 shore-based aircraft including 18 fighters, 9 H/B

Bali

Approx 25 shore-based aircraft including 21 fighters, 4 Obsn. A/C

Ambon

Approx 22 shore-based aircraft including 9 fighters, 9 H/B, 4 F/B

Celebes

Approx 141 shore-based aircraft including 80 fighters, 31 H/B, 12 F/B, 18 F/P

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces
Battleships

Effective

MARYLAND
COLORADO
IDaho
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
TENNESSEE
PENNSYLVANIA
HORNET
LONG ISLAND (Converted)
NORTHAMPTON
PENSACOLA
BOISE
SAN DIEGO
RALEIGH
15 (approx)
23 (approx)

Refitting or Repairing

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

YORKTOWN
CHESTER
DETROIT

AIRCRAFT CARRIERS

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

DESTROYERS

Submarines

Enemy Forces

Palao - Saipan - Bonina - Japan
11 Battleships

YAMATO
MUTSU FUSO
NAGATO KIRISHIMA
HYUGA KONGO
HIYEI ISE
YAMASHIRO
HARUNA
ZUIKANU
SHOKAKU
RYUJO
HOSHIO
JUNYO
HIYO
ZUIHO
KASUGA MARU
NISSHIN

6 Aircraft Carriers

3 Converted A/C Carriers

2 Seaplane Carriers

6 - 8" Cruisers

- 3 -
CHITODA
CHITOSE
ATAGO
TAKAO
TONE
HAGURO
MYOKO
SUZUTA

2 - 6" Cruisers

2 Converted S/P Tenders ("NOTORO" "FUJIKAWA MARU")

Approx 40 Destroyers

Approx 20 Submarines

Mandated Islands

Truk Area

1 Light Cruiser

Approx 6 Destroyers

1 Converted S/P Tender

1 Gunboat Division

Several Chartered Merchant Ships

Special Landing Party Force (Marines)

Approx 10 Submarines

7 Motor Torpedo Boats

Marshalls

At least 1 seaplane carrier (CHITOSE)

2 Converted S/P Tenders ("GOSHU MARU" & "KAMOII")

At least 2 Submarine Squadrons from 6th fleet

1 M/S Flotilla (16th)

Air Tenders and Minesweepers

Commander Submarine Force

15 M.T.B.'s

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleship

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

NORTH CAROLINA

WASP

SARATOGA

ENTERPRISE

ASTORIA

PORTLAND

VINCENNES

MINNEAPOLIS

QUINCY

SAN FRANCISCO

NEW ORLEANS

AUSTRALIA

CANBERRA

CHICAGO

SALT LAKE CITY

HOBART

ATLANTA

HELENA

LEANDER

ACHILLES

SAN JUAN

SHELFRIDGE

30 (approx)

6" Cruisers

Squadron Leader

Destroyers

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE

INDIANAPOLIS

HONOLULU

ST. LOUIS

NASHVILLE

15 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians Area

1 Heavy Cruiser "NACHI"

2 Light Cruisers

12 Destroyers

2 Squadrons Submarines

1st Base Force

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

APPROX 4 Destroyers

B) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

WARSPITE
VALLIANT
RESOLUTION
REVENGE
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
RAMILLIES
INDOMITABLE
ILLUSTRIOUS
FORMIDABLE
ALBATROSS
DEVONSHIRE
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
FROBISHER
CALDON
DRAGON
ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
CERES
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
CAPETOWN
DANAE
DAUNTLESS
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
NEWCASTLE
SUMATRA (Dutch)
WORCESTERSHIRE
RANCHI
CORFU
ALANIA
CHITRAL
MANTURA
CANTON
QUEEN OF BERMUDA
CARTHAGE
HEERENKERCK
CARLISLE

Aircraft Carriers

Seaplane Carrier

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruiser

6" Cruisers

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

At least 25 Destroyers

At least 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

1 Squadron Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

11th August, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "SWAN" & "CESSNOCK" departed Townsville 1555/9 to R.V. with Convoy A1 ("BOTH") & Convoy B1 ("JAMES F. COOPER" "JAMES WILSON") off Magnetic Island. Convoys proceed via Grafton Passage to position Z (150 miles SSE Port Moresby) where convoy will arrive approx 1500 today 11/8. "CESSNOCK" escorts B1 thence Port Moresby E.T.A. 0700/12. "SWAN" continues with A1 to Milne Bay E.T.A. 1200/12. Following A and B Convoys will be met by "WARRNAMBOOL" at position Z and B1 will be escorted to Moresby by "WARRNAMBOOL".
- (ii) Convoy A2 ("BALIK PAPAN" "HEEMSKERK" "BONTEKOE") and Convoy B2 ("J.G. WHITTIER" "ZEBULON PIKE") en route Brisbane to Magnetic Is. E.T.A. 1300/11, thence Port Moresby and Milne Bay.
- (iii) Convoy A3 ("ANSHUN" "S. JACOB" "VAN DER LYN") and Convoy B3 departed Brisbane 1820/10 escorted by "STUART" & "GOULBURN" E.T.A. Magnetic Island 0700/14.
- (iv) Convoys A4 and B4 to depart Brisbane tomorrow 12/8.
- (v) "ARNIDALE" "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" arrived Sydney 2327/10 after escorting Convoy GPS, (arrived Newcastle 1843/10).
- (vi) "DELORAIN" & "CASTLEMAINE" escorting Convoy C016 northwards E.T.A. Port Kembla 1900/11; Sydney 0100/12; Newcastle 0900/12.
- (vii) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy C016 arrived Melbourne 1441/9.
- (viii) "MORESBY" escorting Convoy C017 departed Newcastle 0801/10 for Melbourne E.T.A. 1200/13. "CAIRNS" with Sydney section departed Sydney 1458/10 to R.V. with main convoy.
- (ix) "WARREGO" escorting "TASMAN" "OAKBANK" "JAPARA" en route Townsville from R.V. 1500/8 110 miles S.W. Port Moresby.
- (x) "WARRNAMBOOL" & "LITHGOW" escorting "JOHN JAY" & "MAETSUYCKER" departed Thursday Island 0700/10 for Port Moresby E.T.A. 1600/11.
- (xi) "COLAC" was due Milne Bay 1300/10 after refuelling at Port Moresby. Thence to escort "HENRY D. THOREAU" to Townsville.
- (xii) "BENDIGO" departed Cairns 0515/10 for Townsville E.T.A. 0800/11.
- (xiii) "GEELONG" was due Brisbane 0200/11 from escort duty with Convoys A1 & B1.
- (xiv) "NAMBUCCA" en route Adelaide to Sydney E.T.A. 0600/12.
- (xv) "WANGANELLA" departed Sydney 6/8 for Fremantle and Middle East.
- (xvi) At Sydney - "WESTRALIA" "MANOCORA" "ABRAHAM CRYNSSSEN" "K.12" "K.9" "DOBBIN" "MIZAR" "WILCANNIA" "MILDURA" "WHYALLA" "BUNGAREE" -- Repairing - "PHOENIX" "VICTORIA"
- (xvii) At Melbourne - "KANIMELA" "DOOMBA" - Repairing "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xviii) At Adelaide - "BOMBAY" "TOOWOOMBA"
- (xix) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "ATREUS" "ALSEY" "TULSA" "BALLARAT"
- (xx) At Townsville - "ARUNTA" "KATOOMBA"
- (xxi) At Cid Harbour - "KURUMBA"
- (xxii) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces

- (i) NEW IRELAND - Air recce reported three large warships (probably heavy cruisers) one destroyer and one submarine (on surface) approx 7 miles E. of ~~TAPAS~~ Island at 1120/10, course 160°.

The cruisers are described as having a raked funnel, two pole masts and a superstructure similar to the "ATAGO" class cruisers.

The cruisers were proceeding at 20 knots, and the destroyer was manœuvring. The submarine submerged to periscope depth on being sighted.

Comment - Recent intelligence has indicated the possibility that Crudiv 5 (probably 3 heavy cruisers "NACHI" class 10,000 tons; 10-8") may proceed to the Solomons area from Home Waters. The description would fit these vessels except they have two funnels whereas the reports mention "funnel". It is possible however these units are 3 of the heavy cruisers already known to be in the area and possibly portion of the force sighted off Kieta at 1435/9.

- (iii) The heavy cruiser "ASHIGARA" with C in C # 3rd Fleet is indicated as being in the Sourabaya area.
- (iv) There were recent indications that two heavy cruisers of Crudiv 7 were operating in the Bay of Bengal area.
- (v) At least two light cruisers including C in C Southern Expeditionary Fleet ("KASHII") are believed at present in the Singapore area.
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B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces (See Appendix)

Enemy Forces

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- (ii) There are indications that one Desdiv (4 destroyers) of Desron 6 is operating in the Truk area and another Desdiv in the Rabaul area.
- (iii) The heavy cruiser "SUZUYA" (Crudiv 7) is now believed to have arrived in Home Waters with a repair ship from the Truk area.
- (iv) There are some indications that the converted carrier which was recently at Rabaul (possibly the unit sighted off Kavieng with destroyers on 6/8) is now in the Saipan area. This unit is believed to have brought air reinforcements to Rabaul.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

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- (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "CANBERRA" "CHICAGO" "HOBART" and 9 destroyers) is operating under Comsopac.
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"BISHOPDALE" "RAINIER" "SOLACE"
- (viii) At Vila - "CAP DES PALMES" "NAVAJO"
- (ix) At Espiritu Santo - "CURTISS"

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

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E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces (See Appendix)

Enemy Forces

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- (ii) SURFACE RAIDERS - There is no recent information concerning enemy raiders operating in the Indian Ocean. These include probably German Raider E and two Japanese merchant raiders.
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2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

TIMOR - Enemy combined operations are reported to have commenced

Early on 10/8 in the vicinity of Beco and Suai (south coast). Two large ships were reported off Suai and three unidentified vessels off Beco at 0540/10.

9 Hudsons attacked vessels at Beco at 1305, scoring three direct hits on one vessel approx 2000 tons and two direct hits on one of 800 tons. Both vessels were set afire and the second possibly sunk. A third vessel of 2000 tons and two unidentified ~~xx~~ small ships were seen.

A later attack scored two hits on one ship. A vessel of 5000 tons not previously sighted, was off Beco ~~xxxx~~ during this attack.

A destroyer towing a merchant vessel was attacked off Cape Tafera (6 miles S.W. Suai). Two hits, two near misses on destroyer.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

RABAUL - Four Fortresses attacked Lakunai and one vessel in harbor at 1750/9. One hit several near misses on ship, which was set on fire. 15/20 Zero's intercepted, 5 destroyed.

Two Catalinas attacked 0038/10 Lakunai and Vhnakanau. Fires started on both aerodromes. One enemy bomber destroyed.

Three Catalinas over Rabaul 0250/11 reported approx 30 ships in Harbour.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Consolidation of bases in Buka - Bougainville area.
- (ii) Attack on Port Moresby area.
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For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

11/8/42

APPENDIX

to

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITYA) SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTORBritish and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

Flotilla Leaders

Submarines

EffectiveRefitting or Repairing

PHOENIX

LE TRIOMPHANT

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S.37)

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S.39)

S.41)

S.44)

S.46)

At Brisbane

On Patrol

Dutch Submarines

K.9)

K.12)

At Sydney

A.M.C.'s

WESTRALIA

MANCORA

KANIMELA

GRIFFIN

Submarine Tender

Destroyer Tender

Storeships

Gunboat

Oiler

DOBBIN

MIZAR

TULSA

GOLDSTAR

VICTORIA

Enemy ForcesNew Guinea - Bismarck Archipelago - Solomons Area

C in C 8th Fleet

C in C 4th Fleet

+ Poss. 7 heavy cruisers (one "KAKO" one "AOBA" class; "CHOKAI" - poss.)

3 Light Cruisers ("YUBARI"; two "TENRYU" class) 3 "NACHI" class)

12 Destroyers

1 Converted Seaplane Tender ("KIYOKAWA MARU")

Approx 20 Merchant Ships

Several small patrol craft

9 M.T.B.'s

12-14 Submarines

Approx 176 shore-based aircraft including probably 73 fighters, 48 H/B,

37 flying boats and 28 float planes

1 Converted A/C Carrier possibly en route Truk

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTORBritish and Allied Forces

6" Cruiser

Flotilla Leader

Destroyer

Seaplane Tenders

ADELAIDE

TROMP

VOYAGER

CHILDS

HERON

W.B. PRESTON

Submarine Tenders

HOLLAND

PELIAS

Submarines

On Patrol

SAURY

SPEARFISH

GAR

TAUTOG

SKIPJACK

GRAMPUS

GRAY BACK

SNAPPER

SWORDFISH

SEAWOLF

THRESHER

Submarines (Contd)

Repairing & Preparing For Patrols

SEADRAGON	}	At Fremantle
SEARAVEN		
SALMON		
SARGO		
SEAL		
STURGEON	}	At Albany
SAILFISH		
SCULPIN		
K.8		At Fremantle

Dutch Submarine

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

11 Submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or N.E.I. area (see above)

Enemy Forces

C in C 3rd Fleet
 C in C Southern Expeditionary Fleet
 3 - 8" Cruisers ("ASHIGARA" "KUMANO"; one other)
 4 Light Cruisers
 16-20 Destroyers
 Several Converted Seaplane Tenders

Timor

Approx 27 shore-based aircraft including 18 fighters, 9 H/B

Bali

Approx 25 shore-based aircraft including 21 fighters, 4 Obsn. A/C

Ambon

Approx 22 shore-based aircraft including 9 fighters, 9 H/B, 4 F/B

Celebes

Approx 141 shore-based aircraft including 80 fighters, 31 H/B, 12 F/B, 18 F/P

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battle ships

Effective

MARYLAND
 COLORADO
 IDAHO
 MISSISSIPPI
 NEW MEXICO
 TENNESSEE
 PENNSYLVANIA
 HORNET
 NORTHAMPTON
 PENSACOLA
 BOISE
 SAN DIEGO
 RALEIGH

Refitting or Repairing

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

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

YORKTOWN

CHESTER

DETROIT

Destroyers

Submarines

15 (approx)
 23 (approx)

Enemy Forces

Palao - Salpan - Bonins - Japa

11 Battleships

YAMATO	
MUTSU	FUSO
NAGATO	KIRISHIMA
HYUGA	KONGO
HIYET	ISE
YAMASHIRO	

6 Aircraft Carriers

HARUNA
 ZUIKAKU
 SHONAKU
 RYUJO
 HOSEO
 JUNYO
 HIYO

3 Converted A/C Carriers

ZUIHO
 KASUGA MARU
 NISSEIN

1 Seaplane Carrier
7 - 8" Cruisers

CHIYODA
ATAGO
TAKAO
TONE
HAGURO
MYOKO
NACHI
SUZUYA

} Possibly en route Solomons Area

2 - 6" Cruisers
2 Converted S/P Tenders ("NOTORO" "FUJIKAWA MARU")
Approx 40 Destroyers
Approx 20 Submarines
Mandated Islands

Truk Area

1 Light Cruiser
Approx 8 Destroyers
1 Converted S/P Tender
1 Gunboat Division
Several Chartered Merchant Ships
Special Landing Party Force (Marines)
Approx 10 Submarines
7 Motor Torpedo Boats

Marshalls

At least 1 seaplane carrier ("CHITOSE")
2 converted S/P Tenders ("GOSHU MARU" & "KANOI")
At least 2 Submarine Squadrons from 6th Fleet
1 M/S Flotilla (10th)
Air Tenders and Minesweepers
Commander Submarine Force
15 M.T.B.'s

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleship
Aircraft Carriers

NORTH CAROLINA
WASP
SARATOGA
ENTERPRISE
LONG ISLAND (Converted)
ASTORIA
PORTLAND
VINCENNES
MINNEAPOLIS
QUINCY
SAN FRANCISCO
NEW ORLEANS
AUSTRALIA
CANBERRA
CHICAGO
SALT LAKE CITY
HOBART
ATLANTA
HELENA
LEA DOR
ACHILLES
SAN JUAN
SELFRIDGE
30 (approx)

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Squadron Leader
Destroyers

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE
INDENAPOLIS
HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE

15 Destroyers
10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians Area

3 Light Cruisers
12 Destroyers
2 Squadrons Submarines
1st Base Force

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces
6 Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleships

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

Aircraft Carriers

Seaplane Carrier
8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruiser
6" Cruisers

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

At least 25 Destroyers
At least 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces
1 Squadron Submarines

Coolangatta (QM.) 2311/11.

(iv) BUKA PASSAGE - Aircraft on recon reported a cruiser 5°27'S, 154°35'E (8 miles W.S.W. Buka Passage) course 150°, and a merchant vessel 5°32'S, 154°25'E (19 miles S.W. Buka Passage) course 270° at 1332/11.

(v) GENERAL - There are indications that an 8th Base Force Convoy covered by air escort and containing a new "Buna Occupation Force" will depart Rabaul this morning 12/8 for a destination believed to be in the New Guinea area.

b) Cincpac reported 10/8 Crudiv 5 was still in Home Waters but may leave for New Britain shortly.

Comment - This suggests that the heavy cruisers sighted off Tabar Island 10/8 were part of the force already known to be in the New Britain area.

c) There are now indications that units of Crudiv 7 (two heavy cruisers) with four destroyers and one converted S/P Tender have been ordered to proceed to the Solomons area from N.E.I. waters.

Comment - On the basis that there are now four heavy cruisers in the New Britain - Solomons area the above (b) & (c) intelligence indicates that possibility of an additional five heavy cruisers arriving in the area shortly making a total of nine.

d) There are continued indications of personnel, equipment and aircraft reinforcements proceeding to the Rabaul - Solomons area in convoy.

e) There are indications that air reinforcements include Airron 11 (Seaplane Carriers "CRITOSE" "CHIYODA", converted S/P Tender "KAWIKAWA MARU").

f) Continued indications enemy submarine proceeding to Solomons area

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

(i) "LANCESTON" arrived Albany from Fremantle 0958/11 to relieve "MARYBOROUGH", which dep. for Adelaide 1335/11 E.T.A. 1630/15.

(ii) "BOMBAY" dep. Adelaide 10/8 for Albany to relieve "LANCESTON".

(iii) "WATO" towing oil lighter en route Fremantle to Exmouth Gulf E.T.A. 12/8.

(iv) At Fremantle - "TOMP" "VOYAGER" "TRINITY" "CHILDS" "K.B" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "ERLING BROVIG" "LANAKAI" "MADRAS" "WOLLONGONG"

(v) At Albany - "PELIAS" "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" "MARYBOROUGH"

(vi) At Darwin - "KALGOORLIE"

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

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

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

(i) TIROR - A destroyer and a ship of 500 tons were attacked off Becco 0608/11 (see Naval Incidents). One sunken vessel was observed later in the day off Becco.

Two ships possibly those mentioned above were observed off Cape Mali (12 miles South Koepang) at 1410/11.

(ii) The Task Force formed under C in C 3rd Fleet in the East Indies area is believed to include -

Heavy cruisers "ASHIGARA" (Flagship 3rd Fleet), "KUMANO" and possibly one other (Crudiv 7)

Units of Desrons 3 and 5

An air attack force

C in C Southern Expeditionary Fleet

(iii) The heavy cruiser "ASHIGARA" with C in C 3rd Fleet is indicated as being in the Sourabaya area.

(iv) There were recent indications that two heavy cruisers of Crudiv 7 were operating in the Bay of Bengal area.

(v) At least two light cruisers including C in C Southern Expeditionary Fleet ("KASHII") are believed at present in the Singapore area.

(vi) Enemy convoys are believed moving from Davao (Philippines) to Rabaul via Palao.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces (See Appendix)

Enemy Forces

- (i) There are some indications that units of the Second Fleet are departing Japan for the Rabaul area.
Comment - These may include units of Crudiv 5 previously mentioned as possibly proceeding south. There has yet been no indication of the movements of C in C Second Fleet who is the Senior Striking Force Naval Commander who has controlled practically all enemy major naval offensives to date.
- (ii) There are indications that an additional eight destroyers and at least one converted S/P Tender from Empire Waters are at present en route New Britain - Solomons area.
Comment - These units may also be portion of the Second Fleet units mentioned above.
- (iii) There is still no indications that any striking force aircraft carrier (CV) has yet departed from Empire Waters.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "CANBERRA" "CHICAGO" "HOBART" and 9 destroyers) is operating under Comsopac.
- (ii) At Tongatabu - "WHITNEY" "ANTARES" "HOPKINS" "ZANE" "ALDEBARAN"
- (iii) At Samoa - "TURKEY" "XEX" "KINGFISHER" "BRAZOS" "CAMANOA"
- (iv) At Suva - "LEANDER" "GAL E" "BALIARD"
- (v) At Auckland - "MONOWAI" "RIGEL" "CASTOR" "WALKE"
- (vi) At Wellington - "OTUS"
- (vii) At Noumea - "SUMNER" "SOUTHARD" "HOVEY" "ARGONNE" "CHEVREUIL" "BISHOPDALE" "RAINIER" "SOLACK"
- (viii) At Vila - "CAP DES PALMES" "NAVAJO"
- (ix) At Espiritu Santo - "CURTISS" "ALCYONE"

Enemy Forces

- (1) VILA - There were indications of an enemy submarine 10/8 at 12° S, 168° E (approx 360 miles N. of Vila).

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces (See Appendix)

Enemy Forces

- (i) There are now indications that three light cruisers "TAMA" "ABUKUMA" & "KISO" (5,100 tons; 7-5.5") are operating in the Kiska area.
"TAMA" has recently replaced heavy cruiser "NACHI" as Flagship 5th Fleet.
- (ii) There are indications of additional submarines proceeding to the Western Aleutians and of M.T.B.'s being based in the Kuriles.

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces (See Appendix)

Enemy Forces

- (i) There are indications of increasing air and submarine activity in the Malaya - Bay of Bengal area.
- (ii) SURFACE RAIDERS - There is no recent information concerning enemy raiders operating in the Indian Ocean. These include probably German Raider E and two Japanese merchant raiders.
- (iii) SUBMARINES - There are indications that enemy submarines in the Indian Ocean are operating in the Seychelles, Chagos, Maldives area as well as the Mozambique Channel.
There are also indications that some of the units from the S.W. Indian Ocean area are changing stations or returning to their base, probably Penang.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

TIMOR

- (a) Results of the air attacks on enemy shipping off Becc 10/8 are considered to be as follows -

1 merchant vessel 2,000 tons sunk
1 merchant vessel 500 tons badly damaged by 2 three hits and three near misses
1 destroyer ("AKIKAZE" class) forward guns silenced by two direct hits.

(b) Three Hudsons attacked a destroyer and a vessel of 500 tons in 9°56'S, 124°49'E at 0602/11. No hits.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

ALLIED

- (i) ARU IS. - Three Hudsons attacked Toeal at 1050/11. One hit on wharf no hits buildings. No activity observed Saumlaki, Aru Is., Kai Is.
- (ii) RABAU - One Catalina attacked Lakunai 11/8. Results unknown. Approx 40 ships reported in harbour.

ENEMY

- (i) DARWIN - Indications two enemy in Darwin area 1350/11.
- (ii) PAL RIVER - 7 Zero's sighted over Harbour 1225/11. Allied aircraft intercepted. Two Zero's believed shot down, three probable, two others damaged.
- (iii) GUADALCANAL - 24 heavy bombers, 12 fighters reported over Guadalcanal aerodrome 1300/10.

1. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Consolidation of bases in Buka - Bougainville area.
- (ii) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (iii) Occupation of Nauru and Ocean Island.
- (iv) Intensified submarine activity in the S.W. Pacific area.
- (v) Increased operations from the East Indies area involving possibly -
 - ~~(a) Raids by enemy Task Force (2 or 3 heavy cruisers and destroyers) against allied lines of communication in the Indian Ocean;~~
 - ~~(b) Possible attacks on N.W. Australian coastal area including Torres Strait.~~


For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

12/8/42

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

1. SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA

EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

Flotilla Leaders

Submarines

Effective

ADELAIDE

STUART

ARUNTA

S.37)

S.40)

S.42) At Brisbane

S.43)

S.45)

S.47)

S.38)

S.39)

S.41) On Patrol

S.44)

S.46)

Dutch Submarines

K.9)

K.12) At Sydney

A.W.C.'s

WESTRALIA

MANOORA

KANIMBLA

Submarine Tender

GRIFFIN

Destroyer Tender

DOBBIN

Storeships

MIZAR

GOLDSTAR

Gunboat

TULSA

Oiler

VICTORIA

Enemy Forces

New Guinea - Bismarck Archipelago - Solomons Area

C in C 8th Fleet

C in C 4th Fleet

4 possibly 7 heavy cruisers (one "KAKO" one "ACBA" class; "CHOKAI" -

3 Light Cruisers ("YUBARI"; 2 "TENRYU" class) (poss.3 "NACHI" cl.)

12 Destroyers

1 Seaplane Carrier "CHITOSE"

2 - 4 Converted Seaplane Tenders ("KIYOKAWA MARU"

Approx 20 Merchant Ships

Several small patrol craft

8 Patrol Craft

6 Minelaying Craft

12 Submarines (4 RO class, 8 "I" class)

16 Submarine Chasers

Approx 176 shore-based aircraft including probably 73 fighters, 48 H/B,
37 flying boats and 28 float planes

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

Flotilla Leaders

Destroyer

Seaplane Tenders

TROMP

VOYAGER

CHILDS

HERON

W.B. PRESTON

Submarine Tenders

HOLLAND

PELIAS

Submarines

On Patrol

SAURY ✓

SPEARFISH ✓

GAR ✓

TAUTOG ✓

SKIPJACK ✓

GRAMPUS ✓

GRAYBACK ✓

SNAPPER ✓

SWORDFISH ✓

SEAWOLF ✓

THRESHER ✓

SEAL ✓

Submarines (Contd.)

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

SEADRAGON ✓) At Fremantle
SEARAVEN ✓	
SALMON ✓	
SARGO ✓	
STURGEON ✓) At Albany
SAILFISH ✓	
SCULPIN ✓	
Dutch Submarine K.8	At Fremantle

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

C in C 3rd Fleet

C in C Southern Expeditionary Fleet

3 - 8" Cruisers ("ASHIGARA"

KUMANO) poss. en route New Britain - Solomons area
one other	

4 Light Cruisers

16-20 Destroyers

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B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

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 BOISE
 SAN DIEGO
 RALEIGH

Refitting or Repairing

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

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

YORKTOWN

CHESTER

DETROIT

Destroyers

Submarines

15 (approx)

23 (approx)

Enemy Forces

Palao - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

11 Battleships

YAMATO	
MITSU	FUSO
NAGATO	KIRISHIMA
HYUGA	KONGO
HIYEI	ISE

6 Aircraft Carriers

YAMASHIRO
 HARUNA
 ZUIKAKU
 SHOKAKU
 RYUJO
 HOSHO
 JUNYO
 HIYO

3 Converted A/C Carriers

ZUIHO
 KASUGA MARU
 NISSEIN

1 Seaplane Carrier
2 - 8" Cruisers

CHIYODA
ATAGO
TAKAO
TONE
HAGURO }
MYOKO } Possibly en route Solomons Area
NACHI }
SUZUYA

2 - 6" Cruisers
2 Converted S/P Tenders ("NOTORO" "FUJIKAWA MARU")
Approx 40 Destroyers
Approx 20 Submarines
Mandated Islands
Truk Area

1 Light Cruiser
Approx 8 Destroyers
1 Converted S/P Tender
1 Gunboat Division
Several Chartered Merchant Ships
Special Landing Party Force (Marines)
Approx 10 Submarines
7 Motor Torpedo Boats

Marshalls
2 converted S/P Tenders ("GOSHU MARU" & "KAMOI")
At least 2 Submarine Squadrons from 6th Fleet
1 M/S Flotilla (16th)
Air Tenders and Minesweepers
Commander Submarine Force
15 M.T.B.'s

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleship
Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

NORTH CAROLINA
WASP
SARATOGA
ENTERPRISE
LONG ISLAND (Converted)
ASTORIA
PORTLAND
VINCENNES
MINNEAPOLIS
QUINCY
SAN FRANCISCO
NEW ORLEANS
AUSTRALIA
CANBERRA
CHICAGO
SALT LAKE CITY

6" Cruisers

HOBART
ATLANTA
HELENA
LEANDER
ACHILLES
SAN JUAN
SELFRIEDGE
30 (approx)

Squadron Leader
Destroyers

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

6" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE
INDIANAPOLIS
HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE

15 Destroyers
10 Submarines

Enemy Forces
Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians Area
3 Light Cruisers
12 Destroyers
2 Squadrons Submarines
1st Base Force

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers CONCORD
 TRENTON
 RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battle ships WARSVITE
 VALIANT
 RESOLUTION
 ROYAL SOVEREIGN
 RAMILLIES
 INDOMITABLE
 ILLUSTRIOUS
 FORMIDABLE
Aircraft Carriers ALBATROSS
 DEVONSHIRE
 GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
 PROBISHER
Seaplane Carrier CALEDON
8" Cruisers DRAGON
 ENTERPRISE
 EMERALD
 CERES
 BIRMINGHAM
 GLASGOW
 CAPETOWN
 DANAE
 DAUNTLESS
 MAURITIUS
 GAMBIA
 NEWCASTLE
 SUMATRA (Dutch)
A.M.C.'s WORCESTERSHIRE
 RANCHI
 CORFU
 ALAUNIA
 CHITRAL
 RANPURA
 CANTON
 QUEEN OF BERMUDA
 CARTHAGE
A.A. Vessels HEEMSKERCK
 CARLISLE

At least 25 Destroyers
At least 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

1 Squadron Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

13th August, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Convoy A1 escorted by "SWAN" arr. Milne Bay 1300/12. Convoy B1 ("JAMES F. COOPER" "JAMES WILSON") arr. Port Moresby 0736/13. "CESSNOCK" to esc. 1st ship when ready to Townsville. Other to return unescorted via Great North East Channel.
- (ii) Convoy A2 ("BALIK PAPAN" "HEMSKERK" "BONTEROE") and Convoy B2 ("J.G. WHITTIER" "SEBULON PIKE") escorts "ANUNTA" "KATOOMBA" dep. Townsville 2120/11 for position Z (150 miles SSE Port Moresby) E.T.A. 2100/13. A2 thence Milne Bay - escort "ANUNTA" "KATOOMBA" E.T.A. 2000/14; B2 Port Moresby: escort "WARRENAMBOOL" (see below), E.T.A. 1300/14.
- (iii) Convoy A3 ("ANSHEU" "S JACOB" "VAN DER LYN") and Convoy B3 ("SEAWITCH" "PERIDA") en route Capricorn Channel to Magnetic Island ~~xxx~~ unescorted E.T.A. 0700/14, thence Port Moresby or Milne Bay. "STUART" "GOULBURN" returning Brisbane after esc. these convoys to Capricorn Channel.
- (iv) Convoy A4 ("CREMER" "ANHEI" "BANTAM") & Convoy B4 ("JOHN HART" "PENNAHT") were to dep. Brisbane 2000/12 escorted by "STUART" & "GHELONG" for Magnetic Is. and then Milne Bay and Port Moresby respectively, but were delayed owing to engine trouble.
- (v) "WARRENAMBOOL" dep. for position Z E.T.A. 1500/13. Then to proceed course 190° until contact is made with Convoys A2, B2 returning in company to position Z, then proceed as in (ii) above.
- (vi) "YANDRA" arr. Newcastle 1143/12 escorting Newcastle portion of Convoy 0016. "YANDRA" to escort Convoy 0018 dep. Newcastle a.m. today 13/8. "RYALLA" to dep. Sydney with Sydney section 1400/13 to join main convoy. "BUNGAREE" also dep. Sydney p.m. 13/8 to sail with Convoy 0018. TOWNSVILLE is to provide A/S escort for this convoy.
- (vii) "DELOIRINE" & "CASTLEMAINE" arr. Sydney 0201/12 after escorting 0016. "DELOIRINE" & "WILCANNIA" to escort Convoy 009 dep. Sydney 0700/13 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1300/15.
- (viii) "MORESBY" "KAYERS" "CAIRNS" esc. Convoy 0017 en route Newcastle and Sydney to Melbourne E.T.A. R.V. position with "DOOMBA" 1200/13.
- (ix) "DOOMBA" esc. Convoy 0017 (13 M.V.) dep. Port Phillip 0141/13 for Newcastle.
- (x) "COLAC" escorting "HANYANG" "HENRY B. THOREAU" due Townsville from Milne Bay 0800/13.
- (xi) "ADELAIDE" escorting "STIRLING CASTLE" en route W. Australia to Melbourne E.T.A. 0430/13.
- (xii) "MILDURA" esc. Convoy VK8 ("MERKUR" - Storeship) dep. Sydney 0736/11 for Noumea E.T.A. 1700/15. After refuelling "MILDURA" to esc. "BISHOPDALE" to Sydney for dry docking.
- (xiii) "IPSWICH" dep. Sydney for Broken Bay for working up 1451/11.
- (xiv) "ARMIDALE" is to tow a lighter from Sydney to Darwin via Townsville E.T.A. Sydney 17/8 with "MAMBUCCA" in company as far as Keeling Is.
- (xv) "MANGANELLA" dep. Sydney 6/8 for Fremantle and Middle East.
- (xvi) At Sydney - "WESTRALIA" "MANGORA" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "K.12" "K.9" "DOBBIN" "MIZAR" "WILCANNIA" "BUNGAREE" "ARMIDALE" "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" Repairing - "PHOENIX" "VICTORIA"
- (xvii) At Melbourne - "KAMIBLA" - Repairing "VENETA" "GOLDFAR"
- (xviii) At Adelaide - "TOOWOOMBA"
- (xix) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "ATREUS" "ALSEY" "TULSA" "BALLARAT" "GHELONG"
- (xx) At Townsville - "WARREGG" "BENDIGO"
- (xxi) At Cid Harbour - "KURUMBA"
- (xxii) At Port Moresby - "LITHGOW"
- (xxiii) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces

(1) RABAUL

- a) At 0200/11 allied aircraft reported sighting at least 40 ships in Rabaul Harbour including 6 heavy warships.

b) At 1200K/12 allied aircraft report sighting 17 large vessels in Rabaul Harbour and 50 to 100 launch type vessels of 30 to 40 ft. 15 to 20 F/P's or F/B's were moored off Sulphur Creek; 8 to 13 possible bombers S. end of Malaguna and 10 unidentified a/c in dispersal area S. side of Vanakanau.

c) At 1343/12 allied a/c sighted 1 enemy cruiser one mile S. of Cape St. George course 135°, speed 20 knots.

(iii) WIDE BAY - At 1140/12 a convoy of 4 large M.V. and 3 small unidentified vessels were observed on a S.W. course in a position 5°10'S, 152°20'E (57 miles S. by E. of Rabaul).

Comment - This is probably the New "Buna Occupation Force" that was previously indicated as departing Rabaul on 12/8.

(iiii) NEW HANOVER - An allied aircraft on recce 12/8 reported sighting the following enemy shipping -

1 unidentified vessel (approx 10,000 tons) position 2°35'S, 148°30'E (87 miles W. by S. of Cape Matanalem) course 130° at 15 knots at 0920.

1 merchant vessel (approx 3,000 tons) position 2°S, 149°40'E (35 m. N.W. Cape Matanalem) course 90°, speed 12 knots, at 1010.

(iv) LAE-SALAMAUA

a) Allied a/c on recce 12/8 reported sighting the following enemy craft -

Salamaua - 1 transport (10,000 tons) no steam up, stationary, bow to shore at 1630.

Same transport with steam up, stationary at 1657.

Lae - Three bombers on runway, two dummy bombers N.E. and S.W. corner of runway at 1637.

b) Report dated 9/8 states the area between Buang River (8 miles S. of Lae) and Buussi River (10 miles N. Salamaua) was clear of the enemy. On 10/8 no enemy outposts were observed in the Markham Valley, W. of Heath's Plantation (11 mile W. of Lae) and patrolling activity only was reported.

(v) KOKODA AREA -

a) A report dated 10/8 states that the enemy force in the Kokoda area now exceeds 1,000. Samak Casualties estimated as 181 killed and many wounded. An ungraded report states that motor transport, possibly armoured fighting vehicles are being used by the Japanese E. of Mumusi River.

b) A report dated 10/8 states that enemy patrols have been active in the Ambasi Area.

(v) GENERAL

a) There are now indications that units of Crudiv 7 (two heavy cruisers) with four destroyers and one converted S/P tender ("KOGU MARU") are proceeding to Rabaul from N.E.I. waters.

b) There are continued indications of personnel, equipment and aircraft reinforcements proceeding to the Rabaul - Solomons area in convoy. Air reinforcements are proceeding from Japan and from the Marshalls.

c) Enemy submarines appear to be concentrating on a line S. to SE Solomons

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

(i) "LAUNCESTON" arr. Albany from Fremantle 0958/11 to relieve "MARYBOROUGH" en route Fremantle to Adelaide E.T.A. 1630/14.

(ii) "BOMBAY" dep. Adelaide 10/8 for Albany to relieve "LAUNCESTON"

(iii) "WATO" towing oil lighter en route Fremantle to Exmouth Gulf E.T.A. 12/8.

(iv) At Fremantle - "THOMP" "VOYAGER" "TRINITY" "CHILDS" "K.S" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "ERLING BROVIG" "LANAKAI" "MADRAS" "WOLLONGONG"

(v) At Albany - "PELIAS" "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" "LAUNCESTON"

(vi) At Darwin - "KALGOORLIE"

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

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

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

(i) HANDA SEA AREA -

a) Allied recce 12/8 reported at Tocal (Kai Is.) one 7000 ton passenger vessel at wharf, 1 P/B near ship at 0955.

- b) BANDA IS. - 0945 two luggers in harbour
- c) AMBOINA IS. - At 1025 two M.V. (1,500 tons; 2,000 tons) off Ambon
- d) LARA - No enemy activity observed. One Hudson attacked the wharf at Banda dropping 2 x 250 S.A.P. bombs scoring a near miss. Another Hudson made a dive bombing attack on one of the vessels at Ambon. No results observed.
- (ii) KISAR IS. - It is reliably reported that up to 10/8 Kisar Is. had not been occupied by the enemy, but they had been to Tapa, Babar Is. (100 miles W. Saumlaki).
- (iii) DUTCH NEW GUINEA - An enemy a/c landed at Oeta (138 m. N.E. of Dobo, Aroe Is.) and at Haukenau (23 m. S.E. of Oeta) on 4/8. This is first indication of a Japanese visit to these places.
- (iv) BECO AREA (TIMOR) - Allied air recce 11/8 revealed no enemy activity at Betano (S. coast Timor - 18 miles N.E. Beco) at Vila Filameno (10 m. inland N. from Betano) or ~~Makmak~~ Novalusa (8 m. N.W. Betano). No activity was observed at Suai (11 miles S.W. Beco) though the surface of beach appeared ~~slightly~~ disturbed by a landing. At Beco several native huts had been burned and two landing barges were beached and covered over in the breakwater.
- (v) GENERAL - There are indications of enemy air reinforcements moving from the Ambon area to the Kabaul area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces (See Appendix)

Enemy Forces

- (i) There are now indications that a major enemy Striking Force is being prepared in Home Waters for operations in the Solomons area in the near future.

This force includes units of the Second Fleet and the First Air Fleet. Present intelligence indicates the total force will include -

- 4 battle cruisers
- 4 aircraft carriers
- 8 heavy cruisers (including 2 units Crudiv 7 at present in N.E.I. waters)
- at least 1 converted S/P Tender
- destroyers

Present indications point to this force moving south within the next 7 to 10 days. The arrival of this force in the Solomons area would bring the total enemy force in this area to -

- 4 battle cruisers
- 4 aircraft carriers
- 11 heavy cruisers
- at least 3 light cruisers
- 2 seaplane carriers
- approx 4 converted S/P tenders
- approx 25 destroyers

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "CANBERRA" "CHICAGO" "HOBART" & 9 destroyers) is operating under Comsopac.
- (ii) At Tongatabu - "WHITNEY" "ANTARES" "HOPKINS" "ZANE" "
- (iii) At Samoa - "TURKEY KINGFISHER" "BRAZOS" "CAMANCA"
- (iv) At Suva - "LEANDER" "GALE" "BALIARD"
- (v) At Auckland - "MONOWAI" "RIGEL" "CASTOR" "WALKE"
- (vi) At Noumea - "SUMNER" "SOUTHARD" "HOVEY" "ARGONNE" "CHEVREUIL" "BISHOPDALE" "RAINIER" "SOLACE" "ACHILLES" "CUMMINGS"
- (vii) At Vila - "CAP DES PALMES" "NAVAJO"
- (viii) At Espiritu Santo - "CURTISS" "ALCYONE"

Enemy Forces

- (i) GILBERT IS. - Enemy recce planes were over Nonouti, Kuria and Maiana Is. on 8/8.
- (ii) OCEAN IS. - Enemy recce planes were over Ocean Is. on 8/8 and 10/8.
- (iii) SANTA CRUZ IS. - A report dated 11/8 states that submarines were active in the vicinity of Santa Cruz. This report may refer to enemy subs en route to a base in the Marshalls.

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Enemy Forces

- (i) There are now indications that the heavy cruiser "NACHI" is again enroute Kiska from Japan.
- (ii) The three light cruisers "TAMA" "ABUKUMA" & "KISO" (5,100 tons; 7-5.5") are at present operating in the Kiska area. "TAMA" recently replaced heavy cruiser "NACHI" as Flagship 5th Fleet.

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC (See Appendix)

F) INDIAN OCEAN

Enemy Forces

- (i) ANDAMANS - On 10/8 a B.17 detailed to attack a S/P Tender sighted off Port Cornwallis on 6/8 - 7/8 was unable to locate the target and dropped its bombs in vicinity of Port Cornwallis.
- (ii) There are indications of increasing air and submarine activity in the Malaya - Bay of Bengal area.
- (iii) SURFACE RAIDERS - There is no recent information concerning enemy raiders operating in the Indian Ocean. These include probably German Raider E and 2 Japanese merchant raiders.
- (iv) SUBMARINES - There are indications that enemy submarines in the Indian Ocean are operating in the Seychelles, Chagos, Maldives area as well as the Mozambique Channel.

There are also indications that some of the units from the S.W Indian Ocean are changing stations or returning to their base probably Penang.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

- (i) RABA L -12/8 - 8 B.17's attacked shipping in Rabaul Harbour at 1200/12. One large vessel 12000 to 15000 tons was hit and left burning. A medium sized vessel was hit and was last observed listing and smoking. One small vessel was hit and listing. One large vessel was hit and was last seen smoking and sinking by the stern. One enemy fighter was destroyed, one enemy fighter was possibly destroyed and 2/5 fighters were damaged. All our aircraft returned safely.

• ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Consolidation of bases in Buka - Bougainville area.
- (ii) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (iii) Occupation of Mauru and Ocean Is.
- (iv) Intensified submarine activity in the S.W. Pacific area.
- (v) Increased operations from the East Indies area involving possible attacks on N.W. Australian coastal area including Torres Strait.

Rauvitz
For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

13/8/42

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITYA) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR
British and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
6" Cruisers	ADELAIDE	PHOENIX
Flotilla Leaders	STUART	LE TRIOMPHANT
	ARUNTA	
Submarines	S.37)	
	S.40)	
	S.42) At Brisbane	
	S.43)	
	S.45)	
	S.47)	
	S.38 } On Patrol	
	S.39)	
	S.41)	
	S.44)	
	S.46)	
Dutch Submarines	K.9) At Sydney	
	K.12)	
A.M.C.'s	WESTRALIA	
	MANOORA	
	KANIMBLA	
Submarine Tender	GRIFFIN	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Storeships	MIZAR	GOLDSTAR
Gunboat	TULSA	
Oiler		VICTORIA

Enemy ForcesNew Guinea - Bismarck Archipelago - Solomons Area

C in C 8th Fleet

C in C 4th Fleet

At least 4 heavy cruisers (one "KAKO"; one "AOBA" class; "CHOKAI")

3 Light Cruisers ("YUBARI"; 2 "TENRYU" class)

12 Destroyers

1 Seaplane Carrier "CHITOSE"

2 - 4 Converted Seaplane Tenders including "KIYOKAWA MARU"

Approx 15 Merchant Ships

Several small patrol craft

8 Patrol Craft

6 Minelaying Craft

12 Submarines (4 RO class, 8 "I" class)

16 Sub. Chasers

Approx 176 shore-based aircraft including probably 73 fighters, 48 H/B,
37 flying boats and 28 float planes2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR
British and Allied Forces

Flotilla Leader

Destroyer

Seaplane Tenders

Submarine Tenders

Submarines

TRO MP
VOYAGER
CHILDS
HERON
W. B. PRESTON
HOLLAND
PELIAS
On Patrol
SAURY
SPEARFISH
GAR
TAUTOG
SKPJACK
GRAMPUS
GRAYBACK
SNAPPER
SWORDFISH
SEAWOLF
THRESHER
SEAL

Submarines (Contd)

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

SCULPIN)	
SEADRAGON)	
SEARAVEN	)	At Fremantle
SALMON)	
SARGO)	
STURGEON	)	At Albany
SCULPIN)	
K.8		At Fremantle

Dutch Submarine

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINESBritish and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

C in C 3rd Fleet

C in C Southern Expeditionary Fleet

3 - 8" Cruisers ("ASHIGARA"

"KUMANO"

1 other

) poss. en route New Britain - Solomons area

4 Light Cruisers

16-20 Destroyers

Several Converted Seaplane Tenders

Timor

Approx 27 shore-based aircraft including 18 fighters, 9 H/B

Bali

Approx 25 shore-based aircraft including 21 fighters, 4 Obsn. A/C

Ambon

Approx 22 shore-based aircraft including 9 fighters, 9 H/B, 4 F/B

CelebesApprox 141 shore-based aircraft including 80 fighters, 31 H/B, 12 F/B,
18 F/PB) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREABritish and Allied Forces

Battleships

Effective

MARYLAND

COLORADO

IDAHO

MISSISSIPPI

NEW MEXICO

TENNESSEE

PENNSYLVANIA

HORNET

NORTHAMPTON

PENSACOLA

BOISE

SAN DIEGO

RALEIGH

15 (approx)

23 (approx)

Refitting or Repairing

CALIFORNIA

NEVADA (to be ready
about 1/10)

WEST VIRGINIA

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Destroyers

Submarines

Enemy ForcesPalao - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

11 Battleships

YAMATO

MUTSU

NAGATO

HYUGA

HIYEI

YAMASEIRO

ISE

ZUIKAKU

SHOKAKU

RYUJO

HOSHO

JUNYO (HIYATAKA)

HIYO (HITAKA)

ZUIHO

KASUGA MARU

NISSHIN

CHIYODA

ATAGO

TAKAO

TONE

FUSO

KIRISHIMA

KONGO

HARUNA

YORKTOWN

CHESTER

DETROIT

6 Aircraft Carriers

3 Converted A/C Carriers

Seaplane Carrier

7 - 8" Cruisers

8" Cruisers
(Contd)

HAGURO)
MYOKO) Possibly en route Solomons Area
NACHI)
SUZUYA

2 - 6" Cruisers
2 Converted S/P Tenders ("NOTORO" "FUJIKAWA MARU")
Approx 40 Destroyers
Approx 20 Submarines

Mandated Islands

Truk Area

1 Light Cruiser
Approx 8 Destroyers
1 Converted S/P Tender
1 Gunboat Division
Several Chartered Merchant Ships
Special Landing Party Force (Marines)
Approx 10 Submarines
7 Motor Torpedo Boats

Marshalls

2 converted S/P Tenders ("GOSHU MARU" & "KAM OI")
At least 2 Submarine Squadrons from 6th Fleet
1 M/S Flotilla (16th)
Air Tenders and Minesweepers
Commander Submarine Force
15 M.T.B.'s

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleship

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

NORTH CAROLINA
WASP
SARATOGA
ENTERPRISE
LONG ISLAND (Converted)
ASTORIA
PORTLAND
VINCENNES
MINNEAPOLIS
QUINCY
SAN FRANCISCO
NEW ORLEANS
AUSTRALIA
CANBERRA
CHICAGO
SALT LAKE CITY
HOBART
ATLANTA
HELENA
LEANDER
ACHILLES
SAN JUAN
SELFREDGE
30 (approx)

6" Cruisers

Squadron Leader
Destroyers

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE
INDIANAPOLIS
HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE

15 Destroyers
10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians Area

3 Light Cruisers
12 Destroyers
2 Squadrons Submarines
1st Base Force

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

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleships

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

Aircraft Carriers

Seaplane Carrier
8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruiser
6" Cruisers

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

At least 25 Destroyers
At least 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces
1 Squadron Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

14th August, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Convoy A1 ("BOHE" (escorted by "SWAN") at Milne Bay.
Convoy B1 ("JAMES F. COOPER" "JAMES WILSON" escorted by "CESSNOCK"
to depart Port Moresby today 14/8 for Townsville.
- (ii) Convoy A2 ("BALIK PAPAN" "HEEMSKERK" "BOEKOE") escorted by "ARUNTA"
"KATCOMBA" due Milne Bay 2000 today 14/8.
Convoy B2 (J.S. WHITTIER" "ZEBULON PIKE") escorted by "WARRNAMBOOL"
due Port Moresby 1300 today 14/8.
- (iii) Convoy A3 ("ANSHUN" "sJACOB" "VAN DER LYN") and Convoy B3
("SEAWITCH" "PERIDA") were due Magnetic Is. 0700 today 14/8 with-
out escort. To be escorted thence by "WARREGO" & "BENDIGO"
to position Z (150 SSE Port Moresby).
- (iv) Convoy A4 ("CREMER" "ANHUI" "BANTAM") and Convoy B4 ("JOHN HART")
escorted by "STUART" & "GEELONG" dep. Brisbane 1640/13 E.T.A.
Magnetic Is. 2359/17. Thence Milne Bay and Port Moresby
respectively. "PENNAANT" in company to Townsville.
- (v) "DELOIRINE" & "WILCANNIA" escorting Convoy GP9 dep. Sydney 0701/13
for Brisbane E.T.A. 1300 tomorrow 15/8.
- (vi) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy COL7 from Newcastle and Sydney arr.
Melbourne 1630/13.
- (vii) "MORESBY" & "CAIRNS" escorting Convoy OCL7 (12 M.V.) dep. Port
Phillip Heads 2200/12 for Newcastle.
- (viii) "YANDRA" escorting Convoy COL8 dep. Newcastle 0759/13. "WHYALLA"
& "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Sydney section including "BUNGAREE"
dep. Sydney 1810/13 to R.V. with main convoy. Convoy's E.T.A.
R.V. position with "DOOMBA" 1200/16.
- (ix) "COLAC" escorting "HANYANG" "HENRY D. THOREAU" arr. Townsville from
Milne Bay 0630/13.
- (x) "ADELAIDE" escorting "STIRLING CASTLE" arr. Melbourne 1045/13.
- (xi) "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" (Dutch Minelayer) dep. Sydney 1301/13 for
Melbourne.
- (xii) "LITHGOW" dep. Moresby 0958/13 for Thursday Island E.T.A. 1800/15.
- (xiii) "WANGANILLA" ~~Spx~~ dep. Sydney 6/8 for Fremantle & Middle East.
- (xiv) At Sydney - "WESTRALIA" "MANOORA" "K.12" "K.9" "DOBBIN" "MIZAR"
"ARMIDALE" "ROCKHAMPTON"
Repairing - "PHOENIX" "VICTORIA"
- (xv) At Melbourne - "KANIMBLA" - Repairing "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xvi) At Adelaide - "TOOWOOMBA"
- (xvii) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "ATREUS" "ALSEY" "TULSA" "BALLARAT" "GEELONG"
- (xviii) At Cid Harbour - "KURUMBA"
- (xix) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces

- (i) RABAU - Further to the report of enemy shipping at Rabaul 12/8
analysis of photographs reveals -
1 heavy cruiser, 2 light cruisers, 1 destroyers, 2 Minelayers,
15 merchant vessels (2 probably damaged), 3 torpedo boats,
6 flying boats, 3 floatplanes in Harbour; 2 bombers, 24
fighters Lakunai aerodrome.
- (ii) BUNA-GONA - Following the report of an enemy convoy off Wide Bay
12/8, the following were sighted at 0654/13 approx 125 miles
N.E. Buna on course 225°: 4 transports, 2 destroyers, 1 small
gunboat. The same vessels were sighted again at 1130 approx
75 miles NNE of Gona; at 1230 approx 70 miles NNE of Buna
when an attack was made by Fortresses. The same convoy with
the addition of one vessel reported to be a cruiser was attacked
by the Marauders approx 20 miles N. of Gona, course south at
1515. At 1815 three Fortresses attacked a cruiser 5 miles North
of Gona and reported three transports 1 mile off Gona Beach,
1 possible tanker close inshore and 3 warships under way on a
northerly course.

- (iii) ENEMY SUBMARINES - SOLOMONS - Reports indicate that there were three submarines in the vicinity of the Southern Solomons and four others in the Santa Cruz area. 12/9
- (iv) MADANG - Air recce 13/8 reported no enemy shipping Madang area.
- (v) SIO (45 miles N.W. Pinschafen) - A large vessel probably merchant ship was sighted off Sio by aircraft on recce 13/8 course S.E.
- (vi) MAMBARE RIVER (8 m. W. of Cape Ward Hunt) - A report dated 7/8 states two enemy launches proceeded up the Mambare River.
- (vii) GENERAL
 - a) There are now some indications that the ~~xxxxxxx~~ aircraft carrier sighted in the Kavieng area with destroyers on 6/8 may have been the converted carrier "KASUGA MARU" (22,500 tons; 45 a/c) which is expected to arrive in Empire Waters with destroyers shortly.
 - b) There are now indications that units of Crudiv 7 (2 heavy cruiser with four destroyers and 1 converted S/P tender ("KOGU MARU") are proceeding to Rabaul from N.E.I. waters.
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2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "MARYBOROUGH" dep. Albany for Adelaide 1905/13 E.T.A. 1130/17.
- (ii) "BOMBAY" en route Adelaide to Albany to relieve "LAUNCESTON" E.T.A. 1400 tomorrow 15/8.
- (iii) At Fremantle - "TROMP" "VOYAGER" "TRINITY" "CHILDS" "K.S" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "ERLING BROVIG" "LANAKAI" "MADRAS" "WOLLONGONG"
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3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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Enemy Forces

- (i) AMBON - 4 Hudsons on recce sighted one 7,000 ton passenger vessel and 2 merchant vessels 1500 - 2,000 tons off Ambon 0955/12. An attack was made but no results were observed. Recce 13/8 reported no enemy activity at Ambon or in the Banda Is.
- (ii) AMBON AREA - A force of 1 cruiser, 7 destroyers, 4 submarines and some merchant vessels was reported approx 45 miles E. of Ambon by Japanese plain language W/T on August 11th. There have been indications from other sources that units of Crudiv 7 and Desron 3 have been or are in the Makassar ~~area~~ Ambon area presumably en route Rabaul. Comment - It would appear that the force sighted off Ambon on 11/8 ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ included units of Desron 3 and Crudiv 7 and that the Ambon Base was unaware of the presence of these units in their area at the time.
- (iii) There are indications that the converted Seaplane Tender "KAGU MARU" which is believed en route Rabaul, was at Koepang on August 12th.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces (See Appendix)

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destroyers

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4 aircraft carriers
11 heavy cruisers
at least 3 light cruisers
2 seaplane carriers
approx 4 converted seaplane tenders
approx 25 destroyers

- (ii) The aircraft carriers "SHOKAKU" "ZUIKAKU" "HIYATAKA" (JUNYO) "HITAKA" (HIYO) "RYUJYO" & "ZUIHO" were all believed to be in Southern Japanese Waters 12/8.
- (iii) The converted Seaplane Tender "KAMIKAWA MARU" was still indicated in Japanese Home Waters 12/8 but is expected to leave for New Britain shortly.
- (iv) The normal Flagship of the 4th Fleet, cruiser "KASHIMA" (5,800 tons) is still in Home Waters. C in C 4th Fleet is at present operating in another cruiser in the New Britain - Solomons area.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "MILDURA" escorting Convoy VK8 ("MERRUR" - Storeship) en route Sydney to Noumea R.T.A. 1700 tomorrow 15/8. After refuelling "MILDURA" to escort "BISHOPDALE" to Sydney for dry docking.
- (ii) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "CANBERRA" "CHICAGO" "HOBART" & 9 destroyers) is operating under Comsopac.
- (iii) At Tongatabu - "WHITNEY" "ANTARES" "HOPKINS" "ZANE"
- (iv) At Samoa - "TURKEY" "KINGFISHER" "BRAZOS" "CAMANCA"
- (v) At Suva - "LEANDER" "GALE" "BALIARD"
- (vi) At Auckland - "MONOWAI" "RIGEL" "CASTOR" "WALKE"
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- (viii) At Vila - "CAP DES PALMES" "NAVAJO"
- (ix) At Espiritu Santo - "CURTISS" "ALCYONE"

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces (See Appendix)

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2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

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destroyed, one probably destroyed, 3 damaged.

Four Marauders attacked the convoy about 20 miles north of Gona. No hits scored. Seven Zero's intercepted, one hit possibly destroyed.

Three Fortresses unsuccessfully attacked a cruiser at 1815. At that time the convoy had reached Gona and the warships had left them.


3. AIR OPERATIONS

ENEMY

- (i) MELBOURNE - An unidentified aircraft was reported over Melbourne 2100 to ~~22~~ 2230/12.
- (ii) SATELBERG (5 miles N.W. Pinschafen) - Ten unidentified aircraft observed over Sattelberg 1017/13 course S.W.

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12 Destroyers

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2 - 4 Converted Seaplane Tenders including "KIYOKAWA MARU")

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SEAWOLF

THRESHER

SEAL

Submarines (Contd)

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

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	SEADRAGON)	
	SEARAVEN)	At Fremantle
	SALMON)	
	SARGO)	
	STURGEON)	At Albany
	SCULPIN)	
Dutch Submarine	K.8	At Fremantle

3. EAST INDIAS - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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 BOISE
 SAN DIEGO
 RALEIGH

Refitting or Repairing

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

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

YORKTOWN

CHESTER

DETROIT

Destroyers

Submarines

15 (approx)
 23 (approx)

Enemy Forces

Palao - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

11 Battleships

YAMATO
 MUTSU
 HAGAR O
 HYUGA
 HIYET
 YAMASHIRO
 ISE
 SHOKAKU
 ZUIKAW
 RYUJO
 HOSHO
 JUNYO (HIYATAKA)
 HIYO (HITAKA)

PUSO
 KIRISHIMA
 KONGO
 HARUNA

6 Aircraft Carriers

3 Converted A/C Carriers

Seaplane Carrier

7 - 8" Cruisers

ZUIHO
 KASUGA MARU
 NISSHIN
 CHIYODA
 ATAGO
 TANAO
 TOME

8" Cruisers (Contd)

HAGURO)
MYOKO) Poss. en route Solomons Area
NACHI)
SUZUYA

2 - 6" Cruisers

2 Converted S/P Tenders ("NOTORO" "FUJIKAWA MARU")

Approx 40 Destroyers

Approx 20 Submarines

Mandated Islands

Truk Area

1 Light Cruiser

Approx 8 Destroyers

1 Converted S/P Tender

1 Gunboat Division

Several Chartered Merchant Ships

Special Landing Party Force (Marines)

Approx 10 Submarines

7 Motor Torpedo Boats

Marshalls

2 converted S/P Tenders ("GOSHU MARU" & "KAMOI")

At least 2 Submarine Squadrons from 6th Fleet

1 M/S Flotilla (16th)

Air Tenders and Minesweepers

Commander Submarine Force

15 M.T.B.'s

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleship

Aircraft Carriers

"NORTH CAROLINA

WASP

SARATOGA

ENTERPRISE

LONG ISLAND (Converted)

8" Cruisers

ASTORIA

PORTLAND

VINCENNES

MINNEAPOLIS

QUINCY

SAN FRANCISCO

NEW ORLEANS

AUSTRALIA

CANBERRA

CHICAGO

SALT LAKE CITY

6" Cruisers

ROBERT

ATLANTA

BELENA

LEAN DER

ACHILLES

SAN JUAN

SELFRIDGE

30 (approx)

Squadron Leader

Destroyers

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE

INDIANAPOLIS

6" Cruisers

HONOLULU

ST. LOUIS

NASHVILLE

15 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians Area

3 Light Cruisers

12 Destroyers

2 Squadrons Submarines

1st Base Force

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

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

Aircraft Carriers

Seaplane Carrier

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruiser

6" Cruisers

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

At least 25 Destroyers

At least 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

1 Squadron Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

15th August, 1942.

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES.A) SOUTH-WESTERN PACIFIC AREA.1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.British and Allied Forces.

- (i) Convoy A1 ("Both") escorted by "Swan" at Milne Bay.
Convoy B1 ("JAMES F. COOPER", "JAMES WILSON") escorted by "CESSNOCK" departed Port Moresby for Townsville 0700/14 ETA 2000/16.
- (ii) Convoy A2 ("BALIX PAPAN", "HEEMSKERE", "BONTHEDE") escorted by "ARUNTA" was due Milne Bay 2000/14. (For "KATOOMBA'S" movements see Naval Incidents).
Convoy B2 ("J.G. WHITTIER", "ZEBULON PIKE") escorted by "WARRNAMECOL", arrived Moresby 1530/14.
- (iii) Convoy A3 ("ANSHUN", "'sJACOB", "VAN DER LYN") and Convoy B3 ("SEAWITCH", "PERIDA") escorted by "WARREGO" & "BENDIGO" en route Magnetic Is. to position Z (150 miles SSE Port Moresby) ETA 1200/16, Convoy B3 proceeds thence to Moresby escorted by "WARRNAMECOL" ETA 0500/17, A3 with "WARREGO" & "BENDIGO" to Milne Bay, ETA 1100/17.
- (iv) Convoy A4 ("CREMER", "ANHUI" & "BANTAM") and Convoy B4 ("JOHN HART") escorted by "STUART" & "GEELONG" en route Brisbane to Capricorn Channel. Convoys proceed thence unescorted to Magnetic Is. ETA 2359/17, later to Milne Bay and Port Moresby respectively. ("PENNANT" in company to Townsville.)
- (v) "DELOIRINE" & "WILCANNIA" escorting Convoy GP9 (5 MV) en route Sydney to Brisbane ETA 1300 today 15/8.
- (vi) "Moresby" & "CAIRNS" escorting Convoy OC17 (13 MV) en route Port Phillip to Newcastle. ETA Sydney on 16/8, Newcastle on 16/8.
- (vii) "WHYALLA", "TOWNSVILLE", "YANDRA" escorting Convoy CO.18 (11 vessels including "BUNGAREE") en route Sydney to Newcastle to R.V. position with "DOOMBA" at 0700/16.
- (viii) "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" dep. Sydney 13/8 for Melbourne.
- (ix) "LITHGOW" en route Moresby to Thursday Is. ETA 1800 today 15/8.
- (x) "COLAC" escorting "JAPARA", "ALDINGA" to depart Townsville 1200 today 15/8 for Port Moresby. ETA 1600/18.
- (x 1) At Sydney - "WESTRALIA", "MANOORA", "K.12", "K.9", "DOBBIN", "MIZAR", "ARMIDALE", "ROCKHAMPTON".
 Repairing - "PHOENIX", "VICTORIA", "LE TRIOMPHANT".
- (xii) At Melbourne - "ADELAIDE", "KANIMBLA", "DOOMBA".
 Repairing - "VENDETTA", "GOLDSTAR".
- (xiii) At Adelaide - "TOOWOOMBA".
- (xiv) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN", "ATREUS", "ALSEY", "TULSA", "BALLARAT", "GOULBURN".
- (xv) At Cid Harbour - "KURUMBA".
- (xvi) For Submarines in Eastern Sector - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces.

- (i) Buna-Gona. Fortresses attacking Gona at 0930/14 reported several barges beached near Waytutu Point (between Buna and Gona) but no large vessels were observed between Waytutu Point and Cape Ward Hunt. 50 to 100 tents were sighted on the beach near Gona.
 Part of the occupation force which reached Gona on 13/8 was observed proceeding North-eastwards on 14/8. A cruiser or destroyer escorting a transport was sighted at 0900 175 miles SW of Gasmata on course East. One destroyer one corvette 1 merchant vessel 10,000 tons one 5,000 tons and one small vessel were sighted 35 miles South by West of Gasmata at 1450 course 40.
- (ii) Solomons. There are continued indications that enemy submarines are operating in the Tulagi area.
 An enemy submarine was sighted 13/8 about 45 miles S.E. Tulagi.

Enemy Forces (Continued).

(iii) General.

- (a) There are some indications that the light cruiser "TATSUTA" (3230 4-55") was in the vicinity of Lae on 13/8 and was therefore possibly the cruiser sighted covering the landing of the Buna Occupation force.
- (b) There are slight indications that the Japanese may contemplate using paratroops from the Rabaul area.
- (c) The converted seaplane tender "KAMOI" is now believed en route Rabaul from Jaluit (Marshalls).
- (d) The converted seaplane tender "KAMEKAWA"MARU" is believed loading aircraft in Japan for despatch to the New Britain area.
- (e) There are indications of further submarines proceeding South from Empire waters to the Truk-Rabaul area.
- (f) There are indications that units of Crudiv 7 (2 heavy cruisers with 4 destroyers and 1 converted S/P.tender ("KOGU MARU")) are proceeding to Rabaul from N.E.I.waters.
- (g) There are continued indications of personnel, equipment and aircraft reinforcements proceeding to the Rabaul-Solomons area in convoy.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.
British and Allied Forces.

- (i) "VOYAGER" dept. Fremantle 1755/14 for Geraldton, thence Darwin.
- (ii) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "SIBIGO" "BABINDA" departed Darwin 0432/14 for Thursday Is. ETA.1530/17.
- (iii) "MARYBOROUGH" en route Albany to Adelaide. ETA. 1130/17.
- (iv) "BOMBAY" en route Adelaide to Albany to relieve "LAUNCESTON". ETA. 0600/16.
- (v) "WANGANELLA" dep.Sydney 6/8 for Fremantle and Middle West.
- (vi) At Fremantle - "TROMP" "TRINITY" "CHILDS" "K.8" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "ERLING BROVIS" "LANAKAI" "MADRAS" "WOLLONGONG".
- (vii) At Albany - "PELIAS" "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" "LAUNCESTON".
- (viii) At Exmouth Gulf - "W.B.PRESTON" "HERON".
- (ix) For submarines in Western Sector - see Appendix.

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

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

Enemy Forces. See Appendix.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

British and Allied Forces. (See Appendix).

Enemy Forces.

- (1) There are now indications that a major enemy Striking Force is being prepared in Home Waters for operations in the Solomons Area in the near future.

This Force includes units of the Second Fleet and the First Air Fleet. Present intelligence indicates that the total force will include -- 4 battle cruisers

- 4 aircraft carriers
- 8 heavy cruisers (including 2 units Crudiv 7 at present in E.E.I.waters).
- at least 1 converted S/P.tender
- destroyers.

Present indications point to this force moving South within the next 7 to 10 days. The arrival of this force in the Solomons area would bring the total enemy force in this area to probably -

- 4 battle cruisers
- 4 aircraft carriers
- 11 heavy cruisers
- at least 3 light cruisers
- 2 seaplane carriers

approx. 4 converted seaplane tenders
approx. 25 destroyers.

- (ii) The aircraft carriers "SHOKAKU" "ZUIKAKU" "HIYATAKA" (JUNYO) "HITAKA" (HIYO) "RYUJO" & "ZUIHO" were all believed to be at Kure 13/8.
- (iii) The normal Flagship of the 4th fleet, cruiser "KASHIMA" (5,300 tons) is still in Home waters. C.inC. 4th Fleet is at present operating in another cruiser in the New Britain - Solomons area.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

British and Allied Forces.

- (i) "MILDURA" escorting Convoy VK8 "MERKUR" - (Storeship) en route Sydney to Noumea ETA 1700 ~~tomorrow~~ today 15/8. After refuelling "MILDURA" to escort "BISHOPDALE" to Sydney for dry docking.
- (ii) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "CANBERRA" "CHICAGO" "HOBART" & 9 destroyers) is operating under Comsopac.
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- (ix) At Espiritu Santo - "CURTISS" "ALCYONE" "HELENA" "MACKINAC" "WHARTON" "EULL" "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "CRESCENT CITY" "ALBENA" "PRESIDENT HAYES" "PRESIDENT JACKSON" "GAMBLE" "BREESE" "TRACY" "NAVAJO" "DALE".

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2. NAVAL INCIDENTS.

- (i) Cape Moreton.
A possible enemy submarine was reported by a merchant vessel 27° S. 153° 42' E. (approx. 12 miles E. by N. of Cape Moreton) at 2230/13. Submarine was proceeding Westward on the surface. There is a possibility that the submarine is friendly; investigations are proceeding.
- (ii) Rossel Island.
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- (iii) New Hebrides.
Comsopac reports that an enemy submarine was bombed strafed and probably sunk while diving, approx. 270 miles West of Vila (17° 30' S. 163° 50' E) on 13/8.

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- (ii) Gasmata.
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- (iii) Broome.
An allied aircraft on reconnaissance reported a submerged enemy submarine 14° 19' S 118° 18' E (approx. 320 miles NW Broome) course 20° at 1132/13.

Enemy.

Lae.

It is reliably reported that fighters arrived Lae 13/8, making a total of at least 26.

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 JUNYO (HIYATAKA)
 HIYO (HITAKA)

3 Converted A/C Carriers

ZUIHO
 KASUGA MARU
 NISSHIN

Seaplane Carrier

7 - 8" Cruisers

CHIYODA
 ATAGO
 TAKAGI
 TONE

8" Cruisers (Contd)

HAGURO)	
MYOKO	)	Poss. en route Solomons area
NACHI)	
SUZUYA)	

2 - 6" Cruisers
 2 Converted S/P Tenders ("NOTORO" "FUJIKAWA MARU")
 Approx 40 Destroyers
 Approx 20 Submarines

Mandated Islands

Truk Area

1 Light Cruiser
 Approx 8 Destroyers
 1 Converted S/P Tender
 1 Gunboat Division
 Several Chartered Merchant Ships
 Special Landing Party Force (Marines)
 Approx 10 Submarines
 7 Motor Torpedo Boats

Marshalls

2 converted S/P Tenders ("GOSHU MARU" & "KAMOI")
 At least 2 Submarine Squadrons from 6th Fleet
 1 M/S Flotilla (16th)
 Air Tenders and Minesweepers
 Commander Submarine Force
 15 M.T.B.'s

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleship
 Aircraft Carriers

NORTH CAROLINA
 WASP
 SARATOGA
 ENTERPRISE
 LONG ISLAND (Converted)
 ASTORIA
 PORTLAND
 VINCENNES
 MINNEAPOLIS
 QUINCY
 SAN FRANCISCO
 NEW ORLEANS
 AUSTRALIA
 CANBERRA
 CHICAGO
 SALT LAKE CITY
 BOBART
 ATLANTA
 HELENA
 LEANDER
 ACHILLES
 SAN JUAN
 SELPRIDGE
 30 (approx)

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Squadron Leader
 Destroyers

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE
 INDIANAPOLIS
 HONOLULU
 ST. LOUIS
 NASHVILLE

6" Cruisers

15 Destroyers
 10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians Area

3 Light Cruisers
 12 Destroyers
 2 Squadrons Submarines
 1st Base Force

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleship

6" Cruisers

Approx 8 Destroyers

SOUTH DAKOTA

CONCORD

TRENTON

RICHMOND

JUNEAU

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

Seaplane Carrier

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruiser

6" Cruisers

WARSPITE

VALIANT

RESOLUTION

ROYAL SOVEREIGN

RAMILLIES

INDOMITABLE

ILLUSTRIOUS

FORMIDABLE

ALBATROSS

DEVONSHIRE

GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)

PROBISHER

CALEDON

DRAGON

ENTERPRISE

EMERALD

CERES

BIRMINGHAM

GLASGOW

CAPETOWN

DANAE

DAUNTLESS

MAURITIUS

GAMBIA

NEWCASTLE

SUMATRA (Dutch)

WORCESTERSHIRE

RANCHI

CORFU

ALAUNIA

CHITRA

RANPURA

CANTON

QUEEN OF BERMUDA

CARTHAGE

HEEMSKE RCK

CARLISLE

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

At least 25 Destroyers

At least 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

1 Squadron Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

15th August, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Convoy A1 ("EOTH" escorted by "SWAN") due to arrive Townsville this morning from Milne Bay. Convoy B1 ("JAMES F. COOPER" "JAMES WILSON" escorted by "CESSNOCK") due Townsville from Port Moresby 2000Z today 16/8.
- (ii) Convoy A2 ("BALIK PAPAN" "HEEMSKERK" "BONTEKOE") escorted by "ARUNTA" at Milne Bay.
Convoy B2 ("J.G. WHITTIER" "ZEBULON PIKE") escorted by "WARRNAMBOOL" at Moresby.
- (iii) Convoy A3 ("ANSJUN" "JACOB" "VAN DER LYN") and Convoy B3 ("SEAWITCH" "PERIDA") escorted by "WARREGO" & "BENDIGO" en route Magnetic Is. to position Z (150 miles SSE Port Moresby) E.T.A. 1200 today 16/8. Convoy B3 proceeds thence to Moresby escorted by "WARRNAMBOOL" E.T.A. 0500/17, A3 with "WARREGO" & "BENDIGO" to Milne Bay E.T.A. 1100/17.
- (iv) Convoy A4 ("GREMER" "ANHUI" "BANTAN") and Convoy B4 ("JOHN HART") unescorted en route Capricorn Channel to Magnetic Island E.T.A. 2359/17, later to Milne Bay and Port Moresby respectively. ("PENNANT" in company to Townsville).
 "STUART" & "GHELONG" returning to Brisbane from Capricorn Channel.
- (v) "ACHILLES" escorting "BOSCHFONTEIN" arr. Brisbane 0900/15.
- (vi) Convoy GP9 arr. Brisbane 1537/15.
 "DELOIRINE" & "WILCAENIA" escorting Convoy PG9 (7 vessels including "ALSEY") dep. Caloundra Head 1430/15 for Newcastle E.T.A. 1800/17 and Sydney E.T.A. 2400/17.
- (vii) "MORESBY" & "CAIRNS" escorting Convoy OC17 (13 M.V.) en route Melbourne to Newcastle E.T.A. Sydney section a.m. today 16/8; Newcastle p.m.
- (viii) "WHYALLA" "TOWNSVILLE" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy COL8 (11 vessels including "BUNGARER") were to R.V. at 0700 today off Port Phillip Heads with "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC18 (13 M.V.) from Melbourne OC18 to proceed probably under escort of "WHYALLA" & "YANDRA" "TOWNSVILLE" to proceed Melbourne with "DOOMBA" & OC18.
- (ix) "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" dep. Sydney 13/8 for Melbourne.
- (x) "COLAC" escorting "JAPARA" en route Townsville to Port Moresby E.T.A. 1600/18.
- (xi) "KANIMBLA" was to depart Port Phillip Heads 2200/15 for Sydney.
- (xii) "LITNGOW" en route Moresby to Thursday Island (due 1800/15).
- (xiii) At Sydney - "WESTRALIA" "MANOORA" "K.12" "K.9" "DOBBIN" "MIZAR" "ARMIDALE" "ROCKHAMPTON"
 Repairing - "PHOENIX" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "VICTORIA"
- (xiv) At Melbourne - "ADELAIDE" -- Repairing "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xv) At Adelaide - "TOOWOOMBA"
- (xvi) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "ATREUS" "TULSA" "BALLARAT" "GOULBURN"
- (xvii) At Cid Harbour - "KURUMBA"
- (xviii) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces

- (i) BOUGAINVILLE - It is reliably reported that one destroyer, one supply ship arrived at Buka Passage at 0905/15.
 A cruiser and a destroyer were reported 30 miles S. by W. of Buka Passage at 1357, course 170°. No shipping was sighted at Buka at this time.
- (ii) GUADALCANAL - Coastwatcher reported warships off Tiaro Bay (W.Coast) 13/8 proceeding northward west,
 An enemy submarine was sighted off the N.E. Coast near Aola Bay on 13/8.
- (iii) MALAITA - There were indications 2 possibly 3 enemy submarines in the vicinity of Malaita 15/8, and of three enemy submarines east of Ontong Java (180 miles N. by W. Malaita).
- (iv) RENNEL IS. (130 miles S. Guadalcanal) - There were indications of an enemy submarine 140S, 161°E (140 m. south of Rennel Is.) at 2241/12.

(v) GENERAL

- a) Slight indications enemy may attempt landing on Gizo Is. (80 miles S.W. Faisi - Shortlands).
- b) There are slight indications that the Japanese may contemplate using paratroops from the Rabaul area.
- c) The converted seaplane tender "KAKOI" is now believed en route Rabaul from Jaluit (Marshalls).
- d) The converted seaplane tender "KAMIKAWA MARU" is believed loading aircraft in Japan for despatch to the New Britain area.
- e) There are indications of further submarines proceeding south from Empire waters to the Truk - Rabaul area.
- f) There are indications that units of Crudiv 7 (2 heavy cruisers with 4 destroyers and 1 converted S/P Tender "KAGU MARU") are proceeding to Rabaul from N.E.I. waters. These units were still in East Indies waters on 14/8.
- g) There are continued indications of personnel, equipment and aircraft reinforcements proceeding to the Rabaul - Solomons area in convoy.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "VOYAGER" dep. Fremantle 1755/14 for Geraldton, thence Darwin.
- (ii) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "SIBIGO" & "BABINDA" en route Darwin to Thursday Island E.T.A. 1530/17.
- (iii) "MARYBOROUGH" en route Albany to Adelaide E.T.A. 1130/17.
- (iv) "BOMBAY" en route Adelaide to Albany to relieve "LAUNCESTON" E.T.A. 0600/16.
- (v) "WANGANELLA" dep. Sydney 6/8 for Fremantle and Middle East.
- (vi) At Fremantle - "TROMP" "TRINITY" "CHILDS" "K.8" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "ERLING BROVIG" "LANAKAI" "MADRAS" "WOLLONGONG"
- (vii) At Albany - "PELIAS" "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" "LAUNCESTON"
- (viii) At Exmouth Gulf - "W.E. PRESTON" "HERON"
- (ix) For submarines in Western Sector - see Appendix.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

- (i) KOEPANG - Air recce 13/8 reported only one merchant vessel in AKoepang Harbour.
 - (ii) There are indications special landing force is at present en route or is about to proceed from Ambon to Rabaul embarked in a Maru.
- B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

Enemy Forces

- (i) There are further indications of possible future movement of Second Fleet and First Fleet Air Units to the south,
 - (ii) There is a slight indication that portion of Cardiv 2 ("HIYATAKA" "HITAKA" "ZUIHO") may also proceed to the Fourth Fleet area soon.
Comment - Previous intelligence has indicated that a Task Force under the Command of C in C 2nd Fleet may include the four carriers "ZUIKAKU" "SHOKAKU" "RYUJO" & "HOSHO". The addition of "HIYATAKA" & "HITAKA" would make the force include all of Japan's available aircraft carriers (CV's). The others - "ZUIHO" "KASUGA" & "NISSHIN" are regarded as KCV's (Converted Aircraft Carriers) which are used principally for ferrying aircraft.
 - (iii) "HIYATAKA" "HITAKA" & "ZUIHO" are believed operating off the East Coast of Honshu with two heavy cruisers ("TAKAO" class - 10,000 tons; 10-8").
 - (iv) The remaining carriers are believed to be in Home Ports some taking on aircraft.
 - (v) Present intelligence indicates the total enemy striking force being formed for future operations in the Solomons area may include -
 - 4 battle cruisers
 - 4 possibly 5 aircraft carriers (CV's)
 - 8 heavy cruisers (incl. 2 units Crudiv 7 at present in N.E.I. Waters)
 - 2 Converted S/P Tenders
 - Destroyers
- This force may proceed south with-in the next 7 days.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "CANBERRA" "CHICAGO" "HOBART" and 9 destroyers) is operating under Comsopac.
- (ii) "MILDURA" after refuelling at Noumea to escort "BISHOPDALE" to Sydney for dry docking.
- (iii) At Tongatabu - "WHITNEY" "ANTARES" "HOPEKINS" "ZANE"
- (iv) At Samoa - "TURKEY" "KINGFISHER" "BRAZOS" "CAMANGA"
- (v) At Suva - "GALE" "BALLARD" "W.W.BURROWS"
- (vi) At Auckland - "MONOWAI" "RIGEL" "CASTOR" "PERKINS" "LEANDER" "CUMMINGS"
- (vii) At Noumea - "SUMNER" "SOUTHARD" "SOLACE" "HOVEY" "ARONNE" "RAINIER" "AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "CHICAGO" "NEVILLE" "HEYWOOD" "FULLER" "FOMALHAUT" "BELLATRIX" "McCAWLEY" "BARNETT" "HUNTER LEGGETT" "AMERICAN LEGION" "LIBRA" "ALCHIBA" "MUGFORD" "PATTERSON" "RALPH TALBOT" "HELM" "BLUE" "BAGLEY" "HENLEY" "SELFRIDGE" "PLATTE" "KASKASKIA" "CLARK" "GIVIN" "MERKUR"
- (viii) At Vila - "CAP DES PALMES"
- (ix) At Espiritu Santo - "CURTISS" "ALCYONE" "HELENA" "MACKINAC" "WHARTON" "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "CRESCENT CITY" "ALHENA" "PRESIDENT HAYES" "PRESIDENT JACKSON" "GAMBLE" "BREESE" "TRACY" "NAVAJO" "DALE" "KANAWHA"

Enemy Forces

- (i) NEW CALEDONIA - There are indications that an enemy submarine was operating within 60 miles of Noumea at 1903/14. Another enemy submarine was sighted in the vicinity of the d'Entrecasteux Reefs yesterday 15/8.
- (ii) ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
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(iii) XXXX

B) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces (See Appendix)

Enemy Forces

- (i) There are new indications that the heavy cruiser "NACHI" is again en route Kiska from Japan.
- (ii) The three light cruisers "TAMA" "ABUKUMA" & "KISO" (5,100 tons; 7-8.5") are at present operating in the Kiska area. "TAMA" recently replaced heavy cruiser "NACHI" as Flagship Fifth Fleet.

A) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

A) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces (See Appendix)

Enemy Forces

- (i) SURFACE RAIDERS - There is no recent information concerning enemy raiders operating in the Indian Ocean. These include probably German Raider E and two Japanese merchant raiders.
- (ii) SUBMARINES - Enemy submarines in the Indian Ocean have been operating recently in the Seychelles, Chagos, Maldives area as well as the Mozambique Channel. There are indications that some of the units from the S.W. Indian Ocean are changing stations or returning to their base, probably Penang.

A) NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) GUADALCANAL - SOLOMONS - An enemy submarine was attacked and machine gunned at 0630L/15 in position 10°S, 160°30'E (off centre South Coast Guadalcanal).
- (ii) ROSSEL IS. - H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA" was due to arrive Rossel Is. at 1400 yesterday 15/8 to attempt to refloat U.S. submarine S.39 which is heavily aground at Rossel Spit. If the attempt to refloat the submarine fails and the Commanding Officer of the submarine so orders "KATOOMBA" is to remove personnel and take such other action as the C.O. of the submarine may direct.
- (iii) CAPE MORETON - Submarine reported 12 miles off Cape Moreton at 2230/15 remains unidentified. The report originated from a call sign WQFU which has not been identified.

Investigations are proceeding.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

ALLIED

(1) TIMOR

- a) Three Hudsons on photographic recon attacked barges at Beco 13/8. No hits.
- b) Nine Hudsons attacked Mape a.m. 14/8. Several buildings hit; fires started

ENEMY

- (i) GILBERT & ELLICE IS. - Enemy recon reported Gilberts 10/8. Ellice Is. 12/8.
- (ii) NAURU - W/T station attacked enemy aircraft 5/8. No damage or casualties.
- (iii) OCEAN IS. - Enemy recon reported over Ocean Is. 11/8, 13/8.
- (iv) BUIN - Six T.97 Kawasaki H/B reported over Buin 1000/15 course Southeast.
- (v) NEW GEORGIA - Enemy aircraft reported over Marovo Lagoon 14/8.
- (vi) Aircraft were reported over Malaita 1015/14 course south.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Consolidation of bases in Buka - Bougainville area.
- (ii) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (iii) Occupation of Nauru and Ocean Island.
- (iv) Intensified submarine activity in the S.W. Pacific area.



For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

16th August, 1942

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

Effective

ACHILLES

Refitting or Repairing

PHOENIX

ADELAIDE

Flotilla Leaders

STUART

LE TRIOMPHANT

ARUSTA

Submarines

S.37

S.40

S.42

S.43

S.45

S.46

S.47

S.38

S.39

S.41

S.44

At
Brisbane

On Patrol

Dutch Submarines

K.9

K.12 } At Sydney

A.M.C.'s

WESTRALIA

MANOCRA

KANIMELA

Submarine Tender

GRIFFIN

Destroyer Tender

DOBBIN

Storeships

MIZAR

GOLDSTAR

Gunboat

TULSA

VICTORIA

Enemy Forces

New Guinea-Bismarck Archipelago - Solomons Area

C in C 8th Fleet

C in C 4th Fleet

At least 4 heavy cruisers (one "KAKO"; one "AOBA" class; "CHOKAI")

3 Light Cruisers ("YUBARI"; 2 "TENRYU" class)

12 Destroyers

1 possibly 2 Seaplane Carriers ("KITOSE" "SHIYODA")

3-5 Converted Seaplane Tenders including "KIYOKAWA MARU" "KAMOI"

Approx. 20 Merchant Ships

8 patrol craft

6 Minesweeping craft

At least 12 Submarines (4 RO Class; 8 "I" class)

16 Sub. Chasers

Approx. 206 shore-based aircraft including 89 fighters, 78 H/B,
18 flying boats and 19 float-planes, 2 Observation A/C.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

Flotilla Leader

TROMP

Destroyer

VOYAGER

Seaplane Tenders

HERON

CHILDS

W.B. PRESTON

Submarine Tenders

HOLLAND

PELIAS

Submarines

On Patrol

SAURY

SPEARFISH

GAR

TAUTOG

SKIPJACK

GRAMPUS

GRAYBACK

SHAPPER

SWORDFISH

SEAWOLF

Submarines (Contd)

On Patrol

THRESHER
SEAL
SALMON

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

SCULPIN	}	At Fremantle
SEADRAGON		
SEARAVEN		
SARGO		
STURGEON	}	At Albany
SAILFISH		

Dutch Submarine

K.S At Fremantle

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

13 Submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or N.E.I. area (See above)

Enemy Forces

C in C Sra Fleet

C in C Southern Expeditionary Fleet

3 - 8" Cruisers "ASHIGARA"

"KUMANO"

one other

en route New Britain - Solomons area

4 Light Cruisers

16-20 Destroyers

Several Converted Seaplane Tenders

Timor

Approx 40 shore-based aircraft including 27 fighters, 9 H/B, 4 F/B

Bali

Approx 25 shore-based aircraft including 21 fighters, 4 Obsn. A/C

Ambon

Approx 10 shore-based aircraft including 6 F/B, 4 F/P

Celebes

Approx 114 shore-based aircraft including 62 fighters, 22 H/B,
12 F/B, 18 F/P

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

Effective

MARYLAND
COLORADO
IDAHO
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
TENNESSEE
PENNSYLVANIA

Refitting or Repairing

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

Aircraft Carriers

HORNET

YORKTOWN

8" Cruisers

NORTHAMPTON

CHESTER

6" Cruisers

BOISE

DETROIT

SAN DIEGO

RALEIGH

Destroyers

15 (approx)

Submarines

25 (approx)

Enemy Forces

Falae - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

11 Battleships

YAMATO

MUTSU

FUSO

NAGATO

KIRISHIMA

HYUGA

KONGO

HIYEI

KARUNA

YAMASHIRO

ISE

6 Aircraft Carriers

SHOKAKU

ZUIKAKU

RYUJO

HOSHO

JUNYO (HIYATAKA)

HIYO (HITAKA)

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
3 Converted A/C Carriers	ZUIHO	
	KASUGU MARU	
	NISSHIN	
Seaplane Carrier	CHIYODA	
7 - 8" Cruisers	ATAGO	
	TAKAO	
	TONE	
	HAGURO	} Pass. en route Solomons area
	MYOKO	
	NACHI	
	SUZUYA	

2 - 6" Cruisers
 4 Converted S/P Tenders ("NOTORO" "FUJIKAWA MARU" "KAWIKAWA MARU"
 "GOSHU MARU")

Approx. 40 Destroyers

Approx. 20 Submarines

Mandated Islands

Truk Area

1 Light Cruiser

Approx. 8 Destroyers

1 Converted S/P Tender

1 Gunboat Division

Several Chartered Merchant Ships

Special Landing Party Force (Marines)

Submarines

7 Motor Torpedo Boats

Marshalls

1 E/S Flotilla (16th)

Air Tenders and Minesweepers

Commander Submarine Force

15 M.T.B.'s.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleship

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Squadron Leader

Destroyers

NORTH CAROLINA
 WASH
 SARATOGA
 ENTERPRISE
 LONG ISLAND (Converted)
 ASTORIA
 PORTLAND
 VINCENNES
 MINNEAPOLIS
 QUINCY
 SAN FRANCISCO
 NEW ORLEANS
 AUSTRALIA
 GANESHA
 CHICAGO
 SALT LAKE CITY
 HOBART
 ATLANTA
 HELENA
 LEANDER
 SAN JUAN
 SELFRIDGE
 30 (approx)

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

15 Destroyers

10 Submarines

LOUISVILLE
 INDIANAPOLIS
 HONOLULU
 ST. LOUIS
 NASHVILLE

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians Area

3 Light Cruisers
12 Destroyers
2 Squadrons Submarines
1st Base Force

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships
6" Cruisers

SOUTH DAKOTA
CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND
JUNEAU

Approx 8 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

WARSPITE
VALIANT
RESOLUTION
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
REVENGE
INDOMITABLE
ILLUSTRIOUS
FORMIDABLE
ALBATROSS
DEVONSHIRE
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
FROBISHER
CALEDON
DRAGON
ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
CERES
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
CAPE TOWN
DANAÉ
DAUNTLESS
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
NEWCASTLE
SUMATRA (Dutch)
WORCESTERSHIRE
RANCHI
CORFU
ALANIA
CENTRAL
RANPURA
CANTON
QUEEN OF BERMUDA
CANTAGE
HEMSKENCK
CARLISLE

Aircraft Carriers

Seaplane Carrier
8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruiser
6" Cruisers

A.M.C's.

A.A. Vessels

At least 25 Destroyers
At least 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

1 Squadron Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

17th August, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Convoy A1 ("BOTH") escorted by "SWAN" arr. Townsville 0050/16
Convoy B1 ("JAMES P. COOPER" "JAMES WILSON") arr. Townsville p.m. 16/8.
- (ii) Convoy A2 ("BALIK PAPAN" "HEERMSKERK" "BONTEKOE") escorted by "ARUNTA" dep. Milne Bay 16/8 for Townsville. Convoy B2 -- "ZEBULON PIKE" dep. Port Moresby 0700/16 for Townsville E.T.A. 2000/18; "J.G. WHITTIER" at Port Moresby.
- (iii) Convoy A3 ("ANSHUN" "JACOB" "VAN DER LYN") escorted by "WARREGO" & "BENDIGO" due Milne Bay 1100 today 17/8. Convoy B3 ("SEAWITCH" "PERIDA") escorted by "WARRNAMBOOL" due Port Moresby 0600 today 17/8.
- (iv) Convoy A4 ("CREMER" "ANHUI" "BANTAM") and Convoy B4 ("JOHN HART" "DANIEL BOONE" "MAETSUYCKER") will be joined by "SWAN" & "CESSNOC" off Magnetic Island today 17/8 and proceed Milne Bay and Port Moresby respectively.
- (v) "STUART" & "GEELONG" arr. Brisbane from escort duty 0655/16. "GEELONG" escorting "MALVINA" to depart 0630/17 for Sydney.
- (vi) "DELOIRINE" & "WILGANNIA" escorting Convoy PG9 (7 vessels including "AL SEY") en route Brisbane to Newcastle E.T.A. 1800/17 and Sydney E.T.A. 2400/17.
- (vii) "MORESBY" & "CAIRNS" escorting Sydney section Convoy OC17 arr. 0908/16.
- (viii) "ROCKHAMPTON" dep. Sydney 0307/16 to escort remainder of convoy OC17 to Newcastle. To depart Newcastle 0900 today 17/8 escorting Convoy CO19 (5 M.V.) for Melbourne. "MORESBY" to depart Sydney with 3 M.V. 1530/17 to R.V.
- (ix) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy CO18 arr. Melbourne 1611/16. "BUNGAREE" from this convoy arr. Geelong 1644/16.
- (x) "WHYALLA" "TOWNSVILLE" "YANDRA" escorting OC18 (13 M.V.) en route Port Phillip to Port Kembla E.T.A. 2000/18; Sydney 0200/19; Newcastle 1001/19.
- (xi) "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" dep. Sydney 13/8 for Melbourne.
- (xii) "COLAC" escorting "JAFARA" dep. Townsville 0120/16 for Port Moresby E.T.A. 0600/19.
- (xiii) "KATOOMBA" dep. Rossel Island for Townsville 1130/16 E.T.A. 1400/18 (see Naval Incidents).
- (xiv) "KANIMBLA" dep. Port Phillip 2219/15 for Sydney E.T.A. 1530/18.
- (xv) At Sydney - "WESTRALIA" "MANOORA" "K.12" "K.9" "DOBBIN" "MIZAR" "ARMIDALE" "MANUNDA" Repairing - "PHOENIX" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "VICTORIA"
- (xvi) At Brisbane - "ACHILLES" "STUART" "GRIFFIN" "ATREUS" "TULSA" "BALLAR" "GOULBURN"
- (xvii) At Melbourne - "ADELAIDE" -- Repairing "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xviii) At Adelaide - "TOOWOOMBA"
- (xix) At Cid Harbour - "KURUMBA"
- (xx) At Thursday Island - "LITHGOW"
- (xxi) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces

- (i) RABAUL - Air recce reported 26 medium sized vessels in Rabaul Harbour at 1030/16.
- (ii) NEW IRELAND - A B.17 on recce reported the following enemy shipping
 - a) Kavieng - 1 cargo vessel (6/8000 tons) approx 45 miles S.E. Kavieng at 1015/16 course 130° and 1 "Torpedo Boat" or submarine 22 miles S.W. Kavieng at 1105 course 255°.
 - b) Nuguria Is. (85 miles E. Tanga Is.) - 1 cruiser, 2 unidentified warships 1 merchant ship, stationary approx 85 miles ENE Nuguria
 - c) ~~Rendova Is. (New Georgia)~~ - Recce aircraft sighted a destroyer and tender off the E. Coast Rendova at 1215/16.

(iii) SOLOMONS

Comment - These vessels are probably the same force as that reported steaming south from Buka Passage 15/8.

- (iii) BUNA → 6 small motor launches were reported/off the coast near Bona by air recce 1310/16. ^{3 miles}
- (iv) BUKA - No enemy activity reported, by air recce 16/8.
- (v) ENEMY SUBMARINE ACTIVITY - Comsopac estimated the dispositions of enemy submarine on 15/8 in the Solomons - New Hebrides - New Caledonia area, as follows -
 - 4 possibly 5 operating on a line N.W. from Santa Cruz Is. to a distance of 520 miles
 - 1 in Guadalcanal - Tulagi area
 - probably 2 north of New Caledonia to a distance of 300 miles
 - 1 approx 70 miles S.W. Noumea
 There were additional indications of a submarine 100 miles S.W. Rennel Is. (Solomons) at 2000/15 and of another N.W. of Excellent Point (6 miles N. Milne Bay) at 1014/16.
- (vi) GENERAL
 - a) Indications enemy may attempt landing on Gizo Is. (80 miles S.W. Faisi - Shortlands). (VIOE SIGHTING ABOVE)
 - b) There are slight indications that the Japanese may contemplate using paratroops from the Rabaul area.
 - c) The converted seaplane tender "KAMOJ" is now believed en route Rabaul from Jaluit (Marshalls).
 - d) A converted air tender is expected to arrive Kavieng on August 20th & en route for Rabaul.
 - e) There are indications of further submarines proceeding south from Empire Waters to the Truk-Rabaul area.
 - f) There are indications that units of Crudiv 7 (2 heavy cruisers with 4 destroyers and 1 converted S/P Tender or converted aircraft carrier "KAGU MARU") are proceeding to Rabaul from N.E.I. waters. These units were still in East Indies waters on 14/8.
 - g) There are continued indications of personnel, equipment and aircraft reinforcements proceeding to the Rabaul - Solomons area in convoy.

~~(h) Indications enemy may attempt landing Gizo Is (Refer para # above)~~

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "VOYAGER" dep. Fremantle 1755/14 for Geraldton, thence Darwin.
- (ii) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "SIBIGO" & "BABINDA" en route Darwin to Thursday Island E.T.A. 1530 today 17/8.
- (iii) "MARYBOROUGH" en route Albany to Adelaide E.T.A. 1130 today 17/8.
- (iv) "BOMBAY" arrived Albany 0915/16 to relieve "LAUNCESTON".
- (v) "LAUNCESTON" dep. Albany for Fremantle 1315/16 E.T.A. 0900/18.
- (vi) At Fremantle - "TROMP" "TRINITY" "CHILDS" "K.S" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "ERLING BROVIG" "LANAKAI" "MADRAS" "WOLLONGONG"
- (vii) At Albany - "PELIAS" "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL"
- (viii) At Exmouth Gulf - "W.B. PRESTON" "HERON"
- (ix) For submarines in Western Sector - see Appendix.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

Air Recce 15/8 - No enemy shipping or activity was reported at

- (11) Ambon or Keopang Indications special landing force embarked in Maru en route or about to proceed Ambon to Rabaul.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces (See Appendix)

Enemy Forces

- (i) There are now indications C in C 2nd Fleet is in the vicinity of Saipan (Marianas) possibly en route south.
 Comment - C in C 2nd Fleet is believed to be commanding the major Task Force that has been indicated as being formed in Home Waters for operations in the Solomons area.
- (ii) The Carriers of Cardiv 2 ("HIYATAKA" "HITAKA" & "ZUIHO") are now thought to be in the Marcus Island area.

Comment - These units were previously reported operating off the east coast of Honshu with two "TAKAO" class heavy cruisers. Their present location suggests they may be proceeding south to the Fourth Fleet area as recently indicated.

- (iii) The remaining aircraft carriers are believed to be still in Southern Japan~~xxx~~ waters.
- (iv) The converted seaplane tender "KAMIKAWA MARU" was recently reported loading aircraft in Japan for despatch to the New Britain area.
- (v) Two divisions (6 units) of Subron 1 are now en route New Britain area from Yokosuka via Truk.
- (vi) Present intelligence indicates the major enemy striking force being formed ~~xxx~~ as reinforcements for future operations in the Solomon area may include -
 - 4 battle cruisers ("KONGO" "KIRISHIMA" "HARUNA" "HIYEI")
 - 4 possibly 6 aircraft carriers ("CV's) "ZUIKAKU" "SHOKAKU" "RYUJO" "HOSHO" "HIYATAKA" "HITAKA");
 - 1 converted A/C Carrier (XCV) "ZUIHO"
 - 7 heavy cruisers (including 2 units Crudiv 7 at present in N.E.I. Waters)
 - 2 Seaplane Carriers
 - 2 Converted S/P Carriers
 - Destroyers

The main force may proceed south within the next 7 days. The addition of the above units would bring the enemy total naval striking force available in the New Britain - Solomons area to probably -

- 4 Battlecruisers (BB's)
- 4 poss. 6 A/C Carriers ("CV's)
- 1 converted A/C Carrier (XCV)
- 10 heavy cruisers (CA's)
- at least 3 light cruisers (CL's)
- 4-5 converted S/P Tenders (XAV's)
- 2 Seaplane Carriers (AV's)
- approx 25 Destroyers (DD's)

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "CANBERRA" "CHICAGO" "HOBART" & 9 destroyers) is operating under Comsopac.
- (ii) "MILDURA" after refuelling at Noumea to escort "BISHOPDALE" to Sydney for dry docking.
- (iii) At Tongatabu - "ANTARES" "HOPKINS" "ZANE" "ARCTIC"
- (iv) At Samoa - "TURKEY" "KINGFISHER" "BRAZOS" "CAMANGA"
- (v) At Suva - "GALE" "BALLARD" "SABINE"
- (vi) At Auckland - "MONOWAI" "RIGEL" "CASTOR" "PERKINS" "LEANDER" "CUMMINGS"
- (vii) At Noumea - "SUMNER" "SOUTHARD" "HOVEY" "ARGONNE" "RAINIER" "AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "CHICAGO" "NEVILLE" "HEYWOOD" "FULLER" "FOMALHAUT" "BELLATRIX" "McCAWLEY" "BARNETT" "HUNTER LEGGETT" "AMERICAN LEGION" "LIBRA" "ALCHIBA" "MUGFORD" "PATTERSON" "RALPH TALBOT" "HELM" "BLUE" "BAGLEY" "HENLEY" "SELFRIDGE" "PLATTE" "KASKASKIA" "CLARK" "GWIN" "MERKUR" "ALDEBARAN"
- (viii) At Vila - "CAP DES PALMES"
- (ix) At Espiritu Santo - "CURTISS" "ALCYONE" "MACKINAC" "WHARTON" "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "CRESCENT CITY" "ALHENA" "PRESIDENT HAYES" "PRESIDENT JACKSON" "GAMBLE" "BREESE" "TRACY" "NAVAJO" "KANAWHA" "AYLWIN"

Enemy Forces

For submarine activity see A(v).

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces (See Appendix)

Enemy Forces

- (i) There are now indications that the heavy cruiser "NACHI" is again en route Kiska from Japan,
- (ii) The three light cruisers "TAMA" "ABUKUMA" & "KISO" (5,100 tons; 7-5.5") are at present operating in the Kiska area. "TAMA" recently replaced heavy cruiser "NACHI" as Flagship Fifth Fleet.

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Enemy Forces

- (i) RANGOON - A B.25 on recon reported 1 destroyer, 10 medium & small M.V., 300 trucks, and cars in the vicinity of Rangoon 14/8.
- (ii) COCOS IS. - Several unidentified aircraft were reported over Cocos Is. 16/8.
- (iii) ENEMY SUBMARINES
 - a) There were indications of an enemy submarine at 2130/15 within 100 miles of 26° 30' S, 105° E (480 miles W. Shark Bay - W.A)
 - b) Enemy submarines in the Indian Ocean have been operating recently in the Seychelles, Chagos, Maldives area as well as the Mozambique Channel. There are indications that some of the units from the S.W. Indian Ocean are changing stations or returning to their base, probably Penang.
- (iv) SURFACE RAIDERS - There is no recent information concerning enemy raiders operating in the Indian Ocean. These include probably German Raider E and two Japanese merchant raiders.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) ROSSEL IS. - H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA" reports that U.S. Submarine S.39 has been destroyed. She is now fast aground on Rossel Is., burnt out and still visible. The whole of the crew is uninjured and has been taken on board "KATOOMBA", which departed for Townsville 1130/16 E.T.A. 1400/19.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

ALLIED

BECO (Timor) - 8 Hudsons attacked Beco 1755/16. A large fire observed before attack.

ENEMY

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of bases in Buka - Bougainville area.
- (ii) Heavy naval and air counter attack against allied positions in Solomons.
- (iii) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (iv) Occupation of Nauru and Ocean Island.
- (v) Intensified submarine activity in the S.W. Pacific area.

For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

17/8/42

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR
British and Allied Forces
6" Cruisers

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
	ACHILLES	PHOENIX
	ADELAIDE	
Flotilla Leaders	STUART	LE TRIOMPHANT
	ARUNTA	
Submarines	S.37)	
	S.40)	
	S.42)	
	S.43)	At Brisbane
	S.45)	
	S.46)	
	S.47)	
	S.38)	
	S.39)	On Patrol
	S.41)	
	S.44)	
Dutch Submarines	K.9)	
	K.12)	At Sydney
A.M.C.'s	WESTRALIA	
	MANOORA	
	KANIMBIA	
Submarine Tender	GRIFFIN	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Storeships	MIZAR	GOLDSTAR
Gunboat	TULSA	
Oiler		VICTORIA

Enemy Forces

New Guinea - Bismarck Archipelago - Solomons Area

C in C 8th Fleet

C in C 4th Fleet

~~At least~~ 4 heavy cruisers (one "EAKO"; one "AOBA" class; "CHOKAI")

3 Light Cruisers ("YUBARI"; 2 "TENRYU" class)

12 Destroyers

1 possibly 2 Seaplane Carriers "CHITOSE" "CHIYODA"

3-5 Converted S/P Tenders including "KIYOKAWA MARU" "KAMOY"

Approx 20 Merchant Ships

8 Patrol Craft

6 Minelaying Craft

At least 12 Submarines (4 RO class; 8 "I" class)

16 Sub Chasers

Approx 206 shore-based aircraft including 89 fighters, 78 H/B,
18 flying boats and 19 float planes, 2 Observation A/C

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

Flotilla Leader

Destroyer

Seaplane Tenders

Submarine Tenders

Submarines

TROMP
VOYAGER
HERON
CHILDS
W.B. PRESTON
HOLLAND
PELIAS
On Patrol
SAURY
SPEARFISH
GAR
TAUTOG
SKIPJACK
GRAMPUS
GRAYBACK
SNAPPER
SWORDFISH
SEAWOLF
SEAL
SALMON

Submarines (Contd)

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

Dutch Submarine

THRESHER	}	At Fremantle
SEADRAGON		
SEARAVEN		
SARGO		
STURGEON	}	At Albany
SAILFISH		
K.8		At Fremantle

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

C in C 3rd Fleet

C in C Southern Expeditionary Fleet

3 - 8" Cruisers "ASHIGARA"
"KUMANO"
one other) en route New Britain - Solomons area

4 Light Cruisers

16-30 Destroyers

Several Converted Seaplane Tenders

Timor

Approx 40 shore-based aircraft including 27 fighters, 9 H/B, 4 F/B

Bali

Approx 25 shore-based aircraft including 21 fighters, 4 Obsn A/C

Ambon

Approx 10 shore-based aircraft including 8 F/B, 4 F/P

Celebes

Approx 114 shore-based aircraft including 62 fighters, 23 H/B, 12 F/B,
18 F/P

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

Effective

MARYLAND
COLORADO
IDAHO
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
TENNESSEE
PENNSYLVANIA
BORNET
NORTHAMPTON
PENSACOLA
BOISE
SAN DIEGO
RALEIGH
15 (approx)
23 (approx)

Refitting or Repairing

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

A/C Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

YORKTOWN

CHESTER

DETROIT

Destroyers

Submarines

Enemy Forces

Palao - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

11 Battleships

YAMATO	
MUTSU	FUSO
NAGATO	KIRISHIMA
HIYUGA	KONGO
HIYEI	HARUNA
YAMASHIRO	
ISE	

6 Aircraft Carriers

"SHOKAKU
ZUIKAKU
RYUNO
HOSHU
JUNYO (HIYATAKA)
HIYO (HITAKA)

3 Converted A/C Carriers

ZUIHO
KASUMA MARU
NISSHIN

Seaplane Carrier

7 - 8" Cruisers

CHIYODA
ATAGO
TAKAO
TONE

8" Cruisers (Contd)

HAGURO)
MYOKO) Boss. en route Solomons Area
NACHI)

2 - 6" Cruisers
2 Converted S/P Tenders ("NOTORO" "FUJIKAWA MARU")
Approx 40 Destroyers
Approx 20 Subs

Mandated Islands
Truk Area

1 Light Cruiser
Approx 8 Destroyers
1 Converted S/P Tender
1 Gunboat Division
Several Chartered Merchant Ships
Special Landing Party Force (Marines)
Approx 10 Submarines
7 M.T.B.'s

Marshalls

2 converted S/P Tenders ("GOSHU MARU" & "KAMOI")
At least 2 Submarine Squadrons from 6th Fleet
1 M/S Flotilla (16h)
Air Tenders and Minesweepers
Commander Submarine Force
15 M.T.B.'s

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battle ship
A/C Carriers

8" Cruisers

NORTH CAROLINA
WASP
SARATOGA
ENTERPRISE
LONG ISLAND (Converted)
ASTORIA
PORTLAND
VINCENNES
MINNEAPOLIS
QUINCY
SAN FRANCISCO
NEW ORLEANS
AUSTRALIA
CANNBERRA
CHICAGO
SALT LAKE CITY
HOBART
ATLANTA
HELENA
LEANDER
ACHILLES
SAN JUAN
SELFRIDGE
30 (approx)

6" Cruisers

Squadron Leader
Destroyers

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

6" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE
INDIANAPOLIS
HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE

15 Destroyers
10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians

3 Light Cruisers
12 Destroyers
2 Squadrons Submarines
1st Base Force

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleship
6" Cruisers

SOUTH DAKOTA
CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND
JUNEAU

Approx 8 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

WARSPITE
VALIANT
RESOLUTION
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
RAMILLIES
INDOMITABLE
ILLUSTRIOUS
FORMIDABLE
ALBATROSS
DEVONSHIRE
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
FROBISHER
CALLEDON
DRAGON
ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
CERES
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
CAPETOWN
DANAE
DAUNTLESS
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
NEWCASTLE
SUMATRA (Dutch)
WORCESTERSHIRE
RANCHI
CORFU
ALANIA
CHITRAL
RANPURA
CANTON
QUEEN OF BERMUDA
GARTHAGE
HEEMSKERCK
CARLISLE

Aircraft Carriers

Seaplane Carrier
8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruiser
6" Cruisers

A.W.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

At least 25 Destroyers
At least 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

1 Squadron Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

18th August, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Convoy A2 ("BALIK PAPAN" "HREMSKERK" "BONTEKOE") escorted by "ARUNTA" en route Milne Bay to Townsville ~~KXXXX~~ e.t.a. today 18/8.
Convoy B2 - "ZEBULON PIKE" en route Moresby to Townsville e.t.a. 2000/18; ~~KXXXX~~ "J G WHITTIER" dep. Moresby 1700/17 for Townsville e.t.a. 2100/19.
- (ii) Convoy A3 ("ANSHUN" "sJACOB" "VAN DER LYN") escorted by "WARRAGO" "BENBIGO" at Milne Bay.
Convoy B3 ("SEANITCH" "PERIDA") escorted by "WARRNAMBOOL" arr. Moresby 0700/17.
- (iii) "SWAN" & "GRESNOCK" dep. Townsville 0831/17 to R V with Convoys A4 and B4 off Magnetic Island and escort to position Z (150 miles SSE Port Moresby) e.t.a. 1200/19. "WARRNAMBOOL" to R V in this position and escort B4 ("JOHN HART" "DANIEL BOONE" "MAEPSUYCKE") to Port Moresby e.t.a. 0500/20. "SWAN" & "GRESNOCK" escorting A4 ("CREMER" "ANHUI" "BANTAM") to proceed Milne Bay e.t.a. 1100/20.
- (iv) "STUART" escorting "POYANG" (Armament storeship) dep. Brisbane 2122/17 for Noumea e.t.a. 0500/21.
- (v) "DELOIRINE" & "WILCANNIA" escorting Convoy PG9 arr. Sydney 2354/17. With "CAIRNS" & "IPSWICH" to escort Convoy C020 dep. Newcastle a.m. 20/8. Newcastle Section (including "ALSEY" arr. 1736/17.
- (vi) "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Convoy C019 (5 MV) dep. Newcastle 0931/17. "MORESBY" escorting 3 MV dep. Sydney 1631/17 to RV with main convoy.
- (vii) "WHYALLA" "TOWNSVILLE" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy C018 (13 MV) en route Port Phillip to Fort Kembla ETA 2000/18; Sydney 0200 19/8; Newcastle 1001/19.
- (viii) "GEELONG" escorting "MALVINA" dep. Brisbane 0630/17 for Sydney
- (ix) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "SIBIGO" "BABINDA" arr. Thursday Island from Darwin 1027/17.
- (x) "MANYBOROUGH" arr. Adelaide from Albany 0907/17.
- (xi) "IPSWICH" arr. Sydney after working up exercises 0821/17.
- (xii) "NAMBUCCA" dep. Sydney 0913/17 for Brisbane e.t.a. 0900/20.
- (xiii) "COLAC" escorting "JAPARA" en route Townsville - Port Moresby e.t.a. 0600/19.
- (xiv) "KANIMELA" en route Melbourne to Sydney e.t.a. 1530 today 18/8.
- (xv) "KATCOMBA" en route Rossel Is. to Townsville e.t.a. 1400/19.
- (xvi) "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" dep. Sydney 13/8 for Melbourne.
- (xvii) At Sydney - "WESTRALIA" "MANOCRA" "K.12" "K.9" "DOBBIN" "MIZAR" "ARMIDALE" "MANUNDA"
Repairing - "PHOENIX" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "VICTORIA"
- (xviii) At Brisbane - "ACHILLES" "GRIFFIN" "ATREUS" "TULSA" "BALLARAT" "GOULBURN"
- (xix) At Melbourne - "ADELAIDE" "DOOMBA" - Repairing "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xx) At Geelong - "HUNGAREE"
- (xxi) At Adelaide - "TOOWOOMBA"
- (xxii) At Cid Harbour - "KURUMBA"
- (xxiii) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see appendix.

Enemy Forces

- (i) KAVIENG - A B.17 on recon reported 3 cruisers and 1 destroyer at anchor in Kavieng Harbour at 1040/17. An attempt to bomb the cruisers was unsuccessful.
- (ii) GIZO - Air recon reported 2 destroyers, one 4,000 tons merchant vessel at anchor in Gizo Harbour approx noon 17/8.
- (iii) MALAITA - Unidentified two masted vessel was reported off Belana Head (N.end Malaita) at 0800/15.
- (iv) ENEMY SUBMARINE ACTIVITY - There were indications for 15/8 of an enemy submarine approx 31 miles E. by S. of the Northern tip of New Georgia and there were indications on 15/8 and 16/8 that an enemy submarine was operating South of Rennell Is.

Comment - At least 10 enemy submarines are believed to be operating in the Solomons - New Hebrides - New Caledonia area.

(v) GENERAL -

- a) There are slight indications that the Japanese may contemplate using paratroops from the Rabaul area.
- b) The converted seaplane tender "KAMOI" is now believed en route Rabaul from Jaluit (Marshalls).
- c) A converted air tender is expected to arrive Kavieng on August 20th en route for Rabaul.
- d) There are indications of further submarines proceeding south from Empire Waters to the Truk - Rabaul area.
- e) There are indications that units of Crudiv 7 (2 heavy cruisers with 4 destroyers and 1 converted S/P Tender or converted aircraft carrier "KAGU MARU") are proceeding to Rabaul from NEI waters. These units were still in East Indies waters on 14/8.
- f) There are continued indications of personnel, equipment and aircraft reinforcements proceeding to the Rabaul - Solomons area in convoy.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "VOYAGER" dep. Fremantle 1755/14 for Geraldton, thence Darwin.
- (ii) "LAUNCESTON" enroute Albany to Fremantle ETA 1400/18.
- (iii) "W B PRESTON" arr. Fremantle 0921/17 & dep. with "THRESHER" for Albany 1712/17, ETA 0400/19.
- (iv) "LITHGOW" escorting "JAMES COOK" dep. Thursday Is. 0417/17 for Darwin ETA 2030/20.
- (v) "WATO" arr. Exmouth Gulf escorting Oil Lighter 2155/17.
- (vi) At Fremantle - "TROMP" "TRINITY" "CHILDS" "K.8" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "ERLING ERVIG" "LANAKAI" "MADRAS" "WOLLONGONG"
- (vii) At Albany - "PELIAS" "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" "BOMBAY"
- (viii) At Exmouth Gulf - "HERON"
- (ix) For submarines in Western Sector - see appendix.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

- (i) Indications special landing force embarked in Maru en route or about to proceed Ambon to Rabaul.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces (See Appendix)

Enemy Forces

- (i) C in C 2nd Fleet (Flagship heavy cruiser "ATAGO") is believed to have been at sea in the Saipan area on 15/8 en route South. C in C Second Fleet is believed to be in command of the major Task Force being formed in Home Waters as reinforcements for early operations in the Solomons area.
- (ii) There are now indications that the converted carriers of Cardiv 2 ("HIYATAKA" "HITAKA" "ZUIHO") which were reported in the Marcus Is. area on 15/8 ~~are now thought to~~ have been transporting aircraft to that area and to have also recently transferred aircraft to the aircraft carriers "ZUIKAKU" "SHOKAKU" & "RYUJO".
Comment - There is no indication from the above intelligence to suggest these carriers joining the major Task Force as was previously thought possible.
- (iii) There are continued indications that the aircraft carriers "ZUIKAKU" "SHOKAKU" & "RYUJO" will be involved in future operations to the south. "ZUIKAKU" would appear to be the Flagship of the Aircraft Carrier Force. There has been no recent intelligence to indicate that the other carrier "HOSHO" is associated with the force. "ZUIKAKU" "SHOKAKU" & "RYUJO" are in Southern Kyushu waters and are expected to depart for the south shortly.
Comment - All present intelligence points to "ZUIKAKU" "SHOKAKU" & "RYUJO" as comprising the carrier Striking Force for future operations. The other carriers would appear to be employed principally in ferrying aircraft reinforcements.

(iv) There are now indications that the Commander of Crudiv 7 with destroyers may RV with G in C Second Fleet in the Truk area.

Comment - Two cruisers of Crudiv 7 including "KUMANO" (8,500 tons; 10-8") and destroyers and possibly the converted carrier "KAGU MARU" are at present believed en route Truk - New Britain area from NEI waters.

(v) There is further evidence of the transfer of enemy aircraft from Empire Waters to the Rabaul area. These probably include torpedo and dive bombers from Japan which are apparently being flown via the Bonins, Marianas and Truk.

(vi) There are now indications of additional aircraft movements from the Marshalls to the Truk area.

(vii) There are indications that two possibly three converted seaplane tenders including "KAMIKAWA MARU" are at present en route Truk from Japan.

(viii) There are indications that additional Special Landing Party troops (Marines) are en route Rabaul area from the North.

(ix) Present intelligence suggests that the total enemy force likely to be in the Rabaul - Solomons area within the next seven days may include -

- 4 battle cruisers (BB's) ("KONGO" class)
- 3 aircraft carriers (CV's) "ZUIKAKU" "SHOKAKU"
- 9 possibly 10 heavy cruisers (CA's) "RYUJO"
- 5 light cruisers (CL's)
- 2 seaplane carriers (AV's)
- 7 possibly 8 converted S/P Tenders (XAV's)
- approx 30 destroyers (DD's)
- approx 20 submarines (SS's)

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

(i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "CANBERRA" "CHICAGO" "HOBART" & 9 destroyers) is operating under Comsupac.

(ii) "MILDURA" after refuelling at Noumea to escort "BISHOPDALE" to Sydney for dry docking.

(iii) At Tongatabu - "ANTARES" "HOPKINS" "ZANE" "ARCTIC" (Storeship)

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

(v) At Suva - "GALE" "BALLARD" "SABINE" (Oiler)

(vi) At Auckland - "MONOWAI" (AMC) "RIGEL" "CASTOR" "PERKINS" "LENDER"

(vii) At Noumea - "SUMNER" "SOUTHARD" "HOVEY" "ARGONNE" "BAINIER" "AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "CHICAGO" "NEVILLE" "HEYWOOD" "FULLER" "FOMALHAUT" "BELLATRIX" "McCAWLEY" "BARNETT" "HUNTER LEGGETT" "AMERICAN LEGION" "LIBRA" "ALCHIBA" "MUGFORD" "PATTERSON" "RALPH TALBOT" "HELM" "BLUE" "BAGLEY" "HENLEY" "SELFRIDGE" "MEREUR" "ALDEBARAN"

(viii) At Vila - "CAP DES PALMES" "CIMARRON"

(ix) At Espiritu Santo - "CURTISS" "ALCYONE" "MACKINAC" "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "CRESCENT CITY" "ALHENA" "PRESIDENT HAYES" "GAMBLE" "BREESE" "TRACY" "NAVAJO" "KANAWHA" "AYLWIN"

(x) At Wellington - "CHEVREUIL"

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Enemy Forces

(i) An unknown enemy unit was indicated 28°S, 104°E (555 miles W. by S. Shark Bay - W.A.). (This is probably the unit reported as a submarine 480 miles W. of Shark Bay.)

(ii) ENEMY SUBMARINES - ~~There are indications that enemy submarines are operating in the Indian Ocean area as well as the Mozambique Channel. There are indications that some of the units from the SW Indian Ocean are changing stations or returning to their base, probably Penang.~~
Enemy submarines in the Indian Ocean have been operating recently in the Seychelles, Chagos, Maldives area as well as the Mozambique Channel. There are indications that some of the units from the SW Indian Ocean are changing stations or returning to their base, probably Penang.

(iii) SURFACE RAIDERS - There is no recent information concerning enemy raiders operating in the Indian Ocean. These include probably German Raider E and two Japanese merchant raiders.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

A floating contact mine, believed to be of foreign manufacture, was located and destroyed in position 18°S, 165°E (115 miles NE of Grand Passage, New Caledonia, at 1500/12.

AIR OPERATIONS

ALLIED

TIMOR - Six Hudsons attacked Bobonaro (18 miles N.Beco).
Results unknown.

ENEMY

- (i) PORT MORESBY - 24 enemy aircraft, possibly heavy bombers attacked Seven Mile Aerodrome at 0920/17. Control Tower and Base Operations Hut completely gutted; drums of fuel destroyed; large grass fires started.
- (ii) DARWIN - An enemy recon aircraft reported Darwin area 17/8.
- (iii) OCEAN IS. - Unidentified aircraft reported over Ocean Is. 15/8.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Consolidation of bases in Buka - Bougainville area.
- (ii) Heavy naval and air counter attack against allied positions in Solomons.
- (iii) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (iv) Occupation of Nauru and Ocean Island.
- (v) Intensified submarine activity in the S W Pacific area.

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For DIRECTOR C O I C
18th August, 1942
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APPENDIX

to

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR
British and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
6" Cruisers	ACHILLES	PHOENIX
	ADELAIDE	
Flotilla Leaders	STUART	LE TRIOMPHANT
	ARUNTA	
Submarines	S.37)	
	S.40)	
	S.42)	
	S.43)) At Brisbane	
	S.45)	
	S.46)	
	S.47)	
	S.38)	
	S.39)	
Dutch Submarines	S.41) On Patrol.	
	K.84)) At Sydney	
	K.12)	
A.M.C.'s	WESTRALIA	
	MANOORA	
	KANIMBLA	
Submarine Tender	GRIFFIN	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Storeships	MIZAR	GOLDSTAR
Gunboat	TULSA	
Oiler		VICTORIA

Enemy Forces

New Guinea - Bismarck Archipelago - Solomons Area

- C in C 8th Fleet
- C in C 4th Fleet
- 3 poss. 4 heavy cruisers (one "KA KO"; one "AOBA" class; "CHOKAI")
- 3 Light Cruisers ("YUBARI"; 2 TENRYU class)
- 12 Destroyers
- 1 possibly 2 Seaplane Carriers "CHITOSE" "CHIYODA"
- 3-5 Converted S/P Tenders including "KIYOKAWA MARU" "KAMOI"
- Approx 20 Merchant Ships
- 8 Patrol Craft
- 6 Minesweeping Craft
- At least 12 submarines (4 RO class; 8 "I" class)
- 16 Sub Chasers
- Approx 206 shore-based aircraft including 89 fighters, 78 H/B, 18 flying boats and 19 float planes, 2 Observation A/C

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR
British and Allied Forces

Flotilla Leader	TROMP
Destroyer	VOYAGER
Seaplane Tenders	HERON
	CHILDS
	W.B. PRESTON
Submarine Tenders	HOLLAND
	PELIAS
Submarines	<u>On Patrol</u>
	SAORY
	SPEARFISH
	GAR
	TAUTOG
	SKIPJACK
	GRAN PUS
	GRAYBACK
	SNAPPER

Submarines (Contd)

SHORDFISH
SEAWOLF
SEASIDE SEAL
SALMON

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

THRESHER	}	At Fremantle
SEADRAGON		
SEARAVEN		
SARGO		
STURGEON	}	At Albany
SALFISH		
SCULPIN		En route Eastern Sector
Dutch Submarine	K.S	At Fremantle

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

6 in C 3rd Fleet

6 in C Southern Expeditionary Fleet

3 - 8" Cruisers

"ASHIGARA"

"KUMANO"

1 other

} on route New Britain - Solomons area

4 Light Cruisers

16-30 Destroyers

Several Converted Seaplane Tenders (including "KAGU MARU" en route Truk)

Timor

Approx 40 shore-based aircraft including 27 fighters, 9 H/B, 4 F/B

Bali

Approx 25 shore-based aircraft including 21 fighters, 4 Obsn Aircraft

Ambon

Approx 10 shore-based aircraft including 3 F/B, 4 F/P

Celebes

Approx 114 shore-based aircraft including 62 fighters, 23 H/B, 12 F/B, 18 F/P

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

Effective

MARYLAND
COLORADO
IDAHO
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
TENNESSEE
PENNSYLVANIA
HORNET
NORTHAMPTON
PENSACOLA
BOISE
SAN DIEGO
BALDICH

Refitting or Repairing

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

Aircraft and Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Destroyers

Submarines

15 (approx)
23 (approx)

Enemy Forces

Falao - Saipan - Bonins - Iwan

11 Battleships (BB's)

YAMATO
MUTSU FUSEO
NAGATO KIRISHIMA
HYUGA KONGO
HIYEI HARUNA
YAMASHIRO
ISE
SHOKAKU
ZUIKAKU
RYUJO
HOSHIO
JUNYO (HIYATAKA)
HIYO (HITAKA)
ZUIHO
NISSEIN
KASUGA MARU
CHIYODA
ATAGO
TAKAO
TONE

6 Aircraft Carriers (CV's)

3 Converted A/C Carriers (ACV's)

Seaplane Carrier (AV)

7 - 8" Cruisers (CA's)

2 - 68 Cruisers
3 Converted S/P Tenders (LAV's) "NOTORO" "FUJIKAWA MARU" "GOSHU MARU"
Approx 40 Destroyers
Approx 20 Submarines

Mandated Islands

Truk Area

Approx 8 Destroyers
1 Converted Seaplane Tender
1 Gunboat Division
Several Chartered Merchant Ships
Special Landing Party Force (Marines)
Submarines 7
7 M.T.B.'s

Marshall

1 Light Cruiser
Approx 12 Submarines
1 M/S Flotilla (16th)
Air Tenders and Minesweepers
15 M.T.B.'s

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleship
Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Squadron Leader
Destroyers

NORTH CAROLINA
WASP
SARATOGA
ENTERPRISE
LONG ISLAND (Converted)
PORTLAND
ASTORIA
VINCENNES
MINNEAPOLIS
QUINCY
SAN FRANCISCO
NEW ORLEANS
AUSTRALIA
CANBERRA
CHICAGO
SALT LAKE CITY
HOBART
ATLANTA
HELENA
LEANDER
ACHILLES
SAN JUAN
SELFIDGE
30 (approx)

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

15 Destroyers
10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians

3 Light Cruisers
12 Destroyers
2 Squadrons Submarines
1st Base Force

LOUISVILLE
INDIANAPOLIS
HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE

K) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleship
6" Cruisers

SOUTH DAKOTA
CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND
JUNEAU

Approx 8 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

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

Aircraft Carriers

Seaplane Carrier
8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruiser
6" Cruisers

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

At least 25 Destroyers
At least 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

1 Squadron Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

19th August, 1942

1. POSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Convoy A2 ("BALIK PAPAN" "HEEMSKERK" "BONTEKOE") escorted by "ARUNTA" due Townsville today 19/8 from Milne Bay.
Convoy B2 - "ZEBULON PIKE" "J.G. WHITTIER" due Townsville from Moresby 2000/18 and 2100/19 respectively.
- (ii) Convoy A3 ("ANSHUN" "S. JACOB" "VAN DER LYN") escorted by "WARREGO" "BENDIGO" at Milne Bay.
Convoy B3 ("SEAWITCH" "PERIDA") escorted by "WARRNAMBOOL" at Port Moresby.
- (iii) Convoy A4 ("CREMER" "ANHUI" "BANTAM") and Convoy B4 ("JOHN HART" "DANIEL BOONE" "MAETSUYCKER") escorted by "SWAN" "CESSNOCK" to R V with "WARRNAMBOOL" 1200 today 19/8 at position Z (150 miles SSE Port Moresby. ("ANHUI" with engine trouble has dropped behind the convoy and is being escorted by "CESSNOCK"). From R V "WARRNAMBOOL" escorts B4 to Moresby E T A 0500/20; "SWAN" & "CESSNOCK" escort A4 to Milne Bay E T A 1100/20.
- (iv) Convoy A5 ("ORMISTON" "TASMAN" "THEOPHANO LIVANOS") escorted by "GOULBURN" to depart Moreton Bay 1200 today 19/8.
- (v) "ROCKHAMPTON" & "MORESBY" escorting Convoy C019 en route Sydney and Newcastle to Melbourne.
- (vi) "WHYALLA" & "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Sydney section of Convoy C018 arr. 2228/18. "YANDRA" continued escorting Newcastle section.
- (vii) "DELORAINNE" "WILCANNIA" "CAIRNS" "IPSWICH" to escort Convoy C020 dep. Newcastle a.m. 20/8.
- (viii) "GEELONG" escorting "MALVINA" dep. Brisbane 17/8 for Sydney.
- (ix) "KANIMBLA" arr. Sydney 1547/18.
- (x) "KATOOMBA" due Townsville today 19/8 at 1400 from Ressel Island.
- (xi) "COLAC" escorting "JAPARA" was due Port Moresby from Townsville 0600 today 19/8.
- (xii) "NAMBUCCA" en route Sydney to Brisbane E T A 0900/20.
- (xiii) "PHOENIX" to depart Sydney 1201 today 19/8 for Noumea.
- (xiv) H M S "GAWLER" to depart Adelaide for Melbourne a.m. 19/8.
- (xv) "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" dep. Sydney 13/8 for Melbourne.
- (xvi) At Sydney - "KANIMBLA" "WESTRALIA" "MANOORA" "K.12" "K.9" "DOBBIN" "MIZAR" "ARMIDALE" "MANUNDA"
Repairing - "LE TRIOMPHANT" "VICTORIA"
- (xvii) At Brisbane - "ACHILLES" "GRIFFIN" "ATREUS" "TULSA" "BALLARAT"
- (xviii) At Melbourne - "ADELAIDE" "DOOMBA" - Repairing "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xix) At Geelong - "BUNGAREE"
- (xx) At Adelaide - "TOOWOOMBA" "MARTBOROUGH"
- (xxi) At Newcastle - "ALSEY"
- (xxii) At Cid Harbour - "KURUMBA"
- (xxiii) At Thursday Is. - "KALGOORLIE"
- (xiv) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see appendix.

Enemy Forces

- (i) RABAU - Air recce 18/8 reported 11 unidentified vessels in Rabaul Harbour, one very large, and one cargo vessel (1,500 tons) in St. George's Channel, at 1110.
- (ii) KAVIENG - Air recce 18/8 reported a destroyer and a cargo ship approx 2,000 tons approaching KAVIENG at 1015.
- (iii) FENI ISLANDS - (approx 4°S, 153°40'E) - Aircraft on recce 18/8 sighted one destroyer, one cargo vessel (6/8000 tons) east of Feni Is. at 1030 on course 170°.
- (iv) GIZO - Following the report of two destroyers, 1 merchant vessel in Gizo Harbour at noon 17/8 a further recce at 1910 sighted one light cruiser, one destroyer in Harbour and three merchant vessels and one tanker in the vicinity of Gizo. On the following day 18/8 air recce reported one light cruiser or large destroyer, one sloop and two merchant vessels approx 25 miles west of Gizo at 1215 on course 330°. (Lt. Cruiser prob. "YUBARI")
- (v) SHORTLAND ISLAND - A reliable report states that a warship was off Shortland Is. (South of Bougainville) at 0400/18.

(vi) GONA - Analysis of photographs taken 18/8 show 7 landing barges cruising in the vicinity of Gona.

(vii) GENERAL

- a) There were indications that two enemy convoys - one including special landing party troops (Marines) in three transports escorted by three light cruisers and the other including a force of Army shock troops were to R V in the vicinity of Greenwich Is. yesterday 18/8 for operations probably in the Solomons area. The army shock troops are believed to have departed Truk on 17/8 with destroyer escort.
- b) There are indications that the converted seaplane tender "KIYOKAWA MARU" is one of the units operating in the Gizo area and that seaplanes from this unit are to reconnoitre the area from Gizo.
- c) Three heavy cruisers of Crudiv 6 (one "AOBA", one "KAKO" class; "CHOKAI") which departed Kavieng August 17th are indicated as proceeding to the Solomons area.
- d) In addition C in C Second Fleet with heavy cruisers "ATAGO" "MYOKO" "HAGURO" & possibly "TAKAO" is indicated as possibly covering the operations of the above convoys. C in C Second Fleet was indicated as being in the Truk area yesterday 18/8.
- e) There are other indications of reinforcements proceeding toward Truk from the North with Guadalcanal as their ultimate destination.
- f) Approx 7 submarines of Subron 1 are believed en route Rabaul area from the North.
- g) There are continued indications of air reinforcements proceeding to the Rabaul area.
- h) There are indications that enemy tankers are operating between Truk and Rabaul.
- i) There are some indications that the enemy is operating flying boat recon aircraft from the vicinity of Gasmata.
- j) There are strong indications that two enemy submarine tenders are operating at Rabaul.
- k) There are continued indications of enemy submarines in the Solomons area.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied forces

- (i) "VOYAGER" dep. Geraldton a.m. 15/8 for Darwin E T A a.m. 20/8.
- (ii) "LAUNCESTON" arr. Fremantle from Albany 1600/18.
- (iii) "LITHGOW" escorting "JAMES COOK" en route Thursday Is. to Darwin e.t.a. 2030/20.
- (iv) At Fremantle - "TROMP" "TRINITY" "CHILDS" "K.S" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "W B PRESTON" "ERLING BROVIG" "LANAKAI" "MADRAS" "WOLLONGONG"
- (v) At Albany - "PELIAS" "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" "BOMBAY"
- (vi) At Exmouth Gulf - "HEBRON"
- (vii) For submarines in Western Sector - see appendix.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

Allied air recon 18/8 sighted one merchant vessel Ambon area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Enemy Forces

- (i) C in C Second Fleet (Flagship heavy cruiser "ATAGO") is believed to have arrived Truk area yesterday 18/8. C in C Second Fleet is believed to be in command of the Task Force recently formed in Home Waters for early operations in the Solomons area. There are some indications that C in C Second Fleet may be accompanied by heavy cruisers "HAGURO" "MYOKO" & possibly "TAKAO" and that these units may be proceeding south to cover convoy movements to the Solomons.
- (ii) There is no further information concerning the three striking force carriers "ZUIKAKU" (Flag) "SHOKAKU" & "RYUJO" which have been indicated as possibly departing south shortly for operations with the Task Force.
- (iii) There are now indications that units of Crudiv 7 and 4 destroyers which are proceeding to Truk from E E I waters may join the aircraft carriers in the Truk area to form part of the Striking

Force under C in C Second Fleet.

- (v) There are continued indications that portion of the enemy's NEI forces are being despatched to reinforce C in C 8th Fleet command.
- (v) There is further evidence of the transfer of aircraft from Empire Waters to the Rabaul area including torpedo and dive bombers from Japan via the Bonina, ~~Mariana~~ Marianas and Truk.
- (vi) "KAMIKAWA MARU" and two other converted seaplane tenders are en route Truk from Japan. "KAMIKAWA MARU" was in the Saipan area yesterday 18/8.
- (vii) The Seaplane Tender "CHIYODA" was believed to be in the Saipan area 17/8 proceeding south.
- (viii) Present intelligence suggests that the total enemy striking force likely to be available in the Rabaul - Solomons area within the next 7 days may include -

4 battle cruisers (BB's) "KONGO" class
3 aircraft carriers (CV's) "ZUIKAKU" "SHOKAKU" "RYUJO"
9 heavy cruisers (CA's) "ATAGO" "HAGURO" "MYOKO" "TAKAO" "
"KUMANO" "TONE" "CHOKAI" one "AOBA", one "KAKO" class
5 light cruisers (CL's)
2 seaplane carriers (AV's)
7 converted seaplane tenders (IAV's)

approx 30 destroyers (DD's)
approx 20 submarines (SS's)

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" (F) "CANBERRA" "CHICAGO" "HOBART" & 9 destroyers) is operating under Comsopac.
- (ii) "MILDURA" is escorting "BISHOPDALE" to Sydney for dry docking.
- (iii) "STUART" escorting "POYANG" enroute Brisbane to Noumea eta 0500/21.
- (iv) At Tongatabu - "ANTARES" "HOPKINS" "ZANE" "ARCTIC"
- (v) At Samoa - "TURKEY" "KINGFISHER" "BRAZOS" "CAMANGA"
- (vi) At Suva - "GALE" "BALLARD" "SABINE"
- (vii) At Auckland - "MONOWAI" "RIGEL" "CASTOR" "PERKINS" "LEANDER"
- (viii) At Noumea - "SUMNER" "SOUTHARD" "HOVEY" "ARGONNE" "RAINFIER" "NAWAJO"
"AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "CHICAGO" "CHARTON" "PRESTON" "NEVILLE"
"HEYWOOD" "FULLER" "FOMALHAUT" "BELLATRIX" "McCRAWLEY"
"BARNETT" "HUNTER" "LEGGET" "AMERICAN LEGION" "LIBRA"
"ALCHIBA" "MUGFORD" "PATTERSON" "RALPH TALBOT" "HELM" "BLUE"
"BAGLEY" "HENLEY" "SELFRIDGE" "MERKUR" "ALDEBARAN" "BAGERY"
"PRESIDENT JACKSON"
- (ix) At Vila - "CAP DES PALMES" "CIMARRON" "FLUSSER" "XX" "W W BURROWS"
- (x) At Espiritu Santo - "CURTISS" "ALCYONE" "MACKINAC" "PRESIDENT ADAMS"
"CRESCENT CITY" "ALHENA" "PRESIDENT HAYES"
"GAMBLE" "BREESE" "TRACY" "KANAWHA"
- (xi) At Wellington - "CHEVREUIL"

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Enemy Forces

- (i) ENEMY SUBMARINES - Enemy submarines in the Indian Ocean have been operating recently in the Seychelles, Chagos, Maldives area as well as the Mozambique Channel. There are indications that some of the units from the S W Indian Ocean are changing stations or returning to their base, probably Penang.
- (ii) SURFACE RAIDERS - THERE is no recent information concerning enemy raiders operating in the Indian Ocean. These include probably German Raider E and two Japanese merchant raiders.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

SAMOA - COOK ISLANDS - The Dutch merchant vessel "BLOEMFONTEIN" (10,081 tons) reported being gunned at 0545Z/18 in a position which is not yet certain. Two different latitudes have been reported which would place the vessel either 300 miles E. of Tutuila or 300 miles S W of Raratonga. No further details have been received

3. AIR OPERATIONS

ALLIED

KAVIENG - One Fortress bombed Kavieng aerodrome 18/8. Results not observed.

ENEMY

MELBOURNE - An unidentified aircraft reported over Melbourne 2132/18 - Graded C.3.

COCOS IS^{LANDS} - Unidentified aircraft reported over Cocos Is. 16/8.

BUKA - Reliable native report states 8 enemy single engined aircraft were landed and assembled at Buka aerodrome 18/8.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Consolidation of bases in Buka - Bougainville area.
- (ii) Heavy naval and air counter attack against allied positions in Solomons.
- (iii) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (iv) Occupation of Nauru and Ocean Island.
- (v) Intensified submarine activity in the S W Pacific area.


For DIRECTOR C O I C

19th August, 1942

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A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

Effective

ACHILLES

Refitting or Repairing

PHOENIX

ADELAIDE

Flotilla Leaders

ARUNTA

LE TRIOMPHANT

Submarines

S.40

S.42

S.43

S.45

S47

S.46

S.37

S.38

S.39

S.41

S.44

At Brisbane

On Patrol

Dutch Submarines

K.9

K.12

At Sydney

A.M.C.'s

WESTRALIA

MANOORA

KANIMBLA

GRIFFIN

Submarine Tender

DOBBIN

Destroyer Tender

MIZAR

GOLDSTAR

Storeships

TULSA

VICTORIA

Gunboat

Oiler

Enemy Forces

Solomons

New Guinea - Bis mark Archipelago - ~~Solomons~~

3 in C 8th Fleet

3 in C 4th fleet

3 poss. 4 heavy cruisers (one "KAKO" one "AOBA" class ; "CROKAI")

2 3 Light Cruisers ("YUBARI"; 2 "TENRYU" class)

1 2 Destroyers

Possibly 1 seaplane carrier "CHITOSE"

3-5 Converted S/P Tenders including "KIYOKAWA MARU" "KAMOI"

Approx 20 ~~Maximum~~ Merchant Ships

8 Patrol Craft

6 Minelaying Craft

At least 12 submarines (4 RC class ; 8 "I" class)

16 Sub Chasers

Approx 206 shore-based aircraft including 89 fighters, 78 H/B, 18 flying boats and 19 float planes, 2 Obsn. A/C

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

Flotilla Leader

TROMP

Destroyer

VOYAGER

S/P Tenders

HERON

CHILD

W.B.PRESTON

Submarine Tenders

HOLLAND

PELIAS

Submarines

On Patrol

SAURY ✓

GAR ✓

TAUTOG ✓

SKIPJACK ✓

GRAMPUS ✓

GRAYBACK ✓

SNAPPER

SEAWOLF

SEAL

SALMON

Submarines (Contd)

Rep airing & Preparing for Patrols
 SPEARFISH }
 SEADRAGON } At Fremantle
 SEARAVEN }
 SARGO }
 THRESHER }
 GAILFISH } At Albany
 SCULPIN }
 STURGEON } En route Eastern Sector
 K .8 At Fremantle

Dutch Submarine

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

C in C 3rd Fleet

C in C Southern Expeditionary Fleet

3 - 8" Cruisers "ASHIGARA"

"KUMANO")

1 other)

en route New Britain - Solomons area

3 Light Cruisers

15-30 Destroyers

Several converted seaplane tenders ("KAGU MARU" en route Truk)

Tinian

Approx 40 shore-based aircraft including 27 fighters, 9 H/B, 4 F/B

Hali

Approx 25 shore based aircraft including 21 fighters, 4 Obsn A/C

Ambon

Approx 10 shorebased aircraft including 8 F/B, 4 F/P

Celebes

Approx 114 shorebased aircraft including 62 fighters 23 H/B, 12 F/B
18 F/P

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

Effective

MARYLAND

COLORADO

IDAHO

MISSISSIPPI

NEW MEXICO

TENNESSEE

PENNSYLVANIA

Refitting or Repair

CALIFORNIA

NEVADA (to be ready about 1/10)

WEST VIRGINIA

Aircraft Carriers

HORNET

YORKTOWN

8" Cruisers

NORTHAMPTON

PENSACOLA

CHRSTER

5" Cruisers

BOISE

SAN DIEGO

DETROIT

RALEIGH

Destroyers

15 (approx)

Submarines

23 (approx)

Enemy Forces

Palau - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

11 Battleships (BB's)

YAMATO

MITSU

FUSO

NAGATO

KIRISHIMA

HYUGA

KONGO

HIYEI

YARUNA

YAMASHIRO

ISE

6 A/C Carriers (CV's)

ZUIKAKU)

SHOKAKU)

KYUJO)

HOSHO

JUNYO (HIYATARA)

HIYO (HIYAKA)

Poss. en route south

3 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV's)

NISSEI

ZUIHO

KASUGA MARU

Seaplane Carrier (AV)

CHIYODA

(en route South)

7 - 8" Cruisers (CA's) - 3 -

ATAGO)
TAKAO) en route South
HAGURO)
MYOJO)
NACHI)
TONE)

SUZU YA

2 - 6" Cruisers (CL's)

4 converted S/P Tenders (XAV's) "NOTORS" "KAMIKAWA MARU"
"FUJIKAWA MARU" "GOSEU MARU"

Approx 40 Destroyers

Approx 20 submarines

Mandated Islands

Truk Area

Approx 8 Destroyers

1 Converted Seaplane Tender

1 Gunboat Division

Several Chartered Merchant Ships

Special Landing Party Force (Marines)

Submarines 7 (6 en route Rabaul area from Japan)

7 M.T.B.'s

Marshalls

1 Light Cruiser

Approx 12 submarines

1 M/S Flotilla (16th)

Air Tenders and Minesweepers

15 M.T.B. 's

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleship

Aircraft Carriers

NORTH CAROLINA

WASP

SARATOGA

ENTERPRISE

LONG ISLAND (Converted)

PORTLAND

ASTORIA

VINCENNES

MINNEAPOLIS

QUINCY

SAN FRANCISCO

NEW ORLEANS

AUSTRALIA

CANBERRA

CHICAGO

SALT LAKE CITY

8" Cruisers

XX

BOBART

ATLANTA

HELENA

LEANDER

ACHILLES

SAN JUAN

STUART

SELFRIDGE

30 (approx)

6" Cruisers

Flotilla Leader

Squadron Leader

Destroyers

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE

INDIANAPOLIS

6" Cruisers

HONOLULU

ST. LOUIS

NASHVILLE

15 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Emp. Jv Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians

3 Light Cruisers

12 Destroyers

2 Squadrons Submarines

1st Base Force

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleship
6" Cruisers

Approx 8 Destroyers

SOUTH DAKOTA
CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND
JUNEAU

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

Seaplane Carrier
8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruiser
6" Cruisers

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

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

At least 25 Destroyers
At least 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

1 Squadron Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

20th August, 1942

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

- (i) Convoy A2 ("BALIK PAPAN" "HEEMSKERK" "BONTEKOE") escorted by "ARUNTA" was due Townsville 19/8 from Milne Bay.
Convoy B2 - "ZEBULON PIKE" & ~~XXXX~~ "J G WHITTIER" were due Townsville 2000/18 and 2100/19 respectively from Port Moresby.
- (ii) Convoy A3 ("ANSBUN" "sJACOB" "VAN DER LYN") escorted by "WARREGO" "BENDIGO" enroute Milne Bay to Townsville.
Convoy B3 - "SEAWITCH" & "PERIDA" dep. Moresby 0700/18 and 0800 19/8 for Townsville e.t.a. 0600/20 and 0600/21 respectively.
- (iii) Convoy A4 ("CREMER" "ANHUI" "BANTAM") and Convoy B4 ("JOHN HART" "DANIEL BOONE" "MAETSUYCKER") escorted by "SWAN" "CESSNOCK" were to R V at 1200/19 at position Z (150 miles SSE Port Moresby) with "WARRNAMBOOL" which dep. Moresby 1805/18. ("ANHUI" with engine trouble has dropped behind the convoy and is being escorted by "CESSNOCK"). From R V "WARRNAMBOOL" escorts B4 to Moresby e.t.a. 0500 today 20/8. "SWAN" & "CESSNOCK" escort A4 to Milne Bay e.t.a. 1100 today 20/8.
- (iv) Convoy A5 ("ORMISTON" "TASMAN" "THEOFANO LIVANOS" "ASSOCIATED") escorted by "GOULBURN" as far as Capricorn Channel dep. Moreton Bay 1428/19.
- (v) "ROCKHAMPTON" & "MORESEY" escorting Convoy C019 enroute Sydney and Newcastle to Melbourne.
- (vi) "WHYALLA" & "YANDRA" are to escort Convoy GP10 departing Sydney 0700/21.
- (vii) "DELOIRINE" escorting Newcastle portion (5 MV) of Convoy C020 to depart Newcastle 0600 today 20/8. "WILCANNIA" "CAIRNS" "IPSWICH" escorting Sydney section (4 MV) to depart Sydney 1330 today 20/8. One M V to join from Port Kembla.
- (viii) "GEELONG" escorting "MALVINA" dep. Brisbane 17/8 for Sydney.
- (ix) HMS "ALSEY" dep. Newcastle 1410/19 for Auckland ETA 1400/25.
- (x) "KATOOMBA" arr. Townsville 1020/19 from Rossel Island.
- (xi) "COLAC" escorting "JAPARA" from Townsville arr. Port Moresby 0800/19.
- (xii) "MAMBUCCA" en route Sydney to Brisbane e.t.a. 0900 today 20/8.
- (xiii) "PHOENIX" dep. Sydney 1042/19 for Noumea.
- (xiv) HMS "GANLER" dep. Adelaide 0945/19 for Melbourne e.t.a. 0930/21.
- (xv) "BUNGARKE" is to proceed in Convoy C020 departing Melbourne 22/8 for Sydney; Later, approx 27/8 to proceed in GP Convoy to Brisbane.
- (xvi) "ARMIDALE" to depart Sydney 1000/21 with lighter in tow for Darwin, calling at Townsville for fuel.
- (xvii) "KURUMBA" is to be sailed to Townsville to discharge furnace oil, then proceed to Brisbane to load industrial diesel for Port Moresby.
- (xviii) At Sydney - "KANIMBLA" "WESTRALIA" "MANOORA" "K.12" "K.9" "DOBBIN" "MIZAR" "ARMIDALE" "WHYALLA" "TOWNSVILLE" "YANDRA" "MANUNDA" - Repairing "LE TRIOMPHANT" "VICTORIA"
- (xix) At Brisbane - "ACHILLES" "GRIFFIN" "ATREUS" "TULSA" "BALLARAT"
- (xx) At Melbourne - "ADELAIDE" "DOOMBA" "ABRAHAM CHRYSSEN" Repairing "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xxi) At Geelong - "BUNGARKE"
- (xxii) At Adelaide - "TOOWOOMBA" "MARYBOROUGH"
- (xxiii) At Cid Harbour - "KURUMBA"
- (xxiv) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see appendix.

Enemy Forces(1) SOLOMONS

a) TULAGI AREA - At 0638/19 three enemy warships one of which was firing, were reported off Tulagi.

At 0805/19 2 enemy destroyers and one submarine were reported two miles south of Tulagi.

At 0815/19 Tulagi was reported being bombarded.

A.M. 19/8 one heavy cruiser one light cruiser were sighted by air recon approx 25 miles SE Tulagi. Two B.17's attacked this shipping at 1250/19 scoring one direct hit on heavy cruiser (see Naval Incidents).

AM 19/8 three destroyers were observed approx 7 miles North Lunga Roads (Guadalcanal).

Comment - It would appear that two groups of enemy vessels were operating in the Tulagi area yesterday, one consisting of three destroyers which were probably responsible for the sightings off Tulagi during the morning and the other, two cruisers which were attacked at 1250.

- b) REKATA BAY - At 1230/19 one cruiser was observed proceeding into Rekata Bay. On being sighted the cruiser again put to sea.
c) GIZO AREA - A B.17 on recce over Gizo at 0855/19 reported nil sightings.
d) SHORTLAND IS. AREA - The following enemy sightings were reported by air recce 19/8 -

At 0825/19 in the vicinity of Fauro Is. ($6^{\circ}55'S$, $156^{\circ}05'E$) one light cruiser, one unidentified vessel possibly light cruiser, 2 small destroyers, 6 floatplanes.

At 1120/19 in the Faisi - Fauro Is. area 2 cruisers, 2 destroyers, one 4,000 ton merchant vessel, one 2000 ton merchant vessel, one small craft, ~~xxx/xxx~~ 6 F/B's.

Comment - Probably same force as above.

AM 19/8 warship described as a battleship (possibly heavy cruiser) was reported east of Shortland Is.

At 1015 same warship changing course and proceeded in the direction of Faisi where an explosion was heard at 1121.

Report timed 1600/19 sighted two vessels one resembling a supply ship sighted at Ballala (4 miles N. Faisi) ~~approx~~. A barge left vessel and proceeded towards Faisi. A number of other ships were thought to be approaching Faisi. Heavy explosions were heard from Faisi at 1550/19, probably from air attack (~~see Naval Incidents~~).

BUKA PASSAGE - An enemy cruiser was reported entering the W. end of Buka Passage at 0812. This vessel which was later described as a large two funnel cruiser departed Buka Passage 1300/19 proceeding west.

Comment - Two funnels indicates heavy cruiser.

GENERAL COMMENT - Recent intelligence has indicated that the three heavy cruisers of Crudiv 6 which departed Kavieng 17/8 would proceed to the Solomons area. Yesterdays sightings indicate a minimum enemy naval force operating in the area as follows -

Heavy cruisers (CA's) - 2 Tulagi area,
1 Buka area
possibly 1 Shortlands area
Light Cruisers (CL's) - 2 Shortlands area,
1 Tulagi area
1 Rekata Bay area
Destroyers (DD's) - 3 Tulagi area
2 Shortlands area
Converted S/P Tender (XAV) - 1 Shortlands area
Merchant Vessels (AP or AK) - 3 Shortlands area

ii) CAPE MORETON - Four B.25's reported sighting two enemy submarines approx 4 miles off Cape Moreton at 1400/19. Submarines are reported to have crash dived after being sighted and to have left a slick of oil on the surface. Whales are known to have been in the area at the time and are possibly responsible for the report.

iii) SYDNEY - Possible submarine sighting was reported 12 miles East of South Head Port Jackson 1350/19 - graded C.5. Subsequent air search proved negative.

GENERAL - No further information concerning the 2 enemy convoys indicate ~~xx~~ to RV in the vicinity of Greenwich Is. 18/8 for early operations in the Solomons area.

b) There are indications that the converted seaplane tender "KIYOKAWA MARU" is one of the units operating in the Gizo - Shortland area and that seaplanes from this unit are reconnoitring the Southern Solomons.

c) Three heavy cruisers of Crudiv 6 (one "AOBA" one "KAKO" class and possibly "CHOKAI") are believed operating in the Solomons area.

d) There were recent indications that 3 in C 2nd Fleet with heavy cruisers "ATAGO" "MYOKO" "HAGURO" and possibly "TAKAO" may cover the movement of the above convoys to the Solomons area.

- e) C in C Second Fleet had arrived in the Truk area by 18/8.
- f) The converted seaplane tenders "KAMOI" & "KAMIKAWA MARU" are now believed to have arrived in the Rabaul area.
- g) There are new indications that 2 heavy cruisers of Crudiv 7 which are known to have been proceeding east from the N.E.I. area were approaching the Rabaul area yesterday 19/8. These units were previously thought to be proceeding to Truk.
- h) There are indications of other reinforcements (Marines) proceeding towards Truk from the north with XENX Guadalcanal as their ultimate destination.
- i) Approx 7 submarines of Subron 1 are believed en route Rabaul from the North.
- j) There are continued indications of air reinforcements proceeding to the Rabaul area.
- k) There are indications that enemy tankers are operating between Truk and Rabaul.
- l) There are some indications that the enemy is operating flying boat reconnaissance aircraft from the vicinity of Gasmata.
- m) There are strong indications that two enemy submarine tenders are operating at Rabaul.
- n) There are indications of possible army movements from Palao to Rabaul

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "VOYAGER" en route Geraldton to Darwin E.T.A. a.m. today 20/8.
- (ii) "W.B. PRESTON" arr. Albany from Fremantle 0738/19.
- (iii) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "KOOLIGA" dep. Thursday Is. for Darwin 0940/19 E.T.A. 1830/22.
- (iv) "LITHGOW" escorting "JAMES COOK" en route Thursday Is. to Darwin E.T.A. 2030 today 20/8.
- (v) At Fremantle - "TROMP" "TRINITY" "CHILDS" "K.S. HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "ERLING BROVIG" "LANAKAI" "MADRAS" "WOLLONGONG" "LAUNCESTON"
- (vi) At Albany - "PELIAS" "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" "BOMBAY" "W.B. PRESTON"
- (vii) At Exmouth Gulf - "HERON"
- (viii) For submarines in Western Sector - see appendix.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

PORTUGUESE TIMOR - An unconfirmed report dated 18/8 states that Japanese forces are ~~massing~~ moving towards the district of Manatuto, Portuguese Timor.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Enemy Forces

- (i) C in C Second Fleet (Flagship heavy cruiser "ATAGO") is believed to have arrived Truk area yesterday 18/8. C in C 2nd Fleet is believed to be in command of the Task Force recently formed in Home Waters for early operations in the Solomons area. There are some indications that C in C Second Fleet may be accompanied by heavy cruisers "HAGURO" "MYOKO" and possibly "TAKAO" and that these units may be proceeding south to cover convoy movements to the Solomons.
- (ii) There is no further information concerning the three striking force carriers "ZUIKAKU" (F) "SHOELAKU" & "RYUJO" which have been indicated as possibly departing south shortly for operations with the Task Force.
- (iii) There are continued indications that portion of the enemy's N.E.I. forces are being despatched to reinforce C in C 8th Fleet command.
- (iv) There is further evidence of the transfer of aircraft from Empire Waters to the Rabaul area including torpedo and dive bombers from Japan via the Bonins, Marianas and Truk.
- (v) The Seaplane Tender "CHIYODA" was believed to be in the Saipan area 17/8 proceeding south.
- (vi) Present intelligence suggests that the total enemy striking force likely to be available in the Rabaul - Solomons area within the next 7 days may include -

- 4 battle cruisers (BB's) "KONGO" class
- 3 aircraft carriers (CV's) "ZUIKAKU" "SHORAKU" "RYUJO"
- 9 heavy cruisers (CA's) "ATAGO" "HAGURO" "MYOKO" "TAKAO" "KUMANO" "TONE" "CHOKAI" one "AOBA" one "KAKO" class "CHOKAI"
- 5 light cruisers (CL's)
- 2 seaplane carriers (AV's)
- 7 converted S/P Tenders (XAV's)
- approx 30 destroyers (DD's)
- approx 20 submarines (SS's)

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" (F) "CANBERRA" "CHICAGO" "HOBART" and 9 destroyers) is operating under Comsopac.
- (ii) "MILDURA" is escorting "BISHOPDALE" to Sydney for dry docking.
- (iii) "STUART" escorting "POYANG" enroute Brisbane to Noumea E.T.A. 0500/21.
- (iv) At Tongatabu - "ANTARES" "ZANE" "ARCTIC"
- (v) At Samoa - "TURKEY" "KINGRISHER" "BRAZOS" "CAMANGA"
- (vi) At Suva - "GALE" "BALLARD" "SABINE"
- (vii) At Auckland - "MONOWAI" "RIGEL" "CASTOR" "PERKINS" "LEANDER" "SOLACE"
- (viii) At Noumea - "SUMNER" "SOUTHEARD" "HOVEY" "ARGONNE" "RAINIER" "NAVAJO" "CHICAGO" "WHARTON" "NEVILLE" "HEYWOOD" "PULLER" "FOMALHAUT" "BELLATRIX" "McCAWLEY" "BARNETT" "HUNTER" "LEGGET" "AMERICAN LEGION" "LIBRA" "ALCHIBA" "MUGBORD" "PATTERSON" "RALPH TALBOT" "HELM" "HENLEY" "MERKUR" "ALDEBARAN" "PRESIDENT JACKSON"
- (ix) At Vila - "CAP DES PALMES" "CIMARRON" "FLUSSER" "W.W. BURROWS" "HELENA" "LONG ISLAND" "AYLWIN" "DALE" "WILSON"
- (x) At Espiritu Santo - "CURTISS" "ALCYONE" "MACKINAC" "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "CRESCENT CITY" "PRESIDENT HAYES" "GAMBLE" "BRESE" "TRACY" "KANAWHA"
- (xi) At Wellington - "CHEVREUIL"

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA
Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) TULAGI (See enemy forces - Eastern Sector)
- (ii) BAY OF BENGAL - Two merchant ships proceeding independently of each other, report having been subjected to enemy bombing attacks in the area N.E. of Vizagapatam (E. coast of India, approx 400 miles S.W. of Calcutta) at 1050/18.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

- (i) GIZO - On 18/8 two B.17's attacked enemy shipping at Gizo. Near misses on ships. Light cruiser and small cargo vessel machine gunned in 3 passes with telling effect.
- (ii) BECO - Three Hudsons attacked Beco (Portuguese Timor) at 1736/18. A group of buildings was bombed but damage inflicted is uncertain.
- (iii) SAN CRISTOBAL - A Catalina sighted a 4 engined enemy patrol aircraft at a position 55 miles E. of San Cristobal and attacked it. Hits were scored on the enemy aircraft.
- (iv) FAISI - Six B.17's attacked shipping at Faisi at 1550/19, from 18,000 ft. No results observed.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Consolidation of bases in Buka - Bougainville area.
 - (ii) Heavy naval and air counter attack against allied positions in Solomons.
 - (iii) Attack on Port Moresby area.
 - (iv) Occupation of Nauru and Ocean Is.
 - (v) Intensified sub. activity in S.W.P.A.
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HOLLAND

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Submarines

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SAURY

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GRAYBACK

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SEAWOLF

SEAL

SALMON

Submarines (Contd)

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SEARAVEN		
SARGO		
THRESHER	}	At Albany
SAILFISH		
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STURGEON		
K.8		At Fremantle

Date h Submarine

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B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

Effective

MARYLAND
 COLORADO
 IDAHO
 MISSISSIPPI
 NEW MEXICO
 TENNESSEE
 PENNSYLVANIA
 HORNET
 NORTHAMPTON
 PENSACOLA
 BOISE
 SAN DIEGO
 RALEIGH
 15 (approx)
 23 (approx)

Refitting or Repairing

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

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Destroyers

Submarines

YORKTOWN

CHESTER

DETROIT

Enemy Forces

Palao - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

11 Battleships (BB's)

YAMATO	
MUTSU	FUSO
NAGATO	KIRISHIMA
HYUGA	KONGO
HIYEI	HARUNA
YAMASHIRO	
ISE	

6 A/C Carriers (CV's)

ZUIKAKU	}	Possibly en route south
SHOKAKU		
RYUJO		
HOSHU		
JUNYO (HIYATAKA)		
HIYO (HITAKA)		

3 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV's)

NISSHIN	
ZUIHO	
KASUGA MARU	
CHIYODA	(en route south)
NACHI	SUZUYA

Seaplane Carrier (AV)

2 - 8" Cruisers (CA's)

2 - 6" Cruisers (CL's)

4 converted seaplane tenders (XAV's) "NOTORO" "KAMIKAWA MARU"
"FUJIKAWA MARU" "GOSHU MARU"

Approx 40 Destroyers

Approx 20 Submarines

Mandated Islands

Truk Area

C in C 2nd Fleet

5 possibly 6 heavy cruisers

ATAGO
HAGURO
MYOKO
TAKAO
~~KOMANO~~
~~TONE?~~

Poss. Rabaul - Solomons area

possibly

Approx 12 Destroyers

1 converted seaplane tender

1 gunboat division

Several chartered merchant ships

Special Landing Party Force (Marines)

Submarines ? (6 en route Rabaul area from Japan)

7 M T B's

Marshall's

1 Light Cruiser

Approx 12 submarines

1 M/S Flotilla (16th)

Air Tenders and Minesweepers

15 MTB's

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleship

Aircraft Carriers

NORTH CAROLINA

WASP

SARATOGA

ENTERPRISE

LONG ISLAND (Converted)

PORTLAND

ASTORIA

VINCENNES

MINNEAPOLIS

QUINCY

SAN FRANCISCO

NEW ORLEANS

AUSTRALIA

CANBERRA

CHICAGO

SALT LAKE CITY

HOBART

XXX ATLANTA

HELENA

LEANDER

ACHILLES

SAN JUAN

STUART

SELFRIDGE

30 (approx)

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Flotilla Leader

Squadron Leader

Destroyers

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE

INDIANAPOLIS

6" Cruisers

HONOLULU

ST% ST LOUIS

NASHVILLE

15 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians

3 Light Cruisers

12 Destroyers

2 Squadrons Submarines

1st Base Force

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleship
6" Cruisers

Approx 8 Destroyers

SOUTH DAKOTA
CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND
JUNEAU

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

Seaplane Carrier
8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruiser
6" Cruisers

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

A M C's

A A Vessels

At least 25 Destroyers
At least 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

1 Squadron Submarine

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

21st August, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Convoy A2 ("BALIK PAPAN" "HEEMSKERK" "BOMTEKOE") escorted by "ARUNTA" arr. Townsville 1030/20 from Milne Bay.
- (ii) Convoy A3 ("ANSMUN" "sJACOB" "VAN DER LYB") escorted by "WARREGO" "BENDIGO" dep. Milne Bay 0830/19 for Townsville E.T.A. 0959/22.
- (iii) Convoy A4 ("GREMER" "AN HUI" "BANTAM") was due Milne Bay 1100/20 escorted by "SWAH" & "CESSWOCK".
Convoy B4 ("JOHN BART" "DANIEL BOONE" "MARTSUYCKER") escorted by "WARRNAMBOOL" arr. Port Moresby 0810/20.
- (iv) Convoy A5 ("ORMISTON" "TASMAN" "THEOPANO LIVANOS" "ASSOCIATED") dep. Brisbane 19/8 for Milne Bay, escorted by "GOULBURN" to Capricorn Channel.
- (v) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC19 dep. Port Phillip 2245/19 for R.V. with "ROCKHAMPTON" & "MORESBY" escorting CO19. "DOOMBA" escorting CO19 arr. Melbourne 1841/20 and "ROCKHAMPTON" & "MORESBY" continue escorting OC19 to Sydney and Newcastle.
- (vi) "DELOIRINE" escorting Convoy CO20 dep. Newcastle 0659/20. "WILCANNIA" "CAIRNS" "IPSWICH" dep. with Sydney section 1356/20 to R.V. with main convoy E.T.A. convoy Melbourne 1200/23 (10 M.V.).
- (vii) "WHYALLA" & "YANDRA" escorting Convoy GP10 were to depart Sydney 0700 today 21/8.
- (viii) "ACHILLES" departed Brisbane 1501/20 for Noumea E.T.A. 1200/22.
- (ix) "GEELONG" escorting "MALVINA" arr. Sydney 1045/19.
- (x) "HOPKINS" escorting "PRESIDENT GRANT" arr. Sydney 1505/20
- (xi) "MILDURA" escorting "BISNOPEALE" is due Sydney 1401 today 21/8 from Noumea.
- (xii) "GAWLER" is due Melbourne 0930 today 21/8 from Adelaide.
- (xiii) "NAMBUCCA" arr. Brisbane from Sydney 1159/20.
- (xiv) "ARMIDALE" to depart Sydney 1000 today 21/8 with lighter in tow for Darwin, calling at Townsville for fuel.
- (xv) "EATOOMBA" escorting "ALDINGA" "MALAITA" dep. Townsville 1804/20 for Port Moresby E.T.A. 1600/23.
- (xvi) "WARRNAMBOOL" dep. Port Moresby 1920/20 for ~~Ingow Point~~ ^{THURSDAY ISLAND} E.T.A. 0700/22.
- (xvii) "K.12" to depart Sydney 1500 today 21/8 for Darwin (E.T.A. 4/9) via Cairns (E.T.A. 20/28) and Thursday Is. (E.T.A. 31/8).
- (xviii) At Sydney - "KANIMBLA" "WESTRALIA" "MANOORA" "K.12" "K.9" "DOBBIN" "MIZAR" "ARMIDALE" "WHYALLA" "TOWNSVILLE" "YANDRA" "MANUNDA" - Repairing "LE TRIOMPHANT" "VICTORIA"
- (xix) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "ATREUS" "TULSA" "BALLARAT"
- (xx) At Melbourne - "ADELAIDE" "DOOMBA" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" Repairing "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xxi) At Geelong - "BUNGAREE"
- (xxii) At Adelaide - "TOOHOOMBA" "MARYBOROUGH"
- (xxiii) At Port Moresby - "COLAC"
- (xxiv) At Old Harbour - "KURUMBA"
- (xxv) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see appendix.

Enemy Forces

(i) SOLDEONS -

- a) Guadalcanal - An enemy cruiser was sighted 4½ miles N.W. Lunga Point at 0700/20 and again 20 miles N.W. Lunga Point at 0900/20
- b) Malaita - An enemy cruiser was reported 16 miles NNW Cape Astrolabe at 1000/20 course 345°. Natives report that three warships were off Cape Astrolabe a.m. 19/8.
- c) Faisi area - Five ships were reported between Ballala and Shortland Is. at 1600/20, viz. 1 ship reported as a battleship, 3 cruisers or destroyers, one probably tanker. The alleged battleship was described as being built up amidships with a conspicuous mast aft.
Comment - This report in conjunction with the sightings and ~~xxxxxx~~ reports of 19/8 suggest that the total

enemy naval forces operating in the Faisi area includes -

- probably 1 heavy cruiser
- 2 light cruisers
- 2 destroyers
- 1 converted S/P Tender
- 1 tanker
- 1 minelaying type vessel
- 1 transport or supply ship
- 6 floatplanes
- 6 flying boats

This force would appear to be establishing an advanced seaplane base in the Faisi area.

- d) Buin Area (Boughville) - Coastwatcher reported a force of enemy aircraft proceeding south passed over this area at 0720/21.
- e) Kieta - Kieta was reported to be still free off enemy occupation at 1700 yesterday 20/8.
- f) Buka - Air recce 20/8 reported no enemy activity.
- (ii) KAVIENG - An unidentified vessel 3/5000 tons was reported in Kavieng Harbour 1000/20.
- (iii) GENERAL -

- a) Three heavy cruisers of Crudiv 6 (one "AGRA", one "KAKO" class and probably "CH KAI") are believed to be operating in the Solomons area.
- xb) There are indications that C in C Second Fleet with the heavy cruisers "ATAGO" "MYOKO" "HAGURO" & possibly "TAKAO" may be operating or is about to operate in the New Britain Solomons area.

In addition the two heavy cruisers of Crudiv 7 with destroyers are believed to be approaching or to have arrived in the New Britain area from N.E.I. waters. Present intelligence indicates therefore the possibility that nine heavy cruisers are now operating in the general New Britain - Solomons area.

- c) There is no further information concerning the enemy convoys which were believed to have R.V.'d in the vicinity of Greenwich Island 18/8. It is possible that C in C Second Fleet and portion of the heavy cruiser force is covering the movements of this convoy.
- d) There are indications that the converted seaplane tender "KIYOKAWA MARU" is probably the seaplane tender sighted in the Shortlands area and that aircraft from this unit are being used to reconnoitre the Southern Solomons area.
- e) There are some indications that the enemy will attempt to recapture the Guadalcanal area and that the marines and army shock troops will be used for the attack in conjunction with enemy striking force units under C in C Second Fleet.
- f) There are indications that the heavy cruiser "KAKO" (7,100 tons, 6-8") of Crudiv 6 may have been sunk as a result of recent allied operations in the Tulagi area.
- g) There are continued indications of a ir army and naval reinforcements proceeding to the New Britain area from the North.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "VOYAGER" arr. Darwin 0847/20.
- (ii) "W.B. PRESTON" dep. Albany 0539/20 for Fremantle.
- (iii) "CHILDS" dep. Fremantle for Exmouth Gulf 1700/19.
- (iv) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "KOOLIGA" en route Thursday Is. to Darwin E.T.A. 1830/22.
- (v) "LITGOW" escorting "JAMES COCK" arr. Darwin from Thursday Is. 1815/20.
- (vi) At Fremantle - "TROMP" "TRINITY" "K.8" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "MADRAS" "ERLING BROVIG" "LANAKAI" "WOLLONGONG" "LAUNCESTON"
- (vii) At Albany - "PELIAS" "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" "BOMBAY"
- (viii) At Exmouth Gulf - "HERON"
- (ix) For submarines in Western Sector - see appendix.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

TIMOR - Air recce sighted prob. enemy sub. 50 m. E. Suai 1715/20.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Enemy Forces

- (i) There are now indications that two of the battlecruisers "KONGO" & "HARUNA" may have arrived in the Truk area with units of Crudivs 4 and 5 ("ATAGO" "HAGURO" "MYOKO" & poss. "TAKAO").
- (ii) There is no specific information regarding the aircraft carrier locations over the past three days but it is believed likely that the striking force carriers "ZUIKAKU" (F) "SHOKAKU" and "RYUJO" are enroute Truk area from the North.
 There have been some indications that the converted carriers of Cardiv 2 ("HIYATAKA" "HITAKA" "ZUINO") may be associated with the Task Force. These three carriers were operating in the Eastern Japan - Marcus Is. area where they were employed in ferrying aircraft.
- (iii) There is evidence of the transfer of aircraft from Empire Waters to the Rabaul area including torpedo and dive bombers from Japan via the Bonins, Marshalls and Truk.
- (iv) There are now indications that the Seaplane Tender (AV) "CHITOSE" is in Japanese Home Waters and that "CHIYODA" is enroute, possibly arrived New Britain area.
- (v) There are some indications of possible army movements from the Palao area to Rabaul.
- (vi) Present intelligence indicates that enemy Striking Force at present available in the Truk - New Britain - Solomons area may include -
 - 2 battle cruisers ("KONGO" "HARUNA") (BB's)
 - 9 heavy cruisers (CA's) "ATAGO" "HAGURO" "MYOKO" "TAKAO" "KUMANO" "TONE" "CHOKAI" 1 "AOBA" 1 "KAKO" cl.
 - 5 light cruisers (CL's)
 - 1 seaplane carrier (AV)
 - 7 converted seaplane tenders (XAV)
 - approx 30 destroyers (DD)
 - approx 20 submarines (SS)
 Present intelligence indicates that this force may be joined by the following force within the next few days -
 - 2 battlecruisers ("KIRISHIMA" "HIYEI")
 - 3 aircraft carriers "ZUIKAKU" "SHOKAKU" "RYUJO"
 - poss. 3 converted carriers ("HIYATAKA" "HITAKA" "ZUINO")
 - approx 8 destroyers

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" (F) "CHICAGO" "HOBART" and 9 destroyers is operating under Comsopac.
- (ii) "ALSEY" enroute Sydney to ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Auckland E.T.A. 1400/25.
- (iii) "PHOENIX" enroute Sydney to Noumea.
- (iv) "STUART" escorting "FOYANG" enroute Brisbane to Noumea E.T.A. 0500 today 21/8.
- (v) At Tongatabu - "ANTARES" "ZANE" "ARCTIC"
- (vi) At Samoa - "TURKEY" "KINGFISHER" "BRAZOS" "CAMANGA"
- (vii) At Suva - "GALE" "BALLARD" "SABINE"
- (viii) At Auckland - "MONOWAI" "RIGEL" "SOLACE"
- (ix) At Noumea - "SUMNER" "SOUTHARD" "HOVEY" "ARGONNE" "RAINIER" "NAVAJO" "CHICAGO" "WHARTON" "NEVILLE" "HEYWOOD" "FULLER" "FOMALHAUT" "BELLATRIX" "McCAWLEY" "BARNETT" "HUNTER" "LEGGETT" "AMERICAN LEGION" "LIBRA" "ALCHIBA" "MUGBORD" "PATTERSON" "RALPH TALBOT" "HELM" "HENLEY" "MERCUR" "ALDEBARAN" "PRESIDENT JACKSON" "WILL" "BANK" "CUMMINGS"
- (x) At Vila - "CAP DES PALMES" "CIMARRON" "FLUSSER" "W.W. BURROWS" "HELENA" "LONG ISLAND" "AYLWIN" "DALE" "WILSON"
- (xi) At Espiritu Santo - "CURTISS" "ALCYONE" "MACKINAC" "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "CRESCENT CITY" "PRESIDENT HAYES" "GAMBLE" "BREESE" "TRACY" "KANAWHA"
- (xii) At Wellington - "CHEVREUIL"

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA (See Appendix)

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

GUADALCANAL - Comsopac reports that Tenaru River area was being attacked this morning 21/8 ^{PKOM} two enemy ships. B.17's were despatched to attack the ships, but no results have been received.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

Enemy

- (i) WYNDHAM - Unidentified aircraft observed 0936/20.
- (ii) GABO IS. - Indications unidentified aircraft Gabo Is. area 20/8.
- (iii) GILBERT IS. - Extensive enemy air xx recce 19/8.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Consolidation of bases in Buka - Bougainville area.
- (ii) Heavy naval and air counter attack against allied positions in Solomons.
- (iii) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (iv) Intensified submarine activity in the South West Pacific Area.

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For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

21/8/42

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

Flotilla Leaders

Submarines

Dutch Submarines

A.M.C.'s

Submarine Tender

Destroyer Tender

Storeships

Gunboat

Oiler

Enemy Forces

New Guinea - Bismarck Archipelago - Solomons

C in C 8th Fleet

C in C 4th Fleet

5 possibly 9 heavy cruisers

4 light cruisers

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~~16~~ Destroyers

Possibly 1 seaplane carrier "CHITOSE"

3-5 converted seaplane tenders including "KIYOKAWA MARU" "KAMOI"

Approx 20 Merchant Ships

8 Patrol Craft

6 Minelaying craft

At least 12 submarines (4 RO class; 8 "I" class)- 7 others en route from

16 Sub Chasers

Approx 205 shore-based aircraft including 89 fighters, 62 H/B,

33 flying boats and 19 float planes, 2 Obsn. aircraft

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

Flotilla Leader

Destroyer

S/P Tenders

Submarine Tenders

Submarines

Effective

PHOENIX

ACHILLES

ADELAIDE

ARUNTA

S.40)

S.42)

S.43) At Brisbane

S.45)

S.46)

S.47)

S.37)

S.38)

S.41) On Patrol

S.44)

K.9)

K.12) At Sydney

WESTRALIA

MANGORA

KANIMELA

GRIFFIN

DCBEIN

MIZAR

TULSA

Refitting or Repairing

LE TRIOMPHANT

GOLDSTAR

VICTORIA

TROMP

VOYAGER

HERON

CHILDS

W.B. PRESTON

HOLLAND

PELIAS

On Patrol

SAURY

GAR

TAUTOG

SKIPJACK

GRAMPUS

GRAYBACK

SNAPPER

SEAWOLF

SEAL

SALMON

Submarines (Contd)

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

SPEARFISH)	
SEADRAGON	)	At Fremantle
SEARAVEN)	
SARGO)	
THRESHER	)	At Albany
SAILFISH)	
SCALPIN	)	En route Eastern Sector
STURGEON)	
K.8	)	At Fremantle

Dutch Submarine

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

0 in C 3rd Fleet

0 in C Southern Expeditionary Fleet

1 - 8" Cruiser "ASHIGARA"

4 Light Cruisers

16 Destroyers

Several converted seaplane tenders ("KAGU MARU" en route Truk)

Timor

Approx 40 shore-based aircraft including 27 fighters, 9 H/B, 4 F/B

Ball

Approx 25 shore-based aircraft including 21 fighters, 4 Obsn. A/C

Ambon

Approx 17 shore-based aircraft including 9 fighters, 8 F/B

Celebes

Approx 88 shore-based aircraft including 36 fighters, 22 H/B, 12 F/B, 18 F/P

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

MARYLAND
 COLORADO
 IDAHO
 MISSISSIPPI
 NEW MEXICO
 TENNESSEE
 PENNSYLVANIA
 HORNET
 NORTHAMPTON
 PENSACOLA
 BOISE
 SAN DIEGO
 RALEIGH

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

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Destroyers

Submarines

15 (approx)
23 (approx)

YORKTOWN
CHESTER
DETROIT

Enemy Forces

Palao - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

11 Battleships ~~XXXX~~ (BB's)

YAMATO
 MUTSU FUSO
 NAGATO KIRISHIMA
 HYUGA KONGO
 HIYEI HARUNA
 YAMASHIRO

6 Aircraft Carriers (CV's)

ISE
 ZUIKAKU)
 SHOKAKU) Possibly en route south
 KYUJO)

3 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV's)

HOSHO
 JUNYO (HIYATAKA)
 HIYO (HITAKA)
 NISSHIN
 ZUIHO

Seaplane Carrier (AV)

2 - 8" Cruisers (CA's)

2 - 6" Cruisers (CL's)

4 converted seaplane tenders (XAV's) "NOTORO" "KAMIKAWA MARU" "
"FUJIKAWA MARU" "GOSHU MARU"

KASUGA MARU
CHIYODA (en route south)
NACHI SUZUYA

Approx 40 Destroyers

Approx 20 Submarines

Mandated Islands

Truk Area

in C 2nd Fleet

3 possibly 4 heavy cruisers

ATAGO)
HAGURO)
MYOKO)
TAKAO)

Poss. Rabaul - Solomons area

Possibly

Approx 12 Destroyers

1 converted seaplane tender

1 gunboat division

Several Chartered Merchant Ships

Special Landing Party Force (Marines)

Submarines ? 7 en route Rabaul area from Japan

7 M.T.B.'s

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleship

Aircraft Carriers

NORTH CAROLINA

WASP

SARATOGA

ENTERPRISE

LONG ISLAND (Converted)

PORTLAND

8" Cruisers

ASTORIA

VINCENNES

MINNEAPOLIS

QUINCY

SAN FRANCISCO

NEW ORLEANS

AUSTRALIA

CHICAGO

SALT LAKE CITY

6" Cruisers

HOBART

ATLANTA

HELENA

LEANDER

ACHILLES

SAN JUAN

Flotilla Leader

STUART

Squadron Leader

SELFREDGE

Destroyers

30 (approx)

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE

INDIANAPOLIS

6" Cruisers

HONOLULU

ST. LOUIS

NASHVILLE

15 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians

3 Light Cruisers

12 Destroyers

Approx 10 Submarines

1st Base Force

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleship

6" Cruisers

SOUTH DAKOTA

CONCORD

TRENTON

RICHMOND

JUNEAU

Approx 8 Destroyers

2) INDIAN OCEAN AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

Seaplane Carrier
8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruiser
6" Cruisers

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

At least 25 Destroyers
At least 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

1 Squadron Submarines

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

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

22nd August, 1942.

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES.

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA.

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

British and Allied Forces.

- (i) Convoy A3 ("ANEMIDE" "S. JACOB" "VAN DER LEE") escorted by "WARRIOR" & "BERNARD" on route Milne Bay-Townsville, STA. 0959/22.
- (ii) Convoy A4 ("CHERISH" "AN EUI" "BANTAR") escorted by "SEAN" & "CESSHOKE" was due Milne Bay 20/8.
- (iii) Convoy B4 - "JOHN HART" departed Port Moresby 1000/21 for Townsville, STA. 2400/25. "DANIEL BOONS" "MAETSUYCKER" at Port Moresby.
- (iv) Convoy A5 ("GRIMSTON" "TASMAN" "THEOPASO LIVANOS" "ASSOCIATED") dep. Brisbane 19/8 for Milne Bay, escorted by "GOULDSHIRE" to Capricorn Channel.
- (v) "ROCKHAMPTON" & "MORESBY" escorting Convoy 0610 en route Melbourne to Sydney and Newcastle.
- (vi) "DELMARINE" "WILCANNIA" "CAIRNS" "IPSWICH" escorting Convoy 0620 (10 MV) en route Sydney and Newcastle to Melbourne STA 1200/23.
- (vii) "HEXALLA" & "EARDRA" escorting Convoy 0610 departed Sydney 0733/21 for Brisbane.
- (viii) "MILDURA" escorting "BISHOPDALE" was due Sydney yesterday 21/8 from Noumea.
- (ix) "ARMIDALE" was to depart Sydney yesterday 21/8 with Lighter in tow for Darwin.
- (x) "RATCOMBA" escorting "ALDINGA" & "DALAITA" en route Townsville to Port Moresby, STA. 1600/23.
- (xi) "WARRIARBOOL" en route Port Moresby to Thursday Island, STA. 0700/22.
- (xii) "K12" departed Sydney 1455/21 for Darwin, STA. 4/9 via Cairns (STA. 2000/28) and Thursday Island (STA. 31/8).
- (xiii) "GASLER" in arrived Melbourne 1345/21 from Adelaide.
- (xiv) "EUBOMBA" en route Cid Harbour to Townsville.
- (xv) HMIS "BENGAL" departed Sydney 1611/21 for Broken Bay.
- (xvi) At Sydney - "KAMIBLA" "AUSTRALIA" "ZARCOORA" "HOPEKINS" "E.9" "DOBBS" "MIDAN" "GEBLING" "TOWNSVILLE" "WALLAROO" "MANUNDA" Repairing - "LE TRIUMPHANT" "VICTORIA".
- (xvii) At Brisbane - "GRIPPIN" "AIRSUS" "TULSA" "BALLARAT".
- (xviii) At Melbourne - "ABBLAIDE" "DOOMBA" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN". Repairing - "VERDETTA" "COLBERT".
- (xix) At Townsville - "ARUNTA".
- (xx) At Sealong - "BURGANE".
- (xxi) At Adelaide - "TOSCOMBA" "MARYBOROUGH".
- (xxii) At Port Moresby - "COLAC".
- (xxiii) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see appendix.
- (xxiv) "SCULPIN" & "STURGEON" en route Western Sector to Brisbane are due Cape Island area 24/8 and 25/8 respectively.

Enemy Forces.

(1) SOLICONS.

(a) Shortland Is. It was reported that a destroyer and cruiser departed Shortland Is. in a Westerly direction, at 0700/21 and returned at 1345/21, to Faisi. The other vessels sighted in the area on 20/8 (namely 1 heavy cruiser, 1 probab. tanker, 1 cruiser or destroyer) are reported to have disappeared during the day

Enemy Forces. (Contd.)

- (ii) Rabaul. Allied air reconnaissance 21/8 reported two probable cruisers, 1 probable destroyer, 7 merchant vessels (6,000 - 10,000 tons) 10/15 small launches, in Rabaul Harbour, and 1 merchant vessel in Talili Bay.
- (iii) Kavieng. Analysis of photographs taken over Kavieng indicate that the vessel reported in Harbour on 20/8 was not larger than 600-700 tons.
- (iv) Unea Is. (55 miles NE Cape Gloucester), New Britain. Air recon. 21/8 reports indications of recent building activity on the Northern end of the Island, including a small wharf.
- (v) Trabriand Is. An Allied aircraft on recon. reported a submarine approx. 35 miles North by West of Kiriwina Is. at 1045/21.
- (vi) Buna. 4 cargo vessels (largest 6,000 tons) were observed off Buna at 1600/21 by recon. aircraft.
- (vii) Essex (200 miles S. Sydney). "WILGAMMA" reported floating mines 37°09' S. 150°12' E, at 1340/21.
- (viii) Guadalcanal. An enemy force of unknown strength landed S. of Tenaru River (3 1/2 miles SSE Lunga) at 0300/21, from at least two ships.
An Allied patrol encountered a group of 20 Japanese including 4 Officers, near Taivu Pt. (20 miles E. Lunga). 16 of the enemy were killed (19/8).
At least 2 vessels were in Harbour off Guadalcanal at 0620/21.

General.

- (1) Present intelligence indicates the possibility that 9 enemy heavy cruisers may now be operating in the general New Britain-Solomons Area. These include C.in C. 8th Fleet in "CHOKAI", with 1 or 2 units of Crudiv VI (one "ACMA" one "KASO" class). C.in C. 2nd Fleet in "ATAGO", together with units of Crudiv V ("MYKHO" & "HAGURO") and possibly "TAKASO". Two units of Crudiv VII ("KUMANO" & one other, possibly "TOKA").
- (ii) There are indications that the enemy may be attempting to recapture Guadalcanal Island by landing small groups of shock troops at various points along the Northern coast and infiltrating around strategic areas.
The enemy convoy of marines and Army shock troops reported as HV-ing in the Greenwich Is. area on 18/8 may be employed in this manner, and the forces already reported landing in the Tenaru River area may possibly be portion of this force.
- (iii) There are indications that the enemy is building up a considerable destroyer force in the Rabaul-Solomons-Mandates area, and that this force at present includes between 30 and 35 destroyers. Some of these are employed as escorting convoys and important transports between the Mandates and Rabaul, while others are used as escorts for converted S/P. tenders.
- (iv) There are continued indications of air army and naval reinforcements, proceeding to the New Britain area from the North.
- (v) There are indications that the converted S/P. tender "KIYOKASA MARU" is probably operating in the Shortlands area and is establishing a S/P. force to reconnoitre the Southern Solomons area.

Enemy Forces (Contd.)

~~Enemy~~ Siama (12 miles S.Siama). A native report states that two (ix) invasion barges arrived at Siama on 13/3, and that a party of 200 Japanese which arrived at the same time, departed on the following day. Enemy patrols are also reported to have visited Eroro Mission (14 miles S.Siama) recently.

(x) Solomons (General). Comairseupacfor reports enemy sightings as follows:-

(1) At 0832L/21 two enemy destroyers approximately 55 miles NNW of Rekata Bay Isabel Island, course N. Speed 25 knots.

(2) 4 heavy cruisers, 1 destroyer, approx. 210 miles NN Kista, at 0844L/21 course 10° speed 18 knots.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

British and Allied Forces.

(i) "W.R. PRESTON" arrived Fremantle from Albany 1709/21.

(ii) "CHILDS" dep. Fremantle for Exmouth Gulf 1700/19.

(iii) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "KOCLEGA" en route Thursday Is. to Darwin, SEA. 1830/22.

(iv) At Fremantle - "TRUMP" "TRINITY" "K.S" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "MADRAS" "ERLING BEOVIG" "LANARAI" "OLLONGONG" "LAUNCESTON"

(v) At Albany - "PELIAS" "LARK" "SHIPPOORWILL" "BORNEAY".

(vi) At Exmouth Gulf - "BERG".

(vii) At Darwin - "VOYAGER" "LITHGOW".

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

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.

British and Allied Forces.

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

Enemy Forces. See appendix.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

Enemy Forces.

(i) There are some indications that two of the battle cruisers "KONGO" & "HARUNA" may have arrived in the Truk area. Cincpac reported 21/3 the units of Cardiv II ("MIYOTAKA" "MIYAKA" & "ZUIHO") were exercising off the SE coast of Japan with a target ship. There have been some indications these carriers may be connected with early operations to the Southward.

(ii) Cincpac reported 21/3 there was no reason to believe that the other Carriers have departed from Home waters. This presumably includes the striking force carriers "ZUIKAI" (Flag) "SHOKAKU" & "RYUJYO" which have been indicated as being about to proceed to the South to join C. in C. 2nd Fleet striking force.

(iii) There are further indications of submarine reinforcements proceeding to the Bismarck Area from Northern waters.

(iv) There are further indications of aircraft reinforcements proceeding to the South from Home waters.

(v) There were indications on 19/3 of the possible presence of an enemy convoy in the Saipan area.

(vi) There are some indications of possible army movements from the Palao area to Rabaul.

(vii) Present intelligence indicates that enemy striking force at present available in the Truk-New Britain-Solomons area may include - 2 battle cruisers ("KONGO" "HARUNA") (BB's)

9 heavy cruisers (CA's) "ATAGO" "HAGURO" "KYOKO" "TAKAO" "KURE" "TONE" "CHOKAI" "AGATO" "KARO"

5 light cruisers (CL's)

1 S/P carrier (AV)

7 converted S/P tenders (XAV)

Approx. 30 destroyers (DD)

Approx. 20 submarines (SS)

Present intelligence indicates that this force may be joined

by the following force within the next few days --

- 2 battlecruisers ("KIRISHIMA" "MIYAMA")
- 3 aircraft carriers "SUYAKU" "SHOKAKU" "RYUJO"
- Poss. 3 converted carriers ("HIYAPAKA" "HITAKA" "ZUIHO")
- Approx. 3 destroyers.

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

British and Allied Forces.

- (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" (F) "CHICAGO" "ROBERT" and 9 destroyers) is operating under Comsopac.
- (ii) "ALBY" on route Sydney to Auckland ETA. 1400/25.
- (iii) "PROSER" on route Sydney to Noumea ETA. 24/8.
- (iv) "ACHILLES" on route Brisbane to Noumea, ETA. 1200 today 22/8.
- (v) At Tongatabu - "ANTARES" "ARCTIC".
- (vi) At Samoa - "TURKEY" "LINCIFISHER" "BRASOS" "CAMANQA".
- (vii) At Suva - "GALE" "BALLARD" "SABINE".
- (viii) At Auckland - "HONGKAI" "RIGEL" "SOLACE".
- (ix) At Noumea - "SUMNER" "SOUTHERN" "ROVEY" "ARCONNE" "RAINIER" "NAVAJO" "CHICAGO" "BRANTON" "REVILLE" "LEYSOOD" "BELLATRIX" "McCAWLEY" "BARNETT" "HUNTER LEGGETT" "AMERICAN LEGION" "LIBRA" "ALSHIBA" "INDOFORD" "PATTERSON" "RALPH TALBOT" "MERCUR" "ALDEBARAN" "PRESIDENT JACKSON" "HULL" "CUMINGS" "POYANG" "WHITNEY" "STUART".
- (x) At Vila - "CAP DES PALMES" "CIMARRON" "FLISSER" "H. W. BURROWS" "WILSON".
- (xi) At Espiritu Santo - "CURTISS" "ALCYONE" "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "CRESCENT CITY" "PRESIDENT HAYES" "GAMBEL" "TRACY" "KANAKA".
- (xii) At Wellington - "CHEVREUIL" "FULLER".
- (xiii) At Ndeni - "MACHINAC" "BRESSE".

Enemy Forces.

Gilberts. A Tokio communique dated 21/8 claims that 200 U.S. troops attacked Makin Is. at dawn Monday 17/8.

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA. See Appendix.

E. SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA. See appendix.

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA. See Appendix.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS.

Aleutians. An Allied submarine torpedoed and probably sank an enemy warship (probably cruiser) in the Aleutians area on 14/8.

3. AIR OPERATIONS.

- also.
- (i) Kasabel Is. A B.17 shot down a F.97 Kawanisi Flying boat 7°45'S . 156°40'E. (9 miles S. Rakata Bay) at 0910/20.
- (ii) Maebisse (Timor). Five Buissons attacked Maebisse at 1018/21 causing fires. Three "Zeros" intercepted, one shot down.

Enemy.

Gabo. The report of an unidentified aircraft in Gabo Is. area 20/8 is now discounted.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE.

- (i) Consolidation of bases in Buaka-Bougainville-Shortlands area.
- (ii) Heavy naval and air counter-attack against Allied positions in Solomons.
- (iii) Attack on Fort Moresby area.
- (iv) Occupation Hauru and Ocean Island.
- (v) Intensified submarine activity in the South-west Pacific area.

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

1) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
8" Cruisers	ADELAIDE	
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA	LE TRIOMPHANT
Destroyer	HOPKINS	
Submarines	S.40)	
	S.43)	
	S.45) At Brisbane	
	S.46)	
	S.47)	
	S.37)	
	S.38)	
	S.42) On Patrol	
	S.41)	
	S.44)	
Dutch Submarines	SCULPIN	En route Brisbane
	K.9	At Sydney
A.M.C.'s	K.12	En route Sydney to Darwin
Submarine Tender	WESTRALIA	
Destroyer Tender	MANOCRA	
Storeships	KANIMBLA	
Gunboat	GRIFFIN	
oiler	DOBBIN	
	MIZAR	GOLDSTAR
	TULSA	VICTORIA

Enemy Forces

New Guinea - Bismarck Archipelago - Solomons

C in C 8th Fleet		
C in C 4th Fleet		
5 possibly 9 heavy cruisers	one "KAKO" class	<i>Choma</i>
	one "AOBA" class	<i>→</i>
	CHOKAI	
	KUMANO	
	TONE ?	
	YUBARI	
	JINTSU	
	2 "TENRYU" class	
4 Light Cruisers		
20 Destroyers		
1 Seaplane Carrier	CHIYODA	
5-6 converted seaplane tenders including "KIYOKAWA MARU" "KAMOI"		<i>Kamoi</i>
Approx 20 Merchant Ships		
6 Patrol Craft		
6 Minelaying Craft		
At least 15 submarines (4 RO class; 8 "I" class) - 7 others en route from Japan		
16 Sub Chasers		
Approx 205 shore-based aircraft including 89 fighters, 62 N/B, 33 flying boats and 19 float planes, 2 Obsn. aircraft		

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

Flotilla Leader	TRUMP
Destroyer	VOYAGER
S/P Tenders	BIRON
	CHILDS
	F.B. PRESTON
Submarine Tenders	HOLLAND
	VELIAS
Submarines	<u>On Patrol</u>
	SAURY
	GAR
	TAUTOG
	SNIPJACK
	GRAMPUS
	GRAYBACK
	SNAPPER

approx

Submarines (Contd)

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

SPEARFISH }
 SEADRAGON } At Fremantle
 SEARAVEN }
 BARGO }
 THRESHER }
 SAILFISH } At Albany
 STURGEON } En route Eastern Sector
 K.8 } At Fremantle

Dutch Submarine

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

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

1 - 8" Cruiser "ASHICARA"

4 Light Cruisers

16 Destroyers

~~Several converted seaplane tenders (en route Truk)~~

Timor

Approx 40 shore-based aircraft including 27 fighters, 8 H/B, 4 F/B

Bali

Approx 25 shore-based aircraft including 21 fighters, 4 Obs. A/C

Ambon

Approx 17 shore-based aircraft including 9 fighters, 8 F/B

Celebes

Approx 58 shore-based aircraft including 36 fighters, 22 H/B, 12 F/B, 18 F/P

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

MARYLAND
 COLORADO
 IDAHO
 MISSISSIPPI
 NEW MEXICO
 TENNESSEE
 PENNSYLVANIA
 ROBERT
 NORTHAMPTON
 CHESTER
 PENNSACOLA
 BOISE
 DETROIT
 SAN DIEGO
 RALEIGH
 15 (approx)
 23 (approx)

CALIFORNIA

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

YORKTOWN

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Destroyers

Submarines

Enemy Forces

Also - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

3 Battleships (BB's)

YAMATO
 NUTSU
 HAGATO
 HYUGA
 FUSO
 YAMASHIRO
 ISE
 ZUIKAKU }
 SHOKAKU } poss. enroute Truk
 RYUJO }
 HOSEI
 JUNYO (HIYATAKA)
 HIYO (HIYAKA)
 NISSEI
 ZUIHO
 KASUGA MARU
 CHITOSE
 NACHI
 SUZUYA

6 Aircraft Carriers (CV's)

3 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV's)

Seaplane Carrier (AV)

2 - 8" Cruisers (CA's)

2 - 6" Cruisers (CL's)

3 converted Seaplane Tenders (XAV's) "HOTORO" "~~SAITAMA MARU~~"
"FUJIKAWA MARU" "GOSHU MARU"

Approx 40 Destroyers
Approx 20 Submarines

Mandated Islands

Truk Area

~~1 in C and Fleet~~
2 Battle cruisers

KONGO
HARUNA
ARAGO
MAGURO
MYAKO
TAKAO

Poss. Rabaul - Solomons area

3 possibly 4 heavy cruisers

possibly

Approx 12 Destroyers

1 converted seaplane tender

1 gunboat division

Several Chartered Merchant Ships

Special Landing Party Force (Marines)

Submarines ? (~~7 en route Rabaul area from Japan~~)

7 M.T.B.'s

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleship

Aircraft Carriers

NORTH CAROLINA

WASP

SARATOGA

ENTERPRISE

LONG ISLAND (Converted)

PORTLAND

ASTORIA

VINCENNES

MINNEAPOLIS

QUINCY

SAK FRANCISCO

NEW ORLEANS

AUSTRALIA

CHICAGO

SALT LAKE CITY

8" Cruisers

HOBART

PHOENIX

ATLANTA

HELENA

LEANDER

ACHILLES

SAN JUAN

STUART

SELFRIDGE

30 (approx)

6" Cruisers

Flotilla Leader

Squadron Leader

Destroyers

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE

INDIANAPOLIS

6" Cruisers

HONOLULU

ST. LOUIS

NASHVILLE

15 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians

3 Light Cruisers

12 Destroyers

Approx 10 Submarines

1st Base Force

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleship

8" Cruisers

SOUTH DAKOTA

CONCORD

TRENTON

RICHMOND

JUNEAU

Approx 8 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

Seaplane Carrier

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

A.N.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

Approx
At least 25 Destroyers

At least 7 Submarines

Approx
Enemy Forces

1 Squadron Submarines

WARSPITE
VALIANT
RESOLUTION
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
REVENGE
INDOMITABLE
ILLUSTRIOUS
FORMIDABLE
ALBATROSS
DEVONSHIRE
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
FROBISHER
CALEDON
DRAGON
ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
CERES
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
CAPETOWN
DANAÉ
DAUNTLESS
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
NEWCASTLE
SUMATRA (Dutch)
WORCESTERSHIRE
RANCHI
CORFU
AL AUNIA
CHITRAL
RAMPURA
CANTON
QUEEN OF BERMUDA
CARTHAGE
HEBMSKERCK
CARLISLE

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

23rd August, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Convoy A3 ("ANSHON" "sJACOB" "VAN DER LYN") escorted by "WARREGO" "BENDIGO" arr. Townsville from Milne Bay 1806/22.
- (ii) Convoy A4 ("CREMER" "ANHUI" "BANTAM") escorted by "SWAN" "GESSHOCK" arr. Milne Bay 1015/21. "SWAN" escorting "CREMER" "ANHUI" dep. 22/8 for Townsville.
- Convoy B4 ("JOHN HART" en route Moresby to Townsville E.T.A. 2400/25; "DANIEL BOONE" "MAETSUYCKER" at Moresby may be escorted to Townsville by "COLAC".
- (iii) Convoy A5 ("TASMAN") escorted by "ARUNTA" dep. Townsville for Milne Bay 1800/22 E.T.A. 1800/24.
- (iv) "WHYALLA" & "YANDRA" escorting Convoy GP10 are due Caloundra Head 1330 today 23/8.
- "GOULBURN" arr. Brisbane from escort duty 1832 0451/22, dep. 0730/23 to meet GP10 at 1330; thence to escort "MONTORO" "RONA" to Capricorn Channel, and return Brisbane. From R.V. "WHYALLA" "YANDRA" to escort Convoy PG10 to Sydney (including "ATREUS" for Newcastle).
- (v) "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Convoy OC19 arr. Sydney 0139/23. "MORESBY" continued northwards with Newcastle section.
- (vi) "DELCRAINE" "WILCANNIA" "CAIRNS" "IPSWICH" escorting Convoy CO20 (10 M.V.) were to R.V. at 0800 today 23/8 with "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy CO20 (including "BUNGAREE") 10 miles S.W. Westernport. Escorts to be exchanged and convoys proceed Melbourne and Sydney respectively.
- (vii) "MILDURA" escorting "BISHOPDALE" is due Sydney from Noumea.
- (viii) "MILDURA" & "WALLAROO" to escort Convoy CO21 departing Newcastle a.m. 24/8.
- (ix) "KANIMBLA" escorting Convoy US16 (2 M.V.) will depart Sydney Heads 1100 today 23/8 for Fremantle.
- "SEELONG" & "WALLAROO" to provide A/S screen while in searched channel. "WALLAROO" then to proceed Newcastle.
- (x) "BALLARAT" dep. Brisbane yesterday 22/8 for Townsville E.T.A. 0030/26.
- (xi) "HOPKINS" dep. Sydney for Noumea 1145/22.
- (xii) "KATCOMBA" escorting "ALDINGA" "MALAITA" enroute Townsville to Port Moresby E.T.A. 1600 today 23/8.
- (xiii) "WARRNAMBOOL" arr. Thursday Is. from Moresby 1129/22.
- (xiv) "K.12" en route Sydney to Cairns E.T.A. 2000/23; thence Thursday Is. (E.T.A. 31/8) and Darwin (E.T.A. 4/9).
- (xv) "EENGAL" in Broken Bay.
- (xvi) "KURUMBA" en route Cid Harbour to Townsville.
- (xvii) "MAHUNDA" dep. Townsville for Port Moresby 1024/20 E.T.A. 1300/23.
- (xviii) At Sydney - "WESTRALIA" "MANGORA" "K.9" "DOBBIN" "MIZAR" "TOWNSVILLE" "ARMIDALE"; Repairing - "LE TRIOMPHANT" "VICTORIA"
- (xix) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "TULSA" "BROOME"
- (xx) At Melbourne - "ADELAIDE" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "GAWLER" Repairing - "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xxi) At Adelaide - "TOOWOOMBA" "MARYBOROUGH"
- (xxii) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see Appendix.
- (xxiii) "SCULPIN" & "STURGEON" en route Western Sector to Brisbane are due Gabo Is. area 24/8 and 25/8 respectively.

Enemy Forces

- (i) HABAUL - A B.17 on recce sighted two unidentified vessels (6/10,000 tons) 64 miles W. Habaul at 1002/22. Course East.
- (ii) SOLOMONS
- a) Guadalcanal - Two possible enemy submarines were reported off the N.W. Coast of Guadalcanal and another between Guadalcanal and Savo Is. 20/8.
- Another report states that at least one enemy cruiser was west of Lengo Channel (N.Coast) at 0817/22, course West.
- b) Ontong Java - An enemy cruiser was reported at 0812/22 5°40'S, 159°E (approx 20 miles S.W. Ontong Java) course 120°.

Comment - Four heavy cruisers were reported in the vicinity of Ontong Java 21/8.

c) Treasury Is. (approx 23 miles S.W. Faisi) - One merchant ship 9,000 tons, one probable escorting vessel were sighted by aircraft on recce in position 7°30'S, 155°20'E (15 miles WSW Blanche Harbour, Mono Is.) at 1150/22, course 30°.

d) Faisi Area - Reports of enemy shipping in the area 22/8 indicate that the five vessels present 20/8 (namely 1 heavy cruiser, 1 possibly 2 other cruisers, 1 possibly 2 destroyers and 1 tanker) were still in the area and that two merchant ships 9,000 tons and two probable destroyers had also arrived.

(iii) UMBOI IS. (Vitiav Strait) - Four enemy ships including a warship were sighted off Umboi 1715/22 course N.W.

(iv) NEW GUINEA

a) Port Moresby - A B.17 sighted from 500 ft. at 1535/22 a submarine stationary off Idiha Is. (17 miles W. by N. Port Moresby). The conning tower and railing were visible and the submarine appeared to be grounded. Subsequent air searches were negative.

b) Hollandia - Reports indicate that the Japanese frequently visit Hollandia and that the natives in the area are pro-Japanese.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

(i) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "KOOLIGA" arr. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Darwin 2106/20, from Thursday Is.

(ii) "LITHGOW" escorting "ISLANDER" dep. Darwin 0752/22 for Thursday Island E.T.A. 1430/25.

(iii) AF Fremantle - "ROMP" "TRINITY" "K.B" "W.B. PRESTON" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "MADRAS" "ERLING BROVIG" "LANAKAI" "WOLLONGONG" "LAUNCESTON"

(iv) At Albany - "PELIAS" "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" "BOMBAY"

(v) At Exmouth Gulf - "HERON" "CHILDS"

(vi) At Darwin - "VOYAGER"

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

3. EAST INDIES- PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

(i) "ALSEY" en route Sydney to Auckland E.T.A. 1400/25.

(ii) "PHOENIX" en route Sydney to Noumea E.T.A. 24/8.

(iii) At Tongatabu - "ANTARES" "ARCTIC"

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

(v) At Suva - "GALE" "BALLARD"

(vi) At Auckland - "MONOWAI" "RIGEL" "SOLACE"

(vii) At Noumea - "SOUTHARD" "NOVEY" "ARGONNE" "RAINIER" "NAVAJO" "CHICAGO" "WHARTON" "NEVILLE" "REYWOOD" "BELLATRIX" "McCAWLEY" "BARNETT" "HUNTER LEGGETT" "AMERICAN LEGION" "LIBRA" "ALCHIBA" "MUGFORD" "RALPH TALBOT" "MERKUR" "ALDEBARAN" "PRESIDENT JACKSON" "HULL" "CUMMINGS" "POYANG" "WHITNEY" "STUART" "ACHILLES"

(viii) At Vila - "CAP DES PALMES" "CIMARRON" "W.W. BURROWS" "PRES. TYLER" "TRACY" "PLATTE"

(ix) At Espiritu Santo - "CURTISS" "ALCYONE" "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "CRESCENT CITY" "PRESIDENT HAYES" "GAMBLE" "KANAWHA" "FLUSSER" "SABINE"

(x) At Wellington - "CHEVREUIL" "FULLER"

(xi) At Ndeni - "MACKINAC" "BREESE"

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA (See Appendix)

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS - Nil

3. AIR OPERATIONS

ALLIED

- (i) RABAU - Four B.17's attacked Vunakanau at 1915/22 - fires started.
- (ii) LAE - One B.17 attacked Lae 1625/22 - damage not observed.

ENEMY

- (i) OCEAN IS. - Enemy aircraft attacked Ocean Is. at 1101/22.
- (ii) NAURU - Nauru was bombed by one enemy aircraft at 0850/22. At 1110/22 9 ~~max~~ twin engined bombers dropped 54 bombs.
- (iii) NDEMI IS. (Santa Cruz Group) - A T.97 Kawānisi F/B was sighted approx 80 miles NNE Ndeni at 0230/21.
- (iv) LAE - Photographs taken by the B.17 mentioned above show 38 fighters (19 damaged - 11 in blast pens - 8 dispersed), one undamaged and 4 damaged heavy bombers on Lae aerodrome.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Consolidation of bases in Buka - Bougainville - Shortlands area.
- (ii) Heavy naval and air counter attack against allied positions in Solomons.
- (iii) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (iv) Intensified submarine activity in the South West Pacific Area.

Ronalds
For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

23/8/42

APPENDIX

to

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA

EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

Flotilla Leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

Effective

ADELAIDE

ARUNTA

HOPKINS

S.40

S.43

S.45

S.38

S.46

S.47

S.37

S.42

S.41

S.44

STURGEON

SCULHINE

K.9

K.12

WESTRALIA

MANOORA

KANIBELA

GRIFFIN

BOBBIN

MIZAR

TULSA

Refitting or Repairing

LE TRIOMPHANT

At Brisbane

On Patrol

En route Brisbane

At Sydney

En route Sydney To Darwin

GOLDSTAR

VICTORIA

Dutch Submarines

A.M.C's

Submarine Tender

Destroyer Tender

Storeships

Gunboat

Oiler

Enemy Forces

New Guinea - Bismarck Archipelago - Solomon

0 in C 2nd. Fleet

0 in C 8th. Fleet

0 in C 4th. Fleet

5 possibly 9 heavy cruisers

CHOKAI

one "KAKO" class

one "AOBA" class

KUMANO

TONE?

possibly ATAGO

MYOKO

HAGURO

YURARI

~~MAKINO~~ MAYA?

JINTSU

2 "TENRYU" class

4 light Cruisers

20 Destroyers

1 Seaplane Carrier

3 Converted seaplane tenders including "KIYOKAWA MARU" "KAMOI"

"KAMIKAWA MARU" "KAKU MARU"

Approx 20 Merchant Ships

8 Patrol Craft

6 Minesweeping Craft

Approx 20 submarines including 4 RO class; 15 "I" class

16 Sub Chasers

Approx 337 shore-based aircraft including 100 fighters, 157 E/B

30 flying boats and 30 float planes, 20 Oban and transport aircraft.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

Flotilla Leader

Destroyer

S/P Tenders

TROMP

VOYAGER

HEK ON

CHILDRE

W.B. CRESTON

HOLLAND

FELIAS

Submarine Tenders

Submarines

On Patrol

SAURY
TAUTOG
SHIPJACK
CHAMPUS
GRAYBACK
SNAPPER
SEAWOLF
SEAL
SALMON

GAR

Repairing & preparing for Patrols

SEARVISE)
SEADRAGON)
SEARAVEN) At Fremantle.
SARCO)
THRESHOLD)
SAILFISH) At Albany
K.S. At Fremantle.

Dutch Submarine

5. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

9 Submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or N.E.I. area (see appendix

Enemy Forces

6 in 3 Brd. Fleet
6 in 3 Southern Expeditionary Fleet
1 - 8" Cruiser "ASHIGARA"
4 Light Cruisers
16 Destroyers
Seaplane tenders ?

Timor

Approx 47 shore-based aircraft including 27 fighters, 9 H/B, 4 F/B 7 E/P

Ambon

Approx 29 shore-based aircraft including 9 fighters 9 H/B 8 F/B 3 E/P

B- CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

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

Aircraft Carriers

6" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

HOHNET YORKTOWN

NORTHAMPTON

CHESTER & PENNSACOLA

BOISE

DETROIT

SAN DIEGO

RALEIGH

Destroyers

Submarines

15 (approx)

23 (approx)

Enemy Forces

Palao - Saipan - Honina - Japan

9 Battleships (BB's)

YAMATO
MUSASHI HIYAKI)
MAGATO KIRISHIMA } poss. enroute Truk
HYUGA
FUJIO
YAMASHIRO
ISE

6 Aircraft Carriers (CV's)

SHIKAKU)
SHOKAKU } possibly en route Truk
RYUHO)
HOSHIO
JUNYO (HIYATAKA)
KIYO (HITAKA)

3 Converted A/C Carriers

(XCV's)

NISSEIN
ZUIHO
KASUGA MARU

Seaplane Carrier (AV)
 3 - 8" Cruisers (CA's)
 2 - 6" Cruisers (CL's)
 3 converted Seaplane Tenders (XAV's) "HOTONO" "FUJIKAWA MARU"
 "OGUSHI MARU"
 Approx 40 Destroyers
 Approx 20 Submarines

Mandated Islands

TRUK AREA

2 Battle Cruisers KING DO 7
 HANUBA 7

Heavy Cruisers (see New Britain Solomon area)

Approx 12 Destroyers
 1 converted seaplane tender
 1 gunboat division
 Several Chartered Merchant Ships
 Special Landing Party Force (Marines)
 Submarines 7
 7 M.T.B.'s

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

SOUTH DAKOTA
 NORTH CAROLINA
 WABE
 SARATOGA
 ENTERPRISE
 LONG ISLAND (Converted)
 PORTLAND
 ASTORIA
 VINCELMES
 MINNEAPOLIS
 QUINCY
 SAN FRANCISCO
 NEW ORLEANS
 AUSTRALIA
 CHICAGO
 SALT LAKE CITY
 HOBART
 PHOENIX
 JUNEAU
 ATLANTA
 HELENA
 LEANDED
 ACHILLES
 SAN JUAN
 STUART
 SELWICK
 30 (approx)

Flotilla Leader
 Squadron Leader
 Destroyers

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

15 Destroyers
 10 Submarines

LOUISVILLE
 INDIANAPOLIS
 HONOLULU
 ST. LOUIS
 NASHVILLE

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians

3 Light Cruisers
 12 Destroyers
 Approx 10 Submarines
 1st Base Force

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
 TRENTON
 RICHMOND

Approx. 4 Destroyers

INDIAN OCEAN AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

Seaplane Carrier
8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruiser
6" Cruisers

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

Approx. 25 Destroyers
Approx. 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces
1 Squadron Submarines

VARSFITE
VALIANT
RESOLUTION
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
REVENGE
INDOMITABLE
ILLUSTRIOUS
FORMIDABLE
ALBATROSS
DEVONSHIRE
GEORGIO AVEROFF (Greek)
PROBISHER
CALEDON
DRAGON
ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
GENES
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
CAPTOWN
DANAE
DAUNTLESS
MAURITIUS
CAMBIA
NEWCASTLE
SUMATRA (Dutch)
WONCESTERSHIRE
RANCHI
COEPU
ALANIA
CENTRAL
RANPURA
CANTON
QUEEN OF HELMUDA
CARTHAGE
HEEMKERCK
CARLISLE

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

24th August, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

"BANTAM"

- (i) Convoy A4 - "SWAN" escorting "CRENER" "ANHUI" due Townsville tomorrow 25/8. "CESSHOCK" escorting "ANHUI" dep. Milne Bay 1630/23 for Townsville E.T.A. 0130/27.
Convoy B4 - "MAETSUYCKER" dep. Port Moresby 0900/22 for Townsville E.T.A. 0800/24. "DANIEL BOONE" at Townsville to be escorted by "COLAC" to Townsville.
- (ii) Convoy A5 - "PASMAN" escorted by "ARUNTA" en route Townsville to Milne Bay E.T.A. 1800/24.
- (iii) "WHYALLA" & "YANDRA" escorting Convoy GP10 arr. Brisbane 1900/23 and dep. 2245/23 escorting Convoy PG10, to Sydney (including "ATREUS" for Newcastle).
- (iv) "SCULBURN" dep. Brisbane 23/8 to escort "ROBA" (ex GP10) to Capricorn Channel and return Brisbane.
- (v) "MORESBY" dep. Newcastle 0750/23 after escorting OC19 and arr. Sydney 1206/23.
- (vi) Convoy CO20 arr. Melbourne p.m. 23/8 escorted by "DOOMBA" & "IPSWICH".
- (vii) Convoy OC20 enroute Melbourne to Sydney (E.T.A. 0800/26) and Newcastle (E.T.A. 1600/26) escorted by "DELORAINE" "WILCANNIA" "CAIRNS". (Convoy includes "BUNGAREE" 11 M.V.).
- (viii) "KANIMBLA" escorting Convoy US16 ("DEVONSHIRE" "ARONDA") dep. Sydney 1144/23 for Fremantle E.T.A. 1400/2/9. "GEELONG" to provide A/S screen in searched channel.
- (ix) "WALLAROO" dep. Sydney 1056/23 for Newcastle to escort Convoy CO21 departing Newcastle for Melbourne a.m. today 24/8.
"MILDURA" to escort Sydney section (6 M.V.) to R.V. with above.
- (x) "BALLARAT" enroute Brisbane to Townsville E.T.A. 0030/26.
- (xi) "KATOOMBA" escorting "ALDINGA" "MALAITA" arr. Moresby 1715/23.
- (xii) "BRNDIGG" dep. Townsville for Cairns 0335/23 E.T.A. 1900/23.
- (xiii) "K.12" enroute Sydney to Cairns E.T.A. 2000/28; thence Thursday Island (E.T.A. 31/8) and Darwin (E.T.A. 4/9).
- (xiv) "TULSA" exercising in Moreton Bay a.m. 23/8 until p.m. 25/8.
- (xv) "BENGAL" working up in Broken Bay.
- (xvi) At Sydney - "WESTRALIA" "K.9" "DOBBIN" "WIZAR" RE "TOWNSVILLE"
"ROCKHAMPTON" "MORESBY" "ARMIDALE" "BISHOPDALE"
Repairing - "LE TRIOMPHANT" "VICTORIA"
- (xvii) At Brisbane - "GRIPPIN" "BROOME"
- (xviii) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "GAWLER"
Repairing - "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xix) At Townsville - "WARREGO" "KURUMBA"
- (xx) At Adelaide - "TOOWOOMBA" "MARYBOROUGH"
- (xxi) At Thursday Is. - "WARRNAMBOOL"
- (xxii) At Port Moresby - "KATOOMBA" "COLAC"
- (xxiii) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see Appendix.
- (xxiv) "SCULPIN" & "STURGEON" en route Western Sector to Brisbane are due Sabo Is. area 24/8 and 25/8 respectively.

Enemy Forces

(1) SOLOMONS

- a) Shortland Is. Area - Ten warships (one of which was described as a possible aircraft carrier) and a supply ship were reported in the vicinity of Buin on the night of 22/8.
The following shipping was reported near Tonolei Harbour at 1830/23 -
2 cruisers (possibly "ATAGO" class), 5 destroyers, one 4000 ton supply ship, one large tanker, one submarine or torpedo boat. In addition three ships were reported off Faisi.
- b) Guadalcanal - Comsopac reported at 2353/23 that two groups of enemy vessels were approaching Guadalcanal Is. -
(i) 2 cruiser, 3 destroyers, 4 transports, from the north;
(ii) 2 destroyers, 2 cargo vessels from the south.
The former force was sighted 63 miles WNE Ontong Java at 0951

on course 190°, speed 17 knots

e) Bougainville - Comsopac reports that the enemy was still in occupation of Kieta 20/8. Air recce 23/8 reported no activity, in Kieta Harbour or on the aerodrome.

(ii) NEW BRITAIN - Allied aircraft reported one cruiser ("NACHI" class) 2 merchant vessels (10/15,000 tons), and 2 gunboats 4°10'S, 150°20'E (110 miles W. Rabaul) course 90°, speed 10 knots.

(iii) ENEMY SUBMARINES -

a) Malaita - An enemy submarine was sighted by allied aircraft a.m. 23/8 86 miles N.E. Attu Cove, Malaita.

b) Ontong Java - An enemy submarine was sighted in this area 22/8 and 23/8.

c) Coral Sea - There were indications 1430/23 of the presence of an enemy submarine approx 470 miles S.E. Port Moresby. The report of a possible submarine near Port Moresby 22/8 is now considered doubtful.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

(i) "LITHGOW" escorting "ISLANDER" en route Darwin to Thursday Island E.T.A. 1430/25.

(ii) "HERON" dep. Exmouth Gulf 0830/23 for Fremantle E.T.A. a.m. 26/8.

(iii) At Fremantle - "TROMP" "TRINITY" "K.8" "W.B. PRESTON" "HOLLARD" "ISABEL" "MADRAS" "ERLING BROVIG" "LANAKAI" "WOLLONGONG" "LAUNCESTON"

(iv) At Albany - "PELIAS" "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" "BOMBAY"

(v) At Exmouth Gulf - "CHILDS"

(vi) At Darwin - "VOYAGER" "KALGCCORLIE"

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

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

(i) "ALSEY" en route Sydney to Auckland E.T.A. 1400/25.

(ii) "KOPKIES" dep. Sydney 22/8 for Noumea.

(iii) At Tongatabu - "ANTARES" "ARCTIC"

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

(v) At Suva - "CALE" "BALLARD"

(vi) At Auckland - "MONOWAI" "RIGEL" "SOLACE"

(vii) At Noumea - "SCOTTHARD" "HOVEY" "ARGONNE" "RAINIER" "NAVAJO" "NEVILLE" "KEYWOOD" "BELLATRIX" "McCAWLEY" "BARNETT" "HUNTER" "LEGGETT" "AMERICAN LEGION" "LIBRA" "MERKUR" "ALDEBARAN" "HULL" "POYANG" "WHITNEY" "ACHILLES" "PHOENIX"

(viii) At Vila - "CAP DES PALMES" "CIMARRON" "W.W. BURROWS" "PRESIDENT TYLER" "TRACY" "PLATTE"

(ix) At Espiritu Santo - "CURTISS" "ALCYONE" "GAMBLE" "KANAWHA" "SABINE"

(x) At Wellington - "SERVEX" "CHEVREUIL" "FULLER"

(xi) At Ndeni - "MACKINAC" "BREESE"

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA (See Appendix)

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

(i) NAURU - The A.R.O. Nauru reports that the island was intermittently bombarded between 2310/22 and 0100/23 by a cruiser with 6" and 3" shells, using a searchlight. He considers that occupation is imminent.

(ii) OCEAN IS. - A cruiser at 2 miles distance using searchlights bombarded different sides of Ocean Is. during the night of 22/8.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

ALLIED

BUKA - One B.17 attacked buildings 23/8 - wharf possibly hit.

ENEMY

- (i) FALL RIVER - One of 7. P.40's on patrol over Fall River attacked by two Zero's.
- (ii) DARWIN - 27 Type 1 heavy bombers approx 20 Zero fighters attacked Hughes aerodrome 1218/23. Three hits on runway; some fuel and ammunition dumps destroyed. Nine Zero's, 4 heavy bombers believed destroyed.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Consolidation of bases in Buka - Bougainville - Shortlands area.
- (ii) Heavy naval and air counter attack against allied positions in Solomons.
- (iii) Occupation Nauru and Ocean Island.
- (iv) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (v) Intensified submarine activity in the South West Pacific Area.

For DIRECTOR C.C.I.C.

24/8/42

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruiser
Flotilla Leaders
Submarines

Effective

ADELAIDE
ARJUNTA
S.40)
S.43)
S.44)
~~S.45~~) At Brisbane
S.46)
S.47)
S.38 +
S.37)
S.42)
S.41) On Patrol
S.45)

Refitting or Repairing

LE TRIOMPHANT

Dutch Submarines

STURGEON) En route Brisbane
SCULPIN)
K.9 At Sydney
K.12 En route Sydney to Darwin

A.M.C.'s

WESTRALIA
MANGORA
KANIMELA

Submarine Tender
Destroyer Tender
Spreships
Gunboat
Oiler

GRIFFIN
DOBBS
NIZAN GOLDSTAR
TULSA VICTORIA

Enemy Forces

New Guinea - Bismarck Archipelago - Solomons

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C in C 4th Fleet
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one "KAKO" class
one "AOBA" class
KUMANO
TONE ?
possibly ATAGO
MYOKO
HAGURO
MAYA ?

4 Light Cruisers

YUBARI
JINTSU
2 "TENRYU" class

20 Destroyers
1 Seaplane Carrier
5 Converted S/P Tenders, incl. "KIYOKAWA MARU" "KAI OI" "KAI IKAWA MARU"
2 Submarine Tenders ("KAGU MARU"
Approx 20 Merchant Ships
8 Patrol Craft
6 Minelaying Craft
Approx 20 Submarines including 4 RO class; 15 "I" class
16 Sub Chasers
Approx 337 shore-based aircraft including 100 fighters, 157 H/B,
30 F/B's, 30 F/P's, 20 Obsn. or transport aircraft

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Flotilla Leader
Destroyer
S/P Tenders

TROMP
VOYAGER
CHILDS HERON
W. B. PRESTON

Submarine Tenders
Submarines

(HOLLAND
PELIAS
On Patrol
SAUHY
TAUTOG
SKIPJACK
GUDGEON
GRAMPUS
GRAYBACK

Submarines (Contd)

- 2 -
 SHAPPER
 SEAWOLF
 SEAL
 SALMON
Repairing & Preparing for Patrols
 SPEARFISH)
 SEADRAGON)
 SEARAVEN) At Fremantle
 SARGO)
 GAR)
 THESHER) At Albany
 SAILFISH)
 K.B At Fremantle

Dutch Submarine

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B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

MARYLAND
 COLORADO
 IDAHO
 MISSISSIPPI
 NEW MEXICO
 TENNESSEE
 PENNSYLVANIA

CALIFORNIA
 NEVADA (to be ready about 1/10)

WEST VIRGINIA

YORKTOWN

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Destroyers

Submarines

CHESTER
~~MISSISSIPPI~~
 BOISE
 DETROIT
 RALEIGH
 10 (approx)
 23 (approx)

Enemy Forces

Palao - Saipan - Bonins - Japs

9 Battleships (BB's)

YAMATO
 MUTSU
 NAGATO
 HIYEI
 KIRISHIMA } Poss. enroute Truk

HYUGA
 FUSO
 YAMASHIRO
 ISE

6 A/C Carriers (CV's)

ZUIKAKU } possibly en route Truk
 SROKAKU }

RYUJO
 HOSHO
 JUNYO (HIYATAKA)
 HIYO (HITAKA)

3 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV's)

NISSEIN
 ZUIHO
 KASUGA MARU

1 Seaplane Carrier (AV)

3 - 8" Cruisers (CA's)

CHITOSE
 NACHI
 TAKAO
 SUZUYA

2 - 6" Cruisers (CL's)

3 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV's) "NOTORO" "FUJIKAWA MARU" "GOSHU MARU"

Approx 40 Destroyers

Approx 20 Submarines

Mandated Islands

Truk Area

2 Battle Cruisers

KONGO ?

HARUNA ?

Heavy Cruisers (see New Britain - Solomons area)

Approx 12 Destroyers

1 converted S/P Tender

1 Gunboat Division

Several Chartered Merchant Ships

Special Landing Party Force (Marines)

Submarines B

7 M.T.B.'s

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

SOUTH DAKOTA

NORTH CAROLINA

WASP

HORNET

SARATOGA

ENTERPRISE

LONG ISLAND (Converted)

5" Cruisers

PORTLAND

ASTORIA

NORTHAMPTON

PENSACOLA

VINCENNES

MINNEAPOLIS

QUINCY

SAN FRANCISCO

NEW ORLEANS

AUSTRALIA

CHICAGO

SALT LAKE CITY

6" Cruisers

HOBART

PHOENIX

SAN DIEGO

JUNEAU

ATLANTA

HELENA

LEANDER

ACHILLES

SAN JUAN

STUART

SELFRIDGE

35 (approx)

Flotilla Leader

Squadron Leader

Destroyers

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE

INDIANAPOLIS

6" Cruisers

HONOLULU

ST. LOUIS

NASHVILLE

15 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians

3 Light Cruisers

12 Destroyers

Approx 10 Submarines

1st Base Force

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

CONCORD

TRENTON

RICHMOND

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INDIAN OCEAN AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

Seaplane Carrier
8" Cruisers

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6" Cruisers

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A.A. Vessels

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CALEDON
DRAGON
ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
CERES
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
CAPETOWN
DANAE
DAUNTLESS
MAURITIUS
CAMBIA
NEWCASTLE
SUMATRA (Dutch)
WORCESTERSHIRE
RANCHI
CORFU
ALANIA
CHITRAL
RAIPURA
CANTON
QUEEN OF BERMUDA
CARTHAGE
HEMSEK ROCK
CARLISLE

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

25th August, 1942

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

- (i) Convoy A4 - "SWAN" escorting "CREMER" "BANTAM" & "CESMOCK" escorting "ANHUI" enroute Milne Bay to Townsville B.T.A. 0730/26 and 0130/27 respectively.
- (ii) Convoy A5 - ("TASMAN") escorted by "ARUN A" was due Milne Bay from Townsville yesterday 24/8.
- (iii) "KANIMBLA" escorting Convoy US16 ("DEVONSHIRE" "ARONDA") en route Sydney to Fremantle E.T.A. 1400/2/9.
- (iv) "MANOORA" escorting Convoy US17 ("FELIX ROUSSEL" "WESTERLAND" "EKMA") dep. Sydney 1053/24 for Fremantle.
- (v) "WEYALLA" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy PG10 (5 M.V.) en route Brisbane to Sydney. "ATREUS" to be detached and proceed Newcastle.
- (vi) "DELOIRINE" "WILCANNIA" escorting Convoy OC20 from Melbourne (6 M.V. for Sydney E.T.A. 0800/26; 5 M.V. Newcastle E.T.A. 1600/26; one M.V. Auckland). Convoy includes "BUNGAREE" for Sydney.
- (vii) "WALLAROO" escorting Convoy CO21 dep. Newcastle 0733/24.
- (viii) "MILDURA" dep. Sydney for R.V. 1509/24 esc. Sydney section Convoy CO21. Convoy's E.T.A. Melbourne 1200/27.
- (ix) "GOULBURN" dep. Brisbane 23/8 to escort "RCNA" to Capricorn Channel and return Brisbane.
- (x) "BALLARAT" en route Brisbane to Townsville E.T.A. 0030/26.
- (xi) "K.12" en route Sydney to Cairns E.T.A. 2000/23; thence Thursday Island (E.T.A. 31/8) and Darwin (E.T.A. 4/9).
- (xii) "CAIRNS" en route Sydney to Adelaide E.T.A. 0600 today 25/8.
- (xiii) "TULSA" exercising in Moreton Bay until p.m. today 25/8.
- (xiv) "BENGAL" working up in Broken Bay.
- (xv) "BARALABA" arr. Townsville 1245/24.
- (xvi) "ARMIDALE" with lighter in tow dep. Sydney yesterday 24/8 for Darwin.
- (xvii) At Sydney - "WESTRALIA" "K.9" "DOBBS" "WIZAR" "TOWNSVILLE" "ROCKHAMPTON" "MORESBY" "GEE LONG" "BISHOPDALE" "CASTLEMAINE" - Repairing "LE TRIOMPHANT" "VICTORIA"
- (xviii) At Melbourne - "ADELAIDE" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "GAWLER" "IPSWICH" "DOOMBA" - Repairing - "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xix) At Adelaide - "TOOWOOMBA" "MARYBOROUGH"
- (xx) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "BROOME"
- (xxi) At Townsville - "WARREGO" "KURUMBA"
- (xxii) At Cairns - "BENDIGO"
- (xxiii) At Port Moresby - "KATOOMBA" "COLAC"
- (xxiv) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see Appendix.
- (xxv) "SCULPIN" & "STURGEON" en route Western Sector to Brisbane are due Gabo Is. area 27/8 and 28/8 respectively.

Enemy Forces(1) SOLOMONS

- a) Ontong Java - An enemy force consisting of one aircraft carrier, 1 or 2 cruisers, 1 or 2 destroyers was sighted east of Ontong Java 3 times on 24/8, and was last seen 107 miles E.S.E. of the island at 1610. The general course was southerly.
- Another force sighted at 1348 on a southerly course east of Ontong Java included 2 light cruisers, 1 destroyer and 3 other vessels.
- At least 2 other cruisers and a destroyer were off Ontong Java to the westward during the morning, on a northerly course. A large enemy force consisting of 2 large carriers, 4 large cruisers, 6 small cruisers, 8 destroyers was sighted at 0230/25 in position 05°45'S, 162°10'E (150 miles E.S.E. Ontong Java) course 120°, speed 25 knots.
- b) Shortland Is. - Sightings of enemy shipping approaching or in the vicinity of Faisi on 24/8 indicate that the total force included -
- 3 cruisers (or destroyers), 2 large cargo vessels, one armed merchant vessel, 3 unidentified vessels including a possible supply ship, 5 flying boats.

- c) Buka - One destroyer or light cruiser, one 10,000 ton transport were sighted entering Buka Passage from the south at 0725/24. A barge plied between the transport and shore until 1500.
- d) Ysabel Is. - One cruiser was operating in the area between Ysabel Is. and New Georgia during the morning 24/8.
- e) Gizo - One destroyer and two small launches were observed off Gizo at 0910/24.
- (ii) RABAU - Analysis of photographs taken 22/8 shows the light cruisers "TENRYU" & "TATSUTA", one destroyer, 2 submarines, a submarine depot ship probably "ZINGEI", and a possible seaplane tender (possibly "KAMOI") in Rabaul Harbour. Air recce 24/8 revealed 20 to 25 unidentified ships in the Harbour and one transport (8,000 tons) escorted by a destroyer off Huru Point (25 miles E. by N. Rabaul).
- (iii) KAVIENG - One cargo vessel (2,000 tons), a launch and a flying boat were observed in Kavieng Harbour by allied aircraft 24/8.
- (iv) TROBRIANDS - A B.17 on recce reported 3 light cruisers or destroyers 2 transports, 2 tankers, 2 patrol boats or minesweepers in 08°45'S, 151°35'E (15 miles E. by S. Kitava) at 0830/25.
- (v) SUBMARINE ACTIVITY - There were indications of the presence of four enemy submarines in the vicinity of Ontong Java 23/8. At 1430/23 there were indications of an enemy submarine approx 100 miles south of Rossel Is.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "VIGILANT" dep. Darwin for Timor 0508/19.
- (ii) "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting "BURWAH" dep. Thursday Is. 1800/24 for Darwin E.T.A. 2830/27.
- (iii) "LITHGOW" escorting "ISLANDER" en route Darwin to Thursday Island E.T.A. 1430 today 25/8.
- (iv) "HERON" en route Exmouth Gulf to Fremantle E.T.A. a.m. 26/8.
- (v) At Fremantle - "TROMP" "TRINITY" "K.8" "W.B. PRESTON" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "MADRAS" "ERLING BROVIG" "LANAKAI" "WOLLONGONG" & "LAUNCESTON"
- (vi) At Albany - "PELIAS" "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" "BOMBAY"
- (vii) At Exmouth Gulf - "CHILDS"
- (viii) At Darwin - "VOYAGER" "KALOGORLIE"
- (ix) For submarines in Western Sector - see Appendix.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "ALSBY" en route Sydney to Auckland E.T.A. 1400/25.
- (ii) "HOPKINS" dep. Sydney 22/8 for Noumea.
- (iii) At Tongatabu - "ANTARES" "ARCTIC"
- (iv) At Samoa - "TURKEY" "KINGFISHER" "BRAZOS" "CAMANGA"
- (v) At Suva - "GALE" "BALLARD"
- (vi) At Auckland - "MONOWAI" "RIGEL" "SOLAGE" "CHEVREUIL"
- (vii) At Noumea - "SOUTHARD" "HOVEY" "ARGONNE" "RAINIER" "NAVAJO" "NEVILLE" "CAP DES PALMES" "GAMELE" "HEYWOOD" "BELLATRIX" "BENTLEY" "McCAWLEY" "BARNETT" "HUNTER LEGGETT" "AMERICAN LEGION" "LIBRA" "MERKUR" "ALDEBARAN" "HULL" "POYANG" "WHITNEY" "ACHILLES" "PHOENIX"
- (viii) At Vila - "CIMARRON" "W.W. BURROWS" "PRESIDENT TYLER" "TRACY" "PLATTE" "HELENA" "LONG ISLAND" "AYLWIN"
- (ix) At Espiritu Santo - "CURTISS"
- (x) At Wellington "FULLER"
- (xi) At Ndeni - "MACKINAC" "BREESE"

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA (See Appendix)

NAVAL INCIDENTS - Nil

AIR OPERATIONS

ALLIED

- (i) GIZO - Allied aircraft attacked Gizo 23/8. Fires started.
- (ii) BUKA - An allied recon aircraft reported 28 single-engined aircraft at Buka aerodrome.

ENEMY

- (i) ONTONG JAVA - Three Zero's attacked an allied patrol aircraft 230 miles NNE Ontong Java at 1030/24.
- (ii) NEW GUINEA - Eleven Zero's and 2 unidentified aircraft attacked Forlock Harbour at 1500/24. P.40's intercepted. Two Zero's destroyed, 2 probably destroyed.
- (iii) DARWIN - Two attacks by enemy aircraft 24/8 - the first by two aircraft, the other by a single aircraft. No casualties or damage.
- (iv) OCEAN IS. - A single enemy aircraft machine gunned Ocean Is. at 1255/23.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Consolidation of bases in Buka - Bougainville - Shortlands area.
- (ii) Heavy naval and air counter attack against allied positions in Solomons.
- (iii) Occupation of Nauru and Ocean Island.
- (iv) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (v) Intensified submarine activity in the South West Pacific Area.

For DIRECTOR C.C.I.C.

25/8/42

ADDENDUM

FONA (approx 45 miles E.S.E. Buna) - An unknown number of Japanese landed at Fona from 7 barges at approx 1645/24.

to
DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR
British and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
6" Cruiser	ADLAIDE	
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA	IN TRIUMPHANT
Submarines	S.39	
	S.40	
	S.43	at Brisbane
	S.44	
	S.46	
	S.47	
	S.37	
	S.41	On Patrol
	S.42	
	S.45	
	STURCKON	En route Brisbane
	SCULPIN	
Dutch Submarines	K.9	at Sydney
	K.12	En route Sydney to Darwin
A.M.C.'s	WESTRALIA	
	KANOOKA	
	KAMINDLA	
Submarine Tender	GRIFFIN	
Destroyer Tender	BOBBIE	
Storeships	MIZAR	GOLDSTAR
Gunboat	TULRA	
Oiler		VICTORIA

Enemy Forces

Iruk - New Guinea - Solomons

3 in C 2nd Fleet			
3 in C 3rd Fleet			
3 in C 4th Fleet			
Probably 4 battle cruisers			
3 Aircraft carriers	ZUIKANU	SHOKAKU	RYUJO
10 heavy cruisers	one "KAGO" class		one "ROBA" class
	CHOKAI		TONI
	KUMANO		TIKUMA ?
	ATAGO		MIYOKO
	HARUNO		TAKEO
		MAYA ?	
6 Light Cruisers	TUBARI		
	JINTSU		NAKA
			2 "IBASHYU" class YURA

30-40 Destroyers
 1 poss. 2 S/P Carriers (CHIYODA CHITOSE)
 3 Converted S/P Tenders incl. MIYOKAWA MARU KAMOI KAMIKAWA MARU KAGU MARU
 2 submarine tenders
 approx 30 merchant ships
 3 patrol craft
 6 minelaying craft
 approx 25 submarines incl. 4-5 "RO" class, 10 "I" class
 10 Sub Chasers
 15 M.T.B.'s 5 Gunboats
 Approx 350 shore-based a/c incl. 113 fighters, 157 B/P, 30 F/S, 30 F/P
 20 Obs or transport a/c

2. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Flotilla Leader	TRAMP
Destroyer	VOYAGER
S.P. Tenders	CHILD KENON W.B. PRESTON
Sub. Tenders	HOLLAND FELLAS
Submarines	On Patrol
	SAUNY TAUSOG SKINJACK

Submarines (Contd)

GUDGEON
 GRAMPUS
 GRAYBACK
 SNAPPER
 SEAWOLF
 SEAL
 SALMON
Repairing & Preparing for Patrols
 SPEARFISH }
 SEADRAGON } At Fremantle
 SRAVEN }
 SARGO }
 THRESHER }
 SAILFISH } At Albany
 GAR }
 K.S. At Fremantle

Dutch Submarine

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

C in C 3rd Fleet
 C in C Southern Expeditionary Fleet
 1 - 8" Cruiser "ASHIGARA"
 4 Light Cruisers
 16 Destroyers
 Converted Seaplane Tenders ?

Timor

Approx 45 shore-based aircraft incl. 26 fighters, 9 H/B, 4 F/B, 6 F/P

Amboi

Approx 29 shore-based aircraft incl. 9 fighters, 9 H/B, 8 F/B, 3 F/P

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

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

Aircraft Carrier

8" Cruiser
 6" Cruiser
 Destroyers
 Submarines

CHESTER
 DETROIT
 10 (approx)
 23 (approx)

Enemy Forces

Palao - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

7 5 Battleships (BB's)

YAMATO	}	MISSISSIPPI
MUTSU		
MACATO		
HYUGA		
FUSO		
YAMASHIRO		
ISE		

3 5 A/C Carriers (CV's)

YAMATO	}	MISSISSIPPI
MUTSU		

3 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV's)

YAMATO	}	MISSISSIPPI
MUTSU		
HOSHO		
JUNYO (HIYATAKA)		
MIYO (HITAKA)		
NISSHIN		
ZUIHO		
KASUGA MARU - en route Truk		
CHITOSE		SUZUYA
NACHI		
TAKAO		

1 Seaplane Carrier (AV)
3 - 8" Cruisers (CA's)

2 - 6" Cruisers (CL's)

3 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV's) "NOTORO" "FUJIKAWA MARU" "GOSHU MARU"

Approx 40 Destroyers
Approx 20 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Flotilla Leader
Squadron Leader
Destroyers

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

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

6" Cruisers

15 Destroyers
10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians

3 Light Cruisers

12 Destroyers

Approx 10 Submarines

1st Base Force

LOUISVILLE
INDIANAPOLIS
HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE

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

Approx 4 Destroyers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

Seaplane Carrier
8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruiser
6" Cruisers

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

Approx 25 Destroyers
Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces
I Squadron Submarines

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

DAILY APPRECIATION PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

26th August, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Convoy A4 - "SWAN" escorting "CREMER" "BANTAM" arr. Townsville 0245/26. "CESSHOCK" escorting "ANHUI" enroute Milne Bay to Townsville E.T.A. 0130/27.
- (ii) Convoy A5 ("TASMAN") escorted by "ARUNTA" was ordered to proceed Milne Bay to Port Moresby yesterday 25/8 E.T.A. 1200 today 26/8.
- (iii) "KANTIMBLA" escorting Convoy US16 ("DEVONSHIRE" "ARONDA") en route Sydney to Fremantle E.T.A. 1400/2/9.
- (iv) "MANCOORA" escorting Convoy US17 ("FELIX ROUSSEL" "WESTERLAND" "EKMA" en route Sydney to Fremantle E.T.A. 3/9. "ADELAIDE" to depart Melbourne about 1630/27 to join "MANCOORA" and convoy west of Bass Strait.
- (v) "CHICAGO" "MUGFORD" "STUART" en route Neusea to Sydney E.T.A. 1400/27.
- (vi) "DELOIRINE" escorting Sydney section Convoy C020 (incl. "BUNGAREE") due Sydney Heads 0200 ~~xxxx~~ today 26/8. "WILCANNIA" continued escorting main convoy to Newcastle.
- (vii) "WALLAROO" & "MILDURA" escorting Convoy C021 from Newcastle and Sydney to Melbourne E.T.A. 0800/27.
- (viii) Newcastle portion Convoy G10 including "ATREUS" arr. Newcastle 0225/26. Remainder escorted by "WHYALLA" "YANDRA" continued to Sydney.
- (ix) "GOULBURN" arr. Brisbane from escort duty 0230/26.
- (x) "BENDIGO" escorting "VAN BREMSKERCK" dep. Cairns 0625/25 for Milne Bay but was ordered to return Cairns.
- (xi) "K.12" en route Sydney to Cairns E.T.A. 2000/28; thence Thursday Island (E.T.A. 31/8) and Darwin (E.T.A. 4/9).
- (xii) "BROOME" dep. Brisbane 1217/25 for Sydney E.T.A. 0600/27.
- (xiii) "KURUMBA" dep. Townsville 1330/25 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1001/28.
- (xiv) "BALLARAT" arr. Townsville from Brisbane 1525/25.
- (xv) "ARMIDALE" with light in tow arr. Brisbane 1804/25.
- (xvi) "KATOOMBA" dep. Port Moresby 0657/25 for Townsville E.T.A. 1200/28.
- (xvii) "CASTLEMAINE" to depart Sydney a.m. today 26/8 for Townsville and Darwin.
- (xviii) "BENGAL" working up in Broken Bay.
- (xix) At Sydney - "WESTRALIA" "K.9" "DOBBIN" "MIZAR" "TOWNSVILLE" "ROCKHAMPTON" "MORESBY" "GRELONG" "BISHOPDALE" Repairing - "LE TRIOMPHANT" "VICTORIA"
- (xx) At Melbourne - "ADELAIDE" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "GAWLER" "IPSWICH" "DOOMBA" -- Repairing "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xxi) At Adelaide - "TOOWOOMBA" "MARYBOROUGH"
- (xxii) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "TULSA"
- (xxiii) At Townsville - "BARREGO"
- (xxiv) At Port Moresby - "COLAC"
- (xxv) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see Appendix.
- (xxvi) "SCULPIN" & "STURGEON" en route Western Sector to Brisbane are due 27/8 and 28/8 respectively.

Enemy Forces

- (i) The convoy consisting of 3 cruisers or destroyers, 2 transports, 2 tankers, 2 patrol boats or minesweepers which was sighted east of the Trobriands at 0830/25, was shadowed during the day and was last sighted approx 22 miles east of Killerton Point, Milne Bay at 1752/25.

MILNE BAY

The enemy commenced landing operations at Hioma Beach (4 miles east of the allied base at Fall River) on the north shore of Milne Bay at 0140 this morning 26/8.

P.40's attacked the convoy 55 miles N.E. of Samarai during the afternoon 25/8, and one corvette was probably destroyed by a direct hit.

- (ii) RABAU - An aircraft on photographic recon 25/8 reported 12 vessels including 3 possible cruisers, remainder merchant ships, 4 destroyers, 1 tanker, 1 minesweeper, 1 "NISSIN MARU" class (Whaling Factory Ship - 16,000 tons).
- (iii) BUIN - FAISI AREA - Five ships (including 1 destroyer) were sighted off Erventa Is. (5 miles E.N.E. Buin) at 0700/25 but these vessels had departed at 1430. A cruiser was observed off Faisi at 0900. ~~Six~~ ^{Six} ships including 1 supply ship and 1 destroyer were sighted between Shortland Is. and Onua Is. (2 miles E. Faisi) at 1100.
- (iv) ENEMY SUBMARINES - SOLOMONS - An enemy submarine was sighted 25/8 60 miles S.W. of Rennell Is. and another 23/8 off Tawaro Point, San Cristoval Is.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "CAIRNS" to depart Adelaide p.m. today 26/8 for Fremantle.
- (ii) "VIGILANT" dep. Darwin for Timor 19/8.
- (iii) "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting "BURWAN" en route Thursday Is. to Darwin E.T.A. 1830/27.
- (iv) "LITHGOW" escorting "ISLANDER" arr. Thursday Is. 1545/25.
- (v) "HERON" en route Exmouth Gulf to Fremantle E.T.A. a.m. today 26/8.
- (vi) At Fremantle - "TROMP" "TRINITY" "K.8" "W.B. PRESTON" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "MADRAS" "ERLING BROVIG" "LANAKAI" "WOLLONGONG" "LAUNCESTON" "WHIPPOORWILL"
- (vii) At Albany - "PELIAS" "LARK" "BOMBAY"
- (viii) At Exmouth Gulf - "CHILDS"
- (ix) At Darwin - "VOYAGER" "KALGOORLIE"
- (x) For submarines in Western Sector - see Appendix.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) At Tongatabu - "ANTARES" "ARCTIC"
- (ii) At Samoa - "TURKEY" "KINGFISHER" "BRAZOS" "CAMANCA" "LEANDER" "CUMMINGS" "FLUSSER" "CRESCENT CITY" "PRES. ADAMS" "PRESIDENT HAYES"
- (iii) At Suva - "GALE" "BALLARD"
- (iv) At Auckland - "MONOHAI" "RIGEL" "SOLACE" "CHEVREUIL" "ALSEY"
- (v) At Noumea - "SOUTHARD" "HOVEY" "ARGONNE" "RAINIER" "NAVAJO" "CAP DES PALMES" "GAMBLE" "KEYWOOD" "BELLATRIX" "NEVILLE" "MCGAWLEY" "BARNETT" "HUNTER LEGGETT" "AMERICAN LEGION" "LIBRA" "MERKUR" "BULL" "POYANG" "WHITNEY" "ACHILLES" "PHOENIX" "WILSON" "HOPKINS" "KASKASKIA"
- (vi) At Vila - "W.W. BURROWS" "PRESIDENT TYLER" "HELENA" "LONG ISLAND" "AYLWIN" "MCKEAN" "MACFARLAND"
- (vii) At Espiritu Santo - "CURTISS" "ALHENA" "POMALHAU T" "MANLEY" "STRINGHAM" "HELM" "HENLEY"
- (viii) At Wellington - "FULLER"
- (ix) At Ndeni - "MACKINAC" "BRESE"

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA (See Appendix.)

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

SOLOMONS AREA - Complete details of naval and air operations in the area N.E. of the Solomons are not available. Air attacks were carried out against enemy Task Forces on 24/8 between 3°40'S, 162°E and 9°S, 162°E resulting in hits of one aircraft carrier (believed "RYUJO") which was last reported burning heavily. Other hits were

scored by our carrier-borne aircraft on enemy cruisers, transports and one battleship.

At 0835/25 a heavy cruiser and transport were seen on fire in a position approx 90 miles North of Tulagi. Four light cruisers and four destroyers were sighted in the same area in addition to the above units at 0935/25. Enemy forces reported in the Ontong Java area yesterday morning 25/8 included one battle cruiser, 9 cruisers and 2 destroyers all of which were observed to be on a N.E. course.

The two large aircraft carriers ("ZUIKAKU" "SHOKAKU") which were sighted 150 miles E.S.E. Ontong Java with cruisers and destroyers at 1530L/24 have not been mentioned in sightings on 25/8 received to date.

GUADALCANAL - During the enemy air raid on Guadalcanal at 1440L/24 our fighter aircraft from Guadalcanal destroyed 5 enemy twineengined bombers, 5 single engined bombers, 11 Zero fighters making a total of 21 enemy aircraft for the loss of three fighters.

Guadalcanal reported being shelled by enemy ~~xxxxx~~ surface vessels at 0050L/25. Our submarines have been ordered to attack.

A further air raid was reported against Guadalcanal at 1201L/25. Details not yet available.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

ALLIED

- (i) RABAU - Eight Fortresses attacked Vunakanau - Lakunai - Gasmata a.m. 25/8. Large fires seen at Vunakanau.
- (ii) BUNA - Seventeen Aircobras attacked Buna aerodrome 0745/25. A.A. position silenced. One Zero left burning, 15 Zero's observed on ground.
Seven Aircobras attacked 1110/25. 10 Zero's left burning.
- (iii) TIBESSE (TIMOR) - Four Hudsons attacked 24/8. Small fires started.

ENEMY

- (i) DARWIN - An unknown number of enemy aircraft attacked Darwin 2400/24. No damage.
- (ii) GROOTE EYLANDT - U/I aircraft reported a.m. 25/8. Graded C.3.
- (iii) DARWIN-WYNDHAM - Two unidentified recon aircraft reported off coast between Wyndham and Darwin 25/8.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

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

For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

26/8/42

A P P E N D I X

to

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
6" Cruiser	ADELAIDE	
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	S.43) At Brisbane	
	S.44)	
	S.46)	
	S.47)	
	S.37)	
	S.41) On Patrol	
	S.42)	
	S.45)))	
	STURGEON)	En route Brisbane
Dutch Submarines	EGULPIN)	
	K.9	At Sydney
A.M.C.'s	K.12	En route Sydney to Darwin
	WESTRALIA	
	MANOORA	
	KANIMBLA	
Submarine Tender	GRIFFIN	
Destroyer Tender	DOBIE	
Storeships	MIZAR	GOLDSTAR
Gunboat	TULSA	
Oiler		VICTORIA

Enemy Forces

Truk - New Guinea - Solomons

C in C 2nd Fleet

C in C 8th Fleet

C in C 4th Fleet

C in C 1st Air Fleet

Probably 4 battlecruisers "KONGO" "HARUNA" "KIRISHIMA" "HIYEI"

3 Aircraft Carriers "ZUIKAKU" "SHOKAKU" "RYUJO" (damaged)

10 heavy cruisers

CHOKAI TONE
KUMANO TIKUMA ?
ATAGO MYOKO
HAGURO TAKAO
MAYA ? FURUTAKA

7 Light Cruisers

YUBARI Poss 1 "KAKO" class
KATORI
JINTSU NAKA
2 "TENRYU" class YURA

Approx 25 subs incl. 4-8 "HO" class, 15 "I" class

35-40 Destroyers

1 poss. 2 S/P Carriers ("CHIYODA" "CHITOSE")

5 Converted S/P Tenders incl. "KIYOKAWA MARU" "KAWOI" "KAGU MARU"

2 submarine tenders

approx 20 Merchant ships

8 patrol craft

6 minelaying craft

16 Sub Chasers

15 M.T.B.'s 5 Gunboats

Approx 348 shore-based a/c incl. 118 fighters, 157 H/B, 31 F.B, 27 V/P
20 Obsn. A.C or transport a/c

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Flotilla Leader

Destroyer

S/P Tenders

Submarine Tenders

Submarines

TROOP
VOYAGER
CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON
HOLLAND PELIAS
On Patrol
SAURY
TAUTOG
SKIPJACK

Submarine s (contd.)

GRENADIER
GULFSTON
GRANFUS
GRAYBACK
SNAPPER
SEAWOLF
SEAL
SALMON

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols.

SPHARFISH }
SEADRAGON } At Fremantle.
SEARAVEN }
SARGO }
THRESHER }
SAILFISH } At Albany.
GAR }
K.B } At Fremantle.

Dutch Submarine

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.

British and Allied Forces.

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

Enemy Forces.

C. in C. 3rd Fleet.
C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet.
1 - 8" Cruiser "ASHIGARA".
4 Light Cruisers.
16 Destroyers.
Converted Seaplane Tenders ?

Timor.

Approx. 33 shore-based aircraft incl. 17 fighters, 6 H/B. 4 F/B. 6 F/P.

Ashon.

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

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

British and Allied Forces.

Battleships.

MARYLAND
COLORADO
IDaho
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
TENNESSEE
PENNSYLVANIA.

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

YORKTOWN.

Aircraft carrier .

8" cruiser
6" cruiser
Destroyers
Submarines

CHESTER
DETROIT
10 (approx.)
23 (approx.)

Enemy Forces.

Falco - Saisan - Bonins - Japan.

7 Battleships (BB's).

YAMATO
MUTSU
HAGATO
HIUGA
FUJIO
YAMASHIRO
ISE

3 A/C. carriers (CV's.)

HOSHIO
JUNYO (HITATAKA)
HIYO (HITAKA)

3 converted A/c. carriers (KCV's.)

NISSEIN
ZUIHO
KASUGA MARU - en route Truk.
CHITOSE - en route Truk.
NACHI SUZUYA.

1 seaplane carrier (AV).

2 8" cruisers (CA's.)
2 6" cruisers (CL's.)

3 converted S/P. tenders (XAV's.) "NOTORO" "GOSHU MARU" & KAMIKAWA MARU
FUJIKAWA MARU,
en route Rabaul.

Approx. 20-30 destroyers.
Approx. 20 submarines.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Flotilla Leader
Squadron Leader
Destroyers

SOUTH DAKOTA
NORTH CAROLINA
WASP
BORNET
SARATOGA
ENTERPRISE
LONG ISLAND (Converted)
PORTLAND
ASTORIA
NORTHAMPTON
PENSACOLA
VINCENNES
MINNEAPOLIS
QUINCY
SAN FRANCISCO
NEW ORLEANS
AUSTRALIA
CHICAGO
SALT LAKE CITY
HOBART
PHOENIX
BOISE
RALEIGH
JUREAU
SAN DIEGO
ATLANTA
HELENA
LEANDER
ACHILLES
SAN JUAN
STUART
SELFRI DGE
35 (approx)

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

6" Cruisers

15 Destroyers
10 Submarines

Enemy Forces
Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians
3 Light Cruisers
12 Destroyers
Approx 10 Submarines
1st Base Force

LOUISVILLE
INDIANAPOLIS
HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE

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

Approx 4 Destroyers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battle ships

Aircraft Carriers

WARSPITE
VALIANT
RESOLUTION
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
REVENGE
INDOMITABLE
ILLUSTRIOUS
FORMIDABLE

Cruisers

7.5" Cruiser
6" Cruisers

DEVON SHIRE
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
PROBISHER
CALEDON
DRAGON
ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
CERES
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
CAPETOWN
DANAE
DAUNTLESS
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
NEWCASTLE
SUMATRA (Dutch)
WORCESTERSHIRE
RANCHI
CORFU
ALABIA
CHITRAL
RANPURA
CANTON
QUEEN OF BERMUDA
CARTHAGE
HEERMSKERK
CARLISLE

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

Approx 25 Destroyers
Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

1 Squadron Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

27th August, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "CESSNOCK" escorting "ANHUI" arr. Townsville 1048/26.
- (ii) "ARUNTA" escorting "TASMAN" from Milne Bay arr. Port Moresby 1031/26
- (iii) "KANIMBLA" escorting Convoy US16 ("DEVONSHIRE" "ARONDA") en route Sydney to Fremantle E.T.A. 1400/2/9.
- (iv) "MANOCRA" escorting Convoy US17 ("FELIX ROUSSEL" "WESTERLAND" "EKMA" en route Sydney to Fremantle E.T.A. 3/9. "ADELAIDE" to depart Melbourne about 1630 today 27/8 to join "MANOCRA" and convoy west of Bass Strait.
- (v) "CHICAGO" "MUGFORD" "STUART" en route Noumea to Sydney E.T.A. 1400 today 27/8.
- (vi) "DELOHAINE" escorting section Convoy C029 (including "BUNGAREE") arr. Sydney 0627/26. "WILCANNIA" escorting remaining section Convoy C020 arr. Newcastle 1312/26. "WILCANNIA" returned to Sydney 1754/26.
- (vii) "WALLAROO" & "MILDURA" escorting Convoy C021 from Newcastle and Sydney to Melbourne E.T.A. 0800 today 27/8.
- (viii) "WHYALLA" & "YANDRA" escorting portion Convoy PC10 arr. Sydney 0758/26.
- (ix) "WHYALLA" & "TOWNSVILLE" to escort Convoy C022 E.T.D. Newcastle 0800 today 27/8 for Melbourne.
- (x) "IPSWICH" escorting Convoy C021 departed Port Phillip 2254/26 for Sydney.
- (xi) "DUBBO" arr. Sydney 1304/26 from Broken Bay.
- (xii) "DUBBO" & "GEELONG" to escort Convoy CP11 (including "BUNGAREE") E.T.D. Sydney 0800 today 27/8 for Brisbane.
- (xiii) "BENDIGO" escorting "VAN HEEMSKERCK" dep. Cairns for Milne Bay but was ordered to return Cairns arriving 1515/26.
- (xiv) "K.12" en route Sydney to Cairns E.T.A. 2000/28; Thursday Island (E.T.A. 31/8) and Darwin (E.T.A. 4/9).
- (xv) "BROOME" was due Sydney from Brisbane 0600 today 27/8.
- (xvi) "KURUMBA" en route Townsville to Brisbane E.T.A. 1901/28.
- (xvii) "KATOomba" en route Port Moresby to Townsville E.T.A. 1200/28.
- (xviii) "CASTLEMAINE" dep. Sydney 1414/26 for Townsville and Darwin.
- (xix) "BENGAL" working up in Broken Bay.
- (xx) At Sydney - "WESTRALIA" "K.9" "DOBBS" "MIZAR" "ROCKHAMPTON" "MORESEY" "BISHOPDALE" "BUNGAREE" "YANDRA" Repairing - "LE TRIOMPHANT" "VICTORIA" "DUBBO"
- (xxi) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM ORYNSSEN" "GAWLER" "IPSWICH" "BOOMBA" Repairing - "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xxii) At Adelaide - "TOOWOOMBA" "MARYBOROUGH"
- (xxiii) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "TULSA" "ARMIDALE" "GOULBURN"
- (xxiv) At Townsville - "SWAN" "WARRECO" "BALLARAT"
- (xxv) At Newcastle - "ATREUS"
- (xxvi) At Port Moresby - "COLAC"
- (xxvii) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see appendix.
- (xxviii) "SCULPIN" & "STURGEON" en route Western Sector to Brisbane are due 27/8 and 28/8 respectively.

Enemy Forces

(1) MILNE BAY - The convoy of 9 vessels, which landed troops at Milne Bay at 0140/26 was revealed by photographic analysis to consist of 1 destroyer or light cruiser, 2 light cruisers, 2 destroyers, 2 minesweepers, 2 transports. Seven of these vessels (3 cruisers, 2 destroyers, 2 transports) were last observed at 1216/26 approx 20 miles N.E. of Cape Pierson, Normanby Is., course 30°, speed 10 knots. This sighting would appear to confirm that two vessels were sunk, probably the minesweepers.

Another enemy force comprising 1 cruiser, 2 destroyers, 3 transports was sighted at 1635/26, course 200°, 10 knots, approx 16 miles E. by S. of Cape Pierson. The transports very probably contain reinforcements for Milne Bay and the escorting vessels,

or some of them, may possibly be units which were in Milne Bay area 25/8.

Following the landing at Hioma Beach at 0140/26, the Japanese are advancing, using mortars and rifles, towards Gili Gili and at 1820/26 had advanced 4 miles. Allied forward patrols were holding a force of 150 enemy a.m. 26/8 1½ miles east of Rabi Mission; another force of 200 was sighted in this area accompanied by one tank. (See Air Operations)

- (ii) BUIN - FAISI AREA -- At approx 1100/26 an allied aircraft sighted 1 cruiser, 2 destroyers, 2 cargo vessels (5000 tons), 1 vessel (1000 tons) unidentified and many small vessels, in the Faisi - Buin area. Four floatplanes attempted interception with negative results.
- (iii) SOLOMONS - NEW CALEDONIA - Enemy submarines were indicated in the following positions --
- a) one at approx 15°S, 161°20'E (approx 210 miles S. by E. of Kungava Bay (Rennell Is.) at 2305/25.
- b) One at 15°S, 162°10'E (220 miles SSE of Kungava Bay) at 0151/26.
- Note: Possibly the same submarine as in (a)
- c) One at 14°40'S, 160°20'E (approx 175 miles S. of Kungava Bay) at 0158/26.
- d) One at 10°35'S, 162°40'E (25 miles N.E. of Cape Turville, San Cristoval Is.) at 0742/25.
- (iv) ONTONG JAVA
- a) At 1014/26 an allied aircraft reported being "attacked by Zero fighters enemy carrier in 3°34'S, 160°6'E" (approx 140 miles N.E. of Ontong Java). It is thought that this message relates not to a sighting of a carrier but to a sighting of carrier-based planes.
- b) allied aircraft sighted a.m. 25/8 one destroyer standing by one burning transport and one burning destroyer in position 6°42'S 160°10'E (75 miles E.S.E. Ontong Java). Four other burning vessels were sighted northward of that position.

(See Naval Incidents)

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "CAIRNS" was to depart Adelaide p.m. 26/8 for Fremantle.
- (ii) "VIGILANT" dep. Darwin for Timor 19/8.
- (iii) "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting "BURWAH" en route Thursday Is. to Darwin E.T.A. 1830 today 27/8.
- (iv) "LITGON" escorting "MULLAMA" dep. Thursday Is. for Darwin 25/8.
- (v) "SAULFISH" E.T.D. Albany approx 0900/28 for East Coast Australia.
- (vi) At Fremantle - "TROMP" "TRINITY" "K.S" "W.B.PRESTON" "HOLLAND" "HERON" "ISABEL" "MADRAS" "ERLING BROVIG" "LANAKAI" "WOLLONGONG" "LAUNCESTON" "WHIPPOORWILL"
- (vii) At Albany - "PELIAS" "LARK" "BOMBAY"
- (viii) At Exmouth Gulf - "GILDS"
- (ix) At Darwin - "VOYAGER" "KALGOORLIE"
- (x) For submarines in Western Sector - see Appendix.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces (see Appendix)

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) At Tongatabu - "ANTANES" "ARCTIC"
- (ii) At Samoa - "TURKEY" "KINGFISHER" "BRAZOS" "CAMANGA" "LEANDER" "CUMMINGS" "FLUSSER" "CRESCENT CITY" "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "PRESIDENT BAYES" "PRESIDENT JACKSON" "ALCHIBA"
- (iii) At Suva - "GALE" "BALLARD" "MEREDITH" "VESTAL" "SEMINOLE"
- (iv) At Auckland - "MONOWAI" "RIGEL" "CHEVREUIL" "ALSEY"
- (v) At Noumea - "SOUTHARD" "HOVEY" "ARGONNE" "RAINIER" "CAP DES PALMES" "KEYWOOD" "BELLATRIX" "NEVILLE" "McCAWLEY" "BARNETT" "HUNTER LEGGETT" "AMERICAN LEGION" "LIBRA" "MERKUR" "HULL" "FOYANG" "WHITNEY" "ACHILLES" "WILSON" "HOPKINS" "KASKASKIA"
- (vi) At Vila - "PRESIDENT TYLER" "HELENA" "LONG ISLAND" "AYLWIN"

(vii) At Espiritu Santo - "CURTISS" "ALHENA" "FOMALHAUT" "MANLEY"
"ALDEBARAN" "STRINGHAM" "HELM" "HENLEY"
"GREGORY" "LITTLE" "COLHOUN" "BETELGEUSE"
"MCKEAN" "TRACY" "GAMBLE"

(viii) At Wellington - "FULLER"

(ix) At Ndeni - "MACKINAC" "BREEZE"

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA (See Appendix)

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

SOLOMONS

(i) GUADALCANAL - Approx 7 enemy destroyers shelled our positions on Guadalcanal Is. during the night 24/25 August. These destroyers were strafed by dive bombers but nil bomb hits were observed. Guadalcanal reported a further air raid at 1723L/25. Results unknown.

(ii) Further details on operations in this area on 24th and 25th indicate that the enemy forces were observed in five groups -

- a) one battle cruiser operating with an unknown number of cruisers. This force was attacked by our carrier-borne aircraft who made some hits.
- b) Two large aircraft carriers (probably "ZUIKAKU" "SHOKAKU") 4 heavy cruisers, 6 light cruisers, 8 destroyers. This force was last sighted 1530L/24, 150 miles E.S.E. Ontong Java but was reported too late for attack that day. The force has not been reported on since.
- c) One aircraft carrier (RYUJO), one heavy cruiser two destroyers. This force was attacked S.E. Ontong Java at 1810L/24 by B.17's and also by one of our carrier groups during the day. "RYUJO" was set on fire and believed badly damaged by our carrier group.

The attacking B.17's were intercepted by approx 7 type "O" fighters five of which were shot down. It would appear from the position of the carriers at the time of attack that the B.17's also scored hits on another carrier.

- d) A further group including one battle cruiser which was observed East of Ontong Java at 1100/25 apparently retiring to the N.W.
- e) A force of transports escorted by cruisers and destroyers observed approx 90 miles North of Tulagi heading south. The latter force was attacked by aircraft from Guadalcanal Is. at 0835L/25. One large transport was hit and left burning and later seen abandoned. One heavy cruiser was hit and left burning fiercely. This ship was later reported breaking in two. The force was later observed retiring to the North. In addition, one transport, one destroyer and four other vessels were observed burning, slightly north of this area.

The C.O. of the Flight of B.17's which attacked either "RYUJO" or another carrier p.m. 24/8 claims to have scored 5 x 300-lb bomb hits on the carrier.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

ALLIED

(1) MILNE BAY

- a) 8 B.17's attacked an enemy convoy in Milne Bay from 0630-0745/25. Bombs fell on and close to stern of a transport which was observed sinking and near misses scored on a vessel (described as a cruiser) which was observed listing after the attack.
- b) At 1915 and 1200/25 P.40's and later Hudsons, attacked enemy shore and petrol dumps. Fires were started and landing barges set alight.
- c) Two B.25's attacked enemy ammo stores at Milne Bay at 1225/25, causing large fires and an explosion.
- d) B.26's attacked enemy stores at Hioma at 1700/25, causing further fires.
- e) One Hudson attacked fuel drums in the water at Milne Bay at 1630/25 causing large fires.


- f) Two B.17's attacked at 1745/26 a destroyer in position 8°5'S, 151°55'E (55 miles E. by N. of Trobriand Is.). Nil results. Another B.17 attacked a destroyer (possibly the same) in position 8°S, 151°30'E (45 miles N.W. of Trobriand Is.) scoring a near miss. Nil damage observed.
- (ii) BUNA - Six P.400's attacked Buna aerodrome at 0725/25.
Results - 6 Zero's destroyed, 2 damaged.
2 fires started on W. side of ~~KKK~~ aerodrome.
- (iii) DILLI-TIBESSE - Three Hudsons attacked Dilli and two attacked Tibesse on the night of 25/8 - 26/8. Nil damage observed.

ENEMY

- (i) DERBY-BROOME - Two unidentified aircraft were reported over Derby at 2020/26 heading towards Broome. Geraldton Radio intercepted at 0318/27 an AAAA message from Broome Radio, stating that Broome had been bombed at 0240/27 - all clear given at 0318/27.
- (ii) DARWIN - A further report of the enemy raid (No.27) on Darwin on 23/8 states that the final assessment of enemy losses in that raid is -
6 bombers definitely destroyed (previous assessed as 4),
3 bombers probably destroyed
8 Zero Fighters definitely destroyed (previously reported as 7 or 8).
- (iii) OCEAN IS. - Aircraft were reported heading north over Ocean Is. at 1240/25 while aircraft from the south proceeded east over Ocean Island at 1350/25.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

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


For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

27/8/42

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruiser
6" Cruiser
Flotilla Leaders

Effective

ADELAIDE
ARUNTA
STUART
MUGFORD
S.38
S.40
S.43
S.44
S.46
S.47
S.37
S.41
S.42
S.45

Refitting or Repairing
CHICAGO

LE TRIOMPHANT

Destroyer
Submarines

At Brisbane

On Patrol

Dutch Submarine

A.M.C.'s

STURGEON)
SCULPIN) en route Brisbane
K.9 At Sydney
K.12 en route Sydney to Darwin

Submarine Tender
Destroyer Tender
Storeships
Gunboat
Oiler

WESTRALIA
MANOORA
KAVINELA
CRIFFIN
DOBBIN
MIZAR
TULSA

GOLDSTAR

VICTORIA

Enemy Forces

Truk-New Britain-Solomons

C in C 2nd Fleet
C in C 8th Fleet
C in C 4th Fleet
C in C 1st Air Fleet
Probably 4 battlecruisers (BB)

KONGO
HARUMA
HIYEI
KIRISHIMA
ZUIKAKU
SHOKAKU
RYUJO (damaged)

3 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

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

KASUGA MARU
ATAGO
CHOKAI
KUMANO
HAGURO
MAYAT
TONE
TIKUMA ?
MYOJO
TAKAO
FURUPAKA

7 Light Cruisers (CL) possibly

one "YAKO" class
YUBARI
JINTSU
KATORI
NAEA
YURA

Approx 25 submarines incl. 4-8
35-40 Destroyers (DD)
1 possibly 2 Seaplane Carriers
(AV) ~~(XAV)~~
5 converted S/P Tenders incl.
(XAV)

2 "TENRYU" class
"RO" class, 15 "I" class
CHITOSE
CHIYODA
KIYOKAWA MARU
KANCI
KAGU MARU

2 submarine tenders
approx 20 merchant ships

8 patrol craft
 6 minelaying craft
 Sub Chasers
 15 M.T.B.'s
 5 Gunboats
 Approx 348 shore-based aircraft including 115 fighters, 157 H/B, 31 F/B,
 27 F/P, 20 Obsn. or transport aircraft

WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

Flotilla Leader

Destroyer

S/P Tenders

Submarine Tenders

Submarines

TROMP
 VOYAGER
 CHILDS
 HERON
 W.B. PRESTON
 HOLLAND
 PELIAS

On Patrol

SAURY
 TAUTOG
 SKIPJACK
 GRENADIER
 GUDGEON
 GRAMPUS
 GRAYBACK
 SNAPPER
 SEAWOLF
 SEAL
 SALMON

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

SPEARFISH	}	At Fremantle
SEADRAGON		
SEARAVEN		
SARGO		
THRESHER	}	At Albany
SAILFISH		
GAR	}	At Fremantle
K.8		

Dutch Submarine

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

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Ambon

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B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battle ships

MARYLAND
 COLORADO
 IDAHO
 MISSISSIPPI
 NEW MEXICO
 TENNESSEE
 PENNSYLVANIA

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

Aircraft Carrier

8" Cruiser

6" Cruiser

Destroyers

Submarines

Enemy Forces

Falao - Bonins - Saipan - Japan

CHESTER
 DETROIT
 10 (approx)
 23 (approx)

YORKTOWN

7 Battle ships (BB)

YAMATO)	
MITSU)	
NAGATO)	
HYUGA	)	Possibly en route Truk
FUSO)	
YAMASHIRO)	
ISE)	

3 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

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

3 converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

NISSHIN		
ZUIHO	poss. en route Truk -	New Britain
NACHI		SUZUYA area

2 - 8" Cruisers (CA)

2 - 6" Cruisers (CL)

4 converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

NOTORO		
GOSHU MARU		
KAMIKAWA MARU	)	) en route Rabaul
FUJIKAWA MARU)	

Approx 20-30 Destroyers

Approx 20 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

SOUTH DAKOTA
NORTH CAROLINA
WASP
HORNET
SARATOGA
ENTERPRISE
LONG ISLAND (Converted)

8" Cruisers

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

6" Cruisers

HOBART
PHOENIX
BOISE
RALEIGH
JUNEAU
SAN DIEGO
ATLANTA
HELENA
LEANDER
ACHILLES
SAN JUAN
SEMPRIDGE
34 (approx)

Squadron Leader
Destroyers

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

6" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE
INDIANAPOLIS
HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE

15 Destroyers
10 Submarines

Enemy Forces
Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians

3 Light Cruisers
12 Destroyers
Approx 10 Submarines
1st Base Force

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

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

P) INDIAN OCEAN AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battle ships

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

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruiser

6" Cruisers

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

Approx 25 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

1 Squadron Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

28th August, 1942

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

- (i) "KANIMBLA" escorting Convoy US16 ("DEVONSHIRE" "ARONDA") en route Sydney to Fremantle E.T.A. 1400/2/9.
- (ii) "MANOORA" & "ADELAIDE" escorting Convoy US17 ("FELIX ROUSSEL" "WESTERLAND" "EKMA") en route Sydney to Fremantle E.T.A. 3/9.
- (iii) "CHICAGO" "MUGFORD" "STUART" arr. Sydney from Noumea 1148/27.
- (iv) "IPSWICH" with Convoy C021 arr. Melbourne 1805/27.
- (v) "WALLAROO" & "MILDURA" escorting Convoy OC21 from Melbourne to Sydney.
- (vi) "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy C022 dep. Newcastle 0700/27 for Melbourne E.T.A. 1200/30. "WYALLA" escorting Sydney section dep. Sydney for N.V. 1513/27.
- (vii) "DUBBO" & "GEELONG" escorting Convoy GP11 (6 MV ex Sydney, 3 ex Newcastle & "BUNGAREE") dep. Sydney 0905/27 for Brisbane E.T.A. 2200/29.
- (viii) "ATREUS" dep. Newcastle 0730/27 for Auckland.
- (ix) "CESSNOCK" dep. Townsville for Sydney 0625/27 E.T.A. 0900/31.
- (x) "YANDRA" to provide A/S escort for "PING WO" to Port Stephens, departing Sydney 1700 today 28/8. "YANDRA" to return Sydney.
- (xi) "K.12" en route Sydney to Cairns E.T.A. 200 today 28/8; Thursday Island (E.T.A. 31/8) and Darwin (E.T.A. 4/9).
- (xii) "BROOME" arr. Sydney exx from Brisbane 0944/27.
- (xiii) "KURUMBA" en route Townsville to Brisbane E.T.A. 1001 today 28/8.
- (xiv) "KATOOMBA" en route Port Moresby to Townsville E.T.A. 1200 today 28/8.
- (xv) "CASTLEMAINE" en route Sydney to Darwin E.T.A. Townsville 0700/31.
- (xvi) "BENGAL" working up in Broken Bay.
- (xvii) At Sydney - "WESTRALIA" "K.9" "DOBBIN" "WIZAR" "ROCKHAMPTON" "MORESBY" "BISHOPDALE" "DELCORAINE" "WILGANNIA" Repairing - "LE TRIOMPHANT" "VICTORIA" "DUBBO"
- (xviii) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "GAWLER" "IPSWICH" "DOOMBA" Repairing - "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xix) At Adelaide - "TOOWOOMBA" "MARYBOROUGH"
- (xx) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "TULSA" "ARMIDALE" "GOULBURN"
- (xxi) At Townsville - "SWAN" "WARREGO" "BALLARAT"
- (xxii) At Cairns - "BENDIGO"
- (xxiii) At Port Moresby - "ARUNTA" "COLAC"
- (xxiv) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see Appendix.
- (xxv) "SCULPIN" & "STURGEON" en route Western Sector to Brisbane - "SCULPIN" arr. 27/8; "STURGEON" due today 28/8.

Enemy Forces

- (i) MILNE BAY - Analysis of photographs taken of the enemy convoy first sighted off Trobriand Is. 25/8 shows 2 light cruisers "TATSUTA" class, 1 probable light cruiser, 2 destroyers, 2 merchant ships, two probable A/S vessels.
Two cruisers and one destroyer were sighted at 0215/27 leaving Milne Bay.
It was reported at 0230/27 that the enemy was believed to have landed more troops north of Milne Bay, and that our forces were being attacked there. An intermittent bombardment by one naval vessel was also reported.
An enemy convoy was reported off the east coast of Normanby Is. ~~yesterday~~ 27/8 but could not be located by a force of allied aircraft.
- (ii) GOODENOUGH IS. - The barges observed at Goodenough Is. 25/8 are now reported to measure 50' long 10' wide with square bow and stern. All seven barges were destroyed by air attack 25/8.
- (iii) UBIA IS. (N.W. tip Normanby Is.) - Two beached sampan type landing craft were revealed in photographs of Ubia Is. 26/8.

- (iv) BUKA PASSAGE - A 4,000 ton transport entered the west end of Buka Passage from the south p.m. 26/8 and anchored off Sohana Is. near a larger transport and a destroyer. The vessel left Buka at 0830/27 and proceeded south. A destroyer escorting another large transport entered the western end of the passage at 1303/27 making a total of four ships in the vicinity at that time.
- (v) BUIN - Five small warships and two supply ships arrived off Tonolei early a.m. 27/8.
At 2130/27 the enemy force off Buin included 1 cruiser (with 2 T.97 Kawanisi Kawa floatplanes), 10 destroyers (incl. 4 on patrol), 1 tanker, 1 merchant vessel, 1 motor ship (probably a troop transport).
- (vi) ONTONG JAVA - At 1235/27 1 enemy battleship, 6 heavy cruisers, 1 light cruiser, 6 destroyers were observed 210 miles NNE Ontong Java on course 305. 205 162 30 0830 (350 miles NW Hanny)
- (vii) GIZO - It was reported 25/8 that the Japanese are operating some air units from Gizo.
- (viii) RABAU - A B.17 on recce reported 19 vessels in Rabaul Harbour 25/8. Analysis of photographs shows 1 possible light cruiser, 2 possibly 3 destroyers, 1 tanker, 1 seaplane tender, 2 probable M.L.C.G., 70 to 80 landing craft, 3 transports, 5 vessels (unidentified: length 150' to 160').
- (ix) HUMBOLDT BAY (N.G) - An unconfirmed native report 26/8 states that the Japanese are establishing a base near Hollandia, and may also establish an air base at Vanimo (33 miles east of Humboldt Bay).
- (x) SALAMAUA - Two unidentified vessels were observed entering Salamaua Harbour at 1541/27.
- (xi) NEW IRELAND - Indications of the presence of an unidentified surface vessel 4°40'S, 153°35'E (approx 40 miles E.N.E. Cape St. George).
- (xii) BUNA - At 1300/28 the presence of an unidentified warship was reported 8°43'S, 148°30'E (3 miles SSE Cape Endaiadere) but the vessel was not located by air recce. 0013/27
- (xiii) ENEMY SUBMARINES
 - a) Moruya (N.S.W) - There were indications 26/8 and 27/8 that an enemy submarine was in the vicinity of Moruya approx 50 miles distant.
 - b) San Cristoval Is. - There were indications of the presence of an enemy submarine 11°S, 164°E (S.E. of San Cristoval). 27/8

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "CAIRNS" was to depart Adelaide p.m. 26/8 for Fremantle.
- (ii) "VIGILANT" dep. Darwin for Timor 19/8.
- (iii) "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting "BURWAH" was due Thursday Is. from Darwin yesterday 27/8.
- (iv) "LITHGOW" escorting "MULLAMA" dep. Thursday Is. for Darwin 25/8.
- (v) "SAILFISH" R.T.D. Albany approx 0900/28 for East Coast Australia.
- (vi) At Fremantle - "TROMP" "TRINITY" "K.8" "W.B. PRESTON" "HOLLAND" "HERON" "ISABEL" "MADRAS" "ERLING BROVIC" "LANAKAI" "WOLLONGONG" "LAUNCESTON" "WHIPPOORWILL"
- (vii) At Albany - "PELIAS" "LARK" "BOMBAY"
- (viii) At Exmouth Gulf - "CHILDS"
- (ix) For submarines in Western Sector - see Appendix.
- (x) At Darwin - "VOYAGER" "KALGOORLIE"

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) At Tongatabu - "ANTARES" "ARCTIC"
- (ii) At Samoa - "TURKEY" "KINGFISHER" "BRAZOS" "CAMANGA" "LEANDER" "CUMMINGS" "FLUSSER" "CRESCENT CITY" "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "PRESIDENT HAYES" "PRESIDENT JACKSON" "ALCHIBA"
- (iii) At Suva - "GALE" "BALLARD" "MEREDITH" "VESTAL" "SEMINOLE"

- (iv) At Auckland - "MONOWAI" "RIGEL" "CHEVREUIL" "ALSEY"
- (v) At Noumea - "SOUTHARD" "NOVEY" "ARGONNE" "RAINIER" "CAP DES PALMES"
 "HEYWOOD" "BELLATRIX" "NEVILLE" "McCAWLEY" "BARNETT"
 "HUNTER LEGGETT" "AMERICAN LEGION" "LIBRA" "MERKUR"
 "HULL" "POYANG" "WHITNEY" "ACHILLES" "WILSON" "HOPKINS"
 "KASKASKIA"
- (vi) At Vila - "PRESIDENT TYLER" "HELENA" "LONG ISLAND" "AYLWIN"
- (vii) At Espiritu Santo - "CURTISS" "ALBENA" "FOMALHAUT" "MANLEY"
 "ALDEBARAN" "STRINGHAM" "HELM" "HENLEY"
 "GREGORY" "LITTLE" "COLHOUN" "BETELGEUSE"
 "McKEAN" "TRACY" "GAMELE"
- (viii) At Wellington - "XXXXXXXX" "FULLER"
- (ix) At Mdeni - "MACKINAC" "BREESE"

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

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) COLOMBO - A Catalina from Ceylon reports that a vessel was torpedoed 380 miles S.W. of Colombo at 0920/25. No further details ~~xxxx~~ are known.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

ALLIED

- (i) GIZO - A B.17 damaged and probably destroyed a T.97 Kawanisi F/B approx 50 miles N.W. Gizo 26/8.
- (ii) BUNA - Seven B.26's escorted by 14 P.400's attacked Buna aerodrome 0715/27. Results not known.
 Ten Zero's intercepted in the vicinity - 4 destroyed, 5 damaged (2 badly).
- (iii) MILNE BAY - Twelve B.26's were attacked by 4 Zero's and 6 to 9 other fighters. Two Zero's destroyed, two probably destroyed.

ENEMY

- (i) FALL RIVER - 5 dive bombers and 10 Zero fighters attacked aerodrome at 0614/27. No damage. 6 P.40's intercepted. Two dive bombers destroyed, one probably destroyed; 2 Zero's destroyed, one probably destroyed.
- (ii) DARWIN - Probably 2 heavy bombers raided Darwin early a.m. 27/8. Severe damage to civil radio. Some naval stores lost.
- (iii) BROOME - Broome was raided at 0240/27 probably by two seaplanes. Damage negligible.
- (iv) GILBERT IS. - Enemy air recon took place over the Gilbert Is. 21/8 and 22/8.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

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

For *Rau*
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28/8/42

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

<u>British and Allied Forces</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
8" Cruiser		CHICAGO
6" Cruisers	ADELAIDE	
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA	LE TRIOMPHANT
	STUART	
Destroyer		MUGFORD
Submarines	S.38)	
	S.40)	
	S.43)	
	S.44)	At Brisbane
	S.46)	
	S.47)	
	SCULPIN)	
	S.37)	
	S.41)	On Patrol
	S.42)	
	S.45)	
	STURGEON	En route Brisbane
Dutch Submarines	K.9 *	At Sydney
	K.12 *	En route Sydney to Darwin
A.M.C.'s	WESTRALIA	
	MANGORA	
	KANIMBLA	
Submarine Tender	GRIFFIN	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Storeships	MIZAR	GOLDSTAR
Gunboat	TULSA	
Oiler		VICTORIA

Enemy Forces

Truk-New Britain-Solomons

CinC 2nd Fleet

CinC 8th Fleet

CinC 4th Fleet

CinC 1st Air Fleet

Possibly CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)

~~Probably~~ 4 Battlecruisers (BB) KONGO

HARUNA

HIYEI

KIRISHIMA

3 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

ZUIKAKU

SHOKAKU

RYUJO (damaged)

1 converted A/C Carrier (XCV)

KASUGA MARU

10 heavy cruisers (CA)

ATAGO

CHOKAI

KUMANO

HAGURO

MAYA ?

TONI

TIKUMA ?

MYOKO

TAKAO

FURUTAKA

7 Light Cruisers (CL) possibly one "KAKO" class

YUBARI

JINTSU

KATORI

NAKA

YURA

2 "TENRYU" class

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

35-40 Destroyers (DD)

1 possibly 2 seaplane carriers

CHITOSE

(AV)

CHIYODA

5 converted S/P Tenders incl.

KIYOKAWA MARU

(XAV)

KANOI

KAGU MARU

- 2 submarine tenders
- Approx 20 merchant ships
- 8 patrol craft
- 6 minelaying craft
- 16 sub chasers
- 15 M.T.B.'s
- 5 Gunboats
- Approx 348 shore-based aircraft including 115 fighters, 157 H/B, 31 F/B, 27 F/P, 20 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

Flotilla Leader

Destroyer

S/P Tenders

Submarine Tenders

Submarines

TROMP
 VOYAGER
 CHILDS
 HERON
 W.B. PRESTON
 HOLIAND
 PELIAS

On Patrol

SAURY ✓
 TAUTOG ✓
 SKIPJACK ✓
 GRENADIER ✓
 GUDGEON ✓
 GRAMPUS ✓
 GRAYBACK ✓
 SNAPPER ✓
 SEAWOLF ✓
 SALMON ✓
 SEAL ✓
 SEADRAGON ✓

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

SPEARFISH	}	At Fremantle
SEARAVEN ✓		
SARGO ✓		
THRESHER	}	At Albany
SAILFISH		
GAR ✓	}	At Fremantle
K.8		

Dutch Submarine

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

CinC 3rd Fleet

CinC Southern Expeditionary Fleet

1 - 8" Cruiser "ASHIGARA"

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

16 Destroyers

Converted Seaplane Tender?

Timor

Approx 33 shore-based aircraft incl. 17 F, 6 H/B, 4 F/B, 6 F/P

Ambon

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

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

MARYLAND
 COLORADO
 IDAHO
 MISSISSIPPI
 NEW MEXICO
 TENNESSEE
 PENNSYLVANIA

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

Aircraft Carrier

8" Cruisers

6" Cruiser

Destroyers

Submarines

CHESTER
 DETROIT
 10 (approx)
 23 (approx)

YORKTOWN

Enemy Forces

Palao - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

Battleships (BB) (7)

- YAMATO)
- MUTSU)
- NAGATO)
- HYUGA)
- FUSO)
- YAMASHIRO)
- ISE)

Possibly en-route Truk

Palau area

3 Aircraft Carrier (CV)

- HOSHO
- JUNYO (HAYATAKA)
- HIYO (HITAKA)

Poss. en route Truk - New Britain area

3 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

NISSIN

ZUINGO } poss. enroute Truk - New Britain area

2 - 8" Cruisers (CA)

KAKI

2 - 6" Cruisers (CL)

NACHI

SUZUYA

4 converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

- NOTORO
- GOSHU MARU
- KAMIKAWA MARU)
- FUJIKAWA MARU)

en route Rabaul

Approx 20-30 Destroyers

Approx 20 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces
Battleships

- SOUTH DAKOTA
- NORTH CAROLINA

Aircraft Carriers

- WASP
- HORNET
- SARATOGA
- ENTERPRISE
- LONG ISLAND (Converted)

8" Cruisers

- PORTLAND
- ASTORIA
- NORTHAMPTON
- PENSACOLA
- VINCENNES
- MINNEAPOLIS
- QUINCY

6" Cruisers

- SAN FRANCISCO
- NEW ORLEANS
- AUSTRALIA
- SALT LAKE CITY
- HOBART
- PHOENIX
- BOISE
- RALEIGH
- JUNEAU
- SAN DIEGO
- ATLANTA
- HELENA
- BRANDER
- ACHILLES
- SAN JUAN
- SELFRIEDGE

Squadron Leader
Destroyers

34 (approx)

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces
8" Cruisers

- LOUISVILLE
- INDIAN APOLIS
- HONOLULU
- ST. LOUIS
- NASHVILLE

6" Cruisers

15 Destroyers
10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians

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

12 Destroyers

Approx 10 Submarines

1st Base Force

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

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleships

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

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruiser

6" Cruisers

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

Approx 25 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

1 Squadron Submarines

Carbonyl Jaws

Ryuzo

6 unidentified
believed carriers
0815/21 Course South

Zuiko H + H
C in C Combined
Kasuga

Ryuzo 1 Torpedo
4 - 1000 lb
hits

Other carrier

Same attack
2 carrier received torpedos hits
1 PB 1000 lb bomb hit

Last Force Loss estimates

Shokaku lost more than 50 A/C.
Zuikaku

25th Sub hit 12th 16415E
500 lb bomb coming down

Yokohama
Landy Force

name
of
Solomon

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

20th August, 1942.

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & SUSPECT NAVAL FORCES.

A) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

British and Allied Forces.

- (i) "DUNEDIN" & "DUNDEE" escorting Convoy 82.11 (6 MV ex Sydney, 2 ex Newcastle, and "SUSPENSE") on route Sydney to Brisbane. SEA. 2200/29.
- "DUNEDIN" to escort Convoy 82.11 (4 MV) departing Caloundra 2200/29 for Sydney.
- (ii) "STAZALLA" & "TOWNVILLE" escorting Convoy 80.22 (5 MV ex Newcastle 1 MV ex Sydney) on route Melbourne. SEA. 1200/30.
- (iii) "BALLAROO" & "MILNERA" escorting Convoy 82.21 on route Melbourne to Sydney (3 MV) and Newcastle (5 MV).
- (iv) "ASUKIA" escorting "TAMAR" was to depart Moresby 28/8 for Fall River.
- (v) "KATOOMBA" arr. Townsville from Port Moresby 0745/28.
- (vi) "IPSWICH" dep. Melbourne 1800/28 for Adelaide.
- (vii) "BANGAL" arr. Sydney after working-up exercises 1432/28.
- (viii) "BERDICO" dep. Cairns 2300/28 on A/S. patrol. To return 0630/29.
- (ix) "K.12" arr. Cairns 2000/28 departed for Thursday Is. 2200. SEA. 11/8. Thence Darwin SEA. 4/9.
- (x) "GROBROCK" en route Townsville to Sydney. SEA. 0900/31.
- (xi) "AUSTRALIA" & "PING 80" exercising at Port Stephens.
- "YANDEA" to return Sydney after escorting "PING 80" to Port Stephens.
- (xii) "CASTLEBAINS" en route Sydney to Townsville. SEA. 1000/30. Thence Darwin.
- (xiii) "ARNDALE" with lighter in tow dep. Brisbane for Darwin 1311/26.
- (xiv) At Sydney - "STUART" "K.9" "DOBBIN" "MILAR" "ROCKHAMPTON" "MORSEY" "BISHOPDALE" "DIORALE" "WILCABRIA" "BROCKE".
Repairing - "CHICAGO" "ROBERTS" "LE THOMPSON" "VICTORIA".
- (xv) At Melbourne - "BARBARA GREENE" "GALLEN" "DORONA".
Repairing - "VANDERBILT" "GOLDSTAR".
- (xvi) At Adelaide - "TOOROOMBA" "MARIENBOUGH".
- (xvii) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "TULSA" "BOULDER" "HUMBERA".
- (xviii) At Townsville - "SWAN" "BARRETT" "BALLARAT".
- (xix) At Cairns - "BERDICO".
- (xx) At Port Moresby - "COLAS".
- (xxi) At Thursday Island - "SARRENEBOL".
- (xxii) For Submarines in Eastern Sector - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces.

(1) Indo-Pacif. area.

Following the report of 14 enemy vessels in the area on 27/8, air recon. 28/8 reported shipping as follows:-

Sailed 1 cruiser, 1 destroyer, 1 6,000 ton cargo vessel, 1 small unidentified vessel, 4 flying boats.

Ruin: 1 large cruiser, 6 destroyers, 2 cargo vessels, 1 vessel described as a "landing craft".

Totals 14 vessels.

(ii) Sulu Passage.

The following were observed by air reconnaissance 28/8 at the east end of Sulu passage --

1 cruiser, 1 destroyer, 1 possible Seaplane tender, 1 cargo ship.

Four ships (described as two destroyers, two transports) were reported in the area 27/8.

(iii) Ongtong Java.

An enemy task force including one battleship was sighted in 02°05'S 102°30'E (approx. 240 miles SE of Ongtong Java) on course 040°.

Enemy Forces (Continued).

- (iv) Finschhafen.
Two probable cargo vessels were observed 12 miles S.E. of Finschhafen at 0830/28, course N.
- (v) Milne Bay.
The report of enemy landings North of Milne Bay on 27/8 is still unconfirmed.
There is some indication that a partial re-embarkation took place during the night 26/27.
- (vi) Lookout.
Three enemy submarines were reported by allied aircraft at 1450/28 approx. 80 miles from Cairns, bearing 006. "BENDIGO" left Cairns for A/S. patrol during the night, but the report is not highly graded.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

British and Allied Forces.

- (i) "KAMIMBA" escorting Convoy HSL6 ("DEVONSHIRE", "ARONDA" "RAJULA") en route Sydney to Fremantle. ETA. 1400/2/9.
- (ii) "ADRIANS" & "BAROORA" escorting Convoy HSL12 ("FELIX ROUSSEL" "NESTERLAND" "ZEHA") en route Sydney to Fremantle. ETA. 3/9.
- (iii) "HURDIS" arrived Fremantle from Adelaide 1335/28.
- (iv) "CAHNS" was to depart Adelaide on 26/8 for Fremantle.
- (v) "VIGILANT" dep. Darwin for Timor 19/8.
- (vi) "LITINGS" escorting "MULLANA" dep. Thursday Is. for Darwin 25/8.
- (vii) "SAILFISH" was to dep. Albany 26/8 for East coast Australia.
- (viii) At Fremantle - "ZEPHYR" "TRINITY" "K.9" "W. B. PRESTON" "HOLLAND" "BRUCE" "ISABEL" "MADRAS" "WILSON BROVIE" "LANAKAI" "COLLINGSWOOD" "LAUNCESTON" "WHIPPOORWILL".
- (ix) At Albany - "PELLAS" "LARK" "BOMBAY".
- (x) At Darwin - "VOYAGER" "EALOCKLIE".
- (xi) At Esmond Gulf - "CHILDS".
- (xii) For Submarines in Western Sector - see Appendix.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.

British and Allied Forces.

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

Enemy Forces - See appendix.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA. (See appendix).

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

British and Allied Forces.

- (i) "ATHENS" dep. Newcastle 27/8 for Auckland.
- (ii) At Tongatabu - "ASTARS" "ARCTIC".
- (iii) At Suva - "TUNLEY" "WISDOMFISHER" "BRASOS" "CARANCA" "LEANDER" "CURRINGS" "FLISSCH" "CRESCENT CITY" "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "PRESIDENT BAYES" "PRESIDENT JACKSON" "ALCHIBA".
- (iv) At Suva - "GALE" "DALLARD" "MARRIOTT" "VESTAL" "SEMISOLE".
- (v) At Auckland - "THOMORAI" "RIGEL" "CHEVREUIL" "ALSKY".
- (vi) At Noumea - "SOUTHERN" "HOVEY" "ARCOMBE" "RAINIER" "CAP DES PALMES" "REYWOOD" "BELLATRIX" "NEVILLE" "MCGANLEY" "BARNETT" "HUNTER LEGGOTT" "AMERICAN LEGION" "LIBRA" "WYKUH" "HULL" "FOYANG" "WILSON" "ACHILLES" "WILSON" "TOPHINS" "KASKASKIA".
- (vii) At Vila - "PRESIDENT TYLER" "HELENA" "LONG ISLAND" "AZULIN".
- (viii) At Espiritu Santo - "CURTISS" "ALBERTA" "FOURMANT" "BANKET" "ALDENHART" "STRANGLER" "HEIR" "HEWLEY" "ORSCOTT" "LITTLE" "COLQUH" "DETSELGENSE" "ROKRAE" "TRACY" "GABLE".
- (ix) At Wellington - "FULLER".
- (x) At Ndoni - "TACKINAC" "BRESSE".

Enemy Forces.

Santa Cruz Is.

An unidentified submarine was sighted approx. 90 miles S.E. of Ndoni on 27/8.

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

2. NAVAL OPERATIONS.

Nil.

3. AIR OPERATIONS.

Allied.

(1) Milne Bay.

6 Banzaiers attacked enemy positions at Milne Bay 1445/28.
Numerous small fires started.

Enemy.

Darwin.

3 aircraft bombed Darwin 0428/28. Slight damage, no casualties.

The same aircraft later dropped bombs at Fort Patterson (30 miles SW Darwin). No damage.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE.

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

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For - DIRECTOR, C.O.I.C.

29/8/42.

A P P E N D I X

to

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTION

British and Allied Forces

8th Cruiser

Flotilla Leaders

Five Destroyer

Submarines

Effective

ARUNTA
STUART

Refitting or Repairing

CHICAGO
LE TRIOMPHANT

MUGFORD

S.38

S.40

S.43

S.44

S.46

SCULPIN

STURGEON

S.37

S.41

S.42

S.45

S.47

At Brisbane

On Patrol

Dutch Submarines

K.9

K.12

At Sydney

En route Sydney to Darwin

A.M.C.

Submarine Tender

Destroyer Tender

Storeships

Gunboat

Oiler

WESTRALIA

GRIFFIN

DOBBIE

MIZAR

TULSA

GOLDSTAR

VICTORIA

Enemy Forces

Truk-New Britain-Solomons

CinC 2nd Fleet

CinC 8th Fleet

CinC 4th Fleet

CinC 1st Air Fleet

Possibly CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)

4 Battlecruisers (BB)

KONCO

HARUNA

HIYEI

KIRISHIMA

ZUIKAKU

SHOKAKU

3 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

RYUJO (damaged)

1 converted A/C Carrier (XCV)

KASUGA MARU

10 heavy cruisers (CA)

ATAGO

CHOKAI

KUMANO

HAGURO

MAYA ?

TONI

TIKUMA ?

MYOKO

TAKAO

FURUTAKA

8 Light Cruisers (CL) possibly

one "KAKO" class

YUBARI

JINTSU

KATORI

NAKA

YURA

HAGARA

2 "TENRYU" class

Approx 25 submarines incl. 4-8 "RO" class, 16 "I" class

35-40 Destroyers (DD)

2 seaplane carriers (AV)

OHITOSE

CHIYODA

5 converted S/P Tenders incl. (XAV)

KIYOKAWA MARU

KAMOI

KAGU MARU

2 submarine tenders

approx 20 merchant ships

8 patrol craft

8 minelaying craft

18 sub chasers

25 H.T.B.'s

3 Gunboats

Approx 301 shore-based aircraft including 85 fighters, 138 H/B, 31 F/B, 27 F/P, 20 Oban. or transport aircraft

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruiser

Flotilla Leader

Destroyer

A.M.C.'s

S/P Tenders

Submarine Tenders

Submarines

ADELAIDE

TROMP

VOYAGER

KANTIMELA

MANGORA

GUILDS

HERON

W.B. PRESTON

HOLLAND

PELIAS

On Patrol

SAURY

TAUTOG

SKIPJACK

GRENADEER

GUDGEON

GRAMPUS

GRAYBACK

SHAPPER

SEAWOLF

SALMON

SEAL

SEADRAGON

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

SPEARFISH

SHARAVEN

SARGO

THRESHER

SAILFISH

CAR

K.S

} At Fremantle

} At Albany

} At Fremantle

Dutch Submarine

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

CINC 3rd Fleet

CINC Southern Expeditionary Fleet

1 - 8" Cruiser "ASHIGARA"

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

16 Destroyers

Converted Seaplane Tenders ?

Tisur

Approx 33 shore-based aircraft incl. 17 F, 6 H/B, 4 F/B, 6 F/P

Ambon

Approx 23 shore-based aircraft incl. 9 F, 8 H/B, 8 F/B, 3 F/P

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

MARYLAND

COLORADO

IDAHO

MISSISSIPPI

NEW MEXICO

TENNESSEE

PENNSYLVANIA

CALIFORNIA

NEVADA (to be ready about 1/10)

WEST VIRGINIA

YORKTOWN

Aircraft Carrier

8" Cruiser

6" Cruiser

Destroyers

Submarines

CHESTER

DETROIT

10 (approx)

23 (approx)

Enemy Forces

Palau - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

1st Combined Fleet - Palau-Truk-Rabaul area

7 Battleships (BB)

YAMATO
MUTSU
NAGATO
HIYUGA
PUSO
YAMASHIRO
ISE

} Possibly Truk - Palau area

3 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

HOSHIGAKI
JUNYO (HAYATAKA)
HIYO (KITAKA)

} poss. en route Truk -
New Britain area

2 converted A/C Carriers
(XCV)

NISSHEIN

ZUHO - en route Truk - New Britain area

2 - 8" Cruisers (CA)

NACHI

SUZUYA

1 - 6" Cruiser (CL)

4 converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

NOTORO
GOSHU MARU
KAMIKAWA MARU
FUJIKAWA MARU

} en route Rabaul

A pprox 20-30 Destroyers

Approx 20 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

SOUTH DAKOTA
NORTH CAROLINA

Aircraft Carriers

WASP
HORNET
SARATOGA
ENTERPRISE
LONG ISLAND (Converted)

8" Cruisers

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

6" Cruisers

HOBERT
PHOENIX
BOISE
BALKISH
JUNEAU
SAN DIEGO
ATLANTA
HELENA
LEANDER
ACHILLES
SAN JUAN
SELFRIDGE
34 (approx)

Squadron Leader

Destroyers

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruiser

LOUISVILLE
INDIANAPOLIS
HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE

6" Cruisers

15 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians

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

12 Destroyers

Approx 10 Submarines

1st Base Force

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

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleships

WARSPITE
VALIANT
RESOLUTION
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
REVENGE
INDOMITABLE
ILLUSTRIOUS
FORMIDABLE
DEVONSHIRE
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
PROBISNER
CALLEDON
DRAGON
ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
GEMES
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
CAPETOWN
KANAE
DAUNTLESS
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
NEWCASTLE
SUMATRA (Dutch)
WORCESTERSHIRE
RANCHI
CORFU
ALAUHIA
CHITRAL
RANPURA
CANTON
QUEEN OF BERMUDA
CARTHAGE
HHEMSKERCK
CARLISLE

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruiser

6" Cruisers

A.S.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

Approx 25 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

1 Squadron Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

30th August, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "DUBBO" & "GEELONG" escorting Convoy GP11 (6 M.V. ex Sydney, 2 ex Newcastle, and "BUNGARKE") were due Brisbane 2200/29 from Sydney. "DUBBO" to escort Convoy PGL1 (4 M.V.) departing Caloundra 2200/29 for Sydney.
- (ii) "GOULBURN" escorting Convoy BT1 ("TAROONA" "SEAWITCH" "ANSHUN" "MONTORO" "SWARTENBONDT") to Capricorn Channel, dep. Brisbane 0300/29. From Capricorn Channel, merchant vessels proceed independently to Townsville. "GOULBURN" returns Brisbane.
- (iii) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OCE2 (13 M.V.) dep. Port Phillip 2302/29. "WHYALLA" & "TOWNSVILLE" will continue escort from R.V. off Heads. "DOOMBA" to escort Convoy OCE2 to Melbourne.
- (iv) "WALLAROO" & "MILDURA" escorting Convoy OCE1 en route Melbourne to Sydney (3 MV) and Newcastle (5 MV). "MILDURA" will detach off Sydney with Sydney section. "WALLAROO" to continue with Newcastle section until relieved by "ROCKHAMPTON", then return Sydney.
- (v) "ROCKHAMPTON" to depart Sydney 0930 today ~~29/8~~ 30/8 for Newcastle to escort Convoy OCE3 departing a.m. 31/8. "MORESBY" to sail with Sydney section 1300/31 for R.V.
- (vi) "BARALABA" "H.D. THOREAU" dep. Townsville 0840/29 to R.V. off Fitzroy Is. with "BENDIGO" at 0400/30. Thence Port Moresby via Grafton Passage E.T.A. 1600/31.
- (vii) "IPSWICH" en route Melbourne to Adelaide E.T.A. 1730 today 30/8.
- (viii) "E.12" en route Cairns to Thursday Is. E.T.A. 31/8. Thence Darwin E.T.A. 4/9.
- (ix) "CESSNOCK" en route Townsville to Sydney E.T.A. 0900/31.
- (x) "CASTLEMAINE" en route Sydney to Townsville E.T.A. 1800/30. Thence Darwin.
- (xi) "ARMIDALE" with lighter in tow dep. Brisbane for Darwin 26/8.
- (xii) At Sydney - "STUART" "K.9" "DOBBIN" "WIZAR" "MORESBY" "BISHOPDALE" "DELOIRINE" "WILCANNIA" "BENGAL" "BROOME" "ALCYONE" Repairing - "CHICAGO" "NUGFORD" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "VICTORIA"
- (xiii) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "GAWLER" Repairing - "VENDETEA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xiv) At Adelaide - "MARYBOROUGH"
- (xv) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "TULSA" "GOULBURN" "KURUMBA"
- (xvi) At Townsville - "SWAN" "WARREGO" "BALLARAT" "KATOOMBA"
- (xvii) At Cairns - "BENDIGO"
- (xviii) At Port Moresby - "COLAG"
- (xix) At Thursday Is. - "WARRNAMBOOL"
- (xx) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA" "PING WO"
- (xxi) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces(1) SOLOMONS

a) BUIN-FAISI - Considerable movement of shipping was observed in this area during 29/8. The "NATI" class cruiser reported off Buin 28/8 departed northwards during the morning 29/8, leaving 10 vessels off Buin, 4 destroyers, 3 supply ships including tankers, 2 probably M.F.B.'s off Tonolet and some merchant vessels off Faisi. During the morning two small cruisers or large destroyers and three cruisers or large destroyers with one large supply ship arrived at Buin from the west and four destroyers with large supply ships.

Air recon sighted 7 destroyers and 5 merchant vessels in Tonolet Harbour. noon 29/8

The minimum shipping in the area 29/8 was 28 vessels including at least 12 cruisers or destroyers.

Five warships dep. S.E. at 1245 at high speed.

Five warships departed S.E. at 1245 at high speed.

The minimum shipping in the area 29/8 was 15 vessels, including one heavy cruiser, 7 destroyers, 2 tankers, 3 supply ships or transports, 1 unidentified vessel, possibly M.L.C. carrier; also 2 M.T.B.'s.

- (ii) MILNE BAY - Two small transports and a possible destroyer were observed in Discovery Bay (South coast Milne Bay) a.m. 29/8. A cruiser and nine destroyers were sighted in 10°S, 151°22'E (65 miles ENE Fall River) course 180° at 1510/29 and was later seen approaching Milne Bay.
- (iii) BUKA - A transport and destroyer left Buka at 1800/28, leaving one transport and destroyer in the Passage.
- (iv) RABAU - 32 ships were observed in Rabaul Harbour by air recce 29/8 and a destroyer with transport approaching Rabaul from the south.
- (v) WILLAUMEZ PENINSULA (New Britain) - Air recce reports a destroyer and transport on course 45° approx 21 miles N. of Cape Hollman.
- (vi) SUBMARINE ACTIVITY - Solomons -- N.Z.N.S. estimates that at least 10 enemy submarines were operating between the Equator and 19°S and from 154° to 166°E on 28/8.
- (vii) MALAITA - Three enemy cruisers were sighted by allied aircraft 7°55'S, 160°17'E (32 miles N.W. Cape Astrolabe - Malaita Is.) at 0945/29, course 330°.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "KANIMBLA" escorting Convoy US16 ("DEVONSHIRE" "ARONDA" "RAJULA") en route Sydney to Fremantle E.T.A. 1400/2/9.
- (ii) "ADELAIDE" & "MANGORA" escorting Convoy US17 ("FELIX ROUSSEL" "WESTERLAND" "EKMA") en route Sydney to Fremantle E.T.A. 3/9.
- (iii) "CAIRNS" was to depart Adelaide p.m. 26/8 for Fremantle.
- (iv) "VIGILANT" dep. Darwin for Timor 19/8.
- (v) "LITHGOW" escorting "MULIAMA" arr. Darwin 0657/29.
- (vi) "VOYAGER" to depart Darwin 1030 today 30/8 for Fremantle ETA 1530/4.
- (vii) "TOOWOOMBA" dep. Adelaide for Fremantle 1331/29 E.T.A. 0500/4/9.
- (viii) "SAILFISH" dep. Albany 28/8 for East Coast Australia.
- (ix) At Fremantle - "TROMP" "TRINITY" "K.8" "W.B. PRESTON" "HOLLAND" "HERON" "ISABEL" "MADRAS" "ERLING BROVIC" "LANAKAI" "MOLLONGONGI" "LAUNCESTON" "WHIPPOORWILL" "BURNIE"
- (x) At Albany - "PELIAS" "LARK" "BOMBAY"
- (xi) At Darwin - "VOYAGER" "KALSOORLIE"
- (xii) At Exmouth Gulf - "CHILDS"
- (xiii) For submarines in Western Sector - see Appendix.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "ATREUS" dep. Newcastle 27/8 for Auckland.
- (ii) At Tongatabu - "ANTARES" "ARCTIC" "SEMINOLE" "VESTAL"
- (iii) At Samoa - "TURKEY" "KINGFISHER" "BRAZOS" "CAMANOA" "FLUSSER" "CRESCENT CITY" "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "PRESIDENT HAYES" "PRESIDENT JACKSON" "ALCHIBA"
- (iv) At Suva - "GALE" "BALLARD" "HELENA"
- (v) At Auckland - "HONGWAI" "RIGEL" "CHEVREUIL" "ALSEY"
- (vi) At Noumea - "KANAWHA" "CHEVREUIL" "SABENE" "PLATTE" "CIMARRON" "CLARK" "GIVIN" "SOUTHARD" "HOVEY" "ARGONNE" "RAINIER" "BEYWOOD" "BELLATRIX" "NEVILLE" "MCCAWLEY" "BARNETT" "HUNTER LEGGETT" "AMERICAN LEGION" "LIBRA" "MERKUR" "POYANG" "WEITNEY" "ACHILLES" "HOPKINS" "KASKASKIA"
- (vii) At Vila - "PRESIDENT TYLER" "LONG ISLAND" "AYLWIN" "BOISE" "LAPPEY" "KITTYHAWK"
- (viii) At Espiritu Santo - "CURTISS" "ALHENA" "MANLEY" "ALDEBARAN" "BREESE" "STRINGHAM" "ZSILIN" "DALE" "NAVAJO" "CAP DES PALMES"
- (ix) At Wellington - "FULLER"
- (x) At Ndeni - "MACKINAC" "MacFARLAND"

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA (See Appendix)

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

(i) TULAGI - GUADALCANAL

It is reported that late in the afternoon of 26/8 an enemy force consisting of three large destroyers and one small destroyer was sighted by allied aircraft on patrol in a position approximately 70 miles North of Tulagi. The patrol aircraft scored one hit on the small destroyer.

At 1800L/28 allied aircraft attacked this force in a position 15 miles North of Ramos Is. (25 miles N.W. of Cape Astrolable, N.W. tip of Malaita Is.) The destroyers appeared to have a considerable amount of gear on their decks.

One of the large destroyers was hit, blew up and sank, whilst another was hit amidships and was last observed burning fiercely. One small destroyer, believed to be the one hit by the patrol aircraft, was last observed low in the water, smoking and in obvious distress. A later report indicates that all three vessels were sunk. The other large destroyer escaped damage from our aircraft.

Eleven dive bombers from Guadalcanal carried out the above attack, one of which failed to return.

(ii) GUADALCANAL - A Japanese force at Kukumbono (8 1/2 miles W. Lunga Point) was attacked by our patrol 28/8 resulting in some Japanese casualties, the number of which is uncertain. Our marines lost 5 killed, 10 wounded.

(iii) JAPANESE NAVAL LOSSES SOLOMONS AREA August 7th - August 28th
A summary of enemy shipping losses in this area as reported by signals during the period mentioned ~~are~~ as follows -

<u>Destroyed</u>	<u>Damaged</u>
1 cruiser	2 aircraft carriers
2 large destroyers	4 cruisers
1 small destroyer	1 battleship
1 transport	3 destroyers
2 submarines	2 transports
	1 submarine

(iv) PORT MORESBY - S.S. "MALAITA" (3,310 tons) was torpedoed off Port Moresby at 1300/29 while en route Townsville. Burning fiercely, she was taken in tow by "ARUNTA" and was anchored in Basilisk Passage. She will be towed to Moresby by "ARUNTA" today 30/8. "ARUNTA" carried out a search during the afternoon 29/8, made several contacts and carried out attacks.

LAND OPERATIONS

N.O.I.C. Port Moresby estimates that the enemy strength at Milne Bay was 5/6000 on 29/8.

At 1600/29, the enemy, using light tanks, mortars and flame throwers, was within 1/4 mile of the Gili Gili landing stage and within 2 miles of the main aerodrome landing strip which is not yet outflanked, ~~though~~ though fighting continues to the N. and N.E. The position is considered to be improving after a quiet night 28/29.

4. AIR OPERATIONS

ALLIED

- (i) BUKA - 3 Catalinas attacked a aerodrome a.m. 29/8. Hits on runway and buildings.
- (ii) RABAU - 5 B.17's attacked Vanakanau 1010/29. 4 to 6 Zero's intercepted. One probably destroyed, 2 prob. damaged.
- (iii) MILNE BAY - One Hudson attacked a cruiser and 8 destroyers at the entrance to Milne Bay 29/8. Four near misses on a destroyer.
- (iv) BUNA - 6 Marauders escorted by 17 Aircobras attacked Buna aerodrome. 3 Zero's left burning, one bomber destroyed, one Zero badly damaged; three large fires started.

ENEMY

- (i) BUKA - It was reported that 18 bombers and 22 fighters flew over Buka at 0907/29 course S.E.

5. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

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

- (ii) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (i) Occupation of Nauru and Ocean Island.
- (iv) Intensified submarine activity in the S.W.P.A.

Ronald
For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

30/8/42

APPENDIX.

to
DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA.

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

British and Allied Forces.

8th cruiser
Flotilla Leaders.

Effective. Refitting or Repairing.
CHICAGO.

Destroyer.
Submarines.

ARUNTA
STUART
MUNGFORD.

S.38)
S.43)
S.44.) At Brisbane.
S.46.)
SCULPIN)
STURGEON)

S.37)
S.40)
S.41) On patrol.
S.42)
S.45)
S.47)

Dutch submarines.

K.9 At Sydney.
K.12 En route Sydney to Darwin.

A.M.C.

Submarine tender
Destroyer tender
Storeships
Gunboat
Oiler.

WESTRALIA
GRIFFIN
DOBBIN
HIZAR GOLDSTAR.
TULSA.
VICTORIA.

Enemy Forces.

Truk-New Britain-Solomons.

Cin C. 2nd Fleet.
Cin C. 8th Fleet.
C.in C. 4th Fleet.
C.in C. 1st Air Fleet.
C.in C. 6th Fleet (Submarines).
4 Battlecruisers (BB)

KONCO
MARUNA
HIYEI
KIRISHIMA
ZUIKAKU
SHOKAKU
RYUJO (Damaged)

3 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

1 converted A/c. carrier (XCV)
10 heavy cruisers (CA)

KASUGA MARU (poss. en route Marshalls).
ATAGO
CHOKAI
KUMANO
HAGURO
MAYA ?
TONE
TIRUMA ?
MYOKO
TAKAO
FURUTAKA

8 light cruisers (CL)

Possibly one "KAEO" class

YUBARI
JINTSU
KATORI
HARA
YURA
HAGARA

Approx. 25 submarines Incl. 4-8
35-40 destroyers (DD)
2 seaplane carriers (AV)

2 "TENRYU" class.
"RO" class, 15 "I" class.
CHITOSE
CHIYODA

5 converted S/P. tenders Incl.
(XAV)

KIYOKAWA MARU
KAMOI
KAGU MARU

2 submarine tenders
approx. 20 merchant ships
3 patrol craft
6 mine-laying craft
16 subchasers.
15 M. T. Es.
5 gunboats.

approx. 301 shore-based aircraft including 35 fighters, 138 H/B/ 31 F/B,
27 F/P. 20 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

British and Allied Forces.

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

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

S/P. tenders.

HOLLAND
PELIAS

Submarine tenders

On patrol

Submarines

SAURY
TAUTOG
SKIPJACK
GRENADIER
GUDGON
GRAMPUS
GRAYBACK
SNAPPER
SEAWOLF
SALMON
SEAL
BARGO
SEADRAGON

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols.

SPEARFISH }
SEAWYEN } At Fremantle.
THRESHER }
SKILFISH } (en route Brisbane)
GAR } At Albany.
K.8 } At Fremantle.

Dutch Submarines.

3 EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.

British and Allied Forces.

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

Enemy Forces.

1 in C. 3rd fleet.

C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet.

1 8" cruiser "ASHIGARA".

4 light cruisers ("MATORI" "KASHII" "ISUZU" "SENDAI")

16 destroyers.

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Timor.

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Ambon.

Approx. 23 shore-based aircraft incl. 9 F, 3 H/B. 3 F/B. 3 F/P.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

British and Allied Forces.

Battleships

MARYLAND.
COLORADO
IDAHO
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
TENNESSEE
PENNSYLVANIA.

CALIFORNIA.

NEVADA (to be ready
about 1/10)

WEST VIRGINIA

YORKTOWN.

Aircraft carrier

3" cruiser

6" cruiser

Destroyers

3 submarines

CHESTER

DETROIT

10 (approx.)

23 (approx.)

Enemy Forces.

Palau - Saluan - Honins - Japan.

Cin C. Combined Fleet - Palau - Truk-Rabaul area.

7 battleships (BB)	YAMATO)	
	MUTSU)	en route Truk-New Britain
	HAGATO)	area.
	YAMASHIRO)	
	KYUGA)	
	FUSO)	Possibly en route Truk-New
	ISE)	Britain area.
3 aircraft carriers (CV)	HOSHO	
	JUNYO (HAYATAKA)	) Poss. en route Truk-
	HIYO (HITAKA)	) New Britain area.
2 converted A/c. carriers (XCV)	HISSHIN	
	ZUIHO - en route Truk-New Britain area.	
2 8" cruisers (CA).	NACHI	SUZUYA.
1 6" cruiser (CL).		
4 converted S/P. tenders (XAV)	NOTORO	
	GOSHU MARU	
	KAMIKAWA MARU	) en route Rabaul.
	FUJIKAWA MARU)

Approx. 20-30 destroyers.
Approx. 20 submarines.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

British and Allied Forces.
Battleships.

Aircraft carriers.

8" cruisers.

6" cruisers

Squadron Leader
Destroyers

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

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.
British and Allied Forces.

8" cruiser.

6" cruiser.

15 destroyers.
10 submarines.

LOUISVILLE.
INDIANAPOLIS
HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE.

Enemy Forces.

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians.

3 light cruisers ("ADUKUMA" "TAMA" "KISO")
12 destroyers.
Approx. 10 submarines.
1st Base Force.

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

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND.

Approx. 4 destroyers.

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

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

Aircraft carriers

8" cruisers

7.5" cruiser.

6" cruisers.

PROBISHER.
CALEDON
DRAGON
ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
CERES
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
CAPE TOWN
DANAÉ
DAUNTLESS
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
NEWCASTLE
SUMATRA (Dutch).
WORCESTERSHIRE.
RANCHI
CORFU
ALANIA
CHITRAL
RANPURA
CANTON
QUEEN OF BERNUDA
CARTHAGE
HEEMSKERCK
CARLISLE

A.A.C's.

A.A. Vessels.

Approx. 25 destroyers.

Approx. 7 submarines.

Enemy Forces.

1 Squadron Submarines.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

31st August, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "DUBBO" "GEELONG" escorting Convoy GP11 including "BUNGARKE" arr. Brisbane 0235/30.
- (ii) "DUBBO" escorting Convoy PG11 (5 MV) dep. Brisbane 0400/30 for Newcastle (E.T.A. 0730/1/9) and Sydney (E.T.A. 1330/1/9).
- (iii) "WARREGO" dep. Townsville 2053/29 to MV with "BENDIGO" off Fitzroy Is. at 0300/30 and provide additional escort for "BARALABA" and "E.D. THOREAU" to Port Moresby via Grafton Passage ETA 1600/31.
- (iv) "ARUNTA" after towing "MALAITA" to Port Moresby a.m. 30/8 escorted "THEOPANO LIVANOS" from Hall Sound to Moresby arriving 1532/30.
- (v) "MILDURA" escorting Sydney section Convoy OC21 arr. 0729/30. "BALLAROO" arr. Sydney 1827/30 after escorting Newcastle section.
- (vi) "ROCKHAMPTON" arr. Newcastle from Sydney 1615/30 to escort Convoy G023 departing a.m. today 31/8. "MORESBY" to sail with Sydney section 1300 today 31/8.
- (vii) "DOOMBA" arr. Melbourne 1955/30 with Convoy G022. "WHYALLA" and "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy OC22 (13 MV) en route Melbourne to Sydney.
- (viii) "GOULBURN" escorting Convoy BT1 ("TARONGA" "SEAWITCH" "ANSHUN" "MONTORO" "SWARTENHOND") to Capricorn Channel, dep. Brisbane 29/8. From Capricorn Channel, merchant vessels proceed independently to Townsville. "GOULBURN" returns Brisbane.
- (ix) "COLAC" escorting "DANIEL BOONE" arr. Townsville from Port Moresby 2243/30.
- (x) "IPSWICH" arr. Adelaide 1730/30.
- (xi) "K.12" en route Cairns to Thursday Is. E.T.A. today 31/8. Thence Darwin E.T.A. 4/9.
- (xii) "CESSNOCK" en route Townsville to Sydney E.T.A. 0900 today 31/8.
- (xiii) "CASTLEMAINE" arr. Townsville from Sydney 2225/30. Thence Darwin.
- (xiv) "ARMIDALE" with lighter in tow dep. Brisbane for Darwin 26/8.
- (xv) At Sydney - "STUART" "K.9" "DOBBIN" "MIZAR" "MORESBY" "BISHOPDALE" "DELORAINE" "WILCANNIA" "BENGAL" "BROOME" "ALCYONE" Repairing - "CHICAG" "MUGFORD" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "VICTORIA"
- (xvi) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "GAWLER" -Repairing "VENDETTA"
- (xvii) At Adelaide - "MARYBOROUGH" ("GOLDSTAR"
- (xviii) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "TULSA" "KURUMBA" "GEELONG" "BUNGARKE"
- (xix) At Townsville - "SWAN" "BALLARAT" "KATOOMBA"
- (xx) At Thursday Is. - "WARRNAMBOOL"
- (xxi) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA" "PINGWO"
- (xxii) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces

- (i) MILNE BAY - An aircraft on recon over Milne Bay 2230/29 to 0100/30 was fired on by two unidentified vessels. Aircraft failed to locate any enemy vessels in the vicinity a.m. 30/8.
- (ii) BUIN - FAISI -- Two large, 2 small destroyers, 2 merchant ships, one small warship were reported off Buin 0900/30. An enemy party of 27 men landed during the morning 29/8 and returned to their ship at 1530/30.
Photographs of the air recon 29/8 indicate that only three destroyers were in Tonolei Harbour and that four vessels described as destroyers were in fact three merchant vessels and a possible landing craft carrier or seaplane tender.
- (iii) BUKA - A merchant vessel and destroyer arrived at Buka passage 0904/30, making a total of two merchant vessels and 2 destroyers.
- (iv) YSABEL IS. - One enemy cruiser, 4 destroyers, 3 large cargo vessels were sighted approx 17 miles N.W. Allardyce Harbour at 0840/29.
- (v) TULAGI - One heavy, 3 light cruisers were sighted by aircraft approx 78 miles N.W. Tulagi at 0920/30 course 306°. One near miss astern of heavy cruiser.

(vi) MALAITA - An enemy submarine was sighted 8°10'S, 163°22'E on 29/8 (100 miles East Cape Simson - Northern tip Malaita).

(vii) RABOUL - Air recce 30/8 reported 15 to 25 unidentified vessels in Rabaul Harbour.

Comment - The report is vague, but it appears that at least 9 vessels have left the area. 32 vessels were reported in harbour 29/8 and 2 vessels approaching Rabaul.

One transport was observed 05°50'S, 152°25'E (27 miles S.E. Cape Orford - New Britain) at 1445/30. Course 152°.

(viii) VITIAZ STRAIT - A native report states that a ship proceeded N.E. past Rooke Is. 29/8.

(ix) SALAMUA - It is reported that several hundred troops, with stores including motor trucks, were unloaded at Salamua 28/8 from a destroyer and a 6000 ton transport, which dep. during the night.

(x) MURRAY IS. - An unconfirmed native report states that a noise like motors churning was heard at 0600/30.

(xi) DANGER POINT - There were indications at 0840 to 1010/30 of an unidentified unit, apparently stationary 28°04'S, 154°52'E (105 miles S.S.E. Brisbane). Air searches negative.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

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

(ii) "TROMP" to depart Fremantle for R.V. with U.S.16 at 0900 tomorrow 1/9 in position 35°12'S, 113°35'S. The convoy may, however, be up to 24 hours late at the R.V. position.

(iii) "ADELAIDE" ~~xxx~~ and "MANOORA" escorting Convoy US17 ("FELIX ROUSSEL" "WESTERLAND" "EKMA") en route Sydney to Fremantle E.T.A. 3/9.

(iv) "CAIRNS" was to depart Adelaide p.m. 26/8 for Fremantle.

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

(vi) "VOYAGER" departed Darwin 1814/30 for Fremantle E.T.A. 1930/4.

(vii) "TOOROOMBA" en route Adelaide to Fremantle E.T.A. 0500/4/9.

(viii) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "JAMES COOK" dep. Darwin 0529/30 for Thursday Is. E.T.A. 1430/2/9.

(ix) "SAILFISH" dep. Albany 28/8 for East Coast Australia.

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

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

(xii) At Darwin - "LITHGOW"

(xiii) At Exmouth Gulf - "CHILDS"

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

3. EAST INDIES PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

KOEPANG - Air recce of Timor 30/8 reported one 1000 ton vessel, one 500 ton, one 200 ton ~~xxx~~ vessel and a large lugger in the Koepang area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

(i) "ATREUS" dep. Newcastle 27/8 for Auckland.

(ii) At Tongatabu - "ANTARES" "ARCTIC" "SEMINOLE" "VESTAL"

(iii) At Samoa - "TURKEY" "KINGFISHER" "BRAZOS" "CAMANGA" "FLUSSER" "CRESCENT CITY" "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "PRESIDENT HAYES" "PRESIDENT JACKSON" "ALCHIBA"

(iv) At Suva - "GALE" "BALLARD" "HELENA"

(v) At Auckland - "MONGWAI" "RIGEL" "EMERKNIEX" "A. SEY"

(vi) At Noumea - "KANAWHA" "CHEVREUIL" "SABINE" "CIMARRON" "CLARK" "SOUTHARD" "HOVY" "ARCONNE" "RAINIER" "HEYWOOD" "BELLATRIX" "NEVILLE" "McCAWLEY" "BARNETT" "LIBRA" "HUNTER LEGGETT" "AMERICAN LEGION" "MERKUR" "POYANG" "WHITNEY" "ACHILLES" "HOPKINS".

(vii) At Vila - "PRESIDENT TYLER" "LONG ISLAND" "AYLWIN" "BOISE" "LAFPEY" "KITTYHAWK"

(viii) At Espiritu Santo - "CURTISS" "ALHENA" "MANLEY" "ALDEBARAN" "BREESE" "SHENGMAN" "ZEILIN" "DALE" "NAVAJO" "CAP DES PALMES"

- (ix) At Wellington - "PULLER"
- (x) At Ndeni - "MACKINAC" "MacFARLAND"

Enemy Forces

Reports indicate the presence of an enemy submarine off Male Is. (New Hebrides) and another in the vicinity of Suva.

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

Enemy Forces

At 1945P/28 there were indications of the presence of an unknown enemy unit, possibly a submarine, in position 0°N, 91°E.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

SOLOMONS

- (i) General - a.m. 29/8 the allied Task Force Commander estimated that the enemy had withdrawn to prepare for his next attacks.
- (ii) Guadalcanal-Tulagi - There has been evidence that enemy submarines and M.T.B.'s are operating between Florida and Guadalcanal. A search for concealed locations of M.T.B.'s is being instituted.
- (iii) Ysabel Island - The Res. Comm. Solomons reported 28/8 that 100 Japanese had landed at Meringe Lagoon (S.E. Coast Ysabel Is.).
- (iv) San Cristobal area - Up to the 26th August no Japanese were reported at Santa Anna. Some Japanese arrived at Mahua Is. (S.E. end San Cristobal) evening 27/8 in 2 large rafts being survivors from some Japanese ship.
- (v) Comsopac reports that captured documents and other information obtained indicate the location of several Japanese observation posts with radio in the Tulagi - Florida - Guadalcanal - Malaita - Ysabel Is. areas. Some of these posts are believed to have motor boats.

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SUVA AREA - A destroyer made an attack on a possible submarine contact in position 19°20' South, 176°05'E at 1830/28. Results negative.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

ENEMY

- (i) San Cristobal - A large unidentified aircraft was sighted approx 120 miles S.E. Cape Surville at 0700/30.
- (ii) Darwin - Six aircraft bombed Darwin 0240/30. Slight damage.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

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

For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

31/8/42

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruiser

Flotilla Leaders

Destroyer

Submarines

Effective

ARUNTA

STUART

S.38

S.43

S.44

S.46

SCULPIN

STURGEON

S.37

S.40

S.41

S.42

S.45

S.47

Refitting or Repairing

CHICAGO

MUGFORD

At Brisbane

On Patrol

At Sydney

En route Sydney to Darwin

Dutch Submarines

K.9

K.12

A.M.C.

Submarine Tender

Destroyer Tender

Storeships

Gunboat

Oiler

WESTRALIA

GRIFFIN

DOBBIE

MIZAR

TULSA

GOLDSTAR

VICTORIA

Enemy Forces

Truk-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet

CinC 2nd Fleet

CinC 8th Fleet

CinC 4th Fleet

CinC 1st Air Fleet

CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)

4 Battleships (BB)

YAMATO

NAGATO

MUTSU

YAMASHIRO

4 Battlecruisers (BB)

KONGO

HARUNA

HIYEI

KIRISHIMA

3 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

ZUIKAKU

SHOKAKU

RYUJO (damaged)

2 converted A/C Carriers (XCV) KASUGA MARU (en route Marshalls)

ZUIHO ?

10 heavy cruisers (CA)

ATAGO

CHOKAI

KUMANO

HAGURO

MAYA ?

TONI

TIKUMA ?

MYOKO

TAKAO

FURUTAKA

8 Light Cruisers (CL)

Possibly

one "KAKO" class

YUBARI

JINTSU

KATCRI

NAKA

YURA

NASARA

2 "TENRYU" class

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

40-45 Destroyers (DD)

2 seaplane carriers (AV)

CHITOSE

CHIYODA

5 converted S/P Tenders incl. KIIYOKAWA MARU
(XAV) KAMOI
KAGU MARU

- 2 submarine tenders
- Approx 20 merchant ships
- 6 minelaying craft
- 8 patrol craft
- 16 sub. chasers
- 15 M.T.B.'s
- 5 gunboats
- Approx 270 shore-based aircraft including 72 fighters, 120 H/B, 31 F/B
- 27 F/AP, 20 Obsn. or transport aircraft

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR
British and Allied Forces

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

S/P Tenders

Submarine Tenders

Submarines

ADELAIDE
TROMP
VOYAGER
KANIMELA
MANGONA
CHILDS
HERON
W.B. PRESTON
HOLLAND
PELIAS

On Patrol

SAURY
TAUTOG
SKIPJACK
GRENADE
GUDGEON
GRAMPUS
GRAYBACK
SNAPPER
SEAWOLF
SALMON
SEAL
SARGO
SEADRAGON

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

SPHAR FISH	}	At Fremantle
SEARAVEN		
THESHER	}	At Albany
GAR		
SAILFISH		En route Brisbane
K.8		At Fremantle

Dutch Submarine

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES
British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

CinC 3rd Fleet
CinC Southern Expeditionary Fleet
1 - 8" Cruiser "ASHIGARA"
4 Light Cruisers ("NATORI" "KASHII" "ISUZU" "SENDAI")
16 Destroyers
Converted seaplane Tenders ?

Timor

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

Ambon

Approx 23 shore-based aircraft incl. 9 F, 8 H/B, 8 F/B, 2 3 F/P

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces

Battleships

MARYLAND
COLORADO
IDAHO
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
TENNESSEE
PENNSYLVANIA

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

Aircraft Carrier

8" Cruiser

6" Cruiser

Destroyers

Submarines

CHESTER

DETROIT

10 (approx)

23 (approx)

YORKTOWN

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KANIKAWA MARU)
FUJIKAWA MARU) En route Rabaul

Approx 20 Destroyers

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British and Allied Forces

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SALT LAKE CITY

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