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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Allied and Enemy Activity

Date:

550 No.

1 August 1943

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA:

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/1:

- (1) "HELM" and P.C. 1119 escorting T.N. 127 ("DUNTROON" and "TAROONA") from Townsville to Port Moresby ETD 1800/31. ETA Port Moresby 1300/2/8.
- (2) "PERKINS" departed Milne Bay 0800/30 for Mackay ETA 0800/1 August.
- (3) "SMITH" was to depart Milne Bay 0800/1 en route Mackay. ETA
- Mackay 0800/3. (4) "BENALLA" "SHEPPARTON" surveying. (5) "SC.746" escorting "HOWELL COBB" departed Milne Bay 1226/30 for ore Bay.
- (6) "BIRCHGROVE PARK" departed Milne Bay 0400/31. ETA Port Moresby 1300/1.
- (7) SC. 748 escorting "S.GIRARD" dep. Milne Bay 1314/31 en route Oro Bay.
- (8) "MIZAR" was to depart Milne Bay 1500/1 en route Port Moresby ETA 0800/2.
- (9) "GYMPIE" and "BUNBURY" escorting FT.9 (4 MV's "ANHUI" "MAETSUYCKER" "REIJNST" "VAN DER LIJN") dep. Milne Bay 1600/31. ETA. Townsville 1200/3.
- (10) "COLAC" departed Port Moresby 2040/30 to RV with "JAPARA" at Stephens Island and escort to Port Moresby.
- (11) "PIRIE" departed Milne Bay 1400/29 to RV with "JAMES M. GOODHUE"
- and escort to Buna. (12) "KATOOMBA" escorting Convoy FT8 ("ADMIRAL HALSTEAD") departed Milne Bay 2200/30 for Townsville ETA 0600/2 August.
- (13) "SC.744" escorting 5 LCT's "FALIE" towing one PT from Fitzroy Is. to Milne Bay ETA 1800/2 August.

- (14) YMS 10, 46, 47 and 48 towing 6 PT's departed Thursday Island 0913/31 en route Milne Bay. ETA destination 1600/4.
 (15) "GEELONG" "GOULBURN" "SC.648" "ML.429" escorting QL.5 (7 ships, including LST.474, "TRINITY" and "GOLDSTAR" attached) dep. Brisbane 2003/31 en route Townsville.
 (16) "GLADSTONE" escorting "ISLANDER" departed Caloundra 1531/31. To provide escort to Lady Elliott Is. and return to Brisbane. "ISLAN DER" ETA. Cairns 1200/4.
- (17) "SC.699" "SC.703" enroute Bustard Head to Townsville ETA 1200/1 Aug.
- "YP.233" dep. Caloundra 1604/30 for Palm Is. ETA. 0600/3 August. (18)
- (19) "SAN PAELO" departed Brisbane 0645/29 for Bowen was due 0600/31.
 (20) "STUART" escorting "GEORGE WASH NGTON" departed Caloundra 1308/31. To provide escort until 0800/1/8 and return Brisbane.
 (21) "ALTAMAHA" (ACV) enroute San Francisco to Brisbane ETA 100/3 Aug.
- (22) 12 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

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Oro Bay -	Warships & Aux "SC. 731" "YMS.71" Merchant Vessels: "H.R. HELPER" "JUNIPERO SERRA"
Milne Bay -	"PAEUD" "C.P. STEINMETZ" Warships & Aux "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "CONYNGHAM" "RIGEL" "TULSA" "WAGGA" SC.698 SC.732 SC.742 SC.745 SC981 YMS.11 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.70 YMS.72 YP.280 "HILO" 23 PTS 22 LST's "BISHOPDALE" ML.817 "PCYANG" "MERKUR" "KAILUA"
	(Note: SFECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)
Milne Bay -	Merchant Vessels: "COMARA" "JAMES B.MACPHERSON" "BENJAMIN BONNEVILLE" "TORRENS" "WEST CACTUS" "CANN ON BAR" "JAN SSENS" "G.H. FLANDERS" "ESTHER JOHNSON" "VAN SWOLL" "YOCHOW" "POINT SAN PEDRO" "GENERAL VERSPINCK"
Port Mcresby-	
Thursday Is	Warships & Aux. "COOTAMUNDRA" "FREMANTLE" YP,236
Cairns -	Warships & Aux. "DRAYTON " "HENLEY" "DELORAINE" "SWAN""BOWEN" "KAPUNDA" "WILCANNIA" "MANOORA" "WESTHALIA" SC.747 ML.428 "VICTORIA" 1 LST "PLATYPUS"
Townsville -	Warships & Aux. "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" YDG.2 "LE TRIOMPHANT" YP,291 15 LST's "YUNNAN"
Mackay -	Warships & Aux. "MAHAN" "FLUSSER" "BROOKS" "GILMER" "DOBBIN" SC.637 5 LST's.
Brisbane -	Warships & Aux. "YMS.B" Warships & Aux. "LITHGOW""FULTON" "OTUS" SC.648 SC.650 SC.741 SC.982 YP.236 YP.278 Yp.279 YP.283 YMS.9 YMS.49 ML.424 ML.425 ML.816 "AASE MAERSK"
0.000	Repairing, Trails etc.) "VENDETTA" "HUMPEREYS" "SANDS" "WARREGO" "WHYALLAW ML.818.

(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "HENLEY" "KAPUNDA" "WILCANNIA" and SC.747 escorting 10 MV's and LST.475 is to depart Grafton Passage at 1900/1. Convoy splits at 1500/3, Portion A proceeding to Moresby, ETA.1000/4 and Portion B to Milne Bay ETA 1000/4

(11) ENEMY FORCES

 Solomon Sea - The convoy of 6 barges with one escort vessel sighted west of Buka Passage a.m. 30th was attacked by one Beaufort on armed reconnaissance at 1055/30. One barge, which appeared to be loaded with timber, was hit and left stationary. The escort was later described as a torped boat or small DD.
 (2) <u>Cape St. George - Three enemy destroyers were observed of the Bostform at Bostform 25 miles S. by E. Cape St. George at 1510/S1, course 110° speed 10 knots. These vessels were attacked an hour later by the same
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2) <u>Cape St. George</u> - Three enemy destroyers were observed / in a position 25 miles S. by E. Cape St. George at 1510/31, course 110° speed 10 knots. These vessels were attacked an hour later by the same aircraft on armed reconnaissance, but nil hits were scored. Our aircraft was attacked by 8 Zeros, one of which was shot down. The position and course of these vessels suggest they were on a run to the Central Solemons area.

(3) Buin-Shortlands - 20-30 fighters were observed at Kahili, one fighter, one medium bomber at Ballale and 10 floatplanes xere near Faisi. Photo reconnaissance of this base a.m. 30th indicates a considerable reduction in both aircraft strength and shipping. Photos 0720/30 show only 2 vessels, 1 AK and 1 small AK (probably sea truck) at this base in addition to barges. Previous photo reconnaissance a.m. 27th showed a total of 55 aircraft including 40 fighters and 12 vessels. (3) Buin-Shortlands (Contd.)

During the attack on Ballale p.m. 30th our aircraft reported sighting 2 destroyers in addition to the 2 AK and 9 barges, suggesting that these DD's may have arrived during the day. A heavy attack on Ballale was carried out at 1452/30 by 9 A heavy attack on Ballale was carried out at 1452/30 by 9
Liberators covered by 8 Lightnings, 46 Corsairs and 8 Kittyhawks. Six heavy fires were started along the runway.
Twentyfive enemy fighters ineffectively attempted interception.
 (4) <u>Ganongga</u> - Up to 1000 enemy troops are reported to be concentrated around Buri Village N.W. tip Ganongga.
 (5) <u>New Georgia</u> - 18 Dauntless, 18 Avengers bombed 4 enemy gun
positions Baeroko Harbour a.m. 30th, scoring 32 hits in

- addition to strafing target area. (6) Buka Partial photos Buka Passage area a.m. 30th reveal 10
- fighters, 3 medium bombers, 5 dive bombers on Buka aerodrome and 2 small auxiliaries at wherves.
- Dugainville Photos Bonis Plantation show new runway now cleared for additional 1200 feet. This strip has previously been reported as being possibly 6500 feet in length. Photos a.m. 30th over new strip Tanakau Plantation show (7) Bougainville slight progress in clearing and servicing.
- (8) New Ireland An enemy convoy, reported to comprise 3 DD, one large AP (karasextans) one AK, sighted by reconnaissance aircraft 100 miles E. by S. of Kavieng at 0950/31, course 320°. The convoy was reported to have air cover, and if the course given is accurate, may be en route Palau from Rabaul via the north coast New Ireland.
 (9) S. Coast New Britain area - At 1040/31, 3 unidentified ships were reported proceeding on a northerly course 5° miles N.E. Cape Orford. These units may have been proceeding from
 - Solomons to Rabaul. At 1812/30, one large SS with deck cargo passed Cape Orford

on a southerly course, probably destined Lae. Another submarine was sighted by our reconnaissance aircraft off Gasmata at 2320/31 on course 270°. This unit was proceeding on the surface at 15 knots, but submerged on sighting aircraft.

- (10) Cape Gloucester area Further details of the vessels attacked by our aircraft off Cape Gloucester on July 28-29 indicate they included 2 destroyers, one "HATSHARU" class (1,368 tons) and one "MUTSUKI" class (1,315 tons). The former was believed to have been sunk by our Mitchells, which attacked between 1450 and 1515/28, while the latter was forced to beach and is apparently destroyed. Photos taken a.m. 29th show this latter unit to be beached and severely damaged as to superstructure with 2 large holes, one on either beam at the waterline. This vessel is considered unserviceable Photos taken a.m. 29th without major repairs and selvage tug. Eleven Mitchells which attacked the beached destroyer a.m. 29th claim many direct hits and near misses and this vessel was observed to explode at 1045. These aircraft also destroyed 4 barges at Rottock Bay, silenced A/A gun at Cape Gloucester and started fires. Many barges were reported to be in the general area.
- (11) <u>Rooke Island</u> A large barge concentration was reported at Marien <u>Harbour</u>, Rooke Island, at 1040/29. Other aircraft over this area p.m. 5 Oth report sighting stacks of freshly cut timber near the S. tip of Rooke Island. It is apparent the enemy is endeavouring to use his barges to the maximum degree between Cape Gloucester area and Finschhafen via Marien Harbour. The enemy appears to be using Rein, Rottock and Borgen Bays on the S.E. end of New Britain for mobilising barges prior to their proceeding on to the Finschhafen area via Marien Harbour. (12) Finschhafen - Nine Bostons, 9 Mitchells and 1 Catalina attacked
- barges this area p.m. 30th. Nine wrecked barges were observed in the area, but full results of the attacks were unobserved due to many barges being hidden under foliage.
- (13) Woodlark Island An unidentified aircraft was believed in this vicinity early a.m. 30th.

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- (14) <u>Salamaua area</u> By 1320/30 an allied unit was believed to have cut the main Komiatum track at Osborne Greek crossing 1500 yards S. by E. of Old Bobdubi. Other troops advancing Eastwards have occupied positions approximately 2,000 yards S. of Old Bobdubi.
- (15) <u>Kolombangara</u> During night July 30-31, our P.T. boats sank a 100' Jap auxiliary off Morusu Cove S.W. Kolombangara, and on night 29th strafed and puss possibly sank 2 barges same area.
- 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (a) At Sea to 1200/1.
- (1) 3 submarines on patrol.
 - (b) In Harbour

Darwin - Warships & Aux, "LATROBE" "INVERELL" "ML.814" "ML.815" Merchant Vessels: "TAMBAR" "DARVEL" "MUNGANA" "ALAGNA".

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Port Headland An unidentified aircraft was observed flying south over this area a.m. 30 July.
- (2) Aroe Is. Our r econnaissance a/c sighted an enemy four engined flying boat approximately 130 miles SSE. of this group on an easterly course a.m. 31/7.
 (3) Soemba - Six Liberators bombed Waingapoe a.m. 31/7 starting
- (3) Soemba Six Liberators bombed Waingapoe a.m. 31/7 starting fires throughout town which was believed severely damaged. No shipping other than 2 small sailing craft sighted in this area.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/1.

(1) "VAN HEEMSKERCK" escerting Convoy US21 ("NIEUW AMSTERDAM") dep. Hobart 1641/27 for Fremantle ETA p.m. 0700/2 Aug.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAL GALEN" "TJERK HIDDES" "DUBBO" "HER ON" "HOR SHAM" "ISABEL" "WHIPPOCRWILL" SC.739 "PELIAS" "W.B. PRESTON" YP.286. Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" "LARK" "YP.288".

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/1:
(1) "MILDURA" "BAILARAT" "WAERNAMBOOL" escorting Convoy COll3.
(2) "ATREUS" departed Geelong 1301/29 for Fremantle ETA 4 August.
(3) "ROCK HAMPTON" "GLENELG" "TOWNSVILLE" "ML.820" escorting Convoy GP61 (6 MV) departed Sydney 0823/30. "ML.819" to RV at 200/31 and join escort to Brisbane. "ML.820" to b ave convoy daylight 1 August and proceed Coffs Harbour.

(b) <u>In Harbour</u>: Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "ALSEY" 1 LST Sydney - Warships & Aux. "ECHUCA" "BROOME" "KALGOORLIE" "BENDIGO" "MORESEY" "CASTLEMAINE" "BUNDABERG" -4-

"CAPDES PALMES" "MAN UNDA" (AH) 1 LST (On Reserve) (Repairing) "KANIMBLA" - Warships & Aux. "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "ADELAIDE " "DOOMBA" Melbourne (Refitting)

(c) PROPOSED MOVEMENTS

(1) "ROCK HAMPTON" "GLE NELG" "TOWN SVILLE" and "ARARAT" escorting P.G. 61 (8 ships) are to depart Calcundra 1200/2 en route Sydney.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Espiritu Santo CURTISS TANGIER (AV) CHINCOTEAGUE (AVP) DIXIE (AD) VESTAL (AE) Repairing - HONOLULU ST.LOUIS LEANDER HOBART (CL)
- (2) At Noumea CHEVREUIL (Sloop) PROMETHEUS (AR) WHITNEY (AD)
- (3) At Efate AUSTRALIA (CA) CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Norfolk Island - An enemy submarine was sighted on the surface by an allied vessel at 1850/30 approximately 100 miles E.S.E. Norfolk Island. The submarine crash-dived on being sighted. (2) Tongatabu - An enemy submarine was sighted in this area on 31/7.

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NAVAL INCIDENTS

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

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

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 (3) "HELM" "PC.1119" escorting Convoy TM127 ("DUNTROON" "TAROONA") departed Townsville 1910/31 for Port Moresby ETA 1400/2.
 (4) "PC.1121" escorting two vessels including "VAN SWOLL" departed Milne (5) "SC.731" escorting "C.P.STEINMETZ" departed Oro Bay 1255/1. "SC.731" to provide escort as far as Milne Bay and "C.P.STEINMETZ" to proceed thence independently to Cairns. "BENALLA" "SHEPPARTON" surveying. (6) (7) "MIZAR" en route Milne Bay to Port Moresby was due 0800/2.
 (8) "GYMPIE" "BUNBURY" escorting Convoy FT9 ("ANHUI" "MAETSUYCKER" "REIJMST" "VAN DER LIJN") departed Milne Bay 1600/31 for Townsville ETA 1200/3. (9) "COLAC" departed Port Moresby 2040/30 to RV with "JAPARA" at Stephens Island and escort to Port Moresby.
 (10) "WAGGA" escorting Convoy FT10 ("BENJAMIN BONNEVILLE" "JANSSENS") departed Milne Bay 1400/1 for Townsville ETA 0800/4. (11) "GLADSTONE" en route Lady Elliott Is and to Brisbane. (12) "YMS.10" "YMS.46" "WMS.47" "YMS.48" towing 6 PF's departed Thursday (12) "YMS.10" "YMS.46" "YMS.47" "YMS.48" towing 6 PF's departed Thursday Island 0913/31 for Milne Bay ETA 1600/4.
(13) "SC.744" escorting 5 LCT's "FALIE" towing one PT from Fitzroy Island to Milne Bay ETA 1800/2.
(24) "HENLEY" "SWAN" "KAPUNDA" "BOWEN" "WILCANNIA" escorting Convoy TN126 ("CHARON" "CHARLES S.JONES" "MANGOLA" "KATOOMBA" "BAN HONG LIONG" "JOHN WHITEAKER" "THEOFANO LIVANOS" "WICHITA FALLS" for Port Moresby; "LST.475" "VAN HEUTSZ" "BALIKPAPAN" "LORINNA" "COLORADO" "ADONIRAM JUDSON" "ANDREW D.WHITE" "JOSIAH ROYCE" "W.E.CHANNING" "HOWARD STANSBURY" "THOMAS JEFFERSON" for Milne Bay) from Fitzroy Island. Island. (15) "SAN PABLO" departed Bowen 1445/31 for Milne Bay area. (16) "GEELONG" "GOULBURN" "SC.648" "ML.429" escorting Convoy QL5 (7 ship: including "LST.474" "TRINITY" "GOLDSTAR") departed Brisbane 2003/31 en route Gladstone. (17) "YP.233" dep. Caloundra 1604/30 for Palm Is. ETA 0600/3. (18) "STUART" en route to RV with "ALTAMAHA" position 26 055'S 158°E at 1300/2 and escort to Brisbane ETA 1000/3. (19) 10 submarines on patrol. (b) In Harbour: - Warships & Aux. - "SC.746" "SC.748" Merchant Vessels: "H.R. HELPER" "JUNIPERO SERRA" Oro Bay "HOWELL COBB" "STEPHEN GIRARD"

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Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "CONYNGHAM" "RIGEL" "TULSA" "PIRIE" SC \$98 SC.732 SC.742 SC.745 SG.981 YMS.11 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.70 YMS.71 YMS.72 YP.280 "HILO" 23 PTs 22 LSTs ML.817 "POYANG" "BISHOPDALE" "MERKUR"
	(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)
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Port Moresby	
Thursday Is. Cairns	
Townsville	- Warships & Aux "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "SC.699 SC.703 YP.291 14 LST's "YUNNAN"
Mackay	- Warships & Aux "MAHAN" "PERKINS" "BROOKS" "GILMER "DOBBIN"
Rockhampton Brisbane	- Warships & Aux YMS.8 - Warships & Aux "LITHGOW" "FULTON" "OTUS" SC.648 "SC.650 SC.741 SC.982 YP.236 YP.278 YP.279
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(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "DRAYTON" escorting "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" to depart Cairns 1500/2 for Milne Bay ETA 1700/4.

(11) ENEMY FORCES:

- (1) Munda 35 Dauntless, 34 Avengers covered by 51 fighters attacked enemy positions north of Munda 0755/31. One direct hit on an A.A. position. Enemy fighters intercepted and two Kittyhawks were shot down. At 0945/1, 18 Avengers, 18 Dauntless with an escort of 28 fighters attacked the Munda area. One ammunition dump was blown up, other dumps were hit and a gun was hit and silenced.
- (2) <u>Kolombangara</u> The bivouac area, a erodrome and installations at Vila were attacked by 5 Fortresses, 22 Mitchells, 25 Dauntless, 22 Avengers covered by 64 fighters at 1518/31. Two Catalinas bombed Vila at 0400/1.
- a destroyers covered by 64 fighters at 1518/51. Two catalinas bombed Vila at 0400/1.
 (3) Buka Area A force described as one destroyer, two small vessels (possibly three destroyers) was reported 12 miles NNW of Buka Passage on course 100° at approx 1015/1. At 0230/2 an enemy destroyer was reported 22 miles N.W. of Sandfly Harbour (west coast Kolombangara) course H.W. These sightings would appear to indicate that a transportation run to the Kolombangara area was made night 1-2 August, and the one destroyer reported returning from the area may have been a sighting of part of this transportation force, which may have comprised the three vessels sighted in the morning, 1st August.

Three destroyers were reported 30 miles NNE of Cape Henpan, Buka Island, course 260° at approx 1105/1. A force of three destroyers was observed at 1500/31 72 miles S.E. of Cape St.George on course 110° apparently proceeding to the Shortlands. The destroyers sighted morning 1 August may be this group returning from the Solomons area to Rabaul.

(4) Buka Passage - Photos 1220/31 reveal 2 x 100 ft. auxiliaries, 4 barges. On the aerodrome 6 M/B, 3 fighters were visible and additional clearing was noted on the new strip at Bonis Plantation (5) Shortlands - Photos 1430/1 revealed 1 sub.chaser, 11 cargo vessels (mainly small), 14 auxiliaries and 8 barges in the Shortlands area.

At 0745/1 a visual report from an aircraft stated that there was a large concentration of aircraft at the northern end of Kahili strip. Photos 1520/1, after an attack on Kahili (report not yet to hand) revealed only 16 fighters, 3 medium, 11 dive bombers at Kahili of which 4 or 5 aircraft were bomb damaged.

- (6) <u>Cape Orford A southbound submarine passed Cape Orford 1540/1.</u>
 (7) <u>Cape Gloucester Area 7 Mitchells</u>, 9 Bostons in a barge sweep 1030-1130/31 destroyed 7 barges in Borgen Bay and 4 others at Ulamainga Village (3 miles WSW Cape Gloucester).
- (8) Huon Peninsula Barges and buildings Hanisch Harbour to Arndt
- (9) <u>Salamaua</u> 300 Japanese are reported to have arrived at Salamaua
 (9) <u>Salamaua</u> 300 Japanese are reported to have arrived at Salamaua
 on four barges night 25-27 July. This is corroborative evidence of the carrying capacity of the Japanese large type barge (Daihatsu) and further stresses the importance of these craft for coastal transportation of troops and supplies. One enemy aircraft was observed to take off from Salamaua aerodrome at 1040/1.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

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(1) ALLIED FORCES:

(a) At Sea to 1200/2:

4 submarine s on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin

- Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" "INVERELL" ML.814 ML.815 Merchant Vessels: "TAMBAR" "DARVEL" "MUNGANA" "AIAGNA"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Scemba - Photos following the attack a.m. 31 July reveal many bomb hits and fires in the vicinity of the jetty. 2 praus and 7 landing craft were visible, while the runway has been extended for 100 yards, but no aircraft are visible .

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/2:

"VAN HEEMSKERK" escorting Convoy US21 ("NIEUW AM STERDAM") dep. Hobart 1641/27 for Fremantle ETA 0700/2 August.
 "ATREUS" departed Geelong 1301/29 for Fremantle ETA 4 August.

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN GALEN" "TJERK HIDDES" "DUBBO" "HERON" "HORSHAM" "ISABEL" "WHIPPOORWILL" SC.739 "PELIAS" "W.B. PRESTON" "YP.286" - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" "LARK" "YP.288" Fremantle Exmouth Gulf

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/2:

(1) "ROCKHAMPTON" "GIE NELG" "TOWNSVILLE" "ARARAT" escorting Convoy PG61 (8 MV) enroute Caloundra to Newcastle and Sydney.

- (2) "AERAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting <u>Convoy OC113</u> (7 MV) was to depart Port Phillip to RV in Wilson's Promontory area with "MILDURA" "BALLARAT" "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting Convoy CO113.
- (3) "FLUSSER" was due Sydney 0900/2.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "AL SEY" 1 LST Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA" "BROOME" "KALGOORLIE" "BENDIGO" "MORESEY" "CASTLEMAINE" "BUNDABERG" "YANDRA" "KYBRA" (Repairing) "CAP DES PALMES" "MANUNDA"(AH) 1 LST (On Reserve) "KANIMBLA" Melbourne - Warships & Aux. (Refitting) "ADELAIDE" "DOOMBA"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Espiritu Santo CURTISS TANGIER (AV) CHINCOTEAGUE (AVP) DIXIE (AD) VESTAL (AR)
- Repairing HON OLULU ST.LOUIS LEANDER HOBART (CL) (2) At Noumea - PROMETHEUS (AR) WHITNEY (AD) POCOMOKE (AV) BALLARD (AVD) (3) At Efate - AUSTRALIA (CA) CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Ontong Java One small destroyer escorting a transport was reported 280 miles N.E. by N. of Ontong Java course 300° at noon 1 August. The position and course indicate that these vessels may have been en route Nauru to Rabaul.
- (2) Santa Cruz Three separate sightings of enemy submarines 225-360 miles NNW of Santa Cruz all on course 45° were reported morning 1 August, A total of six submarines was sighted comprising one group of four and two single submarines.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

NIL.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Continued air and naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea area.
- (2) Consolidation of defences Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indes, Northern Solomons, Gilberts, Marshalls, Malayan areas.
 (3) Increased use of barges and warships principally destroyers
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- (4) Offensive submarine activity in the Northern, Southern and South West Pacific to offset the building up of allied strength in these areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

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

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks- Solomons
<u>BB</u>		NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	EONGO HAR UNA
€¥.		SARATOGA VICTORIOUS	ZUIKAKU SH OKAKU
CV (L)			ZUIHO ?
<u>CV (E)</u>	ALTAMAHA	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHEMAN GO ALTAMAHA BARNES	CTAKA
<u>CA</u>		AUSTRALIA	CHOKAI TONE CHIKUMA SUZUYA MOGAMI M KUMAN O
<u>CE</u>	ADELAIDE	X HONOLULU E ST.LOUIS -X LEANDER X HOBART COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONT PELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO OYODO ISUZU SENDAI MAKA
<u>CL (T)</u>			FA SHIMA KATORI
XCL			1
DD	AR UNTA WARRAMUNGA PERKINS		
	CONYNGHAM MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER SMITH MUGFORD BAGLEY HENLEY HENLEY HELM IE TRIOMPHANT	Approx 40	Approx 40
	STUART VENDETTA LAMSON R	non-effective -1-	

	t Pasific Section)	South Pacific	Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks- Solomons
• <u>ss</u>	BALAO GREENLING GROUPER GROWLER GUARDFISH PETO PCMPON SCAMP SILVERSIDES) 2)) On Patrol	Approx 30
•	TUNA ALBACORE) DRUM) BILLFISH)) At Brisbane	
	K.9 At Sydn	еу	
AV/CVS		CURTISS TANGIER	
XAV/XCVS		3	3
PT	35	Approx 30	9
<u>a pa /a pd/ak a</u> ¥	H.T.ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA KAUMBLA GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA	
AS or XAS	FULTON OTUS		3 or more
AD	DOEBIN	DIXIE WHITNEY	
AR	RIGEL	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	2
AIRCRAFT (N	.E.Area Only)		
Fighters (in Light or M/B SE/Bombers Flying Boats Floatplanes Transport &		ng.)	240 216 29 6 54 13
•	2	. SOUTHEASTERN PACIF	IC
● <u>CL</u>	CONCORD TRENTON		
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		3. CENTRAL PACIFIC	2nd August 1943
ALT	IED FORCES		ENEMY FORCES
	WASHINGTON PERINSYLVANIA NEVADA WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA		YAMATO MUSASHI) MUTSU) en route NAGATO) Truk ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO
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CV (E)	BRETON PRINCE WILLIAM NASSAU LONG ISLAND		CHUYO) en route UNYO) Truk
CA	NEW ORLEANS SALT LAKE CITY PENSACOLA * MINNEAPOLIS		MYOKO) en route HAGURO) Truk * ATAGO * TAKAO * AOBA
OCA			6
CL	* NASEVILLE		TAT SUTA * KINU * NAGARA * YUBARI -* NATORI
XCL			4
AV/CVS	2		CHIYODA) Under conver- CHITUSE) sion to ACVs
XAV/XCVS			3
DD SS AS/XAS	Approx 35 Approx 50		Approx 16 Approx 25 3 or more
		4. NORTHERN PACIFIC	
BB	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO TENNESSEE		
•	WICH ITA LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLA ND INDIANA POLIS		NACHI MAYA
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5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN ALLIED FORCES ENEMY FORCES Southwest Pacific (Western Section) East Indies-Philippines Eastern Fleet Area WARSPITE RESOLUTION * REVENCE ø ILLUSTRIOUS SUSSEX ASHIGARA SUFFOLK

FROBISHER TROMP MAURITIUS OI VAN HEEMSKERK GAMBIA KITAGAMI KEN YA KUMA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTIE SS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC KA SHII -CARTHAGE 1 CHITRAL RANPURA WORCE STER SHIRE CHILDS HERON KAMOI W.B. PRESTON AL BATROSS NOTORO XAV/XCVS ? 1

* HAWKINS

DD VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES SS FINBACK

KINGFISH GRAYLING On Patrol TAMBOR K.12

GAR At Fremantle TROUT

AS OF XAS PELIAS

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BB

CV

CA

CL

CL(T)

AV/CVS

XCL

AIRCRAFT (N.W.Area Only)

Fighters Light or M/Bombers SE/Bombers Flying Boats Floatplanes fransport & Obsn. a/c

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS	
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA	
Combined Operational Intelligence O	Centre
DAILY NAVAL SUMM	ARY
Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity	
Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of	Battle
No. 552 Date: 3rd Aug	gust 1943
PART I.	
A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA	
1. NORTH EASTERN AREA	
(1) ALL TED FORCES	
(a) At Sea to 1200/3:	
(1) "LAMSON" escerting "H.T.ALLEN" departed	Port Moresby 0801/1 for
(2) "HELM" "PC.1119" escorting Convoy NT34	("DUNTROON" "TAROONA") were
to depart Port Moresby 0600/3 (3) "DRAYTON" escorting "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA	A" was to depart Cairns
(4) "HENLEY" "SWAN" "KAPUNDA" "BOWEN" "WILC	
TN126 ("CHARON" "CHARLES S.JON "BAN HONG LIONG" "JOHN WHITEAK	ES" "MANGOLA" "KATOOMBA"
NUTCHTPA FALLS" for Port Mores	T.SP. 475" "VAN HEUTSZ"
"BALIKPAPAN" "LORINNA" "COLORAI "ANDREW D.WHITE" "JOSIAH ROYCE"	DO" "ADONIRAM JUDSON"
STAN SBURY" "THOMAS JEFFERSON"	for Milne Bay) from Fitzroy
Island, (5) "YMS,71" escorting "POINT SAN PEDRO" de	parted Milne Bay 1238/2 for
(6) "BENALLA" "SHEPPARTON" surveying.	
(7) "GYMPIE" escorting Convey FT9 ("ANHUI"	"MAETSUYCKER" "REIJNST" Bay 1600/31. Was due
"VAN DER LIJN") departed Milne I Town sville 1200/3.	
(8) "WAGGA" escorting Convoy FT10 ("BENJAMI) departed Milne Bay 1400/1 for	N BONNEVILLE" "JANSSENS")
(9) "PIRIE" escorting <u>Convoy FT11</u> ("YOCHOW" Milne Bay 1500/2 for Townsville	"JUNIPERO SERRA") departed
(10) "VP.291" dep. Townsville 1358/2 for Bris	sbane ETA 0700/5.
(11) "YMS.10" "YMS.46" "YMS.47" "YMS.48" towi Island 0913/31 for Milne Bay F	TA 16 00/4.
(12) "SC.744" escorting 5 LCT's "FALIE" from ETA China Strait 1500/3.	Fitzroy Island to Milne Bay
(13) "SC.703" departed Townsville 1746/2 for	Cairns ETA 0900/3.
(14) "SAN PABLO" departed Bowen 1445/31 for 1 (15) "GEELONG" "GOULBURN" "SC.648" "ML.429"	escorting Convoy QL5 (8 ships
including LST.474 "TRINITY" for Cairns) departed Brisbane 2003,	r Townsville, "GOLDSTAR" for
(16) "YP.233" dep. Caloundra 1604/30 for Pal	m Is. was due 0600/3.
(17) "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting Convoy TN128 Townsville 0400/3 for Port More	esby ETA 0800/5.
(18) "STUART" escorting "ALTAMA HA" was due Br (19) 9 submarines on patrol.	risbane 1000/3.
(b) In Harbour:	
Oro Bay - Warships & Aux "SC.73	1" "SC.746" "SC.748" "PC.1121
Nevehent Vessels: "H.R. H	S" ELPER" "HOWELL C OBB" "STEPHEN
ĞIRARD	" "VAN SWOLL" "GEN. VERSPIJCK

- Warships & Aux. - "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "CONYNGHAM" "RIGEL" "TULSA" SC.698 SC.732 SC.742 SC.745 Milne Bay SC.732 SC.742 SC.745 YMS.52 YMS.70 YMS.72 SC.981 YMS.11 YMS.51 "HILO" 23 PTs YP. 280 22 LST's ML.817 "POYANG" "BISHOPDALE" "MERKUR"

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

Merchant Vessels: "COMARA" "JAMES B.MACPHERSON" "WEST CACTUS" "CANNONBAR" "G.H.FLANDERS" "ESTHER JOHNSON" "PAHUD" - Warships & Aux. - "COLAC" "ML.427" "MIZAR" Merchant Vessels: "KHOEN HOEA" "SUVA" "PETER "SYLVESTER" "ALCOA PEGASUS" "MONTORO" "VAN Port Moresby SPILBERGEN" "VAN DEN BOSCH" "EDWARD CHAMBERS" "PATRAS" "JAPARA" - Warships & Aux. - "COOTAMUNDRA" "FREMANTLE" YP.236 Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "BUNBURY" "DELORAINE" "KATOO MBA" Cairns

SC.637 SC.747 M 1 LST "PLATYPUS" SC.747 ML.428 "VICTORIA" - Warships & Aux. - "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "SC.699" Town sville 14 LST's "YUNNAN" - Warships & Aux. - "MAHAN" "PERKINS" "SMITH" "BROOKS" Mackay "GILMER" "DOBBIN" - Warships & Aux. -Rockhampton YMS.8 - Warships & Aux. - "GLADSTONE" "LITHGOW" "FULTON" "OTUS" SC.648 SC.650 SC.741 SC.982 YP.23 Brisbane OTUS" SC.648 SC.650 SC.741 SC.982 YP.278 YP.279 YP.283 YMS.9 YMS.49 YP. 236 YMS.9 YMS.49 ML:424 (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "VENDETTA" "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "WARREGO" "WHYALLA" ML.818

(11) ENERY FORCES

(1) Kolombangara - One Liberator bombed Webster Cove 1446/1. 12 Mitchells followed by 8 Liberators escorted by 24 Corsairs, 8 Kittyhawks again attacked Webster Cove afternoon 2 August. Fires were started.

Reports now indicate that four destroyers ran down to the Kolombangara area night 1-2 August and were seen departing westward at 0220/2. Three vessels were observed 12 miles N.N.W. Buka Passage on course 100° on the morning 1st August. These may have been joined by an additional destroyer in the Shortlands area, and then proceeded to Kolombangara.

(2) <u>Shortlands</u> - Shipping in the base was attacked 1458/1 (see Naval Incidents). Kahili aerodrome was bombed at the same time by 21 Liberators escorted by 8 Kittyhawks, 8 Lightnings, 16 Corsairs. Several fires were started. During these attacks twenty five to thirty Zeros engaged fighters covering the aircraft which struck shipping and ten to twelve enemy fighters were observed over Kahili during the attack on the aem drome. Photos after the attack showed 16 fighters, 11 dive, three medium bombers, including 4 to 5 damaged aircraft at Kahili, 2 fighters, 4 medium bombers at Ballale and 21 floatplanes at Faisi.

(3) Rabaul - In the first complete photo coverage for more than a month, 29 vessels were observed in Rabaul Harbour; 2 heavy cruisers ("ATAGO" and "MOGAMI" class) 1 light cruiser ("JINTSU" class)

- - 3 destroyers (incl. one "FUBUKI" class)
 - 3 submarines
 - 3 sub.chasers 2 minesweepers
 - 1 gunboat

14 merchant vessels (totalling 64,500 tons) In the last coverage 25 June, 50 vessels were in the harbour. These included two heavy cruisers (described "MOGAMI" class) one light cruiser ("YUBARI"), 13 destroyers and 28 merchantmen totalling 130,000 tons.

Aerodromes:			71	F,	9	M/B,	16	L/B
	Vunakanau	-	23	F.	62	M/B,	1	L/B
-	Rapopo					bomber		

In addition 8 Zeros were airborne making a total of 260 aircraft.

In the photos 25 June, 170 aircraft were visible on Lak unai and Vunakanau, as against 182 in the present photos. Rapopo was not covered in the previous photos, but the present strength of 70 aircraft is above the average of the most recent reports of that a erodrome. At Vunakanau 15 new revetments were also visible also new buildings and A.A. positions.

- (4) <u>Cape Orford</u> A submarine was observed passing Cape Orford southbound at 1522/2. Reports of submarines passing Cape Orford have been made frequently over recent weeks indicating that the enemy is maintaining a constant submarine supply
- (5) Gasmata At 2305/2 an aircraft reported attacking a destroyer 60 miles SE by S. of Gasmata and shortly after reported that the destroyer was on fire but still underway. At 2326/2 this aircraft reported two vessels described as a destroyer and a rom these preliminary reports it would appear that these two vessels were probably engaged on a transportation mission to the enemy base at Gasmata.

18 Kittyhawks attacked Gasmata aerodrome 0705/2 and also bombed and strafed three small barges Montagu Harbour sinking one, and leaving one smoking and settling. A direct hit was also scored on the jetty. Barges and installations at points in this area were also attacked. 6 Bostons attacked Gasmata aerodrome 0710/2.

Photos of Gasmata aerodrome at 1100/2 revealed that the aerodrome was probably still unserviceable.

- (6) Humboldt Bay Area Native reports 2nd August state that Watong and Yanimo (15 miles and 35 miles E. by S. of Humboldt Bay respectively) have been occupied by the enemy. (7) Wewak - Photos of But area morning 30 July reveal one medium
- bomber, 19 light bombers. The runway has been extended, and a new four-gun A/A battery has been installed in the vid nity of the aerodrome.
- (8) <u>Hansa Bay</u> Supply dumps were attacked by Fortresses before dawn 2 August. A large fire was started. No shipping was sighted.
- (9) Saidor Area 16 Lightnings engaged 12-14 enemy fighters at 1310/2 between Sio and Saidor. 11 enemy fighters were shot down and one was probably destroyed.
- (10) Bena Bena A preliminary examination of an enemy aircraft which crashed N.W. of Asalcka 24 July reveals that it is an inline engine fighter apparently of Italian make, which was apparently squipped as a night fighter and the armament include .50
- (11) Huon Gulf One Mitchell on a barge sweep midday 2 August attacked a power boat with a cabin and superstructure southeast of Lae aerodrome. The boat blew up.
- (12) Las 11 Liberators attacked the Las area at midday 2 August. Photos reveal large fuel fires also bombs bursting in the
- barge anchorage destroying barges. Large fuel fires were started. On the Lae aerodrome 3 fighters were visible.
 (13) Salamaua In attacks by 25 Liberators 1212-1255/2 on the Salamaua area, several buildings were destroyed and fires started. At Tambu Bay 7 barges were observed in the water and 15-20 on the beach.

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It was reported that on 1s t August our artillery fire destroyed aircraft on the Salamaua aerodrome and also shot away 60 feet of the footbridge at the mouth of the Francisco River. Vigorous patrol clashes were reported 30 July - 1 August in the Bobdubi area. In the vicinity of Tambu Bay, allied forces occupied an enemy position approx 1g miles WSW of Boisi afternoon 31 July.

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(1) ALL IED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/3:

- (1) "LATROBE" escorting "ALAGNA" departed Darwin 1530/2 for Millingimbi ETA 1200/4.
- (2) 4 submarines on patrol.
 - (b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux, - "INVERELL" ML.814 ML.815 Merchant Vessels: "TAMBAR" "DARVEL" "MUNGANA" Darwin

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Keaukwa - The village was attacked by two Hudsons afternoon 2nd August.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/3:

(1) "ATREUS" departed Geelong 1301/29 for Fremantle ETA 4 August.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux, - "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "VAN GALEN" "TJERK HIDDES" "DUBBO" "HERON" "HORSHAM" "ISABEL" "WHIPPOORWILL" SC.739 "PELIAS" "W.B. PRESTON" "YP.286" Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux, - "CHILDS" "LARK" "YP.288"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN A REA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/3:

- "ROCKHAMPTON" "GLENELG" "TOWN SVILLE" "ARARAT" escorting Convoy PG61 (8 MV) en route Calcundra to Newcastle ETA 1900/4 and Sydney ETA 0400/5.
 "BENDIGO" "BROOME" departed Sydney 0200/3 to RV with Newcastle section Convoy Coll4 off Nobby's Head. "ECHUCA" escorting Sydney section to depart Sydney p.m. 3 August to RV with Newcastle section off Sydney.
 "MILDURA" "BAILARAT" "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting Convoy 0C113 (8 MV) for Port Kemble ETA 2200/4, Sydney ETA 0400/5 and Newcastle ETA 1200/5.
- Newcastle ETA 1200/5.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "AL SEY" 1 LST Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA" "KALGOORLIE" "MORE SEY" "CASTLEMAINE" "BUNDABERG" "YANDRA" "KYBRA" (Repairing) "FLUSSER" "CAP DES PALMES" "MANUNDA"(AH) 1 LST "KAN IMBLA" (On Reserve) lbourne - Warships & Aux. - "ABRAHAM C RIJNSSEN" (Refitting) "ADELAIDE" "DOOMBA" Melbourne

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(1) ALLIED FORCES

(1) At (Espiritu Sento - CURTISS TANGIER (AV) CHINCOTEAGUE (AVP) DIXIE (AD) VESTAL (AR) Repairing - HONOLULU ST.LOUIS LEANDER HOBART (CL)
 (2) At Noumea - PROMETHEUS (AR) WHITNEY (AD) POCOMOKE (AV) BALLARD(AVD)
 (3) At Efate - AUSTRALIA (CA) CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWENNEE (ACV)

NAVAL INCIDENTS

Shertlands - 18 Avengers, 11 Dauntless covered by 12 Warhawks, 12 Corsairs, 31 Wildcats attacked shipping in the base 1458/1 and reported sinking 8 barges, and scoring hits on a cargo vessel which was set on fire, and also on a tanker-type vessel. Photographs taken after the attack show one less cargo vessel and one less small vessel in the positions photographed shortly before the raid. The photographs after the attack showed one sub.chaser (possibly damaged)] 12 cargo vessels (chiefly small), 17 auxiliaries and 10 barges. 25 to 30 Zeros intercepted in the vicinity of Gizo Island. One Zero was shot down and our losses were one Warhawk.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Continued air and naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea area.
- (2) Consolidation of defences Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Northern Solomons, Gilberts, Marshalls, Malayan areas. Increased use of barges and warships principally destroyers
- (3)for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons - New Guines areas.
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	DAT	LY NAVAL SUMMARY	MOS T SECRET 3 August 1943
		PART II	
	ALL IED &	ENEMY ORDER OF BAT	TLE
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- Alexandra			ENEMY FORCES
Southw (Easter	est Pacific rn Section)	South Pacific	Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks- Solomons
<u>BB</u>		NORTHCAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	KONGO HARUNA
<u>cv</u>		SARATOGA	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>GV(L)</u>			ZUIHO ?
(<u>E)</u>	ALTAMAHA	SUWANNEE SA NGAM ON CHENANGO BARNES	OTAFA
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<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	 HON OLULU ST.LOUIS LEA NDER HOBART COLUMBIA CIE VELAND MONT PELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN 	AGANO OYODO ISUZU SENDAI E NAKA
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DD	AR UNTA WARRAMUNGA PERKINS CONYNGHAM	Approx 40	
•	MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER SMITH MUGFORD BAGLEY HENLEY HELM LE TRIOMPHANT STUAR T		Approx 40
•	VENDE TTA LAMSON		
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35	BALA C GREENLING GROUPER GROWLER	2	Approx	30
	PETO POMPON SCAMP SILVERSIDES TUNA) On Patrol		
	ALBACORE BILLFISH DRUM GUARDFISH STINGRAY	At Brisbans		
	K.9 At Syd	iney		
AV/CVS		CURTISS TANGIER		
XAV/XCVS	des d es region	3	3	
<u>PT</u>	35	Approx 30	1	
<u>apa/apd/aka</u> ¥	H.T.ALLEN MAN OO RA WESTRALIA KAN IMBLA GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA		
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AD	DOBBIN	DIXIE WHITNEY		
AR	RIGEL	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	2	
AIRCRAFT (N.E	Area Only)			
Fighters (inc) Light or M/Bos SE/Bombers	1. 27 twin-en abers	ig,)	240 216 29	
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•	ENTER PRISE ESSEX VICTORIOUS	HYUGA
<u>CV(L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE	₩ НІТАКА НАУАТАКА КУ UHO
CV (T)		HOSHO
<u>CV (E)</u>	BRETON PRINCE WILLIAM NAS SAU LONG ISLAND	CHUYO 🗼 enroute Truk
<u>CA</u> ●	NEW ORLEANS SALT XXEN LAKE CITY PENSACOLA MINNEAPOLIS	MYOKO HAGURO) enroute Truk M ATAGO M TAKAO M AOBA
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<u>CL</u>	* NASHVILLE	TATSUTA KINU NAGARA VUBARI NATORI
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DD SS AS/XAS	?	3 or more
	4. NORTHERN PACIFIC	
ð	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO TENNESSEE	
<u>CA</u>	WICHITA LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND INDIANAPOLIS	NACHI MAYA
<u>CL</u>	SANTA FE RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT	KISO (may be E.I.Area) ABUKUMA TAMA
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5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

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SOUTH WEST PACIFI	IC AREA

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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

Date: 4th August 1943 No. 553

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

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1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/4:

- (1) "HELM" "PC.1119" escorting Convoy NT34 ("DUNTROON" "TAROONA" for Townsville ETA 0600/5) departed Port Mor esby 0700/3. "PC.1119" to detach inside Grafton Passage and proceed
- Cairns.
- (2) "DRAYTON" escorting "MANOCHA" "BOWEN" "WILCANNIA" escorting Convoy Milne Bay ETA 1700/4.
 (3) "HENLEY" "SWAN" "KAPUNDA" "BOWEN" "WILCANNIA" escorting Convoy TN126 ("CHARON" "CHARLES S.JONES" "MANGOLA" "KATOOMBA" "BAN HONG LIONG" "JOHN WHITEAKER" "THEOFANO LIVANOS" "BAN HONG LIONG" "JOHN WHITEAKER" "THEOFANO LIVANOS" "WICHITA FALLS" for Port Moresby; "LST.475" "VAN HEUTSZ" "BALIKPAPAN" "LORINNA" "COLORADO" "ADONIRAM JUDSON" "ANDREW D.WHITE" "JOSIAH ROYCE" "W.E.CHANNING" "HOWARD STANSBURY" "THOMAS JEFFERSON" for Milne Bay) from Fitzroy Island.

- (4) "MAHAN" en route Mackay to Cairns ETA 1700/4.
 (5) "BENALLA" "SHEPPARTON" surveying.
 (6) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting "MACUMBA" was to depart Thursday Island 0200/4 for Darwin.
- (7) "WAGGA" escorting Convoy FT10 ("BENJAMIN BONNEVILLE" "JANSSENS") departed Milne Bay 1400/1 for Townsville was due 0800/4.
 (8) "PIRIE" escorting Convoy FT11 ("YOCHOW" "JUNIPERO SERRA") departed Milne Bay 1500/2 for Townsville ETA 0700/5.
 (9) "YP.236" departed Thursday Is. 0708/3 for Cairns ETA 7 August.
 (10) "YP.291" departed Townsville 1358/2 for Brisbane ETA 0700/5.
 (11) "PC.476" escorting 3 LST's Y0.59 6 APC's en route Noumea to Brisbane ETA Cape Woreton 0800/8.

- (12) "YMS.10" "YMS.46" "YMS.47" "YMS.48" towing 6 PT's departed Thursday
- (12) "IMS.10" "IMS.46" "IMS.46" towing o FI's departed indraday Island 0913/31 for Milne Bay ETA 1600/4.
 (13) "SC.744" escorting 5 LCT's "FALIE" from Fitzroy Island to Milne Bay was due China Strait 1500/3.
 (14) "GYMPIE" "BUNBUN " "SC.699" "SC.703" escorting Convoy TN129 en route Fitzroy Island to Milne Bay ETA 1100/6.
 (15) "GEELONG" "GOULBURN" "SC.648" "ML.429" escorting Convoy QL5 (8 ships including LST.474 "TRINITY" for Townsville, "GOULSEAP" for Company departed Ba share 2005/31.

- "GOLDSTAR" for Caims) departed Bri sbane 2003/31. (16) "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting Convoy TN128 ("CANBERRA") departed Townsville 0430/3 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/5.

(17) 9 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

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- Warships & Aux. "SC.731" "SC.746" "SC.748""PC.1121 "YMS.53" "YMS.71" "H.R. HELPER" "HOWELL COBB" "STEPHE
 - Merchant Vessels: GIRARD" "VAN SWOLL" "GENERAL

VERSPIJCK" "POINT SAN PEDRO"

Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "CONYNGHAM" "RIGEL" "TULSA" SC.698 SC.732 SC.742 SC.745 SC.981 YMS.11 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.70 YMS.72 YP.280 "HILO" 23 PTs 22 LST's "ML.817 "POYANG" "BISHOPDALE" "MERKUR" "SAN PABLO"
	(<u>Note:</u> <u>SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF</u> <u>MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.</u>)
	Merchant Vessels: "CONARA" "JAMES B.MACPHERSON" "WEST CACTUS" "CANNONBAR" "G.H.FLANDERS" "ESTHER JOHNSON" "PAHUD"
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux "COLAG" "ML.427" "MIZAR" Merchant Vessels: "KHOEN HOEA" "SUVA" "PETER SYLVESTER" "ALCOA PEGASUS" "MONTORO" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "VAN DEN BOSCH" "EDWARD CHAMBERS" "PATRAS" "JAPARA"
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux "FREMANTLE"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux "LAMSON" "DELORAINE" "KATOOMBA" SC.637 SC.747 ML.428 "VICTORIA 1 LST "PIA TYPUS" "H.T.ALLEN"
Town sville	- Warships & Aux "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "YP.233" 14 LST's "YUNNAN"
Mackay	- Warships & Aux "PERKINS" "SMITH" "BROOKS" "GILMER" "DOBBIN"
Rockhampton	- Warships & Aux "YMS.8"
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux "STUART" "GLADSTONE" "LITHGOW" "FULTON" "OTUS" SC.648 SC.650 SC.741 SC.982 YP.236 YP.278 YP.279 YP.283 YMS.9 YMS.49 ML.424 ML.425 ML.816 ML.819 "AASE MAERSK" "ALFAMAHA"
(Repairing,	Trials etc.) - "VENDETTA" "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "WARREGC" "WHYALLA" ML.818

(c) Proposed Movements:

"COLAC" escorting Convoy NT35 ("SUVA" "VAN DEN BOSCH") to depart Port Moresby 0530/5 for Townsville ETA 1000/8.
 "GLADSTONE" escorting "MILDURA" to depart Caloundra 1800/4

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(11) EREMY FORCES

- (1) Rendova Enemy aircraft attacked allied positions on Hendova Island night 31 July and again morning and afternoon 1st August. Four enemy dive bombers were destroyed in these attacks.
- (2) Munda-Baeroko Harbour By 2 August the allied advance had reached the eastern end of Munda strip and the nor theastern part of Bibolio Hill was occupied, Reports 1-2 August indicate that the allied advance has continued against resistance at Much material has been first light, but later stiffening. captured.

Fortresses and Mitchells attacked enemy positions Baeroko Harbour area early morning 2nd August starting fires and explosions.

- (3) Kolombangara A submarine was reported 30 miles south of Blackett Strait 0902/2.
- (4) Cape Orford A submarine was reported passing Cape Orford northbound at 0915/3.
- (5) Gasmata A later report of the attack on an enemy destroyer which was sighted in company with another vessel 60 miles S.E. by S. of Gasmata at 2255/2 is now to hand (see Naval Incidents).
- (6) Dampier Strait Two unidentified vessels 14 miles WSW of Cape Gloucester were attacked at Ol15/3 (see Naval Incidents).
- (7) Wewak Photos 1000/3 reveal 5 luggers and 38 barges in the Marbour and one lugger, two barges at Kairiru. There were a number of new baildings, and roads were improved. Aerodrome coverage revealed .

20 F (minimum 3 damaged), 2 M/B (prob.damaged) 5 L/B (2 possibly damaged) Wewak 1 F/P 20

5 F, 18 L/B (3 possibly damaged)

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Dagua - 16 F, 15 M/B, 19 L/B Boram - 19 F, 6 M/B, 36 L/B This represents a total of 152 undamaged aircraft.

- (8) <u>Han sa Bay Photos 1030/3 reveal only the Sual small craft</u>
- (9) Nubia 2 fighters, 2 light bombers of which probably only one fighter is serviceable were visible in photos Nubia Strip 1030/3.
- (10) <u>Huon Peninsula Area</u> 23 Mitchells in a barge sweep midday 2nd destroyed and damaged several barges. Three enemy fighters intercepted and one was shot down.
- (11) Borgen Bay Barges were attacked by 9 Mitchells early afternoon
 3 August. 8-10 barges were reported destroyed and 7-10 damaged.
 (12) Salamaua Allied artillery neutralized 3 A/A guns at S.W. end
 of Isthmus 2 August.

Clashes were reported in the Bobdubi area and also in the vicknity of Tambu Bay 2 August. (13) Woodlark Island - 3 enemy bombers raided Woodlark Island

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2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

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(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/4:

- (1) "LATROBE" escorting "ALAGNA" departed Darwin 1530/2 for Millimgimbi, was due 1200/4.
- (2) 4 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL" ML.814 ML.815 Merchant Vessels: "TAMBAR" "DARVEL" "MUNGANA" Darwin

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) <u>Manokwari</u> 3 merchantmen of 1500-2500 tons and one larger vessel were reported at Manokwari 1246/3. One small probable sea-truck was observed 30 miles south of Manokwari
- course south at 1220/3. (2) Nabire One small merchant vessel was sighted offshore at Nabire on a westerly course 1135/3.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

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(a) At Sea to 1200/4:

(1) "ATREUS" departed Geelong 1301/29 for Fremantle ETA 4 August.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "VAN GALEN" "TJERK HIDDES" "DUBBO" "HERON" "HOR SHAM" "ISABEL" "WHIPPOORWILL" "SC.739" "PELIAS" "W.B. PRESTON" "YP.286" Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" "LARK" "YP.288"

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(1) AIL IED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/4:

- (1) "ROCKHAMPTON" "GLENELG" "TOWNSVILLE" "ARARAT" escorting Convoy (1) "ROCKHAMPTON" "GLEMELG" "TOWNSVILLE" "ARARAT" escorting convoy <u>PG61</u> (3 MV) en route Caloundra to Newcastle ETA 1900/4 and Sydney ETA 0400/5.
 (2) "BEND ISO" "BROOME" "ECHUCA" escorting <u>Convoy Coll4</u> (7 MV).
 (3) "MILDURA" "BALLARAT" "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting <u>Convoy Ocl13</u> (8 MV) for Port Kembla ETA 2200/4, Sydney ETA 0400/5 and
- - Newcastle ETA 12 00/5.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "ALSEY" 1 LST Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE" "MORESBY" "CASTLEMAINE" "BUNDABERG" "YANDRA" "KYBRA" (Repairing) "FLUSSER" "CAP DES PALMES" "MANUNDA" (AH) 1 LST "KANIMBIA " (On Reserve) - Warships & Aux. - "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "ADELAIDE" "DOOMBA" Melbourne (Refitting)

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Espiritu Santo CURTISS TANGIER (AV) CHINCOTEAGUE (AVP) DIXIE (AD) VESTAL (AR) Repairing HONOLULU ST.LOUIS LEANDER HOBART (CL)
 (2) At Noumea PROMETHEUS (AR) WHITNEY (AD) POCOMOKE (AV) BALLARD(AVD)
 (3) At Efate AUSTRALIA (CA) CNENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV)

NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) <u>Gasmata</u> A later report of the attack on an enemy destroyer 60 miles S.E. by E. of Gasmata states that the attack was made by a Catal ina at 2255/2. The destroyer was in company with another unidentified vessel, possibly a destroyer. The destroyer was hit but when last sighted was travelling at unreduced speed.
- (2) Dampier Strait A Catalina attacked two unidentified vessels 14 miles W.S.W. Cape Gloucester at Oll5/3. Two explosions were observed on one ship as a result of the attack.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

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

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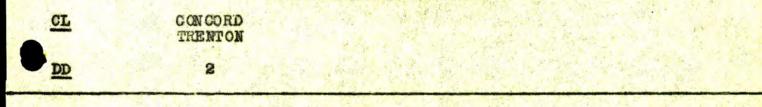
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DD	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA PERKINS			
	CONYNGHAM MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER SMITH MUGFORD BAGLEY HENLEY HELM LE TRIOMPHAN STUART VENDETTA LAMSON	Approx 40 WT	Appr ex 12	App ox 25

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Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section		South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Truk-Jaluit
<u>88</u>	BALAO GREENLING GROUPER	} #2 2	15	15
	GROWLER PETO POMPON SCAMP SILVERSIDES TUNA	On Patrol		
	ALBACORE BILLFISH DRUM GUARDFISH STINGRAY))) At Brisbane)		
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AV/CVS		CURTISS TANGIER		•
XAV/XCVS		3	1	8
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AS or XAS	FULTON OTUS		1	2 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE WHITNEY		
AR	RIGEL	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	1	1
AIRCRAFT (N.)	E.Area Only			
Fighters (incl. 27 twin-eng.) Light or M/Bombers SE/Bombers		226 237 25		
Flying Boats Floatplanes Transport &			6 54 13	

2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC



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		MOST SECRET		
ALLIED FORCES 3. CENTRAL PACIFIC		4 August 1943 ENEMY FORCES		
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BB	INDIANA WASHINGTON PENNSYLVANIA	YAMATO MUSASHI) MUTSU) en route Truk		
	NEVADA WEST VIRGINIA	NAGATO) ISE		
	# GALIFORNIA	FUSO YAMASHIRO		
		HYUGA		
CV	ENTERPRISE ESSEX VICTORIOUS			
CTT (T)	INDEPENDENCE	# HITAKA		
CV(L)	INDEF SADENOIS	ж НА УАТАКА ПУЛНО		
<u>CV (T)</u>	-	HOSHO		
CV (E)	BRETON PRINCE VILLIAM	CHUYO (enroute Truk) UNYO		
	NASSAU LONG ISLAND			
CA	NEW ORLEANS	MAYA		
1.7.4	SALT LAKE CITY	MYOKO HAGURO) enroute Truk		
1	PENSACOLA MINNBAPOLIS	# ATAGO		
		# TAKAO # AOBA		
OCA		6		
<u>CL</u>	# NASHVILLE	TATSUTA NAGARA (enroute Truk)		
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	LOUISVILLE			
	SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND			
	INDIAN AP OLIS			
CL	SANTA FE	KISO (may be E.I.Area)		
-	RICHMOND	ABUKUMA		
	RALEIGH DETROIT	ТАМА		
XCL	-	3		
AV/CVS		AKITSUSHIMA		
XAV/XCVS	22			
DD SS	10	Approx 10		
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5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

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ALLIED FORCES 5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN ENEMY FORCES			
Southwest (Western	Pacific Section) H	lastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
BE		WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENCE	
CV		ILLUSTRIOUS	
<u>CA</u>	al.	SUSSEX SUFFOLK HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	OI KITAGAMI KUMA
<u>CL(T)</u>			KASHII
XCL		CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
AV/CVS	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KANOI NOTORO
XAV/XCVS		8	1
DD	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	12
SS	FINBACK) KINGFISH) On TAMBOR)	Patrol	10
	GRAVIING At E	xmouth Gulf	
	K.12 GAR TROUT	emantle	
AS or XAS	PELIAS	9	1
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	Combined Operational Intelligence	
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4	DAILY NAVAL SUMM	1ARY
	Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity	
1	Part II: Allied and Enemy Order o Part III: General Naval No. 554 Date: 5th Au	Intelligence gust 1943
1.1	No. Date: Date:	
	PART I.	
A. SOUT	FH WEST PACIFIC AREA	
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1. <u>N</u>	NORTH EASTERN AREA	
	(1) ALLIED FORCES	
	(a) At Sea to 1200/5:	
(2)		alter was due 0700/5
1 (2)) "LAMSON" departed Cairns 0601/4 for Ma) "DRAYTON" escorting "MANOORA" "WESTRAI	LIA" en route Cains to
(3)	Milne Bay was due 1700/4.	
(4)	"KAPUNDA" escorting "HOWARD STANSBURY'	" "THOMAS JEFFERSON" departed
(5)	China Strait 0930/4 for Oro H "BENALLA" "SHEPPARTON" surveying.	Bay.
(6)	"COOTAMUNDRA" escorting "MACUMBA" depa	arted Thursday Island 0830/4
(7)	for Darwin ETA 1830/7. "MIZAR" departed Port Moresby 0816/4 1	for Townsville ETA 2000/5.
(8)	PIRIE" escorting Convoy FT11 ("YOCHOW	" "JUNIPERO SERRA") departed
(9)	Milne Bay 1500/2 for Townsvil "COLAC" escorting Convoy NT35 ("SUVA"	"VAN DEN BOSCH") was to
	depart Port Moresby 0530/5 fo	or Townsville ETA 1000/8.
(11)	"YP.236" departed Thursday Is. 0708/3 "PC.476" escorting 3 LST's Y0.59 6 A	APC's en route Noumea to
	Brisbane ETA Cape Moreton 080	00/9.
LISI	"GEELONG" "GOULBURN" "SC.648" escortin Gladstone 2200/4. "ML.429" to	o RV vicinity Lady Elliot Is.
(12)	and provide additional escort	
1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	"YMS.10" "YMS.46" "YMS.47" "YMS.48" to Island 0913/31 for Milne Bay	were due 1600/4.
(14)	"LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting Convoy TN128 Town sville 0430/3 for Port Mo	B ("CANBERRA") departed
(15)	"GYMPIE" "BUNBURY" "SC.699" "SC.703" e	escorting Convoy TN129
	("NANCY HANKS" "THOMAS CORWIN "REIJNST" "LYMAN J.GAGE" "ANE	" "JOSIAH B. GRINNELL"
	to Milne Bay ETA 1100/6.	
(16)	"TRINITY" en route Bustard Head to Town "LST.474" en route Bustard Head to Tow	sville.
(18)	"GOLDSTAR" en route Bustard Head to Ca	irns.
(19)	"GLADSTONE" escorting "MILDURA" (for T Caloundra 1941/4. "GLADSTONE	ownsville) departed
*	Elliott Island and return Bri	sbane.
(20)	8 submarines on patrol.	
	(b) In Harbour:	
	Ome Bay - Warships & Aux "SC.7" "YMS.	731" "SC.746" "SC.748" "YMS.53"
	Merchant Vessels: "H.R.	HELPER" "HOWELL COBB" "STEPHEN
	GIRA PEDR	RD" "VAN SWOIL" "POINT SAN

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- Warships & Aux. - "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "CONYNGHAM" "RIGEL" "TULSA" "WILCANNIA" "BOWEN" "PC.1121 Milne Bay SC.698 SC.732 SC.742 SC.744 SC.745 S YMS.11 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.70 YP.280 "1 23 PTs 23 LST's ML.427 ML.817 "POYANG" "BISHOPDALE" "MERKUR" "SAN PABLO" SC.981 "HILO" (Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.) Merchant Vessels: "COMARA" "JAMES B. NACPHERON" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "WEST CACTUS" "CANNON BAR" "G.H.FLANDERS" "ESTHER JOHNSON" "PAHUD" "COLORADO" "ADONIRAM JUDSON" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK" "VAN HEUTSZ" "BALIKPAPAN" "ADREW L.WHITE" "LORINNA" "JOSIAH ROYCE" "W.E.CHANNING" Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "HENLEY" "SWAH" Merchant Vessels: "KHOEN HOEA" "PETER SYLVESTER" "ALCOA PEGASUS" "MONTORO" "EDWARD CHAMBERS" "PATRAS" "JAPARA" "WICHITA FALLS" "CHARON" "CHARLES S. JONES" "MANGOLA" "KATOOMBA" "JOHN WHITEAKER" "BAN HONG LIONG" "THEOFANO LIVANOS" Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "FREMANTLE" - Warships & Aux. - "MAHAN" "DEL CRAINE" "PC.1119" Cairns SC.637 SC.747 ML.428 "VICTORIA 1 LST "PLATYPUS" "H.T.ALLEN" Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "HELM" "BAGLEY" "MUGFORD" "YP.233 - Warships & Aux. - "PERKINS" "SWITH" "BROOKS""DOBBIN Mackay - Warships & Aux. - "YMS.8" Rockhampton - Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "GILMER" "LITHGOW" Brisbane "FULTON" "OTUS" SC.648 SC.650 SC.741 SC.982 YP.236 YP.278 YP.279 YP.233 YP.291 YMS.9 YMS.49 ML.424 ML.425 ML.816 ML.819 "AASE MAERSK" "ALTAMAHA" (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "VENDETTA" "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "WARREGO" "WHYALLA" "ML.818"

(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "LITHGOW" escorting "JOSEPH LANE" to depart Caloundra 1200/6 nor thbound.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Gizo It was reported that before dawn 1st August, 250 Japanese with a quantity of iron and timber were landed from camouflaged barges on the northern coast of Gizo. A previous report from the same source stated that there were no Japanese on Gizo 31st July.
- (2) Rendova Corsairs, Wildcats and Warhawks engaged Zeros in a running fight over Rendova Island 1100-1130/4. Twelve Zeros were shot down for the loss of two Wildcats.
- (3) Munda By 3 August cur forces on the southern shore had advanced to a point opposite the middle of the aerodrome. Further north, slight progress was reported in face of strong resistance.

12 Mitchells, 25 Dauntless, 24 Avengers covered by 62 fighters attacked enemy positions and barges starting fires and an explosion. One bomb fell among four barges. Two to three hundred Japanese were observed in the water.

- (4) Shortlands Photos morning 4th August reveal eight cargo vessels (including four medium), 16 small vessels, 34 barges and 2 small boats. Aerodrome coverage revealed .

Kahili - 79 F, 2 M/B, 12 D/B Ballale - 12 F (incl. one twin-eng.), 3 M/B Shortland IE.- 27 F/P

In a strafing attack about this time 16 Corsairs destroyed seven floatplanes and also started fires in dock and supply area, sank one small boat and set two barges on fire.

- (5) Buka Photos morning 4th August reveal one medium, two small cargo vessels and 4 barges. There were five fighters, five medium and five dive bombers on the aerodrome.
- (6) <u>Bougainville</u> The new aerodrome at Bonis Plantation was covered by photos morning 4th showing that further clearing and grading has taken place, and that the runway now extends for 3,600 feet.
- (7) <u>Cape Orford</u> A submarine carrying deck carge passed Cape Orford southbound at 1432/4.
- (8) Bogadjim A total of 9 Liberators, 14 Fortresses attacked the Bogadjim area morning 3 August destroying buildings and starting fires. Two intercepting enemy fighters were shot down and one Fortress was lost.
- (9) Finschhafen Nine barges were destroyed and a motor launch set on fire in a barge sweep by eight Mitchells in the Finschhafen area morning 3 August.
- (10) <u>Cape Gloucester</u> Photos 1145/4 show number one runway serviceable, while there was continued activity on Number 2 strip which is not yet serviceable and 2 probably unserviceable medium bombers.
- (11) <u>Salamaua</u> The Isthmus area was bombed and straffed by nine <u>Mitchells morning 3 August.</u> Fires and explosion observed.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/5:

 "INVERELL" escorting Convoy DT28 ("MUNGANA" "DARVEL" "FORCEFUL") departed Darwin 0941/4 for Thursday Island ETA 0130/8.
 4 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "ML.814" "ML.815" Merchant Vessels: "TAMBAR" - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" Merchant Vessels: "ALAGNA"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Manokwari Photos 1245/3 show 1 x 200 ton merchant vessel
- and 5 large barges.
- (2) Babo Photos 3 August reveal one 500 ton merchant vessel, one smaller,
- (3) Tenimbar Islands Villages and the strip on Selaru Island were bombed and strafed by 3 Mitchells afternoon 4 August.
- (4) <u>Kai Islands</u> Photos 3/8 reveal a strip in the vicinity of Doela (7 miles N.N.E. Langgoer) which has been cleared and graded and is probably zerviceable. No aircraft or buildings were visible.

One 500 ton merchantman and seven small barges were anchored at Doela jetty.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/5:

(b) In Harbour:

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Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "VAN GALEN" "TJERK HIDDES" "DUBBO" "HERON" "HOR SHAM" "ISABEL" "WHIPPOORWILL" "SC.739" "PELIAS" "W.B.PRESTON" "YP.286" "ATREUS" Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" "LARK" "YP.288"

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(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/5:

- (1) "ROCKHAMPTON" "GLENELG" "TOWN SVILLE" "ARARAT" escorting Convoy
- (1) "ROCKHAMPTON" GLENELG TOWNSVILLE ARARAT ESCORDING CONVEY
 PG61 were due Sydney 0400/5.
 (2) "BENDIGO" "BROOME" "ECHUCA" escorting Convey Coll4 (7 MV).
 (3) "MILDURA" "BALLARAT" "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting Convey OCll3 (8 MV)
 were due Sydney 04,00/5 and Newcastle 1200/5.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "AL SEY" 1 LST Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE" "MORESEY" "CASTLEMAINE" "BUNDABERG" "YANDRA" "KYBRA" (Repairing) "FLUSSER" "CAP DES PALMES" "MANUNDA" (AH) 1 LST (On Reserve) "KAN IMBLA" - Warships & Aux. - "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "ADELAIDE" "DOOMBA" Melbourne (Refitting)

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES:

- (1) At Espiritu Santo CURTISS TANGIER (AV) CHINCOTEAGUE (AVP) DIXIE (AD) VESTAL (AR) Repairing HONOLULU ST.LOUIS LEANDER HOBART (CL)
 (2) At Noumea PROMETHEUS (AR) WHITNEY (AD) POCOMOKE (AV) BALLARD (AVP)
 (3) At Efate AUSTRALIA (CA) CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV)

NAVAL INCIDENTS

NIL.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

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

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PART III - GENERAL NAVAL INTELLIGENCE - attached.

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•	ALLIED FORCES			FORCES
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CV	-	SARATOGA	1	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
CV(L)	-	-	-	ZUIHO ?
€ <u>v (e)</u>	ALTAMAHA	SUW AN NEE CHEN AN GO SAN GA MON BARNES	-	OTAKA UNY O
<u>CA</u>	-	AUSTRALIA	CHOKAI SUZUYA	TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI KUMANO MYOKO HAGURO
<u>CL</u>		HON OLULU ST.LOUIS LEA NDER HOBART COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MON TPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	SENDAI	AGANO CYODO ISDZU WAGARA * NAKA
EL(T)	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
XCL	-1 -1	-	1	1
DD	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA BERKINS CONYNGHAM MAHAN DRAYPON FLUS SER SMITH MUGFORD BAGLEY HENLEY HENLEY HELM LE TRIOMPHAN STUART	Approx 40	Approx 12	25- (several damaged
	VENDETTA LAMSON	-effective		

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Southwest P (Eastern Se	acific etion)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solcmons	Truk-Jalui
2	BOWFIN BALAO GREENLING	} 2	15	15
	GROUPER GROWLER FET O POMPON SCAMP) On Patrol		
1	SILVERSIDES TUNA	}		
	ALBAC ORE BIILFISH DRUM GUARDFISH STINGRAY)) At Brisbane)		
	K.9 At Syd	ney		
AV/CVS		CURTISS TANGIER	-	
XAV/XCVS	-	3	1	2
PT	35	Approx 30	9	
APA/APD/AKA	H.T.ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA KANIMBLA GIEMER SANDS HUMPHREYS	10 APA 11 AFD 6 AKA		
AS or XAS	BROOKS FULTON OTUS		1	2 or more
AD	DOBBIN	DIXIE WHITNEY		
AR	RIGEL	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	1	1
AIRCRAFT (N.	E.Area Only)	Providence and the		5.1
Fighters (inc Light or M/Bo SE/Bombers Flying Boats	cl. 27 twin-e ombers	eng.)	262 263 25 6	
Floatplanes Transport & (Obsn. A/C		54 13	
	2	SOUTHEASTERN PA	CIFIC	
<u>er</u>	CONCORD TRENTON			
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ALLIED	5. CENTRAL PACI	FIC MOST SECRET 5 August 1943 ENEMY FORCES
BB	INDIANA WA SHINGTON PENN SYL VANIA NEVADA WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA	YAMATO ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA
CV	ENTERPRISE ESSEX VICTORIOUS	
CV(L)	INDEPENDENCE	HITAKA R HAYATAKA R YUHO
CV (T)		HOSHO
CV (E)	BRETON PRINCE WILLIAM NASSAU LONG ISLAND	CHUYO
CA	NEW ORLEANS SALT LAKE CITY PEN SACOLA MINNEAPOLIS	MAYA # ATAGO # TAKAO # AOBA
OCA		6
CL	R NASHVILLE	TATSUTA # KINU # YUBARI # NATORI
XCL AV/CVS	2	4 * CHIYODA)Under conversion * CHITOSE) to ACVs
XAV/XCVS DD SS AS/XAS	? Approx 35 Approx 50 ?	3 Approx 16 Approx 25 3 or more
	4. NORTHERN	PACIFIC
•	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO TENNESSEE	
CA	WICHITA LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND	NACHI
	INDIANAPOLIS	
CL	SANTA BE RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT	KTSO (may be E.I.Area) ABUKUMA TAMA
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AV/CVS KAV/XCVS		AKITSUSHIMA 1
DD SS	22 10	4 Approx 10
	* Non-effective	



EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

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ENEMY FORCES

ALLIED FORCES Southwest Pacific Eastern Fleet Area East Indies -Philippines (Western Section) WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENCE S ILLUSTRIOUS CV ASHIGARA SUSSEX CA SUFFOLK # HAWKINS FROBISHER MAURITIUS OI TROMP CL KITAGAMI VAN HEEMSKERK GAMBIA KUMA KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLE SS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC KASHII CL (T) -CARTHAGE 1 XCL CHITRAL RAN PURA WORCESTERSHIRE AV/CVS ALBATROSS KAMOI CHILDS NOTORO HERON W.B. PRESTON 1 XAV/XCVS ? 12 VAN GALEN DD Approx 27 TJERK HIDDES 10 SS FINBACK KINGFISH On Patrol TAMBOR GRAYLING At Exmouth Gulf K.12 GAR At Fremantle TROUT 1 AS or XAS PELIAS ? AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only) 99 Fighters Light or M/Bombers SE/Bombers 147 12 12 Flying Boats Floatplanes 53 ransport & Obsn. A/C 45 ø No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain. # Non-effective

GENERAL NAVAL INTELLIGENCE

Daily Naval Summey No.554:5 Aug.1943

JAPANESE ARMOURED PATROL BOATS (SOKO-TEI) - There have been several references recently both in POW reports and Captured Documents to small armoured patrol boats which one POW states are used to protect MLC's or barges. In addition, several of our recent air strikes against enemy barges in the western New Britain-Rooke Is.-Huon Gulf areas have made reference to sighting similar craft described as power boats or motor launches about 50 ft. in length with a cabin and superstructure similar to PT boats but with a squat smoke stack; no reference has been made to torpedoes. One of these actually blew up after strafing. Another was reported to be camouflaged with grass and painted green.

Attached are drawings from two different sources of what would appear to be the same craft, one a sketch found in a document located at Nassau Bay and the other a sketch drawn by a POW from the Lae Convoy. The latter claims to have seen these craft in Rabaul Harbour. They would appear to be about the length of a large barge (50 ft.) and built on the lines of a tank with two or three gun turrets, the centre turret possibly being able to rotate. The significant feature is the armour protection and the heavy calibre armament as compared with other craft of this size. Although accurate details of this armament are not available, particulars given by a survivor ex the Lae Convoy suggest that they mount one 5.7 cm. gun in each turret (see Drawings A, B & C attached).

Particulars of these craft would appear to be as follows:-LengthApprox 50 feet (15 metres)Armament2 or 3 - 5.7 cm. guns in single turretsEnginesDiesel 6 Cyl. 350 HP.Speed15 knotsHullAll steel with armound turretsFunnelOne small squat funnel amidships behind control
tower.

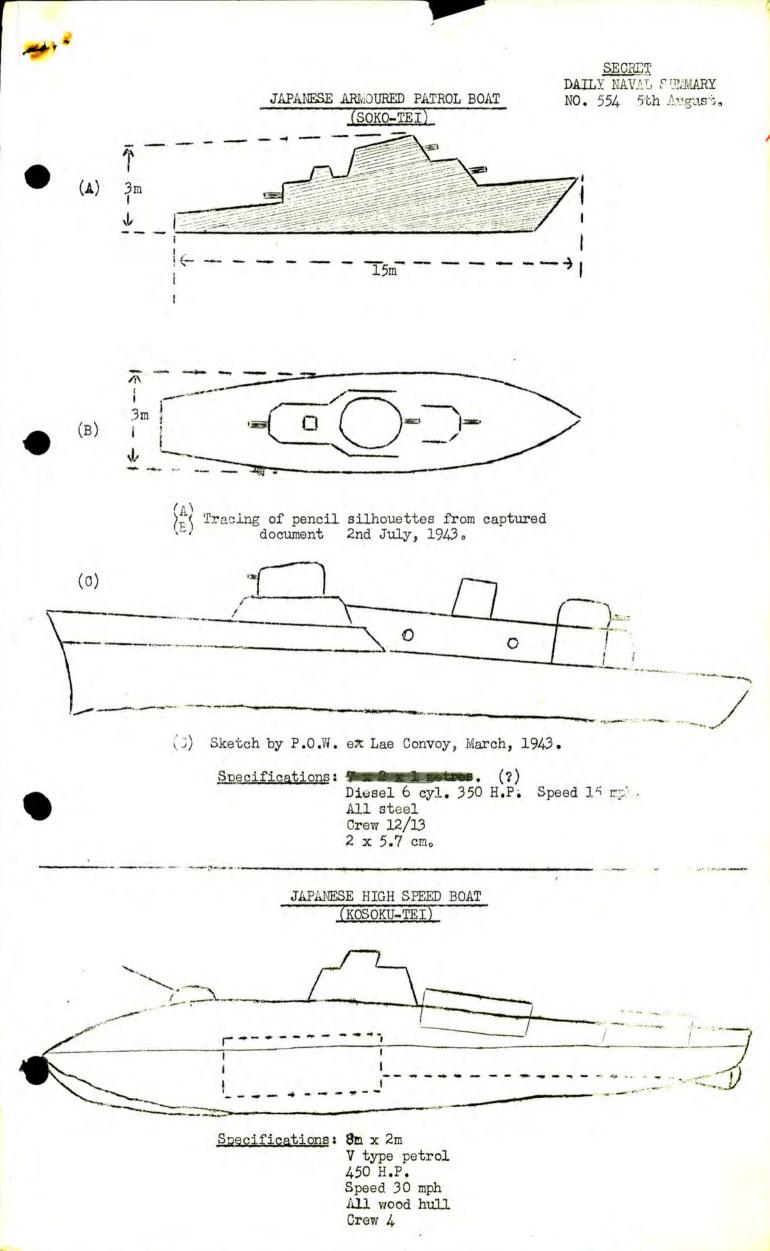
<u>Comment</u> - It seems likely that the special power boats or 50 ft. launches that our aircraft have been occasionally reporting with barges recently are in fact these armoured patrol boats which the enemy is now apparently using to protect barge traffic in the forward areas. In view of the recent increased effectiveness of our PT boats against barge traffic, it seems logical that the enemy may endeavour to use more of these armoured patrol craft to offset PT boat activity in both the New Guinea and Sciomons areas.

JAPANESE HIGH SPEED BOATS (KOSOKU-TEI) - These craft are smaller and more lightly constructed than the armoured patrol craft but they are much faster and according to one POW were designed for despatch purposes in conjunction with landing operations and harbour work. One armourd patrol craft and two high speed motor boats were actually carried with the Lae Convoy for use during unloading operations. (See Drawing attached).

"TERUTSUKI" CLASS DESTROYERS - A further extremely comprehensive report has come to hand from a survivor of the DD "TERUTSUKI" which was sunk by allied PT boats off Guadalcanal on the night December 11/12. The significant new information concerning destroyers of this class are as follows: They have 8-10 cm. (4-inch) guns in 4 twin turrets as compared with the 5"guns mounted in most of the other destroyers. These 4" guns however, are rapid firing dual purpose guns particularly designed for high angle or A/A firing. They are capable of a 90° elevation and are reported capable of firing 24 rounds per minute. The secondary armament comprises 25mm. A/B guns set in twin mountings. The "TERUTSUKI" was commissioned in August 1942 and did not join the fleet until late in October the same year. She was apparently the third unit of her class to be commissioned, the earlier two units being "AKITSUKI" & "SUZUTSUKI" and these were sighted on occasions in the Solomons as early as September "TERUTSUKI" was damaged by a near bomb miss during operations in 1942. the Solomons area at the end of October, was later repairs and accompanied the main fleet units from Truk in November when she took part in the ee the main fleet units from Truk in November when she took part in the important mid November operations for Guadalcanal. "TERUTSUKI" apparent-ly made only the one run down to Guadalcanal, namely on December 11th when she escorted 11 other DD's on a transportation mission from the Buin base to Guadalcanal. She carried no troops, patrolled offshore while the other units unloaded and had a Rear/Admiral aboard during this operation. PON reports the force was attacked by 10 allied PT boats and that "TERUTSUKI" was hit by a torpedo in an oil tank aft which set the ship on fire and caused her to sink within 15 minutes. Casualties were believed to be heavy. Comment - "TERUTSUKI" is the only unit of the class confirmed sunk which surposts that no units of this class were sunk during the Nov. operations



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		No. 555		Date: 6t	h August 1943	
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A. 5	OUTH WEST	PACIFIC A	REA			
1.	NORTH EA	STERN ARE	A			
		(1)	ALLIED	FORCES		
	(a) At	Sea to 1	.200/6:			
(1)	"DRAYTON"	escortin	g "MANOO	RA" WEST	RALIA" departed Milne H	ay
(2)	"LE TRIOM	PHANT" "H ("CANBER	ENLEY" "	SWAN" es OOMBA") de TA 1930/7	corting Convoy NT 36 eparted Port Moresby 18	30/5
(3)	"MAHAN" en	scorting	"H.T.ALL y ETA 17	EN" depar	ted Cairns 0401/5 for	
(4)	"COOTAMUN	DRA" esco	rting "M	IACUMBA" de	eparted Thursday Island	L
(5)		scorting depart P	Convoy N ort More	sby 0530/	UVA" "VAN DEN BOSCH") w 5 for Townsville ETA 10	000/8.
(6)		Bay 1335	5 for T	ownsville	("WEST CACTUS") departe ETA 1930/8.	
(7) (8)	"P.C.476"	escorti Brisbane	ng 3 LST ETA Cap	e Moreton	08/3 for Cairns ETA 7 A 6 APC's en route Noum 0800/9.	nea to
(9)	"GEELONG"	Gladston	e 2200/4	48" escor ML.42 additiona	ting <u>Convoy LQ5</u> (5 MV) 9" to RV vicinity Lady 1 escort.	departed Elliot
(10)	"BROOKS"	departed	Mackay O	800/5 for	Brisbane ETA 1300/6. Land to Brisbane.	
(12)	"SC. 637"	escorting	5 LCT's	were to	depart Cairns 0900/6 fo	r Milne
(13)	"GYMPIE"	("NANCY "REIJNST	HANKS" "LYMAN	THOMAS CON J. GAGE"	"escorting <u>Convoy TN 1</u> RWIN" "JOSIAH B. GRINNE "ANHUI") from Fitzroy	TT."
(15)		en route en sout	e Bustar	Head to	Fownsville. Townsville.	
(17)	"LITHGOW"	escordin Caloundr	a 0600/6	H LANE" (1	for Townsville" was to le escort to Lady Ellio	depart t
(18)	7 submar ir					
	(b) <u>In</u>	Harbour:				
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(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Rekata Bay The enemy at Rekata Bay are reported to be extending their defences strongly. On the morning 5th August 9
- Liberators bombed Rekata Bay. Anti-aircraft fire was very heavy. (2) <u>Gatukai Island</u> A submarine was reported 30 miles S.S.E. of <u>Gatukai Island on course 150⁰ at 1043/5.</u> (3) <u>Munda</u> On all sectors during August 4th our troops advanced
- and many Japanese were killed. On the following day it was reported that the Munda garrison was surrounded.
- (4) <u>Munda-Kolombangara Area</u> Allied motor torpedo boats were again active night 3-4/8 (see naval incidents). MPONTED
 (5) <u>Kapingamarangi Island</u> -One large destroyer was 36 miles S.W. of <u>Kapingamarangi Island</u> on course 18° speed 25 knots at approx. noon August 5th.
- (6) <u>New Hanover</u> A preliminary report from an aircraft states that a small merchantman was attacked 28 miles N. by E. of Cape Matanalem at 1610/5.

- (7) <u>Rabaul</u> Further interpretation of photos of Rabaul August 2nd show that 17 coasters and sea trucks of up to one thousand tons and a total of 277 barges, luggers and lighters were in the Harbour. The merchant shipping total was raised to 15 vessels totalling 69,600 tons. The large concentration of coastal vessels and small craft is significant as a further indication of the stress placed by the enemy on the use of such craft for transportation and supply throughout the area.
- (8) Borgen Bay Photos 0900/4 reveal 25 camouflaged barges and a wrecked picket boat in Borgen Bay. The visual report stated that all these barges were unserviceable as a result of bombing and strafing.
- (9) Bogadjim Saidor Nine Mitchells attacked the Bogadjim and Saidor areas morning August 5th.
- (10) <u>Salamaua</u> Further clashes were reported in the Bobdubi and Mount Tambu areas 3-4 August.
- (11) <u>Kiriwina</u> An unidentified aircraft was over Kiriwina Island 0321-0333/4.
- 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/6:

 "INVERELL" escorting Convoy DT 28 ("MUNGANA" "DARVEL" "FORCEFUL") departed Darwin 0941/4 for Thursday Island ETA 0130/8.
 4 submarines on patrol.

(b) In HArbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "ML. 814" "ML.815" Merchant Vessels: "TAMBAR" - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" Merchant Vessels: "ALAGNA"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- Makassar A n aircraft reported sighting two or three merchant vessels (2-3000 tons) leaving Makassar Harbour on course S.W. at 2300/4.
- (2) Drysdale River Broome An enemy reconnaissance of the Broome, Derby and Drysdale River Mission areas was made morning 5th August,
- 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/6:

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "VAN GALEN" "TJERK HIDDES" "DUBBO" "HERON" "HORSHAM" "ISABEL" "WHIPPORWILL" "SC. 739" "PELIAS" "W.B. PRESTON" "YP.286" "ATREUS" Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" "LARK" "YP.288" 4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/6:

(1) "STUART" escorting "ALTAMAHA" (for Fremantle) was to depart Caloundra 0900/6. "STUART" to part company Bass Strait and proceed Sydney.

(2) "YANDRA" "WARRNAMBOOL" were to depart Sydney so as to RV with Newcastle section COnvoy CO 115 off Nobby's Head at 1000/6. "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Sydney section to depart Sydney 1430/6 to RV with Newcastle section off Sydney. "WARRNAMBOOL" to detach at Sydney.

- (3) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting Convey OC 114 (8 MV) was to depart Port Phillip 2359/5 to RV in Wilson's Promontory Area with "ECHUCA" "BENDIGO" "BROOME" escorting Convey Co 114 (7 MV)
- (4) "BUNDABERG" "MORESEY" "MILDURA" "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy GP 62 (15 MV including 1 LC 1) were to depart Sydney 0800/6.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens Sydney	- Warships & Aux "ALSEY" 1 LST - Warships & Aux "KALGOORLIE" "ARARAT" "ROCKHAMPTON" "GLENELG""TOWNSVILLE" "CASTLEMAINE" "KYBRA"
(Repairing)	"FLUSSER" "CAP DES PALMES" "MANUNDA" (AH) 1 LST.
(On Reserve)	"KAMINBLA"
Melbourne	- Warships & Aux
(Refitting)	WADELA IDE" "DOOMBA"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES:

(1)	At			CURTISS TANGIER (AV) CHINCOTEAGUE (A DIXIE (AD) VESTAL (AR)		
(2)	At	Repairing Noumea	-	HOLOLULU ST.LOUIS LEANDER HOBART PROMETHEUS (AR) WHITNEY (AD) POCOMOR BALLARD (AVD)	(CL) (E (AV)	
(3)	At	Efate	-	AUSTRALIA (CA) CHENANGO SANGAMON S	SUWANNEE	(ACV)

NAVAL INCIDENTS

(1) <u>New Georgia - Kolombangara - On the night 3-4/8 allied</u> motor torpedo boats sank at least two barges N.W. of Munda and on the following night sank a 90 to 100 foot vessel south of Vanga Vanga, Kolombangara.

EMEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Continued air and naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea area,
- (2) Consolidation of defences Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Northern Solomons, Gilberts, Marshalls, Malayan areas.
- (3) Increased use of barges and warships principally destroyers and submarines for night transportation runs to foward positions in Solomons - New Guinea areas.

(4) Offensive submarine activity in the Northern, Southern and South West Pacific to offset the building up of allied strength in these areas.

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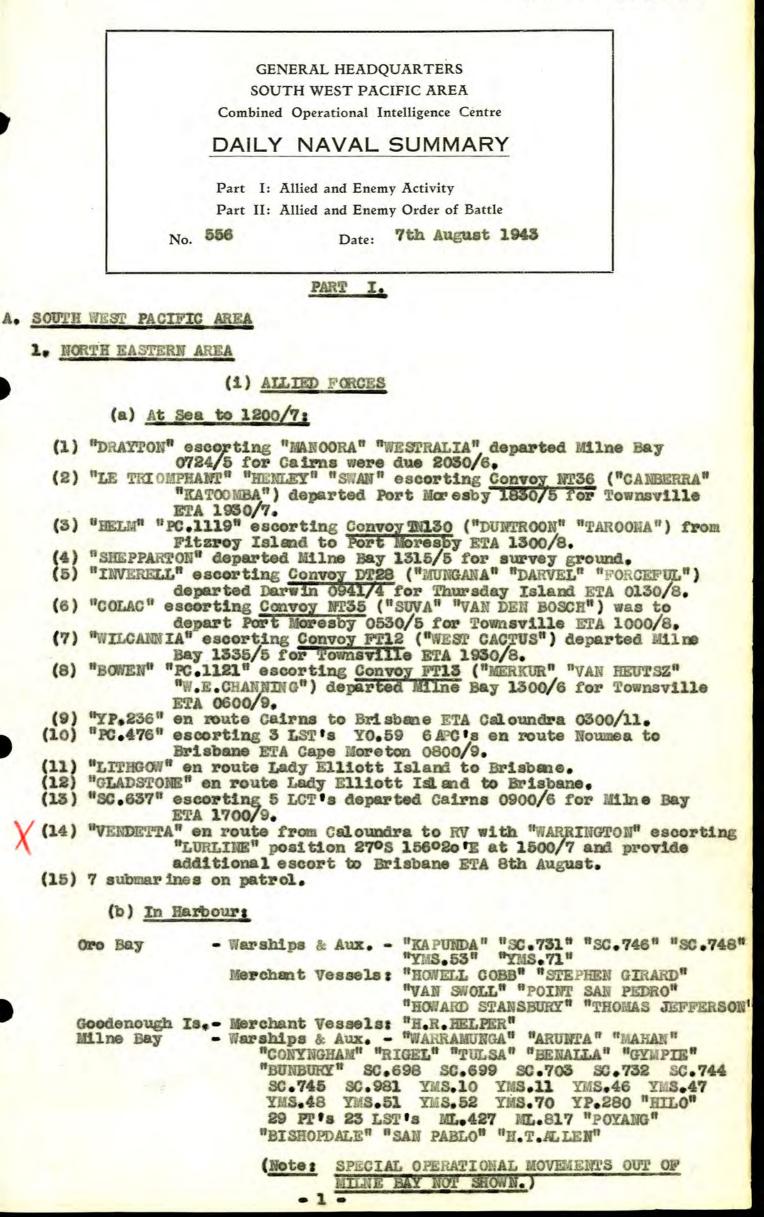
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Port Moresby	
Thursday Is. Cairns	- Warships & Aux "FREMANTLE" - Warships & Aux "DEL ORAINE" "SC.747" "ML.428" "VICTORIA" 1 LST "PLATYPUS" "GOLDSTAR"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux "BAGLEY" "MUGFORD" "PIRIE" "WAGGA YP.233 15 LST's "YUNNAN" "MIZAR "TRINITY"
Mackay	- Warships & Aux "PERKINS" "LAMSON" "SMITH" "DOBBIN
Rockhampton	- Warships & Aux "YMS.8"
Brisbane	• Warships & Aux. • "BROOKS" "GILMER" "GEELCNG" "GCULBURN" "FULTON" "OTUS" SC.650 SC.741 SC.982 YP.236 YP.278 YP.279 YP.283 YP.291 YMS.9 YMS.49 ML.424 ML.425 ML.816 ML.819
(Repairing,	Trials etc.) - "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "WARREGO" "WHYALLA "SC.648" "ML.818"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) <u>Rekata Bay</u> Installations were attacked by 7 Fortresses, 17 Liberators, 24 Mitchells, 13 Avengers, 25 Dauntless 1358-1425/6. Hits were scored on supply and dump areas.
- (2) Munda It is reported that by 1500/5 all organised enemy resistance had ceased. Mopping up was continuing to the north, where small parties remained. To 5th August, 1671 dead Japanese had been counted, 28 priseners were taken, one of whom died.
- (3) <u>Gizo-Kolombangara</u> In a sweep by 7 Mitchells covered by 16 <u>Corsairs late afternoon 5th August, three barges were attacked</u> off the N.E. ceast of Gizo and one was set on fire. Two barges and shore positions at Webster Cove were later attacked.
- (4) Vella Lavella Two Catalinas attacked barges night 5-6 August. One barge was blown out of the water in Wilson Strait, while two to three other barges were unsuccessfully attacked.
- (5) Shortlands 16 Corsairs escorting a Lightning on photographic reconnaissance were engaged by 30 Zeros over Shortland Island. Seven Zeros were shot down, and one Corsair was lost.
- (6) <u>St/George's Channel Area</u> Photos 1310/6 reveal an unidentified vessel possibly a light or heavy cruiser 7 miles east of Cape St. George on course 230°. Two floatplanes were sighted over the wessel one of which was estemplated from the wessel emidebin
- (7) Buka Island One large enemy merchantman was reported 12 miles N.N.E. of Cape Henpan Buka Island course 190° at 1620/6,
- (8) <u>Cape Orford</u> A large submarine with deck cargo was observed passing Cape Orford southbound at 1535/6.
- (9) Alexishafen-Madang Barges and snall boats in the Alexishafen area were attacked by 12 Mitchells morning 5th. One small motor boat and a barge were set on fire. Another 12 Mitchells attacked barges in the Madang area, and reported sighting many wrecked barges in the area. These aircraft also bombed and destroyed two barges at Wald Bay. One Mitchell lost.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/7:

- (1) "COCTAMUNDRA" en route to Darwin ETA 1500/7. (2) 4 submarines on patrol.
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(b) In Harbour:

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Warships & Aux. - "ML.814" "ML.815" Merchant Vessels: "TAMBAR"
Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" Merchant Vessels: "ALAGNA"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Kaukenau A small merchantman and three barges were attacked 33 miles west of Kaukenau at 1335/6 (see Naval Incidents),
- (2) Lautem Lauten was attacked by six Mitchells night 5th. Fires
- and explosions were started. (3) <u>Millingimbi Area</u> An allied convoy was attacked 60 miles N.N.W. of Millingimbi at 1005/6 (see Naval Incidents). (4) <u>Drysdale Mission</u> There was an enemy air reconnaissance of the
- area morning 6th August,

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/7:

(b) In Harbour:

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Fremantle

. Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "VAN GALEN "TJERX HIDDES" "DUBBO" "HERON" "HORSHAM" "ISABEL" "WHIPPOORWILL" "SC,739" "HELIAS" "W.B. FRESTON" "YP. 286" "ATREUS"

Exmouth Gulf - Werships & Aux. - "CHILDS" "LARK" "YP.288"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALL IED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/7:

(1) "STUART" escorting "ALTAWAHA" (for Fremantle ETA 0900/14) departed Caloundra 0841/6. "STUART" to detach at

(2) "ROCKHAM PTON" "TOWNSVILLE" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy Coll5.
(3) "SAMESON" escorting MOUNT VERNON" to Sydney ETA Sth August.
(4) "ECHUCA" "BENDIGO" "BROOME" escorting Convoy Ocl14 (7 MV) en route Port Kembla ETA Oloc/9, Sydney ETA O600/9 and

- Newcastle ETA 1500/9.
- (5) "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting "HANYANG" (for Townsville) to depart Sydney 0800/8 and provide escort to Lady Elliott Is. "WARRNAMBOOL" to return Sydney.
 (6) "BUNDABERG" "MORESEN" "MILDURA" "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy GP62
- (15 MV including 1 LCI) departed Sydney 0925/8 ETA Caloundra 0700/9.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "A SEY" 1 LST Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE" "ARARAT" "WARRNAMBOOL

"GIE NELG" "CASTLEMAINE" "KYBRA" "FLUSSER" "CAP DES PALMES" "MANUNDA" (AH) 1 LST (Repairing) "KANIMBLA" (On Reserve) Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "ABRAHAM CRI JNSSEN" (Refitting) "ADELAIDE" "DOOMBA"

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(1) ALL IED FORCES

- (1) At Espiritu Santo CURTIS S TANGIER (AV) CHINCOTEAGUE (AV P) DIXIE (AD) VESTAL (AR)
 - Repairing HONOLULU ST.LOUIS LEANDER HOBART (CL)
- (2) At Noumea PROMETHEUS (AR) WH ITNEY (AD) POCOMOKE (AV) BAILARD (AVD) (3) At Efate CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV)

NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) <u>Kaukenau</u> One 400 ton vessel, 2 large and 1 small barge were sighted 33 miles west of Kaukenau and were attacked by a Hudson at 1335/6. Two near misses were registered on either side of the small vessel which was left stationary with a
- large oil patch. The barges scattered.
 (2) Millingimbi "MACUMBA" (British 2,500 tons) escorted by
 "GOOTAMUNDRA" en route Thursday Island to Darwin was attacked by two enemy aircraft 60 miles N.N.W. of Millingimbi at 1005/6. "MACUMBA" was hit in the engine room and although an attempt was made to take her in tow, she sank at 1400/6. One member of the crew is missing and two were seriously injured. "COOTAM UNDRA" is proceeding to Darwin.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Continued air and naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea area.
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- (3) Increased use of barges and warships principally destroyers and submarines for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons - New Guinea areas.
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1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

•	ALLIED FORCES	XIA -	ENEMY	FORCES
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				HAROWA
CV	-	SARATOGA		ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
(L)			-	ZUIHO
<u>CV (E)</u>	ALTAMAHA	SUWANNEE CHENANGO SANGAMON BARNES	1	UNYO
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•		DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN		
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XCL		-	-	2
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5	CONYNGHAM MAHAN DRAYTON X FLUSSER	Apprex 40	Approx 15	25-30 (several damaged)
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Southwest H (Eastern		South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Truk-Jaluit
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	GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA Combined Operational Intelligence Centre
	DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY
	Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle
	No. 557 Date: 8th August 1943
	PART I.
SOUT	H WEST PACIFIC AREA
1. N	ORTH EASTERN AREA
	(1) ALLIED FORCES
	(a) At Sea to 1200/8:
(1) (2)	"MAHAN" escorting "H.T.ALLEN" en route Cairns ETA 1430/8, "HELM" "PC.1119" escorting Convoy TN130 ("DUNTROON" "TARCONA")
(3) (4)	from Fitzroy Is. to Port Moresby ETA 1300/8. "SHEPPARTON" departed Milne Bay 1315/5 for survey ground. "SC.731" escorting "ANDREW D.WHITE" "COLOR ADO" dep. Milne Bay
(5)	for Oro Bay 1300/7. "GYMPIE" escorting "ANHUI" "PETER SYLVESTER" was to depart Milne Bay 1300/7 for Cairns and Townsville.
(6)	Bay 0120/6. "HOWELL COBB" as far as mile bay departed ore
(7)	Cairns ETA destination p.m. 9th August. "ML.427" departed Milne Bay 1300/7 to assist in search for survivors of crashed aircraft off Woodlark Island.
(8)	"YMS.72" escorting "PATRAS" dep. Port Moresby 0800/7 en route Milne Bay ETA 1600/8.
(9)	"WILCANNIA" escorting Convoy FT12 ("WEST CACTUS") departed Milne Bay 1335/5 for Townsville ETA 1930/8.
(10)	"BOWEN" "PC.1121" escorting Convoy FT13 ("MERKUR" "VAN HEUTSZ" "W.E.CHANNING") departed Milne Bay 1300/6 for Townsville ETA 0600/9.
(11)	"INVERELL" escorting Convoy DT28 ("MUNGANA" "DARVEL" "FORCEFUL") departed Darwin 0941/4 for Thursday Is. ETA 0130/8.
(12)	"COLAC" escorting Convoy NT35 ("SUVA" "VAN DEN BOSCH") was to depart Port Moresby 0530/5 for Townsville ETA 1000/8.
(13)	"YP.236" en route Cairns to Brisbane ETA Caloundra 0300/11.
(75)	"SC.734" escorting army transports FAL, FA2, FA3, latter in tow of "TANCRED", from Noumea to Brisbane ETA Cape Moreton 0900/10. "DELORAINE" "WAGGA" "SC.747" escorting Convoy TN131 (3 LST's 2
(15)	"DELORAINE" "WAGGA" "SC.747" escorting Convoy IN131 (3 LST's) 2 merchant vessels) departed Townsville 1615/7 ETA Milne Bay 1500/10.
(16)	"EIZAR" departed Townsville on route Sydney ETA 1001/10.
(17)	"PC.476" escorting 3 LST's 10.59 6 APC's en route Noumea to Brisbane ETA Cape Moreton 0800/9.
(18) (19)	"GLADSTONE" on route Lady Elliott Island to Brisbane. "SC.637" escorting 5 LCT's departed Cairns 0900/6 for Milne Bay
	ETA 1700/9.
	"VENDETTA" en route from Calcundra to RV with "WARRINGTON" escorting "LURLINE" position 27°8 156°20'E at 1500/7 and provide additional escort to Brisbane ETA 8th August.
(21)	7 submarines on patrol.
	(b) In Harbour:

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- Warships & Aux. "KAPUNDA" "YMS.71" Merchant Vessels: "POINT SAN PEDRO" "HOWARD STANSBURY" "THOMAS JEFFERSON"
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- Warships & Aux. - "WARRANDEGA" "ARUNTA""CONYNCHAM" "RIGEL" "TULSA" "EENALLA" "BUNBURY" SC.698 Milne Bay SC.699 SC.703 SC.732 SC.744 SC.745 SC. SC.748 SC.981 YNS.10 YMS.11 YMS.46 YMS YMS.48 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.53 YMS.70 YP. "HILO" 35 PT'S 23 LST'S ML.817 "POYANG" "BISHOPDALE" "SAN PABLO" SC .746 YMS.47 YP. 280

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

Merchant Vessels: "COMARA" "JAMES B. MACPHERSON" "BONTEROE" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "CANNONBAR" "ESTHER JOHNSON" "ADONIRAH JUDSON" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK" "BALIKPAPAN" "LCRIENA" "JOSIAH ROYCE" "JOSIAH B.GRINNELL" "NANCY HANKS" "THOMAS CORWIN" "REIJNST" "LYMAN J.GAGE" "STEPHEN GIRARD" "H.R. HELPER" Port Moresby - Merchant Vessels: "KECEN HOEA" "ALCOA PEGASUS" "MONTORO" "EDWARD CHAMBERS" "JAPARA" "WICHITA FALLS" "CHAROR" "CHARLES S.JONES" "MANGOLA" "JOHN WHITEAKER" "EAN HONG LIONG" "FHOOFANO LIVANOS" "VAN SWOLL" Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "FREMANTLE" 4 YMS's Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "HEMLEY" "DRAYTON" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "SWAN" "ML.428" "VICTORIA" 1 LST" "PLATYPUS" "GOLDSTAR" "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" 6 LCI's "GOLDSTAR" "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" 6 LCI's - Warships & Aux. - "BACHEY" "MUCFORD" "PIRIE" YP.233 15 LST's "TRINITY" Warships & Aux. - "PERKINS" "LAMSON" "SMITH" "DOBENN - Warships & Aux. - "YMS.28"

- Warships & Aux. - "YMS.8" - Warships & Aux. - "BROOKS" "GILMER" "GEELONG" Rockhampton Brisbane "LITHGOW" "GOULBURN" "FULTON" "OTUS" SC.650

SC.741 SC.982 YP.236 YP.278 YP.279 YP.283 YP.291 YMS.9 YMS.49 ML.424 ML.425 ML.816 ML.819 (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "WARREGO" "WHYALLA" "SC.648" "ML.818"

(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "GOULBURN" is to depart Caloundra 2000/8 to RV with "YUNNAN" off Lady Ellictt Island and escort to Brisbane.

(2) "DRAYTON" escorting "MANOCRA," "WESTRALIA" is to depart Cairns for Milne Bay 1500/8.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Kolombangarar

- (a) A force of 4 enemy vessels reported to include at least one cruiser and probably 3 destroyers was attacked by an alied destroyer force in Vella Gulf on the night August 6/7 (see
- Naval Incidents). (b) A small AK was attacked in the southern end of Vel la Gulf by our PT boats night August 5/6. Results unknown. Another FT boat fired 1200 rounds of 50 salibre into a loaded enemy "boat" heading west one mile south of Munda early a.m. August 6th.
- (c) Photos Vila aerodrome a.m. 6th show 2800 feet of runway ussable.
- (2) Ganongga Enemy strength at Buri (northern tip) reliably reported to be less than 100 troops. The track from Emu Harbour to Buri has been widened 6 feet.
- (3) Munda Clearing and repairing of Munda sirfield is nowunder way and it is estimated the strip may be able to operate aircraft
- in approx 5 days time. Our troops are advancing north from Munda where additional enemy contacts may be made.
 (4) <u>Buin-Shortlands</u> Photos a.m. 6th August show only 2 small cargo vessels. Furish reports indicate 10 enew aircraft were destroyed in the encounter in this area a.m. August 5th.

- (5) Baeroko (New Georgia) 6 Fortresses, 10 Liberators, 24 Mitchells, 10 Avengers and 3 Dauntless totalling 53 aircraft attacked Baeroko Harbour area a.m. 7th covered by 38 Corsairs and 7 Warhawks. 16 other Dauntless were forced to turn back on account of bad weather. Many fires were started. Very light A.A. quickly silenced. No interception. One Dauntless missing. Four targes observed leaving harbour during early part of attack.
- (6) Rekata Bay All enemy A.A. was reported to be silenced and island positions well blasted as a result of our heavy attack against enemy positions this area p.m. 6th.
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 (7) <u>Kavieng</u> One destroyer, one cargo vessel unsuccessfully attacked by Liberator 105 miles N.E. by E. of Kavieng a.m. 7th, The vessels were on course 180° apparently heading Rabaul from Truk and were covered by one floatplane.
- (8) Mussau Island A large enemy convoy reported to include & five heavy cruisers, two destroyers and five large merchant ships was sighted by a reconnaissance aircraft 95 miles N.N.W. Mussau Island at 1310/7 course 130° speed 15 knots. The position and course suggest this convoy en route Rabaul from Falau possibly via north coast New Ireland. The

The position and course suggest this convoy en route Rabaul from Falau possibly via north coast New Ireland. The reference to heavy cruisers suggests that some of the larger warships from Truk including heavy cruisers may have RV d with the merchant ship convoy ex Palau in the area to the N.W. of New Ireland and been proceeding with these units into Rabaul. It is likely, in view of recent experience, that these large warships are being used for transportation purposes in addition to the merchant ships.

- (9) <u>Cape St.Beorge</u> Four unidentified vessels were reported 16 miles east by south of Cape St.George on course 75° at 2200/7. Possibly a destroyer transportation force en route Central Solomons via E.coast Buka-Bougainville.
- (10) <u>Cape Gloucester</u> 9 Mitchells bombed and strafed 2 camouflaged barges near Lagunen Pointa.m. 7th. Interception by two or three enemy fighters, one shot down. Other barges seen in area. Several new huts observed under construction in clearing between Adi and Itni Rivers.
- (11) <u>Cape Orford</u> Enemy submarine with deck cargo passed southbound at 1515/7. Another submarine reported zigzagging and proceeding north 0826/8.
- (12) Finschhafen-Lae 4 barges reported 2 miles E. Lae Harbour at 0629/7 and 4 barges departing Lae southerly course possibly en route Salamava 0705/7.
 - Two enemy barges observed Mape River (near Finschhafen) one of which strafed.
- (13) <u>Salamaua Area</u> 62 Japanese reported killed Bobdubi area since August 1st.

23 Liberato rs attacked this area a.m. 7th scoring direct hits on A.A. positions, demolishing buildings causing fires including one probable fuel dump.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/8:

- (1) "ML.815" escorting "XARANGI" departed Darwin 1011/7 to re-lay light buoy, thence returning Darwin.
- (2) 4 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin		"ML.E14" "COOTAMUNDRA"
Millingimbi	- Warships & Aux, - Nerchant Vessels:	"LATROBE"

(11) ENERY FORCES

(1) Kaukenau - 400 ton merchant vessel and several barges near wharf Keaukwa River unsuccessfully attacked by Hudson afternoon 7th. Nil activity observed Timoeka Strip.

- (2) Laha Six Liberators attacked Laha at 2115/6. Results unobserved.
- (3) Timor:
 - (a) Koepang 7 Hudsons attacked Penfoei airfield early morning 7th. Several large explosions observed.
 (b) Lautem 2 Mitchells attacked early morning 7th causing two
 - fires. One Mitchell unsuccessfully intercepted by 7 Zeros. (c) Cape Chater - 2 Mitchells bombed strip early a.m. 7th causing fire.
- (4) Darwin Area Enemy reconnaissance aircraft over this area and Millingimbi a.m. 7th. Nil interception.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALL IED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/8:

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "VAN GALEN Fremantle "TJERK HIDDES" "DUBBO" "HERON" "HORSHAM" "ISABEL" "WHIPPOORWILL" "SC.739" "PELIAS" "W.B. PRESTON" "YP.286" "ATREUS"

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" "LA K" "YP.288"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/8:

- (1) "STUART" escorting "ALTAMAHA" (for Fremantle ETA 0900/14) departed Calcundra 0841/6. "STUART" to detach at

- departed Calcundra 0841/6. "STUART" to detach at 0600/8 and proceed Sydney.
 (2) "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOW NSVILLE" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy COll5.
 (3) "SAM PSON" escorting "MOUNT VERNON" to Sydney ETA 8th August.
 (4) "ECHUCA" "BENDIGO" "BROOME" escorting Convoy OCll4 (7 MV) en route Port Kemble ETA 0100/9, Sydney ETA 0600/9 and Newcastle ETA 1500/9.
 (5) "WAR HNAM BOOL" escorting "HANYANG" (for Tow nsville) to depart Swiney 0800/8 and provide escort to Ledy Elliott Is.
- Sydney 0800/8 and provide escort to Lady Elliott Is. "WARR NA MBOOL" to return Sydney. (6) "BUNDABERG" "MORESEY" "MILDURA" "BAIL ARAT" escorting Convoy GP62 (15 MV including 1 ICI) departed Sydney 0925/6 ETA
- (7) "KALGOORLIE" was to depart Sydney so as to RV with USS" PROMETHEUS" in position 31°38'S, 155°18'E at 1600/8 and escort to
- (8) "CAP DES PALMES" departed Sydney 1102/7 en reute Noumea.

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(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens Sydne y	- Warships & Aux "ALSEY" 1: - Warships & Aux "ARARAT" "W. "CASTE MAINE" "KYBRA"		
(Repairing) (On Reserve)	"FLUSSER" "MANUNDA" (AH) 1	. LST	
Mel bourne (Refitting)	- Warships & Aux "ABRANEM CR. "ADELAIDE" "DOOMBA"	IJNSSEN"	

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "BUNDABERG" "MORESBY" "MILDURA" "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy PG62 (7 ships including 3 for Newcastle) ETD Brisbane 1200/9. (2) "STUART" to depart Sydney at 0700/9 and escort "CREMER" to
- Lady Elliott Island, "CREMER" ETA Townsville 1300/13.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Espiritu Santo CURTISS TANGIER (AV) CHINCOTEAGUE (AVP) DIXIE (AD) VESTAL (AR)
- Repairing HONOLULU ST.LOUIS LEANDER HOBART (CL) (2) At Noumea WHITNEY (AD) POCOMOKE (AV) BALLARD (AVD) (3) At Efate CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV)

NAVAL INCIDENTS

Kolombangara Area - An enemy force of 4 vessels reported to include at least one cruiser and 3 destroyers was engaged by 6 allied destroyers in Vella Gulf shortly before midnight August 6th; Our destroyers report definitely sinking the cruiser and two other vessels and believed having sunk the Our ships suffered no damage or casualties. A Catalina on reconnaissance in the area shortly fourth.

after the engagement reported observing four fires apparently ashore on Vella Lavella and explosions coming from two of them.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Continued air and naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea area.
- (2) Consolidation of defences Bismarcks, Nor th coast New Guinea, East Indies, Northern Solomons, Gilberts, Marshalls, Malayan areas.
- Increased use of barges and warships principally destroyers (3) and submarines for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons - New Guinea areas,
- Offensive submarine activity in the Northern, Southern and South West Pacific to offset the building up of allied (4)strength in these areas.

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	"NANCY HANKS" "THOMAS BORWIN" "PATRAS" "LYMAN
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Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux "HELE" "PC.1119"
	Merchant Vessels: "KHOEN HOEA" "ALCOA PEGASUS"
	"MONFORO" "EDWARD CHANBERS" "JAPARA" "DUNTROON"
	"WICHITA FALLS" "CHARON" "CHARLES S. JONES"
	"MANGOLA" "JOHN WHITEAKER" "THEOFANO LIVANOS"
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Cairns	- Warships & Aux "HENLEY" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "SWAN"
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Townsville	- Warships & Aux "BALGEY" "MUGFORD" "PIRIE"
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(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "HENLEY" "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting Convoy TN132 ("CANBERRA" "KATCONBA") to depart Townsville and Cairns 0300/10 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/12.

(2) "HELM" "PC.1119" escerting Convoy NT37 ("DUNTROON" "TAROONA" "CHARLES S.JONES") to depart Port Moresby 1730/9 for Townsville ETA 1830/11.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) <u>Rendova Island</u> 30-50 enemy dive bombers and Zeros attacked the Rendova area afternoon 7th August. 8 Warhawks, 4 Kittyhawks intercepted and three Zeros were shot down as a result. Three dive bombers were also destroyed by A/A fire.
- (2) <u>Kolombangara</u> 28 Dauntless, 11 Avengers covered by 31 Corsairs attacked gun positions at Vila morning 8th August. 18 Dauntless 12 Avengers followed by 23 Mitchells and covered by a total of 62 fighters attacked Vila and Kape Harbour (3 miles N.E. of Vila) afternoon 8th August.
- (3) <u>Rekata Bay</u> 12 Corsairs part of the cover for the afternoon strikes on the Kolombangara area strafed a fuel dump at Rekata Bay which was left burning furiously.
- (4) Buka One destroyer, one transport were reported 55 miles
 S.W. of Buka Passage course 200° at 1503/7.
 (5) Mussau Island Area Further reports reveal that of the two
- (5) <u>Mussau Island Area</u> Further reports reveal that of the two forces sighted on 7th August one comprised one k rge whaling ship (17-19,000 tons), 3 large transports, one medium freighter and two destroyers 100 miles NNW of Mussau on course 145°-150° at 1240/7, and the other was described as comprising two heavy cruisers, three light cruisers 90 miles north by west of Mussau Island on a similar course at about the same time. Both forces appear to be heading towards Rabaul probably on transportation missions and it is likely that the warship force proceeded out of Truk and rendezvoused with the other force which probably proceeded out of Palau,
- (6) Kapingamarangi Area Another large force described as one light cruiser or large destroyer, two gunboats, one large and two small-medium freighter transports was reported 275 miles WMW of Kapingamarangi Island on course 180° at 0905/8. The reconnaissance aircraft unsuccessfully attacked the largest freighter transport. This force was again sighted at 1515/8 290 miles west by north of Kapingamarangi course 60°. Although these sightings do not make the destination of this convoy clear.

it is possible that it is also en route Rabaul, and taking evasive action, following upon sighting by the aircraft, before proceeding on its course.

(7) <u>Salamaua</u> - Allied artillery night 6-7 August destroyed portion of the footbridge over the mouth of the Francisco River, and on 7th August started fires in the vicinity of Salamaua airfield.

Clashes were reported in the Mount Tambu area 7th August.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALL IED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/9:

(1) 4 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin

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- Warships & Aux. - "COOTANUNDRA" "ML.814" "ML.815" Merchant Vessels: "TAMBAR" - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" Merchant Vessels: "ALAGNA"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) <u>Timika</u> Photos 6th August show the runway neglected with numerous patches of grass. Five additional fighter inserts were also visible. The photos show evidence of increased strengthening of defences,
- (2) Ceram Area Four vessels described as small to medium were observed at jetties at Pandjang Island (Gorong Group off southeast tip Ceram Island) at 1750/8.

3. FOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/9:

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK""VAN GALEN" "TJERK HIDDES" "DUBBO" "HERON" "HORSHAM" "ISABEL" "WHIPPOORWILL" "SC.739" "PELIAS" "W. B. PRESTON" Fremantle "YP. 286"

Exmouth Gulf -- Warshipa & Aux. - "CHILDS" "LARK" "YP. 288"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALL TED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/9:

- (1) "BUNDABERG" "MORESBY" "MILDURA" "BAILARAT" escerting Convoy PG62 (7 MY) were to depart Caloundra 1200/9 for
 - Newcastle and Sydney.
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- "MIZAR" en route Townsville to Sychey ETA 1000/10. "ECHUCA" "BENDIGO" en route Newcastle to Sydney. "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting <u>Convoy OC115</u> (12 MV) were to depart Port Phillip 2500/8 to RV in Wilson's Promontory area with "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" "YANDRA" escorting Convey Coll5.
- (5) "ALTAMAHA" on route Brisbane to Fremantle ETA 0900/14. (6) "KALGOORLIE" essorting "PROMETHEUS" from RV (31°38'S 155°18'E) to Sydney,

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(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "STUART" escorting "CREMER" (for Townsville) to depart Sydney 1700/9. To provide escort to Lady Elliott Island,

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Tasmania - "W.F.McLENNAN" (U.S. Liberty Ship - 7,176 tons) made a submarine distress signal in position 280 miles west of Cape Sorell, Tasmania, at 1047/8.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALL IED FORCES

- (1) At Espiritu Santo CURTISS TANGIER (AV) CHINCOTEAGUE (AVP)
- (1) At Espiritu Santo CORTISS TANGIER (AV) CHINCOTEAGUE DIXIE (AD) VESTAL (AR) Repairing HONOLULU ST.LOUIS LEAMDER HOBART (CL)
 (2) At Noumea WHITNEY (AD) POCOMOKE (AV) BALLARD (AVD)
 (3) At Efate CHENANGO SANGAM CN SUWANNEE (ACV)

NAVAL INCIDENTS

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre
DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY
Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity
Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle
No. 559 Date: 10th August 1943
PART I.
A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
1. NORTH EASTERN AREA
(1) <u>ALLIED FORCES</u>
(a) At Sea to 1200/10:
(1) "DRAYTON" escorting "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" departed Cairns 0631/9 for Milne Bay ETA 1700/10.
(2) "SHEPPARTON" surveying.
(3) "HELM" "PC.1119" escorting Convoy NT37 ("DUNTROON" "TAROONA" "CHARLES S.JONES") departed Port Moresby 1730/9 for Town ardile FEA 1830/11
(4) "GYMPIE" "KATOOMBA" escorting Convoy FT14 ("ANHUI" "PETER SYLVESTER" "HINTON R.HELPER" "BALIKPAPAN") departed Milne Bay 1300/8 for Townsville ETA 1730/11.
(5) "YMS.10" "YMS.46" "YMS.47" "YMS.48" departed Milne Bay 1206/8 for Thursday Island ETA 1400/11.
(6) "SC.637" escorting 5 LCT's departed Cairns 0900/6 for Milne Bay ETA 1700/9.
(7) "DELORAINE" "WAGGA" "SC.747" escorting Convoy TN131 ("VAN DER LIJN" "CHARLES P. STEINMETZ" 3 LST's) en route Fitzroy Island
(8) "HENLEY" "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting Convoy TN132 ("CANBERRA" H.T. "KATOOMBA") en route Fitzrey Island to Port Moresby
(9) "FREMANTLE" escorting 2 MV dep. Thursday Is. 0300/10 for Darwin.
(10) "WILCANNIA" dep. Townsville 1700/9 for Brisbane ETA 1900/12. (11) "YP.236" en route Cairns to Brisbane ETA Caloundra 0300/11.
(12) "GOULBURN" departed Calcundra 2103/8 to RV with "YUNNAN" (ex Towsville) vicinity Lady Elliott Island and escort to Brisbane.
(13) "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting "HANYANG" (for Townsville) departed Sydney 0757/8. To provide escort to Lady Elliott Is. and return Sydney.
(14) "SC.734" escorting army transports FAL, FA2, FA3, latter in tow of "TANCRED", from Noumea to Brisbane ETA Cape Moreton 0900/10
(15) "PC.476" escorting 3 LST's Y0.59 6 APC's en route Noumes to
(16) "HUMPHREYS" "GILMER" "GEELONG" "LITHGOW" "ML.819" "SC.650" escorting <u>QL6</u> (13 ships) dep. Caloundra 1600/9 for Townsville (11
(17) "BROOKS" escorting "MORMACWREN" was to depart Caloundra 1000/10. "BROOKS" to provide escort until moonset and then proceed Town sville.
(18) "VENDETTA" escorting "LURLINE" to boundary S.W.P.A. to depart Caloundra 1100/10.
(19) 5 submarines on patrol.

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(b) In Harbour:

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Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux "WARRANUNGA" "ARUNTA""CONYNGHAM" "RIGEL" "TULSA" "KAPUNDA" "BENALLA" SC.698 SI.699 SC.703 SC.732 SC.744 SC.745 SC.746 SC.748 SC.981 YMS.11 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.53 VYMS.70 YMS.72 YP.233 YP.280 "HILO" 35 PT's 23 LST'S ML.427 ML.817 "POYANG" "BISHOPDALE" "SAN PABLO"
	(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)
	Merchant Vessels: "COMARA" "JAMES B. MACPHERSON" "BONTEKOE" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "CANNONBAR" "ESTHER JOHNSON" "ADONIRAM JUESON" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK"
	"LORINNA" "JOSIAH ROYCE" "JOSIAH B.GRINNEIL" "MANCY HANKS" "THOMAS'S CORWIN" "PATRAS" "LYMAN J.GAGE"
	- Warships & Aux "HELM" "PC.1119" "BUNBURY" Merchant Vessels: "KHOEN HOEA" "ALCOA PEGASUS" "NONTORO" "EDWARD CHAMBERS" "JAPARA" "WICHITA FALLS" "CHARON" "MANGOLA" "JOHN WHITEAKER" "THEOFANG LIVANOS" "YAN SWOLL" "REIJNST"
Thursday Is. Cairns	- Warships & Aux "INVERELL" "FREMANTLE" 4 YMS's - Warships & Aux "MAHAN" "SWAN" "ML.428" "VICTORIA "PLATYPUS" "GOLDSTAR" "H.T.AILEN" 1 LST
Townsville	- Warships & Aux "BAGLEY" "MUGFORD" "PIRIE" "COLAC "BOWEN" "PC.1121" "YP.233 15 LSTs "TRINITY" "MERKUR"
Mackey	- Warships & Aux "PERKIES" "LANSON" "SMITH" "DOBBIE"
Rockhanpton Brisbane	- Warships & Aux "YMS.8" - Warships & Aux "VENDETTA" "WARRINGTON" "FULTON" "OTUS" SC.741 SC.982 YP.236 YP.278 YP.279 YP.283 YP.291 YMS.9 YMS.49 ML.424 ML.425 ML.818
(Repairing,	Trials etc.) - "SANDS" "WARREGO" "GLADSTONE" "WHYALLA "SC.648" "ML.818"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Ysabel - On 8 August, 2 independent sircraft observers reported 150 to 200 barges in Austria Sound (off N.W. entrance to Kia Passage) and a night reconnaissance plane reported night 8-9 August many moving lights in this area. Subsequent strikes and reconnaissance, however, failed to confirm the presence of barges in this area or of evidence of barge activity. Reconnaissance 8 August observed 6 or 7 floatplanes

- on the water at Rekata Bay. At 1700/8, a fuel dump at Rekata Bay was strafed by 12 Conseins and set ablaze.
- 12 Corsairs and set ablaze, (2) <u>Munda - Eleven damaged Jap aircraft were found on Munda airfield</u> when our troops sceupled the area.
- (3) Baeroko At 1125/9 Baeroko was attacked by 21 Dauntless and 12 Avengers, 30 Wildcats covered the mission.
- (4) <u>Eila</u> At 1545-1615/3, Vila and Buki Harbour (5 miles to the N.E.) were bombed by 15 Dauntless, 12 Avengers and 23 Mitchells covered by 62 fighters.

At 1135/9, Vila was attacked by 10 Mitchells. The same target was attacked at noon by 22 Liberators which were part of a force scheduled to attack Kahili but which were prevented by weather from reaching their primary objective.

(5) Buka - Photographs 0930/8 show 3 fighters, 4 medium bombers on the aerodrome with 75% coverage. Two small 90 ft. cargo vessels are visible in the area in addition to one auxiliary and four barges.

- (6) Gasmata At 2000/9 a submarine was located by aircraft 65 miles south by west of Gasmata.
- (7) Bogadjim Between 1300 and 1430/9 24 Mitchells attacked barges in the vicinity of Bogadjim and bridges in the area. A large stack of boxes was observed near a new jetty near Bogadjim and 3 or 4 trucks on the road near this dump.
- (8) Lae Slight enemy air activity was reported on Lae aerodrome 1900-2000/9. One barge left Lae heading south at 1630/9.
 (9) Salamaua Between 1230 and 1320/9 Salamaua, Francisco River Bridge and other targets in the area were attacked by 27 Liberators.
- (10) <u>Kapingamarangi Area</u> Photographs of the six ship convoy located 270 miles W.N.M. Kapingamarangi at 0930/8 show only 5 ships detailed:-
 - 1 destroyer
 - 3 medium merchant ships, one of which is carrying 6 landing eraft
 - 1 unidentified type vessel
- 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA
 - (1) ALLIEC FORCES
 - (a) At Sea to 1200/10;
 - (1) 4 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin				"COOTAMUNDRA"	"ML.814"	"ML,815"
Millingimbi	-	Warships	Vessels: & Aux, - Vessels:	"LATROBE"		

(11) ENENY FORCES

(1) McCluer Gulf - Photographs 1520/8 show one 200 ton merchant vessel, 2 barges and 7 praus at Kokas. Road improvement and development is noticeable also some new buildings.

(2) <u>Millingimbi</u> - One or two probable enemy reconnaissance planes were indicated over the sea north of Millingimbi approximately 1330/9.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/10:

(1) "ATREUS" departed Fremantle 1730/7 for Sydney.

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "VAN GALEN" "TJERK HIDDES" "DUBBO" "HERON" "HORSHAM" "ISABEL" "WHIPPOORWILL" "SC.739" "PELIAS" Fremantle "W.B. PRESTON" "YP. 286." Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" "LARK" "YP.288"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/10:

"MIZAR" en route Townsville to Sydney ETA 1000/10. "STUART" escorting "CREMER" (for Townsville) was to depart Sydney 1700/9. To provide escort to Lady Elliott Is. (1)

(3) "BUNDABERG" "MORESEY" "MILDURA" "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy

- (3) BONDABLAG MORESDI MILDORA BALLARAT escorting convoy
 PG62 (7 ships) departed Caloundra 1240/9 for Newcastle ETA 1700/11 (3 ships) and Sydney FTA 2359/11 (4 ships).
 (4) "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy OC115 (12 MV) en route Port Kembla ETA 0100/12, Sydney ETA 0600/12 and Newcastle ETA 1500/12.
- (5) "KALGOORLIE" departed Sydney 2200/9 to RV with Newcastle
- (6) "SAM PSON" departed Sydney 0956/9 for Noumea.

(7) "ALTAMAHA" en route Brisbane to Fremantle ETA 0900/14.

(b) In Harbour:

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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Espiritu Sento CURTISS TANGIER (AV) CHINCOTEAGUE (AVP) DIXIE (AD) VESTAL (AR)
- Repairing HONOLULU ST.LOUIS LEANDER HOBART (CL) (2) At Noumea WHITNEY (AD) POCOMOKE (AV) BALLARD (AVD) (3) At Efate CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWAN NEE (ACV)

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(1) ALLIED FORCES
(a) <u>At Sea to 1200/11:</u>
SANDS" was due to depart Caloundra 1200/11 for Townsville. SC.746" "SC.744" escorting "PATRAS" dep. Milne Bay for Oro Bay ETA 1030/11.
SHEPPARTON" surveying.
DRAYTON" escorting "MAN OORA" "WESTRALIA" departed Cairns 0631/9 for Milne Bay ETA 1700/10.
BAGLEY" escorting "H.T.ALLEN" en route Cairns to Milne Bay ETA 1700/11.
BOWEN" "GYMPIE" "KATOOMBA" "COLAC" escorting <u>Convoy TN133</u> (9 MV) departed Townsville and Cairns, portion for Port Moresby (4 ships) ETA 1700/13 and portion for Milne Bay (5 ships) ETA 1600/13.
HENLEY" "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting Convoy TN132 ("CANBERRA" H.T."KATOOMBA") on route Fitzrey Island to Port Mores y ETA 0800/12.
HELM" "PC.1119" escorting Convoy NT37 ("DUNTROON" "TAROONA" "CHARLES S.JONES") departed Port Moresby 1730/9 for Townsville ETA 1830/11.
YMS.10" "YMS.46" "YMS.47" "YMS.48" departed Milne Bay 1206/8 for Thursday Island ETA 1400/11.
WILCANNIA" dep. Townsville 1700/9 for Brisbane ETA 1900/12.
YP.236" on route Cairns to Brisbane ETA Caloundra 0300/11. GOULBURN" departed Caloundra 2103/8 to RV with "YUNNAN" (ex
Townsville) vicinity Lady Elliott Is. and escort to Brisban
WARRNAMBOOL" escorting "HANYANG" (for Townsville) departed Sydney 0757/8. To provide escort to Lady Elliott Island and return Sydney.
SC.734" escorting army transports FA1, FA2, FA3, latter in tow of "TANCRED", from Noumea to Brisbane ETA Cape Moreton 0900/10
PC.476" escorting 3 LST's YO.59 6 APC's en route Noumea to
Brisbane was due Cape Moreton 0800/9. HUMPHREYS" "GILMER" "GEELONG" "LITHGON" "ML.819" "SC.650" escorting GL6 (13 ships) dep. Caloundra 1600/9 for Townsville (11 ships) and Bowen (2 ships).
BROOKS" escorting "MORMACWREN" departed Brisbane 0650/10. "BROOKS"
to provide escort until moonset and then proceed Townsville VENDETTA" escorting "LURLINE" to boundary S.W.P.A. to depart Caloundra 1100/10.
submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

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ore Bay	- Warships & Aux "SC.731" "YMS.71" Merchant Vessels: "POINT SAN PEDRO" "HOWARD STANSBURY" "THOMAS JEFFERSON" "COLORADO" "ANDREW D.WHITE"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux, - "WARRAMUMGA" "ARUNTA""CONYNCHAM" "RIGEL" "TULSA" "WAGGA" "DELORAINE" "KAPUNDA" "BENALLA" SC.637 SC.698 SC.599 SC.732 SC.745 SC.747 SC.748 SC.981 YMS.11 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.53 YMS.700 YMS.72 YP.233 YP.280 "HILO" 35 PT's 31 LST'S ML.427 ML.817 "POYANG" "BI SHOPDALE" "SAW PABLO"
	(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)
	Merchant Vessels: "COMARA" "JAMES B.MACPHERSON" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "CANNONBAR" "ESTHER JOHNSON" "ADONIRAM JUDSON" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK" "LORINNA" "JOSIAH ROYJE" "JOSIAH B.GRINNELL" "NANCY HANKS" "THOMAS CORVIN" "LYMAN J.GAGE" "VAN DER LIJN" "CHARLES P.STEINMETZ"
Port Moresby	
Thursday Is. Cairns	
Townsville	- Warships & Aux "MUGFORD" "PIRIE" "PC.1121" "YP.233" 15 LST's "MERKUR"
Mackay	- Warships & Aux "PERKINS" "LAMSON" "SMITH" "DOBBIN"
Rockhampton	- Warships & Aux "YMS.8"
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux "VENDETTA" "WARRINGTON" "FULTON" "OTUS" "SC.741 SC.982 YF.236 YP.278 YP.299 YP.283 YP.291 YMS.9 YMS.49 ML.424 ML.425 ML.816
(Repairing,	Trials etc.) - "WARREGO" "GLADSTONE" "WHYALLA"

"SC.648" "ML.818"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) <u>Rendova</u> An enemy aircraft formation estimated to comprise 50 fighters and low-level bombers was intercepted over the Rendova-New Georgia area at 1530/10 by 3 Aircobras, 7 Kittyhawks and 4 Warhawks. 2 Zeros were sthat shot down and one Afrobra
- was lost though the pilot is safe. (2) Munda The number of damaged Jap aircraft found on Munda Airfield is now stated to be between 30 and 40.
- (3) Baeroko Area Allied forces moving north from Munda have encountered frontal enemy resistance 7000 yards N.W. of Munda.
- (4) <u>Vella Gulf</u> During the night 9-10 August, U.S. destroyers contacted four enemy barges close in-shore. Two barges were probably sunk.
- (5) Buka Area Preliminary reports from aircraft intercepts indicate that at 2239/10 an enemy force of 3 large cargo vessels and 3 small unidentified type vessels on course 300° were sighted and attacked 30 miles West of N. Buka Island. Possible damage is claimed from depth charges dropped.
 - (6) <u>Cape St.George</u> At 1525/10, aircraft reported 2 small freighters in St.Georges Channel near Cape St.George on course 340°. In addition, 3 stationary barges were sighted on S.W. shore of Lumbom Is. (off Cape St.George) at approx same time. (7) New Hanever - At 0745/10, an enemy convey comprising -

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2 small unidentified type vessels

was sighted 47 miles N.W. of Cape Matanalem on course 2000. Blurred photographs confirm the presence of 1 destroyer and 3 merchant ships.

(8) <u>Cape Orford</u> - Reports of enemy submarines in this area are detailed as follows:=

0820/10 - 1 submarine 70 miles SE by E. C. Orford course 3060 1129/10 - 1 submarine passing Cape Orford heading north 1522/10 - 1 large submarine passing Cape Orford heading South.

- (9) Talasea Five enemy fighters were encountered by a Liberatr over Talasea at 1107/9. One fighter was destroyed and 3 damaged.
- (10) Hansa Bay Reconnaissance 0950/10 reported sighting 30 large sea-going barges in Hansa Bay/2401430/10, 36 heavy barges there.
- (11) Las 3 enemy aircraft were reported over Las aerodrome during a.m. 10 August and in the evening one fighter waxisests landed. At 1806/10, 4 barges arrived at Lae from the S.W. (12) Salamsua - The raid on Salamsua midday 9th August was conducted
- by 7 Fortresses and 6 Liberators in addition to the 27 Liberators reported in yesterday's Summary No.559. At 0956-1015/10 Salamaua and neighbouring villages were

again raided by 25 Liberators.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALL IED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/11:

(1) "FREMANTLE" escorting 2 ME departed Thursday Island 0300/10 for Darwin,

(2) 5 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "COOTAMUNDRA" "ML.814" "ML.815" Merchant Vessels: "TAMBAR" - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" Darwin Millingimbi Merchant Vessels: "ALAGNA"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Merauke At 1240/10 a probable enemy reconnaissance aircraft was over Merauke.
- (2) Ambon Prescribed targets at Ambon were attacked 1940-2020/9 by 9 Liberators starting large fires which were still burning when a Mitchell was over the area an hour later. Two unidenti-fied type ressels were noted in Ambon Bay.
- (3) Kai Islands The airfield at Doelah was attacked 2000-2015/9 by 5 Hudsons. Two or three enemy fighters attempted interception over the target.

Night photographs taken during this attack show 6 fighters in revetments, one fighter on dispersal lane, two possible aircraft in bomber r evetments.

(4) Millingimbi - Indications were recorded at 0914/10 of enemy aircraft north of Millingimbi. Two Spitfires were airborne and located two Zero floatplanes of which one was destroyed and the other last seen with fuselage on fire and float completely burnt.

Probable enemy reconnal ssance planes were indicated again over the sea to the north of Millingimbi between 1200 am 1330/10.

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1 200/11:

- "ATREUS" departed Fremantle 1730/7 for Sydney. (1)
- (2) "CHANTICIE ER" departed Fremantle C200/9 for Exmouth Gulf ETA a.m. 11 August.
- (3) "HOR SHAM" en route Geraldton to Fremantle.

(b) In Harbour:

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- Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "VAN GALEN" "TJERK HIDDES" "DUBBO" "HERON" "ISABEL" "WHIPPOORWILL" "SC.739" "PELIAS"

"W.B. FRESTON" "YP.286" Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux, - "CHILDS" "LARK" "YP.288"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALL IED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/11:

"MIZAR" en route Townsville to Sydney ETA 1000/10.
 "STUART" escorting "CREMER" (for Townsville) was to depart

Sydney 1700/9. To provide escort to Lady Elliett Island.

(3) "BUNDABERG" "MORESBY" "MILDURA" "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy

(5) BONDADERG MORESBER MILLDORA BALLARAT ESCOPTING CONVOY PG62 (7 ships) departed Calcundra 1240/9 for Newcastle ETA 1700/11 (3 ships) and Sydney ETA 2359/11 (4 ships).
(4) "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy OC115 (12 MV) en route Port Kembla ETA 0100/12, Sydney ETA 0600/12 and Newsastle ETA 1500/12.
(5) "KALGOORLIE" "BROOME" "ECHUCA" escorting Convoy Coll6 ETA Willsonis Promotory 1900/13.

- Wilson's Promontory 1200/13.

(6) "SAMPSON" departed Sydney 0956/9 for Noumea.
 (7) "ALTAMAHA" en route Brisbane to Fremantle NTA 0900/14.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "ALSEY" 1 LST Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "ARARAT" "GLENELG" "CASTLEMAINE" "KYBRA" BENDIGO" "MOUNT VERNON" "FLUSSER" "MANUNDA" (AH) 1 LST (Repairing) "KANILIBLA" (on Reserve) - Warships & Aux. - "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "ADELAIDE" "DOOMBA" Melbourne (Refitting)

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(1) At Espiritu Santo - CURTISS TANGIER (AV) CHINCOTEAGUE (AVP) DIXIE (AD) VESTAL (AR)

- Repairing HONOLULU ST.LOUIS LEANDER HOBART (CL) (2) At Noumea WHITNEY (AD) POCOMOKE (AV) BALLARD (AVD) (3) At Efate - CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Espiritu Santo - During the night 7-8 August an enemy submarine Was located north of Espiritu Santo (see Naval Incidents):

NAVAL INCIDENTS

Espiritu Santo - U.S. Destroyer "BUCHANAN" located an enemy submarine north of Espiritu Santo during the night 7-3 August. The submarine was attacked and probably sunk.

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

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

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	K.12) A	t Fremantle	
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	GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA	
	Combined Operational Intelligence Centre	
	DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY	
	Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle	
	No. 561 Date: 12th August 1943	
	PART I.	_
A. 1	SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA	
1	1. NORTH EASTERN AREA	14
	(1) ALLIED FORCES	1
	(a) At Sea to 1200/12:	
	(1) "SANDS" was due to depart Caloundra 1200/11 for Cleve	land Bay
	ETA 2359/12. (2) "BROOKS" on route Townsville after escorting "MCR MACW	REN" to
	(3) "GILMER" "HUMPHREYS" en route Brisbane to Milne Bay E	and the second second
	(4) "SHEPPARTON" surveying.	
	(5) "YMS,53" escorting "ESTHER JOHNSON" dep. Milne Bay 13 Bay ETA 1400/12.	30/11 for ore
	(6) "BOWEN" "GYMPIE" "KATOOMBA" "COLAC" escorting Convoy departed Townsville and Cairns, portion for (4 ships with "KATOOMBA" & "COLAC") ETA 1700 portion for Milne Bay (5 ships with "BOWEN"	Port Moresby /13 and
	(7) "HENLEY" "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting Convoy 7N132 ("CAN B H.T. "KATOOMBA") en route Fitzroy Island to P ETA 0800/12.	ort Moresby
	(8) "YMS.10" "YMS.46" "YMS.47" "YMS.48" departed Milne Ba Thursday Island ETA 1400/11.	y 1206/8 for
	(9) "GEELONG" "SC.650" escorting LQ6 (3 MV) ex Port Curti route Brisbane. "LITHGOW" escorting "MERK UR to join near Lady Elliott Island. "ML.819" additional escort from Lady Elliott Island.	" (ex Townsville)
	(10) "STUART" escorting "KLIPFONTEIN" (ex San Francisco) to (11) "ML.816" departed Caloundra 2230/11 to RV with "ALBER	T E.WATTS"
	at 0600/12 in position "Z" and escort to Bri (12) "VENDETTA" to RV with "WILLARD A. HOLEROOK" and escort (13) 5 submarines on patrol.	sbane. to Brisbane.
	(b) In Harbour:	
	Oro Bay - Warships & Aux "SC.731" "SC.744" "S Merchant Vessels: "POINT SAN PEDRO" "H "TH OMAS JEFFERSON" " "ANDREW D.WHITE"	OWARD STANSBUR
6.	Milne Bay - Warships & Aux "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA "DRAYTON" "BAGLEY" "RIGEL" "TULSA" "DELORAINE" "KAPUNDA" "BENALLA" SC SC.699 SC.732 SC.745 SC.747 SC YMS.11 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.70 YM YP.280 "HILO" 35 PT's 31 LST's ML.817 "POYANG" "BISHOPDALE" "SAN "H.T.ALLEN" "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" (Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENT MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)	"WAGGA" .637 SC.698 .748 SC.981 S.72 YP.233 ML.427 PABLO"

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- Merchant Vessels: "COMARA" "JAMES B.MACPHERSON" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "CANNONBAR" "ESTHER JOHNSON" "ADONIRAM JUDSON" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK" "LORINNA" Milne Bay "JOSIAH RCYCE" "JOSIAH B.GRINNELL" "NANCY HANKS" "THOMAS CORWIN" "LYMAN J.GAGE" "VAN DER LIJN" "CHARLES P. STEINMETZ" Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "BUNBURY" "SC.705" "SC.738" Werchart Vessels: "KHOEN HOEA" "ALCOA PEGASUS" "MONTORO" "EDWARD CHAMBERS" "JAPARA" "WICHITA FAILS" "CHARON" "MANGOLA" "JOHN WHITEAKER" "THEOFANO LIVANOS" "VAN SWOLL" "REIJNST" • Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL" "FREMANTLE" 4 YMS's Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "MAHAN" "SWAN" "ML.428" "VICTORIA" Cairns "PLATYPUS" "GOLDSTAR" 1 LST - Warships & Aux. - "HELM" "MUGFORD" "PIRIE" Townsville "PC.1121" "PC.1119" 15 LST's - Warships & Aux. - "PERKINS" "LAMSON" "SMITH" Mackay "DOBBIN" Rockhampton - Warships & Aux. - "MMS.8" • Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA" "WARRINGTON" "FULTON" "GOULBURN" "OTUS" SC.734 SC.741 SC.982 Brisbane YP.236 YP.278 YP.279 YP.283 YP.291 YMS.9 INS.49 ML.424 ML.425 PC.476 (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WARREGO" "GLADSTONE" "WHYALLA" "SC.648" "ML.818"

(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "GOULBURN" "SC.648" escorting Convoy QLCA (3 ships) to depart Calcundra 1400/12, "GOULBURN" returns Brisbane from Lady Elliott Island and "SC.648" proceeds independently to Townsville.

(2) "SWAN" to escort TN134 (1 ship) from Fitzrey Island 1100/13 to Port Moresby ETA 0800/15.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- Santa Ysabel At 1149/11 supply dump area on Papatura Fa Is. In Rekata Bay was attacked by 5 Liberators which were part of a force originally intended to strike at Kahiki but which were prevented by weather.
 (2) Kolombangara - At 2300/10 4 large barges passed westbound through
- (2) Kolombangara At 2300/10 4 large barges passed westbound through Blackett Strait. At 0445/11 2 barges passed through eastbound.
- (3) Cape St.George Area The force reported in yesterday's Summary No.560 as 6 ships 30 miles west of N. Buka Island is now reported as 6 or 7 ships including 3 small escort vessels and the remainder cargo ships (see Naval Incidents). At 1025/11 aircraft reported one possible destroyer or

At 1025/11 aircraft reported one possible destroyer or more likely a gunboat with single stack accompanied by 2 x 1200 ton ships 42 miles E. by S. Cape St. George on course 280° probably bound for Rabaul from Buka or Buin.

Shortly before 2350/11 aircraft reported one large unidentified type ship, 5 small probable merchant ships 20 miles S. by E. Cape St. George on course 230°. This convoy may be en route Rabaul from the north via east coast New Ireland.

At approximately 0215/12 aircraft received radar contact of two medium unidentified type ships 50 miles S.E. Cape St.George.

- (4) <u>Kavieng Area</u> Reconnaissance 11 August located apparently seven groups of shipping in the sea areas around northern New Ireland thus:-
 - (a) At 0755 1 light cruiser was unsuccessfully attacked 60 miles N.W. Mussau Island on course 90°. The vessel was taking violent evasive action and the reported course may have no bearing on the ultimate destination of this ship and it may be patrolling the area in connection with all the shipping movements as shown below.
 - (b) At 0920 1 destroyer, 1 merchant vessel (2000-4500tons) 2 sea trucks 250 miles N.N.E. Kavieng course 310°,

- (c) At 1108 2 small cargo vessels \$0 miles N.E. Kavieng course 240° apparently bound for Kavieng or Rab aul. The ships were attacked (see Naval Incidents).
- (d) At 1110 by photographs 3 small escort vessels accompanying one possible tender (7-8000 tons) 22 miles M.E. of Cape Matanalem (New Hanover) course 90° probably bound for Kavieng.
- (e) At 1120 1 possible heavy cruiser, 2 destroyers, 3 unidentified type vessels 16 miles WNW Cape Matanalem Sourse 120° apparently bound for Rabaul via S.W. coast New Ireland.
- (f) At 1120 2 large and 3 small unidentified type vessels 10 miles S.W. New Hancver course 160° apparently heading for Rabal.
- (g) At 1200 by photographs 2 merchant ships fisking (1000-1500 tons) 7 sea trucks with one patrol craft 36 miles west of Mussau Island. No course given. (5) Cape Orford - At 0812/11 a submarine passed Cape Orford heading
- nor th,
- (6) Gagmata At 2010/10 aircraft sighted 2 submarines 5 miles off-shore 15 miles east of Gasmata on a S.E. course.
 - At dawn 11 August barges along the coast 40 miles either side of Gasmata were attacked by Bostons. One small barge was reported destroyed and three more rendered unserviceable.
- (7) Rooke Island At 1635/11 2 barges on Rooke Island were attacked by aircraft.
- (8) <u>Huon Peninsula</u> At 0930-1030/10 barges between Langemak Bay and Sio were attacked by 12 Mitchells. Out of 10 barges seen in Mape River (Langemak Bay) at least 9 were damaged.
 (9) Lae 1515-1545/10 barge hide-outs in Labu Lagoon were attacked
- by 6 Bostons. A direct hit on at least one barge is reported. At 1100/11 4 enemy aircraft were reported parked on Lae serodrome,
- (10) Milne Eay An enemy reconnaissance plane was over Milne Bay approximately 1100/11.
- (11) Woodlark Is. At approximately 1000/11/probably enemy aircraft Was over Woodlark Island area. At 2122/11, 15 enemy aircraft
- dropped bombs on Woodlark Island. (12) Kiriwina At 2105/11 4 enemy aircraft were over Kiriwina. Apparently no bombs were dropped and the aircraft departed to the nor th.

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2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/12:

(1) "FREMANTLE" escorting 2 MV departed Thursday Island 0300/10 for Darwin.

(2) 5 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "COOTAMUNDRA" "ML.814" "ML.815" Darwin Merchant Vessels: "TAMBAR" - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" Merchant Vessels: "ALAGNA" Millinginbi

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Aroe Is. At 1545/11 the floatplane base at Taberfane was attacked by 6 Beaufighters. One floatplane ma was destroyed on the water also 3 small boats in addition to 2 boats and a barge damaged. About 5 enemy floatplanes intercepted and one was destroyed and 2 more damaged.
- (2) Timor Lautem was attacked 1913/11 by 4 Hudsons. 4 probable enemy fighters were seen airborne.

- (3) Darwin A probable enemy reconnaissance aircraft was over Darwin area 1350-1430/11.
- (4) Millimgimbi Probable enemy reconnaissance aircraft were located over the sea lanes north of Millingimbi at 1030/11 and again at 1600/11.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) AILIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/12:

- (1) "CHANTICLEER" departed Fremantle 0200/9 for Exmouth Gulf
- (2) "YP.286" departed Fremantle 0812/11 for Exmouth Gulf ETA 1200/14. (3) "ALTAMAHA" on route Brisbane to Fremantle ETA 0900/14.

(b) In Ha bour:

- Warships & Aux, - "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "VAN GALEN" "TJERK HIDDES" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "HERON" "ISABEL" "WHIPPOORWILL" "SC.739" "PELIAS" Fremantle "W.B. PRESTON"

Exmouth Gulf . Warships & Aux, - "CHILDS" "LA K" "YP.288"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 2 00/12:

- (1) "BUNDABERG" "MOR ESBY" "MILDURA" "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy
- "BUNDABERG" "MCRESBY" "MILDURA" "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy PG62 (7 ships) departed Calound ra 1240/9 for Newcastle ETA 1700/11 (3 ships) and Sydmy ETA 2359/11 (4 ships).
 "ROCKHAM PTON" "TOWN SVILLE" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy OC115 (12 MV) enroute Port Kembla ETA 0100/12, Sydney ETA 0600/12 and Newcastle ETA 1500/12.
 "KALGOOM.IE" "BRO OME" "ECHUCA" escorting Convoy CO116 ETA
- (3) "AALGOOM, IL" BAYOME "ACAGEA" ESCORTING CONVEY COILD IN Wilson's Promontory 1200/13.
 (4) "ATREUS" departed Fremantle 1730/7 for Sydney.
 (5) "WARRNAMBOOL" on route Sydney from Lady Elliott Island.
 (6) "WILCANNIA" dep. Townsville 1700/9 for Sydney.

(b) AIn Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "ASEY" 1 LST - Warships & Aux. - "ARARAT" "GLENELG" "CASTLEMAINE" "MIZAR" "KYBRA" "BENDIGO" "MOUNT VERNON" "FLUSSER" "MANUNDA" (AH) 1 LST "CASTLEMAINE" "MIZAR" "KAN IMELA"

Melbourne (Refitting)

- Warships & Aux. - "ABRAHAM CHJNSSEN" "ADELAI DE" "DOOMBA"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(1) At Espiritu Santo - CURTISS TANGIER (AV) CHINCO TEAGUE (AVP) DIXIE (AD) VESTAL (AR)

Repairing - HONOLULU ST.LOUIS LEANDER HOBART (CL) (2) At Noumea - WHITNEY (AD) POCOMOKE (AV) BALLARD (AVD) (3) At Efate - "CHENANGO" "SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Espiritu Sante - An enemy submarine apparently a ttacked an allied ship 80 miles N.W. of Espiritu Sento 1315/11 (see Bayal Incidents).

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X (1) <u>Cape St. George Area</u> - The 6-7 ship convoy, including 3 small escort vessels and remainder cargo ships, 30 miles west of northern Buka Island was twice attacked by the Catalina at approx 2250/10. The first run was unsuccessful but on the second run 2 depth charges fell within 20 feet of svessel reported as an 8000 ton cargo vessel.

The 2 small freighter located in St.Georges Channel near Cape St.George at 1535/10 on course 340° were attacked by a Liberator and one near miss nearly capsized the larger vessel. Both ships were strafed.

- (2) <u>Kavieng Area</u> The 2 small cargo ships located by a Liberator at 1108/11, 90 miles N.E. of Kavieng on course 240°, were attsched and a near miss was scored. Both ships were strafed from deck-level.
- (3) Mussau Is. Area The 10 small ship convoy located at 1200/11 36 miles west of Mussau Island was attacked and a direct hit was claimed on the 1500 ton vessel, sinking same. Photos de not confirm the hit but show 3 of the sea trucks stationery with an oil slick and debris.
- (4) Espiritu Santo At 1315/11, aircraft reported that an allied cargo ship had been torpedoed by a submarine 84 miles N.W. of Espiritu Santo.

No further details are available.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

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

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

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	POMPON)		
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	ALBACORE)		
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	GUARDFISH	2		
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		WHITNEY		
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CV (T)			HOSHO
	BRETON		CHUYO
CV(E)	PRINCE WILLIAM NASSAU LONG ISLAND		OTAKA
CA	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA SALT LAKE CITY MINNEAPOLIS		MAYA * ATAGO * TAKAO * AOBA
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XCL	-	CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
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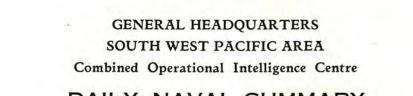
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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Allied and Enemy Activity

No. 562

Date: 13th August, 1943

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

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1. NORTH EASTERN AREA (1) AIL IED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/13:

- (1) "GILMER" "HUMPHREYS" en route Brisbane to Milne Bay ETA
- 15 August. (2) "BOWEN" "GYMPIE" "KATOOMBA""COLAC" escorting Convoy TN133 (9 MV) departed Townsville and Cairns, portion for Port Moresby (4 ships with "KATOOMBA" & "GOLAC") ETA 1700/13 and portion for Milne Eay (5 ships with "BOWEN" & "GYMPIE")
- and portion for Milne Bay (5 ships with "BOWEN" & "GYMPIE") ETA 1600/13. (3)"S.C.703" "S.C.738" escorting 2 LST dep. Port Moresby 0821/12 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/13. 1 LST with escorts to proceed Buna ETA 1600/14. (4) "BUNBURY" escorting "MULCRA" dep. Port Moresby 2030/12 for Milne Bay ETA 0730/14. (5) "HELM" "PC.1119" escorting TN.135 ("DUNTHOON" & "TAROONA") to dep. Fitzroy Island 0800/13 for Port Moresby ETA 1600/14 (6) WWAGGA" escorting FT.15 (2 ships) dep. Milne Bay 1100/12 for

 - (6) #WAGGA" escorting FT.15 (2 ships) dep. Milne Bay 1100/12 for Cairns ETA 2100/14.
 - (7) "BAGLEY" escorting "H.T.ALLEN" en route Milne Bay to Cairns ETA 1230/13.
 (8) "INVERELL" escorting TD.29 (2 ships) was to dep. Thursday Is.
 - 0600/13 for Darwin.
 - (9) "PIRIE" on route Townsville to Cairns ETA 0630/14.
 - (10) "GOULEURN" "SC.648" escorting QL6A (3 ships) dep. Caloundra 1630/12 for Townsville ETA p.m. 15 August. "GOULEURN" to return Brisbane from Lady Elliott Is. whence SC.648
 - (11) "GERLONG" "SC.650" escorting LQ6 (3 MV) ex Port Curtis 0100/12
 en route Brisbane. "LITHCOW" escorting "MERKUR" (ex Townsville) to join near Lady Elliott Island. "ML.819" to procide additional escort from Lady Elliott Island.
 (12) "STUART" to RV with "KLIPFONTEIN" (ex San Francisco) and
 - escort to Brisbane. (13) "VENDETTA" to RV with "WILLARD A. HOLEROOK" and escort to
 - Brisbane.

 - (14) "SG. 736" escorting 4 LST 1 APC for Brisbane ETA 0800/13. (15) "WARRINGTON" dep. Caloundra 1916/12 for Noumea ETA 1200/14.
 - (16) "SWAN" escorting TN 134 (1 MV) dep. Fitzroy Island 1100/13 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/15.
 - (17) 6 summerines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Buna oro Bay

Warships and Aux. "SHEPP ARTON" Warships & Aux, "SC.731" "SC.744" "SC.746" "YMS. 71" Merchant Vessels: "POINT SAN PEDRO" "HOWARD STANSBURY" "THOMAS JEFFERSON" "COLORADO"

Milne Bay

"PATRAS" "ANDREW D. WHITE" "ESTHER JOHNSON" Warships & Aux, "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUMTA" "CONYNGHAM" "RIGEL" "TULSA" "DELORAINE" "KAPUNDA" "BENALLA" "SC.637. "SC.698 SC.699 SC.732 SC.745 SC.747 SC.748 SC.981 YMS.11 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.53 YMS.70 YP.233 YP.280 "HILO" "35 PT's 31 LST's ML.427 ML.817 "POYANG" "BISHOPDALE" SC.747 "SAN PABLO"

INOTE: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN ..]

- Merchant Vessels: "COMARA" "JAMES B.MACPHERSON" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "CANNONBAR" "ESTHER JOHNSON" "ADONIRAM JUDSON" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK" "LORINNA" Milne Bay "JOSIAH ROYCE" "JOSIAH B. GRINNELL" "NANCY HANKS" "THOMAS CORWIN" "LYMAN J.GAGE" Warships & Aux, "HENLEY" "LETRIOMPHANT" "YMS, 72" Port Moresby Merchant Vessels: "KHOEN HOEA" "ALCOA PEGASUS" "MONTORO" "JAPARA" "WICHITA FALLS" "CHARON" "MANGOLA" "JOHN WHITEAKER" "CAN BERRA" "H.T.KATOOMBA" "THEOFANO LIVANOS" "VAN SWOLL" "REIJNST" Thursday Island - Warships & Aux. "INVERELL" "FREMANTLE" "& YMS's" "MAHAN" "DRAYTON" "MANOORA" • Warships & Aux, "MAHAN" "DRAYTON" "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" "ML.428" "VICTORIA" "PLATYPUS" Cairns "GOLDSTAR" 1 LST. Townsville - Warships & Aux. "PERKINS" "SANDS" "MUGFORD" "BROOKS YMS.8 "PC.1121" 15 LST's - Warships & Aux, Mackay "LAMSON" SMITH" "DOBBIN" "VENDETTA" "FULTON" "GOULBURN" Brisbane - Warships & Aux. "VENDETT "OTUS" SC.734 SC.741 YP.279 YP.283 YMS.9 SC.982 YP.236 YP.278 YMS.9 YMS.49 ML.424 ML.425 ML.816 PC.476 (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WARREGO" "GLADSTONE" "WHYALLA" "SC.648" "ML. 818"

(c) Proposed Movements:

11) "HENLEY" "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting NT.38 (2 ships) to dep, (2) "YP.291" to dep. Calcundra 1400/13 for Mackay ETA 1000/15, thence Cairns and Thursday Island,

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Rendova Area - At 0915/11, four enemy bombers and one fighter were observed between Rendova Island and Vangunu heading No report of any raid has been received, Between 0300 and 0400/12, six probable barges (2) Rekata Bay arrived at Rekata Bay and general activity was noticed in the harbour at this time. Subsequently, however, no signs of activity were visible. Vella Lavella - 140 Japs have been captured on E. Coast, (3)100 being survivors from warships and 40 being refugees from Vila. There is evidence of food shortage and general distaste for allied air raids at Vila, Mussau Area - (a) Reconnaissance reported one destroyer 10 miles W. of Mussau Island at 1230/11 on course 1500, and probably (4)the same unit again later five miles S.E. of Mussau Island on course 1250. This is probably the same vessel as that described by another aircraft as a light cruiser 60 miles N.W. of Mussau Island course R. at 0755/11 -

refer yesterday Summary No. 561.

- (4) MUSSAU AFEA (b) At 0750/12, a 7-ship convoy, including two destroyers, 2 freighter transports (7-6500 tons) 2 tankers (7-10,000 tons) and 1 large sea truck, was observed 70 miles W. of Hussau Island on course 300°. The convoy was shadewed until 0959/12 when in position 100 miles N.W. of Mussau Island. An attack was made but results were unobserved,
- (5) Gasmata Area -A vessel, shown by photes to be a 50 ton naval craft, was attacked by 4 Bestons 0655-0725/12 in Alau Passage (30 miles E. of Arawe). Supply dump at Gasmata
- (6) Borgen Bay Photos 1450/11 show approx. 25 barges partially concealed under trees on the shore West of Natamo.
- (7) Bogadjim Area Bridges on Bogadjim Yaula Road were unsuccess-fully attacked 1030-1100/12 by 12 Mitchells, 3-5 motor trucks were observed parked along the road near the IOWORO River crossing.
- (8) Mt. Hagen A probable enemy reconnaissance plane was over Mt. Hagen 0856/12.
- One aircraft landed and another departed Las aerodrome (9) Lae . shortly after dawn 12 Au g, leaving two planes parked there. At 1059/12, 6 aircraft flew S.W. over Lac.
- (10) Salamaua Two aircraft departed Salamaua aerodrome a.m. I2 August.

2. MORTH WESTERN AREA.

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Saa to 1200/13:

- "FREMANTLE" escorting 2 MV departed Thursday Island 0300/10 (1) for Darwin.
- "LATROBE" escorting "ALAGNA" en route Thursday Is. ETA 1530/15 (2) from Groote Eylandt. (3)
- 5 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin

Warships & Aux, "COOTAMUMDRA" "ML.814" "ML.815" Merchant Vessels

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Kaukenau . Timika airfield appeared to be deserted when 2 Hudsons attacked 1300-1430/12, and the strip still seemed

"TAMBAR"

- water-logged. One motor truck was visible on the field. (2) Kaimana - Three probable sea-trucks were observed in Kaimana Bay When two Liberators attacked the town at midday 12 Aug.
- (3) Tanimbar Is. Photos 11 Aug. show: -

Selaru: Runway serviceable but no aircraft or activity noticeable.

Matkus: Appears deserted and no activity runway.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA.

(i) ALL TED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/13:

"CHANTICLEER" departed Fremantle 0200/9 for Exmouth Gulf (1)

ETA a.m.11 August.

"YP.286" departed Fremantle 0812/11 for Exmouth Gulf ETA 1200/14. (2)"ALTAMAHA" en route Brisbane to Fremantle ETA 0900/14. "VAN GALEN" to rendezvous at 1200/13 to escort from 35°29' S 116°44' E. (3)

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle

- Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "TJERK HIDDES" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "HERON" "ISABEE" "WHIPPOORWILL" "SC. 739" "PELIAS" "W.B. PRESTON"

- Warships & Aux, - "CHILDS" "LARK" "YP. 288"

Exmouth Gulf

ASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA.

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/13:

(1) "BUNDABERG" "MORESLY" "TOWN SVILLE" BALLARAT" escorting GP.63

(7 MV) were to depart Sydney 0800/13 for Brisbane, picking up 1 MV at Newcastle1600/13. MABRAHAM CRYNSSEN" escorting OC 116 (5 MV) -(2 for Pt. Kembla, 3 for Newcastle) was to dep. Port Phillip 2300/12 to RV with CO 116 at Wilson Prom. 1200/13. "KALGOORLIE" "BROOME" "ECHUCA" escorting Convoy CO 116 ETA Wilson's Prom. 1200/13. (2)

(3)

Wilson's Prom. 1200/13. "ROCKHAMPTON" "YANDRA" "GLENELG" "MILDURA" escorting CO.117 (4)(11 MV) were to dep. Newcastle or Port Phillip Bay

0700/13.

(5)(6)

"ATREUS" departed Fremantle 1730/7 for Sydney, "WILCANNIA" dep. Townsville 1700/9 for Sydney ETA 1300/14. (7)

"WARRNAMBOOL" en route Sydney from Lady Elliott Island.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens Sydney	- Warships & Aux "ASEY" 1 LST - Warships & Aux "ARARAT" "CASTLEMAINE" "MIZAR"			
(Repairing) (On Reserve) Melbourne	"FLUSSER" "MANUNDA" (AH) 1LST "KANIMBLA"			
	· Warships & Aux. (Refitting) WADELAIDE" "DOOMBA"			

SOUTH PACIFIC AREA в.

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(1) At Espititu Santo - CURTISS TANGIER (AV) CHINCOTEAGUE (AVP) DIXIE (AD) VESTAL (AR) Repairing - HONOLULU ST.LOUIS LEANDER HOBART (CL.) (2) At Noumea - WHITNEY (AD) POCOMOKE (AV) BALLARD (AVD) (3) At Efate - CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV)

(11) ENEMY FORCES) - N11.

NAVAL INCIDENTS - NIL

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

(1) Continued air and naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas. (2)

Consolidation of defences Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Northern Solomons, Gilberts, Marshalls, Malayan areas,

Increased use of barges and warships principally destroyers (3)and submarines for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons - New Guinea areas,

Offensive submarine activity in the Northern, Southern and (4)South West Pacific to offset the building up of allied strength in these areas.

MOST SECRET 13 August 1943

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY PART II ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

E	NEM	Y	F	OR	CES

Southwest (Eastern		South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Mar shalls
BB		NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	-	MUSASHI MUTSI) poss. NAGATO)Empire KONGO HARUNA
CV	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
CV(L)	-	-	•	ZUIHO
(E)		SUWA NNEE SA NGAMON CHENA NGO BARNES	•	DNXO
CA		AUSTRAL IA	CHOKAI SUZUYA MYOKO HAGURO	TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI KUMANO
CL	R X	HONOLULU ST.LOUIS LEANDER HOBART OO LUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	SENDAI NAGARA ?	AGAN O OYODO ISUZU MAKA
CL()	-	•	-	KASHIMA KATORI
AUL	-	-		2
DD	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA PER KINS			
•	CONYNGHAM MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER SMITH LAMSON MUGFORD BAGLEY HENLEY HENLEY HELM WARRINGTON LE TRIOMPHANT STUART VENDETTA	Approx 40	15	25 (several damaged)

MOST SECRET 13 August 1943

Southwest (Eastern	t Pacific Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>\$5</u>	BALAO GREENLING GROVLER POMPON SILVERSIDES) 2) On Patrol	18	15
	ALBACORE BILLFISH BOWFIN DRUM GROUPER GUANDFISH PETO SCAMP STINGRAY TUNA) At Brisbane		
	K.9 At Syd	ney		
AV/CVS	-	CURTISS TANGIER POCOMOKE	-	-
XAV/XCVS	-	3	1	2
Te	35	Approx 30	?	9
<u>A PA / A PD / AKA</u>	H.T.ALLEN MANOOHA WESTRALIA GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS KANIMBLA	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA		
is or xas	Fultor otus		1	2 or more
Ð	DOBBIN	DI XIE WH ITNEY	1	?
IR	RIGEC PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	1	1
IRCRAFT (N.E	Area Only)			4
Fighters (includent Light or M/Bon E/Bombers Flying Boats Floatplanes Fransport & O		5•)	254 237 22 6 51 21	

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BB	INDIANA WASHINGTON # PENNSYLVANIA # WEST VIRGINIA # CALIFORNIA	YAMATO ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA
CV	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN VICTORIOUS	-
CV(L)	INDEPENDENCE	# НІТАГА НА УАТАКА ПУUНО
ST(T)		HOSHO
CV(E)	BRETON PRINCE WILLIAM NASSAU LONG ISLAND	CHUYO OTAKA
<u>A</u>	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA M SALT LAKE CITY MINNEAPOLIS	MAYA ATAGO TAKAO AOBA
OCA CL	R NASHVILLE MOBILE	6 TATSUTA M KINU M YUBARI M NATORI 3
XCL AV7CVS	8	* CHIYODA) Under convers- * CHITOSE) sion to ACVs
DD SS AS/XAS	? Approx 35 Approx 50 ?	3 20-25 (several repairing Approx 32 3 or more
	4. NORTHERN PACIFIC	
BB	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO TENNESSEE	-
CA	WICHITA LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND INDIAN APOLIS	NACHI
CL	SANTA FE RICHMOND RAIEIGH DETROIT	KISD (may be E.I.Area) ABUKUMA TAMA
XCL AV/CVS		3 AKITSUSHIMA
XAV/XCVS	-	1
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ALLIED		INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN	MOST SECRET 13 August 1943 ENEMY FORCES
Southwest (Western		Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
•	•	WARSPITE	-
CV	-	ø ILLUSTRIOUS	-
CV(E)	AL TAMAHA	-	•
CA	-	SUSSEX SUFFOLK # HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
	TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWGASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN G ARADOC	OI KITAGAMI KUMA
CL(T)	-	-	KASHII
XCL	-	CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
AV/CVS	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI NOTORO
XAV/XCVS	-	?	1
DD	VAN GAIEN TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	12
<u>85</u>	FINBACK) GRAYLING) GAR) ON KINGFISH) TAMBOR)	n Patrol	7
	TAMBOR } At 1	Fremantle	
AS or XAS	PELTAS	?	1
AIRCRAFT (N	.W.Area Only)		
Fighters Light or M/B SE/Bombers Flying Boats Floabplanes ansport &		No recent intelligence	99 120 12 12 51 45
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	GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
	SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA Combined Operational Intelligence Centre
	DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY
	DAILT MAVAL SOMMANT
	Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle
	No. 563 Date: 14 August 1943
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	PART I.
SOUTH	WEST PACIFIC AREA
1. NOR	TH EASTERN AREA
	(1) ALLIED FORCES
	(a) At Sea to 1200/14:
$\binom{1}{2}$	"GILMER" "HUMPHREYS" en route Brisbane to Milne Bay ETA 15 August. "SC.703" "SC.738" escorting 1 LST dep. Port Moresby 0821/12 for
	BUNA ETA 1600/14. "BOMEN" "GYMPIE" escorting "HENRY D.THOREAU" "JOSEPH LANE" en route
	Milne Bay to Oro Bay and Buna. "BUNBHRY" escorting "MULCRA" dep. Port Moresby 2030/12 for Milne Bay
	ETA 0730/14. "HELM" "PC.1119" escorting TN135 ("DUNTROON" "TAROONA") to depart
	Fitzroy Island 0800/13 for Port Moresby ETA 1400/14.
	"SWAN" escorting TN134 (1 MV) dep. Fitzroy Island 1100/13 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/15.
	"WAGGA" escorting FT15 (2 ships) dep. Milne Bay 1100/12 for Cairns ETA 2100/14.
	"HENLEY" "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting NT38 (2 ships) departed Port Moresby 1800/13 for Townsville ETA 2000/15.
(9)	"SC.750" "SC.691" "SC.732" escorting FT16 ("VAN SPILBERGEN") dep. Milne Bay 1100/13 for Townsville ETA 0600/16.
(10)	"YP.291" dep. Brisbane 1610/13 for Mackay ETA 1000/15, thence Cairns and Thursday Island.
(11)	"SC.982" escorting "YNS.49" "YNS.50" towing 4 PT dep. Caloundra 1830/13 for Townsville.
(12) (13)	"SC.648" en route Brisbane to Townsville. "GOULBURN" escorting "PAHUD" en route Gladstone to Brisbane ETA
(14) (15)	0830/15. "VENDETTA" on route Gladstone after escorting "WILLARD A.HOLBROOK". "DRAYTON" escorting "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" dep. Cairns 1900/12 for
(16)	Port Stephens ETA 1700/16. 6 submarines on patrol.
107 81	(b) In Harbour:
R	una - Warships & Aux "SHE PPARTON"
	ro Bay - Warships & Aux "SC.734" "SC.744" "SC.746" "YMS.71" "YMS.53"
	Merchant Vessels: "POINT SAN PEDRO" "HOWARD STAN SBURY" "THOMAS JEFFERSON" "COLORADO" "LORINNA" "PATRAS" "ANDREW D.WHITE" "ESTHER JOHNSON"

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Milne Bay

- Warships & Aux. - "MAHAN" "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "CONYNGHAM" "RIGEL" "TULSA" "DELORAINE" "KAPUNDA" "BENAILA" SC.637 SC.698 SC.699 SC.703 SC.738 SC.745 SC.748 SC.747 SC.981 YMS.11 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.53 YMS.70 Y P.233 YP.280 "HILO" YMS.51 35 PT'S 32 LST'S ML.427 MT.817 "POYANG" "BISHOPDARE" "SAN PAELO"

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

Merchant Vessels: "COMARA" "JAMES B. MACPHERSON" "TRINITY" "MAETSUYCKER" "KARSIK" "CANNONBAR" "ESTREEX SERIES "ADONIRAM JUDSON" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK" "JOSIAH ROYCE" "JOSIAH B.GRINNELL" "NANCY HANKS" "THOMAS CORWIN" "LYMAN J.GAGE" Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "KATODMEA" "COLAC" "YMS,72" Merchant Vessels: "KHOEN HOEA" "ALCOA PEGASUS" "MONTORO" "JAPARA" "WICHITA FALLS" "CHARON" "MANGOLA" "JOHN WHITEAKER" "THEOFANO LIVANOS" "VAN SWOLL" "REIJNST" "CAPE FLATTERY" "VERA" "GEORGE EASTMAN" "JOSIAH EARL" Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL" "FREMANTLE" 4 YMS'S Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "BAGLEY" "H.T.ALLEN" "PIRIE" "ML.428" "VICTORIA" "PLATYPUS" "GOLDSTAR" 1 LST Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "PERKINS" "SANDS" "MUGFORD" "BROOME" "SMITH" "YMS.S" "PC.1121" "15 LST's" - Warships & Aux. - "LAMSON" "DOBBIN" Mackay - Warships & Aux. - "LAMSON" "DOBBIN" isbane - Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "FULTON" "GEELONG" "OTUS" "SC.650 SC.734 SC.736 SC.741 YP.236 YP.278 YP.279 YP.283 YMS.9 ML.424 ML.425 ML.819 PC.476 "MERKUR" (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WARREOO" "GLADSTONE" "WHYALLA" "MD.818" Brisbane

(c) Proposed Movements:

 "STUART" to depart Calgundra approx 1700/14 to RV with "HAUI" in position 27 08'S 157 40'E and escort to Brisbane.
 "WAGGA" to depart Townsville 18 August for Brisbane for boiler cle aning.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) <u>Baeroko Harbour</u> Enemy strength in this area is estimated at 5-700. Enemy forces have been forced to withdraw some 2000 yards and on 12 August allied forces were converging on Zieta.
- (2) Kolombangara Two small eneny auxiliaries were located off S.W. coast during night 10-11 August by PT boats and one auxiliary was probably sunk.
 - Reconnaissance a.m. 12 August sighted one cargo vessel near Surumuni Cove (S.E. coast).
- (3) Vella Lavella A large barge was located during night 11012 August off S.E. coast by PT boats and driven ashere. Total prisoners captured on E. coast now numbers 330 while another 50 unarmed Japs are at large.
- (4) <u>Buin Base</u> Photos 1130/11 show 10 barges and 8 small craft, of which the longest is 147 feet, in the area.

Air base photos at the same time show:-i - SF, 3 M/B, 11 D/B

Kahili Ballale

- 11 F - 30 F/P Paisi

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Total 136 aircraft.

On 12 August 10-12 barges were observed off Jakohina. At 1215/12 Kahili aerodrome was raided by 26 Liberators escorted by 28 fighters. A terrific explosion occurred and many fires were started. Photographs show 20 sircraft burning and an achiever the search age atten a

and another 12 near the conflagration and probably damaged. At least 30 fighters intercepted and 11 were shot down by our bombers and fighters.

Photos just prior to the attack showed 22 fighters, 17 dive bombers and 3 medium bombers.

Photos approx 1000/13 show:

Kah111 . 57 F, 2 M/B, 6 D/B 6 F Ballde .

Faisi -7 F/P

Probably additional 18 aircraft (14 F, 3 D/B, 1 M/B) are visible on Rahili considered damaged from the raid on 12 August.

No sizeable shipping is visible in these photos. (5) <u>Buka-Bougainville</u> - Recce 1315/12 sighted 1 cargo vessel and 2 small auxiliaries in Buka Passage area. At 0955/13 1 cargo vessel estimated to be 350 ft. 3

barges and 4 small craft were observed in the area. Photos 0555/13 show 13 fighters, 4 medium bombers,

11 dive bombers on Buka Passage aerodrome. Works is progressing at Bonis Plantation but there is no change in the new sirfield at Tenekau. WWW MA

(6) Rabaul - Photos 1505/13 show:-

Shipping: 1 heavy cruiser ("MOGAMI" class) 1 light cruiser ("JIMTSU" class) 5 destroyers

- 1 minelayer
- 1 submarine tender

1 converted destroyer tender

6 submarines

- 3 minesweepers or gunboats
- 4 sub.chasers

19 MV (totalling 85,000 tons)

Total 42 ships raft: 16 flying boats off Matupi and Sulphur Creek of Aircraft: which 2 probably unserviceable. Rapopo - 37 M/B, 26 L/B, 9 F Vunakanau - 72 M/B, 40 F Lakunai - 10 M/B, 24 L/B, 53 F

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Total 271 land-based aircraft including 20 unserviceable. The runway at Tobera is completed and probably serviceable but nil aircraft are visible.

- (7) Cape Orford A submarine passed Cape Orford at 0613/13 heading north.
- (8) Gasmata At 1545/13 reconnaissance sighted 3 fighters in revetments and one twin-engined aircraft on Gasmata airfield. At 1600/13 a Liberator bombed the aerodrome scoring a direct hit on one fighter and blowing up a twin-engined bomber.
- (9) Wewek Photographs 0840/13 show 3 small freighter-transports, one small auxiliary and approximately 30 barges at Wewak. Photos of air bases show :-

Dagua	-	2	M/B	, 22	L/	в,	18 F,	2	transports -
Boram		4	M/B	. 19	I/	в.	52 F.	2	transports/

- 4 M/B, 19 L/B, 52 F, 2 transports/ 4 M/B, 12 L/B, 17 F 14 M/B, 12 L/B, 5 F
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Total 204 aircraft including 19 probably unserviceable and 9 possible dummies.

- (10) Hansa Bay At 0059/14 sircraft reported 26 barges and 2 ships in Hansa Bay, A medium cargo vessel was strafed also barges of
- which 3 were reported destroyed. (11) Madang Photos 0300/13 show the strip to be in good condition, one serviceable fighter near the strip and 3 motor trucks nearby. Four camouflaged luggers are visible.
- (12) Wau At 0930/13, 10 unidentified single-engined aircraft were seen over Wau.
- (13) Lae At 1000/13, 10 aircraft passed over Lae heading south. At

(13) Lae - At 1000/13, 10 aircraft passed over Lae heading south. At 1255/3, 3 aircraft were reported parked on the aerodrome. At 1340/13, 25 aircraft passed over heading south.
 (14) Salamaua - Between 0847 and 0930/13, 13 Fortresses, 35 Liberators,
 Marauders have reported bombing Salamaua Isthmus and neighbouring targets. More aircraft were involved but reports have not yet been received. Photos 1755/13 show that there are 10 buildings along the Isthmus ell of which are 2 destroyed.

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(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/14:

- (1) "LATROBE" escorting "ALAGNA" on route Thursday Island ETA 1530/15
- (2) "INVERELL" escorting TD29 (2 ships) departed Thursday Island 0755/13 for Darwin ETA 1300/17.
- (3) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "COOTAMUNDRA" "FREMANTLE" "ML.S14" Darwin "ML.815" Merchant Vessels: "TAMBAR" "CARDROSS" "TULAGI"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Kaimana Photographs 1320/12 show no aircraft on Utarom acrodrome but additional revetments and inserts have been completed and the runway is in good condition.
- (2) Ceram Is. Photos of the 2 ships reported as sailing boats off N.E. Ceram Is. at 1055/12 show that these vessels were in fact one probable freighter-transport (2-4500 tons, armed) and one merchant vessel (500-1000 tons),
- (3) Timor Photos 12 August show 5 aircraft on Penfoei aerodrome where additional revetments and inserts are visible. The Golf Links aerodrome near Koepang is apparently serviceable A for 5500 ft. but no aircraft or revetments are visible. new strip is noted at Poelosti (8 miles N.E. Penfoei) eleared for 4000 ft, and partially graded but not yet serviceable. Two small ships are visible at Koepang also 10 praus and 2 small ships at Tenau plus 27 barges.
- (4) Darwin Fenton airfield was raided at 2130/13 probably by 9 aircraft, There was no damage or casualties. Another formation was over Fenton at about 2300/13. Some bombs were dropped without effect. Batchelor and Hughes were also apparently raided at Oll5/14: no damage or casualties resulted.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

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(a) At Sea to 1200/14:

"YP. 286" departed Fremantle 0812/11 for Exmouth Galf ETA 1200/14. (1) "YP.286" departed Fremantle OSLS/11 for manual OSO/14. "VAN (2) "ALTAMAHA" en route Brisbane to Fremantle ETA 0900/14. "VAN (2) "ALTAMAHA" en route Brisbane to Fremantle ETA 0900/14. GALEN" to RV at 1200/13 to escort from 35029 'S 116044'E.

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "TJERK HIDDES" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "HERON" "ISABEL" Fremantle "WHIPPOORWILL" "SC.739" "PELIAS" "W.B. PRESTON" Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" "LARK" "CHANTICLEER" "YP.288"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/14:

(1) "BUNDABERG" "MORESBY" "TOWNSVILLE" "BALLARAT" escorting GP63 (7 MV) en route Sydney to Brisbane ETA 0700/16. (2) "KALGOORLIE" "BROOME" "ECHUCA" escorting OC116 (5 MV - 2 for Port Kembla FTA 0100/16; 3 for Newcastle ETA 1500/16).

- (3) "ROCKHAMPTON" "YANDRA" "GLENELG" escorting COll7 (10 MV) dep. Sydney 1455/13.
- (4) "ATREUS" departed Fremanth 1730/7 for Sydney.
- (5) "WILCANNIA" dep. Townsville 1700/9 for Sydney ETA 1300/14.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "ALSEY" 1 LST Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "ARARAT" "CASTIE MAINE" "MIZAR" "MILDURA" "KYBRA" "BENDIGO" "WARRNAMBOOL" (Repairing) "FLUSSER" "MANUNDA" (AH) 1 LST (On Reserve) "KANIMBLA" Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "ABRAHAMCRIJNSSEN" (Refitting) "ADEL AIDE" "DOOMBA"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

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(1) ALLIED FORCES

(1) At Espiritu Santo - CURTISS TANGIER (AV) CHINCOTEAGUE (AVP) DIXIE (AD) VESTAL (AR)

- Repairing HONOLULU ST.LOUIS LEANDER HOBART (CL)
- (2) At Noumes WHITNEY (AD) POCOMOKE (AV)
- (3) At Efate CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV)
- (4) At Funafuti BALLARD (AVD)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

New Caledonia - At 0936/13 a submarine was sighted 125 miles West of Noumea course 96°.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

NIL.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

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

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1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

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ALLIED FORCES

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ENEMY FORCES

	outhwest Pacific Sastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
BB		NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	-	MUSASHI MUTSU)poss. NAGATO)Empire KONGO HARUNA
CV	1 (* 10	SARATCGA		ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
OV (E)	-	-	•	ZUIHO
(E)	•	Suwannee Sangamon Chenango Barnes	•	UNYO
<u>64</u>	-	AUSTRALIA	CHOKAI SUZUYA MYOKO HAGURO	TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI MUMANO
CL	* ADELAIDE	X HONOLULU X ST. LOUIS X LEANDER X HOBART COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONT FELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	SENDAI NAGARA	AGANO OYODO ISIZU X HAKA
CL (T)	•	9	•	KASHIMA KATORI
XCL	-	-	1	1
DD	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA PERKINS CONYNGHAM MAHAN DRAYTON X FLUSSER X SMITH X LAMSON MUGFORD BAGLEY HENLEY HENLEY HELM LE TRIOMPHANT STUART VENDETTA	Approx 40	10	20
10		* Non-effective		

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	est Pacific ern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
	BALAO) GREENLING) GROWLER) POMPOM) On SILVERSIDES) BILLFISH)	2 Patrol	20	15
	ALBACORE) BOWFIN) DRUN) GROUPER) At BUANDFISH) PETO) SCAMP) STINGRAY) FUNA)	Brisbane		
• I	K.9 At Sydney			
AV/CVS	-	CURTISS TANGIER POCOMOKE	-	•
XAV/XCVS	-	3	1	2
PT	35	Approx 30	?	?
APA/APD/AKA	H.T.ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS KANIMBLA	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA		
AS or XAS	FULTON OTUS		1	2 or more
AD	DOBBIN	DIXIE WHITNEY	1	?
AR	RIGEL PLATY PUS	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	1	1
AIRCRAFT (N.	E. AREA ONLY)			
Fighters (in Light or M/H SE/Bombers Flying Boats Flostplanes Transport &	3	g.)	254 237 22 6 51 21	
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BB	INDIANA WASHINGTON XPENNSYLVANIA X WEST VIRGINIA		YAMATO ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO
	¥ CALIFORNIA	×	HYUGA
OV	ENTER PRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN		•
	VICTORIOUS		```
<u>CV (L)</u>	I EDE PENDENCE		* HITAKA HAYATAKA RYUHO
CV (T)	100 m		HOSHO
CV (E)	BRETON PRINCE WILLIAM NASSAU LONG ISLAND		CEUYO OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	NEW ORLEANS PEN SACOLA X SALT LAKE CITY -X MINNEAPOLIS		MAYA ACAGO TAKAO H AOBA
OCA			6
CL	X NASHVIILE MOBILE		TATSUTA # KINU) # YUBARI # NATORI
XCL	•		3
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5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest (Western Se		Eastern Fleet Area	a East Indies-Philippines
BB		WARSPITE	
CV	-	ILLUSTR TOUS	
CV (E)	ALTAMAHA	-	-
CA	•	SUSSEX SUFFOLK	ASHIGARA
		¥ HAWKINS FROBISHER	
CL	TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA	KUMA ¥ OI ¥ KITAGAMI
•		NEWCA STLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	
CL (T)	-	-	KASHII
KCL	•	CARTHAGE CHTTRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
AV/CVS	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	RAMOI NOTORO
XAV/XCVS	-	?	1
DD	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	11
•	FINBACK) GRAYLING) GAR) On 1 KINGFISH) TAMBOR)	Patrol	5
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AS or XAS	PELIAS	9	1
AIRCRAFT (N.W	. AREA ONLY)		
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•	GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA Combined Operational Intelligence Centre
	DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY
	Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle
	No. 564 Date: 15 August 1943
	PART I.
A. SOUTH W	EST PACIFIC AREA
1. NORT	FH EASTERN AREA
•	(1) ALL TED FORCES
	(a) At Sea to 1200/15:
(1)	"SANDS" "BROOKS" "GILMER" "HUMPHREYS" departed Townsville 0736/14
(2)	for Milne Bay ETA 1800/15. "PERKINS" was to depart Townsville 0600/15 for Milne Bay ETA 1600/16. "SC.703" "SC.738" escorting 1 LST dep. Milne Bay 0710/14 for Buna
(4)	"SWAN" escorting TN134 (1 MV) dep. Fitzroy Island 1100/13 for Port
(5)	Moresby ETA 0800/15. "HEMLEY" "LE TRIOMPHANT" escerting MT38 (2 ships) departed Port Moresby 1800/13 for Townsville ETA 2000/15.
(6)	"KATOOMBA" "COLAC" escorting NT39 (2 MV) dep. Port Moresby 1630/14
(7)	for Cairns ETA 2230/16. "SC.750" "SC.981" "SC.732" escorting FT16 ("VAN SPILEERGEN") dep. Milne Bay 1100/13 for Townsville ETA 0600/16. "SC.750"SC.981 to detach and proceed Cairns direct for overhaul.
(8)	"DELORAINE" escorting 5 MV was to depart Milne Bay at 1430/14 for Townsville.
(9)	"YP.291" dep. Brisbane 1610/13 for Mackay ETA 1000/15, thence Cairns and Thursday Island.
	"SC.982" escorting "MS.49" "YMS.50" towing 4 PT dep. Caloundra 1830/13 for Townsville.
(11)	"SC.648" en route Brisbane to Townsville. "VICTORIA" dep. Cairns 0710/14 for Townsville.
(13)	"VICTORIA" dep. Cairns 0/10/14 for fownsville. "BAGLEY" escorting "H.T.ALLEN" dep. Cairns for Brisbane ETA Caloundra 1800/15.
(14)	"DRAYTON" escorting "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" dep. Cairns 1900/12, "MANOORA" for Port Stephens ETA 1700/16; "DRAYTON"
(15)	"WESTRALIA" for Melbourne. "VENDETTA" escorting "TORRENS" dep. Caloundra 0600/15 to Lady Elliott Island. Thence proceeds to position "Z" to RV with
(16)	"DAVID C. SHANKS" at 1000/17 and escort to Brisbane. "BUNDABERG" "BALLARAT" "TOWNSVILLE" "MORESBY" escorting GP63 (7 MV)
(17)	en route Sydney to Brisbane ETA 0700/16. "SC.736" escorting 1 APC & LST from Noumea to Brisbane ETA 0800/16.
(18)	"STUART" was to depart Caloundra approx 1700/14 to RV with "MAUI" in position 27'08'S, 157'40'E and escort to Brisbane.
(19)	6 submarines on patrol.
•	(b) In Harbour:
I	Buna - Warships & Aux "SHEPPARTON" "SC.747" Merchant Vessels: "PATRAS" "HENRY D. THOREAU"
C	Merchant Vessels: "PATRAS" "HENRY D. THOREAG" - Warships & Aux "SC.744" "SC.746" "YNS.71" "YMS.53" Merchant Vessels: "POINT SAN PEDRO" "HOWARD STANSBURY" "THOMAS JEFFERSON" "COLORADO" "LORINNA" "ANDREW D.WHITE" "ESTHER JOHNSON" "JOSEPH LANE"

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- Warships & Aux. - "MAHAN" "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "CONYNGHAM" "RIGEL" "TULSA" "BUNBUNY" "BOWEN" "GYMPIE" "BENALLA" SC.637 SC.698 SC.699 Milne Bay SC.731 SC.742 SC.745 SC.748 SC.747 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.70 YP.233 YP.280 YMS.11 "HILO" 35 PT's 32 LST'S ML.427 ML.817 "POYANG" "BISHOPDALE" "SAN PABLO"

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

Merchant Vessels: "COMARA" "TRINITY" "MAET SUYCKER" "KARSIK" "CANNONBAR" "ADONIRAM JUDSON" "MULCRA" "JOSIAH ROYCE" "JOSIAH B.GRINNELL" "MANCY HANKS" "THOMAS CORWIN" "LYMAN J.GAGE" • Warships & Aux. - "HELM" "YMS.72" "PC.1119" Merchant Vessels: "KHOEN HOEA" "ALCOA PEGASUS" Port Moresby "DUNTRCON" "TAROONA" "JAPARA" "WICHITA FALLS" "CHARON" "JOHN WHITEAKER" "VAN SNOLL" "REIJNST" "CAPE FLATTERY" "VERA" "GEORGE EASTMAN" "JOSIAH EARL" Thursday Is. - Warships & Auz. - "FREMANTLE" 4 YMS's Cairns - Warships & Auz. - "BAGLEY" "H.T.ALLEN" "PIRIE" "WAGGA" "ML.426" "ML.428" "YMS.8" "PLATYPUS" "GOLDSTAR" 1 LST Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "MUGFCRD" "SMITH" "PC.1121" 15 LST's "KAPUNDA" - Warships & Aux. - "LAMSON" "DOBBIN" - Warships & Aux - "STUART" "FULTON" "GEELONG" "YUNNAN" "GOULBURN" "OTUS" "SC.650 SC.734 Mackay Brisbane SC.741 YP.236 YP.278 YP.279 YP.283 YMS.9 ML.424 ML.425 ML.816 ML.819 PC.476 "MERKUR" (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WARREGO" "GLADSTONE" "WHYALLA" "ML.818"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "BUNDA BERG" "MCRESBY" "BAILARAT" "TOWNSVILLE" to essort PG63 (7 ships) from Calcundra ETD 1200/16. (2) "GLADSTONE" "LITHGON" "ML.425" "ML.429" "SC.650" to escort
- QL7 (11 ships) ETD Caloundra 1600/16. "ML.425" to detach in vicinity Eustard Head and proceed Townsville. "SC.650" "ML.429" to detach vicinity Lady Elliott Island for other duties joining "GLADSTONE" & "LITHGOW" again at 0600/9 escorting LQ7.
- (3) "SWAN" to depart Port Moresby to RV with TM136 at 1500/17 and escort "COLAC" (SS) to Port Moresby.
- (4) "STUART" to depart Caloundra 0800/17 to RV with "FRED.C.AINSWORTH" in position 24038'S 159°E (bound for Townsville) to escort to vid nity Lady Elliott Island, thence return Brisbane.
- (5) "WAGGA" to depart Town sville 18 August for Brisbane for boiler cleaning.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) <u>Guadal canal</u> Night 13 August enemy aircraft followed allied aircraft returning to Guadalcanal and attacked shipping
 - mkim sinking "JOHN PENN" (Naval Transport 9,360 tens). ///
 (2) Rekata Bay Supply dump area was bombed 1007/13 by 11 Mitchells.
 Again between 2115/13 and 0245/14, 12 Avengers attacked the
 - area in pairs. (3) Munda At 1610/13, 25 Jap fighter aircraft were intercepted over Munda by 13 of 26 al lied fighters airborne. One Zero was shot down.
 - (4) Kolombangara Enemy barges continue active in Blackett Strait. During the night 12-13 August, 4 eastbound and 4 westbound barges were observed and the next night 3 westbound barges were attacked, apparently unsuscessfully, by our patel craft. At 1000/13, Vila, Buki Harbour and Disappointment Cove were attacked by 9 Fortresses, 22 Avengers, 31 Dauntless

escorted by 32 Corsairs.

(5) <u>Buin Base</u> - At 1913/13, 8 Liberators raided Ballale. Two enemy night fighters attempted interception and one was possibly destroyed. At 1920/13, Kahili was raided by 13 Liberators. Two enemy night fighters ineffectively attempted interception. Photos 0825/14 show : Aircraft: - 72 F, 8 D/B, 2 M/B - 16 F. - 13 F/P Kahili Ballale Paisi Shipping: 2 cargo ships of fair size 9 small freighters 2 auxiliaries (6) <u>Kieta - At 1845/13 aircraft sighted a 200 ft. cargo vessel</u> and a barge north of Koromira Point (15 miles S.E.Kieta), (7) <u>Mussau Is. Area:</u> (a) At 0730/14 a convoy consisting of 1 destroyer, 1 freighter (5.7000 tons), 2 small freighters was seen 90 miles N.W. of Mussau Island on course 110°. Hazy photographs confirm the presence of a destroyer and a medium sized merchantman (b) At 1230/14 another aircraft sighted a convoy approximately
 85 miles north of Mussau Island course 90°. Photographs show this convoy to include one gunboat, one freighter of 3,500 tons and one probable sea-truck.
 The distance between these two convoys is approximately 60 miles and although the compositions are not exactly identical, it is possible that they are im fact one. composition is probably one gunboat, one medium freighter, two sea-trucks. (8) Cape St.George - At 1234/14 a submarine shown by photographs to be large and possibly I-class was unsuccessfully attacked by reconnaissance aircraft 18 miles S.E. Cape St.George. (9) Cape Orford - At 1457/14 an unidentified type vessel was observed 30 miles east of Cape Orford proceeding south at high speed. (10) Wewat .. At 0550/14 aircraft sighted a merchant ship of undetermined tonnage apparently an chored off Dagua. At 0900/14 3 small fast boats were observed in Muschu Strait heading towards Wewak. (11) Hansa Bay - About midnight 13-14 August a Catalina observed 20 barges in Hansa Bay. Depth charges were dropped and 3 barges demolished. Remaining barges were strafed in addition to others seen along the coast in the neighbourheed and 7 barges believed to have been seriously damaged. (12)Salamaua Area - The Isthmus, Kela Village, Logui No.1, the aerodrome and Old Bobdubi area were raided by 34 Liberators, 14 Fortresses, 24 Mitchells dropping 172 tons bombs.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALL IED F ORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

(1) "LATROBE" escorting "ALAGNA" en route Thursday Island ETA

1530/15 from Grose Eylandt. (2) "INVERELL" escorting TD29 (2 ships) departed Thursday Island 0755/13 for Darwin ETA 1300/17.

(3) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin

- Warships & Aux. - "COOTAMUNDRA" "FREMANTLE" "ML.S14" "ML.815" Merchant Vessels: "TAMEAR" "CARDROSS" "TULAGI"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Merauke At 1325/13 a probable enemy reconnaissance aircraft Was over Merauke. Again at 0805/14 an unidentified aircraft was over the area.
- (2) <u>Balikpapan</u> Shipping andoil installations at Balikpapan were attacked 2225-2330/13 by 8 Liberators. Two refinery areas were set on fire and at least 7 large oil tanks exploded and caught fire. In addition, one medium sized vessel was set on fire by a near miss. Three or four small to me dium merchant vessels were seen in the area.
- (3) Koepang Penfoel was attacked 0220-0250/14 by 3 Hudsons. At 2035/14, 8 Mitchells again attacked the aerodrome while 4 Hudsons attacked Tenau at approximately the same time,

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

"YP.286" departed Fremantle 0812/11 for Exmouth Gulf ET41200/14. (1) "YP.286" departed Fremantle volt, 11 for Melbourne ETA 1030/18. (2) "NIZAM" dep. Geraldton 2110/13 for Melbourne ETA 1030/18.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ALTAMAHA" "VAN GALEN" "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "TJERK HIDDES" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "HERON" "ISABEL" "WHIPPOORWILL" "SC.739" "PELIAS" "W.B. PRESTON" Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" "LARK" "CHANTICLEER" "YP.288"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

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(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

- "FLUSSER" escorting "JOHN CAROLL" dep. Sydney 1545/14 for Townsville 1046/19.
 "KALGOORLIE" "BROOME" "ECHUCA" escorting OC116 (5 MV 2 for Port Kembla ETA 0100/16; 3 for Newcastle ETA 1500/16).
 "ROCKHAMPTON" "YAN DRA" "GLENELG" escorting CO117 (10 MV) dep. Sydney 1455/13.
- (4) "ATREUS" departed Fremantle 1730/7 for Sydney.
 (5) "WILCANIA" dep. Townsville 1700/9 for Sydney ETA 0700/15.
 (6) "ALSEY" en route to Fremantle.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Sydney -	Werships & Aux 1 LST Warships & Aux "ARARAT" "CASTLEMAINE" "MIZAR" "MILDURA" "KYBRA" "BENDIGO" "WARRNAMEOOL"
(Repairing)	"FLUSSER" "MANUNDA" (AH) 1 LST
(On Reserve)	"KAN IMBIA"
Melbourne	Warships & Aux "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN"
(Refitting)	"ADELA IDE" "DO GM BA"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) AL LIED FORCES

- TANGIER (AV) CHINCOTEAGUE (AVP) (1) At Espiritu Santo - CURTISS DIXIE (AD) VESTAL (AR)
- Repairing HONOLULU ST.LOUIS LEANDER HOBART (CL) (2) At Noumea WHITNEY (AD) POCOMOKE (AV) (3) At Efate CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV)

(4) At Funafuti - BALLARD (AVD)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Tonga Group - An enemy submarine torpedoed "B.H.de YOUNG" (Liberty Ship - 7,200 tons) 38 miles south of Tongatabu on 14 August.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

NIL.

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

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- Consolidation of defences Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Northern Solomons, Gilberts, (2)
- Marshalls, Malayan areas. Increased use of barges and warships principally destroyers (3)and submarines for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons - New Guinea areas.
- Offensive submarine activity in the Northern, Southern and (4) South West Pacific to offset the building up of allied strength in these areas.

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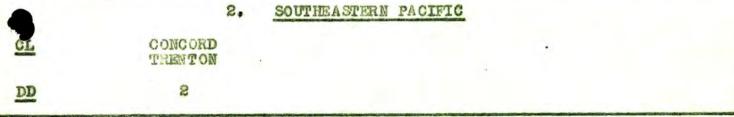
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	st Pacific n Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
35	BALAO GREENLING GHOWLER POMPON SILVERSIDES BILLFISH) 2) On Patrol	20	15
•	ALBACORE) BOWFIN) DRUM) GROUPER) GUA RDFISH) PETO) SCAMP) STINGRAY) TUNA)	At Brisbane		
	K.9 At Syd	ney		
AV/CVS	•	CURTISS TANGIER POCOMOKE	-	
XAV/XCVS	-	3	1	2
PT	35	Approx 30	9	?
APA/APD/AKA	H.T.ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS KAN IMBLA	lo APA 11 APD 6 AKA		
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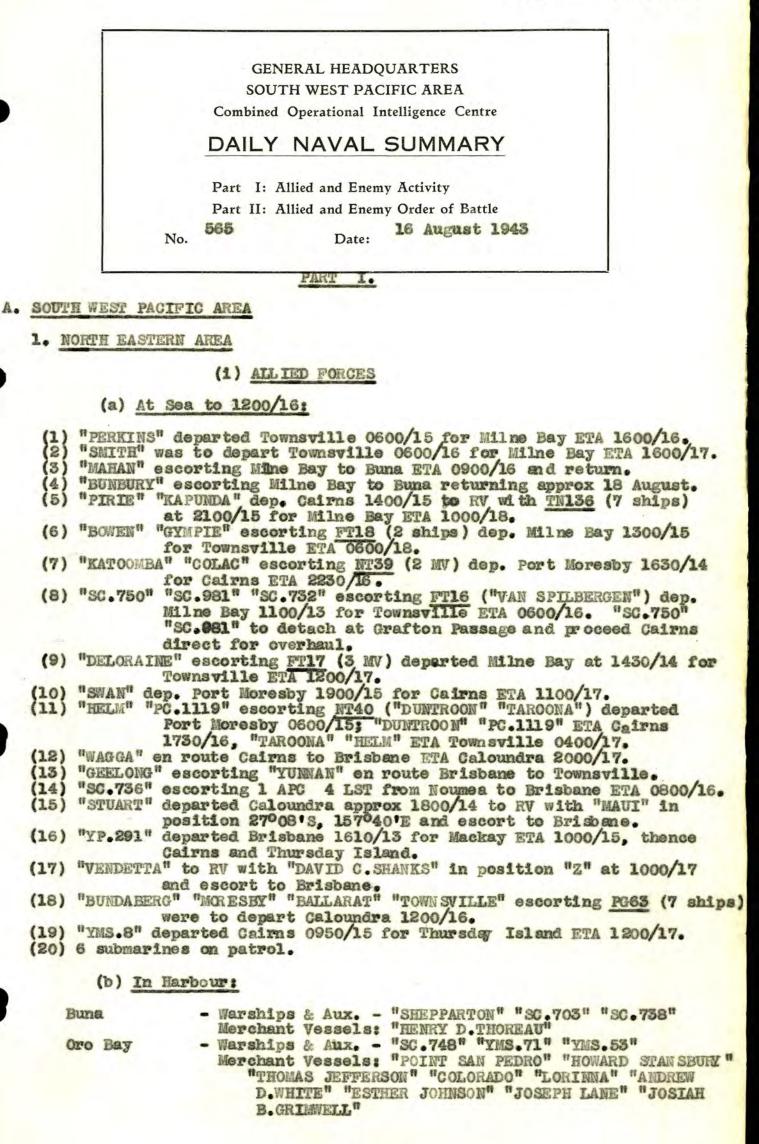
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CV(T)	-			HOSHD
CV (E)	BRETON PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND			CHUYO OTAKA
•	NESF ORLEANS PENSACOLA SE SALT LAKE CITY SE MINNEAPOLIS			MAYA A TAGO TAKAO M AOBA 6
CL	MOBILE			TATSUTA R KINU R YUBARI R NATORI
XCL AV/CVS	2			S R CHIYODA)Under conversion R CHITOSE) to ACVs
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	4. N	ORTHERN	PACIFIC	
BB	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO TEMNESSEE			· · ·
CA	W ICHITA LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND INDIANA POLIS			NACEI
CL	SANTA FE RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT			KISO ABUKUMA TAMA
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ALLIE	5. EAST D FORCES	INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN	MOST SECRET 15 August 1943 ENEMY FORCES
Southwest (Western S		astern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
	•	WARSFITE	-
CV	- \$	ILUSTRIOUS	
CV (E)	ALTANAHA	-	-
<u>CA</u>		SUSSEX SUFFCLK HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
CL	TROMP VAN HEFM SKERK	MAURITIUS GAEBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DUREAN CARADOC	KUMA * OI * KITAGAMI
CL(T)	-	-	KASHII
XCL	-	CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
AV/CVS	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	Kamoi Notofo
XAV/XCVS	-	?	1
DD	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	11
<u>85</u>	FINBACK) GRAYLING) GAR) MINGFISH) TAMBOR) TROUT)	a Patrol	5
	E.12 At Freme	antle	
AS or XAS	PELIAS	ę	1
AIRCRAFT (N	.W.Area Only)		
Fighters Light or M/E SE/Bombers Flying Boats Floatplanes Thansport &	Obsn. A/C	recent intelligence. sent location uncerts	99 120 12 12 12 51 45
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- Warships & Aux. - "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "CONYNGHAM" "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" "GILMER" "RIGEL" "TULSA" "BENALLA" SC.637 SC.698 SC.699 SC.731 Milne Bay SC.742 SC.744 SC.745 SC.746 SC.747 YMS.11 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.70 YP.233 YP.280 "HILO" 35 PT's 32 LST's ML.427 ML.817 "POYANG" "SAN PABEO"

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

Merchant Vessels: "COMARA" "TRINITY" "MAETSUYCKER" "KARSIK" "CANNONBAR" "ADONIRAM JUDSON" "MULCRA" "JOSIAH ROYCE" "NANCY HANKS" "LYMAN J.GAGE" "PATRAS" - Warships & Aux. - "YMS.72" Port Moresby Merchant Vessels: "KHOEN HOEA" "ALCOA PEGASUS" "B.F.SHAW" "JAPARA" "WICHITA FALLS" "CHARON" "JOHN WHITEAKER" "VAN SWOLL" "REIJNST" "CAPE FLATTERY" "VERA" "GEORGE EASTMAN" "JOSIAH EARL" Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" "FREMA MTLE" 4 YMS's Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "ML. 426" "ML. 428" "PLATYPUS" "GOLDSTAR" 1 LST - Warships & Aux. - "HENLEY" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "MUGFORD" Townsville "PC.1121" "SC.648" 15 LST's "VICTOR IA" - Warships & Aux. - "LAMSON" "DOBBIN" Mackay - Warships & Aux. - "BAGLEY" "STUART" "FULTON" Brisbane "GEELONG" "YUNNAN" "GOULBURN" "OTUS" SC.650 SC.734 SC.741 YP.236 YP.278 YP.279 YP.283 YMS.9 ML.424 ML.425 ML.816 ML.819 PC.476 YMS.9 "MERKUR" (Repairing, Trials sts.) - "WARREGO" "GIA DSTONE" "WHYALLA" "H.T.ALLEN" "ML. 818" - Warships & Aux. - "SC.982" "YMS.49" "YMS.50" Gladstone

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "GLADSTONE" "LITHGOW" "ML.425" "ML.429" "SC.650" to escort QL7 (11 ships) ETD Calcundra 1600/16. "ML.425" to (2) "STUART" TO Depart Calcundra 1000/10. "ML. 225" to detach in vicinity Bustard Head and proceed Townsville. "SC.650" "ML.429" to detach vicinity Lady Elliott Island for other duties joining "GLADSTONE" & "LITHGOW" again at 0600/9 escorting LQ7.
 (2) "STUART" TO Depart Calcundra 0800/17 to RV with "FRED.C.AINSWORTH" in position 24°38'S 159°E (bound for Townsville) to
- escort to vid nity Lady Elliott Island, thence return Brisbanez
- (3) "SHEPPARTON" to return Townsville approx 19 August for boiler cleaning.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) <u>Rekata Bay</u> At 1507/15, enemy positions at Rekata Bay were attacked by 11 Mitchells.
- (2) Vella Lavella Enemy aircraft, including fighters and dive bombers were intercepted three times on 15 August over Vella Lavella at 0800, 0830 and 1715/15. 17 Zeros and 10 dive bombers were shot down in these interceptions by our fighters including Kittyhawks, Warhawks and Corseirs, of which the Corsairs claimed 14 Zeros and 6 dive bombers. One Corsair and one Warhawk were lost but one pilot is probably safe. Remnants of the evening formation were caught over Kahili when about to land at 1815/15, by 8 Corsairs, and 5 fighters plus 2 dive bombers were shot down.
- (3) Buin Base Photos 1050/15 cover only Balla e and show 7 aircraft including 5 fighters.
- (4) Buka Photos 1100/15 reveal 15 fighters, 1 medium bomber and 7 dive bombers on the Buka Passage acrodrome.

One Cargo vessel (350 ft.) and 11 an all craft are visible in the Passage area in addition to 2 cargo vessels (250-300 ft.) and 8 small craft at Matchin Bay.

- (5) Mussau Is, Area At 1117/14, 2 floatplanes were observed moored at Emananus Is. (7 miles south of Mussau Is.) and another floatplane was observed airborne in the vid nity. This island may be a small base for floatplanes used on A/S patrol duties for the considerable amount of shipping passing through the area.
- (6) Cape St. George Area Preliminary reports relate of a 7-ship convoy sighted and attacked by an aircraft 27 miles E.S.E. of Cape St. George at 1324/15.
- of Cape St.George at 1324/15.
 (7) Gasmata Area At 0330/15, a surfaced submerine was observed Dy aircraft 65 miles S.E. of Gasmata on course 270°, probably on the Rabaul-Lae Shuttle.
- (8) Talasea-Rein Bay Area Barges along this coast were attacked 1100-1155/14 by 12 Mitchells. Four were located on the beach west of the Talasea wreck and 3 or possibly 4 were destroyed. Five barges were observed in Rein Bay and 3 were destroyed and the others damaged.
- and the others damaged. (9) Borgen Bay - At 1345/15 12 barges were located by a Liberator
- In Borgen Bay: 6 of them were hit by strafing.
 (10) Sio-Finschhafen Area At 0107/15 a Catalina destroyed by bombs three of 5 barges located 4 miles E.S.E. of Sio on course 150°. The other two were severely damaged by strafing. At 0935/15 3 barges were observed north of Langemak Bay
- and another 3 at Cape Cretin.
 (11) Lae Area At 0910/15, 12 enemy bombers escorted by 20-25 fighters were engaged near Marilinan (38 miles west by south of Lae) by 26 Aircobras. 11 bombers and 3 fighters were destroyed: 3 Aircobras are missing and one crash-landed on return. Two of the enemy bombers bombed a runway at Marilinan.
 - Three aircraft were reported parked on Lae aerodrome at 0352/15 and another landed at 1815/15.
- (12) Salamaua Area A strong air strike was again scheduled to attack Komiatum area 15 August but owing to bad weather only one Fortress and 3 Liberators got through to attack targets in the Salamaua area at 0910-0958/15.

Following the heavy raids on Bobdubi Ridge and on Roosevelt Ridge (N.W. Mt. Tambu) our ground forces have been able to secure new and advantageous positions in both localities.

Six enemy bombers raided artillery positions near Salus Lake 1900-1915/13 without causing damage or casualties.

- (13) Wan At approximately 2050/14 3 enemy planes bombed Wau airfield Without effect.
- (14) Trobriands-Woodlark Three enemy bombers ineffectually raided Woodlark Island 1845-2000/13,

At 2135/14 one enemy bomber ineffectively raided Woodlark Island.

At 2015/13 one enemy bomber caused slight damage and casualties when bombs were dropped through the dispersal area on Kiriwina.

2. NORTH WESTERN A REA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

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(a) At Sea to 1200/16:

- (1) "INVERELL" escorting TD29 (2 ships) departed Thursday Island 0755/13 for Darwin ETA 1300/17.
- (2) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "COOTAMUNDRA" "FREMANTLE" "ML.814" "ML.815% Merchant Vessels: "TAMBAR" "CARDROSS" "TULAGI"

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(11) ENERY FORCES

- (1) Kaukenau At 1205/15 a Hudson reported 2 Zeros over Timika airfield having apparently just taken off. The lest report of this airfield on 12 August was that the strip seemed still water-logged and unserviceable,
- (2) <u>Timor</u> At 0550/14 an enemy submarine was sighted 137 miles
 (3) <u>Millingimbi</u> At 1349/14 a probable enemy reconnaissance
- aircraft was located near Cape Wessel,

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES:

(a) At Sea to 1200/16:

(1) "YP.286" departed Fremantle 0812/11 for Exmouth Gulf ETA 1200/14. (2) "NIZAM" departed Geraldton 2110/13 for Melbourne ETA 1050/18.

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "A TAMAHA" "VAN GALEN" "TROMP" Fremantle "VAN HEEMSKERK" "TJERK HIDDES" "HOR SHAM" "DUBBO" "HERON" "ISABEL" "WHIPPOORWILL" "SC.739" "PELIAS" "W.B. PRESTON" Exmouth Gulf . Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" "LARK" "GHANTICLEER" "YP-288"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 100/16:

- "FLUSSER" escorting "JOHN CAROLL" departed Sydney 1545/14 for Townsville ETA 1830/19.
 "KALGOORLIE" "ECHUCA" escorting portion <u>OC116</u> (3 ships for
- Newcastle ETA 1500/16). (3) "HOCKHAM PTON" "YANDRA" "GLE NELG" escorting CO117 (10 MV) dep. Sydney 1455/13.
- (4) "ATREUS" departed Fremantle 1730/7 for Sydney.

(5) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting OC117 (9 MV: 4 for Newcastle, 3 for Sydney, 2 for Port Kembla) to depart Port Phillip at 2359/15 to RV Wilson's Promontory with

(6) "DRAYTON" escorting "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" departed Cairns 1900/12: "MANOORA" for Pert Stephens ETA 1700/16; "DRAYTON" "WESTRALIA" for Melbourne.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens Sydney	- Warships & Aux 1 LST - Warships & Aux "ARARAT" "CASTLE MAINE" "MIZAR" "WILCANN IA" "BROOME" "MILDURA" "KYBRA"
(Repairing) (On Reserve) Melbourne (Refitting)	"BENDIGO" "WARRNAMBODL" "FLUSSER" "MANUNDA" (AH) 1 LST "KANIMBLA" - Warships & Aux "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "ADELAIDE" "DOOMBA"

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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Espiritu Santo CURTISS TANGIER (AV) CHINCOTEAGUE (AVP) DIXIE (AD) VESTAL (AR)
- Repairing HONOLULU ST.LOUIS LEANDER HOBART (CL) (2) At Noumea WHITNEY (AD) POCOMOKE (AV) (3) At Efate CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV) (4) At Funafuti BAILARD (AVD)

NAVAL INCIDENTS

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

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

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

ALLIED FORCES

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ENEMY FORCES

	outhwest Pacific Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
BB	-	NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND CCLORADO	-	MUSASHI MUTSU) poss. NAGATO)Empire KONGO HARUNA
CV	-	SARATOGA	•	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
CV(L)	-	-	-	ZUIHO
<u>(E)</u>	-	SUWANNEE SAN GAMON C HE NAN GO BAR NES	-	JNYO
<u>CA</u>	-	AUSTRALIA	CHOKAI SUZUYA	MYOKO HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI MOGAMI KUMANO
CL	* ADELAIDE	HONOLULU ST.LOUIS HEANDER HOBART COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	SENDAI	AGANO OYODO ISUZU NAGARA NAKA
.(T)	-			KASHIMA KATORI
XCL		-	-	2
	AR UNTA WARRAM UNGA PERKINS CONYNCHAM MAHAN DRAYTON SMITH FLUS SER LAMSON MUCFORD BACLEY HENLEY HENLEY HELM LE TRIOMPHAN STUART VENDETTA	Approx 40 WT	.10	20
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Southwest (Eastern	Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>55</u>	BALAO GREENLING GROWLER POMPON SILVERSIDES BILLFISH) 2) On Patrol	20	15
	ALBACORE BOWFIN DRUM GROUPER GUARDFISH PETO SCAMP STINGRAY TUNA	At Brisbane		
5. C - +	K.9 At Syd	ney		
/cvs	-	CURTISS TANGIER POCOMOKE	-	-
XAV/XCVS	-	3	1	8
PT	35	Approx 30	?	?
APA/APD/AKA	H.T. ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS KANTMBLA	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA		4
AS or XAS	FULTON OTUS		1	2 or more
AD	DOBBIN	DIXIE	1	*
	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	1	1
AIRCRAFT (N.E	Area Only)			
Light or M/Bo SE/Bombers	1. 30 twin-en mbers	lg.)	302 264 22 6	
Flying Boats Floatplanes Transport & (inen. A/C		62 21	

		2.	SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC	
	CONCORD TRENTON			
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ALLIED	5. CENTR.	AL PACIFIC	16 August 1943 ENEMY FORCES
BB	INDIANA WASHINGTON # WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA	1	YAMATO) FUSO) Enroute Truk YAMASHIRO) ISE HYUGR
۲	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YOR TOWN VICTORIOUS		н <i>үсан</i> .
CV (L)	INDE PEN DENCE	2	RYUHO) route Malaya
CV(T)	-		HDSHO
CV(E)	BRETON PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND	+	CHUYO OTAKA (enroute Truk)
<u>CA</u>	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA R SALT LAKE CITY R MINNEA POLIS	+	MAYA) ATAGO) Enroute Truk TAKAO) * AOBA
CL	* NASHVILLE MOBILE		6 TATSUTA * KINU * YUBAHI * NATORI
AV7CVS	2		3 R CHIYODA) Under conversion R CHITOSE) to ACVs
XAV/XCVS DD SS AS/XAS	? Approx 35 Approx 50 ?		30-35 (approx 20 repairing Approx 30 3 or more
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BB	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO TENNESSEE PENNSYLVANIA		
CA	WICHITA LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND INDIANAPOLIS		NACHI
CL	SANTA FE RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT		KISO ABUKUMA TAMA
XCL AV/CVS XAV/XCVS DD	22		3 AKITSUSH IMA 1 4 Apprex 10

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Southwest (Western S	Pacific Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Ind es-Philippines
	•	WARSPITE	
V		¢ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
V(E)	ALTAMAHA	-	•
A	-	SUS SEX SUFFOLK R HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
	TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DUREAN CARADOC	KUMA OI KITAGAMI
CL (T)	-	4	KASHII
XCL	-	CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCE STERSHIRE	1
AV/CVS	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI NO TORO
XAVXXCVS	-	?	1
DD	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	11
<u>SS</u>	FINBACK GRAYLING GAR KINGFISH TAMBOR TROUT	On Patrol	5
	K.12 At Frems	mtle	
AS or XAS	PELIAS	?	1
AIRCRAFT ((N.W.Area Only)	0.	
Fighters Light or M/ SE/Bombers Flying Boat Floatplanes Transport &	ts s & Obsn. A/C	No recent intelligent Present location unco	99 120 12 12 51 45

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		GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
		SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
		Combined Operational Intelligence Centre
		DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY
		DAILT NAVAL SUMMART
		Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle
		No. 566 Date: 17 August 1943
		PART I.
Α.	SOUTH	WEST PACIFIC AREA
	1. NO	RTH EASTERN AREA
)		(1) ALLIED FORCES
		(a) At Sea to 1200/17:
	(1)	PERKINS" departed Townsville 0600/15 for Milne Bay. due 1600/16.
	(2)	PERKINS" departed Townsville 0600/15 for Milne Bay, due 1600/16. "SMITH" was to depart Townsville 0600/16 for Milne Bay ETA 1600/17.
	(3)	"MAHAN" escorting Milne Bay to Buna ETA 0900/16 and return. "FLUSSER" escorting "JOHN CAROLL" dep. Sydney 1545/14 for Townsville ETA 1830/19.
	(5)	"STUART" departed Calcundra 0517/16 to RV with "FRED C.AINSWORTH" (bound for Townsville) in position 24038'S 1590E and escort to vicinity Lady Elliott Island, thence return Brisbane.
	(6)	"BUNBURY" escorting "HILO" Milne Bay to Buna returning approx 18 Aug.
	(7)	"PIRIE" "KAPUNDA" dep. Cairns 1400/15 to RV with TN136 (7 ships) at 2100/15 for Milne Bay ETA 1000/18.
	(8)	"BOWEN" "GYMPIE" escorting FI18 (2 ships) dep. Milne Bay 1300/15 for Townsville ETA 0600/18.
	(9)	"BENALLA" departed Milne Bay 1128/16 ETA Cairns 2011/18.
	(10)	"SHEPPARTON" on route Milne Bay to Townsville ETA 19 August.
	(11)	"SC.698" "SC.699" with 5 LST's dep. Milne Bay from for Buna ETA 0700/17.
	(12)	"KATOOMEA" "COLAC" escorting MT39 (2 MV) dep. Port Moresby 1630/14
	(13)	for Cairns ETA 2230/16. "DELORAINE" escorting FT17 (3 MV) departed Milne Bay 1430/14 for
	(14)	"SWAN" dep. Port Moresby 1900/15 for Cairns ETA 1100/17.
	(15)	"YMS.49" "YMS.50" towing 4 PT dep. Gadstone 0800/16 for Townsville ETA 0900/18.
	(16)	"GLADSTONE" "LITHGOW" "ML. 425" "ML. 429" "SC. 650" escorting QL7
		(8 ships) departed Caloundra 1654/16. "ML.425" to
		detach in vicinity Bustard Head and proceed Townsville. "SC.650" "ML.429" to detach vicinity Lady Elliott Is.
		for other duties, joining "GLADSTONE" & "LITHGOW" again
	(7.00)	at 0600/9 escorting LQ7.
	(18)	"SC.750" "SC.961" departed Townsville 1345/16 for Cairns. "APC.21" "APC.22" were to depart Calcundra 1300/17 for Milne Bay.
		"WAGGA" en route Cairns to Brisbane ETA Caloundra 2000/17.
	(20)	"GEELONG" escorting "YUNNAN" en route Brisbane to Townsville.
	(21)	"YP.291" departed Brisbane 1610/13 for Mackay ETA 1000/15, thence
	(22)	Cairns and Thursday Island. "VENDETTA" to RV with "DAVID C.SHANKS" in position "Z" at 1000/17
	(23)	and escort to Brisbane. "YNS.8" departed Cairns 0950/15 for Thursday Is. ETA 1200/17.
		8 submarines on patrol.
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(b) In Ha	irbour:
Buna	- Warships & Aux "SC.703" "SC.738" Merchant Vessels: "HENNY D.THOREAL"
Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux "SC.748" "YMS.71" "YMS.53 Merchant Vessels: "POINT SAN PEDRO" "HOWARD STANSBURY" "THOMAS JEFFERSON" "COLORADO" "LORINNA" "ANDREW D.WHITE" "ESTHER JOHNSON" "JOSEPH LANE" "JOSIAH B.GRINNEL" "COMARA" "MAETSUYCKER"
Milne Bay	 Warships & Aux "WARRAM UNGA" "ARUNTA" "CONYNGHAM" "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" "GILMER" "RIGEL" "TULSA" "SC.637 SC.731 SC.742 SC.744 SC.745 SC.746 SC.747 SC.749 YMS.11 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.70 YP.233 YF.280 35 PT's 27 LST's ML.427 ML.817 "POYANG" "SAN PABLO" "TRINITY" (Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILME BAY NOT SHOWN.)
	Merchant Vessels: "EARSIK" "CANNONBAR" "ADONIRAM JUDSON" "NULCRA" "JOSIAH ROYCE" "NANCY HANKS" "LYMAN J.GAGE" "PATRAS"
Fort Mcresby	- Warships & Aux "YMS.72" Merchant Vessels: "KHONN MOEA" "ALCOA PEGASUS" "B.F.SHAW" "JAPARA" "WICHITA FALLS" "CHAR ON" "JOHN WHITEAKER" "VAN SWOLL" "REIJNST" "CAPE FLATTERY" "VERA" "GEORGE EASTMAN" "JOSIAH EARL"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux "LATROBE" FREMANTLE" 4 YMS's - Warships & Aux "ML.426" "ML.428" "PLATYPUS" "PC.1119" "DUNTROON" "GOLDSTAR" 1 LST
Town sville	- Warships & Aux "HELM" "HENLEY" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "MUGFORD" "TAR ODNA" "PC.1121" "SC.649" "SC.732 SC.982 15 LST" "VICTORIA"
Mackay	- Warships & Aux "IAMSON" "DOBBIN"
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux "BAGLEY" "FULTON" "GEELONG" "GOULBURN" "OTUS" SC.736 SC.734 SC.741 YP.236 YP.278 YP.279 YP.283 YMS.9 ML.424 ML.816 ML.819 PC.476 "MERKUR" APC.20 LST's 18, 168, 202, 204 "H.T.ALLENT" Trials etc.) "WARREGO" "WHYAILA" "ML.818"
(Repairing,	Trials etc.) "WARREGO" "WHYAILA" "ML.818"
Gla dstone	- Warships & Aux "SC.982"

(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "LE TRIOMPHANT" "HENLEY" escorting <u>TN138</u> ("CANBERRA" "CREMER" "KATOOMBA") are to depart <u>Townsville</u> 0400/18 en route Port Moresby ETA 0800/20.

(2) "LAM SON" is to depart Townsville 0600/17 for Mile Bay direct ETA 1800/18.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Vella Lavella Allied forces made a successful landing on Vella Lavella a.m. 15th (see Naval Incidents). Enemy positions at Bilea on S.E. tip of the island were mopped up the same morning with the exception of 20 Japs who escaped. Barge activity continues along west coast. Three can ouflaged barges were reported in Timbala River (N.W.Coast) noon 16th.
- (2) <u>Santa Ysabel</u> All Japanese reported to have departed from <u>Huhurangi</u> (Estrella Bay area - mid northeast coast) and walking northwards towards Rekata Bay.
- (3) Rekata Bay Heavy A/A fire was reported from many positions in this area during recent raids.
- (4) Kolombangara Enemy strength at Karikana (near Vila) is reported to have been increased. Two Catalinas dropped bombs on Vela early a.m. 16th. One observed A/A from a ship in Kula Gulf.
- (5) New Georgia Two sections of our ground troops have joined forces at Zieta and are now pursuing the enemy to the west. Some enemy troops are still being encountered in mopping up operations on Bangaisland.

- (6) <u>Malaita</u> Two enemy submarines were observed off the N.W. coast of Malaita at 1800/14.
- (7) <u>Cape St.George</u> A Catalina reports attacking two ships 46 miles S.E. of Cape St.George at 0150/17.
- (8) Mussau Island A Liberator on armed reconnaissance reported sighting a convoy comprising 3 x 7000 ton freighters escorted by 2 destroyers a pprox 35 miles N.W. of Mussau Is, on course 180⁰ at 0800/16. The aircraft shadowed the convoy and at 1015/16 unsuccessfully attacked the ships with 4 . 500 pounders. Photos confirm the size of the freighters as approx 7000 tons and show one carrying 5 long barges on deck, which another with cluttered decks and the third with clear decks. This convoy would appear to be en route Rabaul from Palau.
- (9) Greenwich Island Another Liberator reported unsuccessfully attacking a small merchant vessel 315 miles west by north of Greenwich Island on course 200° shortly after noon 16 th.
- (10) <u>N.E.Coast New Guinea</u> Five barges were sighted off Saidor on a southerly course night August 15th and 10 possible barges near Finschhafen p.m. 16th.
- (11) Lae Area Approximately 25 enemy fighters (Oscars, Zekes and Kates) attempted to intercept allied transport aircraft in this area afternoon 16th were themselves intercepted at 1520/16 by 16 Lightnings and 32 Thunderbolts over Marilinan (38 miles west by south Lae). 12 enemy fighters were destroyed. 2 probably destroyed for the loss of one Thunderbolt.
- (12) Salamaua Area Allied troops occupied North and Centre Coconut positions p.m. 14th. Pill boxes at South Coconuts remain in eneny hands.

700 Japanese are now reported to be encircled in the Mount Tambu - Goodview Junction area.

A.M. 16th allied forces occupied positions astride the southern end of Komiatum Ridge while other forces took up positions astide the mule track and on the ridge parallel to the east of the Komiatum Ridge.

Enemy casualties in Roosevelt Ridge area due to recent ground and air attacks exceed 200 dead.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/17:

(1) "INVERELL" escorting TD29 (2 ships) departed Thursday Island 0755/13 for Darwin ETA 1300/17.

(2) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting <u>DT29</u> ("CARDROSS" "TAM BAR") dep. Darwin 0642/16 for Thursday Island ETA 1500/22. "CARDROSS" for Thursday Island and Cairns; "TAMBAR" for Thursday Is., Milne Bay and Oro Bay.

(3) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

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

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Balikpapan - Two Liberators report sighting the following shipping in Balikpapan Harbour 1050/16 -

- 1 transport (9-12,000 tohs) 1 transport (7-9,000 tons) 2 medium unidentified vessels
- 5 or 6 smaller vessels

One of the medium unidentified vessels, possibly a tanker was hit and observed burning in addition to an oil tank and other buildings in the area.

- (2) <u>Gulf of Bone</u> (S.Celebes) The above Liberators reported sighting one mine-sweeper followed by **B** or 6 smaller vessels a.m. 16th in the Gulf of Bone course and speed not stated.
- (3) Broome One enemy aircraft ineffectively bombed Broome August 16th.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES:

(a) At Sea to 1200/17:

(1) "NIZAM" departed Geraldton 2110/13 for Melbourne ETA 1050/18.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ALTAMAHA" "VAN GALEN" "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "TJERK HIDDES" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "HERON" "ISABEL" "WHIPPOORWILL" "SC.739" "PELIAS" "W.B. PRESTON" Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" "LARK" "CHANTICLEER" "YP,286" "YP,288"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

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(a) At Sea to 1200/17:

- "ROCKHAM PTON" "YANDRA" "GLENELG" escorting OC.117 (9 MV -2 for Port Kembla 0200/19, 3 for Sydney ETA 0700/19 and 4 for Newcastle ETA 1800/19).
 "BUNDABERG" "MORESBY" "BALLARAT" "TOWN SVILLE" escorting PG.63
- (2) "BUNDABERG" "MORESSY" "BALLARAT" "TOWN SVILLE" escorting PG.63 (8 ships) departed Caloundra 1200/16 ETA Newcastle
- (3) "MILDURA" "KALGOORLIE" "BENDIGO" "ML.431" "ML.803" escorting OC.118 (6 MV) are to depart Newcastle 0900/17 for Melbourne. "MILDURA" "ML.431" are escorting 5 MV from Newcastle, "ML.431" remaining Sydney. "KALGOORLIE" "BENDIGO" "ML.803" and 1 MV from Port Kembla are joining convoy at Sydney.
- joining convoy at Sydney. (4) "ATREUS" departed Fremantle 1730/7 for Sydney. (5) "DRAYTON" escorting "WESTRALIA" departed Cairns 1900/12 en

route Melbourne.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - 1 LST "MANOORA" Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "ARARATS "CASTLEMAINE" "MIZAR" "WILCANNIA" "BROOME" "KYBRA" "ECHUCA" "WARRN AMBOOL" "WARRN AMBOOL" "MANUNDA"(AH) 1 LST (On Reserve) "KANIMBLA" Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "ADELAIDE" "DOOMBA"

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(1) ALLIED FORCES

(1) At Espiritu Santo - CURTISS TANGIER (AV) CHINCOTEAGUE (AVP) DIXIE (AD) VESTAL (AR) Repairing - HONOLULU ST.LOUIS LEANDER HOBART (CL) (2) At Noumea - WHITNEY (AD) POCOMOKE (AV) (3) At Efate - CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV)

(4) At Funafuti - BALLARD (AVD)

NAVAL INCIDENTS

Vella Lavella - A successful allied landing was carried out on Vella Lavella a.m. 15th from 12 LCI's escorted by four destroyers. Several intermittent enemy air strikes were a attempted and engaged by our fighters as set out in yester-day's Summary No.565. At 2045/15 our destroyers and LCI's were attacked by an undetermined number of twin-engined torpedo bombers while retiring from Vella Lavella to Guadalcanal: Several torpedoes and bombs were dropped but no damage was effected against our ships.

ENEM Y'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

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

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CV	۰ -	SAR A TOGA	÷	ZJ IKAKU SHOKAKU
CV(L)		-	-	ZUIHO
CV (E)	-	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENAMGO	-	UNYO
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D	DOBBIN	DIXIE	1	?
R	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	1	1
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CV(T)	-	HOSHO
CA(E)	BRETON PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND	CHJYO OTAKA (enroute Truk)
	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA # SALT LAKE CITY # MINNEAPOLIS	MAYA) ATAGC) Enroute Truk TAKAO) R AOBA
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CL	NASWILLE MOBILE	TATSUTA R KINU R YUBARI R NATORI
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BB	IDAEO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO TENNESSEE PE NN SYLVANIA	-
<u>AD</u>	WICHITA LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND INDIANAPOLIS	NACHI
CL	SANTA FE RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT	KISO Abukuma Tama

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	Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux "SMITH" "PERKINS" "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "CONVNGHAM" "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" "GILMER" "RIGEL" "TULSA" SC.638 SC.731 SC.742 SC.744 SC.745 SC.746 SC.747 SC.748 SC.749 YMS.11 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.53 YMS.70 YP.233 YP.280 35 PT's 27 LST's "ML.427 ML.817 "POYANG" "SAN PABLO" "TRINITY"
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		Merchant Vessels: "KARSIK" "CANNONBAR" "ADONIRAM MUDSON" "MULCRA" "JOSIAH ROYCE" "NANCY HANKS" "THOS. JEFFERSON" "H. STANSBURY"
	Port Moresby	- Werships & Aux "YMS.72" Merchant Vessels: "KHOEN HOEA" "ALCOA PEGASUS" "B.F.SHAW" "JAPARA" "WICHITA FALLS" "JOHN WHITEAKER" "VAN SWOLL" "REIJNST" "CAPE FLATTERY" "VERA" "GEORGE EASTMAN" "JOSIAH EARL"
	Thursday Is. Cairns	- Warships & Aux "LATROBE" 5 YMS's - Warships & Aux "DELORAINE" "KATOONBA" "COLAC" "SC.750" "SC.981" "ML.425 "ML.428" "PLATYPUS" "PC.1119" "DUMTROON" "GOLDSTAR" 1 LST
	Townsville	- Warships & Aux "HELM" "MUGFORD" "TAROONA" "PC.1121" "SC.548" "SC.982" 15 LST
	Mackay Brisbane	- Warships & Aux "DOBBIN" - Warships & Aux "BAGLEY" "FULTON" "GOULBURN" "OTUS" "SC.736 SC.734 SC.741 YP.236 YP.278
		YP.279 YP.283 YMS.9 ML.424 ML.816 ML.819 PC.476 "MERKUR" APC.20 LST's 18, 168, 202,204 "H.T.ALLEN"
	(Repairing,	Trials etc.) - "WARREGO" "WHYALLA" "WAGGA" "GEELONG"
	Gladstone	- Warships & Aux "SC.982"

(c) Proposed Movements:

 "HELM" "PC.1119" to escort TN139 ("DUNTROON" "TAROONA") to Port Moresby ETA 1400/20. "DUNTROON" ex Cairns to RV Fitzroy Island 0600/19: others to depart Townsville 1900/18.
 "GOULBURN" "SC.741" "ML.816""ML.818" escorting QL7A (5 MV) to depart Calcundra 0600/19.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Santa Ysabel - Rekata Bay was bombed a.m. 16 August by 9 Liberators, which were part of a larger force scheduled to attack Buka but which were turned back by weather. P.M. 16 August, Rekata Bay was again bombed by wasthan 6 Avengers which also attacked Haycock Island 20 miles S.E. of Choiseul.

At 1615/17, aircraft observed one flying boat and 5 floatplanes in RekataBay. Bombs were dropped without success.

(2) New Georgia - On 16 August our infantry reported opposition on Baanga Island (3 miles N.W. Munda) where enemy artillery is placed. Our artillery is attempting to neutralise known positions and at 1320/17 estimated artillery positions on Baanga were attacked by 13 Avengers followed at 1345/17 by 17 Dauntless.

At 1630/17 estimated gun positions on the southern tip of Arundel Is. (W.side Diamond Narrows) were attacked by 19 Dauntless.

(3) Vila - Mid afternoon 16 August A.A. defences and supply areas at Vila and Buki Harbour were attacked by 12 Avengers, 25 Dauntless, 12 Mitchells, 5 Fortresses covered by 16 fighters. (4) <u>Vella Lavella</u> - During the night 15-16 August a vessel was seen to approach Baga Island (off S.W. Vella Lavella) and appeared to anchor in Beagle Channel departing for the west about 0300/16.

Shortly before 2300/17 aircraft sighted four enemy vessels described as one heavy cruiser and 3 destroyers 20 miles N.E. Vella Lavella on course 120°. At about midnight 4 vessmels were observed north of Vella Lavella on course 320°.

(5) Buka Area - At dawn 16 August, Buka Passage aerodrome was bombed by one Liberator. A larger force was scheduled for this attack but was turmed back by weather.

Reconnaissance a.m. 16 August sighted a large cargo vessel S.W. of Buka Passage.

At 1115/17 aircraft observed 4 enemy destroyers 55 miles west of Buka Passage. The course reported varies considerably but the force was shadowed until noon and appears to have been on a southerly course probably bound on a mission to the Central Solemons and could be the force sighted north of Vella Lavella shortly before 2300/17.

- (6) <u>Cape St.George</u> At 0332/17 a Catalina unsuccessfully attacked a 600C ton cargo vessel accompanied by one escort vessel and two unidentified type ships 40 miles E.S.E. Cape St.George on course 300°.
- (7) Mussau Is. Area At 0650/17 aircraft observed a whaling factory ship (2 stacks aft - 19,000 tons) 54 miles N.W. of Mussau Is. course 170°. At approximately 1000/17 a destroyer was reported 26 miles S.S.W. of Mussau Is. The 2 ships are not actually reported as in company but probably form a small convoy bound for Rabaul. The whaling factory ship may be carrying barges and other urgently required materials.
- (8) <u>Cape Orford</u> At 1217/17 a submarine passed Cape Orford heading south.
- (9) Wewak The four Wewak aerodromes Boram, Dagua, But, Wewak -Were attacked 0017-0320/17 by at least 13 Fortresses and 33 Liberators. Three Liberators failed to return. Between 0900 and 0930/17 25 Mitchells covered by 83 Lightnings followed the heavy bomber strike.

The attacks were an unqualified success and Fifth Air Force estimate that 115-120 enemy aircraft were destroyed or rendered permanently unserviceable in addition to two aircraft put out of action in the air. 1500 personnel are estimated to have been killed and large quantities of supplies and stores destroyed. But and Boran aerodromes were both reported a sheet of flames.

Mitchells reported 5 or 6 ships and numerous small craft in Wewak Harbour in addition to one 8-10,000 ton freighter east of Wewak Foint and 4 small ships plus one sub.chaser dispersed along the coast.

(10) <u>Madang Area</u> - At 0030/17 a Catalina observed 6 barges 35 miles MNW Madang course SE. Bombs dropped demolished 3 of the barges and the other three were effectively strafed.

At 0310/17 a small unidentified vessel was sighted in Astrolabe Bay (S. of Madang).

(11) Las - The enemy aircraft intercepted over Las 1520/16 included fighters only and no dive bombers as reported in yesterday's Summary No.566.

Two barges departed Las at 1743/17 for the south.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/18:

- (1) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting DTD ("CARDROSS" "TAMBAR") dep. Darwin 0642/16 for Thursday Island ETA 1500/22. "CARDROSS" for Thursday Is. and Cairns; "TAMBAR" for Thursday Is., Milne Bay an doro Bay.
- (2) "FREMA MTLE" escorting DT30 ("TULAGI") dep. Derwin 0956/17 ETA Thursday Is, 1530/21.
 (3) 6 submarines on patrol.
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(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL" "ML.814" "ML.815" Merchant Vessels: "DUNDULA" "ISLANDER" Darwin

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Taberfane was attacked 2230/16-0320/17 by 4 Hudsons. At 0745/17 the floatplane base was attacked by 8 Fortresses. A lugger was extensively damaged and left burning. Our aircraft were intercepted by 5 floatplanes of which 4 were destroyed and one damaged.
- (2) Balikpapan The 2 Liberators over Balikpapan 0700/16 were intercepted over the target by 9 energy fighters of whileh 4 were destroyed, one probably destroyed and one damaged. Photos taken at this time show one possible gunboat, 7 merchant ships (4-8000 tons), 2 tanker type vessels (7-10,000 tons), 5 other small vessels in addition to 50 praus and 8 sailing boats. These photos confirm considerable devastation to the oil refinery and storge area and a near miss on a 5000 ton freighter from which oil is spreading.
- (3) <u>Dilli</u> a.m. 16th August, aircraft returning from Balikpapan observed 8 enemy fighters over Dilli.
- (4) Darwin a.m. 17 August 3 enemy reconnaissance aircraft were over Fenton, Batchelor and Darwin area. 15 Spitfires took off and shot down all three enemy aircraft.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 12 00/18:

(1) "LARK" departed Exmouth Gulf 0900/17 for Frementle ETA 1000/20. (2) "YP.288" departed Exmouth Gulf 15 August for Fremantle ETA 19 August.

(b) In Harbour:

Frementle - Warships & Aux. - "ALTAMAHA" "VAN GALEN" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "TROMP" "TJERK HIDDES" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "HERON" "ISABEL" "WHIPPOORWILL" "SC.739" "PELIAS" "W. B. PRESTON" Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" "CHANTICLEER" "YP.286"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Port Hedland - At 2345/16 probably one enemy aircraft dropped bombs near Port Makin Hedland strip without causing damage or casualties.

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/18:

(1) "BUNDABERG" "MORESBY" "BALLARAT" "TOWN SVILLE" escorting PG.53 (8 ships) departed Caloundra 1200/16 ETA Newcastle

- 1500/18; ETA Sydney 2100/18.
 (2) "ROCKHAMPTON" "YANDRA" "GLENELG" "ML.430" escorting OC.117 (9 MV 2 for Port Kemola 0200/19, 3 for Sydney ETA 0700/19 and
- 4 for Newcastle ETA 1800/19). (3)" MILDURA" "KALGOORLIE" "BENDIGO" "ML.803" escorting OC.118 (6 MV)
- for Melbourne dep. Sydney 15 00/17. (4) "DRAYTON" escorting "WESTRALIA" departed Cairns 1900/12 en route Melbourne.
- (5) "MIZAR" was to depart Sydney 0800/18 for Miles May.
 (6) "ATREUS" departed Fremantle 1730/2 for Sydney.

(7) "NIZAM" dep. Geraldton 2110/13 for Melbourne ETA 1050/18. (8) "SC.735" escerting 2 MV en route Sydney from Noumea ETA a.m. 19 August.

(9) "KYBRA" on training cruise dep. Sydney 1005/17 for Broken Bay, Newcastle and Port Stephens.

(b) In Harbour:

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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

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(1) At Espiritu Santo - CURTISS TANGIER (AV) CHINCOTEAGUE (AVP) DIXIE (AD) VESTAL (AR) Refairing - HONCLULU EXXMENIX LEAN DER HOBART (CL)

- (2) At Noumea WHITNEY (AD) POCOMOKE (AV) (3) At Efate CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNED

SUWANNEE (ACV)

(4) At Funafuti - BALLARD (AVD)

NAVAL INCIDENTS

NIL.

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

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- (3)and submarines for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons - New Guinea areas.
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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY PART II ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE 1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

	est Pacific rn Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
BB	•	NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	•	MUSASHI MUTSU) pos NAGATO)Empi KONGO HARUNA
CV	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
CV(L)	-	-	-	ZUIHD
<u>CV (E)</u>	-	Suwannee Sangamon Breton	-	UNYO .
<u>CA</u>	-	AUSTRAL IA	CHOKAI SUZU YA	MYOKO HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI KUMANO
CL	ADELAIDE	 HONOLULU LEANDER HOBART COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN 	SENDAI	A GAN D OYODO. I SUZU NAG ANA N MAKA
CL(T)	-	-	· ·	KASHIMA KATORI
IL	×	-	-	2
DD	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA PERKINS CONYNGHAM MAHAN DRAYTON SMITH FLUSSER LAMSON MUGFOHD BAGLEY HENLEY HENLEY HELM LE TRIOMPHAN	Approx 40 MT	10	20

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	st Pac <mark>ific</mark> Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
	BALAO BIILFISH BLUEFISH GREENLING	2	20	15
	GROWLER POMPON PUFFER BOWFIN DRUM	On Patrol		
	ALBACORE) GROUPER) GUARDFISH) PETO)	At Brisbane		
•	SCAMP STINGRAY TUNA	NO DETROQUE		
	K.9 At Syd	ney	10 g	
AV/CVS	-	CURTISS TANGIER POCOMOKE		
XAV/XCVS	-	3	1	2
PT	35	Approx 30		8
APA/APD/ARA	H.T.AILEN NAFOORA WESTRALIA GILMER	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA		
	SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS KAMIMBLA		÷	
AS or XAS	FULTON . OTUS		1	2 or more
AD	DOBBIN	DIXIE	1	?
AR	RIGEL PLATY PUS	PROMETHEUS	1	1
AIRCRAFT (N.I	E.Area Only)			
Fighters (in Light or M/Be SE/Bombers Flying Boats		ng.)	305 258 10 6	
Floatplanes Transport &	and the second		62 21	
	2.	SOUTHEASTERN PACIF	IC	8876 - 461 - 870 - 970 - 970 - 970 - 970 - 970 - 970 - 970 - 970 - 970 - 970 - 970 - 970 - 970 - 970 - 970 - 9
CL	CONCORD			
DD	2			

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ALLIED F	3. <u>CENTRAL PACIFIC</u>	MOST SECRET 18 August 1943 ENEMY FORCES
BB	INDIANA WASHINGTON (enroute Soupac) R WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA	YAMATO) FUSO) Enroute Truk YAM ASHIRO) ISE HYUGA
CA	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORXTON N LEXINGTON VICTORIOUS	-
CV(L)	INDE PRENCE Bell fau wood Princeton	RYUHO
CV(T)	-	HOSHO .
CV (E)	CHENANGO PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND	CHUYO OTAKA (enroute Truk)
CA	 ST_LOUIS NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA SALT LAKE CITY MINNEAPOLIS 	MAYA) ATAGO) Enroute Truk TAKAO) M AOBA
OCA CL	NASHVILLE MOBILE	6 TATSUTA R KINU R YUBARI R NAFORI
XCL AV/CVS	2	3 R CHIYODA) Under conver-
XAV/XCVS DD SS AS/XAS	2 Approx 35 Approx 50	A C HITOSE) sion to ACVs 3 30-35 (approx 20 repair Approx 30 ing 3 or more
	4. NORTHERN PACIFIC	
BB	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW HEXICO TENHESSEE PENNSYLVANIA	-
CA	WICHITA LOUISVILLE SAN PRANCISCO PORTLAND INDIANAPOLIS	NACHI
CL	SANFA FE RICHNOND RALEIGH DETROIT	KISO ABUKUMA TAMA
XCL V/CVS AV/XCVS DD SS	22 10	3 AKITSUSHIMA 1 4 Approx 10

* Non-effective

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ALL TED		AST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN	MOST SECRET 18 August 1943 ENEMY FORCES
	t Pacific Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
B		WARSPITE	-
ev	-	ø III.USTRIOUS	•
CV(L)		-	HAYATAKA
CE (E)	ALT AM A HA	-	-
CA	. · · ·	SUSSEX SUFFOLK HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
CL	TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KUMA OI KITAGAMI
CL(T)	-	-	KASHII
XCL	-	CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
AV/CVS	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBAT ROSS	KAMOI NOTORO
XAV/XCVS	-	?	1
DD	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	11
	FINBACK GAR GRAYLING KINGFISH TAMBOR TROUT	n Patrol	5
	K.12 At Fren	nantle	
AS of XAS	PELIAS	2	1
AIRCRAFT (I	.W.Area Only)		
Fighters (in Light or M/H SE/Bombers ying Boats Floatplanes Transport &	Obsn. A/C	eng.) No recent intelligence. Present location uncertai	104 120 12 51 45
	R 1	Non-effective	

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•	GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA Combined Operational Intelligence Centre
	DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY
	Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle
	No. 568 Date: 19 August 1943
	PART I.
A. SOUTH	VEST PACIFIC AREA
1. NORS	TH EASTERN AREA
•	(1) ALL IED FORCES
	(a) At Sea to 1200/19:
X (1)	"AUSTRALIA" departed Espiritu Sen to 17 August for Brisbane ETA
· ·	1300/19. "VENDETTA" dep. Caloundra 1527/18 to HV and escort to Brisbane.
× (2)	"ARUNTA" "WARRAMUNGA" dep. Milne Bay for Noumea ETA 19 August,
(4)	"BAGLEY" departed Brisbane 1313/17 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/19. "YMS.72" escorting "JAPARA" towing floating crane dep. Port
(5)	"Mentey" "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting TN138 ("CANBERRA" "CREMER" "KATCOMBA") dep. Townsville 0440/18 ETA Port Moresby 0800/20.
(6)	"HELM" "PC.1119" escorting TN139 ("DUNTROON" "TAROONA") to Port Moresby ETA 1400/20. "DUMTROON" ex Cairns to RV Fitzroy Island D600/19, others were to depart Townsville 1900/18. "TORRENS" joins convoy and after RV with "LE TRIOMPHANT" is to proceed Milne Bay.
(7)	"DELORAINE" "KATOOMBA" with 4 APC dep. Cairns 1709/8 to RV with TN137 ("SC.648" "SC.982" escorting 5 ships) for Port Moresby ("DELORAINE" with 3 ships ETA 1300/21) and Milne Bay ("KATOOMBA" "SC.648" "SC.982" with 2 ships and 4 APC ETA 1200/21).
(8)	"BUNBURY" escorting FT.19 (composition not yet known) dep. Milne Bay 1315/18 ETA Townsville 0700/21.
(9)	"YP.291" on route Cairns (ETA 0800/19) and Thursday Island dep. Townsville 1300/18.
(10)	"YMS.49" "YMS.50" with 4 PT dep. Townsville 1740/18 ETA Cairns 1230/19.
(12)	"YMS.10" dep. Thursday Is. 1215/17 for Cairns ETA 0600/21. "FLUSSER" escorting "JOHN CARROLL" dep. Sydney 15 45/14 for Townsville ETA 0600/19.
(13)	"SHEPPARTON" dep. Milne Bay 0830/17 ETA Town sville 1900/19 for boiler cleaning.
(14)	"GLADSTONE" "LITHGON" escorting LQ7 (3 ships) dep. Gladstone 2200/18 ETA Brisbane 1050/20. "SC.650" "ML.429" provide additional escort from vicinity of Lady Elliott Island.
•	"GOULBURN" "SC.734" "ML.816" "ML.818" escorting QL7A (5 ships) were to depart Caloundra 0600/19. Convoy disperses vicinity Lady Elliott Island: "GOULBURN" "ML.816" "ML.818" return Brisbane. "SC.734" proceeds north.
(16) (17)	"VICTORIA" dep. Gladstone 0800/18 ETA Brisbane 1100/19. 9 submarines on patrol.

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(b) In Harbour:

Bune	- Warships & Aux "SC.698" "SC.599" "SC.703" "SC.738" "HILO"
	Merchant Vessels: "MENRY D. THOREAU"
Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux "SC.731" "SC.746" Merchant Vessels: "POINT SAN PEDRO" "COLORADO"
	"LORINNA" "ANDREW D.WHITE" "ESTHER JOHNSON" "JOSEPH LA ME" "JOSIAH B.GRINNELL" "COMARA" "MAET SUYCKER"
Milnə Bay	- Warships & Aux "MAHAN" "SMITH" "PERKINS" "LAMSON" "CONYNGHAM" "SANDS" "BROOKS" HUMPHREYS" "GILMER" "RICEL" "TULSA" "PIRIE" "KAPUNDA" SC.637 SC.742 SC.744 SC.745 SC.747 SC.748 SC.749 YMS.11 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.53 YMS.70 YMS.71 YP.233 YP.280 35 PT'S 27 LST'S ML.427 ML.817 "POYANG" "SAN PABLO" "TRINITY" "GOLD STAR"
	(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN. ?
	Merchant Vessels: "FARSIK" "CANNONBAR" "ADONIRAM JUDSON" "MULCRA" "JOSIAH ROYCE" "NANCY HANKS" "THOS. JEFFERSON" "H. STANSBURY" "WILLIS DEVENTER"
	"S. HALL YOUNG" "HOWELL COBB" "RAPHAEL JACKSON" "WILLIAM B. ALLISON" "ALAMO"
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux
	Merchant Vessels: "KHOEN HOEA" "B.F. SHAN" "WICHITA FALLS" "JOHN WHITEAKER" "VAN SWOLL" "FEIJNST" "CAPE FLATTERY" "VERA" "GEORGE EASTMAN" "JOSIAH EARL"
Thursday Is.	
Cairns	- Warships & Aux "GYMPIE" "CGLAC" "SNAN" "BENALLA" "SC.750" "SC.981" "ML.426" "ML.428" "PLATYPUS" 1 LST
Townsville	- Warships & Aux "ML.425" "MUGFORD" "BOWEN" "BISHOPDALE" "KURUMBA" "PC,1121" 15 LST's
Mackay	- Warships & Aux "DOBBIN" "SC. 732"
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux "BAGLEY" "STUART" "FULTON""OTUS" SC.736 SC.734 SC.741 YP.236 YP.278 YP.279 YP.283 YMS.9 ML.424 ML.816 ML.819 PC.476 PC.479 "MERKUR" LST's 18,168,202,204 "H.T.ALLEN"
	Trials etc.) - "WARREGO" "WHYALLA" "WAGGA" "GEELONG"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- "SWAN" escorting TN.140 ("YUNMAN") to depart Fitzroy Island 1800/19 For Milne Bay ETA 1200/22.
 After arrival at Port Moresby (approx 0800/20) "LE TRIOMPHANT" to depart again to RV with "TORRENS" ex TN.139 and escort to Milne Bay, thence return Townsville.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) <u>Kolombangara</u> - At 2009/17, a vessel believed to be a submarine was seen heading for Vila.

At midnight 17-18 August, 2 barges were observed westbound in Blackett Strait.

At 0245/18 3 large and 5 smaller enemy barges were attacked by 2 allied PT boats one mile S.E. of Vila with undetermined results.

During the previous night 4 barges were engaged off Baeroko Harbour. Some of the barges are believed to have been armed with 40 mm. guns.

Batteries, probably shore batteries, fired on our patrol craft on both nights.

The above reports are indicative of considerable barge traffic between Vila or Stanmore Plantation and Baeroko.

- (2) <u>Vella Lavella</u> The enemy force described as one heavy cruiser and 3 destroyers located 20 miles N.E. of Vella Lavella see shortly before 2300/17 was contacted by U.S. destroyers (Naval Incidents). The enemy force was identified as 4 destroyers and was escorting a convoy of barges heading S.E. Some of these barges probably managed to land on N.E. Vella Lavelle.
 (3) Cape St.George:
 - (a) At Approx 1035/18 4 light cruisers or destroyers were observed 18 miles E.S.E. of Cape St.George on course 260°. This force could be the same as that engaged north of Vella Lavella the previous night, returning to Rabaul.
 - Lavella the previous night, returning to Rabaul. (b) At 1341/18, aircraft observed one freighter (2-4000 tons) and one probable sea-truck 6 miles off Cape St.George. No course is reported. Photos confirm the presence of one ship of 3,500 tons. Bombs were dropped but missed. Four Zeros were encountered over the ships.
- (4) Cape Orford At 0856/18 a submarine passed Cape Orford northbound and at 1605/18 another passed southbound with deck cargo.
- (5) New Hanover At 1315/18, a convoy shown by photos to include 3 freighters of 4500 tons each with one escort vessel was observed by aircraft 25 miles N.W. of Cape Matanalem. No course is reported.
- (6) <u>Cape Bushing</u> (S.W. New Britain) At 0130/18 a Catalina observed 17 barges anchored at Cape Bushing. The barges were strafed.
- (7) Wewak The aerodromes, town and shipping were attacked again 0925-1015/18 by 19 heavy bombers and 51 Mitchells escorted by 95 fighters. Approximately 25-30 Jap fighters attempted interception and the heavy bombers claim 11 shot down while the Lightnings claim 14 destroyed plus three probable. Fifth Air Force estimates that a further 78 aircraft were destroyed during this attack and that not more than 10 planes remain serviceable out of the original 225 on the four aerodmes. Our losses 18 August were 2 Mitchells and one fighter. Three vessels of 500-1000 tons were set on fire and

several barges damaged. One Squadron reports a large unidentified ship in the centre of the harbour broken in half and burning.

- (8) Lae Three aircraft were parked on the acrodrome 0930/18 and Tive fighters passed overhead westbound at 0944/18.
- (9) Salamaua At 1205/17 barges in the Salamaua area were attacked

2. NORTH W ESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/19:

- (1) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting DT29 ("CARDROSS" "TAMBAR") dep. Darwin 0642/16 for Thursday Island ETA 1500/22. "CARDROSS" for Thursday Is. and Cairns; "TAMBAR" for Thursday Is., Milne Bay and Oro Bay.
- (2) "FREMANTLE" escorting DT30 ("TULAGI") dep. Darwin 0956/17 ETA Thursday Is. 1530/21.
- (3) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL" "ML.814" "ML.815" Merchant Vessels: "DUNDULA" "ISLANDER"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Balikpapan - The town and shipping were attacked 2250/17-0020/18 by 9 Liberators. It is estimated that 12 vessels including at least one large were in harbour and of these, aircraft reported that 4 medium to large vessels were set ablaze and believed destroyed while two others were damaged.

- (2) Derwin At 1505/17 an enemy aircraft was located west of Fourcroy and 8 Spitfires airborne located the enemy plane at 1638/17 and destroyed same. This makes the forth reconnaissance plane destroyed over the Darwin area 17th August.
- 5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALL IED FORCES

- (a) At Sea to 12 00/19:
- (1) "VAN GALEN", escorting "ALTANAHA" bound for Karachi, departed Frementle 16 August. To escort until 18 August and then return Fremantle.
- (2) "LARK" departed Exmouth Gulf 0900/17 for Fremantle ETA 1000/20. (3) "YP.288" departed Exmouth Gulf 15 August for Fremantle ETA 19 August.
 - (b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "TJERK HIDDES" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "HERON" "ISABEL" Fremantle "WHIPPOORWILL" "SC.739" "PELIAS" "W.B. PRESTON" Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" "CHANTICLEER" "YP.286"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/19:

- (1) "ROCKHAMPTON" "YANDRA" "GLENELG" "ML.430" escorting remainder of Convoy <u>OC.117</u> (7 NV - 3 for Sydney ETA 0700/19 and 4 for Newcastle ETA 1800/19). (2) "MILDURA" "KALGOORLIE" "BENDIGO" "ML.803" escorting <u>OC.118</u> (6
- MV) for Melbourne dep. Sydney 1500/17. (3) "DRAYTON" escorting "WESTRALIA" departed Cairns 1900/12 en route Melbourne.
- (4) "MIZAR" departed Sydney 0750/18 for Milne Bay ETA 1800/22.
- (5) "ATREUS" departed Fremantle 1730/7 for Sydney.
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SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Espiritu Santo CURTISS TANGIER (AV) CHINCOTEAGUE (AVP) DIXIE (AD) VESTAL (AR)
 - Repairing HONOLULU LEANDER HOBANT (CL)
- (2) At Noumea WHITNEY (AD) POCOMOKE (AV) (3) At Efate - CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV)
- (4) At Funsfuti BALLARD (AVD)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Tonga Group - A submarine was sighted night 17-18 August 20 miles S.F. of Tongatabu and Cdr. 3rd Fleet suggests a strong probability that a second submarine is operating N.W. of Tonga.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

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Vella Lavella - The force identified as four destroyers nor th of Vella Lavella escorting a convoy of barges heading S.F. was engaged before midnight 17-18 August by U.S. destroyers. During a half hour engagement beginning at 0058/18, 2 enemy destroyers were seriously damaged of which one was possibly sunk and a third was hit. No damage or casualties was suffered by our force but they were unable to follow up the enemy destroyers as it was necessary to deal with the barges some of which probably managed to land on N.E. Velk Lavella. Eight enemy planes ineffectually attempted to bomb our ships.

In addition to the above action, three U.S. destroyers escorting amphibious craft were heavily a ttacked by aircraft while retiring south from Barakoma during the night 17-18 August. Bombs and torpedoes were dropped. Damage to our forces is reported as one landing ship sunk, possibly through enemy action, two destroyers damaged by collision.

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	DA	ILY NAVAL SUMMAR	X	
		PART II		
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	st Pacific n Section)	South Pacific	Bi smar cks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
BB	•	NORTH CARCLINA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO		MUSASHI MUTSU) poss. MAGATO)Empire KONGO HARUNA
CV	1	SARATOGE	-	EUIKA KU SHOKAKU
CV (L)	-	4	÷.	ZUIHO
(E)		SUWA NNEE SAN GAMO N BRETON	-	UNYO
CA	AUSTRALIA	-	CHOKA I SUZUYA	MYOKO EAGURO TONE
				CHIKUMA MOGAMI R KUMANO
CL	R ADELAIDE	MHON OLULU MLEA NDER MHOBART C CLUM BIA CLEVELAND MONT PELL IER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	SENDAI	AGANO OYODO ISUZU NAGARA R NAKA
CL(T)	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
XCL		-		2
DD	PERKINS Conyngham Mahan		1	
	DRAYTON SMITH FLUSSER LAMSON MUGFORD BAGLEY HENLEY HELM LE TRIOMPH STUART VENDETTA	Approx 40 ANT	10	20
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Southwest (Eastern		South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
38	BALAO BILLFISH BLUEFISH BONFIN	2	20	15
	DRUM GREENLING GROWLER POMPON PUFFER	On Patrol		
	ALBACORE GROUPER GUARDFISH PETO SCAMP STINGRAY TUNA	At Brisbane		
	K.9 At Syd	iney		
w/cvs	-	CURTISS POCOMOKE TANGIER	-	
LAV/XCVS	-	3	1	2
Te	35	Approx 30	?	9
APA/APD/AKA	H.T.ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS MANIMELA	LO APA 11 APD 6 AKA		
s or XAS	FULTON OTUS		1	2 or more
B	DOBBIN	DIXIE	1	8
R	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	1	1
AIRCRAFT (N.I	E.Area Only)			
Electron M/Base/Bombers	cl. 28 twin-er ombers	ag.)		6 1 6
Floatplanes Fransport &	obsn. A/C		6	

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	CONCORD TRENTON
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	ALLIED FORCES 3. CENTRAL PACIFIC	MOST SECRET 19 August 1943 ENERY FORCES
BB	INDIANA WASHINGTON (enroute Sopac) R WEST VIRGINIA R CALIFORNIA	YAMATO) FUSO) Enroute Truk YAMASHIRO) ISE HYUGA
CV	ENTERPRISE ESSEX Yorkfown Lexingfon Victorious	•
CV(L)	INDEPENDENCE BELLEAU WOOD PRINCETON	* HITAKA RYUHO
CV(T)		HOSHO
CV(E)	CHENANGO PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND	CHUYO OTAKA (enroute Truk)
CA	NEW BRLEANS PENSACOLA # SALT LAKE CITY # MINNEAPOLIS # ST.LOUIS	MAYA) ATAGO) Enroute Truk TAKAO) R ACBA
OCA	-	6
CL	# NASHVILLE MOBILE	TATSUTA # KINU # YUBARI # NAT ORI
XCL AV/CVS	2	B CHIYODA) Under conversion
-		E CEITOSE) to ACVS
XAV/XCV DD SS AS/XAS	VS 2 Approx 35 Approx 50 ?	30-35 (approx 20 repairing Approx 30 3 or more

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

3	IDAHO MISSISSI PPI NEW MEXICO PENNESSEE PENNSYLVANIA	
CA	WICHITA LOUISVILLE SAN F RANCISCO PORTLAND INDIANA POLIS	NACHI
CL	SANTA FE RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT	KISO Abukuma Tama
CL AV/CVS XAV/XCVS DD SS	22	3 AKITSUSHIMA 1 4 Approx 10

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ALLIED	ALL	<u>INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN</u>	19 Au	SECRET gust 1943 ES
Southwest (Western S		Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Ph	ilippines
		WARSPITE	-	
CV	-	ø IILUSTRIOUS	-	
CV(L)	-		HAYATAKA	
CV(E)	ALTAMAHA	-	-	
CA	-	SUSSEX SUFFOLK MAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA	
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		GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA Combined Operational Intelligence Centre
		DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY
		Allied and Enemy Activity
		No. 569 Date: 20 August 1943
		PART I.
SO	UTH WE	ST PACIFIC AREA
1	NORT	H EASTERN AREA
-	al const	(1) ALLIED FORCES
		(a) At Sea to 1200/20:
	(1)	"YMS.72" escorting"Japara" Towing floating crane dep. Port Moresby 2033/18 for Milne Bay.
	(2)	"HENLEY" "TRIOMPHANT" escorting TN138 ("CANBERRA" "CREMER" "KATOOMBA") dep. Townsville 0440/18 ETA Port Moresby 0800/20.
	(3)	"HELM" "PC.1119" escorting TN139 ("DUNTROON" "TAROONA") to Port Moresby ETA 1400/20. "DUNTROON" ex Cairns to RV Fitzroy Island 0600/19, others were to depart Towns-
	(4)	ville 1900/18. "TORRENS" joins convoy and after RV with "LE TRIOMPHANT" is to proceed Milne Bay. "DELORAINE" "KATOOMBA" with 4 APC dep. Cairns 1709/8 to RV with TN137 ("SC.648" "SC.982" escorting 5 ships) for Port Moresby ("DELORAINE" with 3 ships ETA 1300/21) and Milne Bay("KATOOMBA" "SC.648" "SC.982" with 2 ships
	(5)	and 4 APC ETA 1200/21). "SWAN" escorting TH140 ("YUNNAN") was to dep. Fitzroy Island
	(6) (7)	1800/19 ETA Milne Bay 1200/22. "PIRIE" "KAPUNDA" departed Milne Bay 1204/19 for Townsville. "BUNBURY" escorting FT.19("THOMAS JEFFERSON") dep. Milne Bay
	(8)	1315/18 ETA Townsville 0700/21. "SHEPPARTON" dep. Milne Bay 0830/17 ETA Townsville 1900/19 for
	(9)	boiler cleaning. "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting <u>DT29</u> ("CARDROSS""TAMBAR") dep. Darwin 0642/16 ETA Thursday Island 1500/22. "TAMBAR" to proceed Milne Bay and Oro Bay.
	(10) (11) (12)	"YP.291" en route Thursday Island arr. Cairns 0732/19. "YMS.10" dep. Thursday Is. 1215/17 ETA Cairns 0600/21. "GOULBURN" "SC.734" "ML.816" "ML.818" escorting QL7A (5 ships) departed Calcundra 0600/19. Convoy disperses vicinity
	41	Lady Elliott Island: "GOULBURN" "ML.816" "ML.818" return Brisbane, "SC.734" proceeds north. "MIZAR" bound for Milne Bay. ETA 1800/22, joins QL7A approx. 1830/19.
	(13)	8 submarines on patrol.
		(b) In Harbour:
	Buna	- Warships & Aux "SC.698" "SC.699" "SC.703" "SC.738" "HILO"
		Merchant Vessels: "HENRY D. THOREAU"

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ro Bay	 Warships & Aux "SC.731" "SC.746" Merchant Vessels: "POINT SAN PEDRO" "COLORADO" "LORINNA" "ANDREW D. WHITE" "ESTHER JOHNSON" "JOSEPH LANE" "JOSIAH B. GRINNELL" "COMARA" "MAETSUYCKER". Warships & Aux. "MAHAN" "SMITH" "PERKINS" "MUGFORD# "BAGLEY" "LAMSON" "CONYNGHAM" "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" "GILMER" "RIGEL" " TULSA" SC.637 SC.742 SC.744 SC.745 SC.748 SC.749 YMS.11 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.53 YMS.70 YMS.71 YP.280 35 PT'S 27 LST'S ML.427 ML.817 "POYANG" "SAN PAELO" "TRINITY" "GOLD STAR"
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ownsville	- Warships & Aux "FLUSSER" "ML.425" "BOWEN" " "BISHOPDALE" "KURUMBA" "PC.1121" 15 LST'S
lackay	- Warships & Aux "DOBBIN" "SC.732"
	- Wanching & Aur. • "ML. 429"
drisbane	- Warships & Aux "AUSTRALIA" "STUART" VENDETTA "FULTON" "OTUS" "GLADSTONE" "LITHGOW" "SC.650" SC.650 SC.736 SC.734 SC.741 YP.236 YP.278 YP.279 YP.283 YMS.9 ML.424 ML.816 ML.819 PC 476 PC 479 "MERKUR" "H.T.ALLEN" "VICTORIA"
	hursday Is. airns Sownsville Mackay Hadsone

(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) After arrival at Port Moresby (Approx. 0800/20) "LE TRIOMPHANT" to depart again to RV with "FORRENS" ex TN139 and escort to Milne Bay, thence return Townsville.

(II) ENEMY FORCES.

(1) Vella Lavella - A coastwatcher reports that three ships probably sank off N.E. Vella Lavella subsequent to the action between four U.S. destroyers and enemy ships during the early hours 18 Aug. These three ships may however be enemy barges or small freighters of the "sea truck" type which were being escorted by the four enemy destroyers.

> At 0620/18, a fighter pilot reported observing a burning destroyer in a bay on N.W. Vella Lavella, probably one of the damaged units from the action.

(2) <u>Buin Base</u> - Early 18 August, 6 Zeros attacked 2 reconnaissance Corsairs over Mahili. Two Zeros were shot down: no damage was sustained by the Corsairs.

> Photos a.m. 18 August show 90 fighters on Kahili and Ballale. Shipping was light with no warships present.

- (3) <u>Mussau Is. Area</u> The convoy sighted 1315/18, originally reported 25 miles N.W. of Cape Matanalem (New Hanover) -refer Summary 568, was in fact 14 miles NNW. Mussau Island on course 270°. The composition was described as two gunboats three freighters (5-7000 tons) and photos confirmed the presence of three freighters (4,500 tons each) and one escort vessel.
 - (4) Witu Islands At 1228/19 reconnaissance observed five floatplanes in Widu Harbour on S.W. coast Garove Island.

A 35 ft. launch in a cove on Mundua Island was strafed, The launch was loaded with timber.

(5) Wewak - Preliminary interpretation of poor photos 0830-0940/19 show: .

> Airfields Wewak: 8 a/c unserviceable or probably se. 2 a/c airborne or taking off.

> > Boram: 56 fighters of which 17 destroyed or unserviceable, 28 of undetermined serviceability and 11 took off.

36 light bombers of which 13 destroyed or unserviceable, 22 of undetermined serviceability and one taking off.

9 medium bombers all unserviceable or probably so.

Eight Zeros ineffectively attempted to intercept the reconnaissance Lightnings.

Five small 5-800 tons ships were observed in Wewak Harbour and at Muschu Island plus 30-40 barges.

(6) Lae - At 1322/18, twenty barges were observed tied up alongside the Malahang wreck.

At 0855/19, three aircraft were parked on Lae airfield.

(7) Salamaua Area - By 18 August further enemy ground positions had been occupied by our forces who now control Bobdubi Ridge from Old Bobdubi to Namling including all high tactical positions.

> Enemy counter-attacks in Komiatum and Tambu Bay areas have all been repulsed.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA.

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/20:

- "FREMA MTLE" escorting DT30 ("TULAGI") dep. Darwin 0956/17 (1) ETA Thursday Is.1530/21. (2)
- 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL" "ML.814" "ML.815" Merchant Vessels - "DUNDULA" "ISLANDER"

W Guinea - At 1220/19, two small ships were observed In Manokwari Harbour. Shortly afterwards a 50 ft. boat was sunk by strafing 38 miles S.S.W. of Fak Fak. (1) N.W. New Guinea -

(2) Koepang was attacked 0210/19 by three Mitchells. Timor -Fifteen miles off Cape Mali (S. coast opposite Koepang) two enemy aircraft attempted to intercept one of the Mitchells.

> Fuiloro was bombed 0200/19 by three Mitchells and Lautem by another Mitchell at 0218/19.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA.

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/20:

(1) "VAN GALEN" returning to Fremantle after escorting "ALTAMAHA" bound for Karachi.

(2) "LARK" departed Exmouth Gulf 0900/17 for Fremantle ETA 1000/20.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle

- Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "TJERK HIDDES" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO!" "HERON" "ISABEL" "CHILDS" "ATREUS" "WHIPPOORWILL" "PELIAS" SC.739 YP.288

. Warships & Aux. . "W.B. PRESTON" "CHANTICLEER"

Exmouth Gulf

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA.

(1) ALLIED FORCES

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(a) At Sea to 1200/20:

(1) "BUNDA BERG" "MORESBY" "GLENELS" escorting GP.64 (6 MV) were to dep. Rartz Paili Sydney with 3 MV 0800720 joining 3 MV ex Newcastle ETD.1530/20.

- (2) "YANDRA" "ECHUCA" escorting 5 ships of Coll9 were to dep. Newcastle 1000/20 to RV with "WARNNAMBOOL" "TOWNSVILLE" "BAILARAT" departing Sydney 1500/20 with remainder <u>GOll9(1 ship)</u>. "YANDRA" proceeds Sydney only. (3) "MILDURA" "KALGOORLIE" "BENDIGO" "ML.803" escorting <u>OC.118</u> (6 MV)
- (4) "ABRAHAM CRYNSSEN" escorting <u>OC.118</u> (9 ships) dep. Port Philip 0009/20 to RV with CO.118 at Wilsons Promontory. One ship for Port Kembla ETA 0100/23, four ships for Sydney ETA 0600/23. Four ships for Newcastle 1300/23.
- (5) "KYBRA" on training cruise dep. Sydney 1005/17 for Broken Bay, Newcastle and Port Stephens.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Sydney	Warships & Aux 1 LST "MANOORA" Warships & Aux "ARARAT" "CASTLEMAINE" "WILCANNIA" "BOCKHAMPTON" "BROOME" "WARRNAMBOOL" "BALLARAT"
(Repairing) - (On Reserve)-	"TOWN SVILLE" SC. 735 ML. 430 "MANUNDA" (AH) 1 LST
Melbourne -	Warships & Aux "NIZAR" "DRAYTON" "WESTRALIA" "ADELAIDE" "DOONBA"

(1) ALLIED FORCES

At Espiritu Santo - "CURTISS" TANGIER (AV) CHINCOTEAGUE (AVP) (1) DIXIE (AD) VESTAL (AR). Repairing - HONOLULU LEANDER HOEART (2) At Noumea - WHITNEY (AD) POCOMOKE (AV) (CL)

- $\binom{(3)}{(4)}$ At Efate - CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV)
- At Funafuti BALLARD (AVD)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) New Caledonia . At 0915/19 a possible submarine was sighted 125 miles W.N.W. of Noumea.

C. INDIAN OCEAN.

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C.in C. Eastern Fleet estimates that Raider H. is possibly (1)still operating in the Indian Ocean in the area 20-30°S 080-100°E. Two ships are overdue - "ALCIDES" (Norwegian Tanker 7,600 tons) due Fremantle 8 August from Abadan and "G.W.CARVER" (prob. Liberty Ship) due Aden 11 August from Hobart.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

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

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

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-		OUTOMOLIS	Marshalls
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-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
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	K.9 At Syd	lney		
I/CVS	-	CURTISS POCOMOKE TANGIER	-	-
XAV/XCVS	-	3	1	2
PT	35	Approx 30	?	?
APA/APD/AKA	H.T. ALLEN MAN OORA WESTRAL IA GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS KANIMBLA	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA		
AS OF XAS	FULTON		1	2 or more
AD	DOBBIN	DIXIE	1	?
R	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	1	1
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	ENTER PRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN LEXINGTON VICTORIOUS	-
<u>CV (L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE BELLEAU WOOD PRINCETON	RYUHO
CV (T)	-	HOSHO
CV(E)	CHENANGO PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND	CHUYO OTAKA (enroute Truk)
	NEW ORLEANS FENSACOLA SALT LAKE CITY MINNEAPOLIS ST.LOUIS	MAYA) ATAGO) Enroute Truk TAKAO) R AOBA
OGA	-	6
OCA CL	MOBILE	TATSUTA # KINU # YUBARI # NATORI
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4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

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CA	WICHITA LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND INDIANAPOLIS	nachi
CL	SANTA FE RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT	KISO ABUKUMA TAMA
ACL		3
AV/CVS	-	AKITSUSHIMA
XAV/XCVS	-	1
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CV(E)	ALTAMAHA	-	-	
CA	-	SUSSEX SUFFOLK # HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA	
<u>CL</u>	TROMP VAN HEEMSI	MAURITIUS KERK GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE C ERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KUMA OI KITAGAMI	
CL(T)		-	KA SHII	
XCL	-	CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1	
AV/CVS	CHILDS HER ON W.B. PREST	ALBATROSS	KAMOI NOTORO	5
XAV/XCV	vs -	?	1	
DD	VAN CALEN TJERK HI		11	
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(6) "2	SWAN" escorting TN140 ("YUNNAN") departed Cairns 1630/19 ETA Milne Bay 1200/22.
(7) *3	MS.49" "YMB.50" towing 4 PF were to depart Cairns 2100/20 for Milne Bay ETA 1130/24.
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	Townsville	- Warships & Aux "ML.425" "BOWEN" "SHEPPARTON" "BISHOPDALE" "KURUMBA" "PC.1121" 15 LST's
	Mackay	- Warshing & Aux "DOBBIN" "SC.732"
	Gladstone	- Wonshing & Aux "WI. 429"
	Brisbane	- Warships & Aux "AUSTRALIA" STOART VERDETIA "FULTON" "OTUS" "GLADSTONE" "LETHGOW" SC.650 SC.736 SC.734 SC.741 YP.236 YP.278 YP.279 YP.283 YMS.9 ML.424 ML.816 ML.819 PC.476 PC.470 "MERSIE" "F.T.ALLEN" "VICTORIA"
	(Repairing,	Trials etc.) - "WARREGO" "WHYALLA" "WAGGA" "GEELONG"

(c) Proposed Movements;

X (1) "AUSTRALIA" escorted by "VENDETTA" to depart Brisbane 1400/20 21 for Sydney ETA 1000/22.
(2) "ARUNTA" "WARRAMUNGA" escorting "HOBART" to depart Espiritu

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(3) "GLADSTONE" "LITHGOW" "PC.476" to depart Calcundra Octo/22 to RV with 3 ships escorted by 3 U.S. Destroyers in position 26°45'S 159°00'E at 0800/23 and take over escort. "GLADSTONE" "PC.476" to escort 2 ships to Gladstone: "LITHGOW" to escort one ship to Sydney.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

X (1) <u>Rendova-Vella Lavella Area</u> - During the night 19-20 August, a surfaced Jap submarine was located west of Rendova Island by 4 patrolling U.S. destroyers and attacked with undetermined results.

Shotly after midnight 2 small fast craft were engaged by the same destroyers inside the reef off Dovelli (N.E. Vella Lavella). One of these craft was destroyed by gunfire. Enemy aircraft intermittently bombed our destroyers throughout the night but inflicted no damage.

- (2) Choiseul-Vella Lavella During the afternoon 19 August, 8 Mitchells in pairs conducted a barge sweep around Vella Lavella and New Georgia. A probable sea-truck beached at Paraso Bay (N.E. Vella Lavella) was hit with 2 bombs and 3 barges at Timbala Bay (N.W. Vella Lavella) were strafed. A 100-ft. barge at Kakasa (central S.coast Choiseul) was sunk by 2 direct hits.
- (3) Buka At 2330/19 a 500 ton vessel was observed by aircraft 20 miles N.W. of Buka Island on course 180°. The vessel was bombed without effect but was subsequently strafed and left in a sinking condition still heading for Buka.

- (4) <u>Cape Orford</u> At 1422/20, a submarine with deck cargo passed Cape Orford southbound.
- (5) Gasmata Area At 1130/19 a possible submerging submarine was sighted by aircraft 60 miles S.W. by S. of Gasmata.
 (6) W.New Britain During the night 19-20 August, 5 barges at
- Rein Bay were strafed by a Catalina, and another off Cape Neumayer (W.jaw Rein Bay) was believed sunk by strafing.
 Another barge was strafed at Cape Bushing.
 (7) Wewak Boram Airfield was raided 1100-1115/20 by heavy bombers
- with fighter escort but reports are not yet complete. Enemy fighters intercepted and several were destroyed,
- (8) <u>Hansa Bay</u> At 0610/20, several small craft or barges were observed in a cove 15 miles S.E. of Hansa Bay and at 1045/20 13 small craft were sighted in Hansa Bay.

- (9) Ulingan Harbour Photos 1030/20 show 16 barges in the harbour.
 (10) Lae At 0925/20, 9 barges were observed at Lae. During the morning there was fair aircraft activity on and over Lae aerodrome including 3 parked and later 2 taking off.
 (11) Salamaua Area Orodubi was captured by our forces p.m. 9th August after mortar bombardment. On Mt. Tambu enemy resistance has backen and over the served area and the served area area. resistance has been broken and our troops are now in occupation.

On 19 August an enemy submarine shelled and machinegunned allied landing craft off Nassau Bay.

(12) Louisiade Archaipelage - At 2010/20 an enemy submarine was reported in the vicinity of Jomard Passage (Southern Louisiades) This is further substantiation of the indications of a submarine operating in this area.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

(1) "FREMANTLE" escorting DT.30 ("TULAGI") dep. Darwin 0956/17 ETA Thursday Island 1550/21.

(2) 7 submarines on patro 1.

(b) In Harbour:

• Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL" "ML.814" "ML.815" Darwin Merchant Vessels: "DUNDULA" "ISLANDER"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Manokwari Photos 1220/19 disclose 14 landing craft and two SO ft. barges. The visual report (Summary No. 569) stated 2 small ships were sighted in the harbour.
- (2) Darwin Area An unknown number of enemy aircraft dropped bombs on the Comallie and Fenton aerodrome areas 0300-0350/21. No further details are yet available.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

(1) "VAN GALEN" returning to Fremantle after escorting "ALTAMAHA" bound for Karachi.

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "TJERK HIDDES" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "HERON" "ISABEL" Fremantle "LARK" "CHILDS" "ATREUS" "WHIPPOORWILL" "PELIAS" "SC.739" "YP.288"

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B. PRESTON" "CHANTICLEER" "YP.286"

(1) ALL IED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

- (1) "BUNDABERG" "MORESBY" "GLENELG" escorting GP.64 (5 MV) ETA (2) "MILDURA" "KALGOORLIE" "BENDIGO" "ML. 803" escorting 00.118
- (10 ships: 1 for Port Kembla ETA 0100/23, 4 for Sydney ETA 0600/23 and 5 for Newcastle ETA 1300/23. (3) "TOWNSVILLE" "WARRNAMBOOL" "BALLARAT" "ECHUCA" escorting
- CO.119 (6 ships).
- (4) "KYBRA" on training cruise dep. Sydney 1005/17 for Broken Bay, Newcastle and Port Stephens.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens Sydney	- Warships & Aux "MANOORA" 1 LST - Warships & Aux "ARARAT" "CASTLEMAINE" "WILCANNIA" "ROCKHAMPTON" "BROOME" "SC.735"
	"HL.430"
(Repairing) (On Reserve)	"MAHUNDA" (AH) 1 LST "KARIMBIA"
(OU RESELAC)	- Warships & Aux "NIZAM" "DRAYTON" "WESTRALIA"
Melbourne	"ABRAHAM ORIJNSSEN"
(RefittingA)	"ADELA IDE" "DO OMBA"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Espiritu Santo CURTISS TANGIER (AV) CHINCOTEAGUE (AVP) DIXIE (AD) VESTAL (AR)
- Repairing HONOLULU LEANDER HOBART (CL) (2) At Noumea WHITNEY (AD) POCOMOKE (AV) (3) At Efate CHENANGO SAN GAM ON SUWANNEE (ACV)

- (4) At Funafuti BALLARD (AW)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Noumea - An enemy submarine was located 19 August 75 miles south by east Noumea and destroyed (see Naval Incidents).

NAVAL INCIDENTS

Noumea - Late p.m. 19 August a N.Z. corvette made sound contact with an enemy submarine 55 miles S.S.E. of Amedee Light, New Caledonia. Depth charges were dropped. Aircraft took up the attack and the submarine was sunk, Six survivors were captured and the submarine was identified as I-17.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Continued air and naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- (2) Consolidation of defences Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Northern Selemons, Gilberta, Marshalls,
- Malayan areas. (3) Increased use of barges and warships principally destroyers and submarines for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons - New Guinea areas.
- (4) Offensive submarine activity in the Northern, Southern and South West Pacific to offset the building up of allied strength in these areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY PART II ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

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ALLIED FORCES

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ENEMY FORCES

	THWEST PACIFIC stern Section)	SOUTH PACIFIC	BISMARCKS SOLOMONS	CARDLINES MARSHALLS
BB	•	NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO WASHINGTON	•	YAMATO MUSASHI MUTSU)poss. NAGATO)Empire KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO
CV		SARATOGA		ZUIKAKU SHORAKU
CV (L)	•	•	-	ZUIHO MAYATAKA
<u>CV (E)</u>	-	SUWANNEE SANGAMON BRETON	•	UNYO CHUYO OTAKA
CA	AUSTRALIA	•	CHOKAI SUZUYA	ATAGO TAKAO MAKA MYOKO HAGURO TOME CHIKUMA MOGAMI H KUMANO
GL	* ADELA IDE	* Honolulu * Leander * Hobart Columbia Cleveland Montfellier Denver San Diego San Juan	NAKA	AGANO OYODO ISUZU NAGARA SENDAI
<u>CL (T)</u>	-	-		KASHIMA FATORI
XCL DD	PERKINS CONYNGHAM MAHAN			2
	DRAYTON SMITH FLUSSER LAMSON MUGFORD BAGLEY HENLEY HENLEY HELM LE TRIOMPHANT STUART VENDETTA	Approx. 40	10	25

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	t Pacific Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
SS	BALAO)	8	20	15
	BLUEFISH) BOWFIN)		
	DRUM GREENLING GROWLER POMPON PUFFER) On Patrel))		
	ALBACORE GROUPER GUARDFISH)) At Brisbane		
	FETO SCAMP STINGRAY TUNA			
	K.9 at Sydn	ey		
av/cvs	-	CURTISS POCOMOKE TANGIER	•	
XAV/XCVS	-	3	1	2
PT	35	Approx.30	?	7
APA/APD/AKA	E.T.ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS # KANIMBLA	lo APA 11 APD 6 AKA		*
AS or XAS	FULTON . OTUS		1	2 or more
AD	DOBBIN	DIXIE	1	?
4R	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	1	1
AIRCRAFT (N.E	. Area Only)			
Light or M.Be SE/Bombers Flying Boats	1. 25 twin-en mbers	g.)	229 217 11 6	
Floatplanes Transport & C	bsn. A/C	-	62 18	
		2. SOUTHEASTERN PA	ACIFIC	
CL	C CNC ORD TREN TON			
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		A LIED FORCES	. CENTRAL PAC	ENEMY FORCES	
	BB	INDIARA WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA		I SE HYUGA	2
	CV	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN LEXIMPTON VICTORIOUS		-	
	CV(L)	INDEPENDENCE BELLEAU WOOD PRINCETON		# HITAKA	
	CV(T)			HOSHO	
	CV(E)	CHENANGO PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND			
	CA	NEW OFLEANS PENSACOLA #SALT LAKE CITY # MINEEAPOLIS # ST. LOUIS		* AOBA	
	OCA	-		6	
	GL	NASHVILLE MOBILE		TATSUTA * KINU * YUBARI * NATORI	
	XCL	•		3	
	AV/CVS	2		E CHIYODA)under conver E CHITOSE)sion to ACV	-
14	XAV/XCVS	2 Approx.35		3 25-30 (approx 15 manaining)	
	SS AS/XAS	Approx 50 ?		repairing) Approx 30 3 or more	
	1	4.	NORTHERN P.	ACIFIC	
	BB	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI MEW MEXICO TETHESSEE PEEN SYLVAN IA			
	CA	WIGHITA LOUISVILLE SAF FRANCISCO PORTLAND IND <mark>IANAPOLIS</mark>		NACHI	
	CL	SANTE VE RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT		KISO Abukuma Tama	
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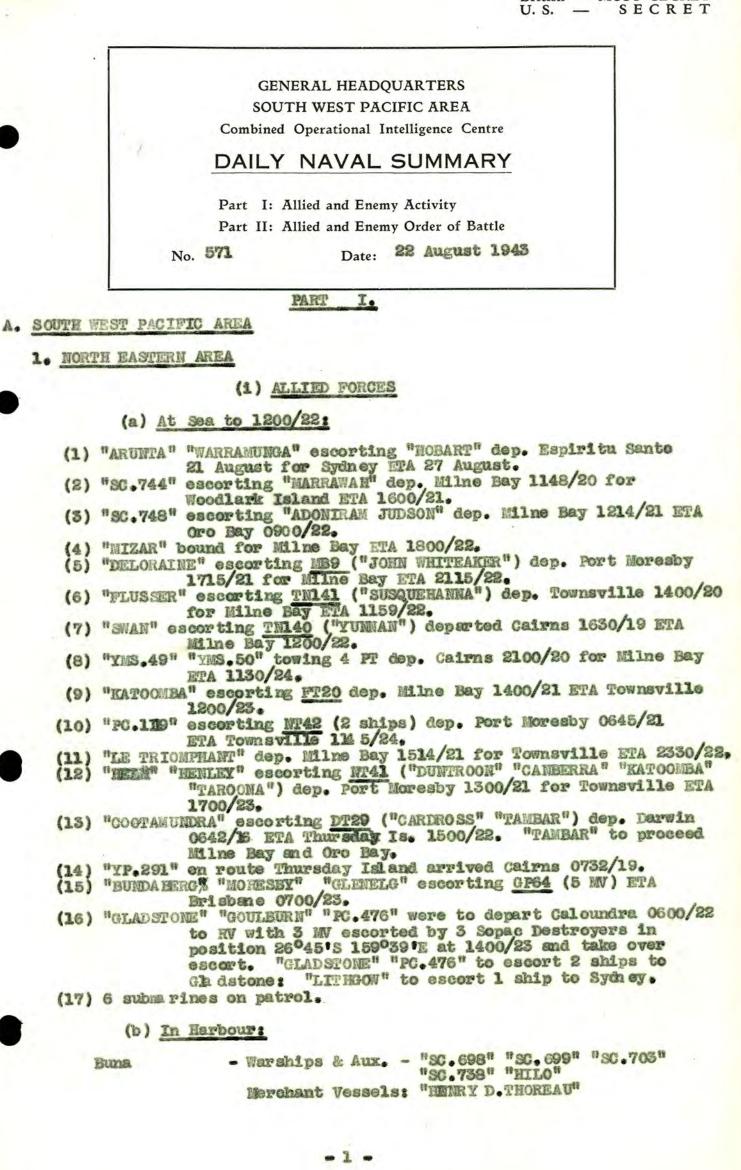
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ł	5. EAST	T INDIES - INDIAN OCEA	IN ENEMY FORCES
	thwest Pacific stern Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
	•	WARSPITE	
CV	-	# ILLUSTRIOUS	-
CV(L)	•		RYUHO
CV (E)	ALTAMAHA	•	-
CA	•	SUSSEX SUFFOLK # HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASHLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADCC	KUMA OI KITAGAMI
CL(T)	•		KASHII
XCL	•	CARTHAGE CHITRAL RAN PURA WORCE STER SHIRE	1
AV/CVS	CHILDS HERON W.B.PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI NOTORO
XAV/XCVS	-	8	1
DD	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	11
55	FINBACK GAR GRAYLING KINGFISH TAMBOR TROUT BILLFISH	n Patrol	5
	K.12 At Fremantl		
AS or XAS	PELIAS	8	1
AIRCRAFT ((N.W. Area Only)		
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oro Bay	- Warships & Aux "YMS.53" "YMS.72" "SC.747" Merchant Vessels: "POINT SAN PEDRO" "COLORADO" "LORINNA" "ESTHER JOHNSON" "JAPARA" "JOSIAH B.GRINNELL" "COMARA" "NANCY HANKS" "ALAMO" "WM.B.ALLISON"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux "MAHAN" "SMITH" "PERKINS" "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "LAMSON" "CONYNGHAM" "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" "GILMER" "RIGEL" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "TULSA" SC.637 SC.648 SC.731 SC.742 SC.745 SC.746 SC.749 SC.982 YMS.11 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.70 YMS.71 YP.233 YP.280 35 PT'S 27 LST'S ML.427 ML.817 "POYANG" "SAN PABLO" "TRINITY" "GOLD STAR" "DERRICK" (YO59 (Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF
	MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)
	Merchant Vessels: "KARSIK" "TORHENS" "MULCRA" "JOSIAH HOYCE" "WILLIS DEVENTER" "S.HAIL YOUNG" "HOWELL COBB" "DAVENPORT" "RAPHAEL JACKSON" "JOSEPH LANE"
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux Mil Merchant Vessels: "KHCEN HOEA" "B.F.SHAW""REIJNST" "VAN SWOLL" "JOSIAH EARL" "CREMER" "ANDREW D. WHITE" "J.W.GRIMES" "COLAC" "DINGA"
Thursday Is. Cairns	- Warships & Aux "LATROBE" "FREMANTIE" 4 YMS's - Warships & Aux "GYMPIE" "COLAC" "BENALLA" "PIRIE" "KAPUNDA" "SC.750" "SC.981" "ML.428" "ML.428" "YMS.10" "PLATYPUS" 1 LST
Townsville	- Warships & Aux "HL.425" "SC.734" "BOWEN" "SHEPPARTON" "BUNBURY" "KURUMBA" "BI SHOPDALE" "PC.1121" 15 LST'S
Mackay	- Warships & Aux "DOBBIN" "3C.732"
Gladstone	- Warships & Aux "HL.429"
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux "XHX "STUART" "GEELONG" "FULTON" "OTUS" "LITHGOW" "SC.650 SC.736 SC.741 YP.236 YP.278 YP.279 YP.283 YMS.9 ML.424 ML.816 ML.618 ML.619 PC.479 "MERKUR" "H.T.ALLEN" "VICTORIA"
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(Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WARREGO" "WHYALLA" "WAGGA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "GYMPIE" "KAPUNDA" "COLAC" escorting TN.142 (7 MV, 2 LCT) to depart Fitzroy Island 1700/22 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/25.

Two ships to proceed Oro Bay and two to Buna. (2) "LATROBE" escorting "TIME" "COOLEBAR" to depart Thursday Is.

(2) LATRODA "SECTORING TIME COOMSEAN to depart that study is 0800/23 for Darwin ETA 1850/29.
 (3) "GEELONG" "LITHGOW" "SC.756" "SC.741" "ML.816" escorting QL.8 (13 ships including WSS"VICTORIA", 3 LST, 1 APC) departs Brisbane 23 August.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) San ta Ysabel At 1600/20, 9 floatplanes probably dummies were observed on the beach at Rekata Bay.
- (2) Munda Before dawn 20 August 3 enemy aircraft ineffectively bombed Munda,
- (3) Vella Lavella-Choiseul A.M. 21 August a barge sweep was conducted around the coasts of Vella Lavella and Choiseul by 8 Mitchells in pairs each pair escorted by 4 fighters. 5 barges were strafed at Marquana Bay (N.W.Vella Lavella). No other serviceable barges were observed.
- (4) Buin Base At 1600/20, the scaplane base at Shortlands was attacked by 8 Corsairs covered by another 16 Corsairs. One floatplane was shot down and 3 fires started ashore.
- (5) Cape Orford At 0935/21, a submarine passed northbound.
 (6) Wewak The attack on Boram airfield 1100-1120/20 was conducted by 24 Liberators escorted by 49 Lightnings. At least five aircraft were destroyed on the ground. 30 fighters intercepted our aircraft and the bombers shot down 6 certain, 5 probably and damaged 3 while the Lightnings claim 13 certain The enemy fighters included a number of plus one probable.

twin-engined type and 8 were among the casualties. Photos of the harbour area show 40 barges although some aircraft crews reported larger type vessels.

The attack was renewed at a bout 1000/21 when at least 20 Mitchells with Lightnings escorting attacked But and Dagua dromes. Results are not yet complete but serviceable aircraft were observed on the ground and photos show at least 17 destroyed. Enemy fighter opposition was encountered and one fighter squadron met approx 30-40. Other flights encountered additional fighters. Mitchells claim 3 fighters destroyed and Lightnings 30 destroyed and Sama 5 more probably. One Lightning was lost over the target and a nother 2 are missing.

- (7) Hansa Bay At 1035/21, 18 barges were observed in Hansa Bay indicating the maintenance of the barge concentration at this point.
- (8) Bogadjim-Bridges on the Bogadjim-Yaula road were attacked 1020-1108/21 by 11 Fortresses. Photos show hits on the road itself but none on the bridges. The road appears serviceable for motor transport,
- (9) Las A.M. 21 August 3 aircraft were observed parked on the airfield and one departed. Aircraft were seen over Lae during the afternoon, including 4 probable transports which were heading west.
- (10) Coral Sea A possible enemy submarine was contacted approx 80 miles NNE Cairns at 2324/18.

2. NORTH WESTERE AREA

(a) At Sea to 1200/22: (1) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "INVEREIL" "ML.814" "ML.815" Merchant Vessels: "DUNDULA" "ISLANDER"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Gelebes Smelting works at Pomelaa (Gulf of Bone opposite Kendari) were attacked approximately 1120/21 by 11 Liberators. Fires were started in concentrating plant by bombs. Housing, storage and living facilities were also strafed. 12 Zeros were encountered off S.E. Celebes and 2 were destroyed plus 5 probably destroyed. A cargo vessel (2-4,000 tons) was observed in Pomelaa Harbour and near misses were scored with bombs.
- (2) <u>Timor</u> Approximately 1500/21, 5 Hudsons attacked Beaco, Ossu and Viqueque.
 (3) Banda Sea - At 1416/21 a 1000 ton vessel with stack aft with
- (3) Banda Sea At 1416/21 a 1000 ton vessel with stack aft with a small escort vessel was seen 50 miles NNE Babar Island on course 300°.
- (4) Taberfane At 1335-1345/21 the seaplane base at Taberfane was attacked by 7 Beaufighters. 5 enemy floatplanes were observed either airborne or taking off and 2 were destroyed plus one probably. Two Beaufighters collided over the target and were lost with their crews.
- (5) <u>Barwin</u> The raid on Darwin 0300-0350/21 (refer Summary No.570) was conducted probe ly by 18 aircraft. Bombs were dropped at Fenton and Comallie but only slight damage was caused.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/22:

(1) "VAN GALEN" returning to Fremantle after escorting "ALTAMAHA" bound for Karachi.

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "TJERK HIDDES" "HORSHAM" "DUBEO" "HERON" "ISABEL" "LARE" "CHILDS" "ATREUS" "WHIPPOORWILL" "PELIAS" "SC.739" "YP.288" Trementle

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B. PRESTON" "CHANTICLEER" "YP.286"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/22:

(1) "AUSTRALIA" escorted by "VENDETTA" dep. Brisbane 1003/21 ETA Sydhey 1000/22.

(2) "MILDURA" "KALGOORLIE" "BENDIGO" "ML.803" escorting OC.118 (10 ships), one for Port Kembla ETA 0100/23, 4 for Sydney ETA 0600/23 and 5 for Newcastle ETA 1300/23.
 (3) "TOWN SVILLE" "WARRNAMBOOL" "BALLARAT" "ECHUCA" escorting

(4) "KYERA" on training cruise dep. Sydney 2005/17 for Endemains Broken Bay, Newcastle and Port Stephens.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA" 1 LST - Warships & Aux. - "ARARAT" "CASTLEMAINE" "YANDRA" "WILCANNIA" "ROCKHAMPTON" "BROOME" "SC.735" Sydney "ML.450" "MANUNDA" (AH) 1 LST "KAN IMBIA" (Repairing) (on Reserve) - Warships & Aux. - "NIZAM" "DRAYTON" "WESTRALIA" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" Melbourne "ADELA IDE" "DOOMBA" (Refitting)

(c) Proposed Movements ---

(1) "VENDETTA" to depart Sydney to RV with "DAVID C. SHANKS" at Caloundra 1700/23 and escort to Lady Elliott Is. thence return Brisbane.

SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES:

(1) At Espiritu Santo - CURTISS TANGIER (AV) CHINCOTEAGUE (AVP) DIXIE (AD) VESTAL (AR) Repairing - HONOLULU LEANDER (CL)
 (2) At Noumea - WHITNEY (AD) POCOMOKE (AV)
 (3) At Efate - CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV)

- (4) At Funafuti BALLARD (AVD)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Samoa Group - At 2050/20 an enemy submarine was located 35 miles S.E. of Tutuila.

HAVAL INCIDENTS

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Continued air and naval counter-action against allied moves
- in Solomons and New Guinea areas. Consolidation of defences Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Northern Solomons, Gilberts, Marshalls, (2) Malayan areas.
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ALL	IED FORCES		ENEMY	FORCES
	hwest Pacific tern Section)	South Pacifie	Bismarcks Solomons	Cerolines Marshalls
BB	-	NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO WASHINGTON	•	YAMATO MUSA SHI MUTSU) poss. NAGATO)Empire KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMA SHIRO
CV		SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
GV(L)	-	-		Z UIHO HAYATAKA
CV(E)	÷	SUWANNEE SANCAMON BRETON	-	UNYO CHUYO OTAKA
CA	AUSTRALIA	-	CHOKAI SUZUYA	ATAGO TAXAO MAYA MYOKO HAGURO TONE CMI KUMA MOGAMI KUMA NO
CL	* ADELAIDE	HONOLULU RLEANDER RHOBART COLUMBIA CLE VELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIFGO SAN JUN	NAKA	Agano Gyodo Isuzu Nagara SendaI
CL(T)		•	-	EA SHIMA M. TCRI
XCL	PER KINS CONYNGHAM	-	-	2
•	MAHAN DRAYPON SMITH FLUSSER LAMSON MUGFOND BAGLEY HEILEY HELM LE TRIOMPHA STUART VENDETTA	Approx 40	10	25

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	st Pacific Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls	
SS	BALAO BOWFIN DEUM GREENLING GROWLER POMPON	2 On Patrol	20	15	
	ALBACORE BLUEFISH GROUPER GUARDFISH PETO PUFFER SCAMP STINGRAY TUNA	At Brisbane			
	K.9 At Syd	incy			
AV/CVS	-	CURTISS POCOMORE TANGIE R	-	-	
XAV/XCVS	-	3	1	2	
PT	35	Approx 30	?	?	
APA/APD/AKA	H.T.ALLEN NANOORA WESTRALIA GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS KANIMBLA	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA			
AS or XAS	FULTON		1	2 or more	
AD	DOBBIN	DIXIE	1	?	
9	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	1	1	
AIRGRAFT (N.F	Area Only)				
Fighters (inc Light or M/Bo SE/Bombers Flying Boats Floatplanes Transport & C	ombers	2g.)	220 217 11 6 62 18		
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ALLIE	D FORCES	MOST SECRET 22 August 1943 ENEMY FORCES
BB	INDIANA WEST VIRGINIA R CALIFORNIA	ISE HYUGA
CA	ENTER PRISE ESSEX Vorktown Lexington Victorious	
CV(L)	INDEPENDENCE HELLEAU WCOD PRINCETON	R HITAKA
CV (T)	-	HOSHO
CV(E)	CHENANGO PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND	-
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	GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA Combined Operational Intelligence Centre
•	DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY
	Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity
	Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle
	No. 572 Date: 23 August 1943
	PART I.
A. SOUTH	NEST PACIFIC AREA
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• -	(1) ALLIED FORCES
	(a) At Sea to 1200/23:
(1)	"ARUNTA" "WARRAMUNGA" escorting "HOBART" dep. Espiritu Santo
(2)	21 August for Sydney ETA 27 August. "SC.746" escorting "UKI" dep. Milne Bay 1100/22 for Guasopa (Woodlark Island) ETA 1200/23.
(3)	"YMS.71" dep. Milne Bay 1258/22 for Port Moresby ETA 1700/23. "YMS.49" "YMS.50" towing 4 PT dep. Cairns 2100/20 for Milne Bay
- 220	ETA 1130/24. "GYMPIE" "KAPUNDA" "COLAC" escorting TN.142 (7 MV, 2 LCI) dep.
(6)	Cairns 1532/22 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/25. 2 ships proceed Oro Bay and two to Buna. "PIRIE" escorting TN.143 ("GEO.H.FLINDERS") ex Townsville ETD 0300/23, to dep. Fitzroy Island 1700/23 for Milne Bay ETA 1400/25.
(7) (8)	"SC.738" dep. Milne Bay 2137/22 for Cairns ETA 1500/24. "PC.1119" escorting MT.42 (2 ships) dep. Port Moresby 0645/21
(9)	ETA Town sville 1145/24. "HELM" "HENLEY" escorting MT.41 ("DUNTROON" "CANEERRA" "KATOOMBA" "TAROONA") dep. Port Moresby 1300/21 for Townsville ETA
(10)	1700/23. "KATOOMBA" ëscorting FT.20 (1 MV) dep. Milne Bay 1400/21 ETA Town sville 1200/23.
(11) (12)	"PC.1121" dep. Townsville 1320/22 for Brisbane ETA 1500/24. "LATROBE" escorting TD.30 ("TIME" "COOLEBAR") was to depart
(13)	Thursday Is. 0300/23 for Darwin. "VENDETTA" dep. Sydney 1505/22 to RV with "DAVID C.SHANKS" at Caloundra 1700/23 and escort to Lady Elliott Island thence return Brisbane.
(14)	"BUNDABERG" "MORESEY" "GLEMELG" escorting PG.64 (5 MV) to depart Caloundra 1200/23. 3 ships for Newcastle, 2 for Sydey.
(15)	"GLADSTONE" "GOULBURN" "PC.476" were to depart Calcundra 0600/22 to RV with 3 MV escorted by 3 Sopac destroyers in position 26°45'S 159°39'E at 1400/23 and take over escort. "GLADSTONE" "PC.476" to escort 2 ships to
(16)	Gladstone; "LITHGOW" to escort 1 ship to Sydney. 7 submarines on patrol.
-	(b) In Harbour:
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Merchant Vessels: "KARSIK" "TORRENS" "MULCRA" "JOSIAH ROYCE" "WILLIS DEVENTER" "S. HALL YOUNG" "HOWEIL COBB" "DAVENPORT" "RAPHAEL JACKSON" "YUNNAN" "SUSQUEHANNA" "JOHN WHITEAKER" - Warships & Aux, - Nil Merchant Vessels: "KHOEN HOEA" "B.F. SHAW" "REIJNST" "GEO.EASTMAN" "VAN SWOLL" "JOSIAH EARL" "CREMER" "ANDREW D. WHITE" "J.W. GRIMES" "COLAC" "DINGA"

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Port Moresby

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "COOTAMUNDRA" "FREMA MILE"

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- Warships & Aux. - "DOBBIN" "SC.732" - Warships & Aux. - "DOBBIN" "SC.732" - Warships & Aux. - "ML.429" - Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "GEELONG" "FULTON" "OTUS" "LITHGOW" SC.650 SC.736 SC.741 YP.236 YP.278 YP.279 YP.283 YMS.9 ML.424 ML.816 ML.818 ML.819 PC.479 "MERKUR" "H.T.ALLEN" "VICTORIA"

(Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WARREGO" "WHYALLA" "WAGGA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "GRELONG" "LITHGOW" "SC.736" "SC.741" "ML.816" escorting QL.8 (13 ships including USS "VICTORIA", 3 LST, 1 APC) to
- depart Caloundra 1600/23. (2) "DUNTROON" "TAROONA" to sail for Sydney after arrival at Townsville.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

15 LST's

- (1) <u>Kula Gulf</u> During the night 20-21 August, 6 enemy barges were encountered in Kula Gulf by one patrol craft. One One barge was sunk and others damaged.
- (2) <u>Vella Lavella</u> Points on the S.W. coast at Cula and Supate where enemy barges are believed to land were attacked 1420/22 by 30 Avengers and 12 Mitchells with fighter protection.
- (3) Buka At 1325/22, a heavy cruiser and 3 destroyers were observed by aircraft 15 miles N.E. of Cape Henpan on course 180° speed 25 knots. Six enemy fighters were encountered over the enemy force but no damage was suffered.
- (4) Cape St. George At 1338/22 aircraft sighted a submarine submerging 10 miles S.S.W. of Cape St.George on course 30°, probably returning to Rabaul from patrol in the Solomons or Solomon Sea.
- (5) Cape Orford At 1559/22 a submarine passed heading south probably on the Lae-Rabaul shuttle.
- (6) Rooke Island Reconnaissance 21 August observed approximately 20 wooden buildings near a road 5 miles S.S.E. of Kumbalup (N.E.coast). Nearby there were 12 tanks estimated at 20,000 gallons capacity each.

(7) <u>Kapingamarangi</u> - At 1032/22 reconnaissance aircraft observed a vessel, shown by photes to be of about 500 tons, 350 miles west by north of Kapingamarangi. Bombs were dropped but missed; the vessel was also strafed. Violent evasive action was taken by the ship and no course could be given.

At 1415/22 another aircraft saw shipping, shown by photos to be one freighter (2-4500 tons) possibly towing a covered barge and one small probable escort vessel, 380 miles west of Kapingamarangi. The convoy was strafed after unsuccessful bombing. No course was given.

(8) Wewak - Further reports received on the attacks and interception at Wewak a.m. 21 August show that 54 enemy aircraft were either burnt or damaged on the ground as a result of the 18 Mitchells bombing and strafing. Approximately 50 enemy fighters attempted interception and 36 were shot down plus 6 probables, mainly by the 60 Lightnings escorting. Enemy air combat casualties included 8 twin-engined fighters.

At 0015/22, 2 southbound barges and one 300 ton freighter were bombed and strafed by a Catalina 45 miles E. by S. of Wewak. One barge was probably sunk and both the other craft beached.

 (9) Las - At 1600/21, 15 barges were observed by aircraft at Las.
 (10) Salamana - At 0750-0805/20, the Francisco River Mouth area and tracks inland were bombed and strafed by 6 Bostons. By a.m. 22 August, the enemy had been driven from Komiatum Ridge with heavy losses of men and equipment.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) AILIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/23:

(1) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL" "ML.814" "ML.815" Merchant Vessels; "DUNDULA" "ISLANDER"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

 Merauke - At 0905/22, enemy aircraft were over Merauke.
 (2) Celebes - Photos taken during the attack 1120/21 on Pomelaa show 7 barracks buildings destroyed and others damated: 6 other buildings are probably destroyed; 3 are damaged and 2 large buildings are on fire. The concentrating plant must have been at least damaged by bomb bursts.

20 barges and 7 praus are visible in the harbour in addition to the 4,500 ton merchant vessel which was believed damaged by 50 ft. misses.

(3) Timor - Dilli Town and asrodrome were attacked 0240/22 by 7 Mitchells.

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

"TP. 288"

(a) At Sea to 1200/23;

(b) In Harbours

Frementle - Warships & Aux. - "VAN GALEN" "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "TJERK HIDDES" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "HERON" "ISABEL" "LARK" "CHILDS" "ATREUS" "WHIPPOORWILL" "ALSEY" "PELIAS" "SC.739"

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W. B. RESTON" CHANTICLE ER" YP. 286

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/23;

- (1) "MILDURA" "KALCOORLIE" "BENDIGO" "ML. 803" escorting DC.118 (10 ships), one for Port Kembla ETA 0100/23, 4 for Sydney ETA 0600/23 and 5 for Newcastle ETA 1300/23.
- (2) "REID" escorting "ALGORAB" (AKA) dep. Noumea 21 August for
- (3) "TOWN SVILLE" "WARRY AMBOOL" "BALLARAT" "ECHUCA" escorting
- (3) "TOWN SVILLE" "WARRANGOOD CO.119 (prob. 8 MV) dep. Port
 (4) "ABRAHAM C RIJNSSEN" escorting OC.119 (prob. 8 MV) dep. Port Phillip 2359/22 to RV with CO.119 Wilsons Promontory and replace "BALLARAT" escorting 2 ships for Port Kembla ETA 2359/25, 1 ship for Sydney ETA 0500/26. and 5 ships for Newcastle ETA 1400/26.
- (5) "KYBRA" on training cruise dep. Sydney 1005/17 for Erss Broken Bay, Newcastle and Port Stephens.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "MAN OORA" 1 LST Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "ARARAT" "CASTLEMAINE" "YANDRA". "WILCANNIA" "ROCKHAMPTON" "BROOME" "SC.735" "ML.430" (Repairing, Refitting) "AUSTRALIA" "MANUNDA" (AH) (On Reserve) "KANIMBLA" - Warships & Aux. - "NIZAM" "DRAYTON" "WESTRALIA" Melbourne "ADELAT DE" "DOOMBA" (Refitting

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Espiritu Santo CURTISS TANGIER (AV) CHINCOTEAGUE (AVP) DIXIE (AD) VESTAL (AR)
- Repairing HONOLULU LEANDER (CL) (2) At Noumea WHITNEY (AD) POCOMOKE (AV) (3) At Efate CHENANGO SAN GAMON SUWANNEE (ACV)
- (4) At Funafuti BALLARD (AVD)

NAVAL INCIDENTS

NIL.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

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

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arships & Aux. - "MAHAN" MITH" "PERKINS" Milna Bay "FLUSSER" "MUCFORD" "BAGLEY" "LAM SON" "CONYNCHAM" "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HEMPHREYS" "GILMER" "RIGEL" "MIZAR" "DELGRAIRE" "SRAMA SC.648 SC.731 SC.742 SC.745 SC.982 YMS.11 YMS.51 YMS.52 YP.280 35 PT's 27 LST's "POYANG" "SAN PABLC" "TRINITY" "TULSA" SC, 637 30.747 80.749 YMS.70 YP.233 ML.427 ML.817 "POYANG" "SAN PABLO" "TR: "GOLD STAR" "DERRICK" (Y059) "SUSQUE HANNA" "YUNNAN" SPECIAL OPERATIONAL INCVEMENTS OUT OF (Note: MILDE BAY NOT SHOWN.) Merchant Vessels: "EARSIK" "TORRENS" "JOSIAH ROYCE" "WILLIS DEVENTER" "S.HALL YOUNG" "RAPHAEL JACKSON" "JOHN WHITEAKER" Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "YMS.71" "GRO.EASTMAN" "VAN SVOLL" "JOSIAH EARL" "CREMER" "ANDREW D.WHITE" "J.W.GRIMES" "COLAC" "DINGA" Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "COOTAMUNDRA" "FREMANTLE" YP. 291 4 YMS's Cairns "SC.981" "ML.426" "ML.428" "FLATYPUS" 1 LST • Warships & Aux. - "HENLEY" "HELM" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "ML.425" "SC.734" "BOWEN" "SHEPPARTON" "KURUMBA" Town sville "BISHOPDALE" 15 LST's - Warships & Aux. - "DOBBIN" "SC.732" Mackay - Warships & Aux. - "ML.429" Gladstone - Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "FULTON" "OTUS" SC.736 Brisbane YP.236 YP.278 YP.279 YF.283 YMS.9 ML.424 ML.818 ML.819 PC.499 "H.T.ALLEN" (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WARREGO" "WHYAILA" "WACGA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "VENDETTA" escorting "MAUI" to depart Caloundra 0600/25 for position 26°58'S 159°00'E at 1900/25 thence return Brisbane.

(11) EREMY FORCES

- (1) <u>Vsabel</u> At 2345/22, a submarine was reported in Rekata Bay, departing four hours later. This possibly indicates the use of submarines by the enemy for transportation to Rekata Bay in addition to barges and small craft.
- (2) Choiseul Local sources report a destroyer probably in the vicinity of Sumbi(Central south coast) being attacked by aircraft at 1700/19. The destroyer was still burning after midnight that night.

It is recalled that Mitchells attacked and claimed to have sunk a 100 ft. barge at Kakasa in the same vicinity afternoon 19 August.

(3) Kolombangara Area - During the night 21 August, two enemy barges were engaged and damaged by two allied patrol craft in Kula Gulf.

Early a.m. 22 August coves on South Kolombangara were investigated by 8 allied patrol craft. Six barges were located at Elliot Cover to the west of Vila and were attacked with unobserved results. No other sightings were made in other coves examined but heavy counter fire from the shore was met inflicting some damage and casualties to one patrol craft.

(4) Vella Lavella - Before dawn 21 August a 50 ft. barge was destroyed by allied patrol craft off Turo Vily Island in Beagle Channel. Enemy aircraft attacked our amphibious craft unloading

at Barakoma (S.E. Vella Lavella) and other ships in the vicinity 21 August. Slight damage and some casualties were suffered by near misses.

At 23 /22 2 small ships north of ella Lavella were encountered by 7 allied destroyers making a sweep of the area. At 0200/23 several barges were engaged with unreported results off S.W. Choiseul. Intermittent attacks were made on our surface vessels by enemy a rcraft.

- (5) <u>New Hanover Area</u>) At 1450/23 a freighter with a probable destroyer escorting was observed by aircraft 60 miles west by south of Cape Matanalem course S.E. Two enemy reconnaissance floatplanes were observed in the vicinity.
- (6) Gasmata At 0805-0840/23 the aerodrome was attacked by three Bostons and three Beaufighters.
- (7) Markham Valley Marawase area (approximately 65 miles N.W. Lae) was bombed and strafed by 4 Mitchells at 0913-0930/23.
- (8) Finschhafen Area In a coastal sweep from Langemak Bay to Saidor a wharf at Finschhafen was attacked by 6 Mitchells 1050-1110/23. Numerous wrecked barges were seen in Mape River.
- (9) Lae At 0735/23 three aircraft were reported parked on the airfield. During the afternoon six aircraft departed for the south.
- At 1422/23, one barge Left Lae for the south. (10) Salamaua Kela Village was attacked 0830-0845/23 by 7 Marauders. (11) Nassau Bay At 1830/23, 2 enemy aircraft raided Nassau Bay causing slight casualties and damage. (12) Minimize At about 1430/23 a probable course attacked 0830-0845/23 by 7 Marauders.
- (12) Kiriwina At about 1430/23 a probable enemy recommaissance aircraft was over Kiriwina. No bombs were dropped.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/24:

(1) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbours

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL" "ML.814" "ML.815" Merchant Vessels: "DUNDULA" "ISLANDER"

(11) ENEMY FORCES .

- (1) Merauke A probable enemy reconnaissance aircraft was over Merauke at 0845/23. Kittyhawks were a irborne with negative results.
- (2) Kai Is. At 0346-0410/25 Langgoer airfield was attacked by 3 Mudsons while another attacked Kolseer and a fifth attacked Doela.
- (3) Tanimbar Is. At 1035/23 a trawler type vessel was sighted in Adode Harbour N.W. Molee Is. (Northern Tanimbar Group). At 1100/23 a merchant vessel (2-4000 tons) accompanied by one small destroyer was located 4 miles west of Selee Is. (W. Tanimbar Group) course 315°. An air strike despatched
- failed to locate target due heavy rain. (4) Gelebes - Kendari town and aerodrome were attacked 0150-0420/25 by 7 Liberators. Weather was bad and results were unobserved.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

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(a) At Sea to 1200/24:

(b) In Harbour:

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- Warships & Aux. - "VAN GALEN" "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "TJERK HIDDES" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "HERON" "ISABEL" "LARK" "CHILDS" "ATREUS" "WHIPPOORWIIL" "ALSEY" "PELIAS" "SC.739" "YP. 288"

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B. PRESTON" "CHANTICLEER" "YP.286"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

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(a) At Sea to 1200/24:

- (1) "BUNDABERG" "MORESEX" "GLENELG" escorting PG.64 (5 MV) dep. Caloundra 1209/23. 3 MV for Newcastle ETA 1800/25,
- 2 MV for Sydney ETA 2000/25. (2) "REID" escorting "ALGORAB" (AKA) dep. Noumea 21 August for
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 (3) "GOULBURN" escorting "REPUBLIC" from RV in position 26°45'S 159°39'E at 1400/23 to Sydney.
 (4) "ROCKHAMPTON" "KALGOORLIE" escorting part C0.120 (8 MV) ex Newcastle ETD 0400/24. "MILDURA" "EENDIGO" escorting remainder C0.120 (3 MV) ex Sydney ETD 1100/24. "KALGOORLIE" detaches at Sydney.
 (5) "TOWN SV ILLE" "WARRNAMBOOL" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "ECHUCA" escorting OC.110 (7 MV). 1 shirtor Port Kembla ETA 0001/26. 1
- OC.119 (7 MV). 1 shipfor Port Kembla ETA 0001/26, 1 ship for Sydney ETA 0500/26 and 5 ships for Newcastle ETA 1400/26. (6) "DRAYTON" escorting "WESTRALIA" was to depart Port Phillip
- 1000/24 for Milne Bay.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "MA NOORA" 1 LST Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "ARARAT" "CASTLEMAINE" "YANDRA" "WILCANNIA" "BROOME" "KYBRA" "SC.735" "ML.430" (Repairing, Refitting) "AUSTRALIA" "MANUNDA" (AE) (On Reserve) "EANIMBLA" - Warships & Aux. - "NIZAM" "BALLARAT" "ADELAIDE" "DOOMBA" Melbourne (Refitting)

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(1) At Espiritu Santo - CURTISS TANGIER (AV) CHINCOTEAGUE (AVP) DIXIE (AD) VESTAL (AR)

- Repairing HONOLULU LEANDER (CL) (2) At Noumea WHITNEY (AD) POCOMOKE (AV) (3) At Efate CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWAMMEE (ACV)

(4) At Funafuti - BALLARD (AVD)

NAVAL INCIDENTS

NIL.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1)Continued air and naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- (2) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Northern Solemons, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Marshalls, Malayan areas.

- (3) Increased use of barges and warships, principally destroyers and submarines, for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons - New Guinea areas.
- (4) Offensive submarine activity in the Northern, Southern and South West Pacific to offset the building up of allied strength in these areas.

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	(1) <u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	
	(a) <u>At Sea to 1200/25:</u>	
	"HENLEY" escorting Convey TN.145 ("W.E.CHAN Townsville 2215/24 for Port Moresb	y ETA 0800/27.
(2)	"SC.982" escorting "JOHN WHITEAKER" departe for Oro Bay. Was due 0900/25. "YMS.10" departed Cairns 0815/23 for Brisba	d Milne Bay 1228/24
(3) (4) (5)	"SC.741" "SC.650" "ML.816" en route Lady El	liott Is, to Brisbane. SEA PIKE" from RV PC.476" to detach
(6) (7)	"BENALLA" was to depart Cairns 1100/25 for "GYMPIE" "KAPUNDA" "COLAC" escorting Convoy BONNEVILLE" "OZARK" "CAPE GREIG" "VAN HEUTSZ" "ANSON BURLINGAME" 2 Cairns 1532/22 for Milne Bay were	Milne Bay ETA 1030/27. TN.142 ("BENJAMIN HANYANG" "SIBIGO" LCI's) departed
(8)	"PIRIE" escorting Convoy TN.143 ("G.H.FLIND	ERS") from Fitzroy
(9)	Island to Milne Bay ETA 1000/26. "LE TRIOMPHANT" "BOWEN" "SC.734" "KATOOMBA" (Portion (a) comprising "SUVA" "JO BLACKWELL" "CHARLES P.STEINMETZ" f Portion (b) comprising "CAPE ANN" SERRA" 2 APC's for Milne Bay) fr Convoy to split in position 11018" TRIOMPHANT" "BOWEN" to escort port ETA 1000/28; "KATOOMBA" "SC.734" t Milne Bay ETA 1000/28.	HN CARROLL" "ELIZABETH or Port Moresby: "ANHUI" "JUNIPERA om Fitzrey Island. S 148°48'E and "LE ion (a) to Port Moresby
(11)	"VICTORIA" en route Bustard Head to Townsville "MERKUR" en route Bustard Head to Townsville "VENDETTA" escorting "MUI" was to depart C	e. aloundra 0600/25. To
(13)	provide escort to 159 E and return 10 submarines on patrol.	bri spane.
	(b) In Harbour:	
E	Buna - Warships & Aux "SC.698"	SC. 699" "SC. 703" "HILO"
0	Oro Bay - Warships & Aux "YMS.53" Merchant Vessels: "POINT SAN "ESTHER JOHNSON" "JAPARA" "COMARA" "NANCY HANKS" "A "ADONIRAM JUDSON"	YMS.72" "SC.748" PEDRO" "LORINNA" "JOSIAH B.GRINNELL"
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ships & Aux. - "MAHAN" "SECH" "PERKI "FLUSSER" "MUCFORD" "BAGLEY" "LAMSON" H" "PERKINS" "GCNYNGHAM" "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" "GILMER" "RIGEL" "MIZAR" "DELORAINE" "TULSA" SC.637 SC.648 SC.731 SC.742 SC.745 SC.747 SC.749 YMS.11 YMS.49 YMS.50 YMS.51 YMS.52 YES.70 YP.233 YP.20 39 PT'S 27 LST'S ML.427 ML.817 "POYANG" "SAN PABLO" "TRINITY" "GOLD STAR" "DERRICK" (Y059) "SUSQUEHANNA" YES.70 YP.233 ML.427 ML.817 "YUMNAN"

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Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "YMS.71" Merchant Vessels: "KHOEN HOEA" "B.F. SHAW" "REIJNST" "CAPE FLATTERY" "GEO.EASTMAN" "VAN SWOLL" "CREMER "JOSIAH EARL" "ANDREW D.WHITE" "J.W. GRIMES" "COLAC" "DINGA" Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "COOTAMUMDRA" "FREMANTLE" "YP.291" YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 • Warships & Aux. - "SWAN" "BUNBURY" "SC.738" "SC.750"

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- Warships & Aux. - "GEELONG" "LITEGOW" "ML.429" - Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "FUL TON" "OTUS" Gladstone Brisbane PC.1121 SC.736 YP.236 YP.278 YP.279 YF. 283 YMS.9 ML.424 ML.818 ML.819 PC.479 (Repairing, Trials stc.) - "WARREGO" "WHYALLA" "WAGGA" "H.T.ALTEN

(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "SUSQUEHANNA" to depart Milne Bay 25 August for Townsville,

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- Munda Before dawn 23 August, 15 enemy planes approached Munda Trom the west and apparently retired before reaching the air- field area. Meanwhile, 2 other aircraft apparently slipped in and dropped bombs damaging one Corsair.

 Baeroko Harbour Our artillery is now shelling Baeroko.
- (3) Kolombangara On the night 21 August, 4 barges were observed heading S.E. in Eula Gulf.
- (4) Vella Lavella After the general evacuation of Tringila, a former observation post on the N.W. coast at the end of July, the remaining personnel were evacuated by barges on the night 21-22 August,

Enemy fighters were twice intercepted over Vella Lavella, once shortly after noon and again at 1650/23. Our fighters shot down 9 enemy planes and damaged 2 more without loss.

- (5) Choiseul At 1330/23 a small enemy escort vessel was seen anchored at Boe (central S.W. coast).
- (6) Buka Passage Area At 1820/24 a light cruiser was reported by arcraft 18 miles N.E. by E. of Buka Passage course 1350 speed 15 knots. Shortly afterwards the vessel was reported retiring towards Buka under cover of a smoke screen. It is recalled that at 1325/22 a probable heavy cruiser and three destroyers were observed in this general area on a southerly course and were not again located. At 2350/24, aircraft reported 10 ships 42 miles N.W. of Buka Passage course 360°. A.A. fire was encountered from (7) St.Georges Channel - At 0100/24 a Catalina observed 2 destroyers and 2 smaller probable escort vessels 15 miles N.W. of Cape St.George course 320° apparently heading for Rabaul.

- (8) Cape Orford At 0819/23 a submarine passed Cape Orford northbound. At 0919/24 another submarine passed on a similar course. At 1440/24 a southbound submarine was observed from Cape Orford loaded with deck cargo.
- (9) Wewak At approximately 1040/24, Wewak town and supply area Were attacked by 39 Liberators escorted by 64 Lightnings. Manyy planes were destroyed and some large explosions observed. Approximately 20 enemy fighters were observed airborne but apparently showed little inclination to engage in combat with our fighters: 2 Zeros were probably destroyed while one

Liberator was damaged and crash-landed on return. Several small craft were observed in Wewak Marbour and some more off Muschu Island.

- (10) <u>Hansa Bay</u> Photos 0950/24 show 45 fighters and 7 luggers in the Bay, The existing runway at Nubia shows slight improvement but nil serviceable aircraft. A new runway appears to be under construction in the area.
- (11) Bena Bena Approxi mately 1400/24 8 enemy aircraft were reported 28 miles NNW Bena Bena heading S.E.
- (12) <u>Finschhafen</u> Early morning 23 August, Finschhafen area was bombarded by destroyers (see Naval Incidents).
- (13) Salamaua Our forward elements on the ridge west of the airfield made further advances 23 August and were consolidated 1300 yards west by north of the southern end of Salamaua aerodrome. During this advance the enemy fled eastwards abandoning all their equi pment.
- (14) Coral Sea At 0215/25 a possible submarine was sighted 270 miles N.E. of Gladstone heading south.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/25:

- "LATROBE" escorting Convoy TD.30 ("TIME" "COOLEBAR") departed Thursday Island 0832/23 for Darwin ETA 1830/28.
 "INVERELL" escorting Convoy DT.30 ("ISLANDER" "DUNDULA") dep. Darwin 0415/24 for Thursday Island ETA 2330/27.
- (3) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

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

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Tanimbar Is. - The town of Larat on W.Larat Island off north shore of the main Jamdena Is. and 2 barges at Wotap Island off W.Jamdena were attacked by 2 Mitchells 0724-0810/24. One empty barge was sunk and the other fully laden left smoking.

At 1440-1525/24, various villages in the group were bombed and strafed by one Hudson and two Beaufighters.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/25:

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "VAN GALEN" "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "TJERK HIDDES" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "HERON" "ISABEL" "LARK" "CHILDS" "ATREUS" "WHIPPOORWILL" "ALSEY" "PELIAS" "SC.739" "YP.288" Frementle Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.E.PRESTON" "CHANTIGLEER" "YP.286"

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/25:

- (1) "ARUNTA" "WARRAMUNGA" escorting "HOBART" on route Espiritu Santo to Sydney ETA 1300/26.
- (2) "DRAYTON" escorting "WESTRALIA" departed Port Phillip 0915/24 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/31.
 (3) "BUNDABERG" "MORESBY" "GLENELG" escorting Convoy PG.64 (5 MV) departed Calcundra 1209/23 for Newcastle ETA 1800/25 and Sydney 2000/25.
- (4) "GOULBURN" escorting "REPUBLIC" from RV in position 26°45'S 159°39'E at 1400/23 to Sydney.
 (5) "REID" escorting "ALGORAB" (AKA) dep. Noumea 21 August for
- (6) "ROCKHAMPTON" "MILDURA" "BENDIGO" escorting Convey CO.120
- (10 MV).
- (7) "TOWNSVIILE" "WARRNAM BOOL" "ECHUCA" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy OC.119 (8 MV) to Port Kembla ETA 0001/26, Sydney 0500/26 and Newcastle 1400/26.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA" 1 LST Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "ARARAT" "CASTLE MAINE" "YANDRA" "KALGOORLIE" "WILCANNIA" "EROOME" "KYERA" "SC.735" "ML.430" "AUSTRALIA" "MANUNDA" (AH) (Refitting) "KANIMBLA" (on Reserve) - Warships & Aux. - "BALLARAT" "ADELAIDE" "NIZAM" "DOOMBA" Melbourne (Refitting)

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Espiritu Santo CURTISS TANGIER (AV) CHINCOTEAGUE (AVP) DIXIE (AD) VESTAL (AR)
 - Repairing HONOLULU LEANDER (CL)
- (2) At Noumea WHITNEY (AD) POCOMOKE (AV) (3) At Erate CHENRANCE SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV)
- (4) At Funaruti EALLARD (AVD)

(11) ENENY FORCES

Espiritu Santo - Two enemy floatplanes were responsible for an alert at Espiritu Santo early 24 August. Our fighters were airborne but failed to make contact.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

Huon Gulf . Four U.S. destroyers conducted a search of Huon Gulf during the night 22-23 August but failed to make contact. At 0120/23 stected targets at and near Finschhafen were shelled with 540 rounds from 7000 yards. No opposition was encountered and complete surprise is believed to have been effected although it was thought that several planes attempted to locate our ships after the bombardment.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY PART II ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

South	west Pacific ern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
BB	-	WASHING TON MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	-	YAMATO MUSASHI MUTSU) poss NAGATO)Empir KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO
CV	-	SARATOGA	-	Z UIKAKU SHORAK U
CV (L)	-	-	-	ZUIHO HAYATAKA
CV (E)	-	SUWANNEE SANGAMON BRETON	-	CHUYO OTAKA RYUHO (poss Empire)
CA	AUSTRALIA	-	CHOKAI ? SUZUYA	ATAGO TAKA O MAYA MYOKO HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI KUMANO
CL	R ADELAIDE R HOBART	 HONOLULU LEANDER COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN 	naka	AGAN O OYODO ISUZU NAGARA SENDAI
CL(T)	-	- 1	-	ka shima Ka tor i
BCL DD	AR UNTA WARRAMUNGA	-	-	2
	STUART VENDETTA MIZAN BAGLEY HELM MUGFORD HENLEY MAHAN DRAYTON LAMSON FLUSSER HEID CONYEGHAM FERKINS SMITH LE TRIOMPHA	Approx 40 NT ffective -1 -	10	25

			25 August 1943	
Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)		South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>88</u>	ALBACORE BALAO BOWFIN DRUM GREENLING GROWLER SILVERSIDES STINGRAY TUNA S.31) 2) On Patrol	20	15
	BLUEFISH GROUPER GUARDFISH PETO POMPON PUFFER SCAMP	At Brisbane		
	K.9 At Sydi	ne y		
AV/CVS	-	CURTISS POCO MOKE TANGIER	-	-
XAV/XCVS	-	3	1	2
PT	35	Approx 30	Ŧ	۲
<u>APA/AFD/AKA</u>	H.T.ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS ALGORAB KANIMBLA	10 APA 11 ARD 6 AKA		
AS or XAS	FULTON OTUS		1	2 er mor
2	DOBBIN	DIXIE	1	7
AR	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	1	1
AIRCRAFT (N.	E.Area Only)			
Fighters (incl. 18 twign-eng.) Light or M/Bombers SE/Bombers Flying Boats Floatplanes			191 220 11 6 61	
Transport & Obsn. A/C			18	

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	3. ENTRAL	PACIFIC MOST SECRET 25 August 1943
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CV(T)	•	HOSHO
CV(E)	CHENANGO PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND	UNXO
<u>64</u>	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA # SALT LAKE CITY # MINNEAPOLIS # ST.LOUIS	# ACBA
OCA		6
CL	R NASHVILLE MOBILE	TATSUTA KINU YUBARI NATORI
XCL AV/CVS	•	S E CHIYODA)Under conversion
	2	R CHITOSE) to ACVS
DD XAV/XGVS	Approx 35	3 25-30 (approx 15 repairs
XAV/XCVS DD SS AS/XAS	Approx 50 ?	Approx 30 3 or more
	4. NOR THE	RN PACIFIC
BB	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO TENNESSEE PENNSYLVANIA	-
CA	WICHTTA LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND INDIANAPOLIS	NACEI
CL	SANTA FE RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT	KISO ABUKUMA
XCL AV/CVS XAV/XCVS	22	3 AKITSUSHIMA 1 4
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5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN CCEAN

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Sou thwes (Western	t Pacific I Section) I	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
		WARSPITE	
CV	- 1	ILUSTRIOUS	•
CV(E)	-	ALTAMAHA	•
CA		SUSSEX SUFFOLK HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASEIGARA
CL	TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTIE SS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC EMERALD	KUMA OI KITAGAMI
CL(T)	-	-	KASHII
XCL	-	CARTHAGE CHITRAL HANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
AV/CVS	CHILDS HERON W.B.FRESTON	ALBATROSS	Kamoi Notoro
XAV/XCVS	-	?	1
DD	VAN GALEN TJERK H IDDES	Approx 27	11
2	FIN BACK GAR GRAYLING KINGFISH TAMBOR TROUT BIILFISH	n Patrol	5
	K.12 At Frem	antle	
AS or XAS	PELIAS	?	1
AIRCRAFT (N.W	.Area Only)		
Fighters (inc Light or M/Bo E/Bombers lying Boats Floatplanes Transport & C		No recent intelligen Present location und	

British — MOST SECRET U. S. — SECRET GENERAL HEADOUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA Combined Operational Intelligence Centre DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle No. 575 Date: 26 August 1943 PART I. A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA 1. NORTH EASTERN AREA (1) ALLIED FORCES (a) At Sea to 1200/26: "H ENLEY" escorting Convoy TN.145 ("W.E.CHANNING") departed Townsville 2215/24 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/27.
 "YMS.71" escorting "REIJNST" departed Port Moresby 1203/24 for Beli Beli. Was due 1200/26. (3) "INVERELL" escorting Convoy DT.30 ("ISLANDER" "DUNDULA") dep. Darwin 0415/24 for Thursday Island ETA 2330/27.
 (4) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting "BAN HONG LIONG" departed Thursday Is. 1448/25 for Darwin ETA 1830/28. (5) "DELORAINE" escorting "SUSQUEHANNA" departed Milne Bay 1105/25 for Townsville ETA 1200/27. (6) "YMS.10" departed Cairns 0815/23 for Brisbane ETA 0800/27. (7) "GEELONG" "LITHGON" escorting <u>Gonvoy LQ8</u> (3 MV) departed Gladstone 2200/25 ETA Brisbane 0945/27. "ML.429" joins escort (8)" SC.741" "SC.650" "ML.816" en route Lady Elliott Is. to Brisbane. (9) "GLADSTONE" escorting "J.M.HINES" "SEA PIKE" was due Brisbane a.m. 26 August. (10) "HENALLA" dep. Cairns 0900/25 for gunnery exercises thence Milne Bay ETA 1030/27. (11) "PIRTE" escorting Convoy TN.143 ("G.H.FLINDERS") from Fitzroy Is. to Milne Bay was due 1000/26. (12) "LE TRIOMPHANT" "BOWEN" "SC.734" "KATOOMEA" escorting Convoy TN.144 (Portion (a) comprising "SUVA" "JOHN CARROLL" "ELIZABETH BLACKWELL" "CHARLES P. STEINMETZ" for Port Moresby: Portion (b) comprising "CAPE ANN" "ANHUI" "JUNIPERA SERRA" 2 APC's for Milne Bay) from Fitzroy Island. Convoy to split in position 11°18'S 148°48'E and "LE TRIOMPHANT" "BOWEN" to escort portion (a) to Port Moresby ETA 1000/28: "KATOOMEA" escort portion (a) to Port Moresby ETA 1000/28; "KATOOMBA" "SC.734" to escort portion (b) to Milne Bay ETA 1000/28. (15) "VICTORIA" en reute Bustard H ead to Townsville. (14) "MEREUR" en route Bustard Head to Townsville. (15) "VENDETTA" escorting "MAUI" dep. Caloundra 0648/25. To provide escort to 1590E and return Brisbane. (16) 12 submarines on patrol. (b) In Harbour: - Merchant Vessels: "POINT SAN PEDRO" - Warships & Aux. - "SC.698" "SC.699" "SC.703" "HILO" Morobe BING Merchant Vessels: "HENRY D. THOREAU" - Warships & Aux. - "YMS.53" "YMS.72" "SC.748" "SC.982" Oro Bay Merchant Vessels: "LORINNA" "ESTHER JOHNSON" "JAPARA" "JOSIAH B.GRINNELL" "COMARA" "NANCY HANKS" "ALAMO" "Wm.B.AILISON" "ADONTRAM JUDSON" "JOHN WHITEAKER"

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Milne Bay

arships & Aux. - "SC.744" Merchant Vessels: "MARRAWAH

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		SC.747 YMS.52	SC .749 YMS .70	YMS.11 YP.233	YNS.49 YP.280	YMS.50 33 PTs
	ML.427 "TRINITY"	ML.817		"POYANG UNNAN"	" "SAN F	ABLON

SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF (Note: MILNE BAY NCT SHOWN.)

Merchant Vessels: "KARSIK" "TORRENS" "JOSIAH ROYCE" "WILLIS DEVENTER" "S. HALL YOUNG" "RAPHAEL JACKSON" "OZARK" "CAPE GREIG" "VAN HEUTSZ" "AN SON BURLINGHAME"

Port Moresby - Merchant Vessels: "KHOEN HOEA" "B.F.SHAW" "CAFE PLATTERY" "GEO.EASTMAN" "VAN SWOLL" "CREMER" "TOSIAH EARL" "ANDREW D.NHITE" "J.W. GRIMES" "COLAC" "DILGA"

- Thursday Is. Warships & Aux. "FREMANTLE" "YP. 291" "YNS.8" "YMS. 46" "YMS. 47" "YMS. 48" - Warships & Aux. - "SWAN" "BUNBURY" "SG.738" "SG.750" "SC.981" "ML.426" "ML.428" "PLATYPUS" Cairns 1 PT - Warships & Aux. - "HELM" "SHEPPARTON" "KURUMBA" "PO.1119" "EISHOPDALE" "ML.425" Townsville
- Warships & Aux. "DOBBIN" "SC. 732" • Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "FULTOE" "OTUS" PC.112 PC.476 SC.736 YP.236 YF.278 YP.279 YP.283 YMS.9 NL.424 ML.818 ML.819 PC.479 "WYFYARE "H.T.ALLEN" Mackay Brisbane

(Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WARREGO" "WHYALLA" "WAGGA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "WAGGA" "SC.741" "SC.736" escerting Convoy QL8A (3 MV 2 LST's) to depart Calcundre 1100/27. Convey to disperse vicinity Bustard Head. "WAGGA" "SC.736" to proceed Townsville; "SC.741" to return Brisbane.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Kolombangara - Webster and Elliot Coves and guns positions in the vid nity of Vila were attacked approximately 1400/24 by 26 Dauntless, 21 Avengers, 12 Mitchells with 24 fighters escorting.

Part of a larger force of Liberators scheduled to attack Kahili but unable to do so due weather, bombed Vila at about 1600/24.

- (2) Vella Lavella Enemy a ircraft made six riads on allied positions on Vella Lavella during 24 August. During one of these at 1230/24, 9 dive-bombers and 20 Zeros were intercepted by 14 Corsairs. 9 fighters and 2 dive-bombers were shot down without loss to ourselves. A.A. claims one floatplane shot down during the day.
- (3) Choiseul . Natives report 24 August that enemy strength at Kakasa (central S.W. Choiseuk) is almost 1000.
- (4) Buka At 1200/25, 2 light craisers and 4 destroyers were observed by aircraft 25 miles WMW of N. Buka Island course 70° speed 15 knots. These warships which may be patrolling the area may are further evidence of shipping activities in and around Buka.
- (5) Mussau At 1305/25, 2 five-ship convey consisting of two freighters (5-7,000 tons), one h rge sea-truck escorted by 2 gunboats was observed by aircraft 52 miles WNW Mussau Is. course 100°. The convoy was attacked (see Naval Incidents). At 1420/25, one freighter (5-7,000 tons) was observed 110 miles north of Mussau Is. course 129° speed 10 knots.

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morning) showed (6) Wewak - Photos 1230/24 (after the raid tha morning) showed a maximum of 52 possibly serviceable aircraft on the four aerodromes thus:-

Wewak	- 1	3	F.	2	TE.F	1	L/B
Boram	- 1	2	F,	2	T/E.F	2	transport
Dagua	-	8	F,	2	L/B,	2	M/B
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In addition, many damaged and destroyed aircraft are visible on the airfields.

The photographs also show many direct hits on buildings and A.A. positions.

- (7) <u>Hansa Bay Targets at Hansa Bay were attacked 0945-1025/25</u> by a strong force of aircraft including approximately 48 Fortresses and Liberators and 53 Mitchells probably with fighter escort. Photographs taken during the attack show 7 barges in the area badly damaged or sunk and one lugger damaged. Observations include 4 small vessels estimated between 1000 and 2,500 tons in Hansa Bay: one of these was hit by a bomb. One aircraft was observed on Mubia Strip.
 (8) Finschhafen - 7 barges were observed at Finschhafen at
- 1740/25.
- (9) Lao Three aircraft were observed parked on the aerodrome 0800/25. At 1043/25, 20 aircraft flew over heading south and at 1507/25, 6 aircraft flew over also heading south.
 (10) Salamaua Patrol skirmishes are reported in the vicinity of
- Kela where enemy pockets are being cleared. There are no enemy troops now south of a line drawn westwards from Dot Inlet except for possible stragglers.

Army sources report 5, vessels 80-90 ft. heavily laden left Salamaua at 0900/25 heading for Lae. The vessels were apparently towing barges. Crausing Fey were apparently towing barges.

- (11) Nassau Bay At 1815/24, 2 enemy bombers attacked Nassau Bay area without effect. One of the bombers was hit by A.A.
 (12) Brisbane Area A possible submarine attack was reported on a convey at 2030/25 off Great Sandy Island (91 miles N. by E. of Calendro Houde Content and Stand (91 miles N. by E. of Caloundra Head). Contact was obtained by escorting A.M.S. ("GLADSTONE"). Depth charges were dropped with unknown results.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALL TED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/26:

(1) "LATROBE" escorting Convoy TD.30 ("TIME" "COOLEBAR") departed Thursday Island 0832/23 for Darwin ETA 1830/28. (2) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbours

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

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) N.W. New Guinea - At 1140/25 one 500 ton sea-truck was observed at Kaimana.

At 1200/25 a probable submarine was observed at the entrance to Mccluer Gulf on a westerly course.

At 1220/25 a heavily armoured possible naval craft was observed off Sorong.

(2) Timor - At 2040/25 3 Hudsons attacked Lautem and one attacked Fuiloro. The same night targets at Koepang including Tenau and Hansisi were attacked by 6 Mitchells.

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/26:

(1) "HERON" on route Frementle to Brisbane ETA 7 September.

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "VAN GALEN" "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "TJERK HIDDES" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" Fremantle "SABEL" "LAR K" "CHILDS" "ATREUS" "WHIPPOORWIIL" "ALSEY" "PELIAS" "SC.739" "YP.288" Exa outh Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B. PRESTON" "CHANTICLE ER" "YP. 286"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/26:

- (1) "ARUNTA" "WARRAMUNGA" escorting "HOBART" en route Espiritu Santo to Sydney ETA 1300/26, (2) "DRAYTON" escorting "WESTRALIA" departed Port Phillip 0915/24
- for Milne Bay ETA 1200/31. (3) "ROCKHAMPTON" "MILDURA" "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy C0.120
- (10 MV). (4) "TOWNSVIILE" "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting Newcastle section Convoy
- 00.119 were due a.m. 25 August,

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA" 1 LST • Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA" 1 LST • Warships & Aux. - "REID" "ARARAT" "CASTLEMAINE" "YANDRA" "BUNDABERG" "MORESBY" "GOULBURN" "GLEMELG" "KALGOORLIE" "WILCANNIA" "BROOME" "ECHUCA" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "KYBRA" "ALGORAE" "REPUBLIC" "SC.735" "ML.430" Sydiey "AUSTRALIA" "MA NUNDA" (AH) (Refitting) (On Reserve) "KANINBLA" - Warships & Aux, - "BALLARAT" "ADELATDE" "NIZAM" "DOOMBA" Me lbourna (Refitting)

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(1) ALLIED FORCES

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- Repairing HONOLULU LEANDER (CL) (2) At Noumea WHITNEY (AD) POCOMOKE (AV) (3) At Efate SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV)
- (4) At Funafuti BAILARD (AVD)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Espiritu Santo - Further to the report of 2 enemy floatplanes over Espiritu Santo early 24 August (yesterday's Summary No.574) a submarine indication was obtained 24 August in the area east of Espiritu suggesting that the reconnaissance aircraft may have come from a subma rine.

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NAVAL INCIDENTS

Mussau Is, Area - In the attack on the convoy 52 miles W.N.W. of Mussau Island at 1305/25, the medium freighter was hit with 2 x 500-1b bombs and 2 near misses were also scored. The ship stopped and was listing badly when left. Considerable debris covered the area near the vessel and two holes from the bombing were plaintly visible.

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AD	DOBBIN	DIXIE	1	1
AR	R IGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	1	1
AIRCRAFT (N.)	S.Area Only)			
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		MOST SECRET
	5. CENTRAL PACIFIC	26 August 1943 ENEMY FORCES
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Southwest (Western	; Pacific Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
		WARSPITE	-
CA		ø IILUSTRI OUS	-
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SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA Combined Operational Intelligence Centre DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle 27 August, 1943 No. 576 Date: PART I. A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA 1. NORTH EASTERN AREA (1) ALLIED FORCES (a) At Sea to 1200/27: (1) "HEMLEY" escorting Convoy TN.145 ("W.E.CHANNING") departed Townsville 2215/24 for Port Moresby was due 0800/27. (2)"HELM" P.C.1119 escorting Convoy TN.146 ("CANBERRA" "KATOOMBA") were to depart Townsville 0800/27 for Port Moresby Eta 1000/29. (3) YMS.72 escorting "GEO.H.FLANDERS" departed Milne Bay 1422/26 for Ore Bay was due 1030/27. (4) 1 S.C. escorting "MELINGA" deper ted Milne Bay 1058/26 for Guasopa ETA 1800/27. (5) "INVERELL" escorting Convoy DT.30 ("ISLANDER" "DUNDULA") dep. Darwin 0415/24 for Thursday Island ETA 2330/27.
 (6) "DELORAINE" escorting "SUSQUEHANNA" departed Milne Bay 1105/25 (7) "COLAC" escorting Convoy FT.21 ("TORRENS" departed Milne Bay 1110/26 for Townsville ETA 1000/28. (8) YP.291 departed Thursday Island 1108/26 for Townsville ETA 0800/29. (9) YMS.10 departed Cairns 0815/23 for Brisbane ETA 0800/27. (10) "GEFLONG" "LITHGOW" ML.429 escorting Convoy LQ8 (3 MV) were due Brisbane 0945/27. (11)"BENALLA" dep. Cairns 0900/25 for Milne Bay was due 1030/27. (11)"BENALLA" dep. Gairns 0900/25 for Wilne Bay was due 1030/27. (12)"SHEPPARTON" departed Townsville 1045/26 for Milne Bay ETA 1500/28. (13)"LE TRIOMPHANT" "BOWEN" "SC.734" "KATOOMBA" escorting Convoy TN.144 (Portion (a) comprising "SUVA" "JOHN CARROLL" "ELIZABETH BLACKWELL" "CHARLES P. STEINMETZ" for Port Moresby: Portion (b) comprising "CAPE ANN" "ANHUI" "JUNIFERA SERRA" 2 APC's for Milne Bay) from Fitzroy Island. Convoy to split in position 11°13S 148°48'E and "LE TRIOMPHANT" "BOWEN" to Carcent portion (a) to Port Moresby ETA 1000/28: "KATOOMBA" escort portion (a) to Port Moresby ETA 1000/28; "KATOOMBA" "SC.734" to escort portion (b) to Milne Bay ETA 1000/28. (14) "WAGGA" "SC.741" "SC.736" escorting Convoy QL 8A (3 MV 2 LST's) were to depart Calcundra 1100/27. "SC.741" to detach to RV with "VERA" vicinity Lady Elliott Island at 1500/28 and escort

to Brisbane. Convoy QL8A to disperse at Bustard Head. "WAGGA" "SC.736" to proceed Townsville. (15) 12 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

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	Merchan	t Vessels:	"HENRY D. THOREAU	"HANYANG""SIBIGO

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	"COMARA" "NANCY HANKS""ALAMO" "Wm. B. ALLISON" "ADONIRAM JUDSON" "JOHN WHITEAKER"
	"BENJAMIN PONNEVILLE"
	Warships and Aux. "YMS.71" Merchant Vessels: "REIJNST"
Milne Bay -	Warships & Aux "MAHAN" "SMITH" "PERKINS" "FLUSSER" "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "LAMSON" "CONYNGHAN" "SANDS" "EROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" "GILMER" "RIGEL" "GYMPIE" "KAPUNDA" "PIRIE" "TUE SA" "SC.637" SC.648 SC.731 SC.742
	SC.745 SC.746 SC.749 YMS.11 YMS.49
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	YP.233 YP.280 33 PT's ML.425 ML.427
	ML.817 "GOLD STAR" "MIZAR" "POYANG"
1.1	"YUNNAN" "SAN PABLO" "TRINITY"
	"(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF HILME BAY NOT SHOWN.)
	Merchant Vessels: "KARSIK" "JOSIAH ROYCE" "WILLIS DEVENTER" "S. HALL YOUNG" "RAPHAEL JACKSON" "OZARK" "CAPE CREIG" "VAN HEUTZ" "ANSON EURLINGHAME" "LORINNA"
Port Moresby-	Merchant Vessels: "KHOEN HOEA" "B.F.SHAW" "CAFE FLATTERY" "GEO.EASTMAN" "VAN SWOLL" "SREMER" "JOSIAH EAHL" "ANDREW D.WHITE"
	"J.W. GRIMES" "COLAC" "DILGA"
	Warships & Aux. "FREMANTLE" "YP.291" "YHS.8" "YHS.46" "YMS.47" "YMS.48"
	Warships & Aux. "SWAN" "EUNBURY" "SC.738" "SC.750" "SC.981" "ML.426" "ML.423" "FLATYPUS" 1 PT
Townsville -	Warships & Aux "KURUMBA" "BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA" "MERKUR"
Mackay -	Warships & Aux "DOBBIN" "SC.732"
Brisbane -	Warships & Aux "STUART" VENDETTA" "ELADSTONE" PC.476 PC.479 PC.1121 SC.650 YP.236
	YP. 278 YP. 279 YP. 283 YMS. 9 ML. 424
	ML.816 ML.818 ML.819 "HT.AILEN" "FULTOR" "OTUS!
	(Repairing, Trials etc.) "WARREGO" "WHYALLA"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

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1. <u>New Georgia</u> - Commander 3rd Fleet reports that all organised resistance on New Georgia Island proper has ceased. Both sides of Bairoko Harbour were occupied without opposition, and approximately 20 vehicles and large quantities of feed were captured at Eairoko. It is also reported that the islands west of Baanga and south of Arundel Island have been occupied by allied forces without opposition.

2. <u>Shortlands</u> - Six Liberators with a cover of Corsairs, Warhawks and Kittyhawks bombed Kahili strip afternoon 25/8. Fifty to sixty enemy fighters attempted interception and four enemy fighters were shot down.

3. Northern and Central Solomons - Three destroyers with a cover of seven fighters were reported 125 miles N.N.W. of Rekata Bay course 345° at 0950/26. At 1500/26, these vessels were observed approximately 150 miles N.E. of Buka Passage on course 300°. At approximately 1550/26 a force of three destroyers was sighted 160 miles N.E. by E. of Buka Passage on course 210°. The position of the first two sightings may indicate that these destroyers were returning from some mission in the Rekata Bay area. There is however no other evidence of any shipping activity in this area. The third sighting, on position given, appears to be a distinct force, possibly proceeding to the Buka area where shipping activity has been reported recently. If there is some error in the positions given, it may be that the three sightings were of a group of destroyers patrolling to cover operations in the Buka-Bougainville area.

- 4. <u>Mussau Island</u> Photographs of the convoy attacked 52 miles W.N.W. of Mussau Island at approximately 1300/25 reveal two freighters each of 5,500 tons, one stack aft freighter of 2,500 tons which was carrying ten landing barges and two submarine chasers. The vessels were on course 100°.
- 5. <u>Cape St. George</u> One destroyer and two large merchant vessels were reported 26 miles E.of Cape St. George on course 2400 at 2345/26. These vessels would appear to be en route Rabaul via St. George's Channel.
- 6. <u>Cape Orford</u> An enemy submarine passed Cape Orford zigzagging on a northerly course at 0637/26.
- 7. Gasmata The aerodrome and instal lations were attacked by four Bostons 1135/25. Results were not observed.
- 8. Dietrich Point Morning 25/8 aircraft reported sighting a probable destroyer off Dietrich Point (28 miles W. of Gasmata) course 280° speed 25 knots.
- 9. Garove Island Two Beaufighters set on fire one enemy landing craft at 0642/25. Six similar landing craft and twelve camouflaged barges were also strafed and hit.
- 10. Wewak A further interpretation of photos taken at 1230/24 reveals -

Wewak	: 15 F. 5 L/B (two possibly unserviceable 1 M/B	•)
Boram	: 25 F. 2 L/B 2 M/B 2 transports.	
Dagua	: 14 F. 5 L/B (two unserviceable) 13 M/B	
But	(11 unserviceable) S R/P : 26 L/B (14 unserviceable) 2 M/B (one unserviceable)	

This represents a total of 121 aircraft of which 83 are serviceable, 2 possibly serviceable and 36 unserviceable. It is stated that assessment of serviceability has proved difficult.

11. Hansa Bay - A later report of the heavy attacks on Hansa Bay is now to hand (see Naval Incidents).

12. Goodenough Island - An enemy resse aircraft was over Goodenough Island at 1100/25.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/27:

(1) "LATROBE" escorting Convoy TD.30 ("TIME" "COOLEBAR")departed Thursday Island 0832/23 for Darwin ETA 1830/28.

(2) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting "BAN HONG LIOND" departed Thursday Island 1448/25 for Darwin ETA 1830/28.

(3) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

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

1. Sorong - Photos 1220/25 reveal one minelaver

3 sea trucks (500-1000 tons)

B barges (2 large, six small) Photos of the strip on Efman Island (off Sorong) reveal little development over the last month, when clearing work was reported almost completed over an area of 4500 x 300 feet. Little grading had taken place at that time.

2. Roepang - A small merchant vessel was observed at Tenau night 25/8.

3. Taberfane - The floatplane base was attacked by seven Beaufighters 1525/26. One flos oplane was set on fire on the beach and an 80 ft, camouflaged power barge was damaged, Five floatplanes attempted interception and one was probably destroyed and one damaged.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) AILIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/27:

"SUFFOLK" (CA-British) due Framantle 1300/27.

(2) "HERON" on route Framentle to Brisbane ETA 7 September.
(3) "DUBBO" escorting "KOOLINDA" to vicinity Dirk Hartog Island departed Fremantle 1230/26. "Dubbo" to return

Fremantle .

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle -

Warships & Aux. - "VAN GALEN" "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "TJERE HIDDES" "HOR SHAM" "ISABEL" "LARK" "CHILDS" "ATREUS" "SHIPPOORWILL" "ALSEY" "PELIAS" SC. 739 Yp.288 Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B. PRESTON" "CHANTICLEER" "YP. 286"

. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALL IED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/27:

"ERAFTON" escorting "WESTRALIA" departed Port Phillip 0915/24 for Milhe Bay ETA 1200/31.
 "KALGOORLIE" "BRDOME" arrived Newcastle 2036/26 for escort duty

- with Convoy CO.121
- (3) "BALLARAT" escorting Convey OC.120 was to depart Port Phillip 2300/26 to RV in Wilson's Promontory area with "BOCKHAMPTON" "MILDURA" "BEENDIGO" escorting Convey Col20
 (4) "CASTLEMAINE " "GLENELG" "MORESEY" HABREMAN CRIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy GP 65 (11 MV) were to depart Sydney 0800/27.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens Sydney	•	Warships & Aux "MANOORA" 1 LST Warships & Aux. "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "REID" "MARARAT" "TOWNSUITERS "MARUNTA" "REID"
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(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Espiritu Santo CURTISS TANGIER (AV) CHINCOTEAGUE (AVP) DIXIE (AD) VESTAL (AR) Repairing HONOLULU LEANDER (CL)
 (2) At Noumea WHITNEY (AD) POCOMOKE (AV)
 (3) At Efate SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV)
- (4) At Funafuti BALLARD (AVD)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

New Hebrides - A possible enemy submarine was attacked 130 miles W. by N. of Torres Islands at 1945/25.

NAVAL INCIDENT'S

Hansa Bay -A later report of the attacks in the Hanse Bay Area morning 25/8 states that a medium freighter transport was sunk, a small cargo vessel was set on fire and believed destroyed, while several luggers and many barges were destroyed or damaged.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Continued air and naval counter-action against allied
- (2) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Northern Solomons, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Melayan areas.
- (3) Increased use of barges and warships, principally destroyers and submarines, for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons - New Guinea areas.
- (4) Offensive submarine activity in the Northern, Southern and South West Pacific to offset the building up of allied strength in these areas.

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NORTH EASTERN AREA

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Kapingamarangi - A recce Liberator reported sighting a hospital ship 215 miles W. by N. of Kapingamarangi course N.W. at 1130/25. Another Maberator photogtaphed a ten thousand ton enemy merchant vessel 330 miles W. by S. of Kapingamarangi on course 120° at 1420/25. A rocce Liberator reported sighting a hospital

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CV(E)	-	ALTAMAHA	•
CA	-	SUSSEX SUFFOLK HAWFINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
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Warships & Aux. - "SWAN" (DE) "BUNBURY" (AMS)" SC.738 SC.750 SC.981 ML.426 ML.428 1 PT "PLATYFUS" (AR)
Warships & Aux. - "DELORAINE" (AMS) "BISHOPDALE" "SUSQUEHANNA" "VICTORIA" (AO) "MERKUR" (AF)
Warships & Aux. - SC.732 DOBBIN" (AD)
Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "VENDETTA" (DD)
"GLADSTONE" "GEELONG" "LITHGOW" (AMS) PC.476
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YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 - Warships & Aux. - "SWAN" (DE) "BUNBURY" (AMS)"

PC.1121 SC.650 YP.236 YP.278 YP.279 PC.479 YP.283 YMS.9 YMS.10 ML.424 ML.429 ML.816 ML.818 ML.819 "H.T.ALLEN" (AFA) "FULTON" "OTUS" (AS)

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

(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "SWAN" "GYMPIE" "COLAC" "BUNBURY" escorting Convoy TN.147 ("DAVID C.SHANKS" "JOHN MUIR" "FRED.C.AINSWORTH" "CAPE HATTERAS" "BALIKPAPAN" "CITY OF FORT WORTH" one other MV 1 APC 1 LST "VIETORIA" "MERKUR") from Fitzroy Island to Milne Bay ETA 1600/31.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Northern and Central Solomons A further report by Comainsols On the shipping sighted in this area 26 August (see Daily Summary No.576) states that three destroyers were sighted 155 miles NNW of Rekata Bay course 335° 0802-0819/26. There was a cover of ten fighters which unsuccessfully attacked the observing aircraft. A hundred foot barge was sighted five miles shead and the three destroyers came up to protect it. Another aircraft observed a force described as one light cruiser and two destroyers, probably the same group, 100 miles N.E. by E. of Buks Passage at 1428/26. These vessels man appear to have remained in this general position for some time, and at approximately 1616/26 another aircraft reported three large destroyers in the same position now on course 2000. This force was shadowed and was attacked by 9 Liberators at 1820/26, 86 miles N.E. of Buka Fassage. One direct hit was scred on one destroyer which remained dead in the water for five minutes. The force then proceeded on a southwesterly course at a speed of 15 knots.
- (2) <u>Shortlands</u> 15 Liberators with fighter cover bombed Kshili 1630/26. Thirty enemy fighters intercepted and in a running fight to Kolombangara 14 fighters were shot down by our aircraft without loss.

Three destroyers were observed at this time manceuvring off Tonolei.

- (3) Ganonaga Island Two Kittyhawks set fire to a 100 ft. vessel and two of three motor boats near Buri, Northern Ganongga, afternoon 26 August. The vessel was still burning night 26 August.
- (4) Vella Lavella There were six attacks on allied positions 25 August. One personnel was killed and 11 wounded.
- (5) Kolombangara Barge centres were strafed by Mitchells, Dauntless and Avengers 26 August.
- (6) <u>Choiseul Afternoon 25</u> August, two Kittyhawks strafed and destroyed three possible Japanese torpedo boats off the Choiseul coast. Two of these craft exploded, and the third was set ablaze.
- (7) Rekata Bay 2 Liberators bombed the area p.m. 25 August and on the following day 7 Liberators attacked starting a large explosion and fire.
- (8) Guadalcanal A periscope was observed on course 270°, 10 miles
- W. by N. of Cape Esperance at 0800/27.
 Mussau Is. A Liberator unsuccessfully attacked an 8000-10,000 ton freighter transport 110 miles EME of Mussau Island at 1440/27.
- (10) New Hanover A convoy of three vessels revealed by photos to comprise one sub, chaser and two small merchant vessels (2500 and 1500 tons) was reported 9 miles west of Cape Matanalem on course 20° at 0825/27. The vessels were attacked and the photos show near misses on the merchantman.
- (11) <u>Cape St.George</u> The convoy of three vessels sighted to the eastward of Cape St.George on the night 26 August is reported to have comprised one destroyer, one 16,000 ton tanker and a medium cargo vesse. These vessels were again sighted and shadowed in St. George's Channel on course 300° at 0130/27. A medium cargo vessel was sighted lying to and possibly unloading to two barges which were in the vicinity 25 miles east of Cape St. George night 26 August.
- (12) Cape Orford A submarine with deck carge was observed southbound 40 miles east by north of Cape Orford at 1434/27.
- (13) Vitu Islands In a further attack on enemy small craft at Garove Island, 5 Beaufighters 0631-0646/26 destroyed one 40 ton vessel and set another on fire. A 10 ton launch and one landing craft were also destroyed and four barges were hit and left smoking. One small vessel of approx 100-150 tons and 5 camouflaged barges were also observed but not attacked.
- (14) Hansa Bay Photos midday 27 August reveal no serviceable aircraft on Nubia Strip. The usual barges were visible, and extreme damage is apparent in main supply dimps as a result of the recent raids.
- (15) Bogadjim 8 Marauders attacked the area 1400-1415/27.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/27:

"LATROBE" escorting Convoy TD.30 ("TIME" "CODLEBAR") departed Thursday Island 0832/23 for Darwin ETA 1830/28.
 "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting "BAN HONG LIONG" departed Thursday Is.

- 1448/25 for Darwin ETA 1830/28.
- (3) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour :

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

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Serong - Five vessels (200-1000 tons) were observed in very poor visibility near the pier at Sorong 2300/26.

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/28;

"SUFFOLK" (CA - British) was due Fremantle 1300/27.

 "SUFFOLK" (CA - British) was due Fremantle Loop, S.
 "HERON" en route Fremantle to Brisbane ETA p.m. 6 September.
 "DUBBO" escorting "KOOLINDA" to vicinity Dirk Harteg Island departed Fremantle 1230/26, "DUBBO" to return Fremantle.

(b) In Harbour:

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

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At sea to 1200/28:

"KALGOORLIE" "BROOME" "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting Convoy CO.121 (7 MV)

"KALGOORLIE" "BROOME" "WERK NAMBOUL (2)
 "WEST POINT" due Port Fhillip 1700/28.
 "ROCKHAMPTON" "MILDURA" "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy OG.120
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0500/30 and Newcastle 1400/30.

(4) "REID" departed Sydney 0946/27 for Milne Bay ETA 1100/31. (5) "CASTLEMAINE" "GLENELG" "MORESBY" "ABRAHAMCRIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy GP.65 (10 MV) departed Sydney 0745/27 ETA Caloundra 0700/30.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA" (APA) I LST Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" (DD) "ARARAT" "TOWNSVILLE" "YANDRA" "WILCANNIA" "BUNDABERG" "GOULBURN" "ECHUCA" (AMS) "ALGORAB" (AKA) "REPUBLIC" (AP) SC.735 ML.4 30 "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "HOBART" (CL) "MANUNDA" (AH) (Refitting)) "KANIMBIA" (APA) - Warships & Aux. - "BAILARAT" (AMS) (On Reserve) Melbourne "ADELAIDE" (CL) "NIZAM" (DD) "DOOMBA" (A/S Vessel (Refitting)

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Espiritu Santo CURTISS TANGIER (AV) CHINCOTEAGUE (AVP) DIXIE (AD) VESTAL (AR)
 - Repairing HONOLULU LEARDER (CL)
- (2) At Noumea WHITNEY (AD) POCOMOKE (AV) (3) At Efate SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV)
- (4) At Funafuti BAILARD (AVD)

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NAVAL INCIDENTS

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

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

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacifie (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
BB	-	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	-	YAMATO MUSASHI MUTSU) poss. NAGATO)Empire KONGO HARURA FUSO YAMASHIRO
•		SARATOGA	•	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
CV (L)	-	•	•	ZUIEC HAYATAKA RYUEC (Poss.
<u>CV (E)</u>	-	SUWANNEE SANGAMON ERETON LONG ISLAND		Empire) CHUYO OTAKA
<u>GA</u>	* AUSTRALIA	-	CHOKAI ? SUZUYA	ATAGO TAKAO MAYA MYOKO HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI KUMANO
CIL I	ADELAIDE HOBART	HONOLULU LEANDER COLUMBIA CLEVIELAND MONT PELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO	NAKA	AGANO CYODO ISUZU NAGARA
<u>CL (T)</u>	-	SAN JUAN	-	KASHIMA KATORI
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AD		DOBBIN	DIXIE	1	1
R		R IGEL PLATY PUS	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	1	1
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		2.	SOUTHEASTERN PACI	FIC	
CL		CONCORD TRENTON	ALCUA		

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	• 3.	CENTRAL PACIFIC	MOST SECRET 28th August, 1943
	ALLIED FORCES		ENEMY FORCES
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av	ENTER PRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN LEXINGTON VICTORIOUS		•
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OV (T)	•		HOSHO
<u>CV (E)</u>	CHENANGO PRINCE WILLIAM		UNYO
	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA SALT LAKE CITY MINNEAPOLIS ST. LOUIS		H AOBA
OCA	-		6
CL	MOBILE		SENDAI TATSUTA # KINU # YUBARI # NATORI
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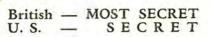
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5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OOEAN ALLIED FORCES ENEMY FORCES Southwest Pacific Eastern Fleet Area East Indies-Philippines (Western Section) BB WARSPITE CV ILLUSTRIOUS ø CV (E) ALTAMANA CA SUFFOLK SUSSEX ASHIGARA R HAWKINS FROBISHER CL TROMP MAURITIUS KUMA VAN HEEMSKERK GAMBIA OI KENYA KITAGAMI NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNFLESS CAPETONN DURBAN CARADOC EMERALD CL(T) . KASHII XCL CARTHAGE 1 CHITRAL. RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE AV/CVS CHILDS ALBATROSS KAMOI W.B. FRESTON HERON XAV/XCVS 2 1 DD VAN GALEN Approx 27 11 TJERK HIDDES SS BONFIN 5 FINBACK GAR GRAYLING On Patrol KINGFISH TAMBOR TROFF BILLFISH K.12 At Fremantle AS or XAS PELIAS ? 1 AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only) Fighters (incl. 2 twin-eng.) 98 Light or M/Bombers BE/Bombers 120 12 Flying Boats Floatplanes 12 44 ansport & Obsn. A/C 44 No recent intelligence - present location ø 30 Non-effective uncertain.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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

No. 578

Date: 29 August, 1943

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/29:

(1) "HENLEY" was due Port Moresby 1000/29 after escort duty to China Strait. (2) "SC.746" escorting "JUNIPERO SERRA" departed Milne Bay vicinity 0830/28 for Buna, was due 0700/29.
(3) "YMS.53" escorting "OZARK" departed Milne Bay 1653/27 for Buna ETA 1800/28. (4) "LE TRIOMPHANT" was to RV with "ADMIRAL CHASE" "VAN DEN BOSCH" (5) "PIRIE" escorting Convoy FT.22 ("POINT SAN PEDRO") en route Milne Bay to Townsville. (6) "KATOOMBA" escorting "HENRY D. THOREAU" departed Milne Bay 1307/28 for Townsville ETA 0700/31. "MIZAR" departed Port Moresby 1640/28 for Brisbane ETA 0200/1 Sept. (7)"YP.291" dep. Thursday Is. 1108/26 for Townsville was due 0800/29. (8)(9) "HELM" "PC.1119" escorting Convoy TN.146 ("CANBERRA" "KATOOMBA") departed Townsville 0800/27 for Port Moresby were due 1000/29. (10) "SUSQUEHANNA" departed Townsville 0200/28 for Brisbane ETA 0830/30. (11) "SC.741" escorting "VERA" en route Lady Elliott Island to Brisbane (11) "SC.741" escorting "VERA" en route Lady Elliott Island to Brisbane ETA Caloundra 2300/29.
(12) "SWAN" "GYMPIE" "COLAC" "BUNBURY" escorting Convoy TN.147 ("MERKUR" "VICTORIA" 3 LST's 1 APC "CAPE HATTERAS" "FRED.C.AINSWORTH "DAVID C.SHANKS" "BALIKPAPAN" "JOHN MUIR" "CITY OF FORT WORTH") from Fitzroy Island to Milne Bay ETA 1600/31.
(13) "DELORAINE" escorting Convoy TN.148 (Portion (a) "SHWEDAGON" for Port Moresby; portion (b) "SPRINGDALE" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" for Milne B ay) from Fitzroy Island to position 11018'S 148048'E where convoy splits and "BOWEN" is to RV. "BOWEN" to escort portion (a) to Port Moresby ETA 1300/1 Sept. "DELORAINE" to escort portion (b) to Milne Bay ETA Sept. "DELORAINE" to escort portion (b) to Milne Bay ETA 1200/1 Sept. (14) "DRAYTON" escorting "WESTRALIA" departed Port Phillip 0915/24 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/31. (15) "REID" departed Sydney 0946/27 for Milne Bay ETA 1100/31.
(16) "WAGGA" "SC.736" en route Bustard Head to Townsville.
(17) "STUART" departed Caloundra 1741/28. To RV position 24°55'S, 159° 10'E at 1100/30 with "SEASNIPE" (for Townsville) and escort to Lady Elliott Island. (18) 12 submarines on patrol. (b) In Harbour:

Buna

- Warships & Aux. - "SC.698" "SC.699" "SC.703" "HILO" (PG) Merchant Vessels: "HANYANG" "SIBIGO"

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•	Oro Bay	- Narships & Aux "SC.982" "YMS.72" Merchant Vessels: "ESTHER JOHNSON" "JAPARA" "COMARA" "NANCY HANKS" "ALAMO" "ADONIRAM JUDSON" "JOHN WHITEAKER" "BENJAMIN BONNEVILLE"
		"GEO. H. FLANDERS"
	Woodlark Is,	
	Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux "MAHAN" "SMITH" "PERKINS"
		"FLUSSER" "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "LAMSON" "CONYNGHAM" (DD) "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" "GILMER" (APD) "SHE PPARTON" "BENALLA" (AMS)
		"TULSA" (PG) SC.637 SC.648 SC.731 SC.734
		SC.742 SC.744 SC.745 SC.747 SC.749 SC.749 YMS.11 YMS.49 YMS.50 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.70
		YMS.71 YP.235 YP.280 33 PTs ML.425 ML.427
		ML.817 "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "POYANG" "YUNNAN" (ASIS)
		"SAN PABLO" (AVP) "TRINITY" (AO) "RIGEL" (AR)
		INOTE: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MCVEMENTS CUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)
		Merchant Vessels: "KARSIK" "JOSIAH ROYCE" "WILLIS
		DEVENTER" "S. HAIL YOUNG" "RAPHAEL JACKSON"
		"REIJNST" "VAN SWOLL" "CAPE GREIG" "VAN HEUTSZ"
		"ANSON BURLINGHAME" "CAPE ANNE" "ANHUI" "W.B.ALLISON"
	Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux "BOWEN" (AMS)
		Merchant Vessels: "KHCEN HOEA" "B.F. SHAW" "CAPE FLATTERY" "GEC.EASTMAN" "CREMER" "JOSIAH EARL" "ANDREW D.WHITE" "J.W.GRIMES" "COLAC" "FILGA"
		"C.P.STEINMETZ" "W.E.CHANNING" "SUVA" "JOHN
	Minante Deservice The	CARROLL" "ELIZAFETH BLACKWELL"
	Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux "INVERELL" "FREMANTLE" (AMS) YP.291 YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48
	Cairns	- Warships & Aux SC.738 SC.750 SC.981 ML.426 ML.428 1 PT "PLATYPUS" (AR)
	Townsville	- Warships & Aux "KAPUNDA" (AMS)"BISHOFDALE" (AO)
	Mackay	- Warships & Aux SC.732 "DOBBIN" (AD)
	Gla dstone	- Warships & Aux "KURUMBA" (AO)
	Brisbane	- Warships & Aux "VENDETTA" (DD) "GLADSTONE" "GEELONG" "LITHFOW" (AMS) PC.476 PC.479 PC.1121 SC.650 YP.236 YP.278 YP.279
		YP.283 YMS.9 YMS.10 ML.424 ML.429 ML.816 ML.818 ML.819 "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "FULTON"
	(Repairing.	"OTUS" (AS) Trials etc.) - "WARREGO" (DE) "WHYALLA" (AMS)
		(11) ENEMY FORCES

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(1) <u>Arundel Island</u> - Allied forces made an unopposed landing on <u>Arundel Island 27 August.</u> There was strong evidence of an enemy evacuation, which Commander Third Fleet suggests was probably the result of our artillery fire.

- (2) Kolombangara Carsairs destroyed two barges in Hamberi Cove
- (3) <u>Vella Lavella</u> Enemy aircraft made one attack on allied positions 26 August.

A report 28 August states that there are still many Japanese in the Supato - Oula area (S.W.coast Vella Lavella). This was a principal barge terminal in S.W. Vella Lavella.

- (4) <u>Choiseul</u> Twelve Mitchells covered by 16 fighters bombed and strafed Kakasa afternoon 27 August. Two small barges were left burning and several small fires started on shore.
- (5) <u>Shortlands</u> In the early hours 28 August, a Liberator scored one hit on an unidentified vessel E.S.E. of Faisi.
- (6) <u>Bougainville</u> An aircraft reported attacking an enemy vessel 12 miles N.N.W. of Kieta 0237/29.
- (7) Buka A force described as comprising one light cruiser, two destroyers was observed 44 miles west of Cape Henpan on course 90° at approx 050C/29. The aircraft made an attack and a preliminary report states that a hit was scored on the cruiser.

(8) New Hanover - . convoy commising 5 merchant vessels with 3 escorts was observed north-west of New Hanover course 3300 midnight 27-28 August.

A Hospital Ship revealed by photos to be of 9,500 tons was sighted 14 miles south of Dyaul Island course 355° at 0935/28. The vessel was again sighted 45 miles W.N.W. of Cape Matanalem at 1410/28.

(9) Mussau Island - Photos of the vessel described as an 8-10,000 ton transport attacked 110 miles E.N.E. of Mussau Island 1440/27 reveal it to be a small destroyer. It was proceeding on course 340°.

Considerable activity was reported in this area during BAugust. At 0815, three vessels including a destroyer, an unidentified merchantman and one freighter shown by photos to be of 8,500 tons were sighted 25 miles SSW of Mussau Island course 90°. The freighter was attacked apparently without result.

At 0915 a force described as one heavy cruiser, one light cruiser and two destroyers was reported 23 miles S.W. of Mussau Island course 340°. Another aircraft reported sighting one heavy cruiser, one light cruiser and one whaling ship of 17,000-19,000 tons with a slipway in stern 72 miles NME of Mussau course 450 at 1231. Indistinct photos purpor ting to be of this latter sighting reveal one heavy cruiser (possibly "ATAGO" class), one light cruiser (possibly "SENDAI" class) and two destroyers. It may therefore be that these two sightings refer to the same force in spite of the discrepancy in visual descriptions.

One destroyer and two merchant vessels of which one was described as medium, were observed 80 miles N. by W. of Mussau course 335° at 0930.

One gunboat and one merchantman shown by photos to be of 7000 tons were sighted 15 miles west of Cape Siemens on course 110° at 1143. The merchant vessel was attacked and damaged by near misses was confirmed by photos taken two hours h ter of the vessel with an oil slick and the gunboat circling, within a few miles of this position.

- (10) Cape Orford A submarine was observed 15 miles S.S.E. of Cape Orford Elgzagging on a northerly course at 0745/28. Another submarine was sighted 2 miles S.E. of Cape Orford course south at 1452/28.
- (11) Cape Beechey A large submarine was sighted 60 miles S.E. of Cape Beechey on effecterly course speed six knots at 2115/27.
- This may be a supply submarine en route to the Huon Gulf area. (12) Long Island - A Liberator attacked six barges off S.W. coast of Long Island at 1200/28.
- (13) Wewak Photos 1100/28 reveal -
 - 1 x 3500 ton freighter transport 2 x 1000 ton vessels 3 x 400 ton luggers

21 barges This shipping was at Muschu Island.

Coverage of the aerodromes showed only 36 adreraft on the Wewak aerodromes including 7 F, 6 L/B at Boram; 2 F, 1 M/B, 4 L/B at But; 4 F, 2 M/B at Dagua and 8 F (including 3 twin-engined), 2 L/B at Wewak. There is no statement as to whether coverage was complete. Six Zeros unsuccessfully attempted interception of our photographing aircraft.

- (14) Hansa Bay At approx 1030/28 a strong force of our aircraft, mainly Mitchells, attacked Hansa Bay. A peliminary report states that one 1200 ton freighter was sunk and a number of luggers, launches and barges were destroyed or damaged. Photos of Hansa Bay at 1135/28 reveal 44 barges in the northern part of Hansa Bay.
- (15) Finschhafen An attack on barges was made by 6 Bostons afternoon 27 August. Two direct hits were scored on barges along the south bank of the Mape River and several barges were effectively strafed.
- (16) Las Four a rcraft were observed parked on the aerodrome at 0905/28. At 0925-0954/28, thirteen Fortresses attacked Lae destroying three jetties and starting fires and explosions. Fifteen to twenty barges were observed but no serviceable





aircraft were seen on the strip. (17) Woodlark Is. - Five Aircobras shot down an enemy reconnaissance (18) Cape St.George - At approximately 0300/29 one unidentified wessel
 was sighted 23 miles south by east of Cape St.George.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/29:

(1) "LATROEE" escorting Convoy TD.30 ("TIME" "COOLEBAR") departed Thursday Island 0832/23 for Darwin was due 1830/28. (2) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

- Warships & Aux. - "COOTAMUMDRA" (AMS) ML.814 ML.815 Darwin Merchant Vessels: "BAN HONG LIONG"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Dilli - Fires were started as the result of an attack on Dilli by six Mitchells night 27 August.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES .

(a) At Sea to 1200/29:

(1) "HERON" en route Fremantle to Brisbane ETA p.m. 6 September. (2) "DUBBO" escorting "KOOLINDA" to vicinity Dirk Hartog Island departed Fremantle 1230/26, "DUBBO" to return Freman tle.

(b) In Harbour:

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

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/29:

(1) "KALGOORLIE" "BROOME" "WARRNANBOOL" escorting Convoy CO.121 (7 MV). (2) "ROCKHAMPTON" "MILLIURA" "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy OC.120 (6 MV) en route Port Kembla ETA 2359/29, Sydney 0500/30 and

Newcastle 1400/30. (3) "CASTLEMAINE" "GLENELG" "MORESEY" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy GP.65 (10 MV) departed Sydney 0745/27 ETA Caloundra 0700/30.

(4) "SC.735" was to depart Sydney 0800/29 for Brisbane.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "MANCORA" (APA) 1 LST

Warships & Aux. - "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" (DD) "ARARAT" "TOWN SVILLE" "BUNDABERG" "GOUL BURN" Sydney "ECHUCA" (AMS) "ALGORAB" (AKA) "REPUBLIC (AP) "YANDRA" "WILCANNIA" (A/S Vessels) "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "HOBART" (CL) "MANUNDA" (AH) (Refitting) "KANIMBLA" (APA) (On Reserve) - Warships & Aux. - "BALLARAT" (AMS) "WEST POINT" (AP) "ADELAIDE" (CL) "NIZAM" (DD) "DOOMBA" (A/S Vessel Melbourne (Refitting) (c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "WARRAMUNGA" to depart Sydney 1730/29 for Townsville.
(2) "CASTLEMAINE" "GLENELG" "MORESBY" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy PG.65 to depart Calcundra 1200/30.

B . SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Espiritu Santo CURTISS TANGIER (AV) CHINCOTEAGUE (AVP) DIXIE (AD) VESTAL (AR)
- Repairing HONOLULU LEANDER (CL)
- (2) At Noumea WHITNEY (AD) POCOMOKE (AV)
 (3) At Efate SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV)
 (4) At Funafuti BALLARD (AVD)

NAVAL INCIDENTS

NIL.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

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

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ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

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	DOBBIN	DIXIE	1	1
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BB	INDIANA WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA	ise Hyuga
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CV (E)	CHENANGO, SUWANNEE, SANGAMMON PRINCE WILLIAM, LONG ISLAND.	UNYO
<u>CA</u>	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA SALT LAKE CITY MINNEAPOLIS ST.LOUIS	R AOBA
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XCL	-	3
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Southwest (Western		Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
BB	-	WARSPITE	-
GV	-	ØILLUSTRI OUS	-
CV(E)		ALTAMAHA	-
CA	SUFFOLK	SUSSEX R HAWKINS FROBISH_ER	ASHIGARA
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XCL	-	CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
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	SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA	
	Combined Operational Intelligence Centre	
•	DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY	
	Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity	
	Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle	
	No. 579 Date: 30 August, 1943	
	PART I.	
A. SOUTH	WEST PACIFIC AREA	
1. NOR	RTH EASTERN AREA	
	(1) ALL IED FORCES	
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•	(a) At Sea to 1200/30:	
(1)) "HENLEY" escorting "ANDREW D.WHITE" was to depart Port Moresby 1000/30 for Beli Beli.	<u>.</u>
(2)) "SC.748" escorting "LORINNA" departed Milne Bay 1206/29 for	
(3)	Kiriwina ETA 1700/30.) "BOWEN" escorting "B.M.SHAW" (for Beli Beli) departed Port More 1400/29. "BOWEN" to provide escort to Kanakope and to	esby
	proceed to Milne Bay ETA 1500/30.) "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting "ADMIRAL CHASE" "VAN DEN BOSCH" from	
	Stephens Island to Port Moresby.	
(5)) "HELM" "PC.1119" escorting Convoy NT.43 ("CANBERRA" "KATOOMBA" were to depart Port Moresby 1200/30 for Townsville ETA	A
1.03	1400/1 September.	
(6)) "PIRIE" escorting Convoy FT.22 ("POINT SAN PEDRO") en route Mil Bay to Townsville.	lne
(7)) "KATOOMBA" escorting "HENRY D.THOREAU" departed Milne Bay 1307, for Townsville ETA 0700/31.	/28
(8)	"MIZAR" departed Port Moresby 1640/28 for Brisbane ETA 1600/31.	•
(9)	"SWAN" "GYMPIE" "COLAC" "BUNBURY" escorting Convoy TN.147 ("MER "VICTORIA" 3 LST's 1 APC "CAPE HATTERAS" "FRED.C.AL "DAVID C.SHANKS" "BALIKPAPAN" "JOHN MUIR" "CITY OF FOR	INSWORT
(10)	WORTH") from Fitzroy Island to Milne Bay ETA 1600/31.	
(120)) "DELORAINE" escorting Convoy TN.148 (Portion (a) "SHWEDAGON" for Port Moresby; Portion (b) "SRINGDALE" "EMPIRE HAMBLE"	n
	for Milne Bay) from Fitzroy Island to position 11º18's 148º48'E where convoy splits and "BOWEN" is to RV.	S
	"BOWEN" to escort Portion (a) to Port Moresby ETA 1300/	/1
	Sept. "DELORAINE" to escort Portion (b) to Milne Bay 1200/1 Sept.	ETA
(11)	"DRAYTON" escorting "WESTRALIA" departed Port Phillip 0915/24 f	for
	Milne Bay ETA 1200/31.	
(12)	"REED" departed Sydney 0946/27 for Milne Bay ETA 1100/31. "WAGGA" "SC.736" en route Bustard Head to Townsville.	
(14)	"STUART" departed Caloundra 1741/28 to RV position 24055'S 1590 at 1100/30 with "SEASNIPE" (for Townsville) and escort	10'E
X (15)	Lady Elliott Island. "VENDETTA" en route to RV with "ROCHAMBEAU" in position 25057's 160 10'E at 1500/31 and escort to Brisbane.	3
(16)	12 submarines on patrol.	
	(b) In Harbour:	
1	Buna - Warships & Aux "SC.698" "SC.699" "SC.703" "SC	.746"
	Merchant Vessels: "HANYANG" "SIBIGO" "JUNIPERO S	TODAN
	"OZARK"	ATTA

Oro Bay	- Arships & Aux "SC.982" MS.72" Merchant Vessels: "ESTHER JOHNSON" "JAPARA" "COMARA
	"NANCY HANKS" "ALAMO" "ADONIRAM JUDSON" "JOHN WHITZAKER" "BENJAMIN BONNEVILLE" "GEO.H.FLANDERS
Woodlark Is.	
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux "MAHAN" "SMITH" "PERKINS" "FLUSSE "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "LAMSON" "CONYNGHAM" (DD)
	"SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" "GILMER" (APD) "SHEPPARTON" "BENALLA" (AMS) "TULSA" (PG) SC.63
	SC.648 SC.731 SC.734 SC.742 SC.744 SC.745 SC.747 SC.749 YMS.11 YMS.49 YMS.50 YMS.51
	YMS.52 YMS.70 YMS.71 YP.233 YP.280 53 FTS ML.425 ML.427 ML.817 "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "POYANG" "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "TRINITY" (AO)
	"RIGEL" (AR)
	(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)
	Merchant Vessels: "KARSIK" "JOSIAH ROYCE" "WILLIS
	DEVENTER" "S. HALL YOUNG" "REIJNST" "VAN SWOLL" "CAPE GREIG" "VAN HEUTSZ" "ANSON BURLINGHAME" "CAPE ANNE" "ANHUI"
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux
	Merchant Vessels: "KHOEN HOEA" "GEO.EASTMAN" "CREMER" "JOSIAH EARL" "J.W.GRIMES" "COLAC" "DILGA" "C.P.STEINMETZ" "W.E.CHANNING" "SUVA"
Thursday Is.	"JOHN CARROLL" "ELIZABETH BLACKWELL" - Warships & Aux "INVERELL" "FREMANTLE" (AMS)
	YP.291 YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48
Cairns	- Warships & Aux SC.738 SC.750 SC.981 ML.426 ML.428 1 PT "PLATYPUS" (AR)
Townsville	- Warships & Aux "KAPUNDA" (AMS) YP.291
Mackay	- Warships & Aux SC. 732 "DOBBIN" (AD)
Gla dstone	- Warships & Aux "KURUMBA" (AO)
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux "GLADSTONE" "GEELONG" "LITHGOW"
	(AMS) PC.476 PC.479 PC.1121 SC.650 SC.741
	YP.236 YP.278 YP.279 YP.283 YMS.9 YMS.10
	ML.424 ML.429 ML.816 ML.818 ML.819
	"SUSQUEHANNE" (AO) "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "FULTON "OTUS" (AS)
(Repairing.	Trials etc.) - "WARREGO" (DE) "WHYALLA" (AMS)

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

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Shortlands At dawn 28 August, one Corsair strafed Kahili aerodrome setting eight aircraft on fire. Several explosions occurred as a result of the atback.
- Four vessels were observed in the area night 28-29 Aug. (2) Kolombangara - Corsairs set fire to two barges and damaged a third west of the Vila River Mouth. Aircobras on the same day strafed concealed barges in Ringi Cove.
- (3) Buka A later report states that a cruiser and two destroyers were sighted 42 miles west of Cape Henpan on course 90° at 0125/29. There were indications of five vessels but only three were sighted. An attack was made and it is reported that the cruiser was definitely damaged and one destroyer possibly damaged.
- X X Soupac aircraft report sighting three vessels south west of Buka night 28-29 August. These may possibly be the same vessels.
- (4) Ysabel Island Twelve Mitchells and eighteen fighters strafed Sigolehe (8 miles S.W. of Kia Passage) 1215-1305/28. Four barges were destroyed, and installations and huts were strafed. (5) <u>Mussau</u> - Photos 1350/29 reveal a **basisi** hospital ship 25 miles N.W. Mussau.
- (6) Cape Dampier A large enemy submarine was sighted 41 miles south by west of Cape Dampier on course 20° proceeding at 15 knots at 1940/28. It is reported that there was evidence that the submarine was equipped with radar.

appear that this submari It wor was on the Rabaul - Huon Gulf shuttle returning to Rabaul.

(7) Wewak - Aircraft reported sighting six vessels off Muschu Island at 1056/29. Photos on the previous morning revealed six vessels in this area of which the largest was 3,500 tons, and the remainder 1000 tons or less.

About midday a small sea-truck was attacked 12 miles north of But.

A report from 34 Liberators which attacked Boram and Wewak aerodromes morning 29 August states that several grounded aircraft were destroyed and several explosions caused. Thirty to forty enemy fighters intercepted and 18 fighters were shot down, 5 were probably destroyed and 16 damaged. One Liberator was lost. In addition 30-40 enemy fighters were engaged by 44 Lightnings which shot down 7 enemy fighters, probably destroyed 3 and damaged one.

Photos during and after the attack reveal 8 fighters including 2 twin-engined, 2 L/B possibly serviceable, and 2 twin-engined fighters which were previously reported damaged now destroyed at Wewak aerodrome where the runway remains serviceable. At Boram 7 fighters possibly serviceable. In addition 5 fighters, 1 L/B and 1 transport were in flames or destroyed by fire, but all were previously reported damaged. The runway is believed unserviceable for more than half its length.

- (8) Hansa Bay 26 Mitchells attacked Hansa Bay morning 28 August. A direct hit was registered on a warehouse and a heavy A.A. position was damaged. A fuel dump and ammunition dump were hit causing fires and explosions. One small freighter transport which had been previously damaged as destroyed while three luggers and one power launch were destroyed and another lugger set on fire.
- (9) Eitel Friedrich Harbour Five luggers were attacked morning 28 August and 3 were believed destroyed and two badly damaged.
- (10) Kronprinz Harbour One Mitchell attacked a camouflaged lugger
- (10) <u>Monpring 28 August.</u> It is reported that the lugger was left probably unserviceable as the result of a near miss,
 (11) <u>Alexishafen A report by 28 Mitchells which attacked Alexishafen 1100-1125/29 states that a dump area was hit. Bombs fell among barges, and a direct hit was observed on two. Fires were
 </u> observed as result of attack. Photos 1155/29 show Number One strip serviceable with two probable serviceable fighters, while Number Two strip appears rought and of doubtful serviceability.
- (12) Bogadjim Mitchells attacking Alexishafen also bombed and strafed the Bogadjim area. In addition, this area was attacked by two Fortresses about midday.
- (13) Salamaua Strong enemy attacks developed northwest and WNW of the aerodrome 27-28 August and certain of our units withdrew. On 27 August, allied forces in the Roosevelt Ridge area advanced north surrounding the enemy at the N.W. end of the ridge.

Six Bostons attacked Samoa Harbour afternoon 28 August destroying a barge.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/30:

(1) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "COOTANUNDRA" "LATROBE" (AMS) "ML.314" "ML.815" Merchant Vessels: "BAN HONG LIONG" "TIME"

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(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Babo - Babo was attacked by nine Liberators 1302/29 which scored hits on buildings and started fires in fuel dumps and stores area. One unidentified aircraft was destroyed. 2-4 small freighters were observed in the area.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/30:

(1) "SUFFOLK" escorting Convoy US.22 ("BRAZIL" "HERMITAGE" "URUGUAY" (for Bombay) "EXHIBITOR" "CHINA MAIL" (for Persian Gulf) was to depart Fremantle 1200/30.

(2) "DUBBO" escorting "KOOLINDA" to vicinity Dirk Hartog Island departed Fremantle 1230/26. "DUBBO" to return Fremantle.

(b) In Harbour:

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

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/30:

- (1) "CASTLEMAINE" "GLEMELG" "MORESEY" "AB RAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy PG.65 were to depart Caloundra 1200/30.
- (2) "HERON" en route Fremantle to Brisbane ETA 6 September.
 (3) "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy CC.121 (7 MV) was to depart Port Phillip 0109/30 to RV in Wilson's Promontory area with "KALGOORLIE" "EROOME" "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting Convoy CO.121.
- (4) "SC.735" was to depart Sydney 0800/29 for Brisbane.
 (5) "WARRAMUNGA" departed Sydney 1750/29 for Townsville ETA 1730/31.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "MAHOORA" (APA) 1 LST Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "ARUNTA" (DD) BENDIGO" "ROCKHAMPTON" "MILDURA" "ARARAT" "TOWNSVILLE" "BUNDABERG" "GOULBURN" "ECHUCA" (AMS) "ALGORAB" (AKA) "YANDRA" "WILCANNIA" (A/S Vessels (Refitting) (DD Reserve) "KANIMETA" (APA)) "KAN IMBLA" (APA) - Warships & Aux. - "WEST POINT" (AP) "ADELAIDE" (CL) "NIZAM" (DD) "DOOMB" (A/S Vessel) (On Reserve) Melbourne (Refitting)

SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALL IED FORCES

- (1) At Espiritu Santo CURTISS TANGIER (AV) CHINCOTEAGUE (AVP) DIXIE (AD) VESTAL (AR)
- Repairing HONOLULU LEANDER (CL)
- (2) At Noumea WHITNEY (AD) POCOMOKE (AV) (3) At Efate SANGAMON SUWANNEE (AV)
- (4) At Funafuti BALLARD (AVD)

NAVAL INCIDENTS

NIL.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

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

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ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	outhwest Pacific Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
BB	-	WASHINGTON MASSACHJSETTS NORTH CAROLINA MARYLAND COLORADO	-	YAMATO MUSASHI MUTSU) poss. NAGATO)Empire KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO
CV	-	SARATOGA		ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
CV(L)	-	-	-	ZUIHO RYUHO (poss. Empire)
CV(E)	-	BRETON	-	CHUYO
<u>CA</u>	# AUSTRALIA	- (CHOKAI ? SUZUYA	ATAGO TAKAO MAYA MYCKO HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI
CL	# ADELAIDE # HOBART	*HONOLULU PLEANDER COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGA NO NAGARA	OYODO ISUZU NAKA
CL(T)	-	-	KASHIMA ?	KATORI
CL	-	-	-	1
ED	ARUNTA WARRAM UNGA STUART	a share		
•	VENDETTA MIZAM BAGLEY HELM MUGFORD HENLEY MAHAN DRAYTON LAMSON FLUSSER REID CONYNGHAM ERKINS SMITH LE TRIOMPHAN		10	25
	* Noneffecti	Ve		

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Southwest (Eastern S		South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>85</u>	AL BAC ORE BALAO BONEFISH CISCO DRUM GREEN LING GRONLER GUARDFISH SILVERSIDES STINGRAY TUNA S. 31) On Patrol	20	15
	BLUEFISH) GROUPER) PETO) POMPON) PUFFER) SCAMP)	At Brisbane		
	K.S At Sydi	ney		
AV/CVS	HERON	CURTISS POC OMOKE	-	NOTORO
XAV/XCVS	-	3	1	2
PT	35	Approx 30	?	?
APA/APD/AKA	KH.T.ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS ALGORAB KA MIMBLA	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA		
AS or XAS	FULTON OTUS		1	2 or more
AD	DOBBIN	DIXIE	1	1
AR	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	1	1
AIRCRAFT (N.	.E.Area Only)			
Fighters (in Light and M, SE/Bombers Flying Boats Floatplanes Transport &	5	eng.)	239 234 19 6 60 18	
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<u>A</u> l	3. C	ENTRAL PACIFIC	
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<u>cv</u>	ENTER FRISE ESSEX YORKTON N LEXINGTON VICTORIOUS		-
CV(L)	INDEPENDENCE BELLEAU WOOD PRINCETON		* HITAKA
CV(T)			HOSHO
<u>CV (E)</u>	SUWANNEE SANGAMON LONG ISLAND CHENANGO PRINCE WILLIAM		UNYO (poss.overhaul OTAKA ing
<u>CA</u>	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA N SALT LAKE CITY N MINNEAPOLIS N ST.LOUIS		* AOBA * KUMANO
	MOBILE	4	6 SENDAI TATSUTA * KINU * YUBARI * NATORI
AV/CVS	3		* CHIYODA) Under conver
XAV/XCVS DE SS AS/XAS	2 Approx 35 Approx 50 ?		* CHITOSE)sion to ACV 3 25-30(approx 15 re- Approx 30 pairing 3 or mome
	4,	NORTHERN PACIF	IC
<u>BB</u>	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEV MEXICO TENNESSEE PENNSYLVANIA		-
CA	WICHITA LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND INDIANAPOLIS		NACHI
CL	SANTA FE RICHMOND FALEIGH DETROIT	e e	TAMA KISO AEUKUMA
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EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

MOST SECRET 30 August 1943

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific Eastern Fleet Area East Indies-Philippines (Western Section) WARSPITE BB ø ILLUSTRIOUS HAYATAKA CV(L) CV(E) ALTAMAHA ASHIGARA SUSSEX CA SUFFOLK HAWKINS FF.OBISHER KUMA CL MAURITIUS TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK GAMBIA OI KITAGAMI KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC EMERALD CL (T) KASHII 1 XCL CARTHAGE CHITRRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE KAMOI AV/CVS CHILDS ALBATROSS W.B. PRESTON XAV/XCVS 1 ? Approx 27 11 DD VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES . 5 BILLFISH SS BOWFIN FINBACK7 GAR X On Patrol GRAYLING KINGFISH TAMBORK TROUT K.12 At Fremantle 1 PELIAS ? AS or XAS (N.W.Area Only) AIRCRAFT Fighters (incl. 2 twin-eng.) Light or M/Bombers SE/Bombers 98 120 12 12 Flying Boats loatplanes 44 44 ansport & Obsn. A/C ø No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain. # Non-effective

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GENERAL HEADOUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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

No. 580

Date: 31 August, 1943

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH BASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/31:

- Bel1 ETA 0900/1 Sept.
- (3) "NELM" "PC.1119" escorting Convoy NT.43 ("CANBERRA" "KATOOMBA") departed Port Moresby 1730/30 for Townsville ETA
- 1930/1 September. escorting "HENRY D. THOREAU" for Townsville, departed (4) "KATOOMBA" Milne Bay 1307/28: ordered to detach at 1800/30 and
- (5) "MIZAR" departed Port Moresby 1640/28 for Brisbane ETA 1600/31.
- (6) "DRAYTON" escorting "WESTRALIA" departed Port Phillip 0915/24 for

- (6) "DRAYTON" escorting "WESTRALIA" departed Port Phillip 0915/24 for Milne Bay, was due 1200/31.
 (7) "REID" departed Sydney 0946/27 for Milne Bay was due 1100/31.
 (8) "SWAN" "GYMPIE" "COLAC" "BUNBURY" escorting Convoy TN.147 ("MERKUR" "VICTORIA" 3 LST's 1 APC "CAPE HATTERAS" "FRED.C.AINSWOR "DAVID C.SHANKS" "BALIKPAPAN" "JOHN MUIR" "CITY OF FORT WORTH") from Fitzroy Island to Milne Bay ETA 1600/31. "COLAC" with "BALIKPAPAN" "CITY OF FORT WORTH" detached and following of reduced speed. and following at reduced speed.
- (9) "DELORAINE" escorting Convoy TN.148 (Portion (a) "SHWEDAGON" for Port Moresby; Portion (b) "SPRINGDALE" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" for Milne Bay) from Fitzroy Island to position 11018'S 148048'E where convey splits and "BOWEN" is to RV. "BOWEN" to escort Portion (a) to Port Moresby ETA 1300/1 Sept., "DELORAINE" to escort Portion (b) to Milne Bay ETA 1200/1 Sept.

- (10) "KURUMBA" dep. Gladstone 0200/31 for Brisbane ETA 0600/1 September.
 (11) "WARRAMUNGA" departed Sydney 1750/29 for Townsville ETA 1730/31.
 (12) "STUART" departed Calcundra 1741/28 to RV position 24°55's 159°10'E at 1100/30 with "SEASNIPE" (for Townsville) and escort to
- Lady Elliott Island. (13) "FC.476" was to depart Calcundra 0700/31 escorting "JALAPA" (AO) bound for Townsville, to Lady Elliott Island then return
- (14) "GEELONG" "LITHGOW" "GLADSTONE" "ML.424" "ML.819" escorting Convoy GL.9 (13 MV) departed Calcundra 1600/30 for Bustard Head GL.9 (13 MV) departed Calcundra 1600/30 for Bustard Head ETA 0530/1 Sept. "GLADSTONE" "ML.819" to detach at Lady Elliott Island and return Brisbane.
- (15) "SC.735" dep. Sydney approx 0800/29 for Brisbane. (16) "VENDETTA" en route to RV with "ROCHAMBEAU" in position 25°57'S 160°10'E at 1500/31 and escort to Brisbane.
- (17) "YMS.335" en route Noumea to Brisbane ETA 0800/2 September.
- (18) 11 submarines on patrol.

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Buna	- Warships & Aux "SC.698" "SC.699" "SC.703" "HILO" (PG)
	Merchant Vessels: "HAYANG" "SIBIGO" "JUNIPERO SERR. "OZARK"
oro Bay	• Warships & Aux "YMS. 72"
	Merchant Vessels: "ESTHER JCHNSON" "JAPARA" "COMARA" "ALAMO" "ADONIRAM JUDSON" "JOHN WHITEAKER" "BENJAMIN BONNEVILLE" "GEO.H.FLANDER:
Woodlark Is.	- Warships & Aux 1 SC Merchant Vessels: "MELINCA"
Kiriwina	- Warships & Aux "SC.748"
	Merchant Vessels: "LORINNA"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux, - "MAHAN" "SMITH" "PERKINS" FLUSSER "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "LAMSON" "CONYNGHAM" (DD) "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" "GILMER" (APD) "BOWEN" "SHEPPARTON" "BENALLA" (AMS) "TULSA" (PG)
	30.637 SC.648 3C.731 SC.734 SC.742 SC.744
	SC.745 SC.746 SC.747 SC.749 SC.982 YMS.11
	YMS.49 YMS.50 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.70 YMS.71 YP.233 YP.280 33 PTs ML.425 ML.427 ML.817
	"GOLDSTAR" (AG) "POYANG" "YUNNAN" (ASIS)
	"SAN PABLO" (AVP) "TRINITY" (AO) "RIGEL" (AR)
	(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)
	Merchant Vessels: "KARSIK" "JOSIAH ROYCE" "WILLIS DEVENTER" "S.HALL YOUNG" "VAN SWOLL" "CAPE GREIG "ANSON BURLINGHAME" "CAPE ANNE" "ANHUI" "HANYANG
Port Moresby	
	"JOSIAH EARL" "J.W. GRIMES" "COLAG" "DILGA"
	"C.P.STEINMETZ" "W.E.CHANNING" "SUVA" "JOHN
	CARROLL" "ELIZABETH BLACKWELL"
Thursday Is.	• Warships & Aux "INVERELL" "FREMANTLE" (AMS) YP.291 YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48
Cairns	- Warships & Aux SC.738 SC.750 SC.981 ML.426 ML.428 1 PT "PLATYPUS" (AR)
Town sville	- Warships & Aux "PIRTE" "WAGGA" "KAPUNDA" (AMS) SC.736 YP.291 "BISHOPDALE" (AO)
Mackay	- Warships & Aux "SC.732" "DOBBIN" (AD)
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux "GLADSTONE" "GEELONG" "LITHGOW" (AMS) PC.479 PC.1121 SC.650 SC.741 YP.236
	YP.278 YP.279 YP.283 YMS.9 YMS.10 ML.424 ML.429 ML.816 ML.818 ML.819 "SUSCUEHANNA" (AO)
£ 4	YP.278 YP.279 YP.283 YMS.9 YMS.10 ML.424 ML.429 ML.816 ML.818 ML.819 "SUSQUEHANNA"(AO) "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "FULTON" "OTUS" (AS) Trials etc.) - "WARREGO" (DE) WHYALLA" (AMS)

(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "STUART" escorting "OTUS" to depart Caloundra 0800/1 September for Townsville.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Santa Ysabel A coastwatcher reports no evidence of Japanese in Rekata Bayarea since 1800/27 Aug. It is recalled that a.m. 26 Aug. 3 destroyers were sighted 155 miles NNW of Rekata Bay course 335° and that barge activity in this area, which had earlier been considerable, recently showed a marked decline. Evidence would suggest that the majority of Japanese at Rekata Bay may have been evacuated.
- at Rekata Bay may have been evacuated.
 (2) Buka Area At 1140/30 aircraft observed one destroyer and one Merchant vessel stationary close inshore 16 miles NW by N. of Buka Passage. At 1450/30 another aircraft attacked 2 vessels, showan by photos to be a destroyer and a 1500 ton freighter, in Matchin Bay under way on course 30°. The two sightings could concern the same vessels.

At 2400/30, 2 vessels described as a destroyer and a large transport were attacked by aircraft 41 miles west by south of northern Buka Island on course 29° probably returning to Rabaul from Buka Passage area.

- (5) <u>Mussau Is. Area</u> The Hospital Ship photographed at 1350/29 25 miles N.W. of Mussau (refer yesterday's Summary No.579) was later reported to be on course 315°.
- (4) <u>Kapingamarangi Area</u> At 0920/30 aircraft unsuccessfully attacked a 3-ship convoy, shown by photos to be 1 motor tor pedo boat, 1 freighter transport of 5500 tons loaded with 11 landing craft and one 300 ton freighter of the seatruck type, 205 miles WNW of Kapingamarangi on course 180.
- (5) South Coast New Britain At dawn 29 August Gasmata area was attacked by 6 Bostons. At 0715/29 a barge sweep conducted by 6 Beaufighters located only 2 camouflaged barges near Cape Beechey. These were strafed.
- (6) <u>Cape Gloucester</u> At 1435/30 both strips were attacked by 9 Marauders. Three medium bombers were observed on No.1 strip and possible two more on No.2 Strip. Aircraft were seen burning after bombs had been dropped.
- (7) Wewak But and Dagua strips, in addition to a new strip at Tadji (78 miles WNW Wewak) were attacked at about noon 30 August by a force of approximately 25 Liberators. Photographs taken subsequent to the attack show at least 9 air craft previously reported serviceable to be in flames on Dagua strip. At Tadji and But, results generally were unobserved.

Photographs taken at approximately the same time as the strike show 39 aircraft including 34 fighters all possibly serviceable on the four main strips - But, Dagua, Wewak, Boram in addition to 6 floatplanes at Muschu. Some of these aircraft, however, may have been destroyed during the attack.

Photographs at the same time show one freighter (1000 tons), 33 barges and luggers at Muschu Island,

- (8) Finschhafen At 1600-1630/30, 5 barges of which at least one Was loaded, were strafed by 6 Bostons in Mape River. Three barges were destroyed by bombs and the other two damaged by strafing.
- (9) Lae 9 barges were observed at Lae 0740/30. At the same time 3 aircraft were parked on the aerodrome. These are possibly the same three as have been regularly reported and may be unserviceable. In addition, 4 aircraft landed during the evening 30 August.
- (10) Horn Island Between 1000 and 1200/30, unidentified aircraft, possibly one only, were indicated or observed in the Horn Is. area.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 12 00/31;

(1) 6 subma rines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "COOTAMUNDRA" "LATROBE" (AMS) "ML.814" "ML.815" Merchant Vessels: "BAN HONG LIONG" "TIME"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Babo - Photographs of Babo approximately 1300/29 show two small freighters 1000 tons or less, one sunken ship, 16 barges or landing craft and 35 lighters. Coverage of the aerodrome shows 7 probably serviceable aircraft plus 6 others unserviceable. Construction as of revetments is also visible. (2) Aree Islands - The floatplane base at Taberfane was attacked approximately 1430/30 by 6 Beaufighters. 7 floatplanes were observed all taking off and of these one was destroyed and another 3 damaged.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

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(a) At Sea to 1200/31:

(1) "SUFFOLK" escorting Convoy US.22 ("BRAZIL" "HERMITAGE" "URUGUAX" (for Bombay) "EXHIBITOR" "CHINA MAIL" (for Persianculf) was to depart Fremantle 1200/30.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "VAN MEEMSKERK" "TROMP" (CL) "TJERK HIDDES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "HOR SHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS)"ISABEL" (PY)"ATREUS" "ALSEY" (CM) "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "SC.739" "YP.288" "CHILDS" (AVD) "PELIAS" (AS) "CHILDS" (AVD) "PELIAS" (AS) "W.B.PRESTON" (AVD)

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/31:

(1) "CASTLEMAINE" "GLENELG" "NOR ESEY" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy PG.65 (5 MV) departed Caloundra approx 1200/30.
(2) "HERON" en route Fremantle to Brisbane ETA SC September.
(3) "MANUNDA" departed Sydney 0909/30 for Brisbane ETA 0400/1 Sept.
(4) "BUNGAREE" en route Noumea to Sydney was due 1100/31.
(5) "GOULBURN" was to depart Sydney by 1130/31 to RV with "MONTORO" and escort to Lady Elliott Is. whence "GOULBURN" returns Brisbane.
(6) "KALGOORLIE" "BROOME" "WARREAMBOOL" escorting Convoy OC.121 (7 MV) for Sydney (4 MV) and Newcastle (3 MV).
(7) "MILDURA" "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Newcastle 0900/31 to RV with "BUNDABERG" "HENDIGO" "TOWN SVILLE" "ML.802" with remainder Convoy CC.122 (4 MV) ex Sydney and Port Kembla.
(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA" (APA) 1 LST Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "ARUNTA" (DD) "ARARAT" "ECHUCA(ANS "ALGORAB" (AKA) "YANDRA" "WILCANNIA" (A/S Vessels (Refitting) "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "HOBART" (CL) "AUSTRALIA" (APA)" Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "BALLARAT" (AMS) "WEST POINT" (AP) (Refitting) "ADELAIDE" (CL) "NIZAM" (DD) "DOOMBA" (A/S Vessel)

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ENEMY FORCES



Solomons-New Hebrides-New Caledonia - Reports concerning probably four submarin es in this general area were recorded 30 August thus:- Solomons - 1933/30 indications within 250 miles of 12°S 162°E (south of San Christobal Is.). New Hebrides - 2057/30 indications within 100 miles of 14°30'S 167°E (N.E. of Espiritu Santo). Santa Cruz - 1931/30 indications within 100 miles of 10°S 165°E (N.W. of Santa Cruz). New Calabria - 1630/30 possible sighting 21°58'S 165°45'E (44 miles WNW Noumea).

NAVAL INCIDENTS

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NIL.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

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

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

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

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

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	nwest Pacific tern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>BB</u>	-	WASH INGTON MASSACHUSETTS NORTH CAROLINA MARYLAND COLORADO WEST VIRGINIA		YANATO MUSSII MUTSU) poss. NAGATO)Empire KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO
CV	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAK U SHOKAKU
CV(L)	-	-	-	ZUIHO
● (E)	-	PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON		CHUYO
CA	# AUSTRALIA		CHOKAI KASUZUYA	ATAGO TAKA O MAYA MYOKO HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI
CL	# ADELAIDE # HOBART	* LEANDER COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTIPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO NA GARA	GYODO I SUZU MAKA
CL(T)	-	-	KASHIMA ?	KATORI
XCL	AR UNTA WAR RAMUNGA STUAR T	-	-	1
•	VENDETTA MIZAM BAGLEY HELM MUGFORD HENLEY MAHAN DRAYTON LAMSON FLUSSER REID CONYNGHAM PERKINS SMITH LE TRIOMPHAN	Approx 40 Fr	10	25

Southwest Pac (Eastern Sect		South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
SS	ALBACORE BALAO CISCO DRUM		20	15
	GREENLING GROUPER GROWLER GUARDFISH SILV ERSIDES STINGRAY TUNA S.31	On Patrol		
	BLUEFISH) BONEFISH)			
		t ^B risbane		
	K.9 At Sydr	еу		
AV/CVS	HER ON	POC OMCKE WRIGHT	-	NOTOR
XAV/XCVS	-	3 .	1	2
PT	35	Approx 30	?	?
APA/APD/AKA	H.T.ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA		
1 - 1 - 1	ALGORAB KANIMBLA			
AS OF XAS	FULTON OT US		1	2 or more
Q	DOBBIN	DIXIE	1	1
AR	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	1	1
AIRCRAFT (N	.E.Area Only)			
Light & M/Bo SE/Bombers Flying Boats		ng.)	231 231 29 6	
Floatplanes Transport &	and the second		60 18	

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		MOST SECRET
ALLIED	FORCES 3. CENTRAL PACIFIC	31 August 1943 ENEMY FORCES
BB	INDIANA CALIFORNIA	ISE HYUGA
CV	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN LEXINGTON VICTORIOUS	
CV(L)	INDEPENDENCE BELLEAU WOOD PRINCETON	HAXAXAXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
CV(T)	-512	HOSHO
<u>(E)</u>	SUWANNEE SANGAMON LONG ISLAND CHENANGO BARNES	HNYO (poss.overhauling) OTAKA
ж	NEW ORLEANS PEN SACOLA SALT LAKE CITY MINNEA POLIS ST.LOUIS	H AOBA H KUMANO
X a	MOBILE MONOLULU NASHVILLE RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT	6 SENDAI (poss. Mandates) TATSUTA H KINU M YUBARI H NAT ORI
AV/CVS XCL	e DEWROIT ? ?	4 R CHIYODA)under conversion R CHITOSE) to ACVs 3
XAV/XCVS DD SS AS/XAS	Approx 35 Approx 50 ?	25-30 (approx 15 repair Approx 30 ing 3 or more
t	4. NORTHERN PACIFIC	
B	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO TENN ESSEE PENN SYLVANIA	-
CA	WICHITA LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND INDIA NAPOLIS	NACHI
CL	SAN TA FE	TAMA KISO ABUKUMA
XCL V/CVS XAV/XCVS DD SS	- 22 10	3 AKITSUSHIMA 1 4 Approx 10
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ALLIED FORCES

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EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

MOST SECRET 31 August 1943

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest (Western S		Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
BB	-	WARSPITE	- .
CV	÷	ø ILLUSTRIOUS	-
CV(L)	-	-	HAYATAKA
CV(E)	-	ALTAMAHA	-
CA	SUFFOLK	SUSSEX HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	MAUR ITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLE SS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC EMERALD	KUMA OI KITAGAMI
CL(T)	-	-	KASHII
XCL	-	CARTHAGE CHITRAL RAN PURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
AV/CVS	CHILDS W.B.PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI
XAV/XCVS	-	?	1
DD	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	11
<u>53</u>	BILLFISH)		
•	BOWFIN WRAYLING KINGFISH TROUT TUNA K.12 At Freman	Patrol	5
AS or XAS	PELIAS	?	1
AIRCRAFT (N.	W.Area Only)		
Fighters (in Light or M/B SE/Bombers Flying Boats Floatplanes Transport &	Obsn. A/C Ø No Pre	recent intelligence. esent location uncerta n-effective	98 120 12 12 12 44 44 44