

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre
DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Allied and Enemy Activity

No. 550

Date: 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. "ISLANDER" ETA. Cairns 1200/4.
- (17) "SC.699" "SC.703" enroute Bustard Head to Townsville ETA 1200/1 Aug.
- (18) "YP.233" dep. Caloundra 1604/30 for Palm Is. ETA. 0600/3 August.
- (19) "SAN PABLO" departed Brisbane 0645/29 for Bowen was due 0600/31.
- (20) "STUART" escorting "GEORGE WASHINGTON" 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:

Oro Bay - Warships & Aux. - "SC. 731" "YMS. 71"
Merchant Vessels: "H.R. HELPER" "JUNIPERO SERRA"
"PAHUD" "C.P. STEINMETZ"
Milne Bay - 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 "POYANG" "MERKUR" "KAILUA"

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

Milne Bay - Merchant Vessels: "COMARA" "JAMES B. MACPHERSON"
"BENJAMIN BONNEVILLE" "TORRENS" "WEST CACTUS"
"CANNONBAR" "JAN SSENS" "G.H. FLANDERS" "ESTHER
JOHNSON" "VAN SWOLL" "YOCHOW" "POINT SAN PEDRO"
"GENERAL VERSPINCK"
Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "ML. 427" "LAMSON"
Merchant Vessels: "KHOEN HOEA" "SUVA" "HENRY T. ALLEN"
"PETER SYLVESTER" "ALCOA PEGASUS" "MONTORO"
"VAN SPILBERGEN" "VAN DEN BOSCH" "EDWARD CHAMBERS"
"PATRAS"
Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. "COOTAMUNDRA" "FREMANTLE" YP.236
Cairns - Warships & Aux. "DRAYTON" "HENLEY" "DELORAINÉ"
"SWAN" "BOWEN" "KAPUNDA" "WILCANNIA" "MANOORA"
"WESTRALIA" SC.747 ML.428 "VICTORIA" 1 LST
"PLATYPUS"
Townsville - Warships & Aux. "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" YDG.2 "LE
TRIUMPHANT" YP.291 15 LST's "YUNNAN"
Mackay - Warships & Aux. "MAHAN" "FLUSSER" "BROOKS" "GILMER"
"DOBBIN" SC.637 5 LST's.
Rockhampton - Warships & Aux. "YMS. 8"
Brisbane - 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"
(Repairing, Trails etc.) "VENDETTA" "HUMPHREYS"
"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

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) 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 torpedo boat or small DD.
- (2) Cape St. George - Three enemy ^{by a fortress on armed reconnaissance} 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 Solomons area.
- (3) Buin-Shortlands - 20-30 fighters were observed at Kahili, one fighter, one medium bomber at Ballale and 10 floatplanes 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 Liberators covered by 8 Lightnings, 46 Corsairs and 8 Kitty-hawks. Six heavy fires were started along the runway. Twentyfive enemy fighters ineffectively attempted interception.
- (4) Ganongga - Up to 1000 enemy troops are reported to be concentrated around Buri Village N.W. tip Ganongga.
- (5) New Georgia - 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, 3 dive bombers on Buka aerodrome and 2 small auxiliaries at wharves.
- (7) Bougainville - 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 slight progress in clearing and servicing.
- (8) New Ireland - An enemy convoy, reported to comprise 3 DD, one large AP (~~ka...xt...x~~) 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 50 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 without major repairs and salvage 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) Rooke Island - A large barge concentration was reported at Marien Harbour, Rooke Island, at 1040/29. Other aircraft over this area p.m. 30th 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.

- (14) Salamaua area - By 1320/30 an allied unit was believed to have cut the main Komiatum track at Osborne Creek 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) Kolombangara - 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 ~~xxx~~ possibly sank 2 barges same area.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) 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".

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Port Headland - An unidentified aircraft was observed flying south over this area a.m. 30 July.
- (2) Aroe Is. Our reconnaissance 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 fires throughout town which was believed severely damaged. No shipping other than 2 small sailing craft sighted in this area.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/1.

- (1) "VAN HEEMSKERCK" escorting 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
 HIDDEN" "DUBBO" "HERON" "HORSHAM" "ISABEL"
 "WHIPPOCRWILL" SG.739 "PELIAS" "W.B.PRESTON"
 YP.286.

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

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/1:

- (1) "MILDURA" "BALLARAT" "WAARNAMBOOL" escorting Convoy C0113.
- (2) "ATREUS" departed Geelong 1301/29 for Fremantle ETA 4 August.
- (3) "ROCKHAMPTON" "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 leave convoy daylight 1 August and proceed Coffs Harbour.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "ALSEY" 1 LST
 Sydney - Warships & Aux. "ECHUCA" "BROOME" "KALGOORLIE"
 "BENDIGO" "MORESEY" "CASTLEMAINE" "BUNDABERG"
 "VANDRA"

(Repairing) "CAP DES PALMES" "MANUNDA" (AH) 1 LST
(On Reserve) "KANIMBLA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN"
(Refitting) "ADELAIDE" "DOOMBA"

(c) PROPOSED MOVEMENTS

- (1) "ROCKHAMPTON" "GLENELG" "TOWNSVILLE" and "ARARAT"
escorting P.G. 61 (8 ships) are to depart Caloundra
1200/2 en route Sydney.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) 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 - CHEVREUIL (Sloop) PROMETHEUS (AR) WHITNEY (AD)
POCOMOKE (AV) BALLARD (AVD)
(3) At Efate - AUSTRALIA (CA) CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV)

(ii) 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.

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 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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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	KONGO HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA VICTORIOUS	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	ZUIHO ?
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	SUWANNEE SANGAMON C HENANGO ALTA MAHA BARNES	OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	-	AUSTRALIA	CHOKAI TONE CHIKUMA SUZUYA MOGAMI * KUMANO
<u>CL</u>	* ADELAIDE	* HONOLULU * ST. LOUIS * LEANDER * HOBART COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	ACANO OYODO ISUZU SENDAI * NAKA
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	1
<u>DD</u>		ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA PERKINS CONYNGHAM MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER SMITH MUGFORD BAGLEY HENLEY HELM LE TRIOMPHANT STUART VENDETTA LAMSON	Approx 40 Approx 40

* Non-effective

Southwest Pacific
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-
Solomons

<u>SS</u>	ALBACORE)	2	Approx 30
	BALAO)		
	GREENLING)		
	GHO UPER)		
	GROWLER)		
	GUARDFISH)	On Patrol	
	PETO)		
	POMPON)		
	SCAMP)		
	SILVERSIDES)		
	STINGRAY)		
	TUNA)		

DRUM At Brisbane

K.9 At Sydney

<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS	-
		TANGIER	

<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	3
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<u>PT</u>	35	Approx 30	?
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<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T. ALLEN	10 APA	
	MANOCRA	11 APD	
	WESTRALIA	6 AKA	
	* KANIMBLA		
	GILMER		
	SANDS		
	HUMPHREYS		
	BROOKS		

<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON		3 or more
	OTUS		

<u>D</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE	
		WHITNEY	

<u>AR</u>	RIBEL	PROMETHEUS	2
		VESTAL	

AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)

Fighters (incl. 27 twin-eng.)	240
Light or M/Bombers	216
SE/Bombers	29
Flying Boats	6
Floatplanes	54
Transport & Obsn. A/C	13

2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

<u>CL</u>	CONCORD
	TRENTON

<u>ND</u>	2
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* Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	WASHINGTON PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA	YAMATO MUSASHI MUTSU NAGATO ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE ESSEX	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE	* HITAKA HAYATAKA RYUHO
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	BRETON PRINCE WILLIAM NASSAU LONG ISLAND	CHUYO UNYO
<u>A</u>	NEW ORLEANS SALT LAKE CITY PENSACOLA * MINNEAPOLIS	MYOKO HAGURO * ATAGO * TAKAO * AOBA 3
<u>OCA</u>	-	TATSUTA
<u>CL</u>	* NASHVILLE	* KINU * NAGARA * YUBARI * NATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	4
<u>AV/CVS</u>	2	* CHIYODA) Under conversion * CHITOSE) to ACVs
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	3
<u>DD</u>	Approx 35	Approx 16
<u>SS</u>	Approx 50	Approx 25
<u>SS/XAS</u>	?	3 or more

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>B</u>	IDAHO MISSISS PPI NEW MEXI CO TENNESSEE	-
<u>CA</u>	WICHITA LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND INDIANAPOLIS	NAGHI MAYA
<u>DL</u>	SANTA FE RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT	KISO (may be E.I.Area) ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>KCL</u>	-	3
<u>V/CVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	22	7
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 15

* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>Southwest Pacific (Western Section)</u>		<u>Eastern Fleet Area</u>	<u>East Indies-Philippines</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	WARSPITE RESOLUTION * REVENGE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	∅ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CA</u>	+	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
<u>XCL</u>	-	CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOJ NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDUS	Approx 27	12
<u>SS</u>	FINBACK) KINGFISH) TAM BOR)	On Patrol	10
	K.12) GAR) GRAYLING) TROUT)	At Fremantle	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)</u>			
Fighters			128
Light or M/Bombers			129
SE/Bombers			12
Flying Boats			12
Floatplanes			53
Transport & Obsn. A/C			45
		∅ No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain.	
		* Non-effective	

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Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

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- (2) "SMITH" en route Milne Bay to Mackay ETA 0800/3.
- (3) "HELM" "PC.1119" escorting Convoy TN127 ("DUNTROON" "TAROONA") departed Townsville 1910/31 for Port Moresby ETA 1400/2.
- (4) "PC.1121" escorting two vessels including "VAN SWOLL" departed Milne Bay 1318/1 for Oro Bay.
- (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.
- (6) "BENALLA" "SHEPPARTON" surveying.
- (7) "MIZAR" en route Milne Bay to Port Moresby was due 0800/2.
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- (10) "WAGGA" escorting Convoy FT10 ("BENJAMIN BONNEVILLE" "JANSSENS") departed Milne Bay 1400/1 for Townsville ETA 0800/4.
- (11) "GLADSTONE" en route Lady Elliott Id and to Brisbane.
- (12) "YMS.10" "YMS.46" "YMS.47" "YMS.48" towing 6 PT's departed Thursday Id and 0913/31 for Milne Bay ETA 1600/4.
- (13) "SC.744" escorting 5 LCT's "PALIE" towing one PT from Fitzroy Island to Milne Bay ETA 1800/2.
- (14) "HENLEY" "SWAN" "KAPUNDA" "BOWEN" "WILCANNIA" escorting Convoy TN126 ("CHARON" "CHARLES S. JONES" "MANGOLA" "KATOOMBA" "BAN HONG LIONG" "JOHN WHITEAKER" "THEOPANO 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.
- (15) "SAN PABLO" departed Bowen 1445/31 for Milne Bay area.
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- (18) "STUART" en route to RV with "ALTAMAHA" position 26°55'S 158°E at 1300/2 and escort to Brisbane ETA 1000/3.
- (19) 10 submarines on patrol.

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 SC.745 SC.981 YMS.11 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.70
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 "ESTHER JOHNSON" "VAN SWOLL" "YOCHOW" "POINT SAN
 PEDRO" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK" "PAHUD"

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "ML.427"
 Merchant Vessels: "KHOEN HOEA" "SUVA" "PETER
 SYLVESTER" "ALCOA PEGASUS" "MONTORO" "VAN
 SPILBERGEN" "VAN DEN BOSCH" "EDWARD CHAMBERS"
 "PATRAS"

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "COOTAMUNDA" "PREMANTLE" YP.236
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "DRAYTON" "DELORAINÉ" "KATOOMBA"
 "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" SC.637 SC.747 ML.428
 "VICTORIA" 1 LST "PLATYPUS"

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 - Warships & Aux. - YMS.8
 Brisbane - 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
 ML.819 "AASE MAERSK"

(Repairing, Trials etc.) - "VENDETTA" "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS"
 "WARREGO" "WHYALLA" ML.818

(c) Proposed Movements:

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

(ii) 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) Kolombangara - The bivouac area, aerodrome 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.
- X (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 2½ miles N.W. of Sandfly Harbour (west coast Kolombangara) course N.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) Cape Orford - A southbound submarine passed Cape Orford 1540/1.
(7) Cape Gloucester Area - 7 Mitchells, 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 Point (6 miles north of Finschhafen) were attacked 0950/31.
(9) Salamaua - 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

(1) ALLIED FORCES:

(a) At Sea to 1200/2:

4 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

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

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Soemba - 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:

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

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN GALEN" "TJERK HIDDIS"
"DUBBO" "HERON" "HORSHAM" "ISABEL" "WHIPPOORWILL"
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 1200/2:

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

- (2) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy OC113 (7 MV) was to depart Port Phillip to RV in Wilson's Promontory area with "MILDURA" "BALLARAT" "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting Convoy COL13.
- (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

(i) 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) CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- X (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

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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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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

BB

-

NORTH CAROLINA
INDIANA
MASSACHUSETTS
MARYLAND
COLORADO

KONGO
HARUNA

CV

-

SARATOGA
VICTORIOUS

ZUIKAKU
SHOKAKU

CV(L)

-

-

ZUIHO ?

CV(E)

-

ALTAMAHA

SUWANNEE
SANGAMON
CHEWANGO
ALTAMAHA
BARNES

CTAKA

CA

AUSTRALIA

CHOKAI
TONE
CHIKUMA
SUZUYA
MOGAMI
* KUMANO

CL

* ADELAIDE

* HONOLULU
* ST. LOUIS
- * LEANDER
* HOBART
COLUMBIA
CLEVELAND
MONTPELLIER
DENVER
SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN

AGANO
OYODO
ISUZU
SENDAI
* HAKA

CL(T)

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FA SHIMA
KATORI

XCL

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1

DD

ARUNTA
WARRAMUNGA
PERKINS
CONYNGHAM
MAHAN
DRAYTON
FLUSSER
SMITH
MUGFORD
BAGLEY
HENLEY
HELM
IE TRIUMPHANT
STUART
VENDETTA
LAMSON

Approx 40

Approx 40

* non-effective

Southwest Pacific
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-
Solomons

<u>SS</u>	BALAO)	2	Approx 30
	GREENLING)		
	GROUPEL)		
	GROWLER)		
	GUARDFISH)	On Patrol	
	PETO)		
	PCMPON)		
	SCAMP)		
	SILVERSIDES)		
	TUNA)		
	ALBACORE)		
	DRUM)	At Brisbane	
	BILLFISH)		
	K.9 At Sydney		

<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER	-
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<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	3
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<u>PT</u>	35	Approx 30	?
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<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T. ALLEN	10 APA	
	MANOORA	11 APD	
	WESTRALIA	6 AKA	
	* KALMBLA		
	GILMER		
	SANDS		
	HUMPHREYS		
	BROOKS		

<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON OTUS		3 or more
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<u>AD</u>	DOEBIN	DIXIE WHITNEY	
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<u>AR</u>	RIGEL	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	2
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AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)

Fighters (incl. 27 twin-eng.)	240
Light or M/Bombers	216
SE/Bombers	29
Flying Boats	6
Floatplanes	54
Transport & Obsn. a/c	13

2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

<u>CL</u>	CONCORD TRENTON
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<u>DD</u>	2
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3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

BB WASHINGTON
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA
* WEST VIRGINIA
* CALIFORNIA

YAMATO
MUSASHI)
MUTSU) en route
NAGATO) Truk
ISE
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

CV ENTERPRISE
ESSEX

CV(L) INDEPENDENCE

* HITAKA
HAYATAKA
RYUHO

CV(T) -

HOSHO

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 * NASHVILLE

TATSUTA
* KINU
* NAGARA
* YUBARI
- * NATORI

XCL -

4

AV/CVS 2

CHIYODA) Under conver-
CHITOSE) sion to ACVs

XAV/XCVS ?

3

DD Approx 35

Approx 16

SS Approx 50

Approx 25

AS/XAS ?

3 or more

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

BB IDAHO
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
TENNESSEE

CA WICHITA
LOUISVILLE
SAN FRANCISCO
PORTLAND
INDIANA POLIS

NACHI
MAYA

CL SANTA FE
RICHMOND
RALEIGH
DETROIT

KISO (may be E.I. Area)
ABUKUMA
TAMA

XCL -

3

AV/CVS -

AKITSUSHIMA

XAV/XCVS -

1

DD 22

7

SS 10

Approx 15

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Philippines

<u>BB</u>	-	WARSPITE RESOLUTION * REVENGE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	∅ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX SUFFOLK * HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTIE SS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	OI KITAGAMI KUMA
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	12
<u>SS</u>	FINBACK) KINGFISH) GRAYLING) TAMBOR)	On Patrol	
	K.12) GAR) TROUT)	At Fremantle	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)

Fighters	128
Light or M/Bombers	129
SE/Bombers	12
Flying Boats	12
Floatplanes	53
Transport & Obsn. a/c	45

∅ No recent intelligence
Present location uncertain

* Non-effective

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre
DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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

No. 552

Date: 3rd August 1943

PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/3:

- (1) "LAMSON" escorting "H.T.ALLEN" departed Port Moresby 0801/1 for Cairns was due 1500/2.
- (2) "HELM" "PC.1119" escorting Convoy NT34 ("DUNTROON" "TAROONA") were to depart Port Moresby 0600/3 for Townsville ETA 0600/5.
- (3) "DRAYTON" escorting "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" was to depart Cairns 1500/2 for Milne Bay ETA 1700/4.
- (4) "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.
- (5) "YMS.71" escorting "POINT SAN PEDRO" departed Milne Bay 1238/2 for Oro Bay.
- (6) "BENALLA" "SHEPPARTON" surveying.
- (7) "GYMPIE" escorting Convoy FT9 ("ANHUI" "MAETSUYCKER" "REIJNST" "VAN DER LIJN") departed Milne Bay 1600/31. Was due Townsville 1200/3.
- (8) "WAGGA" escorting Convoy FT10 ("BENJAMIN BONNEVILLE" "JANSSENS") departed Milne Bay 1400/1 for Townsville ETA 0800/4.
- (9) "PIRIE" escorting Convoy FT11 ("YOCROW" "JUNIPERO SERRA") departed Milne Bay 1500/2 for Townsville ETA 0700/5.
- (10) "YP.291" dep. Townsville 1358/2 for Brisbane ETA 0700/5.
- (11) "YMS.10" "YMS.46" "YMS.47" "YMS.48" towing 6 PT's departed Thursday Island 0913/31 for Milne Bay ETA 16 00/4.
- (12) "SC.744" escorting 5 LCT's "FALIE" from Fitzroy Island to Milne Bay ETA China Strait 1500/3.
- (13) "SC.703" departed Townsville 1746/2 for Cairns ETA 0900/3.
- (14) "SAN PABLO" departed Bowen 1445/31 for Milne Bay area.
- (15) "GEELONG" "GOULBURN" "SC.648" "ML.429" escorting Convoy QL5 (8 ships including LST.474 "TRINITY" for Townsville, "GOLDSTAR" for Cairns) departed Brisbane 2003/31.
- (16) "YP.233" dep. Caloundra 1604/30 for Palm Is. was due 0600/3.
- (17) "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting Convoy TN128 ("CANNBERRA") was to depart Townsville 0400/3 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/5.
- (18) "STUART" escorting "ALTAMAHA" was due Brisbane 1000/3.
- (19) 9 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay

- Warships & Aux. - "SC.731" "SC.746" "SC.748" "PC.1121" "YMS.53"

Merchant Vessels: "H.R.HELPER" "HOWELL C OBB" "STEPHEN GIRARD" "VAN SWOLL" "GEN. VERSPIJCK"

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"

(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"

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "COLAC" "ML.427" "MIZAR"
 Merchant Vessels: "KHOEN HOBA" "SUVA" "PETER
 SYLVESTER" "ALCOA PEGASUS" "MONTORO" "VAN
 SPILBERGEN" "VAN DEN BOSCH" "EDWARD CHAMBERS"
 "PATRAS" "JAPARA"

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "GOOTAMUNDRA" "FREMANTLE" YP.236
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "BUNBURY" "DELORAINE" "KATOOMBA"
 SC.637 SC.747 ML.428 "VICTORIA"
 1 LST "PLATYPUS"

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "SC.699"
 14 LST's "YUNNAN"

Mackay - Warships & Aux. - "MAHAN" "PERKINS" "SMITH" "BROOKS"
 "GILMER" "DOBBIN"

Rockhampton - Warships & Aux. - YMS.8
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "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"
 (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "VENDETTA" "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS"
 "WARREGO" "WHYALLA" ML.818

(ii) ENEMY 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) Shortlands - 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 aerodrome. 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 subchasers
 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: Lakunai - 71 F, 9 M/B, 16 L/B
 Yunakanau - 23 F, 62 M/B, 1 L/B
 Rapopo - 6 F, 64 bombers
 In addition 8 Zeros were airborne making a total of 260 aircraft.

In the photos 25 June, 170 aircraft were visible on Lakunai 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 aerodrome. At Vunakanau 15 new refetments were also visible also new buildings and A.A. positions.

- (4) Cape Orford - 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 service between Rabaul and the Huon Gulf area.
- (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 ~~maximka~~ probable merchant vessel. No position was given, but from 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 vicinity of the aerodrome.
- (8) Hansa Bay - 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 equipped as a night fighter and the armament include .50 calibre guns.
- (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) Lae - 11 Liberators attacked the Lae 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 1212-1256/2 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.

It was reported that on 1st 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 1½ miles WSW of Boisi afternoon 31 July.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED 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:

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

(1i) 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 HIDDEN" "DUBBO" "HERON" "HORSHAM"
"ISABEL" "WHIPPOORWILL" 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 1200/3:

- (1) "ROCKHAMPTON" "GLENELG" "TOWNSVILLE" "ARARAT" escorting Convoy PG61 (8 MV) en route Caloundra to Newcastle ETA 1900/4 and Sydney ETA 0400/5.
- (2) "BENDIGO" "BROOME" departed Sydney 0200/3 to RV with Newcastle section Convoy COL14 off Nobby's Head. "ECHUCA" escorting Sydney section to depart Sydney p.m. 3 August to RV with Newcastle section off Sydney.
- (3) "MILDURA" "BALLARAT" "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting Convoy OC113 (8 MV) for Port Kembla ETA 2200/4, Sydney ETA 0400/5 and Newcastle ETA 1200/5.

(b) In Harbour:

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

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 (AV)
- (3) At Efate - AUSTRALIA (CA) CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV)

NAVAL INCIDENTS

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Shortlands - 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 Zeres intercepted in the vicinity of Gizo Island. One Zero was shot down and our losses were one Warhawk.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

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- (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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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 MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	KONGO HARUNA
<u>CV</u> -	SARATOGA	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>GV(L)</u> -	-	ZUIHO ?
<u>(E)</u> ALTAMAHA	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO BARNES	OTAKA
<u>CA</u> -	AUSTRALIA	C HOKAI TONE CHIKUMA SUZUYA MOGAMI * KUMANO
<u>CL</u> * ADELAIDE	* HONOLULU * ST. LOUIS * LEANDER * HOBART COLUMBIA CIEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO OYODO ISUZU SENDAI * NAKA
<u>(T)</u> -	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>XX</u> -	-	1
<u>DD</u> ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA PERKINS CONYNGHAM MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER SMITH MUGFORD BAGLEY HENLEY HELM LE TRIUMPHANT STUART VENDETTA LAMSON	Approx 40	Approx 40

* Non-effective

Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks- Solomons
<u>SS</u>	BALA C) GREENLING) GROUPEK) GROWLER) PETO) POMPON) SCAMP) SILVERSIDES) TUNA)	2 Approx 30
	ALBACORE) BILLFISH) DRUM) GUARDFISH) STINGRAY)	On Patrol At Brisbane
	K.9	At Sydney
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER -
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3 3
<u>PT</u>	35	Approx 30 ?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H. T. ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA * KANIMBLA GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON OTUS	3 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE WHITNEY
<u>R</u>	RIGEL	PROMETHEUS VESTAL 2
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)</u>		
Fighters (incl. 27 twd n-eng.)		240
Light or M/Bombers		216
SE/Bombers		29
Flying Boats		6
Floatplanes		55
Transport & Obsn. A/C		13

2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

CONCORD
TRENTON

2

* Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

BB INDIANA
WASHINGTON
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA
* WEST VIRGINIA
* CALIFORNIA

ENTERPRISE
ESSEX
VICTORIOUS

CV(L) INDEPENDENCE

CV(T) -

CV(E) BRETON
PRINCE WILLIAM
NASSAU
LONG ISLAND

CA NEW ORLEANS
SALT ~~LAKE~~ LAKE CITY
PENSACOLA
* MINNEAPOLIS

OCA -

CL * NASHVILLE

XGL -
AV/CVS 2
XAV/XCVS ?
DD Approx 35
SS Approx 50
AS/XAS ?

YAMA TO
MUSASHI)
MUTSU) enroute Truk
NAGATO)
ISE
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

* HITAKA
HAYATAKA
KYUHO

HOSHO

CHUYO) enroute Truk
UNYO *

MYOKO) enroute Truk
HAGURO)
* ATAGO
* TAKAO
* AOBA

6

TATSUTA
* KINU
* NAGARA
* YUBARI
* NATORI

4
* CHIYODA) Under conversion
* CHITOSE) to ACVs

3

Approx 16
Approx 25
3 or more

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

BB IDAHO
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
TENNESSEE

CA WICHITA
LOUISVILLE
SAN FRANCISCO
PORTLAND
INDIANAPOLIS

CL SANTA FE
RICHMOND
RALEIGH
DETROIT

XGL -

AV/CVS -

XAV/XCVS -

DD 22
SS 10

NACHI
MAYA

KISO (may be E.I.Area)
ABUKUMA
TAMA

3

AKITSUSHIMA

1

7

Approx 15

* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific (Western Section)		Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
<u>BB</u>	-	WARSPITE RESOLUTION * REVENGE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	∅ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CA</u>	-	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
<u>XCL</u>	-	CARTHAGE CHITRAL RAN PURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W. B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDIES	Approx 27	12
<u>ES</u>	FINBACK) GRAYLING) KINGFISH) TAMBOR)	On Patrol	10
	K.12) GAR) TROUT)	At Fremantle	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1
<u>AIRCRAFT</u> (N.W. Area Only)			
Fighters			99
Light or M/Bombers			47
SE/Bombers			12
Flying Boats			12
Floatplanes			53
Transport & Obsn. A/C			45
		∅ No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain.	
		* Non-effective	

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre
DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 553

Date: 4th August 1943

PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. 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 Moresby 0700/3. "PC.1119" to detach inside Grafton Passage and proceed Cairns.
- (2) "DRAYTON" escorting "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" en route Cairns for 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" "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 ("YOCROW" "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 YO.59 6 APC's en route Noumea to Brisbane ETA Cape Moreton 0800/8.
- (12) "YMS.10" "YMS.46" "YMS.47" "YMS.48" towing 6 PT's departed Thursday 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" "BUNBURY" "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, "GOLDSTAR" for Cairns) departed Brisbane 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:

Oro Bay - Warships & Aux. - "SC.731" "SC.746" "SC.748" "PC.1121"
"YMS.53" "YMS.71"
Merchant Vessels: "H.R. HELPER" "HOWELL COBB" "STEPHEN
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
 "FOYANG" "BISHOPDALE" "MERKUR" "SAN PABLO"

(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"

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "COLAC" "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" "DELORAINÉ" "KATOOMBA"
 SC.637 SC.747 ML.428 "VICTORIA
 1 LST "PIA TYPUS" "H.T. ALLEN"

Townsville - 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"
 "ALTAMAHA"
 (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "VENDETTA" "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS"
 "WARREGC" "WHYALLA" ML.818

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "COLAC" escorting Convoy NE35 ("SUVA" "VAN DEN BOSCH") to depart Port Moresby 0530/5 for Townsville ETA 1000/8.
- (2) "GLADSTONE" escorting "MILDURA" to depart Caloundra 1800/4 northbound.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Rendova - Enemy aircraft attacked allied positions on Rendova 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 northeastern part of Bibolico Hill was occupied. Reports 1-2 August indicate that the allied advance has continued against resistance at first light, but later stiffening. Much material has been 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 Blakett 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 0115/3 (see Naval Incidents).
- (7) Wewak - Photos 1000/3 reveal 5 luggers and 38 barges in the Harbour and one lugger, two barges at Kairiru. There were a number of new buildings, and roads were improved.
 Aerodrome coverage revealed -
 Wewak - 20 F (minimum 3 damaged), 2 M/B (prob. damaged)
 5 L/B (2 possibly damaged)
 Kairiru - 1 F/P
 But - 5 F, 18 L/B (3 possibly damaged)

Dagua - 16 F, 15 M/B, 19 L/B
Boram - 12 F, 6 M/B, 36 L/B

This represents a total of 152 undamaged aircraft.

- (8) Hansa Bay - Photos 1030/3 reveal only the usual small craft in Hansa Bay.
- (9) Nubia - 2 fighters, 2 light bombers of which probably only one fighter is serviceable were visible in photos Nubia Strip 1030/3.
- (10) Huon Peninsula Area - 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 vicinity of Tambu Bay 2 August.
- (13) Woodlark Island - 3 enemy bombers raided Woodlark Island 1815/1.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/4:

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

(b) In Harbour:

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

(1) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Manokwari - 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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(b) In Harbour:

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

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) BAILLARD (AVD)
- (3) At Efate - AUSTRALIA (CA) CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV)

NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) Gasmata - 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 Catalina 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 0115/3. Two explosions were observed on one ship as a result of the attack.

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1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)		South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Truk-Jaluit
<u>BB</u>	-	NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	-	KONGO HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO ?
<u>CV(E)</u>	ALTAMAHA	SUWANNEE CHENANGO SANGAMON BARNES	-	OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	-	AUSTRALIA	CHOKAI SUZUYA	TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI * KUMANO
<u>CL</u>	* ADELAIDE	* HONOLULU * ST. LOUIS * LEANDER * HOBART COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	SENDAI	AGANO OYODO ISUZU * NAKA
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>KCL</u>	-	-	-	1
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA PERKINS CONYNGHAM MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER SMITH MUGFORD BAGLEY HENLEY HELM LE TRIOMPHANT STUART VENDETTA LAMSON	Approx 40	Approx 12	Approx 25

* Non-effective

Southwest Pacific
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Bismarcks
Solomons

Truk-Jaluit

<u>SS</u>	BALAO GREENLING GROUPEE GROWLER PETO POMPON SCAMP SILVERSIDES TUNA	) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) )	22 2	15	15
	AIBACORE BILLFISH DRUM GUARDFISH STINGRAY	) ) ) ) )	At Brisbane		
	K.9 At Sydney				
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER	-	-	-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	1	2	2
<u>PT</u>	35	Approx 30	?	?	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T. ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA * KANIMELA GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA			
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON OTUS		1	2 or more	2 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE WHITNEY			
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	1	1	1

AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)

Fighters (incl. 27 twin-eng.)	226
Light or M/Bombers	237
SE/Bombers	25
Flying Boats	6
Floatplanes	54
Transport & Obsn. A/C	13

2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

CL CONCORD
TRENTON

DD 2

* Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA WASHINGTON PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA	YAMATO MUSASHI) MUTSU) en route Truk NAGATO) ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE ESSEX VICTORIOUS	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE	* HITAKA * HAYATAKA RYUHO
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	BRETON PRINCE WILLIAM NASSAU LONG ISLAND	CHUJO (enroute Truk) UNYO ←
<u>CA</u>	NEW ORLEANS SALT LAKE CITY PENSACOLA * MINNBAPOLIS	MAYA MYOKO) enroute Truk HAGURO) * ATAGO * TAKAO * AOBA
<u>OGA</u>	-	6
<u>CL</u>	* NASHVILLE	TATSUTA NAGARA (enroute Truk) * KINU * YUBARI * NATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	4
<u>AV/CVS</u>	2	* CHIYODA) Under conversion * CHITOSE) to ACVs
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	3
<u>DD</u>	Approx 35	Approx 20 (several enroute
<u>SS</u>	Approx 50	Approx 25 (Truk
<u>AS/XAS</u>	?	3 or more

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>BB</u>	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO TENNESSEE	-
<u>CA</u>	WICHITA LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND INDIANAPOLIS	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	SANTA FE RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT	KISO (may be E.I.Area) ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	3
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	22	4
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 10

* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific (Western Section)		Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
<u>BB</u>	-	WARSPITE RESOLUTION * REVENGE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	♠ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX SUFFOLK * HAWKINS PROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	OI KITAGAMI KUMA
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	12
<u>SS</u>	FINBACK) KINGFISH) On Patrol TAMBOR) GRAYLING At Exmouth Gulf K.12) GAR) At Fremantle TROUT)		10
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)</u>			
Fighters			99
Light or M/Bombers			147
SE/Bombers			12
Flying Boats			12
Floatplanes			53
Transport & Obsn. A/C			45

♠ No recent intelligence.
Present location uncertain.

* Non-effective

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
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Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

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Date: 5th August 1943

PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/5:

- X (1) "LAMSON" departed Cairns 0601/4 for Mackay was due 0700/5.
 (2) "DRAYTON" escorting "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" en route Cairns to Milne Bay was due 1700/4.
 (3) "YMS.72" departed Milne Bay 1248/4 for Port Moresby ETA 1800/5.
 (4) "KAPUNDA" escorting "HOWARD STANSBURY" "THOMAS JEFFERSON" departed China Strait 0930/4 for Oro Bay.
 (5) "BENALLA" "SHEPPARTON" surveying.
 (6) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting "MACUMBA" departed Thursday Island 0830/4 for Darwin ETA 1830/7.
 (7) "MIZAR" departed Port Moresby 0816/4 for Townsville ETA 2000/5.
 (8) "PIRIE" escorting Convoy FT11 ("YCHOW" "JUNIPERO SERRA") departed Milne Bay 1500/2 for Townsville was due 0700/5.
 (9) "COLAC" escorting Convoy NT35 ("SUVA" "VAN DEN BOSCH") was to depart Port Moresby 0530/5 for Townsville ETA 1000/8.
 (10) "YP.236" departed Thursday Is. 0708/3 for Cairns ETA 7 August.
 (11) "PC.476" escorting 3 LST's YO.59 6 APC's en route Noumea to Brisbane ETA Cape Moreton 0800/9.
 (12) "GEELONG" "GOULBURN" "SC.648" escorting Convoy LQ5 (5 MV) departed Gladstone 2200/4. "ML.429" to RV vicinity Lady Elliot Is. and provide additional escort.
 (13) "YMS.10" "YMS.46" "YMS.47" "YMS.48" towing 6 PT's departed Thursday Island 0913/31 for Milne Bay were due 1600/4.
 (14) "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting Convoy TN128 ("CANBERRA") departed Townsville 0430/3 for Port Moresby, was due 0800/5.
 (15) "GYMPIE" "BUNBURY" "SC.699" "SC.703" escorting Convoy TN129 ("NANCY HANKS" "THOMAS CORWIN" "JOSIAH B. GRINNELL" "REIJNST" "LYMAN J. GAGE" "ANHUI") from Fitzroy Island to Milne Bay ETA 1100/6.
 (16) "TRINITY" en route Bustard Head to Townsville.
 (17) "LST.474" en route Bustard Head to Townsville.
 (18) "GOLDSTAR" en route Bustard Head to Cairns.
 (19) "GLADSTONE" escorting "MILDURA" (for Townsville) departed Caloundra 1941/4. "GLADSTONE" to provide escort to Lady Elliott Island and return Brisbane.
 (20) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay - Warships & Aux. - "SC.731" "SC.746" "SC.748" "YMS.53"
 "YMS.71"
 Merchant Vessels: "H.R.HELPER" "HOWELL COBB" "STEPHEN GIRARD" "VAN SWOIL" "POINT SAN PEDRO"

Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "CONYNGHAM"
 "RIGEL" "TULSA" "WILCANNIA" "BOWEN" "PC.1121
 SC.698 SC.732 SC.742 SC.744 SC.745 SC.981
 YMS.11 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.70 YP.230 "HILO"
 23 PTs 23 LST's ML.427 ML.817 "POYANG"
 "BISHOPDALE" "MERKUR" "SAN PABLO"

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

Merchant Vessels: "COMARA" "JAMES B. MACPHERON"
 "VAN SPILBERGEN" "WEST CACTUS" "CANNON BAR"
 "G.H. FLANDERS" "ESTHER JOHNSON" "FAHUD"
 "COLORADO" "ADONIRAM JUDSON" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK"
 "VAN HEUTSZ" "BALIKPAPAN" "ADREW D. WHITE"
 "LORINNA" "JOSIAH ROYCE" "W.E. CHANNING"

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "HENLEY" "SWAN"
 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. - "PREMANTLE"
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "MAHAN" "DELORAIN" "PC.1119"
 SC.637 SC.747 ML.428 "VICTORIA
 1 LST "PLATYPUS" "H.T. ALLEN"

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "HELM" "BAGLEY" "MUGFORD" "YP.233
 14 LST's "YUNNAN" "WAGGA"

Mackay - Warships & Aux. - "PERKINS" "SMITH" "BROOKS" "DOBBIN"
 Rockhampton - Warships & Aux. - "YMS.8"
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "GILMER" "LITHGOW"
 "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 northbound.

(ii) 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 our 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 Is. - 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) Bougainville - 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) Cape Orford - A submarine carrying deck cargo 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) Cape Gloucester - 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) Salamaua - The Isthmus area was bombed and strafed by nine Mitchells morning 3 August. Fires and explosion observed.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/5:

- (1) "INVERELL" escorting Convoy DT28 ("MUNGANA" "DARVEL" "FORCEFUL") departed Darwin 0941/4 for Thursday Island ETA 0130/8.
- (2) 4 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

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

(ii) 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) Tanimbar Islands - Villages and the strip on Selaru Island were bombed and strafed by 3 Mitchells afternoon 4 August.
- (4) Kai Islands - 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 serviceable. No aircraft or buildings were visible.
One 500 ton merchantman and seven small barges were anchored at Doela jetty.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/5:

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(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle	- Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "VAN GALEN" "TJERK HIDDEN" "DUBBO" "HERON" "HORSHAM" "ISABEL" "WHIPPOORWILL" "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 1200/5:

- (1) "ROCKHAMPTON" "GLENELG" "TOWNSVILLE" "ARARAT" escorting Convoy PG61 were due Sydney 0400/5.
- (2) "BENDIGO" "BROOME" "ECHUCA" escorting Convoy G0114 (7 MV).
- (3) "MILDURA" "BALLARAT" "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting Convoy O0113 (8 MV) were due Sydney 0400/5 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)		"KANIMBLA"
Melbourne	- Warships & Aux.	- "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN"
(Refitting)		"ADELAIDE" "DOOMBA"

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)

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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 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.

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Truk-Jaluit
<u>BB</u>	-	NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	-	MUSASHI MUTSU } ^{poss.} Empire NAGATO } KONGO HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO ?
<u>CV(E)</u>	ALTAMAHA	SUWANNEE CHENANGO SAN GAMON BARNES	-	OTAKA UNY O
<u>CA</u>	-	AUSTRALIA	CHOKAI SUZUYA	TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI * KUMANO MYOKO HAGURO
<u>CL</u>	* ADELAIDE	* HONOLULU * ST. LOUIS * LEANDER * HOBART COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	SENDAI	AGANO CYODO ISUZU NAGARA * NAKA
<u>SL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	-	1
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA BERKINS CONYNGHAM MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER SMITH MUGFORD BAGLEY HENLEY HELM LE TRIOMPHANT STUART VENDETTA LAMSON	Approx 40	Approx 12	25-50 (several damaged)

* Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA WASHINGTON PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA	YAMATO ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE ESSEX VICTORIOUS	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE	* HITAKA * HAYATAKA RYUHO
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	BRETTON PRINCE WILLIAM NASSAU LONG ISLAND	CHUYO
<u>CA</u>	NEW ORLEANS SALT LAKE CITY PENSACOLA * MINNEAPOLIS	MAYA * ATAGO * TAKAO * ACBA
<u>OCA</u>	-	6
<u>CL</u>	* NASHVILLE	TATSUTA * KINU * YUBARI * NATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	4
<u>AV/CVS</u>	2	* CHIYODA) Under conversion * CHITOSE) to ACVs
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	3
<u>DD</u>	Approx 35	Approx 16
<u>SS</u>	Approx 50	Approx 25
<u>AS/XAS</u>	?	3 or more

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>B</u>	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO TENNESSEE	-
<u>CA</u>	WICHITA LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND INDIANAPOLIS	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	SANTA FE RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT	KISO (may be E.I.Area) ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	3
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	22	4
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 10

* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>Southwest Pacific (Western Section)</u>		<u>Eastern Fleet Area</u>	<u>East Indies -Philippines</u>
<u>ES</u>	-	WARSPITE RESOLUTION * REVENGE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	♠ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX SUFFOLK * HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	OI KITAGAMI KUMA
<u>GL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOJ NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	12
<u>SS</u>	FINBACK) KINGFISH) On Patrol TAMBOR) GRAYLING At Exmouth Gulf K.12) GAR) At Fremantle TROUT)		10
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)</u>			
Fighters			99
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♠ No recent intelligence.
Present location uncertain.

* Non-effective

GENERAL NAVAL INTELLIGENCEDaily Naval Summary
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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:-

Length	Approx 50 feet (15 metres)
Armament	2 or 3 - 5.7 cm. guns in single turrets
Engines	Diesel 6 Cyl. 350 HP.
Speed	15 knots
Hull	All steel with armoured turrets
Funnel	One small squat funnel amidships behind control tower.

Comment - 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 Solomons areas.

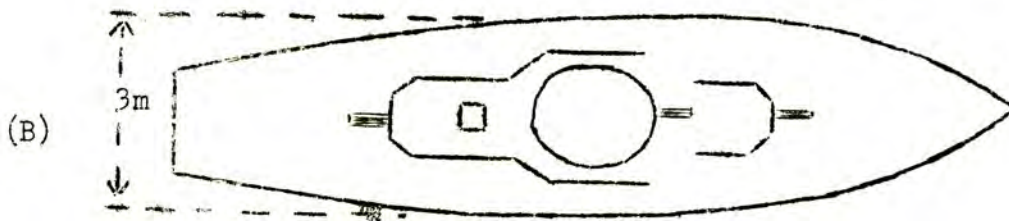
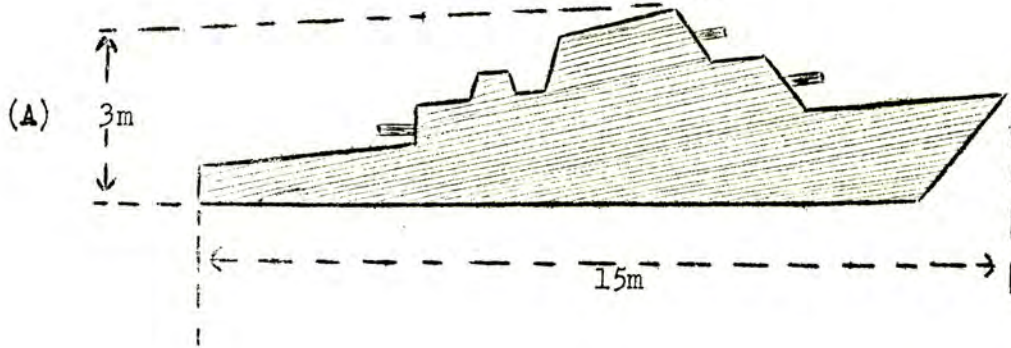
JAPANESE HIGH SPEED BOATS (KOSOKU-TEI) - These craft are smaller and more lightly constructed than the armoured patrol craft but they are much faster and according to one POW were designed for despatch purposes in conjunction with landing operations and harbour work. One armoured patrol craft and two 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:

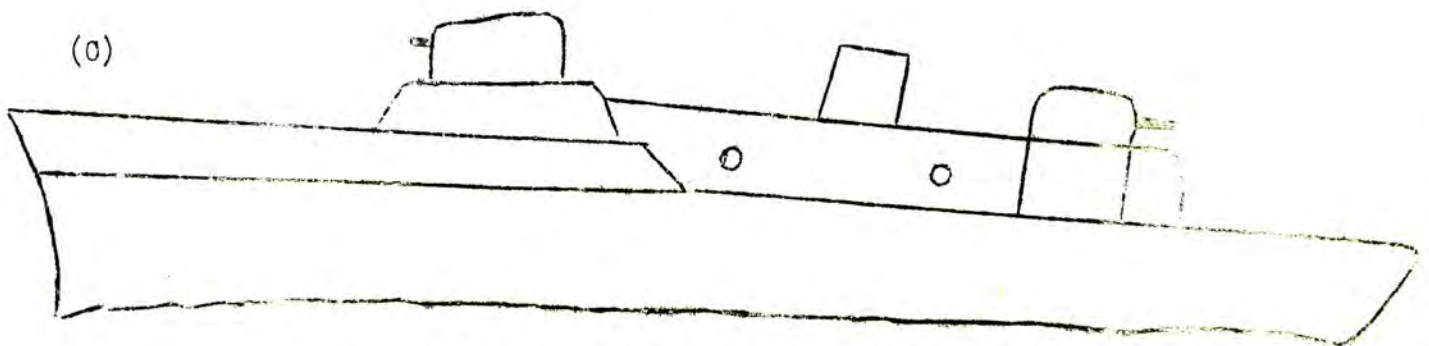
They have 8-10 cm. (4-inch) guns in 4 twin turrets as compared with the 5" guns mounted in most of the other destroyers. These 4" guns however, are rapid firing dual purpose guns particularly designed for high angle or A/A firing. They are capable of a 90° elevation and are reported capable of firing 24 rounds per minute. The secondary armament comprises 25mm. A/A 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 1942. "TERUTSUKI" was damaged by a near bomb miss during operations in the Solomons area at the end of October, was later repaired and accompanied the main fleet units from Truk in November when she took part in the important mid November operations for Guadalcanal. "TERUTSUKI" apparently 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. POW 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 suggests that no units of this class were sunk during the Nov. operations

JAPANESE ARMoured PATROL BOAT
(SOKO-TEI)



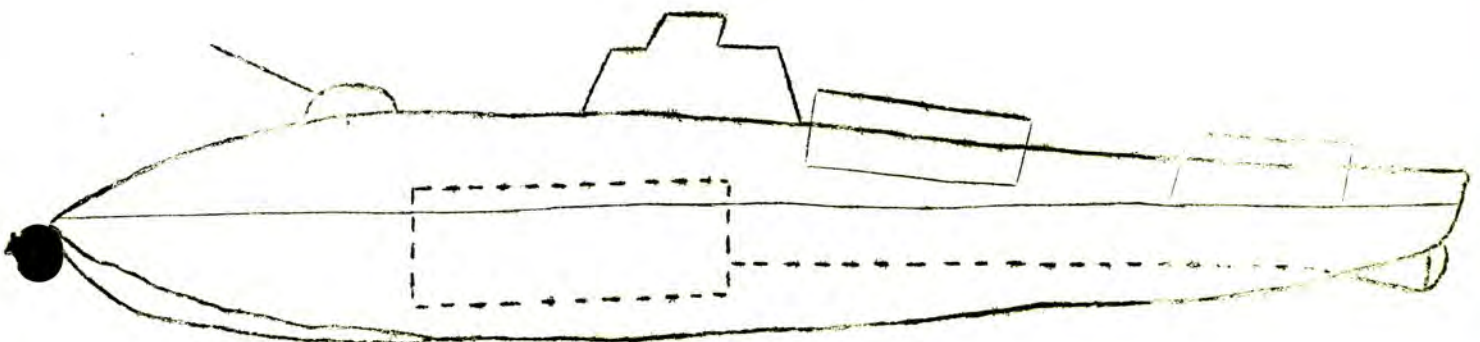
(A)
(E) Tracing of pencil silhouettes from captured document 2nd July, 1943.



(C) Sketch by P.O.W. ex Lae Convoy, March, 1943.

Specifications: ~~7 x 2 x 1 metres.~~ (?)
Diesel 6 cyl. 350 H.P. Speed 15 mph.
All steel
Crew 12/13
2 x 5.7 cm.

JAPANESE HIGH SPEED BOAT
(KOSOKU-TEI)



Specifications: 8m x 2m
V type petrol
450 H.P.
Speed 30 mph
All wood hull
Crew 4

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PART I

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/6:

- (1) "DRAYTON" escorting "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" departed Milne Bay 0724/5 for Cairns ETA 0320/7.
- (2) "LE TRIOMPHANT" "HENLEY" "SWAN" escorting Convoy NT 36 ("CANBERRA" "KATOOMBA") departed Port Moresby 1830/5 for Townsville ETA 1930/7.
- (3) "MAHAN" escorting "H.T.ALLEN" departed Cairns 0401/5 for Milne Bay ETA 1700/6.
- (4) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting "MACUMBA" departed Thursday Island 0830/4 for Darwin ETA 1830/7.
- (5) "COLAC" escorting Convoy NT 35 ("SUVA" "VAN DEN BOSCH") was to depart Port Moresby 0530/5 for Townsville ETA 1000/8.
- (6) "WILCANNIA" escorting Convoy FT 12 ("WEST CACTUS") departed Milne Bay 1335/5 for Townsville ETA 1930/8.
- (7) "Y.P. 236" departed Thursday Is. 0708/3 for Cairns ETA 7 August.
- (8) "P.C.476" escorting 3 LST's YO.59 6 APC's en route Noumea to Brisbane ETA Cape Moreton 0800/9.
- (9) "GEELONG" "GOULBURN" "SC.648" escorting Convoy LQ5 (5 MV) departed Gladstone 2200/4. "ML.429" to RV vicinity Lady Elliot Is. and provide additional escort.
- (10) "BROOKS" departed Mackay 0800/5 for Brisbane ETA 1300/6.
- (11) "GLADSTONE" en route Lady Elliot Island to Brisbane.
- (12) "SC. 637" escorting 5 LCT's were to depart Cairns 0900/6 for Milne Bay.
- (13) "GYMPIE" "BUNBURY" "SC.699" "SC.703" escorting Convoy TN 129 ("NANCY HANKS" "THOMAS CORWIN" "JOSIAH B. GRINNELL" "REIJNST" "LYMAN J. GAGE" "ANHUI") from Fitzroy Island to Milne Bay ETA 1110/6.
- (14) "TRINITY" en route Bustard Head to Townsville.
- (15) "LST. 474" en route Bustard Head to Townsville.
- (16) "GOLDSTAR" en route Bustard Head to Cairns.
- (17) "LITHGOW" escorting "JOSEPH LANE" (for Townsville) was to depart Caloundra 0600/6; to provide escort to Lady Elliot Island and return Brisbane.
- (18) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Ore Bay - Warships & Aux. - "KAPUNDA" "SC.731" "SC.746" "SC.747"
 "YMS.53" "YMS.71"
 Merchant Vessels- "HOWELL COBB" "STEPHEN GIRARD"
 "VAN SWOLL" "POINT SAN PEDRO"
 "HOWARD STANSBURY" "THOMAS JEFFERSON"

Goodenough Island - Merchant Vessels - "H.R.HELPER"
 Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA"
 "CONYNGHAM" "RIGEL" "TULSA" "BENALLA"
 "SHEPPARTON" "BOWEN" "PC.1121"
 SC. 698 SC. 732 SC. 744 SC.745
 SC. 981 YMS.10 YMS. 11 YMS.46
 YMS. 47 YMS.48 YMS. 51 YMS.52
 YMS. 70 YP. 280 "HILO" 29 PT's
 23 LST's ML. 427 ML. 817 "POYANG"
 "BISHOPDALE" "MERKUR" "SAN PABLO"

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

Merchant Vessels: "COMARA" "JAMES B.
 MACPHERSON" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "CANNONBAR"
 "ESTHER JOHNSON" "COLORADO" "ADONIRAM
 JUDSON" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK" "VAN HEUTSZ
 "BALIKPAPAN" "ANDREW D. WHITE" "LORINNA
 "JOSIAH ROYCE" "W.E. CHANNING"

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - YMS. 72
 Merchant Vessels: "KHOEN HOEA" "PETER
 SYLVESTER" "ALCOA PEGASUS" "MONTORO"
 "EDWARD CHAMBERS" "PATRAS" "JAPARA"
 "WICHITA FALLS" "CHARON" "CHARLES S.
 JONES" "MANGOLA" "JOHN WHITEAKER"
 "BAN HONG LIONG" "THEOFANO LIVANOS"

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. "FREMANTLE"
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. "DELORAINÉ" "PC.1119"
 "SC.747" ML. 428 "VICTORIA" 1 LST.
 "PLATYPUS"

Townsville - Warships & Aux. "HELM" "BAGLEY" "MUGFORD"
 "PIRIE" "WAGGA" YP.233 14 LST's
 "YUNNAN" "MIZAR"

Mackay - Warships & Aux. "PERKINS" "LAMSON" "SMITH"
 "DOBBIN"

Rockhampton - Warships & Aux. "YMS.8"
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. "GILMER" "FULTON" "OTUS"
 SC. 648 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.) "VENDETTA" "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS"
 "WARREGO" "WHYALLA" "ML. 818"

(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) Gatukai Island - A submarine was reported 30 miles S.S.E. of Gatukai Island on course 150° at 1043/5.
- (3) Munda - 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) Munda-Kolombangara Area - Allied motor torpedo boats were again active night 3-4/8 (see naval incidents).
- (5) Kapingamarangi Island - One large destroyer was ^{REPORTED} 36 miles S.W. of Kapingamarangi Island on course 18° speed 25 knots at approx. noon August 5th.
- (6) New Hanover - 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) Rabaul - 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) Salamaua - Further clashes were reported in the Bobdubi and Mount Tambu areas 3-4 August.
- (11) Kiriwina - An unidentified aircraft was over Kiriwina Island 0321-0333/4.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/6:

- (1) "INVERELL" escorting Convoy DT 28 ("MUNGANA" "DARVEL" "FORCEFUL") departed Darwin 0941/4 for Thursday Island ETA 0130/8.
- (2) 4 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

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

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Makassar - An 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:

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(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 Convoy OC 114 (8 MV) was to depart Port Phillip 2359/5 to RV in Wilson's Promontory Area with "ECHUCA" "BENDIGO" "BROOME" escorting Convoy 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	- Warships & Aux.	- "ALSEY" 1 LST
Sydney	- 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)		"WADELAIDE" "DOOMBA"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES:

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

NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) New Georgia - Kolombangara - On the night 3-4/8 allied 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.

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 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. ✓

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Bismar cks
Solomons

Caroline marshall
~~Truk-Jaluit~~

<u>B</u>	-	NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	-	MUSASHI MUTSU) possibly NAGATO) Empire KONGO HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	ALTAMAHA	SUWANNEE CHENANGO SANGAMON BARNES	-	UNYO
<u>NA</u>	-	AUSTRALIA	CHOKAI SUZUYA	TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI MYOKO HAGURO * KUMANO
<u>CL</u>	* ADELAIDE	* HONOLULU * ST. LOUIS * LEANDER * HOBART COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	SENDAI	AGANO OYODO ISUZU NAGARA * NAKA
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>CL</u>	-	-	-	2
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA * PERKINS CONYNGHAM MAHAN DRAYTON * FLUSSER * SMITH * LAMSON MUGFORD BAGLEY HENLEY HELM LE TRIOMPHANT STUART VENDETTA	Approx 40	Approx 15	25- 25 (several damaged)

* Non-effective

Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Truk-Jaluit
<u>SS</u>	BALAO) BOWFIN) GREENLING) GROWLER) POMPON) SCAMP) SILVERSIDES)	2 On Patrol	15 15
	ALBACORE) BILLFISH) DRUM) GRO UPER) GUARDFISH) PETO) STINGRAY) TUNA)	At Brisbane	
	K.9 At Sydney		
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER POCOMOKE	-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	2
<u>PT</u>	35	Approx 30	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T.ALLEN MANCORA WESTRALIA * KANIMBLA GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON OTUS		1 2 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE WHITNEY	
<u>R</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	1 1
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.E.Area Only)</u>			
	Fighters (incl. 27 twin-eng.)	260	
	Light or M/Bombers	263	
	SE/Bombers	25	
	Flying Boats	6	
	Floatplanes	54	
	Transport & Obsn. A/C	13	
2. <u>SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC</u>			
<u>CL</u>	CONCORD TRENTON		
<u>DD</u>	2		

* Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA WASHINGTON * PENNSYLVANIA * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA	YAMATO ISE FUSO YAMA SHIRO HYUGA
	ENTERPRISE ESSEX * YORKTOWN VICTORIOUS	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE	* HITAKA * HAYATAKA RYUHO
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	BRETON PRINCE WILLIAM NASSAU LONG ISLAND	CHUYO OTAKA
	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS	MAYA * ATAGO * TAKAO * AOBA
<u>CCA</u>	-	6
<u>CL</u>	* NASHVILLE * MOBILE	TATSUTA * KINU * YUBARI * NATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	3
<u>AV/CVS</u>	2	* CHIYODA) Under conversion * CHITOSE) to ACVs
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	3
<u>DE</u>	Approx 35	Approx 20
<u>SS</u>	Approx 50	Approx 25
<u>AS/XAS</u>	?	3 or more

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>BB</u>	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO TENNESSEE	-
<u>CA</u>	WICHITA LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND INDIANAPOLIS	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	SANTA FE RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT	KISO (may be E.I.Ares.) ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	3
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
	22	4
	10	Approx 10
	* Non-effective	

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific (Western Section)		Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
<u>BB</u>	-	WARSPITE	-
	-	♠ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX SUPPOEK * HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE C ERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN D URBAN C ARADOG	OI KITAGAMI KUMA
<u>(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILIS HEROI W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	VAN PALEN TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	12
<u>SS</u>	FINIACK) GRAYLING) KINFISH) TAMBOR)	On Patrol	10
	K.12) GAE) TROTT)	At Fremantle	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)</u>			
Fighters			99
Light or M/Bombers			147
SE/Bombers			12
Flying Boats			12
Floatplanes			53
Transport & Obsn. A/C			45
	♠	No recent intelligence Present location uncertain.	
	*	Non-effective	

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre
DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. **556**Date: **7th August 1943****PART I.****A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA****1. NORTH EASTERN AREA****(1) ALLIED FORCES****(a) At Sea to 1200/7:**

- (1) "DRAYTON" escorting "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" departed Milne Bay 0724/5 for Cairns were due 2030/6.
- (2) "LE TRIOMPHANT" "HENLEY" "SWAN" escorting Convoy NT36 ("CANBERRA" "KATOOMBA") departed Port Moresby 1830/5 for Townsville ETA 1930/7.
- (3) "HELM" "PC.1119" escorting Convoy TN130 ("DUNTROON" "TAROONA") from Fitzroy Island to Port Moresby ETA 1300/8.
- (4) "SHEPPARTON" departed Milne Bay 1315/5 for survey ground.
- (5) "INVERELL" escorting Convoy DT28 ("MUNGANA" "DARVEL" "FORCEFUL") departed Darwin 0941/4 for Thursday Island ETA 0130/8.
- (6) "COLAC" escorting Convoy NP35 ("SUVA" "VAN DEN BOSCH") was to depart Port Moresby 0530/5 for Townsville ETA 1000/8.
- (7) "WILCANNIA" escorting Convoy FT12 ("WEST CACTUS") departed Milne Bay 1335/5 for Townsville ETA 1930/8.
- (8) "BOWEN" "PC.1121" escorting Convoy FT13 ("MERKUR" "VAN HEUTSZ" "W.E.CHANNING") departed Milne Bay 1300/6 for Townsville ETA 0600/9.
- (9) "YP.236" en route Cairns to Brisbane ETA Caloundra 0300/11.
- (10) "PC.476" escorting 3 LST's Y0.59 6 APC's en route Noumea to Brisbane ETA Cape Moreton 0800/9.
- (11) "LITHGOW" en route Lady Elliott Island to Brisbane.
- (12) "GLADSTONE" en route Lady Elliott Island to Brisbane.
- (13) "SC.637" escorting 5 LCT's departed Cairns 0900/6 for Milne Bay ETA 1700/9.
- X (14) "VENDETTA" en route from Caloundra to RV with "WARRINGTON" escorting "LURLINE" position 27°S 156°20'E at 1500/7 and provide additional escort to Brisbane ETA 8th August.
- (15) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay - Warships & Aux. - "KAPUNDA" "SC.731" "SC.746" "SC.748"
"YMS.53" "YMS.71"
Merchant Vessels: "HOWELL COBB" "STEPHEN GIRARD"
"VAN SWOLL" "POINT SAN PEDRO"
"HOWARD STANSBURY" "THOMAS JEFFERSON"

Goodenough Is. - Merchant Vessels: "H.R.HELPER"

Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "MAHAN"
"CONYNGHAM" "RIGEL" "TULSA" "BENALLA" "GYMPIE"
"BUNBURY" SC.698 SC.699 SC.703 SC.732 SC.744
SC.745 SC.981 YMS.10 YMS.11 YMS.46 YMS.47
YMS.48 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.70 YP.280 "HILO"
29 PT's 23 LST's ML.427 ML.817 "POYANG"
"BISHOPDALE" "SAN PABLO" "H.T.ALLEN"

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

Milne Bay - Merchant Vessels: "COMARA" "JAMES B. MACPHERSON"
 "VAN SPILBERGEN" "CANNONBAR" "ESTHER JOHNSON"
 "COLORADO" "ADONIRAM JUDSON" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK"
 "BALIKPAPAN" "ANDREW D. WHITE" "LOHINNA" "JOSIAH
 ROYCE" "JOSIAH B. GRINNELL" "NANCY HANKS"
 "ANHUI" "THOMAS CORWIN" "REYNST" "LYMAN J. GAGE"

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "YMS.72"
 Merchant Vessels: "KHOEN HOEA" "PETER SYLVESTER"
 "ALCOA PEGASUS" "MONTORO" "EDWARD CHAMBERS"
 "PATRAS" "JAPARA" "WICHITA FALLS" "CHARON"
 "CHARLES S. JONES" "MANGOLA" "JOHN WHITEAKER"
 "BAN HONG LIONG" "THEOFANO LIVANOS"

Thursday Is, - Warships & Aux. - "FREMANTLE"
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "DELOIRINE" "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" "GEELONG"
 "GOLBURN" "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"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Rekata Bay - Installations were attacked by 7 Fortresses, 17 Liberators, 24 Mitchells, 13 Avengers, 25 Dauntless 1353-1425/6. Hits were scored on supply and dump areas.
- (2) Murda - 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 prisoners were taken, one of whom died.
- (3) Gizo-Kolombangara - In a sweep by 7 Mitchells covered by 16 Corsairs late afternoon 5th August, three barges were attacked off the N.E. coast 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.
- X (6) St. George's Channel Area - 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 vessel, one of which was catapulted from the vessel amidships.
- (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) Cape Orford - A large submarine with deck cargo was observed passing Cape Orford southbound at 1535/6.
- (9) Alexishafen-Madang - Barges and small 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

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/7:

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

(b) In Harbour:

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

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Kaukenau - A small merchantman and three barges were attacked 35 miles west of Kaukenau at 1335/6 (see Naval Incidents),
- (2) Lautem - Lautem was attacked by six Mitchells night 5th. Fires and explosions were started.
- (3) Millingimbi Area - An allied convoy was attacked 60 miles N.N.W. of Millingimbi at 1005/6 (see Naval Incidents).
- (4) Drysdale Mission - 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:

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(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "VAN GALEN"
"TJERK HIDDEN" "DUBBO" "HERON" "HORSHAM" "ISABEL"
"WHIPPOORWILL" "SC.739" "ELIAS" "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 1200/7:

- (1) "STUART" escorting "ALTAMAHA" (for Fremantle ETA 0900/14) departed Caloundra 0841/6. "STUART" to detach at 0600/8 and proceed Sydney.
- (2) "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy C0115.
- X (3) "SAMSON" escorting "MOUNT VERNON" to Sydney ETA 8th August.
- (4) "ECHUCA" "BENDIGO" "BROOME" escorting Convoy C0114 (7 MV) en route Port Kembla ETA 0100/9, Sydney ETA 0600/9 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" "MORESEY" "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. - "AL SEY" 1 LST
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE" "ARARAT" "WARRNAMBOOL"
"GIENELG" "CASTLEMAINE" "KYBRA"
(Repairing) "FLUSSER" "CAP DES PALMES" "MANUNDA" (AH) 1 LST
(On Reserve) "KANIMBLA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN"
(Refitting) "ADELAIDE" "DOOMBA"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Espiritu Santo - CURTIS S 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 - CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV)

X
NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) Kaukenau - 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 "COOTAMUNDRA" 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. "COOTAMUNDRA" 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.
- (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

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>Southwest Pacific</u> (Eastern Section)		<u>South Pacific</u>	<u>Bismarcks</u> <u>Solomons</u>	<u>Truk-Jaluit</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	-	MUSASHI MUTSU (possibly NAGATO) Empire KONGO HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>V (L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO
<u>CV (E)</u>	ALTAMAHA	SUWANNEE CHENANGO SANGAMON BARNES	-	UNYO
<u>CA</u>	-	AUSTRALIA	CHOKAI SUZUYA	TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI MYOKO HAGURO * KUMANO
<u>CL</u>	* ADELAIDE	* HONOLULU * ST. LOUIS * LEANDER * HOBART COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	SENDAI	AGANO OYODO ISUZU NAGARA * NAKA
<u>CL (T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	-	2
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA PERKINS CONYNGHAM MAHAN DRAYTON * FLUSSER * SMITH * LAMSON MUGFORD BAGLEY HENLEY HELM LE TRIOMPHANT STUART VENDETTA	Approx 40	Approx 15	25-30 (several damaged)

* Non-effective

Southwest Pacific
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Bismarcks
Solomons

Truk-Jaluit

<u>SS</u>	BALAO BOWFIN GREENLING GROWLER POMPON SCAMP SILVERSIDES)	2 On Patrel	15	15
	ALBACORE BILLFISH DRUM GROUPE GUARDFISH PETO STINGRAY TUNA)	At Brisbane		
	K.9	At Sydney		
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER POCOMOKE	-	-
<u>XAC/XCVS</u>	-	3	1	2
<u>PT</u>	35	Approx 30	?	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T.ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA * KANIMBLA GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA		
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON OTUS		1	2 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE WHITNEY		
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL FLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	1	1
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area only)</u>				
	Fighters (incl. 27 twin-eng.)		264	
	Light or M/Bombers		237	
	SE/Bombers		25	
	Flying Boats		6	
	Floatplanes		56	
	Transport & Obsn. A/C		21	

2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

CL CONCORD
TRENTON

DD 2

* Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA WASHINGTON * PENNSYLVANIA * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA	YAMATO ISE PUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN VICTORIOUS	-
<u>CV (L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE	* HITAKA * HAYATAKA RYUHO
<u>CV (T)</u>	-	HOSHO
<u>CV (E)</u>	BRETON PRINCE WILLIAM NASSAU LONG ISLAND	CHUYO OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS	MAYA * ATAGO * TAKAO * AOBA
<u>OCA</u>	-	6
<u>CL</u>	* NASHVILLE MOBILE	TATSUTA * KINU * YUBARI * NATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	3
<u>AV/CVS</u>	2	* CHIYODA)under con- * CHITOSE)version to AGVs.
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	3
<u>DD</u>	Approx 35	Approx 16
<u>SS</u>	Approx 50	Approx 25
<u>S/XAS</u>	?	3 or more

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>BB</u>	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO TENNESSEE	-
<u>CA</u>	WICHITA LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND INDIANAPOLIS	MACHI
<u>CL</u>	SANTA FE RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT	KISO (may be E.I.Area) ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	3
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	22	4
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 10

* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Philippine

<u>BB</u>	-	WARSPITE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	∅ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CA</u>	-	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
<u>XCL</u>	-	CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOY NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDEN	Approx 27	12
<u>SS</u>	FINBACK GRAYLING KINGFISH TAMBOR K.12 GAR TROUT	} On Patrol } At Fremantle	10
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area only)

Fighters	99
Light or M/Bombers	120
SE/Bombers	12
Flying Boats	12
Floatplanes	53
Transport & Obsn. A/C	45

∅ No recent intelligence
Present location uncertain.

* Non-effective

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 557

Date: 8th August 1943

PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/8:

- (1) "MAHAN" escorting "H.T.ALLEN" en route Cairns ETA 1430/8.
- (2) "HELM" "PC.1119" escorting Convoy TN130 ("DUNTROON" "TARCOONA") from Fitzroy Is. to Port Moresby ETA 1300/8.
- (3) "SHEPPARTON" departed Milne Bay 1315/5 for survey ground.
- (4) "SC.731" escorting "ANDREW D.WHITE" "COLORADO" dep. Milne Bay for Oro Bay 1300/7.
- (5) "GYMPIE" escorting "ANHUI" "PETER SYLVESTER" was to depart Milne Bay 1300/7 for Cairns and Townsville.
- (6) "SC.746" escorting "HOWELL COBB" as far as Milne Bay departed Oro Bay 0120/6. "HOWELL COBB" to continue independently to Cairns ETA destination p.m. 9th August.
- (7) "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.
- (14) "SC.734" escorting army transports FAL, FA2, FA3, latter in tow of "TANCRED", from Noumea to Brisbane ETA Cape Moreton 0900/10.
- (15) "DELORAIN" "WAGGA" "SC.747" escorting Convoy TN131 (3 LST's & 2 merchant vessels) departed Townsville 1615/7 ETA Milne Bay 1500/10.
- (16) "HEZAR" departed Townsville en route Sydney ETA 1001/10.
- (17) "PC.476" escorting 3 LST's YO.59 6 APC's en route Noumea to Brisbane ETA Cape Moreton 0800/9.
- (18) "GLADSTONE" en route Lady Elliott Island to Brisbane.
- (19) "SC.637" escorting 5 LCT's departed Cairns 0900/6 for Milne Bay ETA 1700/9.
- (20) "VENDETTA" en route from Caloundra to RV with "WARRINGTON" escorting "LURLINE" position 27°S 156°20'E at 1500/7 and provide additional escort to Brisbane ETA 8th August.
- (21) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay - Warships & Aux. - "KAPUNDA" "YMS.71"
Merchant Vessels: "POINT SAN PEDRO" "HOWARD STANSBURY"
"THOMAS JEFFERSON"

Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "CONYNGHAM"
 "RIGEL" "TULSA" "KENALLA" "BUNBURY" SC.698
 SC.699 SC.703 SC.732 SC.744 SC.745 SC.746
 SC.748 SC.981 YMS.10 YMS.11 YMS.46 YMS.47
 YMS.48 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.53 YMS.70 YP.280
 "HILO" 35 PT's 23 LST's ML.817 "POYANG"
 "BISHOPDALE" "SAN PABLO"

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

Merchant Vessels: "COMRA" "JAMES B. MACPHERSON"
 "BONTEKOE" "VAN SPELBERGEN" "CANNONBAR" "ESTHER"
 JOHNSON" "ADONIRAN JUDSON" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK"
 "BALIKPAPAN" "LORIANA" "JOSIAH ROYCE" "JOSIAH"
 B. GRINNELL" "NANCY HANKS" "THOMAS CORWIN"
 "REIJNST" "LYMAN J. GAGE" "STEPHEN GIRARD"
 "H.R. HELPER"

Port Moresby - Merchant Vessels: "KEGEN HOEA" "ALCOA PEGASUS"
 "MONTORO" "EDWARD CHAMBERS" "JAPARA" "WICHITA"
 FALLS" "CHARON" "CHARLES S. JONES" "MANGOLA"
 "JOHN WHITEAKER" "EAN HONG LIONG" "THEOFANO"
 LIVANOS" "VAN SWOLL"

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "FREMANTLE" 4 YMS's
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "HEWLEY" "DRAYTON" "LE TRIOMPHANT"
 "SWAN" "ML.428" "VICTORIA" 1 LST" "PLATYPUS"
 "GOLDSTAR" "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" 6 LCI's

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "BAGLEY" "MUGFORD" "PIRIE"
 YP.233 15 LST's "TRINITY"

Mackay - Warships & Aux. - "PERKINS" "LAMSON" "SMITH" "DOBEIN"

Rockhampton - Warships & Aux. - "YMS.8"

Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "BROOKS" "GILMER" "GEELONG"
 "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 Elliott Island and escort to Brisbane.
- (2) "DRAYTON" escorting "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" is to depart Cairns for Milne Bay 1500/8.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Kolombangara
 - (a) A force of 4 enemy vessels reported to include at least one cruiser and probably 3 destroyers was attacked by an allied destroyer force in Vella Gulf on the night August 5/7 (see Naval Incidents).
 - (b) A small AK was attacked in the southern end of Vella Gulf by our PT boats night August 5/6. Results unknown. Another PT boat fired 1200 rounds of 50 calibre 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 useable.
- (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 airfield is now under 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) Buin-Shortlands - Photos a.m. 6th August show only 2 small cargo vessels. Further reports indicate 10 enemy 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 barges 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.
- X (7) Kavieng - 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.
- X (8) Mussau Island - A large enemy convoy reported to include 4 five heavy cruisers, two destroyers and five large merchant ships was sighted by a reconnaissance aircraft 95 miles N.N.W. Mussau Island at 130/7 course 130° speed 15 knots.
The position and course suggest this convoy en route Rabaul from Palau 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.
- X (9) Cape St. George - 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 Eka-Bougainville.
- (10) Cape Gloucester - 9 Mitchells bombed and strafed 2 camouflaged barges near Lagunen Point a.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 Itai Rivers.
- (11) Cape Orford - 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 Salamaua 0705/7.
Two enemy barges observed Mape River (near Finschhafen) one of which strafed.
- (13) Salamaua Area - 62 Japanese reported killed Bobdabi area since August 1st.
23 Liberators 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 "KARANGI" departed Darwin 1011/7 to re-lay light buoy, thence returning Darwin.
(2) 4 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin	- Warships & Aux. - "ML.814" "COOTAMUNDRA"
	Merchant Vessels: "TAMEAR"
Millimgimbi	- Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE"
	Merchant Vessels: "ALAGNA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

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

- Nil activity observed Timoecka 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) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/8:

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(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "VAN GALEN"
 "TJERK HIDDIES" "DUBBO" "HERON" "HORSHAM" "ISABEL"
 "WHIPPOORWILL" "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 1200/8:

- (1) "STUART" escorting "ALTAMAHA" (for Fremantle ETA 0900/14) departed Caloundra 0841/6. "STUART" to detach at 0600/8 and proceed Sydney.
- (2) "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy C0115.
- (3) "SAMPSON" escorting "MOUNT VERNON" to Sydney ETA 8th August.
- (4) "ECHUCA" "BENDIGO" "BROOME" escorting Convoy OC114 (7 MV) en route Port Kembla ETA 0100/9, Sydney ETA 0600/9 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" "MORESEY" "MILDURA" "BAILARAT" escorting Convoy GP62 (15 MV including 1 ICI) departed Sydney 0925/6 ETA Caloundra 0700/9.
- (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 Sydney.
- (8) "CAP DES PALMES" departed Sydney 1102/7 en route Noumea.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "AL SEY" 1 LST
 Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "ARARAT" "WARRNAMBOOL" "GLENELG"
 "CASTLE MAINE" "KYBRA"
 (Repairing) "FLUSSER" "MANUNDA" (AH) 1 LST
 (On Reserve) "KANIMBLA"
 Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN"
 (Refitting) "ADELAIDE" "DOOMBA"

(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

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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 fourth. Our ships suffered no damage or casualties. A Catalina on reconnaissance in the area shortly 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, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Northern Solomons, Gilberts, Marshalls, Malayan areas.
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ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	<u>Southwest Pacific</u> <u>(Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	<u>Bismarcks</u> <u>Solomons</u>	<u>Carolines</u> <u>Marshalls</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	-	MUSASHI MUTSU) poss. NAGATO) Empire KONGO HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	ALTAMAHA	SUWANNEE CHENANGO SAN CAMON BARNES	+	UNYO
<u>CA</u>	-	AUSTRALIA	CHOKAI SUZUYA	TONE CHIKUMA MOSAMI MYOKO HAGURO * KUMANO
<u>CL</u>	* ADELAIDE	* HONOLULU * ST. LOUIS * LEANDER * HOBART COLUMBIA CIE VELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	SENDAI	AGANO CYODO ISUZU NAGARA * NAKA
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	-	2
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA PERKINS CONYNGHAM MAHAN DRAYTON * FLUSSER * SMITH * LAMSON MUGFORD BAGLEY HENLEY HELM LE TRIOMPHANT VENDETTA STUART	Approx 40	Approx 15	25 (several damaged)
		* Non-effective		

Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
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<u>S</u>	BALAO) BOWFIN) GREENLING) GROWLER) POMPON) SCAMP) SILVERSIDES)	2 On Patrol	15	15
	ALBACORE) BILLFISH) DRUM) GROUPEL) GUARDFISH) PETO) STINGRAY) TUNA)	At Brisbane		
	K.9	At Sydney		
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER POCOMOKE	-	-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	1	2
<u>PT</u>	35	Approx 30	?	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H. T. ALLEN MAMOOORA WESTRALIA * KA NIMBLA GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA		
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON OTUS		1	2 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE WHITNEY		
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	1	1

AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)

Fighters (incl. 27 twin-eng.)	257
Light or M/Bombers	237
SE/Bombers	25
Flying Boats	6
Floatplanes	56
Transport & Obsn. A/C	21

2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

<u>DD</u>	CONCORD TRENTON 2
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* Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA WASHINGTON * PENNSYLVANIA * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA	YAMATO ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN VICTORIOUS	.
<u>CV(L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE	* HITAKA HAYATAKA KYUHO
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	BRETON PRINCE WILLIAM NASSAU LONG ISLAND	CHUYO OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS	MAYA * ATAGO * TAKAO * AOBA
<u>OCA</u>	-	6
<u>OL</u>	* NASHVILLE MOBILE	TATSUTA * KINU * YUBARI * NATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	3
<u>AV/CVS</u>	2	* CHIYODA) Under conversion * CHITOSE) to ACVs
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	1	3
<u>DD</u>	Approx 35	Approx 16
<u>SS</u>	Approx 50	Approx 25
<u>AS/XAS</u>	1	3 or more

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>BB</u>	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO TENNESSEE	-
<u>CA</u>	WICHITA LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND INDIANAPOLIS	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	SANTA FE RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT	KESO (may be E.I. Area) ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	3
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	22	4
<u>ES</u>	10	Approx 10

* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Philippines

<u>B</u>	-	WARSPITE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	ILBUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX SUFFOLK HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	TROMP VAN HEEM SKIERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	OI KITAGAMI KUMA
<u>CE(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDÉS	Approx 27	12
<u>SS</u>	FINBACK) GRAYLING) KINGFISH) TAMBOR)	On Patrol	10
	K.12) GAR) TROUT)	At Fremantle	
<u>AS or KAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)

Fighters	99
Light or M/Bombers	120
SE/Bombers	12
Flying Boats	12
Floatplanes	53
Transport & Obsn. A/C	45

∅ No recent intelligence.
Present location uncertain.

≠ Non-effective

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No. 558

Date: 9th August 1943

PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/9:

- (1) "MAHAN" escorting "H.T.ALLEN" en route Cairns was due 1430/8.
 (2) "DRAYTON" escorting "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" departed Cairns 0631/9 for Milne Bay ETA 1700/10.
 (3) "SHEPPARTON" surveying.
 (4) "BUNBURY" escorting "REIJNST" departed Milne Bay 1230/8 for Port Moresby ETA 1530/9.
 (5) "COLAC" escorting Convoy NT35 ("SUVA" "VAN DEN BOSCH") departed Port Moresby 0530/5 for Townsville was due 1000/8.
 (6) "GYMPIE" "KATOOMBA" escorting Convoy FT14 ("NHUI" "PETER SYLVESTER" "HINTON R.HELPER" "BALIKPAPAN") departed Milne Bay 1300/8 for Townsville 1730/11.
 (7) "YMS.10" "YMS.46" "YMS.47" "YMS.48" departed Milne Bay 1206/8 for Thursday Island ETA 1400/11.
 (8) "YP.236" en route Cairns to Brisbane ETA Caloundra 0300/11.
 (9) "SC.734" escorting army transports FA1, FA2, FA3, latter in tow of "TANCRED", from Noumea to Brisbane ETA Cape Moreton 0900/10.
 (10) "PC.476" escorting 3 LST's YO.59 6 APC's en route Noumea to Brisbane was due Cape Moreton 0800/9.
 (11) "SC.637" escorting 5 LCT's departed Cairns 0900/6 for Milne Bay ETA 1700/9.
 (12) "DELORAIN" "WAGGA" "SC.747" escorting Convoy TNL31 ("VAN DER LIJN" "CHARLES P.STEINMETZ" 3 LST's) en route Fitzroy Island to Milne Bay ETA 1500/10.
 (13) "GOULBURN" departed Caloundra 2103/8 to RV with "YUNNAN" (ex Townsville) vicinity Lady Elliott Island and escort to Brisbane.
 (14) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "SC.731" "YMS.71"
	Merchant Vessels: "POINT SAN PEDRO" "HOWARD STANSBURY"
	"THOMAS JEFFERSON" "COLORADO"
	"ANDREW D.WHITE"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "CONYNGHAM"
	"RIGEL" "TULSA" "KAPUNDA" "BENALLA" SC.698
	SC.699 SC.703 SC.732 SC.744 SC.745 SC.746
	SC.748 SC.981 YMS.11 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.53
	YMS.70 YMS.72 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.)

Milne Bay - Merchant Vessels: "COMARA" "JAMES B. MACPHERSON"
 "BONTEKOE" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "CANNONBAR" "ESTHER
 JOHNSON" "ADONIRAM JUDSON" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK"
 "LORINNA" "JOSIAH ROYCE" "JOSIAH B. GRINNELL"
 "NANCY HANKS" "THOMAS BORWIN" "PATRAS" "LYMAN
 J. GAGE" "STEPHEN GIRARD"

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "HELM" "PC.1119"
 Merchant Vessels: "KHOEN HOEA" "ALCOA PEGASUS"
 "MONFORO" "EDWARD CHAMBERS" "JAPARA" "DUNTROON"
 "WICHITA FALLS" "CHARON" "CHARLES S. JONES"
 "MANGOLA" "JOHN WHITEAKER" "THEOFANO LIVANOS"
 "VAN SWOLL" "TAROONA"

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL" "FREMANTLE" 4 YMS's
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "HENLEY" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "SWAN"
 "ML.428" "VICTORIA" "PLATYPUS"
 "GOLDSTAR" 1 LST

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "BALGEY" "MUGFORD" "PIRIE"
 "BOWEN" "WILCANNIA" "PC.1121
 YP.233 15 LST's "TRINITY"

Mackay - Warships & Aux. - "PERKINS" "LAMSON" "SMITH" "DOBBE"
 Rockhampton - Warships & Aux. - "YMS.8"
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA" "WARRINGTON" "BROOKS"
 "GILMER" "GEELONG" "GLADSTONE" "LITHGOW" "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) "HENLEY" "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting Convoy TN132 ("CANBERRA" "KATCOMBA") to depart Townsville and Cairns 0300/10 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/12.
- (2) "HELM" "PC.1119" escorting Convoy NT37 ("DUNTROON" "TAROONA" "CHARLES S. JONES") to depart Port Moresby 1730/9 for Townsville ETA 1830/11.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Rendova Island - 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) Kolombangara - 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 Cape Harbour (3 miles N.E. of Vila) afternoon 8th August.
- (3) Rekata Bay - 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 forces sighted on 7th August one comprised one large 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 WNW 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) Salamaua - Allied artillery night 6-7 August destroyed portion of the footbridge over the mouth of the Francisee 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) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/9:

- (1) 4 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

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

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Timika - 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 (Gerong Group off southeast tip Ceram Island) at 1750/8.

3. FOURTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/9:

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(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "VAN GALEN"
"TJERK HIDDERS" "DUBBO" "HERON" "HORSHAM" "ISABEL"
"WHIPPOORWILL" "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 1200/9:

- (1) "BUNDABERG" "MORESBY" "MILDURA" "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy PG62 (7 MV) were to depart Caloundra 1200/9 for Newcastle and Sydney.
- (2) "MIZAR" en route Townsville to Sydney ETA 1000/10.
- (3) "ECHUCA" "BENDIGO" en route Newcastle to Sydney.
- (4) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy OC115 (12 MV) were to depart Port Phillip 2300/8 to RV in Wilson's Promontory area with "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy CO115.
- (5) "ALTAMARA" en route Brisbane to Fremantle ETA 0900/14.
- (6) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "PROMETHEUS" from RV (31°38'S 155°13'E) to Sydney.

- (7) "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting "HANYANG" (for Townsville) departed Sydney 0757/8. To provide escort to Lady Elliott Is. and return Sydney.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "AL SEY" 1 LST
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "SAMPSON" "STUART" "ARARAT"
"GLENELG" "BROOME" "CASTLEMAINE" "KYBRA"
"MOUNT VERNON"
(Repairing) "FLUSSER" "MANUNDA" (AH) 1 LST
(On Reserve) "KANIMBLA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. -
(Refitting) "ADELAIDE" "DOOMBA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

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

(ii) 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) ALLIED FORCES

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

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.
(2) Consolidation of defences Bismarcks, Northeast 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

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	<u>Bismarcks Solomons</u>	<u>Carolines Marshalls</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	-	MUSASHI MUTSU) poss. NAGATO) Empire KONGO HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	ALTAMAHA	SUWANNEE CHENANGO SANGAMON BARNES	-	UNYO
<u>CA</u>	-	AUSTRALIA	CHOKAI SUZUYA MYOKO HAGURO	TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI * KUMANO
<u>CL</u>	* ADELAIDE	* HONOLULU * ST. LOUIS * LEANDER * HOBART COLUMBIA CIEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	SENDAI NAGARA ?	AGANO CYODO ISUZU * NAKA
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	-	2
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA PERKINS CONYNGHAM MAHAN DRAYTON * FLUSSER * SMITH * LAMSON MUGGERD BAGLEY HENLEY HELM LE TRIOMPHANT VENDETTA STUART	Apprex 40	Apprex 15	25 (several damaged)

* Non-effective

Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
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<u>SS</u>	BALAO BOWFIN GREENLING GROWLER POMPON SILVERSIDES))))))) 2 On Patrol	15	15
	ALBACORE BILLFISH DRUM GROUPER GUARDFISH PETO SCAMP STINGRAY TUNA)))))))))) At Brisbane		
	K.9 At Sydney			
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER POCOMOKE	-	-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	1	2
<u>PT</u>	35	Approx 30	?	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T. ALLEN MANCORA WESTRABIA # KANIMBLA GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA		
<u>AS or KAS</u>	FULTON OTUS		1	2 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE WHITNEY		
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	1	1

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TRENTON

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<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN VICTORICUS	-
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<u>OCA</u>	-	6
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<u>AS/XAS</u>	?	3 or more

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<u>BB</u>	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO TENNESSEE	-
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<u>CL</u>	SANTA FE RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT	KISO (may be E.I. Area) ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	3
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	22	4
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 10

Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN
ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
<u>BB</u> -	WARSPITE	-
<u>CV</u> -	∅ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CA</u> -	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
<u>XGL</u> -	CARTHAGE CHITRAL RAM PURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
<u>AV/CVS</u> CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOJ NOTORO
<u>MAV/XCVS</u> -	?	1
<u>DD</u> VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDUS	Approx 27	12
<u>SS</u> FINBACK) GRAYLING) KINGFISH) On Patrol TAMBOR)		10
K.12) GAR) At Fremantle TROUT)		
<u>AS or XAS</u> PELIAS	?	1
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- (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.
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- (16) "HUMPHREYS" "GILMER" "GEELONG" "LITHGOW" "ML.819" "SC.650" escorting QLG (13 ships) dep. Caloundra 1600/9 for Townsville (11 ships) and Bowen (2 ships).
- (17) "BROOKS" escorting "MORMACWREN" was to depart Caloundra 1000/10. "BROOKS" to provide escort until moonset and then proceed Townsville.
- (18) "VENDETTA" escorting "LURLINE" to boundary S.W.P.A. to depart Caloundra 1100/10.
- (19) 5 submarines on patrol.

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"NANCY HANKS" "THOMAS" "CORWIN" "PATRAS"
"LYMAN J. GAGE"

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "HELM" "PC.1119" "BUNBURY"
Merchant Vessels: "KHOEN HOEA" "ALCOA PEGASUS"
"MONTORO" "EDWARD CHAMBERS" "JAPARA" "WICHITA
FALLS" "CHARON" "MANGOLA" "JOHN WHITEAKER"
"THEOFANO LIVANOS" "VAN SWOLL" "REIJNST"

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL" "FREMANTLE" 4 YMS's
Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "MAHAN" "SWAN" "ML.428" "VICTORIA
"PLATYPUS" "GOLDSTAR" "H.F. ALLEN"
1 LST

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "BAGLEY" "MUGFORD" "PIRIE" "COLAC
"BOWEN" "PC.1121" "YP.233 15 LSTs
"TRINITY" "MERKUR"

Mackay - Warships & Aux. - "PERKINS" "LAMSON" "SMITH"
"DOBEIN"

Rockhampton - Warships & Aux. - "YMS.8"
Brisbane - 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 aircraft 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 Corsairs and set ablaze.
- (2) Munda - Eleven damaged Jap aircraft were found on Munda airfield when our troops occupied the area.
- (3) Baeroko - At 1125/8 Baeroko was attacked by 21 Dauntless and 12 Avengers, 30 Wildcats covered the mission.
- (4) Vila - At 1545-1615/8, 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 1135/8, 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) Kapingamarangi Area - Photographs of the six ship convoy located 270 miles W.N.W. Kapingamarangi at 0930/8 show only 5 ships detailed:-
 - 1 destroyer
 - 3 medium merchant ships, one of which is carrying 6 landing craft
 - 1 unidentified type vessel

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/10:

- (1) 4 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

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

(ii) ENEMY 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) Millingimbi - 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:

Fremantle	- Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "VAN GALEN" "TJERK HIDDEN" "DUBBO" "HERON" "HORSHAM" "ISABEL" "WHIPPOORWILL" "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 1200/10:

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

- (3) "BUNDABERG" "MORESEY" "MILDURA" "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy PG62 (7 ships) departed Caloundra 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 Newcastle ETA 1500/12.
- (5) "KALGOORLIE" departed Sydney 2200/9 to RV with Newcastle portion of Convoy CO116.
- (6) "SAMPSON" departed Sydney 0956/9 for Noumea.
- (7) "ALTAMAHA" en route Brisbane to Fremantle ETA 0900/14.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens	- Warships & Aux.	- "ALSEY" 1 LST
Sydney	- Warships & Aux.	- "ARARAT" "SLENELG" "BROOME"
		"CASTLEMAINE" "KYBRA" "ECHUCA" "BENDIGO"
		"MOUNT VERNON"
(Repairing)		"FLUSSER" "MANUNDA" (AH) 1 LST
(On Reserve)		"KANIMBLA"
Melbourne	- Warships & Aux.	- "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN"
(Refitting)		"ADELAIDE" "DOOMBA"

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)

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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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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	<u>Bismarcks Solomons</u>	<u>Carolines Marshalla</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	-	MUSASHI MUTSU) poss. NAGATO) Empire KONGO HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV (L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO
<u>CV (E)</u>	ALTAMAHA	SUWANNEE SANGAM ON CHENANGO BARNES	-	UNYO
<u>CA</u>	-	AUSTRALIA	CHOKAI SUZUYA MYOKO HAGURO	TONE CHIKUMA MCGAMI KUMANO
<u>CL</u>	* ADELAIDE	* HONOLULU * ST. LOUIS * LEANDER * HOBART COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	SENDAI NAGARA ?	AGANO OYODO ISUZU NAKA
<u>CL (T)</u>	+	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>DL</u>	-	-	-	2
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA PERKINS CONYNGHAM MAHAN DRAYTON * FLUSSER * SMITH * LAMSON MUGFORD BAGLEY HENLEY HELM SAMPSON WARRINGTON LE TRIOMPHANT STUART VENDETTA	Approx 40	Approx 15	25 (several damaged)

* Non-effective

Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
SS	BALAO) GREENLING) CROWLER) POMPON) SILVERSIDES)	2 On Patrol	15 15
	ALBACORE) BILL FISH) BOWFIN) DRUM) GROUPEK) GUARDFISH) PETO) SCAMP) STINGRAY) TUNA)	At Brisbane	
	K.9 At Sydney		
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER POCOMOKE	-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	2
<u>PT</u>	35	Approx 30	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H. T. ALLEN MANOCRA * WESTRALIA GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON OTUS		1 2 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBLN	DIXIE WHITNEY	
<u>AA</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	1 1
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)</u>			
Fighters (incl. 30 twin-eng.)		256	
Light or M/Bombers		237	
SE/Bombers		22	
Flying Boats		6	
Floatplanes		51	
Transport & Obsn. A/C		21	
2. <u>SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC</u>			
	CONCORD TRENTON		
<u>DD</u>	2		

* Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA WASHINGTON # PENNSYLVANIA # WEST VIRGINIA # CALIFORNIA	YAMATO ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN VICTORIOUS	-
<u>CV (L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE	# HITAKA HAYATAKA RYUHO
<u>CV (T)</u>	-	HOSHO
<u>CV (E)</u>	BRETON PRINCE WILLIAM NASSAU LONG ISLAND	CHUYO OTAKA
	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA # SALT LAKE CITY # MINNEAPOLIS	MAYA # ATAGO # TAKAO # AOBA
<u>OCA</u>	-	6
<u>CL</u>	# NASHVILLE MOBILE	TATSUTA # KIRU # YUBARI # NATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	3
<u>AV/CVS</u>	2	# CHIYODA) Under conversion # CHITOSE) to ACVs
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	3
<u>DD</u>	Approx 35	Approx 16
<u>SS</u>	Approx 50	Approx 25
<u>AS/XAS</u>	?	3 or more

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>BB</u>	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO TENNESSEE	-
<u>CA</u>	WICHITA LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND INDIANA POLIS	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	SANTA FE RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT	KISO (may be E.I.Area) ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	3
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	22	4
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 10

Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
	-	WARSPITE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX SUFFOLK HAWKINS PROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	TRUMP VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	OI KITAGAMI KUMA
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
<u>AV/CVS</u>	GHIEDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOJ NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	12
<u>SS</u>	PINBACK) GRAYLING) KINGFISH) TAMBOR)	On Patrol	10
	K.12) GAR) TROUT)	At Fremantle	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)</u>			
Fighters			99
Light or M/Bombers			120
SE/Bombers			12
Flying Boats			12
Floatplanes			53
Transport & Obsn. A/C			45
		No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain.	
		* Non-effective	

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre
DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 560

Date: 11th August 1943

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/11:

- (1) "SANDS" was due to depart Caloundra 1200/11 for Townsville.
- (2) "SC.746" "SC.744" escorting "PATRAS" dep. Milne Bay for Oro Bay ETA 1030/11.
- (3) "SHEPPARTON" surveying.
- X (4) "DRAYTON" escorting "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" departed Cairns 0631/9 for Milne Bay ETA 1700/10.
- X (5) "BAGLEY" escorting "H.T.AILEN" en route Cairns to Milne Bay ETA 1700/11.
- (6) "BOWEN" "GYMPIE" "KATOOMBA" "COLAC" escorting Convoy TN133 (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.
- (7) "HENLEY" "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting Convoy TN132 ("CANBERRA" "H.T."KATOOMBA") en route Fitzroy Is and to Port Moresby ETA 0800/12.
- (8) "HELM" "PC.1119" escorting Convoy NT37 ("DUNTROON" "TAROONA" "CHARLES S. JONES") departed Port Moresby 1730/9 for Townsville ETA 1830/11.
- (9) "YMS.10" "YMS.46" "YMS.47" "YMS.48" departed Milne Bay 1206/8 for Thursday Island ETA 1400/11.
- (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 Caloundra 2103/8 to RV with "YUNNAN" (ex Townsville) vicinity Lady Elliott Is. and escort to Brisbane
- (13) "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting "HANYANG" (for Townsville) departed Sydney 0757/8. To provide escort to Lady Elliott Island and return Sydney.
- (14) "SC.734" escorting army transports FA1, FA2, FA3, latter in tow of "TANCRED", from Noumea to Brisbane ETA Cape Moreton 0900/10.
- (15) "PC.476" escorting 3 LST's YO.59 6 APC's en route Noumea to Brisbane was due Cape Moreton 0800/9.
- (16) "HUMPHREYS" "GILMER" "GEELONG" "LITHGOW" "ML.819" "SC.650" escorting QL6 (13 ships) dep. Caloundra 1600/9 for Townsville (11 ships) and Bowen (2 ships).
- (17) "BROOKS" escorting "MORMACWREN" departed Brisbane 0650/10. "BROOKS" to provide escort until moonset and then proceed Townsville.
- (18) "VENDETTA" escorting "LURLINE" to boundary S.W.P.A. to depart Caloundra 1100/10.
- (19) 5 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

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. - "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "CONYNGHAM" "RIGEL" "TULSA" "WAGGA" "DELORAINÉ" "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" "BISHOPDALE" "SAN 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 ROYCE" "JOSIAH B. GRINWELL" "NANCY HANKS" "THOMAS CORWIN" "LYMAN J. GAGE" "VAN DER LIJN" "CHARLES P. STEINMETZ"

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "BUNBURY" "SC.703" "SC.738"
Merchant Vessels: "KHOEN HOEA" "ALCOA PEGASUS" "MONTORO" "EDWARD CHAMBERS" "JAPARA" "WICHITA FALLS" "CHARON" "MANGOLA" "JOHN WHITEAKER" "THEOFANO LIVANOS" "VAN SWOLL" "REIJNST"

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL" "PREMANTLE" 4 YMS's
Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "MAHAN" "SWAN" "ML.428" "VICTORIA" "PLATYPUS" "GOLDSTAR" 1 LST

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 YP.236 YP.278 YP.279 YP.283 YP.291 YMS.9 YMS.49 ML.424 ML.425 ML.816

(Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WARREGO" "GLADSTONE" "WHYALLA" "SC.648" "ML.818"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Rendova - 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 ~~xxxx~~ shot down and one Aircobra 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) Vella Gulf - During the night 9-10 August, U.S. destroyers contacted four enemy barges close in-shore. Two barges were probably sunk.
- X (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.
- X (6) Cape St. George - 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.
- X (7) New Hanover - At 0745/10, an enemy convey comprising -
1 destroyer
3 cargo ships (2-4000 tons/each)
2 small unidentified type vessels
was sighted 47 miles N.W. of Cape Matanalem on course 200°. Blurred photographs confirm the presence of 1 destroyer and 3 merchant ships.

- (8) Cape Orford - Reports of enemy submarines in this area are detailed as follows:-
 0820/10 - 1 submarine 70 miles SE by E. C. Orford course 306°
 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 Liberator 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/and 1430/10, 36 heavy barges there.
- (11) Lae - 3 enemy aircraft were reported over Lae aerodrome during a.m. 10 August and in the evening one fighter ~~was~~ landed. At 1806/10, 4 barges arrived at Lae from the S.W.
- (12) Salamaua - The raid on Salamaua 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) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/11:

- (1) "FREMANTLE" escorting 2 MS departed Thursday Island 0300/10 for Darwin.
 (2) 5 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

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

(1) 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 unidentified type vessels 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 revetments.
- (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 reconnaissance planes were indicated again over the sea to the north of Millingimbi between 1200 and 1330/10.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/11:

- (1) "ATREUS" departed Fremantle 1730/7 for Sydney.
 (2) "CHANTICHER" departed Fremantle 0200/9 for Exmouth Gulf ETA a.m. 11 August.
 (3) "HORSHAM" en route Geraldton to Fremantle.

(b) In Harbour:

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

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/11:

- (1) "MIZAR" en route Townsville to Sydney ETA 1000/10.
- (2) "STUART" escorting "CREMER" (for Townsville) was to depart Sydney 1700/9. To provide escort to Lady Elliott Island.
- (3) "BUNDABERG" "MORESEY" "MILDURA" "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy PG62 (7 ships) departed Caloundra 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 Newcastle ETA 1500/12.
- (5) "KALGOORLIE" "BROOME" "ECHUCA" escorting Convoy CO116 ETA Wilson's Promontory 1200/13.
- (6) "SAMPSON" departed Sydney 0956/9 for Noumea.
- (7) "ALTAMAHA" en route Brisbane to Fremantle ETA 0900/14.

(b) In Harbour:

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

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) 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)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Espiritu Santo - During the night 7-8 August an enemy submarine was located north of Espiritu Santo (see Naval Incidents).
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NAVAL INCIDENTS

Espiritu Santo - U.S. Destroyer "BUCHANAN" located an enemy submarine north of Espiritu Santo during the night 7-8 August. The submarine was attacked and probably sunk.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	<u>Bismarcks Solomons</u>	<u>Carolines Marshalls</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	-	MUSASHI MITSU) poss. NAGATO) Empire KONGO HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	ALTAMAHA	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO BARNES	-	UNYO
<u>CA</u>	-	AUSTRALIA	CHOKAI SUZUYA MYOKO HAGURO	TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI * KUMANO
<u>CL</u>	* ADELAIDE	* HONOLULU * ST. LOUIS * LEANDER * HOBART COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	SENDAI NAGARA ?	AGANO OYODO ISUZU NAKA
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA PERKINS CONYNGHAM MAHAN DRAYTON * FLUSSER * SMITH * LAMSON MUGFORD BAGLEY HENLEY HELM SAMPSON WARRINGTON LE TRIOMPHANT STUART VENDETTA	Approx 40	Approx 15	25 (several damaged)

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Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>SS</u>	BALAO GREENLING CROWLER POMPON SILVERSIDES)	2 On Patrol	15 15
	ALBACORE BILLFISH BOWFIN DRUM GROUPE GUARDFISH PETO SCAMP STINGRAY TUNA)	At Brisbane	
	K.9 At Sydney		
<u>CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER POCOMOKE	-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	1 2
<u>PT</u>	35	Approx 30	? ?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T. ALLEN MANOCRA XXX WESTRALIA GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS * KANIMBLA	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON OFUS		1 2 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE WHITNEY	
	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	1 1
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)</u>			
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	Light or M/Bombers		237
	SE/Bombers		22
	Flying Boats		6
	Floatplanes		51
	Transport & Obsn. A/C		21
<u>2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC</u>			
<u>GL</u>	CONCORD TREWTON		
<u>DD</u>	2		

* Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA WASHINGTON * PENNSYLVANIA * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA	YAMATO ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN VICTORIOUS	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE	* HITAKA HAYATAKA RYUHO
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	BRETON PRINCE WILLIAM HASSAU LONG ISLAND	CHUYO OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS	MAYA * ATAGO * TAKAO * AOBA
<u>OCA</u>	-	6
<u>CL</u>	* NASHVILLE MOBILE	TATSUTA * KINU * YUBARI * NATOH
<u>XCL</u>	-	3
<u>AV/CVS</u>	2	* CHIYODA) Under conversion * CHITOSE) to ACVs
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	3
<u>DD</u>	Approx 35	Approx 16
<u>SS</u>	Approx 50	Approx 25
<u>AS/XAS</u>	?	3 or more

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO TENNESSEE	-
<u>CA</u>	WICHITA LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND INDIANAPOLIS	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	SANTA FE RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT	KISO (may be E.I. Area) ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	3
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	AKITSUSIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>SS</u>	22	4
	10	Approx 10

* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific (Western Section)		Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
<u>I</u>	-	WARSPITE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	♠ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX SUFFOLK * HAWKINS PROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	OI KITAGAMI KUMA
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	12
<u>SS</u>	PINBACK GRAYLING GAR KINGFISH TAMBOR K.12 TROUT	) ) ) ) ) ) ) On Patrol At Fremantle	10
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)</u>			
Fighters			99
Light or M/Bombers			120
SE/Bombers			12
Flying Boats			12
Floatplanes			53
Transport & Obsn. A/C			45
		♠ No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain.	
		* Non-effective	

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre
DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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

No. 561

Date: 12th August 1943

PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/12:

- (1) "SANDS" was due to depart Caloundra 1200/11 for Cleveland Bay
ETA 2359/12.
- (2) "BROOKS" en route Townsville after escorting "MOR MACWREN" to
boundary S.W.P.A.
- (3) "GILMER" "HUMPHREYS" en route Brisbane to Milne Bay ETA 15 August.
- (4) "SHEPPARTON" surveying.
- (5) "YMS.53" escorting "ESTHER JOHNSON" dep. Milne Bay 1330/11 for Oro
Bay ETA 1400/12.
- (6) "BOWEN" "GYMPIE" "KATOOMBA" "COLAC" escorting Convoy TN133 (9 MV)
departed Townsville and Cairns, portion for Port Moresby
(4 ships with "KATOOMBA" & "COLAC") ETA 1700/13 and
portion for Milne Bay (5 ships with "BOWEN" & "GYMPIE")
ETA 16 00/13.
- (7) "HENLEY" "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting Convoy TN132 ("CAN BERRA"
H.T. "KATOOMBA") en route Fitzroy Island to Port Moresby
ETA 0800/12.
- (8) "YMS.10" "YMS.46" "YMS.47" "YMS.48" departed Milne Bay 1206/8 for
Thursday Island ETA 1400/11.
- (9) "GHEELONG" "SC.650" escorting LQ6 (3 MV) ex Port Curtis 0100/12 en
route Brisbane. "LITHGOW" escorting "MERKUR" (ex Townsville)
to join near Lady Elliott Island. "ML.819" to provide
additional escort from Lady Elliott Island.
- (10) "STUART" escorting "KLIPFONTEIN" (ex San Francisco) to Brisbane.
- (11) "ML.816" departed Caloundra 2230/11 to RV with "ALBERT E. WATTS"
at 0600/12 in position "Z" and escort to Brisbane.
- (12) "VENDETTA" to RV with "WILLARD A. HOLBROOK" and escort to Brisbane.
- (13) 5 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "SC.731" "SC.744" "SC.746" "YMS.71" Merchant Vessels: "POINT SAN PEDRO" "HOWARD STANSBURY" "H OMAS JEFFERSON" "COLORADO" "PATRA" "ANDREW D. WHITE"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "CONYNGHAM" "DRAYTON" "BAGLEY" "RIGEL" "TULSA" "WAGGA" "DELORAIN" "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.70 YMS.72 YP.233 YP.280 "HILO" 35 PT's 31 LST's ML.427 ML.817 "POYANG" "BISHOPDALE" "SAN PABLO" "H.T. ALLEN" "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"

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

Milne Bay - Merchant Vessels: "COMARA" "JAMES B. MACPHERSON"
 "VAN SPIELBERGEN" "CANNONBAR" "ESTHER JOHNSON"
 "ADONIRAM JUDSON" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK" "LORINNA"
 "JOSIAH ROYCE" "JOSIAH B. GRINNELL" "NANCY HANKS"
 "THOMAS CORWIN" "LYMAN J. GAGE" "VAN DER LIJN"
 "CHARLES P. STEINMETZ"

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "BUNBURY" "SC. 703" "SC. 738"
 Merchant Vessels: "KHOEN HOEA" "ALCOA PEGASUS"
 "MONTORO" "EDWARD CHAMBERS" "JAPARA" "WICHITA
 FALLS" "CHARON" "MANGOLA" "JOHN WHITEAKER"
 "THEOPANO LIVANOS" "VAN SWOLL" "REIJNST"

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL" "FREMANTLE" 4 YMS's
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "MAHAN" "SWAN" "ML. 428" "VICTORIA"
 "PLATYPUS" "GOLDSTAR" 1 LST

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "HELM" "MUGFORD" "PIRIE"
 "PC. 1121" "PC. 1119" 15 LST's

Mackay - Warships & Aux. - "PERKINS" "LAMSON" "SMITH"
 "DOBBIN"

Rockhampton - Warships & Aux. - "YMS. 8"
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA" "WARRINGTON" "FULTON"
 "GOULBURN" "OTUS" SC. 734 SC. 741 SC. 982
 YP. 236 YP. 278 YP. 279 YP. 283 YP. 291 YMS. 9
 YMS. 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 Q16A (3 ships) to depart Caloundra 1400/12. "GOULBURN" returns Brisbane from Lady Elliott Island and "SC. 648" proceeds independently to Townsville.
- (2) "SWAN" to escort TN134 (1 ship) from Fitzroy Island 1100/13 to Port Moresby ETA 0800/15.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) 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 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 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) Kavieng Area - 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 (2000-4500 tons) 2 sea trucks 250 miles N.N.E. Kavieng course 310°.

- (c) At 1108 - 2 small cargo vessels 90 miles N.E. Kavieng course 240° apparently bound for Kavieng or Rabaul. 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 N.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 course 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 Hanover course 160° apparently heading for Rabaul.
- (g) At 1200 - by photographs 2 merchant ships ~~1115~~ (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 north.
- (6) Gasmata - 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 1655/11 2 barges on Rooke Island were attacked by aircraft.
- (8) Huon Peninsula - 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 aerodrome.
- (10) Milne Bay - 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 north.

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:

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

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Aroe Is. - At 1545/11 the floatplane base at Taberfane was attacked by 6 Beaufighters. One floatplane 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 1915/11 by 4 Hudsons. 4 probable enemy fighters were seen airborne. No shipping was sighted between Lautem and Dilli.

- (3) Darwin - A probable enemy reconnaissance aircraft was over Darwin area 1350-1430/11.
- (4) Millingimbi - 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) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/12:

- (1) "CHANTICLEER" departed Fremantle 0200/9 for Exmouth Gulf
ETA a.m. 11 August,
- (2) "YP.288" departed Fremantle 0812/11 for Exmouth Gulf ETA 1200/14.
- (3) "ALTAMARA" en route Brisbane to Fremantle ETA 0900/14.

(b) In Harbour:

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

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

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/12:

- (1) "BUNDABERG" "MORSEBY" "MILDURA" "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy PG62 (7 ships) departed Caloundra 1240/9 for Newcastle
ETA 1700/11 (3 ships) and Sydney ETA 2359/11 (4 ships).
- (2) "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy OC115 (12 MV) en route Port Kembla ETA 0100/12, Sydney ETA 0600/12 and Newcastle ETA 1500/12.
- (3) "KALGOOLIE" "BROOME" "ECHUCA" escorting Convoy CO116 ETA Wilson's Promontory 1200/13.
- (4) "ATREUS" departed Fremantle 1730/7 for Sydney.
- (5) "WARRNAMBOOL" en route Sydney from Lady Elliott Island.
- (6) "WILCANNIA" dep. Townsville 1700/9 for Sydney.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "ASEY" 1 LST

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "ARARAT" "GLENELG" "CASTLEMAINE" "MIZAR" "KYBRA" "BENDIGO" "MOUNT VERNON"

(Repairing) "FLUSSER" "MANUNDA" (AH) 1 LST

(On Reserve) "KANIMBLA"

Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "ABRAHAM CHIJNSSEN" (Refitting) "ADELAI DE" "DOOMBA"

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

Espiritu Santo - An enemy submarine apparently attacked an allied ship 80 miles N.W. of Espiritu Santo 1315/11 (see Naval Incidents).

NAVAL INCIDENTS

- X (1) Cape St. George Area - 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 vessel 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) Kavieng Area - The 2 small cargo ships located by a Liberator at 1108/11, 90 miles N.E. of Kavieng on course 240°, were attacked 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 35 miles west of Mussau Island was attacked and a direct hit was claimed on the 1500 ton vessel, sinking same. Photos do not confirm the hit but show 3 of the sea trucks stationary with an oil slick and debris.
- X (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

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<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIMAKU SHOKAKU
<u>C(L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO BARNES	-	UNYO
<u>CA</u>	-	AUSTRALIA	CHOKAI SUZUYA MYOKO HAGURO	TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI * KUMANO
<u>CL</u>	* ADELAIDE	* HONOLULU * ST. LOUIS * LEANDER * HOBART COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	SENDAI NAGARA ?	AGANO OYODO ISUZU * NAKA
<u>(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	-	2
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA PERKINS CONYNGHAM MAHAN DRAYTON * FLUSSER * SMITH * LAMSON MUGFORD BAGLEY HENLEY HELM WARRINGTON LE TRIOMPHANT STUART VENDETTA	Approx 40	1510	20 25 (several damaged)

* Non-effective

Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
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BALAO)	2	18	15
GREENLING)	On Patrol		
GROWLER)			
POMPON)			
SILVERSIDES)			

ALBACORE)	At Brisbane		
BILLFISH)			
BOWFIN)			
DRUM)			
GROUPER)			
GUARDFISH)			
PETO)			
SCAMP)			
STINGRAY)			
TUNA)			

K.9 At Sydney

<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER POCOMOKE	-
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<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	1	2
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<u>PT</u>	35	Approx 30	?	?
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<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H. T. ALLEN	10 APA		
	MANOORA	11 APD		
	WESTRALIA	6 AKA		
	GILMER			
	SANDS			
	HUMPEREYS			
	BROOKS			
	* KANIMBLA			

<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON	1	2 or more
	OTUS		

	DOBBIN	DIXIE WHITNEY	1	?
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<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	1	1
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AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)

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Light or M/Bombers	237
SE/Bombers	22
Flying Boats	6
Floatplanes	51
Transport & Obsn. A/C	21

2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

CONCORD
TRENTON

DD 2

* Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA WASHINGTON * PENNSYLVANIA * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA	YAMATO ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN VICTORIOUS	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE	* HITAKA H AYATAKA RYUHO
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(B)</u>	BRETON PRINCE WILLIAM NASSAU LONG ISLAND	CHUYO OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS	MAYA * ATAGO * TAKAO * AOBA
<u>OCA</u>	-	6
<u>CL</u>	* NASHVILLE MOBILE	TATSUTA * KINU * YUBARI * NATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	3
<u>AV/CVS</u>	2	* CHIYODA) Under conver- * CHITOSE) sion to ACVs
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	3
<u>DD</u>	Approx 35	20-25 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u>	Approx 50	Approx 32
<u>AS/XAS</u>	?	3 or more

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO TENNESSEE	-
<u>CA</u>	WICHITA LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND INDIANAPOLIS	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	SANTA FE RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT	KISO (may be E.I.Area) ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	3
<u>CVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	22	64
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 10

* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific (Western Section)		Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
<u>BB</u>	-	WARSPITE	
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CV(E)</u>	ALTAMAHA		-
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX SUFFOLK HAWKINS PROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	OI KITAGAMI KUMA
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
<u>AK/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOJ NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDIES	Approx 27	12
<u>SS</u>	FINBACK) GRAYLING) GAR) On Patrol KINGFISH) TAMBOR)		7
	K.12) TAMBOR) At Fremantle		
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)</u>			
Fighters			99
Light or M/Bombers			120
SE/Bombers			12
Flying Boats			12
Floatplanes			51
Transport & Obsn. A/C			45

∅ No recent intelligence.
Present location uncertain.

* Non-effective

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre
DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Allied and Enemy Activity

No. 562

Date: 13th August, 1943

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED 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" & "COLAC") ETA 1700/13 and portion for Milne Bay (5 ships with "BOWEN" & "GYMPIE") ETA 1600/13.
- X (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 "MULGRA" dep. Port Moresby 2030/12 for Milne Bay ETA 0730/14.
- (5) "HELM" "PC.1119" escorting TN.135 ("DUNEDON" & "TAROONA") to dep. Fitzroy Island 0800/13 for Port Moresby ETA 1600/14
- (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" en route Townsville to Cairns ETA 0630/14.
- (10) "GOULBURN" "SC.648" escorting QL6A (3 ships) dep. Caloundra 1630/12 for Townsville ETA p.m. 15 August. "GOULBURN" to return Brisbane from Lady Elliott Is. whence SC.648 proceeds independently to Townsville.
- (11) "GEELONG" "SC.650" escorting LQ6 (3 MV) ex Port Curtis 0100/12 en route Brisbane. "LITHGOW" escorting "MERKUR" (ex Townsville) to join near Lady Elliott Island. "ML.819" to provide 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. HOLBROOK" and escort to Brisbane.
- (14) "SC.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 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Buna - Warships and Aux. "SHEPPARTON"
Oro Bay - Warships & Aux. "SC.731" "SC.744" "SC.746"
"YMS.71"
Merchant Vessels: "POINT SAN PEDRO" "HOWARD STANSBURY" "THOMAS JEFFERSON" "COLORADO" "PATRAS" "ANDREW D. WHITE" "ESTHER JOHNSON"
Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "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" "SAN PABLO"

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

Milne Bay - Merchant Vessels: "COMARA" "JAMES B. MACPHERSON" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "CANNONBAR" "ESTHER JOHNSON" "ADONIRAM JUDSON" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK" "LORINNA" "JOSIAH ROYCE" "JOSIAH B. GRINNELL" "NANCY HANES" "THOMAS CORWIN" "LYMAN J. GAGE"
Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. "HENLEY" "LETRIOMPHANT" "YMS.72"
Merchant Vessels: "KHOEN HOEA" "ALCOA PEGASUS" "MONTORO" "JAPARA" "WICHITA FALLS" "CHARON" "MANGOLA" "JOHN WHITEAKER" "CANBERRA" "H.T. KATOOMBA" "THEOFANO LIVANOS" "VAN SWOLL" "REIJNST"
Thursday Island - Warships & Aux. "INVERELL" "FREMANTLE" "4 YMS's"
Cairns - Warships & Aux. "MAHAN" "DRAYTON" "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" "ML.428" "VICTORIA" "PLATYPUS" "GOLDSTAR" 1 LST.
Townsville - Warships & Aux. "PERKINS" "SANDS" "MUGFORD" "BROOKS" YMS.8 "PC.1121" 15 LST's
Mackay - Warships & Aux. "LAMSON" SMITH "DOBBIN"
Brisbane - Warships & Aux. "VENDETTA" "FULTON" "GOULBURN" "OTUS" SC.734 SC.741 SC.982 YP.236 YP.278 YP.279 YP.283 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:

- (1) "HENLEY" "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting NT.38 (2 ships) to dep. Port Moresby 1700/13 for Townsville ETA 2000/15.
- (2) "YP.291" to dep. Caloundra 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 S.W. No report of any raid has been received.
- (2) Rekata Bay - Between 0300 and 0400/12, six probable barges arrived at Rekata Bay and general activity was noticed in the harbour at this time. Subsequently, however, no signs of activity were visible.
- (3) Vella Lavella - 140 Japs have been captured on E. Coast, 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.
- (4) Mussau Area - (a) Reconnaissance reported one destroyer 10 miles W. of Mussau Island at 1230/11 on course 150°, and probably the same unit again later five miles S.E. of Mussau Island on course 125°. This is probably the same vessel as that described by another aircraft as a light cruiser 60 miles N.W. of Mussau Island course E. at 0755/11 - refer yesterday Summary No.561.

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- (4) MUSSAU AREA - (b) At 0750/12, a 7-ship convoy, including two destroyers, 2 freighter transports (7-8500 tons) 2 tankers (7-10,000 tons) and 1 large sea truck, was observed 70 miles W. of Mussau Island on course 300°. The convoy was shadowed 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 photos 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 was also attacked.
 - (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 unsuccessfully 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.
 - (9) Lae - One aircraft landed and another departed Lae aerodrome shortly after dawn 12 Aug, leaving two planes parked there. At 1059/12, 6 aircraft flew S.W. over Lae.
 - (10) Salamaua - Two aircraft departed Salamaua aerodrome a.m. 12 August.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA.

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/13:

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

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. "COOTAMUNDRA" "ML.814" "ML.815"
Merchant Vessels "TAMBAR"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

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

(a) At Sea to 1200/13:

- (1) "CHANTICLEER" departed Fremantle 0200/9 for Exmouth Gulf ETA a.m. 11 August.
- (2) "YP.286" departed Fremantle 0812/11 for Exmouth Gulf ETA 1200/14.
- (3) "ALTAMAH" en route Brisbane to Fremantle ETA 0900/14. "VAN GALEN" to rendezvous at 1200/13 to escort from 35°29' S 116°44' E.

(b) In Harbour:

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

4. E ASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA.

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/13:

- (1) "BUNDABERG" "MORESBY" "TOWNSVILLE" BALLARAT" escorting GP.63 (7 MV) were to depart Sydney 0800/13 for Brisbane, picking up 1 MV at Newcastle 1600/13.
- (2) "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" 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.
- (3) "KALGOORLIE" "BROOME" "ECHUCA" escorting Convoy CO 116 ETA Wilson's Prom. 1200/13.
- (4) "ROCKHAMPTON" "YANDRA" "GLENELG" "MILDURA" escorting CO.117 (11 MV) were to dep. Newcastle or Port Phillip Bay 0700/13.
- (5) "ATREUS" departed Fremantle 1730/7 for Sydney.
- (6) "WILCANNIA" dep. Townsville 1700/9 for Sydney ETA 1300/14.
- (7) "WARRNAMBOOL" en route Sydney from Lady Elliott Island.

(b) In Harbour:

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

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) - Nil.

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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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>BB</u>	-	NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	-	MUSASHI MUTSU) poss. NAGATO) Empire KONGO HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO BARNES	-	UWYO
<u>CA</u>	-	AUSTRALIA	CHOKAI SUZUYA MYOKO HAGURO	TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI * KUMANO
<u>CL</u>	* ADELAIDE	* HONOLULU * ST. LOUIS * LEANDER * HOBART COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	SENDAI NAGARA ?	AGANO OYODO ISUZU * NAKA
<u>CL(V)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>ACL</u>	-	-	-	2
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA PERKINS CONYNGHAM MAHAN DRAYTON * FLUSSER * SMITH * LAMSON MUGFORD BAGLEY HENLEY HELM WARRINGTON LE TRIOMPHANT STUART VENDETTA	Approx 40	15	25 (several damaged)

* Non-effective

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>SS</u>	BALAO GREENLING GROWLER POMPON SILVERSIDES ALBACORE BILLFISH BOWFIN DRUM GROUPE GUANDFISH PETO SCAMP STINGRAY TUNA	2 On Patrol At Brisbane	18	15
	K.9	At Sydney		
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER POCOMOKE	-	-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	1	2
<u>PT</u>	35	Approx 30	?	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H. T. ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS * KANIMBLA	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA		
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON OTUS		1	2 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE WHITNEY	1	?
<u>AR</u>	RIGED PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	1	1

AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)

Fighters (incl. 30 twin-eng.)	254
Light or M/Bombers	237
SE/Bombers	22
Flying Boats	6
Floatplanes	51
Transport & Obsn. A/C	21

2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

	CONCORD TRENTON
<u>DD</u>	2

* Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA WASHINGTON * PENNSYLVANIA * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA	YAMATO ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN VICTORIOUS	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE	* HITAKA HAYATAKA HYUGO
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	BRETON PRINCE WILLIAM NASSAU LONG ISLAND	CHUYO OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS	MAYA * ATAGO * TAKAO * AOKI
<u>OCA</u> <u>CL</u>	- * NASHVILLE MOBILE	6 TATSUTA * KINU * YUBARI * NATORI
<u>XCL</u> <u>AV/CVS</u>	- 2	3 * CHIYODA) Under convers- * CHITOSE) sion to ACVs
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	3
<u>DD</u>	Approx 35	20-25 (several repairing
<u>SS</u>	Approx 50	Approx 32
<u>AS/XAS</u>	?	3 or more

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>BB</u>	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO TENNESSEE	-
<u>CA</u>	WICHITA LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND INDIANAPOLIS	WACHI
<u>CL</u>	SANTA FE RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT	KISO (may be E.I. Area) ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>XCL</u> <u>AV/CVS</u>	-	3
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>D</u>	22	1
<u>S</u>	10	6 Approx 10

* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
	-	WARSPITE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	∅ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CV(E)</u>	ALTAMAHA	-	-
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX SUFFOLK * HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN G ARADCC	OI KITAGAMI KUMA
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	VAN GAIEN TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	12
<u>SS</u>	PINBACK) GRAYLING) GAR) On Patrol KINGFISH) TAMBOR)		7
	K.12) TAMBOR) At Fremantle		
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)</u>			
	Fighters		99
	Light or M/Bombers		120
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	Flying Boats		12
	Floatplanes		51
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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 563

Date: 14 August 1943

PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/14:

- (1) "GILMER" "HUMPHREYS" en route Brisbane to Milne Bay ETA 15 August.
- (2) "SC.703" "SC.738" escorting 1 LST dep. Port Moresby 0821/12 for Buna ETA 1600/14.
- (3) "BOWEN" "GYMPIE" escorting "HENRY D.THOREAU" "JOSEPH LANE" en route Milne Bay to Oro Bay and Buna.
- (4) "BUNBURY" escorting "MULORA" dep. Port Moresby 2030/12 for Milne Bay ETA 0730/14.
- (5) "HELM" "PC.1119" escorting TNL35 ("DUNTRON" "TAROONA") to depart Fitzroy Island 0800/13 for Port Moresby ETA 1400/14.
- (6) "SWAN" escorting TNL34 (1 MV) dep. Fitzroy Island 1100/13 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/15.
- (7) "WAGGA" escorting FT15 (2 ships) dep. Milne Bay 1100/12 for Cairns ETA 2100/14.
- (8) "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 "YMS.49" "YMS.50" towing 4 PT dep. Caloundra 1830/13 for Townsville.
- (12) "SC.648" en route Brisbane to Townsville.
- (13) "GOULBURN" escorting "PAHUD" en route Gladstone to Brisbane ETA 0830/15.
- (14) "VENDETTA" en route Gladstone after escorting "WILLARD A.HOLBROOK".
- (15) "DRAYTON" escorting "MANCOORA" "WESTRALIA" dep. Cairns 1900/12 for Port Stephens ETA 1700/16.
- (16) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Buna	- Warships & Aux. -	"SHEPPARTON"
Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. -	"SC.731" "SC.744" "SC.746" "YMS.71" "YMS.53"
	Merchant Vessels:	"POINT SAN PEDRO" "HOWARD SPANSBURY" "THOMAS JEFFERSON" "COLORADO" "LORINNA" "PATRAS" "ANDREW D.WHITE" "ESTHER JOHNSON"

Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "MAHAN" "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA"
 "CONYNGHAM" "RIGEL" "TULSA" "DELORAIN" "KAPUNDA"
 "BENALLA" 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"
 35 PT's 32 LST's ML.427 ML.817 "POYANG"
 "BISHOPDARE" "SAN PAOLO"

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

Merchant Vessels: "COMARA" "JAMES B. MACPHERSON"
 "TRINITY" "MAETSUYCKER" "KARSIK" "CANNONBAR"
 "EKHMERKJONNSEN" "ADONIRAM JUDSON" "GENERAL
 VERSPIJCK" "JOSIAH ROYCE" "JOSIAH B. GRINNELL"
 "NANCY HANKS" "THOMAS CORWIN" "LYMAN J. GAGE"

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "KATOOMBA" "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.8" "PC.1121"
 "15 LST's"

Mackay - Warships & Aux. - "LAMSON" "DOBBIN"
 Brisbane - 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.) - "WARREGO" "GLADSTONE" "WHYALLA"
 "MD.818"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "STUART" to depart Caloundra approx 1700/14 to RV with "MAUI" in position 27°08'S 157°40'E and escort to Brisbane.
- (2) "WAGGA" to depart Townsville 18 August for Brisbane for boiler cleaning.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Baeroko Harbour - 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 enemy 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 11-12 August off S.E. coast by PT boats and driven ashore.
 Total prisoners captured on E. coast now numbers 330 while another 50 unarmed Japs are at large.
- (4) Buin Base - 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:-
 Kahili - 8 F, 3 M/B, 11 D/B
 Ballale - 11 F
 Faisi - 30 F/P
 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 aircraft burning and another 12 near the conflagration.

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:

Kahili - 57 F, 2 M/B, 6 D/B
Ballade - 6 F
Faisi - 7 F/P

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

No sizeable shipping is visible in these photos.

- (5) Buka-Bougainville - 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 0955/13 show 13 fighters, 4 medium bombers, 11 dive bombers on Buka Passage aerodrome. Work is progressing at Eonis Plantation but there is no change in the new airfield at Tenekau.

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

Shipping: 1 heavy cruiser ("MOGAMI" class)
1 light cruiser ("JINTSU" class)
5 destroyers
1 minelayer
1 submarine tender
1 converted destroyer tender
6 submarines
3 minesweepers or gunboats
4 subchasers
19 MV (totalling 85,000 tons)

Total 42 ships

Aircraft: 16 flying boats off Matupi and Sulphur Creek of 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

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.

- X (9) Wewak - 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/B, 18 F, 2 transports / 2

Boram - 4 M/B, 19 L/B, 52 F, 2 transports /

Wewak - 4 M/B, 12 L/B, 17 F

But - 14 M/B, 12 L/B, 5 F

Total 204 aircraft including 19 probably unserviceable and 9 possible dummies.

- (10) Hansa Bay - At 0059/14 aircraft 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 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, 1 Marauder 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 all of which are destroyed.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/14:

- (1) "LATROBE" escorting "ALAGNA" en route Thursday Island ETA 1530/15 from Groote 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.814"
"ML.815"
Merchant Vessels: "TAMBAR" "CARDROSS" "TULAGI"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Kaimana - Photographs 1320/12 show no aircraft on Utarom aerodrome 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 for 5500 ft, but no aircraft or revetments are visible. A new strip is noted at Poeloeti (8 miles N.E. Penfoei) cleared 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 0115/14; no damage or casualties resulted.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/14:

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

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "TJERK
HIDDES" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "HERON" "ISABEL"
"WHIPPOORWILL" "SG.739" "RELIAS" "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" "MORSEBY" "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 ETA 0100/16; 3 for Newcastle ETA 1500/16).

- (3) "ROCKHAMPTON" "YANDRA" "GLENELG" escorting COL17 (10 MV) dep. Sydney 1455/13.
 (4) "ATREUS" departed Fremantle 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" "CASTEMAINE" "MIZAR"
		"MILDURA" "KYBRA" "BENDIGO" "WARRNAMBOOL"
(Repairing)		"FLUSSER" "MANUNDA" (AH) 1 LST
(On Reserve)		"KANIMBLA"
Melbourne	- Warships & Aux.	- "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN"
(Refitting)		"ADELAIDE" "DOOMBA"

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 (OL)
 (2) At Noumea - WHITNEY (AD) POCOMOKE (AV)
 (3) At Efate - CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV)
 (4) At Funafuti - BALLARD (AVD)

(1) ENEMY FORCES

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

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

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>BB</u>	-	NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	-	MUSASHI MUTSU } poss. NAGATO } Empire KONGO HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV (E)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO
<u>C (E)</u>	-	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO BARNES	-	UNYO
<u>GA</u>	-	AUSTRALIA	CHOKAI SUZUYA MYOKO HAGURO	TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI * KUMANO
<u>CL</u>	* ADELAIDE	* HONOLULU * ST. LOUIS * LEANDER * HOBART COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	SENDAI NAGARA	AGANO OYODO ISIZU * HAKA
<u>CL (T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	1	1
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA PERKINS COMYNHAM MAHAN DRAYTON * FLUSSER * SMITH * LAMSON MUGFORD BAGLEY HENLEY HELM LE TRIOMPHANT STUART VENDETTA	Approx 40	10	20

* Non-effective

Southwest Pacific
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Bismarcks
Solomons

Carolines
Marshalls

SS	BALAO	2	20	15
	GREENLING			
	GROWLER	On Patrol		
	POMPOM			
	SILVER SIDES			
	BILLFISH			
	ALBACORE		At Brisbane	
	BOWFIN			
	DRUM			
	GROUPE			
	GUARDFISH			
	PETO			
	SCAMP			
	STINGRAY			
	TUNA			
	K.9 At Sydney			
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS	-	-
		TANGIER		
		POCOMOKE		
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	1	2
<u>PT</u>	35	Approx 30	?	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H. T. ALLEN	10 APA		
	MANOORA	11 APD		
	WESTRALIA	6 AKA		
	GILMER			
	SANDS			
	HUMPHREYS			
	BROOKS			
	* KANIMBLA			
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON		1	2 or more
	OTUS			
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE	1	?
		WHITNEY		
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL	PROMETHEUS	1	1
	PLATYPUS	VESTAL		

AIRCRAFT (N.E. AREA ONLY)

Fighters (incl. 30 twin-eng.)	254
Light or M/Bombers	237
SE/Bombers	22
Flying Boats	6
Flootplanes	51
Transport & Obsn. A/C	21

8. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

	CONCORD
	TRENTON
<u>DD</u>	2

* Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA WASHINGTON * PENNSYLVANIA * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA	YAMATO ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN VICTORIOUS	.
<u>CV (L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE	* HITAKA HAYATAKA RYUHO
<u>CV (T)</u>	.	HOSHIO
<u>CV (E)</u>	BRETON PRINCE WILLIAM NASSAU LONG ISLAND	CHUYO OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA * SALT LAKE CITY - * MINNEAPOLIS	MAYA ATAGO TAKAO * AOBA
<u>OCA</u>	.	6
<u>CL</u>	* NASHVILLE MOBILE	TATSUTA * KINU * YUBARI * NATORI
<u>XCL</u>	.	3
<u>AV/CVS</u>	2	* CHIYODA) (Under convers * CHITOSE) ion to ACVs)
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	3
<u>D</u>	Approx 35	30-35 (Approx 20 repairing)
<u>SS</u> <u>AS/XAS</u>	Approx 50 ?	Approx 30 3 or more

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>BB</u>	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO TENNESSEE	.
<u>CA</u>	WICHITA LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND INDIANAPOLIS	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	SANTA FE RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT	KISO ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>XCL</u>	.	3
<u>AV/CVS</u>	.	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	.	1
<u>DD</u>	22	4
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx. 10

* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific (Western Section)		Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
<u>BB</u>	-	WARSPITE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CV (E)</u>	ALTAMAHA	-	-
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX SUFFOLK * HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN GARADOC	* KUMA * OI * KITAGAMI
<u>CL (T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>KCL</u>	-	CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	11
<u>ES</u>	FINBACK) GRAYLING) GAR) On Patrol KINGFISH) TAMBOR)		5
	K.12	At Fremantle	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1

AIRCRAFT (N.W. AREA ONLY)

Fighters	99
Light or M/Bombers	120
SE/Bombers	12
Flying Boats	12
Floatplanes	51
Transport & Obsn. A/C	45

∅ No recent intelligence.
Present location uncertain.

* Non-effective

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 564

Date: 15 August 1943

PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

- (1) "SANDS" "BROOKS" "GILMER" "HUMPHREYS" departed Townsville 0736/14 for Milne Bay ETA 1800/15.
- (2) "PERKINS" was to depart Townsville 0600/15 for Milne Bay ETA 1600/16.
- (3) "SC.703" "SC.738" escorting 1 LST dep. Milne Bay 0710/14 for Buna ETA 0700/15.
- (4) "SWAN" escorting TN134 (1 MV) dep. Fitzroy Island 1100/13 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/15.
- (5) "HENLEY" "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting NT38 (2 ships) departed Port Moresby 1800/13 for Townsville ETA 2000/15.
- (6) "KATOOMBA" "COLAC" escorting NT39 (2 MV) dep. Port Moresby 1630/14 for Cairns ETA 2230/16.
- (7) "SC.750" "SC.981" "SC.732" escorting FT16 ("VAN SPILBERGEN") dep. Milne Bay 1100/13 for Townsville ETA 0600/16. "SC.750" "SC.981" to detach and proceed Cairns direct for overhaul.
- (8) "DELORAINÉ" escorting 3 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.
- (10) "SC.982" escorting "YMS.49" "YMS.50" towing 4 PT dep. Caloundra 1830/13 for Townsville.
- (11) "SC.648" en route Brisbane to Townsville.
- (12) "VICTORIA" dep. Cairns 0710/14 for Townsville.
- (13) "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" "WESTRALIA" for Melbourne.
- (15) "VENDETTA" escorting "TORRENS" dep. Caloundra 0600/15 to Lady Elliott Island. Thence proceeds to position "Z" to RV with "DAVID C.SHANKS" at 1000/17 and escort to Brisbane.
- (16) "BUNDABERG" "BALLARAT" "TOWNSVILLE" "MORESBY" escorting GP63 (7 MV) en route Sydney to Brisbane ETA 0700/16.
- (17) "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:

Buna	- Warships & Aux. - "SHEPPARTON" "SC.747"
	Merchant Vessels: "PATRAS" "HENRY D.THOREAU"
Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "SC.744" "SC.746" "YMS.71" "YMS.53"
	Merchant Vessels: "POINT SAN PEDRO" "HOWARD STANSBURY"
	"THOMAS JEFFERSON" "COLORADO" "LORINNA" "ANDREW D.WHITE" "ESTHER JOHNSON" "JOSEPH LANE"

Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "MAHAN" "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA"
 "CONYNGHAM" "RIGEL" "TULSA" "BUNBURY" "BOWEN"
 "GYMPIE" "BENALLA" SC.637 SC.698 SC.699
 SC.731 SC.742 SC.745 SC.748 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"
 "BISHOPDALE" "SAN PABLO"

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

Merchant Vessels: "COMARA" "TRINITY" "MAETSUYCKER"
 "KARSIK" "CANNONBAR" "ADONIRAM JUDSON" "MULCRA"
 "JCSIAH ROYCE" "JOSIAH B. GRINWELL" "NANCY HANKS"
 "THOMAS CORWIN" "LYMAN J. GAGE"

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "HELM" "YMS.72" "PC.1119"
 Merchant Vessels: "KHOEN HOEA" "ALCOA PEGASUS"
 "DUNTRON" "TAROONA" "JAPARA" "WICHITA FALLS"
 "CHARON" "JOHN WHITEAKER" "VAN SNOLL" "REIJNST"
 "CAPE FLATTERY" "VERA" "GEORGE EASTMAN"
 "JOSIAH EARL"

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "FREMANTLE" 4 YMS's
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "BAGLEY" "H.T. ALLEN" "PIRIE"
 "WAGGA" "ML.426" "ML.428" "YMS.8"
 "PLATYPUS" "GOLDSTAR" 1 LST

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "MUGFORD" "SMITH" "PC.1121"
 15 LST's "KAFUNDA"

Mackay - Warships & Aux. - "LAMSON" "DOBBIN"
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "FULTON" "GEELONG"
 "YUNNAN" "GOULBURN" "OTUS" "SC.650 SC.734
 SC.741 YP.236 YP.278 YP.279 YP.233 YMS.9
 ML.424 ML.425 ML.816 ML.819 PC.476 "MERKUR"
 (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WARREGO" "GLADSTONE" "WHYLLA"
 "ML.818"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "BUNDABERG" "MORESBY" "BALLARAT" "TOWNSVILLE" to escort PG63 (7 ships) from Caloundra ETD 1200/16.
- (2) "GLADSTONE" "LITHGOW" "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 TEL36 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 24°38'S 159°E (bound for Townsville) to escort to vicinity Lady Elliott Island, thence return Brisbane.
- (5) "WAGGA" to depart Townsville 18 August for Brisbane for boiler cleaning.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- X (1) Guadalcanal - Night 13 August enemy aircraft followed allied aircraft returning to Guadalcanal and attacked shipping ~~ship~~ sinking "JOHN PENN" (Naval Transport - 9,360 tons).
- (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 allied fighters airborne. One Zero was shot down.
- X (4) Kolombangara - Enemy barges continue active in Blakett 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 unsuccessfully, by our patrol craft. At 1000/13, Vila, Buki Harbour and Disappointment Cove were attacked by 9 Fortresses, 22 Avengers, 31 Dauntless escorted by 32 Corsairs.

- (5) Buin Base - 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:

Kahili - 72 F, 8 D/B, 2 M/B
Ballale - 16 F,
Faisi - 13 F/P

Shipping:

2 cargo ships of fair size
9 small freighters
2 auxiliaries
29 barges and small craft

- (6) Kieta - At 1845/13 aircraft sighted a 200 ft. cargo vessel and a barge north of Koromira Point (15 miles S.E. Kieta).

- X (7) Mussau Is. Area:

(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 in the convoy.

(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 in fact one. The 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. The submarine was on course 120°.
- (9) Cape Orford - At 1457/14 an unidentified type vessel was observed 30 miles east of Cape Orford proceeding south at high speed.
- (10) Wewak - At 0550/14 aircraft sighted a merchant ship of undetermined tonnage apparently anchored 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 neighbourhood 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) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

- (1) "LATROBE" escorting "ALAGNA" en route Thursday Island ETA 1530/15 from Grode 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.814"
"ML.815"
Merchant Vessels: "TAMBAR" "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) Balikpapan - Shipping and oil 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 medium merchant vessels were seen in the area.
- (3) Keopang - Penfoei 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:

- (1) "YP.288" departed Fremantle 0812/11 for Exmouth Gulf ETA 1200/14.
- (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

(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

- (1) "FLUSSER" escorting "JOHN CAROLL" dep. Sydney 1545/14 for Townsville 1046/19.
- (2) "KALGOORLIE" "BROOME" "ECHUCA" escorting 06116 (5 MV - 2 for Port Kembla ETA 0100/16; 3 for Newcastle ETA 1500/16).
- (3) "ROCKHAMPTON" "YANDRA" "GLENELG" escorting 00117 (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 - Warships & Aux. - 1 LST
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "ARARAT" "CASTLEMAINE" "MIZAR"
"MILDURA" "KYBRA" "BENDIGO" "WARRNAMBOOL"
(Repairing) "FLUSSER" "MANUNDA" (AH) 1 LST
(On Reserve) "KANIMBIA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN"
(Refitting) "ADELAIDE" "DOOMBA"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Espiritu Santo - CURTISS TANGIER (AV) CHINGOTEAGUE (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)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

X 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

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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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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>BB</u> -	NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	-	MUSASHI MUTSU) poss. NAGATO) Empire KONGO HARUNA
<u>CV</u> -	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>(L)</u> -	-	-	ZUIHO
<u>CV (E)</u> -	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO BARNES	-	UNYO
<u>CA</u> -	AUSTRALIA	CHOKAI SUZUYA	MYOKO HAGURO TOME C HIKUMA MOGANI * KUMANO
<u>CL</u> * ADELAIDE	* HONOLULU * ST. LOUIS * LEANDER * HOBART COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	SENDAI	AGANO OYODO ISUZU NAGARA * NAKA
<u>CL (T)</u> -	-	-	KASHIMA KATONI
<u>XCL</u> -	-	-	2
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA FERKINS CONYNGHAM Approx 40 MAHAN DRAYTON SMITH * FLUSSER * LAMSON MUGFORD BAGLEY HENLEY HELM LE TRIOMPHANT STUART VENDETTA	10	20

* Non-effective

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>SS</u>	BALAO) GREENLING) GROWLER) POMPON) SILVERSIDES) BILLFISH)	2 On Patrol	20	15
	ALBACORE) BOWFIN) DRUM) GROUPEL) GUARDFISH) PETO) SCAMP) STINGRAY) TUNA)	At Brisbane		
	K.9 At Sydney			
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER POCOMOKE	-	-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	1	2
<u>PT</u>	35	Approx 30	?	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T.ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS * KANIMBLA	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA		
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON OTUS		1	2 or more
<u></u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE	1	?
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	1	1
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)</u>				
	Fighters (incl. 30 twin-eng.)		302	
	Light or M/Bombers		264	
	SE/Bombers		22	
	Flying Boats		6	
	Floatplanes		62	
	Transport & Obsn. A/C		21	

2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

CL CONCORD
TRENTON

DD 2

* Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA WASHINGTON * PENNSYLVANIA * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA	YAMATO ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN VICTORIOUS	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE	* HITAKA HAYATAKA RYUHO
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	HOSHIO
<u>CV(E)</u>	BRETON PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND	CHUYO OTAKA
	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS	MAYA ATAGO TAKAO * AOEA
<u>OCA</u> <u>CL</u>	- * NASHVILLE MOBILE	6 TATSUTA * KINU * YUBARI * NATORI
<u>XCL</u> <u>AV/CVS</u>	- 2	3 * CHIYODA) Under conversion * CHITOSE) to ACVs
<u>Xav/XCVS</u>	?	3
<u>DD</u>	Approx 35	30-35 (approx 20 repaired)
<u>SS</u>	Approx 50	Approx 30
<u>AS/XAS</u>	?	3 or more

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>BB</u>	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO TENNESSEE	-
<u>CA</u>	* W ICHITA LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND INDIANA POLIS	NAGEI
<u>CL</u>	SANTA FE RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT	KISO ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>XCL</u> <u>AV/CVS</u>	-	3
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>DD</u>	22	1
<u>SS</u>	10	4
		Approx 10

* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN
ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific (Western Section)		Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
<u>I</u>	-	WARSPITE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CV (E)</u>	ALTAMAHA	-	-
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX SUFFOLK * HAWKINS PROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DUREAN CARADOC	KUMA * OI * KITAGAMI
<u>CL (T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMO I NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	11
<u>SS</u>	FINBACK) GRAYLING) GAR) KINGFISH) TAMBOR) TROUT)	On Patrol	5
	K.12 At Fremantle		
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)</u>			
Fighters			99
Light or M/Bombers			120
SE/Bombers			12
Flying Boats			12
Floatplanes			51
Transport & Obsn. A/C			45

∅ No recent intelligence.
Present location uncertain.

* Non-effective

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre
DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

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Date: 16 August 1943

PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/16:

- (1) "PERKINS" departed Townsville 0600/15 for Milne Bay ETA 1600/16.
- (2) "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.
- (4) "BUNBURY" escorting Milne Bay to Buna returning approx 18 August.
- (5) "PIRIE" "KAPUNDA" dep. Cairns 1400/15 to RV with TN136 (7 ships) at 2100/15 for Milne Bay ETA 1000/18.
- (6) "BOWEN" "GYMPIE" escorting FT18 (2 ships) dep. Milne Bay 1300/15 for Townsville ETA 0600/18.
- (7) "KATOOMBA" "COLAC" escorting NT39 (2 MV) dep. Port Moresby 1630/14 for Cairns ETA 2230/16.
- (8) "SC.750" "SC.981" "SC.732" escorting FT16 ("VAN SPILBERGEN") dep. Milne Bay 1100/13 for Townsville ETA 0600/16. "SC.750" "SC.981" to detach at Grafton Passage and proceed Cairns direct for overhaul.
- (9) "DELORAIN" escorting FT17 (3 MV) departed Milne Bay at 1430/14 for Townsville ETA 1200/17.
- (10) "SWAN" dep. Port Moresby 1900/15 for Cairns ETA 1100/17.
- (11) "HELM" "PC.1119" escorting NT40 ("DUNTROON" "TAROONA") departed Port Moresby 0600/15; "DUNTROON" "PC.1119" ETA Cairns 1730/16, "TAROONA" "HELM" ETA Townsville 0400/17.
- (12) "WAGGA" en route Cairns to Brisbane ETA Caloundra 2000/17.
- (13) "GEELONG" escorting "YUNNAN" en route Brisbane to Townsville.
- (14) "SC.736" escorting 1 APC 4 LST from Noumea to Brisbane ETA 0800/16.
- (15) "STUART" departed Caloundra approx 1800/14 to RV with "MAUI" in position 27°08'S, 157°40'E and escort to Brisbane.
- (16) "YP.291" departed Brisbane 1610/13 for Mackay ETA 1000/15, thence Cairns and Thursday Island.
- (17) "VENDETTA" to RV with "DAVID C. SHANKS" in position "Z" at 1000/17 and escort to Brisbane.
- (18) "BUNDABERG" "MORESBY" "BALLARAT" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting PG63 (7 ships) were to depart Caloundra 1200/16.
- (19) "YMS.8" departed Cairns 0950/15 for Thursday Island ETA 1200/17.
- (20) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Buna	- Warships & Aux. - "SHEPPARTON" "SC.703" "SC.738"
	Merchant Vessels: "HENRY D. THOREAU"
Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "SC.748" "YMS.71" "YMS.53"
	Merchant Vessels: "POINT SAN PEDRO" "HOWARD STANBURY"
	"THOMAS JEFFERSON" "COLORADO" "LORINNA" "ANDREW D. WHITE" "ESTHER JOHNSON" "JOSEPH LANE" "JOSIAH B. GRIMWELL"

Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "CONYNGHAM"
 "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" "GILMER" "RIGEL"
 "TULSA" "BENALLA" SC.637 SC.698 SC.699 SC.731
 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 PABLO"

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

Merchant Vessels: "COMARA" "TRINITY" "MAETSUYCKER"
 "KARSIK" "CANNONBAR" "ADONIRAM JUDSON" "MULCRA"
 "JOSIAH ROYCE" "NANCY HANKS" "LYMAN J. GAGE"
 "PATRAS"

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "YMS.72"
 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" "FREMANTLE" 4 YMS's
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "ML.426" "ML.428" "PLATYPUS"
 "GOLDSTAR" 1 LST

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "HENLEY" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "MUGFORD"
 "PC.1121" "SC.648" 15 LST's
 "VICTORIA"

Mackay - Warships & Aux. - "LAMSON" "DOBBIN"
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "BAGLEY" "STUART" "FULTON"
 "GEELONG" "YUNNAN" "GOULBURN" "OTUS" SC.650
 SC.734 SC.741 YP.235 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"
 "H.T. ALLEN" "ML.818"

Gladstone - Warships & Aux. - "SC.982" "YMS.49" "YMS.50"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "GLADSTONE" "LITHGOW" "ML.425" "ML.429" "SC.650" to escort
 QL7 (11 ships) ETD Caloundra 1600/16. "ML.425" 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 Caloundra 0800/17 to RV with "FRED.C. AINSWORTH"
 in position 24°38'S 159°E (bound for Townsville) to
 escort to vicinity Lady Elliott Island, thence return
 Brisbane.
- (3) "SHEPPARTON" to return Townsville approx 19 August for boiler
 cleaning.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Rekata Bay - 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 Corsairs, 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 Ballale 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 aerodrome.
 One Cargo vessel (350 ft.) and 11 small 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 vicinity. 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.
- (7) Gasmata Area - At 0330/15, a surfaced submarine was observed by 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.
- (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 Gretin.
- (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 0852/15 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) Wau - 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 AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(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" "PREMANTLE" "ML.814"
"ML.815"
Merchant Vessels: "TAMBAR" "CARDROSS" "TULAGI"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Kaukenau - At 1205/15 a Hudson reported 2 Zeros over Timika airfield having apparently just taken off. The last report of this airfield on 12 August was that the strip seemed still water-logged and unserviceable.
- X (2) Timor - At 0550/14 an enemy submarine was sighted 137 miles S.E. of Cape Beaco on course 300°.
- (3) Millingimbi - At 1849/14 a probable enemy reconnaissance aircraft was located near Cape Wessel.
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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 1030/18.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "AL TAMAHA" "VAN GALEN" "TROMP"
"VAN HEEMSKERK" "TJERK HIDDEN" "HORSHAM"
"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 000/16:

- (1) "FLUSSER" escorting "JOHN CAROLL" departed Sydney 1545/14 for Townsville ETA 1830/19.
(2) "KALGOORLIE" "ECHUCA" escorting portion 06116 (3 ships for Newcastle ETA 1500/16).
(3) "ROCKHAMPTON" "YANDRA" "GLENELG" escorting 06117 (10 MV) dep. Sydney 1455/13.
(4) "ATREUS" departed Fremantle 1730/7 for Sydney.
(5) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting 06117 (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 06117.
(6) "DRAYTON" escorting "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" departed Cairns 1900/12: "MANOORA" for Port Stephens ETA 1700/16; "DRAYTON" "WESTRALIA" for Melbourne.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - 1 LST
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "ARARAT" "CASTLEMAINE" "MIZAR"
"WILCANNIA" "BROOME" "MILDURA" "KYBRA"
"BENDIGO" "WARRNAMBOOL"
(Repairing) "FLUSSER" "MANUNDA" (AH) 1 LST
(On Reserve) "KANIMBLA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN"
(Refitting) "ADELAIDE" "DOOMBA"

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 - BAILLARD (AVD)

NAVAL INCIDENTS

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ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

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<u>BB</u>	-	NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	-	MUSASHI MUTSU) poss. NAGATO) Empire KONGO HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO
<u>Y(E)</u>	-	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO BARNES	-	UNYO
<u>CA</u>	-	AUSTRALIA	CHOKAI SUZUYA	MYOKO HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI * KUMANO
<u>CL</u>	* ADELAIDE	* HONOLULU * ST. LOUIS * LEANDER * HOBART COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	SENDAI	AGANO OYODO ISUZU NAGARA * NAKA
<u>(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>KCL</u>	-	-	-	2
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA PERKINS CONYNGHAM MAHAN DRAYTON SMITH FLUSSER LAMSON MUGFORD BAGLEY HENLEY HELM LE TRIOMPHANT STUART VENDETTA	Approx 40	10	20

* Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA WASHINGTON * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA	X	YAMATO) FUSO) Enroute Truk YAMASHIRO) ISE HYUGA.
	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN VICTORIOUS		
<u>CV (L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE		* HITAKA HAYATAKA) One poss. en RYUHO) route Malaya
<u>CV (T)</u>	-		HOSHO
<u>CV (E)</u>	BRETON PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND	X	CHUYO OTAKA (enroute Truk)
<u>CA</u>	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS	X	MAYA) ATAGO) Enroute Truk TAKAO) * AOBA
<u>OCA</u>	-		6
<u>CL</u>	* NASHVILLE MOBILE		TATSUTA * KINU * YUBARI * NATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-		3
<u>AV/CVS</u>	2		* CHIYODA) Under conversion * CHITOSE) to ACVs
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?		3
<u>DD</u>	Approx 35		30-35 (approx 20 repairing)
<u>SS</u>	Approx 50		Approx 30
<u>AS/XAS</u>	?		3 or more

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>BB</u>	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO TENNESSEE PENNSYLVANIA		-
<u>CA</u>	WICHITA LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND INDIANAPOLIS		NACHI
<u>CL</u>	SANTA FE RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT		KISO ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>XCL</u>	-		3
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-		AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-		1
<u>DD</u>	22		4
	10		Approx 10

* Non-effective

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 566

Date: 17 August 1943

PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/17:

- (1) "PERKINS" departed Townsville 0600/15 for Milne Bay, due 1600/16.
- (2) "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.
- (4) "FLUSSER" escorting "JOHN CARROLL" dep. Sydney 1545/14 for Townsville ETA 1830/19.
- (5) "STUART" departed Caloundra 0517/16 to RV with "FRED C. AINSWORTH" (bound for Townsville) in position 24°38'S 159°E 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 PT18 (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" en 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) "KATOOMBA" "COLAC" escorting NT39 (2 MV) dep. Port Moresby 1630/14 for Cairns ETA 2230/16.
- (13) "DELORAINIE" escorting PT17 (3 MV) departed Milne Bay 1430/14 for Townsville ETA 1200/17.
- (14) "SWAN" dep. Port Moresby 1900/15 for Cairns ETA 1100/17.
- (15) "YMS.49" "YMS.50" towing 4 PT dep. Gladstone 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 at 0600/9 escorting LQ7.
- (17) "SC.750" "SC.981" departed Townsville 1345/16 for Cairns.
- (18) "APC.21" "APC.22" were to depart Caloundra 1300/17 for Milne Bay.
- (19) "WAGGA" en route Cairns to Brisbane ETA Caloundra 2000/17.
- (20) "GEEELONG" escorting "YUNNAN" en route Brisbane to Townsville.
- (21) "YP.291" departed Brisbane 1610/13 for Mackay ETA 1000/15, thence Cairns and Thursday Island.
- (22) "VENDETTA" to RV with "DAVID C. SHANKS" in position "Z" at 1000/17 and escort to Brisbane.
- (23) "YMS.8" departed Cairns 0950/15 for Thursday Is. ETA 1200/17.
- (24) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Buna - Warships & Aux. - "SC.703" "SC.738"
Merchant Vessels: "HENRY D. THOREAU"
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. - "WARRAMUNGA" "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 YP.280 35 PT's 27 LST's
ML.427 ML.817 "FOYANG" "SAN PABLO" "TRINITY"

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

Merchant Vessels: "KARSIK" "CANNONBAR" "ADONIRAM
JUDSON" "MULCRA" "JOSIAH ROYCE" "NANCY HANKS"
"LYMAN J. GAGE" "PATRAS"
Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "YMS.72"
Merchant Vessels: "KHOEN HOEA" "ALCOA PEGASUS"
"B.F. SHAW" "JAPARA" "WICHITA FALLS" "CHARON"
"JOHN WHITEAKER" "VAN SWOLL" "REIJNST" "CAPE
PLATTERY" "VERA" "GEORGE EASTMAN" "JOSIAH EARL"
Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" "FREMANTLE" 4 YMS's
Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "ML.426" "ML.428" "PLATYPUS"
"PC.1119" "DUNTROON" "GOLDSTAR"
1 LST
Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "HELM" "HENLEY" "LE TRIOMPHANT"
"MUGFORD" "TAROONA" "PC.1121"
"SC.648" "SC.732 SC.982 15 LST's
"VICTORIA"
Mackay - Warships & Aux. - "LAMSON" "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 "E.F. ALLEN"
(Repairing, Trials etc.) "WARREGO" "WHYALLA" "ML.818"
Gladstone - Warships & Aux. - "SC.982"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "LE TRIOMPHANT" "HENLEY" escorting TNL38 ("CANBERRA" "CREMER"
"KATOOMBA") are to depart Townsville 0400/18 en route
Port Moresby ETA 0800/20.
- (2) "LAMSON" is to depart Townsville 0600/17 for Milne Bay direct
ETA 1800/18.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Vella Lavella - Allied forces made a successful landing on
Vella Lavella a.m. 15th (see Naval Incidents). Enemy
positions at Bilca 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 camouflaged
barges were reported in Timbala River (N.W. Coast) noon 16th.
- (2) Santa Ysabel - All Japanese reported to have departed from
Huhurangi (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 Banga Island.

- (6) Malaita - Two enemy submarines were observed off the N.W. coast of Malaita at 1800/14.
- (7) Cape St. George - 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 approx 35 miles N.W. of Mussau Is. on course 180° 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, with 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 16th.
- (10) N.E. Coast New Guinea - 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) and five bombers 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 enemy 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 astride 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 DP29 ("CARDROSS" "TAMBAR") 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:

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

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Balikpapan - Two Liberators report sighting the following shipping in Balikpapan Harbour 1050/16 -
- 1 transport (9-12,000 tons)
 - 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) Gulf of Bone (S.Celebes) - The above Liberators reported sighting one mine-sweeper followed by 3 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. - "ALTAMARA" "VAN GALEN" "TROMP"
 "VAN HEEMSKERK" "TJERK HIDDEN" "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

(a) At Sea to 1200/17:

- (1) "ROCKHAMPTON" "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).
- (2) "BUNDABERG" "MORESBY" "BALLARAT" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting PG.63 (8 ships) departed Caloundra 1200/16 ETA Newcastle 1500/18; ETA Sydney 2100/18.
- (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.
- (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. - "ARARAT" "CASTLEMAINE" "MIZAR"
 "WILCANNIA" "BROOME" "KYBRA" "ECHUCA"
 "WARRNAMBOOL"
 (Repairing) "MANUNDA" (AH) 1 LST
 (On Reserve) "KANIMBLA"
 Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN"
 (Refitting) "ADELAIDE" "DOOMBA"

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 - BALLARD (AVD)

NAVAL INCIDENTS

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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 attempted and engaged by our fighters as set out in yesterday'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.

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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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>BB</u>	-	NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	-	MUSASHI MUTSU) poss. NAGATO) Empire KONGO HANU NA
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZU IKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV (L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO
<u>CV (E)</u>	-	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO	-	UNYO
<u>CA</u>	-	AUSTRALIA	CHOKAI SUZUYA	MYOKO HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA HOGAMI * KUMAN O
<u>CL</u>	* ADELAIDE	* HONOLULU * ST. LOUIS * LEANDER * HOBART COLUMBIA CIE VELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	SENDAI	AGANO OYODO ISUZU NAGARA * NAKA
<u>CL (T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	-	2
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA PERKINS CONYNGHAM MAHAN DRAYTON SMITH FLUSSER LAMSON MUGFORD BAGLEY HENLEY HELM LE TRIOMPHANT STUART VENDETTA	Approx 40	10	20

* Non-effective

Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
SS	BALAO BILLFISH BLUEFISH GREENLING GROWLER POMPOON PUFFER SILVER SIDES	2 On Patrol	20 15
	ALBACORE BOWFIN DRUM GROUPEE GUARDFISH HE TO SCAMP STINGRAY TUNA	At Brisbane	
	K.9	At Sydney	
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER POCOMOKE	-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	1 2
<u>PT</u>	35	Approx 30	? ?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T.ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS * KANIMBLA	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA	
<u>AS or KAS</u>	FULTON OTUS		1 2 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE	1 ?
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	1 1
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)</u>			
	Fighters (incl. 28 twin-eng.)		305
	Light or M/Bombers		258
	SE/Bombers		10
	Flying Boats		6
	Floatplanes		62
	Transport & Obsn. A/C		21

2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

<u>CL</u>	CONCORD TRENTON		
<u>DD</u>	2		

* Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA WASHINGTON * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA	YAMATO) FUSO) Enroute Truk YAMASHIRO) ISE HYUGA
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<u>CV(L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE	*HIYAKA HAYATAKA) One poss. en RYUHO) route Malaya
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<u>CV(E)</u>	BRETON PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND	CHUYO OTAKA (enroute Truk)
<u>CA</u>	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS	MAYA) ATAGC) Enroute Truk TAKAO) * AOKA
<u>OCA</u>	-	6
<u>CL</u>	* NASHVILLE MOBILE	TATSUTA * KINU * YUBARI * NAT ORI 3 * CHIYODA) Under conver- * CHITOSE) sion to ACVs 3 30-35 (approx 20 repair- Approx 30 ing 3 or more
<u>XCL</u>	-	
<u>AV/CVS</u>	2	
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	
<u>DD</u>	Approx 35	
<u>SS</u>	Approx 50	
<u>AS/XAS</u>	?	

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>BB</u>	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO TENNESSEE PENNSYLVANIA	-
<u>CA</u>	WICHITA LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND INDIANAP OLIS	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	SANTA FE RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT	KISO ABUKUMA TAMA 3 AKITSUSHIMA 1 4 Approx 10
<u>XCL</u>	-	
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	
<u>SS</u>	22 10	
	* Non-effective	

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>Southwest Pacific (Western Section)</u>		<u>Eastern Fleet Area</u>	<u>East Indies-Philippines</u>
<u>SB</u>	-	WARSPITE	+
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CV (E)</u>	ALTAMAHA	-	-
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX SUFFOLK * HAWKINS PROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KUMA OI KITAGAMI
<u>CL (T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOJ NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDIES	Approx 27	11
<u>SS</u>	FINBACK) GAR) GRAYLING) KINGFISH) TAMBOR) TROUT)	On Patrol	5
	K.12 At Fremantle		
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)</u>			
Fighters (including 2 twin-eng.)			104
Light or M/Bombers			120
SE/Bombers			22 12
Flying Boats			12
Floatplanes			51
Transport & Obsn. A/C			45
		∅ No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain.	
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Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 567

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- (6) "SHEPPARTON" dep. Milne Bay 0830/17 ETA Townsville 1900/19 for boiler cleaning.
- (7) "BENALLA" departed Milne Bay 1128/16 ETA Cairns 2011/18.
- (8) "BUNBURY" returning Milne Bay from Buna ETA 18 August.
- (9) "BOWEN" "GYMPIE" escorting FT18 (2 ships) dep. Milne Bay 1300/15 for Townsville ETA 0600/18.
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- (17) "VICTORIA" was to depart Mackay 1800/17 ETA Port Curtiss 1400/18.
- (18) "VENDETTA" to RV with "DAVID C.SHANKS" in position "2" at 1000/17 and escort to Brisbane.
- (19) 9 submarines on patrol.

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 Merchant Vessels: "POINT SAN PEDRO" "COLORADO"
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 "JOSEPH LANE" "JOSIAH B. GRINNELL" "COMARA"
 "MAETSUYCKER"

Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "SMITH" "PERKINS" "WARRAMUNGA"
 "ARUNTA" "COWYNGHAM" "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"

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

Merchant Vessels: "KARSIK" "CANNONBAR" "ADONIRAM HUDSON"
 "MULGRA" "JOSIAH ROYCE" "NANCY HANKS"
 "THOS. JEFFERSON" "H. STANSBURY"

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "YMS.72"
 Merchant Vessels: "KHOEN BOEA" "ALCOA PEGASUS"
 "B.F. SEAW" "JAPARA" "WICHITA FALLS" "JOHN WHITEAKER"
 "VAN S WOLL" "REIJNST" "CAPE FLATTERY"
 "VERA" "GEORGE EASTMAN" "JOSIAH EARL"

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" 5 YMS's
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "DELORAIN" "KATOONBA" "COLAG"
 "SC.750" "SC.981" "ML.425" "ML.428" "PLATYPUS"
 "PC.1119" "DUNTROON" "GOLDSTAR" 1 LST

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "HELM" "MUGFORD" "TARCOONA"
 "PC.1121" "SC.648" "SC.982" 15 LST

Mackay - Warships & Aux. - "DOBBIN"
 Brisbane - 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.P. ALLEN"

(Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WARREGO" "WHYALLA" "WAGGA" "GEELONG"
 "ML.818"

Gladstone - Warships & Aux. - "SC.982"

(c) Proposed Movements:

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

(ii) 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 ~~warrior~~ 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 Rekata Bay. 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) Vella Lavella - 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 vessels 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 turned 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 Solomons and could be the force sighted north of Vella Lavella shortly before 2300/17.

(6) Cape St. George - At 0332/17 a Catalina unsuccessfully attacked a 6000 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) Cape Orford - 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 Boram 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 Point and 4 small ships plus one sub.chaser dispersed along the coast.

(10) Madang Area - At 0030/17 a Catalina observed 6 barges 35 miles NNW 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) Lae - The enemy aircraft intercepted over Lae 1520/16 included fighters only and no dive bombers as reported in yesterday's Summary No. 566.

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

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/18:

- (1) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting DTB ("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"

(ii) 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 enemy fighters of which 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 storage area and a near miss on a 5000 ton freighter from which oil is spreading.
- (3) Dilli - 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

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 12 00/18:

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

(b) In Harbour:

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

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

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

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/18:

- (1) "BUNDABERG" "MORESBY" "BALLARAT" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting PG.83 (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 Kembla 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 Milne Bay.
- (6) "ATREUS" departed Fremantle 1730/17 for Sydney.

- (7) "NIZAM" dep. Geraldton 2110/13 for Melbourne ETA 1050/18.
- (8) "SC.735" escorting 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:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - 1 LST "MANOORA"
 Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "ARARAT" "CASTLEMAINE" "WILCANNIA"
 "BROOME" "ECHUCA" "WARRNAMBOOL"
 (Repairing) "MANUNDA"(AH) 1 LST
 (On Reserve) "KANIMBLA"
 Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN"
 (Refitting) "ADELAIDE" "DOOMBA"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Espiritu Santo - CURTISS TANGIER (AV) CHINCOTEAGUE (AVP)
 DIXIE (AD) VESTAL (AR)
 Repairing - HONOLULU EYRENNIE LEAN DER HOBART (CL)
- (2) At Noumea - WHITNEY (AD) POCOMOKE (AV)
- (3) At Efate - CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV)
- (4) At Funafuti - BALLARD (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.
- (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

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>		<u>South Pacific</u>	<u>Bismarcks Solomons</u>	<u>Carolines Marshalls</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	-	MUSASHI MUTSU) poss. NAGATO) Empire KONGO HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	SUWANNEE SANGAMON BRETON	-	UNYO
<u>CA</u>	-	AUSTRALIA	CHOKAI SUZUYA	MYOKO HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI * KUMANO
<u>CL</u>	* ADELAIDE	* HONOLULU * LEANDER * HOBART COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	SENDAI	AGANO OYODO ISUZU NAGARA * NAKA
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>DL</u>	-	-	-	2
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA PERKINS CONYNGHAM MAHAN DRAYTON SMITH FLUSSER LAMSON MUGFORD BAGLEY HENLEY HELM LE TRIOMPHANT STUART VENDETTA	Approx 40	10	20

* Non-effective

Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls	
3	BALAO) BILLFISH) BLUEFISH) GREENLING) GROWLER) POMPON) PUFFER) BONFIN) DRUM)	2	20	15
	ALBACORE) GROUPEL) GUARDFISH) PETO) SCAMP) STINGRAY) TUNA)	On Patrol		
	K.9 At Sydney			
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER POCOMOKE	-	-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	1	2
<u>PT</u>	35	Approx 30	2	?
<u>APA/APD/ARA</u>	H. T. ALLEN MAFOORA WESTRALIA GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS * KANIMBLA	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA		
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON OTUS		1	2 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE	1	?
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL FLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	1	1
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)</u>				
	Fighters (incl. 28 twin-eng.)		305	
	Light or M/Bombers		258	
	SE/Bombers		10	
	Flying Boats		6	
	Floatplanes		62	
	Transport & Obsn. A/C		21	

2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

CL CONCORD
TRENTON

DD 2

* Non-effective

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3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

BB INDIANA
WASHINGTON (enroute Soupac)
* WEST VIRGINIA
* CALIFORNIA

YAMATO)
FUSO) Enroute Truk
YAMASHIRO)
ISE
HYUGA

CV ENTERPRISE
ESSEX
YORKTOWN
LEXINGTON
VICTORIOUS

CV(L) INDEPENDENCE
BELLEREAU WOOD
PRINCETON

* HITAKA
RYUHO

CV(T) -

HOSHO

CV(E) CHEMANGO
PRINCE WILLIAM
LONG ISLAND

CHUYO
OTAKA (enroute Truk)

CA * ST. LOUIS
NEW ORLEANS
PENSACOLA
* SALT LAKE CITY
* MINNEAPOLIS

MAYA)
ATAGO) Enroute Truk
TAKAO)
* AOBA

OCA -
CL * NASHVILLE
MOBILE

6
TATSUTA
* KINU
* YUBARI
* NATORI
3
* CHIYODA) Under conver-
* CHITOSE) sion to ACVs
3
30-35 (approx 20 repair-
Approx 30 ing
3 or more

XCL -
AV/CVS 2

XAV/XCVS 2
DD Approx 35
SS Approx 50
AS/XAS ?

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

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
SS 10

3
AKITSUSHIMA
1
4
Approx 10

* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific (Western Section)		Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
<u>BB</u>	-	WARSPITE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	♂ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	HAYATAKA
<u>CE(E)</u>	ALTAMAHA	-	-
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX SUFFOLK * HAWKINS PROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KUMA OI KITAGAMI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMO I NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDUS	Approx 27	11
	FINBACK) GAR) GRAYLING) KINGFISH) TAMBOR) TROUT)	On Patrol	5
	K.12 At Fremantle		
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)</u>			
Fighters (including 2 twin-eng.)			104
Light or M/Bombers			120
SE/Bombers			12
Lying Boats			32
Floatplanes			51
Transport & Obsn. A/C			45

♂ No recent intelligence.
Present location uncertain.

* Non-effective

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre
DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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

No. 568

Date: 19 August 1943

PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/19:

- X (1) "AUSTRALIA" departed Espiritu Santo 17 August for Brisbane ETA 1300/19. "VENDETTA" dep. Caloundra 1527/18 to RV and escort to Brisbane.
- X (2) "ARUNTA" "WARRAMUNGA" dep. Milne Bay for Noumea ETA 19 August.
- (3) "BAGLEY" departed Brisbane 1313/17 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/19.
- (4) "YMS.72" escorting "JAPARA" towing floating crane dep. Port Moresby 2033/18 for Milne Bay.
- (5) "HENLEY" "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting TN138 ("CANBERRA" "CREMER" "KATOOMBA") dep. Townsville 0440/18 ETA Port Moresby 0800/20.
- (6) "HELM" "PC.1119" escorting TN139 ("DUNTROON" "TARCOONA") to Port Moresby ETA 1400/20. "DUNTROON" ex Cairns to RV Fitzroy Island 0600/19, others were to depart Townsville 1900/18. "TORRENS" joins convoy and after RV with "LE TRIOMPHANT" is to proceed Milne Bay.
- (7) "DELORAINNE" "KATOOMBA" with 4 APC dep. Cairns 1709/8 to RV with TN137 ("SC.648" "SC.982" escorting 5 ships) for Port Moresby ("DELORAINNE" 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 PT.19 (composition not yet known) dep. Milne Bay 1315/18 ETA Townsville 0700/21.
- (9) "YP.291" en 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.
- (11) "YMS.10" dep. Thursday Is. 1215/17 for Cairns ETA 0600/21.
- (12) "FLUSSER" escorting "JOHN CARROLL" dep. Sydney 1545/14 for Townsville ETA 0600/19.
- (13) "SHEPPARTON" dep. Milne Bay 0830/17 ETA Townsville 1900/19 for boiler cleaning.
- (14) "GLADSTONE" "LITHGOW" escorting LQ7 (3 ships) dep. Gladstone 2200/18 ETA Brisbane 1030/20. "SC.650" "ML.429" provide additional escort from vicinity of Lady Elliott Island.
- (15) "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) "VICTORIA" dep. Gladstone 0800/18 ETA Brisbane 1100/19.
- (17) 9 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Buna - Warships & Aux. - "SC.698" "SC.599" "SC.703"
"SC.738" "HILO"
Merchant Vessels: "HENRY D. THOREAU"
Oro Bay - Warships & Aux. - "SC.731" "SC.746"
Merchant Vessels: "POINT SAN PEDRO" "COLORADO"
"LORINNA" "ANDREW D. WHITE" "ESTHER JOHNSON"
"JOSEPH LA NE" "JOSIAH B. CRINNELL" "COMARA"
"MAETSUYCKER"
Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "MAHAN" "SMITH" "PERKINS"
"LAMSON" "CONYNGHAM" "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS"
"GILMER" "RIGEL" "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: "KARSIK" "CANNONBAR" "ADONIRAM
JUDSON" "MULGRA" "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. SHAW" "WICHITA
FALLS" "JOHN WHITEAKER" "VAN SWOLL" "REIJNST"
"CAPE FLATTERY" "VERA" "GEORGE EASTMAN"
"JOSIAH EARL"
Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" 4 YMS's
Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "GYMPIE" "CGLAC" "SWAN" "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" "OPUS"
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"
(Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WARREGO" "WHYALLA" "WAGGA" "GEELONG"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "SWAN" escorting TN.140 ("YUNNAN") to depart Fitzroy Island 1800/19 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/22.
- (2) 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.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Kolombangara - At 2000/17, a vessel believed to be a submarine was seen heading for Vila.
At midnight 17-18 August, 2 barges were observed west-bound in Blakett 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) Vella Lavella - The enemy force described as one heavy cruiser and 3 destroyers located 20 miles N.E. of Vella Lavella shortly before 2300/17 was contacted by U.S. destroyers (see 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 Lavella.
- (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.
- (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) Cape Bushing (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 aerodromes. 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 aerodrome 0930/18 and five fighters passed overhead westbound at 0944/18.
- (9) Salamaua - At 1205/17 barges in the Salamaua area were attacked by 5 Bostons.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/19:

- (1) "GOOTAMENDRA" 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. - "INWERELL" "ML.814" "ML.815"
Merchant Vessels: "DUNDULA" "ISLANDER"

(1) 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) Darwin - 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 farth reconnaissance plane destroyed over the Darwin area 17th August.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 12 00/19:

- (1) "VAN CALEN", escorting "ALTAMARA" bound for Karachi, departed Fremantle 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:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "TJERK
 HIDDEN" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "HERON" "ISABEL"
 "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 OC.117 (7 MV - 3 for Sydney ETA 0700/19 and 4 for Newcastle ETA 1800/19).
 (2) "MILDURA" "KALGOORLIE" "BENDIGO" "ML.803" escorting OC.118 (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.
 (6) "SC.735" escorting 2 MV en route Sydney from Noumea ETA a.m. 19 August.
 (7) "KYBRA" on training cruise dep. Sydney 1005/17 for Broken Bay, Newcastle and Port Stephens.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - 1 LST "MANOORA"
 Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "ARARAT" "CASTLEMAINE" "WILCANNIA"
 "BROOME" "ECHUCA" "WARRNAMBOOL" "BUNDABERG"
 "BALLARAT" "TOWNSVILLE"
 (Repairing) "MANUNDA" (AH) 1 LST
 (On Reserve) "KANIMELA"
 Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "NIZAM" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN"
 (Refitting) "ADELAIDE" "DOOMBA"

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 SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV)
 (4) At Punaofuti - BALLARD (AVD)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

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

NAVAL INCIDENTS

X Vella Lavella - The force identified as four destroyers north of Vella Lavella escorting a convoy of barges heading S.E. 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. Vella 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 attacked 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.

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.
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PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	<u>Bismarck Solomons</u>	<u>Carolines Marshalls</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	-	MUSASHI MUTSU) poss. HAGATO) Empire KONGO HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	SUWANNEE SANGAMON BRETON	-	UNYO
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	-	CHOKAI SUZUYA	MYOKO HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA HOGAMI * KUMANO
<u>CL</u>	* ADELAIDE	* HONOLULU * LEANDER * HOBART COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	SENDAI	AGANO OYODO ISUZU HAGARA * NAKA
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	-	2
<u>DD</u>	PERKINS CONYNGHAM MAHAN DRAYTON SMITH FLUSSER LAMSON MUGFORD BAGLEY HENLEY HELM LE TRIOMPHANT STUART VENDETTA	Approx 40	10	20

* Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA WASHINGTON (enroute Sopac) * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA	YAMATO) FUSO) Enroute Truk YAMASHIRO) ISE HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN LEXINGTON VICTORIOUS	-
<u>CV (L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE BELLEAU WOOD PRINCETON	* HITAKA RYUHO
<u>CV (T)</u>	-	HOSHO
<u>CV (E)</u>	CHENANGO PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND	CHUYO OTAKA (enroute Truk)
<u>CA</u>	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS * ST. LOUIS	MAYA) ATAGO) Enroute Truk TAKAO) * ACBA
<u>OCK</u>	-	6
<u>CL</u>	* NASHVILLE MOBILE	TATSUTA * KINU * YUBARI * NAF ORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	3
<u>AV/CVS</u>	2	* CHIYODA) Under conversion * CHITOSE) to ACVs
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	2	3
<u>DD</u>	Approx 35	30-35 (approx 20 repairing)
<u>SS</u>	Approx 50	Approx 30
<u>AS/XAS</u>	?	3 or more

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>B</u>	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO TENNESSEE PENNSYLVANIA	-
<u>CA</u>	WICHITA LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND INDIANAPOLIS	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	SANTA FE RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT	KISO ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>CL</u>	-	3
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	22	4
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 10

* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
<u>B</u>	-	WARSPITE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	HAYATAKA
<u>CV(E)</u>	ALTAMAHA	-	-
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX SUFFOLK * HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KUMA OI KITAGAMI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOJ NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	11
<u>S</u>	FINBACK) GAR) GRAYLING) KINGFISH) TAMBOR) TROUT)	On Patrol	5
	K.12 At Fremantle		
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.W.Area Only)</u>			
	Fighters (incl. 2 twin-eng.)		100
	Light or M/Bombers		120
	B/Bombers		12
	Flying Boats		12
	Floatplanes		46
	Transport & Obsn. A/C		45

∅ No recent intelligence.
Present location uncertain.

* Non-effective

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.

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(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 Townsville 1900/18. "TORRENS" joins convoy and after RV with "LE TRIOMPHANT" is to proceed Milne Bay.
- (4) "DELORAIN" "KATOOMBA" with 4 APC dep. Cairns 1709/8 to RV with TN137 ("SC.648" "SC.982" escorting 5 ships) for Port Moresby ("DELORAIN" with 3 ships ETA 1300/21) and Milne Bay ("KATOOMBA" "SC.648" "SC.982" with 2 ships and 4 APC ETA 1200/21).
- (5) "SWAN" escorting TN140 ("YUNNAN") was to dep. Fitzroy Island 1800/19 ETA Milne Bay 1200/22.
- (6) "PIRIE" "KAPUNDA" departed Milne Bay 1204/19 for Townsville.
- (7) "BUNBURY" escorting FT.19 ("THOMAS JEFFERSON") dep. Milne Bay 1315/18 ETA Townsville 0700/21.
- (8) "SHEPPARTON" dep. Milne Bay 0830/17 ETA Townsville 1900/19 for boiler cleaning.
- (9) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting DT29 ("CARDROSS" "TAMBAR") dep. Darwin 0642/16 ETA Thursday Island 1500/22. "TAMBAR" to proceed Milne Bay and Oro Bay.
- (10) "YP.291" en route Thursday Island arr. Cairns 0732/19.
- (11) "YMS.10" dep. Thursday Is. 1215/17 ETA Cairns 0600/21.
- (12) "GOULBURN" "SC.734" "ML.816" "ML.818" escorting QL7A (5 ships) departed Caloundra 0600/19. Convoy disperses vicinity 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"

Oro 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".

Milne Bay

- Warships & Aux. "MAHAN" "SMITH" "PERKINS"
- "NUGFORD" "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 PABLO"
- "TRINITY" "GOLD STAR"

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

- Merchant Vessels: "KARSIK" "CANNONBAR" "ADONTRAM"
- "JUDSON" "MULCRA" "JOSIAH ROYCE" "NANCY HAWKS"
- "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. SHAW"
- "WICHITA FALLS" "JOHN WHITEAKER" "VANSWOLL"
- "REIJNST" "CAPE FLATTERY" "VERA" "GEORGE"
- EASTMAN" "JOSIAH EARL".

Thursday Is.
Cairns

- Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" 4 YMS's
- Warships & Aux. - "GYMPIE" "COLAC" "SWAN"
- "HENALLA" YMS.49 YMS.50 "SC.750" "SC.981"
- "ML.426" "ML.428" "PLATYPUS" 1LST.

Townsville

- Warships & Aux. - "FLUSSER" "ML.425" "BOWEN" "
- "BISHOPDALE" "KURUMBA" "PC.1121" 15 LST's

Mackay
Gladstone
Brisbane

- Warships & Aux. - "DOBBIN" "SC.732"
- Warships & Aux. - "ML.429"
- 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"

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

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) After arrival at Port Moresby (Approx. 0800/20) "LE TRIOMPHANT" to depart again to RV with "TORRENS" ex TM139 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) Buin Base - Early 18 August, 6 Zeros attacked 2 reconnaissance Corsairs over Kahili. 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) Mussau Is. Area - 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 so.
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:

- (1) "PREMANILE" escorting DT30 ("TULAGI") dep. Darwin 0956/17
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"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

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

Puiloro 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" "FELIAS"
SC.739 YP.288

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

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA.

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/20:

- (1) "BUNDABERG" "MORESBY" "GLENELS" escorting GP.64 (6 MV) were to dep. ~~Port Phillip~~ Sydney with 3 MV 0800/20 joining 3 MV ex Newcastle ETD.1530/20.
- (2) "YANDRA" "ECHUCA" escorting 5 ships of 00119 were to dep. Newcastle 1000/20 to RV with "WARRNAMBOOL" "TOWNSVILLE" "BALLARAT" departing Sydney 1500/20 with remainder 00119 (1 ship). "YANDRA" proceeds Sydney only.
- (3) "MILDURA" "KALGOORLIE" "BENDIGO" "ML.803" escorting 00.118 (6 MV) for Melbourne dep. Sydney 1500/17.
- (4) "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting 00.118 (9 ships) dep. Port Phillip 0009/20 to RV with 00.118 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 - Warships & Aux. - 1 LST "MANGORA"
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "ARARAT" "CASTLEMAINE" "WILCANNIA"
"ROCKHAMPTON" "BROOME" "WARRNAMBOOL" "BALLARAT"
"TOWNSVILLE" SC.735 ML.430
(Repairing) - "MANUNDA" (AH) 1 LST
(On Reserve) - "KANIMELA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "NIZAM" "DRAYTON" "WESTRALIA"
(Refitting) - "ADELAIDE" "DOOMBA"

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) POGOMOKE (AV)
- (3) At Efate - CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV)
- (4) At Funafuti - BALLARD (AVD)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

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

C. INDIAN OCEAN.

ENEMY FORCES

- X (1) C.in C. Eastern Fleet estimates that Raider H. is possibly 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.

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<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO
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<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>NCL</u>	-	-	-	2
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3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA	YAMATO) FUSO) Enroute YAMASHIRO) Truk ISE HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN LEXINGTON VICTORIOUS	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE BELLEAU WOOD PRINCETON	* HITAKA RYUHO
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	GREENANGO PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND	CHUYO OTAKA (enroute Truk)
<u>A</u>	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS * ST. LOUIS	MAYA) ATAGO) Enroute Truk TAKAO) * AOBA
<u>OCA</u>	-	6
<u>CL</u>	* NASHVILLE MOBILE	TATSUTA * KINU * YUBARI * NATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	3
<u>AV/CVS</u>	2	* CHIYODA) Under conver- * CHITOSE) sion to ACVs
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	2	3
<u>DD</u>	Approx 35	30-35 (approx 20 repair
<u>SS</u>	Approx 50	Approx 30 ing
<u>AS/XAS</u>	?	3 or more

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>B</u>	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO TENNESSEE PENNSYLVANIA	-
<u>CA</u>	WICHITA LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND INDIANAPOLIS	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	SANTA FE RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT	KISO ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	3
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	22	4
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 10

* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific (Western Section)		Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies - Philippines
<u>BB</u>	-	WARSPITE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	HAYATAKA
<u>CV(E)</u>	ALTAMAHA	-	-
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX SUFFOLK * HAWKINS PROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE C ERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KUMA OI KITAGAMI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	GARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOJ NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	VAN CALEN TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	11
<u>SS</u>	FINBACK) GAR) GRAYLING) KINGFISH) On Patrol TAMBOR) TROUT) BILLFISH) K.12 At Fremantle		5
<u>AS or KAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)</u>			
Fighters (incl. 2 twin-eng.)			100
Light or M/Bombers			120
SE/Bombers			12
Flying Boats			12
Floatplanes			46
Transport & Obsn. A/C			45

* No recent intelligence.
Present location uncertain.

* Non-effective

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre
DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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

No. 570

Date: 21 August 1943

PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

- (1) "YMS.72" escorting "JAPARA" towing floating crane dep. Milne Bay 0938/20 for Oro Bay ETA 1800/21.
- (2) "SC.744" escorting "MARRAWAH" dep. Milne Bay 1148/20 for Goodenough Island ETA 1600/21.
- (3) "LE TRIOMPHANT" dep. Port Moresby 0856/20 to RV with "TORRENS" ex TN139 and escort to Milne Bay ETA a.m. 21 August.
- (4) "DELORAINÉ" "KATOOMBA" "SC.648" "SC.982" escorting TN137 (4 ships and 4 APC) for Port Moresby ("DELORAINÉ" with "J.W.GRIMES" "COLAC" "DILGA" ETA 1300/21) and Milne Bay ("KATOOMBA" "SC.648" "SC.982" with USS "DERRICK" & 4 APC ETA 1200/21).
- (5) "FLUSSER" escorting TN141 ("SUSQUEHANNA") dep. Townsville 1400/20 for Milne Bay ETA 1159/22.
- (6) "SWAN" escorting TN140 ("YUNNAN") departed Cairns 1630/19 ETA Milne Bay 1200/22.
- (7) "YMS.49" "YMS.50" towing 4 PT were to depart Cairns 2100/20 for Milne Bay ETA 1130/24.
- (8) "HELM" "HENLEY" escorting NP41 ("DUNPROON" "CANBERRA" "KATOOMBA" "TAROONA") were to depart Port Moresby 1200/21 for Townsville ETA 1400/23.
- (9) "PIRIE" "KAPUNDA" departed Milne Bay 1204/19 for Townsville.
- (10) "BUNBURY" escorting FT.19 ("THOMAS JEFFERSON") dep. Milne Bay 1315/18 ETA Townsville 0700/21.
- (11) "SOOTAMUNDRA" escorting DT29 ("CARDROSS" "TAMBAR") dep. Darwin 0642/16 ETA Thursday Island 1500/22. "TAMBAR" to proceed Milne Bay and Oro Bay.
- (12) "YP.291" en route Thursday Island arrived Cairns 0732/19;
- (13) "YMS.10" dep. Thursday Is. 1215/17 ETA Cairns 0600/21.
- (14) "GOULBURN" "SC.734" "ML.816" "ML.818" escorting QL7A (5 ships) dep. Caloundra 0600/19. Convoy disperses vicinity 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.
- (15) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Buna

- Warships & Aux. - "SC.698" "SC.699" "SC.703"
"SC.738" "HILO"
Merchant Vessels: "HENRY D.THOREAU"

Oro Bay - Warships & Aux. - "SC.746" "YMS.53" "SC.747"
 Merchant Vessels: "POINT SAN PEDRO" "COLORADO"
 "LORINNA" "ESTHER JOHNSON" "JOSEPH LANE"
 "JOSIAH B. GRINNELL" "COMARA" "MARTSUYCKER"
 "NANCY HANKS" "ALAMO" "WM. B. ALLISON"

Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "MAHAN" "SMITH" "PERKINS"
 "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "LAMSON" "CONYNGHAM"
 "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" "GILMER" "RIGEL"
 "TULSA" SC.637 SC.731 SC.742 SC.745 SC.748
 SC.749 YMS.11 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.70 YMS.71
 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: "KARSIK" "CANNONBAR" "ADONIRAM"
 "JUDSON" "MULGRA" "JOSIAH ROYCE" "H. STANSBURY"
 "WILLIS DEVENTER" "S. HALL YOUNG" "HOWELL COBB"
 "RAPHAEL JACKSON" "ANDREW D. WHITE"

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "PC.1119"
 Merchant Vessels: "KHOEN HOEA" "B.F. SHAW" "WICHITA"
 "FALLS" "JOHN WHITEAKER" "VAN SWOLL" "REIJNST"
 "CAPE FLATTERY" "VERA" "GEORGE EASTMAN"
 "JOSIAH EARL" "CREMER"

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" 4 YMS's
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "GYMPIE" "COLAC" "SWAN" "BENALLA"
 "SC.750" "SC.981" "ML.426" "ML.428" "PLATYPUS"
 1 LST

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "ML.425" "BOWEN" "SHEPPARTON"
 "BISHOPDALE" "KURUMBA" "PC.1121" 15 LST's

Mackay - Warships & Aux. - "DOBBIN" "SC.732"
 Gladstone - Warships & Aux. - "ML.429"
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "STUART" "VENDETTA"
 "FULTON" "OTUS" "GLADSTONE" "LITHGOW" 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"
 (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WARREGO" "WHYALLA" "WAGGA" "GEELONG"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- X (1) "AUSTRALIA" escorted by "VENDETTA" to depart Brisbane 1400/20²¹ for Sydney ETA 1000/22.
- X (2) "ARUNTA" "WARRAMUNGA" escorting "HOBART" to depart Espiritu Santo 21 August for Sydney ETA 27 August.
- (3) "GLADSTONE" "LITHGOW" "PC.476" to depart Caloundra 0600/22 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.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- X (1) Rendova-Vella Lavella Area - 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.
 Shortly 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) Cape Orford - 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) Sewak - 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) Hansa Bay - 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 been broken and our troops are now in occupation.
On 19 August an enemy submarine shelled and machine-gunned allied landing craft off Nassau Bay.
- (12) Louisiade Archipelago - 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) "PREMANTLE" escorting DT.30 ("TULAGI") dep. Darwin 0956/17
ETA Thursday Island 1530/21.
- (2) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

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

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Manokwari - Photos 1220/19 disclose 14 landing craft and two 80 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 "ALTAMAH" bound for Karachi.

(b) In Harbour:

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

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

- (1) "BUNDABERG" "MORESBY" "GLENELG" escorting GP.64 (5 MV) ETA Brisbane 0700/23.
- (2) "MILDURA" "KALGOORLIE" "BENDIGO" "ML.303" escorting OC.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 - Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA" 1 LST
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "ARARAT" "CASTLEMAINE"
"WILCANNIA" "ROCKHAMPTON" "BROOME" "SC.735"
"ML.430"
(Repairing) "MANUNDA"(AH) 1 LST
(On Reserve) "KANIMBIA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "NIZAM" "DRAYTON" "WESTRALIA"
"ABRAHAM ORIJNSSEN"
(Refitting) "ADELAIDE" "DOOMBA"

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 SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV)
- (4) At Funafuti - BALLARD (AM)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

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

NAVAL INCIDENTS

X 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 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.

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY
PART II
ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>SOUTHWEST PACIFIC</u> (Eastern Section)		<u>SOUTH PACIFIC</u>	<u>BISMARCKS</u> <u>SOLOMONS</u>	<u>CAROLINES</u> <u>MARSHALLS</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO WASHINGTON	-	YAMATO MUSASHI MUTSU) poss. NAGATO) Empire KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV (L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO HAYATAKA
<u>CV (E)</u>	-	SUWANNEE SANGAMON BRETON	-	UNYO CHUYO OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	-	CHOKAI SUZUYA	ATAGO TAKAO HAYA MYOKO HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI * KUMANO
<u>CL</u>	* ADELAIDE	* HONOLULU * LEANDER * HOBART COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	NAKA	AGANO OYODO ISUZU NAGARA SENDAI
<u>CL (T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA EATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	-	2
<u>DD</u>	PERKINS CONYNGHAM MAHAN DRAYTON SMITH FLUSSER LAMSON MUGFORD BAGLEY HENLEY HELM LE TRIOMPHANT STUART VENDETTA	Approx. 40	10	25

* Non-effective

Southwest Pacific
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Bismarcks
Solomons

Carolines
Marshalls

<u>SS</u>	BALAO) BLUEFISH) BOWFIN) DRUM) GREENLING) GROWLER) POMPON) PUFFER)	2	20	15
	ALBACORE) GROUPEL) GUARDFISH) PETO) SCAMP) STINGRAY) TUNA)	On Patrol		
	K.9 at Sydney	At Brisbane		
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS POCOMOKE TANGIER	-	-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	1	2
<u>PT</u>	35	Approx. 30	?	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H. T. ALLEN NAHOORA WESTRALIA GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS * KAH IMBLA	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA		
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON OTUS		1	2 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE	1	?
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	1	1

AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)

Fighters (incl. 25 twin-eng.)	229
Light or M. Bombers	217
SE/Bombers	11
Flying Boats	6
Floatplanes	62
Transport & Obsn. A/C	18

2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

<u>CL</u>	CONCORD TRENTON
<u>DD</u>	2

* Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

BB INDIANA
* WEST VIRGINIA
* CALIFORNIA

CV ENTERPRISE
ESSEX
YORKTOWN
LEXINGTON
VICTORIOUS

CV(L) INDEPENDENCE
BELLEAU WOOD
PRINCETON

CV(T) -

CV(E) CHEFANGO
PRINCE WILLIAM
LONG ISLAND

CA NEW ORLEANS
PENSACOLA
* SALT LAKE CITY
* MINNEAPOLIS
* ST. LOUIS

OCA -

CL * NASHVILLE
MOBILE

XCL -

AV/CVS 2

XAV/XCVS 2

DD Approx. 35

SS Approx 50
AS/XAS ?

ENEMY FORCES

ISE
HYUGA

-

* HITAKA

HOSHO

* AOBA

6

TATSUTA
* KINU
* YUBARI
* NATORI

3

* CHIYODA) under conver-
* CHITOSE) sion to ACVs

3
25-30 (approx 15
repairing)

Approx 30
3 or more

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

BB IDAHO
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
TENNESSEE
PENNSYLVANIA

CA WICHITA
LOUISVILLE
SAN FRANCISCO
PORTLAND
INDIANAPOLIS

CL SANTA FE
RICHMOND
RALEIGH
DETROIT

XCL -

AV/CVS -

XAV/XCVS -

DD 22

SS 10

-

NACHI

KISO
ABUKUMA
TAMA

3
AKITSUSHIMA
1
4
Approx 10

* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN
ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Philippines

<u>B</u>	-	WARSPITE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	∅ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	RYUHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	ALTAMAHA	-	-
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX SUFFOLK * HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KUMA OI KITAGAMI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	CARTHAGE CHITRAL RAN PURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS EERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOJ NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	11
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- (10) "PC.119" escorting NF42 (2 ships) dep. Port Moresby 0645/21 ETA Townsville 1145/24.
- (11) "LE TRIOMPHANT" dep. Milne Bay 1514/21 for Townsville ETA 2330/22.
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 "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" (Y059)

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

Merchant Vessels: "KARSIK" "TORRENS" "MULGRA"
 "JOSIAH ROYCE" "WILLIS DEVENTER" "S.HALL YOUNG"
 "HOWELL COBB" "DAVENPORT" "RAPHAEL JACKSON"
 "JOSEPH LANE"

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - Nil
 Merchant Vessels: "KROEN HOBA" "B.F.SHAW" "REIJNST"
 "VAN SWOLL" "JOSIAH EARL" "CREMER" "ANDREW D.
 WHITE" "J.W.GRIMES" "COLAC" "DINGA"

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" "FREMANTLE" 4 YMS's
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "GYMPIE" "COLAC" "BENALLA"
 "PIRIE" "KAPUNDA" "SC.750" "SC.981" "ML.426"
 "ML.428" "YMS.10" "PLATYPUS" 1 LST

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "ML.425" "SC.734" "BOWEN"
 "SHEPPARTON" "BUNBURY" "KURUMBA"
 "BISHOPDALE" "PC.1121" 15 LST's

Mackay - Warships & Aux. - "DOBBIN" "SC.732"
 Gladstone - Warships & Aux. - "ML.429"
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "KHX" "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) "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. 0800/23 for Darwin ETA 1830/29.
- (3) "GEELONG" "LITHGOW" "SC.736" "SC.741" "ML.816" escorting QL.8 (13 ships including USS "VICTORIA", 3 LST, 1 APC) departs Brisbane 23 August.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Santa 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. 3 barges were strafed at Marquana Bay (N.W.Vella Lavella). No other serviceable barges were observed.
- (4) Buin Base - At 1600/20, the seaplane 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 48 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 plus one probable. The enemy fighters included a number of

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 about 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 55ms 5 more probably. One Lightning was lost over the target and another 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) Lae - 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 WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/22:

- (1) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

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

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Celebes - 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 3 probably destroyed. A cargo vessel (2-4,000 tons) was observed in Pomelaa Harbour and near misses were scored with bombs.
- (2) Timor - Approximately 1500/21, 5 Hudsons attacked Beaco, Ossu and Viqueque.
- (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) Darwin - The raid on Darwin 0300-0350/21 (refer Summary No.570) was conducted probably 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 "ALTAMANA" bound for Karachi.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "TJERK
HIDDES" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "HERON" "ISABEL"
"LARK" "CHILDS" "ATREUS" "WHIPPOORWILL"
"PELIAS" "SC.739" "YP.288"
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 Sydney 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) "TOWNSVILLE" "WARRNAMBOOL" "BALLARAT" "ECHUCA" escorting
CO.119 (6 ships).
- (4) "KYBERA" on training cruise dep. Sydney 1005/17 for Broken Bay
Broken Bay, Newcastle and Port Stephens.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA" 1 LST
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "ARARAT" "CASTLEMAINE" "YANDRA"
"WILCANNIA" "ROCKHAMPTON" "BROOME" "SC.735"
"ML.450"
(Repairing) "MANUWA" (AH) 1 LST
(On Reserve) "KANIMBA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "NIZAM" "DRAYTON" "WESTRALIA"
"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN"
(Refitting) "ADELAIDE" "DOOMBA"

(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.

5. 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.

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.
- (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 ~~xxx~~ 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

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>BB</u>	-	NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO WASHINGTON	-	YAMATO MUSASHI MUSU) poss. NAGATO) Empire KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO HAYATAKA
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	SUWANNEE SANGAMON BRETON	-	UNYO CHUYO OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	-	CHOKAI SUZUYA	ATAGO TAKAO MAYA MYOKO HABURO TONE CHIKUMA MUGAMI * KUMANO
<u>CL</u>	* ADELAIDE	* HONOLULU * LEANDER * HOBART COLUMBIA CIEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	NAKA	AGANO CYODO ISUZU NAGARA SENDAI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>XGL</u>	-	-	-	2
<u>ED</u>	PERKINS CONYNGHAM MAHAN DRAYTON SMITH FLUSSER LAMSON MUGFORD BAGLEY HENLEY HELM LE TRIOMPHANT STUART VENDETTA	Approx 40	10	25

* Non-effective

Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
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<u>SS</u>	BALAO) BOWFIN) DRUM) GREENLING) GROWLER) POMPON)	2 On Patrol	20	15
	ALBACORE) BLUEFISH) GROUPE) GUARDFISH) PETO) PUFFER) SCAMP) STINGRAY) TUNA)	At Brisbane		
	K.9	At Sydney		
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS POCOMOKE TANGIER	-	-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	1	2
<u>PT</u>	35	Approx 30	?	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T. ALLEN MANOCORA WESTRALIA GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS * KANIMELA	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA		
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON OTUS		1	2 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE	1	?
	RIGEL FLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	1	1

AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)

Fighters (incl. 25 twin-eng.)	220
Light or M/Bombers	217
SE/Bombers	11
Flying Boats	6
Floatplanes	62
Transport & Obsn. A/C	18

2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

CL CONCORD
TRENTON

DD 2

* Non-effective

5. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA	ISE HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN LEXINGTON VICTORIOUS	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE BELLEAU WOOD PRINCETON	* HITAKA
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	CHENANGO PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND	-
<u>CA</u>	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS * ST. LOUIS	* AOBA
<u>OCA</u>	-	6
<u>CL</u>	* NASHVILLE MOBILE	TATSUTA * KINU * YUBARI * NATORI 3 * CHIYODA) Under conversion * CHITOSE) to ACVs
<u>XCL</u> <u>AV/CVS</u>	- 2	3 25-30 (approx 15 repairing Approx 30 3 or more
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	2	
<u>DD</u>	Approx 35	
<u>SS</u>	Approx 50	
<u>AS/XAS</u>	?	

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>BB</u>	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO TENNESSEE PENNSYLVANIA	-
<u>CA</u>	WICHITA LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND INDIANAPOLIS	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	SANTA FE RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT	KISO ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>XCL</u> <u>AV/CVS</u>	- -	3 AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	22	4
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 10

* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN
ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific (Western Section)		Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
	-	WARSPITE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	✓ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	RYUHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	ALTAMAHA	-	-
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX SUFFOLK * HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE GERES DAUNTLESS GAPETOWN DURBAN GARADOC	KUMA OI KITAGAMI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	GARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOJ NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN TJERK HILDES	Approx 27	11
	PINBACK) GAR) GRAYLING) KINGFISH) TAMBOR) TROUT) BILLFISH)	On Patrol	5
	K.12 At Fremantle		
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FELIAS	?	1
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)</u>			
Fighters (incl. 2 twin-eng.)			100
Light or M/Bombers			120
Bombers			12
Flying Boats			12
Floatplanes			46
Transport & Obsn. A/C			45

✓ No recent intelligence.
Present location uncertain.

* Non-effective

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre
DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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

No. **572** Date: **23 August 1943**

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/23:

- (1) "ARUNTA" "WARRAMUNGA" escorting "HOBART" dep. Espiritu Santo 21 August for Sydney ETA 27 August.
- (2) "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.
- (4) "YMS.49" "YMS.50" towing 4 PT dep. Cairns 2100/20 for Milne Bay ETA 1130/24.
- (5) "GYMPIE" "KAPUNDA" "COLAC" escorting TN.142 (7 MV, 2 LCI) dep. Cairns 1532/22 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/25. 2 ships proceed Oro Bay and two to Buna.
- (6) "PIRIE" escorting TN.143 ("GEO.H.FLINDERS") ex Townsville BTD 0300/23, to dep. Fitzroy Island 1700/23 for Milne Bay ETA 1400/25.
- (7) "SC.738" dep. Milne Bay 2137/22 for Cairns ETA 1500/24.
- (8) "PC.1119" escorting NT.42 (2 ships) dep. Port Moresby 0645/21 ETA Townsville 1145/24.
- (9) "HELM" "HENLEY" escorting NT.41 ("DUNTROON" "CANBERRA" "KATOOMBA" "TAROONA") dep. Port Moresby 1300/21 for Townsville ETA 1700/23.
- (10) "KATOOMBA" escorting PT.20 (1 MV) dep. Milne Bay 1400/21 ETA Townsville 1200/23.
- (11) "PC.1121" dep. Townsville 1320/22 for Brisbane ETA 1500/24.
- (12) "LATROBE" escorting TD.30 ("TIME" "COOLEBAR") was to depart Thursday Is. 0800/23 for Darwin.
- (13) "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" "GLENELG" escorting PG.64 (5 MV) to depart Caloundra 1200/23. 3 ships for Newcastle, 2 for Sydney.
- (15) "GLADSTONE" "GOULBURN" "PC.476" were to depart Caloundra 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 Gladstone; "LITHGOW" to escort 1 ship to Sydney.
- (16) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Buna	- Warships & Aux. - "SC.698" "SC.699" "SC.703" "HILO"
	Merchant Vessels: "HENRY D.THOREAU"
Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "YMS.53" "YMS.72" "SC.747" "SC.748"
	Merchant Vessels: "POINT SAN PEDRO" "LORINNA" "ESTHE JOHNSON" "JAPARA" "JOSIAH B.GRINNELL" "COMARA" "NANCY HANKS" "ALAMO" "Wm.B.ALLISON" "ADONIRAM JUDSON"

Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - "SC. 744"
 Merchant Vessels: "MARRAWAH"
 Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "MAHAN" "SMITH" "PERKINS" "FLUSSER"
 "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "LAMSON" "CONYNGHAM" "SANDS"
 "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" "GILMER" "RIGEL" "MIZAR"
 "DELOIRINE" "SWAN" "TULSA" SC.637 SC.648
 SC.731 SC.742 SC.745 SC.749 SC.982 YMS.11
 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.70 YP.233 YP.280 35 FT's
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(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)

Merchant Vessels: "KARSIK" "TORRENS" "MULORA"
 "JOSIAH ROYCE" "WILLIS DEVENTER" "S.HALL YOUNG"
 "HOWELL COBB" "DAVENPORT" "RAPHAEL JACKSON"
 "YUNNAN" "SUSQUEHANNA" "JOHN WHITEAKER"
 Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - Nil
 Merchant Vessels: "KHOEN HOEA" "B.F. SHAW" "REIJNST"
 "GEO. EASTMAN" "VAN SWOLL" "JOSIAH EARL" "GREMER"
 "ANDREW D. WHITE" "J.W. GRIMES" "COLAC" "DINGA"
 Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "COOTAMUNDRA" "FREMANTLE" YP.291
 4 YNS's
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "GYMPIE" "COLAC" "BENALLA"
 "BUNBURY" "KAPUNDA" "SC.750" "SC.981" "ML.425"
 "ML.428" "YMS.10" "FLATYPUS" 1 LST
 Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "LE TRIOMPHANT" "ML.425" "SC.734"
 "BOWEN" "SHEPPARTON" "KURUMBA" "BISHOPDALE"
 15 LST's
 Mackay - Warships & Aux. - "DOBBIN" "SC.732"
 Gladstone - Warships & Aux. - "ML.429"
 Brisbane - 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 PG.479 "MERKUR" "H.T. ALLEN"
 "VICTORIA"

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

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "GEELONG" "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 Towns-
 ville.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Kula Gulf - During the night 20-21 August, 6 enemy barges
 were encountered in Kula Gulf by one patrol craft. One
 barge was sunk and others damaged.
- (2) Vella Lavella - Points on the S.W. coast at Oula and Supato
 where enemy barges are believed to land were attacked 1420/22
 by 30 Avengers and 12 Mitchells with fighter protection.
- X (3) Buka - At 1325/22, a heavy cruiser and 3 destroyers were
 observed by aircraft 15 miles N.E. of Cape Henpan on course
 130° 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) Kapingamarangi - At 1032/22 reconnaissance aircraft observed a vessel, shown by photos 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 34 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) Lae - At 1600/21, 15 barges were observed by aircraft at Lae.
- (10) Salamaua - 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) ALLIED 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"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) 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 damaged; 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 aerodrome were attacked 0240/22 by 7 Mitchells.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/23:

(b) In Harbour:

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

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

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/23:

- (1) "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.
- (2) "REID" escorting "ALGORAB" (AKA) dep. Noumea 21 August for Sydney ETA 25 August.
- (3) "TOWNSVILLE" "WARRNAMBOOL" "BALLARAT" "ECHUCA" escorting CO.119 (6 ships).
- (4) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSEN" 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 ~~BRK~~ 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"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "NIZAM" "DRAYTON" "WESTRALIA"
(Refitting) "ADELAIDE" "DOOMBA"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

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

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>BB</u>	-	NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO WASHINGTON		YAMATO MUSASHI MUTSU) poss. NAGATO) Empire KONGO HARUNA FUSC YAMASHIRO
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO HAYATAKA
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	SUWANNEE SANGAMON BRETON		CHUYO OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	-	CHOKAI SUZUYA	ATAGO TAKAO MAYA MYOKO HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI * KUMANO
<u>CL</u>	* ADELAIDE	* HONOLULU * LEANDER * HOBART COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	NAKA	AGANO OYODO ISUZU NAGARA SENDAI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	-	2
<u>DD</u>	FERKINS CONYNGHAM MAHAN DRAYTON SMITH FLUSSER LAMSON MUGFORD BAGLEY HENLEY HELM LE TRIOMPHANT STUART VENDETTA	Approx. 40	10	25

* Non-effective

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>SS</u>	BALAO) BOWFIN) DRUM) GREENLING) On Patrol GROWLER) SILVERSIDES) TUNA)	2	20	15
	ALBACORE) BLUEFISH) GROUPEL) GUARDFISH) PETO) At Brisbane POMPOM) PUFFER) SCAMP) STINGRAY)			
	K.9 At Sydney			
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS POCOMOKE TANGIER	-	-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	1	2
<u>PT</u>	35	Approx. 30	?	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T. ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS * KANIMBLA	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA		
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON OTUS		1	2 or more
<u>A</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE	1	?
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	1	1

AIRCRAFT (N.E. AREA Only):

Fighters (incl. 18 twin-eng.)	197
Light or medium bombers	217
S.E./Bombers	11
Flying Boats	6
Floatplanes	61
Transport & Obsn. A/C	18

2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

CONCORD
TRENTON

DD 2

* Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

INDIANA
* WEST VIRGINIA
* CALIFORNIA

ISE
HYUGA

ENTERPRISE
ESSEX
YORKTOWN
LEXINGTON
VICTORIOUS

-

CV(L)

INDEPENDENCE
BELLEAU WOOD
PRINCETON

* HITAKA

CV(T)

-

HOSHO

CV(E)

CHENANGO
PRINCE WILLIAM
LONG ISLAND

UNYO

CA

NEW ORLEANS
PENSACOLA
* SALT LAKE CITY
* MINNEAPOLIS
* ST. LOUIS

* AOBA

OCA

-

6

CL

* NASHVILLE
MOBILE

TATSUTA
* KINU
* YUBARI
* NATORI

3

XCL

-

AV/CVS

2

* CHIYODA) Under Conversion
* CHITOSE) to ACVs

XAV/XCVS

2

3

DD

Approx. 35

25-30 (approx. 15 repairing

SS

Approx. 50

Approx. 30

AS/XAS

?

3 or more

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

CB

IDAHO
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
TENNESSEE
PENNSYLVANIA

-

CA

WICHITA
LOUISVILLE
SAN FRANCISCO
PORTLAND
INDIANAPOLIS

NACHI

CL

SANTA FE
RICHMOND
RALEIGH
DETROIT

KISO
ABUKUMA
TAMA

CV(L)

-

3

AV/CVS

-

AKITSUSHIMA

XAV/XCVS

-

1

DD

22

4

SS

10

Approx. 10

* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

MOST SECRET
23 August 1943

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific (Western Section)		Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
<u>BB</u>	-	WARSPITE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	φ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CV(L)</u>		-	RYUHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	ALTAMAHA	-	-
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX SUFFOLK * HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
	TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC EMERALD	KUMA OI KITAGAMI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B.PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMO I NOTORO
<u>XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDUS	Approx 27	11
<u>SS</u>	FINBACK) GAR) GRAYLING) KINGFISH) On Patrol TAMBOR) TROUT) BILLFISH)		5
	K.12 At Fremantle		
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1
<u>AIRCRAFT</u> (N.W.Area Only)			
Fighters (incl. 2 twin-eng.)			100
Light or M/B ombers			120
SE/Bombers			12
Flying Boats			12
Floatplanes			44
Transport & Obsn. A/C			45

* No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain
Non-effective

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre
DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 573

Date: 24 August 1943

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/24:

- (1) "ARUNTA" "WARRAMUNGA" escorting "HOBART" departed Espiritu Santo 21 August for Sydney ETA 27 August.
- (2) "YMS.49" "YMS.50" towing 4 PT dep. Cairns 2100/20 for Milne Bay ETA 1130/24.
- (3) "GYMPIE" "KAPUNDA" "COLAC" escorting TN.142 (7 MV, 2 LCI) dep. Cairns 1532/22 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/25. 2 ships proceed Oro Bay and two to Buna.
- (4) "PIRIE" escorting TN.143 ("GEO.H.FLINDERS") ex Townsville ETD 2300/23, to dep. Fitzroy Island 1300/24 for Milne Bay ETA 1000/26.
- (5) "SC.738" dep. Milne Bay 2137/22 for Cairns ETA 1500/24.
- (6) "PC.1119" escorting NP.42 (2 ships) dep. Port Moresby 0645/21 ETA Townsville 1145/24.
- (7) "SWAN" departed Milne Bay 1600/22 for Cairns.
- (8) "LATROBE" escorting TD.30 ("TIME" "COOLEBAR") departed Thursday Island 0832/23 for Darwin ETA 1830/28.
- (9) "VENDETTA" escorting "DAVID G.SHANKS" after RV at Caloundra 1631/23 to Lady Elliott Is. thence return Brisbane.
- (10) "GEELONG" "LITGOW" "SC.741" "SC.650" "ML.816" escorting QL.8 (3 LST, 1 APC, 11 other ships including "VICTORIA" "MERKUR") departed Caloundra 1631/23 ETA Bustard Head 0600/25. "SC.741" "SC.650" "ML.816" return Brisbane from Lady Elliott Island.
- (11) "YMS.10" departed Cairns 0815/23 for Brisbane ETA 0800/27.
- (12) "PC.1121" dep. Townsville 1320/22 for Brisbane ETA 1500/24.
- (13) "GLADSTONE" "PC.476" escorting "J.M.HINES" "SEA PIKE" from RV in position 26°45'S 159°39'E at 1400/23 to Brisbane.
- (14) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Buna	- Warships & Aux. - "SC.698" "SC.699" "SC.703" "HILO" Merchant Vessels: "HENRY D.THOREAU"
Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "YMS.53" "YMS.72" "SC.748" Merchant Vessels: "POINT SAN PEDRO" "LORINNA" "ESTHER JOHNSON" "JAPARA" "JOSIAH B.GRINNELL" "COMARA" "NANCY HANKS" "ALAMO" "Wm.B.ALLISON" "ADONIRAM JUDSON"
Woodlark Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "SC.744" "SC.746" Merchant Vessels: "MARRAWAH" "UKI"

Milne Bay

- Warships & Aux. - "MAHAN" "SMITH" "PERKINS"
 "FLUSSER" "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "LAMSON"
 "CONYNGHAM" "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HEMPHREYS"
 "GILMER" "RIGEL" "MIZAR" "DELGRAINE" "SWANK"
 "TULSA" SC.637 SC.648 SC.731 SC.742 SC.745
 SC.747 SC.749 SC.982 YMS.11 YMS.51 YMS.52
 YMS.70 YP.233 YP.280 35 PT's 27 LST's
 ML.427 ML.817 "POYANG" "SAN PABLO" "TRINITY"
 "GOLD STAR" "DERRICK"(Y059) "SUSQUEHANNA"
 "YUNNAN"

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

Merchant Vessels: "KARSIK" "TORRENS" "JOSIAH ROYCE"
 "WILLIS DEVENTER" "S.HALL YOUNG" "RAPHAEL
 JACKSON" "JOHN WHITEAKER"
 Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "YMS.71"
 Merchant Vessels: "KHOEN HOEA" "B.F.SHAW" "REIJNST"
 "GEO.EASTMAN" "VAN SWOLL" "JOSIAH EARL" "CREMER"
 "ANDREW D.WHITE" "J.W.GRIMES" "COLAC" "DINGA"
 Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "COOTAMUNDRA" "PREMANTLE" YP.291
 4 YMS's
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - ~~"KORREX" "KORREX"~~ "BEHALLA"
 "KATOOMBA" "BUNBURY" "KAKOROKA" "SC.750"
 "SC.981" "ML.426" "ML.428" "PLATYPUS" 1 LST
 Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "HENLEY" "HELM" "LE TRIOMPHANT"
 "ML.425" "SC.734" "BOWEN" "SHEPPARTON" "KURUMBA"
 "BISHOPDALE" 15 LST's
 Mackay - Warships & Aux. - "DOBBIN" "SC.732"
 Gladstone - Warships & Aux. - "ML.429"
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "FULTON" "OTUS" SC.736
 YP.236 YP.278 YP.279 YF.283 YMS.9 ML.424
 ML.818 ML.819 PC.479 "H.T.ALLEN"
 (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WARREGO" "WHYALLA" "WAGGA"

(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.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Ysabel - 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 Gumbi (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 Vila 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 2300/22 2 small ships north of Bella 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 aircraft.

- (5) New Hanover Area - 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 - Marawasa 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 Seidor 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) Kiriwina - At about 1430/23 a probable enemy reconnaissance 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 Harbour:

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 airborne with negative results.
- (2) Kai Is. - At 0346-0410/23 Langgoer airfield was attacked by 3 Hudsons 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. Moloe Is. (Northern Tanimbar Group).
At 1100/23 a merchant vessel (2-4000 tons) accompanied by one small destroyer was located 4 miles west of Seloe Is. (W. Tanimbar Group) course 315°. An air strike despatched failed to locate target due heavy rain.
- (4) Celebes - Kendari town and aerodrome were attacked 0150-0420/23 by 7 Liberators. Weather was bad and results were unobserved.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/24:

(b) In Harbour:

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

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/24:

- (1) "BUNDABERG" "MORESEY" "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
Sydney ETA 25 August.
- (3) "GOULBURN" escorting "REPUBLIC" from RV in position 26°45'S
159°39'E at 1400/23 to Sydney.
- (4) "ROCKHAMPTON" "KALGOORLIE" escorting part CO.120 (8 MV) ex
Newcastle ETD 0400/24. "MILDURA" "BENDIGO" escorting
remainder CO.120 (3 MV) ex Sydney ETD 1100/24.
"KALGOORLIE" detaches at Sydney.
- (5) "TOWNSVILLE" "WARRNAMBOOL" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "ECHUCA" escorting
OC.119 (7 MV). 1 ship for 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. - "MANOORA" 1 LST
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "ARARAT" "CASTLEMAINE" "YANDRA"
"WILCANNIA" "BROOME" "KYBRA" "SC.735" "ML.430"
{Repairing, Refitting} "AUSTRALIA" "MANUNDA" (AM)
{On Reserve} "KANINBLA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "NIZAM" "BALLARAT"
{Refitting} "ADELAIDE" "DOOMBA"

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 SUWANNEE (ACV)
 - (4) At Funafuti - BALLARD (AVD)
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1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>BB</u>	-	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	-	YAMATO MUSASHI MUTSU) poss. NAGATO) Empire KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CL</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO HAYATAKA
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	SUWANNEE SANGAMON BRETON	-	CHUYO OTAKA RYUHO (poss. Empire)
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	-	GHOKAI ? SUZUYA	ATAGO TAKAO MAYA MYOKO HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI * KUMANO
<u>CL</u>	* ADELAIDE * HOBART	* HONOLULU * LEANDER COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	NAKA	AGANO CYODO ISUZU NAGARA SENDAI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	-	2
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA NIZAM BAGLEY HELM MUGFORD HENLEY MAHAN DRAYTON LAMSON PLUSSER REID CONYNGHAM PERKINS SMITH LE TRIOMPHANT	Approx 40	10	25

* Non-effective

Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
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<u>SS</u>	BALAC) BOWFIN) DRUM) GREENLING) GROWLER) SILVERSIDES) TUNA)	2 On Patrol	20	15
	ALBACORE) BLUEFISH) GROUPEE) GUARDFISH) PETO) POMPOON) PUFFER) SCAMP) STINGRAY)	At Brisbane		
	K.9	At Sydney		

<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS POCOMOKE TANGIER	-	-
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<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	1	2
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<u>PT</u>	35	Approx 30	?	?
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<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T. ALLEN MANCORA WESTRALIA GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS * KANIMBLA	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA		
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<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON OTUS		1	2 or more
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<u>A</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE	1	?
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<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	1	1
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AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)

Fighters (incl. 18 twin-eng.)	191
Light or M/Bombers	220
SE/Bombers	11
Flying Boats	8
Floatplanes	61
Transport & Obsn. A/C	18

2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

CONCORD
TRENTON

DD 2

* Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	INDIANA		ISE
	* WEST VIRGINIA		HYUGA
	* CALIFORNIA		
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE		-
	ESSEX		
	YORKTOWN		
	LEXINGTON		
	VICTORIOUS		
<u>CV(L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE	* HITAKA	
	BELLEAU WOOD		
	PRINCETON		
CV(T)		HOSHO	
<u>CV(E)</u>	CHENANGO	UNYO	
	PRINCE WILLIAM		
	LONG ISLAND		
<u>CA</u>	NEW ORLEANS	* AOBA	
	PENSACOLA		
	* SALT LAKE CITY		
	* MINNEAPOLIS		
	* ST. LOUIS		
<u>OCA</u>	-	6	
<u>CL</u>	* NASHVILLE	TATSUTA	
	MOBILE	* KINU	
		* YUBARI	
		* NATORI	
<u>XCL</u>	-	3	
<u>AV/CVS</u>	2	* CHIYODA) Under Conversion	
		* CHITOSE) to ACVS	
XAV/XCVS	2	3	
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 35	25-30 (approx. 15 repairing)	
<u>SS</u>	Approx. 50	Approx. 30	
<u>AS/XAS</u>	?	3 or more	

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>BB</u>	IDAHO	
	MISSISSIPPI	
	NEW MEXICO	
	TENNESSEE	
	PENNSYLVANIA	
<u>CA</u>	WICHITA	NACHI
	LOUISVILLE	
	SAN FRANCISCO	
	PORTLAND	
	INDIANAPOLIS	
<u>CL</u>	SANTA FE	KISO
	RICHMOND	ABUKUMA
	RALEIGH	TAMA
	DETROIT	
<u>XCL</u>	-	3
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	22	4
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx. 10

* Non-effective

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre
DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 574

Date: 25 August 1943

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/25:

- (1) "HENLEY" escorting Convoy TN.145 ("W.E.CHANNING") departed Townsville 2215/24 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/27.
- (2) "SC.982" escorting "JOHN WHITEAKER" departed Milne Bay 1228/24 for Oro Bay. Was due 0900/25.
- (3) "YMS.10" departed Cairns 0815/23 for Brisbane ETA 0800/27.
- (4) "SC.741" "SC.650" "ML.816" en route Lady Elliott Is. to Brisbane.
- (5) "GLADSTONE" "PC.476" escorting J.M.HINES" "SEA PIKE" from RV (26°45'S 159°39'E) to Brisbane. "PC.476" to detach to RV with submarine at 1700/25 for exercises.
- (6) "BENALLA" was to depart Cairns 1100/25 for Milne Bay ETA 1030/27.
- (7) "GYMPIE" "KAPUNDA" "COLAG" escorting Convoy TN.142 ("BENJAMIN BONNEVILLE" "OZARK" "CAPE GREIG" "HANYANG" "SIBIGO" "VAN HEUTSZ" "ANSON BURLINGAME" 2 LCI's) departed Cairns 1532/22 for Milne Bay were due 1200/25.
- (8) "PIRIE" escorting Convoy TN.143 ("G.H.FLINDERS") from Fitzroy Island to Milne Bay ETA 1000/26.
- (9) "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" "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; "KATOOMBA" "SC.734" to escort portion (b) to Milne Bay ETA 1000/28.
- (10) "VICTORIA" en route Bustard Head to Townsville.
- (11) "MERKUR" en route Bustard Head to Townsville.
- (12) "VENDETTA" escorting "MAUI" was to depart Caloundra 0600/25. To provide escort to 159°E and return Brisbane.
- (13) 10 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Buna	- Warships & Aux. - "SC.698" "SC.699" "SC.703" "HILO" Merchant Vessels: "HENRY D. THOREAU"
Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "YMS.53" "YMS.72" "SC.748" Merchant Vessels: "POINT SAN PEDRO" "LORINNA" "ESTHER JOHNSON" "JAPARA" "JOSIAH B. GRINNELL" "COMARA" "NANCY HANKS" "ALAMO" "Wm. B. ALLISON" "ADONIRAM JUDSON"
Woodlark Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "SC.744" "SC.746" Merchant Vessels: "MARRAWAH" "UKI"

Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "MAHAN" "SMITH" "PERKINS"
 "FLUSSER" "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "LAMSON"
 "CONYNGHAM" "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
 YMS.70 YP.233 YP.280 39 FT's 27 LST's
 ML.427 ML.817 "POYANG" "SAN PABLO" "TRINITY"
 "GOLD STAR" "DERRICK" (Y059) "SUSQUEHANNA"
 "YUNNAN"

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

Merchant Vessels: "KARSIK" "TORRENS" "JOSIAH ROYCE"
 "WILLIS DEVENTER" "S. HALL YOUNG" "RAPHAEL JACKSON"

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. - "COOTAMUNDRA" "FREMANTLE" "YP.291"
 YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48

Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "SWAN" "BUNBURY" "SC.738" "SC.750"
~~SC.828~~ SC.981 ML.426 ML.428 "PLATYPUS"
 1 LST

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "HELM" "SHEPPARTON" "KURUMBA"
 "PC.1119" "BISHOPDALE" 15 LST's "ML.425"

Mackay - Warships & Aux. - "DOBBIN" "SC.732"
 Gladstone - Warships & Aux. - "GEELONG" "LITGOW" "ML.429"
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "FULTON" "OTUS"
 PC.1121 SC.736 YP.236 YP.278 YP.279 YP.283
 YMS.9 ML.424 ML.818 ML.819 PC.479 "H.T. ALLEN"
 (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WARREGO" "WHYALLA" "WAGGA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

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

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Munda - Before dawn 23 August, 15 enemy planes approached Munda from the west and apparently retired before reaching the airfield area. Meanwhile, 2 other aircraft apparently slipped in and dropped bombs damaging one Corsair.
- (2) Baeroko Harbour - Our artillery is now shelling Baeroko.
- (3) Kolombangara - On the night 21 August, 4 barges were observed heading S.E. in Kula Gulf.
- (4) Vella Lavella - After the general evacuation of Iringila, 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) Chaiseul - At 1350/23 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 aircraft 18 miles N.E. by E. of Buka Passage course 135° 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 the ships which were probably mainly small, however.
- (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 north-bound. 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. Many 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 Harbour and some more off Muschu Island.
- (10) Hansa Bay - 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 - Approximately 1400/24 8 enemy aircraft were reported 28 miles NNW Bena Bena heading S.E.
- (12) Finschhafen - 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 equipment.
- (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:

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

(1) 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:

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

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.E. PRESTON" "CHANTISLEER" "YP.286"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/25:

- (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) "BUNDABERG" "MORESBY" "GLENELG" escorting Convoy PG.64 (5 MV) departed Caloundra 1209/23 for Newcastle ETA 1800/23 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 Sydney ETA 1400/25.
- (6) "ROCKHAMPTON" "MILDURA" "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy CO.120 (10 MV).
- (7) "TOWNSVILLE" "WARRNAMBOOL" "ECHUCA" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSSEN" escorting Convoy OC.119 (8 MV) to Port Kembla ETA 0001/26, Sydney 0500/25 and Newcastle 1400/26.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA" 1 LST
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "ARARAT" "CASTLEMARINE" "YANDRA"
"KALGOORLIE" "WILCANNIA" "BROOME" "KYBRA"
"SC.735" "ML.430"
(Refitting) "AUSTRALIA" "MANUNDA" (AH)
(On Reserve) "KANIMBLA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "BALLARAT"
(Refitting) "ADELAIDE" "NIZAM" "DOOMBA"

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 - GEMWANGHE SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV)
- (4) At Funafuti - BALLARD (AVD)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

X
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

X
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 selected 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.

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 Solomons, 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 Norther, 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

	<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	<u>Bismarcks Solomons</u>	<u>Carolines Marshalls</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	-	YAMATO MUSASHI MUTSU) poss. NAGATO) Empire KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV (L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO HAYATAKA
<u>CV (E)</u>	-	SUWANNEE SANGAMON BRETON	-	CHUYO OTAKA RYUNO (poss. Empire)
<u>GA</u>	AUSTRALIA	-	CHOKAI ? SUZUYA	ATAGO TAKAO MAYA MYOKO HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI KUMANO
<u>CL</u>	■ ADELAIDE ■ HOBART	■ HONOLULU ■ LEANDER COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	NAKA	AGANO CYODO ISUZU NAGARA SENDAI
<u>CL (T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>ECL</u>	-	-	-	2
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA NIZAM BAGLEY HELM MUGFORD HENLEY MAHAN DRAYTON LAMSON FLUSSER REID CONYNGHAM FERKINS SMITH LE TRIOMPHANT	Approx 40	10	25

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

2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

<u>L</u>	CONCORD TRENTON
<u>DD</u>	2

= Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC
ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA	ISE HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN LEXINGTON VICTORIOUS	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE BELLEAU WOOD PRINCETON	* HITAKA
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	CHENANGO PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND	UNYO
<u>CA</u>	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS * ST. LOUIS	* ACBA
<u>OCA</u>	-	6
<u>CL</u>	* NASHVILLE MOBILE	TATSUTA * KINU * YUBARI * NATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	3
<u>AV/CVS</u>	2	* CHIYODA) Under conversion * CHITOSE) to ACVs
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	2	3
<u>DD</u>	Approx 35	25-30 (approx 15 repairing)
<u>SS</u>	Approx 50	Approx 30
<u>AS/XAS</u>	?	3 or more

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>BB</u>	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO TENNESSEE PENNSYLVANIA	-
<u>CA</u>	WICHITA LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND INDIANAPOLIS	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	SANTA FE RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT	KISO ABUKUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	3
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	22	4
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 10

* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	<u>Sou thwest Pacific (Western Section)</u>	<u>Eastern Fleet Area</u>	<u>East Indies-Philippines</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	WARSPITE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	ALTAMAHA	-
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX SUFFOLK * HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTIE SS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC EMERALD	KUMA OI KITAGAMI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>ZCL</u>	-	CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	11
<u>S</u>	FINBACK GAR GRAYLING KINGFISH TAMBOR TROUT BILLFISH	) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) On Patrol	5
	K.12 At Fremantle		
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)</u>			
	Fighters (incl. 2 twin-eng.)		98
	Light or M/Bombers		120
	B/Bombers		12
	Flying Boats		12
	Floatplanes		44
	Transport & Obsn. A/C		44
		∅ No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain.	
		* Non-effective	

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- (2) "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) "GOOTAMUNDRA" escorting "BAN HONG LIONG" departed Thursday Is. 1448/25 for Darwin ETA 1830/28.
- (5) "DELORRAINE" 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" "LITHGOW" escorting Convoy LQ8 (3 MV) departed Gladstone 2200/25 ETA Brisbane 0945/27. "ML.429" joins escort vicinity Lady Elliott Island.
- (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) "BENALLA" dep. Cairns 0900/25 for gunnery exercises thence Milne Bay ETA 1030/27.
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- (15) "VENDETTA" escorting "MAUI" dep. Caloundra 0648/25. To provide escort to 159°E and return Brisbane.
- (16) 12 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

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Buna	- Warships & Aux. - "SC.698" "SC.699" "SC.703" "HILO"
	Merchant Vessels: "HENRY D.THOREAU"
Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "YMS.53" "YMS.72" "SC.748" "SC.982"
	Merchant Vessels: "LORINNA" "ESTHER JOHNSON" "JAPARA"
	"JOSIAH B.GRINNELL" "COMARA" "NANCY HAWKS" "ALAMO"
	"Wm.B.ALLISON" "ADONIRAM JUDSON" "JOHN WHITEAKER"

Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - "SC.744"
 Merchant Vessels: "MARRAWAH"
 Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "MAHAN" "SMITH" "PERKINS"
 "FLUSSER" "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "LAMSON"
 "CONYNGHAM" "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPEREYS"
 "GILMER" "RIGEL" "GYMPIE" "GOLAC" "KAPUNDA"
 "TULSA" SC.637 SC.648 SC.731 SC.742 SC.745
 SC.746 SC.747 SC.749 YMS.11 YMS.49 YMS.50
 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.70 YP.233 YP.280 33 Pts
 ML.427 ML.817 "MIZAR" "POYANG" "SAN PABLO"
 "TRINITY" "GOLD STAR" "YUNNAN"

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

Merchant Vessels: "KARSIA" "TORRENS" "JOSIAH ROYCE"
 "WILLIS DEVENTER" "S. HALL YOUNG" "RAPHAEL"
 JACKSON" "OZARK" "CAPE GREIG" "VAN HEUTSZ"
 "ANSON BURLINGHAME"
 Port Moresby - Merchant Vessels: "KHOEN NOEA" "B.F. SHAW" "CAPE
 PLATTERY" "GEO. EASTMAN" "VAN SWOLL" "CREMER"
 "JOSIAH EARL" "ANDREW D. WHITE" "J.W. GRIMES"
 "GOLAC" "DILGA"
 Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "FREMANTLE" "YP.291" "YMS.8"
 "YMS.46" "YMS.47" "YMS.48"
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "SWAN" "BUNBURY" "SC.738"
 "SC.750" "SC.981" "ML.426" "ML.428" "PLATYPUS"
 1 PT
 Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "HELM" "SHEPPARTON" "KURUMBA"
 "PC.1119" "EISHOPDALE" "ML.425"
 Mackay - Warships & Aux. - "DOBBIN" "SC.732"
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "FULTON" "OTUS" PC.112
 PC.476 SC.736 YP.236 YP.278 YP.279 YP.283
 YMS.9 ML.424 ML.81B ML.819 PC.479 "MYRIAM"
 "H.T. ALLEN"

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

(c) Proposed Movements:

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

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Kolombangara - Webster and Elliot Coves and guns positions in the vicinity 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 aircraft made six raids 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. Choiseul) is almost 1000.
- (4) Buka - At 1200/25, 2 light cruisers and 4 destroyers were observed by aircraft 25 miles WNW of N. Buka Island course 70° speed 15 knots. These warships which may be patrolling the area may be further evidence of shipping activities in and around Buka.
- (5) Mussau - At 1305/25, 2 five-ship convoy consisting of two freighters (5-7,000 tons), one large 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 120° speed 10 knots.

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

Wewak	- 13 F,	2 T/E.F	1 L/B
Boram	- 12 F,	2 T/E.F	2 transport
Dagua	- 8 F,	2 L/B,	2 M/B
But	- 1 F,	6 M/B	

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) Hansa Bay - Targets at Hansa Bay were attacked 0945-1025/25 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 Nubia Strip.
- (8) Finschhafen - 7 barges were observed at Finschhafen at 1740/25.
- (9) Lae - 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 3 vessels 80-90 ft. heavily laden left Salamaua at 0900/25 heading for Lae. The vessels were apparently towing barges. *Evaluating? pay*
- (11) Nassau Bay - At 1815/24, 2 enemy bombers attacked Nassau Bay area without effect. One of the bombers was hit by A.A.
- X (12) Brisbane Area - A possible submarine attack was reported on a convoy at 2030/25 off Great Sandy Island (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) ALLIED 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 Harbour:

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

(1) ENEMY FORCES

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

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/26:

(1) "HERON" en route Fremantle to Brisbane ETA 7 September.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "VAN CALEN" "TROMP" "VAN
HEEMSKERK" "TJERK HIDDEN" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO"
"ISABEL" "LARK" "CHILDS" "ATREUS" "WHIPPOORWILL"
"ALSEY" "PELIAS" "SC.739" "YP.288"
Emu Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B. PRESTON" "CHANTICLEER"
"YP.286"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) 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 CO.120 (10 MV).
- (4) "TOWNSVILLE" "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting Newcastle section Convoy OC.119 were due a.m. 25 August.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA" 1 LST
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "REID" "ARARAT" "CASTLEMAINE"
"YANDRA" "BUNDABERG" "MORESBY" "GOULBURN"
"GLEBELG" "KALGOORLIE" "WILCANNIA" "BROOME"
"ECHUCA" "ABRAHAM C RIJNSSEN" "KYBRA" "ALGORAB"
"REPUBLIC" "SC.735" "ML.430"
(Refitting) "AUSTRALIA" "MANUNDA" (AH)
(On Reserve) "KANINBLA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "BALLARAT"
(Refitting) "ADELAIDE" "NIZAM" "DOOMBA"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA:

(i) ALLIED FORCES

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

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

X
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 submarine.

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-lb 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 plainly visible.

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 Solomons, 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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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>BB</u>	-	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	-	YAMATO MUSASHI MUTSU) poss. NAGATO) Empire KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>(L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO HAYATAKA KYURO (poss. Empire)
<u>CV (E)</u>	-	SUWANNEE SANGAMON BRETON	-	CHUYO OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	* AUSTRALIA	-	CHOKAI ? SUZUYA	ATAGO TAKAO MAYA MYOKO HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI * KUMANO
<u>CL</u>	* ADELAIDE * HOBART	* HONOLULU * LEANDER COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	NAKA	AGANO OYODO ISUZU NAGARA
<u>CL (T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	-	2
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VERDETTA * NIZAM BAGLEY HELM MUGFORD HENLEY MAHAN DRAYTON LAMSON FLUSSER REID CONYNGHAM PERKINS SMITH LE TRIOMPHANT	Approx 40	10	25

* Non-effective

Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>SS</u>	ALBACORE BALAO BONEFISH BONFISH CISCO DRUM GREENLING GROWLER GUARDFISH SILVERSIDES STINGRAY TUNA S.31	On Patrol	20 15
	BLUEFISH GROUPE PETO POMPOH PUFFER SCAMP	At Brisbane	
	K.9	At Sydney	
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS POCOMOKE TANGIER	- NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	1 2
<u>PT</u>	35	Approx 30	? ?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T. ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS ALGORAB KANIMBLA	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA	
<u>or XAS</u>	FULTON OPUS		1 2 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE	1 1
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	1 1
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)</u>			
	Fighters (incl. 19 twin-eng.)		217
	Light or M/Bombers		229
	SE/Bombers		11
	Flying Boats		6
	Floatplanes		61
	Transport & Obsn. A/C		18

2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

<u>CL</u>	CONCORD TRENTON
<u>DD</u>	2

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA X * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA	ISE HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN LEXINGTON VICTORIOUS	-
<u>CV (L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE BELLEAU WOOD PRINCETON	* HITAKA
<u>CV (T)</u>	-	HOSHO
<u>CV (E)</u>	CHENANGO PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND	UNYO
<u>CA</u>	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS * ST. LOUIS	* AOBA
<u>OCA</u>	-	6
<u>CL</u>	* NASHVILLE MOBILE	SENDAI TATSUTA * KINU * YUBARI * NATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	3
<u>AV/CVS</u>	2	* CHIYODA) Under conver- * CHITOSE) sion to ACVs
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	2	3
<u>DD</u>	Approx 35	25-30 (approx 15 repair Approx 30 ing
<u>SS</u>	Approx 50	3 or more
<u>AS/XAS</u>	?	

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>BB</u>	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO TENNESSEE PENNSYLVANIA	-
<u>CA</u>	WICHITA LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND INDIANAPOLIS	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	SANTA FE RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT	KISO ABUKUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	3
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	22	4
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 10
	* Non-effective	

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre
DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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

No. 576 Date: 27 August, 1943

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/27:

- (1) "HENLEY" 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 Ets 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" departed 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) "DELORAIN" escorting "SUSQUEHANNA" departed Milne Bay 1105/25 for Townsville was due 1200/27.
- (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) "GEELONG" "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.
- (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" "JUNIPERA SERRA" 2 APC's for Milne Bay) from Fitzroy Island. Convoy to split in position 11°19S 148°48'E and "LE TRIOMPHANT" "BOWEN" to 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 Caloundra 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:

Morobe	- Merchant Vessels: "POINT SAN PEDRO"
Buna	- Warships & Aux. - "SC.698" "SC.699" "SC.703" "SC.744"
	"HILO"
	Merchant Vessels: "HENRY D. THOREAU" "HANYANG" "SIBIGO"

Oro Bay - Warships & Aux. - "SC.747" "SC.748" "SC.982"
 Merchant Vessels - "ESTHER JOHNSON" "JAPARA"
 "COMARA" "NANCY HANKS" "ALAMO" "Wm.B."
 ALLISON" "ADONIRAM JUDSON" "JOHN WHITEAKER"
 "BENJAMIN BONNEVILLE"
 Beli Beli - Warships and Aux. "YMS.71"
 Merchant Vessels: "REIJNST"
 Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "MAHAN" "SMITH" "PERKINS"
 "FLUSSER" "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "LAMSON"
 "CONYNGHAM" "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS"
 "GILMER" "RIGEL" "GYMPIE" "KAPUNDA" "PIRIE"
 "TULSA" "SC.637" "SC.648" "SC.731" "SC.742"
 SC.745 "SC.746" "SC.749" "YMS.11" "YMS.49"
 YMS.50 "YMS.53" "YMS.51" "YMS.52" "YMS.70"
 YP.233 "YP.280" "33 PT's" "ML.425" "ML.427"
 ML.817 "GOLD STAR" "MIZAR" "POYANG"
 "YUNNAN" "SAN PABLO" "TRINITY"

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

Merchant Vessels: "KARSIK" "JOSIAH ROYCE"
 "WILLIS DEVENTER" "S. HALL YOUNG" "RAPHAEL"
 JACKSON" "OZARK" "CAPE GREIG" "VAN HEUTZ"
 "ANSON BURLINGHAME" "LORINNA"
 Port Moresby- Merchant Vessels: "KHOEN ROEA" "B.F. SHAW" "CAPE
 FLATTERY" "GEO. EASTMAN" "VAN SWOLL"
 "GREMER" "JOSIAH EARL" "ANDREW D. WHITE"
 "J.W. GRIMES" "COLAC" "DILGA"
 Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. "FREMANTLE" "YP.291" "YMS.8"
 "YMS.46" "YMS.47" "YMS.48"
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. "SWAN" "BUNBURY" "SC.738"
 "SC.750" "SC.981" "ML.426" "ML.423"
 "PLATYPUS" 1 PT
 Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "KURUMBA" "BISHOPDALE"
 "VICTORIA" "MERKUR"
 Mackay - Warships & Aux. - "DOBBIN" "SC.732"
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "VENDETTA" "BLADSTONE"
 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. ALLEN"
 "FULTON" "OTUS"
 (Repairing, Trials etc.) "WARREGO" "WHYALLA"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

1. New Georgia - Commander 3rd Fleet reports that all organized 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 food were captured at Bairoko. It is also reported that the islands west of Baanga and south of Arundel Island have been occupied by allied forces without opposition.
2. Shortlands - 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 100 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. Mussau Island - 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. Cape St. George - One destroyer and two large merchant vessels were reported 26 miles E. of Cape St. George on course 240° at 2345/26. These vessels would appear to be en route Rabaul via St. George's Channel.
6. Cape Orford - An enemy submarine passed Cape Orford zigzagging on a northerly course at 0637/26.
7. Gasmata - The aerodrome and installations 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
(11 unserviceable) 9 R/P
 - But : 26 L/B (14 unserviceable) 2 M/B (one unserviceable)
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 recon 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 LIONS" 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"

(11) ENEMY FORCES.

1. Sorong - Photos 1220/25 reveal one minelayer
3 sea trucks (500-1000 tons)
8 barges (2 large, six small)
Photos of the strip on Efan 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. Koepang - A small merchant vessel was observed at Tenau night
25/8.
3. Taberfane - The floatplane base was attacked by seven Beaufighters
1525/26. One floatplane 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) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/27:

- (1) "SUFFOLK" (CA-British) due Fremantle 1300/27.
- (2) "HERON" en route Fremantle 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" "TJERK HIDDES" "HORSEHAM"
"ISABEL" "LARK" "CHILDS" "ATREUS"
"SHIPPOORWILL" "ALSEY" "PELLAS" SC.739
Yp.288
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B.PRESTON" "CHANTICLEER"
"YP.286"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/27:

- (1) "BRAYTON" escorting "WESTRALIA" departed Port Phillip 0915/24
for Milne Bay ETA 1200/31.
- (2) "KALGOORLIE" "BROOME" arrived Newcastle 2036/26 for escort duty
with Convoy CO.121
- (3) "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy OC.120 was to depart Port Phillip
2300/26 to RV in Wilson's Promontory area with
"ROCKHAMPTON" "MILDURA" "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy CO120
- (4) "CASTLEMAINE" "GLENELG" "MORESEY" "HABREHAM CRIJNSSEN"
escort Convoy GP 65 (11 MV) were to depart Sydney
0800/27.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA" 1 LST
Sydney - Warships & Aux. "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "REID"
"BALLARAT" "TOWNSVILLE" "WARRNAMBOOL" "YANDRA"
"BUNDABERG" "GOULBURN" "ECHUCA" "ALGORAB"
"REPUBLIC" "SC.735" "ML.430" "WILCANNIA"
(Refitting) "AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "MANUNDA" (AH)
(on Reserve) "KANIMBLA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux.
(Refitting) "ADELAIDE" "NIZAM" "DOOMBA"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA:

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Espiritu Santo - CURTISS TANGIER (AV) CHINGOTEAGUE (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)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

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

NAVAL INCIDENTS

Hansa Bay - A later report of the attacks in the Hansa 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

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ADDENDUM

NORTH EASTERN AREA

Enemy Forces

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

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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	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>BB</u>	-	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	-	YAMATO MUSASHI MUTSU) poss. NAGATO) Empire KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO HAYATAKA RYUHO (poss. Empire)
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	SUWANNEE SANGAMON BRETON	-	CHUYO × OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	* AUSTRALIA	-	CHOKAI ? SUZUYA	ATAGO TAKAO MAYA MYOKO HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI * KUMANO
<u>CL</u>	* ADELAIDE * HOBART	* HONOLULU * LEANDER COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	NAKA	AGANO OYODO ISUZU NAGARA
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	-	2
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA * NIZAM BAGLEY HELM MUGFORD HENLEY MAHAN BRAYTON LAMSON FLUSSER REID CONYNGHAM PERKINS SMITH LE TRIOMPHANT	Apprex 40	10	25

* Non-effective

Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>SS</u>	ALBACORE BALAO BONEFISH CISCO DRUM GREENLING GROWLER GUARDFISH SILVERSIDES STINGRAY TUNA S.SI	20	15
	BLUEFISH GROUPE PETO POMPON PUFFER SCAMP	At Brisbane	
	K.9	At Sydney	
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS POCOMOKE TANGIER	NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	2
<u>PT</u>	35	Approx 30	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T. ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS ALGORAB KANIMBLA	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA	
<u>or XAS</u>	FULTON OTUS	1	2 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE	1
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	1
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)</u>			
	Fighters (incl. 19 twin-eng.)	216	
	Light or M/Bombers	229	
	SE/Bombers	11	
	Flying Boats	6	
	Floatplanes	60	
	Transport & Obsn. A/C	18	

2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

CL CONCORD
TRENTON

DD 2

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA	ISE HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN LEXINGTON VICTORIOUS	.
<u>CV(L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE BELLEAU WOOD PRINCETON	* HITAKA
<u>CV(T)</u>	.	HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	CHENANGO PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND	UNYO
<u>CA</u>	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS * ST. LOUIS	* AOBA
<u>OCA</u>	.	6
<u>CL</u>	* NASHVILLE MOBILE	SENDAI TATSUTA * KINU * YUBARI * NATORI
<u>XCL</u>	.	3
<u>AV/CVS</u>	2	* CHIYODA) Under conversion * CHITOSE) to ACVs
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	2	3
<u>DD</u>	Approx 35	25-30 (approx 15 repair-
<u>SS</u>	Approx 50	Approx 30 ing)
<u>AS/XAS</u>	?	3 or more

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>BB</u>	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO TENNESSEE PENNSYLVANIA	.
<u>CA</u>	WICHITA LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND INDIANAPOLIS	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	SANTA FE RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT	TAMA KISO ABUKUMA
<u>XCL</u>	.	3
<u>AV/CVS</u>	.	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	.	1
<u>DD</u>	22	4
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 10
	* Non-effective	

5.
ALLIED FORCES

EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific (Western Section)		Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
<u>B</u>	-	WARSPITE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	ALTAMAHA	-
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX SUFFOLK HAWKINS PROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC EMERALD	KUMA OI KITAGAMI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDUS	Approx 27	11
<u>B</u>	BOWFIN FINBACK GAR GRAYLING KINGFISH TANBOR TROUT BILLFISH	) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) On Patrol	5
	K.12 At Fremantle		
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)

Fighters (incl. 2 twin-eng.)	98
Light or M/Bombers	120
S Bombers	12
Fling Boats	12
Floatplanes	44
Transport & Obsn. A/C	44

∅ No recent intelligence.
Present location uncertain.

■ Non-effective

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre
DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 577

Date: 28 August, 1943

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

- (1) "HENLEY" escorting Convoy MB.10 ("VAN SWOLL") departed Port Moresby 1145/27 for Milne Bay ETA 1900/28.
- (2) "INVERELL" escorting Convoy DT.30 ("ISLANDER" "DUNDULA") departed Darwin 0415/24 for Thursday Is. was due 2330/27.
- (3) "GYMPIE" "COLAC" escorting Convoy FT21 ("TORRENS" "J.B.GRINNELL") en route Milne Bay to Townsville ETA p.m. 28 August.
- (4) "PIRIE" escorting Convoy FT.22 ("POINT SAN PEDRO") en route Milne Bay to Townsville.
- (5) "YP.291" departed Thursday Island 1108/26 for Townsville ETA 0800/29.
- (6) "KURUMBA" dep. Townsville 0552/27 for Gladstone ETA 2000/28.
- (7) "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" "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 were due 1000/28; "KATOOMBA" "SC.734" to escort portion (b) to Milne Bay were due 1000/28.
- (8) "HELM" "PC.1119" escorting Convoy TN.146 ("CANBERRA" "KATOOMBA") departed Townsville 0800/27 for Port Moresby ETA 1000/29.
- (9) "SHEPPARTON" departed Townsville 1045/26 for Milne Bay ETA 1500/28.
- (10) "WAGGA" "SC.741" "SC.736" escorting Convoy QLSA (3 MV, 2 LST's for Townsville) departed Caloundra 1253/27. "SC.741" to detach to RV with "VERA" vicinity Lady Elliott Island at 1500/28 and escort to Brisbane. Convoy QLSA to disperse at Bustard Head ETA 2200/28. "WAGGA" "SC.736" to proceed Townsville.
- (11) "DRAYTON" escorting "WESTRALIA" departed Port Phillip 0915/24 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/31.
- (12) 12 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Buna	- Warships & Aux. - SC.698 SC.699 SC.703 SC.744 HILO (PG)
	Merchant Vessels: "HENRY D. THOREAU" "HANYANG" "SIBIGO"
Oro Bay	- Warships & 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.	- Warships & Aux. - 1 SC Merchant Vessels: "MELINGA"

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Warships & Aux. - "YMS.72"

Merchant Vessels: "REIJNST"

Milne Bay

- Warships & Aux. - "NAHAN" "SMITH" "PERKINS" "FLUSSER"
 "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "LAWSON" "CONYNGHAM" (DD)
 "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" "GILMER" (APD)
 "KAPUNDA" "BENALLA" (AMS) "TULSA" (PG) SC.637
 SC.648 SC.731 SC.742 SC.745 SC.746 SC.747
 SC.748 SC.749 YMS.11 YMS.49 YMS.50 YMS.51
 YMS.52 YMS.53 YMS.70 YP.233 YP.280 33 PTs
 ML.425 ML.427 ML.817 "GOLDSTAR" (AG)
 "POYANG" "YUNMAN" (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" "RAPHAEL JACKSON"
 "OZARK" "CAPE GREIG" "VAN HEUTSZ" "ANSON"
 "BURLINGHAME" "LGRINNA" "W.B.ALLISON"

Port Moresby

- Warships & Aux. - "MIZAR" (AF)
 Merchant Vessels: "KHOEN HOEA" "B.F.SHAW" "CAPE"
 "FLATTERY" "GEO.EASTMAN" "CREMER" "JOSIAH EARL"
 "ANDREW D.WHITE" "J.W.GRIMES" "COLAC" "DILGA"
 "W.E.CHANNING"

Thursday Is.

- Warships & Aux. - "FREMANTLE" (AMS) YP.291 YMS.8
 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48

Cairns

- Warships & Aux. - "SWAN" (DE) "BUNBURY" (AMS)
 SC.738 SC.750 SC.981 ML.426 ML.428 1 PT
 "PLATYPUS" (AR)

Townsville

- Warships & Aux. - "DELOIRINE" (AMS) "BISHOPDALE"
 "SUSQUEHANNA" "VICTORIA" (AO) "MERKUR" (AF)

Mackay

- Warships & Aux. - SC.732 DOBBIN" (AD)

Brisbane

- Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "VENDETTA" (DD)
 "GLADSTONE" "GEELONG" "LITHGOW" (AMS) PC.476
 PC.479 PC.1121 SC.650 YP.236 YP.278 YP.279
 YP.283 YMS.9 YMS.10 ML.424 ML.428 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 "VICTORIA" "MERKUR") from
 Fitzroy Island to Milne Bay ETA 1600/31.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Northern and Central Solomons - A further report by Comairsels
 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 ahead 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 Buka Passage at 1428/26. These
 vessels 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 200°. This force was shadowed and was attacked by 9
 Liberators at 1820/26, 86 miles N.E. of Buka Passage. One
 direct hit was scored 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) Shortlands - 15 Liberators with fighter cover bombed Kahili
 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 manœuvring off Tonolei.

- (3) Ganongga 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) Choiseul - Afternoon 25 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.
- (9) Mussau Is. - A Liberator unsuccessfully attacked an 8000-10,000 ton freighter transport 110 miles ENE 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) Cape St. George - 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 vessel. 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 cargo 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 dumps 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:

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

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

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

- (1) "SUFFOLK" (CA - British) was due Fremantle 1300/27.
- (2) "HERON" en route Fremantle to Brisbane ETA p.m. 6 September.
- (3) "DUBBO" escorting "KOOLINDA" to vicinity Dirk Hartog Island departed Fremantle 1230/26. "DUBBO" to return Fremantle.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL)
"TJERK HIDDIES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "HORSHAM" (AMS)
"ISABEL" (PY) "ATREUS" "ALSEY" (CM) "LARK"
"WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) SC.739 YP.288 "CHILDS"
(AVD) "FELIAS" (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:

- (1) "KALGOORLIE" "BROOME" "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting Convoy CO.121 (7 MV)
- (2) "WEST POINT" due Port Phillip 1700/28.
- (3) "ROCKHAMPTON" "MILDURA" "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy CG.120
(6 MV) en route Port Kembla ETA 2359/29, Sydney
0500/30 and Newcastle 1400/30.
- X (4) "REID" departed Sydney 0946/27 for Milne Bay ETA 1100/31.
- (5) "CASTLEMAINE" "GLENELG" "MORESBY" "ABRAHAM C RIJNSSEN" escorting
Convoy GP.65 (10 MV) departed Sydney 0745/27 ETA
Caloundra 0700/30.

(b) In Harbour:

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

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" (DD)
"ARARAT" "TOWNSVILLE" "YANDRA" "WILCANNIA"
"BUNDABERG" "GOULBURN" "ECHUCA" (AMS)
"ALGORAB" (AKA) "REPUBLIC" (AP) SC.735 ML.430
(Refitting) "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "HOBART" (CL) "MANUNDA" (AH)
(On Reserve) "KANIMBIA" (APA)

Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "BALLARAT" (AMS)
(Refitting) "ADELAIDE" (CL) "NIZAM" (DD) "DOOMBA" (A/S Vessel)

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)
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NAVAL INCIDENTS

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

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1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Bismarcks
Solomons

Carolines
Marshalls

<u>BB</u>	-	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	-	YAMATO MUSASHI MUTSU) poss. NAGATO) Empire KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO
	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV (L)</u>	-	.	-	ZUIHO HAYATAKA RYUHO (Poss. Empire)
<u>CV (E)</u>	-	SUWANNEE SANGAMON BRETON LONG ISLAND	-	CHUYO OTAKA
<u>GA</u>	* AUSTRALIA	-	CHOKAI ? SUZUYA	ATAGO TAKAO MAYA MYOKO HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI * KUMANO
<u>GL</u>	* ADELAIDE * HOBART	* HONOLULU * LEANDER COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	NAKA	AGANO GYODO ISUZU NAGARA
<u>CL (T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA * NIZAM BAGLEY HELM MUGFORD HENLEY MAHAN DRAYTON LAMSON FLUSSER REID CONYNGHAM PERKINS SMITH LE TRIOMPHANT	Approx 40	10	25
		* Non-effective		

Southwest Pacific
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Mismarcks
Solomons

Carolines
Marshalls

<u>SS</u>	ALBACORE) BALAO) BONEFISH) CISCO) DRUM) GREENLING) GROWLER) GUARDFISH) SILVER SIDES) STINGRAY) TUNA) S.31)		20	15
	On Patrol			
	BLUEFISH) GROUPEL) PETO) POMPON) PUFFER) SCAMP)	At Brisbane		
	K. 9 At Sydney			
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS POCOMOKE TANGIER	-	NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	1	2
<u>PT</u>	35	Approx 30	?	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T.ALLEN MARCOORA WESTRALIA GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS ALGORAB * KANIMBLA	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA		
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON OTUS		1	2 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE	1	1
<u>R</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	1	1

AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)

Fighters (incl. 19 twin-eng.)	246
Light and M/Bombers	234
SE/Bombers	19
Flying Boats	6
Floatplanes	60
Transport & Obsn. A/C	18

2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

CL CONCORD
TRENTON

DD 2

* Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>DD</u>	INDIANA * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA	ISE HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN LEXINGTON VICTORIOUS	.
<u>CV (L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE BELLEAU WOOD PRINCETON	* HITAKA
<u>CV (T)</u>	.	HOSHO
<u>CV (E)</u>	GHENANGO PRINCE WILLIAM	UNYO
<u>CA</u>	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS * ST. LOUIS	* AOBA
<u>OCA</u>	.	6
<u>CL</u>	* NASHVILLE MOBILE	SENDAI TATSUTA * KINU * YUBARI * NATORI
<u>XCL</u> <u>AV/CVS</u>	.	5
	2	* CHIYODA) (Under * CHITOSE) conversion to ACVs)
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	2	3
<u>DD</u>	Approx 35	25-30 (approx 15
<u>SS</u>	Approx 50	Approx Repairing)
<u>AS/XAS</u>	?	30. 3 or more

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO TENNESSEE PENNSYLVANIA	.
<u>CA</u>	WICHITA LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND INDIANAPOLIS	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	SANTA FE RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT	TAMA KISO ABUKUMA
<u>XCL</u> <u>AV/CVS</u> <u>XCVS</u>	.	3
	.	AKITSUSHIMA
	.	1
<u>SS</u>	22	4
	10	Approx 10

* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Philippines

<u>BB</u>	-	WARSPITE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	♂ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	ALTAMAHA	-
<u>GA</u>	SUFFOLK	SUSSEX * HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC EMERALD	KUMA OI KITAGAMI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS W.B. PRESTON HERON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN TJEREK HEDDES	Approx 27	11
<u>SS</u>	BONPIN FINBACK GAR GRAYLING KINGFISH TAMBOUR TROUT BILLFISH K.12 At Fremantle	} } On Patrol }	5
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)</u>			
Fighters (incl. 2 twin-eng.)			98
Light or M/Bombers			120
SE/Bombers			12
Flying Boats			12
Floatplanes			44
Transport & Obsn. A/C			44
	♂ No recent intelligence	- present location	
	* Non-effective	uncertain.	

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. 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" off Stephens Island at 1000/29 and escort to Port Moresby.
- (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.
- (7) "MIZAR" departed Port Moresby 1640/28 for Brisbane ETA 0200/1 Sept.
- (8) "YP.291" dep. Thursday Is. 1108/26 for Townsville was due 0800/29.
- (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 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) "DELORAINÉ" escorting Convoy TN.148 (Portion (a) "SHWEDAGON" for Port Moresby; portion (b) "SPRINGDALE" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" for Milne Bay) from Fitzroy Island to position 11°18'S 148°48'E where convoy splits and "BOWEN" is to RV. "BOWEN" to escort portion (a) to Port Moresby ETA 1300/1 Sept. "DELORAINÉ" 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"

Oro Bay - Warships & 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. - Warships & Aux. - 1 SC
 Merchant Vessels: "MELINGA"

Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "MAHAN" "SMITH" "PERKINS"
 "FLUSSER" "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "LAMSON"
 "CONYNGHAM" (DD) "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS"
 "GILMER" (APD) "SHEPPARTON" "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.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.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"
 "GEO.EASTMAN" "CREMER" "JCSIAH EARL" "ANDREW D.WHITE"
 "J.W.GRIMES" "COLAC" "EELGA" "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)

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "KAPUNDA" (AMS) "BISHOPDALE" (AO)

Mackay - Warships & Aux. - SC.732 "DOBBIN" (AD)
 Gladstone - Warships & Aux. - "KURUMBA" (AO)
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA" (DD) "GLADSTONE"
 "GEELONG" "LITHELOW" (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"
 "OTUS" (AS)

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

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Arundel Island - Allied forces made an unopposed landing on Arundel Island 27 August. There was strong evidence of an enemy evacuation, which Commander Third Fleet suggests was probably the result of our artillery fire.
- (2) Kolombangara - Cruisers destroyed two barges in Hamberi Cove 26 August.
- (3) Vella Lavella - 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) Choiseul - 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) Shortlands - In the early hours 28 August, a Liberator scored one hit on an unidentified vessel E.S.E. of Faisi.
- (6) Bougainville - 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 0300/29. The aircraft made an attack and a preliminary report states that a hit was scored on the cruiser.

- (8) New Hanover - 1 convoy comprising 5 merchant vessels with 3 escorts was observed north-west of New Hanover course 330° 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 28 August. 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 NNE of Mussau course 450 at 1231. Indistinct photos purporting 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 later 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 zigzagging 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 westerly 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 aircraft 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 Lagua 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 preliminary 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) Lae - Four aircraft 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 aircraft 50 miles east by south of Woodlark Island at 0830/28.
- (18) Cape St. George - At approximately 0300/29 one unidentified vessel was sighted 23 miles south by east of Cape St. George.
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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:

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

(ii) 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 Fremantle.

(b) In Harbour:

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

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/29:

- (1) "KALGOORLIE" "BROOME" "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting Convoy CO.121 (7 MV).
- (2) "ROCKHAMPTON" "MILLERA" "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy OC.120 (6 MV) en route Port Kembla ETA 2359/29, Sydney 0500/30 and Newcastle 1400/30.
- (3) "CASTLEMAINE" "GLENELG" "MORESBY" "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

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

(c) Proposed Movements:

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

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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 Gilberts, Marshalls, Northern Solomons, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, 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

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific
(Eastern Section) &

South Pacific

Bismarcks
Solomons

Carolines
Marshalls

<u>BB</u>	-	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO NORTH CAROLINA	-	YAMATO MUSASHI MUTSU) poss. NAGATO) Empire KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO HAYATAKA RYUHO (poss. Empire)
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	SUMNER SARGANON BRETON LONG-ISLAND	-	CHUYO OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	* AUSTRALIA * HOBBAR	HOBBAR *	CHOKAI ? SUZUYA	ATAGO TAKAO MAYA MYOKO HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI * KUMANG
<u>CL</u>	* ADELA IDE * HOBART	* HONOLULU * LEANDER COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	NAKA AGANO NAGARA	OYODO ISUZU
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHIMA ?	KATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	-	1
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA * NIZAM BAGLEY HELM MUGFORD HENLEY MAHAN DRAYTON LAMSON FLUSSER REID CONYNGHAM PERKINS SMITH LE TRIOMPHANT	Approx 40	10	25

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC
ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA	ISE HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN LEXINGTON VICTORIOUS	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE BELEAU WOOD PRINCETON	* HITAKA
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	CHENANGO, SUWAYNEE, SANGAMMON PRINCE WILLIAM, LONG ISLAND.	UNYO
<u>CA</u>	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS * ST. LOUIS	* AOBA
<u>OCA</u>	-	6
<u>CL</u>	* NASHVILLE MOBILE	SENDAI TATSUTA * KINU * YUBARI * NATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	4
<u>AV/CVS</u>	2	* CHIYODA) Under conversion * CHITOSE) to ACVS
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	2	3
<u>DD</u>	Approx 35	25-30 (approx 15 repairing)
<u>SS</u>	Approx 50	Approx 30
<u>AS/XAS</u>	?	3 or more

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>BB</u>	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO TENNESSEE PENNSYLVANIA	-
<u>CA</u>	WICHITA LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND INDIANAPOLIS	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	SANTA FE RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT	TAMA KISO ABUKUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	3
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	22	4
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 10

* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

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

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Date: 30 August, 1943

PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(i) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/30:

- (1) "HENLEY" escorting "ANDREW D. WHITE" was to depart Port Moresby 1000/30 for Belu Belu.
- (2) "SC. 748" escorting "LORINNA" departed Milne Bay 1206/29 for Kiriwina ETA 1700/30.
- (3) "BOWEN" escorting "B.M. SHAW" (for Belu Belu) departed Port Moresby 1400/29. "BOWEN" to provide escort to Kanakope and to proceed to Milne Bay ETA 1500/30.
- (4) "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 1400/1 September.
- (6) "PIRIE" escorting Convoy FT. 22 ("POINT SAN PEDRO") en route Milne Bay to Townsville.
- (7) "KATOOMBA" escorting "HENRY D. THOREAU" departed Milne Bay 1307/28 for Townsville ETA 0700/31.
- (8) "MIZAR" departed Port Moresby 1640/28 for Brisbane ETA 1600/31.
- (9) "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.
- (10) "DELORAIN" escorting Convoy TN. 148 (Portion (a) "SHWEDAGON" for Port Moresby; Portion (b) "SRINGDALE" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" for Milne Bay) from Fitzroy Island to position 11°18'S 148°48'E where convoy splits and "BOWEN" is to RV. "BOWEN" to escort Portion (a) to Port Moresby ETA 1300/1 Sept. "DELORAIN" to escort Portion (b) to Milne Bay ETA 1200/1 Sept.
- (11) "DRAYTON" escorting "WESTRALIA" departed Port Phillip 0915/24 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/31.
- (12) "REID" departed Sydney 0946/27 for Milne Bay ETA 1100/31.
- (13) "WAGGA" "SC. 736" en route Bustard Head to Townsville.
- (14) "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.
- (15) "VENDETTA" en route to RV with "ROCHAMBEAU" in position 25°57'S 160°10'E at 1500/31 and escort to Brisbane.
- (16) 12 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Buna - Warships & Aux. - "SC. 698" "SC. 699" "SC. 703" "SC. 746"
"YMS. 53" "HILO" (PG)
Merchant Vessels: "HANYANG" "SIBIGO" "JUNIPERO SERRA"
"OZARK"

Oro Bay - Warships & 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. - Warships & Aux. - 1 SC
 Merchant Vessels: "MELINGA"
 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.230 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"
 "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)
 Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "KAPUNDA" (AMS) YP.291
 "BISHOPDALE" (AO)
 Mackay - Warships & Aux. - SC.732 "DOBBIN" (AD)
 Gladstone - 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
 "SUSQUEHANNA" (AO) "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "FULTON"
 "OTUS" (AS)
 (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 attack.
 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.
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 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) Mussau - Photos 1350/29 reveal a ~~maxxi~~ 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.

It would appear that this submarine 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 was 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 morning 28 August. It is reported that the lugger was left probably unserviceable as the result of a near miss.
- (11) 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 observed as result of attack. Photos 1155/29 show Number One strip serviceable with two probable serviceable fighters, while Number Two strip appears rough 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. - "COOTAMUNDRA" "LATROBE" (AMS)
"ML.814" "ML.815"
Merchant Vessels: "BAN HONG LIONG" "TIME"

(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

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/30:

- X (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:

Fremantle - 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)

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

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/30:

- (1) "CASTLEMAINE" "GLENELG" "MORESEY" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSSEN" escorting Convoy PG.65 were to depart Caloundra 1200/30.
- (2) "HERON" en route Fremantle to Brisbane ETA 6 September.
- (3) "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy CG.121 (7 MV) was to depart Port Phillip 0109/30 to RV in Wilson's Promontory area with "KALGOORLIE" "EROOOME" "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting Convoy CG.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. - "MANOORA" (APA) 1 LST

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "ARUNTA" (DD) BENDIGO"
"ROCKHAMPTON" "MILDURA" "ARARAT" "TOWNSVILLE"
"BUNDABERG" "GOULBURN" "ECHUCA" (AMS)
"ALGORAB" (AKA) "YANDRA" "WILCANNIA" (A/S Vessel

(Refitting) "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "HOBART" (CL) "MANUNDA" (AH)

(On Reserve) "KANIMBLA" (APA)

Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "WEST POINT" (AP)

(Refitting) "ADELAIDE" (CL) "NIZAM" (DD) "DOOMB" (A/S Vessel

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) 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 (AV)
- (4) At Funafuti - BALLARD (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.
- (2) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Northern Solomons, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, 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

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	<u>Bismarcks Solomons</u>	<u>Carolines Marshalls</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS NORTH CAROLINA MARYLAND COLORADO	-	YAMATO MUSASHI MUTSU) poss. NAGATO) Empire KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO RYUHO (poss. Empire)
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	BRETON	-	CHUYO
<u>CA</u>	* AUSTRALIA	-	CHOKAI ? SUZUYA	ATAGO TAKAO MAYA MYCKO HAGURO TONE CHIKUNA MOGAMI
<u>CL</u>	* ADELAIDE * HOBART	* HONOLULU * LEANDER COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO NAGARA	OYODO ISUZU NAKA
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHIMA ?	KATORI
<u>CL</u>	-	-	-	1
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA * NIZAM BAGLEY HELM MUGFORD HENLEY MAHAN DRAYTON LAMSON FLUSSER REID CONYNGHAM BERKINS SMITH LE TRIOMPHANT	Approx 40	10	25
	* Non-effective			

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC
ALLIED FORCES

MOST SECRET
 30 August 1943
ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA	ISE HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN LEXINGTON VICTORIOUS	
<u>CV(L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE BELLEAU WOOD PRINCETON	* HITAKA
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	SUWANNEE SANGAMON LONG ISLAND CHENANGO PRINCE WILLIAM	UNYO (poss. overhau- OTAKA ing
<u>CA</u>	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS * ST. LOUIS	* AOBA * KUMANO
<u>OCA</u> <u>CL</u>	- * NASHVILLE MOBILE	6 SENDAI TATSUTA * KINU * YUBARI * NATORI
<u>XCL</u> <u>AV/CVS</u>	- 3	4 * CHIYODA) Under conver * CHITOSE) sion to ACVs
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	2	3
<u>DE</u>	Approx 35	25-30 (approx 15 re-
<u>SS</u>	Approx 50	Approx 30 pairing
<u>AS/XAS</u>	?	3 or more

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>BB</u>	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO TENNESSEE PENNSYLVANIA	-
<u>CA</u>	WICHITA LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND INDIANAPOLIS	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	SANTA FE RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT	TAMA KISO AEUKUMA
<u>XCL</u> <u>AV/CVS</u>	-	3 AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>SS</u>	22 10	4 Approx 10

* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Philippines

<u>BB</u>	-	WARSPITE	-
	-	∅ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	HAYATAKA
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	ALTAMAHA	-
<u>CA</u>	SUFFOLK	SUSSEX * HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC EMERALD	KUMA OI KITAGAMI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMO I
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	11
<u>SS</u>	BILLFISH BOWFIN FINBACK GAR GRAYLING KINGFISH TAMBOR TROUT K.12 At Fremantle	} } } } On Patrol } } }	5
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)

Fighters (incl. 2 twin-eng.)	98
Light or M/Bombers	120
SE/Bombers	12
Flying Boats	12
Floatplanes	44
Transport & Obsn. A/C	44

∅ No recent intelligence.
Present location uncertain.

* Non-effective

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre
DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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

No. 580

Date: 31 August, 1943

PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/31:

- (1) "HENLEY" escorting "ANDREW D. WHITE" departed Port Moresby 1100/30 for Belu Belu ETA 1830/31.
- (2) "YMS. 53" escorting "B.M. SHAW" after RV in China Strait to Belu Belu ETA 0900/1 Sept.
- (3) "HELM" "PC. 1119" escorting Convoy WT. 43 ("CANBERRA" "KATOOMBA") departed Port Moresby 1730/30 for Townsville ETA 1930/1 September.
- (4) "KATOOMBA", escorting "HENRY D. THOREAU" for Townsville, departed Milne Bay 1307/28: ordered to detach at 1800/30 and proceed Cairns.
- (5) "MIZAR" departed Port Moresby 1640/28 for Brisbane ETA 1600/31.
- (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. AINSWORTH" "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 at reduced speed.
- (9) "DELORAINÉ" escorting Convoy TN. 148 (Portion (a) "SHWEDAGON" for Port Moresby; Portion (b) "SPRINGDALE" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" for Milne Bay) from Fitzroy Island to position 11°18'S 148°48'E where convoy splits and "BOWEN" is to RV. "BOWEN" to escort Portion (a) to Port Moresby ETA 1300/1 Sept. "DELORAINÉ" 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 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.
- (13) "PC. 476" was to depart Caloundra 0700/31 escorting "JALAPA" (AO) bound for Townsville, to Lady Elliott Island then return Brisbane.
- (14) "GEELONG" "LITHGOW" "GLADSTONE" "ML. 424" "ML. 819" escorting Convoy GL. 9 (13 MV) departed Caloundra 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.

(b) In Harbour

Buna - Warships & Aux. - "SC.698" "SC.699" "SC.703"
"HILC" (PG)
Merchant Vessels: "HAYANG" "SIBIGO" "JUNIPERO SERRA"
"OZARK"
Oro Bay - Warships & Aux. - "YMS.72"
Merchant Vessels: "ESTHER JOHNSON" "JAPARA"
"COMARA" "ALAMO" "ADONIRAM JUDSON" "JOHN
WHITEAKER" "BENJAMIN BONNEVILLE" "GEO.H.FLANDERS"
Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - 1 SC
Merchant Vessels: "MELINGA"
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)
SC.637 SC.648 SC.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" "ANNUT" "HANYANG"
Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "LE TRIOMPHANT"
Merchant Vessels: "KHOEN HOEA" "GEO.EASTMAN"
"ADMIRAL CHASE" "VAN DEN BOSCH" "CREMER"
"JOSIAH EARL" "J.W.GRIMES" "COLAC" "DILGA"
"C.P.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)
Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE" "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 "SUSQUEHANNA" (AO)
"H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "FULTON" "OTUS" (AS)
(Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WARREGO" (DE) "WHYALLA" (AMS)

(c) Proposed Movements:

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

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Santa Ysabel - A coastwatcher reports no evidence of Japanese in Rekata Bay area 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.
- (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, shown 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.

- (3) Mussau Is. Area - 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) Kapingamarangi Area - At 0920/30 aircraft unsuccessfully attacked a 3-ship convoy, shown by photos to be 1 motor torpedo boat, 1 freighter transport of 5500 tons loaded with 11 landing craft and one 300 ton freighter of the sea-truck 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) Cape Gloucester - 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 aircraft 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 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

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

(ii) 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 work of revetments is also visible.

- (2) Apoe 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

(a) At Sea to 1200/31:

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

(b) In Harbour:

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

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/31:

- (1) "CASTLEMAINE" "GLENELG" "MCRESBY" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy PG.65 (5 MV) departed Caloundra approx 1200/30.
 (2) "HERON" en route Fremantle to Brisbane ^{ETA Sydney via 2300/1 Sept.}
 (3) "MANUNDA" departed Sydney 0909/30 for Brisbane ETA 0400/1 Sept.
~~(4) "CASTLEMAINE" "GLENELG" "MCRESBY"~~
 (4) "BUNGAREE" en route Noumea to Sydney was due 1100/31.
 (5) "GOULBURN" was to depart Sydney by 1130/31 to RV with "MONITOR" and escort to Lady Elliott Is. whence "GOULBURN" returns Brisbane.
 (6) "KALGOORLIE" "BROOME" "WARRENAMBOOL" escorting Convoy OC.121 (7 MV) for Sydney (4 MV) and Newcastle (3 MV).
 (7) "MILDURA" "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Newcastle portion Convoy CO.122 (4 MV) were to depart Newcastle 0900/31 to RV with "BUNDABERG" "EENDIGO" "TOWNSVILLE" "ML.802" with remainder Convoy CO.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 (AMS)
 "ALGORAB" (AKA) "YANDRA" "WILCANNIA" (A/S Vessel)
 (Refitting) "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "HOBART" (CL)
 (On Reserve) "KANIMBLA" (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 submarines 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 Caledonia - 1630/30 possible sighting 21°58'S 165°45'E (44
miles WNW Noumea).

NAVAL INCIDENTS

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Northern Solomons, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.
- (2) Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- (3) Increased use of barges, in addition to warships - 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

	<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	<u>Bismarcks Solomons</u>	<u>Carolines Marshalls</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS NORTH CAROLINA MARYLAND COLORADO WEST VIRGINIA	-	YAMATO MISASHI MUTSU) poss. NAGATO) Empire KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV (L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO
<u>(E)</u>	-	PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON	-	CHUYO
<u>CA</u>	* AUSTRALIA	-	CHOKAI SUZUYA	ATAGO TAKAO MAYA MYOKO HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA HOGAMI
<u>CL</u>	* ADELAIDE * HOBART	* LEANDER COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO NAGARA	CYODO ISUZU NAKA
<u>CL (T)</u>	-	-	KASHIMA ?	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	-	1
<u>CD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA * NIZAM EAGLEY HELM MUGFORD HENLEY MAHAN DRAYTON LAMSON FLUSSER REID CONYNGHAM PERKINS SMITH LE TRIOMPHANT	Approx 40	10	25

* Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA * CALIFORNIA	ISE HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN LEXINGTON VICTORIOUS	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE BELLEAU WOOD PRINCETON	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX * HITAKA
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	SUWANNEE SANGAMON LONG ISLAND CHENANGO BARNES	ENYO (poss. overhauling) OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	NEW ORLEANS PEN SACOLA * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS * ST. LOUIS	* AOBA * KUMANO
<u>OCA¹/₄</u> <u>CL</u>	- MOBILE * HONOLULU * NASHVILLE * RICHMOND * RALEIGH * DETROIT	6 SENDAI (poss. Mandates) TATSUTA * KINU * YUBARI * NAT ORI
XXXXXX <u>XCL</u> <u>AV/CVS</u>	* ?	4 * CHIYODA) under conversion * CHITOSE) to ACVs
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3 25-30 (approx 15 repair Approx 30 ing 3 or more
<u>DD</u>	Approx 35	
<u>SS</u>	Approx 50	
<u>AS/XAS</u>	?	

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>BB</u>	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO TENNESSEE PENNSYLVANIA	-
<u>CA</u>	WICHITA LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND INDIANAPOLIS	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	SANTA FE	TAMA KISO ABUKUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	3
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	22	4
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 10

* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN
ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

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Southwest Pacific (Western Section)		Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
<u>BB</u>	-	WARSPITE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	∅ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	HAYATAKA RYUKO
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	ALTAMAHA	-
<u>CA</u>	SUFFOLK	SUSSEX * HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPE TOWN DURBAN CARADOC EMERALD	KUMA OI KITAGAMI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	CARTHAGE CHITRAL RAN PURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMO I
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	11
<u>SS</u>	BILLFISH) BOWFIN) WOLF) GRAYLING) On Patrol KINGFISH) TROUT) TUNA) K.12 At Fremantle		5
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)

Fighters (incl. 2 twin-eng.)	98
Light or M/Bombers	120
SE/Bombers	12
Flying Boats	12
Floatplanes	44
Transport & Obsn. A/C	44

∅ No recent intelligence.
Present location uncertain.

* Non-effective