

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN ACTIVITY

1st December, 1942.

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES.

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA.

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

- (i) Task Group 44.4 ("PHOENIX" "MURFORD" "PATTERSON" "HELF") on patrol in Coral Sea.
- (ii) "AUSTRALIA" arr. Brisbane 0744/30 for exercises in Moreton Bay.
- (iii) "ARUNTA" "STUART" dep. Port Moresby 1501/30 for Townsville ETA 1700 today 1/12.
- (iv) "SWAN" "WARREGO" "COLAC" escorting Convoy TN.11 (Section A: "KATOOMBA" "TAROOMA" "S JACOB"; Section B: "DUMTROON" "TASMAN" "KARSIK" "CENTAUR" "ROBERT BENSON" "BENJAMIN FRANKLIN") to dep. Townsville 12 00 today 1/12. Convoy splits on arrival position Z (150 miles S.S.E. Port Moresby); "SWAN" escorts Section A to Milne Bay, "WARREGO" "COLAC" escort Section B to Port Moresby.
- (v) "GOULBURN" escorting Convoy HP.25 ("STAGEN" "SPILBERGEN" "ARKABA" "H. DEARBORN") to dep. Moreton Bay 1900 today 1/12.
- (vi) "MILDURA" "INVERELL" escorting Convoy CO.49 (6 RV) dep. Sydney area 28/11 for RV in Wilson's Promontory area.
- (vii) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC.49 (incl. "GOLDSTAR") dep. Port Phillip 2235/30 to RV with above today 1/12.
- (viii) "KAPUNDA" escorting Convoy OC.49 arr. Newcastle today 1/12; "TOWNSVILLE" detached with Sydney section. "KAPUNDA" escorting Convoy CO.50 to dep. Newcastle today 1/12. "MORESBY" "ABRAHAM CRYESSEN" to RV off Port Jackson at 1330 escorting Sydney section and relieve "KAPUNDA" as escort.
- (ix) "SONOMA" dep. Sydney 1215/30 for Noumea.
- (x) "BUNGAREE" dep. Sydney 1720/30 for Geelong ETA 0800/3.
- (xi) "BUNDABERG" to dep. Sydney today 1/12 for Jervis Bay for exercises, returning 6/12.
- (xii) "KATOOMBA" dep. Milne Bay for Port Moresby 1500/30 ETA 1700 today 1/12.
- (xiii) "MANURDA" en route Port Moresby to Brisbane ETA 1300 today 1/12.
- (xiv) At Sydney. "MEADE" "NAVAJO" "DOBBIN" "WILCANNIA" "ECHUCA" "ROCKHAMPTON" "DELORAINA." Refitting or repairing "PORTLAND" "CHESTER" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "VENDETTA" "BISHOPDALE" "ALHENA" In reserve "MANOORA".
- (xv) At Brisbane. "GEELONG" "SPEREY" "FULTON" "GYMPIE" "POYANG". Refitting "BENDIGO".
- (xvi) At Townsville. "YUNNAN" "VICTORIA" "AASE MAERSK" "MERKUR".
- (xvii) At Melbourne. "TROMP" "PIRIE" ~~REPAIRING~~ Repairing "HOLLAND" "WARRENBOOL".
- (xviii) At Adelaide. "SPRINGDALE".
- (xix) At Port Stephens. "WESTRALIA" "PING WO".
- (xx) At Port Moresby. "PELIPE DE NEVE" "S. J. FIELD" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "ANHUI" "JOHN STEELE" "VAN DER LIJN" "J. R. LOWELL" "VAN HEUTSZ" "BONTEKOE" "CREMER" "BOH" "HAETSUYCKER".
- (xxi) At Milne Bay. "BALLARAT" "TROOME" "LITHGOW" "KURUMBA" "BALIHPAPAN" "JAPARA" "JESSE APPLGATE" "BANTAN".
- (xxii) At Challenger Bay. "HOBART" "SELFIDGE" "BAGLEY" "HENLEY".
- (xxiii) At ~~CLAREN~~ Harbour. "MULIAMA" "PALUMA" "WARRE" "KAURI".
- (xxiv) "TULSA" dep. Brisbane 0645/1 to RV tomorrow 2/12 with "ROBIN BENTLEY" towing 2 H.T.B. and escort her to Cairns.

Enemy Forces

Buin-Faisi: 2 light cruisers, and at least 6 destroyers, left the area during the night 29/30, and at 0704/30, only 4 cargo vessels, 2 tankers, ~~and~~ a submarine and some gunboats and small craft were in sight. There is reason to believe that there were other vessels in the area, out of sight of the observer.

At 1318 the following were reported by aircraft :

- 6 destroyers
- 7 cargo-vessels.

There are no sightings to indicate the whereabouts of the remaining 12 vessels seen in the area on 29/11, but it is probable that a further attempt is being made to land troops on Guadalcanal.

Buka: 3 enemy vessels left Buka passage at 1350/29 and proceeded westwards. At the same time, one very large ship and at least 3 smaller vessels were observed 8 miles N.W. Buka Passage, proceeding northwards. This convoy appears to be en route northwards from Buin, and if so, must be additional to the 25 vessels reported in the Buin-Faisi area 29/11.

A destroyer arrived during the night 29/30, making a total of 3 vessels in the Passage at 0820/30.

New Georgia: Reports indicate that patrol craft are active in the New Georgia - Vella Lavella area. Vessels of this type have been sighted as follows :- Noviana Is. 27/11; Vori Point (Ganongga Is.) 27/11; Iringila 27/11; Beagle channel (W.Coast Vella Lavella) 29/11; Lunga Point (Ganongga Is.) 29/11.

It is known that the cutter which visited Iringila, 27/11, reprovisioned the Japanese observation post there, and it is very probable that the enemy has established a chain of new observation posts in this area, around the new base at Munda.

New Guinea: Aircraft reported an unidentified vessel on course 180° in the southern entrance to Vitiaz Strait at 0110/30. Two probable enemy surface vessels were reported in positions approx. 70 miles and 90 miles N.W.W. Buna respectively, at 0500, one of which could well be the vessel sighted south of Vitiaz Strait.

Willametz Peninsula: Further evidence that one enemy destroyer may have sunk in the Willametz Peninsula Area during the night 29/30 is provided by the sighting of an oil slick about 5 miles long in this area afternoon 30/11.

Salamaua: It is reported that the enemy have moved most of their troops and supplies from Salamaua to Lababia (10 miles S.S.E.) Landing craft and launchers formerly at Salamaua have been sent to Lokanu (3 miles S. Salamaua). Navigation lights have been observed nightly between Lababia and Lokanu.

Supplies for Salamaua are brought by pinnace from Lae, where supply ships are berthed.

Ongtong Java: Aircraft reported an unidentified submarine at 1115/30 in position 06°40' S. 161°25' E (approx 130 miles S.E. Ongtong Java).

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

- (i) "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEUSENBERG" returning Fremantle from escort duty ETA 1900/2/12
- (ii) "CASTERMAINE" "ARMIDALE" dep. Darwin for Timor 29/11
- (iii) At Exmouth Gulf. "HERON" "W.B. PRESTON" "LARK" "SHIPPORWILL"
- (iv) At Darwin. "KALGOORLIE"
- (v) At Fremantle "VAN GALEN" "TJERK HIDEES" "CHILDS" "PELIAS" "ISABEL" "TRINITY" "WALLABOO" "DUNBO" "GAWLER" "TAMWORTH" "SARGABELLA"

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

3 submarines on Patrol Stations in China Sea or HKI area.

Enemy

- (1) Dilli: A destroyer and tanker arrived at Dilli at 1030/29, and a small merchant vessel at 0400/30.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

- (1) At Vanikoro "MACKINAC" (AV)
- (ii) At Espiritu Santo. NORTHAMPTON MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA (CA) HUGHES TREVER McCALLA MAJRY ZANE DRAYTON PERKINS BUCHANAN FLETCHER (DD) MANLEY (APD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) THORNTON BALLARD MACPARLAND (AVD) SOLACE (AR) GUADALUPE SABINE (AO) GAMBLE (CM) RIGEL (AD) VESTAL (AR) BARNETT STRATFORD ZEILIN (AP) LIBRA KOPARA (AK)
- (iii) At Noumea. WASHINGTON (BB) ENTERPRISE (CV) HASSAU (ACV) HELENA SAN DIEGO (CL) CLARK RUSSELL MORRIS (GWIN BUCHANAN ANDERSON (DD) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER VIREO (AK) BUTTERNUT (YN) PC.479 DELPHINUS (YP) W.W.BURROWS (AP) CRESCENT CITY AMERICAN LEGION PRES.ADAMS PRES.JACKSON (AP) ANTARES (AK) A.R.D.2.
- (iv) At Vila. "LACKAWANNA" (AO) "ALDEBARAN" (AK)
- (v) Guadalcanal area. JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) MAJABA (AK)
- (vi) At Suva. NORTH CAROLINA COLORADO MARYLAND (BB) SARATOGA (CV) SAN JUAN (CL) McCALL MACDONOUGH GRIDLEY BALCH CRAVEN DUNLOP FANNING HULL MONOHAN (DD) GRIFFIN (AS) KANKAKE (AO) CATALPA LOCUST ROSEWOOD (YN) SUMNER (Survey Ship) TALAMANCA (AK) S.42, S.43, S.44, S.45, S.46, S.47 (SS).
- (vii) At Tongatabu. INDIANA (BB) COLUMBIA (CL) SAUFLEY DE RAVEN (DD).
- (viii) At Bora Bora. "TERN" (AM)
- (ix) At Tahiti. "CHEVREUIL" (Sloop)
- (x) At Auckland. "LEANDER" "ACHILLES" (CL) "MONOWAI" (AMC) "EBONY" (YN) "ROAMER" (AP)
- (xi) At Wellington "McCawley" (AP)

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Enemy Forces

Indian Ocean:

There were indications that an enemy submarine was in position 009° S. 097° E (N. of Cocos Is.)^{29/11}. Two other enemy submarines are probably operating in the northern Indian Ocean.

A German raider is believed to be operating in the eastern Indian Ocean.

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

Darwin: Following the attack by enemy aircraft on "CASTLEMAINE" and "ARMIDALE" yesterday morning 30/11, two other attacks were carried out during the day, at midday, in 10° 35' S. 127° 36' E (225 miles N.W. Darwin) and at 1730 in 10° 02' S. 126° 57' E (72 miles S.S.E. Cape Beaco, Timor). Cessation of the attacks was reported at 1900.

Our aircraft intercepted these attacks, and no damage to our vessels has been reported. (See Air Operations).

Naval engagement: An Allied task force reported engaging an enemy surface force at 2230/30. No details are available, but it is probable that an enemy convoy has been intercepted en route Buin-Faisi to Guadalcanal.

III. AIR OPERATIONS

Allied

Buin: One Catalina attacked Kihili Aerodrome night 29-30/11. No report yet available.

Cape Gloucester Area. A B.17 on recce 29/11 was intercepted by 3 Zeros. One Zero damaged.

Gona. One A.20 attacked wreck at Gona early morning 30/11. One hit and one very near miss.

Buna. 5 groups (5 B.26's, 16 P.40's, 12 B.25's, 4 B.26's and 2 B.25's) attacked 30/11. Fires and explosions observed. 12 Zeros

intercepted and P.40's shot down 7. Two P.40's missing.

Darwin - Timor Area: Flights of 4 and 3 Beaufighters intercepted two flights of enemy aircraft attacking "CASTLEMAINE" and "ARMIDALE" (see Naval Incidents) yesterday afternoon 30/11.

Interception rendered attacks unsuccessful. One bomber possibly destroyed and one escorting Zero damaged. One Beaufighter missing.

Enemy

(i) Port Moresby. Enemy aircraft (number unknown) attacked Jackson Field (formerly 7 Mile) early morning 30/11. Nil damage or casualties reported.

IV. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVES

- (i) Further attempts to land supplies and reinforcements on Guadalcanal.
- (ii) Further attempts to reinforce New Guinea area.
- (iii) Continued activity in the Aleutians.
- (iv) Continued submarine activity in the Indian Ocean.

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For A/Director, C.O.I.C.
1/12/42

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or damaged</u>
1 aircraft carrier (CV)	HOSHO	
3 converted A/C carriers	HAYATAKA	
	ZUIHO	
	YAWATA	
Heavy cruisers	MYOKO	TONE (damaged 26/10)
(7 probably sunk,	ASHIGARA	TIKUMA (damaged 26/10)
probably 2 effective)	(1 damaged 26/10)	
	AOBA	KINUGASA (prob. sunk 12/10)
		KUMANO (damaged 10/9)
		MOGAMI) 1 believed sunk
		SUZUYA) 1 damaged 14/11
		ATAGO) 1 or 2 believed
		TAKAO) sunk
		CHOKAI) 1 damaged
Light cruisers (CL)	NATORI	TATSUTA (poss. sunk)
(2 believed sunk 13/11, 14/11,	OI	ISUZU)
several others damaged)	KITAGAMI	KINU) believed sunk
	KASHIMA	
	KATORI	
	JINTSU) Some	
	NAGARA) poss.	
	YUBARI) damaged	
	TENRYU (prob. damaged	
	SENDAI " "	
3 converted light cruisers (XCL)		
Approx. 25 submarines		
Approx. 40 destroyers (DD)		
4 seaplane carriers	CHIYODA	
	GHITOSE)	
	AKITSUSHIMA) 1 damaged 8/11	
	NISSHIN)	
Converted S/P tenders (XAV)	NITCHO MARU	
	KINUGASA MARU	
	SANUKI MARU	
	KAGU MARU	
	NOI ORO	
	GOSHO MARU	
	NARUTO MARU	
	SENDAI MARU	
	SANYO MARU	
	KENJO MARU	
	SOUYOU MARU	
Several submarine tenders		
Approx. 40 merchant ships (over 3,000 tons)		
Minelayers, minesweepers, sub. chasers, MTB's, gunboats, patrol craft		
Approx. 296 shore-based aircraft incl. 120 fighters, 97 B., 20 F/B,		
49 F/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft.		

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

6" cruiser

A.A. ship

Destroyers

S/P Tenders

Submarine Tender

Submarines

ADELAIDE

JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK

TJERK HIDDES

VAN GALEN

HERON

CHILDS

W.B. PRESTON

PELIAS

GAR)

GRENNADIER) On patrol

K.12)

THRESHER)

TAMBOR)

TAUTOG) At Fremantle

SEARAVEN)

K.8

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet

1 light cruiser (CL)

KASHII (29/10)

Approx. 16 destroyers

Converted seaplane tender (XAV) OKITSU MARU

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO

WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE
IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA

Converted A/C carriers

COPAHEE
LONG ISLAND

8" cruisers

LOUISVILLE
SA T LAKE CITY
CHICAGO
SAN FRANCISCO
ST. LOUIS

6" cruisers

RALEIGH
DETROIT

Destroyers

15 approx.

Submarines

23 approx.

Enemy Forces

Palao-Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan

C. in C. 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)

5 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
NAGATO
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGO

1 battlecruiser (BB) damaged 28/8

2 aircraft carriers (CV)

SHOKAKU)
ZUIKAKU) 26/10
HITAKA

3 converted A/C carriers (XCV)

TAIYO (poss. en route Truk)
CHUYO

1 8" cruiser (CA)

HAGURO (10/9)

1 6" cruiser (CL)

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

YURA
KAMOI
KENJO MARU

KIYOKAWA MARU (21/10)

6 old armoured cruisers (OCA)

Approx. 30 destroyers

Approx. 30 submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
COLORADO
MARYLAND
ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA
NASSAU
ALTAMAHA
NEW ORLEANS
MINNEAPOLIS
NORTHAMPTON
PENSACOLA
HELENA
HONOLULU
COLUMBIA
LEANDER
ACHILLES

Aircraft carriers

Converted A/C carriers

8" cruisers

6" cruisers

5" cruisers
Destroyers
Armed merchant cruisers

SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN
35 (Approx)
ASCANIA
MONOWAI

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

8" cruisers
6" cruiser
10 destroyers
10 submarines

INDIANAPOLIS
NASHVILLE

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians

8" cruiser (CA)
3 light cruisers (CL)

NACHI
ABUKUMA
TAMA
KISO

3 converted light cruisers (XCL)
Approx. 4 destroyers
Approx. 7 submarines
Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

KAMIKAWA MARU
KAMITSU MARU
FUJIKAWA MARU

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

A/C Carrier
Seaplane Carrier
8" cruisers

7.5" cruisers

6" cruisers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

A.A. Ship
Approx. 27 destroyers
Approx. 9 submarines

Enemy Forces

Approx. 7 submarines

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
RAMILLIES
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
ILLUSTRIOUS
ALBATROSS
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
DEVONSHIRE
HAWKINS
PROBISHER
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
BIRMINGHAM
ENTERPRISE
DAUNTLESS
DRAGON
DURBAN
CAPETOWN
CERES
CALEDON
CARADOC
SUMATRA (Dutch)
WORCESTERSHIRE
RANCHI
CORFU
KANIMBLA
CHITRAL
RAN PURA
CARTHAGE
CARLISLE
REVENGE
NEWCASTLE
GLASGOW
EMERALD
DANAE

(ii) Shortland Base: Aerial photographs taken during the morning 30/11 showed the following vessels:

- 2 possible cruisers
- 2 destroyers
- 2 merchant vessels
- 3 small vessels
- 22 landing barges.

At 0823/1 a heavy and a light cruiser were seen approaching Faisi from the eastward; approximately 12 vessels left the area overnight 29/30, and possibly proceeded towards Guadalcanal. The two cruisers may be part of this force.

(iii) Buka: The destroyer and 2 7000 ton transports at Buka Passage departed 1130/1 and proceeded N.W. A submarine was observed to surface and then submerge just west of Buka Passage at that time, and appeared to be accompanying the convoy.

(iv) Kieta: One large and 4 small vessels were reported to be stationary approx. 10 miles S.E. Kieta during the morning 30/11.

(v) New Georgia: Further activity is reported in the vicinity of Billi entrance (N. end Gatokai Is.) 13 Japanese landed from a small boat at a village in the vicinity at 0810/30.

(vi) Lae-Salamaua: It is reported that seaplanes occasionally land off Javeni Is. (14 miles S.E. Salamaua) Natives report that submarines are concerned in the delivery of supplies at Lae.

(vii) New Guinea: Native reports indicate that an enemy warship was anchored off Morobi Harbour early morning 27/11, and during the night 28/11.

(viii) Enemy submarine activity: There were indications 30/11 of enemy submarines in the following positions:-

- Rossel Is. 11° S. 157° E.
- Bennel Is. 12° S. 159° E.
- New Georgia 07° 30' S. 157° E.
- Buin 07° S. 158° E.
- Choiseul 06° S. 158° E.
- San Cristobal 11° S. 163° E)
- 11° S. 162° E)

Kapingamarangi 00° 157° E.

~~also S.S. "RIMURAKA" reported a submarine in 30° S. 140° 30' E. on 1/12.~~

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

- (i) "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" returning Fremantle from escort duty ETA 1900 today 2/12.
- (ii) "DEVONSHIRE" escorting "MAURITANIA" en route Colombo to Fremantle ETA 3/12.
- (iii) "CASTLEMAINE" "ARMIDALE" returning Darwin from Timor (See Naval Incidents)
- (iv) At Exmouth Gulf. "HERON" "W.B. PRESTON" "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL"
- (v) At Darwin. "KALGOORLIE"
- (vi) At Fremantle "VAN GALEN" "TJERK HIDDES" "CHILDS" "POLIAS" "ISABEL" "TRINITY" "WALLAROO" "DUBBO" "GAWLER" "TAMWORTH" "WANGARELLA"

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

3 submarines on Patrol Stations in China Sea or NEI area.

Enemy

- (i) Billi: The small merchant vessel which arrived Billi early morning 30/11 departed approx. 1430.
- (ii) Macassar Strait: An enemy aircraft carrier, escorted by a heavy cruiser and a destroyer, was sighted in 00° 30' N. 119° 30' E. at 0700/30, on course 200°. The carrier was described as similar to RYUJO, but with a full-length flight deck, and 5 masts. So far as is known, the

Japanese have only one small aircraft carrier other than RYUJO, viz., HOSHO (7470 tons; 36 aircraft), which has a stem-to-stern flight deck. HOSHO was believed to have only one mast, but it is possible that 4 additional ones have recently been erected.

The heavy cruiser is probably "ASHIGARA" which normally operates in the East Indies area.

(iii) Timor: A vessel arrived at Laga (E. Coast Portuguese Timor) and apparently disembarked 500 troops and 39 trucks.

All sources assert that there has been a considerable increase in enemy equipment and personnel during the past month in Timor.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

(i) At Vanikoro "MACKINAC" (AV)

(ii) At Espiritu Santo. MAURY BUCHANAN (DD) MANLEY (APD) CURTISS TANCYER (AV) THORNTON MACPHERLAND (AVD) SOLAGE (AR) GUADALUPE SABINE (AO) GAMBLE (CG) HIGEL (AD) VESTAL (AR) BARNETT STRATFORD (AP) LIBRA (AK)

(iii) At Noumea. WASHINGTON (SB) ENTERPRISE (CV) NASSAU (ACV) HELENA SAN DIEGO (CL) CLARK RUSSELL MORRIS JUSTIN OWIN AARON WARD BUCHANAN ANDERSON (ED) PROMETHEUS (AR) ANGOHNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER VIREO (AM) BUTTERNUT (YN PG.479 DELPHINUS (YP) W.W.BURROWS (AP) CRESCENT CITY AMERICAN LEGION PRES. ADAMS PRES. JACKSON (AP) BETHLEHEM ANTARES (AK) ARD.2.

(iv) At Vila. "LACKAWANNA (AO) "ALDEBARAN" (AK)

(v) Guadalcanal area. JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) PG.476, PG.477 (YP) ALCHIDA

(vi) At Sava. NORTH CAROLINA COLORADO MARYLAND (BB) HULL MONROE (DD) GRIFFIN (AS) KANKAKEE (AO) CATALPA LOCUST ROSEWOOD (YH) SUMNER (Survey Ship) TALAMANCA (AK) S.42, S.43, S.44, S.45, S.46, S.47 (SS)

(vii) At Bora Bora. "TERN" (AM)

(viii) At Tahiti. "CHEVREUIL" (Sloop)

(ix) At Auckland. "LEANNER" "ACHILLES" (CL) "MONOWAI" (A.M.C) "EBONY" (YH) "ROAMER" (AP)

(x) At Wellington "McCawley" (AP)

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Enemy Forces:

Indian Ocean: A Japanese submarine is believed to be operating in the Sunda Strait - Cocos Is. area. Two other enemy submarines are probably operating in the northern Indian Ocean.

A German raider may be operating in the eastern Indian Ocean.

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

(1) Darwin: Further attacks were made by enemy aircraft yesterday 1/12 on "CASTLEMAINE" "ARMIDALE" and "KURU", en route Timor to Darwin.

6 Type 99 and 12 Type 1 medium bombers with several 'Zero' fighters were involved, of which 2 Type 1, 1 Type 99 and one Zero were probably damaged. No damage to our ships has been reported.

At 1735, 2 enemy cruisers were sighted in 09°53'S. 129°24'E. (35 miles S.S.E. Suai Timor) and were unsuccessfully attacked at 1800.

Our vessels were last reported as follows :-

"CASTLEMAINE" 10°45'S. 127°06'E (140 miles S.E. Suai) at 1517.

"ARMIDALE" 10°16'S. 126°28'E (90 S.E. by E. Suai) 1230

"KURU" 10°40'S. 127°04'E (135 miles S.E. Suai) at 1630.

With the positions given the cruisers could not have overtaken our ships before nightfall.

III. AIR OPERATIONS

Allied:

- (i) Buin: 1 Catalina attacked KINHILI aerodrome early morning 1/12. One enemy fighter destroyed.
- (ii) Lae: 4 Beaufighters attacked aerodrome morning 29/11. Results not observed.
- (iii) Buna: 5 attacks night 30/11 - afternoon 1/12, carried out by 2 Hudsons, 4 B.26's, 14 P.400's, 6 B.25's and 6 A.20's. One large fire observed. Troops strafed and casualties caused. 1 P.400, 1 A.20 damaged.

Enemy

- (i) Dobodura: 7 dive bombers and fighters attacked area afternoon 30/11. One Hudson destroyed on the ground. Two bombers and one Zero destroyed by Allied aircraft.
- (ii) New Britain - New Guinea waters: Allied aircraft which were shadowing and attacking the convoy proceeding to Buna were attacked during 1/12. 8 Zeros destroyed, 2 probable, 4 damaged. One B.17 was damaged.

IV. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVES

- (i) Further attempts to land supplies and reinforcements on Guadalcanal.
- (ii) Further attempts to reinforce New Guinea area.
- (iii) Continued activity in the Aleutians.
- (iv) Continued submarine activity in the Indian Ocean.

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For A/Director, C.O.I.C.
2/12/42

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or damaged</u>
1 aircraft carrier (CV)	HOSHO HAYATAKA ZUIHO YAWATA	
Heavy cruisers (7 probably sunk, probably 1 effective)	AOBA	TOHE (damaged 26/10) TIKUMA (damaged 26/10) MYOKO (prob. damaged 26/10) KINUGASA (prob. sunk 12/10) KUNANO (damaged 10/9) MOGAMI) 1 believed sunk SUZUYA) 1 damaged 14/11 ATAGO) 1 or 2 believed TAKAO) sunk CHOKAI) 1 damaged
Light cruisers (CL) (2 believed sunk 13/11, 14/11, several others damaged)	NATORI OI KITAGAMI KASHIMA) Some KATORI) poss. JINTSU) damaged NAGARA) TENRYU prob. damaged SENDAI prob. damaged	YUBARI) (poss. sunk) TATSUTA) ISUZU) believed sunk KINU)
3 converted light cruisers (KCL) Approx. 25 submarines Approx. 40 destroyers (DD) 4 seaplane carriers		
Converted S/P tenders (XAV)	CHIYODA CEITOSE) ARITSUSHIMA) 1 damaged 8/11 NISSEIN) NITCHO MARU KINUGASA MARU SANUKI MARU KAGU MARU HOFORO GOSHO MARU HARUTO MARU SENDAI MARU SANYO MARU KEBJO MARU SOUYOU MARU	
Several submarine tenders Approx. 40 merchant ships (over 3,000 tons) Minelayers, minesweepers, sub. chasers, MTB's, gunboats, patrol craft Approx. 303 shore-based aircraft incl. 128 fighters, 97 B., 20 F/B, 49 F/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft.		

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces 8" cruiser

6" cruiser

A.A. ship

Destroyers

S/P Tenders

Submarine Tender

Submarines

DEVONSHIRE
ADELAIDE
JACOB VAN HEEMSKERKE
TJERK HIDDES
VAN GALEN
HERON
CHILES
W. B. PRESTON
PELIAS
GAR)
ORSHADIER) On Patrol
K.12)
THRESHER)
TAMBOR)
TAUTOG) At Fremantle
SRAAVEN)
K.3

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.

Allied Forces.

3 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or DEI area (see above).

Enemy Forces.

C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet

1 light cruiser (CL)		KASHII (29/10)
1 heavy cruiser (CA)	ASHIGARA	
Approx. 16 destroyers		
Converted seaplane tender (XAV)	OKITSU MARU	

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces

Battleships

MISSISSIPPI	WEST VIRGINIA
NEW MEXICO	CALIFORNIA
	TENNESSEE
	IDAHO
	PENNSYLVANIA
	NEVADA

Converted A/C carriers

COPAHNE
LONG ISLAND

8" cruisers

LOUISVILLE
SALT LAKE CITY
CHICAGO
SAN FRANCISCO
ST. LOUIS

6" cruisers

RALEIGH
DETROIT

Destroyers

15 approx.

Submarines

23 approx.

Enemy Forces

Palao-Saipan-Honins-Formosa-Japan

C. in C. 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)

5 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
HAGATO
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGO

1 battlecruiser (BB) damaged 29/8

2 aircraft carriers (CV)

SHOKAKU)
ZUIKAKU) 26/10
HITAKA

3 converted A/C carriers (XCV)

TAIYO
CHUYO

1 8" cruiser (CA)

HAGURO (10/9)

1 6" cruiser (CL)

YURA

Converted S/P tenders (XAV)

KAMOI
KENJO MARU

KIYOKAWA MARU (21/10)

6 old armoured cruisers (OCA)

Approx. 30 destroyers

Approx. 30 submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
COLORADO
MARYLAND
ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA
NASSAU
ALABAMA
NEW ORLEANS
MINNEAPOLIS
NORTHAMPTON
PENSACOLA
HELENA
HONOLULU
COLUMBIA
LEANDER
ACHILLES

Aircraft carriers

Converted A/C carriers

8" cruisers

6" cruisers

6" cruisers

5" cruisers
Destroyers
Armed merchant cruisers

SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN
35 (approx)
ASCANIA
MONOWAI

NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

8" cruisers
6" cruiser
10 destroyers
10 submarines

INDIANAPOLIS
NASHVILLE

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians

8" cruiser (CA)
3 light cruisers (CL)

KACHI
ABUKUMA
YAMA
KISO

3 converted light cruisers (XCL)
Approx. 4 destroyers
Approx. 7 submarines
Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

KAMIKAWA MARU
KAMITSU MARU
FUJIKAWA MARU

B) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

A/C carrier
Seaplane Carrier
8" cruiser
7.5" cruisers

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
RAMILLIES
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
ILLUSTRIOUS
ALBATROSS
GEORGE AVIHOFF (GREEK)

6" cruisers

HAWKINS
PROBISHER
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
BIRMINGHAM
ENTERPRISE
DAUNTLESS
DURBAN
CAPETOWN
CERES
CALEDON
CARADOC
SUMATRA (Dutch)

Armed Merchant Cruisers

WORCESTERSHIRE
RANCHI
CORFU
KANIMBLA
CHITRAL
RANPURA
CARTHAGE
CARLISLE

A.A.Ship
Approx. 27 destroyers
Approx. 9 submarines

Enemy Forces.

Approx. 7 submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN ACTIVITY

3rd. December 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

- (i) Task Group 44.4 ("PHOENIX" "MOOPORD" "PATTERSON" "HELM") on patrol in Coral Sea.
- (ii) "AUSTRALIA" due Challenger Bay today 3/12 to again act as Flagship Task Force 44.
- (iii) "SWAN" "WARRAGO" "COLAC" escorting Convoy TN.11 (Section A: "KATOomba" "TARORA" "S. JACOB"; Section B "DUNTHOON" "TASMAN" "KARSIX" "CENTAUR" "ROBERT BENSON" "BENJAMIN FRANKLIN") dep. Townsville 1/12. Convoy splits on arrival position Z (150 miles S.S.E. Port Moresby); "SWAN" escorts Section A to Milne Bay ETA 1700/4; "WARRAGO" "COLAC" escort Section B to Port Moresby ETA 1000/4. "SWAN" & "WARRAGO" to return Townsville with despatch.
- (iv) "GOULBURN" escorting Convoy BT.25 ("STAGEN" "SPILBERGER" "E. DEARBORN") en route Brisbane to Townsville. "GOULBURN" to be detached in Whitsunday Passage.
- (v) "TROMP" dep. Melbourne 1031/2 for Burnie ETA 0800/3. To return at 1400, enter Port Phillip 0600/4.
- (vi) "ARUNTA" "STUART" dep. Townsville 1910/2 for Port Moresby ETA 0700/4.
- (vii) "KATOomba" escorting ANSUI dep. Moresby 1400/2 for Townsville ETA 1200/3.
- (viii) "MILDURA" "INVERELL" escorting Convoy OC.49 (including "GOLDSTAR") dep. Wilson's Promontory area 1/12 for Sydney and Newcastle.
- (xix) "MORESBY" "ABRAHAM CRYSSER" escorting Convoy CO.59 (9 MV) dep. Sydney 1/12 for R.V. in Wilson's Promontory area.
- (x) "DELORAIN" "ECHUCA" escorting Convoy CP.24 (5 MV) dep. Sydney 0927/2 ETA Brisbane 2230/4.
- (xi) "WHYALLA" en route Sydney to Townsville ETA 0700/6.
- (xii) "BUNGAH" en route Sydney to Geelong ETA 0800 today 3/12.
- (xiii) "TULSA" escorting "ROBIN BUNTLEY" towing 2 M.T.B. to Cairns.
- (xiv) "VICTORIA" to depart Townsville today 3/12 to reach Challenger Bay by noon.
- (xv) "SPRINGDALE" dep. Adelaide for Port Phillip 0630/2 ETA 0630/6
- (xvi) "MANUNDA" dep. Brisbane 1955/2 for Port Moresby ETA 1400/6.
- (xvii) At Sydney. "BOBBIN" "WILCANNIA" "TOWNSVILLE" "KAPUNDA" "ROCKHAMPTON" Refitting or repairing "PORTLAND" "CHESTER" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "VERDETTA" "BISHOPDALE" "ALHENA". In reserve "MANGORA".
- (xviii) At Brisbane. "GEELONG" "SPERRY" "FULTON" "GYEPIE" "POYANG" "MANUNDA" Refitting "BUNDIGO"
- (xix) At Townsville. "YUNNAN" "AASE MAERSE" "MERRUR"
- (xx) At Melbourne. "PIRIE" "DOOMBA" Repairing "HOLLAND" "WARRNAMBOOL"
- (xxi) At Port Stephens. "WESTRALIA" "PING WO"
- (xxii) At Jervis Bay. "BOEDABERG"
- (xxiii) At Port Moresby. "S.J.FIELD" "JOHN STEELE" "VAN DER LIJN" "J.R.LOWELL" "VAN HEUTSZ" "ROTHKOE" "CREMER" "BOTH" "MARTSUYCKER"
- (xxiv) At Milne Bay. "BALLARAT" "BROOME" "LITHOON" "KURUMBA" "BALIKPAPAN" "JAPARA" "JESSE APPLIGATE" "BANTAN"
- (xxv) At Challenger Bay. "HOBART" "SELFRIDGE" "BAGLEY" "HENLEY"
- (xxvi) At McLaren Harbour. "MULIAMA" "PALUMA" "WAREE" "KAURI"

Enemy Forces

- (1) Buin-Faisi Area: Other reports indicate that the vessels reported S.E. of Faisi at 0823/1 were not a heavy and light cruiser. 3 destroyers and a merchant vessel arrived at Faisi from the S.E. during the morning and are believed to have included the two 'cruisers' reported by aircraft.

At 0703/2 the following enemy shipping was in the area:

- 9 destroyers
- 1 sloop
- 2 tankers
- 5 merchant vessels

IV

The submarine observed on 30/11 had disappeared.

- (ii) BUNA: The 4 destroyers which reached Buna about midnight 1/12 were shadowed as they retired northwards yesterday 2/12, and were last observed at 1515 on course 060° 15 miles S.S. Cape Orford (New Britain) apparently stationary. At 1530, a fifth destroyer was seen 20 miles S.E. Cape Orford on course 240°, evidently proceeding from Rabaul to join the force from Buna, one of which was probably damaged.
- (iii) New Britain: A 400 ton cargo-vessel with a small escort vessel was seen on a westerly course at 0950/2, approx. 70 miles N.W. Cape Hollman, Willaumez Peninsula.

(iv) New Georgia: Japanese are reported to be in the vicinity of Lunga Point, (Canongga Is.)
 Further details of enemy activity in Beagle Channel (W.Coast Vella Lavella) on 29/11 are as follows: 14 barges arrived at Turovilu Is. in the early morning and were beached and hidden during the day. Two small craft arrived from the south later in the day, and at 1830 all 16 vessels were seen proceeding N.W. up Beagle Channel. It is reported that no Japanese were left on Turovilu.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

- (i) "DEVONSHIRE" escorting "MAURETANIA" en route Colombo to Fremantle ETA today 3/12.
- (ii) "ARMIDALE" returning Darwin from Timor.
- (iii) At Fremantle: "ADELAIDE" "JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK" "VAN CALEN" "TJERR HEDDES" "CHILDS" "PELIAS" "ISABEL" "TRINITY" "WALLAROO" "DUBBO" "CAWLER" "TAMWORTH" "WANGANELLA"
- (iv) At Exmouth Gulf. "HERON" "W.B. PRESTON" "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL"
- (v) At Darwin. "RALPHORLIE" "CASTLEMAINE"

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

4 submarines on Patrol Stations in China Sea or NEI area.

Enemy

Dilli: A small merchant ship arrived at Dilli 0430/2 and a cruiser at 1000. This cruiser is probably additional to the two seen south of Timor during the evening 1/12.

Timor Sea: Air reconnaissance reported no enemy shipping in the Timor Sea a.m. 2/12.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

- (i) At Vanikoro "MACKINAC" (AV)
- (ii) At Espiritu Santo. MAURY BUCHANAN (DD) HANLEY (APD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) THORNTON MACPARLAND (AVD) SOLACE (AR) GUADALUPE SABINE (AO) GAMBLE (CM) REBEL (AD) VESTAL (AR) YP347 (YP) BARNETT STRATFORD (AP) LIBRA (AK)
- (iii) At Noumea: INDIANA WASHINGTON (BB) ENTERPRISE (CV) NASSAU (ACV) HELENA COLUMBIA SAN DIEGO (CL) CLARK RUSSELL MORRIS MUSTIN OWEN AARON WARD SAUPLRY BUCHANAN HUGHES DE HAVEN ANDERSON (DD) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) HILO (PG) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER VIREO (AM) BUTTERNUT (YH) PC.479 DELPHINUS (YP) W.W.BURROWS (AP) CRESCENT CITY AMERICAN LEGION PRES. ADAMS PRES. JACKSON (AP) HETELOFUSE ANTARES (AK) ARD.2
- (iv) At Vila. "LACKAWANNA" (AO) "ALDEBARAN" (AK)
- (v) Guadalcanal area. JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) PC.476 PC.477 (YP) ALGIRA (AK)
- (vi) At Suva. NORTH CAROLINA COLORADO MARYLAND (BB) HULL MONCHAN (DD) KAHAKKE (AO) CATALPA LOCUST ROSEWOOD (YH) SUMNER (Survey ship) TALANANCA (AK)
- (vii) At Bora Bora. "TERE" (AK)

- (viii) At Tahiti: "CHEVRON" (Sloop)
- (ix) At Auckland: "LEANDER" "ACHILLES" (CL) "MONOWAI" (A.M.C) "EBONY"
(YH) "ROAMER" (AP)
- (x) At Wellington "McCRAWLEY" (AP)

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Enemy Forces

Indian Ocean: A Japanese submarine is believed to be operating in the Sunda Strait - Cocos Is. area. Two other enemy submarines are probably operating in the northern Indian Ocean.

A German raider may be operating in the eastern Indian Ocean.

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

Buna: 8 air attacks were made on the 4 enemy destroyers off Buna between 1445/1 and 0245/2, and one hit was claimed.

Aircraft attacking the force during the afternoon 1/12 were intercepted by 'Zero's' of which were destroyed and at least 4 damaged.

Timor Sea: "CASTLEMAINE" arrived Darwin yesterday with 77 civilian refugees from Timor. "ARMITALE" and "KURU" have not been reported since 1/12.

III. AIR OPERATIONS

Allied

Buna - Cons area: 7 attacks (5 Beaufighters, 6 Bostons, 1 B25 4 Hudsons, 12 Aircobras, 6 Bostons, 3 Wirraways) were made in this area during the morning 2/12. Results: 2 barges destroyed, 2 others carrying 20 Japanese each, sunk; numerous fires started, one M.C. silenced.

Keopang: 6 Beaufighters strafed Penfoel aerodrome 2/12. 15/18 medium bombers believed damaged, including 5 seen on fire; 2/3 Zero's damaged. Fuel dump set on fire. 25/30 bombers, 12/15 Zeros seen on aerodrome.

Enemy

Darwin: One enemy aircraft was over Darwin area at 1124/2.

IV. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVES

- (i) Further attempts to land supplies and reinforcements on Guadalcanal.
- (ii) Further attempts to reinforce New Guinea area.
- (iii) Continued activity in the Aleutians.
- (iv) Continued submarine activity in the Indian Ocean.

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For A/Director, C.O.I.C.
3/12/42

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)	ASHIGARA	
3 light cruisers (CL)	OI	KASHII (29/10)
	KITAGAMI	
1 converted a/c carrier	YAWATA	
Approx. 16 destroyers		
Converted seaplane tender (XAV)	OKITSU MARU	

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships	MISSISSIPPI	WEST VIRGINIA
	NEW MEXICO	CALIFORNIA
		TENNESSEE
		IDAHO
		PENNSYLVANIA
		NEVADA
Converted A/C carriers	COPAHEE	
	LONG ISLAND	
8" cruisers		LOUISVILLE
		SALT LAKE CITY
		CHICAGO
		SAN FRANCISCO
6" cruisers	ST. LOUIS	
	RALEIGH	
	DETROIT	
Destroyers	15 approx.	
Submarines	23 approx.	

Enemy Forces

Palau-Saipan-Honins-Formosa-Japan

C. in C. 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)

5 Battleships (BB)	MUSASHI	
	NAGATO	
	FUSO	
	YAMASHIRO	
	HYUGA	
1 battlecruiser (BB) damaged 28/8		
2 aircraft carriers (CV)		SHOKAKU)
		ZUIKAKU) 26/10
3 converted A/C carriers (XCV)	TAIYO	HITAKA
	CHUYO	
1 8" cruiser (CA)		HAGURO (10/9)
1 6" cruiser (CL)	YURA	
Converted S/P tenders (XAV)	KAMOI	KIYOKAWA MARU (21/10)
	KENJO MARU	
6 old armoured cruisers (OCA)		
Approx. 30 destroyers		
Approx. 30 submarines		

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships	INDIANA	
	WASHINGTON	
	NORTH CAROLINA	
	COLORADO	
	MARYLAND	
Aircraft carriers	ENTERPRISE	
	SASATOGA	
Converted A/C carriers	NASSAU	
	ALTAMAH	
8" cruisers	NEW ORLEANS	
	MINNEAPOLIS	
	NORTHAMPTON	
	PENSACOLA	
6" cruisers	HELENA	LEANDER
	HONOLULU	
	COLUMBIA	
	ACHILLES	

5" cruisers	SAN DIEGO
Destroyers	SAN JUAN
Armed merchant cruisers	35 (approx)
	ASCANIA
	HONOLULU

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

8" cruisers	INDIANAPOLIS
6" cruisers	NASHVILLE
10 destroyers	
10 submarines	

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Alentians

8" cruiser (CA)	HACHI
3 light cruisers (CL)	AMIKURA
	TAMA
	KISO

3 converted light cruisers (XCL)	
Approx. 4 destroyers	
Approx. 7 submarines	
Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)	KAMIKAWA MARU
	KAMITSU MARU
	FUJIKAWA MARU

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

Battleships	WARSPITE	REVENGE
	RESOLUTION	
	REBELLIES	
	ROYAL SOVEREIGN	
A/C carrier	ILLUSTRIOUS	
Seaplane Carrier	ALBATROSS	
8" cruiser	GEORGIOS AVEROFF (GREEK)	
7.5" cruisers	HAWKINS	
	FROBISHER	
6" cruisers	MAURITIUS	NEWCASTLE
	GAMBIA	GLASGOW
	BIRMINGHAM	ESERALD
	ENTERPRISE	DANAB
	DAUNTLESS	
	DRAGON	
	DURBAN	
	CAPETOWN	
	CERES	
	CALEDON	
	CARADOC	
	SUMATRA (Dutch)	
Armed Merchant Cruisers	WORCESTERSHIRE	
	RANCHI	
	CORFU	
	KANIMELA	
	CHITRAL	
	RANPURA	
	CARTHAGE	
	CARLISLE	

A.A.Ship

Approx. 27 destroyers
Approx. 9 submarines

Enemy Forces.

Approx. 7 submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

4th December, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

- (1) Task Group 44.4 ("PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "PATTERSON" "HELM") on patrol in Coral Sea.
- (ii) "ARUNTA" "STUART" due Port Moresby 0700.
- (iii) "TROMP" arr. Melbourne from Burnie 1928/3.
- (iv) "WARREGO" "COLAC" escorting "DUNTROON" "TASMAN" "KARSIK" "CENTAUR" "EGBERT BENSON" "BENJAMIN FRANKLIN" due Port Moresby 1000.
- (v) "SWAN" escorting "KATOOMBA" "TAROONA" "JACOB" due Milne Bay 1700.
- (vi) "KATOOMBA" escorting "ANHUI" enroute Moresby to Townsville ETA 1200/5.
- (vii) "DELORAIN" "ECHUCA" escorting Convoy GP24 (5 MV) due Brisbane 2230. To depart Caloundra 2330 escorting Convoy PG24 (DUNDULA).
- (viii) "INVERELL" escorting Convoy OC49 arr. Newcastle 0215/4. "MILDURA" escorting Sydney section (incl. "GOLDSTAR") arr. 1805/3.
- (ix) "MORESBY" "ABRAHAM GRYNSEN" escorting Convoy C050 (9 MV) dep. Sydney 1/12 for RV in Wilson's Promontory area.
- (x) "WHYALLA" enroute Sydney to Townsville ETA 0700/6.
- (xi) "TULSA" escorting "ROBIN BENTLEY" towing 2 MTB to Cairns.
- (xii) "GOULBURN" returning Brisbane after escorting Convoy BT25 to Whitsunday Passage.
- (xiii) "SPRINGDALE" enroute Adelaide to Port Phillip ETA 0630/6.
- (xiv) "MIZAR" enroute Wellington to Sydney ETA 1330/6.
- (xv) "MANUNDA" enroute Brisbane to Port Moresby ETA 1400/6.
- (xvi) At Sydney - "DOBBIN" "WILCANNIA" "TOWNSVILLE" "KAPUNDA" "ROCKHAMPTON" Refitting or Repairing - "PORTLAND" "CHESTER" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "VENDETTA" "BISHOPDALE" "ALHENA" In Reserve - "MANOORA"
- (xvii) At Brisbane - "GEELONG" "SPERRY" "FULTON" "GYMPIE" "POYANG" ~~"MUNDRA"~~ Refitting - "BENDIGO"
- (xviii) At Townsville - "YUNNAN" "AASE MAERSK"
- (xix) At Melbourne - "PIRIE" "DOOMBA" Repairing - "HOLLAND" "WARRNAMBOOL"
- (xx) At Geelong - "BUNGAREE"
- (xxi) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA" "PINGWO"
- (xxii) At Jervis Bay - "BUNDABERG"
- (xxiii) At Port Moresby - "JOHN STEELE" "VAN DER LIJN" "J.R. LOWELL" "VAN HEUTSZ" "BONTEKOE" "CREMER" "BOTH" "MAETSUYCKER" "JAMES COOK"
- (xxiv) At Milne Bay - "BALLARAT" "BROOME" "LITHGOW" "KURUMBA" "BALIKPAPAN" "JAPARA" "JESSE APPLGATE" "BANTAM"
- (xxv) At Challenger Bay - "AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "SELFRIDGE" "BAGLEY" "HENLEY" "VICTORIA" "MERKUR"
- (xxvi) At McLaren Harbor - "MULIAMA" "PALUMA" "WAREE" "KAURI"

Enemy Forces

- (1) Buin-Falsi - Significant activity occurred at the Shortland base yesterday 3/12. The number of vessels operating in the area appears to have doubled since the previous day.

At 0900 a destroyer departed south-eastwards; at 1102, 3 heavy cruisers (2 "NACHI", 1 "MOGAMI") arrived from the north; at 1300 10 destroyers departed south-eastwards; at 1700, the 3 heavy cruisers accompanied by 2 destroyers, left the area and proceeded N.E.

At 1700, the enemy vessels in the area, including those departing, were as follows -

- 3 heavy cruisers
- 7 destroyers
- 1 sloop
- 2 gunboats
- 3 submarines
- 2 tankers
- 5 cargo vessels

The destroyers proceeding S.E. were not reported later in the day, but were possibly to land troops or supplies on Guadalcanal during the night.

The heavy cruisers may have entered the area in order to fuel and are possibly patrolling east of Bougainville Strait as a guard against attack by allied surface forces from that direction.

It appears that the Buin-Faisi area is again in full use as an operational base, and intensification of the interrupted policy of supplying Guadalcanal from that base, may be expected. There are no signs yet, however, of another major offensive against Guadalcanal.

(ii) Kavieng - Photographic reconnaissance of Kavieng 3/12 showed the following in Harbor -

- 1 destroyer
- 1 seaplane tender ("NISSHIN"MARU" type)
- 1 cargo vessel (believed unseaworthy)
- 2 harbor craft

(iii) Buna - A destroyer was sighted by aircraft 15 miles N. of Buna at 1740/3. There are no sightings to indicate the course of this vessel. It is possible that the single destroyer sighted off Cape Orford (New Britain) at 1530 on course 240° was also proceeding to Buna, and that the enemy is sending destroyers in singly instead of as a group, in the hope that our air attacks will then be less successful.

(iv) Enemy Submarine Activity - Aircraft reported a periscope at the entrance to Port Moresby Harbour at 1000/3 and there were indications of an unidentified vessel in the vicinity at 2000 and 2100. An A/S search was to be made by "STUART" & "ARUNTA" this morning.

Aircraft attacked an enemy submarine with depth-charges 2/12 in position 08°26'S, 156°19'E. Result unknown.

Enemy submarines have also been sighted in positions 05°20'S, 158°50'E (Ontong Java area) and 09°23'S, 160°32'E (Guadal canal area) on 3/12.

There were indications of an enemy submarine on 3/12 in position 09°S, 156°30'E (Ganongga Is. area).

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

- (i) "GAWLER" escorting "TRINITY" dep. Fremantle 1735/3 for Exmouth Gulf ETA 22 0700/7.
- (ii) At Fremantle - "DEVONSHIRE" "ADELAIDE" "JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK" "VAN GALEN" "TJERK HIDDERS" "CHILDS" "PELIAS" "ISABEL" "WALLAROO" "DUBBO" "TAMWORTH" "WANGANELLA"
- (iii) At Exmouth Gulf - "HERON" "W.B. PRESTON" "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL"
- (iv) At Darwin - "KALGOORLIE" "CASTLEMAINE"

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

4 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

- (i) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AV)
- (ii) At Espiritu Santo - HONOLULU (CL) MAURY BUCHANAN (DD) MCKEAN MANLEY (APD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) THORNTON MacFARLAND (AVD) SOLACE (AH) GUADALUPE SABINE (AO) GAMBLE (CM) RIGEL (AD) VESTAL (AR) YP.347 (YP) BARNETT PRES. HAYES STRATFORD (AP) LIBRA (AK)
- (iii) At Noumea - INDIANA WASHINGTON (EB) ENTERPRISE (CV) NASSAU ALTAMAHA (ACV) COLUMBIA SAN DIEGO (CL) CLARK, RUSSELL MORRIS MUSTIN GWIN AARON WARD SAUFLEY ~~ENGELMAN~~ HUGHES DE HAVEN ANDERSON (DD) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) HILO (PG) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER VIREO (AM) BUTTERNUT (YN) PC.479 DELPHINUS (YP) W.W. BURROWS CRESCENT CITY AMERICAN LEGION PRES. ADAMS PRES. JACKSON (AP) BETELGEUSE ANTARES (AK) ARD.2
- (iv) At Vila - LACKAWANNA (AO) ALDEBARAN (AK)
- (v) Guadalcanal area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) PC.476 PC.477 (YP) ALCHIBA (AK)
- (vi) At Suva - NORTH CAROLINA COLORADO MARYLAND (EB) HULL MONOHAN (DD) KANKAKEE (AO) CATALPA LOCUST ROSEWOOD (YN) SUMNER (Survey Shi) TALAMANCA (AK)
- (vii) At Bora Bora - "TERN" (AM)

- (viii) At Tahiti - CHEVREUIL (Sloop)
- (ix) At Auckland - LEANDER ACHILLES (CL) MONOWAI (A.M.C) EBONY (YN)
ROAMER (AP)
- (x) At Wellington - McCAWLEY (AP)

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Enemy Forces

Three Japanese submarines are believed to be operating in the northern Indian Ocean.

A German raider was probably operating in the eastern Indian Ocean on 30/11, but has probably changed its scene of operations following the sinking of "RAMSES".

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

Timor Sea - "KURU" arrived Darwin yesterday slightly damaged and with three of her crew wounded. Repeated attempts to contact "ARMIDA E", last reported at 1458/1, have failed. Possibly she was sunk by air attacks during the afternoon, or disabled and later overtaken and sunk by enemy cruisers. Air searches are still proceeding.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

Allied

Sanananda Point - 3 attacks (12 P.40's, 6 A.20's and 4 A.20's) morning 3/12. One M.G. post silenced, other results not observed.

Buna-Gona Area - 4 attacks (4 Hudsons, 5 B.25's, 5 A.20's and 12 P.400's) morning 3/12. One direct hit on Gona Wreck (approx 1800 yards N. by E. of Waytutu Point), large fire observed north of Buna Mission and one A.A. position destroyed. One A.20 rendered completely unserviceable, 4 others temporarily. One B.17 was lost during attacks on enemy destroyers off Gona 2/12.

Enemy

Darwin - 3 Zero's were reported over the area morning 3/12. P.40's did not intercept.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Further attempts to land supplies and reinforcements on Guadal canal.
- (ii) Further attempts to reinforce New Guinea area.
- (iii) Continued submarine activity in the Indian Ocean.

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For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.G.

3/12/42

APPENDIX TO

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

<u>Allied Forces</u>	<u>Effective AUSTRALIA</u>	<u>Refitting or damaged</u>
8" cruisers		CHESTER PORTLAND
6" cruisers	HOBART PHOENIX	
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA STUART TROMP SELFRIDGE	LE TRIOMPHANT
Destroyers	MUGFORD HENLEY HEIM BAGLEY PATTERSON	VENDETTA
Submarines	GRAYBACK) GRAMPUS) GUDGEON) At Brisbane SARGO) SILVERSIDES) ALBACORE) AMBERJACK) FLYING FISH) GATO) GROUPEL) GROWLER) PLUNGER) SAILFISH) On Patrol SAURY) SNAPPER) SEADRAGON) SPEARFISH) STINGRAY) SWORDFISH) TUNA) WAHOO)	
Armed merchant cruisers	K.9 at Sydney	MANOORA (in reserve)
Submarine tenders	WESTRALIA FULTON SPERRY	HOLLAND
Destroyer tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboat	TULSA	
Oilers	KURUMBA AASE MAERSK VICTORIA	
Storeships	GOLDSTAR	ALHENA

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

C.in C. Combined Fleet		
C.in C. 2nd Fleet		
C.in C. 4th Fleet		
C.in C. 6th Fleet (submarines)		
3 battleships (BB)	YAMATO MUTSO ISE	
2 battle cruisers (BB) (none effective)		KONGO)1 damaged (26/1 HIYEI)1 sunk 14/1 KIRISHIMA)1 damaged " HARUNA)1 home waters
1 aircraft carrier (CV)	HOSHO	
2 converted a/c carriers (XCV)	HAYATAKA ZUINO	

MOST SECRET

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or damaged</u>
Heavy cruisers (7 probably sunk) (probably 2 effective)	AOBA CHOKAI	TONE (damaged 26/10) TIKUMA (damaged 26/10) MYOKO (prob. damaged 26/10) KINUGASA (prob. sunk 12/10) - KUMANO (damaged 10/9) MOGAMI) 1 believed sunk SUZUYA) 1 damaged 14/11
Light cruisers (CL) (2 believed sunk 13/11, 14/11, several others damaged)	^{SENDAI} NATORI KASHIMA KATORI JINTSU NAGARA TENRYU	YUBARI) (poss. sunk) TATSUTA) ISUZU) believed sunk KINU)
3 converted light cruisers (XCL) Approx. 25 submarines Approx. 40 destroyers (DD) 4 seaplane carriers	CHIYODA CHITOSE) AKITSUSHIMA) 1 damaged 8/11 NISSHIN)	
Converted S/P tenders (XAV)	NITCHO MARU KINUGASA MARU SANUKI MARU KAGU MARU GOSHO MARU NARUTO MARU SENDAI MARU SANYO MARU KENJO MARU SOYOU MARU	
Several submarine tenders Approx. 40 merchant ships (over 3,000 tons) Minelayers, minesweepers, sub. chasers, MTB's gunboats, patrol craft Approx. 286 shore based aircraft incl. 111 fighters, 97 B., 20 F/B, 49 F/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft.		

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

8" cruiser

6" cruiser

A.A. ship

Destroyers

S/P Tenders

Submarine Tender

Submarines

DEVONSHIRE	
ADELAIDE	
JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK	
TJERK HIDDES	
VAN CALEN	
HERON	
CHILDS	
W.B. PRESTON	
PELIAS	
GAR) On Patrol
GRENADIER	
GRAYLING	
K.12) At Fremantle
THRESHER	
TAMBOR	
TAUTOG) At Fremantle
SEARAVEN	
K.8) At Fremantle
TROUT (en route Brisbane to Fremantle)	

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)

3 light cruisers (CL)

1 converted a/c carrier

ASHIGARA

OI

KITAGAMI

YAWATA

KASHII (29/10)

Approx. 16 destroyers
Converted seaplane tenders (XAV) OKITSU MARU
NOTORO

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO

WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE
IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA

Converted A/C carriers

COPAHEE
LONG ISLAND

8" cruisers

LOUISVILLE
SALT LAKE CITY
CHICAGO
SAN FRANCISCO

6" cruisers

ST. LOUIS
RALEIGH
DETROIT
15 approx.
23 approx.

Destroyers
Submarines

Enemy Forces

Palao-Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan
C. in C. 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)
5 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
NAGATO
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

1 battlecruiser (BB) damaged 28/8
2 aircraft carriers (CV)

SHOKAKU)
ZUIKAKU) 26/10

3 converted aircraft carriers (XCV) HITAKA
TAIYO
CHUYO

1 8" cruiser (CA)
1 6" cruiser (CL)
Converted S/P tenders (XAV)

YURA
KAMO I
KENJO MARU

HAGURO (10/9)
KIYOKAWA MARU (21/10)

6 old armoured cruisers (OCA)
Approx. 30 destroyers
Approx. 30 submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
COLORADO
MARYLAND
ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA
NASSAU
ALTAMAHAN
NEW ORLEANS
MINNEAPOLIS
NORTHAMPTON
PENSACOLA
HELENA
HONOLULU
COLUMBIA
ACHILLES

Aircraft carriers

Converted A/C carriers

8" cruisers

6" cruisers

LEANDER

5" cruisers	SAN DIEGO
	SAN JUAN
Destroyers	35 (approx)
Armed merchant cruisers	ASCANIA
	MONOWAI

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

8" cruisers	INDIANAPOLIS
6" cruiser	NASHVILLE
10 destroyers	
10 submarines	

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians

8" cruiser (CA)	NACHI
3 light cruisers (CL)	ABUKUMA
	TAMA
	KISO
3 converted light cruisers (XCL)	
Approx. 4 destroyers	
Approx. 7 submarines	
Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)	KAMIKAWA MARU
	KAMITSU MARU
	FUJIKAWA MARU

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

Battleships	WARSPITE	REVENGE
	RESOLUTION	
	RAMILLIES	
	ROYAL SOVEREIGN	
	ILLUSTRIOUS	
A/C carrier	ALBATROSS	
Seaplane Carrier	GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)	
8" cruiser	HAWKINS	
7.5" cruisers	FROBISHER	
	MAURITIUS	NEWCASTLE
6" cruisers	GAMBIA	GLASGOW
	BIRMINGHAM	EMERALD
	ENTERPRISE	DANAE
	DAUNTLESS	
	DRAGON	
	DURBAN	
	CAPETOWN	
	CERES	
	CALEDON	
	CARADOC	
	SUMATRA (Dutch)	
Armed Merchant Cruisers	WORCESTERSHIRE	
	RANCHI	
	CORFU	
	KANIMBLA	
	CHITRAL	
	RANPURA	
	CARTHAGE	
	CARLISIE	
A.A. Ship		
Approx. 27 destroyers		
Approx. 9 submarines		
<u>Enemy Forces.</u>		
Approx. 7 submarines		

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

5th December, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

- (i) "HOBART" "SELFDRIDGE" "BAGLEY" dep. Palm Is. 1100/4 to patrol in Coral Sea.
- (ii) "PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "PATTERSON" "HELM" to pass Grafton Passage 1000 today and arrive Palm Is. 1700. "PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" to proceed Sydney about 2100 for over-haul after refuelling ETA 0715/8.
- (iii) "ARUNTA" "STUART" dep. Port Moresby 1526/4 for Cairns ETA 1500/5.
- (iv) "SWAN" dep. Milne Bay 1626/4 for Townsville ETA 1830/6.
- (v) "KATOOMBA" escorting "ANHUI" enroute Moresby to Townsville ETA 1200.
- (vi) "DELORAIN" "ECHUCA" escorting Convoy PG24 were to depart Brisbane 0430 for Sydney.
- (vii) "MERKUR" "AASE MAERSK" dep. Townsville yesterday for Brisbane so as to pass Whitsunday Passage 1400. "GOULBURN" to intercept after leaving Convoy BT25, and escort to Brisbane ETA 2030/7.
- (viii) "MORESBY" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy C050 (9 MV) dep. Sydney 1/12 for RV in Wilson's Promontory area with "DOOMBA".
- (ix) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC50 dep. Port Phillip 2233/4 for RV with above in Wilson's Promontory area today.
- (x) "INVERELL" escorting Convoy C051 to depart Newcastle today. "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Sydney section to RV off Port Jackson and escort whole convoy southwards.
- (xi) "WHYALLA" due Townsville 0700.
- (xii) "TULSA" escorting "ROBIN BENTLEY" towing 2 MPB to Cairns ETA 1300.
- (xiii) "PIRIE" dep. Frankston 1610/4 for Sydney ETA 0400/7.
- (xiv) "SPRINGDALE" enroute Adelaide to Port Phillip ETA 0630/6.
- (xv) "MIZAR" enroute Wellington to Sydney ETA 1330/6.
- (xvi) "MANUNDA" enroute Brisbane to Port Moresby ETA 1400/6.
- (xvii) At Sydney - "DOBBIN" "WILCANNIA" "KAPUNDA" "MILDURA" "GOLDSTAR" Refitting or Repairing - "PORTLAND" "CHESTER" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "VENDETTA" "BISHOPDALE" "ALHENA"
- (xviii) In Reserve - "MANOORA"
- (xviii) At Brisbane - "GEELONG" "SPERRY" "FULTON" "GYMPIE" "POYANG" Refitting - "BENDIGO"
- (xix) At Townsville - "YUNNAN"
- (xx) At Melbourne - "TROMP" "PIRIE" ~~" "~~ Repairing - "HOLLAND" "WARRNAMBOOL"
- (xxi) At Geelong - "BUNGAREE"
- (xxii) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA" "PINGWO"
- (xxiii) At Jervis Bay - "BUNDABERG"
- (xxiv) At Port Moresby - "COLAC" "TASMAN" "KARSIK" "CENTAUR" "EGBERT BENSON" "BENJAMIN FRANKLIN" "JOHN STEELE" "VAN DER LIJN" "J.R. LOWELL" "VAN HEUTSZ" "BONTEKOE" "CREMER" "BOTH" "MAETSUYCKER"
- (xxv) At Milne Bay - "BALLARAT" "BROOME" "LITHGOW" "KURUMBA" "BALIKPAPAN" "JAPARA" "BANTAM" "KATOOMBA" "sJACOB"
- (xxvi) At Challenger Bay - "AUSTRALIA" "HENLEY" "VICTORIA"
- (xxvii) At McLaren Harbor - "MULIAMA" "PALUMA" "WAREE" "KAURI"
- (xxviii) "JAMES COOK", also "WARREGO" escorting "DUNTROON", to depart Port Moresby today.
- (xxix) "APPLEGATE" "TAROONA" to depart Milne Bay today.

Enemy Forces

- (1) Bougainville-Guadalcanal - 10 enemy vessels on course 220° (described as 2 heavy cruisers, 2 light cruisers and 6 destroyers but probably the 10 destroyers which departed from the Buin area at 1300) were attacked by aircraft ~~off New Georgia~~ ^{off New Georgia} at 1830/3. One vessel was hit by 2 x 1000-lb bombs, one by 1 x 1000-lb bomb, and one by two torpedoes. Two torpedo hits were possibly made on a fourth vessel.

Some of the convoy (at least 6 vessels) continued southwards, however, and 3 vessels were observed 5 m. SE Cape Esperance (or W. corner Guadalcanal) at 0200/4 on course 285°, speed 30 knots. At 0640, 2 destroyers followed 3 miles behind by four other vessels, were off Gatukai Is. (New Georgia) on course 295°, speed 5 knots.

At 0650 a possible battleship with 7 other vessels escorted by 3 floatplanes was observed on course 300° off Visuvisu Point

(New Georgia). This force probably included the vessels damaged by allied air attack (probably 4) joined by escorting vessels from the force which left Buin during the night (see below).

At 0700/4, only 7 vessels remained in the Buin area, viz. 1 destroyer, 2 tankers, 3 cargo vessels, 1 submarine. 11 vessels, therefore, had departed during the night. Departures from this base during 3/12 may be set out as follows -

0900 1 destroyer south eastwards
 1300 10 destroyers south eastwards
 1700 3 heavy cruisers, 2 destroyers - north eastwards
 during night 4 destroyers, 1 sloop, 2 gunboats, 2 cargo vessels, 2 submarines

The force of 3 heavy cruisers and 2 destroyers which left Buin at 1700/3 was apparently patrolling the area east of Bougainville Strait during the following day, and was seen 75 m. NE Cape Alexander (Choiseul Is.) on course 255° at 1145, and 6 m. SSE Fauro on the same course at 1430.

At 1100, 9 destroyers arrived in the Buin area from the SE, and 2 destroyers and a cargo-ship from the westwards. This number probably includes most of the ships sighted SE of Bougainville during the previous day and during the early morning 4/12. The total force at the Shortland base when the vessels returned at 1100 was as follows -

15 destroyers
 1 sloop
 5 cargo vessels
 2 tankers
 2 submarines

25

Additional arrivals between 0700 and 1100 must therefore have been 3 destroyers, 1 sloop, 1 cargo vessel, 1 submarine, and the vessels still at sea at midday, 3 heavy cruisers, 3 destroyers and two gunboats. It is possible that the three missing destroyers had been sunk.

- (ii) Buna-Gona - The first indication of possible enemy evacuation of this area is a report that a small party of Japanese is being evacuated every night from the mouth of the Amboga River. An unconfirmed report states that our troops occupied Buna village at 1000/3. The enemy dropped about 30 parachutes over the area 3/12: it is believed that only supplies were dropped.
- (iii) New Guinea - Natives report that 3 vessels with aircraft escort arrived off Morobe from SE a.m. 7/12 and later departed NW. There is no intelligence to indicate that vessels of any size are operating in this area, but the report of air cover indicates that important supplies are being ferried, probably in small coastal craft.
- (iv) New Ireland - An aircraft reported sighting a searchlight in position 03°20'S, 153°30'E (47 m. N. Anir Is.) at 0019/4.
- (v) Enemy Submarines - There have been additional indications 2-3/12 of enemy submarines as follows -

2/12	Choiseul Is.	05°S, 157°E
	Ysabel Is.	07°30'S, 158°E
	Rossel Is.	08°S, 158°30'E
	Woodlark Is.	10°S, 155°E
	New Britain	08°S, 154°E
		07°S, 152°E
		05°S, 150°E
3/12	Choiseul Is.	05°S, 157°E
	Fauro Is.	07°S, 156°E
	Treasury Is.	08°S, 155°E
	Rendova Is.	09°S, 157°30'E
	New Britain	07°S, 152°E
		06°30'S, 152°32'E
	Rossel Is.	10°S, 155°E
	Ontong Java	03°S, 160°E
		02°S, 159°E

An aircraft reported a possible submarine off Nowra (N.S.W) at 1230/4, but subsequent air searches were negative.

"BUNDABERG" attacked a possible submarine in the same area at 1431, and reported oil slicks in the water as a result. The reported scene of the attack was 3 miles south of the point at which "G.S.LIVANOS" was sunk on 20/7, and the wreck may have been responsible for the indications of a submarine.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

- (i) "ADELAIDE" "VAN GALEN" escorting "MAURETANIA" to depart Fremantle 0600. To RV with "TROMP" 040°55'S, 139°39'E 1800/8. "TROMP" continues escort to Sydney ETA 0700/11.
- (ii) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "TULAGI" dep. Darwin 0449.
- (iii) "GAWLER" escorting "TRINITY" enroute Fremantle to Exmouth Gulf ETA 0700/7.
- (iv) At Fremantle - "DEVONSHIRE" "JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK" "TJERK HIDDES" "CHILDS" "PELIAS" "ISABEL" "WALLAROO" "DUBBO" "TAMWORTH" "WANGANELLA"
- (v) At Exmouth Gulf - "HERON" "W.B. PRESTON" "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL"
- (vi) At Darwin - "KALGOORLIE"

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

4 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

Enemy Forces

Timor - The cruiser which arrived at Dilli 2/12 departed 1345/3. A warship was reported off Laga on 1/12. There are no indications of later operations by the two cruisers which pursued allied vessels SE of Timor on 1/12.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

- (i) At Vanikoro - BALLARD (AV)
- (ii) At Espiritu Santo - HONOLULU (CL) MAURY FLETCHER (DD) McKEAN (APD) CURTISS MACKINAC TANGIER (AV) THORNTON MacFARLAND (AVD) SOLACE (AH) GUADALUPE SABINE (AO) GAMBLE (CM) RIGEL (AD) VESTAL (AR) YP.347 (YP) STRATFORD (AP) LIBRA (AK)
- (iii) At Noumea - INDIANA WASHINGTON (BB) ENTERPRISE (CV) NASSAU ALTAMAHA (ACV) COLUMBIA SAN DIEGO (CL) CLARK RUSSEL MORRIS GRAYSON NICHOLAS MUSTIN SAUFLEY BUCHANAN HUGHES DE RAVEN ANDERSON (DD) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) HILO (PG) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER VIREO (AM) BUTTERNUT (YN) PC.479 DELPHINUS (YP) W.W.BURROWS CRESCENT CITY AMERICAN LEGION NEVILLE HEYWOOD PRES.ADAMS PRES.JACKSON (AP) BETELGEUSE ANTARES (AK) ARD.2
- (iv) At Vila - LACKAWANNA (AO) ALDEBARAN (AK)
- (v) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) PC.476 PC.477 (YP) ALCHIBA (AK)
- (vi) At Suva - NORTH CAROLINA COLORADO MARYLAND (BB) HULL MONOHAN (DD) KANKAKEE (AO) CATALPA LOCUST ROSEWOOD (YN) SUMNER (Survey Ship) TALAMANCA (AK)
- (vii) At Bora Bora - TERN (AM)
- (viii) At Tahiti - CHEVREUIL (Sloop)
- (ix) At Auckland - LEANDER ACHILLES (CL) MONOWAI (A.M.C) EBONY (YN) ROAMER (AP)
- (x) At Wellington - McCAWLEY (AP)

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Enemy Forces

Three Japanese submarines are believed to be operating in the northern Indian Ocean.

A German raider was probably operating in the eastern Indian Ocean on 30/11, but has probably changed its scene of operations following the sinking of "RAMSES".

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

Solomons - A preliminary survey of the results of the naval engagement in the Solomons during the night 30/11-1/12, shows that the enemy convoy attacked probably consisted of 3 cruisers, 9 destroyers and 5 merchant vessels, including transports and cargo-type. The following were sunk -
2 light cruisers
4 destroyers (incl. "TAKANAMI" - 1942, prob. 1500 tons)
2 transports
1 cargo vessel

Two other transports were damaged, and the third cruiser (possibly a heavy cruiser) escaped with the remaining 5 destroyers.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

Allied

Kavieng - 5 Catalinas attacked the airdrome night 3-4/12. Fires observed on runway.

Lae - 9 B.17's attacked the airdrome night 3-4/12.

Salamaua - 9 B.17's attacked airdrome early morning 4/12. Results not observed. One B.17 missing.

Buna-Gona Area - 4 attacks (5 Beaufighters, 4 Beaufighters, 5 A.20's and 1 B.17) 4/12. 3 barges destroyed. Personnel strafed and several killed. B.17 attacked and extinguished light on the water 40-50 miles NE of Buna during night. One A.20 missing.

Wetar - 3 Hudsons attacked a 20 ton lugger morning 4/12. Nil hits. One Zero intercepted. One Hudson badly damaged and crash landed on return.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Further attempts to land supplies and reinforcements on Guadalcanal.
- (ii) Further attempts to reinforce New Guinea area.
- (iii) Continued submarine activity in the Indian Ocean.

TTR.

For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

5/12/42

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

<u>Allied Forces</u>	<u>Effective AUSTRALIA</u>	<u>Refitting or Damaged</u>
8" Cruisers		CHESTER PORTLAND
6" Cruisers	HOBART PHOENIX	
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA STUART TROMP SELFREDGE	LE TRIOMPHANT
Destroyers	MUGFORD HENLEY HELM BAGLEY PATTERSON	VENDETTA
Submarines	GRAYBACK) GRAMPUS) GUDGEON) At Brisbane SARGO) SILVERSIDES) ALBACORE) AMBERJACK) FLYING FISH) GATO) GROUPE) GROWLER) PLUNGER) SAILFISH) SAURY) On Patrol SNAPPER) SEADRAGON) SPEARFISH)) STINGRAY)) SWORDFISH)) TUNA)) WAHOO))	
Armed Merchant Cruisers	K. 9	At Sydney
Submarine Tenders	WESTRALIA FULTON SPERRY	MANOORA (in reserve) HOLLAND
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboat	TULSA	
Oilers	KURUMBA AASE MAERSK VICTORIA	

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet		
CinC 2nd Fleet		
CinC 4th Fleet		
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)		
3 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO MUTSU ISE	
1 Battlecruiser (BB) (ineffective)		KONGO or HARUNA
1 aircraft carrier (CV)	HOSHŌ	
2 converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	HAYATAKA ZUIHO	
Heavy Cruisers		TONE (damaged 26/10)
(7 prob. sunk)	AOBA	TIKUMA (damaged 26/10)
(prob. 4 effective)	CHOKAI KUMANO ?	MYOKO (prob. damaged 26) KINUGASA (prob. sunk 12/10) MOGAMI) 1 bel. sunk SUZUYA) 1 damaged 14/11 ATAGO) 1 or 2 believed TAKAO) sunk
Light Cruisers (CL)	NATORI	
(2 believed sunk 13-14/11)	KASHIMA	TATSUTA (poss. sunk)
several others damaged	KATORI NAGARA	ISUZU) KINU) believed sunk

Light Cruisers (Contd)

TENRYU
SENDAI }
JINTSU } 1 sunk 30/11

3 Converted Light Cruisers (XCL)

Approx 25 submarines

Approx 40 Destroyers (DD)

4 Seaplane Carriers

CHIYODA
CHITOSE)
AKITSUSHIMA) 1 damaged 8/11
NISSHIN)

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

NITCHO MARU
KINUGASA MARU
SANUKI MARU
KAGU MARU
GOSHO MARU
NARUTO MARU
SENDAI MARU
SANYO MARU
KENJO MARU
SOUYOU MARU
KAMOI

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx 40 merchant ships (over 3,000 tons)

Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft

Approx 286 shore-based aircraft incl. 111 fighters, 97 B, 20 F/B,

49 F/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

8" Cruiser

6" Cruiser

A.A. Ship

Destroyers

S/P Tenders

Submarine Tender

Submarines

DEVONSHIRE
ADELAIDE
JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK
TJERK HIDDES
VAN GALEN
HERON
CHILDS
W.B. PRESTON
PELIAS
GAR)
GRENADIER) On Patrol
GRAYLING)
K.12)
THRESHER)
TAMBOR)
TAUTOG) At Fremantle
SEARAVEN)
K.8)
TROUT (en route Brisbane to Fremantle)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

Cinc Southern Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)

3 Light Cruisers (CL)

1 converted A/C Carrier

Approx 16 destroyers

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

ASHIGARA
OI KASHII (29/10)
KITAGAMI
YAWATA
OKITSU MARU
NOTORO

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

Converted A/C Carriers

8" Cruisers

MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE
IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA
COPAHEE
LONG ISLAND
LOUISVILLE
SALT LAKE CITY
CHICAGO
SAN FRANCISCO

6" Cruisers

ST. LOUIS
RALEIGH
DETROIT

Destroyers

15 approx

Submarines

23 approx

Enemy Forces

Palao-Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan

CinC 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)

5 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
NAGATO
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

1 Battlecruiser (BB) damaged 28/8

2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

KONGO or HARUNA
SHOKAKU)
ZUIKAKU) 26/10

3 converted aircraft carriers (XCV)

HITAKA
TAIYO
CHUYO

1 - 8" Cruiser (CA)

1 - 6" Cruiser (CL)

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

YURA
KENJO MARU
FUJIKAWA MARU

HAGURO (10/9)

KIYOKAWA MARU (21/10)

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 30 Destroyers

Approx 30 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
COLORADO

Aircraft Carriers

MARYLAND
ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA

Converted A/C Carriers

NASSAU
ALTAMAHA

8" Cruisers

NEW ORLEANS
MINNEAPOLIS
NORTHAMPTON

6" Cruisers

PENSACOLA
HELENA

LEANDER

5" Cruisers

HONOLULU
COLUMBIA
ACHILLES

Destroyers

SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN

Armed Merchant Cruisers

35 (approx)
ASCANIA
MONOWAI

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

INDIANAPOLIS

6" Cruiser

NASHVILLE

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians

8" Cruiser (CA)

NACHI

3 Light Cruisers (CL)

ABUKUMA

TAMA

KISO

3 Converted Light Cruisers (XCL)

Approx 4 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

KAMIKAWA MARU
KAMITSU MARU

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

A/C Carrier
Seaplane Carrier
8" Cruisers
7.5" Cruisers
6" Cruisers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

A.A. Ship
Approx 27 destroyers
Approx 9 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Approx 7 Submarines

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
RAMILLIES
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
ILLUSTRIOUS
ALBATROSS
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
~~NEW~~ HAWKINS
FROBISHER
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
BIRMINGHAM
ENTERPRISE
DAUNTLESS
DRAGON
DURBAN
CAPETOWN
CERES
CALEDON
CARADOC
SUMATRA (Dutch)
WORCESTERSHIRE
RANCHI
CORFU
KANIMBLA
CHITRAL
RANPURA
CARTHAGE
~~CARLISLE~~
CARLISLE

REVENGE
NEWCASTLE
GLASGOW
EMERALD
DANAE

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

6th December, 1942.

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

- (i) "HOBART" "SELFRIDGE" "BAGLEY" on patrol in Coral Sea.
- (ii) "HENLEY" dep. Palm Is. yesterday to RV with "HILO" towing 4 M.T.B. and escort towards Cairns ETA 0800/9. To be relieved by local escort in vicinity of Townsville.
- (iii) "PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" en route Palm Is. to Sydney for overhaul ETA 0715/8.
- (iv) "SWAN" due Townsville from Milne Bay 1830.
- (v) "ARUNTA" "STUART" arr. Cairns 5/12. "STUART" to proceed Townsville to refuel.
- (vi) "WARREGO" escorting "DUNTROON" dep. Port Moresby 0800/5 for Townsville ETA 0600/7.
- (vii) "GOULBURN" escorting "AASE MAERSK" "MERKUR" en route Brisbane from Whitsunday Passage ETA 2030/7. "GOULBURN" will RV with "TJISADANE" at Caloundra and escort to 27°04' S. 156°28' E. then return Brisbane.
- (viii) "GEELONG" escorting Convoy BT26 ("PAINE WINGATE" "GEORGE TAYLOR" "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER") to dep. Moreton Bay 0200/7.
- (ix) "MORESBY" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy OC50 dep. Wilson's Promontory area 5/12 for Sydney and Newcastle.
- (x) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy CO.50 arr. Melbourne 1653/5.
- (xi) "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy C051 dep. Sydney area 5/12 for RV in Wilson's Promontory area.
- (xii) "DELORAIN" "ECHUCA" escorting Convoy PG24 (1 MV) dep. Caloundra 0600/5 ETA Newcastle 0600/7 Sydney 1000/7.
- (xiii) "PIRIE" en route Port Phillip to Sydney ETA 0400/7.
- (xiv) "MIZAR" due Sydney 1330.
- (xv) "BUNDABERG" to return Sydney 0600.
- (xvi) "BOWEN" dep. Maryborough 0600/5 for Sydney ETA 1500/7.
- (xvii) "WHYALLA" due Townsville today.
- (xviii) "MANUNDA" due Port Moresby 1400.
- (xix) At Sydney - "DOBBIN" "WILCANNIA" "KAPUNDA" "MILDURA" "INVERELL" "GOLDSTAR". Refitting or repairing - "PORTLAND" "CHESTER" "LE TRIUMPHANT" "VENDETTA" "BISHOPDALE" "ALHENA." In reserve "MANOORA".
- (xx) At Brisbane - "SPERRY" "FULTON" "GUMPIE" "POYANG". Refitting - "BENDIGO".
- (xxi) At Cairns - "ARUNTA" "TULSA".
- (xxii) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA" "PINGWO".
- (xxiii) At Geelong - "BUNGAREE".
- (xxiv) At ~~Rock~~ Townsville - "KATOOMBA" "YUNNAN".
- (xxv) At Melbourne - "TROMP" "SPRINGDALE" "DOOMBA". *Repairing HOLLAND WARRNAMBOO*
- (xxvi) At Port Moresby - "COLAC" "TASMAN" "KARSIK" "CENTAUR" "EGBERT BENSON" "BENJAMIN FRANKLIN" "JOHN STEELE" "VAN DER LIJN" "M.R. LOWELL" "VAN HEUTSZ" "BONTEKOE" "CREMER" "BOTH" "MAETSUYCKER".
- (xxvii) At Milne Bay - "BALLARAT" "BROOME" "LITHGOW" "KURUMBA" "BALIKPAPAN" "JAPARA" "BANTAM" "KATOOMBA" "'s JACOB".
- (xxviii) At Challenger Bay - "AUSTRALIA" "PATTERSON" "HELM" "VICTORIA".
- (xxvix) At McLaren Harbour - "MULIAMA" "PALUMA".
- (xxx) At Porlock Harbour - "WAREE" "KAURI".

Enemy Forces.

- (1) Buin-Faisi: Aircraft reports indicate that the following vessels were at the Shortland base 5/12 -

1100	25 vessels
1130	24 vessels
1230	27 vessels including 2 cruisers, 2 destroyers, 1 transport

There appears to have been no significant activity since 4/12. The heavy cruiser force was probably still on patrol east of the area.

(ii) Rabaul: Photographic reconnaissance indicated the following in Rabaul Harbour at 1300/5 -

- 3 heavy cruisers
 - 4 light cruisers
 - 5 destroyers
 - 1 minelayer
 - 2 patrol craft
 - 2 unidentified vessels
 - 12 merchant vessels - (1 10,000 tons
 - (2 9,000 "
 - (3 8,000 "
 - (6 5,000 "
- aggregate tonnage 83,000 tons
- 29 vessels, ~~aggregate tonnage~~

Photographs did not cover the whole harbour area. If the vessels reported as heavy cruisers were actually so, they cannot be additional to those operating in the Buin area on the previous day.

The last reconnaissance of this area, on 20/11, showed 48 vessels, probably including numerous small harbour craft.

(iii) Solomons - enemy outposts: Activity continues at known enemy outposts in the New Georgia group.

An enemy cutter left Iringila Point (Vella Lavella) at 0650/3 and proceeded N.W.

Enemy foraging parties arrived at Lunga Point, Ganongga Is., (16 men in two barges) and Simbo Harbour, Simbo Is., (40 men in two barges mounting machine-guns) from S.E. a.m. 29/11, looted local gardens and departed N.W. Although these parties departed N.W. from the Simbo area, they probably came from Munda.

An Allied patrol killed nine of the enemy party on Gatukai Is. at 0300/1, and captured one of the remaining four Japanese on the following day.

Three floatplanes were seen at Rekata Bay 5/12.

It is reported that an enemy destroyer visits Malavagu (two miles S.W. Cape Alexander, Choiseul Is.) three times a day.

(iv) Buna: There were indications that an enemy vessel was probably 38 miles N. Buna at 2101/4. A flickering white light, possibly from the same vessel was seen at 0150/5, approximately 5 miles E. of the mouth of the Kumusi river. Other reports indicate that the Japanese have begun to evacuate their troops from this area.

(v) Enemy Submarine Activity: The following indications of enemy submarines have been noted:

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|------|---------------|---|
| 4/12 | New Caledonia | 22°S 162°40' E. |
| | Bougainville | 07°S 155°E. |
| | Ysabel | 07°S 158°E. |
| | Buka | 05°S 154°E. |
| | Ongtong Java | 05°30' S. 161°30' E. |
| 5/12 | New Hebrides | 19°S 155°30' E. 19°07' S. 173°18' E. |
| | Rossel Is. | 16°S. 155°30' E. |
| | Guadalcanal | One sighted off Tagoma Point 2120 |
| | | One or more sighted off Cape |
| | | Esperance 0830 |
| | Ndeni Is. | One sighted 05°37' S. 169°17' E 1125 |
| | Darwin | Unidentified loop crossing 2300 |

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

(i) "ADELAIDE" "VAN GALEN" escorting "MAURETANIA" dep. Fremantle 0640/5.

"VAN GALEN" was to return Fremantle 2100/5. "TROMP" to RV in 040°55'S. 139°39'E. at 1800/8. "ADELAIDE" proceeds Melbourne ETA 1100/9; "TROMP" continues escort to Sydney ETA 0700/11.

(ii) "TJERK HIDDEN" dep. Fremantle 0730/4 for Darwin ETA 0730/9.

(iii) "KALGOORLIE" dep. Darwin 1218/5 to assist survivors of "ARMIDAIE". (see Naval Incidents.)

(iv) "CASTLEMAINE" on escort duty off Darwin.

- (v) "GAWLER" escorting "TRINITY" en route Fremantle to Exmouth Gulf ETA 0700/7.
- (vi) At Fremantle - "DEVONSHIRE" "JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK" "~~XXXXXXXXXX~~" "CHILDS" "PELIAS" "ISABEL" "WALLAROO" "DUBBO" "TAMWORTH" "WANGANELLA".
- (vii) At Exmouth Gulf - "HERON" "W.B.PRESTON" "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL".

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.

Allied Forces.

4 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

Enemy Forces.

Dilli: A small merchant ship arrived at Dilli 1430/4.

The cruiser which arrived at Dilli 2/12 and departed on the following day is reported as an old type heavy cruiser. The Japanese have six of these vessels, all veterans of the Russo-Japanese war, and dating from 1899 to 1904. Five mount four 8" guns with 6" secondary armament, and the sixth mounts one 10" with two 8" etc.

This is the first indication that any of these vessels are operating outside home waters. No description of the vessel is yet available, and the report may prove unfounded, but recent serious depletion of the Japanese cruiser strength may well have forced the use of these veterans for convoy work in relatively safe areas.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

- (i) At Vanikoro - BALLARD (AV)
- (ii) At Espiritu Santo - HONOLULU (CL) MAURY FLETCHER (DD) McKEAN (APD) CURTISS MACKINAC TANGIER (AV) THORNTON MACFARLAND (AVD) SOLACE (AH) GUADALUPE SABINE (AO) GAMBLE (CM) RIGEL (AD) VESTAL (AR) YP.347 (WP) STRATFORD (AP) LIBRA (AK)
- (iii) At Noumea - INDIANA WASHINGTON (BB) SARATOGA (CV) NASSAU ALTAMAHA (ACV) COLUMBIA SAN JUAN (CL) FANNING BALCH McCALL CRAVEN DUNLAP GRAYSON NICHOLAS (DD) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) HILO (PG) SONOMA (YT) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER VIREO (AM) BUTTERNUT (YN) PC.479 DELPHINUS (YP) W.W.BURROWS AMERICAN LEGION NEVILLE HEYWOOD (AP) BETELGEUSE ANTARES (AK) ARD.2
- (iv) At Vila - LACKAWANNA (AO) ALDEBARAN (AK)
- (v) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) PC.476 PC.477 (YP) WANDANK (YT)
- (vi) At Suva - NORTH CAROLINA COLORADO MARYLAND (BB) HULL MONOHAN (DD) KANKAKEE (AO) CATALPA LOCUST ROSEWOOD (YN) SUMNER (Survey Ship) TALAMANCA (AK)
- (vii) At Bora Bora - TERN (AM)
- (viii) At Auckland - LEANDER ACHILLES (CL) MONOWAI (A.M.C.) EBONY (YN) ROAMER (AP)
- (ix) At Wellington - McCAWLEY (AP)

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Enemy Forces

Three Japanese submarines are believed to be operating in the northern Indian Ocean.

A German raider was probably operating in the eastern Indian Ocean on 30/11, but has probably changed its scene of operations following the sinking of "RAMSES".

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

Darwin: Aircraft reported a boat with survivors, no doubt from "ARMIDALE" in position 11°19'S. 128°20'E. (approx. 162 miles W.N.W. Darwin) at 1104/5, and again at 1601 in position 10°51'S. 128°23'E. "KALGOORLIE" has been despatched from Darwin to assist.

III. AIR OPERATIONS

Allied

Kavieng: Two B.24's attacked the aerodrome early morning 5/12.
One fire observed.

Buna: Three attacks (six A.20's, nine B.25's and eight B.25's) 5/12.
Four fires observed. One A/A gun destroyed. One B.25 crash
landed on return to base.

Enemy

Croker-Melville Islands area: An U/I aircraft was over the area early
afternoon 5/12.

Darwin: An enemy bomber was reported to have flown over Peron Islands
(64 miles S.W.Darwin) and was later over Darwin morning 5/12.

IV. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE.

- (i) Further attempts to land supplies and reinforcements on Guadalcanal.
- (ii) Continued submarine activity in the Indian Ocean.

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For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

6/12/42

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

1) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA
 L. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

Effective
AUSTRALIA

Refitting or Damaged

CHESTER

PORTLAND

6" Cruisers

HOBART
 PHOENIX

Flotilla Leaders

ARUNTA
 STUART
 TROMP

LE TRIOMPHANT

Destroyers

SELFRRIDGE
 MUGFORD
 HENLEY
 HELM

VENDETTA

Submarines

BAGLEY
 PATTERSON
 GRAYBACK)
 GRAMPUS)
 GUDGEON) At Brisbane
 SARGO)
 SILVERSIDES)
 ALBACORE)
 ARGONAUT)
 AMBERJACK)
 FLYING FISH)
 GATO)
 GROUPER)
 GROWLER)
 PLUNGER)
 SAILFISH)
 SAURY) On Patrol
 SNAPPER)
 SEADRAGON)
 SPEARFISH)
 STINGRAY)
 SWORDFISH)
 TUNA)
 WAHOO)

Armed Merchant Cruisers

Submarine Tenders

K.9

At Sydney

MANOORA (in reserve)

HOLLAND

Destroyer Tender

Gunboat

Oilers

WESTRALIA

FULTON

SPERRY

DOBBIN

TULSA

KURUMBA

AASE MAERSK

VICTORIA

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet

CinC 2nd Fleet

CinC 4th Fleet

CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)

3 Battleships (BB)

YAMATO

MUTSU

ISE

2 Battle cruisers (BB)

KONGO) 1 damaged 28/8
 HARUNA) " " 26/10

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)

22 2 Converted A/C Carriers
 (XCV)

HOSHO

HITAKA

ZUIHO

Heavy Cruisers

(7 prob. sunk)

(prob. 4 effective)

AOBA

CHOKAI

KUMANO ?

TONE (damaged 26/10)
 TIKUMA (damaged 26/10)
 MYOKO (prob. dam. 26/11)
 KINUGASA (prob. sunk 12/10)
 MOGAMI) 1 bel. sunk
 SUZUYA) 1 damaged 14/11
 ATAGO) 1 or 2 believed
 TAKAO) sunk

Light Cruisers (CL)

(2 believed sunk 13-14/11)

Several others damaged

NATORI

KASHIMA

KATORT

TATSUTA (poss. sunk)

KITSU (bel. sunk)

Light Cruisers (Contd.)

NAGARA
TENRYU
SENDAI) 1 sunk 30/11
JINTSU)

Converted Light Cruisers (XCL)

Approx 25 submarines
Approx 40 destroyers (DD)
4 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHIYODA
CHITOSE)
AKITSUSHIMA) 1 damaged 8/11
NISSHIN)

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

NITCHO MARU
KINUGASA MARU
SAUKI MARU
KAGU MARU
GOSHO MARU
NARUTO MARU
SENDAI MARU
SANYO MARU
KENJO MARU
SOUYOU MARU
KAMOI

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx 40 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft
Approx 267 shore-based aircraft incl. 102 fighters, 97 B, 20 F/B,
39 F/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

8" Cruiser
6" Cruiser
A.A. Ship
Destroyers

DEVONSHIRE
ADELAIDE
JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK
TJERK HIDDES
VAN GALEN

S/P Tenders

HERON
CHILDS
W.B. PRESTON

Submarine Tender
Submarines

PELIAS
GAR)
GRENADIER) On Patrol
GRAYLING)
K.12)
THRESH ER)
TAMBOR)
TAUTOG) At Fremantle
SEARAVEN)
K.8)

TROUT (enroute Brisbane to Fremantle)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

CinC Southern Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)
3 Light Cruisers (CL)

A SHIGARA
OI KASHII (29/10)
KITAGAMI
ISUZU ?
YAWATA

1 converted A/C Carrier
Approx 16 Destroyers
Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

OKITSU MARU
NOTORO

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE
IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA

Converted A/C Carriers

COPAHEE
LONG ISLAND

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE
SALT LAKE CITY
CHICAGO
SAN FRANCISCO

6" Cruisers ST. LOUIS
 RALEIGH
 DETROIT
 Destroyers 15 approx
 Submarines 23 approx

Enemy Forces
Palao-Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan

CinC 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)
 5 Battleships (BB) MUSASHI
 NAGATO
 FUSO
 YAMASHIRO
 HYUGA
 2 Aircraft Carriers (CV) SHOKAKU } 26/10
 ZUIKAKU }
 3 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV) HAYATAKA
 TAIYO
 CHUYO
 1 - 8" Cruiser (CA) HAGURO (10/9)
 1 - 6" Cruiser (CL) YURA
 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) KENYO MARU KIYOKAWA MARU (21/10)
 FUJIKAWA MARU
 6 Old Armored Cruisers (OCA)
 Approx 30 Destroyers
 Approx 30 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces
Battleships

INDIANA
 WASHINGTON
 NORTH CAROLINA
 COLORADO
 MARYLAND
 ENTERPRISE
 SARATOGA
 NASSAU
 ALTAMAHA
 NEW ORLEANS
 MINNEAPOLIS
 NORTHAMPTON
 PENSACOLA
 HELENA
 LEANDER
 HONOLULU
 COLUMBIA
 ACHILLES
 SAN DIEGO
 SAN JUAN
 35 (approx)
 ASCANIA
 MONOWAI

Aircraft Carriers

Converted A/C Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

5" Cruisers

Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

8" Cruiser INDIANAPOLIS
 6" Cruiser NASHVILLE
 10 Destroyers
 10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians

8" Cruiser (CA) NACHI
 3 Light Cruisers (CL) ABUKUMA
 TAMA
 KISO

3 Converted Light Cruisers (XCL)

Approx 4 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) KAMIKAWA MARU
 KAMITSU MARU

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

6" Cruisers CONCORD
 TRENTON
 RICHMOND

5 th cruisers	SAN DIEGO
Destroyers	SAN JUAN
Armed merchant cruisers	35 (approx)
	ASCANIA
	HONOLULU

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

5 th cruisers	INDIANAPOLIS
6 th cruiser	NASHVILLE
10 destroyers	
10 submarines	

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aloutians

5 th cruiser (CA)	NECHI
3 light cruisers (CL)	ANURUMA
	TAMA
	KISO

3 converted light cruisers (EOL)	
Approx. 4 destroyers	
Approx. 7 submarines	
Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)	KANIKAWA MARU
	KANITOU MARU
	FUJIKAWA MARU

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

Battleships	VARSITY	REVENGE
	RESOLUTION	
	RAMILLIES	
	ROYAL SOVEREIGN	
	ILLUSTRIOUS	
	ALBATROSS	
	GEORGIOS AVERROFF (Greek)	
	HAWKINS	
	PROBISKEN	
	MAURITIOS	NEWCASTLE
	GAUDIA	GLASGOW
	BIRNIBOSNAI	EMERALD
	ENTERPRISE	DANAE
	DAUNTLESS	
	DRAGON	
	DUNAN	
	CAHICOTE	
	CHRIS	
	CALEDON	
	CARANOC	
	SOBATRA (Dutch)	
	WONCHESTERSHIRE	
	RANCHI	
	CONFE	
	KANINDIA	
	CENTRAL	
	RAMPORA	
	CANTHACK	
	CARLISTE	

Armed Merchant Cruisers

A.A. Ship
 Approx. 27 Destroyers
 Approx. 9 submarines

Enemy Forces.

Approx. 7 submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

7th December, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

- (i) "HOBART" "SELFRIDGE" "BAGLEY" on patrol in Coral Sea.
- (ii) "HENLEY" dep. Palm Is. 5/12 to RV with "HILO" towing 4 MTB and escort towards Cairns ETA 0800/9. To be relieved by local escort in vicinity of Townsville.
- (iii) "PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" en route Palm Is. to Sydney for overhaul ETA 0715/8.
- (iv) "SWAN" arr. Townsville 1755/6. To proceed Palm Island with mail 7/12, thence returning Townsville.
- (v) "STUART" to depart Cairns for Townsville p.m. 7/12.
- (vi) "WARREGO" escorting "DUNTRON" due Townsville 0600/7.
- (vii) "GOULBURN" escorting "AASE MAERSK" "MERKUR" due Brisbane 2030/7.
- (viii) "GEELONG" escorting Convoy BT26 ("BAINE WINGATE" "GEORGE TAYLOR" "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER") to depart Moreton Bay 0700/7.
- (ix) "MORESBY" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy OC50 dep. Wilson's Promontory area 5/12 for Sydney and Newcastle ETA Sydney 1700/7, Newcastle 0100/8.
- (x) "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy C051 dep. Sydney area 5/12 for RV in Wilson's Promontory area.
- (xi) "DELORAIN" "ECHUCA" due Sydney 1000 after escorting Convoy PG24 to Newcastle.
- (xii) "PIRIE" due Sydney 0400/7.
- (xiii) "BOWEN" due Sydney 1500/7.
- (xiv) "BARALABA" dep. Bowen 1300/6 for Brisbane ETA 0900/10.
- (xv) "BROOME" dep. Milne Bay 0650/6 for Goodenough Island.
- (xvi) At Sydney - "DOBBIN" "WILCANNIA" "KAPUNDA" "MILDURA" "INVERELL" "BUNDABERG" "HORN" "MIZAR" "GOLDSTAR"
Refitting or Repairing - "PORTLAND" "CHESTER" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "VENDETTA" "BISHOPDALE" "ALHENA"
In Reserve - "MANOORA"
- (xvii) At Brisbane - "SPERRY" "FULTON" "GYMPIE" "POYANG"
Refitting - "BENDIGO"
- (xviii) At Cairns - "ARUNTA" "ULSA"
- (xix) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA" "PING WO"
- (xx) At Geelong - "BUNGAREE"
- (xxi) At Townsville - "SWAN" "KATOOMBA" "WHYALLA" "YUNNAN"
At ~~Repairing~~
- (xxii) Melbourne - "TROMP" "SPRINGDALE" "DOOMBA"
Repairing - "HOLLAND" "WARRNAMBOOL"
- (xxiii) At Port Moresby - "COLAC" "TASMAN" "KARSIK" "CENTAUR" "EGBERT BENSON" "BENJAMIN FRANKLIN" "JOHN STEELE" "H.R. LOWELL" "VAN HEUTSZ" "BONTEKOE" "CREMER" "MAETSUYCKER" "MANUNDA"
- (xxiv) At Milne Bay - "BALLARAT" "LITHGOW" "KURUMBA" "BALIKPAPAN" "JAPARA" "BANTAM" "S JACOB" "WAREE"
- (xxv) At Challenger Bay - "AUSTRALIA" "PATTERSON" "HELM" "VICTORIA"
- (xxvi) At McLaren Harbor - "PALUMA"
- (xxvii) At Porlock Harbor - "KAURI"

Enemy Forces

- (i) Buin-Paisi Area - Aircraft reports (ex Soupac) indicate that the following vessels were at the Shortlands base 6/12:-
1 very large ship (described as a battleship or battlecruiser)
4 heavy or light cruisers
12 destroyers
10 cargo ships or transports

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This report indicates an increase of strength in warships, particularly cruisers in the area, and may indicate a further attempt to reinforce Guadalcanal.

- (ii) Morobe - Native reports state that Japanese reinforcements have been landed in the vicinity of Morobe. Previous ~~native~~ reports have indicated the presence of enemy vessels in this area. While no reliability can be placed on the native descriptions of vessels

employed, it would appear that these are coastal activities in the Morobe area.

- (ii) Rabaul - Aircraft reported at least 38 ships in Rabaul Harbor 1045/6. Six of these vessels were reported to be very large. Two B.27's ordered to attack shipping early morning 6/12 reported no large warships visible in Simpson Harbour.
- (iii) Cape Ward Hunt Area - A small ship was sighted 2 miles NE of Cape Ward Hunt proceeding S.E.
- (iv) Timor - An undated report states that there are 7000 Japanese including a general in the area. An estimate 28/11 indicated that there were 2000 Japanese at Lautem, 500 at Laga, 1000 at Baucau and 500 at Vinilale. Japanese are reported 5/12 at Ossu (15 miles NNW Beaco) and Ossu Rua (14 miles NNW Beaco) and have occupied Fatu Macca (3 miles SSW Baucau) and Fuijoro (10 miles SE of Lautem).
- (v) Dilli - A small merchant ship entered Dilli 0930/5.
- (vi) Enemy Submarine Activity - The following indications of enemy submarines have been noted -

5/12	Ysabel Is.	8°S, 160°E
	Rennell Is.	12°S, 158°E
	Woodlark Is.	8°S, 153°30'E
	Cape Orford	6°S, 153°E
	Cape Orford	7°S, 153°E

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

- (i) "ADELAIDE" escorting "MAURETANIA" en route Fremantle. "TROMP" to RV in 040°55'S, 139°39'E at 1800/8. "ADELAIDE" proceeds Melbourne ETA 1100/9; "TROMP" continues escort to Sydney ETA 0700/11.
- (ii) "TJERK HIDDEN" enroute Fremantle to Darwin ETA 0730/9.
- (iii) "KALGOORLIE" dep. Darwin 1218/5 and has picked up some survivors from "ARMIDALE" (see Naval Incidents).
- (iv) "GAWLER" escorting "TRINITY" en route Fremantle to Exmouth Gulf ETA 0700/7.
- (v) At Fremantle - "DEVONSHIRE" "JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK" "VAN GALEN" "CHILDS" "PELIAS" "ISABEL" "WALLAROO" "DUBBO" "TAMWORTH" "WANGANELLA"
- (vi) At Exmouth Gulf - "HERON" "W.B.PRESTON" "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL"
- (vii) At Darwin - "CASTLEMAINE"

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

4 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

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B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

- (i) At Vanikoro - BALLARD (AV)
- (ii) At Espiritu Santo - HONOLULU HELENA (CL) MAURY FLETCHER FARRAGUT (DD) MCKEAN (APD) CURTISS MACKINAC TANGIER (AV) THORNTON MacFARLAND (AVD) SOLACE (AH) GUADALUPE SABINE (AO) GAMBLE (CM) RIGEL (AD) VESTAL (AR) YP.347 (YP) STRATFORD (AP) LIBRA (AK)
- (iii) At Noumea - INDIANA WASHINGTON (BB) SARATOGA (CV) NASSAU ALTMAHA (ACV) COLUMBIA SAN JUAN (CL) FANNING BALCH McCALL CRAVEN DUNLAP (DD) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) HILO (PG) SONOMA (YT) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER VIREO (AM) BUTTERNUT (YN) PC.479 DELPHINUS (YP) W.W.BURROWS NEVILLE AMERICAN LEGION HEYWOOD (AP) BETELGEUSE ANTARES (AK) ARD.2
- (iv) At Vila - LACKAWANNA (AO) ALDEBARAN (AK)
- (v) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) PC.476 PC.477 (YP) WANDANK (YT)
- (vi) At Suva - NORTH CAROLINA COLORADO MARYLAND (BB) HULL MONOHAN (DD) KANKAKEE (AO) CATALPA LOCUST ROSEWOOD (YN) SUMNER (Survey Ship) TALAMANCA (AK)
- (vii) At Bora Bora - TERN (AM)
- (viii) At Auckland - LEANDER ACHILLES (CL) MONOWAI (A.M.C) EBONY (YN) ROAMER (AP)
- (ix) At Wellington - McCAWLEY (AP)

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Enemy Forces

Three Japanese submarines are believed to be operating in the northern Indian Ocean.

A German raider was probably operating in the eastern Indian Ocean on 30/11, but has probably changed its scene of operations following the sinking of "RAMSES".

NAVAL INCIDENTS

- a) Timor Sea - "KALGOORLIE" was shadowed and attacked by enemy aircraft while proceeding to pick up survivors of HMAS "ARMIDALE". The attack took place 137 miles WNW of Darwin at 1407/6. The attack ceased at 1450/6 and no damage was reported. At 2259/6 "KALGOORLIE" reported that she had picked up survivors of "ARMIDALE".
- b) Porlock Harbor - 4 dive bombers attacked 2 small trawlers 6 miles NE of Porlock Harbour 1625/6. Damage is unknown.
- c) Fergusson Island - 4 dive bombers attacked a ship near Cape Vinall (north end Fergusson Is.) at 1825/6.
- d) Blockade Runners - Information relative to the activities of the blockade runner "RAMSES", which was scuttled 800 miles W. by N. of Shark Bay 28/11 while inward bound for Bordeaux indicates that she acted as a prison ship for captured United Nations seamen and passengers from December 1941 to September 1942. If the survivors of "AUST" were transferred directly to her, it would appear that "RAMSES" served Raider "H" and Raider "J", as "AUST" was reported overdue in the South Atlantic in April 1942.

"RAMSES" dry docked September 1942 and sailed for Kobe October 10, where she loaded 3000 tons of whale oil for discharge at Bordeaux. Building materials and machinery were loaded for Balik Papan, and discharged there, while "RAMSES" refuelled. At Batavia (arrived 15 November) 4000 tons of rubber, 1500 cases of quinine and a small quantity of tea were loaded. This cargo together with the whale oil loaded at Kobe is a fair indication of the nature of cargoes carried by inward bound blockade runners. "RAMSES" left Batavia 22 November for Bordeaux and was intercepted 28/11.

Information concerning Balik Papan indicates that the refineries are still not working and that there are few tanks remaining. The cargo of building materials and machinery is further significant of the extent of demolition work. At Tandjong Priok, it is reported that the main entrance is blocked by sunken ships, and that loading is conducted from lighters outside the harbor.

This report is graded B.1.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

Allied

Rabaul - 2 B.17's attacked aircraft on Lakunai airdrome early morning 6/12. Results not observed.

Gasmata - A B.24 on reconnaissance was intercepted by Zero's afternoon 6/12. One Zero probably destroyed.

Enemy

Porlock Harbor - One enemy aircraft made a long reconnaissance of the area between 0900-1200/6. At 1335/6 18 bombers escorted by fighters attacked (see also Naval Incidents).

Popondetta - 15 bombers and 16 Zero's attacked the strip early afternoon 6/12.

Cocos Island - 3 aircraft attacked morning 6/12. One building demolished and one casualty.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Further attempts to land supplies and reinforcements on Guadalcanal.
- (ii) Continued submarine activity in the Indian Ocean.

For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.
7/12/42

Light Cruisers (Contd)

NAGARA
TENRYU
SENDAI) 1 sunk 30/11
JINTSU)

3 Converted Light Cruisers (XCL)
Approx 25 submarines
Approx 40 destroyers (DD)
4 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHIYODA
CHITOSE)
AKITSUSHIMA) 1 damaged 8/11
NISSHIN)
NITCHO MARU
KINGUASA MARU
SAUKI MARU
KAGU MARU
NARUTO MARU
SENDAI MARU
SANYO MARU
KENJO MARU
SOUYOU MARU
KAMO I

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

Several Submarine Tenders
Approx 40 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, M.T.B.'s, Gunboats, Patrol Craft.
Approx 267 shore-based aircraft incl. 102 fighters, 97 B, 20 F/B,
39 F/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

8" Cruiser
6" Cruiser
A.A. Ship
Destroyers

DEVONSHIRE
ADELAIDE
JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK
TJERK HIDDERS
VAN GALEN

S/P Tenders

HERON
CHILDERS
W.B. PRESTON

Submarine Tender
Submarines

PELIAS
GAR)
GRENADIER) On Patrol
GRAYLING)
K.12)
THRESHER)
TAMBOR)
TAUTOG) At Fremantle
SEARAVEN)
K.8)
TROUT (en route Brisbane to Fremantle)

EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

CINC Southern Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)
3 light cruisers (CL)

ASHIGARA
OI KASHII (29/10)
KITAGAMI
ISUZU ?
YAWATA (en route Truk)

1 converted A/C Carrier
Approx 16 Destroyers
Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

OKITSU MARU
NOTORO

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE
IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA

Converted A/C Carriers

COPAHEE
LONG ISLAND

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE
SALT LAKE CITY
CHICAGO
SAN FRANCISCO

6" Cruisers

ST. LOUIS
RALEIGH
DETROIT
15 approx
23 approx

Destroyers
Submarines

Enemy Forces

Palao-Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan

CinC 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)

5 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
NAGATO
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

SHOKAKU)
ZUIKAKU) 26/10

3 converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

HAYATAKA
TAIYO
CHUYO

1 - 8" Cruiser (CA)

H AGURO (10/9)

1 - 6" Cruiser (CL)

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

YURA
KENJO MARU
FUJIKAWA MARU
GOSHU MARU

KIYOKAWA MARU (2/10)

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 30 Destroyers

Approx 30 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
COLORADO
MARYLAND
ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA
NASSAU
ALTAMAHA
NEW ORLEANS
MINNEAPOLIS
NORTHAMPTON
PENSACOLA

Aircraft Carriers

Converted A/C Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

LEANDER

5" Cruisers

Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

35 (approx)
ASCANIA
MONOWAI

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

8" Cruiser

6" Cruiser

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu-Kurils-Aleutians

8" Cruiser (CA)

3 Light Cruisers (CL)

INDIANAPOLIS
NASHVILLE

NACHI
ABUKUMA
TAMA
KISO

3 Converted Light Cruisers (XCL)

Approx 4 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

KAMIKAWA MARU
KAMITSU MARU

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Allied Forces
Battleships

Aircraft Carrier
Seaplane Carrier
8" Cruiser
7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

A.A. Vessel
Approx 27 Destroyers
Approx 9 Submarines

Enemy Forces
Approx 7 Submarines

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
RAMILLIES
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
ILLUSTRIOUS
ALBATROSS
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
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GAMBIA
BIRMINGHAM
ENTERPRISE
DAUNTLESS
DRAGON
DURBAN
CAPETOWN
CERES
CALEDON
CARADOC
SUMATRA (Dutch)
WORCESTERSHIRE
RANCHI
CORFU
KANIMBLA
CHITRAL
RANPURA
CARTHAGE
CARLISLE

REVENGE

NEWCASTLE
GLASGOW
EMERALD
DANAE

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

8th December, 1942

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- (i) "HOBART" "SELFIDGE" "BAGLEY" on patrol in Coral Sea.
- (ii) "HENLEY" escorting "HILO" towing 4 MTB's to be relieved by "SWAN". "SWAN" to escort to entrance Cairns channel and return independently to Townsville.
- (iii) "PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" en route Palm Is. to Sydney for overhaul ETA 0715/8.
- (iv) "STUART" dep. Cairns for Townsville 1530/7.
- (v) "GEELONG" escorting Convoy BT26 ("PAINE WINGATE" "GEORGE MATTHEWS" "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER") dep. Brisbane 0740/7 for Townsville ETA 1000/10.
- (vi) "WHYALLA" & "WARREGO" escorting Convoy TN12 ("DUNDULA" "TAROONA" "WESTRALIA" & "STAGEN" for Port Moresby and "BAN HONG LIONG" & "VAN SPILBERGEN" for Milne Bay) to depart Townsville 1800/8. Convoy to divide and "WHYALLA" to escort Port Moresby section and "WARREGO" Milne Bay section.
- (vii) "MILDURA" & "INVERELL" to escort Convoy GP25 departing Sydney 0930/9.
- (viii) "GYMPIE" dep. Brisbane 1345/7 for Sydney ETA 1500/9.
- (ix) "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy C051 dep. Sydney area 5/12 for RV in Wilson's Promontory area.
- (x) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC51 including "BUNGAREE" dep. Port Phillip 0103/8.
- (xi) "DELORAIN" & "MORESBY" to take over convoy C052 from "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" at RV off Sydney p.m. 9/12.
- (xii) "MANUNDA" due Milne Bay 1100/8 from Port Moresby.
- (xiii) "BARALABA" dep. Bowen 1300/6 for Brisbane ETA 0900/10.
- (xiv) At Sydney - "DOBBIN" "WILCANNIA" "KAPUNDA" "MILDURA" "INVERELL" "BUNDABERG" "HORN" "MIZAR" "GOLDSTAR" "PIRIE" "DELORAIN" "ECHUCA" "MORESBY" "BOWEN"
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- (xxiii) At McLaren Harbor - "PALUMA"
- (xxiv) At Porlock Harbor - "KAURI"
- (xxv) At Newcastle - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN"

Enemy Forces

- (i) Buin-Faisi Area - An observer reported the following vessels in the Shortlands base at 0705/7 -
- 15 destroyers
 - 2 tankers
 - 3 cargo vessels
 - 2 submarines

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At 1000/7, a B.17 on reconnaissance reported 27 vessels in the area, including 22 warships of which 7 were large. At 1504/7, 3 light cruisers and 8 destroyers were seen coming away from Faisi and at 1840/7 at least nine destroyers were reported 12 miles east of Langsdale Point, New Georgia. The course of the vessels was given as SW at the time of sighting, but it appears probable that the destroyers were transporting reinforcements to Guadalcanal.

- (ii) Solomons-Enemy Outposts - Intense activity was reported by aircraft a.m. 6/12 on 2 landing strips at Munda Point. This serves as a further indication of intention on the part of the enemy to make important use of this area in operations in the Solomons area.
An enemy vessel was sighted 5/12, 24 miles W. by N. of Sokovovi Point, Vella Lavella proceeding North. On afternoon 6/12, aircraft on reconnaissance observed a cargo vessel towing a barge between Choiseul and Ysabel Islands, proceeding on a SE course.
- (iii) New Ireland Area - 2 u/i vessels were sighted in the Kavieng area at 0117/7. Aldis lamp flashes coming from two or more vessels were reported 42 miles south of Dyaul Island (off W.coast New Ireland) at 0115/7, and gunflashes followed by the beam of a searchlight 18 miles south of Rittmeyer Point (W.coast of New Ireland) at 0025/7. These reports were made by Catalinas attacking Kavieng.
- (iv) Rabaul - A B.17 sighted at least 30 large vessels in Simpson Harbor 1025/7. Observation was from 20,000 feet and visibility was excellent.
- (v) Gasmata Harbor - Photographs of aerial reconnaissance 7/12 reveal a small cargo vessel and 4 small boats. An unsuccessful attack was made on shipping in this area afternoon 7/12.
- (vi) Buna Area - Native carriers who have escaped from the Buna area state that reinforcements were landed by submarine.
- (vii) Timor Area - 2 large merchant vessels and 2 destroyers were observed off Liquica at 0540/7. The ships were reported low in the water and were proceeding east.
- (viii) Enemy Submarine Activity - An u/i submarine was sighted by aircraft 55 miles NW of Port Moresby at 1808/6. Subsequent search was negative.- Enemy submarines were indicated 6/12 as follows -
- | | |
|--------------|-------------------------|
| Guadalcanal | 10°S, 160°E |
| Fauro Island | 7°S, 156°E |
| Buka | 5°S, 155°E |
| Anir Island | 4°S, 154°E |
| Ontong Java | 3°S, 160°E (unreliable) |

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

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- (v) At Darwin - "CASTLEMAINE"

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

4 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

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C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

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- (iv) At Vila - ALDEBARAN (AK)
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- (vi) At Suva - NORTH CAROLINA COLORADO MARYLAND (BB) HULL MONOHAN (DD) KANKAKEE (AO) CATALPA LOCUST ROSEWOOD (YN) SUMNER (Survey Ship) TALAMANCA (AK)

- (vii) At BoraBora - TERN (AM)
- (viii) At Auckland - LEANDER ACHILLES (GL) MONOWA (A.M.C) ~~XXXXXX~~ EBONY(YN)
ROAMER (AP)
- (ix) At Wellington - McCAWLEY (AP)

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Enemy Forces

Three Japanese submarines are believed to be operating in the northern Indian Ocean.

A German raider was probably operating in the eastern Indian Ocean on 30/11, but has probably changed its scene of operations.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

A raft and wreckage with 25 to 35 survivors of "ARMIDALE" were sighted by an allied aircraft at 1237/7 66 miles SSE of Beaco.

C.O. "ARMIDALE" reports that the ship was hit by two aerial torpedoes and probably one bomb, and sank within 3 minutes at 1230/1.

Survivors were machine-gunned in the water. "ARMIDALE" shot down one bomber and one fighter, and one bomber probable.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

Kavieng - 4 Catalinas attacked night 6-7/12. Fires started and direct hits scored on probable bomb dumps. One searchlight probably destroyed.

Gasmata - 4 B.17's attacked shipping afternoon 7/12. Nil hits.

Lae - 6 B.25's attacked the airdrome afternoon 6/12. All bombs in target area. 6 Beaufighters attacked grounded aircraft afternoon 7/12. One Zero probably destroyed, one aircraft damaged. Personnel strafed.

Gona - One B.17 unsuccessfully attacked the wreck morning 7/12. 8 Wirraways dive-bombed enemy concentrations early afternoon 7/12. Results not observed.

Buna - 6 B.25's and 4 Beaufighters attacked 1050-1215/7. One Beaufighter subsequently crash-landed. 4 P.40's intercepted 18 enemy bombers and 12 Zero's 5 miles north of Buna. 2 bombers destroyed.

Solomons Area - Attacks 6/12. P.39's attacked enemy area Banika Is. (Russell Is. Group) - 2 warehouses and 1 wharf destroyed. P.39's attacked Munda. 2 trucks destroyed. Grumman's and P.39's attacked Rekata Bay and set fire to two Zero's. S.B.D's and P.39's strafed enemy installations at Kokumbona.

Enemy

Buna - 20 bombers with a large fighter escort were reported approaching Buna from NNE early afternoon 7/12.

Soputa - 12 Zero's flew east over the area 1830/6.

Darwin - 2 enemy aircraft were reported over the area 1251-1345/7.
3. P.40's were airborne but failed to sight the enemy aircraft.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Further attempts to land supplies and reinforcements on Guadalcanal.
- (ii) Continued attempts to reinforce Buna.
- (iii) Continued submarine activity in the Indian Ocean.

For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

8/12/42

Light Cruisers (CL)
(2 believed sunk 13-14/11.
poss. 5 effective)

NATORI
KASHIMA
KATORI
NAGARA
TENRYU
SENDAI)
JINTSU) 1 sunk 30/11
TATSUTA (poss. sunk)
KINU (believed sunk)

3 Converted Light Cruisers (XCL)
Approx 25 submarines
Approx 40 destroyers (DD)
4 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHIYODA
CHITOSE)
AKITSUSHIMA) 1 damaged 8/11
NISSHIN)

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

NITCHO MARU
KINUGASA MARU
SAUKI MARU
KAGU MARU
NARUTO MARU
SENDAI MARU
SANYO MARU
KENJO MARU
SOUYOU MARU
KAMOI

Several Submarine Tenders
Approx 40 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, M.T.B.'s, Gunboats, Patrol Craft.
Approx 267 shore-based aircraft incl. 102 fighters, 97 B, 20 F/B,
39 F/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

8" Cruiser

6" Cruiser

A.A. Ship

Destroyers

S/P Tenders

Submarine Tender

Submarines

DEVONSHIRE
ADELAIDE
JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK
TJERK HIDDIES
VAN GALEN
HERON
CHILDS
W.B. PRESTON
PELIAS
GAR)
GRENADIER)
GRAYLING) On Patrol
THRESHER)
K.12)
TAMBOR)
TAUTOG)
SEARAVEN) At Fremantle
K.8)
TROUT (enroute Brisbane to Fremantle)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

CinC Southern Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)

3 light cruisers (CL)

1 converted A/C Carrier

Approx 16 Destroyers

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

ASHIGARA
OI KASHII (29/10)
KITAGAMI
YAWATA (en route Truk)
OKITSU MARU
NOTORO

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battle ships

MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE
IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA

Converted A/C Carriers

COPAHEE
LONG ISLAND

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE
SALT LAKE CITY
CHICAGO
SAN FRANCISCO

6" Cruisers

ST. LOUIS
RALEIGH
DETROIT
15 approx
23 approx

Destroyers
Submarines

Enemy Forces

Palao-Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan

CinC 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)

5 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
NAGATO
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

SHOKAKU }
ZUIKAKU } 26/10

3 converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

HAYATAKA
TAIYO
CHUYO

1 - 8" Cruiser (CA)
2 - 6" Cruisers (CL)

HAGURO (10/9)

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

YURA
ISUZU
KENJO MARU
FUJIKAWA MARU
GOSHU MARU

KIYOKAWA MARU (21/10)

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 30 Destroyers

Approx 30 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battle ships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
COLORADO
MARYLAND
ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA
NASSAU
ALTAMAHA
NEW ORLEANS
MINNEAPOLIS
NORTHAMPTON
PENSACOLA

Aircraft Carriers

Converted A/C Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

LEANDER

5" Cruisers

Destroyers
Armed Merchant Cruisers

HONOLULU
COLUMBIA
ACHILLES
SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN
35 (approx)
ASCANIA
MONOWAI

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

8" Cruiser

6" Cruiser

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians

8" Cruiser (CA)

~~3~~ 3 Light Cruisers (CL)

INDIANAPOLIS
NASHVILLE

NACHI
ABUKUMA
TAMA
KISO

3 Converted Light Cruisers (XCL)

Approx 4 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

KAMIKAWA MARU
KAMITSU MARU

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Allied Forces

Battle ships

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
RAMILLIES
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
ILLUSTRIOUS
ALBATROSS
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
HAWKINS
FROBISHER
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
BIRMINGHAM
ENTERPRISE
DAUNTLESS
DRAGON
DURBAN
CAPETOWN
CERES
CALEDON
CARADOC
SUMATRA (Dutch)
WORCESTERSHIRE
RANCHI
CORFU
KANIMBLA
CHITRAL
RANPURA
CARTHAGE
CARLISLE

REVENGE

Aircraft Carrier

Seaplane Carrier

8" Cruiser

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

NEWCASTLE

GIA SGOW

EMERALD

DANAE

Armed Merchant Cruisers

A.A. Vessel

Approx 27 Destroyers

Approx 9 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Approx 7 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

9th December, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

- (i) "HOBART" "SELFRIDGE" "BAGLEY" on patrol in Coral Sea.
- (ii) "SWAN" to embark mail for T.F.44 and depart from Townsville for Challenger Bay 1315/9. To depart thence and RV with "HENLEY" escorting "HILO" towing 4 MTB's. "SWAN" to relieve "HENLEY" and escort "HILO" to entrance Cairns Harbour.
- (iii) "GEELONG" escorting Convoy BT26 ("PAINE WINGATE" "GEORGE MATTHEWS" "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER") dep. Brisbane 0740/7 for Townsville ETA 1000/10.
- (iv) "WHYALLA" & "WARREGO" escorting Convoy TNL2 ("DUNTROON" "TAROONA" "WESTRALIA" & "STAGEN" for Port Moresby and "BAN HONG LIONG" & "VAN SPILBERGEN" for Milne Bay) dep. Townsville 1932/8. Convoy to divide and "WHYALLA" to escort Port Moresby section and "WARREGO" Milne Bay section, ETA Port Moresby 0600/12, Milne Bay 1200/12.
- (v) "TULSA" escorting 2 MTB's dep. Cairns 1440/8 for Milne Bay.
- (vi) "LITHGOW" escorting "MARSIK" to depart Milne Bay 0300/10 for Oro Bay.
- (vii) "MILDURA" & "INVERELL" to escort Convoy GP25 departing Sydney 0930/9.
- (viii) "MAWUNDA" dep. Milne Bay for Brisbane 1500/8 ETA 0600/12.
- (ix) "DELORAIN" & "MORESBY" to take over Convoy G052 from "ABRAHAM CRYNSSEN" at RV off Sydney p.m. 9/12.
- (x) "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy OC51 including "BUNGAREE" en route Sydney.
- (xi) "GYMPIE" dep. Brisbane 1345/7 for Sydney ETA 1500/9.
- (xii) "BARALABA" dep. Bowen 1300/6 for Brisbane ETA 0900/10.
- (xiii) At Sydney - "DOBBIN" "WILCANNIA" "KAPUNDA" "MILDURA" "INVERELL" "BUNDA BERG" "HORN" "MIZAR" "GOLDSTAR" "PIRIE" "DELORAIN" "ECHUCA" "MORESBY" "BOWEN" "PHOENIX" "MUGFORD"
Refitting or Repairing - "PORTLAND" "CHESTER" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "VENDETTA" "BISHOPDALE" "ALHENA"
- (xiv) In Reserve - "MANOORA"
- (xv) At Brisbane - "SPERRY" "FULTON" "POYANG" "GOULBURN" "MERKUR"
Repairing or Refitting - "BENDIGO" "AASE MAERSK"
- (xvi) At Cairns - "ARUNTA"
- (xvii) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA" "PING WO"
- (xviii) At Townsville - "KATOOMBA" "YUNNAN" "STUART"
At Melbourne - "SPRINGDALE" "DOOMBA"
Repairing - "HOLLAND" "WARRNAMBOOL"
- (xix) At Port Moresby - "COLAC" "TASMAN" "EGBERT BENSON" "J.R. LOWELL" "VAN HEUTSZ" "BONTEKOE" "CREMER" "MAETSUYCKER" "WAREE"
- (xx) At Milne Bay - "BROOME" "BALLARAT" "LITHGOW" "KURUMBA" "BALIKPAPAN" "JAPARA" "BANTAM" "sJACOB"
- (xxi) At Challenger Bay - "AUSTRALIA" "PATTERSON" "HELM" "VICTORIA"
- (xxii) At McLaren Harbor - "PALUMA"
- (xxiii) At Porlock Harbor - "KAURI"
- (xxiv) At Newcastle - "ABRAHAM CRYNSSEN"

Enemy Forces

- (1) Buin-Falsi Area - Photographic recce 1015/8 revealed 20 ships including 9 destroyers, 2 submarines, 1 tanker, 1 minelayer and 7 merchant vessels. An observer reports that 8 destroyers arrived at 1000/8 from the SE, and 5 additional destroyers at 1030/8. These latter destroyers began refuelling from two tankers in the area. At 1100 another full tanker arrived from the north. These destroyers were apparently returning from the operation of 7/12 when at least 9 were reported 12 miles East of Langsdale Point. No further reports indicate what objective was accomplished by the destroyers, but to have returned from Guadalcanal, a speed of 30 knots would have had to be maintained. The fact that several of the destroyers refuelled immediately upon arrival, coupled with the arrival of an additional tanker indicates that there will be continued attempts to reinforce Japanese positions on Guadalcanal.

Further to the report of an attack on 10 destroyers by allied aircraft 3/12, an observer now reports that 4 destroyers were left on fire, one of which was seen to sink.

- (ii) New Georgia-Enemy Activity - An undated native report states that the Japanese strength at Roviana exceeds 600. Observation posts appear to have been established at Langsdale Point (N. tip of New Georgia Is.) and at Ramada Island (17 miles SE of Langsdale Point). Barges were heard operating between these two points night 3-4/12, possibly contacting ships.
- (iii) Admiralty Is. Area - An aircraft on recce 8/12 reported sighting one light cruiser, one transport (12-15,000 tons) and 2 destroyers 38 miles east of Manus Is. The vessels were on course 200° and were proceeding at 25 knots.

During the morning and afternoon 8/12, a vessel originally described as a seaplane tender was reported approaching Lorengau area. It was last reported at 1400/8, 38 miles SE of Lorengau. Photographs, however, indicate that the vessel was an aircraft carrier, and was probably the unknown carrier photographed at Rabaul 5/11, which was described as being 484 feet long, beam 64 feet and as having a flight deck which covered the length of the ship excluding the bows.

- (iv) Rabaul - Photographic recce Rabaul morning 8/12 reveals the following vessels in the area -

2 heavy cruisers
 1 light cruiser
 9 destroyers
 1 possible seaplane tender
 1 possible submarine tender
 2 tankers (1 large, 1 small)
 17 merchant vessels
 1 u/i vessel

34

in addition 2 torpedo boats, 2 patrol craft.

- (v) Cape St. George - Gasmata Area - 6 destroyers were reported 22 miles SW of Cape St. George at 1020/8, on SW course proceeding at 20 knots. The vessels were attacked during the day (see Naval Incidents). At approximately 1358/8 they were sighted 136 miles SW of Cape St. George still on the same course, but soon after turned back and at 1645 were reported 35 miles SW of Cape St. George on course 10°. It would appear that the attacks frustrated a further attempt to reinforce Japanese positions in New Guinea.
- (vi) Enemy Submarine Activity - A midget submarine was sighted by aircraft 10 miles N. of Lunga Point, Guadalcanal, morning 7/12. Ungraded native reports state that enemy submarines were active in the Santa Cruz area at Vanikoro Is. Reefs about 28/11. An enemy submarine was indicated 7/12 in Cape Ward Hunt area in position 8°S, 148°E.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

- (i) "ADELAIDE" escorting "MAURETANIA" en route Fremantle. "TROMP" to RV in 040° 55'S, 139° 31'E at 1500/8. "ADELAIDE" proceeds Melbourne ETA 1100/9; "TROMP" continues escort to Sydney ETA 0700/11.
- (ii) "TJERK HIDDEN" enroute Fremantle to Darwin ETA 0730 today 9/12.
- (iii) "HERON" dep. Geraldton 1605/8 for Exmouth Gulf ETA p.m. 10/12.
- (iv) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "ALAGNA" towards Thursday Is. dep. Darwin 0326/8. To RV with "BURWAH" & "ISLANDER" and escort to Darwin.
- (v) At Fremantle - "DEVONSHIRE" "JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK" "VAN GALEN" "CHILDS" "PELIAS" "ISABEL" "WALLAROO" "DUBBO" "TAMWORTH" "WANGANILLA" "W.B. PRESTON"
- (vi) At Exmouth Gulf - "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" "TRINITY"

Enemy Forces

An enemy submarine was sighted by a Catalina 147 miles W. by S. of Carnarvon at 1015/6.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

4 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

Enemy Forces

Dilli - An enemy destroyer arrived from the NW at 0400/7 and a small merchant vessel arrived at 0830/7. At 1600/6, a small merchant ship departed Dilli on a westerly course.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

- (i) At Vanikoro - BALLARD (AV)

- (ii) At Espiritu Santo - MAURY PERKINS FARRAGUT (DD) MCKEAN (APD) CURTISS MACKINAC TANGIER (AV) MacFARLAND (AVD) GUADALUPE LACKAWANNA (AO) GAMBLE (GM) RIGEL (AD) VESTAL (AR) LIBRA (AK) STRATFORD (AP) PC.479
- (iii) At Noumea - SARATOGA (CV) NASSAU ALTAMAHA (AGV) SAN JUAN (CL) BUCHANAN AARON WARD (DD) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) MANLEY (APD) HILO (PG) SONOMA (YT) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER VIREO (AM) BUTTERNUT (YN) DELPHINUS (YP) NEVILLE W.W.BURROWS PRES.HAYES HEYWOOD (AP) BETELGEUSE ANTARES (AK) ARD.2
- (iv) At Vila - ALDEBARAN (AK)
- (v) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) PC.476 PC.477 (YP) WANDANK (YT)
- (vi) At Suva - NORTH CAROLINA COLORADO MARYLAND (BB) HULL MONOHAN (DD) KANKAKEE (AO) CATALPA LOCUST ROSEWOOD (YN) SUMNER (Survey Ship) TALAMANCA (AK)
- (vii) At Bora Bora - TERN (AM)
- (viii) At Auckland - LEANDER ACHILLES (CL) MONOWAI (A.M.C) EBONY (YN) ROAMER (AP)
- (ix) At Wellington - McCAWLEY (AP)

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Enemy Forces

Three Japanese submarines are believed to be operating in the northern Indian Ocean.

A German Raider was probably operating in the eastern Indian Ocean on 30/11, but has probably changed its scene of operations following the sinking of "RAMSES".

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) Cape St. George-Gasmata Area - 3 attacks were made on 6 enemy destroyers 1020-1655/8 -
 - a) 1 B.24 scored a direct hit on the stern of a destroyer and 1 near miss (less than 10 feet).
 - b) 4 B.17's scored a direct hit on a destroyer which was seen to emit heavy smoke.
 - c) 7 B.17's near-missed a destroyer which listed as if damaged. Zero's intercepted - 7 destroyed, one probable, 3 damaged. One B.24 and 4 B.17's were damaged.
- (ii) Guadalcanal - An allied aircraft attacked and sank a midget submarine 10 miles north of Lunga Point 7/12.
- (iii) N.W. Area - Netherlands destroyer "TJERK HIDDIES" en route Fremantle to Darwin was shadowed and attacked by aircraft 115 miles WNW of Drysdale River Mission at 1320/8.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

Allied

Gasmata - 1 Catalina attacked aerodrome early morning 8/12. Large explosion in vicinity NW end of runway.

Gona - 5 P.38's attacked the wreck morning 8/12. Nil hits.

Buna - 16 P.39's on patrol intercepted 7 bombers and 2 Zero's at 1135/7. 4 bombers destroyed, one probable, one damaged, 2 Zero's destroyed. 8 P.39's intercepted 5 Zero's at 1145/7. 3 Zero's destroyed 1 damaged. 5 P.40's intercepted 18 bombers and 12-15 Zero's 1300/7. 4 bombers destroyed. 4 A.20's and 8 B.25's attacked ~~xxx~~ morning 8/12. Results not observed. One A.20, 4 B.25's damaged by A.A. fire.

Solomons Area - Activities 7/12. P.39's attacked Munda. 2 fires started. P.39's and S.B.D's attacked Kokumbona.

Enemy

Rabaul - 8 to 10 Zero's intercepted a B.17 on recce. B.17 damaged.

Dobodura - 7 bombers and 2 fighters attacked the strip 1100/7. Nil damage. At 1120/7 enemy aircraft attacked a field hospital. Allied aircraft drove off the attack.

Cape Melville Area - There were indications of an u/i aircraft approaching Cape Melville (90 miles NW of Cooktown, Queensland) from the NE between 0003 and 0035/7. The aircraft departed in the same direction. There were similar indications of an u/i aircraft in Melville Passage between

2258/7 and 0110/8.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Further attempts to land supplies and reinforcements on Guadalcanal.
- (ii) Continued attempts to reinforce Buna.
- (iii) Continued submarine activity in the Indian Ocean.



For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

9/12/42

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Flotilla Leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

Armed Merchant Cruisers
Submarine Tenders

Destroyer Tender
Gunboat
Oilers

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet

CinC 2nd Fleet

CinC 4th Fleet

CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)

3 Battleships (BB)

2 Battlecruisers (BB)

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)

2 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

Heavy Cruisers
(prob. 4 effective)

Effective
AUSTRALIA

HOBART
PHOENIX
ARUNTA
STUART
TROMP
SELFRIDGE
MUGFORD
HENLEY
HELM
BAGLEY
PATTERSON

GRAMPUS)
GUDGEON)
SARGO)
SILVERSIDES)
ALBACORE)
ARGONAUT)
AMBERJACK)
FLYING FISH)
GATO)
GRAYBACK)
GROUPEL)
GROWLER)
PLUNGER)
SAILFISH)
SAURY)
SHAPPER)
SEADRAGON)
SPEARFISH)
SWORDFISH)
STINGRAY)
TUNA)
WAHOO)
K.9)

WESTRALIA
FULTON
SPERRY
DOBBIN
TULSA
KURUMBA
AASE MAERSK
VICTORIA

Refitting or Damaged
CHESTER
PORTLAND

LE TRIOMPHANT

VENDETTA

) At Brisbane

) On Patrol

) At Sydney

MANOORA (in reserve)
HOLLAND

KONGO) 1 dam. 28/8
HARUNA) 1 " 26/10

TONE) both dam. 26/10
TIKUMA) poss. sunk
MYCKO (prob. dam. 26/11
KINUGASA prob. sunk 12/10
ATAGO) one believed
TAKAO) sunk
MOGAMI) 1 believed
SUZUYA) sunk, 1 dam.
14/11

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(2 believed sunk 13-14/11
poss. 5 effective)

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SAUKI MARU
KAGU MARU
NARUTO MARU
SENDAI MARU
SANYO MARU
KENJO MARU
SOUYOU MARU
KAMOI

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

Several Submarine Tenders
Approx 40 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft.
Approx 255 shore-based aircraft incl. 105 fighters, 85 B, 20 F/B,
36 F/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

8" Cruiser
6" Cruiser
AA.Ship
Destroyers

S/P Tenders

DEVONSHIRE
ADELAIDE
JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK
TJERK HIDDES
VAN GALEN
HERON
CHILDS

Submarine Tender
Submarines

W.B. PRESTON
ELIAS
GAR)
GRENADIER)
GRAYLING) On Patrol
THRESHER)
K.12)
TAMBOR)
TAUTOG)
SEARAVEN) At Fremantle
K.8)
TROUT) (~~enroute Brisbane to Fremantle~~)

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Allied Forces

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

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OKITSU MARU
NOTORO

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO

WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE
IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA

Converted A/C Carriers

COPAHEE
LONG ISLAND

LOUISVILLE
SALT LAKE CITY
CHICAGO
SAN FRANCISCO

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

ST. LOUIS
RALEIGH
DETROIT
15 approx
23 approx

Destroyers
Submarines

Enemy Forces

Palao-Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan

6inc 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)

5 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
NAGATO
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

SHOKAKU)
ZUIKAKU) 26/10

3 converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

H AYATAKA
TAIYO
CHUYO

1 - 8" Cruiser (CA)

2 - 6" Cruisers (CL)

HAGURO (10/9)

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

YURA
ISUZU
KENJO MARU
FUJIKAWA MARU
GOSHU MARU

KIYOKAWA MARU (21/10)

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 30 Destroyers

Approx 30 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
COLORADO
MARYLAND
ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA
NASSAU
ALTAMAHA
NEW ORLEANS
MINNEAPOLIS
NORTHAMPTON
PENSACOLA
HELENA
HONOLULU
COLUMBIA
ACHILLES
SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN
35 (approx)
ASCANIA
MONOWAI

Aircraft Carriers

Converted A/C Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

LEANDER

5" Cruisers

Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

8" Cruiser

6" Cruiser

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians

8" Cruiser (CA)

3 Light Cruisers (CL)

INDIANAPOLIS
NASHVILLE

NACHI
ABUKUMA
TAMA
KISO

3 Converted Light Cruisers (XCL)

Approx 4 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

KAMIKAWA MARU
KAMITSU MARU

Approx. 4 Destroyers
Approx. 7 Submarines
Converted S/P Tender (XAV)

KAMITSU MARU

1) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces
6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

2) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Allied Forces
Battleships

WARSPITE REVENGE

RESOLUTION

REMILLIES

ROYAL SOVEREIGN

ILLUSTRI OUS

ALBATROSS

GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)

HAWKINS

FROBISHER

MAURITIUS

NEWCASTLE

GAMBIA

GLASGOW

ENTERPRISE

EMERALD

BIRMINGHAM

DANAË

DAUNTLESS

DRAGON

DURBAN

CAPETOWN

CERES

CALEDON

CARADOC

SUMATRA (Dutch)

WORCESTERSHIRE

RANCHI

CORFU

KANIMELA

CHITRAL

BANPORA

CARTHAGE

CARLISE

Aircraft Carrier

Seaplane Carrier

8" Cruiser

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

A.A. Vessel

Approx. 27 Destroyers

Approx. 9 Submarines

Enemy Forces

8 Merchant Raiders or Submarine Tenders

Approx. 7 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

10th December, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCESA) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTORAllied Forces

- (i) "HOBART" "SELFRIDGE" "BAGLEY" on patrol in Coral Sea.
- (ii) "AUSTRALIA" "PATTERSON" "HELM" "HENLEY" to depart Challenger Bay 1000 and clear Grafton Passage 1900.
- (iii) "TROMP" escorting "MAURETANIA" en route Sydney ETA 0700/11.
- (iv) "SWAN" dep. Townsville for Challenger Bay 1400/9. To depart thence and RV with "HENLEY" escorting "HILO" towing 4 MTB's. "SWAN" to relieve "HENLEY" and escort "HILO" to entrance Cairns Harbor. To RV at 0900/11 with Convoy TN13 ("GEORGE MATTHEWS" "PAINE WINGATE" "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" "BOTH") off Fitzroy Is. and escort to Port Moresby ETA 0600/13. Convoy departs Townsville unescorted 0800 today.
- (v) "WHYALLA" & "WARREGO" escorting Convoy TN12 ("DUNTROON" "TAROONA" "WESTRALIA" & "STAGEN" for Port Moresby and "BAN HONG LIONG" & "VAN SPILBERGEN" for Milne Bay) dep. Townsville 1932/8. Convoy to divide and "WHYALLA" to escort Port Moresby section and "WARREGO" Milne Bay section, ETA Port Moresby 0600/12, Milne Bay 1200/12.
- (viA) "MILDURA" & "INVERELL" escorting Convoy GP25 dep. Sydney 0933/9 for Brisbane, ETA 2230/11.
- (vii) "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy OC51 including "BUNGAREE" en route Sydney.
- (viii) "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy C052 dep. Newcastle 1121/9. "DELORAIN" & "MORESBY" dep. Sydney 1703 to take over convoy from "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" at RV off Sydney. "CRYNSEN" arr. Sydney 1925.
- (ix) "TULSA" escorting 2 MTB's dep. Cairns 1440/8 for Milne Bay.
- (x) "LITHGOW" escorting "KRSIK" to depart Milne Bay 0300 for Oro Bay.
- (xi) "VICTORIA" to return Townsville from Challenger Bay today.
- (xii) "WILCANNIA" dep. Sydney 1445/9 for Townsville ETA p.m. 14/12.
- (xiii) "ECHUCA" due Jervis Bay from Sydney 0600. To return a.m. 13/12.
- (xiv) "GEELONG" returning Brisbane from Whitsunday Passage after escort duty
- (xv) "MANUNDA" enroute Milne Bay to Brisbane ETA 0600/12.
- (xvi) At Sydney - "DOBBIN" "KAPUNDA" "BUNDABERG" "MIZAR" "GOLDSTAR" "PIRIE" "DELORAIN" "GYMPIE" "MORESBY" "BOWEN"
Refitting or Repairing - "PORTLAND" "CHESTER" "PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "VENDETTA" "BISHOPDALE" "ALHENA"
In Reserve - "MANCOORA"
- (xvii) At Brisbane - "SPERRY" "FULTON" "POYANG" "GOULBURN" "MERKUR"
Refitting or Repairing - "BENDIGO" "AASE MAERSK"
- (xviii) At Cairns - "ARUNTA"
- (xix) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA" "PINGWO"
- (xx) At Melbourne - "ADELAIDE" "SPRINGDALE" "DOOMBA"
- (xxi) Repairing - "HOLLAND" "WARRNAMBOOL"
- (xxii) At Townsville - "KATOOMBA" "YUNNAN" "STUART"
- (xxiii) At Port Moresby - "COLAC" "TASMAN" "J.R. LOWELL" "VAN HEUTSZ" "BONTEKOE" "CREMER" "MARTSUYCKER"
- (xxiiii) At Milne Bay - "BROOME" "BALLARAT" "KURUMBA" "BALIKPAPAN" "JAPARA" "BANTAM"
- (xxiv) At McLaren Harbor - "PALUMA"
- (xxv) At Porlock Harbor - "KAURI"

Enemy Forces

- (i) Buin-Faisi - Air reconnaissance reported 24 vessels in this area at 0820/9 and 28 vessels including 4 cruisers, 16 destroyers and 8 cargo vessels between 1500 and 1740. There was no indication 9/12 of ships moving southwards from this base.
A report of doubtful authenticity states that a convoy with air cover is expected to arrive on or about 16/12.
- (ii) Buna Area - It is believed that troops were recently landed at the mouth of the Kumusi River. 3 motor boats laden with equipment and supplies were discovered 9/12 hidden near the mouth of the river, and were sunk.

The whole Gona area has now been occupied. The last remaining enemy posts were captured during 9/12.

(iii) Enemy Submarine Activity - There have been indications of enemy submarines operating in the following positions -

7/12 Rossel Is.	11°S, 157°E
7/12 Ndeni Is.	07°S, 167°E
	09°S, 165°E
7/12 Malaita Is.	08°S, 162°E
9/12 Rennell Is.	15°S, 161°E

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

- (i) "KALGOORLIE" returning to Darwin with survivors from "ARMIDA.E".
- (ii) "HERON" due Exmouth Gulf ETA p.m. 10/12.
- (iii) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "ALAGNA" towards Thursday Is. dep. Darwin 0326/8. To RV with "BURWAH" & "ISLANDER" and escort to Darwin.
- (iv) At Fremantle - "DEVONSHIRE" "JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK" "VAN GALEN" "CHILDS" "PELIAS" "ISABEL" "WALLAROO" "DUBBO" "TAMWORTH" "WANGANELLA" "W.B. PRESTON"
- (v) At Exmouth Gulf - "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" "TRINITY"
- (vi) At Darwin - "TJERK HIDDES"

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

5 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

Enemy Forces

Dili - It is reported that 2 large merchant ships were unloading at Dili 7/12 while a destroyer stood off the Harbour entrance.

Enemy Submarine Activity - There are indications that several enemy submarines are at present operating in the Arafura Sea.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

- (i) At Vanikoro - BALLARD (AV)
- (ii) At Espiritu Santo - MAURY "SOUTHERD" "STACK O'BANNON KENMORE FARRAGUT (DD) CURTISS MACKINAC TANGIER (AV) MacFARLAND (AVD) GUADALUPE LACKAWANNA (AO) GAMBLE (CM) RIGEL (AD) VESTAL (AR) PC.479 (YP) HUNTER LEGGETT STRATFORD (AP)
- (iii) At Noumea - SARATOGA (CV) NASSAU ALTAMAHA (ACV) SAN JUAN (CL) BUCHANAN AARON WARD (DD) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) MANLEY (APD) HILO (PG) SONOMA (YT) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER VIREO (AM) BUTTERNUT (YN) DELPHINUS (YP) NEVILLE W.W.BURROWS PRES.HAYES HEYWOOD (AP) BETELGEUSE ANTARES (AK) ARD.2.
- (iv) At Vila - ALDEBARAN (AK)
- (v) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) PC.476 PC.477 (YP) WANDANK (YT)
- (vi) At Suva - HULL MONOHAN (DD) KANKAKEE (AO) CATALPA LOCUST ROSEWOOD (YN) SUMNER (Survey Ship) TALAMANCA (AK)
- (vii) At Bora Bora - TERN (AM)
- (viii) At Auckland - LEANDER ACHILLES (CL) MONOWAI (A.M.C) EBONY (YN) ROAMER (AP)
- (ix) At Wellington - McCAWLEY (AP)

Enemy Forces

Hawaiian Is. - An unidentified submarine was sighted in 21°27'N, 157°10'W (45 m. ENE Honolulu) at 0830/8.

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

NAVAL INCIDENTS - Nil.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

Allied

Gasmata - 6 Liberators attacked aerodrome evening 8/12.

Buna-Gona Area - There were 2 attacks morning 9/12 (3 Bostons, 7 Marauders). Results unknown.

Enemy

Merauke - An unidentified aircraft was reported at midday ~~at~~ 8/12.
Queensland - An unidentified single-engined monoplane floatplane was sighted over Lethebrook (38 m. S. of Bowen), and there were indications later in the evening of further enemy reconnaissance in this area. There have been no recent indications of an enemy submarine in the vicinity.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Renewed assault on Guadalcana, meanwhile continued infiltration.
- (ii) Reinforcements for Buna.
- (iii) Further occupation in the Aleutians.
- (iv) Submarine and/or raider activity in the Indian Ocean.

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For A/DIRECTOR C O I C

10/12/42

Light Cruisers (CL)
(2 believed sunk 13-14/11
2 believed NEI area
5 effective)

NATORI
HASHIMA
KATORI
NAGARA
OI
KITAGAMI
TENRYU
SENDAI)
JINTSU) 1 sunk 30/11

TATSUTA (poss. sunk)
KINU (believed sunk)

3 Converted King Light Cruisers (XCL)

Approx 25 submarines
Approx 40 destroyers (DD)
4 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHIYODA
CHITOSE)
AKITSUSHIMA) 1 damaged 8/11
NISSHIN)
NIICHO MARU
KINUGASA MARU
SAUKI MARU
KAGU MARU
NARUTO MARU
SENDAI MARU
SANYO MARU
KENJO MARU
SOUYOU MARU
KAMOI

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx 40 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft
Approx 252 shore-based aircraft incl. 103 fighters, 85 B, 20 F/B,
35 F/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

8" Cruiser

6" Cruiser

A.A. Ship

Destroyers

S/P Tenders

Submarine Tender

Submarines

DEVONSHIRE
ADELAIDE
JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK
TJERK HIDDES
VAN GALEN
HERON
CHILDS
W.B. PRESTON
PELIAS
GAR)
GRENADIER)
GRAYLING) On Patrol
THRESHER)
K.12)
TAMBOR)
TAUTOG)
SEARAVEN) At Fremantle
K.8)
TROUT)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

CINC 2nd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)

3 light cruisers (CL)

1 converted A/C Carrier

Approx 16 Destroyers

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

ASHIGARA
(see Truk area) KASHII (29/10)
YAWATA (enroute Truk)
OKITSU MARU
NOTORO

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battle ships

MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE
IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA

Converted A/C Carriers

COPAHEE
LONG ISLAND

LOUISVILLE
SALT LAKE CITY
CHICAGO
SAN FRANCISCO

6" Cruisers

ST. LOUIS
RALEIGH
DETROIT
15 approx
23 approx

Destroyers
Submarines

Enemy Forces

Palao-Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan

CinC 1st Fleet

CinC 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)

5 Battle ships (BB)

MUSASHI
NAGATO
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

SHOKAKU } 26/10
ZUIKAKU }

3 converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

HAYATAKA
TAIYO
CHUYO

1 8" Cruiser (CA)

2 - 6" Cruisers (CL)

YURA
ISUZU

HAGURO (10/9)

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

KENJO MARU
FUJIKAWA MARU
GOSHU MARU

KIYOKAWA MARU (2/10)

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 30 Destroyers

Approx 30 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
COLORADO
MARYLAND
ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA
NASSAU
ALTAMAHA
NEW ORLEANS
MINNEAPOLIS
NORTHAMPTON
PENSACOLA

Aircraft Carriers

Converted A/C Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

LEANDER

5" Cruisers

Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

35 (approx)
ASCANIA
MONOWAI

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

8" Cruiser

6" Cruiser

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians

CinC 5th Fleet

8" Cruiser (CA)

3 Light Cruisers (CL)

NACHI
ABUKUMA
TAMA
KISO

3 Converted Light Cruisers (XCL)

Approx 4 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

KAMIKAWA MARU
KAMITSU MARU

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces
6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Allied Forces
Battleships

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
RAMILLIES
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
ILLUSTRIOUS
ALBATROSS
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)

REVENGE

Aircraft Carrier
Seaplane Carrier
8" Cruiser
7.5" Cruisers

HAWKINS
FROBISHER
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
BIRMINGHAM
ENTERPRISE
DAUNTLESS
DRAGON
DURBAN
CAPE TOWN
CERES
CALEDON
CARADOC
SUMATRA (Dutch)

NEWCASTLE
GLASGOW
EMERALD
DANAE

6" Cruisers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

WORCESTERSHIRE
RAN CHI
CORFU
KANIMBLA
CHITRAL
RAN PURA
CARTHAGE
CARLISLE

A.A. Vessel
Approx 27 Destroyers
Approx 9 Submarines

Enemy Forces

8 Merchant Raiders or Submarine Tenders
Approx 7 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY11th December, 19421. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCESA) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTORAllied Forces

- (i) Task Group 44.3 ("AUSTRALIA" "PATTERSON" "HENLEY" "HELM") to RV at 1000 today with Task Group 44.5 ("HOBART" "SELFRIDGE" "BAGLEY") in 140s, 148°E and relieve latter on patrol in Coral Sea.
- (ii) "TROMP" escorting "MAURETANIA" due Sydney 0700.
- (iii) "WHYALLA" & "WARREGO" escorting Convoy TN12 ("DUNTROON" "TAROONA" "WESTRALIA" & "STAGEN" for Port Moresby and "BAN HONG LIONG" and "VAN SPILBERGEN" for Milne Bay) dep. Townsville 8/11. Convoy to divide and "WHYALLA" to escort Port Moresby section ETA 0600/12 and "WARREGO" Milne Bay section, ETA 1200/12.
- (iv) "SWAN" to RV at 0800 with Convoy TN13 ("GEORGE MATTHEWS" "PAINE WINGATE" "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER") off Fitzroy Is. and escort to Port Moresby ETA 0600/13.
- (v) "GOULBURN" escorting Convoy BT27 ("MERKUR" "CLEVELAND ABBE") to depart Moreton Bay 1100.
- (vi) "LITHGOW" escorting "KARSIK" dep. Milne Bay 0330/10 for Oro Bay.
- (vii) "MILDURA" & "INVERELL" escorting Convoy GP25 due Brisbane, 2230.
- (viii) "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy OC51 including "BUNGAREE" en route Sydney. "ROCKHAMPTON" to continue with Newcastle section.
- (ix) "DELORAINIE" "MORESEBY" escorting Convoy C052 dep. Sydney area 9/12 for RV in Wilson's Promontory area.
- (x) "TULSA" escorting 2 MTB's due Milne Bay 0830.
- (xi) "WILCANNIA" enroute Sydney to Townsville ETA p.m. 14/12.
- (xii) "GERLONG" returning Brisbane from Whitsunday Passage after escort duty.
- (xiii) "MANUNDA" enroute Milne Bay to Brisbane ETA 0600/12.
- (xiv) At Sydney - "DOBBIN" "KAPUNDA" "BUNDABERG" "MIZAR" "GOLDSTAR" "PIRIE" "DELORAINIE" "GYMPIE" "MORESEBY" "BOWEN" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "VENDETTA" "BISHOPDALE" "ALHENA"
In Reserve - "MANOORA"
- (xv) At Brisbane - "SPERRY" "FULTON" "POYANG"
Refitting or Repairing - "BENDIGO" "AASE MAERSK"
- (xvi) At Cairns - "ARUNTA" "HILO"
- (xvii) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA" "PING WO"
- (xviii) At Jervis Bay - "ECHUCA"
- (xix) At Melbourne - "ADELAIDE" "SPRINGDALE" "DOOMBA"
Repairing - "HOLLAND" "WARRNAMBOOL"
- (xx) At Townsville - "KATOOMBA" "YUNNAN" "VICTORIA"
Repairing - "STUART"
- (xxi) At Port Moresby - "COLAC" "J.R.LOWELL" "VAN HEUTSZ" "BONTEKOE"
"CREMER" "MAETSUYCKER"
- (xxii) At Milne Bay - "BROOME" "BALLARAT" "KURUMBA" "BALIKPAPAN" "JAPARA"
"BANTAM"
- (xxiii) At McLaren Harbor - "PALUMA"
- (xxiv) At Porlock Harbor - "KAURI"

Enemy Forces

- (i) Buin-Faisi - The 4 cruisers reported at this base 9/12 had departed by 1703/10, when the following were seen in the area -

13 destroyers
1 sloop
3 submarines
5 cargo vessels
3 tankers

25

One of the tankers was damaged (see Naval Incidents).

- (ii) Salamaua - 2 landing barges were seen at Salamaua morning 9/12. A possible enemy vessel was sighted off Malama (40 m. SE by E. of Salamaua) at 1510/10, proceeding SE. A subsequent air search was negative. The chief means of supply for troops north of Gona is now probably by small coastal craft from the Lae-Salamaua area.
- (iii) Munda - It was reported 9/12 that a landing strip was nearing completion at Munda.

(iv) Enemy Submarine Activity - The following indications have been noted of the whereabouts of enemy submarines in the Solomons - New Britain area :-

8/12	Malaita	10°S, 162°E
		07°S, 161°30'E
	Ontong Java	05°S, 160°E
9/12	New Georgia	07°30'S, 156°E

The Shortland base continues to be used as a submarine base, and supplies are believed to be proceeding to Guadalcanal at present chiefly by submarines from this base. Aircraft reported four submarines off Kahili during the afternoon 9/12.

A submarine was seen on the surface 10 miles south of Munda 10/12.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

~~(i) "TJERK HIDDES" dep. Darwin 0750/10 for Timor.~~

- (ii) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "ALAGNA" towards Thursday Is. dep. Darwin 0326/8. To RV with "JAMES COOK" "BURWAH" & "ISLANDER" and escort to Darwin.
- (iii) At Fremantle - "DEVONSHIRE" "JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK" "VAN GALEN" "W.B. PRESTON" "CHILDS" "PELIAS" "ISABEL" "WALLAR OO" "DUBBO" "TAMWORTH" "WANGANELLA"
- (iv) At Exmouth Gulf - "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" "TRINITY" "HERON" "GAWLER"
- (v) At Darwin - "KALGOORLIE"

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

5 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

Enemy Forces

Submarine Activity - There have been indications that several enemy submarines may be operating in the Arafura Sea.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

(i) "ACHILLES" escorting "AQUITANIA" to depart Auckland for Fremantle p.m. today ETA 19/12. "ADELAIDE" to relieve "ACHILLES" in vicinity of 140°E whence "ACHILLES" proceeds Melbourne.

- (ii) At Vanikoro - BALLARD (AV)
- (iii) At Espiritu Santo - MAURY SOUTHARD STACK O'BANNON FARRAGUT (DD) CURTISS MACKINAC TANGIER (AV) MacFARLAND (AVD) GUADALUPE LACKAWANNA (AO) GAMBLE (CM) RIGEL (AD) VESTAL (AR) PC.479 (YP) HUNTER LEGGETT STRATFORD (AP) ARGONAUT (SS)
- (iv) At Noumea - SARATOGA (CV) NASSAU ALTAMAHA (ACV) SAN JUAN (CL) BUCHANAN AARON WARD (DD) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) MANLEY (APD) HILO (PG) SONOMA (YT) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER VIREO (AM) BUTTERNUT (YN) DELPHINUS (YP) NEVILLE W.W.BURROWS PRES.HAYES HEYWOOD (AP) BETELGEUSE ANTARES (AK) ARD.2.
- (v) At Vila - ALDEBARAN (AK)
- (vi) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) PC.476 PC.477 (YP) WANDANK (YT)
- (vii) At Suva - HULL MONOHAN (DD) KANKAKEE (AO) CATALPA LOCUST ROSEWOOD (YN) SUMNER (Survey Ship) TALAMANCA (AK)
- (viii) At Bora Bora - TERN (AM)
- (ix) At Auckland - MONOWAI (A.M.C) EBONY (YN) ROAMER (AP) Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
- (x) At Wellington - McCAWLEY (AP)

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

Buin - 11 B.17's escorted by 8 P.38's attacked a large u/i vessel and a tanker 1200/10. 3 hits were made on one vessel and 2 straddles and 2 hits on the other. An observer reported 1703/10 that the tanker was still smoking. Enemy fighters intercepted the attacking aircraft. 6 Zero's shot down without loss.

3. AIR OPERATIONS - 9-10/12

Allied

Buna - 12 P.40's attacked Sanananda - Soputa Track morning 9/12.
Results not observed. 3 A.20's attacked enemy positions
afternoon 10/12 - results not observed.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Renewed assault on Guadalcanal, meanwhile continued infiltration.
- (ii) Reinforcements for Buna.
- (iii) Further occupation in the Aleutians.
- (iv) Submarine and/or raider activity in the Indian Ocean.

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For A/DIRECTOR, C O I C.

11/12/42

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

Effective
AUSTRALIA

Refitting or Damaged

CHESTER
PORTLAND
PHOENIX

6" Cruisers

HOBART
ADELAIDE

Flotilla Leaders

ARUNTA
TROMP
SELFRIDGE

LE TRIOMPHANT
STUART

Destroyers

HENLEY
HELM
BAGLEY

VENDETTA
MUGFORD

Submarines

PATTERSON *
GRAM PUS)
GUDGEON)
CROWLER)
SARGO)
SILVERSIDES)

At Brisbane

ALBACORE)
AMBERJACK)
FLYING FISH)
GATO)
GRAYBACK)
GROUPEL)
PLUNGER)
SAILFISH)
SAURY)
SHAPPER)
SEADRAGON)
SPEARFISH)
SWORDFISH)
SPINGRAY)
TUNA)
WAHOO)
K.2)

On Patrol

At Sydney

Armed Merchant Cruisers

WESTRALIA

MANOORA (in reserve)

Submarine Tenders

FULTON

HOLLAND

Destroyer Tender

SPERRY

Gunboat

DOBBIN

Oilers

TULSA

AASE MAERSK

KURUMBA

BISHOPDALE

VICTORIA

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet

CinC 2nd Fleet

CinC 4th Fleet

CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)

3 Battleships (BB)

YAMATO

MITSU

ISE

2 Battlecruisers (BB)

KONGO) 1 dam. 28/8
HARUNA) 1 " 26/10

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)

HOSHO

3 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

HITAKA

ZUIHO

YAWATA

Heavy Cruisers

(prob. 5 effective)

AOBA

CHOKAI

HAGURO

KUMANO ?

TAKAO ?

ATAGO ?

TONE) both dam. 26/10
TIKUMA) poss. sunk.
MYOKO (prob. dam. 26/10)
KINUGASA (prob. sunk 12/10)
ATAGO) 1 believed
TAKAO) sunk
MOGAMI) 1 bel. sunk,
SUZUYA) 1 dam. 14/11

Light Cruisers (CL)
(2 believed sunk 13-14/11
2 believed NEI area
5 effective)

NATORI
KASHIMA
KATORI
NAGARA
OI
KITAGAMI
TENRYU
SENDAI } 1 sunk 30/11
JINTSU }

TATSUTA (poss. sunk)
KINU (believed sunk)

3 Converted Light Cruisers (XCL)
Approx 25 submarines
Approx 40 Destroyers (DD)
4 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHIYODA
CHITOSE)
AKITSUSHIMA) 1 damaged 8/11
NISSHIN)
NITCHO MARU
KINUGASA MARU
SAN UKI MARU
KAGU MARU
NARUTO MARU
SENDAI MARU
SANYO MARU
KENYO MARU
SOUYOU MARU
KAMO I

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

Several Submarine Tenders
Approx 40 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MPB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft
Approx 270 shore-based aircraft incl. 116 fighters, 90 B, 20 F/B,
35 F/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

8" Cruiser

A.A. Ship

Destroyers

S/P Tenders

Submarine Tender

Submarines

DEVONSHIRE
JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK
TJERK HIDES
VAN GALEN
HERON
CHILDS
W.B. PRESTON
PELIAS
GAR)
GRENADIER)
GRAYLING) On Patrol
THRESHER)
K.12)
TAMBOR)
TAUTOG)
SEARAVEN) At Fremantle
K.8)
TROUT)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

CinC 2nd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)

3 Light Cruisers (CL)

Approx 16 Destroyers

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

ASHIGARA
(see Truk area) KASHII (29/10)
OKITSU MARU
NOTORO

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battle ships

MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE
IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA

Converted A/C Carriers

COPAHEE
LONG ISLAND

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE
SALT LAKE CITY
CHICAGO
SAN FRANCISCO

6" Cruisers

ST. LOUIS
RALEIGH
DETROIT
15 approx
23 approx

Destroyers

Submarines

Enemy Forces

Palao-Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan

CinC 1st Fleet

CinC 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)

5 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
NAGATO
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

SHOKAKU)
ZUIKAKU) 26/10

3 converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

HAYATAKA
TAIYO
CHUYO
YURA
ISUZU

2 - 6" Cruisers (CL)

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

KENJO MARU
FUJIKAWA MARU
GOSHU MARU

KIYOKAWA MARU (21/10)

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 30 Destroyers

Approx 30 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
COLORADO
MARYLAND

Aircraft Carriers

ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA

Converted A/C Carriers

MASSAU
ALTAMAHA

8" Cruisers

NEW ORLEANS
MINNEAPOLIS
NORTHAMPTON
PENSACOLA

6" Cruisers

HELENA
HONOLULU
COLUMBIA
ACHILLES

LEANDER

5" Cruisers

SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN

Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

35 (approx)
ASCANIA
MONOWAI

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

8" Cruiser

INDIANAPOLIS
NASHVILLE

6" Cruiser

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians

CinC 5th Fleet

8" Cruiser (CA)

3 Light Cruisers (CL)

NACHI
ABUKUMA
TAMA
KISO

3 Converted Light Cruisers (XCL)

Approx 4 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

KAMIKAWA MARU
KAMITSU MARU

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION

R EVENGE

RAMILLIES
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
ILLUSTRIOUS

Aircraft Carrier

Seaplane Carrier

8" Cruiser

7.5" Cruisers

ALBATROSS
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)

HAWKINS

PROBISHER

MAURITIUS

GAMBIA

BIRMINGHAM

ENTERPRISE

DAUNTLESS

DRAGON

DURBAN

CAPETOWN

CERES

CALEDON

CARADOC

SUMATRA (Dutch)

WORCESTERSHIRE

RANCHI

CORFU

KANIMBLA

CHITRAL

RANPURA

CARTHAGE

CARLISLE

NEWCASTLE

GLASGOW

EMERALD

DANAE

6" Cruisers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

A.A. Vessel

Approx 27 Destroyers

Approx 9 Submarines

Enemy Forces

8 Merchant Raiders or Submarine Tenders

Approx 7 Submarines

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

Aircraft Carrier

Seaplane Carrier

8" Cruiser

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

A.A. Vessel

Approx 27 Destroyers

Approx 9 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Approx 7 Submarines

WARSPITE

RESOLUTION

RAMILLIES

ROYAL SOVEREIGN

ILLUSTRIOUS

ALBATROSS

GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)

HAWKINS

FROBISHER

MAURITIUS

GAMBIA

BIRMINGHAM

ENTERPRISE

DAUNTLESS

DRAGON

DURBAN

CAPE TOWN

CERES

CALEDON

CARADOC

SUMATRA (Dutch)

WORCESTERSHIRE

RANCHI

CORFU

KANIMBIA

CHITRAL

RANPURA

CARTHAGE

CARLISLE

R EVENGE

NEWCASTLE

GALSGOW

EMERALD

DANAE

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY12th December, 1942.I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCESA) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

- (i) Task Group 44.3 ("AUSTRALIA" "PATTERSON" "HENLEY" "HELM") on patrol in Coral Sea.
- (ii) Task Group 44.5 ("HOBART" "SELFRIDGE" "BAGLEY") to enter Grafton Passage 0800 en route ~~Chaffers Bay~~ ^{Dunkley Bay}.
- (iii) "SWAN" escorting Convoy TN13 ("GEORGE MATTHEWS" "PAINE WINGATE" "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER") en route Port Moresby ETA 0600/13.
- (iv) "GOULBURN" escorting Convoy BT27 ("MERKUR") dep. Caloundra 1728/11 ETA "MERKUR" at Townsville 1600/14. "Goulburn" to part company in Whitsunday Passage 0100/14.
- (v) "WHYALLA" escorting "DUNTROON" "TAROONA" "WESTRALIA" "STAGEN" due Port Moresby 0600.
- (vi) "WARREGO" escorting "BAN HONG LIONG" "VAN SPILBERGEN" due Milne Bay 1200.
- (vii) "HOPKINS" "GRAYSON" escorting "PRES. JACKSON" "PRES. ADAMS" "CRESCENT CITY" en route Brisbane ETA 0900/13.
- (viii) "PRES. HAYES" escorted by destroyers en route Brisbane ETA 13/12.
- (ix) "TROMP" escorting "MAURETANIA" to depart Sydney at 1300 for Wellington.
- (x) "MILDURA" "INVERELL" escorting Convoy GP25 arr. Brisbane 0350. Were to depart 0400 escorting Convoy PG25 (2 MV).
- (xi) "DELORAINÉ" "MORESBY" escorting Convoy C052 to RV with "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC52 (ex Melbourne) in 038°50' S. 145°08'E today.
- (xii) "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Convoy C053 to dep. Newcastle 1059. "KA PUNDA" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" with Sydney section to RV at 1830 off Port Jackson and escort whole convoy southwards. "ROCKHAMPTON" proceeds Sydney.
- (xiii) "COLAC" dep. Port Moresby 0846/11 for Milne Bay ETA 1000/12.
- (xiv) "WILCANNIA" en route Sydney to Townsville ETA p.m. 14/12.
- (xv) At Sydney - "DOBBIN" "BUNDABERG" "MIZAR" "GOLDSTAR" "PIRIE" "TOWNSVILLE" "DELORAINÉ" "GYMPIE" "MORESBY" "BOWEN" "BUNGAREE" Refitting or repairing - "PORTLAND" "CHESTER" "PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "VENDETTA" "BISHOPDALE" "ALHENA".
In reserve - "MANOORA".
- (xvi) At Brisbane - "GEELONG" "SHERRY" "FULTON" "POYANG" "MANUNDA".
Refitting or repairing - "BENDIGO" "AASE MAERSK".
- (xvii) At Cairns - "ARUNTA" "HILO".
- (xviii) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA" "PING WO".
- (xix) At Jervis Bay - "ECHUCA".
- (xx) At Townsville - "KATOOMBA" "YUNNAN" "VICTORIA". Repairing STUART
- (xxi) At Melbourne - "ADELAIDE" "SPRINGDALE".
- (xxii) At Port Moresby - "J.R. LOWELL" "VAN HEUTSZ" "BONTEKOE" "CREMER".
- (xxiii) At Milne Bay - "TULSA" "BROOME" "BALLARAT" "KURUMBA" "BALIKPAPAN" "JAPARA" "BANTAM".
- (xxiv) At McLaren Harbour - "PALUMA".
- (xxv) At Porlock Harbour - "KAURI".
- (xxvi) At Oro Bay - "LITHGOW" "KARSIK".

Enemy Forces.

- (1) Buin-Faisi: 4 vessels (1 destroyer, 1 sloop, 1 submarine, 1 cargo vessel) left the Shortland base during the night 10-11/12, leaving the following vessels at 0656/11 -
- 12 destroyers
 - 2 submarines
 - 4 cargo vessels
 - 3 large tankers

The tanker damaged at midday 10/12 was no longer smoking on the following morning.

It is probable that one of the vessels reported as a cargo vessel is in fact a submarine tender. Natives report that a submarine visits Reef Island (Swallow Group - N. of Ndeni) weekly. This appears to be a routine delivery of supplies, and it is likely that these submarines are based in the Buin-Faisi area, from which it is known that Guadalcanal is being supplied by submarine. It is quite probable that the main source of supply for most enemy outposts in the Solomons is at present by submarine, since surface vessels have not recently been seen to visit them, in some cases not for many months.

A concentration of enemy submarines in the Solomons area is still evident (see following paragraph).

(ii) Enemy submarine activity: The following indications of the location of enemy submarines have been noted:-

9/12	New Georgia	09°S 157°E
		10°S 157°E
	San Cristoval	11°S 161°30' E.
	Bougainville	06°S 157°E
	Rennel Is.	15°S 159°E
10/12	Solomon Sea	08°S 154°E
	Guadalcanal	09°S 160°E
	New Britain	06°S 152°30' E
		04°30' S. 150°E
	Rossel Is.	12°S 156°E.
	New Ireland	03°S 152°E
11/12	Kapingamarangi	0°10' S. 156°E

(iii) Rabaul: Photographic reconnaissance of Rabaul Harbour 11/12 indicated some increase of merchant shipping there, probably indicating the arrival of convoys from the N. W. The following were reported:-

1 heavy cruiser	
1 light cruiser	
9 destroyers	
3 M.T.B.	
3 patrol craft	
1 possible submarine	
1 seaplane tender	
2 tankers	
24 merchant vessels - 1	18,000 tons
	6 6,000 tons
	5 5,000 tons
	4 4,000 tons
	5 3,000 tons
	3 2,000 tons

Aggregate tonnage - 116,000 tons

2 unidentified vessels

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The harbour was partially obscured by cloud, and 11 unidentified vessels not shown in the photographs were sighted. The last reconnaissance on 8/12 reported 38 vessels, including 17 merchant vessels. A comparison of these results suggests a considerable increase of troops and supplies at Rabaul and a substantial strengthening of Rabaul as a land base. Supplies and troops are also probably passing through Rabaul en route to more southerly bases.

Photographs also show significant wharf reconstruction and building.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

- (i) "TJERK HIDDERS" arr. Darwin from Timor 1826/11 carrying troops and Portuguese civilians.
- (ii) "KALGOORLIE" to relieve "VIGILANT" today in search off Darwin for further survivors of "ARMIDALE".
- (iii) "WHIPPOORWILL" arr. Geraldton 0700/11 dep. 1700 for Exmouth Gulf ETA 1600/13.

- (iv) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "JAMES COOK" "BURWAH" and "ISLANDER" due Darwin today.
- (v) At Fremantle - "JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK" "VAN GALEN" "W.B.PRESTON" "CHILDS" "PELIAS" "ISABEL" "WALLAROO" "DUBBO" "TAMWORTH" "WANGANELLA". Refitting - "DEVONSHIRE".
- (vi) At Exmouth Gulf - "LARK" "TRINITY" "HERON" "GAWLER.

Enemy Forces.

(i) Darwin: Following indications that enemy submarines may be operating in the Arafura Sea, reliable report indicates that a submarine is in the Dundas Strait area (between Cape Don and Melville Is.).

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

4. 6 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

- (i) "ACHILLES" escorting "AQUITANIA" en route Auckland to Fremantle ETA 19/12. "ADELAIDE" to relieve "ACHILLES" in vicinity of 140°E. whence "ACHILLES" proceeds Melbourne.
- (ii) At Vanikoro - BALLARD (AV)
- (iii) At Espiritu Santo - PENSACOLA (CA) HONOLULU HELENA COLUMBIA (CL) DRAYTON HULL FLETCHER MAURY STACK (DD) CURTISS MACKINAC TANGIER (AV) MacFARLAND (AVD) GUADALUPE LACKAWANNA (AO) GAMBLE (CM) NIGEL (AD) VESTAL (AR) PC.479 (YP) STRATFORD (AP) ARGONAUT (SS)
- (iv) At Noumea - SARATOGA (CV) NASSAU ALTAMANA (ACV) SAN JUAN (CL) LARDNER BUCHANAN AARON WARD (DD) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) MANLEY (APD) SONOMA (YT) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER VIREO (AM) BUTTERNUT (YN) DELPHINUS (YP) NEVILLE MT.VERNON W.W.BURROWS PRES.HAYES HEYWOOD (AP) BELELGEUSE ANTARES (AK) ARD.2.
- (v) At Vila - AIDEBARAN (AK)
- (vi) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) PC.476 PC.477 (YP) WANDANK (YT).
- (vii) At Suva - MONOHAN (DD) KANKAKEE (AO) CATALPA LOCUST ROSEWOOD (YN) SUMNER (Survey Ship) TALAMANCA (AK)
- (viii) At Bora Bora - TERN (AM)
- (ix) At Auckland - MONOWAI (A.M.C) EBONY (YN) ROAMER (AP). Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
- (x) At Wellington - McCAWLEY (AP)

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Allied Forces

(i) "Kanimbla" escorting Convoy SU5 (5 MV) was to depart Colombo p.m. 11/12 for Fremantle ETA 0700/1 Jan.

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS.

(i) Guadalcanal: A motor torpedo boat torpedoed and sank a Japanese submarine off Kamimbo on the night of 9/12.

III. AIR OPERATIONS.

Allied

- (i) Lae: 6 B.26's and 6 B.25's attacked aerodrome afternoon 11/12. One enemy aircraft destroyed, fires started and A/A position silenced.
- (ii) Buna: 9 B.26's attacked the area morning 11/12. Several fires started.
- (iii) Gona: 6 Wirraways attacked enemy positions and installations morning 11/12. 2 huts demolished, and another badly damaged. 2 Wirraways missing.

Enemy

- (i) Buka: Reported 11/12 that aircraft were heard for first time for many weeks in vicinity of aerodrome.
- (ii) Darwin - An enemy aircraft was over Batchelor at 1330/11.
- (iii) Misima Is.: An enemy reconnaissance aircraft was over this area a.m. 10/12 and 11/12.

IV. GENERAL

Blockade Runners: Admiralty reports the following intelligence concerning blockade runners 8/12:-

"PIETRO ORSEOLO" - (Italian - 6,344 tons, 14 knots) which left the Bay of Biscay about 2 October was reported to have left Batavia November 20, and may now be en route Japan.

"BELGRANO" (ex Rio Grande - German 6,100 tons, 13½ knots) may now have reached Japanese controlled waters. "Belgrano" was reported to have left Bay of Biscay October 10.

"CATARACTE" (ex Cochin tanker) may now have reached Japanese controlled waters. This vessel left the Bay of Biscay September 29.

"BURGENLAND" (German 7,320 tons, 13 knots) was reported to have left the Biscay area October 10, and may now have reached Japanese controlled waters.

"SILVAPLANA" (ex Norwegian - 3,800 tons, 13½ knots). This ship which was captured by a raider in the Pacific Ocean September 1941, and which has since been employed as a blockade runner was reported to have left the Biscay area 12/10, and may now be in Japanese controlled waters.

"KOTA NOPAN" (ex Dutch - 7,200 tons, 14 knots). This vessel, which was captured by a Pacific raider 17 August, 1941, was sighted 7/11 leaving the Bay of Biscay, and could now be in either the Indian or Pacific Ocean, en route Far Eastern Ports.

~~The~~ In addition to these six outward bound blockade runners, it is reported that "PERSEE" (ex French - 5,795 tons, 14 knots) and some other ships may possibly be on passage from the Far East to Europe. "PERSEE" was reported 8/9 as possibly ~~having~~ having left Far Eastern ports, and on 23/10 as being possibly in position between the Azores and Cape Finisterre. If "PERSEE" is now on passage to Europe, this earlier intelligence is incorrect. There is some evidence that a German merchant vessel was on passage between Japan and Malaya between 26/11 and 5/12.

Three German ships "SPICHERN" "ANTARKTIS" (tanker 10,400 tons) and "MAX ALBRECHT" (tanker 5,800 tons, 12 knots) are reported at FERROL (N.W. coast of Spain).

V. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Renewed assault on Guadalcanal; meanwhile continued infiltration.
- (ii) Reinforcements for Buna.
- (iii) Further occupation in the Aleutians.
- (iv) Submarine and/or raider activity in the Indian Ocean.

T. R. R. R.

For A/DIRECTOR, C.O.I.C.

12/12/42

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Flotilla Leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

Armed Merchant Cruisers

Submarine Tenders

Destroyer Tender

Gunboat

Oilers

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet

CinC 2nd Fleet

CinC 4th Fleet

CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)

3 Battle ships (BB)

~~xxxx~~ 2 Battlecruisers (BB)

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)

3 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

Heavy Cruisers

(prob. 5 effective)

Effective AUSTRALIA

HOBART

ADELAIDE

ARUNTA

TROMPF

SELFRIDGE

HENLEY

HELM

BAGLEY

PATTERSON

GRAMPUS

GUDGEON

GROWLER

SARGO

SILVERSIDES

ALBACORE

AMBERJACK

FLYING FISH

GATO

GRAYBACK

GROPER

PDUNGER

SAILFISH

SAURY

SNAPPER

SEADRAGON

SPEARFISH

SWORDFISH

STINGRAY

TUNA

WAHOO

K.9

WESTRALIA

FULTON

SPERRY

DOBBIN

TULSA

KURUMBA

VICTORIA

Refitting or Damaged

CHESTER

PORTLAND

PHOENIX

LE TRIOMPHANT

STUART

VENDETTA

MUGFORD

At Brisbane

On Patrol

At Sydney

MANOORA (in reserve)

HOLLAND

AASE MAERSK

BISHOPDALE

KONGO) 1 dam. 28/8
HARUNA) 1 " 26/10

TONE) both dam. 26/10
TIKUMA) poss. sunk
MYOKO (prob. dam. 26/10)
KINUGASA (prob. sunk 12/10)
ATAGO) 1 believed
TAKAO) sunk
MOGAMI (bel. sunk 14/11)
SUZUYA (damaged 14/11)

Light Cruisers (CL)
(2 believed sunk 13-14/11
2 believed NEI area)

NATORI
KASHIMA
KATONI
NAZARA
KUMA
OI
KITAGAMI
TENNYU
SENDAI }
JINTSU } 1 sunk 30/11

TATSUTA (poss. sunk)
KINU (believed sunk)

3 Converted Light Cruisers (XCL)
Approx 25 submarines
Approx 40 Destroyers (DD)
4 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHIYODA
CHITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA }
NISSHIN } 1 damaged 8/11

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

NITCHO MARU
KATSURAGI MARU
KAGU MARU
KARUTO MARU
SENDAI MARU
SANYO MARU
KENJO MARU
SOUYOU MARU
KAMOI
KAMIKAWA MARU

Several Submarine Tenders
Approx 40 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft
Approx 264 shore-based aircraft incl. 110 fighters, 90 B, 20 F/B,
35 P/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

8th Cruiser
A.A. Ship
Destroyers

DEVONSHIRE
JACOB VAN HEERSEKERK
TJERR HIDDES
VAN CALEN

S/P Tenders

NERON
CHILDS
W.B. PRESTON

Submarine Tender
Submarines

PELIAS
GAR
GRAYLING }
TRESHER } On Patrol
Z.12 }
TAMBER }
TAUTOG }
GRENADIER }
SEARAVEN } At Fremantle
K.8 }
TROUT }

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

Cinc 2nd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)
3 Light Cruisers (CL)

ASHIGARA
KASHII
(see Truk area)

Approx 16 Destroyers
Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

OKITSU MARU
NOTORO

4) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE
IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA

Converted A/C Carriers

COPAHNE
LONG ISLAND

8" Cruisers

LEWIS AND CLARK
SALT LAKE CITY
CHICAGO
SAN FRANCISCO

6" Cruisers

ST. LOUIS
RALPHIGH
DETROIT
15 approx
23 approx

Destroyers

Submarines

Enemy Forces

Palau-Saipan-Honins-Formosa-Japan

CINC 1st Fleet

CINC 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)

5 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
NAGATO
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

SHOKAKU) 26/10
ZUIKAKU)

3 converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

HAYATAKA
OTAKA
CHUYO

2 - 6" Cruisers (CL)

YURA
ISUZU

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

FUJIKAWA MARU
OOSHU MARU
KIYOSUMI MARU
HOGANIGAWA MARU
HIRUCASA MARU
SABUKI MARU

KIYOKAWA MARU (21/10)

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OAC)

Approx 30 Destroyers

Approx 30 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battle ships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
COLORADO
MARYLAND
ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA
HASSAU
ALTAMAHA

Aircraft carriers

Converted A/C Carriers

8" Cruisers

NEW ORLEANS
WINNEAPOLIS
NORHAMPTON
PENSACOLA

6" Cruisers

HELENA
HONOLULU
COLUMBIA
ACHILLES

LEANTER

5" Cruisers

SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN

Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

35 (approx)
ASCANIA
HONOLULU

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

8" Cruiser

6" Cruiser

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians

CINC 5th Fleet

8" Cruiser (CA)

3 Light Cruisers (CL)

SACHI
ABUKUMA
TAMA
KISO

3 Converted Light Cruisers (XCL)

Approx 4 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

Converted S/P Tender (XAV)

KANISHI MARU

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
RAMILLIES
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
ILLUSTRIOUS
ALBATROSS
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)

REVENGE

Aircraft Carrier

Seaplane Carrier

8" Cruiser

7.5" Cruisers

FROBISHER
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
ENTERPRISE
BIRMINGHAM

NEWCASTLE
GLASGOW
EMERALD
DANAE

6" Cruisers

DAUNTIE SS
DRAGON
DURBAN
CAPETOWN
CERES
CALEDON
CARADOC
SUMATRA (Dutch)
WORCESTERSHIRE
RANCHI
CORFU
KANIMBIA
CHITRAL
RANPURA
CARTHAGE
CARLISLE

Armed Merchant Cruisers

A.A. Vessel

Approx 27 Destroyers

Approx 9 Submarines

Enemy Forces

8 Merchant Raiders or Submarine Tenders

Approx 7 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

13th December, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCESA) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTORAllied Forces

- (i) Task Group 44.3 ("AUSTRALIA" "PATERSON" "HENLEY" "HELM") on patrol in Coral Sea.
- (ii) "ACHILLES" escorting Convoy US18, "AQUITANIA" en route Auckland to Fremantle ETA 0800/20. "ADELAIDE" to relieve "ACHILLES" in 041° 13'S, 139° 05'E at 1000/16 whence "ACHILLES" proceeds Melbourne ETA 0600/17.
- (iii) "ARUNTA" to arrive Townsville daylight 14/12 for escort duty.
- (iv) "WARREGO" dep. Milne Bay 0200/13 for Townsville.
- (v) "SWAN" escorting Convoy TN13 ("GEORGE MATTHEWS" "PAINE WINGATE" "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER") due Port Moresby 0600. "SWAN" to escort "TAROONA" to Milne Bay ETD 1200.
- (vi) "GOULBURN" escorting Convoy BT27 ("MERKUR") dep. Caloundra 11/12 ETA "MERKUR" at Townsville 1600/14. "GOULBURN" to part company in Whitsunday Passage 0100/14.
- (vii) "HOPKINS" "GRAYSON" escorting "PRES. JACKSON" "PRES. ADAMS" "CRESCENT CITY" due Brisbane 0900.
- (viii) "PRES. HAYES" escorted by destroyers due Brisbane 1200.
- (ix) "MILDURA" "INVERELL" escorting Convoy PG25 (2 MV) dep. Caloundra 0608/12 for Sydney ETA 1200/14.
- (x) "DELORAINIE" "MORESEY" escorting Convoy OC52 left Westernport area 12/12 for Sydney and Newcastle.
- (xi) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy C052 arr. Melbourne 1519/12.
- (xii) "KAPUNDA" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy C053 dep. Sydney area 12/12 for RV with "DOOMBA" in Westernport area. (Convoy includes "GOLDSTAR" for Fremantle - ETA 1900/22).
- (xiii) "WESTRALIA" to depart Port Stephens 1000 for Sydney ETA 1800.
- (xiv) "MIZAR" dep. Sydney 2000/12 for Brisbane ETA 1300/14.
- (xv) "WILCANNIA" en route Sydney to Townsville ETA p.m. 14/12. Thence Darwin.
- (xvi) At Sydney - "DOBBIN" "BUNDABERG" "PIRIE" "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" "GYMPIE" "BOWEN" "BUNGAREE"
Refitting or Repairing - "PORTLAND" "CHESTER" "PHOENIX" "MUGFORD"
"LE TRIOMPHANT" "VENDETTA" "BISHOPDALE" "ALHENA"
In Reserve - "MANOORA"
- (xvii) At Brisbane - "GEELONG" "SPERRY" "FULTON" "POYANG" "MANUNDA"
Refitting or Repairing - "BENDIGO" "AASE MAERSK"
- (xviii) At Cairns - "ARUNTA" "HILO"
- (xix) At Port Stephens - "PING WO"
- (xx) At Jervis Bay - "ECHUCA"
- (xxi) At Townsville - "KATOOMBA" "YUNNAN" -- Repairing "STUART"
- (xxii) At Melbourne - "ADELAIDE" "SPRINGDALE"
Repairing - "HOLLAND" "WARRNAMBOOL"
- (xxiii) At Port Moresby - "WHYALLA" "J.R. LOWELL" "CREMER" "WESTRALIA" "STAGEN"
- (xxiv) At Milne Bay - "TULSA" "BROOME" "BALLARAT" "COLAC" "KURUMBA" "JAPARA"
"BALIKPAPAN" "BANTAM" "BAN HONG LIONG" "VAN SPILBERGEN"
- (xxv) At McLaren Harbour - "PALUMA"
- (xxvi) At Porlock Harbour - "KAURI"
- (xxvii) At Oro Bay - "LITHGOW" "KARSIK"
- (xxviii) At Dunk Is. - "HOBART" "SEFRIDGE" "BAGLEY" "VICTORIA"

Enemy Forces

- (1) Buin-Falsi Area - Another attempt was made 11-12/12 to land troops and/or supplies on Guadalcanal from destroyers based on the Buin area. Eleven destroyers left this base at 1445/11 and proceeded SE at high speed. They were sighted at 1845 off North Bay (New Georgia) and attacked by aircraft (see Naval Incidents). ~~Five~~ 5 destroyers were damaged, but the remainder appear to have proceeded to their destination. 8 destroyers were seen scattered in the area east of New Georgia during the following morning, proceeding N.W., and an aircraft reconnaissance of the Buin area at 1145 indicated that some of them, probably 7, had returned to their base. All appear to have returned by 1645, when the amount of shipping there was the same as on 11/12, with the addition of a sloop, as follows -

12 destroyers
 1 sloop
 2 submarines
 4 cargo vessels
 3 tankers

22

- (ii) Buka - A light cruiser, apparently heavily loaded with deck cargo, entered Buka Passage at dawn 12/12 and proceeded N. along the W. coast of Buka later in the morning, after unloading. There has been no naval activity reported there since 1/12. The present intelligence in conjunction with the report on 11/12 that aircraft were heard in the area for the first time in many weeks, suggests a renewal of activity.
- (iii) Kavieng Area - Two unidentified vessels were reported by aircraft at 1332/12 in position 02°35'S, 150°E (7 m. SE Cape Matanalem, New Hanover). Course not given. The same aircraft sighted at 7,000 ton cargo vessel in Steffen Strait, 12 m. SW Kavieng.
- (iv) Ontong Java - An enemy destroyer was sighted by aircraft 25 m. SW of Ontong Java at 0930/12 on course 050°, and at 1029, 20 miles due south of the former position, on course 280°. It is possible that this is the additional warship (reported as a sloop) in the Buin area at 1645/12; the aircraft claims, however, that the destroyer opened fire with 5" shells.
- (v) Enemy Submarine Activity - Additional indications of the location of enemy submarines on 10/12, were as follows -
- | | |
|------------------|-------------|
| New Ireland | 02°S, 156°E |
| Santa Ysabel Is. | 07°S, 160°E |
| Santa Cruz | 05°S, 167°E |

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

- (i) "KALGOORLIE" assisting in search off Darwin for further survivors of "ARMIDALE".
- (ii) "WHIPPOORWILL" due Exmouth Gulf 1600.
- (iii) At Fremantle - "JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK" "VAN GALEN" "W.B. PRESTON" "CHILDS" "PELIAS" "ISABEL" "WALLAROO" "DUBBO" "TAMWORTH" "WANGANELLA"
- Refitting - "DEVONSHIRE"
- (iv) At Exmouth Gulf - "LARK" "TRINITY" "HERON" "GAWLER"
- (v) At Darwin - "TJERK HIDDIES" "CASTLEMAINE"

Enemy Forces

Arafura Sea - One or more enemy submarines are believed to be operating in the Arafura Sea.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

4 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

Enemy Forces

Timor - Two large merchant ships from Dilli passed Liquica (15 m. W. Dilli) at 0845/8. These vessels were unloading at Dilli on 7/12, while a destroyer stood off the entrance to Dilli Harbour.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

- (i) At Vanikoro - BALLARD (AV)
- (ii) At Espiritu Santo - PENSACOLA (CA) HONOLULU HELENA COLUMBIA (CL) DRAYTON HULL FLETCHER MAURY STACK (DD) CURTISS MACKINAC TANGIER (AV) MacFARLAND (AVD) GUADALUPE LACKAWANNA (AO) GAMBLE (CM) RIGEL (AD) VESTAL (AR) PC.479 (YP) STRATFORD (AP) ARGONAUT (SS)
- (iii) At Noumea - SARATOGA (CV) NASSAU ALTAMAHA (ACV) SAN JUAN (CL) FARRAGUT LARDNER BUCHANAN AARON WARD (DD) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) MANLEY (APD) SONOMA (YT) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER VIREO (AM) BUTTERNUT (YN) DELPHINUS (YP) NEVILLE MT.VERNON W.W.BURROWS HEYWOOD (AP) BETELGEUSE ANTARES (AK) ARD.2
- (iv) At Vila - ALDEBARAN (AK)
- (v) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) PC.476 PC.477 (YP) WANDANK (YT)
- (vi) At Suva - MONCHAN (DD) KANKAKEE (AO) CATALPA LOCUST ROSEWOOD (YN) SUMNER (Survey Ship) TALAMANCA (AK)

- (vii) At Bora Bora - TERN (AM)
- (viii) At Auckland - MONOWAI (A.M.C) EBONY (YN) ROAMER (AP)
Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
- (ix) At Wellington - McCAWLEY (AP)

~~Enemy Forces~~

- (x) "TROMP" escorting "MAURETANIA" was to depart Sydney 1800/12 for Wellington.

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Allied Forces

"KANIMBLA" escorting Convoy SU5 (5 MV) en route Colombo to Fremantle
ETA 0700/1 Jan.

Enemy Forces

Enemy submarine activity continues in the northern Indian Ocean. There was evidence recently that 3 Japanese submarines were operating in that area (see Naval Incidents).

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) Bay of Bengal - An unsuccessful torpedo attack was made on "MODASA" (Br. 9070 tons; 1921) in position 014°15'N, 080°28'E (70 m. N. by E. Madras) at 0230/12.
- (ii) New Georgia Area - 14 S.B.D's, 8 P.38's and 4 Grummans attacked 11 enemy destroyers W. of North Bay (North New Georgia) at 1845/11. 2 hits on one destroyer; 4 others hit.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

Allied

Lae - 7 B.17's attacked the aerodrome afternoon 11/12. 2 fires started and several explosions observed.

Salamaua - 3 B.17's attacked aerodrome area, afternoon 11/12.

Kumusi River - Buna Area -- 6 A.20's attacked area morning 12/12. No damage observed. 5 Beaufighters strafed the Government Station 1025-1210/12. Results not observed. One large barge and several small craft also strafed.

Sanananda Point - Preliminary report indicates that 3 A.20's strafed barges in the area 12/12.

Munda - 7 B.17's escorted by 6 P.38's attacked aerodrome morning 11/12. 4 x 1000-lb hits on landing strip.

Rekata Bay - 4 Grummans attacked floatplanes 11/12. One set on fire, 3 others heavily strafed.

Enemy Forces

Buin - 7 Zero's attacked a B.17 on sea at noon 12/12. One Zero probably destroyed, 2 probably damaged.

D'Entrecasteaux Group - Enemy aircraft were observed over Dawson Is., Cape Pierson, Normanby Is., and Goodenough Is. between 1010-1034/12.

Misima Island - 2 enemy aircraft were over Misima Is. 1200-1206/12.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Renewed assault on Guadalcanal; meanwhile continued infiltration.
- (ii) Reinforcements for Buna.
- (iii) Further occupation in the Aleutians.
- (iv) Submarine and/or raider activity in the Indian Ocean.

T. R. Riddle

For A/DIRECTOR, C O I C.

13/12/42

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Damaged</u>
Light Cruisers (CL) (some damaged prob. 3-5 effective)	HATORI FUCHINA HATSUMI HARUNA TETSUYU SUGAMI YUDARI	TATSUMI } believed sunk KIRU } 10/11
1 or 2 converted light cruisers (XCL) Approx 30 submarines (SS) Approx 40 Destroyers (DD) 3 Seaplane Carriers (AV)	CHIYOMA CHITOSE AKITSUKISIMA NISHIKI KAMOI HIYOGO MARU KATSUMARU MARU KASU MARU SAYO MARU KURIO MARU SUYOU MARU KAKIHARA MARU KOSHU MARU	} 1 damaged 8/11
Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)		
Several Submarine Tenders Approx 40 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons) Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub. Chasers, MTR's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft Approx 240 shore-based aircraft incl. 91 fighters, 92 B, 20 P/B, 37 S/P, 2 Obs. or transport aircraft		

2. WESTERN OCEAN

<u> Allied Forces</u> C ¹ Cruiser Flotilla Leaders	ARLBERG ARCTA THOMP	
A.A. Ship Armed Merchant Cruiser Destroyers	VAN MIERSEN FESTINA JERRY HILDE VAN CALBE BRICE CUTLER S.S. PRENTON WILIAS SAR	
S/P Tenders	GREENBERG FRUSHER TAMBOUR TAUTOO TROUT CRAYLING S.S. S.L.S.	On Patrol At Fremantle
Submarine Tender Submarine		

3. PACIFIC INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces
0 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or FRI area (see above)

Enemy Forces
CINCPAC Southwest Expeditionary Fleet
1 heavy cruiser (CA) ARIHARA
3 light cruisers (CL) HAKOBI
KUMA

1 converted light cruiser (XCL)
Approx 10 Destroyers (DD)
Approx 3 Submarines (SS)
Seaplane Carrier (AV) HATSUMI
Converted S/P Tender (XAV) CHITOSE MARU

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces
Battleships

Effective
IDAH
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA
CORANNE
LONG ISLAND
CHICAGO

Definitely or Damaged
WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TRINIDAD

Converted A/C Carriers

8th Cruisers

22
10 (approx)
25 (approx)

SALT LAKE CITY
SAN FRANCISCO
INDIANA POLIS

Destroyers

Submarines

Enemy Forces

Japan-Philippines-Torpedo-Japan

CinC 1st Fleet

CinC 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)

5 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
YAGATO
FUJIO
YAMASHIRO
MUSHA
MITSUKI
MITSU
MITSU

SHOKAKU (damaged 20/10)

2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)

3 - 8th Cruisers (CA)

ARAKI

YINHA } damaged 20/10
TOME }

4 light cruisers (CL)

Converted S/P Tenders (TAV)

FUJIKAWA MARU
HARUTO MARU
KIYOSUMI MARU
KINUSAGE MARU
SAGAMI MARU

KITAGAMI
OI
ISORU

KITAHARA MARU (21/10)
(poss. sunk)

6 Old Armored Cruisers (OAC)

Approx 30 Destroyers

Approx 27 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
COLORADO
MARYLAND
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
PETER BRICK
SARATOGA
HARRIS
ASTORIA
CUNNINGHAM
SARASOTA
MINNEAPOLIS
HUNTINGTON
PENNSYLVANIA
WICHITA
LOUISVILLE

Aircraft Carriers

Converted A/C Carriers

6th Cruisers

6th Cruisers

HONOLULU
ST. L. VIE
HARTY TLE
COLUMBIA
CLEVELAND
ACHILLES
SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN
45 (approx)
HONOLULU
ARIZONA

LEADER

3rd Cruisers

Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

D) WESTERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

6th Cruisers

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

DETROIT
BARKER

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

WARSPITE REVENGE

RESOLUTION

RAMILLIES

ROYAL SOVEREIGN

ILLUSTRIOUS

ALBATROSS

GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)

HAWKINS

FROBISHER

MAURITIUS

NEWCASTLE

GAMBIA

GLASGOW

BIRMINGHAM

EMERALD

ENTERPRISE

DANAE

DAUNTLESS

DRAGON

DURBAN

CAPETOWN

CERES

CALEDON

CARADOC

SUMATRA (Dutch)

WORCESTERSHIRE

RANCHI

CORFU

KANIMBLA

CHITRAL

RANPURA

CARTHAGE

CARLISLE

Aircraft Carrier

Seaplane Carrier

8" Cruiser

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

A.A. Vessel

Approx 27 Destroyers

Approx 9 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Approx 7 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

14th December, 1942

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A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

- (i) Task Group 44.3 ("AUSTRALIA" "PATTERSON" "HENLEY" "HELM") on patrol in Coral Sea.
- (ii) "ACHILLES" escorting Convoy US18, "AQUITANIA" en route Auckland to Fremantle ETA 0800/20. "ADELAIDE" to relieve "ACHILLES" in 041° 13'S, 139° 05'E at 1000/16 whence "ACHILLES" proceeds Melbourne ETA 0600/17.
- (iii) "ARUNTA" escorting Convoy TN14 ("DAVID BUSHWELL" "CHARON") to dep. Townsville 1800 for Milne Bay ETA 1100/17.
- (iv) "SWAN" escorting "TAROONA" dep. Port Moresby 1600/13 for Milne Bay ETA 1100/14.
- (v) "GOULBURN" was to leave "MERKUR" in Whitsunday Passage 0100, and return Brisbane. "MERKUR" due Townsville 1600.
- (vi) "LITHGOW" escorting "KARSIK" to dep. Milne Bay for second journey to Oro Bay 0300.
- (vii) "COLAC" "BALLARAT" "BROOME" dep. Milne Bay 0300/13 to disembark troops in the vicinity of Cape Sudest at 2330/13, then returning Milne Bay (see Naval Incidents).
- (viii) "WHYALLA" dep. Moresby 1341/13 for survey ground (Warrego Passage, Goodenough Is.) ETA a.m. 15/12.
- (ix) "WARREGO" en route Milne Bay to Townsville.
- (x) "MILDURA" "INVERELL" escorting Convoy PG25 (2 MV) due Sydney ETA 1200.
- (xi) "DELORAINIE" "MORESBY" escorting Convoy OC52 left Westernport area 12/12 for Sydney and Newcastle.
- (xii) "KAPUNDA" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy C053 dep. Sydney area 12/12 for RV with "DOOMBA" in Westernport area. (Convoy includes "GOLDSTAR" for Fremantle - ETA 1900/22).
- (xiii) "MIZAR" due Brisbane 1300.
- (xiv) "WILCANNIA" due Townsville this afternoon. Thence Darwin.
- (xv) "MANUNDA" dep. Brisbane 1341/13 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/17.
- (xvi) At Sydney - ~~"MERKINS"~~ "DOBBIN" "BUNDABERG" "PIRIE" "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" "GYMPIE" "BOWEN" "BUNGAREE"
Refitting or Repairing - "PORTLAND" "CHESTER" "PHOENIX" "MUGFORD"
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"BAN HONG LIONG" "VAN SPILBERGEN"
- (xxv) At McLaren Harbour - "PALUMA"
- (xxvi) At Porlock Harbour - "KAURI"
- (xxvii) At Dunk Is. - "HOBART" "SELFREDGE" "BAGLEY" "VICTORIA"

Enemy Forces

- (1) Buin-Paisi - It is confirmed that some destroyers, possibly 10, reached Guadalcanal during the night 11-12/12 (see Naval Incidents). There is no information to indicate whether troops were landed. The situation at Buin on 13/12 showed no important change. No submarines were seen at 0915, when the following were in the area -

- 14 destroyers
- 1 sloop
- 4 cargo vessels
- 2 tankers
- 21

If, as is thought likely, 3 destroyers were sunk in the Guadalcanal operation, reinforcements (probably 3 destroyers and a sloop) must have arrived in the Buin area during the afternoon 12/12, and possibly another 2 destroyers during the night.

- (ii) New Guinea - An attempt, evidently successful, was made to land troops in the vicinity of the mouth of the Membare River during the night 13-14/12. A Convoy of 5 vessels (identification uncertain: reported as either one light cruiser, 4 destroyers, or 2 light cruisers 3 destroyers, or 5 destroyers) was sighted in position 03°50'S, 145°25'E (approx 85 m. NNW Madang) at 1226/13 on course 160°. The convoy was shadowed throughout the day and was observed 6 miles N. Cape Ward Hunt at 0320/14, on SW course. The last sighting was at 0700/14, 94 m. E. by N. Cape Ward Hunt, when the vessels were on course 060°.

Previous reports have indicated that reinforcements for the Buna area have proceeded from Rabaul, but the position in which this convoy was first sighted suggest that Rabaul is most unlikely to have been the base, but that the vessels may possibly have started from Lorengau, a change of tactics probably designed to minimise the risk of early detection. It is also most likely that Lorengau has been developed and will be used as a base for operations along the N. coast of New Guinea.

Reports of attacks on the above convoy are incomplete, but the group sighted at 0700/14 appears to include all 5 vessels. Zero's attacked our reconnaissance aircraft during the day, and one Zero was shot down.

- (iii) Buka - A large transport was reported in position 04°45'S, 155°40'E (63 miles E. by N. Cape Henpan) on course 170° on 12/12. The vessel would appear to have been making for the Shortland base, but was not reported there on the following morning.
- (iv) St. George's Channel - An enemy destroyer was sighted and unsuccessfully attacked 15 m. W. by N. of Cape St. George at 1022/13. The vessel was on course 350°.
- (v) Enemy Submarine Activity - The following indications of the location of enemy submarines have been noted -

11/12	San Cristoval	10°S, 162°E
	Malaita Is.	07°S, 163°E
		07°S, 161°E
12/12	Malaita Is.	07°S, 163°E
	Ysabel Is.	07°S, 160°E
		08 S, 159°E
	New Georgia	08°S, 157°E
	Bougainville	05°S, 156°E

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

- (i) "KALGOORLIE" has been recalled from the search off Darwin for further survivors of "ARMIDALE" and the search has been abandoned.
- (ii) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "ISLANDER" towards Thursday Is. dep. Darwin 1225/13. To RV with "PERIOD" & "JAMES COOK" off Cape Wessel and escort to Darwin.
- (iii) At Fremantle - "JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK" "VAN GALEN" "W.B. PRESTON" "CHILDS" "PELIAS" "ISABEL" "WALLAROO" "DUBBO" "TAMWORTH" "WANGANELLA"
Refitting - "DEVONSHIRE"
- (iv) At Exmouth Gulf - "TRINITY" "HERON" "GAWLER" "WHIPPOORWILL" "LARK"
- (v) At Darwin - "TJERK HIDDIES"

Enemy Forces

Arafura Sea - One or more enemy submarines may be operating in the Arafura Sea.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

4 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

- (i) At Vanikoro - BALLARD (AV)
(ii) At Espiritu Santo - PENSACOLA (CA) HONOLULU HELENA COLUMBIA (CL)
DRAYTON HULL FLETCHER MAURY STACK (DD) CURTISS MACKINAC
TANGIER (AV) MacFARLAND (AV/D) GUADALUPE LACKAWANNA (AO)
GAMBLE (CM) RIGEL (AD) VESTAL (AR) PC.479 (YP) STRATFORD (AP)
ARGONAUT (SS)
(iii) At Noumea - SARATOGA (CV) NASSAU ALTAMAHA (ACV) SAN JUAN (CL)
FARRAGUT LARDNER BUCHANAN AARON WARD (DD) PROMETHEUS (AR)
ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) MANLEY (APD) SONOMA (YT) WHITNEY (AD)
KINGFISHER VIREO (AM) BUTTERNUT (YN) DELPHINUS (YP) NEVILLE
MT.VERNON W.W.BURROWS HEYWOOD (AP) BETELGEUSE ANTARES (AK)
ARD.2
(iv) At Vila - "ALDEBARAN (AK)
(v) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) PC.476 PC.477 (YP)
WANDANK (YT)
(vi) At Suva - MONOHAN (DD) KANKAKEE (AO) CATALPA LOCUST ROSEWOOD (YN)
SUMNER (Survey Ship) TALAMANCA (AK)
(vii) At Bora Bora - TERN (AM)
(viii) At Auckland - MONOWAI (A.M.G) EBONY (YN) ROAMER (AP)
Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
(ix) At Wellington - McCAWLEY (AP)
(x) "TROMP" escorting "MAURETANIA" en route Sydney to Wellington.

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Allied Forces

"KANIMBLA" escorting Convoy SU5 (5 MV) en route Colombo to Fremantle
ETA 0700/1 Jan.

Enemy Forces

Enemy submarine activity continues in the northern Indian Ocean. There was evidence recently that 3 Japanese submarines were operating in that area. The most recent attack on an allied vessel was in the Bay of Bengal on 12/12.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) Guadalcanal - Further reports of the attack on the convoy of 11 destroyers which was attacked 11 miles W. of North Bay (North New Georgia) afternoon 11/12 indicate that one was sunk and four others hit. Part of the convoy reached Guadalcanal where torpedo boats launched a further attack at 0035/12. The sinking of one destroyer was confirmed by survivors, and another was set on fire and exploded, and is considered to have been sunk. A minimum estimate of Japanese losses in this attempt to supply Guadalcanal is 3 destroyers sunk and 2 damaged. One torpedo boat was lost.
(ii) Buna Area - "COLAC" reported that she was being attacked by enemy aircraft in position 08°45'S, 148°32'E (4 m. SE Buna) at 0025/14, and again at 0202 in position 08°50'S, 148°36'E (12 m. SSE Buna). "COLAC" in company with "BROOME" & "BALLARAT", was to disembark troops at Cape Sudest at 2330 last night. "COLAC's" reports do not indicate whether "BROOME" & "BALLARAT" were also attacked.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

Allied

- Gasmata - 5 B.26's attacked the aerodrome afternoon 13/12. Two small fires (possibly from small fuel dumps) started.
Salamaua - 1 Hudson attacked the extreme north end of the isthmus 2040/12. Results not observed.
Gona - 1 Hudson strafed the wreck night 12-13/12. Results not observed.
Ambasi-Kumusi River Area - 3 Beaufighters strafed barges morning 13/12.
Cape Killerton - 6 A.20's attacked the area morning 13/12. Results not observed.
Buna - P.40's attacked the area morning 13/12. Results not observed.

Enemy

New Guinea Waters - An allied aircraft shadowing the convoy in this area (see enemy forces) was attacked by Zero's and one bomber. Aerial bombs were used against the allied aircraft. One Zero destroyed.

Dobodura - 27 Zero's were reported over the area 1350/11.

Buna - 12 enemy aircraft were reported over the area 1545/11.

Munda - B.17's attacked the aerodrome 12-13/12. 14 x 1000-lb hits on target area. In attacks on Munda 11-12/12, 2 floatplanes shot down.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Offensive against N. coast New Guinea.
- (ii) Continued infiltration on Guadalcanal.
- (iii) Reinforcements for Buna.
- (iv) Submarine and/or raider activity in the Indian Ocean.

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For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

14/12/42

Light Cruisers (CL)
(2 believed sunk 13-14/11
1 believed NEI area)

NATORI
KASHIMA
KATORI
NAGARA
OI
KITAGAMI
TENRYU
SENDAI)
JINTSU) 1 sunk 30/11

TATSUTA (poss. sunk)
KINU (believed sunk)

3 Converted light cruisers (XCL)
Approx 25 submarines
Approx 40 destroyers (DD)
5 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHIYODA
CHITOSE)
AKITSUSHIMA) 1 damaged 8/11
NISSHIN)
KAMOI

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

NITCHO MARU
KATSURAGI MARU
KAGU MARU
NARUTO MARU
SENDAI MARU
SANYO MARU
KENJO MARU
SOUYOU MARU
KAMIKAWA MARU

Several Submarine Tenders
Approx 40 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft
Approx 264 shore-based aircraft incl. 104 fighters, 96 B, 20 F/B,
35 F/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

8" Cruiser

A.A. Ship

Destroyers

S/P Tenders

Submarine Tender

Submarines

DEVONSHIRE
JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK
TJERK HIDDES
VAN GALEN
HERON
CHILDS
W.B. PRESTON
PELIAS
GAR)
GRAYLING) On Patrol
THRESHER)
K.12)
TAMBOR)
TAUTOG)
GRENADIER)
SEARAVEN) At Fremantle
K.8)
TROUT)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

CinC 2nd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)

3 light cruisers (CL)

ASHIGARA
KASHII
KUMA
(see Truk area)

Approx 16 destroyers (DD)

Seaplane Carrier (AV)

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

NOTORO
OKITSU MARU

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE
IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA

Converted A/C Carriers

COPAHEE
LONG ISLAND

9th Cruisers

LOUISVILLE
SALT LAKE CITY
CHICAGO
SAN FRANCISCO

6th Cruisers

ST. LOUIS
BALTIMORE
DETROIT
15 approx
23 approx

Destroyers
Submarines
Enemy Forces

Philippine-Indonesian-Borneo-Formosa-Japan

CINC 1st Fleet
CINC 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)
3 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
HAGATO
YUBO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

SEOKAKU } 26/10
SUZEKAKU }

3 Converted A/C Carriers (ACV)

SUIHO
OTAKA
CHIKO

2 - 6th Cruisers (CL)

YUNA
IKOSU

Converted B/P Tenders (BPT)

FUJIKAWA MARU
GOSEI MARU
KIYOSUMI MARU
HOGANICAWA MARU
KINOSHITA MARU
SABURI MARU

KIYOKAWA MARU (21/10)

6 old armored cruisers (ACA)
Approx 30 Destroyers
Approx 30 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces
Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
COLORADO
MARYLAND
VETERANISE
SCRATCOA

Aircraft Carriers

Converted A/C Carriers

HASSON
ALTAHARA

8th Cruisers

NEW ORLEANS
NEW HAMPSHIRE
NORTHAMPTON

6th Cruisers

PEY SACOLA
SERRA

LEADER

5th Cruisers

HONOLULU
COLUMBIA

Flotilla Leader

Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN
TROUP
35 (approx)
ASCANIA
KORCHAI

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

8th Cruiser

INDIANA POLIS
NASHVILLE

6th Cruiser

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Alutians

CINC 5th Fleet

6th Cruiser (CA)

3 light cruisers (CL)

WACHI
ASUKUNA
TAMA
KISO

3 Converted Light Cruisers (CCL)

Approx 4 Destroyers
Approx 7 Submarines
Converted S/P Tender (XAV)

KAMITSU MARU

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces
6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Allied Forces
Battleships

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
RAMILLIES
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
ILLUSTRIOUS

REVENGE

Aircraft Carrier
Seaplane Carrier
8" Cruiser
7.5" Cruisers

ALBATROSS
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (G reek)

6" Cruisers

HAWKINS
FROBISHER
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
ENTERPRISE
BIRMINGHAM
DAUNTLESS
DRAGON
DURBAN
CAPETOWN
CERES
CALEDON
CARADOC
SUMTRA (Dutch)

NEWCASTLE
GLASGOW
EMERALD
DANAE

Armed Merchant Cruisers

WORCESTERSHIRE
RANCHI
CORFU
KANIMBLA
CHITRAL
RAN PURA
CARTHAGE
CARLISLE

A.A. Vessel
Approx 27 Destroyers
Approx 9 Submarines

Enemy Forces

8 Merchant Raiders or Submarine Tenders
Approx 7 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

15th December, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

- (i) Task Group 44.3 ("AUSTRALIA" "PATTERSON" "HENLEY" "HELM") on patrol in Coral Sea.
- (ii) "ACHILLES" escorting Convoy US18, "AQUITANIA" en route Auckland to Fremantle ETA 0800/20. "ADELAIDE" to relieve "ACHILLES" in 041° 13'S, 139°05'E at 1000/16 whence "ACHILLES" proceeds Melbourne ETA 0600/17.
- (iii) "ARUNTA" escorting Convoy TN14 ("DAVID BUSHWELL" "CHARON") dep. Townsville 14/12 for Milne Bay ETA 1100/17.
- (iv) "WARREGO" escorting Convoy TN15 ("MACUMBA" "BOTH" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK" "S.J.FIELD" "GORGON") to dep. Townsville 1800 for Port Moresby ETA 1800/18.
- (v) "COLAC" "BALLARAT" "BROOME" were to disembark troops in the vicinity of Cape Sudest at 2330/14, then returning Milne Bay.
- (vi) "LITHGOW" escorting "KARSIK" was due Oro Bay 2300/14. After unloading stores, to return Milne Bay.
- (vii) "GEELONG" escorting Convoy BT28 ("AASE MAERSK" "YCHOW" "CLEVELAND ABBE") to leave Moreton Bay 2359.
- (viii) "KAPUNDA" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy C053 dep. Sydney area 12/12 for RV with "DOOMBA" in Westernport area. (Convoy includes "GOLDSTAR" for Fremantle - eta 1900/22).
- (ix) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC53 dep. Melbourne 14/12 to RV today with above.
- (x) "DELORAIN" escorting Sydney section Convoy OC52 arr. 1645/14. "MORESBY" continued with Newcastle section.
- (xi) "SWAN" escorting "TAROONA" to depart Milne Bay today for Townsville.
- (xii) "WILCANNIA" arr. Townsville 1130/14. To dep. for Darwin a.m. today.
- (xiii) "GOULBURN" returning Brisbane from Whitsunday Passage.
- (xiv) "WHYALLA" due Warrego Passage, Goodenough Is., for survey work a.m. today.
- (xv) "ECHUCA" to return Sydney from Jervis Bay today.
- (xvi) "MANUNDA" en route Brisbane to Port Moresby ETA 0800/17.
- (xvii) At Sydney - "DOBBIN" "BUNDABERG" "PIRIE" "ROCKHAMPTON" "MILDURA" "INVEREIL" "TOWNSVILLE" "GYMPIE" "BOWEN" "BUNGAREE" Repairing - "PORTLAND" "CHESTER" "PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "VENDETTA" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "BISHOPDALE" "ALHENA" In Reserve - "MANCORA" "WESTRALIA"
- (xviii) At Brisbane - "HOPKINS" "GRAYSON" "SPERRY" "FULTON" "MIZAR" "POYANG" "PRES.JACKSON" "PRES.ADAMS" "PRES.HAYES" "CRESCENT CITY" Repairing - "BENDIGO"
- (xix) At Cairns - "HILO"
- (xx) At Port Stephens - "PING WO"
- (xxi) At Townsville - "YUNNAN" Repairing - "STUART" "KATOOMBA"
- (xxii) At Melbourne - "ADELAIDE" "SPRINGDALE" Repairing - "HOLLAND" "WARRNAMBOOL"
- (xxiii) At Port Moresby - "WESTRALIA" "STAGEN" "GEORGE MATTHEWS" "PAINE WINGATE" "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER"
- (xxiv) At Milne Bay - "TULSA" "KURUMBA" "JAPARA" "BALIKPAPAN" "BANTAM" "VAN SPILBERGEN"
- (xxv) At McLaren Harbour - "PALUMA"
- (xxvi) At Porlock Harbour - "KAURI"
- (xxvii) At Dunk Is. - "HOBART" "SEFRIDGE" "BAGLEY" "VICTORIA" "MERKUR"

Enemy Forces

- (1) Buna-Gasmata Area - The enemy convoy of 5 vessels which reached the Mambare - Kumusi area during the night 13-14/12, was shadowed and attacked during 14/12 as it proceeded by a devious route in a general N.E. direction. The convoy was last sighted 25 miles east Gasmata at 1400 on course 065°.

Photographs show that one of the vessels was a torpedo boat. Two pilots claim that two of the vessels had 3 funnels, in which

case they were light cruisers. The size of the vessels and the volume of A.A. fire also indicated that the vessels were cruisers.

Troops and supplies were landed by barges, but considerable damage was done both during and after the landings by our aircraft (see Air Operations).

Captured documents show that the 4 destroyers which reached the Buna area at about midnight 1/12 landed 3 companies of troops.

Aircraft reported 2 small vessels on course 240° approx 27 miles E. by N. Gasmata at 0930/14.

- (ii) Buin-Faisi Area - Reports indicate that 10 destroyers and a sloop left the Buin area between 0915/13 and 1703/14. The shipping there, evening 14/12, was as follows -

- 4 destroyers
- 4 cargo vessels
- 2 tankers
- 1 submarine

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One destroyer and the sloop appear to have been engaged in escorting a 5,000 ton merchant vessel to Buka Passage, arriving about 1650; the escorts then returned southwards.

- (iii) Malaita - A large launch equipped with radio antennae, was sighted by aircraft off the northern entrance to Alite Harbour (W. coast Malaita) on 14/12. No enemy outpost is known to be in this vicinity.

- (iv) Enemy Submarine Activity - The following indications of the location of enemy submarines have been noted -

12/12	Ysabel Is.	07°S, 160°E
13/12	Rennell Is.	12°S, 158°E
		13°S, 163°E
	Malaita	08°S, 163°E
	Guadalcanal	10°S, 161°E
	New Caledonia	22°06'S, 165°41'E (sighted)

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

- (i) "TJERK HIDDEN" dep. Darwin 0307/14 for Timor.
- (ii) "GAWLER" escorting "TRINITY" to dep. Exmouth Gulf today for Abadan.
- (iii) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "ISLANDER" towards Thursday Is. dep. Darwin 13/12. To RV with "PERIOD" & "JAMES COOK" off Cape Wessel and escort to Darwin ETA p.m. 18/12.
- (iv) At Fremantle - "JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK" "VAN GALEN" "W.B. PRESTON" "CHILDS" "PELIAS" "ISABEL" "WALLAROO" "DUBBO" "TAMWORTH" "WANGANILLA"
Refitting - "DEVONSHIRE"
- (v) At Exmouth Gulf - "HERON" "WHIPPOORWILL" "LARK"
- (vi) At Darwin - "KALGOORLIE"

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

2 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

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- (iv) At Vila - ALDEBARAN (AK)
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ETA 0700/1 Jan.

Enemy Forces

There was evidence recently that 3 Japanese submarines were operating in the Northern Indian Ocean. The most recent attack on an allied vessel was in the Bay of Bengal on 12/12.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) New Guinea - The convoy of 5 warships reported yesterday as having proceeded to the Kumusi - Mambare River area, to discharge troops and stores was attacked en route. Attacks delivered on 13/12, when the convoy was proceeding to New Guinea, resulted in one direct hit and one very near miss on one destroyer which was reported to be smoking. The convoy was harassed in the Cape Ward Hunt area and on its return journey, and attacks were reported during morning and afternoon 14/12. Three near misses were reported at 1224/14. Two Zero's and one enemy bomber were destroyed.
- (ii) Buna Area - "COLAC" was not damaged during the air attacks reported early morning 14/12, but the landing of troops was interrupted. The 3 A.M.S. put into McLaren Harbour and were to proceed with their disembarkation last night.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

Allied

Mambare-Kumusi Area - Attacks against stores and barges were delivered during morning and afternoon 14/12 by 6 Beaufighters, 8 P.39's, 3 A.20's, 5 Beaufighters, 3 A.20's, 2 Beaufighters, 7 Beaufighters, 5 A.20's and 3 B.26's. Damage was inflicted on stores; barges were heavily strafed and a number of enemy personnel killed.

Buin - Catalinas attacked Kahili early morning 14/12.

Munda - Catalinas attacked Munda aerodrome night 13/12. 8 S.B.D's, 6 P.38's and 3 Grummans attacked at 1215/14. One building destroyed, and fuel dumps were set on fire at both ends of the strip, which is reported to have been well bombed.

Enemy

Oro Bay - 2 u/i aircraft were observed 20 miles inland from Oro Bay early morning 14/12.

Kitava - 1 enemy bomber was over the area for an hour, noon 14/12.

D'Entrecasteaux Group - An enemy aircraft was sighted near Normanby Island morning 13/12. An u/i aircraft was over Goodenough and Fergusson Islands at 2020/13, and u/i aircraft were sighted in the areas of Normanby Island, Dobu Island and Goodenough Island and at Wedau morning 14/12.

Port Moresby - 1 aircraft attacked Ward's Drome night 13-14/12. No damage or casualties reported.

Darwin - An u/i aircraft was sighted 5 miles E. of Darwin flying south morning 14/12.

Broome-Wyndham Area - u/i aircraft were reported over Broome aerodrome, Derby and the Forrest River Mission (27 miles N.W. Wyndham) between 0859-1200/14.

Cocos Island - 9 enemy aircraft were reported at 0850/14.

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Destroyers

DEVONSHIRE

S/P Tenders

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TJERK HIDDES
VAN GALEN
HERON
CHILDS
W.B. PRESTON

Submarine Tender
Submarines

ELIAS
GAR)
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TENNESSEE
IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA

Converted A/C Carriers

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LONG ISLAND

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6" Cruisers

ST. LOUIS
RALEIGH
DETROIT
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23 approx

Destroyers
Submarines
Enemy Forces

Palao - Saipan - Bonins - Formosa - Japan

CinC 1st Fleet

CinC 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)

5 Battle ships (BB)

MUSASHI
NAGATO
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

SHOKAKU } 26/10
ZUIKAKU }

2 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

ZUIHO

CHUYO

2 - 6" Cruisers (CL)

YURA

ISUZU

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

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KIYOZUMI MARU
MOGAMIGAWA MARU
KINUGASA MARU
SANUKI MARU

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C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
COLORADO
MARYLAND
ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA
NASSAU
ALTAMAHA
NEW ORLEANS
MINNEAPOLIS
NORTHAMPTON
PENSACOLA

Aircraft Carriers

HELENA

LEANDER

Converted A/C Carriers

HONOLULU

COLUMBIA

8" Cruisers

SAN DIEGO

SAN JUAN

6" Cruisers

TROMP

5" Cruisers

35 (approx)

Flotilla Leader

Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

ASCANIA

MONOWAI

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

8" Cruiser

INDIANAPOLIS

6" Cruiser

NASHVILLE

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kurile s - Aleutians

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F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Allied Forces
Battleships

Aircraft Carrier
Seaplane Carrier
8" Cruiser
7.5" Cruisers

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
RAMILLIES
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
ILLUSTRIOUS
ALBATROSS
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)

REVENGE

6" Cruisers

HAWKINS
PROBISHER
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
ENTERPRISE
BIRMINGHAM
DAUNTLESS
DRAGON
DURBAN
CAPETOWN
CERES
CALEDON
CARADOC
SUMATRA (Dutch)

NEWCASTLE
GLASGOW
EMERALD
DANAE

Armed Merchant Cruisers

WORCESTERSHIRE
RANCHI
CORFU
KAN IMBLA
CHITRAL
RANPURA
CARTHAGE
CARLISLE

A.A. Vessel
Approx 27 Destroyers
Approx 9 Submarines

Enemy Forces

8 Merchant Raiders or Submarine Tenders
Approx 7 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

16th December, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCESA) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTORAllied Forces

- (i) Task Group 44.3 ("AUSTRALIA" "PATTERSON" "HENLEY" "HELM") on patrol in Coral Sea.
- (ii) Task Group 44.5 ("HOBART" "SELFRIDGE" "BAGLEY") to depart Dunk Is. 1300 and clear Grafton Passage 1900 for RV with above.
- (iii) "ADELAIDE" dep. Melbourne 1301/15 to RV at 1000 in 041°13'S, 139°05'E with "ACHILLES" escorting Convoy US18 "AQUITANIA". "ACHILLES" proceeds Melbourne ETA 0600/17; "ADELAIDE" continues escort to Fremantle ETA 0800/20.
- (iv) "ARUNTA" escorting Convoy TN14 ("DAVID BUSHWELL" "CHARON") en route Townsville to Milne Bay ETA 1100/17.
- (v) "WARREGO" escorting Convoy TN15 ("S.J.FIELD" "GORGON") dep. Townsville 1900/15 for Port Moresby ETA 1900/18.
- (vi) "GEELONG" escorting Convoy BT28 ("AASE MÆRSK" "YOCHOW" "CLEVELAND" "ABBE" dep. Brisbane 0324/16 for Townsville. "GEELONG" to part company in Whitsunday Passage 1800/18.
- (vii) "SWAN" escorting "TAROONA" dep. Milne Bay 15/12 for Townsville ETA 0800/17.
- (viii) "KAPUNDA" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy OC53 dep. Westernport area 15/12 for Sydney and Newcastle.
- (ix) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy C053 arr. Melbourne 2219/15.
- (x) "MORESEY" escorting Convoy C054 to dep. Newcastle a.m. today. "DELORAINÉ" "MILDURA" escorting Sydney section to RV off Port Jackson and escort whole convoys southwards.
- (xi) "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy GP26 (incl. "BUNGAREE" for Lady Elliot Is.) to dep. Sydney 1100 for Brisbane ETA 1700/18.
- (xii) "COLAC" "BALLARAT" "BROOME", also "LITHGOW" escorting "KARSIK", due Milne Bay after disembarking troops at Oro Bay during the night 14-15/12.
- (xiii) "HILO" towing 4 MTB dep. Cairns 1600/15 for Milne Bay ETA 0800/17. A destroyer from T.G.44.5 was to RV in Grafton Passage at 2000 and escort.
- (xiv) "WILCANNIA" dep. Townsville 0610/15 for Darwin ETA a.m. 23/12. To escort "DARVEL" & "DABINDA" from Thursday Island.
- (xv) "WHYALLA", en route Goodenough Is., arr. Milne Bay 1215/14 for repairs.
- (xvi) "VICTORIA" "MERKUR" to return Townsville from Dunk Is. today.
- (xvii) "MANUNDA" en route Brisbane to Port Moresby ETA 0800/17.
- (xviii) At Sydney - "DOBBIN" "BUNDABERG" "PIRIE" "ECHUCA" "DELORAINÉ" "INVERELL" "GYMPIE" "BOWEN" ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
Repairing - "PORTLAND" "CHESTER" "PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "VENDETTA"
"LE TRIOMPHANT" "BISHOPDALE" "ALHENA"
In Reserve - "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"
- (xix) At Brisbane - "HOPKINS" "GRAYSON" "SPERRY" "FULTON" "MIZAR" "POYANG"
"GOULBURN" "PRES. JACKSON" "PRES. ADAMS" "PRES. HAYES" "CRESCENT CITY"
Repairing - "BENDIGO"
- (xx) At Port Stephens - "PING WO"
- (xxi) At Townsville - "YUNNAN"
Repairing - "STUART" "KATOOMBA"
- (xxii) At Melbourne - "SPRINGDALE"
Repairing - "HOLLAND" "WARRNAMBOOL"
- (xxiii) At Port Moresby - "WESTRALIA" "STAGEN" "GEORGE MATTHEWS"
"PAINE WINGATE" "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER"
- (xxiv) At Milne Bay - "TULSA" "KURUMBA" "JAPARA" "BALIKPAPAN" "BAN TAM"
"VAN SPILBERGEN"
- (xxv) At McLaren Harbour - "PALUMA"
- (xxvi) At Porlock Harbour - "KAURI"

Enemy Forces

- (i) Buin-Falsi Area - A passenger liner, possibly a hospital ship, was sighted in this area just before nightfall 14/12; 3 destroyers, 3 tankers, 4 cargo vessels were also present at that time. One of

the tankers was damaged, probably the one bombed on 10/12.

A destroyer with the stern blown off was sighted under tow of another destroyer 80 m. NE of Buka during the day, accompanied by a third destroyer, course 360°.

6 enemy destroyers were sighted at 2130/15 24 miles W. by N. Cape St. George, on course 140°. These are probably some of those which left the area 13-14/12, now returning from Rabaul.

At 1100/15, 5 destroyers were seen in Shortland Harbour and 3 destroyers off Loluei Point on course 180°, the latter group possibly returning from night dispersal. Some of the vessels in the area were probably not sighted because they had not returned from dispersal.

3 destroyers and 2 cargo vessels seen off Buka Harbour on course 200° during the morning were probably proceeding to the Buin area.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

- (i) "TJERK HIDDIES" dep. Darwin 14/11 for Timor.
- (ii) "GAWLER" escorting "TRINITY" dep. Exmouth Gulf 14/12 for Diego Garcia ETA 28/12. "GAWLER" thence Colombo ETA 1/1/43; "TRINITY" to Bahrain.
- (iii) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "PERIOD" "JAMES COOK" en route Darwin ETA p.m. 18/12.
- (iv) "GOLDSTAR" left Convoy C053 yesterday and is proceeding independently to Fremantle ETA 1900/22.
- (v) At Fremantle - "JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK" "VAN GALEN" "W.B. PRESTON" "CHILDS" "PELIAS" "ISABEL" "WALLAROO" "DUBBO" "TAMWORTH" "WANGANELLA"
Refitting - "DEVONSHIRE"
- (vi) At Exmouth Gulf - "HERON" "WHIPPOORWILL" "LARK"
- (vii) At Darwin - "KALGOORLIE"

Enemy Forces

Darwin Area - Confirmation of the suspected presence of one or more enemy submarines in the Arafura Sea was supplied 15/12 by the sighting of an enemy submarine from an aircraft in position 10°39'S, 137°55'E (70 m. ENE of Cape Wessel) at 1342. A second submarine was sighted 28 miles off Cape Wessel at approx the same time (see also Naval Incidents).

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

4 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

- (i) "TRYON" dep. Wellington for Brisbane 14/12 ETA 0600/18.
- (ii) "TROMP" to depart Wellington p.m. today.
- (iii) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AV)
- (iv) At Espiritu Santo - PENSACOLA (CA) HONOLULU HELENA COLUMBIA (CL) DRAYTON HULL FLETCHER MAURY STACK McCALLA HOVEY LANG (DD) CURTISS BALLARD WRIGHT TANGIER (AV) MacFARLAND (AVD) LACKAWANNA (AO) GAMBLE (CM) RIGEL (AD) VESTAL (AR) PC.479 (YP) STRATFORD (AP) ARGONAUT (SS) SUMNER (Survey Ship) HAMMONDS PORT (AVP)
- (v) At Noumea - WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA (BB) SARATOGA (CV) NASSAU ALTAMAHA (ACV) SAN JUAN (CL) BALCH McCALL DUNLAP MONOGHAN FARRAGUT LARDNER BUCHANAN AARON WARD (DD) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) MANLEY (APD) SONOMA (YT) WHITNEY (AD) ANNONEX* KINGFISHER VIREO (AM) BUTTERNUT (YN) DELPHINUS (YP) NEVILLE W.W.BURROWS HEYWOOD (AP) BETELGEUSE ANTARES (AK) ARD.2
- (vi) At Vila - ALDEBARAN (AK)
- (vii) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) PC.476 PC.477 (YP) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA KIWI TUI (A/S Vessels)
- (viii) At Suva - KANKAKEE (AO) CATALPA LOCUST ROSEWOOD (YN) TAEAMANCA (AK)
- (ix) At Bora Bora - TERN (AM)
- (x) At Auckland - MONOWAI (A.M.C) EBONY (YN) ROAMER (AP) SOLACE (AH)
Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
- (xi) At Wellington - McCAWLEY ~~112~~ (AP)

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Allied Forces

"KANIMBLA" escorting Convoy SU5 (5 MV) en route Colombo to Fremantle
ETA 0700/1 Jan.

Enemy Forces

There was evidence recently that 3 Japanese submarines were operating in the Northern Indian Ocean. The most recent attack on an allied vessel was in the Bay of Bengal on 12/12.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) NORTH WESTERN AREA - "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "PERIOD" & "JAMES COOK" reported an air attack 8 miles N. of Cape Wessel at 1252/15. The attack ceased at 1355/15. "PERIOD" (2,791 tons) was hit, but was able to proceed. At 1413/15 "CASTLEMAINE" reported that enemy aircraft were overhead in position 14 miles NW of Cape Wessel. Since 30/11, a series of attacks on allied vessels in the NW area have been made by enemy aircraft. "CASTLEMAINE" & "ARMIDALE" were attacked in the Timor Sea 30/11-1/12. "ARMIDALE" was sunk by aerial torpedoes 1/12. "KURU" was attacked and slightly damaged in the Timor Sea 1/12. "KALGOORLIE" searching for survivors of "ARMIDALE" was attacked 6/12. Netherlands destroyer "TJERK HIDDEN" en route Fremantle to Darwin was attacked 115 miles WNW of the Drysdale River Mission 8/12. The reported attack on "CASTLEMAINE" extends the sphere of enemy activity in the NW Sector to the Wessel Island area. These attacks coupled with reports of increased enemy activity in the Timor area, increased aerial reconnaissance over the Darwin-Broome-Wyndham-Derby area and renewed submarine activity in the Arafura Sea, would appear to indicate the development of diversionary activities in the NW area, in conjunction with an offensive in Northern New Guinea.
- (ii) Guadalcanal - A U.S. destroyer depth-charged an enemy submarine east of Guadalcanal night 13/12, and reported an oil slick as a result.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

Allied

Buin - 2 B.17's attacked Kahili 14/12.

Munda - 7 B.17's attacked the aerodrome 1000/14. 1 Catalina attacked night 14-15/12. Reported that allied attacks have caused many casualties and extensively damaged the runway; also that a 5" A.A. gun has been installed.

Gasmata - 1 B.24 attacked the aerodrome late 14/12. Results not observed.

Lae - 1 B.24 attacked the aerodrome morning 14/12.

Mambare River - 9 further attacks made on 14/12 by 3 A.20's, 3 A.20's, 2 A.20's, 7 A.20's, 3 A.30's, 3 A.20's, 7 B.25's, 4 B.26's, 6 B.25's are reported. Barges and supply dumps were hit and destroyed, fires started. One A.20 crash landed, another seriously damaged.

Kumusi River - 3 A.20's attacked enemy troops, barges and supplies at mouth of river morning 14/12. Results not observed.

Rekata Bay - 6 P.39's attacked 1540/14. Enemy ground positions were attacked during the day by 4 P.39's and 2 dive bombers.

New Guinea - In air attacks on the convoy of 5 warships returning from the New Guinea area 14/12, 7 Zero's were destroyed, 1 probable and 1 damaged.

Enemy

Misima Is. - An enemy aircraft was over Misima Is. for an hour afternoon 14/12. An enemy aircraft was sighted in the area morning 15/12

Port Moresby - One aircraft attacked 2057/14. No damage or casualties.

Guadalcanal - Enemy aircraft dropped bombs near Henderson Field fighter strip 13/12. No damage.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Offensive against North coast New Guinea.
(ii) Further air and submarine activity in N.W. area, as a diversion in conjunction with above.
(iii) Continued infiltration on Guadalcanal.
(iv) Reinforcements for Buna.

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Light Cruisers (CL)
(1 believed NEI area
several damaged
at least 5 effective)

NATORI)
KASHIMA) Believed sunk
KATORI)
NAGARA)
OI)
KITAGAMI)
TENRYU)
SENDAI)
JINTSU) 1 sunk 30/11

3 converted light cruisers (XCL)
Approx 25 submarines (SS)
Approx 40 Destroyers (DD)
5 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHIYODA)
CHITOSE)
AKITSUSHIMA) 1 damaged 8/11
NISSHIN)

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

KAMOI)
NITCHO MARU)
KATSURAGI MARU)
KAGU MARU)
NARUTO MARU)
SENDAI MARU)
SANYO MARU)
KENJO MARU)
SOUYOU MARU)
KAMIKAWA MARU)

Several Submarine Tenders
Approx 40 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft
Approx 258 shore-based aircraft incl. 100 fighters, 97 B, 20 F/B,
32 F/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

8" Cruiser

A.A. Ship

Destroyers

S/P Tenders

Submarine Tender

Submarines

VAN HEEMSKERK)
VAN GALEN)
TJERK HIDDUS)
HERON)
CHILDS)
W.B.PRESTON)
ELIAS)
GAR)
K.12) On Patrol
TAMBOR)
TAUTOG)
GRENADIER)
SEARAVEN)
GRAYLING)
THRESHER)
K.S)
TROUT)

DEVONSHIRE

At Fremantle

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

4 5 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see above)

Enemy Forces

CinC 2nd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)

3 light cruisers (CL)

ASHIGARA)
KASHII)
KUMA)
(see Truk area)

Approx 16 Destroyers (DD)

Seaplane Carrier (AV)

Converted S/P Tender (XAV)

NOTORO)
OKITSU MARU)

4) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

MISSISSIPPI)
NEW MEXICO)
WEST VIRGINIA)
CALIFORNIA)
TENNESSEE)
IDAHO)
PENNSYLVANIA)
NEVADA)

Converted A/C Carriers

COPAHEE)
~~ALABAMA~~)
LONG ISLAND)

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE
SALT LAKE CITY
CHICAGO
SAN FRANCISCO

6" Cruisers

ST. LOUIS
RALEIGH
DETROIT
15 approx
23 approx

Destroyers
Submarines

Enemy Forces

Palao-Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan

CinC 1st Fleet

CinC 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)

5 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
NAGATO
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

SHOKAKU)
ZUIKAKU) 26/10

2 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

ZUIHO
CHUYO

1 - 8" Cruiser

ATAGO (en route Truk to Home Waters)

3 - 6" Cruisers (CL)

YURA
ABUKUMA
ISUZU

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

FUJIKAWA MARU
GOSHU MARU
KIYOZUMI MARU
MOGAMIGAWA MARU
KINUGASA MARU
SANUKI MARU

KIYOKAWA MARU (21/10)

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 30 Destroyers

Approx 30 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
COLORADO
MARYLAND
ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA
NASSAU
ALTAMAHA
NEW ORLEANS
MINNEAPOLIS
NORTHAMPTON
PENSACOLA

Aircraft Carriers

Converted A/C Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

HELENA
HONOLULU
COLUMBIA

LEANDER

5" Cruisers

SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN

Flotilla Leader

TROMP

Destroyers

35 (approx)

Armed Merchant Cruisers

ASCANIA
MONOWAI

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

8" Cruiser

INDIANA POLIS

6" Cruiser

NASHVILLE

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians

CinC 5th Fleet

8" Cruiser (CA)

NACHI

2 light cruisers (CL)

TAMA

KISO

3 Converted Light Cruisers (XCL)

Approx 4 Destroyers
Approx 7 Submarines
Converted S/P Tender (XAV)

KAMITSU MARU

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Allied Forces

Battle ships

Aircraft Carrier
Seaplane Carrier
8" Cruiser
7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
RAMILLIES
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
ILLUSTRI OUS
ALBATROSS
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)

REVENGE

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WORCESTERSHIRE
RANCHI
CORFU
KANIMBLA
CHITRAL
RANPURA
CARTHAGE
CARLISLE

NEWCASTLE
GLASGOW
EMERALD
DANAE

Armed Merchant Cruisers

A.A. Vessel
Approx 27 Destroyers
Approx 9 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Approx 7 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

17th December, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

- (i) Task Group 44.3 ("AUSTRALIA" "HEMLEY" "HELM") to RV at 1000 with Task Group 44.5 ("ROBERT" "SELBRIDGE" "BAGLEY") in 14°S, 148°E.
- (ii) "ACHILLES" due Melbourne 0800.
- (iii) "LE TRIUMPHANT" dep. Sydney 1804/16 for trials in Jervis Bay.
- (iv) "ARUNTA" escorting Convoy 2114 ("DAVID BUSHWELL" "CHARON") due Milne Bay 1130.
- (v) "BARRAGO" escorting Convoy 2115 ("S.J. FIELD" "CORCORAN") enroute Townsville to Port Moresby ETA 0900/18.
- (vi) "CHELONS" escorting Convoy 2122 ("AASE HAERSE" "YOGHOW" "CLEVELAND" "ABBE") dep. Brisbane 14/11 for Townsville. "CHELONS" to part company in Whitsunday Passage 1800/18.
- (vii) "SWAN" escorting "TAROOMA" due Townsville 0800.
- (viii) "LITHGOW" escorting "JAPARA" to dep. Milne Bay 1300 for Oro Bay ETA 0100/19.
- (ix) "COLAC" "BROOME" "BALLARAT" to leave Milne Bay today to land troops at Forlock Harbour and Oro Bay.
- (x) "DELCRAINE" "HILDURA" escorting Convoy 2084 dep. Sydney area 14/12 for RV in Westernport area.
- (xi) "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNVILLE" escorting Convoy 2126 (incl. "BUNGAREE" for Lady Elliot Is.) dep. Sydney 1123/16 for Brisbane ETA 1700/18.
- (xii) "HILO" towing 4 MTD en route Cairns to Milne Bay ETA 0800/17. "PATTERSON" escorting to China Strait.
- (xiii) "WILCANNIA" enroute Townsville to Darwin ETA a.m. 23/12. To escort "DARVEL" & "RABINDA" from Thursday Island.
- (xiv) "WAMUNA" due Port Moresby 0800.
- (xv) At Sydney - "DOBBIE" "BUNGAREE" "FIRIE" "DELCRAINE" "ROSEBY" "INVERELL" "OLYMPIE" "BONES" Repairing - "PORTLAND" "CHESTER" "MORRIS" "MUGFORD" "VENETA" "BISHOPDALE" "ALBENA" "ECHUCA" "YARDNA" In Reserve - "WAGORA" "WESTRALIA"
- (xvi) At Brisbane - "HOPKINS" "GRAYSON" "SPERRY" "PULTON" "MIZAN" "POKANO" "COULBURN" "FRAS. JACKSON" "FRAS. ADAMS" "FRAS. HAYES" "ORIENT CITY" Repairing - "BENDIGO"
- (xvii) At Port Stephens - "PIED WO"
- (xviii) At Townsville - "YUNNAN" "VICTORIA" "IMREUS" Repairing - "STURM" "KATOOMBA"
- (xix) At Melbourne - "SPRINGDALE" "DOONAN" Repairing - "HOLLAND" "WARRANBOOL"
- (xx) At Port Moresby - "WESTRALIA" "STAGEN" "GEORGE MATTHEWS" "A IER WINDATE" "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER"
- (xxi) At Milne Bay - "TULSA" "KURURBA" "JAPARA" "BALIKPAPAN" "BANTAN" "KANSIK" Repairing - "SHYALLA"
- (xxii) At McLaren Harbour - "PALOMA"
- (xxiii) At Forlock Harbour - "KAURI"

Enemy Forces

- (1) Mal-Falal - At 1430/18, the following shipping was observed in this area -
 - 4 destroyers
 - 1 submarine
 - 3 tankers (1 damaged)
 - 2 cargo vessels

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At 1300, a destroyer and a cargo vessel from this area had proceeded NW along the SE coast of Bougainville, and at 1415, 2 destroyers proceeded NE at high speed, towards Choiseul Is.

At 0540/18, aircraft reported only 7 vessels in the area, and at 0718, 2 destroyers, 2 tankers, 2 cargo vessels were sighted there. At 1025 a convoy consisting of 1 destroyer, 2 cargo vessels, 2 tankers was reported in a doubtful position, probably 45 m. S. by W. Cape St. George, stationary and apparently awaiting escort.

At 1400 a cargo vessel departed west, and at 1645 6 destroyers departed towards the SE. These were sighted off the S. coast of

Vella Lavella at 1830 on a southerly course and were very probably making for Banda with supplies and equipment.

- (ii) Russell Is. - Allied aircraft reported a small enemy transport unloading off the SE end of Russell Is. at 0800/16, and the vessel was attacked at 1115 (see Naval Incidents). The vessel was probably provisioning the local garrison.
- (iii) New Hanover - Air reconnaissance reported a small cargo vessel 18 n. W. by S. Cape Hatanalen at 1000/16 on course 120°, a small cargo vessel (200 tons) marked with the Red Cross 9 n. W. Cape Hatanalen at 1040 on course 120°, and a hospital ship 27 n. S. of the cape at 1100 on course 280°. This last vessel may well be the passenger liner (and possible hospital ship) sighted in the Bain area on 14/12.
- (iv) Lorongan - Air reconnaissance of Lorongan at 1000/16 revealed only a sailing vessel and native boats in the Harbour.
- (v) Lae - Photographs 15/12 showed 8 landing barges in the Harbour.
- (vi) Enemy Submarine Activity - On 14/12 the following indications of the location of enemy submarines were noted -

Ontong Java	06°S, 162°E
Buhala.	02°S, 153°E
Kalaite	07°S, 162°E
Cholsoul	07°S, 157°E
Guadalcanal	11°S, 150°E

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTION

Allied Forces

- (i) "ARLBERG" escorting Convoy US18 (AQUITANIA) en route Fremantle ETA 0800/20.
- (ii) "TJERE HEDDES" dep. Darwin 14/11 for Timor.
- (iii) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "PERIOD" "JAMES COOK" en route Darwin ETA p.m. 18/12.
- (iv) "KALSOOMIE" escorting "SURREAN" dep. Darwin 0800/16 for Thursday Is. ETA 1530/19.
- (v) "COLDSTAR" en route Sydney to Fremantle ETA 1900/22.
- (vi) At Fremantle - "JACOB VAN HERENBERG" "VAN GALEN" "W.S. PRESTON" "CHILD" "FELIAS" "ISABELL" "WALLAROO" "DUBBO" "TANWORTH" "WANDAKILLA" Refitting - "DEVONSHIRE"
- (vii) At Exmouth Gulf - "HERON" "SHIPPOORWILL" "LARK"

Enemy Forces

Darwin - An unidentified loop crossing was reported at Darwin 1231/8, but an A/S search was negative.

Two enemy submarines were sighted off Cape Wessel 15/12, ~~and it is quite probable that other submarines are also operating in the Darwin area.~~

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

3 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

Enemy Forces

Timor - 34 small boats left Manatuto for Dilli 12/12, 28 of which later returned to Dilli. On the following day 68 trucks loaded with troops left Manatuto and proceeded eastwards.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

- (i) "TRITON" dep. Wellington for Brisbane 14/12 ETA 0800/19.
- (ii) "TRUMP" dep. Wellington 1830/16 for Melbourne ETA 0700/21.
- (iii) At Vanikoro - "MACHINAC" (AV)
- (iv) At Espiritu Santo - "HENSACOLA" (CA) "HONOLULU" "HELENA" "COLUMBIA" (CL) "DRAYTON" "PLETCHER" "MACTY" "STACE" "NOVET" "LAND" (DD) "CURTIS" "BALLARD" "WRIGHT" "TANOTER" (AV) "MACFARLAND" (AVD) "LACKAWANNA" (AO) "GAMBIE" (CM) "NIGEL" (AD) "VESTAL" (AR) "PC.479" (TP) "STRATFORD" (AP) "SUMNER" (Survey Ship) "HAMBRODS POINT" (AVP)
- (v) At Noumea - "SARATOGA" (CV) "HARBAU" "ALTAMARA" (ACV) "SAN JUAN" (CL) "BALCH" "HOCALL" "DUNLAP" "MONOGHAN" "PARRAGUT" "LARDNER" "BUCHANAN" "AARON" "MARD" (DD) "PROMPTHEUS" (AR) "ARCONNE" (AS) "LASSER" (AE) "HAWLEY" (APD) "SOMMA" (YT) "DELPHINUS" (VP) "SEITHE" (AL) "KINGFISHER" "VISED" (AM) "BUTTERNUT" (YE) "NEVILLE" "W.S. BURROWS" (KEYWOOD (AP) "RETELORUCK" "ANTARES" (AK) AND.2

- (vi) At Vila - ALDEBARAN (AK)
- (vii) At Suva - KAKAMBE (AO) HULL (DD) CATALPA LOCUST ROSEWOOD (YH)
TALARANCA (AK)
- (viii) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESBOWNE (PO) BOBOLINK (AK) PC.476 PC.477 (YP)
WANDAKE (YT) HATAY MOA KIMI TUI (A/S Vessels)
- (ix) At Bora Bora - TESH (AM)
- (x) At Auckland - HONOHAI (A.S.C) KERRY (YH) ROAMER (AP) SOLACE (AH)
Refitting - LEADER (CL)
- (xi) At Wellington - MCCAWLEY (AP)

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Allied Forces

"LEANDRA" escorting Convoy 805 (5 MV) en route Colombo to Fremantle
ETA 0700/1 Jan.

"CAVENS" escorting "TRINITY" enroute Ennouth Gulf to Diego Garcia ETA 26/12

Enemy Forces

There was evidence recently that 3 Japanese submarines were operating in the Northern Indian Ocean. The most recent attack on an allied vessel was in the Bay of Bengal on 12/12

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) Cape Croker Area (N.Z.) - "CASTLEBRAID", escorting "PERIOD" & "JAMES COOK" to Darwin was again attacked, by enemy floatplanes, at 1050/16 approx 85 m. E. by S. Cape Croker. No damage was reported.
- (ii) Munda - 9 dive bombers attacked Munda runway 2240/16, dropping six 500-lb and 10 x 100-lb bombs on or near the runway. One pilot sighted and attacked a large destroyer off Munda bar on course 000°. One 500-lb bomb fell on the stern, and a hit or near miss was made with 2 x 100-lb bombs. A good deal of smoke and debris was seen. One other plane also bombed the vessel and failed to return. No other ships were seen. The destroyer put up "terrific" A.A. fire.
- (iii) Russell Is. - 4 dive-bombers and 4 Wildcats attacked a 30' schooner at West Bay 1115/16. The vessel was set on fire and was seen to turn over on its side. Two planes were hit by A.A. fire from the shore but all returned safely.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

- Harbors-Kumasi Area - 3 A.20's attacked the area afternoon 15/12, 3 A.20's attacked Kumasi area morning 16/12 and 3 A.20's attacked afternoon 16/12. Results not stated.
- Coma - A B.24 attacked the wreck afternoon 15/12.
- Munda - 3 B.26's and 4 Seafighters attacked afternoon 16/12. Small fires started.
- Hindelo (Timor) - 3 Hudsons attacked the village morning 16/12. All bombs in target area.
- Maubiase - 3 Hudsons attacked villages morning 16/12. Results not observed.
- Okata Bay - 3 dive-bombers, 8 Wildcats attacked 1640/16. 3 A.A. positions silenced. Direct hit on one large house.
- Munda - 5 B.17's attacked at 1145/16. Results not observed. No A.A. fire encountered. 12 Zero's intercepted: 3 shot down. All B.17's hit; one shot down.

Enemy

Port Moresby - Two medium bombers attacked ships in Moresby area 2040/15. 5 casualties, 2 serious.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Offensive against north coast New Guinea.
- (ii) Further air and submarine activity in N.W. area, as a diversion in conjunction with above.
- (iii) Continued infiltration on Guadalcanal.
- (iv) Reinforcements for Buna.

For A/DIRECTOR S.D.I.C.

17/12/42

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

Effective AUSTRALIA

Refitting or Damaged

CHESTER
PORTLAND

6" Cruisers

HOBART
ACHILLES

PHOENIX

Flotilla Leaders

TRUMP →

ARUNTA
SELPRIDGE

LE TRIOMPHANT
STUART

Destroyers

HENLEY
HELM
BAGLEY
PAT TERSON
GRAYSON

VENDETTA
MUGFORD

Submarines

FLYING FISH)
GRAMPUS)
GUDGEON)
CROWLER)
SILVERSIDES)

At Brisbane

Submarine Tenders

ALBACORE)
AMBERJACK)
GATO)
GRAYBACK)
GROUPE)
PLUNGER)
SAILFISH)
SARGO)
SNAPPER)

At Sydney

HOLLAND

Destroyer Tender

SEADRAGON)
SPEARFISH)
SWORDFISH)
TUNA)

Gunboats

WAHOO
K.9

Oilers

FULTON)
SPERRY)
DOBBIN)
TULSA)
HILO)
KURUMBA)
AASE MAERSK)
VICTORIA)

BISHOPDALE

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaunt-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet

CinC 2nd Fleet

CinC 4th Fleet

CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)

3 Battleships (BB)

YAMATO
MUTSU
ISE

2 Battlecruisers (BB)

KONGO) 1 damaged 28/8
HARUNA) 1 damaged 26/10

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)

4 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

HOSHO
HITAKA
HAYATAKA
UNYO
OTAKA

Heavy Cruisers

(prob. 5 effective)

AOBA
CHOKAI
HAGURO
KUMANO
SUZUYA

TONE) both dam. 26/10
TIKUMA) poss. sunk
MYOKO (prob. dam. 26/10)
KINUGASA (prob. sunk 12/10)
MOGAMI)
TAKAO) bel. sunk 14/11

Light Cruisers (CL)
(1 believed NEI area
several damaged
at least 5 effective)

NATORI
KASHIMA
KATORI
NAGARA
OI
KITAGAMI
TENRYU
SENDAI) 1 sunk 30/11
JINTSU)

TATSUTA) believed sunk
KINU) 14/11

3 converted light cruisers (XCL)
Approx 25 submarines (SS)
Approx 40 Destroyers (DD)
5 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHIYODA
CHITOSE)
AKITSUSHIMA) 1 damaged 8/11
NISSHIN)

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

KAMOI
NITCHO MARU
KATSURAGI MARU
KAGU MARU
NARUTO MARU
~~SENDAI MARU~~
SANYO MARU
KENJO MARU
SOUYOU MARU
KANIKAWA MARU

Several Submarine Tenders
Approx 40 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft
Approx 251 shore-based aircraft incl. 93 fighters, 97 B, 20 F/B,
32 F/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

8" Cruiser
6" Cruiser
A.A. Ship
Destroyers

DEVONSHIRE

S/P Tenders

ADELAIDE
VAN HEEMSKERK
TJERK HIDDERS
VAN GALEN
HERON
CHILDS
W.B. PRESTON

Submarine Tender
Submarines

PELIAS
GAR)
K.12) On Patrol
TAMBOR)
TAUTOG)
CRENADIER)
SEARAVEN)
GRAYLING)
THRESHER) At Fremantle
K.8)
TROUT)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

CinC 2nd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)
3 light cruisers (CL)

ASHIGARA
KASHII
KUMA
(see Truk area)

Approx 16 Destroyers (DD)
Seaplane Carrier (AV)
Converted S/P Tender (XAV)

NOTORO
OKITSU MARU

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE
IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA

Converted A/C Carriers

COPAHEE
LONG ISLAND

8" Cruisers CHICAGO SALT LAKE CITY
SAN FRANCISCO

5" Cruisers ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE
RALEIGH
DETROIT
15 approx
23 approx

Destroyers
Submarines

Enemy Forces

Palao-Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan

CinC 1st Fleet

CinC 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)

5 Battleships (BB) MUSASHI
NAGATO
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

SHOKAKU } *damaged*
ZUIKAKU } 26/10

2 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV) ZUIHO
CHUYO

1 - 8" Cruiser (CA) ATAGO (~~enroute Truk to Home Waters~~)

3 Light Cruisers (CL) YURA
ABUKUMA
ISUZU

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

FUJIKAWA MARU KIWOKAWA MARU (21/10)
GOSHU MARU (*pos sunk*)
KIYOZUMI MARU
MOGAMIGAWA MARU
KINUGASA MARU
SANOUEKI MARU

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 30 Destroyers

Approx 30 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
COLORADO
MARYLAND

Aircraft Carriers

ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA

Converted A/C Carriers

NASSAU
ALTAMAH

8" Cruisers

NEW ORLEANS
MINNEAPOLIS
NORTHAMPTON
PENSACOLA
LOUISVILLE

6" Cruisers

HELEN A
HONOLULU

LEANDER

5" Cruisers

COLUMBIA
SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN

~~Flotilla Leader~~

~~TROMP~~

Destroyers

35 (approx)

Armed Merchant Cruisers

ASCANIA
MONOWAI

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

8" Cruiser

INDIANAPOLIS

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians

CinC 5th Fleet

8" Cruiser (CA)

NACHI

2 light cruisers (CL)

TAMA

KISO

3 converted light cruisers (XCL)

Approx 4 Destroyers
Approx 7 Submarines
~~Converted S/P Tender (XAV) KAMITSU MARU~~

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces
6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Allied Forces
Battle ships

WARSPITE REVENGE
RESOLUTION
RAMILLIES
ROYAL SOVEREIGN

Aircraft Carrier
Seaplane Carrier
8" Cruiser
7.5" Cruisers

ILLUSTRIOUS
ALBATROSS
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
HAWKINS

6" Cruisers

PROBISHER
MAURITIUS NEWCASTLE
GAMBIA GLASGOW
ENTERPRISE EMERALD
BIRMINGHAM DANAE
DAUNTLESS

Armed Merchant Cruisers

DRAGON
DURBAN
CAPETOWN
CERES
CALEDON
CARADOC
SUMATRA (Dutch)
WORCESTERSHIRE
RANCHI
CORFU
KANIMBLA
CHITRAL
RANPURA
CARTHAGE
CARLISLE

A.A. Vessel
Approx 27 Destroyers
Approx 9 Submarines

Enemy Forces
Approx 7 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

18th December, 1942.

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES.

A) NORTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA.

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

Allied Forces.

- (i) Task Group 44.3 ("AUSTRALIA" "SHIRLEY" "SHELU") to enter Grafton Passage 0800. RV Dunk Is. 1400.
- (ii) Task Group 44.3 ("HUBBART" "SHELFIDGE" "BAGLEY") on patrol in Coral Sea.
- (iii) "ACHILLES" to dep. Port Phillip 1030 for Bougain, ETA. 1100/21.
- (iv) "LE TRICORNE" returned Sydney 1753/17 from trials.
- (v) "ANGUSTA" to proceed from Milne Bay to RV with "JASON LEE" off Stephens Is. 1700 and escort to Port Moresby, ETA. 1500/19.
- (vi) "TINER" en route Wellington to Melbourne, ETA. 0700/21.
- (vii) "ROPKINS" "GRAYSON" escorting "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "PRESIDENT JACKSON" "PRESIDENT HAYES" "PRESIDENT CITT" to dep. Coloumdra 1230.
- (viii) Convoy IT. 16 "CENTROON" "TARCOORA" "MACONBA" to dep. Townsville 1800. "SWAN" to proceed Dunk Is. 0900 & RV with Convoy off Pitcairny Is. 1200/19. "ANGUSTA" will RV in position Z (150 miles SSE Port Moresby) at 0700/21 and escort "TARCOORA" to Milne Bay ETA. 2000/21. Remainder due Moresby 1800/21.
- (ix) "WARREGO" escorting Convoy IT. 15 ("S.J. FIELD" "GERRON") due Port Moresby 0900.
- (x) "SELOHO" escorting Convoy BT. 12 ("AASE WARRICK" "TOSROW" "CLEVELAND ARBE") dep. Brisbane 16/11 for Townsville. "SELOHO" to part company in Whitsunday Passage 1600 today; thence Gladstone.
- (xi) "LITTON" escorting "Vapora" en route Milne Bay to Oro Bay. ETA. 0100/19.
- (xii) "COLAC" "BRIDGE" "BELLARAT" to land troops tonight at Oro Bay.
- (xiii) "KAPUNDA" "ABRAHAM CHRISTIE" escorting Convoy OC. 52. "KAPUNDA" due Sydney today with Sydney section, "CHRISTIE" continues with Newcastle section.
- (xiv) "DELOIRAYE" "WILCORA" escorting Convoy OC. 34 dep. Sydney area 16/12 for RV in Westernport area.
- (xv) "ROCKHAMPTON" "ROSEVILLE" escorting Convoy GP. 26 (incl. "BORGARNE" for Lady Elliot Is.) due Brisbane 1700. To depart Coloumdra 1800 escorting Convoy PT. 26 (2 RV).
- (xvi) "MILCANNIA" escorting "DANIEL" & "BARIBDA" en route Thursday Island to Darwin. ETA. 23/12.
- (xvii) "MAREUDA" dep. Port Moresby 1600/17 for Milne Bay. ETA. 1100/18.
- (xviii) "TAYLOR" due Brisbane 0600.
- (xix) "D'ARNOE" "PANNING" "SOUTHWARD" escorting "FRONTIER LEGUETT" "AMERICAN LEGION" due Brisbane 19/12.
- (xx) At Sydney - "JOHNIE" "SUNSHINE" "PIRIS" "REMARK" "WORSBY" "INTERELL" "EYEPH" "BOWEN".
Repairing - "WENTLAND" "CHESTER" "BOONIK" "BORGARD" "VEDERTIA" "RISHOPDALE" "ALBERTA" "BOGGA" "VANDRA".
In reserve - "MANGORA" "AUSTRALIA".
- (xxi) At Brisbane - "SPERITE" "TOLSON" "HEINER" "FOYARD" "GOLDBURN".
Repairing - "BANDICO".
- (xxii) At Port Stephens - "PIG SW".
- (xxiii) At Townsville - "YORRAN" "VICTORIA" "YERKON".
Repairing - "STUART" "MANGORA".
- (xxiv) At Melbourne - "SPRINGFIELD" "DOONCE" "WEST POINT".
Repairing - "HOLLAND" "WARRICK" "SPOOL".
- (xxv) At Port Moresby - "AUSTRALIA" "SPACER" "GEORGE PATTERSON" "BAIK WINGATE" "WILLIS VAN DEWATER".
- (xxvi) At Milne Bay - "MELBA" "MILO" "MURCUBA" "SALIKPAPAN" "BANTAN" "D. HUGHES" "SABAN". Repairing - "WYNNIE".
- (xxvii) At Meloran Bay - "PALOMA".
- (xxviii) At Porlock Harbour - "MORI".

Enemy Forces.

Buka-Paial. Only 3 destroyers had returned to the Shortlands Base at 1845/16, when the following were reported:

- 4 destroyers,
- 2 tankers,
- 2 cargo-vessels.

On 17/12, however, an aircraft reported 19 vessels in the area, probably including the 5 ship convoy sighted west of Bougainville 16/12 and the 6 destroyers which left Buka for Runda at 1645/16.

Keokel Island. A report that two submarines have been observed on the surface in Bokata Bay between 7200 and 0500 on the nights of 9/12, 4/12 6/12, 9/12, indicates that the base there is being supplied by submarine. The last occasion on which surface vessels were seen in Bokata Bay was on 25/10.

Buka. At 1200/17, the transport which arrived on 14/12 was still at Buka Passage, and 10 E.P.B. were sighted by aircraft off the NE end of Buka Is.

Kavieng area. Aircraft sighted a 4,000 ton merchant vessel with 9 escort vessels on course 310° 34 miles SSE of Kavieng at 1825/17.

Lorongan area. 3 destroyers escorting a transport (8/10,000 tons) were seen on course 300° at 1920/17, 168 miles NW of Lorongan.

Early this morning, 18/12, 5 destroyers and 2 merchant vessels were seen in position 01°30'S, 146°30'E (approx. 40 n. NE Lorongan) on a southerly course, at 10 knots.

New Britain. Two enemy warships left Cape Gloucester 1045/17 and proceeded NE. The vessels had been at anchor for some time previously and a landing within this area is suspected.

Gundalawal. Aircraft reported 20 new landing boats on the beaches between Point Cruz and Keviete Bay. The last report of enemy vessels off Gundalawal was on 12/12.

Enemy submarine activity. Aircraft reported an unidentified submarine in 07°50'S, 147°50'E (25 miles NE Cape Lord Hunt) on 17/12.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

Allied Forces.

- (i) "ADMIRAL" escorting Convoy BS.18 ("SAULFARIA") en route Fremantle SPA.0800/20.
- (ii) "TAMBOUR" dep. Fremantle 1800/17 to RV with S.E.S. "SUCADIER".
- (iii) "ALBION" escorting "DORIAN" en route Doreen to Thursday Is. SPA.1530/19.
- (iv) "GOLDSTAR" en route Sydney to Fremantle. SPA.1900/22.
- (v) At Fremantle - "JACOB VAN BINSBERG" "VAN GALEN" "H.B. PRINCE" "CHILD" "MELISSA" "ISABEL" "WALLACE" "VICTOR" "WANG WELLA".
Berthing - "DEVONSHIRE".
- (vi) At Dampier Gulf - "BESSON" "WHIPPOORILL" "LANE".
- (vii) At Doreen - "JENNIE HEDDEN" "CASTLEVAIR".

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.

Allied Forces.

2 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

B) WESTERN PACIFIC AREA.

C) EASTERN PACIFIC AREA.

Allied Forces.

- (i) At Honolulu - "WACHUS" (AV).
- (ii) At Spiritu Santo - "PENGADOLA" "HINCHAPOLIS" (CA) "WELBY" "WYBORN" "WACHY" "WACK" "WOVBY" "WANG" (DD) "WONNIE" "WILLARD" "WRIGHT" "WANGIE" (AV) "WICKHAM" "WIDMORSE" (AO) "WARRER" (CS) "WICK" "WESTAL" (AR) "WYTHAM" (AP) "WYNN" (Survey ship) "WARRON" "WERT" (AV).
- (iii) At Rongeru - "WASSON" "WYTHAM" (AOV) "WYLLIE" "WYNN" "WARRON" "WYTHAM" "WYNN" "WYNN" (DD) "WYNN" (AR) "WYNN" (AS) "WASSON" (AS) "WYNN" (APD) "WYNN" (VT) "WYNN" (VT) "WYNN" (AD) "WYNN" "WYNN" (AR)

- "BUTTERBUT" (YS) "REVILLE" "V. B. DORRIS" "BRYWOOD" (AP)
 "WYFLORESC" "ARTARES" (AK) "ARD. 2."
- (iv) At Vila - "ALDEBARAN" (AK).
- (v) At Suva - "KAKAKEN" (AO) "HULL" (BO) "CATALPA" "LOCUST"
 "ROSEWOOD" (YS) "PALANCA" (AK).
- (vi) Guadalcanal area - "JAMESON" (PG) "MONOLINK" (AK) "PC. 476"
 "PC. 477" (TP) "JARDAN" (YX) "KATAI" "WDA" "WIVI" "TUI" (A/S.
 vessels).
- (vii) At Suva - "TERR" (AK).
- (viii) At Auckland - "HONOHAI" (AKC) "BERRY" (IS) "ROAMER" (AP)
 "SOLACE" (AK).
- Refitting - "CLAVIER" (CL).
- (ix) At Wellington - "W. CALEST" (AP).

D) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA.

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

Allied Forces.

"MAWIBLA" escorting Convoy H.L.1 (5 EV) en route Colombo to Fremantle
 STA. 0700/1 Jan.

"GAMLER" escorting "TRINITY" en route Smooth Gulf to Diego Garcia.
 STA. 28/12.

Enemy Forces.

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 in the Northern Indian Ocean. The most recent attack on an Allied
 vessel was in the Bay of Bengal on 12/12.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS.

Enemy submarines sunk. A midget submarine was sunk by our aircraft
 near Kulo Kulo Is. on 16/12 (prob. Kolohala Is. off SV Yasbel).
 Another midget submarine was sunk by a minesweeper off Guadalcanal on
 17/12.

Roussinville. It is reported that an enemy tanker sunk off Refuge Is.
 (2 miles N. of Cape Friendship) at 0815/17. No attack is reported, but
 it is possible that the vessel was the tanker hit by bombs at noon
 10/12, which has since been lying damaged off Suva. Adequate repair
 facilities are not available at Suva and the vessel may have been
 attempting to reach Truk. It is strange, however, that no escort is
 mentioned.

3. AIR OPERATIONS.

Allied.

USSA. 2 attacks (9 B. 26s, 3 Superfighters) attacked Government Station
 and vicinity morning 17/12. Two direct hits on building. Fires
 started. A. 20s also successfully attacked barges.

Finger. 3 Hudsons attacked Toriscol and 3 attacked Kiodolo (8 miles N.
 Betara) morning 17/12.

Hunda. 7 F. 30s, 5 B. 17s bombed runway 0600/17. 6 hits max with 500 lb.
 bombs. No enemy interception.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE.

- (i) Offensive against north coast New Guinea.
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1. NORTHERN AUSTRALIA SECTION

Allied Forces

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CHESTER
PORTLAND

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HUBART
ACHILLES

PHOENIX

Flotilla Leaders

ARUNDA
TROMP
LE TRIOMPHANT

STUART

Destroyers

SHEPPARD
HENLEY
HELM
EAGLE

VENIETTA
HUSFORD

Submarines

PATTERSON
GRAYSON
HOPKINS
FLYING FISH

At Brisbane

ORAPPO
GUDGEON
CROWLER

ALBACORE
AMBERJACK
CATO

GRAYBACK
ON UPPER
PLUNGER

SAILFISH
SABOO
SHAPFER

On Patrol

SEADRAGON
SILVERSIDES
SPEARFISH

SWORDFISH
TUNA
SABOO

At Sydney

E.O
FULTON

HOLLAND

Submarine Tenders

SPURRY

Destroyer Tender

DOBBS

Gunboats

TULSA

Oilers

HILG

BISHOPDALE

KURUMBA
AASE HARRSH
VICTORIA

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CinC 2nd Fleet

CinC 4th Fleet

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MUTSU
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HIYAMA
HAYATAKA
UNYO
OTAKA

Heavy Cruisers

(prob. 3 effective)

AOBA
CHOKAI
HAGURO
KUMANO
SUZUYA

TONA) both dam. 26/10
TIKUMA) poss. sunk
MYOKO (prob. dam. 26/10)
KINUGASA (prob. sunk 12/10)
HOGASI } bel. sunk 14/11
TAKAO }

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(1 believed NEI area
several damaged
at least 5 effective)

EATON I
KASHIMA
KATORI
HAGANA
OI
KITAGAKI
TENRYU
SEDAI } 1 sunk 30/11
JINTSU }

YATSUTA) believed sunk
KINU) 14/11

3 converted light cruisers (KCL)
Approx 25 submarines (SS)
Approx 40 Destroyers (DD)
5 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHIYOGA
CHITOSE } 1 damaged 8/11
AKITSUSHIMA }
HISSEIN }

Converted S/P Tenders (YAV)

KAMOI
KITCHO MARU
KATSURAGI MARU
KAGU MARU
HARUTO MARU
SANYO MARU
KENJO MARU
SOUYU MARU
KAMIKAWA MARU

Several Submarine Tenders
Approx 40 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MIB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft
Approx 251 shore-based aircraft incl. 93 fighters, 97 B, 20 F/S,
32 P/P, 9 Obs. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

8^o Cruiser
6^o Cruiser
A.A. Ship
Destroyers
S/P Tenders

DEVONSHIRE

ADELAIDE
VAN HEEMSKERK
TJERN BIDDERS
VAN CALEN
HERON
CHILD
W.B. PRESTON
FELIAS
GAR
TAUPO } On Patrol
CHENADIER }
SHARAVEN }
SHAYLING }
TRESKIN }
TANBOR } A₁ Presently
K.8 }
K.12 }
TROUT }

Submarine Tender
Submarines

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

Cinc. and Southwest Expeditionary Fleet
1 heavy cruiser (CA)
3 light cruisers (CL)

ASHIGARA
KASHII
KUMA
(see Truk area)

Approx 18 Destroyers (DD)
Seaplane Carrier (AV)
Converted S/P Tender (YAV)

NOTORO
OKITSU MARU

4) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces
Battleships

MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE
IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA

Converted A/C Carriers

CONAREE
LONG ISLAND

3rd Cruisers

CHICAGO

SALT LAKE CITY
SAN FRANCISCO

6th Cruisers

ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE
RALEIGH
DETROIT

Destroyers
Submarines

18 approx
23 approx

Enemy Forces

Falco-Bainan-Sanins-Porosa-Japan

CINC 1st Fleet

CINC 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)

3 Battleships (BB)

KUSAGI
NAGATO
FUJIO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

2 aircraft carriers (CV)

SHOKAKU } damaged 26/10
ZUIKAKU }

2 converted A/C Carriers (ICV)

ZUIHO
CHUYO
ATAGO

1 - 3rd Cruiser (CA)

3 Light Cruisers (CL)

YUNA
ABUKUMA
ISUBU

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

FUJIKAWA MARU
GOSHU MARU
KIYOHUMI MARU
HOGANICAWA MARU
KIYOSASA MARU
SASUKI MARU

KIYOKAWA MARU (2/10)
(poss. sunk)

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 30 Destroyers

Approx 30 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
COLORADO
MARYLAND
HENRY PHILIP
SARATOGA
HARBAU

Aircraft Carriers

Converted A/C Carriers

3rd Cruisers

ALTAMARA
NEW ORLEANS
MINNEAPOLIS
NORTHAMPTON
PENSACOLA
LOUISVILLE

6th Cruisers

HELENA
HONOLULU
COLUMBIA

LEANDER

5th Cruisers

SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN

Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

35 (approx)
ASCANIA
MORWAY

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

3rd Cruiser

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Alentians

CINC 5th Fleet

3rd Cruiser (CA)

2 light cruisers (CL)

HACHI
TAMA
HISO

3 converted Light Cruisers (XCL)

Approx 4 Destroyers
Approx 7 Submarines

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces
6th Cruisers

CONCORD
YVENTON
RICHMOND

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Allied Forces
Battleships

KANSPIRE
RESOLUTION
RAMILLIES
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
ILLUSTRIOS

REVENGE

Aircraft Carrier
Seaplane Carrier
8th Cruiser
7.5th Cruisers

ALBATROSS
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)

6th Cruisers

HAWKINS
PROBISHER
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
ENTERPRISE
BIRMINGHAM
DAUNTLESS
BRUNCASTLE
GLASSON
EMERALD
DANAS

Armed Merchant Cruisers

DRAGON
D URBAN
CAPETOWN
CERES
CALLEDON
CARADOC
SUMATRA (Dutch)
WORCESTERSHIRE
WANCHI
COMPU
KANTHOLA
CENTRAL
RAMPURA
CARTRAGE
CARLISLE

A.A. Vessel
Approx 27 Destroyers
Approx 9 Submarines

Enemy Forces
Approx 7 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

20th December, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. HAUDENE AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

- (i) Task Group 44.5 ("HODART" "SHELFRIDGE" "BAGLEY") on patrol in Coral Sea.
- (ii) "TROMP" en route Wellington to Melbourne ETA 0700/21.
- (iii) "ARANTA" escorting "AUSTRALIA" "GEORGE MATTHEWS" dep. Port Moresby 1400/19 for Cairns ETA 1500/21.
- (iv) "HUPPOND" dep. Sydney 1042/19 for Dunk Is. ETA 0800/22.
- (v) "LITROCK" escorting "JAPARA" arr. Oro Bay 19/12.
- (vi) "GULAC" "BROOKS" "BALLANT" returning Milne Bay from Oro Bay.
- (vii) "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNVILLE" escorting Convoy P026 (2 MV) dep. Caloundra 0630/19 ETA 0800/21.
- (viii) "DELOVAINE" "WILMURA" escorting Convoy C054 dep. Westernport area 19/12 for Sydney and Newcastle.
- (ix) "DOONDA" escorting Convoy C054 arr. Melbourne 1147/19.
- (x) "KAPCIDA" "MORSEY" escorting Convoy C055 dep. Sydney area 19/12 for MV in Westernport area.
- (xi) "CHILCO" to escort to Whitsunday passage Convoy 071 departing Port Alma today ("VAN HOUTE" "BOETHEON" "CROKER" "YANMAN" "SWANNEBROOK").
- (xii) "DENHIG" escorting Convoy B139 (incl. "BONCAREN" for Lady Elliot Is.) to leave Brisbane 2000 for Townsville.
- (xiii) "SARNOCK" en route Port Moresby to Townsville ETA 1800.
- (xiv) "TRYON" to depart Moresby Bay 0950 for Auckland.
- (xv) At Sydney - "LE TRIUMPHANT" "SUMFORD" "BOBBIN" "BUNDABERG" "PIRIE" "REVERBIL" "SYDNEY" "DOCK" "ABRAHAM CHESSIN"
Repairing - "PORTLAND" "CHESTER" "PHOENIX" "VERNETTA" "DISCORDALE" "ALUNA" "BONUCA" "YANORA"
In Reserve - "HARCOBA" "WESTRALIA"
- (xvi) At Brisbane - "O'BANION" "SOUTHARD" "SPERRY" "PULTON" "COYAKO" "COULBURN" "HUGHES LLOYD" "AMERICAN LEGION"
- (xvii) At Cairns - "SWAN"
- (xviii) At Port Stephens - "PIRE WO"
- (xix) At Townsville - "TUNMAN" "VICTORIA"
Repairing - "STUART" "KATOOKBA"
- (xx) At Melbourne - "SPRINGDALE"
Repairing - "HOLLAND" "SARREHANDOOL"
- (xxi) At Port Moresby - "ALBINGA" "PAINE WIGGATE" "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" "S.J.FIELD" "GORDON" "JASON LEE"
- (xxii) At Milne Bay - "TELBA" "HILO" "HURUNDA" "HARUNDA" "DALIAPAPAN" "BANTAN" "D.ROSEWELL" "CHARGE"
Repairing - "SHYELLA"
- (xxiii) At Solomon Harbour - "PALONA"
- (xxiv) At Porlock Harbour - "HAURI"
- (xxv) At Dunk Is. - "AUSTRALIA" "DEWLEY" "HULL" "PATTERSON" "WENKUR" "LASH HARRIS"
- (xxvi) At Thursday Is. - "KALGOOLIE"

Enemy Forces

- (1) Madang - 6 of the enemy ships which reached Madang 18/12 (viz. 1 light cruiser, 3 destroyers, 2 transports) were observed leaving the Madang area on the following day and were last observed 122 miles NE Madang, on course 030°, at 1555/19 (see Naval Incidents). It is now considered that only two and not 4 destroyers were at Finschhafen about midnight 18/12, though some reports indicate that one of the 2 vessels may have been a cruiser. These vessels left the area in the early hours of the morning and proceeded northwards through Vitias Strait. They proceeded east to the northwards of the Witu Group and later turned north towards New Hanover. They were last sighted at 1655/19, on course 090°, 95 n. E. by H. Cape Lambert (New Britain) in company with a cruiser. Two enemy warships, possibly carrying aircraft, were reported at anchor off Cape Schelling (Williamson Peninsula) at 0030/19. These vessels were possibly awaiting a MV with the ships from Finschhafen.

Five small boats were seen off Pischhafen at 0200; these may have been landing craft, possibly based on ice.

A large vessel, strongly escorted, was seen p.m. 17/12 proceeding towards Truk from the south, possibly the aircraft carrier reported southbound at 1200.

- (iii) Rain-Fair - The latest report of enemy shipping in this area was at 1700/12 when the following were seen -
 - 5 destroyers
 - 3 cargo vessels
 - 1 tanker

- (iii) Buka - The destroyer and transport which arrived at Buka Passage at midday 10/12 departed south along the west coast of Bougainville at 1900. The transport remaining there had disappeared at 0910/12.
- (iv) New Georgia - The 5 barges reported off the east coast of Vella Lavella E.M. 10/12 evidently proceeded to the west coast of Kolombangara Is., where they were observed to be beached in Hachori Cove. Here they provisioned, and later proceeded south through Ferguson Passage (between Gizo Is. and Sana Sana Is.). Each barge carried 6 men.

2. SOUTHERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

- (i) "ADMIRAL" "VAN GALLEN" escorting Convoy US16 ("AQUITANIA") due Fremantle 0800.
- (ii) "WILCANNIA" escorting "DARVEL" & "DABINDA" en route Thursday Is. to Darwin ETA 23/12.
- (iii) "COLDSTAR" en route Sydney to Fremantle ETA 1900/22.
- (iv) "W.S. PUNSON" due HMAS Gulf 1200.
- (v) At Fremantle - "JACOB VAN HEESBERG" "CHILD" "PELIAS" "ISRAEL" "DALLANCO" "DUBCO" "SANDAKILLA" "JANSONE" "SERRADINE" Refitting - "DEVONSHIRE"
- (vi) At HMAS Gulf - "WHIPPOORWILL" "LARK"
- (vii) At Darwin - "TJURK NIDDES" "CASTLEMAINE"

Enemy Forces

- Vessel Is. - Natives reported a submarine on the surface at 2000/12. Submarines have recently been reported in this area, but no attacks have eventuated.
- Cape Naturaliste (W.A.) - A report indicates the possible presence of a submarine off Cape Naturaliste 19/12.

3. EAST INDIES & PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

4 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NWI area.

Enemy Forces

Billi - A torpedo boat was observed at Billi 19/12.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

- (i) "BEPHIS" "GRAYSON" escorting "PRES. HAYES" "PRES. JACKSON" "PRES. ADAMS" en route Brisbane to Wellington ETA 1630/22.
- (ii) "ACRILINE" en route Melbourne to Noumea ETA 1100/21.
- (iii) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AV)
- (iv) At Popitua Santo - RENACOLA MINIKAPOLIS (CA) BOVEY (DD) CURTISS HALLAND WRIGHT TARDIER (AV) LACHARAWA (AO) GANTLE (CH) RIGEL (AC) VESTAL (AR) STRATFORD (AP) BURNER (Survey Ship) HANCOCK OBT (AWP)
- (v) At Noumea - MASSAU ALTAMBA (ACV) MONROE AARON BARD (ID) PROMETHEUS (AN) ARCONNE (AB) LASSEN (AN) HAWLEY (AD) SONOMA (TY) DELPHINUS (TP) WERTNEY (AD) KINGFISHER VIREO (AN) BUTTMENT (TE) BEVILLE W.S. BURNING HENWOOD (AP) ENTLEHOUSE ANTONIO (AN) AND.2
- (vi) At Vila - ALPHEAN (AN)
- (vii) At Suva - MISSISSIPPI BEE MEXICO (DD) HULL CASE FURLE REED (DD) CATALPA LOCUST ROSEWOOD (TE) TALARANCA (AK)
- (viii) Guadalcanal Area - JAMSTONE (PO) BOBOLINE (AN) PG.676 PG.677 (TP) SANDANK (TY) SAKAI MOA KIVI TUI (A/S Vessels)
- (ix) At Bora Bora - TERN (AN)
- (x) At Auckland - MONOMAI (A.S.C) HICUT (TE) BOASER (AP) SOLACE (AN) Refitting - LAMAR (CL)
- (xi) At Wellington - MCCARTHY (AP)

D) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Enemy Forces

Japan - At least one enemy submarine is operating in the area S.W. of Hawaii (see Naval Incidents).

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Allied Forces

"WARRIOR" escorting Convoy 805 (6 MV) en route Colombo to Fremantle
ETA 0700/1 Jan.

"CAVIER" escorting "TRINITY" en route Exmouth Gulf to Diego Garcia
ETA 22/12.

Enemy Forces

There was evidence recently that 3 Japanese submarines were operating in the Northern Indian Ocean. The most recent attack on an allied vessel was in the Bay of Bengal on 12/12.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

(1) Madang - The following successful attacks on the enemy convoy which landed troops at Madang 12/12, have been reported -

A B.24 attacked off Markar Is. about 1900/12 and several hits on a light cruiser were observed. Three explosions, the last probably caused by the magazine, were seen during the next two hours. The vessel stopped off Alexishafen and was joined by a destroyer or the other light cruiser. The cruiser was then severely damaged, and evidently sank during the night since only 6 vessels were reported during observations 12/12.

3 B.17's attacked the convoy between 1950 and 2045/12. Four direct hits were observed on a transport (6,7000 tons).

Attacks on 12/12 were unsuccessful.

(11) Central America - s.s. "ULUA" (USA - 6,494 tons) reported being attacked by a submarine in position 14°30'N, 095°05'W at 1615/17.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

Allied

Alexishafen - 3 B.24's attacked the runway afternoon 12/12.

Isa - 1 B.24, 2 B.24's and 2 B.25's attacked the aerodrome afternoon and evening 12/12 and early morning 13/12. Results not observed.

Buna - 13 A.20's attacked the Government Station area. One heavy explosion observed.

Enemy

Vanigala-Jobodura Area - A number of u/i aircraft circled the area 2145-2255/12.

Boscel Is. - An u/i aircraft was observed 100 miles SE of Boscel Is. course north, morning 10/12.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Continued offensive against north coast New Guinea.
- (ii) Continued infiltration on Guadalcanal.
- (iii) Reinforcements for Buna.

For A/DIRECTOR S.P.I.C.

30/12/42

Light Cruisers (CL)
 (1 believed HBI area)
 at least 3 effective

HAYASHI
 KASUGA
 MATSUYAMA
 MATSUURA
 TAKAGI
 SHIMAZU
 JINBO

TATSUTA } believed
 CHIKU } sunk 14/11

} 1 sunk 30/11

3 converted light cruisers (XCL)
 Approx 25 submarines (SS)
 Approx 40 destroyers (DD)
 5 seaplane carriers (AV)

CHITOSE
 CHITOSE
 AMATSUSHIMA } 1 damaged 8/11
 KISSEIN

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

KANOI
 HITOMO MARU
 KATSUMAGI MARU
 KAGI MARU
 KASUTO MARU
 KANJO MARU
 KOTOU MARU
 KANISAWA MARU

Several Submarine Tenders
 Approx 40 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)
 Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub. Chasers, UTH's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft
 Approx 300 shore-based aircraft incl. 100 fighters, 90 B, 20 P/O,
 30 F/P, 9 Obs. or transport aircraft.

2. BROTHER AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

U¹ Cruiser
 S¹ Cruiser
 A.A. Ship
 Destroyers

S/P Tenders

Submarine Tender
 Submarines

DEVONSHIRE

ADLAIDE
 VAN DENBERG
 JOHN BIDDIS
 VAN GALEN
 BRON
 CHILDS
 U.S. M.S. TON
 PHILAS
 GAN
 THORNTON } On Patrol
 TAMPER
 TAYLOR
 CHESTER
 SEASAVEN
 CRAVING
 K.S
 K.LS
 TROUT

} At Fremantle

3. PACIFIC ISLANDS - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

3 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or HBI area (see above)

Enemy Forces

CINC USM Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)
 3 light cruisers (CL)

ASHICARA
 KASHIY
 YUNA
 (see Truk area)

Approx 10 Destroyers (DD)
 Seaplane Carrier (AV)
 Converted S/P Tender (XAV)

KOTONO
 CHITSU MARU

D) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces
Battleships

WEST VIRGINIA
 CALIFORNIA
 THORNTON
 IDAHO
 PENNSYLVANIA
 NEVADA

Converted A/C Carriers

CORNING
 LONG ISLAND
 CHICAGO

S¹ Cruisers

SALT LAKE CITY
 SAN FRANCISCO
 INDIANAPOLIS

3rd Cruiser
Destroyers
Submarines

Effective
BASSVILLE
10 approx
35 approx

Enemy Forces

Malac-Philipp-Indina-Torinese-Japan

CINC 1st Fleet
CINC 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)
3 Battleships (BB)

MURASAME
HAGATO
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
MYOGA

2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

SHOKAKU } Damaged 20/10
SUIBAKU }

1 converted A/C Carrier (ACV)
2 - 3rd Cruisers (CA)

SHIRO
TAKAO

5 Light Cruisers (CL)

YURA
ABURATSUBO

OI
KITAGAKI

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

ISUZU
FUJIKAWA MARU
KOJIMA MARU
KIYOSUKI MARU
KODANIGASA MARU
KINUGASA MARU
SABUKI MARU

KITAHARA MARU (21/10)
(poss. sunk)

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)
Approx 30 Destroyers
Approx 30 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces
US Navy ships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
COLORADO
MAINTAIN
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA
HAROLD
ALABAMA
NEW ORLEANS
MINNEAPOLIS
MONTPELIER
PENNSYLVANIA
LOUISVILLE

Aircraft Carriers

Converted A/C Carriers

3rd Cruisers

6th Cruisers

REAR ADMIRAL

5th Cruisers

Destroyers
Armed Merchant Cruisers

HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
COLUMBIA
ACHILLES
SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN
35 (approx)
ANGARA
MUSKOGEE

D) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces
3rd Cruisers

DETROIT
BALTIMORE

10 Destroyers
10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern British-Scandinavia-Alentians

CINC 3rd Fleet

3rd Cruiser (CA)
2 light cruisers (CL)

SACHI
TAMA
KISO

3 converted light cruisers (MCL)
Approx 4 Destroyers
Approx 7 Submarines

2) PACIFIC AREA

ALLIED FORCES
6th Cruisers

Effective
UNION
YACHTS
RICHMOND

Deficiencies of Interest

3) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

ALLIED FORCES
Battleships

BRADPIT
RESOLUTION
RADIANCE
ROYAL SOVEREIGN

REVENGE

Aircraft Carrier
Seaplane Carrier
8th Cruiser
7.5th Cruisers

ILLUSTRIOUS
ALBATROSS
GEORGES AVEROFF (Greek)

6th Cruisers

HASKINS
PROBISKEN
HAWITTUS
GAMBIA
HUTCHINSON
STANTONIAN
DAUNTLESS
DRAGON
TUDOR
CAPTOWN
CERES
CALDON
CANADOC

NEWCASTLE
GLASGOW
EMERALD
DANAE

Armed Merchant Cruisers

SPURTA (Dutch)

ROCHESTER
RASCHE
CORPS
TAVINLA
CENTRAL
S. HUNA
CANTHACK
CANTON

A.A. Vessel
Approx 27 Destroyers
Approx 9 Submarines

Enemy Forces
Approx 7 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

21st December, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS & LINES & KNOWN NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

- (i) Task Group 44.3 ("AUSTRALIA" "PATTERSON" "HEULEY" "HELE") to depart Dunk Is. 1400/22; to arrive Crafton Passage 1900/22. "AASH HANSEN" & "HEBURN" to proceed from Dunk Is. to Townsville. Task Group 44.3 to RV with Task Group 44.5 ("ROBERT" "SELFRIDGE" "DAGLEY") in position 14°S 149°E at 1000/23. Task Group 44.5 to enter Crafton Passage 0600/24 BTA Palm Is. 1800/24. "HEBURN" & "AASH HANSEN" to proceed from Townsville to Palm Is. 24/12. Task Group 44.5 to depart Palm Is. 1000/28 BTA Crafton Passage 1900/28. Task Group 44.5 to RV with Task Group 44.3 in position 14°S 149°E 1000/29. Task Group 44.3 to enter Crafton Passage 0800/30 BTA Palm Is. 1000/30.
- (ii) "ARUNTA" escorting "AUSTRALIA" "GEORGE MATTHEWS" due Cairns 1800/21.
- (iii) "HOPKINS" enroute Sydney to Dunk Is. BTA 0800/22.
- (iv) "LITHGOW" escorting "JAPANA" due at Milne Bay.
- (v) "TULSA" dep. Milne Bay 0630/20 for Forlock Harbour.
- (vi) Convoy 717 ("DUNTON" "TAROOMA" "MAGNUM" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "GENERAL VERBICK") ex Townsville to RV off Fitzroy Is. with "HEAN" at 1500. Thence position X (13°01'S 149°29'E) where "BALLANAT" will RV and escort "TAROOMA" to Milne Bay BTA 2300/23. Remainder due Port Moresby 0600/23.
- (vii) "LE TRIOMPHANT" dep. Sydney 2035/20 for Melbourne BTA 0600/22.
- (viii) "SARAGO" dep. Townsville for Cairns for boiler cleaning 0610/21.
- (ix) "BOHICA" escorting H.F. "KATOOMA" to depart Sydney 1830/21 for Townsville BTA 2330/22.
- (x) "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNVILLE" escorting Convoy 1022 (2 RV) due Sydney 0600/21.
- (xi) "MELBOURNE" "MILGUNA" escorting Convoy 254 dep. Westernport area 10/12 for Sydney and Newcastle.
- (xii) "KAPUKA" "ROBERT" escorting Convoy 2055 dep. Sydney area 10/12 for RV in Westernport area.
- (xiii) "GILLONG" to escort to Whitsunday Passage Convoy 071 which dep. Port Ales 20/12 ("VAN HEUTE" "DONTROE" "CRESS" "TACHAN" "SMARTMENT").
- (xiv) "BENEDICO" escorting Convoy 2122 (incl. "DONDANE" for Lady Elliot Is.) to leave Brisbane 1000/21 for Townsville.
- (xv) At Sydney - "DOBBIE" "DUNBAR" "FINIE" "INVERELL" "OTWIER" "BOONE" "ADRIAN CONYERS" "MORRIS" "PINO 20" Repairing - "PORTLAND" "SCOTCH" "ROBERT" "VERETTA" "BISHOPDALE" "ALBERTA" "BOHICA" "MILGUNA" In Reserve - "MAGNUM" "AUSTRALIA"
- (xvi) At Brisbane - "O'BANON" "SOUTHARD" "SPERRY" "FULTON" "POLANO" "COOLEBURN" "MURTER LEGGOTT" "AMERICAN LEGION"
- (xvii) At Townsville - "TUNNAS" "VICTORIA" Repairing - "STUART" "KATOOMA"
- (xviii) At Melbourne - "BISHOPDALE" "BOHICA" "TACHAN" Repairing - "MOLLAND" "SARAGANCOOL"
- (xix) At Port Moresby - "ALBERTA" "DAVID WINGATE" "WILLIS VAN HEUTE" "A.J. WIND" "DONDON" "JAMES IRV" "MAGNUM" "BALINPAPA" "DANTAN" "D. BUSHWELL" Repairing - "CHYALLA"
- (xx) At Milne Bay - "COLAC" "BOONE" "BALLANAT" "HELE" "MAGNUM" "MAGNUM" "BALINPAPA" "DANTAN" "D. BUSHWELL" Repairing - "CHYALLA"
- (xxi) At Forlock Harbour - "KAUHI"
- (xxii) At Dunk Is. - "AUSTRALIA" "HEULEY" "HELE" "PATTERSON" "HEBURN" "AASH HANSEN"
- (xxiv) At Thursday Is. - "MAGNUM"

Enemy Forces

- (i) 12-18-42 - A 5.17 reported sighting 5 destroyers and 13 cargo vessels in the area at 1000/20. 2 destroyers and 1 cargo vessel were also sighted 38 miles east of Bain proceeding east at 1010/20. At 1000 an observer reported 4 destroyers, 5 cargo

vessels and 2 tankers in the area.

- (ii) Sulu Passage - The transport which was in the Passage 10/12 was still present at 1700/20. An aircraft reported sighting a destroyer and a cargo vessel at the SE end of the Passage between 0100 and 0300/20.
- (iii) Sesolle Peninsula - A small vessel (approx 100 feet long) was observed 5 miles west of Cape Liguas, stationary at 1500/10.
- (iv) Carove Is. - A destroyer was sighted 25 miles north of Carove Is. on course 00° at 1800/20.
- (v) Arave Is. - An aircraft sighted a 500 ton vessel 20 miles SSE of Arave Is. at 2340/20. The vessel was proceeding on a westerly course. Bombs were dropped but no hits observed.
- (vi) Madang - Pilots attacking the convoy of 6 ships returning from Madang morning 10/12 report that the decks were crowded with khaki clad troops. This, if correct, appears to indicate that the landing operation was almost only partially successful. Careful search of the shore line between Madang and Pischhafen early 20/12 revealed no aircraft, shipping or landing barges. Previous recon 10/12 reported that there were no signs of a landing having taken place.
- (vii) Dutch New Guinea - It is reported that an enemy destroyer visited Kauhannu (on SE coast Dutch New Guinea 100 miles NNE Tobe) and Havar (not located) on 14/12 and 16/12. An enemy vessel visited these areas previously 8/12. Aerial activity has also been reported over Kauhannu during December. There is no information as to whether any enemy landings have taken place.
- (viii) Submarine Activity
 - a) Mambera River - A native report states that a submarine landed stores and men at Maiba Mission, at the mouth of the Mambera River night 17/12.
 - b) Carove Is. - A submarine was sighted 61 miles SSE of Carove Is. on course 00° at 1800/20.
 - c) Nanan Is. - 2 submarines were sighted 50 miles SSE of Nanan Is. 18/12.
 - d) Submarines were indicated as follows 10/12 -

Talosa	4°S, 150°E
Cape St. George	5°S, 154°E
Cudalcanal	6°S, 150°E

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

- (i) "VILKARIA" escorting "CARVEL" & "BABINDA" en route Thursday Is. to Darwin ETA 23/12.
- (ii) "GOLDSTAR" en route Sydney to Fremantle ETA 1000/22.
- (iii) At Fremantle - "ADELAIDE" "JACOB VAN NIESENBERG" "CHILD" "PALLAS" "ISAKEL" "HERON" "MALLACOO" "DUBBO" "SARGANTILLA" "TAMWORTH" "BROADBENT" "WHIFFOCHWILL"
- Refitting - "DEVONSHIRE"
- (iv) At Esmeath Gulf - "LARK" "W.D. PRESTON"
- (v) At Darwin - "CASTLEMAINE"

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

5 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or HSI area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

- (i) "HOPKINS" "GRAYSON" escorting "PRES. HAYES" "PRES. JACKSON" "PRES. ARANS" en route Brisbane to Wellington ETA 1600/22.
- (ii) At Vanikoro - "HACKING" (M)
- (iii) At Espiritu Santo - PRESACOLA BISMARPOLEIS (CA) HONEY (DD) CURTISS BALLARD TANGINE (SV) GANBLE (DN) NIGEL (AD) VESTAL (AR) STRATFORD (AP) FOCHALBAUT (AK) ARCTIC (AF) SABINE (AO) ANCONAUT (SM) SUMNER (AG) HARMONIC PORT (APV) YP.347
- (iv) At Noumea - "ACHILLES" (CL) "BACAN" ALTAMARA (ACV) "MONROE" BEAUFORT "MCCALLA" DE HAYES "ANSON" GARD (ED) "WRIGHT" (A) "ROBERTUS" (AR) "ARCONNE" (AG) "LACON" (AE) "MORRIS" HANLEY (AK) "SOKKA" (AT) "DELPOINUS" (YP) "WHITNEY" (AD) "BROOKINGS" VINO (AN) "BUTTERNUT" (TN) "SHANICO" (AO) "EVILLE" W.S. BURBONS "HAYWOOD" (AP) "BETHLEHEM" LIBRA "MERCURY" "ANTARES" (AK) AND.2
- (v) At Vila - "ALBERTAN" (AK)
- (vi) At Suva - "MISSISSIPPI" "NEW MEXICO" (DS) "HULL" "CASH" "PEBBLE" "BRID" (ED) "CATALPA" "LOCUST" "BOENWOOD" (TN) "TAMARANCA" (AK)

- (vii) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESBUSH (PO) DORVILLE (AM) PC.476 PC.477 (YT)
WAMPAGE (YT) NATAI MOA KIMI TOI (A/S Vessels) ONTOLAN (ASB)
- (viii) At Buna Buna - TERE (AM)
- (ix) At Auckland - HUKOTAI (A.N.C) HEDONT (YU) BOANER (AP) SOLACK (AM)
Refitting - LEANER (CL)
- (x) At Wellington - MCCAWLEY (AP)

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Enemy Forces

At least one enemy submarine is operating in the area N.W. of Funafu.

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Allied Forces

"WHITING" escorting Convoy SHS (5 MT) en route Colombo to Fremantle
ETA 0700/1 Jan.

"DARLEN" escorting "TRINITY" en route Smooth Gulf to Diego Garcia
ETA 20/12.

Enemy Forces

There was evidence recently that 3 Japanese submarines were operating in the Northern Indian Ocean. The most recent attack on an allied vessel was in the Bay of Bengal on 12/12.

NAVAL INCIDENTS - Nil.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

Allied

Buna - 7 B.17's and 3 P.38's which were unable to attack shipping at Buna due to weather morning 19/12 shot down three of 20 attacking floatplanes. One B.17 attacked Kahili early morning 20/12.

Buna - 1 B.17 attacked the aerodrome night 19-20/12. One large fire started.

Munda - 12 B.B.E's attacked 1330/19. Several buildings destroyed. No opposition from enemy aircraft or A.A. 7 B.17's and 3 P.38's attacked 1715/19. Several fires started. Light A.A. One B.17 was over Munda night 19-20/12.

Lae - 4 B.24's attacked Lae aerodrome 19/12.

Buna - 3 B.25's attacked the Government station morning 19/12. Results not observed.

Sirova Point - 3 B.25's attacked enemy installations morning 20/12. Results not observed.

Enemy

Funafu - 1 aircraft attacked late 18/12. No damage or casualties.

Wapigala Mission - Enemy aircraft dropped bombs in the area late 18/12

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Continued offensive against north coast New Guinea.
- (ii) Continued infiltration on Guadalcanal.
- (iii) Reinforcements for Buna.

For A/DIRECTOR C.S.I.C.

21/12/42

APPENDIX

DAIIC APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH AUSTRALIA BLOCK

<u>Allied Forces</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Damaged</u>
6 th Cruisers	AUSTRALIA	CHRISTEN

6 th Cruisers	STUART	PORTLAND
Fleetilla Leaders	ARCTA	PERENNIX
	TROMP	STUART

Destroyers	LE THOUVENANT	
	WELFRIDGE	
	E HENLY	VENUSTRA
	HELM	
	BAGLEY	
	WOLFORD	
	PATTERSON	
	O'DONNEN	
	SOUTHARD	

Submarines	FLYING FISH	} At Brisbane
	ORANPUS	
	COLOSSUS	
	SPORFISH	
	ALBACORE	
	AMBERJACK	
	GATO	
	GRAYBACK	
	GOOWIN	
	PLUNGER	

	SAILFISH	} On Patrol
	SARGO	
	SHAPPER	
	SEADRAGON	
	SILVERSIDES	
	SPEARFISH	
	TUNA	
	Wahoo	
	H.O	
	FULTON	

Submarine Tenders		At Sydney
		HOLLAND

Destroyer Tender	SENNY	
Subboats	DORRIS	
	TULSA	
	HELO	

Oilers	KURUMA	DISCOMBLED
	AASH KASHAK	
	VICTORIA	

Heavy Forces
YAM-UNIT-NEW Britain-Solomon

CINC Combined Fleet		
CINC 2nd Fleet		
CINC 4th Fleet		
CINC 6th Fleet (Submarines)		

3 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO	
	MUSO	
	ICE	

2 Battlecruisers (BB)		MOGHO } 1 damaged 26/10
		BARUNA }

1 Aircraft carrier (CV)	MOGHO	
4 Converted A/C carriers (ACV)	MIYATAKA	
	UNYO	
	OTAKA	
	CHUYO	

Heavy cruisers (prob. 5 effective)	AOBA	TOKE } both damaged 29/10
	CHOSAI	YINMA } poss. sunk
	SAKURU	MOGHO (prob. dam. 26/10)
	KURAMA	MOGAMI (believed sunk 14/11)
	MIYAMA	

Light Cruisers (CL)
(1 believed HSI area)
at least 3 effective

HATCHI
KASHIMA
KATOH
KACASA
TERRYU
SUNDAY
YUBARI

TATSUDA } believed
KIHO } sunk 14/11

3 converted light cruisers (KCL)

Approx 25 submarines (SS)
Approx 40 destroyers (DD)
5 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHITODA
CHITOSH
ARITOSHIMA
KICHIKI
KASOI

} 1 Damaged 8/11

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

HYTCHO MARU
KATSURAOI MARU
KAGU MARU
SANYO MARU
KHOJO MARU
SUYUO MARU
KAMIHATA MARU
COCHI MARU

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx 40 Merchant Ships (over 5,000 tons)

Minesweepers, Minisweepers, Sub. Chasers, MTD's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft
Approx 315 shore-based aircraft incl. 155 fighters, 90 B, 20 P/S,
57 P/P, 3 Obs. or transport aircraft.

3. SOUTHERN AUSTRALIA SECTION

Allied Forces

C¹ Cruiser

C² Cruiser

A.A. Ship

Destroyers

S/P Tenders

Submarine Tender

Submarine

DEVONSHIRE

ADSLATER
VAN HERSKORP
TJORN HEDING
VAN CALEN
HEVIC
CHILD
R. B. FURTON
POLIAS
GAR
SHARVNE
THINCHER
TANBOR
TAYTOG
ORSHADINE
CHATHMO
K.9
K.12
TROUT

On Patrol

At Fremantle

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

3 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or HSI area (see above)

Enemy Forces

China and Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)

3 light cruisers (CL)

ASHIGARA

KASHII

KOMA

(see Trak area)

Approx 10 Destroyers (DD)

Approx 3 submarines (SS)

Seaplane Carrier (AV)

Converted S/P Tender (XAV)

BOYUDO

CHITOH MARU

D) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
THINCHER
IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA

Converted A/C Carriers

COVANCH

LONG ISLAND

8th Cruisers

CHICAGO

SALT LAKE CITY
SAN FRANCISCO
INDIANAPOLIS

6th Cruiser

HANNOVER

Destroyers

15 approx

Submarines

25 approx

Army Forces

Also - Alaska - Bonins - Formosa - Japan

Cinc 1st Fleet

Cinc 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)

3 Battleships (BB)

HUGHES
HAGATO
FUSO
YAMAHIRO
HYUGA

2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

SHOKAKU } damaged 22/10
SUYOKU }

2 Converted A/C Carriers (ACV)

HYAKA

2 - 8th Cruisers (CA)

SHIRO

ATAGO

4 Light Cruisers (CL)

TAGAO

AKITSUKI

OI

KITAGAKI

IKOSU

Converted S/P Tenders (SPT)

FUJIKAWA MARU
HAIKYO MARU
KIYOSHIKI MARU
KOGANEKAWA MARU
KIYOGASA MARU
SAYUKI MARU

KIYOKAWA MARU (21/10)
(poss. sunk)

6 Old Armored Cruisers (OAC)

Approx 30 Destroyers

Approx 27 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
COLORADO
MARYLAND
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
NEW YORK
SARATOGA
WAGDAU
ALABAMA
NEW ORLEANS
MINNEAPOLIS
NORFOLK
PENSACOLA
LOUISVILLE

Aircraft Carriers

Converted A/C Carriers

8th Cruisers

6th Cruisers

LEAHON

6th Cruisers

Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

HELENA
HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
COLUMBIA
ACHILLES
SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN
33 (approx)
ARIZONA
HONOLULU

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

6th Cruisers

DETROIT
BALTIMORE

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Army Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians

Cinc 5th Fleet

6th Cruiser (CA)

HACHI

2 light cruisers (CL)

YAMA
KIDO

Approx 4 Destroyers
Approx 7 Submarines

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces
6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TUNTON
RICHMOND

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Allied Forces
Dutch ships

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
HAMILTON
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
TRIUMPHOUS
AMBASSADOR
GEOFFREY AUSTON (Greek)

SEVENOAKS

Aircraft Carrier
Seaplane Carrier
8" Cruiser
7.5" Cruisers

EMERALD

22 6" Cruisers

PRODIGE
HARRIET
GAMBIA
ENTERPRISE
BRIGHTON
DARTMOUTH
BRADSHAW
DUNDEE
CAPTAIN
CERES
CALICO
CARADOC
SUMATRA (Dutch)

NEWCASTLE
GLASGOW
HERALD
DANES

Armed Merchant Cruisers

WORTHINGTON
HAWCM
CORFU
KANTHKA
CENTRAL
RAMPURA
CANTHACK
CARLISLE

A.A. Vessel
Approx 27 Destroyers
Approx 9 Submarines

Enemy Forces
Approx 7 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

22nd December, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & NEUTRAL NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTH-EASTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTION

Allied Forces

- (i) Task Group 44.3 ("AUSTRALIA" "PATRICKSON" "HEMLOCK" "BURN") to depart Dunk Is. 1400/22; to arrive Crafston Passage 1900/22. "AASE HANSEN" & "HEMLOCK" to proceed from Dunk Is. to Townsville. Task Group 44.3 to RV with Task Group 44.3 ("HEMLOCK" "SELFRIDGE" "BAGLEY") in position 14°S 145°E at 1000/23. Task Group 44.3 to enter Crafston Passage 0800/24 NTA Palm Is. 1000/24. "HEMLOCK" & "AASE HANSEN" to proceed from Townsville to Palm Is. 24/12. Task Group 44.3 to depart Palm Is. 1000/25 NTA Crafston Passage 1000/25. Task Group 44.3 to RV with Task Group 44.3 in position 16°S 145°E 1000/29. Task Group 44.3 to enter Crafston Passage 0800/30 NTA Palm Is. 1000/30.
- (ii) "MUNFORD" on route Sydney to Dunk Is. NTA 0800/22.
- (iii) "SWAN" dep. Cairns 1117/21 to RV with Convoy 2117 ("DUNSTON" "TAROOMA" "MANTONA" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "JANNA" "ORIGINAL VERSPIJCK" on Townsville. Thence position X (12°01'S, 140°20'E) where "DALLANAT" will RV and escort "TAROOMA" to Ulme Bay NTA 2500/23. Remainder due Port Moresby 0800/24.
- (iv) "MANTONA" was to depart Ulme Bay 1300/21 for Townsville.
- (v) "DUNSTON" escorting Convoy 221 ("VAN HEUTE" "DUNSTON" "CHERRY" "TAMAR") to Whitsunday Passage was to depart Gladstone 0300/21. On completion "DUNSTON" to return to Gladstone to escort "TAROOMA" "MANTONA" "CLEVELAND ADMS" ETD early a.m. 24/12.
- (vi) "MANTONA" dep. Ulme Bay 1045/12 for Brisbane NTA 0700/22.
- (vii) "MILORA" "ABRAHAM CRIBBS" escorting Convoy 2227 to depart Sydney 1000/23.
- (viii) "LE THOMPSON" due Melbourne 0800/22 from Sydney.
- (ix) "CHERIE" escorting R.F. "MANTONA" to depart Sydney 0615/22 for Townsville NTA 2330/23.
- (x) "DELOACH" to escort Convoy 2026 from Newcastle. "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNVILLE" to RV off Sydney with "DELOACH" and take over escort p.m. 23/12.
- (xi) "MANTONA" "HEMLOCK" escorting Convoy 2025 to RV in Westernport area with "ROCKHAMPTON" which dep. Port Phillip 0847/22 escorting Convoy 2025.
- (xii) "HEMLOCK" escorting Convoy 2122 (incl. "DUNSTON") dep. Brisbane 1330/21 for Townsville.
- (xiii) "VICTORIA" dep. Townsville 1000/21 for Brisbane NTA 1300/24.
- (xiv) "O'BANION" escorting "HUNTER LEIGHT" & "AMERICAN LERSON" to depart Heraton Bay 1100/22.
- (xv) At Sydney - "DOBBIE" "BONADON" "VIRIE" "EVERETT" "GUMPIE" "BOUEN" "ABRAHAM CRIBBS" "ROCKING" "TIO WO" "MILORA" "ROCKHAMPTON" "CLEVELAND" "TOWNVILLE"
Repairing - "PORTLAND" "CHERRY" "FROST" "VINDICTA" "DUNSTON"
"MANTONA" "CHERIE" "TAMAR"
In Reserve - "MANTONA" "AUSTRALIA"
- (xvi) At Brisbane - "SCOTT" "HEMLOCK" "VIRIE" "MANTONA" "DUNSTON"
- (xvii) At Townsville - "TAMAR" "MANTONA"
Repairing - "SCOTT" "MANTONA"
- (xviii) At Cairns - "MANTONA"
- (xix) At Melbourne - "SPENCER" "DUNSTON" "TRUMP"
Repairing - "MANTONA" "MANTONA"
- (xx) At Port Moresby - "MANTONA" "O.J. FIELD" "DUNSTON" "JACOB LEE"
- (xxi) At Ulme Bay - "DOLAN" "DUNSTON" "LITTON" "BULO" "DALLANAT"
"MANTONA" "D. DUNSTON" "POLARIS" "JANNA"
Repairing - "VINDICTA"
- (xxii) At McLaren Harbour - "MANTONA"
- (xxiii) At Forlock Harbour - "MANTONA" "DOLAN"
- (xxiv) At Thursday Is. - "MANTONA"

Enemy Forces

- (i) 21/12/42 - A B.17 reported 10 unidentified vessels in the area 1110/21.
- (ii) Dunk Passage - A B.17 on route sighted one cargo vessel and one escort in the west side of the Passage 21/12. An observer

reported that a small cargo vessel arrived morning 31/12 and after discharging cargo departed south via the West coast. The transport which has been reported in the Passage for some days was still present 1834/31.

- (iii) Vella Lavella-New Georgia Area - 2 destroyers and one transport were sighted 15 miles SE of Munda, course South by West at 1412/1. There has been considerable enemy shipping activity in this area connected with the development of the base at Munda. It appears that Munda has not been strengthened to any appreciable extent, as reports by attacking aircraft state that very little A.A. is encountered. Other reports indicate that considerable A.A. defences including a 3" gun have been installed. Unless these positions are not yet fully ready for use, it would appear that the Japanese at Munda are short of ammunition supplies.

A native report 0910/31 states that 10 enemy barges were hiding near Turuvilla Point, Moga Is., Vella Lavella. They were previously sighted off Paramata on W. coast of Vella Lavella proceeding SE.

- (iv) Forengau A two masted schooner was sighted in harbour 1838/30. A similar vessel reported to be a radio ship was strafed and set on fire 18/10, and other sightings of similar craft were made 13/11 and 18/11.

- (v) Sabul - Scope of the area 1830/31 revealed a large concentration of shipping including -

- 1 heavy cruiser
- 1 possible heavy cruiser
- 4 light cruisers
- 18 destroyers
- 2 auxiliary tenders
- 38 other vessels incl. merchant vessels and tankers
- 62 vessels - in Simpson Harbour

In addition, 3 merchant vessels were reported off Ekope and one merchant vessel in Galili Bay making a total of 66 ships in the area. Photographs 11/12 revealed 41 vessels. At that time the harbour was only partially photographed, and visual sightings accounted for 38 vessels. During December there has been a steady increase of strength in Sabul, and the present concentration is one of the largest yet reported.

- (vi) Paramata - One transport (3000 tons) was sighted 36 miles W. by S. of Paramata proceeding W. at 0330/32. The vessel was attacked at 0330, 47 miles E. by S. of Paramata and near misses were claimed.
- (vii) Roos Is. - A number of small boats were sighted near reefs off Roos Is. 1935/30.
- (viii) Beak - No occupation of Beak was reported up to 1410/20 but some troops may have been landed north of Beak for the purpose of occupying the aerodrome as anti-aircraft fire was encountered from this locality on 20/12.
- (ix) Madang - An unspecified number of Japanese landed at Madang at 2000/18. The fact that the convoy returning from Madang 10/12 was reported to be carrying troops would indicate that the Japanese in face of no resistance put only a portion of the force ashore at Madang. Two small sailing vessels (75-150 ft.) were sighted at Madang 0622/31.
- (x) Pinschhafen - Further activity is reported in this area. A cargo vessel of approx 1000 tons, anchored under cover in the E. side of the Suki River was unsuccessfully attacked 0800/31. It was sighted at 0814/31 anchored along the shore line north of Pinschhafen. At 0900, an aircraft reported that a 500 ton transport was anchored at Pinschhafen. An aircraft reported having attacked two 500 ton ships at Pinschhafen 24/31 (see Naval Incidents).
- (xi) Beroulas Bay - A destroyer was sighted 20 miles SE of Beroulas Bay on course 30 at 2108/31. The vessel was attacked by aircraft (see Naval Incidents).
- (xii) Indispensable Strait - 4 vessels, (probably 1 merchant vessel and 3 small escorts) were sighted proceeding through Indispensable Strait on a SW course 0818/31.
- (xiii) Submarine activity - Submarines have been sighted in the following areas -
- a) Goli Bay (50 mi SSE Salamua) at 0400/30. The submarine apparently approached from the direction of Salamua.
 - b) Port Moresby - A small submarine was reported by an allied aircraft on the surface and stationary 7 miles SW Pt. Moresby.
 - c) Quadalcanal - A midget submarine was sighted between Movo Is.

and Cape Reference 1100/21.

d) Russell Is. - A midget submarine was sighted 1120/21. Submarines were indicated as follows 19/12

Robata Bay	7°S, 150°E
Buka Passage	3°S, 155°E
Havlong	1°S, 150°E
Havlong	2°S, 152°E
Woodlark Is.	5°S, 154°E
Gasata	7°S, 152°E
Vespol Is.	15°S, 150°E

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2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTION

ALLIED FORCES

- (i) "WINDGARMA" escorting "DARVEL" & "SADIERA" en route Thursday Is. to Darwin STA 22/12.
- (ii) "WILDSTAR" en route Sydney to Fremantle STA 1900/22.
- (iii) At Fremantle - "ANGELA DE" "JACOB VAN HENNEBERG" "CHILDO" "RELIAS" "LOHLE" "HERON" "JALIA BOO" "RUMBO" "WANGANILLA" "TANICHTH" "SINDADIER" "VEITPOORWILL" "VAN OAIEN" - Refitting "BOVORNIER"
- (iv) At Smooth Gulf - "LARK" "W.S. BURTON"
- (v) At Darwin - "CASTLEMAINE"

Enemy Forces

Fremantle - At 0730/21 an unidentified loop crossing was recorded at Fremantle.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

ALLIED FORCES

6 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or SBI area.

D) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

ALLIED FORCES

- (i) "WIKING" "ORATROT" escorting "FRS. DAVIS" "FRS. JACKSON" "FRS. ADAMS" en route Brisbane to Wellington STA 1630 today 22/12.
- (ii) At Vanikoro - "MACHINAC" (M)
- (iii) At Espiritu Santo - "HERACOLA" "SINDAPOLIS" (CA) "RUVET" (RD) "CUSTISS" "BALLARD" "TANOTER" (AV) "GAMER" (DM) "RICH" (AD) "VUSAL" (AR) "STRAFFORD" (AP) "FORALMENT" (AK) "ABOTIC" (AF) "SABINE" (AO) "ANGHART" (SN) "SUNNER" (AO) "COLAGE" (AN) & YP.347
- (iv) At Honua - "ACHILLES" (CL) "SARRAU" "SIZARANA" (ACV) "HOBOSCHER" "SCALLA" "ANNE WARD" (DD) "WRIGHT" (AV) "WONTERBUS" (AN) "ASOCHER" (AD) "LANNIN" (AR) "MORRAN" "HARLEY" (APD) "SOSCHA" (AT) "DELPHINUS" (TP) "WHITNEY" (AC) "KINOPISCHER" "VIRGO" (AM) "BUTTERNET" (TR) "SHANICO" (AO) "HEVILLE" "W.S. BURGESS" (AP) "ENTHROUSE" "LIBRA" "MERCURY" "ANTARES" (AN) ASD.2
- (v) At Vila - "ALPHIMAN" (AK)
- (vi) At Suva - "MISSISSIPPI" "NEW MEXICO" (SD) "HULL" "CANE" "RIBLE" "REID" (SD) "CATALPA" "LOCUST" "ROSEWOOD" (YS) "TALAMANCA" (AR)
- (vii) Guadalcanal Area - "JANETOWN" (PO) "BONOLINE" (AN) "PC. 676" "PC. 677" (YP) "WARDANE" (YT) "HARAI" "SEA" "RINE" "TUI" (A/S Vessels) "ORTOLAN" (AR)
- (viii) At Bora Bora - "TORN" (AN)
- (ix) At Auckland - "WISOWAI" (A.S.C) "ROBY" (YS) "BOAKER" (AP) Refitting - "LEANDER" (CL)
- (x) At Wellington - "SOSCHER" (AP)

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

Enemy Forces

At least one enemy submarine is operating in the area NW of Suva.

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

ALLIED FORCES

- "LANTERNA" escorting Convoy 885 (C NW) en route Colombo to Fremantle STA 0700/1 Jan.
- "GASLER" escorting "TRINITY" en route Smooth Gulf to Diego Garcia STA 22/12.

Enemy Forces

There was evidence recently that 3 Japanese submarines were operating in the Northern Indian Ocean. The most recent attack on an allied

vessel was in the Bay of Bengal on 12/12.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

Bahia - 2 B.17's attacked 2 cargo vessels east of Bahili aerodrome between 0300-0345/21. A direct hit and two near misses started a fire on one ship, and three near misses were scored on the second. Both vessels were strafed, and when last observed the damaged ship was settling by the stern.

Pinckhafen - A cargo vessel of 1-2,000 tons was attacked 0600/21. Two bombs fell approx 30 ft. from starboard side. A preliminary report from an aircraft which attacked two 500-ton ships in Pinckhafen 1445/21 states that one was left burning.

Burmeses Bay - A preliminary report of an attack on an enemy destroyer late 21/12 states that 2 very near misses were obtained.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

Bahia

Bahia - One B.17 attacked early morning 21/12. Bombs dropped on landing strip Ballele Is. Air observation indicates that the strip on Ballele Is. is ready for use.

Bahia - 4 B.17's attacked 0700/20. 1 B.17 attacked 0100-0600/21. Results not observed. 11 B.B.2's attacked 1220/21. Buildings and ration dump area are reported very badly damaged.

Bahia - 1 B.17 attacked early morning 21/12. Hits on wharf at Colman Is. and on a jetty, where a fire was started.

Huberhafen - A B.24 strafed barges in the area morning and afternoon 21/12.

Bahia - 5 B.20's attacked the Government Station area morning 21/12. One large explosion observed.

Siropa Point - 5 A.20's attacked early afternoon 20/12. Several small fires started.

Bahia

Bahia - An A/1 aircraft was sighted north of Point Charles flying north at 0422/21.

4. SPENT'S PROGRAMS WEST COAST

- (I) Continued offensive against north coast New Guinea.
- (II) Continued infiltration on Guadalcanal.
- (III) Reinforcements for Buna.

For A/DIRECTOR S.P.I.C.

22/12/43

Light Cruisers (CL)
(1 believed NEI area)
at least 3 effective

HATORI
HASHIMA
HATORI
HAGARA
TETSU
CHIDAI
YUBARI

TATSUTA } believed
KINU } sunk 14/11

3 converted light cruisers (KCL)

Approx 25 submarines (SS)
Approx 40 Destroyers (DD)
3 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHITOSE
CHITOSE
AKITSUKIWA } 1 damaged 8/11
HISAKIWA
HAKOI

Converted A/P Tenders (KAV)

HITCHE MARU
KATSURAGI MARU
KAGU MARU
SAYO MARU
KENJO MARU
SOYUO MARU
KAMIKASA MARU
GOSHU MARU

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx 40 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)
Winelayers, Minesweepers, Sub. Chasers, WTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft
Approx 310 shore-based aircraft incl. 105 fighters, 96 B, 20 V/B,
37 P/B, 3 Obs. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

6" Cruiser
6" Cruiser
A.A. Ship
Destroyers

DEVONSHIRE

A/P Tenders

ALBALE
VAN HEUSEN
TJENE SINDERS
VAN CAIEN
HARON
CHILDS

Submarine Tender
Submarine

H. D. PROCTOR
POLIAS
GAB
SEARAYNE
THRESHER
TANCO
TANCO
CHERRIER
CHAYLING
E.S
E.18
TROUT

On Patrol

At Fremantle

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

USC and Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)
3 light cruisers (CL)

ASHICASA
HAKKI
KUMA
(see Truk area)

Approx 15 Destroyers (DD)
Approx 3 submarines (SS)
Seaplane Carrier (AV)
Converted A/P Tender (KAV)

HOTURO
ONITSU MARU

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces
Battleships

WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE
IDaho
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA

Converted A/C Carriers

CORALIE
LONG ISLAND

3rd Cruisers

CHICAGO

SALT LAKE CITY
SAN FRANCISCO
INDIANAPOLIS

3rd Cruiser

HASBIVILLE

Destroyers

15 approx

Submarines

25 approx

Enemy Forces

Yamato-Tokitsuna-Konin-Torinaga-JenSu

CINC 1st Fleet

CINC 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)

3 Battleships (BB)

KUSASHI
HAGATO
FUJO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

SHOKAKU } damaged 26/10
SUIBAKU }

3 Converted A/C Carriers (KCV)

HEITAMA

SUIHO

2 - 3rd Cruisers (CA)

AKAGO

TAKEO

4 Light Cruisers (CL)

ARUTAMA

OI

HITAGAMI

ISUBU

HIYODAMA MARU (21/10)
(poss. sunk)

Converted S/P Tenders (KAV)

FUJIKAWA MARU
HARUTO MARU
HIYOSHI MARU
HOKAMIDASHI MARU
HIYOGARA MARU
SANTU MARU

6 Old Armored Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 50 Destroyers

Approx 27 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
COLORADO
MARYLAND
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
PENNSYLVANIA
RHODE ISLAND
SARATOGA
TASMAN
ALABAMA
NEW ORLEANS
MINNEAPOLIS
PORT SMITH
PENNSYLVANIA
LOUISVILLE

Aircraft Carriers

Converted A/C Carriers

3rd Cruisers

6th Cruisers

LEANDER

5th Cruisers

Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
COLUMBIA
ACHILLES
SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN
35 (approx)
ASCANIA
SONOMA

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

3rd Cruisers

DETROIT
BALTIMORE

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu-Hurios-Alentians

CINC 5th Fleet

3rd Cruiser (CA)

BACHI

2 light cruisers (CL)

TAMA

KISO

Approx 4 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

6) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

6th Cruisers

CONCORD
TERTON
STONY BAY

7) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Allied Forces

Battle ships

WARSPITE REVENGE

RESOLUTION

RAMILLIES

ROYAL SOVEREIGN

ILLUSTRIOUS

ALBATROSS

GEORGE EASTON (Greek)

HAWKING

FOCUSSEER

Aircraft Carrier

Seaplane Carrier

8th Cruiser

7.5th Cruisers

6th Cruisers

MAURITIUS

GAMBIA

HYPERION

BIRMINGHAM

DAUNTLESS

DRAGON

DUNBAR

CARPENTER

GENIE

CALDOCK

CARADOC

SUMATRA (Dutch)

WESCHETERNING

RASCHY

CORFU

ESPERANZA

CHITRAL

PARVATI

CANTHAR

CANTILE

NEWCASTLE

GLASGOW

EMERALD

DAHAL

Armed Merchant Cruisers

A.I. Vessel

Approx 27 Destroyers

Approx 9 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Approx 7 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

25th December, 1962

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & BRITISH NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

1. SOUTHERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

- (i) Task Group 44.3 ("AUSTRALIA" "MURPHY" "HEALEY" "HELAN") to RV with Task Group 44.5 ("BOBART" "MELBRIDGE" "BAGLEY") in position 14°S 148°E at 1000/23. Task Group 44.5 to enter Grafton Passage 0800/24 ETA Palm Is. 1000/24. "MURPHY" & "LASH HARRIS" to proceed from Townsville to Palm Is. 24/12. Task Group 44.5 to depart Palm Is. 1000/23 ETA Grafton Passage 1000/23. Task Group 44.5 to RV with Task Group 44.3 in position 14°S 148°E 1000/23. Task Group 44.3 to enter Grafton Passage 0800/30 ETA Palm Is. 1000/30.
- (ii) "SEAN" escorting "DUSTOON" "MORUWA" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "WAKARA" "GENERAL VERBIVON" to Port Moresby ETA 0800/24.
- (iii) "DALLAS" escorting "YASOCHA" to Milne Bay ETA 2300/23.
- (iv) "PATTERSON" dep. Dunk Is. 0500/22 for Sydney ETA 1830/24.
- (v) "LITHOON" escorting "MORUWA" dep. Milne Bay 1400/22 for Brisbane ETA 0700/23.
- (vi) "ONLOND" escorting Convoy 921 ("VAN HEUTER" "DOWNSON" "CUMBER" "TAMMAR") to Whitsunday Passage dep. Gladstone 0630/22. On completion "ONLOND" to return to Gladstone to escort "TOOROS" "CRABTREE" "QUEENSLAND ANGUS".
- (vii) "BONICA" escorting "B.T. MASTOON" dep. Sydney 0644/22 for Townsville ETA 1330/23.
- (viii) "DELORAIN" to escort Convoy 9056 from Newcastle. "ACCHAMPION" "TOWNVILLE" to RV off Sydney with "DELORAIN" and take over escort p.m. 23/12.
- (ix) "KAPUNA" "MORCHET" escorting Convoy 9055 ETA Sydney 0600/23.
- (x) "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy 9122 (incl. "BORGAR") dep. Brisbane 1330/21 for Townsville.
- (xi) "VICTORIA" dep. Townsville 1830/21 for Brisbane ETA 1300/24.
- (xii) "O'BANON" escorting "HUNTER LIGHT" "AMERICAN LEGION" dep. Brisbane 1000/22 for position "A" (24°00'S 141°00'E). On arrival position "A" "HUNTER LIGHT" to proceed independently to Noumea ETA dawn 22/12. "O'BANON" to escort "AMERICAN LEGION" to Espiritu Santo ETA dawn 23/12.
- (xiii) "SOUTHARD" dep. Brisbane 0940/22 for Sydney ETA 1800/23.
- (xiv) At Sydney - "BOBBIE" "BUNDABERG" "PIRE" "JEWELL" "OTTER" "BOSS" "ABRAHAM CHRISTENSEN" "BOONIES" "PIRO SO" "MILDRED" "ROCKHAMPTON" "QUEENSLAND" "TOWNVILLE"
Repairing - "FONLAND" "CHESTER" "MORCHET" "VERONICA" "BISHOPDALE"
"ALBINA" "YANTRA"
In Reserve - "MORUWA" "AUSTRALIA"
- (xv) At Brisbane - "SPURRY" "FULTON" "TOYANO" "COORUSS" "MORUWA"
- (xvi) At Townsville - "YUNGAN" "ARUNTA"
Repairing - "STUART" "MORUWA"
- (xvii) At Cairns - "BANDIGO"
- (xviii) At Melbourne - "SPRINGDALE" "BOUNDA" "LE TRIESTEANT"
Repairing - "WILLARD" "BANDIGO"
- (xix) At Port Moresby - "ALBINA" "S.J. FIELD" "JASON LEE"
- (xx) At Milne Bay - "COLAC" "MILG" "BALINTAPAN" "D. BRACKELL" "POLARIS"
"JAPANA" - Repairing "WHYALLA"
- (xxi) At Melavan Harbour - "ALBINA"
- (xxii) At Perleok Harbour - "KAUNI" "TULSA"
- (xxiii) At Thursday Is. - "MORUWA"

Enemy Forces

- (i) Mal-Fiji Area - 3 destroyers and 3 cargo vessels were sighted by aircraft at 1700/22. A destroyer and a cargo vessel were observed in Bougainville Strait 50 miles NNE of Buia on a SE course at 1800/21, and an additional destroyer in similar position and on the same course at 1830/21.
- (ii) New Georgia-Vella Lavella - Two destroyers and a transport were sighted 5 miles W. of Munda Point, Cannonga Is., course E. by W. at 0810/22. A force of identical composition was sighted at

1410/21, 15 miles NW of Banda, on a course S. by W.

An enemy cutter is reported to have landed three times the normal stores at the Japanese observation post at Iringila Point (East coast of Vella Lavella) between 0530-1800/20, and then proceeded in a NW direction. An enemy cutter was last reported as having left Iringila 3/12.

- (iii) Bala Passage - An observer reports that an enemy transport was in the passage at 1704/22. This transport, (5000 tons) arrived from the south, escorted to the entrance of the passage by a destroyer and gunboat afternoon 14/12. A large schooner escorting two barges arrived from the south afternoon 22/12.
- (iv) Admiralty Islands - A transport was sighted 55 miles NW of Lorengau on course 90° at 0900/23.
- (v) St. George's Channel - An aircraft reports having sighted 2 vessels 7 miles NE of Cape Casselle on a southerly course at 1040/22. The vessels were zigzagging.
- (vi) Babaul - Photo 21/12 revealed 69 vessels in Babaul Harbour including:
 - 1 heavy cruiser
 - 20 destroyers
 - 2 seaplane tenders
 - 2 submarines
 - 1 minesweeper
 - 3 tankers (total 10,000 tons)
 - 40 merchant vessels (222,000 tons)
 Two patrol craft, 1 torpedo boat and numerous small craft were photographed in the Harbour and 4 medium merchant vessels off Kokope. Photos of scene 22/12 revealed 65 large and medium vessels in Harbour including one heavy cruiser, 16 destroyers and one submarine. In addition one merchant vessel was off Maluana Point. At 1500/22, a vessel (probably a destroyer) was sighted 75 miles WNW Babaul, course south.
- (vii) Jacquinot Bay - A 500 ton merchant vessel was sighted at noon 11/12. The vessel which was well camouflaged was unsuccessfully attacked.
- (viii) Guam } See Naval Incidents.
- (ix) Spain }
- (x) North New Guinea - 650 Japanese are reported at Hekoman, but no aircraft. This report 21/12 is graded fairly reliable. A destroyer visited this area 14/12 and 16/12.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA REGION

Allied Forces

- (i) "WILKINSON" escorting "CARVEL" & "BARBERA" en route Thursday Is. to Darwin 21/12.
- (ii) "TRUMP" escorting "HECTOR" Cap. Melbourne 1500/22 for Fremantle 21/12 0730/22.
- (iii) "WINDHAM" DEP. Melbourne 1001/22 21/12 Adelaide 1040/24.
- (iv) "JAMES HUTTON" en route Darwin to Fremantle 21/12 a.m. 24/12.
- (v) "WINDHAM" to depart Fremantle p.m. 21/12 for Melbourne.
- (vi) At Fremantle - "ANGLADE" "JACOB VAN HEUSCHEM" "CHILD" "PILIAS" "TRABEL" "WESLEY" "MILLARCO" "DODD" "SARGABELLA" "TANWORTH" "GOLDSTAR" "WEIFPOONHILL" "VAN CALEN"
- Refitting - "WINDHAM"
- (vii) At Mouth Gulf - "LARK" "W.D. PRITCHARD"
- (viii) At Darwin - "CASTLEBRIAR"

Enemy Forces

- (i) H.M. Spear - A mine was sighted and sunk by aircraft 9 miles WNW of Milne Point, Port Moresby, Northern Territory at 1010/22.
- (ii) Submarine Activity
 - a) Cape Mudge - A submerged u/I submarine was sighted half a mile off shore at entrance to Melville Bay 1800/22. Course NW. Report graded B.2.
 - b) Cape Naturaliste - A possible enemy submarine was indicated 6 miles west of Cape Naturaliste (W.A.) at 2121/21. Indicated to 0004/22 that this submarine moved southward. Last position was 22 miles SW Cape Naturaliste.

3. PACIFIC ISLANDS - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

3 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NWI area.

b) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

- (i) At Valparaiso - MACKINAC (AV)
- (ii) At Repuñitú Sando - PUNTAOOLA NINNIAPOLIS LOUISVILLE (CA)
 WIPOLUWU KILISSA COLUMBIA SAN DIEGO (CL) BOVET BORNIS
 AMERSON HIGHERS RUSSELL FLETCHER BRAYTON SAUFLEY LARO
 LANGON BILLY CHAVNE (CD) CURTIS BALLARD SANDERS (N)
 HENRI (AD) VESTAL (AG) STRATFORD (AP) PUNALINUT BETHGROUCH (AH)
 ARCTIC (AF) SARDINE GUARALUTE (AO) ANCOBANT (AM) SUMNER (AC)
 DELACE (AN) YP. 367
- (iii) At Housa - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA (ND) ACHILLEA
 SAN JUAN ST. LOUIS (CL) HASSAU ALGAMARA (ACT) BALCH GRIDENTY
 MCCALL LARSEN HIGGINS CLARE PATRACKY FARRING MAINT
 DONLAP MCCALLA HODGSON AARON WARD (DD) GARDNER (DM)
 WRIGHT (AV) BROMBERG (AN) ANCHOR (AG) LASSER (AR)
 HANSON MAREY (APD) HANNONSPOOT (APV) BOSCHA (AT)
 DELPHINUS (FP) WHITNEY (AD) KIROFISHER VINEO (AH)
 DUTCHMANT (YH) SHANICO (AO) NEWVILLE W.S. DUNROSS (AP) LITIA
 MICHOUY ANTARES (AK) ASD. 2
- (iv) At Vila - ALDENHARAS (AK)
- (v) At Boca - MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO (ND) HULL CASE FREEMAN REED (DD)
 CATALPA BOUST ROSSWOOD (YH) TALARANCA (AK)
- (vi) Guadalcanal Area - SANDSTONE (DS) BUCKLEUP (AN) PC. 476 PC. 477
 PC. 499 (YP) SANDSHE (YV) HAKAI MOA KINE TUI (A/S Vessels)
 OUTCLAN (ASB)
- (vii) At Boca Boca - TERN (AN)
- (viii) At Auckland - HINOWAI (A.S.C) BERRY (YH) HOMER (AP)
 DORITING - LEATHER (CL)
- (ix) At Wellington - GRAYSON (DD) MCCARTHY WMS. JACKSON WMS. ADAMS
 WMS. SMITH CRESCENT CITY WEST POINT (AP)

Enemy Forces

Submarine Sighting - The wake of a possible submarine was observed SE of Cape Horn at 0040/22.

D) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Enemy Forces

At least one enemy submarine is operating in the area SE of Panama.

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Allied Forces

"WIND" reporting REVERE 302 (S 17) on route Colombo to Fremantle STA 0700/1 Jan.

"CANTON" reporting "TRINITY" on route Rangoon Gulf to Diego Garcia STA 22/12.

Enemy Forces

There was evidence recently that 3 Japanese submarines were operating in the Northern Indian Ocean. The most recent attack on an allied vessel was in the Bay of Bengal on 12/12.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) Caenata - A merchant vessel (3000 tons) proceeding on a westerly course was attacked 35 miles W. of Caenata 0230/22. Bomb fell 75 feet from target.
- (ii) Arava - A vessel of 1000 tons was attacked in Arava Harbour 0010-0020/22. The vessel was set on fire amidships. This was confirmed by photographs.
- (iii) Dianchuan - A full report of the attack on 2 small vessels (500 & 700 tons) in harbour early afternoon 22/12, states that one was hit amidships and left burning, and a direct hit on the stern and a near miss on the other caused severe damage.
- (iv) Beraha - s.s. "BERAHA" was attacked off Beraha afternoon 22/12. One near miss was scored, but only slight damage caused.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

Allied

Malu - A B.17 attacked Mahili 0330-0350/22.

Malu - A B.17 attacked 0300-0430/22.

Arava River - 5 A.24's attacked enemy positions and dumps morning 22/12 fires started.

Palove Village - 4 Bombers attacked plant and machinery, buildings and personnel morning 22/12.

Enemy

Abouli - 3 Zero's intercepted a B.17 on recon morning 22/12.
One Zero shot down.

Fort Hershey - 1 aircraft attacked early morning 22/12. One
small plane fire north of Jackson Field started. No other
damage or casualties.

Casablanca - One enemy aircraft attacked 0300-0330/22. No
damage or casualties.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (I) Consolidation of new rear bases and of existing advanced
bases particularly Finca, E. Coast New Guinea and Solomons
preparatory to further offensive in N.W.P.A.
- (II) Infiltration - Casablanca.
- (III) Infiltration - Buna area.

For ATTENTION S.W.P.A.

22/12/42

APPENDIX

DAILY ASSOCIATED-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) COMMONWEALTH PACIFIC AREA
 1. INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Location of Damaged</u>
<u>5th Cruisers</u>	AUSTRALIA	CEYLON PORTLAND PROMER
<u>6th Cruisers</u>	RODANT	
<u>Flotilla Leaders</u>	ARUNDA TOSOP	STUART
	DE TRICHUPHANT	
	DELPHICON	
<u>Destroyers</u>	HEBERT HILL	VERBODA
	DACKET	
	HOOPFORD	
	PATTERSON	
	O'SHEA	
	OUTWARD	
<u>Bank Submarines</u>	PAVING PINE	} At Brisbane
	GRANFUS	
	GRONCHON	
	GRONPTON	
	ALBACORE	
	ANDER JACK	
	CAPO	
	CRABBACK	
	GRONPER	
	FLUNNEN	
	SALPTON	} On Patrol
	BARDO	
	SEAPEN	
	SEAPADON	
	SEVINGINES	
	STANPTON	
	TUNA	
	WAPCO	
	K.S	
	PULTON	
<u>Submarine Tenders</u>	HEBERT	HOLLAND
<u>Destroyer Tender</u>	TOBBIN	
<u>Outposts</u>	TULSA	
	HILG	
<u>Oilers</u>	KUNINGA	BISHOPDALE
	AAHE SAERCK	
	VICTORIA	

Enemy Forces
BY THE JAPANESE IN BRITAIN-COLONIALS

<u>CINC Combined Fleet</u>		
<u>CINC 2nd Fleet</u>		
<u>CINC 4th Fleet</u>		
<u>CINC 6th Fleet (Submarines)</u>		
<u>3 Battleships (BB)</u>	YAMATO MUSASHI IBO	
<u>2 Battlecruisers (BC)</u>		HOHO } 1 Damaged 20/10 HARUNA }
<u>1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)</u>	HOHO	
<u>3 Converted A/C Carriers (CVC)</u>	HAYATAMA HITAMA OTAMA CHUTO USYO	
<u>Heavy Cruisers</u> (prob. 5 effective)	ASA CHIKAI HAKURO HUMANO SUZUYA TAHO	TIKONA (poss. sunk 20/10) HIKOKI (prob. sunk 20/10) HOMAKI (believed sunk 24/11)

Light Cruisers (CL)
(1 believed NEI area)
at least 3 effective

HATONI
HAMINA
HATONI
HAGARA
TAMTU
SHINDAI
YUGARI

TATSUTA } believed
HINU } sunk 14/11

3 converted light cruisers (KCL)
Approx 25 submarines (SS)
Approx 40 destroyers (DD)
3 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHITOGA
CHITOSE
ARITAKOSHINA } 1 damaged 8/11
KISHIN }

Converted S/P Tenders (S/P)

HAKOI
HITCHO MARU
FATOURAGI MARU
KAGU MARU
SAYO MARU
SHINJO MARU
SUYUO MARU
KAI IYAMA MARU
GOKUO MARU

Several submarine Tenders
Approx 40 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub. Chasers, MIB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft
Approx 315 shore-based aircraft incl. 183 fighters, 90 B, 20 P/S,
37 P/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

INVOICING

5th Cruiser
6th Cruiser
A.A. Ship
Destroyers

ADLAIDE
VAN THOUSSEN
VAN SALEN
TJENK HEDDER
MURCH
CULDS

S/P Tenders

H. B. PERSTON

Submarine Tender
Submarine

MELIAS
DAN

SHARAVEN
TUNSHIER
TANSON

On Patrol

TAUTOG
CHERRIER
GRATLING

At Fremantle

E. 9
E. 12
THOUT

3. PAGE THREE - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

CHIEF 2ND Northwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)
3 light cruisers (CL)

AMICASA
YAMBE
TUMI

(see Truk area)

Approx 15 Destroyers (DD)
Approx 3 Submarines (SS)
Seaplane Carrier (AV)
Converted S/P Tender (S/P)

INTORO
SHITSU MARU

D) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE
IDaho
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA

Converted A/C Carriers

CODRAGE
LONG ISLAND

6th Cruisers

CHICAGO

SALT LAKE CITY
SAN FRANCISCO
INDIANAPOLIS

6th Cruiser
Destroyers
Submarines

NASHVILLE
15 approx
23 approx

Enemy Forces

Yamato - Atsuta - Tonina - Yamato - Japan

CinC 1st Fleet

CinC 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)

3 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
YAGATO
FUJIO
YAMAGUCHI
MUSASHI
MUSASHI
MUSASHI
MUSASHI

2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)
2 Converted A/C Carriers (ACV)
2 - 6th Cruisers (CA)
4 Light Cruisers (CL)

MUSASHI (damaged 26/10)

TONE (damaged 26/10)

CI

MUSASHI

YAMATO

MUSASHI (21/10)
(pos. sunk)

Converted 3/7 Tenders (AVT)

YAMATO MARU
MUSASHI MARU
MUSASHI MARU
MUSASHI MARU
MUSASHI MARU
MUSASHI MARU

6 Old Armored Cruisers (OAC)

Approx 30 Destroyers

Approx 27 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
SOUTH CAROLINA
COLORADO
HAWAII
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
ENTERPRISE
ARIZONA

Aircraft Carriers

Converted A/C Carriers

6th Cruisers

ALABAMA
NEW ORLEANS
MINNEAPOLIS
BIRMINGHAM
PENSACOLA
LOUISVILLE
MEMPHIS

6th Cruisers

LEAHU

6th Cruisers

Destroyers
Armed Merchant Cruisers

HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
COLUMBIA
ACHILLES
SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN
36 (approx)
ARCADIA
MOHAWK

D) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

6th Cruisers

DETROIT
BALTIMORE

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Yamato - Atsuta - Tonina - Japan

CinC 3rd Fleet

6th Cruiser (CA)

3 Light Cruisers (CL)

HACHI
YAMA
YAMA

Approx 4 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

B) INTERNATIONAL PACIFIC AREA
ALLIED FORCES
U.S. CRAFTSMEN

CHRONOS
TUNTON
SICORUS

P) MEDITERRANEAN AREA
ALLIED FORCES
U.S. CRAFTSMEN

Aircraft Carrier
Seaplane Carrier
C¹ Cruiser
T.C¹ Cruisers

WARREN
RESOLUTION
SHELL ISB
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
HUMPHREYS
ALBATROSS
STROUD AVENUE (Creek)

C² Cruisers

HAWKINS
FURNACE
MAGNETIC
SANDIA
MUNICIPAL
HYDROGRAPHIC
DAUNTLESS
DARBY
DUNBAR
CAUTIONS
GENIE
CALIPH
CARADO
SUNNATA (Dutch)

REVERIE
MIRACLES
GLASSON
SERRAID
DARRI

Armed Merchant Cruisers

DRAGON
DUNBAR
CAUTIONS
GENIE
CALIPH
CARADO
SUNNATA (Dutch)
MORNINGSTAR
BRIGHT
CREPT
DARTING
CUTTING
MARTINA
CANTON
CARLISE

A.S. Vessel
Approx 27 Destroyers
Approx 9 Submarines

Enemy Forces
Approx 7 Submarines

DAILY APPROPRIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

26th December, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & NEUTRAL NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

- (i) Task Group 44.5 ("ROBERT" "SHELBY" "DAGLEY") to enter Grafton Passage 0800/24 ETA Palm Is. 1800/24. "HERMES" & "AASH HARRIS" to proceed from Townsville to Palm Is. 24/12. Task Group 44.5 to depart Palm Is. 1000/25 ETA Grafton Passage 1900/25. Task Group 44.5 to RV with Task Group 44.3 ("AUSTRALIA" "MUGWOOD" "HEBERT" "WILM") in position 14°S 148°E 1000/25. Task Group 44.5 to enter Grafton Passage 0800/30 ETA Palm Is. 1000/30.
- (ii) "SWAN" escorting "DOUTHOON" "MACOMBA" "GENERAL HALSTEAD" "YANAKA" "GENERAL VERNSPICKE" was due Port Moresby 0800/24. On completion of discharge "SWAN" to escort "DOUTHOON" to Milne Bay, arriving p.m. 26/12 for evacuation of sick to Townsville.
- (iii) "DALLAGY" escorting "TANCOBA" was due at Milne Bay 2300/25.
- (iv) "ARUNDA" "INDIGO" to escort Convoy IHL8 ("WESTON" "BOHN" "ASPASIA BONINOS" "ISAAC COLES" "VAN NUYTEN" "BOUTERKE" "GRENAN" "TASMAN") from Townsville to Port Moresby.
- (v) "COULBURN" dep. Brisbane 0145/24 to RV with "BOYUCA" escorting H.T. "KATONBA" at 0800/24. "COULBURN" to take over escort duties from "BOYUCA". On arrival Whitesunday Passage, "COULBURN" to return to Brisbane. "BOYUCA" to return to Brisbane. ETA H.T. "KATONBA" Townsville 1330/26.
- (vi) "CHELSEA" was due Gladstone 0800/24. To escort "TODROW" "CHARTERHOUND" "CLEVELAND ABBE" to Whitesunday Passage.
- (vii) "PATTERSON" dep. Dunk Is. 0600/22 for Sydney ETA 1830 today 24/12.
- (viii) "LEITCH" escorting "KUMBARA" dep. Milne Bay 1400/22 for Brisbane ETA Townsville 0700/25.
- (ix) "INDIGO" escorting Convoy IHL9 (incl. "BUNGARIE") dep. Brisbane 21/12 for Townsville ETA 1400/25.
- (x) "VICTORIA" dep. Townsville 21/12 for Brisbane ETA 1300 today 24/12.
- (xi) "ABRAHAM CRISSEN" escorting Sydney portion Convoy OPE7 ("EMPIRE HARRIS") dep. Sydney 1805/23. "EMPIRE HARRIS" compelled to return to Sydney under escort Convoy 0086 with serious boiler defects. "ABRAHAM CRISSEN" was proceeding to RV with Newcastle portion Convoy OPE7 ("BOOLIGA") before dark 23/12 ETA Brisbane 0235/26.
- (xii) "HAWKINS" "HORSLEY" escorting Convoy 0055 were due Sydney 1700/24.
- (xiii) "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNVILLE" escorting Convoy 0086 dep. Sydney 1717/25.
- (xiv) "POLARIS" dep. Milne Bay 0940/23 for Cape Nelson.
- (xv) At Sydney - "DOBIE" "BUNDABERG" "DIBIE" "TOWNHILL" "GEMIN" "BOWEN" "HARRIS" "PING WO" "MILDURA" "RIPPBLAND" "DELOIRINE" "SOUTHARI" "OLEWIS"
- Repairing - "PORTLAND" "CHRISTIE" "MURKIN" "VIVETTA" "BYRONDALE" "ALBERTA" "YANAKA"
- In Reserve - "KATONBA" "AUSTRALIA"
- (xvi) At Brisbane - "SPERRY" "FULTON" "POYANG" "HAWKINS"
- (xvii) At Townsville - "TUMMAN" "ARUNDA"
- Repairing - "STUART" "KATONBA"
- (xviii) At Cairns - "GARRICO"
- (xix) At Melbourne - "SPRINGDALE" "DOONBA" "LE THORNTON"
- Repairing - "HOLLAND" "WARRIMBOOL"
- (xx) At Port Moresby - "ALDINGA" "S.J. FIELD" "JASON LEE"
- (xxi) At Milne Bay - "COLAC" "MILG" "BALIAPAPAN" "P. BUSHNELL" "JAFARA" "S. LEE WINGATE" - Repairing "WYALLA"
- (xxii) At McLaren Harbour - "PALUHA"
- (xxiii) At Portlock Harbour - "KACHI" "TULSA"

Enemy Forces

- (i) Hain-palei - An aircraft on reconnaissance 25/12 sighted 3 vessels in the area, including at least one cargo ship. A small patrol vessel was observed off Oesa Is. (24 miles NNE Oesa) at 1800/22 and again at 1815 stationary between Oesa Is. and Oesa Is. (2 1/2 miles SE of Oesa).

- (ii) Buka Passage - At 0935/33 a cargo vessel (2000 tons) was sighted by aircraft off the SW tip of Toloh Is., at the SE entrance to the Passage. A destroyer was sighted 45 miles S. by S. of Buka Passage, course north at 0930/33.
- (iii) Vella Lavella - A light cruiser and a destroyer were reported between Vella and Vella Lavella on SE course at 0530/33. These ships may be engaged in supplying the Japanese positions at Munda, which have been strongly harassed by allied air attacks.
- (iv) Navies - Photos of aerial recon 0630/33 reveal -
 - 2 heavy cruisers ("BAGLEY" & "ARAGO" class)
 - 1 large transport
 - 1 cargo vessel (beached)
 - 1 small merchant vessel
 - 1 vessel
 The beached cargo vessel has been reported in this position since 14/12.
- (v) Tabual - A later report corrects the sighting of a probable destroyer 75 miles WNW of Rabaul at 1800/33 to a light cargo vessel sighted 40 miles S. of Rabaul.
- (vi) Arauc Harbour - A merchant vessel (1800 tons) was sighted at the north end of Mililo Is., Arauc Harbour at 0730/33. This was apparently the vessel attacked and set on fire morning 22/12. The ship was attacked at 1135/33 (see Naval Incidents), and was sighted again in the harbour at 1630.
- (vii) Carona Is. - A small unidentified vessel was sighted in the Bay at 0911/33.
- (viii) Bonak - Confusion surrounds the position in this area. A report from an observer states that Bonak was occupied 10/12 and that two A.A. batteries have been established in the centre of the area although an army report stated that no enemy occupation took place to afternoon 20/12.
- (ix) Alenshafen - A two-masted, 60 ft. schooner was sighted 1000/33.
- (x) Alenshafen - A small vessel down by the stern and half-sunk was sighted at 0840/33. This is apparently one of the two small vessels damaged in air attacks 21/12.
- (xi) Submarine Activity
 - a) Submarine Sighting - A submarine was sighted 22 miles south of Jaspinet Bay at 1010/33.
 - b) Submarines were indicated as follow -

21/12	Pinschhafen	7°S, 140°E
21/12	Woodlark Is.	7°30'S, 155°30'E
22/12	Cape St. George	4°S, 155°30'E
23/12	Milne Bay	11°S, 152°E
23/12	Milne Bay	10°S, 150°30'E
23/12	Don Inland	11°S, 141°E

2. SOUTHERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

- (i) "BAGLEY" escorting "BAGLEY" dep. Melbourne 1300/33 for Fremantle ETA 0730/33.
- (ii) "BROADBENT" dep. Fremantle 2100/33 for Sydney ETA 0300/31.
- (iii) "BROADBENT" dep. Melbourne 1001/33 ETA Adelaide 1045/33.
- (iv) "BROADBENT" escorting "ALABAMA" "TAMBAR" to depart Thursday Island 1200/33 for Darwin ETA 2130/33.
- (v) "CASTLEMEAD" escorting "JAMES COOK" dep. Darwin 1004/33 for Thursday Island ETA 1930/33.
- (vi) "TIGER HUNTERS" en route Darwin to Fremantle was due at Perth for fuel 1800/33.
- (vii) At Fremantle - "ANGLAIS" "JACOB VAN DENBERGHE" "CHELSEA" "WILLIAM" "ISABEL" "HUBERT" "MALLARCO" "DOBBO" "BARRAVILLA" "TAMBERTH" "SANDERSON" "SHEPPHERD" "VAN CALEN"
- Refitting - "DEVONSHIRE"
- (viii) At Smooth Gulf - "LARK" "G.D. BROADBENT"
- (ix) At Darwin - "WILKINSON"

Enemy Forces

- South Australia - A submarine was reported as having been sighted 7 miles W. Cape Northumberland at 1100/33. "TIGER" reported indications of a possible submarine 45 miles SW of Cape Northumberland between 1525-1645/33. Depth charges were dropped without result.
- Arauc Is. - A submarine was indicated in the Arauc Is. area 21/12 in position 6°S, 155°E.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

2. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

5 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or SSI area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

(i) At Vanikoro - HACHINAC (AV)

(ii) At Espiritu Santo - FERDINOLA HIRSHAPOLIS LOUISVILLE (CA)
BROOKS HELINA COLUMBIA SAN DIEGO (CL) SOVET MORRIS
ANDERSON BURNING BUSHILL FLETCHER BRATTON SAUFLEY LANG
LAMBSON BELLY (DD) CURTIS BALLARD TASSIER (AV) REBEL (AC)
VESTAL (AR) GRATFORD (AP) FORMALHAYT BERTLANDER (AR)
ARCTIC (AP) SABINE GUADALUPE (AO) SUMNER (AO) YP.347

(iii) At Noumea - GORINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA (DD) ACHILLES
SAN JUAN ST. LOUIS (CL) HANCOCK ALABAMA (ACV) BALCH CREDLEY
McCALL LAWRENCE NICHOLAS CLARE PATRACOT PARRIES MAURY
DUNLAP McCALLA MCDONNELL ANSON WARD (DD) GAMBLE (DD)
WRIGHT (AV) PROMETHEUS (AP) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AN) MORRAN
HAULEY (AP) HENRIEUSPORT (APV) SONOMA (AT) DELPHINUS (YF)
WHITNEY (AO) KINGFISHER VIKO (AN) BUTTERNUT (YB) SEANICO (AO)
NEVILLE W.S. BURROWS (AP) LIBRA MERCURY ANTARES (AR) ARD.2

(iv) At Vila - ALDERMAN (AR)

(v) At Suva - MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO (DD) HULL CASE PINKER REID (DD)
CATALPA LOCUST ROOSEWOOD (YB) VALANCA (AK)

(vi) Guadalcanal Area - JAMISTON (PO) HOBOLINE (AN) PC.676 PC.677
PC.689 (YF) WANDAK (YF) METAI MOA KINE TUI (A/S Vesicola)
OSTOLAN (ASB)

(vii) At Bora Bora - TERE (AN)

(viii) At Auckland - HONOHAI (A.S.C) EDONY (YB) BOANER (AP)
Refitting - LEANER (CL)

(ix) At Wellington - GRAYSON (DD) McCASLEY MRS. JACOBSON MRS. ADAMS
MRS. HAYES CHEMIST CITY WEST POINT (AP)

Enemy Forces

(i) Viti Levu - An aircraft reported sighting a long string of bubbles
and an oil slick indicating a possible submarine 300 mi NW Viti
Levu morning 22/12.

(ii) Vanikoro Is. - A possible periscope was sighted 300 miles E. by E.
of Vanikoro Is. at 0745/22.

(iii) Espiritu Santo - A submarine was indicated in position 14°42'S,
167°45'E (20 miles E. of Cape Cumberland) at 1000/22. At 1045/22,
a possible wake was observed 65 miles SSE of this position.

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

Enemy Forces

At least one enemy submarine is operating in the area NW of Panama.

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Allied Forces

"HAWTHORN" escorting Convey (S HW) on route Colombo to Fremantle
ETA 0700/1 Jan.

"CANTER" escorting "TRINITY" on route Hasmouth Gulf to Diego Garcia
ETA 20/12.

Enemy Forces

There was evidence recently that 3 Japanese submarines were operating
in the Northern Indian Ocean. The most recent attack on an allied
vessel was in the Bay of Bengal on 12/12.

3. NAVAL INCIDENTS

Arara - B.30's attacked the merchant vessel in Arara Harbour
1155-1200/22. Near misses were scored, two of which at 30 ft.
burst the vessel through 45°.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

Allied

Arara - 12 B.30's and 6 Grumans attacked at 1210/22 and 5 B.17's
5 P.30's and 4 P.33's at 1234/22. 15 Zero's intercepted - 2
destroyed, one probable. 2 Grumans and 1 P.30 lost.

Cape Gloucester - 3 B.25's attacked aerodrome area morning 23/42.
Results not observed.

Markham River Area - 4 B.25's attacked Markham Mission and Village
afternoon 23/42.

Duna Area - 6 Beaufighters strafed Mangrove Is. area, also
possible dumps and barges morning 23/42.

Waga - 3 Hudsons attacked township early afternoon 23/42. Hits
in building caused large fire started.

Waijani - 3 Beaufighters attacked the aerodrome area morning 23/42.
One large motor transport destroyed and one building set on fire.
One intercepting aircraft possibly destroyed. One Beaufighter
missing.

Notes

Waijani - 6-8 B-25's intercepted a B.17 on passage morning 23/42.
One B-25 destroyed, 2 probable and 3 damaged.

Waijani - There were indications that 2 flights of aircraft approached
to within 50 miles SW of Waijani morning 23/42. These may have
been bombers which turned back on account of weather.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) Consolidation of new rear bases and of existing advanced
bases particularly Waga, E. Coast New Guinea and Solomons
preparatory to further offensive in S.E.A.
- (11) Infiltration - Guadalcanal.
- (111) Infiltration - Duna area.

For A/COMINCPAC C.I.L.C.

24/12/42

APPENDIX

DAILY ADMINISTRATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITIES

A) PACIFIC AREA

1. UNITED STATES NAVY

<u>Allied Forces</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Damaged</u>
<u>6th Cruisers</u>	AUGUSTA	CHESAPE
		PORTLAND
		SPRING
<u>6th Cruisers</u>	STUART	
<u>Flotilla Leaders</u>	ARIZONA	
	THOMAS	
	LE TRICOURANT	STUART
	REDFORD	
<u>Destroyers</u>	HEWLEY	VERMONT
	HELI	
	BACINT	
	RUFFORD	
	PATTERSON	
	O'BANION	
	SOUTHERN	
<u>Submarines</u>	FLYING FISH	} At Brisbane
	SHAFER	
	GRANTON	
	CATO	
	SCOTTISH	
	ALBACORE	
	ANDERJACK	
	BUCKSON	
	GRAYBACK	
	GRUBBER	
	FLYING	
	GALPINE	
	SABO	
	SEABOARD	
	SILVERSHADE	
	SPRINGFISH	
	TUNA	
	ARCONAUT	
	HAFFLES	
	SABO	
	E.O	} At Sydney
<u>Submarine Tenders</u>	FULTON	
	WELLS	
<u>Destroyer Tender</u>	SPERRY	} HOLLAND
<u>Subboats</u>	DOBSON	
	TULSA	
	HILO	
<u>Oilers</u>	KUMUDA	} DISTROVAIN
	AGE WAGON	
	VICTORIA	

Enemy Forces

First-Strike-Force Britain-Colonos

CINC Combined Fleet

CINC 2nd Fleet

CINC 4th Fleet

CINC 6th Fleet (Submarines)

3 Battleships (BB)

YAMATO

MUSASHI

MIYAMA

2 Battlecruisers (BC)

KAGIRO

BARBARA

} 1 damaged 22/10

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)

KAGIRO

5 Converted A/C Carriers (ACV)

H. MIYAZAKI

MIYAMA

OTAMA

MIYAMA

MIYAMA

Heavy Cruisers

(prob. 5 effective)

AGAMA

AGAMA

AGAMA

AGAMA

AGAMA

AGAMA

MIYAMA (prob. sunk 22/10)

MIYAMA (prob. sunk 22/10)

MIYAMA (believed sunk

24/11)

Light Cruisers (CL)
 (1 believed HEI area)
 at least 3 effective

HATOH
 KASHIMA
 KATOH
 KASABA
 KINSHU
 KUNIKI
 KUBARI

TATSUTA } believed
 KINU } sunk 14/11

3 converted light cruisers (KCL)
 Approx 25 submarines (SS)
 Approx 40 destroyers (DD)
 3 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHITOSE
 CHITOSE
 ANTSUONIMA
 NISOUIN
 KANOE
 HIFURO MARU
 HATOURAOI MARU
 KAOU MARU
 SAKYO MARU
 KESHO MARU
 SOUYOU MARU
 HENIKAMA MARU
 COSEI MARU

} 1 damaged 2/11

Converted S/P Tenders (NAV)

Several Submarine Tenders
 Approx 60 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)
 Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub-Chasers, UIC's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft
 Approx 315 shore-based aircraft incl. 100 fighters, 20 B, 20 P/B,
 37 P/P, 9 Obs. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces
 6" Cruiser
 6" Cruiser
 A.A. Ship
 Destroyers

S/P Tenders

Submarine Tender
 Submarines

ANGLAINE
 VAN HINDEBOEK
 TJEER HEDDES
 VAN GELDE
 HEDON
 CHILES
 U.S. PERUVIAN
 POLIAC
 GAR
 HANOVER
 VERONER
 TANDER
 TAVIC

DEWENTHER

} On patrol

3. EAST CHINA - HULLYONGS

Allied Forces
 5 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or HEI area (see above)

Enemy Forces
 CMC and Southwest Expeditionary Fleet
 1 heavy cruiser (CA)
 3 light cruisers (CL)

ASHIDARA
 KASUMI
 KUMA
 (see Truk area)

Approx 16 Destroyers (DD)
 Approx 3 Submarines (SS)
 Seaplane Carrier (AV)
 Converted S/P Tender (NAV)

WITOLD
 CHITSO MARU

4) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces
 Battle Ships

TE

WEST VIRGINIA
 CALIFORNIA
 TENNESSEE
 IDAHO
 MISSISSIPPI
 NEVADA

Converted A/C Carriers

CONNER
 LONG ISLAND
 CHICAGO

6" Cruisers

SALT LAKE CITY
 SAN FRANCISCO
 INDIANAPOLIS

6th Cruiser
Destroyers
Submarines
Approx 30 approx
33 approx

Enemy Forces
Palau-Maipon-Koror-Pompeo-Japan

CinC 1st Fleet
CinC 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)
5 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
NAGATO
FUJIO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

3 Aircraft Carriers (CV)
1 Converted A/C Carrier (ACV)
2 - 6th Cruisers (CA)
4 Light Cruisers (CL)

SHUNAN
SUHO
ATAGO
ARISUKA

SHUNAN (damaged 26/10)

YUSEI (damaged 26/10)

CI
HIPACANI
ISHIBI

Converted S/P Tenders (SPT)

POJINAKA MARU
HAKUTO MARU
KIYOSHII MARU
HOSANICAMA MARU
KINOSHIMA MARU
SAFUMI MARU

KIYOSHII MARU (22/10)
(poss. sunk)

6 Old Armored Cruisers (OAC)
Approx 30 Destroyers
Approx 27 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA
ALLIED FORCES
Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
COLORADO
NEW HAMPSHIRE

Aircraft Carriers

NEW MEXICO
NEWSPRICE

Converted A/C Carriers

SARATOGA
WALSH

6th Cruisers

ALABAMA
NEW ORLEANS

6th Cruisers

MINNEAPOLIS
NORTHAMPTON
PENACOLA

LEAHIGH

5th Cruisers

LOUISVILLE
WELLS
HUNTER

Destroyers
Armed Merchant Cruisers

ST. LOUIS
COLUMBIA
ACHILLES

SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN
36 (approx)

D) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA
ALLIED FORCES
6th Cruisers

AGANTA
INDOCHINA

10 Destroyers
10 Submarines

DETROIT
BALSTON

Enemy Forces
Mariners Kurita-Kurita-Alutians

CinC 5th Fleet
6th Cruiser (CA)
3 Light Cruisers (CL)

HACHI
TAMA
SYDO

Approx 6 Destroyers
Approx 7 Submarines

6) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA
ARMED FORCES
6" Cruisers

OSWEGO
TUNTON
RODMAN

7) INDIAN OCEAN AREA
ARMED FORCES
Battleships

MASSIE
RESCUE
BASTILLE
ROYAL SWEDEN
ILLUMINATE
ALBATROSS
GEORGES AVENOFF (Greek)

REVENGE

Aircraft Carrier
Seaplane Carrier
8" Cruiser
7.5" Cruisers

REVENGE
PROBIE
SACRIFICE
GAMMA
RETRIBUTION
STURMBOHRN
DANIELS

RESCUE
CLASCO
HERALD
DANE

6" Cruisers

DRAGON
DUBAI
CAPTIVE
CINCO
CALICO
CARBON

Armed Merchant Cruisers

SUNNY (Irish)
ROCKWELL
SACRE
CANTO
KATANA
CENTRAL
DAN PUA
CANTON
CANTON

A.A. Vessel
Approx 27 Destroyers
Approx 9 Submarines

ARMY FORCES
Approx 7 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

25th December, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

- (i) Task Group 44.5 ("ROBERT" "ORLEBRIDGE" "BAGLEY") to depart Palm Is. 1000/23 ETA Crafton Passage 1000/23. Task Group 44.5 to RV with Task Group 44.3 ("AUSTRALIA" "MUSKOPF" "HERBERT" "HELM") in position 14°S, 148°E 1000/23. Task Group 44.5 to enter Crafton Passage 0800/30 ETA Palm Is. 1000/30.
- (ii) "ARUNDA" escorting Convoy 2118 ("MONTOMO" "BOHE" "VAN NUYTSE" "MONTMORON" "GREEN" "TAMM") dep. Townsville 1810/24 for Port Moresby.
- (iii) "BERNICO" to escort Convoy 2119 ("ASPASTA BONIKOS" "ISAAC COLES") departing Townsville probably p.m. 25/12 for Port Moresby.
- (iv) "BERNICO" escorting Convoy 2229 (incl. "BURGAREN") dep. Brisbane 21/12 for Townsville ETA 1000 today 23/12.
- (v) "COULBURN" escorting H.T. "KATOONBA" to Whitsunday Passage. "COULBURN" to return to Brisbane. H.T. "KATOONBA" to proceed to Townsville ETA 1530/23.
- (vi) "CHILONG" escorting "YOKOH" "SEANTHEMONT" & "CLEVELAND ABER" to Whitsunday Passage. On arrival "CHILONG" to return to Brisbane.
- (vii) "ARMANIAN CHRISTEN" escorting Convoy 0227 ("KOOLOGA") due Brisbane 0030/23.
- (viii) "NAUNDA" dep. Brisbane 1804/24 for Port Moresby ETA 0900/26.
- (ix) "NAUNDA" "MORRIST" escorting Convoy 0225 were due Sydney 1700/24.
- (x) "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNVILLE" escorting Convoy 0226 dep. Sydney 1717/23.
- (xi) At Sydney - "DOBBS" "BUNDABERG" "FIRE" "INVERELL" "CYPRIE" "DOWN" "SARRAMUNGA" "LANDSCOWNE" "SEAN" "PATTERSON" "HOPKINS" "PING HO" "WILDORA" "SIPPLAND" "DULORAIN" "SOUTHERD" "CLEVELA"
Repairing - "PORTLAND" "CHESTER" "NEW ORLEANS" "YONKIN" "VENETTA" "SHERIDALE" "ALBINA" "YANDRA"
In Reserve - "KATOONBA" "AUSTRALIA"
- (xii) At Brisbane - "SPENNY" "FELSON" "POTANG" "BOENKA" "VICTORIA"
- (xiii) At Townsville - "TUNNAN" "ARUNDA" "LITHON" "KUMUNDA"
Repairing - "STUART" "KATOONBA"
- (xiv) At Cairns - "BARRICO"
- (xv) At Melbourne - "SPRINGDALE" "DOONBA" "LE TRICREANT"
Repairing - "HOLLAND" "SARRAMBOOL"
- (xvi) At Port Moresby - "SEAN" "ALDINGA" "SOUTHOON" "RACUNDA" "ADMIRAL HALSTRAAD" "SARAKA" "GENERAL VINSPIJCK"
- (xvii) At Milne Bay - "BALLARAT" "HILO" "DR. IEPANAN" "D. BUSHNELL" "CHYALLA" "TAROGA"
- (xviii) At Perleok Harbour - "SAURI" "TOLGA"
- (xix) At Palm Is. - "ROBERT" "ORLEBRIDGE" "BAGLEY" "AASH MORSE" "HERNER"
- (xx) At Cape Nelson - "POLARIS"

Enemy Forces

- (i) Vella Lavella - 2 destroyers escorting a transport were again reported approaching the Munda area. The vessels were sighted 40 miles WSW of Mundi Mundi, course SE at 1830/24.
- (ii) Cassata } See Naval Incidents
- (iii) IFRO }
- (iv) Madang - A small sailing vessel was sighted in Madang Harbour 1000/23.
- (v) Kumusi River - Native reports state that small enemy parties have landed by night from small craft at points along the beach between the Kumusi and Saboga Rivers.
- (vi) Submarine activity
 - a) Cassata - A possible submarine was sighted 20 miles SW of Cassata at 1810/23.
 - b) Vitiaz Strait - An aircraft reported indications of an unidentified unit 7 miles S. of Marlen Harbour, Uboi Is. at 2257/23, and at approx the same time a probable submarine was observed in this position. This unit was indicated and sighted 20 miles S. of Marlen Harbour at 0015/24.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

- (i) "THOMP" escorting "HESTON" dep. Melbourne 1306/32 for Fremantle ETA 0730/30.
- (ii) "BERGADINE" dep. Fremantle 2106/33 for Sydney ETA 0600/31.
- (iii) "KALCOONLIN" escorting "ALABAMA" "YANBARR" dep. Thursday Island 1448/34 for Darwin ETA 1730/30.
- (iv) "CANTERBURY" escorting "JAMES COOK" dep. Darwin 1604/33 for Thursday Is. ETA 1930/30.
- (v) At Adelaide - "BERDAN"
- (vi) At Fremantle - "ADLAIDE" "JACOB VAN HEERBERGEN" "CHILDS" "MILLAS" "ISABEL" "BERKE" "WALLAROO" "DORCO" "BARONILLA" "JAMESPORT" "GOLDSTAR" "SHEPPHILL" "VAN OULES" "TERRA RIGGUS" Refitting - "CONYONGHIE"
- (vii) At Hazzouth Gulf - "LARK" "V.B. MORTON"
- (viii) At Darwin - "WILCANNIA"

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

3 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or HKI area.

Enemy Forces

DIII - A small vessel arrived a.m. 25/12.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

- (i) At Vancouver - HACKETT (AV)
- (ii) At Espiritu Santo - PENSACOLA MINNEAPOLIS LOUISVILLE (CA) THIBOLEN HILINA COLUMBIA SAN DIEGO (CL) HOWY MOONIE BUCHANAN FRANKER WOODWORTH STACE ANDERSON CAUSE HUGHES RUSSELL FLETCHER DAYTON SAFFLEY LARSON ELLET (DD) CURTIS BALLARD TANNIER (AV) RIGEL (AD) VESTAL (AS) STRATFORD (AP) FOMALHAUT BETHLEHEM (AR) ARCTIC (AP) SABINE GUADALUPE (AO) SUMNER (AO) YP.347
- (iii) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA WHITE CAROLINA (SS) ACHILLES SAN JUAN ST. LOUIS (CL) HASSAU ALTAIR (ACV) BALCH GRIDLEY HOCAL LANGRISH WICKOLAS CLARK PARACUT PARRINO MAURY CRAVEN DUNLAP HOCALA MHOOGAN AARON GARD (DD) GABLE (DM) WRIGHT (AV) PROMETHEUS (AR) ANCHOR (AS) LASSER (AS) MCKEAN NABLY (AP) HARRISONPORT (APV) SONOMA (AT) DELPHINUS (TP) WHITNEY (AD) HINDUSTAN VINDO (AM) BUTYREUT (TE) SUANICO (AO) NEWELL W.S. BURTON (AP) LINNA MERCURY ANTARES (AR) ARD.2
- (iv) At Vila - ALHEDARAH (AK)
- (v) At Suva - MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO (SS) HULL PRINCE (DD) CATALPA LOCUST ROBERTO (YH) PALANCA (AK)
- (vi) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESSTON (PD) DESOLINE (AN) FC.476 FC.477 FC.488 (TP) WARDANK (YT) HATAI HUA KIVI TUI (A/S Vessels) ONTOLAN (ASR)
- (vii) At Bora Bora - YEN (AN)
- (viii) At Auckland - HONGKAI (A.S.C) HONEY (YH) ROANER (AP) TRYON (APN) Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
- (ix) At Wellington - GRAYSON (DD) MCGAHEY PRINCE JACOB PRINCE ADAMS PRINCE HAYES CRESCENT CITY WEST POINT (AP)

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHERN-TIEN PACIFIC AREA

Enemy Forces

At least one enemy submarine is operating in the area NW of Panama.

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Allied Forces

- "BANTONIA" escorting CONVOY 805 (S IV) on route Colombo to Fremantle ETA 0700/1 Jan.
- "GAWLER" escorting "TRINITY" on route Hazzouth Gulf to Diego Garcia ETA 22/12.

Enemy

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) Lochran - A 50 ft. schooner was strafed by an allied aircraft 0530/30.
- (ii) Canasta - A preliminary report of an attack on a 3,000 ton transport by 3 aircraft at 1655/34 states that the vessel

was hit at least once. At 1835/24 the vessel was observed sinking.

- (iii) Arava Harbour - The 1500 ton merchant vessel reported in Arava Harbour was again attacked at 0807/24 and one direct hit was scored. The ship exploded and sank within 2 minutes. Aircraft over the area reported six sightings 0815-0815/24. A large oil patch was observed at noon.
- (iv) Kusa - 2 small enemy vessels, reported to be torpedo boats, machine-gunned allied supply ships off Naviko (5 miles S. of Cape Endiaweve) at 2350/23.
- (v) Laval - 4 merchant vessels (3 of 3000 tons; 1-6000 tons) and 1 small warship at Laval (70 miles S. by E. of Billi) were attacked 1430-1555/24 by 7 Hudsons. A direct hit was scored on the bow of the 6000 ton ship.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

Wanda - One B.17 attacked just before dawn 24/12. 9 S.B.D.'s escorted by 9 P.39's and 4 Grummans attacked 0730/24. Four intercepting Zero's destroyed by P.39's, 10 by Grummans and 10-12 destroyed on ground by S.B.D.'s. Allied losses nil.

Coconut - One B.24 attacked the aerodrome noon 24/12. One B.24 attacked 1330/24. Results not observed.

Cape Gloucester - One B.24 attacked the aerodrome 1800/23. Results not observed.

Hading - One B.24 dropped 2 bombs in the vicinity of the runway at 1000/24.

Lee - Preliminary reports of attacks on Lee morning 24/12 indicate that bombs were dropped in Jacobsen's plantation area and also in aerodrome area.

Kel Kel - Allied aircraft strafed the village and canoes carrying Japanese morning 24/12.

Fulgoro - 6 Beaufighters attacked the aerodrome. One fighter left burning on ground, another badly damaged.

4. HENRY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Consolidation of new rear bases and of existing advanced bases particularly Timor, N. Coast New Guinea and Solomon preparatory to further offensive in S.E.P.A.
- (ii) Infiltration - Guadalcanal.
- (iii) Infiltration - Kusa area.

FOR A/DIRECTOR C.C.I.C.

25/12/42

Light Cruisers (CL)
(1 believed HKT area)
at least 3 effective

MIYOSHI
KASHIMA
KATONYI
SAGARA
CHIBUYU
SHIDAY
YUBARI

TATSUOKA } believed
KINU } sunk 14/11

3 converted light cruisers (ACL)
Approx 20 submarines (SS)
Approx 40 Destroyers (DD)
5 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHITOGA
CHITOH
AKIHOMIYA } 1 damaged 8/11
HOSHIO

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

KANOI
MIYONO MARU
KATSURAGI MARU
TAOU MARU
SANTO MARU
HEIJO MARU
DOKTO MARU
YAMAGATA MARU
GOSU MARU

Several Submarine Tenders
Approx 40 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub. Chasers, HMT's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft
Approx 315 shore-based aircraft incl. 100 fighters, 90 B, 30 P/B,
37 T/P, 2 Obs. or transport aircraft.

2. PACIFIC AUSTRALIA SECTION

Allied Forces

6" Cruiser
6" Cruiser
A.A. Ship
Destroyers

S/P Tenders

Submarine Tender
Submarine

AMERIKI
VAN HEMSEKKE
TJONG HILDEN
VAN CALEN
HINOH
CHILIS
S. S. HEDSTON
POLIAS
CAS
SUKAVAN
TENGGER
TANDOR
TATOC
GUSADIN
OYALINO
K.8
K.12
TROUT

DEVOENHIE

On Patrol

At Fremantle

3. PACIFIC - PHILIPPINE

Allied Forces

3 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or HKT area (see above)

Army Forces

CINCPAC Northwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)
3 light cruisers (CL)

AMICARA
KASHI
KINA
(see Truk area)

Approx 15 Destroyers (DD)
Approx 3 Submarines (SS)
Seaplane Carrier (AV)
Converted S/P Tender (XAV)

HOPONO
OKITSU MARU

D) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battle ships

WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE
IDaho
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA

Converted A/C Carriers

CONANNE
LONG ISLAND
CHICAGO

6" Cruisers

SALE LAKE CITY
SAN FRANCISCO
INDIANAPOLIS

6th Cruiser
Destroyers
Submarines

NASHVILLE
15 approx
25 approx

Home Forces

AliaC - 1st Fleet - Pacific - Philippines - Japan

CinC 1st Fleet

CinC 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)

3 Battleships (BB)

MIYAMA
YAGATO
FUJIO
YAMASHIRO
KITAKI

2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)
1 Converted A/C Carrier (ACV)
2 - 3rd Cruisers (CA)
4 Light Cruisers (CL)

SHIMAZU
KITANO
ATAGO
ABUKUMA

MIYAMA (damaged 26/10)

YONE (damaged 26/10)

CI

KITAKAMI

ISONO

KITOKAWA SHU (21/10)

(poss. sunk)

Converted L/T Tenders (LAV)

FUJISAKA SHU
KASUGA SHU
KITAHAMA SHU
MORIMOTO SHU
KITAHAMA SHU
MITSU SHU

4 Old Armoured Cruisers (OAC)

Approx 30 Destroyers

Approx 27 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

AliaC - 2nd Fleet

Battle ships

YOKOHAMA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
CORONA
HAWAII
MISSISSIPPI
SAN DIEGO
ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA
ALBATROSS
ALBATROSS
SAN DIEGO
BIRMINGHAM
BOSTON
PENSACOLA
LOUISVILLE

Aircraft Carriers

Converted A/C Carriers

6th Cruisers

6th Cruisers

ISLANDER

5th Cruisers

Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

HAWAII
ST. LOUIS
COLUMBIA
ACHILLES
SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN
25 (approx)
MOHAWK
ARKANSAS

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

AliaC - 3rd Fleet

6th Cruisers

DETROIT
RALEIGH

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Home Forces

AliaC - 4th Fleet - Pacific - Philippines - Alentians

CinC 3rd Fleet

6th Cruiser

2 light cruisers (CL)

HACHI
TAMA
HISO

Approx 4 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

6) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

ALLIED FORCES
6th Cruisers

CONCORD
THETON
WICKBOURNE

7) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

ALLIED FORCES
Battleships

BARBETTE
INDOLENCE
RANGLERS
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
INDOMITABLE

REVERENCE

Aircraft Carrier
Seaplane Carrier
8th Cruiser
7.5th Cruisers

ALBATROSS
GEORGE AVROFF (Greek)

6th Cruisers

DAWKINS
FROBENIUS
UNDETTED
GAMMA
SPRINGWICH
BIRMINGHAM
DAUNTLESS
BRADON
TUDOR
CAPTOWN
CIBIC

NEWCASTLE
GLASGOW
THRALD
RAIR

Armed Merchant Cruisers

CALDOCK
CANADOCK
SUMATRA (Dutch)
WORCESTERSHIRE
RANCOY
COMPTON
THE INDIA
CUTTAL
RAIPURA
CARIBBEAN
CARLETON

A.A. Vessel
Approx 27 Destroyers
Approx 9 Submarines

Enemy Forces
Approx 7 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

26th December, 1942.

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCESA) SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTORAllied Forces

- (i) Task Group 44.5 ("HOBART" "SELFRIDGE" "SAGLEY") to depart Palm Is 1000/28 ETA Grafton Passage 1900/28. Task Group 44.5 to RV with Task Group 44.3 ("AUSTRALIA" "MUGFORD" "HENLEY" "HELM") in position 14°S, 148°E 1000/29. Task Group 44.3 to enter Grafton Passage 0800/30 ETA Palm Is. 1000/30.
- (ii) "ARUNTA" escorting Convoy TMS ("MONTONO" "BOTH" "VAN HEUTZ" "DONTROON" "CHERON" "TASHAN") dep. Townsville 1810/24 for Port Moresby. ETA 1400/27.
- (iii) "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy TN.19 ("ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "ISAAC COLES") departed Townsville 1850/25 for Port Moresby.
- (iv) "SWAN" escorting Duntroon departed Port Moresby 1400/25 for Milne Bay ETA 0800/26. Thence Townsville.
- (v) H.T. "KATOOMBA" proceeding to Townsville. "GOULBURN" returning Brisbane from Whitsunday Passage.
- (vi) "GERLONG" en route Brisbane from Whitsunday Passage.
- (vii) "LITHGOW" escorting "KURUNBA" departed Townsville 1123/25 for Brisbane ETA 0600/28.
- (viii) "BALLARAT" departed Milne Bay 1730/25 for Townsville for boiler cleaning. ETA 0600/28.
- (ix) "MANUNDA" dep. Brisbane 1204/24 for Port Moresby ETA 0900/28.
- (x) "ABRAHAM CRYNSEE" escorting Convoy CP27 ("KOOLIGA") due Brisbane 1625/24.
- (xi) "ABRAHAM CRYNSEE" to escort Convoy F027 ("GORINDA") from Brisbane to Sydney BYD 1730/26.
- (xii) "MIDURA" to escort Convoy C057 from Newcastle BYD 1100/26. To be joined by "KAPUNDA" at RV off Sydney p.m. 26/12.
- (xiii) "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWN SVILLE" escorting Convoy C056 departed Sydney 1717/25. To RV in Westernport area with "DOONBA" which departed Port Phillip escorting Convoy C056 0805/25.
- (xiv) At Sydney. "WARRAMUNGA" "ERAN" "PATTERSON" "HOPKINS" "DOBBIN" "BUNDABERG" "PIRIE" "IVERHELL" "OLYPIE" "BOWEN" "MILDURA" "OIPPELAND" "DELOCHANE" "SOUTHARD" "GLEBELO" "KAPUNDA".
Repairing - "PORTLAND" "NEW ORLEANS" "PHOENIX" "VENETTA"
"BISHOPDALE" "ALHENA" "YANMA".
In reserve - "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA".
- (xv) At Brisbane - "SPERRY" "FULTON" "POYANG" "ECHUCA" "VICTORIA".
- (xvi) At Townsville - "YUNGAN".
Repairing - "STUART" "KATOOMBA".
- (xvii) At Cairns - "WARRAGO".
- (xviii) At Melbourne - "SPRINGDALE" "LE TRIOMPHANT".
Repairing - "HOLLAND" "WARRAMBOOL".
- (xix) At Port Moresby - "ALDINGA" "MACUNBA" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "WAKAKA" "GSEKHA VERSPIJCK".
- (xx) At Milne Bay - "NILO" "BALIKPAPAN" "D. BUSHNELL" "WRYALLA" "TAROONA" "STILLA".
- (xxi) At Perlock Harbour - "TULSA".
- (xxii) At Palm Is. - "HOBART" "SELFRIDGE" "SAGLEY" "AASE MAERSK" "MERKUR".
- (xxiii) At Cape Nelson - "POLARIS".

Enemy Forces.

- (i) Huin-Paisi: Two vessels departed Paisi Island on a southerly course at 1045/24 and 1700/24 respectively. At 0700/25 a number of unidentified ships were observed in the area.
- (ii) Munda: The convoy of two destroyers and one transport sighted at 1235/24 proceeding towards Munda arrived at its destination in the late afternoon. An attempt was made to land men and supplies from barges, which were described by attacking aircraft as three quarters loaded with supplies and one quarter with troops. Nine SED's escorted by four Grumans and four Airoccobras attacked thirteen barges at 1800 and destroyed nine. Four reached the shore, but considerable troop casualties were

suffered. The convoy was reported returning to base when sighted five miles W. of Lunga Point, Ganongga Island, course 280, at 0734/25.

(iii) Buka Passage: An aircraft on reconnaissance sighted a cargo vessel stationary off Tolida Island at 1055/25.

(iv) Nabaul: B.17's reported 75 ships in the area at 0330/25:-
1 transport or cargo vessel }
3 smaller cargo vessels } Inner Harbour
12 unidentified vessels }
60 vessels (including one probable aircraft carrier) Outer Harbour

~~George's Channel~~ George's Channel 75 ships A heavy cruiser was sighted in St. George's Channel 0415-0500. An attack was made on shipping (see Naval incidents).

(v) Gasmata: The 5,000 ton transport attacked and hit afternoon 24/12, was sighted 25/12 ~~was sighted at 25/12~~ apparently listing to starboard. A previous report 1925/24 stated that the vessel was sinking.

(vi) Hercules Bay: There were indications of an unidentified unit in the vicinity of Hercules Bay at 0255/25.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTION.

(i) "TROMP" escorting "HECTOR" dep. Melbourne 1505/22 for Fremantle ETA 0730/29.

(ii) "ENCADINE" dep. Fremantle 2106/23 for Sydney ETA 0600/31.

(iii) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "ALAGNA" "TAMBAR" dep. Thursday Island 1448/24 for Darwin ETA 1730/29.

(iv) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "JAMES COCK" dep. Darwin 1604/23 for Thursday Island ETA 1930/25.

(v) At Adelaide - "HOBBSHAM".

(vi) At Fremantle - "ADELAIDE" "JACOB VAN REENSKENK" "CHILDS" "PELIAS" "ISABEL" "HERON" "WALLAROO" "DUSSO" "TEMPORTH" "GOLDSTAR" "WHIPPOORWILL" "VAN CAIEN" "TJENE HILDES".

(vii) At Emu Gulf - "LANE" "N.B. PRESTON".

(viii) At Darwin - "WILCANNIA".

Enemy Forces.

(i) Laivai: The merchant vessels reported at Laivai 24/12 discharged stores and troops. No shipping was visible at 0715/25.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

5 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

(i) At Vanikoro - MACEINAC (AV)

(ii) At Espiritu Santo - PENSACOLA MINNEAPOLIS LOUISVILLE (CA) MONOLUN HELENA COLUMBIA SAN DIEGO (CL) HOVEY MORRIS BUCHANAN FRAZIER WOODSWORTH STACK ANDERSON GANSE HUGHES RUSSELL PLATONER DRAYTON SAUPELY LANSON ELLET (DD) CURTISS BALLARD TAYGIER (AV) RIGEL (AD) VINSTAL (AR) STRATFORD (AP) POMULHAUT (AK) ARCTIC (AP) SANTINE GUADALUPE (AO) SUMNER (AS) YP. 347

(iii) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA (BB) ACHILLES SAN JUAN ST. LOUIS (CL) NASSAU ALTAHAMA (ACV) BALCH GRIDLEY MCCALL IARDNER NICHOLAS CLARK PARRAGUT FANNING MAURY CHAYEN DUNLAP MCCALLA MONOGHAN AARON WARD (DD) GAMBLE (DN) WRIGHT (AV) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) MCKEAN MANLEY (APD) HAMMONDSPORT (APV) SONOMA (AT) DELPHINUS (YP) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER VIREO (AM) BUTTERNUT (YN) SEAMICO (AO) BEVILLE S.W. BURROWS (AP) LIBRA MERCURY ANTARES (AK) ARD. 2

(iv) At Vila - ALDEBARAN (AK)

(v) At Suva - MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO (BB) BULL PERELE (DD) CATALPA LOCUST ROSEWOOD (YN) TALAMANGA (AK)

(vi) At Guadalcanal area - JAMESTOWN (FG) BOBOLINK (AM) PC. 476 PC. 477 PC. 499 (YP) WANTANK (YT) NATAI NOA KIWI TUI (A/S vessels) ORIOLE (ASR)

(vii) At Bora Bora - TENN (AM)

(viii) At Auckland - MONOWAI (AMC) EBONY (N) ROAMER (AP) TRYON (APN) Refitting - LEANDER (CL)

(ix) At Wellington - GRAYSON (DD) MCCAWLEY PRES. JACKSON PRES. ADAMS PRES. HAYES CRESCENT CITY WEST POINT (AP)

Y Forces

Submarine activity

Kdeni: A submarine was sighted 90 miles NW of Kdeni at 1300/25.

Malaita: A submarine was sighted 10 miles SE of Auki Harbour at 1730/25.

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

Enemy Forces

At least one enemy submarine is operating in the area NW of Panama.

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Allied Forces

- (i) "KANTHULA" escorting Convoy SUB (5 MV) en route Colombo to Fremantle ETA 0700/1 Jan.
- (ii) "GAWLER" escorting "TRINITY" en route Exmouth Gulf to Diego Garcia ETA 28/12.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) Bahau: Sopac aircraft made their first attack on shipping in the Harbour. Six B.17's attacked 0330-0500/25. Three direct hits were scored on a large merchant vessel. A heavy cruiser in St. George's Channel was unsuccessfully attacked.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

Allied

- (i) Buka: One B.17 attacked the aerodrome early morning 25/12.
- (ii) Buka: One B.17 attacked 0245-0615/25. Photographs 25/25 show an area being cleared for possible extension of runway at eastern end.
- (iii) Gasmata: Five B.24's attacked the aerodrome 1840-1845/24.
- (iv) Cape Gloucester: One B.24 unsuccessfully attacked the runway afternoon 25/12.
- (v) Amboja area: Three Beaufighters strafed huts at the mouth of the Amboja River morning 25/12.
- (vi) Laivai: One Beaufighter strafed stores and troops on the beach morning 25/12. Results not observed.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Consolidation of new rear bases and of existing advanced bases particularly Timor, E.Coast New Guinea and Solomons preparatory to further offensive in S.W.P.A.
- (ii) Infiltration - Guadalcanal.
- (iii) Infiltration - Buna area.

For A/DIRECTOR, C.C.I.C.

25/12/42

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITIES

A) SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA
 1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

<u>Allied Forces</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Damaged</u>
<u>6th Cruisers</u>	AUSTRALIA	CHESTER PORTLAND PERNIE
<u>6th Cruisers</u>	HEART	
<u>Flotilla Leaders</u>	ARUNTA	
	TROMP	STUART
	LE TRIOMPHANT	
	SELBRIDGE	
<u>Destroyers</u>	HEALEY	
	HELM	VERMONTA
	BACLET	
	SUSFORD	
	PATTERSON	
	O'NEILL	
	SOUTHARD	
<u>Submarines</u>	FLYING FISHER	
	SHAFER	
	GUDERON	At Brisbane
	GRANITE	
	GATO	
	GRANDFISH	
	ALBACORE	
	ANNEJACK	
	CHATEAU	
	CROCKER	
	PLUNGER	
	SALFISH	On patrol
	SARGO	
	SHADRACH	
	SILVERBACK	
	SPEARHEAD	
	TUNA	
	ARCHER	
	HAUHLER	
	SARGO	
	K-9	At Sydney
<u>Submarine Tenders</u>	FULTON	HOLLAND
	BURNETT	
<u>Destroyer Tender</u>	DOBBIE	
<u>Subboats</u>	TULSA	
	HIL	
<u>Oilers</u>	KURUMA	WISCONSIN
	AAH WARRICK	
	VICTORIA	
<u>Enemy Forces</u>		
<u>Task-Force-56 Britain-Solomons</u>		
<u>Cinc Combined Fleet</u>		
<u>Cinc 2nd Fleet</u>		
<u>Cinc 4th Fleet</u>		
<u>Cinc 6th Fleet (Submarines)</u>		
<u>3 Battleships (BB)</u>	YAMATO	
	MUSU	
	YB	
<u>2 Battlecruisers (BC)</u>		KONGO } 1 damaged 20/10
		NAHARA }
<u>1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)</u>	KOSHO	
<u>5 Converted A/C Carriers (ACV)</u>	HAYASHI	
	HITAKA	
	OTAKA	
	CHUYO	
	UNYO	
<u>Heavy Cruisers</u>	AOBA	TIKHA (prob. sunk 20/10)
<u>(prob. 5 effective)</u>	CHOKAI	KYUKO (prob. sunk 20/10)
	TAJIKO	MOGAMI (believed sunk 24/11)
	YUNAGI	
	TAJAO	

2 light cruisers (CL)
(believed WMI area)

KATOH
KASHIMA
KATOH
KAGARA
KUMIKU
KUMIKU
YUDARI

TATSUTA } believed sunk
KINU } 14/11

3 converted light cruisers (KCL)
Approx. 25 submarines (SS)
Approx. 40 destroyers (DD)
3 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHITOSE
CHITOSE
AKITSUKUNIMA } 1 damaged 1/11
HISAKI
KANON

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

KYUSHO MARU
KAKURAGI MARU
KAGU MARU
KAKUO MARU
KUMI MARU
KUMI MARU
KAMIKAWA MARU
KOSHI MARU

Several Submarine Tenders
Approx. 40 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, STD's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft
Approx. 315 shore-based aircraft incl. 185 fighters, 66 B, 20 P/B,
37 T/P, 9 Obs. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

8th Cruiser
8th Cruiser
A.A. Ship
Destroyers

S/P Tenders

Submarine Tender
Submarine

ADRIANNE
VAN HINGORRE
TAMM HINDS
VAN GELDEN
HURON
CHERO
W.S. PHELTON
MELIAS
GAR
DECATUR
TENNIS
RANDOLPH
TAUTO
COLUMBIAN
ORVILLE
K.S.
K.S.
TERRY

DEFORESTER

On patrol

At Fremantle

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

5 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or WMI area (see above)

Home Forces

U.S. and Northwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)

3 light cruisers (CL)

ASHIGARA
KASHI
HUSA
(see Truk area)

Approx. 16 destroyers (DD)
Approx. 3 submarines (SS)
Seaplane Carrier (AV)
Converted S/P Tender (XAV)

BOYD
KITSU MARU

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

U.S. Navy

WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNIS
IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA

Converted A/C Carriers

COFANE
LONG ISLAND
CHICAGO

8th Cruisers

SALT LAKE CITY
SAN FRANCISCO
TENTH MOUNTAIN

1st Cruiser
Destroyers
Submarines
Enemy Forces

HASHVILLE

16 approx x
23 approx

Teleo-Solano-Manning-Cornwall-Japan

Cinc 1st Fleet
Cinc 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)
6 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
HAGATO
FUJIO
YAMAGUCHI

2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)
1 Converted A/C carrier (XCV)
2 - 3rd Cruisers (CA)
4 Light Cruisers (CL)

SHOKAKU
HUYING
ATAGO
ABUKUMA

SUITANU (damaged 28/10)

TOKE (damaged 28/10)

OI
KITAGAKI
ISUZU

HIYOHARA MARU (21/10)
(poss. sunk)

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

FUJIKAWA MARU
HARUTO MARU
HIYOSHIMI MARU
HOKAMIKAWA MARU
KIYOGADA MARU
SAGAMI MARU

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)
Approx 30 Destroyers
Approx 27 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA
Allied Forces
Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
COLORADO
MARYLAND
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
PENNSYLVANIA
SARATOGA
VIRGINIA
ALABAMA
NEW ORLEANS
MINNEAPOLIS
BOSTON
VERMONT
LOUISVILLE

Aircraft Carriers

Converted A/C Carriers

3rd Cruisers

6th Cruisers

LEAHEN

5th Cruisers

Destroyers
Armed Merchant Cruisers

HAWAII
ST. LOUIS
COLUMBIA
ACHILLES
SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN
33 (approx)
HOONAI
ACCANIA

D) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA
Allied Forces
6th Cruisers

DETROIT
BALDWIN

10 Destroyers
10 Submarines
Enemy Forces

Admiral Halsey-Rodgers-Alouians

Cinc 5th Fleet
3rd Cruiser
2 light cruisers (CL)

HACHI
TAMA
KISO

Approx 4 Destroyers
Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Hobein-Turiles-Alentians

Cinc Sta Fleet

8th Cruiser HACHI
2 light cruisers LNA TANA
(CL) KISO

Approx 4 Destroyers
Approx 7 Submarines

6) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

6th Cruisers COBURN
TRENTON
RICHMOND

7) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

Aircraft Carrier
Seaplane Carrier
6th Cruisers

7.5th Cruisers

6th Cruisers

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
RABBITTS
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
ILLUSTrious
ALBATROSS
SERGIUS ANTOFF (Greek)

DEVONSHIRE
PROBISHER
HAWKINS

HAURITIA BRISTOL
GANDIA GLASGOW
ENTERPRISE EMERALD
LIVERPOOL DASH

DAUNTLESS
DRAGON
DUBAI
CAPTAIN
GENE
CALDON
CARATOC
SUKATA (Dutch)

Armed Merchant Cruisers

ALACIA
CASTLE
CORFU
CHITRAL
EMERALD
HACHI
RANFURA
SOMERSETSHIRE
CARLYLE

A.A. Ship

Approx 27 Destroyers
Approx 9 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Approx 7 Submarines

DAILY AF FUELLING - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

27th December, 1942

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & NEUTRAL NAVAL FORCES

A) WESTERN PACIFIC AREA

(1) MARINE SECTOR - Allied Forces

AT SEA:

- (1) Coral Sea - "AUSTRALIA" "MUSPOND" "HELI" "HELENY" on patrol.
- (2) "ARANTA" escorting Convoy T212 ("MANTON" "BOOTH" "VAN HEUTE" "SOUTHERN" "CRESS" "TASMAN") dep. Townsville 1810/24 for Port Moresby ETA 1400 today 27/12.
- (3) "BERNICO" escorting Convoy T212 ("ASPASIA KONIGS" "ISAAC COLES") dep. Townsville 1930/24 for Port Moresby ETA 20/12.
- (4) H.T. "MANTON" proceeding to Townsville. "COULBURN" returning Brisbane from Whitsunday Passage.
- (5) "MANUWA" dep. Brisbane 1204/24 for Port Moresby ETA 0900/25.
- (6) "COLAC" "BROOME" "STELLA" operating vicinity Gro Bay.
- (7) "HALLAM" dep. Milne Bay 1730/23 for Townsville for boiler cleaning ETA 0800/25.
- (8) "POLARIS" operating vicinity Cape Nelson.
- (9) "TULSA" dep. Milne Bay 0730/23 for Brisbane.
- (10) "LITTON" escorting "KUNDA" dep. Townsville 1123/23 for Brisbane ETA 0800/25.
- (11) "ABRAHAM CRESS" escorting Convoy 8227 dep. Brisbane 1800/23 for Sydney.
- (12) "MILDURA" "MANUWA" escorting Convoy 8037 dep. Sydney 1030/25.
- (13) "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNVILLE" escorting Convoy 0026 to Sydney.
- (14) 13 submarines on patrol.

IN HARBOUR:

BRISBANE - "WANDAWONG" "SEAN" "PATTERSON" "HOPKINS" "ROBBIE" "PIE" "DUNDARONG" "INVERKIL" "ONYX" "BOON" "MELORAIN" "SOUTHERN" "SLEWICK"
Repairs - "PORTLAND" "NEW ORLEANS" "MORRIS" "VIRGETTA" "DISCORDANT" "ALBINA" "TANTRA"
In Reserve - "MANUWA" "AUSTRALIA"
Brisbane - "OPHERY" "TULCH" "POTAN" "TEBUCA" "ORILONG" "VICTORIA" "WIKAN"
Melbourne - "SPRINGFIELD" "LE TRIUMPHANT" "DOUBA"
Repairs - "HOLLAND" "SARNEANSBOOL"
Townsville - "YUKIAN" - Repairs "STUART" "MANTON"
Palm Is. - "HERBERT" "SIMPSON" "BAGLEY" "AASE HANSEN" "MORRIS"
Colona - "WARRICO"
Port Moresby - "ALDIWA" "MORUWA" "ADMIRAL HALESTAD" "CARARA" "ADMIRAL VERSPICE" "BALIKPAPAN"
Milne Bay - "HELO" "C. DUSKHEIL" "STELLA" "SEAN" "DUNTON"

PROPOSED MOVEMENTS:

- (i) Task Group 44.5 ("HERBERT" "SIMPSON" "BAGLEY") to depart Palm Is. 1000/25 ETA Crafen Passage 1900/25. Task Group 44.5 to RV with Task Group 44.3 ("AUSTRALIA" "MUSPOND" "HELI" "HELENY") in position 14°S 142°E at 1000/25. Task Group 44.3 to enter Crafen Passage 0800/25 ETA Palm Is. 1000/25.
- (ii) "ARANTA" to escort "MANUWA" and "BOOTH" from Port Moresby to Milne Bay ETA 0900/25.
- (iii) "WARRICO" escorting "TANUWA" to depart Townsville p.m. 26/12 for Milne Bay.
- (iv) "INVERKIL" to depart Sydney 1800/25 for Darwin, calling at Townsville for fuel.

Enemy Forces

- (1) Palm-Paisi Area - 3 vessels were observed in the area early morning 25/12. A destroyer was also sighted e.m. 25/12 SE of Paisi. At 2300/25 a destroyer and a submarine were reported in Main Harbour. A destroyer was observed proceeding on southerly course between Paisi and Vella Lavella at 1300/25.

An A/S net, 4 miles in length is reported to have been buoyed off the shore on the SE coast of Bougainville Island.

- (2) Enemy Outposts-Solomon Area - 2 cargo vessels were sighted in Wickham Anchorage, Solo Lagoon, morning and afternoon 26/12. No activity has been reported in this area recently. On 24/10 it was reported that 50 enemy personnel were at Wickham Anchorage, and that a barge proceeded to sea each night. These cargo vessels may be concerned with the development of a Japanese observation post in this area. (See also Naval Incidents).
- (3) Holoholona Is. - Reports 20-23/12 indicate considerable activity by the enemy on the SE coast of the island at Vila and Steamers Plantations. Houses on Vila Plantation are being occupied and store dumps established.
- (4) Havlieng - A B.17 on route 0905-0925/33 sighted 1 possible heavy cruiser, 1 merchant vessel (established by photos to be the beached vessel already reported) and 3 small craft in Havlieng Harbour. A merchant vessel of 2000 tons was also sighted 43 miles SE of Havlieng, course 09.
- (5) St. George's Channel - A convoy of 7 enemy vessels (1 light cruiser, 4 destroyers, 1 merchant vessel towing a small merchant vessel) was sighted at 1005/28 10 miles SE of Cape Casselle proceeding northward under fighter cover. At 1130 the convoy was sighted 40 miles south of Cape Casselle, assembling and apparently attempting to proceed south. An attack was made at 1000. (see Naval Incidents).
- (6) Cape Orford - A 2 masted schooner (120 ft) was sighted in South Bay (10 miles N. by S. Cape Orford) at 0905/33.
- (7) Alexisbafen - A two-masted schooner (100 ft.) was sighted anchored at the wharf a.m. 28/12.
- (8) Buna - 2 unidentified vessels were sighted 4 miles off Buna, course 100° at 0510/27.
- (9) Submarine Activity
 - a) Side Bay - A large enemy submarine was sighted on the surface 1745-1800/25.
 - b) Submarines were indicated 20/12 as follows -

Sido Is.	9°S, 156°E
Lihir Is.	3°S, 153°E
Jacquinot Bay	0°S, 150°30'E

(11) WESTERN PACIFIC - Allied Forces

AT SEA:

- (1) "ORION" escorting "HECTOR" dep. Melbourne 1300/22 for Fremantle ETA 0730/24.
- (2) "SIBERIAN" dep. Adelaide 1630/22 for Fremantle ETA 1800/1 Jan.
- (3) "HEGEMINE" dep. Fremantle 2100/23 for Sydney ETA 0800/31.
- (4) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "JAMES COOK" dep. Darwin 1504/23 for Thursday Is. ETA 1930/24.
- (5) "MELBOURNE" escorting "ALABAMA" "TANBAR" dep. Thursday Is. 1445/24 for Darwin ETA 1730/25.
- (6) 3 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or WBI area.

IN HARBOUR:

Fremantle - "ANGLAIS" "JACOB VAN HEERENBERG" "CHILD" "TULIAC" "VIBERL" "HERON" "BALLAROO" "TURBO" "TANG WEE" "GOLDSTAR" "SHIPPOCKWILL" "VAN CALEN" "JERRY HIDEKS"
Esperance Gulf - "LANE" "W.S. FURSTON"
Darwin - "WILCANNIA"

Enemy Forces

- (1) Dilli - One destroyer and four merchant ships entered Dilli from the East at 0830/25.

(12) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

- (1) At Vanikoro - HAKIRAS (AF)
- (2) At Espirito Santo - PENSACOLA HERRAPOLIS LOUISVILLE (CA) HONOLULU HILARA COLUMBIA SAN DIEGO (CL) NEWBY MORRIS THORNTON O'BANION SUTHERLAND WOODWORTH STACK ANDERSON GARRI BURNS RUSSELL PLETCHER BRAYTON LARSON HILLET (SD) CURTIS BALLARD HANDEY (AF) NIGHT (AD) VIBRAL (AN) FOMALERT (AE) STRATFORD AMERICAN LEGION (AP) ARCTIC (AF) SABINE GUADALUPE (AO) SUMNER (AO) YP.367
- (3) At Bougainville - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA (SD) ACHILLES SAN JUAN ST. LOUIS (CL) HAWAII ALABAMA (AO) BALCH

GRIMLEY McCALE LARDNER NICHOLAS GARREVOORT PARBACOTY
 PASHING RAGHY CRAVEN DUNLAP McCALLA SMOCHAY AARON SARD (ED)
 GARDNER (DM) BRIDGE (AV) PROMETHEUS (AN) ARDORNE (AS) LASSER (AN)
 MORRAN SHELLEY (AP) HARMONDEPORT (APV) SOREMA (AT) DELPHINUS (TP)
 WHITNEY (AP) KINOPESHAN VIDRO (AN) BUTTERNET (TH) SCAMICO (AO)
 KEVILLE HOFFER LIGHT S.S. BURROWS (AP) LYRA HERCULEY
 AYTAKIS (AN) AND.2

- (4) At Vila - ALIBRABAN (AN)
- (5) At Suva - MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO (SS) SOLE PRIME (CO) CATALPA
 LOCUST ROSEWOOD (TH) SALAMANCA (AN) KANAKHE (AO)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PO) BOWLINE (AN) PC.476 PC.477
 PC.490 (TP) SARAH (YT) HARRY BOA HINT TUI (A/S Vessels)
 ONTOLAN (ASB)
- (7) At Dora Dora - TERN (AN)
- (8) At Auckland - HONOLULU (A.S.C) HONEY (TH) ROANER (AP) TITON (AVH)
 RECLING - LEASER (OL)
- (9) At Wellington - HOSALEY SEW POINT (AP)

Enemy Forces

Guadalcanal - 1 midget submarine was sighted aground at Cape
 Esperance and 3 submerged W. of Lunga 25/12.

C) INDIAN OCEAN AREA -

Allied Forces

AT SEA:

- (1) "KANTINDIA" escorting CONVOY HUS (3 EV) en route Colombo to
 Fremantle ETA 0700/1 Jan.
- (2) "GARDNER" escorting "THIRSTY" en route Rasmuth Gulf to Diego
 C circa ETA 20/12.

Enemy Forces

3 sus icons unit, probably a submarine was sighted 375 miles SE of
 Maldiva Islands at 1230/24.

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) Victorian Anchorage - The cargo vessels reported in Victorian Anchorage
 1410/26 were attacked by 7 S.B.D's escorted by 3 F4F's and 4 P.38's.
- (2) St. Georges Channel - The convoy of 7 vessels was attacked 10 miles
 SE of Cape Casselle at 1000/26. Several hits were scored on the
 stern of the larger transport which stopped. Several boats were
 observed later leaving the burning vessel.
- (3) Cre Day - A report from "OCEAN" stated that she was being attacked
 by enemy aircraft at 1115/26.
- (4) New Guinea - An allied submarine torpedoed a large Japanese submarine
 heading toward New Guinea morning 26/12.
- (5) Herakle - The Dutch merchant vessel "VAN HEMSTEDT" was attacked by
 a single Navy fighter off the entrance to Herakle Harbour between
 1115 and 1140/26. No damage.

III. AIR OPERATIONS:

Allied

Cape Gloucester - One B.24 attacked the aerodrome morning 26/12.
MAURUS - One B.24 attacked morning 26/12. A large warehouse hit
 and set on fire.
Pinnaklaia - One B.24 attacked 0940/26. One building set on
 fire. One B.24 attacked the runway 1130/26.
Haroko - One or more A.20's attacked a storehouse afternoon 26/12.
 No damage.
Laga - Loyal - 6 Hudsons and 15 Seafighters attacked morning
 26/12. Buildings demolished and fires started.

Enemy

Labodura - 12 fighters intercepted 2 Hudsons morning 26/12. One
 fighter destroyed, one probable, one damaged. 2 or 3 fighters
 attacked the runways.

IV. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of new rear bases and of existing advanced bases
 particularly Timor, E.coast New Guinea and Solomons preparatory
 to further offensive in S.W.P.A.
- (2) Infiltration - Guadalcanal.
- (3) Infiltration - Buna area.

APPENDIX

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITIES

A) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA
 1. INDIAN OCEAN SECTION

	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Position or Demand</u>
<u>Allied Forces</u>	<u>AUSTRALIA</u>	<u>CECILE</u>
6 th Cruisers		<u>POWELL</u>
		<u>PHOENIX</u>
6 th Cruisers	<u>INDIA</u>	
Flotilla Leaders	<u>ARUNA</u>	
	<u>TIGER</u>	<u>STARS</u>
	<u>LE TRIOMPHANT</u>	
	<u>SELFRIDGE</u>	
Destroyers	<u>DELAKE</u>	
	<u>HELM</u>	<u>VICTORIA</u>
	<u>BALLET</u>	
	<u>HOPKIN</u>	
	<u>PATTERSON</u>	
	<u>C'DANIEL</u>	
	<u>SOUTHAM</u>	
Submarines	<u>FLYING FISH</u>)	
	<u>SHAFER</u>)	
	<u>GEDDON</u>)	
	<u>GRANVILLE</u>)	<u>at Brisbane</u>
	<u>GRACE</u>)	
	<u>GRACE</u>)	
	<u>SWIFT</u>)	
	<u>ALACORN</u>)	
	<u>AMBERJACK</u>)	
	<u>GRAYBACK</u>)	
	<u>GRONER</u>)	
	<u>FLORIAN</u>)	
	<u>GALFISH</u>)	<u>On Patrol</u>
	<u>GRACE</u>)	
	<u>GRANDMA</u>)	
	<u>SILVERSIDER</u>)	
	<u>C'DANIEL</u>)	
	<u>YUNA</u>)	
	<u>ALACORN</u>)	
	<u>HAUTELOE</u>)	
	<u>E.9</u>)	<u>at Sydney</u>
Submarine Tenders	<u>FULTON</u>)	<u>HOLLAND</u>
	<u>SPERRY</u>)	
Destroyer Tender	<u>DONNIN</u>	
Subscoats	<u>YUMA</u>	
	<u>HELM</u>	
Oilers	<u>YUBANDA</u>	<u>WISCONSIN</u>
	<u>AGE HANSON</u>	
	<u>VICTORIA</u>	

Enemy Forces
South Indian Ocean, British Colonies

CinC Combined Fleet		
CinC 2nd Fleet		
CinC 4th Fleet		
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)		
3 Battleships (BB)	<u>YAMATO</u>	
	<u>MUSO</u>	
	<u>ICH</u>	
2 Battlecruisers (BB)		<u>REDO</u>) <u>1 damaged 26/10</u>
		<u>BARBARA</u>)
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	<u>MOGAMI</u>	
5 Converted A/C Carriers (ACV)	<u>HAYABUSA</u>	
	<u>HITAKA</u>	
	<u>OTAKE</u>	
	<u>CHUYO</u>	
	<u>UNO</u>	
Heavy Cruisers	<u>AGATSU</u>	<u>TIFDUS (prob. sunk 26/10)</u>
(prob. 5 effective)	<u>CHIKAI</u>	<u>MOGAMI (prob. sunk 26/10)</u>
	<u>HAKURO</u>	<u>MOGAMI (believed sunk</u>
	<u>SHIRAKI</u>	<u>14/11)</u>
	<u>SUSUKI</u>	
	<u>TAKAO</u>	

Light Cruisers (CL)
(1 believed WBI area)

HATOH
KASHIMA
HATOH
S ADAMA
TOMOYU
SENGAI
YUDAKI

TATSUDA } believed sunk
KINU } 14/11

3 converted light cruisers (XCL)
Approx 20 submarines (SS)
Approx 40 destroyers (DD)
3 Seaplane carriers (AV)

CHITODA
CHITOH
AKITSUGHUA
NISHIN
FANOE

} 1 Damaged 8/11

Converted S/P Tenders (NAV)

HITCHO HANU
HATSURAI HANU
HAGO HANU
GANTO HANU
KUNJO HANU
BOUTOU HANU
KASUYAMA HANU
JOSHU HANU

Several Submarine Tenders
Approx 40 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTR's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft
Approx 315 shore-based aircraft incl. 150 fighters, 90 B, 20 P/B,
37 P/P, 9 Obs. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA COAST

Allied Forces

0th Cruiser
0th Cruiser
A.S. Ship
Destroyers

S/P Tenders

Submarine Tender
Submarines

ABELAHN
VAN BEMMERS
TJHRE BIDDOS
VAN CALEN
KIROU
GUILS
W.S. FINESTON
GILLAS
G AN
SHARVEN
TURKISH
TANDE
TATTOG
CHUSADIER
GRAYLHO
K.8
K.12
TROOT

DEVOGHEIRE

} On Patrol

} At Fremantle

3/ EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

3 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or WBI area (see above)

Enemy Forces

China and Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)
3 light cruisers (CL)

AMICARA
KASHII
YONA
(see Truk area)

Approx 10 Destroyers (DD)
Approx 3 submarines (SS)
Seaplane Carrier (AV)
Converted S/P Tender (NAV)

HOTORO
CHISSU HANU

4) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

Converted A/C Carriers

0th Cruisers

CODANER
LONG ISLAND
CHICAGO

WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE
IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA

SALT LAKE CITY
SAN FRANCISCO
INDIANAPOLIS

~~Destroyers~~
~~Submarines~~

~~15 approx.~~
~~23 approx.~~

Allyed Forces

Japan-Solomon-Philippine-Borneo-Java

Cinc 1st Fleet

Cinc 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)

5 Battleships (BB)

YAMATO
MUSASHI
FUJIO
YAMASHIRO
MIDZUHO
SUIBAN
SUICHO
KAGI
ARISHIRO

2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

1 Converted A/C Carrier (ACV)

2 - 8" Cruisers (CA)

4 Light Cruisers (CL)

YAMATO (damaged 26/10)
SUICHO (damaged 26/10)
SUIBAN
SUICHO
SUICHO

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

FUJIKAWA MARU
KAWASUMI MARU
KIYOSHIMA MARU
KAWASUMI MARU
KAWASUMI MARU
KAWASUMI MARU

KAWASUMI MARU (21/10)
(poss. sunk)

6 old Armored Cruisers (OCA)

Approx. 30 Destroyers

Approx. 27 Submarines

5) PACIFIC AREA

Allyed Forces

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
COLORADO
MARYLAND
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
NEW YORK
SARATOGA
SASSAU
ALABAMA
NEW ORLEANS
BIRMINGHAM
BOSTON
PENSACOLA
LOUISVILLE

Aircraft Carriers

Converted A/C Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

LEAHU

5" Cruisers

Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

HOLLOMAN
ST. LOUIS
MEMPHIS
COLUMBIA
ACHILLES
SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN
35 (approx)
MORGAN
AGASSIZ

6) PACIFIC AREA

Allyed Forces

6" Cruisers

DETROIT
HALSEG

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Allyed Forces

Northern Honshu-Hullon-Alutians

Cinc 5th Fleet

8" Cruiser

2 light cruisers (CL)

HAGYU
YAMA
KIKO

Approx. 4 Destroyers

Approx. 7 Submarines

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

6th Cruisers

COSCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

WASPITE
RESOLUTION
BATTLESHIP
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
ILLUSTrious
ALBATROSS
GEORGES AVERROFF (Greek)

REVENGE

Aircraft Carrier

Seaplane Carrier

8th Cruiser

7.5th Cruisers

HAWKINS
PROBISHER
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
ENTERPRISE
BIRMINGHAM
DAUNTLESS
DRAGON
DUNBAR
CAUSTON
SERES
CALDON
CARADOC

BRECASTLE
OLASCOB
EMERALD
DARAZ

6th Cruisers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

SOMATRA (Dutch)
WONDERERSHIRE
SAUCHY
COOPY
HAWINDA
CHITRAL
RAIPURA
CARTAGE
CARLEILE

A.A. Vessel

Approx 27 Destroyers

Approx 9 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Approx 7 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITIES

25th December, 1942

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES:

A) SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

(1) EASTERN SECTOR - Allied Forces

AT SEA to 1800/28:

- (1) Coral Sea - "AUSTRALIA" "SCOPFORD" "HELE" "HEWLEY" on patrol.
- (2) Task Group 44.5 ("BOBART" "SHEPHERD" "SAGLEY") was to depart Palm Island 1000/28 ETA Crafton Passage 1000/28.
- (3) "ARUNDA" escorting "BARAKA" "BOTH" was to depart Port Moresby 0900/28 for Milne Bay.
- (4) "MANURDA" was due Port Moresby 0900/28.
- (5) "COLAD" "BROCK" "SHELLA" operating vicinity Oro Bay.
- (6) "POLARIS" operating vicinity Cape Nelson.
- (7) "MELLARAT" was due Townsville 0600/28 for boiler cleaning.
- (8) "TULSA" dep. Milne Bay 0730/28 for Brisbane.
- (9) "PIRE" escorting "EMPIRE HANDLE" dep. Sydney 0630/27 for Townsville.
- (10) "SWAN" escorting "DUNROCK" dep. Milne Bay 1500/28 for Townsville ETA 1300/28.
- (11) "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNVILLE" escorting Convoy 0036 to Sydney.
- (12) "ABRAHAM CRIBBER" escorting Convoy 0127 dep. Brisbane 1730/28, due Sydney 1200/28.
- (13) "MILDURA" "KAVONDA" escorting Convoy 0057 dep. Sydney 1030/28.
- (14) 15 submarines on patrol.

IN HARBOUR:

Milne Bay - "HILO" "D. BUSHNELL" "SUELLA"
 Port Moresby - "KAGURDA" "ADMIRAL HALSTED" "BALIKPAPAN" "BONTORO"
 "VAN NEUTZE" "BONTOROK" "CHESER" "TASHAN"
 Thursday Is. - "CASTLEMAINE"
 Cairns - "WARRICO"
 Palm Is. - "AASE HANSON" "MEREK"
 Townsville - "TUMMAN" - Repairing "STUART" "KATOOMBA"
 Brisbane - "SPERRY" "PULTON" "BOHCCA" "GOULBURN" "LITSON"
 "VICTORIA" "MURUDA" "KIMAN" "POYANG"
 Repairing - "ORILONG"
 Sydney - "SARRANURCA" "SEAN" "PATTERSON" "HOPKINS" "DOBBS"
 "DUNBARING" "INVERELL" "STAFFIN" "BOSEN" "DELOCHANE"
 "SOUTHARD" "GLENNLO"
 Repairing - "PORTLAND" "SHE OULBANS" "PHOENIX" "VREDETTA"
 "BIRNOVDAL" "ALINRA" "YANDRA"
 In Reserve - "MANOURA" "WESTRALIA"
 Melbourne - "BRINDGALL" "LE TRICHPHANT" "DOONDA"

PROPOSED MOVEMENTS:

- (1) Task Group 44.5 to EV with Task Group 44.3 ("AUSTRALIA" "SCOPFORD" "HELE" "HEWLEY") in position 14°S 148°E at 1000/28. Task Group 44.3 to enter Crafton Passage 0800/30 ETA Palm Is. 1000/30.
- (2) "WARRICO" escorting "TAROMA" to depart Townsville p.m. 28/28 for Milne Bay.
- (3) "SWAN" escorting "DUNROCK" to depart Townsville 2000/28 for Port Moresby ETA 1600/31.
- (4) "BOHCCA" escorting Convoy 0130 ("ERASTI" "WIGGOLD" "CHAMBER" "POYANG") to depart Brisbane 0300/29 for Townsville.
- (5) "INVERELL" to depart Sydney 1800/28 for Darwin, calling at Townsville for fuel.

Enemy Forces:

- (1) Enemy Activity-Solomons - A destroyer was sighted 35 miles WNW of Munda Munda course 288 at 0630/27. A destroyer was previously reported between Fiala and Vella Lavella on a westerly course at

1300/25. 6 destroyers were sighted 31 miles WSW of Mundi Mundi course south at 1840/27. It would appear that the enemy is making a determined bid to reinforce the base at Rabaul after the frustration by allied aircraft of the last attempt to land supplies and reinforcements.

- (2) Vangunu Is. - 4 barges were sighted south of Vangunu Is., course 30 at dawn 27/28.
- (3) Rehata Bay - The Japanese force at Rehata Bay appears to have been increased to 4,000 according to a very reliable native report 26/28. Two submarines arrived during the week ending 18/28, apparently arriving at 2100 and departing at 0800 next morning. Supplies and troops from Rabaul are apparently brought by submarine.
- (4) Havieng - An allied aircraft reported 2 probable destroyers and 1 merchant vessel in harbour 0027/28. It is probable that the merchant vessel is the beached vessel reported several times in the harbour, although a similar ship was reported 43 miles SE of Havieng on 28 course at 0905/28.
- (5) St. George's Channel: 2 destroyers and two 3,000 ton cargo vessels, one on fire being towed by the other were sighted 20 miles WSW of Cape St. George on northerly course at 1510/28. At approximately 1500/28 two destroyers and one 7,000 ton merchant vessel were sighted 25 miles SE of Cape St. George on the same course. A convoy of 7 vessels, then reported as one light cruiser, 4 destroyers and 2 merchant vessels were reported 40 miles south of Cape Dacelle apparently attempting to proceed south at 1130/28, after the larger merchant vessel had been hit by allied aircraft.
- (6) Rabaul - A B.IV observed the following shipping in Rabaul Harbour 1800/27 -
 - 21 u/i vessels inside the harbour;
 - A possible destroyer off Tavel Point;
 - One large vessel was seen lying on its side in the centre of the Harbour and two medium sized ships were seen burning off Sulphur Point. Attacks on shipping in the Harbour were made early a.m. 27/28 (see Naval Incidents). 20 harbour craft were also sighted inside the Harbour.
 - Photographs reveal 4 merchant vessels (total 18,000 tons) and 28 motor launches in the Hekopo area.
- (7) Buna - An unspecified number of destroyers were sighted 50 miles from Buna, on course 30° at 0730/27.

(11) WESTERN OCEAN - Allied Forces:

AT SEA:

- (1) "HERMES" dep. Adelaide 1538/26 for Fremantle ETA 1800/1 Jan.
- (2) "ENCADINE" dep. Fremantle 2100/28 for Sydney ETA 0600/31.
- (3) "VICTORIAN" escorting "DARVEL" "BARINDA" dep. Darwin 1348/27 for Thursday Island ETA 1830/31.
- (4) "MADAGASCAR" escorting "ALASKA" "TANBAR" dep. Thursday Is. 1448/24 for Darwin ETA 1730/28.
- (5) 5 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

IN HARBOUR:

Fremantle - "ANGLAIS" "JACOB VAN HEUNSEN" "TROMP" "VAN CALEN" "TERRA NIDUS" "CHILD" "HEROS" "GALLAGHER" "DUBOIS" "TANWORTH" "OLDSTAR" "ISABEL" "JELIAS" "WHIPPOORHILL"

Banouch Gulf - "LARK" "S.B. FRETTON"

Heavy Forces:

- (1) Banouch - A vessel (500-1,000 tons) was sighted stationary off Banouch at 1000/27.
- (2) Sourabaya - 1 large carrier, 1 heavy cruiser, 1 light cruiser and 2 destroyers were observed to depart Sourabaya. At 0245/28 this force was sighted 83 miles NE by N. of Sourabaya on course 60°.

B) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA - Allied Forces:

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (W)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - PENSACOLA WHEENAPOLIS LOUISVILLE (CA)

M'KOLU HILINA COLUMBIA SAN DIEGO (CL) HONEY MORRIS
THORNTON O'BANNON MCKEANAN WOODWORTH STACE ABERGON
GARRH HUNNED HUNNELL FLETCHER BRAYTON LARSON ELIOT (DD)
CURTISS BALLARD TANGREN (AV) RIGUL (AD) VESTAL (AR)
FONALHAUT (AK) STRATFORD AMERICAN LUCION (AP) ANOTIC (AP)
SARINE GUADALUPE (AO) SUMNER (AO) YP.347

(3) At Houston - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA (DD) SAN JUAN (CL)
SALCH GRIDLEY McCALL LARSEN PARRISH HASTY GRAVEN
DOWLAP HOBSON AARON SAND (DD) TRUYER HARR (DD) GARDLE (DM)
PROCTER (AR) ARCONNE (AS) LARSEN (AR) MCKEAN HARTLEY (AP)
SOMMA (AT) DELPHINUS (YP) WHITNEY (AD) KINOFISHER VIGO (AM)
BUTTERNUT (YH) SUANICO (AO) BRVILLE HUNTER LOGGETT
W.S. BURNS (AP) LIBRA SINGUET BELLATRIE ATTAKS (AR) ASD.2

(4) At Vila - ALBARRAN (AK)

(5) At Sava - MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO (DD) HULL PRIBBLE (DD) CATALPA
LOONEY BOSEWOOD (YH) TALAMANCA (AK) YANHAENE (AO)

(6) Guadalcanal Area - JARSTOWN (PO) BOBLINE (AN) PC.476 PC.477
PC.469 (YF) WARDANE (YF) SATAI MOA KINI TOI (A/S Vessels)
ORTOLAN (ASS)

(7) At Buna Buna - TERE (AN)

(8) At Auckland - HONORAI (A.U.C) HONEY (YH) ROANER (AP) TRYON (AP)
Berlitting - LEADER (CL)

(9) At Wellington - McCAULEY WEST POINT (AP)

Enemy Forces:

Guadalcanal: There were strong indications 27/12 of a submarine in
position 11°S, 160°E.

C) INDIAN OCEAN AREA - Allied Forces:

- (1) "KAMINDA" escorting Convoy 512 (5 MV) en route Colombo to Fremantle NZA 0700/1 Jan.
- (2) "SAVIER" escorting "TRINITY" en route Smooth Gulf to Diego Garcia NZA 23/12.

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) Hickson Anchorage: Reports on the attack on 2 merchant vessels 26/12 indicate that one vessel sank during the attack, and the second later in the day.
- (2) Bahali: 3 attacked by 7 B.24's, probably 6 B.17's and 1 B.17's were made 0101-0240/27. Results of the attacks on shipping were not observed at the time, but a B.17 on recon reported 2 medium sized ships burning off Sulphur Point and 1 ship on its side in Bahali Harbour at 1050/27.
- (3) Cape Orford: A B.17 strafed a two-masted motor launch (70 ft) 27 miles NNE Cape Orford 26/12.
- (4) Buna: (a) Torpedo boats destroyed an enemy schooner of 100 tons off Buna night 25-26/12.
(b) It was reported that an allied observation post at Buna was being shelled from the sea night 26-27/12. Gun-fire was observed early morning 27/12 coming from vicinity of Buna beach and directed inland. Search for a possible submarine responsible was negative.
- (5) Noranko: "VAN HANSENBERG" was attacked by a Japanese floatplane at 0412/27. The ship was hit, and the fore-castle and forward hatch damaged; 3 native seamen were killed and 4 wounded. No military casualties.

III. AIR OPERATIONS

Allied

- Buna - 3 A.20's attacked the Mission morning 27/12.
- Ambona River - 3 A.20's attacked the area morning 27/12. One fire started.
- Sona - 3 B.20's attacked the wreck morning 27/12. 3 direct hits. Ship observed listing and smoking.
- Puliro - One Seafighter attacked the strip morning 27/12. Results not observed.
- Jaiva - 4 Seafighters attacked stores and buildings morning 27/12. Two large fires from probable fuel dump. Some explosions ceased. 3 Hudsons attacked 27/12. Three fighters intercepted and one destroyed.

Cass - One balloon attacked buildings morning 27/12.
Guadalcanal - 12 A.24's and 14 P.30's attacked Japanese positions early afternoon 27/12.

RUSSIA

Buna - 20-30 fighters and 7 or 8 bombers were intercepted by 12 P.30's over Buna early afternoon 27/12. 9 fighters destroyed, 3 probable, 2 bombers destroyed. One P.30 lost.

Hobartua - 11 or 12 fighters were engaged by 12 P.40's morning 25/12. 4 enemy aircraft destroyed, 3 probable.

Cooktown - 3 enemy aircraft were sighted 85 miles NW of Cooktown at 2110/27.

Cape Sessel - At least one Zero floatplane was sighted 8 miles W. by W. of Cape Sessel at 1415/27.

IV. HUNT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) Consolidation of new rear bases and of existing advanced bases particularly Timor, E.coast New Guinea and Solomons preparatory to further offensive in S.W.P.A.
- (2) Infiltration - Guadal canal.
- (3) Infiltration - Buna Area.

For A/DIRECTOR, C.I.C.

20/12/42

APPENDIX

DAILY ADMINISTRATIVE-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. ALLIED FORCES

Allied Forces
B¹ Cruisers

Effective
AS SINCE 1A

Refitting or Damaged

6¹ Cruisers
Flotilla Leaders

STUART
AGUETA
TROMP
LE TRIOMPHANT
SHELFRIDGE

CHRYSLER
PORTLAND
NEW ORLEANS
PHOENIX

STUART

Destroyers

H SELBY
HELE
BACLET
HUGHSON
PATTERSON
O'BANON
SOUTHARD

VENETTA

Submarines

PLYING FISH
SHAPPEL
CATO
SWEDFISH
WAND
ALBACORE
ANNEJACK
ARCHAUT
GRANUS
GRABACK
ON CUPER
CUDGON
PLUNGER
HAUPLUS
GAILFISH
SARGO
SHADRAGON
SILVERSIDES
SPEARFISH
TUNA
K.S

At Brisbane

On Patrol

Submarine Tenders

FULTON

At Sydney
WILLARD

Destroyer Tender
Gunboats

SPERRY

DOBBIN

TULSA

WILCO

Oilers

KUNUWA

AASE HARRIS

VICTORIA

BISHOPDALE

Enemy Forces

YAMATO-NAIMITSU-Now Britain-Solomon

CinC Combined Fleet

CinC 2nd Fleet

CinC 4th Fleet

CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)

3 Battleships (BB)

YAMATO

KIYOSU

ISHO

2 Battlecruisers (BB)

KONGO

BARBARA

} 1 damaged 26/10

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)

KOSHO

3 Converted A/C Carriers
(XCV)

H AYATAMA

HITAKA

OTAKA

CHUYO

MIYO

Heavy Cruisers
(prob. 5 effective)

ACSA

CHUHAI

HACHO

KURANO

SHUYA

TAKAO

TIKUMA (prob. sunk 26/10)
HYOGO (prob. com. 26/10)
KOSANE (believed sunk
14/11)

Light Cruisers (CL)
(some damaged)
prob. 3-5 effective

Effective
KATON
KASHIMA
KATON
KAGASA
KUNYU
KUMAI
YUBARI

Repair or Refit

TATEWA } believed sunk
KINU } 14/11

1 or 2 converted light cruisers (XCL)
Approx 20 submarines (SS)
Approx 40 destroyers (DD)
3 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHITODA
CHITOSE
AKITSUCHIMA
NISHIN
YAMOI
KITCHO MARU
KATOURAGI MARU
KAGO MARU
KAIYO MARU
KENJO MARU
SOJYOU MARU
KAIYASA MARU
GOSU MARU

} 1 damaged 8/11

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

Several submarine tenders
Approx 60 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub. Chasers, HYD's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft
Approx 315 shore-based aircraft incl. 155 fighters, 90 B, 20 P/B,
37 P/P, 9 Obs. or transport aircraft.

2. SOUTHERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

5th Cruiser
6th Cruiser
A.A. Ship
Destroyers

S/P Tenders

Submarine Tender
Submarines

ADLAIDE
VAN HEERDENHEIM
TYNE RIDGES
VAN GALEN
HIBON
CHILES
U.S. PRESTON
MELIAS
OAR
SEARVEN
TUNNISH
TANBOR
TAUTOS
CORREBIER
CASTINO
K.S
K.LS
TROUT

DEFENSIVE

} On Patrol

} At Fremantle

3. EAST INDIES-PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

3 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or HKI area (see above)

Enemy Forces

1st and Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA) AMICARA
2 light cruisers (CL) KASHI
KUMA

1 converted light cruiser (XCL)

Approx 16 destroyers (DD)
Approx 3 submarines (SS)
Seaplane Carrier (AV) NOTORO
Converted S/P Tender (XAV) ONTOSU MARU

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE
IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA

Converted A/C Carriers

3rd Cruisers

CORALIE
LONG ISLAND
CHICAGO

SALT LAKE CITY INDIANAPOLIS
SAN FRANCISCO

Destroyers
Submarines

Eastern Forces
Japan - British - Panama - Americas - Japan

CINC Pac Fleet
CINC 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)
5 Battleships (BB)

MURASAME
HAGATO
FUJIO
TAKASHIRO
HYUGA
SHIRASU
SUHO
SUAGO
ASHIMUKI

2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)
1 Converted A/C Carrier (CVC)
2 - 3rd Cruisers (CA)
4 light cruisers (CL)

SHIKASU (damaged SC/10)

TOHE (damaged SC/10)
HITAGAMI
OI
ISHIBI

Converted A/P Tenders (APV)

FUJIKAWA MARU
HAKUTO MARU
KITAHARA MARU
KODANICAWA MARU
KIYOSADA MARU
SAFUKI MARU

KITAKAWA MARU (CL/10)
(pass. sunk)

6 Old Annotated Cruisers (OCA)
Approx 30 Destroyers
Approx 27 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces
Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
COLORADO
MARYLAND
MISSISSIPPI

Aircraft Carriers

NEW MEXICO
ENTERPRISE
CANTON

Converted A/C Carriers

HARLAN
ATLANTA
MINNESOTA
MINNEAPOLIS
BOSTON
PENSACOLA
LOUISVILLE

3rd Cruisers

3rd Cruisers

HELENA
HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE
COLUMBIA
ACHILLES
SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN

LEANDER

3rd Cruisers

Destroyers
Armed Merchant Cruisers

30 (approx)
HONOLULU
ASCANIA

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces
3rd Cruisers

DETROIT
BALSTON

10 Destroyers
10 Submarines

Eastern Forces
Northern Russia - Kuriles - Aleutians

CINC 6th Fleet
3rd Cruiser
2 light cruisers (CL)

HACHI
TAMA
KISO

Approx 4 Destroyers
Approx 7 Submarines

B) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

C) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

PARSYTE
RESOLUTION
SAXVILLE
ROYAL SOVEREIGN

REVENGE

Aircraft Carrier

ILLUSTRIOUS

Seaplane Carrier

ALBATROSS

8" Cruiser

GEORGIOS AVENOFF (Greek)

7.5" Cruisers

HAWKINS

PROBISHER

6" Cruisers

MAGNITIUS

NEWCASTLE

GARRIA

CLASOFF

ENTERPRISE

EMERALD

BIRMINGHAM

DANAB

DARTLESS

DIAGOS

DUNDAN

CAPSTONE

CHERR

CALEDON

CARADOC

Armed Merchant Cruisers

SUMATRA (Dutch)

WINDSTREMLINE

BASCHI

CONVO

KANTHOLA

CYPRAL

BARBERA

CANTHAGE

CARLISLE

A.A. Vessel

Approx 27 Destroyers

Approx 9 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Approx 7 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITIES

29th December, 1942

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

(1) EASTERN SECTOR - Allied Forces

AT SEA to 1800/29:

- (1) Task Group 44.5 ("HOBART" "SHELBRIDGE" "BAGLEY") to RV with Task Group 44.3 ("AUSTRALIA" "WIGFORD" "HELM" "HEWLEY") in position 14°S 120°E at 1000/29.
- (2) "WILCAUNIA" escorting "DARVEL" "BASINDA" dep. Darwin 1845/27 for Thursday Island ETA 1830/31.
- (3) "CASTLEHAYNE" dep. Thursday Island 1945/28 to RV with "VAN HEESBROEK" at 1101/29 in position 09°08'S, 140°18'E and escort to Thursday Ia.
- (4) "MANUNDA" dep. Port Moresby 1600/28 for Milne Bay ETA 1100/30.
- (5) "ARUNTA" escorting "YANAKA" "BORE" dep. Port Moresby 1800/28 for Milne Bay ETA 1800/29.
- (6) "COLAC" "BROOME" "SHALLA" operating vicinity Cro Day.
- (7) "POLARIS" operating vicinity Cape Nelson.
- (8) "TULSA" dep. Milne Bay 0730/28 for Brisbane.
- (9) "PIRIE" escorting "EMPIRE HAMBLE" dep. Sydney 0620/27 for Townsville ETA 1930/1 Jan.
- (10) "BOHUKA" escorting Convoy BNSO ("EARNIE" "ULOOLOO" "CHARGE" "ROYARD") was to depart Brisbane 0900/29 for Townsville.
- (11) "NECAPINE" dep. Fremantle 2100/28 for Sydney ETA 0600/31.
- (12) "MILNERA" "MAMUNDA" escorting Convoy C057 dep. Sydney 1835/28. To RV with in Wilson's Proximity area with "DOONMA" escorting Convoy C057 which dep. Melbourne 2335/28.
- (13) "TOWNVILLE" continuing escorting Newcastle portion Convoy C056 from Sydney was due Newcastle a.m. 29/12.
- (14) 15 submarines on patrol.

IN HARBOUR:

<u>Milne Bay</u>	- "HILO" "D. BUSHNELL" "STELLA" "JAFARA"
<u>Port Moresby</u>	- "BRIDGEO" "MACUNDA" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "BALIKPAPAN" "MONTORG" "VAN BRUTER" "CHERRY" "TASHAN" "ISAAC COLES" "ASPASIA NORTON"
<u>Cairns</u>	- "SARREGO"
<u>Townsville</u>	- "TOMAR" "SWAN" "BEREUN" "AASH HARRIS"
<u>Repairing</u>	- "STUART" "LATOONDA" "DALLANET"
<u>Brisbane</u>	- "SPERRY" "FULTON" "BOHUKA" "DOULBURN" "VICTORIA" "KUNURRA" "MIRAN"
<u>Repairing:</u>	"OSHLONG" "LITCOCK"
<u>Sydney</u>	- "SARRAMUNGA" "SEAN" "PATTERSON" "DOBBIE" "BUNDABERG" "IVERHILL" "CHUMPIE" "DOWEN" "DELOCAINE" "GEMELLO" "ROCHAMPTON" "ABRAHAM CRIBBEN"
<u>Repairing:</u>	"POWLAND" "NEW ORLEANS" "FROESIE" "VERONETTA" "HOPKINS" "SOUTHARD" "SIGMONDALE" "ALBENA" "YARDA"
<u>In Reserve:</u>	"MAUCORA" "AUSTRALIA"
<u>Melbourne</u>	- "BRINDALE" "LE THIEPHANT"

PROPOSED MOVEMENTS:

- (1) Task Group 44.5 to enter Wafton Passage 0000/30 ETA Pula Ia. 1000/30.
- (2) "IVERHILL" escorting "J.R. LOWELL" to depart Sydney 1800/31 for Darwin.
- (3) "SEAN" escorting "TUNTHOON" to depart Townsville 2000/29 for Port Moresby ETA 1600/31.
- (4) "SARREGO" to escort "TANCOGA" (ex Townsville) to Milne Bay. To RV and depart Pitcairney Island Light 0600/30.
- (5) "DELOCAINE" "GEMELLO" to escort Convoy C058. To take over convoy from "TOWNVILLE" at RV off Sydney p.m. 30/12.

Enemy Forces:

Enemy Forces:

- (1) Buka Passage: A D.17 sighted a cargo vessel in Buka Passage at 1200/27. A native report states that a large warship arrived from the west at dawn 20/12.
- (2) Munda Area: 6 destroyers were reported 30 miles N. by E. of Munda Munda, course S.W. at 0045/28. These destroyers were sighted at 1040/27, 31 miles WSW of Munda Munda proceeding south. The continued reports of enemy vessels in this area proceeding down towards Munda in the late afternoon or early evening and returning early next morning points to a continued and increasing attempt to reinforce the enemy base. In the two previous attempts to reinforce the Japanese base a force of 2 destroyers and 1 transport was used. In the allied attack on Munda 1830/28 (see also Air Operations), heavy A.A. fire (of small calibre) was reported, although apparently no aircraft engaged the allied planes.
- (3) Sichuan Anchorage: 7 camouflaged enemy barges were reported to be anchored in a small bay 6 miles WSW of Sichuan Anchorage at 1830/27.
- (4) Yasubi: A small vessel was sighted anchored near a small island off Tokata Bay 20/12.
- (5) Havlong: An aircraft 28/11 reported 2 destroyers, 2 probable warships 1 merchant vessel and 3 w/l vessels in the area.
- (6) Sabaul: Photos 0950/28 accounted for 68 ships in the area. 67 large and small vessels were disposed as follows -
 36 ships in Simpson's Harbour
 7 " " St. George's Channel
 3 " " Maluana Point to Kokope
 1 " " Great Harbour
 The visual recon reported no signs of a burning ship in Sabaul Harbour (see also Naval Incidents).
- (7) Alexishafen: The 2 masted schooner (90 ft.) reported at the Mission about 2.30. 20/12 was still there a.m. 23/12. It is described as a possible weather reporting ship.
- (8) Submarine Activity: New Ireland - An enemy submarine was indicated in position 3°S, 123°3'E 23/12.

(11) WESTERN OCEAN - Allied Forces:

AT SEA:

- (1) "THOMP" escorting "HEATH" was seen Fremantle 0730/28.
- (2) "HONSHAM" dep. Adelaide 1530/28 for Fremantle ETA 1800/1 Jan.
- (3) "KALCOONLIE" escorting "ALACHA" "TANBAR" dep. Thursday Is. 1440/28
- (4) 2 submarines on patrol stations in China (for Darwin ETA 1730/28) sea of HKI area.

IN HARBOUR:

Fremantle - "ADLAIDE" "JAMES VAN HEERENBERG" "VAN CALEN" "TJERE RINDERS" "CHILDERS" "BERGON" "BALLARCO" "DUNCO" "TAMMORTH" "GOLDSPAN" "ISABEL" "MELIAS" "WHIPPOONWILL"
Newport Gulf - "LANE" "S.H. PERSTON"

B) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA - Allied Forces:

- (1) At Vanikoro - HACHINAO (AV)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - PENSACOLA MINNEAPOLIS LOUISVILLE (CA) BUREAU HELENA COLUMBIA SAN DIEGO (CL) MORRIS THORNTON O'BANON BUCHANAN GOODWORTH STACE ANDERSON GARDNER HUGHES RUSSELL FLETCHER BRAYTON LANSON ELIST (DD) CURTIS BALLARD TANNERS (AV) RIGBY (AD) VESTAL (AR) FOULBERT (AK) STRATFORD AMERICAN LEITCH (AV) ARCTIC (AP) SABINE GUADALUPE (AO) SUMNER (AO) TP.347
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA (SS) NASHVILLE SAN JUAN (CL) BALCH GRIPLEY McCALL LARKINS PANNING SAUNDY CRAVE GARDVOORT FRASIER RALPH TALBOT BURLAP HOOCHMAN AARON WARD (DD) FRYER CAKE (DMS) GARRIE (DM) PROMETHEUS (AM) ARNONE (AS) LASSER (AE) NORMAN HAYLET (APD) SONOMA (AT) DELPHINUS (YP) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER VIANO (AM) BUTTERNUT (YH) GUADICO (AO) HAVILLE HUNTER LIGHTY W.W. DUNSONS FREDERICK PERSTON PERG. HAYES CROCKETT CITY PERG. ADAMS PERG. JACKSON (AP)

LINEA MERCURY HELLATHIX ANTARES (AK) ASD.2

- (4) At Sava - MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO MARYLAND COLORADO (DD) HULL
FURBER (DD) CATALPA LOCUST ROBINWOOD (YN) TALAMANCA (AK)
KANTARIN (AO)
- (5) Guadalcanal Area - JAMSTOWN (PO) DONLINE (AK) PC.470 PC.490 (YP)
KANDAK (YP) KATAI HOA KIVI TUI (A/S Vessels) OYOLAN (ASB)
- (6) At Sava Sava - TENE (AK)
- (7) At Auckland - SONOWAI (A.S.C) LANDEDOWN (DD) EBONY (YN) ROSEBUD (AP)
TAYON (APR)
Refitting - LEASDER (CL)
- (8) At Wellington - MCCARTHY WEST POINT (AP)

Enemy Forces:

Marble Island - One, possibly two submarines were sighted 80 miles
NE of Norfolk Island, course 145° at 0840/28.

C) INDIAN OCEAN AREA - Allied Forces:

- (1) "KARNATA" escorting Convoy 882 (3 MT) en route Colombo to
Perambur NTA 0700/1 Jan.

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) Rehaul - 4 B.24's attacked shipping 0510-0700/28. At least 3
direct hits on a heavy cruiser or large transport. Fire and
smoke observed.
A hit on a probable ammunition dump was also observed.

III. AIR OPERATIONS

Allied:

- Hunda - 3 B.24's, 4 P.38's and 3 P.47's attacked morning 27/28.
4 fires started, one in possible fuel dump. One aircraft
destroyed on ground, 3 airborne fighters destroyed. 7 P.47's,
7 P.38's and 4 P.38's attacked afternoon 28/28. 3 fighters
in revetments set on fire. One A.A. gun and crew destroyed.
2 P.38's over Hunda 28/28 shot down one bomber.
- Naviana - 4 Catalinas attacked the aerodrome night 27-28/28.
Direct hits on runway and several fires started.
- Naevia - 1 Catalina, 2 B.24's and 1 B.24 attacked the aerodrome
morning and afternoon 28/28. One fire started, other results
unobserved.
- Pingshafen - One aircraft attacked the runway afternoon 28/28.
No damage observed.
- Lee - 1 B.24 attacked the aerodrome 1840/28. One fire started.
- Kamusi River - 3 Beaufighters strafed a barge north of the
Kamusi River north morning 28/28.
- Arbous River - 3 Beaufighters strafed the west bank morning 28/28.
- Puliro - 3 Beaufighters attacked aerodrome morning 28/28. Two
H.Q. posts silenced.
- Lalvai - 3 Hudsons attacked stores morning 27/28. Results not
observed. 3 fighters intercepted. One fighter destroyed.

Enemy:

Bachelor-Darwin - 1 aircraft was sighted morning 28/28.

IV. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of new rear bases and of existing advanced
bases particularly Timor, E.coast New Guinea and
Solomons preparatory to further offensive in S.W.P.A.
- (2) Infiltration - Guadalcanal.
- (3) Infiltration - Sava area.

APPENDIX

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITIES

A) SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. HEAVY FORCE

Allied Forces
6th Cruisers

Effective
AUSTRIA

Refitting or Damaged
PORTLAND
NEW ORLEANS
PHOENIX

6th Cruisers
Flotilla Leaders

HUBERT
ANITA
TROMP
LE TRICORHANT
SILVERIDGE

STUART

Destroyers

HENLEY
WELM
BACLET
MURFORD

VERONICA
DORIS
SOUTHERN

Submarines

PATTERSON
FLYING FISH
SHAPPER
GATO

At Brisbane

CROWLER
SWORDFISH
TUNA
WABCO

ALBACORE
ANNE JACK
ARCHEAUF
CHAMPUS

CRAYBACK
GRIBBLING
GROUPER
GUDSON

On Patrol

SA TILUS
FLUNDER
DE ELFISH
DANCO

REARADON
SPRANFISH
TRITON
L.S.

At Sydney

Submarine Tenders

FULTON
SPURRY

HOLLAND

Destroyer Tender
Gunboats

DUBOIS
TULSA

Oilers

HILO
HUNDEA
AARH GAURSE
VICTORIA

BIRCHDALE

Heavy Forces

Force-Unit-Sea Britain-Solomons

- CINC Combined Fleet
- CINC 2nd Fleet
- CINC 4th Fleet
- CINC 6th Fleet (Submarines)
- 3 Battleships (BB)

YAMATO
MITSU
ISE

2 Battlecruisers (BC)

KONGO } 1 damaged 26/10
HARUNA }

- 1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)
- 5 Converted A/C Carriers (KUV)

ROHMO
HAYASHI
HITAKA
OHAMA
OHITO
OHIO

Heavy Cruisers
(prob. 5 effective)

AGDA
CHOKAI
HAKURO
KURANO
SUZUKI
TAKAO

YINOKI (prob. sunk 26/10)
MITSU (prob. sunk 26/10)
MOMORI (believed sunk 16/11)

Light Cruisers (CL)
 (some damaged)
 prob. 3-5 effective

~~Effecting~~
 MATSU
 KASHIMA
 MATSUY
 MATSUDA
 MATSUY
 MATSUY
 MATSUY

status or deficit
 TATSUTA } believed sunk
 KINU } 14/11

1 or 2 converted light cruisers (KCL)
 Approx 20 submarines (SS)
 Approx 40 destroyers (DD)
 3 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHUYOMA
 CHUYOMA
 ANTSUCHIKI } 1 damaged 8/11
 HIGASHI

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

HANNO
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 HANNO

Several submarine tenders
 Approx 40 Merchant ships (over 5,000 tons)
 Minesweepers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, M/T's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft
 Approx 210 shore-based aircraft incl. 155 fighters, 90 B, 30 P/B,
 37 T/P, 9 Obs. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN OCEAN AREA

Allied Forces

8" Cruiser
 6" Cruiser
 A.S. Ship
 Destroyers

S/P Tenders

Submarine tender
 Submarines

AGULHAS
 VAN HEMSTEDT
 TUNG HEDDER
 VAN GELDER
 HEDDER
 CHITSO
 S.S. HEDDER
 POLAR
 OAS
 OAS
 OAS
 OAS
 OAS
 OAS
 OAS
 OAS

DISPATCH

On patrol

At Fremontle

3. PACIFIC OCEAN - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

5 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or PHI area (see above)

Heavy Forces

CINC and Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)
 2 light cruisers (CL)

ASHIGARA
 HANIKI
 KUMA

1 converted light cruiser (KCL)

Approx 10 destroyers (DD)

Approx 3 submarines (SS)

Seaplane Carrier (AV)

Converted S/P Tender (XAV)

HOFORO
 CHITSO HANU

4) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Submarines

YAKO
 PENNSYLVANIA
 NEVADA
 C. PARK
 LONG ISLAND

WEST VIRGINIA
 CALIFORNIA
 TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carriers

6th Cruisers

CHICAGO

SALT LAKE CITY
SAN FRANCISCO
INDIANAPOLIS

Destroyers
Submarines

15 approx
25 approx

Heavy Cruisers

~~MISSOURI-ALBANY-BOSTON-ROCHESTER-INDIAN~~

CINC 1st Fleet

CINC 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)

3 Battleships (BB)

KIKYUJIMA
HARATO
FUJIO
YAMASHIRO
HYUNO

2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

1 Converted A/C Carrier (CVA)

2 - 6th Cruisers (CA)

4 light cruisers (CL)

IKORAKU
SUINO
ATAGO
ARIMURA

SHIRASU (damaged 20/10)

YOSH (damaged 20/10)

HEIKAKI

CI

ISSEI

KIKYUJIMA ISSEI (21/10)

(poss. sunk)

Converted S/P Tenders (TAV)

POJKARA MARU
HARUTO MARU
KIYOSHIMI MARU
HOGAKIRAMA MARU
KINUGASA MARU
SANGKI MARU

6 Old Annapolis Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 30 Destroyers

Approx 27 Submarines

C) ~~EUROPEAN PACIFIC AREA~~

~~ALLIED CROSSL~~

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
COLORADO
HAWAII
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO

Aircraft Carriers

EUROPAINE
CANADORA

Converted A/C Carriers

HASCAU

6th Cruisers

ALTAIRIA
MINNEAPOLIS
NORTHAMPTON
PENACOLA
LOUISVILLE

6th Cruisers

HELENA
BONOLINI
ST. LOUIS
BOSTON

LEANDER

5th Cruisers

COLUMBIA
ACHILLES
SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN

Destroyers

36 (approx)

Armed Merchant Cruisers

ROSCOE
ASCANIA

D) ~~EUROPEAN PACIFIC AREA~~

~~ALLIED CROSSL~~

6th Cruisers

DETROIT
BALDWIN

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Heavy Cruisers

~~ALBANY-BOSTON-BUFFALO-ALBANY~~

CINC 3rd Fleet

6th Cruiser

ELGIN
TANA
VIGO

3 light cruisers (CL)

Approx 4 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

MASSACHUSETTS
RESOLUTION
MANILWA

REVENGE

Aircraft Carrier

Seaplane Carrier

8" Cruiser

7.5" Cruisers

ROYAL SOVEREIGN

ILLUSTRIOUS

ALBATROSS

GEORGES AVERTOFF (Greek)

HASTINGS

PROB SHER

6" Cruisers

SACBITUS

NEWCASTLE

GAMBIA

CLANBORN

ESTERPATSE

EMERALD

BIRMINGHAM

DAHAN

DAUGHTERS

DRAGON

DURHAM

CAPETOWN

ORRES

CALYCE

CARADOC

Armed Merchant Cruisers

SUMATRA (Dutch)

WROXSTERSHIRE

HASCHI

OSPO

SASTIBLA

CHITRAL

RAVUNA

CANTHART

CARLISLE

A.A. Vessel

Approx 27 Destroyers

Approx 6 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Approx 7 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITIES

30th December, 1942

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

(1) North Eastern Area - Allied Forces

AT SEA to 1500/30:

- (1) "ROBERT" "SALFRIDGE" "SACLEY" on patrol Coral Sea area.
- (2) Task Group 44.3 ("AUSTRALIA" "HILL" "HINLEY") to enter Crafon Passage 0800/30 ETA Palm Is. 1800/30.
- (3) "COLAC" escorting "BOHE" to depart Milne Bay 1300/30 for Oro Bay ETA 1430/31.
- (4) "WHYALLA" operating vicinity Milne Bay.
- (5) "POLARIS" operating vicinity Cape Nelson.
- (6) "YULGA" dep. Milne Bay 0730/30 for Brisbane.
- (7) "MANUKA" dep. Milne Bay 1500/30 for Brisbane ETA 0700/2.
- (8) "ARANTA" dep. Milne Bay 1500/30 for Townsville ETA 1700/30.
- (9) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "VAN HEEMSTRA" to Port Moresby.
- (10) "WILCANNIA" escorting "DARVEL" "BANDIDA" dep. Darwin 1540/27 for Thursday Island ETA 2100/31.
- (11) "WARREGO" dep. Cairns 0103/30 searching for missing Douglas aircraft Cairns area.
- (12) "SWAN" escorting "MURDOCK" dep. Townsville 2005/29 for Port Moresby ETA 1800/31.
- (13) "MANUKA" escorting Convoy 8230 ("KARSIK" "ULOGLOO" "CHARON" "JOYANO") dep. Brisbane 211/29 for Townsville ETA 2000/1 Jan.
- (14) "VIRIN" escorting "EMPIRE HAMBLE" dep. Sydney 0630/27 for Townsville ETA 1030/1 Jan.
- (15) 10 submarines on patrol.

IN HARBOUR:

Milne Bay - "COLAC" "BROOK" "HILLO" "D. BURNHILL" "WHYALLA" "BOHE" "NAHARA"
Port Moresby - "BALIKPAPAN" "WONTONO" "VAN HEUTER" "CHERRY" "TASHAN" "ISAAC COLINS" "ASPASTA BONIKOS"
Townsville - "TUNGAN"
 Repairing: "STUART" "MATOCHINA" "GALLAGHER"
Brisbane - "STOFFORD" "JERRY" "FULTON" "COULDURE" "VICTORIA" "KURUMA" "MISAR" "SC. 477"
 Repairing: "CHILTON" "LITROCK"

PROPOSED MOVEMENTS:

- (1) "COLAC" escorting "BOHE" to depart Milne Bay 1300/30 for Oro Bay ETA 1430/31.
- (2) "SERVIC" escorting "BALIKPAPAN" to depart Milne Bay 1300/3 Jan. for Oro Bay ETA 1430/3.

Enemy Forces:

- (1) Kunda - Evidence that the Diamond Harrows (Channel between Arundel and Goodford Islands) is being used to supply the Japanese base at Kunda is contained in a native report 23/12 that 20 barges passed through the Harrows at night on a southerly course. Natives report that two barges anchored a mile north of Kunda point Ganeanga Island at 0700/27 and were joined by 2 small ships with a cargo of oil drums. Approx 100 Japanese troops spent the daylight hours ashore and all these craft departed south after dusk, presumably en route Munder Wickham Anchorage (see also Naval Incidents).
- (2) Rain-Faizi - No shipping was sighted in this area by allied aircraft on 23/12.
- (3) Russell Island - A possible cruiser was sighted 35 miles W. by N. Russell Island, proceeding towards Russell Island at 0130/29.
- (4) Submarine Activity - Submarines have been indicated as follow -

28/12	Treasury Is.	6°S	156°E
	Bondeva Is.	6°S	157°E
	Lorengon	1°S	147°E
	Mairea Is.	1°S	155°E
	Cape Lambert	4°S	151°E
	Uaboi Is.	5°S	148°E
	Cape St. George	5°S	155°E
	Ontong Java	5°S	156°E
29/12	Lilir Is.	5°S	155°E

(ii) EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREAS - Allied Forces:

AT SEA:

- (1) "BRADSHAW" dep. Fremantle 2106/33 for Sydney ETA 0600/31.
- (2) "WILDORA" "YANUKA" escorting Convoy 0027 en route Sydney.
- (3) "LATHROP" "YANUKA" escorting Convoy 0028 to depart Sydney 1101/30 for Brisbane.

IN HARBOR:

Newcastle - "TOWNSVILLE"
 Sydney - "BOBBIE" "SARRAUNGUA" "VENETTA" "SEAS" "PATTERSON"
 "BOBBIE" "SUNDASERO" "INVERELL" "GEMIE" "DORIS"
 "DELORAINE" "OLESSIA" "ROCKHAMPTON" "ASRAMAN CRISTOSSE"
 Repairs: "PORTLAND" "NEW ORLEANS" "ROBBIE" "SOUTHARD"
 "BIRCHDALE" "ALBENA"
 In Reserve: "MADOCRA" "AUSTRALIA"
 Melbourne: "SPRINGDALE" "LE TRICHAULT"

PROPOSED MOVEMENTS:

- (1) "BOBBIE" "SARRAUNGUA" "VENETTA" to depart Sydney 30/12 for Moreton Bay.
- (2) "DELORAINE" "OLESSIA" to escort Convoy 0033. To take over convoy from "TOWNSVILLE" at 0400 off Sydney p.m. 30/12.
- (3) "BOULDER" to depart Brisbane and RV with "YUKAN" at Pent Is. 0800/3 and escort to Sydney. "BOULDER" to return to Brisbane.

(iii) SOUTH WESTERN AREA - Allied Forces:

AT SEA:

- (1) "YORKMAN" departed Adelaide 1532/33 for Fremantle ETA 1800/1 Jan.
- (2) "TROUP" escorting "SECTOR" was due Fremantle 0730/33.
- (3) "YUKAN" departed Fremantle 1111/30 for Geraldton ETA 1100/30.

IN HARBOR:

Fremantle - "ADELAIDE" "JACOB VAN HENSHOORN" "VAN CALEN" "TJERK HINDOS" "CHILDS" "DORIS" "TAMWORTH" "GOLDSTAR"
 "ISRAEL" "MELIAN" "WHIPPOORILL"
 Bunbury Gulf - "LARK" "S.B. PRESTON"

Enemy Forces:

Cape Naturaliste - There were indications of a submarine in the immediate vicinity of Cape Naturaliste 2201-2212/30.

(iv) NORTH WESTERN AREA - Allied Forces:

AT SEA:

- (1) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "ALAGHA" "TAMBAR" was due Darwin 1730/30 from Thursday Island.
- (2) 5 submarines on patrol China Sea or HHI area.

Enemy Forces:

Philippines - Reliable reports of Japanese shipping in the Philippine area state that only second rate vessels, such as "ATLAS MARU" (7347 tons - built 1930) are employed. All vessels noted have been armed with one gun forward and one gun aft. Shipping through Zamboanga Strait during the months April to June was heavy, and at times nine

Light Cruisers (CL)
(some damaged
prob. 3-5 effective)

HATORI
HACHIMA
HATORI
HAGARA
TOSHTU
MURAI
YUBAY

TATSUTA } believed sunk
KINU } 14/11

1 or 2 converted light cruisers (NCL)
Approx 20 submarines (SS)
Approx 40 destroyers (DD)
3 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHITOMA
CHITOSH
ASITSUSHIMA }
NISHIKI }
RANPO
NITCHO MARU
KATSUMI MARU
YAGO MARU
MAYO MARU
SHUJO MARU
SOUYO MARU
KARIKAWA MARU
OCHUO MARU

1 damaged 8/11

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

Several Submarine Tenders
Approx 40 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MIB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft
Approx 240 shore-based aircraft incl. 91 fighters, 92 B, 80 F/B,
37 F/P, 9 Obs. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

Allied Forces

3° Cruiser
6° Cruiser
A.A. Ship
Destroyers

S/P Tenders

Submarine Tender
Submarines

ADOLPH
VAN HEINSBERG
TJANK HINDS
VAN CALER
BROCK
GUILD
W.D. FRESTON
PELHAM
GAD
STANAPEN
SILVERMAN
CHIBBE
TAYLOR
CHERADINE
CRAYLINS
E.O.
E.L.
TROUT

DEVOORLINE

On Patrol

At Fremantle

3. EAST INDIA - PHILIPPINE

Allied Forces

3 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or HSI area (see above)

Home Forces

1st and Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA) ASHIGARA
2 light cruisers (CL) KASHI
KUMA

1 converted light cruiser (NCL)

Approx 10 destroyers (DD)

Approx 3 submarines (SS)

Seaplane carrier (AV)

Converted S/P Tender (XAV)

KOTONO
CHITOSH MARU

4) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

IPANO
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA
COFFMAN
LONG ISLAND

WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carriers

8th Cruisers

CHICAGO

BALT LAKE CITY
SAN FRANCISCO
INDIANAPOLIS

Destroyers
Submarines

18 approx
23 approx

Enemy Forces

PALAU - MARIANA - BONIN - FORMOSA - JAPAN

CINC 1st Fleet
CINC 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)
3 Battleships (BB)

KURE
YAGATO
FUJIO
YAMASHIRO
HITADA
SHIRAKAMI
SUICHO
ATAGO
ASHIKAGA

MIKAZU (damaged 26/10)

2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)
2 - 8th Cruisers (CA)
4 light cruisers (CL)

YONE (damaged 26/10)
KITAGAWA
OI

Converted C/P Tenders (XAV)

FOJIKAWA MARU
HARUTO MARU
KIYOSUMI MARU
KOGANIDARA MARU
KINUGASA MARU
SASUKI MARU

MIYOKAWA MARU (21/10)
(pres. sunk)

6 Old Armored Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 20 Destroyers
Approx 27 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

ALLIED FORCES
Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
COLORADO
CASTLE
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
KENTUCKY
SARATOGA
HAWAII
ALABAMA
INDIANAPOLIS
NORTHAMPTON
PENNSYLVANIA
LOUISVILLE

Aircraft Carriers

Converted A/C Carriers

8th Cruisers

6th Cruisers

LEAHU

5th Cruisers

Destroyers
Armed Merchant Cruisers

HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE
COLUMBIA
ACHILLES
SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN
22 (approx)
HONOLULU
SCANTON

D) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

ALLIED FORCES
8th Cruisers

DETROIT
RALEIGH

10 Destroyers
10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Karafuto - Manchuria

CINC 5th Fleet
8th Cruiser
2 Light Cruisers (CL)

HACHI
TAMA
KISO

Approx 4 Destroyers
Approx 7 Submarines

NAVAL APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

31st December, 1942

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCESA) SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA(1) NORTH EASTERN AREAAllied Forces:AT SEA to 1800/31:

- (1) "REDBART" "SHELBRIDGE" "DAGLIT" on patrol Coral Sea area.
- (2) "COLAC" escorting "SOTE" on route for Cro Bay STA 1430/31.
- (3) "BROCK" dep. Milne Bay 1830/30 due Port Moresby 1500/31.
- (4) "POLARIS" operating vicinity Cape Nelson.
- (5) "MANUKA" dep. Milne Bay 1530/30 for Brisbane STA 0700/2 Jan.
- (6) "CASTLEBAIN" escorting "VAN HEEMSTRAEK" to Port Moresby STA 1300/1 Jan.
- (7) "WILCANNIA" escorting "DARVEL" "BARINDA" dep. Darwin 1345/27 for Thursday Island STA 2100/31.
- (8) "SWAN" escorting "DORRICO" dep. Townsville 2005/29 for Port Moresby STA 1400/31.
- (9) "MORUKA" escorting "GAVOY" "HARRIS" "ULCOLOO" "CHANCE" "MORANO" dep. Brisbane 1811/29 for Townsville STA 2000/1 Jan.
- (10) "VIRIS" escorting "EMPIRE HANDLER" dep. Sydney 0820/27 for Townsville STA 1930/1 Jan.
- (11) "TREVOR" "BANK" escorting "AMERICAN HEROES" from Espirito Santo due Cape Moreton 0800/1 Jan. "TREVOR" & "BANK" to part company so as to arrive Sydney a.m. Jan. 2.
- (12) 14 submarines on patrol.

IN HARBOUR:

<u>Milne Bay</u>	- "STIKILLA" "RHO" "STELLA"
<u>Port Moresby</u>	- "MALIKPAPAN" "MORTON" "VAN HEUTER" "CHERRY" "TAMAR"
	"ISAAC COLES" "ASPASIA ROMIKOS" "D. BUSHNELL"
<u>Cairns</u>	- "WARRICO"
<u>Thursday Island</u>	- "AUSTRALIA" "WESLEY" "HELM" "AASH BARBER" "BERNARD"
<u>Townsville</u>	- "YUNNAN" "ARWITA"
<u>Repairing:</u>	"STUART" "KATONDA" "DALLASAT"
<u>Brisbane</u>	- "SOPHOD" "JENNY" "WOLTON" "COLEBURN" "VICTORIA"
	"HUNTERDA" "MILAR" SC. 677
<u>Repairing:</u>	"OSBORN" "LITHON" "TULSA"

PROPOSED MOVEMENTS:

- (1) "BROCK" escorting "CHERRY" "TAMAR" to depart Port Moresby 1700/31 for Cairns.
- (2) "WARRICO" escorting "MALIKPAPAN" to depart Milne Bay 1300/2 Jan. for Cro Bay STA 1430/3.
- (3) "SLATYUS" to depart Darwin early a.m. 1 Jan. for Townsville.

Enemy Forces:

- (1) Gain-Fairal area - Aerial recon 30/12 revealed two cargo vessels. A report 2110/20 states that a daily destroyer patrol between Cape Friendship and Owen Is. operates from 1500 until dark.
- (2) Eda Passage - A B.17 reported having sighted 2 ships at 1830/30. This, if correct, represents a very marked increase in shipping activity in this area.
- (3) Bekata Bay - A destroyer was sighted 30 miles NW of Bekata Bay proceeding towards Bekata Bay at 1810/30.
- (4) Kolombangara Is. - Additional activity is reported in this area. Further to the reports of small transports and barges unloading supplies at Vila and Stansmore Plantations 20 and 21/12, it is now reported that many barges were observed discharging at Vila Plantation during the nights 22-23/12. This area is probably a staging point in the ferrying of supplies to Banda.

(5) Nabaul - Photos 30/12 reveal the following shipping in Nabaul Harbour -

7 Destroyers
3 Torpedo boats
1 minesweeper
2 tankers (2000 tons)
2 submarines
1 w/l vessel w/ large guns fore and aft (11,000 tons)
32 merchant vessels (total 271,000 tons)
20 small vessels (under 1000 tons)

5 patrol craft were also photographed and one merchant vessel (4000 tons) had 11 barges on deck.

This represents the largest concentration of merchant shipping yet reported in Nabaul Harbour. (See also Naval Incidents)

(6) Submarine Activity - Submarines were indicated as follows 28/12 -

Hakata Bay	0 ⁰⁰ , 150 ⁰⁰ E
Calakal Island	100 ⁰⁰ , 150 ⁰⁰ E
How Island	5 ⁰⁰ , 124 ⁰⁰ E
C. Clonowater	5 ⁰⁰ , 140 ⁰⁰ E
Hawlong	5 ⁰⁰ , 134 ⁰⁰ E
Langkhan Is.	0 ⁰⁰ , 134 ⁰⁰ E
Pineapple Is.	7 ⁰⁰ , 140 ⁰⁰ E

(11) NORTH WESTERN AREA - Allied Forces:

AT SEA:

- (1) "INVERELL" escorting "J. A. LOWELL" to depart Sydney 1200/31 for Darwin.
- (2) 5 submarines on patrol China Sea or SWI area.

In Harbour:

Darwin - "S. LOUCKIE"

Enemy Forces:

Laival - 3 vessels were anchored at Laival 0730/30. One large unidentified vessel passed Laival from the direction of Lega 0000/30. On 28/12 3 vessels were reported at Laival, and unloading took place, on which occasion unconfirmed reports state that 5000 troops were landed. This further shipping activity indicates the occupation of this area in considerable force.

(111) SOUTHWESTERN AREA - Allied Forces:

AT SEA:

- (1) "HERRMAN" departed Adelaide 1030/30 for Fremantle STA 1200/1 Jan.
- (2) "VAN CALEN" with "GOLD STAR" and "WHIPPOCKHILL" in company dep. Fremantle 0001/30. See Hume Gulf a.m. 3 Jan.

IN HARBOUR:

Fremantle - "ADSLAIN" "JACOB VAN IJNSHERR" "TROM" "SANTINOLA"
"JACK HIDDERS" "CHILD" "DUBBO" "TARWORTH" "ISRAEL"
"HELIAS"
Coverdale - "HERON"
Hume Gulf - "LARK" "S. D. FORTON"

(1v) EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA - Allied Forces:

AT SEA:

- (1) "HERRMAN" was due Sydney 0600/31 from Fremantle.
- (2) "WILBURA" "KAVUDA" escorting Convoy 0037 en route Sydney.
- (3) "LATROB" escorting Convoy 0122 dep. Sydney 1100/30 STA Brisbane 2300/1 Jan. "LATROB" to proceed to Townsville. "KAVUDA" dep. Sydney 1200/30 to overtake Convoy 0122.
- (4) "HELMER" "GLENN" escorting Convoy 0038 dep. Sydney 1000/30.
- (5) "PHENIX" in company with "SARASWATI" "VANDRYTA" dep. Sydney 1101/30 STA Brisbane 1600/31.

IN HARBOUR:

Underway - "SEAN" "DORIS" "ROSEMARY" "OTIS" "DORIS" "TOWNVILLE"
 "ROCKHAMPTON" "ASAHAN" "TRINIDAD"
Repairing: "PORTLAND" "NEW ORLEANS" "BOYERS" "SOUTHERN" "PATTERSON"
 "BISHOPDALE" "ALBERTA"
In berths: "WAGGON" "AUSTRALIA"
Malfunctioning - "SPRINGDALE" "LE TRICHOPEL" "DOONDA"

PROPOSED MOVEMENTS:

- (1) "SOUTHERN" to depart Brisbane and RV with "YUNNAB" at Dent Is. 0800/2 and escort to Sydney. "COULBURN" to return to Brisbane.

B) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA - Allied Success:

- (1) At Venikoro - MACKINAC (AV)
- (2) At Espirito Santo - PENNSYLVANIA MINNEAPOLIS LOUISVILLE (CA)
 HONOLULU KALELA ST. LOUIS COLUMBIA ACHILLES SAN DIEGO (CL)
 MORRIS WOODSTOCK MCALLA RUSSELL BUCHER NICHOLAS MUSTIE
 HEARD O'BANNON BUCHANAN WOODWORTH STACE ANDERSON GANGE
 PITCHER DRAYTON LAMSON BILEY (DD) CURTIS BALLARD
 FARRIS (AV) BICHL (AO) VUSTAL (AR) STRATFORD BRISWOOD (AP)
 AROVIC (AF) SABINE (AC) DENVER (AO) YP.299 YP.290 YP.347
 PC.477
- (3) At Suva - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA (DD) SAN JUAN (CL)
 BALCH BRIDLEY MCALL LAMBER FARRIS HAWY GRAVEN
 GARDWOOD FRALIE RALPH TALBOT DONLAP SARON SAND (DD)
 GABLE (DD) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARCONNE (AS) LAMER (AR) HARRAN
 HAWLEY (AK) SCHOMA (AV) DELPHINUS (YF) BRITNEY (AD)
 KINGFISHER VINDO (AN) BUTTERNUT (YH) SURRICO (AO) BRVILLE
 HUNTER LIGHT W.W. BURTON FREDERICK PUNSTON MRS. BATES
 CHEMIST CITY MISS. ADAMS PERS. JACKSON (AP) LIBRA BIRCHBY
 BELLATRIX (ANTARES (AK) ASD.2
- (4) At Suva - MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO MARYLAND COLORADO (DD) HULL
 PARAGUT BRIBBLE (DD) CATALPA OUSTY HOSWOOD (YH)
 TAMARACA (AK) HARRAN (AO) BRITNEY (AV) HARRISWOOD (AP)
- (5) Guadalcanal Area - SANDSTONE (PC) BOULDER (AK) PC.478 PC.499 (YF)
 SANDAK (YF) NATAI SOA. HIRI TUI (A/S Vessels) ONTOLAE (ASR)
- (6) At Bora Bora - TENE (AK)
- (7) At Auckland - KONGAI (A.S.C) LANSDOWNE (DD) EBONY (YH) ROAZER (AP)
 TRYON (AF)
 Refitting - LEADER (CL)
- (8) At Wellington - MCCAWLEY (AP)

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS:

Rebail - 7 B.17's attacked shipping 0330-0357/30. 2 large u/I vessels and one 500 ton merchant vessel hit. Photos 30/12 revealed two vessels (5,000 and 4,000 tons) on fire. One was beached.
Queen Point (10 miles SW of Cape Orford) - A B.17 strafed a 60 ft. schooner morning 30/12.

III. AIR OPERATIONS:

Allied

Vanuatu Is. - 4 P.30's and 7 P4F's destroyed 5 small barges 1300/30.
Oranien - One B.24 attacked the aerodrome early morning 30/12.
Wau - Trucks and personnel were strafed 1815/30. Four trucks damaged.
Madang - One B.24 attacked Madang village morning 30/12. One building believed damaged.
Isa - One B.24 attacked the aerodrome afternoon 30/12. Three aircraft destroyed and one probably damaged. A B.24 made a strafing run afternoon 30/12. One bomber set on fire and several possibly unserviceable aircraft, destroyed.
Isuora Creek - 3 A.20's strafed the area morning 30/12.
Brook - 2 bombers attacked Soraka early afternoon 30/12. Half township

destroyed. All military casualties. Civilian casualties unknown.

IV. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVES:

- (1) Consolidation of new rear bases and of existing advanced bases particularly Ticon, N. coast New Guinea and Solomons preparatory to a further offensive in C.S.P.A.
- (2) Infiltration - Guadalcanal.
- (3) Infiltration - Buna area.

For A/DIRECTOR COMC

31/12/42

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

1. WARSHIP LIST

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repaired</u>
U ¹ Cruisers	ANZURELIA	FORTLAND NEW ORLEANS

C ² Cruisers	ROBERT PERKINS	
Flotilla Leaders	ARCTICA TROUT LE TRIDENT	STUART

Destroyers	HELFRIDGE HUNLEY HULL HAGLEY HUSFORD PATTERSON	HOVELD SOUTHERN
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Submarines

VENETA
ALBACORE
FLEET FISH
HAFER
GATO
GRONER
SQUIDFISH
TOLL
TASCO

At Brisbane

AMBERJACK
ANDRAUT
GRAMPUS
GRAYBACK
GRONKING
GRUPPER
GUYON
HAUTLUS
PLUNGER
SALFISH
SARGO
SEADRAGON
SPEARFISH
TRITON

On patrol

Submarine Tenders

H.O

At Sydney
HOLLAND

Destroyer Tender
Subboats

FURTON
SPURRY
DORRIS
YOLGA
HILD

Oilers

ETHANDA
AASH GARDSE
VICTORIA

BISBOPALE

Enemy Forces

Task-Force-Base Britain-Colombo

CINC Combined Fleet
CINC 2nd Fleet
CINC 6th Fleet
CINC 8th Fleet (Submarines)
3 Battleships (BB)

YAMATO
MUTSU
ISE

2 Battle cruisers (BC)

KOBORO }
BARBARA } 1 damaged 26/10

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)
3 Converted A/C Carriers (ACV)

HOHO
HAYABUSA
HITAKA
OTAKA
CHYO
UNO

Heavy Cruisers
(prob. 3 effective)

AKI
CHIKAI
HAGURO
KURAMO
SUZUKI
TAKAO

TIKONA (prob. sunk 26/10)
MYOHO (prob. sunk 26/10)
HOGANE (believed sunk 14/11)

Light Cruisers (CL)
(some damaged
prob. 3-5 effective)

KATSUMI
KASHIMA
KATSUMI
KASARA
TOSHTU
SUDAI
YUBANI

TATSUTA } believed sunk
KIKU } 14/11

1 or 2 converted light crs.ers (NCL)

Approx 20 submarines (SS)
Approx 40 destroyers (DD)
5 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHIYODA
CHIYOSH
AKITSUSHINA
HISAKI
SANGI

} 1 damaged 8/11

Converted S/P Tenders (TAV)

HIYONO MARU
KAIKORAOI MARU
KAGI MARU
SANYO MARU
KUNJO MARU
SOUTON MARU
KAIKORAOI MARU
KOSHO MARU

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx 40 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)

Mines, minesweepers, Sub. Chasers, MIB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft

Approx 200 shore-based aircraft incl. 91 fighters, 82 B, 20 F/B,

37 F/B, 2 Obs. or transport aircraft.

2. YANKEE REGION

Allied Forces

6° Cruiser
A.S. Ship
Destroyers

YANKEE DESTROYERS

S/P Tenders

ASHIYAMA
YAN KIKUCHI
YAN KIKUCHI
YAN KIKUCHI
YAN KIKUCHI
YAN KIKUCHI

Submarine Tender
Submarines

U.S. PROTON

THIAS

GAN

SHAKAHE

THUSSER

YANKEE

YANKEE

CHIKAMARU

GRAYLING

K.3

K.10

TROTT

} On Patrol

} At Fremantle

3. PACIFIC OCEAN - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

5 SUBMARINES on patrol stations in China Sea or IRI area (see above)

Heavy Forces

Chief and Northwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)
2 light cruisers (CL)

ASHIGARA

KASHIY

KIKU

1 converted light cruiser (NCL)

Approx 10 destroyers (DD)

Approx 3 submarines (SS)

Seaplane Carrier (AV)

HOYUSO

Converted S/P Tender (TAV)

OSIYU MARU

4) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Destroyers

ILLINOIS
PENNSYLVANIA
TENNESSEE
LOUISIANA

WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carriers

LOUISIANA

APPENDIX

0th Cruisers

CHICAGO

SALT LAKE CITY
SAN FRANCISCO
INDIANAPOLIS

Destroyers

15 approx

Submarines

25 approx

Enemy Forces

Palau-Mindanao-Luzon-Formosa-Japan

Cinc 1st Fleet

Cinc 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)

3 Battleships (BB)

KURE

HAGATO

FUSO

YAMASHIRO

HYUGA

SHIKAZU

SHIMO

ATAGO

ARIZUMI

2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

1 Converted A/C Carrier (ACV)

2 - 0th Cruisers (CA)

4 light cruisers (CL)

SUITAKU (damaged 20/10)

TOYO (damaged 20/10)

KITAGAWA

OI

ISSU

KIYOSAWA MARU (21/10)

(poss. sunk)

Converted S/P tenders (TAV)

FUJITSUKA MARU

HANOTO MARU

KIYOSUKI MARU

KOJANIKAWA MARU

KINOGASA MARU

MARU DEI MARU

6 Old Armored Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 30 Destroyers

Approx 27 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

INDIANA

WASHINGTON

SOUTH CAROLINA

COLORADO

HASTINGS

MISSISSIPPI

NEW MEXICO

INTERDISC

SARATOGA

HARLAN

ALABAMA

INDIANAPOLIS

BOSTON

MEMPHIS

LOUISVILLE

HELENA

HONOLULU

ST. LOUIS

NASHVILLE

COLUMBIA

ACHILLES

SAN DIEGO

SAN JUAN

35 (approx)

USOKAI

ACCARIA

Aircraft Carriers

Converted A/C Carriers

0th Cruisers

0th Cruisers

LEAHOW

0th Cruisers

Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

D) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

0th Cruisers

DETROIT

SALMON

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu-Hokkaido-Alutians

Cinc 5th Fleet

0th Cruiser

SAKI

2 light cruisers (CL)

YAMA

KISO

Approx 4 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

8) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA
Alaska Forces
6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRUSTON
REVEREND

9) INDIAN OCEAN AREA
Alaska Forces
Battleships

WARREN
RESOLUTION
SAN JUAN
SERIAL SOVEREIGN

REVENOR

Aircraft Carrier
Seaplane Carrier
8" Cruisers
7.5" Cruisers

ILLUMINATOR
ALBATROSS
GEORGE AVROFF (Greek)
DARTMOUTH

6" Cruisers

PROBATIONER
MAINTAIN
GAMBIA
ESTER PINE
BIRKENHEAD
DARTMOUTH

NEWCASTLE
CLARON
SERIAL
DANAB

DRAGON
DURBAN
CAIRO
CERES
CANTON

Armed Merchant Cruisers

CANADOC
SUMMIT (Dutch)
BOSTON
BAPTIST
CORPS
KANTON
CENTRAL
DARTMOUTH
CANTON
CARLETON

A.A. Vessel
Approx 27 Destroyers
Approx 9 Submarines

Home Forces
Approx 7 Submarines