

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

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

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PART I

(i) ALLIED FORCES

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NEW GUINEA - BISMARCKS

(a) At Sea to 1200/1:

- (1) (a) Task Force 70 (i) 5 AGP: "WILLOUGHBY" "WACHAPREAGUE" "OYSTER BAY" "HILO" "PORTUNUS"
83 PT
(ii) 3 RF: "ALLEN TOWN" "CHARLOTTESVILLE" "MACHIAS" 1 AVP: "SAN CARLOS"
(b) Task Force 73: 4 AVP: "HALF MOON" "HERON" "ORCA" "SAN PAOLO" 1 AV: "CURRITUCK" 2 AVR
(c) Task Force 77:
Task Unit 77.1.5: 3 CL: "BOISE" "NASHVILLE" "PHOENIX"
5 DD: "BUSH" "BRYANT" "HALFORD" "NEWCOMB" "ROBINSON"
Task Group 77.2: 4 BF: "COLORADO" "MARYLAND" "NEW MEXICO" "WEST VIRGINIA"
2 CA: "MINNEAPOLIS" "PORTLAND"
4 CL: "COLUMBIA" "DENVER" "MONTPELIER" "ST LOUIS"
20 DD: "NICHOLAS" "TAYLOR" "LANG" "CONY" "EDWARDS" "MUSTIN"
"SIGOURNEY" "CONNER" "WALLER" "PRINGLE" "CONWAY"
"EATON" "LA VALLETTE" "HOWORTH" "FLETCHER" "AULICK"
"KNAPP" "MUGFORD" "RENSHAW" "SAUFLEY"
Task Unit 77.4.6: 4 CVE: "MANILA BAY" "MARCUS ISLAND" "PETROF BAY" "SAVO ISLAND"
1 DD: "RALPH TALBOT" 2 DE: "COOLEBAUGH" "LE RAY WILSON"
Task Group 77.7.21: 1 AT: "HIDATSA" 2 SC: 637, 744 1 ARD: 19
Miscellaneous: 7 DD: "BARTON" "WALKE" "LAFEY" "O'DRIEN" "ALLEN M. SUMNER" "MOALE"
"COOPER"

(d) Task Forces 78 & 79:

- (i) Task Group 78.2: 1 AGC: "WASATCH" 2 PCE(R): 849, 851 1 AO: "SEVERIN"
5 AM: "SCOUT" "SENTRY" "REQUISITE" "REVENGE" "PURSUIT"
6 YMS: 39, 49, 52, 71, 314, 315 1 PG: "TULSA" 1 HDMI: 1074
3 IX: "PANDA" "MINK" "CARIBOU" 4 SC: 726, 1004, 1356, 1364
Task Group 78.3: 15 YMS: 2, 6, 8, 9, 51, 53, 68, 218, 315, 329, 334, 336, 339, 481
Task Group 78.2.25: 2 AM: "SAUNTER" "SAGE" 2 AN: "TEAK" "SATINLEAF"
Task Unit 78.2.38: 7 LST 12 XAK 1 ARL: "ACHILLES" 2 DE: "DAN. A. JOY" "LOUGH"
1 AGS: "CAPE LEEUWIN" 1 AMS: "DENALLA" 1 DD: "JENKINS"
Task Force 78: 1 IX: "ARETHUSA" 2 ARD: "CABLE" "GRAPPLE" 1 CCG: "BUTTONWOOD"
(Miscellaneous) 1 AT: "QUAPAN" 1 ARL: "EGERIA" 2 AK: "RUTILICUS" "MURZIM"
3 DD: "HUGHES" "O'BANNON" "CONYGHAM" 1 APD: "HERBERT" 43 AP/AK
(ii) Miscellaneous (a) TG. 76.7.1: 2 XAK 6 SC: 648, 731, 734, 735, 743, 749 12 FS
(b) TG. 76.7.2: 2 AK 1 AT: "WHIPPOORWILL" 2 SC: 737, 738
1 ATR: 31
(c) TG. 76.7.3: 1 PF: "ORANGE" 1 AN: "TEABERRY" 2 Tows
(d) TG. 76.4.3: 4 APD: "CROSBY" "NEWMAN" "SCHLEY" "WARD" 1 XAK
1 AN: "STAG" 2 DD: "HOPEWELL" "SPENCER" 3 FS
1 AGC: "SHIKELLAMY" 1 AO: "BISHOPDALE"
1 DE: "EICHENBERGER" 1 AP: "GEN. HERSEY"
- (2) "RUSHMORE" (LSD) departed Manus 1600/25 for Espiritu Santo via Finschhafen where ETA 0800/27.

(b) In Harbour:Morotai:

Combat units 1 ODD : "VENDETTA"
 29 PT
 Escorts 9 : 8 AMS: "GLENELG" "KATOOMBA" "STRAHAN" "KIAMA" "LITIGOW" "COOMBE"
 "GYMPIE" "DROOME" 1 PF: "BURDEKIN"
 Auxiliaries 14 : "TANGIER" (AV) "MOBJACK" (AGP) "ELKHORN" (AOG) 2 YO 2 MO
 2 YFD 2 YPF 2 YPD 1 YP: 236

Sansapor:

Escorts 1 : 1 PC : 1598
 Auxiliaries 1 : 1 AO : "TRINITY"

Diak-Woendi:

Combat units 39 PT
 Escorts 6 : 4 AMS: "WAGGA" "STAWELL" "LATROBE" "GOULBURNE" 1 PS: "SWAN"
 1 PF : "BARCOO"
 Auxiliaries 15 : "ORION" (AS) "VICTORIA" (AO) "SUSQUEHANNA" "SAKATONCHEE"
 "RIO GRANDE" (AOG) "STONEWALL" (IX) "DERRICK" (YO) "PASTORES"
 (AF) "REMUS" (ARL) "DINGERA" (AG) "HASKELL" (APA) 2 YP: 238, 240
 2 YFD

Humboldt Bay:

Combat units 1 CA : "LOUISVILLE"
 23 DE : "REID" "MONSSEN" "SAMUEL C. REID" "CLAYTON" "STACK" "STEVENS"
 "LAMSON" "MAHAN" "KIDD" "FLUSSER" "SMITH" "RUSSELL" "DRAYTON"
 "MORRIS" "MCGOWAN" "DASHIELL" "BLACK" "COGLAN" "BRAINE"
 "CHAUNCEY" "GANSEVOORT" "NORMAN SCOTT" "STEMBEL"
 Escorts 82 : 19 DE : "DOWERS" "WITTER" "PFEIFFER" "THOMASON" "NEVENDORFF"
 "CHAS. J. KIMMELL" "THOS. F. NICHOL" "LOVELACE" "WHITEHURST"
 "FOREMAN" "DOYLE C. BARNES" "KEN. M. WILLETT" "WILLMARTH"
 "SACCARD" "LLOYD E. ACREE" "GEO. F. DAVIS" "MANNING"
 "ENGLAND" "J. E. CRAIG" 3 YMS: 2, 233, 384 1 ML: 825
 15 PF : "OGDEN" "GLENDALE" "BELFAST" "HUTCHINSON" "BURLINGTON"
 "CORONADO" "EUGENE" "SANDUSKY" "SAN PEDRO" "LONG BEACH"
 "MUSKOGEE" "EL PASO" "VAN BUREN" "GALLUP" "BREEZE"
 2 AMS: "GLADSTONE" "BUNDEBERG" 4 PCE(R): 848, 850, 852, 853
 18 SC : 514, 521, 531, 636, 668, 687, 695, 729, 735, 921, 1004
 1012, 1052, 1319, 1320, 1321, 1327
 20 PC : 84, 462, 464, 555, 563, 584, 586, 695, 812, 1119, 1120
 1121, 1122, 1124, 1128, 1137, 1139, 1188, 1590, 1601
 Auxiliaries 91 : "DARNSTABLE" "ELMORE" "HARRIS" "SUMNER" "LEON" "JAMES O'HARA"
 "PIERCE" "LEONARD WOOD" "CAMERON" "MONTOVIA" "GALVERT" "CUSH"
 "KNOX" "FREMONT" "BANNER" "APPLING" "HENRY T. ALLEN" "OLMSTEAD"
 (APA) "COMET" "WARHAWK" "WINGED ARROW" "STORM KING" "LASALLE"
 "HERALD OF THE MORN" (AF) "WRIGHT" (AG) "SUAMICCA" "SALAMONIE"
 "SARANAC" "CHEPACHET" (AO) "MERCURY" "BOOTES" "JUPITER" "AURORA"
 "CRUX" "GANYMEDE" (AK) "DIPHDA" "AQUARIUS" "ARNEL" "ELECTRA"
 "CHARA" (AKA) "CALAMARES" (AF) "HOPE" (AH) "POLLUX" (AKS)
 "DOBBIN" (AD) "SEEKONK" (AGC) "RAIL" "LARK" "CHETCO" (AT) "FY"
 "POYANG" (AE) "OTUS" (AS) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "PREBLE" (DM) "CLYDE"
 "VILLALOCOS" "PORCUPINE" (IX) "BLUE RIDGE" "MT. OLYMPUS" "ROCKY M"
 (AGC) "SANDS" "KILTY" "BROOKS" (APD) "OAKHILL" "BELLECHOVE"
 "WHITEMARSH" "LINDENWALL" "GUNSTON HALL" "EPPING FOREST" (LSD)
 "CUEFRA ISLAND" (ARG) "GOLDSBOROUGH" (AVD) "MONITOR" (LSV) "RIE"
 (ARH) "BREEZE" "ELLIOT" (DMS) "TRIUMPH" (AM) "ARIANDE" (CMS) 2 YP
 2 ARD: 7, 12 4 YP: 215, 240, 291, 292 6 AFD: 2, 3, 11, 16, 24, 25

Aitape:

Escorts 1 : 1 PC : 1600
 Auxiliaries 5 : "DICKERSON" (APD) "THUBAN" (AKA) "PELAND" "GOLD ALLEN" (APA)
 "GOLDEN CITY" (AP)

Admiralties:

Combat units 3 BB : "MISSISSIPPI" "CALIFORNIA" "PENNSYLVANIA"
 11 CVE : "KADASHAN BAY" "NATOMA BAY" "SAGINAW BAY" "BARNES" "MAKIN IS"
 "HOGGATT BAY" "ALAVA BAY" "OMMANEY BAY" "LUNGA POINT" "SALAMA"
 "BISMARCK SEA"
 3 CA : "BOSTON" "CANBERRA" "SHROPSHIRE"
 1 CL : "CLEVELAND"
 31 DD : "TWIGGS" "HALLIGAN" "HARADEN" "EVANS" "BENNION" "FOOTE" "REMLY" "MEL"
 "ERGEN" "WALKER" "MCDERMOTT" "MEEVIN" "AMMEN" "ARUNTA" "KILLEN" "E"
 "HALL" "PAUL HAMILTON" "HELM" "MAURY" "MCCALL" "ISHERWOOD" "R. P. L."
 "KIMBERLY" "CONVERSE" "BAGLEY" "CRIDLEY" "AUSBURNE" "PATTERSON"
 2 SS : "H. L. EDWARDS" "WARRAMUNG"
 "S.45" "S.47"

Admiralties: (Cont)

Escorts 58 : 12 DE : "W.C.WANN" "DELAHANTY" "OSMUS" "EVERSOLE" "OBERRENDEF"
 "HARMON" "CAEANA" "R.S.SUESSENS" "LOESER" "LA PRADE"
 "GREENWOOD" "J.DOUGLAS BLACKWOOD"
 8 SC : 631,632,732,1004,1273,1365,1369,1375 2 PCS: 1391,1411
 5 PC : 600,742,1170,1131,1421 2 PF: "CARSON CITY" "GASCONNE"
 29 YMS: 1,10,46,48,81,97,140,158,238,243,286,293,318,319,327,
 340,341,342,353,360,363,364,368,380,393,398,408,410

Auxiliaries 80 : "BAXTER" "FAYETTE" "ORMSDY" "WINDSOR" "LEEDSTOWN" "DUPAGE"
 "WAYEN" "HEYWOOD" "ADAIR" "AUDRAIN" (APA) "MANLEY" "TALBOT" (APD)
 "MIZAR" "TALAMANAO" (AF) "CACAPON" "NESHANIC" "CALIFORNIA"
 "ESCAMBIA" "CHIKASKIA" "WINOOSKI" "NEORARQ (AO) "JAMESTOWN"
 (AGP) "JASON" (ARL) "CEDU" "LEYTE" "MINDANAO" (ARG) "JOHN DE."
 "CAPE JOHNSON" (AF) "ALHENA" "UVALDE" "ALYCONE" (AKA) "MEDUSA"
 "TRIARES" (AR) "MONADNOCK" (CM) "CHANGE" "SALUTE" "CAPTIVATI"
 "SHAULA" "LYRA" "CETUS" "WARWICK" "HERCULES" "SAGITTARIUS"
 "CLEMSON" (AVL) "PRESERVER" (ARS) "PASQUOTANK" (AOC) "ALABAMA"
 (PYC) "YUNNAN" (AE) "PATHFINDER" (AGS) "TERN" "KINGFISHER"
 "TAWATA" "MENOMINEE" "WATCH HILL" "CHOWANOC" "CHIKASAW" (AT)
 "TORCHWOOD" (YN) "CARONDOLET" "LEOPARD" "A ARENDA" "ANDREW"
 (IX) "LAURABADA" "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "SIENRA" "PIEDMONT" "TNTYE"
 2 MSD 1 ARD: 20 2 AFD: 8, 20 3 YP: 280, 281, 282

Alexishafen-Madang:
 Escorts 5 : 1 YMS: "RINDJANI" 1 A/S: "WILCANNIA" 2 ML: 802,812 1 HDML: 1321
 Auxiliaries 3 : "KOOPA" (AG) "PING WO" (ASIS) 1 YP: 504

Cape Gloucester:
 Combat units 2 DD : "LUCE" "C.J.BADGER"
 Escorts 1 : 1 PC : 1123
 Auxiliaries 9 : "EMPIRE ARQUEBUS" (LSI) "ORMISTON" (AP) "CAPRICORNUS" (AK) "CO"
 "W.P.DIDDLE" "A.T.MIDDLETON" "CATSKILL" "F.FUNSTON" (APA)

Langemak:
 Escorts 6 : 3 PC : 218, 585, 1491 3 SC: 694, 739, 741
 Auxiliaries 13 : "TASMAN" "MAETSUYCKER" "REFUGE" (AH) "AASE MAERSK" (AO) "OZAR"
 (LSV) "ST GILES" "RACE POINT" "CHIPPEWA" (AT) "KATOOMBAA" (AP)
 "GAMBLE" (DM) "OVERTON" (APD) "BULL WHEEL" (YO) 1 ARD: 10

Lae:
 Escorts 2 : 1 ML : 829 1 HDML: 1321

Jacquinet Bay:
 Auxiliaries 2 : 1 ARS: "CAMERIAN SLEVO" 1 AG: "LAURICIA"

Oro Bay:
 Auxiliaries 2 : "CHARA" "GILLIAM" (APA)

Milne Bay:
 Escorts 5 : 3 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" "DELOR AINE" 2 SC: 699, 711
 Auxiliaries 10 : "LUNGAREE" (CM) "ARAYAT" (IX) "MAUNA LOA" (AE) "KURUMBA" (AO)
 "WAGREN" (APA) "CHIWAIKUM" (AOG) 3 YP: 278, 449, 514 1 ARD: 9

• SOLOMONS(a) At Sea to 1200/1:

- (1) "AUSTRALIA" (CA) escorted by "FIEDERLING" (DE) was to depart Santo about 30 Nov for
 (2) "YP.348,414" was to depart Emirau 1800/30 for Lunga EIA 1200/4 Dec.
 (3) "PINKNEY" (APH) was to depart Noumea 27 Nov for Torokina via Tulagi.

(b) In Harbour:

Emirau:
 Escorts 7 : 1 DE: "STALFELD" 4 SC: 502,620,703,1274 2 YMS: "TUI", 250
 Auxiliaries 2 : 2 YP: 233, 514

Green Is:
 Combat units 12 PT
 Escorts 1 : 1 YMS: 94
 Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YP : 248

Torokina:
 Combat units 5 DD : "SPRONSTON" "PICKING" "WICKES" "A.S.FORTER" "YOUNG"
 Escorts 14 : 2 SC : 1188,1590 7 PC: 476,477,598,704,1170,1231,1242
 1 PCS: 1429 2 DE: "FERCROMBIE" "GILLIGAN" 3 YMS: 176,311,312
 Auxiliaries 22 : "DRACO" (AK) "ANTARES" (AKS) "YUMA" (AT) "CELTIC" (IX) "LIE"
 "ALMAAK" "ALSHAIN" "TITANIA" (AKA) "EMPIRE MACE" "WESTRALIA"
 "EMPIRE BATTLEAXE" "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA" (LSI) "SARASOTA" "DO"
 "LAMARR" "SHERIDAN" "ALPINE" "BOLIVAR" "HARRY LEE" (APA)
 "PRES.POLK" "STARLIGHT" (AP)

(i) ALLIED FORCES (CONT)

Treasury Is:

Combat units 42 PT
 6 PGM
 Escorts 8 : 1 DE: "PAUL G. BAKER" 2 PC: 479, 605 1 YMS: 45
 4 SC: 677, 722, 1074, 1260
 Auxiliaries 2 : 1 YO: "WHIPSTOCK" 1 YP: 520

Munda:

Escorts 8 : 1 DE: "GENDREAU" 1 PC: 1119 2 YMS: "KIWI", 196
 4 SC: 514, 702, 999, 1065
 Auxiliaries 1 : 1 AK: "SA'IK"

3. EAST AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA

(a) At Sea to 1200/1

Nil Report.

(b) In Harbour:

Duake:

Escorts 4 : 2 YMS: "SMEROE" "MERCARDOE" 2 HDML: 1322, 1323

Thursday Is:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "PIRIE"
 Auxiliaries 2 : "WINTER" "CHALLENGER" (AGS)

Cairns:

Escorts 6 : 2 AMS: "COOTAMUNDRA" "FREMANTLE" 1 A/S: "YANDRA" 3 ML: 428, 437
 Auxiliaries 8 : "LOTHIAN" "CLAN LAMONT" "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD" "CLENEARN" (LSI)
 "LUNTRON" (AP) "FIRE ISLAND" "WATO" (AT) "CALEONIAN SALVOR" (ARS)

Townsville:

Escorts 5 : 2 AMS: "BENDIGO" "KALGOORLIE" 1 YMS: 313 1 ML: 827 1 HDML: 1
 Auxiliaries 3 : "POLARIS" (AGS) "TANCRED" (AT) 1 YP: 615

Bowen:

Auxiliaries 3 : "HEROS" "SHAWNEE" (AT) "ACULENS" (AKS)

Brisbane:

Combat units 6 SS : "S.42" "NANWHAL" "STINGRAY" "NAUTILUS" "GAILLAN" "PERCH"
 Escorts 13 : 7 ML: 424, 425, 804, 811, 820, 821 1 PC: 1132
 3 HDML: 1129, 1324, 1353 2 AMS: "KAPUNDA" "WHYALLA"
 Auxiliaries 7 : "ETOLIN" (AK) "MESQUITE" (CGC) "OCTANS" "MERKUR" (AF) "POMER"
 (AGP) "GEN. ANDERSON" (AF) "GRIFFIN" (AS)

Sydney:

Combat units 2 CL : "HOBART" (refitting) "TROMP"
 2 DE : "GLENLOWER" "QUICKMATCH"
 1 ODD : "STUART"
 3 SS : "K.9" "K.12" "TELEMACHUS"
 Escorts 12 : 1 AMS: "BALLARAT" 1 PS: "WARREGO" 1 A/S: "KYRRA" 1 PC: 4
 7 ML: 426, 801, 815, 816, 819, 822, 823 1 SC: 1039
 Auxiliaries 4 : "POINT LOMA" (AT) "MANUNDA" (AH) "OCTORARA" (IX) "ARDENT" (C)

Melbourne:

Combat units 1 OCL : "ADELAIDE"
 1 DD : "NIZAM"
 Escorts 5 : "ABRAHAM CRIJNSEN" "DOOMBA" (A/S) "BOWEN" (AMS)
 2 HDML: 1340, 1350
 Auxiliaries 1 : "GEN. JOHN POPE" (AP)

Adelaide:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "BATHURST"

4. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(a) At Sea to 1200/1:

(1) Task Force 71:

On Patrol 27 SS : "BLACKFIN" "SEA WOLF" "FLYING FISH" "DASH AT" "FLOUNDER" "HARD"
 "GUAVINA" "DARIEL" "BARBERO" "FLASHER" "GUNNEL" "JACK" "PARAGO"
 "BECUNA" "GROWLER" "HAKE" "MINGO" "SEA ROVER" "HAWKBILL" "C"
 "BESUGO" "HARDHEAD" "SPITEFUL" "MUSKELLUNGE"
 On Passage 9 SS : "GURNARD" "CLAD." "ANGLER" "K.14" "BLUEGILL" "HOE" "LAPON"
 "CAVALLA" "TANTALUS"

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Escorts 11 : 5 AMS: "JUNEE" "CASTLEMAINE" "PARKES" "ROUSHAN" "ECHUCA"
 5 ML: 429, 809, 812, 814, 907 1 HDML: 1329
 Auxiliaries 4 : "STELLA" "MORESD" "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) "CHANTICLEER" (ARS)

5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(a) At Sea to 1200/1:

Nil Report.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat units

1	<u>CA</u>	:	"SUFFOLK"
1	<u>DD</u>	:	"QUEENSBOROUGH"
15	<u>SS</u>	:	"GUITARRO" "PADILE" "PREAM" "COLIA" "DACE" "ROCK" "SIRDAU" "K.15" "TANTIVY" "BERGALL" "HAMMERHEAD" "STOIC" "STORM" "O.19" "ZWAARDFISCH"

Escorts

11	:	1 <u>PF</u> :	"CORPUS CHRISTI"	1 <u>PS</u> :	"SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA"		
		1 <u>SC</u> :	720	1 <u>ML</u> :	824	2 <u>YMS</u> :	11, 72

Auxiliaries

7	:	"ANTHEDON" "EURYALE" "MAIDSTONE" (AS) "ISABEL" (PY) "COUGAL" (ASR) 1 <u>ARD</u> :	10	1 <u>YP</u> :	236
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Bunbury:

Escorts

1	:	1 <u>AMS</u> :	"BUNBURY"
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(ii) ENEMY FORCESA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC1. PHILIPPINES

- (1) W. Luzon - At 2330/29 Nov. a Catalina reported 14 unidentified vessels in Subic Bay.
- (2) Leyte - In the Limon sector our forces have advanced in strength South reaching a point 4000 yards S. of Limon on both sides of the highway. Reports indicate that enemy resistance in the general Limon area appears to be crumbling and advancing troops are encountering nothing more than sniper fire in some sectors. Resistance however continues on Mt. Catabaran, Mt. Cabungangan and on the ridge S. of Sinayawan.

On W. coast Leyte, consolidation continues in the Palanas River area.

In the Dagami area, strong enemy defensive positions 5000 yards S.W. of Dagami were reduced 27 Nov. following artillery preparation and our forces continued their advance another 1200 yards past this position.

Of the small enemy commando party, landed by air in the Dulag area 27 Nov. another 18 Japs have been eliminated leaving approximately 14 still at large.

Night 29-30 Nov. a few enemy aircraft bombed and strafed installations at Baybay and Carigara.

- (3) Camotes-Samar Sea - Further detail concerning enemy shipping and air attacks thereon P.M. 28 Nov. and A.M. 29 Nov. indicates that the convoy in Ormoc Bay, evening 28 Nov., comprised 2 large freighters, 2 destroyer escorts and 1 destroyer. Both freighters and 1 destroyer escort were hit and damaged during attacks 28 Nov. involving 3 Mitchells, 8 Kittyhawks, 16 Thunderbolts. Next morning 29 Nov. 41 Thunderbolt sorties were flown against shipping which remained in Ormoc Bay viz. the 3 vessels damaged the previous evening, 2 freighters, 1 destroyer escort, and all 3 were sunk or destroyed. It is thought that the freighters had not succeeded in discharging cargo.

In the meantime, another 4 sea trucks unloading at Palompon were attacked and destroyed evening 28 Nov. by 8 Kittyhawks: these 4 ships are additional to the 4 sea trucks destroyed early 28 Nov. whilst unloading at Lomonon.

The persistence of the enemy in his attempts to land reinforcements is indicated by the fact that some 10 ships, probably small sailing auxiliaries, were unloading evening 29 Nov. at Ormoc or along the coast to the S.E. However, a sweep of Ormoc Bay night 29-30 Nov. by 4 U. S. destroyers contacted several small craft but no ships of any size.

On 29 Nov. 2 small coastal freighters (maximum 300 tons each) were attacked by 16 Thunderbolts in Sogod Bay (E. coast Cebu Is., 25 miles N. of Cebu Town) and destroyed. On 30 Nov. a freighter (5-7000 tons) was attacked and sunk off E. coast Masbate Is. and life boats were strafed by 18 Kittyhawks, which also strafed and destroyed 1 sea truck and 1 barge N. of Cebu. Also on 30 Nov. 1 destroyer was strafed and damaged by 8 Kittyhawks along E. coast Cebu.

Since early daylight 28 Nov., up to A.M. 30 Nov., losses inflicted on enemy shipping total:-

- 3 sizeable freighters
- 11 small troop carrying sea truck type ships
- 1 destroyer escort
- all sunk or destroyed.
- 1 destroyer damaged.

At 1300/30 Nov. local sources reported 2 large transports and 1 warship described as a cruiser in Sogod Bay, believed seeking shelter.

- (4) Mindanao - On 29 Nov. Matina airdrome was bombed by 16 Liberators destroying 2 parked planes.
- (5) Palawan Area - At 0830/30 Nov. 1 transport (7-9000 tons), 1 small tanker type vessel with 4 escorts - described as 1 light cruiser, 3 destroyers, were observed proceeding N.W. through Balabac Strait and later heading N.E. through Palawan Passage. The composition and route of the convoy suggests the possibility of a strongly escorted troop transport from somewhere South of Makassar Straits possibly from S.W. Celebes, bound for Manila area.

2. EAST INDIES

- (1) N.W. Borneo - Prior dawn 30 Nov. aircraft reported 6 ships described as 1 cruiser, 1 transport and 4 unidentified in Brunei Bay. Night 29-30 Sept. aircraft claimed a hit on a 300 foot ship in Brunei Bay.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)

- (2) Makassar Strait - At 1200/29 Nov. aircraft reported 2 destroyers in Makassar Strait 120 miles N.N.E. of Balikpapan. The regularity with which 1 or usually 2 ships are seen in this vicinity suggests a regular patrol, possibly anti-submarine patrol.
- 3. NEW GUINEA - A.M. 30 Nov. jetty at Kairiru was attacked by 6 Bostons and a village in the Wovak vicinity by 5 Liberators.
- 4. BISMARCK-SOLOMONS - P.M. 29 Nov. a possible submarine was contacted off New Gorgia. It is recalled that a possible submarine was reported N.E. of Buka on 26 Nov. and N.E. of Kavieng 25 Nov.
- B. CENTRAL PACIFIC - At 1540/30 Nov. 1 tanker with 1 escort was observed 150 miles S.W. of Hongkong, course 30°.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

- (1) Persistent enemy reinforcement of Leyte by surface craft.
- (2) Continued enemy air reinforcement of Formosa and Philippines.
- (3) Steady progress on Leyte.
- (4) Continued support Leyte operations by 3rd Fleet Aircraft Carrier Task Force.
- (5) Enemy submarine activity Philippines, W. and Central Pacific and Indian Ocean including use of midget submarines.

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Distribution:

- C in C SWPA (1)
- G-2 (Navy) (1)
- G-3 (Navy: Plans, Operations) (2)
- Cdr. 7th Fleet (2)
- Cdr. SWP Sea Frontier (2)
- C in C Eastern Fleet (1)
- 7th Fleet Rear Echelon (1)
- File (1)

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>				<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>		
* Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)				(Incl. Mandates)		
<u>BB</u>	(7)	CALIFORNIA COLORADO	MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI	NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA	WEST VIRGINIA	-
<u>CVE</u>	(15)	ALAVA BAY BARNES BISMARCK SEA HOGGATT BAY	KADASHAN BAY LUNGA POINT MAKIN ISLAND	MANILA BAY MARCUS ISLAND NATOMA BAY OMMANEY BAY	PETROF BAY SAGINAW BAY SAVO ISLAND SALAMAUA	-
<u>CA</u>	(6)	AUSTRALIA #CANBERRA	LOUISVILLE MINNEAPOLIS	PORTLAND	SHROBESHIRE	-
<u>CL</u>	(11)	ADELAIDE BOISE #CLEVELAND	COLUMBIA DENVER #HOBART	MONTPELIER NASHVILLE PHOENIX	ST LOUIS #TROMP	-
<u>AV</u>	(2)	CURRITUCK	TANGIER			-
<u>P</u>	(8)	BELKNAP CHINCOTEAGUE	GOLDSBOROUGH HALF MOON	HERON ORCA	SAN CARLOS SAN PABLO	-
<u>DD</u>	(103)	ALLEN M.SUMNER AMMEN ARUNTA AULICK AUSBURNE BAGLEY BARTON BLACK BRAINE BRYANT BUSH CHAUNCEY CLAXTON COGHLAN CONY CONYGHAM COOPER CONNER CONVERSE CONWAY C.T.BADGER DASHIELL DRAYTON EATON	ERBEN EVANS FLETCHER FLUSSER FOOTE GANSEVOORT GLENDOWER GRIDLEY HALFORD HARADEN HALLIGAN HALL HELM H.L.EDWARDS HOWORTH HOPEWELL ISHERWOOD JENKINS KIDD KNAPP KILLEN KIMBERLEY LAFFEY LAMSON	LANG IA VALLETTE LEUTZE LUCE MCCALL MCDERMOTT MCGOWAN MAHAN MELVIN MAURY MERTZ MOALE MONSSEN MORRIS MUGFORD MUSTIN NEWCOMB NICHOLAS NIZAM NORMAN SCOTT O' BANNON O'BRIEN PAUL HAMILTON PATTERSON PICKING PRINGLE	QUICKMATCH REID REMEY RENSHAW RALPH TALBOT ROBINSON R.P.LEARY RUSSELL SAMUEL C.REID SIGOURNEY SMITH SPENCER SPROSTON STACK STEMBEL STEVENS STUART TAYLOR TWIGGS VENDETTA WALKE WALKER WALLER WARRAMUNGA WICKES WM.D.PORTEER YOUNG	-

* Excluding Cenapac forces temporarily at sea in S.W.P.A.
Non-effective.

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES
Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)

ENEMY FORCES
(Incl. Mandates)

<u>AKA</u>	(75)	ALGOL (AKA)	CLEMSON (APA)	SHERIDAN (APA)	-
<u>APA</u>		AIHENA	CUSTER	WARREN	
<u>APD</u>		ALMAAK	CRESCENT CITY	WAYNE	
<u>LSI</u>		ALSHAIN	DOYEN	WINDSOR	
		ALYCONE	DUPAGE	W.P.BIDDLE	
		AQUARIUS	FAYETTE	BROCKS (APD)	
		CAPRICORNUS	HELAND	CROSBY	
		DIHDA	F.FUNSTON	DICKERSON	
		CHARA	FREMONT	HERBERT	
		LIBRA	FULLER	KILTY	
		O'HARA	GILLIAM	MANLEY	
		THUBAN	GOLDEN CITY	OVERTON	
		ALPINE (APA)	HARRY LEE	SANDS	
		ADAIR	HASKELL	SCHLEY	
		APELING	HEYWOOD	TALBOT	
		ARIADNE	H.T.ALLEN	WARD	
		A.T.MIDDLETON.	KNOX	KANIMBLA (LSI)	
		AUDRAIN	LEEDSTOWN	MANOORA	
		BANNER	LELAND	WESTRALIA	
		BAXTER	LEO CLYMAN	CLAN LAMONT	
		BOLIVAR	LAMARR	EMPIRE ARQUEBUS	
		CALVERT	MONROVIA	EMPIRE BATTLEAXE	
		CAMBRIA	ORMSBY	EMPIRE MACE	
		CAVALIER	OLMSTEAD	EMPIRE SPEARHEAD	
		CLAY	SARASOTA	GLENEARN	
<u>AGC</u>	(5)	BLUE RIDGE	MOUNT MCKINLEY	WASATCH	-
		MOUNT OLYMPUS	ROCKY MOUNT		
<u>AS</u>	(4)	GRIFFIN	ORION	OTUS	-
		HOLLAND			
<u>D</u>	(4)	DOBBIN	SIERRA	WHITNEY	-
		PIEDMONT			
<u>AR</u>	(4)	BRIAREUS	PLATYFUS	RIGEL	-
		MEDUSA			
<u>ARB</u>	(1)	MIDAS			-
<u>ARC</u>	(5)	CEBU	LEYTE	OGLALA	-
		CULEBRA ISLAND	MINDANAO		
<u>ARH</u>	(1)	JASON			-
<u>ARL</u>	(4)	ACHILLES	EGERIA	REMUS	-
		AMYCUS			
<u>ARS</u>	(4)	CABLE	FRESERVER	VENTIS	-
		GRAPPLE			
<u>ISD</u>	(10)	ASHLAND	GUNSTON HALL		-
		BELLEGGROVE	LINDENWALD		
		CARTER HALL	OAKHILL		
		CASA GRANDE	RUSHMORE		
		EPPING FOREST	WHITE MARSH		

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4. CENTRAL PACIFIC
(Including N. and S. Pacific Area)

# ALLIED FORCES				S. China Sea Incl. Formosa Singapore	Empire
<u>BB</u>	(13)	ALABAMA IDAHO INDIANA IOWA	MASSACHUSETTS MISSOURI NEW JERSEY NORTH CAROLINA	OKLAHOMA SOUTH DAKOTA WASHINGTON WISCONSIN TENNESSEE	(2) HARUNA MUSASHI (sev. dmgd. poss. sunk) (#)*YAMATO *NAGATO KONGO (po. S. China S
<u>BB/XCV</u>				(2) HYUGA ISE	-
<u>CV</u>	(13)	ENTERPRISE ESSEX FRANKLIN BUNKER HILL	HANCOCK HORNET INTREPID LEXINGTON	RANGER SARATOGA TICONDEROGA WASP YORKTOWN	(3) AMAGI HAYATAKA UNRYU
<u>CVL</u>	(8)	BATAAN BELLEAU WOOD CABOT	COWPENS INDEPENDENCE LANGLEY	MONTEREY SAN JACINTO	(2) RYUHO HOSHO
<u>CVE</u>	(43)	ADMIRALTY IS. ALTAMHA ASTROLABE BAY ATTU BOUGAINVILLE BRETON BUCARELI BAY CAPE ESPERANCE CASABLANCA CHAPIN BAY CHENANGO COPAHEE CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR	FANSHAW BAY HOLLANDIA GILBERT ISLANDS KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY KWAJALEIN LONG ISLAND MAKASSAR STRAIT MATANAKAU MUNDA NISSAU NEHENTA BAY PRINCE WILLIAM ROI	RUDYERD BAY SANGAMON SANTEE SARGENT BAY SHAMROCK BAY SHIPLEY BAY SITKOH BAY STEAMER BAY SUWANNEE TAKANAS BAY TANANEK BAY THE IS BAY TULAGI WHITE PLAINS WINDHAM BAY	(2) JINYO UNYO (2) KAIYO OTAKA (re sunk
<u>CA</u>	(9)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER	INDIANAPOLIS PENSACOLA NEW ORLEANS	SALT LAKE CITY (2-4) WICHITA SAN FRANCISCO	CHOKAI) 1 rptd. (4) *TAKAO) sunk MYOKO) probably NACHI) sunk IBUKI TONE *AOBA *HAGURO 6
<u>OCA</u>					
<u>CL</u>	(22)	ASTORIA BILOXI *BIRMINGHAM CONCORD DETROIT *HONOLULU *HOUSTON	*LEANDER GAMBIER MIA I MOBILE OAKLAND PASADENA RALEIGH *RENO	RICHMOND SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN SANTA FE TRENTON VICKSBURG	(1) KINU ABUKUMA (1 or poss. both sunk) (4-5) OYODO YAHAGI KISO TAMA) two ISUZU) re SAKAWA) su
<u>LT</u>				KASHII	KASHIMA
<u>/CVS</u>	(4)	BALLARD CHANDELEUR	CURTISS	POCOMOKE	(2) ASKITISUS *NOTORO
<u>DD</u>		Approx. 150			20 15 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u>		Approx. 150			10 Approx. 50
<u>AS</u>			?	?	2 (1 repairing)

* Non-effective.

Some of these units operating temporarily in S.W.P.A.

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>				<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>	
Southwest Pacific (Western Section)				Indian Ocean	
<u>BB</u>	-	(4) HOWE QUEEN ELIZABETH	RENOWN VALIANT	-	
<u>CV</u>	-	(3) ILLUSTRIOUS INDOMITABLE	VICTORIOUS	-	
<u>OVE</u>	-	(7) ACTIVITY AMEER ATHELING BATTLER	BEGUM SHAH UNICORN	-	
<u>CA</u> (1) SUFFOLK	-	(2) CUMBERLAND	LONDON	-	
<u>CL</u>	-	(6) ACHILLES CEYLON KENYA	NEWCASTLE NIGERIA PHOEBE	-	
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	(1) ALBATROSS		-	
<u>XCL</u>	-	(2) CANTON	CHITRAL	-	
<u>DD</u> (1) QUEENSBOROUGH		Approx. 27		-	
<u>SS</u> (60)	ANGLER BARBERO BASHAW BATFISH BAYA BEGUNA BERGAL BESUGO BLENNY BLUEGILL COBIA DACE DARTER FLASHER	FLYING FISH GAR GROWLER GUAVINA GUITARO GUNNEL GURNARD HADDO HAKE HAMMERHEAD HARDHEAD HAWKBILL HOE JACK	LAPON MINGO MUSKELLUNGE NARWHAL NAUTILUS PADDLE PARGO REDFIN ROCK SEA WOLF STINGRAY S.42 S.45 S.47	Approx. 16	10(possibly 1 German)
	CLYDE SEA ROVER SIRDAR	SPITEFUL STOIC STORM STURDY	TANTALUS TANTIVY TELEMACHUS		
	K.9 K.12	K.14 K.15	0.19 ZWAARDFISCH		
<u>AS</u> (3) EURYALE	ANTHEDON	MAIDSTONE		-	

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY SHORE-BASED AIR STRENGTH

	<u>SOLOMONS</u>	<u>EAST INDIES</u>	<u>PHILIPPINES</u>	<u>MANDATES</u>
	<u>BISMARRCKS</u>			
Fighters	-	165	356	6
S/E Bombers	-	5	100	-
T/E Bombers	-	70	120	3
Flying Boats	-	5	4	-
Float Planes	10	57	35	6
En. A/C	2	44	41	4
TOTAL	12	346	656	19

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

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Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.

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PART I

(i) ALLIED FORCES

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NEW GUINEA - BISMARCKS

(a) At Sea to 1200/2:

(1) (a) Task Force 70 (i) 5 AGP: "WILLOUGHBY" "WACHAPREAGUE" "OYSTERTOWN" "HILO" "PORTUNUS"
83 PT

(ii) 3 PF: "ALLEN TOWN" "CHARLOTTESVILLE" "MACHIAS" 1 AVP: "SAN CARLOS"

(b) Task Force 73: 4 AVP: "HALF MOON" "HERON" "ORCA" "SAN PABLO" 1 AV: "CURRITUCK" 2 AVR

) Task Force 77:

Task Unit 77.1.5 : 3 CL: "BOISE" "NASHVILLE" "PHOENIX"

5 DD: "BUSH" "DRYANT" "HALFORD" "NEWCOMB" "ROBINSON"

Task Group 77.2 : 4 DE: "COLORADO" "MARYLAND" "NEW MEXICO" "WEST VIRGINIA"

2 CA: "MINNEAPOLIS" "PORTLAND"

4 CL: "COLUMBIA" "DENVER" "MONTPELIER" "ST LOUIS"

20 DD: "NICHOLAS" "TAYLOR" "LANG" "CONY" "EDWARDS" "MUSTIN"

"SIGOURNEY" "CONNER" "WALLER" "PRINGLE" "CONWAY"

"EATON" "LA VALLETTE" "HOWORTH" "FLETCHER" "AULICK"

"KNAPP" "MUGFORD" "RENSHAW" "SAUFLEY" "BENNION"

Task Unit 77.4.6: 4 CVE: "MANILA BAY" "MARCUS ISLAND" "PETROF BAY" "SAVO ISLAND"

1 DD: "RALPH TALBOT" 2 DE: "COOLEBAUGH" "LE RAY WILSON"

Task Group 77.7.21 : 1 AT: "HIDATSA" 2 SC: 637, 744 1 ARD: 19

Miscellaneous: 7 DD: "BARTON" "WALKE" "LAFFEY" "O'BRIEN" "ALLEN M. SUMNER" "MOALE"
"COOPER"

(d) Task Forces 78 & 79:

(i) Task Group 78.2 : 1 AGC: "WASATCH" 2 PCE(R): 849, 851 1 AO: "SEVERN"

5 AM: "SCOUT" "SENTRY" "REQUISITE" "REVENGE" "PURSUIT"

6 YMS: 39, 49, 52, 71, 314, 315 1 PG: "TULSA" 1 HDML: 1074

3 IX: "PANDA" "MINK" "CARIBOU" 4 SC: 726, 1004, 1356, 1368

Task Group 78.3 : 15 YMS: 2, 6, 8, 9, 51, 53, 68, 218, 315, 329, 334, 336, 339, 481

Task Group 78.2.25 : 2 AM: "SAUNTER" "SAGE" 2 AN: "TEAK" "SATINLEAF"

Task Unit 78.2.38: 7 IST 12 XAK 1 ARL: "ACHILLES" 2 DE: "DAN. A. JOY" "LOUGH"

1 AGS: "CAPE LEEUWIN" 1 AMS: "DENALLA" 1 DD: "JENKINS"

Task Force 78 : 1 CGC: "SPENCER" 1 IX: "ARETHUSA" 2 ARD: "CABLE" "GRAPPLE"

(Miscellaneous) 1 AT: "QUAPAN" 1 ARL: "EGERIA" 2 AK: "RUTILICUS" "MURZIM"

3 DD: "HUGHES" "O'BANNON" "CONYNGHAM" 1 CGC: "BUTTONWOOD"

1 APD: "HERBERT" 43 AP/AK

(ii) Miscellaneous (a) TG.76.7.1: 2 XAK 6 SC: 648, 731, 734, 735, 748, 749 12 FS

(b) TG.76.7.2: 2 AK 1 AT: "WHIPPOORWILL" 2 SC: 737, 738

1 ATR: 31

(c) TG.76.7.3: 1 PF: "ORANGE" 1 AN: "TEADERRY" 2 Tows

(d) TG.76.4.3: 4 APD: "CROSBY" "NEWMAN" "WARD" "SCHLEY" 1 XAK

1 AV: "STAG" 1 DD: "HOPEWELL" 3 FS

1 AGC: "SHIKELLAMY" 1 AO: "BISHOPDALE"

1 DE: "EICHENBERGER" 1 AP: "GEN. HERSEY"

(b) In Harbour:Morotai:

Combat units 1 ODD : "VENDETTA"
 29 PT
 Escorts 9 : 6 AMS: "GLENELG" "KATOOMEA" "STRAHAN" "KIAMA" "LITHGOW" "COWRA"
 "GYMPIE" "BROOME" 1 PF: "BURDEKIN"
 Auxiliaries 14 : "TANGIER" (AV) "MOBJACK" (AGP) "ELKHORN" (AG) 2 YO 2 YOG
 2 YFD 2 YRF 2 YPD 1 YP: 236

Sangapor:

Escorts 1 : 1 PG : 1596
 Auxiliaries 1 : 1 AO : "TRINITY"

Biak-Woendi:

Combat units 39 PT
 Escorts 6 : 4 AMS: "WAGGA" "STAWELL" "LATRONE" "GOULBURN" 1 PS: "SWAN"
 1 PF : "BARCOO"
 Auxiliaries 15 : "ORION" (AS) "VICTORIA" (AO) "SUSQUEHANNA" "SAKATONCHEE"
 "RIO GRANDE" (AG) "STONEWALL" (IX) "DERRICK" (YO) "PASTORES" (AF)
 "REMUS" (ARL) "DINGERA" (AG) "HASKELL" (APA) 2 YP: 238,240 2 YFD

Humboldt Bay:

Combat units 1 CA : "LOUISVILLE"
 23 DD : "REID" "MONSSEN" "SAMUEL C. REID" "CLAXTON" "STACK" "STEVENS"
 "LAMSON" "MAHAN" "KIDD" "FLUSSER" "SMITH" "RUSSELL" "DRAYTON"
 "MORRIS" "MCGOWAN" "DASHIELL" "BLACK" "COGHLAN" "GANSEVOORT"
 "BRAINE" "CHAUNCEY" "NORMAN SCOTT" "STEMBEL"
 Escorts 32 : 19 DE : "BOWERS" "WITTER" "PFEIFFER" "THOMASON" "NEVENDORFF"
 "CHAS. J. KIMMELL" "THOS. F. NICHOL" "LOVELACE" "WHITEHURST"
 "FOREMAN" "DOYLE C. BARNES" "KEN. M. WILLETT" "WILLMARTH"
 "SACCARD" "LLOYD E. ACREE" "GEO. F. DAVIS" "J. E. CRAIG"
 "MANNING" "ENGLAND" 3 YMS: 2, 233, 384 1 ML: 825
 15 PF : "OGDEN" "GLENDALE" "BELFAST" "HUTCHINSON" "BURLINGTON"
 "CORONADO" "EUGENE" "SANDUSKY" "SAN PEDRO" "LONG BEACH"
 "MUSKOGEE" "EL PASO" "VAN BUREN" "GALLUP" "BREEZE"
 2 AMS: "GLADSTONE" "BUNDABERG" 4 PGE(N): 848, 850, 852, 853
 18 SC : 514, 521, 531, 636, 663, 687, 695, 729, 735, 991, 1004,
 1012, 1052, 1319, 1320, 1321, 1327
 20 PG : 84, 462, 464, 555, 563, 584, 586, 695, 812, 1119, 1129,
 1121, 1122, 1124, 1128, 1137, 1139, 1188, 1590, 1601
 Auxiliaries 91 : "DARNSTABLE" "ELMORE" "HARRIS" "SUMTER" "LEON" "JAMES O'HARA"
 "PIERCE" "LEONARD WOOD" "CAMBRIA" "MONROVIA" "CALVERT" "CUSTER"
 "KNOX" "FREMONT" "BANNER" "APPLING" "HENRY T. ALLEN" "OLMSTEAD" (APA)
 "COMET" "WARHAWK" "WINGED ARROW" "STORM KING" "LA SALLE"
 "HERALD OF THE MORN" (AP) "WRIGHT" (AD) "SUAMICO" "SALAMONIE"
 "SARANAC" "CHEPACHET" (AO) "MERCURY" "BOOTES" "JUPITER" "AURIGA"
 "CRUX" "GANYMEDE" (AK) "DIPHA" "AQUARIUS" "ARNED" "ELECTRA"
 "CHARA" (AKA) "CALAMARES" (AF) "HOPE" (AH) "POLLUX" (AKS)
 "DOBBIN" (AD) "SEEKONK" (AGC) "RAIL" "LARK" "CHETCO" (AT) "PYRO"
 "POYANG" (AE) "OTUS" (AS) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "PREBLE" (DM) "CLYDE"
 "VILLALOBOS" "PORCUPINE" (IX) "BLUE RIDGE" "MT. OLYMPUS" "ROCKYMOUNT"
 (AGC) "SANDS" "KILTY" "BROOKS" (APD) "OAKHILL" "GUNSTON HALL"
 "BELLEGROVE" "WHITEMARSH" "LINDENWALD" "EPPING FOREST" (LSD)
 "CULEBRA ISLAND" (ARG) "GOLDSBOROUGH" (AVD) "MONITOR" (LSV) "RIKEY"
 (ARH) "BREEZE" "ELLIOT" (DMS) "TRIUMPH" (AM) "ARIADNE" (CMS) 2 YFD
 2 ARD: 7,12 4 YP: 215,240,291,292 6 AFD: 2,3,11,16,24,25

Aitape:

Escorts 1 : 1 PG : 1600
 Auxiliaries 5 : "DICKERSON" (APD) "THUBAN" (AKA) "FELAND" "CAVALIER" (APA)
 "GOLDEN CITY" (AP)

Admiralties:

Combat units 3 DD : "MISSISSIPPI" "CALIFORNIA" "PENNSYLVANIA"
 11 CVE : "KADASHAN BAY" "NATOMA BAY" "SAGINAW BAY" "DARNES" "MAKIN IS" "SALAMAU"
 "HOGGATT BAY" "ALAVA BAY" "QUIMANEY BAY" "LUNG POINT" "BISMARCK SEA"
 3 CA : "BOSTON" "CAMBERRA" "SHROPSHIRE"
 1 CL : "CLEVELAND"
 30 DD : "TWIGGS" "HALLIGAN" "HARADEN" "EVANS" "FOOTE" "REMEY" "MERTZ"
 "ERDEN" "WALKER" "MCDERMOTT" "MEEVIN" "AMMEN" "ARUNTA" "KILLEN"
 "LEUTZE" "HALL" "PAUL HAMILTON" "HELM" "MAURY" "MCCALL"
 "ISHERWOOD" "R. P. LEARY" "KIMBERLY" "CONVERSE" "BAGLEY" "GRIDLEY"
 "AUSBURNE" "PATERSON" "H. L. EDWARDS" "WARRAMUNG A"
 2 SS : "S.45" "S.47"

Admiralties: (Cont)

Escorts 58 : 12 DE : "H.C.WANN" "DELAHANTY" "OSMUS" "EVERSOLE" "OBERRENDER"
 "HARMON" "CABANA" "R.S.SUESSENS" "LOESER" "LA PRADE"
 "GREENWOOD" "J.DOUGLAS BLACKWOOD"
 8 SC : 631,632,722,1004,1273,1365,1369,1375, 2 PCS: 1391,1416
 5 PC : 600,742,1170,1131,1421 2 PF: "CARSON CITY" "GASCOYNE"
 29 YMS: 1,10,40,48,81,97,140,158,238,243,286,293,318,319,327,339,
 340,341,342,353,360,363,364,368,380,393,398,408,410

Auxiliaries 80 : "DAXTER" "FAYETTE" "ORMSBY" "WINDSOR" "LEEDSTOWN" "DUPAGE" "FULLER"
 "WAYNE" "HEYWOOD" "ADAIR" "AUDRAIN" (APA) "MANLEY" "TALBOT" (APD)
 "MIZAR" "TALAMANAC" (AF) "CACAPON" "NESHANIC" "CALIENTE"
 "ESCAMBIA" "CHIKASKIA" "WINOOSKI" "NEODRARA" (AD) "JAMESTOWN"
 (AGP) "JASON" (ARL) "CEBU" "LEYTE" "MINDANAO" (ARG) "JOHN LAND"
 "CAPE JOHNSON" (AP) "ALHENA" "UV ALDE" "ALYCONE" (AKA) "MEDUSA"
 "TRIAREUS" (AR) "MONADNOCK" (CM) "CHANGE" "SALUTE" "CAPTIVATE"
 "SHAULA" "LYRA" "CETUS" "WARWICK" "HERCULES" "SAGITTARIUS" (K)
 "CLEMSON" (AVD) "PRESERVER" (ARS) "PASQUOTANK" (AOG) "ALABASTER"
 (PYC) "YUNNAN" (AEQ) "PATHFINDER" (AGS) "TERN" "KINGFISHER"
 "TAVARA" "MENOMINEE" "WATCH HILL" "CHOWANOC" "CHIKASAW" (AT)
 "TORCHWOOD" (YN) "CARONDOLET" "LEOPARD" "ADAREND" "ANDREW DORIA"
 (IX) "LAURADADA" "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "SIERRA" "PIEDMONT" "WHITNEY" (AD)
 2 ASD 1 AD: 20 2 ARD: 8, 20 3 YP: 280, 288, 585

Alexishafon-Madang:
 Escorts 5 : 1 YMS: "RINDJANI" 1 A/S: "WILCANNIA" 2 ML: 802, 812 1 HDML: 1339
 Auxiliaries 3 : "KOOPA" (AG) "PING WO" (ASIS) 1 YP: 504

Cape Gloucester:
 Combat units 2 DD : "LUCE" "C.J.BALGER"
 Escorts 1 : 1 PC : 1123
 Auxiliaries 9 : "EMPIRE ARQUEBUS" (LSI) "ORMISTON" (AP) "CAPRICORNUS" (AK) "CLYDE"
 "W.P.BIDDLE" "A.T.MIDDLETON" "CATSKILL" "F.FUNSTON" (APA)

Langenak:
 Escorts 6 : 3 PC : 218, 585, 1491 3 SC: 694, 739, 741
 Auxiliaries 13 : "TASMAN" "MAETSUYCKER" "REFUGE" (AH) "AASE MAERSK" (AO) "OZARK"
 (LSV) "ST GILES" "RACE POINT" "CHIPPEWA" (AT) "KATOOMEA" (APA)
 "GAMBLE" (DM) "OVERTON" (APD) "BULL WHEEL" (YO) 1 ARD: 10

Lae:
 Escorts 2 : 1 ML : 829 1 HDML: 1321

Jacquinot Bay:
 Auxiliaries 2 : "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "LAURIANA" (AG)

Oro Bay:
 Auxiliaries 2 : "CHARA" "GILLIAM" (APA)

Milne Bay:
 Escorts 5 : 3 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" "DELORATINE" "TOWNSVILLE" 2 SC: 699, 742
 Auxiliaries 10 : "BUNGAREE" (CM) "ARAYAT" (IX) "MAUNA LOA" (AE) "KURUMBA" (AO) "WARREN"
 (APA) "CHIWAIKUM" (AOG) 3 YP: 278, 449, 541 - 1 ARD: 9

2. SOLOMONS(a) At Sea to 1200/2:

- (1) "AUSTRALIA" (CA) escorted by "FIENBERLING" (DE) was to depart Santo about 30 Nov for Manus.
 (2) "YP's. 348, 414" were to depart Emirau 1800/30 for Lunga ETA 1200/4 Dec.

(b) In Harbour:

Emirau:
 Escorts 7 : 1 DE: "STADFIELD" 4 SC: 502, 620, 703, 1274 2 YMS: "TUI", 250
 Auxiliaries 2 : 2 YB: 233, 514

Green Is:
 Combat units 12 PT
 Escorts 1 : 1 YMS: 94
 Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YP: 248

Torokina:
 Combat units 5 DD : "SPROSTON" "PICKING" "WICKES" "W.D.PORTER" "YOUNG"
 Escorts 14 : 2 SC : 1188, 1590 7 SC: 476, 477, 598, 704, 1170, 1231, 1242
 1 PCS: 1429 2 DE: "AMERCROMBIE" "GILLIGAN" 3 YMS: 176, 311, 380
 Auxiliaries 23 : "DRACO" (AK) "ANTARES" (AKS) "YUMA" (AT) "CELTIC" (IX) "LIRA"
 "ALMAAK" "ALSHAIN" "TITANIA" (AKA) "EMPIRE MACE" "WESTRALIA"
 "EMPIRE BATTLE AXE" "KANIMELA" "MANOORA" (LSI) "SARASOTA" "DOYEN"
 "LAMARR" "SHERIDAN" "ALPINE" "BOLIVAR" "HARRY LEE" (APA)
 "PRES. POLK" "SARILIGHT" (AP) "PINKNEY" (APH)

Treasury Is:

Combat units 42 PT
6 PGM

Escorts 3 : 1 DE: "PAUL G. BAKER" 2 PC: 479, 605 1 YMS: 45
4 SC: 677, 722, 1074, 1260

Auxiliaries 2 : 1 YO: "WHIPSTOCK" 1 YP: 520

Munda:

Escorts 8 : 1 DE: "GENDREAU" 1 PC: 1119 2 YMS: "KIWI", 190
4 SC: 514, 702, 999, 1065

Auxiliaries 1 : 1 AK: "SAPIK"

3. EAST AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea to 1200/2:

(1) "HDML.1327" departed Cairns 0705/29 for Port Moresby ETA 1100/5.

(b) In Harbour:Merauke:Escorts 4 : 2 YMS: "SMEROE" "MERSANBOE" 2 HDML: 1322, 1323Thursday Is:Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "PIRIE"
Auxiliaries 2 : "WINTER" "CHALLENGER" (AGS)Cairns:Escorts 6 : 2 AMS: "COOTAMUNDRA" "FREMANTLE" 1 A/S: "YANDRA" 3 ML: 428, 431, 806
Auxiliaries 8 : "LOTHIAN" "CLAN LAMONT" "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD" "GLENEARN" (LSI)
"DUNTRON" (AF) "FIREISLAND" "WATO" (AT) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS)Townsville:Escorts 5 : 2 AMS: "DENDIGO" "KALGOORLIE" 1 YMS: 313 1 ML: 827 1 HDML: 1327
Auxiliaries 3 : "POLARIS" (AGS) "TANCRED" (AT) 1 YP: 615D Bowen:

Auxiliaries 3 : "HEROS" "SHANNEE" (AT) "ACUMENS" (ARS)

D Osborne:Combat units 6 SS : "S.42" "NARWHAL" "STINGRAY" "NAUTILUS" "GALILAN" "PERCH"
Escorts 13 : 7 ML: 424, 425, 804, 811, 820, 821 1 PC: 1132
3 HDML: 1129, 1324, 1353 2 AMS: "KAPUNDA" "WHYALLA"
Auxiliaries 7 : "ETOLIN" (AK) "MESQUITE" (CGC) "OCTANS" "MERKUR" (AF) "PONTUS"
(AF) "GEN. ANDE SON" (AF) "GRIFFIN" (AS)Sydney:Combat units 2 CL : "HOBART" (refitting) "TROMP"
2 DD : "GLENOWER" "QUICKMATCH"
1 ODD : "STUART"
3 SS : "K.9" "K.12" "TELEMACHUS"
Escorts 12 : 1 AMS: "DALLARAT" 1 PS: "WARREGO" 1 A/S: "KYDRA" 1 PC
7 ML: 426, 801, 815, 816, 819, 822, 823 1 SC: 1039
Auxiliaries 4 : "POINT LOMA" (AT) "MANUNDA" (AH) "OCTORARA" (IX) "ARDENT" (CM)Melbourne:Combat units 1 OCL : "ADELAIDE"
1 DD : "NIZAM"
Escorts 5 : "ABRAHAM CRIJNSEN" "DOOMDA" (A/S) "POLEN" (AMS)
2 HDML: 1340, 1350
Auxiliaries 1 : "GEN. JOHN POP" (AF)4. NORTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/2:(1) Task Force 71:On Patrol 27 SS : "BLACKFIN" "SEA WOLF" "FLYING FISH" "DASHAW" "FLOUNDER" "HADLO"
"GUAVINA" "BARDEL" "BARBERO" "FLASHER" "GUNNEL" "JACK" "PARGO"
"DECUNA" "GROLWE" "HAKE" "MINGO" "SEA ROVER" "HAWKILL" "GAR"
"MESUGO" "HARDHEAD" "SPITEFUL" "MUSKELLUNGE"
On Passage 9 SS : "GURNARD" "CLYDE" "ANGLER" "K.14" "BLURGILL" "HOE" "LAPON"
"CAVALLA" "TANTALUS"(b) In Harbour:Darwin:Escorts 11 : 5 AMS: "JUNEE" "CASTLEMAINE" "PARKES" "HORSHAM" "ECHUCA"
5 ML: 429, 809, 812, 814, 907 1 HDML: 1329
Auxiliaries 4 : "STELLA" "MORESBY" "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) "CHANTICLEER" (ARS)

5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/2:

Nil report.

(b) In Harbour:Fremantle:

Combat units	1 <u>CA</u>	:	"SUFFOLK"			
	1 <u>DD</u>	:	"QUEENSBOROUGH"			
	15 <u>SS</u>	:	"GUITARRO" "PADDLE" "BREAM" "COBIA" "DACE" "ROCK" "SIEDAR"			
			"K.15" "TANTIVY" "BERG ALL" "HAMMERHEAD" "STOIC" "STORM" "O.19"			
			"ZWAARDFISCH"			
Escorts	11	:	1 <u>PF</u> : "CORPUS CHRISTI"	1 <u>PS</u> :	"SAVIGNAN DE BRAZZA"	
			1 <u>SC</u> : 720	1 <u>ML</u> :	824	2 <u>YMS</u> : 11, 72
Auxiliaries	7	:	"ANTHEDON" "EURYALE" "MAILSTONE" (AS)	"ISABEL" (PY)	"COUCAL"	
			(ASR)	1 <u>AD</u> :	10	1 <u>YP</u> : 286
<u>Bunbury:</u>						
Escorts	1	:	1 <u>AMS</u> :	"BUNBURY"		

(ii) ENEMY FORCESA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC1. PHILIPPINES

- (1) W. Luzon - Further reports of the 14 ships sighted by aircraft at approx. 2330/29 Nov. in Subic Bay give the composition as:-
 2 destroyers
 2 destroyer escorts
 10 small freighter transports
 all anchored in or near Subic Bay.
 In addition at 0015/30 Nov. the same aircraft saw 4 sea trucks anchored off San Fernando, just N. of Lingayan Gulf.
 At 0800/30 Nov. U. S. submarine reported 1 aircraft carrier and 3 destroyers approx. 70 miles W. of Manila Bay, on course 85°, speed 22 knots. It is recalled that aircraft sighted a force described as 1 large carrier, 1 light cruiser, 2 destroyers, 200 miles W. of Cape Bojeador (N.W. Luzon) on course 265°, at 20 knots, at 1412/29 Nov.
- (2) S.E. Luzon - On 30 Nov. Legaspi airdrome was bombed by 11 Liberators from Palau. The runway and buildings were hit by 1000 lb. bombs and several aircraft on the ground were destroyed.
- (3) Sibuyan Sea - At 1641/1 Dec. aircraft in flight reported possibly 3 ships of which 2 were identified as 1 gunboat and 1 medium freighter transport in S.W. Sibuyan Sea just S. of Tablas Is.
- (4) Camotes-Samar Sea - Intense enemy shipping activity in this area continues. At 2025/29 Nov. a search Mariner sighted 3 freighter transports (2-4500 tons each) off Dimasalang (S.E. Masbate Is.); the ships were attacked without observed effect and retired into Dimasalang Bay where a destroyer was already at anchor. The freighter sunk in this vicinity A.M. 30 Nov. could have been one of these vessels. It is recalled that shipping described as 1 cruiser, 2 large transports apparently took refuge in Sogod Bay (Cebu) at 1300/30 Nov.; these units could correspond with the balance of ships sighted at Dimasalang the previous night and are probably the ships attacked by 16 Kittyhawks P.M. 30 Nov. (reportedly off Carmen, E. coast Leyte just S. of Sogod Bay and described as 2 transports, 1 destroyer) when both merchant ships were set on fire and the destroyer damaged.
 These reports bring the total damage inflicted on enemy shipping in this area P.M. 29 Nov. and 30 Nov. up to:-
 1 freighter (5-7000 tons) sunk
 3 small troop carrying sea truck type ships sunk
 2 transports set on fire
 2 destroyers damaged.
 In addition:-
 2 freighters
 8 sea trucks carrying troops
 1 destroyer escort
 were all sunk or destroyed during the preceding 24 hours in Masbate-Cebu waters.
- (5) Leyte - Our forces continue their advance Southwards from Limon abreast the main highway against slight opposition.
 On the W. coast enemy counter-attacks have been experienced from the E. flank in the vicinity of Caridad, South of our advanced positions in the Palanas River area; 3 such counter attacks were repulsed night 29-30 Nov.
 Night 30-Nov.-1 Dec.³⁰ enemy aircraft bombed and strafed installations at Carigara in four attacks; no damage has been reported. AA shot down 1 raider.
- (6) Mindanao - On 30 Nov. Matina airdrome was bombed by 11 Liberators and Padada and Daliao dromes were bombed and strafed by 22 Mitchells destroying 2 aircraft on the ground; there was no interception and only slight AA.
- (7) S. China Sea - At 1520/30 Nov. aircraft reported 1 light cruiser, 2 destroyers, 2 destroyer escorts approx. 130 miles E. of Tourane (Indo China coast) on course 170°, speed only 8 knots.
 Early A.M. 2 Nov. a U. S. submarine sighted a force described as 1 battleship, 3 escorts 150 miles S.E. of Cape Varella (Indo China Coast), course 25°, speed 17 knots. In view of the belief that there are no enemy battleships in Southern S. China Sea waters at present, it is suggested that this heavy unit may be the second heavy cruiser photographed at Singapore on 20 Nov. attempting to reach Empire waters keeping close to Indo China coast and possibly proceeding to effect a rendezvous with additional escorts indicated by the earlier sighting reported above.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)

2. EAST INDIES

- (1) S.W. Celebes - At 1130/30 Nov. Malimpoeng airdrome and Pare Pare were bombed by 16 Liberators.

Several small ships and barges were seen along the Pare Pare coast and the sightings of small units only are confirmed by photos.

- 3. NEW GUINEA - A.M. 1 Dec. Boram was bombed by 5 Liberators.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

- 1. MARIANAS - On 27 Nov. Pagan airdrome and possible landing areas were cratered by Thunderbolts and later during a second sweep by Thunderbolts 2 enemy fighters were shot down over Pagan.

On 28 Nov. Pagan strip and taxiway were again hit by Corsairs.

- 2. BONINS - On 27 Nov. Iwo Jima airdromes were bombed by 50 Liberators which dropped 112 tons bombs. Aerial opposition was experienced by 5-7 Jap fighters of which 2 were shot down by 12 escorting Lightnings.

- 3. HAWAII AREA - At 1025/28 Nov. (local W. Longitude time) a submarine was observed by aircraft approx. 1000 miles E.N.E. of Honolulu.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

- (1) Persistent enemy attempts to reinforce Leyte by surface craft.
- (2) Continued enemy air reinforcement of Formosa and Philippines.
- (3) Steady progress on Leyte.
- (4) Continued support Leyte operations by 3rd Fleet Aircraft Carrier Task Force.
- (5) Enemy submarine activity Philippines, W. and Central Pacific and Indian Ocean including use of midget submarines.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>				<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>	
* Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)				(Incl. Mandates)	
<u>BB</u>	(7) CALIFORNIA COLORADO	MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI	NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA	WEST VIRGINIA -	
<u>CVE</u>	(15) ALAVA BAY BARNES BISMARCK SEA HOGGATT BAY	KADASHAN BAY LUNGA POINT MAKIN ISLAND	MANILA BAY MARCUS ISLAND NATOMA BAY OMMANEY BAY	PETROF BAY SAGINAW BAY SAVO ISLAND SALAMAUA -	
<u>CA</u>	(6) LOUISVILLE MINNEAPOLIS PORTLAND	-	AUSTRALIA #CANBERRA SHROPSHIRE	-	
<u>CL</u>	(11) BOISE #CLEVELAND COLUMBIA	DENVER MONTPELIER NASHVILLE	PHOENIX ST LOUIS	ADELAIDE #HOBART #TROMP -	
<u>AV</u>	(2) CURRITUCK	TANGIER		-	
<u>AVP</u>	(8) BELKNAP CHINCOTEAGUE	GOLDSBOROUGH HALF MOON	HERON ORCA	SAN CARLOS SAN PABLO -	
<u>DD</u>	(101) ALLEN M. SUMNER AMMEN AULICK AUSBURNE BAGLEY BARTON BLACK BRAINE BRYANT BUSH CHAUNCEY CLAXTON OCHLAN CONY CONYGHAM COOPER CONNER CONVERSE CONWAY C.T. BADGER DASHIELL DRAYTON EATON ERBEN ARUNTA GLEN DOWER	EVANS FLETCHER FLUSSER FOOTE GANSEVOORT GRIDLEY HALFORD HARADEN HALLIGAN HALL HELM H.L. EDWARDS HOWORTH HOPEWELL ISHERWOOD JENKINS KIDD KNAPP KILLEN KIMBERLEY LAFFEY LAMSON LANG LA VALLETTE	LEUTZE LUCE MCCALL MAHAN MAURY MCDERMOTT MCGOWAN MELVIN MERTZE MOALE MONSSEN MORRIS MUGFORD MUSTIN NEWCOMB NICHOLAS NORMAN SCOTT O'BANNON O'BRIEN PAUL HAMILTON PATTERSON HICKING PRINGLE REID STUART VENDETTA	REMEY RALPH TALBOT RENSHAW ROBINSON R.P. LEARY RUSSELL SAMUEL C. REID SIGOURNEY SMITH SPENCER SPROSTON STACK STEMBEL STEVENS TAYLOR TWIGGS WALKE WALKER WALLER WICKES WM. D. PORTER YOUNG WARRAMUNGA	-
<u>SS</u>		-		10	
<u>PT</u>	Approx. 175			-	

*Excluding Cenpac forces temporarily at sea in S.W.P.A.
Non-effective

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>		
Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)		(Incl. Mandates)		
<u>AKA</u>	(75) ALGOL (AKA)	CLEMSON (APA)	SHERIDAN (APA)	-
<u>APA</u>	ATHENA	CUSTER	WARREN	
<u>APD</u>	ALMAAK	CRESCENT CITY	WAYNE	
<u>LSI</u>	ALSHAIN	DOYEN	WINDSOR	
	ALYCONE	DUPAGE	W.P.BIDDLE	
	AQUARIUS	FAYETTE	BROCKS (APD)	
	CAPRICORNUS	EELAND	CROSEY	
	DIPHDA	F.FUNSTON	DICKERSON	
	CHARA	FREMONT	HERBERT	
	LIBRA	FULLER	KILTY	
	O'HARA	GILLIAM	MANLEY	
	THUBAN	GOLDEN CITY	OVERTON	
	ALPINE (APA)	HARRY LEE	SANDS	
	ADAIR	HASKELL	SCHLEY	
	APELING	HEYWOOD	TALBOT	
	ARIADNE	H.T.ALLEN	WARD	
	A.T.MIDDLETON	KNOX	KANIMBLA (LSI)	
	AJDRAIN	LEEDSTOWN	MANOCRA	
	BANNER	LELAND	WESTRALIA	
	BAXTER	LEO CLYMAN	CLAN LAMONT	
	BOLIVAR	LAMARR	EMPIRE ARQUEBUS	
	CALVERT	MONROVIA	EMPIRE BATTLEAXE	
	CAMBRIA	ORMSBY	EMPIRE MACE	
	CAVALIER	OLMSTEAD	EMPIRE SPEARHEAD	
	CLAY	SARASOTA	GLENEARN	
<u>AGC</u>	(5) BLUE RIDGE	MOUNT MCKINLEY	WASATCH	-
	MOUNT OLYMPUS	ROCKY MOUNT		
<u>AS</u>	(4) GRIFFIN	ORION	OTUS	-
	HOLLAND			
<u>AD</u>	(4) DOBBIN	SIERRA	WHITNEY	-
	PIEDMONT			
<u>AR</u>	(4) BRIAREUS	PLATYFUS	RIGEL	-
	MEDUSA			
<u>ARB</u>	(1) MIDAS			-
<u>AC</u>	(5) CEBU	LEYTE	OGLALA	-
	CULEBRA ISLAND	MINDANAO		
<u>ARH</u>	(1) JASON			-
<u>ARL</u>	(4) ACHILLES	EGERIA	REMUS	-
	AMYCUS			
<u>ARS</u>	(4) CABLE	PRESERVER	VENTS	-
	GRAPPLE			
<u>ISD</u>	(10) ASHLAND	GUNSTON HALL		-
	BELLEGCROVE	LINDENWALD		
	CARTER HALL	OAKHILL		
	CASA GRANDE	RUSHMORE		
	EPPING FOREST	WHITE MARSH		

4. CENTRAL PACIFIC
(Including N. and S. Pacific Area)

	# ALLIED FORCES			S. China Sea Incl. Formosa Singapore	Empire
<u>BB</u>	(13) ALABAMA IDAHO INDIANA IOWA	MASSACHUSETTS MISSOURI NEW JERSEY NORTH CAROLINA	OKLAHOMA SOUTH DAKOTA WASHINGTON WISCONSIN TENNESSEE	(2) HARUNA MUSASHI (sev. dmgd. poss. sunk)	(#)*YAMATO *NAGATO KONGO (poss. S. China Sea)
<u>BB/XCV</u>	-	-	-	(2) HYUGA ISE	-
<u>CV</u>	(13) ENTERPRISE ESSEX FRANKLIN BUNKER HILL	HANCOCK HORNET INTREPID LEXINGTON	RANGER SARATOGA TICONDEROGA WASP YORKTOWN	-	(3) AMAGI HAYATAKA UNRYU
<u>CVL</u>	(8) BATAAN BELLEAU WOOD CABOT	COWPENS INDEPENDENCE LANGLEY	MONTEREY SAN JACINTO	-	(2) RYUHO HGSHO
<u>CVE</u>	(43) ADMIRALTY IS. ALTAMHA ASTROLABE BAY ATTU BOUGAINVILLE BRETON BUCARELI BAY CAPE ESPERANCE CASABLANCA CHAPIN BAY CHENANGO COPAHEE CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR	FANSHAW BAY HOLLANDIA GILBERT ISLANDS KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY KWAJALEIN LONG ISLAND MAKASSAR STRAIT MATANAKAU MUNDA NISSAU NEHENTA BAY PRINCE WILLIAM ROI	RUDYERD BAY SANGAMON SANTEE SARGENT BAY SHAMROCK BAY SHIPLEY BAY SITKOH BAY STEAMER BAY SUWANNEE TAKANAS BAY TANANEK BAY THE IS BAY TULAGI WHITE PLAINS WINDHAM BAY	(2) JINYO UNYO	(2) KAIYO OTAKA (reptd. sunk)
<u>CA</u>	(9) BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER	INDIANAPOLIS PENSACOLA NEW ORLEANS	SALT LAKE CITY (2-4) WICHITA SAN FRANCISCO	(2-4) CHOKAI (1 rptd. sunk) *TAKAO (probably sunk) MYOKO (probably sunk) NACHI (sunk)	(4) IBUKI TONE *AOBA *HAGURO 6
<u>OCA</u>	-	-	-	-	-
<u>CL</u>	(22) ASTORIA BILOXI *BIRMINGHAM CONCORD DETROIT *HONOLULU *HOUSTON	*LEANDER GAMBIER MIA I MOBILE OAKLAND PASADENA RALEIGH *RENO	RICHMOND SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN SANTA FE TRENTON VICKSBURG	(1) KINU ABUKUMA (1 or poss. both sunk)	(4-5) OYODO YAHAGI KISO TAMA (two) ISUZU (reptd. sunk) SAKAWA (sunk)
<u>CLT</u>	-	-	-	KASHII	KASHIMA
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(4) BALLARD CHANDELEUR	CURTISS	POCOMOKE	-	(2) ASKITSUSHIMA *NOTORO
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 150			20	15 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u>	Approx. 150			10	Approx. 50
<u>AS</u>		?		?	2 (1 repairing)

* Non-effective.

Some of these units operating temporarily in S.W.P.A.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle.

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Date 3 December 1944

PART I

(1) ALLIED FORCES

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

NEW GUINEA - BISMARCKS

(a) At Sea to 1200/3:

- 1) (a) Task Force 70 (i) 5 AGP: "WILLOUGHBY" "WACHAPREAGUE" "OYSTER BAY" "HILO" "PORTUNUS"
33 PT
(ii) 3 PF: "ALBENTOWN" "CHARLOTTESVILLE" "MAGNIAS" 1 AVP: "SAN CARLOS"
(b) Task Force 73: 4 AVP: "HALF MOON" "HERON" "ORCA" "SAN PAOLO" 1 AV: "CURRITUCK" 2 AVR
(c) Task Force 76: (a) TG.76.7.1: 2 XAK 6 SC: 648, 731, 734, 735, 748, 749 12 FS
(b) TG.76.7.2: 2 AK 1 AT: "WHIPPOORWILL" 2 SC: 737, 738 1 ATR: 31
(c) TG.76.7.3: 1 PF: "ORANGE" 1 AN: "TEABERRY" 2 Tows
(d) TG.76.4.3: 4 APD: "CROSBY" "NEWMAN" "SCHLEY" "WARD" 1 AT: "STAG"
1 DD: "HOPEWELL" 1 AGC: "SHIKELLAMY" 1 XAK 3 FS
1 DE: "EIGLENBERGER" 1 AO: "BISHOPDALE"
1 AP: "GEN. HERSEY"
(e) TG.76.4.7: 20 XAK 5 LST 1 LCI 2 AO 1 IX: "PORCUPINE"
4 PF: "GLENDALE" "BELFAST" "OGDEN" "SAN PEDRO"
1 AK: "BOOTES" 1 APA: "GILLIAM"
- (d) Task Force 77:
Task Unit 77.1.5: 3 CL: "BOISE" "NASHVILLE" "PHOENIX"
5 DD: "DUSH" "DRYANT" "HALFORD" "NEWCOMB" "ROBINSON"
Task Group 77.2: 3 BB: "MARYLAND" "NEW MEXICO" "WEST VIRGINIA"
2 CA: "MINNEAPOLIS" "PORTLAND"
3 CL: "COLUMBIA" "DENVER" "MONTPELIER"
18 DD: "NICHOLAS" "LANG" "CONY" "EDWARDS" "INGRAHAM" "CONNER" "WALLER"
"PRINGLE" "CONWAY" "LA VALLETTE" "HOWORTH" "FLETCHER" "AULICK"
"KNAPP" "MUGFORD" "RENSHAW" "SAUFLEY" "DENNION"
Task Unit 77.2.27: 1 BB: "COLORADO" 1 CL: "ST LOUIS"
4 DD: "TAYLOR" "MUSTIN" "EATON" "SIGOURNEY"
Task Unit 77.4.6: 4 CVE: "MANILA BAY" "MARCUS ISLAND" "PETROF BAY" "SAVO ISLAND"
1 DD: "RALPH TALBOT" 3 DE: "COOLEY AUGH" "LE RAY WILSON" "GILICAN"
Task Group 77.7.21: 1 AT: "HIDATSU" 2 SC: 637, 744 1 ARD: 19
Miscellaneous: 7 DD: "DARTON" "WALKE" "LAFFEY" "O'BRIEN" "ALLEN W. SUMNER" "MOALE"
"COOPER"
- (e) Task Force 78 & 79:
Task Group 78.2: 1 AGC: "WASATCH" 2 PCE(R): 849, 851 1 AO: "SEVERN"
5 AM: "SCOUT" "SENIOR" "REQUISITE" "REVENGE" "PURSUIT"
6 YMS: 39, 49, 52, 71, 314, 315 1 PG: "TULSA" 1 HMAL: 1074
3 IX: "PANDA" "MINK" "CARIBOU" 4 SC: 726, 1004, 1356, 1368
Task Group 78.3: 15 YMS: 2, 6, 8, 9, 47, 51, 53, 68, 218, 315, 329, 334, 336, 339, 481
Task Group 78.2.25: 7 LST 12 XAK 1 ARL: "ACHILLES" 2 DE: "DAN. A. JOY" "LOUGH"
1 AGS: "CAPE LEEUWIN" 1 AMS: "BENALLA" 1 DD: "JENKINS"
Task Force 78: 2 CGC: "BUTTONWOOD" "SPENCER" 1 IX: "ARETHUSA" 1 AT: "QUAPAW"
(Miscellaneous) 2 ARD: "CABLE" "GRAPPLE" 1 ARL: "EGERIA" 2 DE: "JOES" "HOLT"
2 AK: "RUTILIGUS" "MURZIM" 3 DD: "HUGHES" "O'DANNON" "CONYNGHAM"
3 APD: "HERBERT" "LLOYD" "COFER" 43 AP/AK

"AUSTRALIA" (CA) departed Espiritu Santo 0600/30 for Seeadler Harbor due 0500/4.

(b) In Harbour:Morotai:

Combat units 1 ODD : "VENDETTA"
 29 PT
 Escorts 8 : 6 AMS: "GLENELG" "KATOOMEA" "STRAHAN" "LITHGOW" "CONRA" "DROOME"
 2 PF : "BURDEKIN" "HUTCHINSON"
 Auxiliaries 14 : "TANGIER" (AV) "MODJACK" (AGP) "ELKHORN" (AOG) 2 YO 2 YQG
 2 YFL 2 YPF 2 YPL 1 YP: 236 1 AK: "MERCURY"

Sansapor:

Escorts 2 : 1 DE: "PFEIFFER" 1 PC: 1598
 Auxiliaries 5 : "TRINITY" (AO) "LICKERSON" (APD) "MONITOR" (LSV) "RIKEY" (APH) "B ANNER"
 (APA)

Noemfoor:

Auxiliaries 1 : "HASKELL" (APA)

Banda-Woendi:

Combat units 39 PT
 Escorts 7 : 5 AMS: "WAGGA" "STAWELL" "LATROBE" "KIAMA" "GYMPIE" 1 PS: "SWAN"
 1 PF : "BARCOO"
 Auxiliaries 16 : "ORION" (AS) "SUSQUEHANNA" "SAKATONCHEE" "RIO GRANDE" (AOG) "DERRICK"
 (YO) "VICTORIA" (AO) "STONEWALL" (IX) "PASTORES" (AF) "BINGERA" (AG)
 "REMUS" (ARL) "PHOBOS" (AK) "POYANG" (AE) 2 YP: 238, 240 2 YFD

Humboldt Bay

Combat units 1 CA : "LOUISVILLE"
 25 DD : "REID" "MONSSEN" "SAMUEL C. REID" "CLAXTON" "STACK" "STEVENS" "HALE"
 "LAMSON" "MAHAN" "KID" "FLUSSER" "SMITH" "RUSSELL" "DRAYTON"
 "MORRIS" "MCGOWAN" "DASHIELL" "BLACK" "COCHLAN" "CANSEVOORT"
 "DRAINE" "CHAUNCEY" "NORMAN SCOTT" "STEMDEL" "ABBOTT"
 Escorts 76 : 17 DE : "BOWER" "WITTER" "THOMSON" "NEVENLOFT" "CHAS. J. KIMMELL"
 "THOS. F. NICHOL" "LOVELACE" "WHITEHURST" "DOYLE C. BARNES"
 "KEN. M. WILLETT" "WILLMARTHS" "SACCARD" "MANNING" "ENGLAND"
 "LLOYD E. GROBE" "GEOF. DAVIS" "J. E. CRAIG" 3 YMS: 2, 233, 304
 10 PF : "FURLINGTON" "CORONADO" "EUGENE" "SANDUSKY" "LONG BEACH"
 "MUSKOGEE" "EL PASO" "VAN DUREN" "GALLUP" "BISBEE" 1 ML: 204
 2 AMS: "GLADSTONE" "DUNDABERG" 4 PCE(R): 848, 850, 852, 853
 19 SC : 514, 521, 531, 636, 668, 687, 695, 729, 735, 991, 1012, 1052
 1273, 1319, 1320, 1321, 1327, 1365, 1369
 20 PC : 84, 462, 464, 555, 563, 584, 586, 695, 812, 1119, 1129, 1121,
 1122, 1123, 1124, 1128, 1137, 1139, 1188, 1590
 Auxiliaries 79 : "BARNSTABLE" "ELMORE" "HARRIS" "SUMTER" "LEON" "JAMES O'HARA" "KNOX"
 "PIERCE" "LEONARD WOOD" "CAMBRIA" "MONROVIA" "CALVERT" "CUSTER"
 "FREMONT" "APPLING" "HENRY T. ALLEN" (APA) "COMET" "WARHAWK" "LASALLE"
 "WINGED ARROW" "STORM KING" "HERALD OF THE MONK" (AP) "WRIGHT" (AD)
 "SJAMICO" "SALAMONIE" "SARANAC" (AO) "JUPITER" "AURIGA" "CANYMEDE"
 "CRUX" (AK) "DIPLOA" "AQUARIUS" "ARNE" "ELECTRA" (AKA) "CALAMARES"
 (AF) "HOPE" (AH) "POLLUX" (AKS) "DOBFIN" (AD) "SEEKONK" (AGC) "RAIL"
 "LARK" "CHETCO" (AT) "PYRO" (AE) "OTUS" (AS) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "PREBLE"
 (DM) "CLYDE" "VILLALOBOS" (IX) "BLUE RIDGE" "MT. OLYMPUS" (AGC)
 "SANDS" "KILTY" "BROOKS" (APL) "OAKHILL" "GUNSTON HALL" "LINDENWALD"
 "DELLE GROVE" "WHITEMARSH" "EPPING FOREST" (LSD) "CULEBRA ISLAND"
 (ARG) "GOLDSBOROUGH" (AVD) "BREEZE" "ELLIOTT" (DMS) "TRIUMPH" (AP)
 "ARIADNE" (CMS) 2 YFD 6 AFD: 2, 3, 11, 16, 24, 25
 2 ARD: 7, 12 4 YP : 215, 240, 291, 292

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Escorts 1 : 1 PC : 1600
 Auxiliaries 14 : "THUDAN" "AQUARIUS" (AKA) "FELAND" "CAVALIER" "FAYETTE" "LEEDSTOWN"
 "DUPAGE" "HEMWOOD" "WAYNE" "FULLER" (APA) "JOHN LAND" "GOLDEN CITY"
 "CAPE JOHNSON" (AP) "HERCULES" (AK)

Admiralties:

Combat units 3 DB : "MISSISSIPPI" "CALIFORNIA" "PENNSYLVANIA"
 11 CVE : "KADASHAN BAY" "NATOMA BAY" "SAGINAW BAY" "BARNES" "MAKIN IS" "SALAMAU"
 "HOGGATT BAY" "ALAVA BAY" "OMMANEY BAY" "LUNGA POINT" "BISMARCK SEA"
 3 CA : "BOSTON" "CANBERRA" "SHROPSHIRE"
 1 CL : "CLEVELAND"
 32 DD : "TWIGGS" "HALLIGAN" "HARADEN" "EVANS" "FOOTE" "RENEY" "MCDERMOTT"
 "MERTZ" "ERBEN" "WALKER" "NEEVIN" "AMMEN" "ARUNTA" "KILLEN" "WILSON"
 "LEUTZE" "HALL" "PAUL HAMILTON" "HELM" "MAURY" "MCALL" "STERETT"
 "ISHERWOOD" "R. E. LEARY" "KIMBERLY" "CONVERSE" "BAGLEY" "PATTERSON"
 "GRITLEY" "AUSPURNE" "H. L. EDWARDS" "WARRAMUNG"
 2 SS : "S.45" "S.47"

Activities (Cont)

Escorts 56 : 13 DE : "W.C. WANN" "DELAHANTY" "OSMUS" "EVERSOLE" "ODEBRENNER"
"HARMON" "CADAN" "R.S. SUESSENS" "LOESSER" "LA PRADE"
"GREENWOOD" "J. DOUGLAS BLACKWOOD" "FOREMAN"
4 SC : 631, 732, 1004, 1375 - 2 PCS: 1391, 1411 1 AMS: "ARARAT"
5 PC : 600, 742, 1170, 1191, 1421 2 PF: "CARSON CITY" "GASCOYNE"
29 YMS: 1, 10, 40, 45, 51, 97, 140, 156, 238, 243, 266, 293, 318, 319, 327, 339,
340, 341, 342, 353, 360, 363, 364, 368, 390, 393, 398, 400, 410

Auxiliaries 60 : "BAXTER" "ORMISTON" "WINDSOR" "ADAIR" "AULRAIN" (APA) "TALAMANAC"
"MIZAN" (AF) "MANLEY" "TALBOT" (APD) "CACAPON" "NESHANIC"
"CALIENTE" "ESCAPADE" "CHIKASKIA" "WINOOSKI" "NEORARA" (LD)
"JAMESTOWN" (ACP) "JASON" (ARL) "CEBU" "LEYTE" "MINDANAO" (ARG)
"YOUNG" "AMERICA" (AP) "ALHENA" "ALCONA" "UVALDE" "ALYCONE" (AKA)
"MEDUSA" "BRIAREUS" (AR) "MONADNOCK" (CM) "CHANGE" "CAPTIVATE"
"SALUTE" (AM) "SELA" "LYRA" "CETUS" "WARWICK" "SAGITTARIUS" (AK)
"CLEMSON" (AVL) "PRESERVER" (ARS) "PASQUOTANK" (ACG) "ALABASTER"
(PYC) "YUMAN" (AE) "PATHFINDER" (AGS) "TAVABA" "KINGFISHER"
"TERN" "MENOMINEE" "WATCH HILL" "CHOWANOC" "CHIKASKIA" (AT)
"TORCHWOOD" (YN) "CARONDOLET" "LEOPARD" "ABAREDA" "ANDREW DORTCH"
(IX) "LARRABADA" "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "SIERRA" "PIEDMONT" "WHITNEY" (AD)
2 ASD 1 ARD: 20 2 AFD: 3, 20 3 YP: 280, 283, 585

Alexishafen-Madang:
Escorts 5 : 1 YMS: "RINJANI" 1 A/S: "WILCANNIA" 2 ML: 302, 812 1 HDML: 1339
Auxiliaries 3 : "KOOPA" (AC) "PING WU" (ASIS) 1 YP: 504

Cape Gloucester:
Combat units 2 DD : "LUCE" "C.J. MAGER"
Escorts 4 : 2 PC : 1123, 1401 2 SC: 632, 1004
Auxiliaries 11 : "EMPIRE ARQUEUS" (LSI) "ORMISTON" (AP) "CAPRICORNUS" (AS) "CLYDE"
"W.P. BIDDLE" "A.T. MIDDLETON" "CATSKILL" "F. FUNSTON" (APA) "CHARA"
(AKA) "ROCKE MOUNT" (AGC) "CHEPACHET" (AO)

Lancemak:
Escorts 8 : 2 AMS: "MOUNBURN" "TOWNSVILLE" 3 PC: 216, 585, 1491
3 SC : 694, 739, 741
Auxiliaries 15 : "TASMAN" "MAETSUYCKER" "REFUGE" (AH) "AASE MAERK" (AO) "OZARK"
(LSV) "ST GILES" "RACE POINT" "CHIPAWA" (AT) "GEN. HARRY TAYLOR"
"KATOOMBA" (AP) "GAMBLE" (DM) "OVERTON" (APL) "BULL WHEEL" (YO)
"TRYON" (APH) 1 ARD: 10

Lae:
Escorts 2 : 1 ML : 820 1 HDML: 1321

Jacquinet Bay:
Auxiliaries 2 : "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "LAGRIANA" (AG)

Oro Bay:
Auxiliaries 2 : "OLMSTEAD" (APA) "COMFORT" (AH)

Milne Bay:
Escorts 5 : 3 AMS: "ROCKEAPTON" "DELORAIN" "KAPUNDA" 2 SC: 699, 742
Auxiliaries 11 : "BUNGAREE" (CM) "ARAYAT" (IX) "MAUNA LOA" (AE) "KURUMBA" (AO) "WARGENT"
(APA) "ETAMIN" (AK) 3 YP: 278, 448, 541 1 ARD: 9

2. SOLOMONS

(a) At Sea to 1200/3:

(1) "YP's. 340, 414" were to depart Emirau 1200/30 for Lunga ETA 1200/4 Dec.

(b) In Harbour:

Emirau:
Escorts 7 : 1 DE : "STADFELD" 4 SC: 502, 602, 703, 1274 2 YMS: "TUI", 250
Auxiliaries 2 : 2 YP : 233, 514

Green Is:
Combat units 12 PT
Escorts 1 : 1 YMS: 94
Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YP : 248

Torokina:
Combat units 5 DD : "SPROSTON" "PICKING" "WICKES" "W.D. PORTER" "YOUNG"
ports 14 : 2 SC : 1168, 1590 7 PC: 476, 477, 598, 702, 1170, 1231, 1242
1 PCS: 1429 2 DE: "AEROCROMDIE" "GILLIGAN" 3 YMS: 176, 311, 300
Auxiliaries 23 : "BRICO" (AK) "ANTARES" (AKS) "YUMA" (AT) "CELTIC" (IX) "LIBRA"
"ALMAA" "ALSHAIN" "TITANIA" (AKA) "EMPIRE NAAC" "WESTRALIA"
"EMPIRE BATTLEAXE" "KALIMLA" "MANDORA" (LSI) "SARASOTA" "DOYEN"
"LAMAR" "SHERIDAN" "ALPINE" "DOLIVA" "HARRY LEE" (APA)
"PRES. POLK" "ST. ROBERT" (AP) "PINKNEY" (APH)

Treasury Is:

Combat units 42 PT
 C PGM
 Escorts 6 : 1 DE: "PAUL G. WAKER" 2 PC: 479, 605 1 YMS: 45
 4 SC: 677, 722, 1074, 1200
 Auxiliaries 2 : 1 YO: "WHIPSTOCK" 1 YP: 520

Munda:
 Escorts 8 : 1 DE: "GENEBEAU" 1 PC: 1119 2 YMS: "KIWI", 196
 4 SC: 514, 702, 999, 1065
 Auxiliaries 1 : 1 AK: "SABIR"

3. EAST AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea to 1200/3:

- (1) "GRIFFIN" (A/S) departed Caloundra 1004/2 for Woendi ETA 0500/3.
- (2) "ACUENS" (AKS) was to depart Caloundra 3 Dec for Hollandia ETA 0600/3.
- (3) "HDML.1327" departed Cairns 0705/29 for Port Moresby ETA 1100/5.
- (4) "GEN. JOHN POPE" (AP) departed Melbourne 1100/28 for Bombay ETA 11 Dec.

(b) In Harbour:Merauke:

Escorts 4 : 2 YMS: "SMERON" "MERANDOE" 2 HDML: 1322, 1323

Thursday Is:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "PIRIE"
 Auxiliaries 2 : "WINNER" "CHALLENGER" (JCS)

Cairns:

Escorts 6 : 2 AMS: "COOTAMUNERA" "FRENCHMAN" 1 A/S: "YANTRA" 3 ML: 426, 431, 806
 Auxiliaries 3 : "LOTHIAN" "CLAN LAMONT" "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD" "LENEBAC" (ISI)
 "DUNROON" (AP) "PIRE ISLAND" "WATO" (AT) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (A/S)

Moresby:

Escorts 5 : 2 AMS: "BERNICO" "KALGOONLIE" 1 YMS: 313 1 ML: 827 1 HDML: 1324
 Auxiliaries 3 : "POLARIS" (AFS) "TANGARD" (AT) 1 YP: 615

D Bowen:

Auxiliaries 2 : "HEROS" "SHAWNEE" (AT)

Brisbane:

Combat units 6 SS : "S.42" "NAUHAL" "STINGRAY" "NAUTILUS" "GADILAN" "PERCH"
 Escorts 12 : 7 ML: 424, 425, 804, 811, 820, 821 1 PC: 1132
 3 HDML: 1127, 1324, 1353 1 AMS: "WHYALLA"
 Auxiliaries 6 : "ETOLIN" (AK) "MESQUITE" (CGC) "OCTANS" "MERRUR" (AF) "PONTUS"
 (JCP) "GEN. ANDERSON" (AF)

Sydney:

Combat units 2 CL : "ROBERT" (refitting) "TLOMP"
 2 DD : "GLENOWEN" "QUICKMATOR"
 1 ODD : "STUART"
 3 SS : "K.9" "K.12" "TELEMACHUS"
 Escorts 12 : 1 AMS: "DALLARAT" 1 PS: "WAGEGO" 1 A/S: "KYRA" 1 PC: 596
 7 ML: 420, 801, 815, 816, 819, 822, 823 1 SC: 1039
 Auxiliaries 4 : "POINT LOMA" (AT) "MANUNDA" (AH) "OCTORARA" (IX) "ARLANT" (CM)

Melbourne:

Combat units 1 OCL : "ADELAIDE"
 1 DD : "NIZAM"
 Escorts 5 : "ABRAHAM CRIJNSEN" "DOOMRA" (A/S) "BOWEN" (AMS)
 2 HDML: 1340, 1350

4. NORTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/3:(1) Task Force 71:

On Patrol 27 SS : "LACKFIN" "SEA WOLF" "FLYING FISH" "EASRA" "FLOUNDER" "TADDO"
 "GUAVINA" "BARCEL" "DARDERO" "FLASHER" "GUNNEL" "JACK" "PARCO"
 "ECUNIA" "GROWLER" "HAKE" "MINGO" "SEA ROVER" "HAWK HILL" "GAR"
 "BESUCO" "HAWKHEAD" "SPITEFUL" "MUSKELLUNGE"
 On Passage 9 SS : "GURNARD" "CLYDE" "ANGLE" "K.14" "BLUEGILL" "BOB" "LAPON"
 "CAVALERA" "PANTALUS"

(b) In Harbour:Darwin:

Escorts 11 : 5 AMS: "JUNEE" "CASTELMAINE" "PARKES" "HORSHAM" "ECHUCA"
 5 ML: 429, 809, 12, 814, 907 1 HDML: 1329

(i) ALLIED FORCES (CONT)

SECRET

Darwin:

Auxiliaries 5 : "STELLA" "MORESBY" "SHEPPARTON" (AS) "CHANTICLEER" (AS)
"WANGANELLA" (AH)

5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(a) At Sea to 1200/3:

Nil report.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat units 1 CA : "SUFFOLK"
1 DE : "QUEENSBOROUGH"
15 SS : "GUITARRO" "FIDDLE" "FREEMAN" "COPIA" "DACE" "ROCK" "SIRDAW"
"K.15" "PANTIVEY" "BAGALL" "HAMMERHEAD" "STOIC" "STORM" "O.19"
"ZWAAGFISCH"
Escorts 11 : 1 PF : "CORPUS CHRISTI" 1 PS : "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA"
1 SC : 720 1 ML : 824 2 YMS : 11, 72
Auxiliaries 7 : "ANTHILLION" "BURNYALE" "MILLSTONE" (AS) "ISABEL" (PY) "COUCAL"
(SR) 1 AD : 10 1 YP : 200

Dunbury:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS : "LUXURY"

(ii) ENEMY FORCESA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC1. PHILIPPINES

- (1) Mindoro Area - At 1155/1 Dec. a sea truck was attacked by reconnaissance plane in Pola Bay (N.E. coast Mindoro) and left burning and sinking.
At 0930/2 Dec. a sea truck was observed at anchor off W. coast Lubang Is., off N.W. coast Mindoro and at 1110/2 Dec., 2 small tanker type vessels with 1 escort at N.W. exit to Verde Is. Passage on course 300°, speed 5 knots.
- (2) Palawan Area - The convoy reported to comprise:-
1 transport
1 small tanker type vessel
4 escorts (possibly 1 destroyer and 3 smaller)
seen at 0830/30 Nov. proceeding into S. entrance Palawan Passage having come through Balabac Strait, was seen again on 1 Dec. and 2 Dec. proceeding up Palawan Passage being last reported at 1200/2 Dec. close to W. coast of Busunga Is. in Calamian Group, course 360°, speed 12 knots, composition as reported at this time was almost identical with that reported initially as shown above.
At 0920/2 Dec. 1 destroyer escort 2 small tanker type vessels were observed off Tay Tay Bay (W. coast of N. Palawan Is., course 300°, speed 5 knots.
- (3) Sibuyan Sea - At 1100/1 Dec. aircraft observed 1 medium freighter 1 gunboat anchored off S.E. coast Tablas Is.
At approx. 2030/2 Dec. aircraft attacked 1 sea truck, 1 lugger camouflaged and anchored in nearly the same position off S.E. coast Tablas Is; the attack had no apparent effect.
- (4) Sibuyan-Camotes Sea - At 1100/2 Dec. 5 ships were observed by aircraft off S. coast Sibuyan Is., covered by 9 enemy fighters. These same 5 ships were subsequently observed proceeding S.E. through Visayan Sea, variously described but probably comprising 2 transports, 2 destroyers, or destroyer transports and 1 auxiliary. The convoy was last seen at 1630/2 Dec. (reported at this time as 4 destroyers only) off N. tip Cebu on course 135° at 10 knots.
Apparently a second small convoy was seen at 0815/2 Dec. reported as 1 small merchant ship with 1 escort at N.E. exit from Tablas Strait, course 90°. Again at 1315/2 Dec. the same 2 ships were seen S. of Sibuyan Is. on course 70° at 12 knots.
Four U. S. destroyers were operating in Camotes Sea night 2-3 Dec. but results are not yet available; our ships were subjected to continuous air attacks and suffered some damage.
Further evidence of the use of small ships for running, probably, supplies into Leyte is the report by reconnaissance Kittyhawks at 0740/2 Dec. of 20-30 fishing smacks at Palompon. At 1700/2 Dec. Palompon jetty was bombed by 14 Kittyhawks and rendered unserviceable.
- (5) Samar Sea - At 2130/30 Nov. PT boats attacked a freighter, estimated at 3-5000 tons, unloading near S. tip Masbate: torpedoes missed but the ship was left on fire, listing and settling as a result of 2 strafing runs. These PT boats were attacked by enemy floatplanes several times during the night and 1 was shot down, a second damaged.
At 1000/1 Dec. 2 sea trucks and 1 small escort were observed at S.E. end Masbate Is. The ships were camouflaged but were underway, heading N. at slow speed. Probably these same 3 ships were seen again at 1240/1 Dec. off Dimasalan, course 300°.
At 1030/1 Dec. a small merchant ship was attacked and demolished (exploding 1 hour later) by navy patrol Liberator off Capiz (N.E. coast Panay).
At 1230/1 Dec. 1 large freighter was observed anchored off S.W. coast Ticao Is., in Masbate Passage.
- (6) Leyte - Local gains were made 2 Dec. in the drive by our forces southwards from Limon but little material change in the position is reported.
On W. coast consolidation continues on S. bank Palanas River and a hill feature on N. flank of this line was attacked and captured P.M. 2 Dec. after driving enemy out of well constructed pill boxes and positions in high grasses.
Elimination of enemy positions W. of Dagami continues.
Enemy casualties to 1 Dec. total:-
24,287 known dead
186 Jap prisoners
128 Korean/Formosan prisoners.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)

- (6) Leyte (Contd.) - Our casualties number 1915 killed, 6068 wounded and 197 missing.
- (7) Mindanao - On 29 Nov. Dansalan airdrome on Lake Lanao was attacked by 36 Bostons escorted by 23 Thunderbolts; there was no interception.
At 1045/29 Nov. airdromes around Davao were subjected to a sweep by 7 Lightnings which destroyed 4-6 of 10 fighters taking off Sassa.
At 1100/2 Dec. Legaspi airdrome was bombed by 16 Liberators.
- (8) Palawan Is. - At noon 29 Nov. Puerto Princessa airdrome was bombed by 45 Liberators hitting the runway and buildings; 4 parked planes were destroyed and another 3 damaged. There was neither AA nor interception.
Early 30 Nov. a tanker in Puerto Princessa Harbor was bombed and damaged by patrol plane.
- (9) S.E. Luzon - Further reports indicate that the strike on Legaspi 30 Nov. was conducted by 36 Liberators, that is 26 more than originally reported.

2. EAST INDIES

- (1) Morotai - At approx. 0300/30 Nov. 4 enemy aircraft raided Pitoc strip inflicting some damage on grounded aircraft.
- (2) Halmaheras-N. Celebes - On 29 Nov. airdromes in N. and Central Halmaheras were subjected to attacks by aircraft involving 17 Mitchells, 4 Bostons, 10 Lightnings and 40 Kittyhawks. Night 29-30 Nov. airdromes in N. Halmahera and N. Celebes were bombed during harassing raids involving 14 Mitchells.
- (3) S.E. Celebes - Night 1-2 Dec. Kendari and Boroboro airdromes were bombed during a harassing raid by 1 Liberator.

At 1130/2 Dec. Boroboro was bombed by 18 Liberators cratering the runway with 500 lb. bombs and probably damaging 2 or more aircraft.

- (4) N.-N.W. Borneo - On 29 Nov. during a sweep by 2 Liberators around N. Borneo 2 small freighters were sunk and a third probably sunk in the Marudu Bay area.
On 30 Nov., however, there were 4 freighters (2 large, 2 small) seen in Marudu Bay and on 1 Dec. there were 3 luggers and 1 small coastal freighter there; the small coaster was sunk by the observing Liberator.

Other observations on 1 Dec. in this area include:-

Sandakan: 2 small freighters or sea trucks
1 gunboat

Brunei Bay: 1 small tanker
2 small escorts
tanker sunk in shallow water by attacking Liberator; 1 escort destroyed other escort damaged.

Miri: empty.

At 1145/2 Dec. 1 freighter (8000 tons) was observed in Brunei Bay and 1 sunken ship. At about the same time Tawi Tawi was observed to be empty.

- (5) Makassar Strait - At 1245/2 Dec. 4 sizeable freighter transports and 4 sea trucks were observed at anchor off Balikpapan and at the same time a convoy of:-

1 large transport
1 large tanker
1 gunboat

were observed departing Balikpapan on course 30°.

Whilst over Balikpapan the Liberator was intercepted by 10 Jap fighters while 1 dive bomber dropped aerial bombs; during a 75 minute running fight 4 Jap fighters were shot down, 1 was probably shot down and 1 fighter, 1 floatplane damaged; the Liberator was well shot up but reached base.

At Tarakan, 0955/1 Dec. 3 luggers were observed.

- (6) Lesser Soenda Is. - Photos 1 Dec. of airdromes on Flores (4 fields), Soembawa (1 field), Soemba (6 fields), Dutch Timor (2 fields) show no serviceable aircraft present although all strips are serviceable or probably serviceable.

3. NEW GUINEA - A.M. 29 Nov. Utarom camp area was bombed by some of the 24 Kittyhawks which swept N. Halmahera.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

1. NANSEI SHOTO - At 1230/29 Nov. reconnaissance plane reported 12 freighters in Naha Harbor - Okinawa Jima.

Also on 29 Nov. Iwo Jima was bombed by Liberators which dropped 53 tons bombs.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)

- 2. MARIANAS - Further detail of the enemy air attacks on Isley Field (Saipan) on 27 Nov. show that Tinian was also strafed. Additional reports bring the total enemy aircraft destroyed during the attack up to 16: 11 by AA and 5 by fighters.
- 3. MIDWAY - On 29-30 Nov. possible submarine contacts were reported in the vicinity of Midway.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

- (1) Persistent enemy attempts to reinforce Leyte by surface craft.
- (2) Continued enemy air reinforcement of Formosa and Philippines.
- (3) Steady progress on Leyte.
- (4) Continued support Leyte operations by 3rd Fleet Aircraft Carrier Task Force.
- (5) Enemy submarine activity Philippines, W. and Central Pacific and Indian Ocean including use of midget submarines.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>				<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
* Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)				(Incl. Mandates)
<u>BB</u> (7)	CALIFORNIA COLORADO	MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI	NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA	WEST VIRGINIA -
<u>CVE</u> (15)	ALAVA BAY BARNES BISMARCK SEA HOGGATT BAY	KADASHAN BAY LUNGA POINT MAKIN ISLAND	MANILA BAY MARCUS ISLAND NATOMA BAY OMMANEY BAY	PETROF BAY SAGINAW BAY SAVO ISLAND SALAMAUJA -
<u>CA</u> (6)	LOUISVILLE MINNEAPOLIS PORTLAND	-	AUSTRALIA #CANBERRA SHROPSHIRE	-
<u>CL</u> (11)	BOISE #CLEVELAND COLUMBIA	DENVER MONTPELIER NASHVILLE	PHOENIX ST LOUIS	ADELAIDE #HOBART #TROMP -
<u>AV</u> (2)	CURRITUCK	TANGIER		-
<u>AVP</u> (8)	BELKNAP CHINCOTEAGUE	GOLDSBOROUGH HALF MOON	HERON ORCA	SAN CARLOS SAN PABLO -
<u>DD</u> (100)	ALLEN M. SUMNER AMMEN AULICK AUSEBURNE BAGLEY BARTON BLACK BRAINE BRYANT BUSH CHAUNCEY CLAXTON OGHLAN CONY CONYGHAM COOPER CONNOR CONVERSE CONWAY C.T. BADGER DASHIELL DRAYTON EATON ERBEN ARUNTA GLENDOWER	EVANS FLETCHER FLUSSER FOOTE GANSEVOORT GRIDLEY HALFORD HARADEN HALLIGAN HALL HELM H.L. EDWARDS HOWORTH HOPEWELL ISHERWOOD JENKINS KIDD KNAPP KILLEN KIMBERLEY LAFFEY LAMSON LANG LA VALLETTE	LEUTZE LUCE MCCALL MAHAN MAURY MCDERMOTT MCGOWAN MELVIN MERTZE MOALE MONSSEN MORRIS MUGFORD MUSTIN NEWCOMB NICHOLAS NORMAN SCOTT O'BANNON O'BRIEN PAUL HAMILTON PATTERSON HICKING PRINGLE REID STUART VENDETTA	REMEY RALPH TALBOT RENSHAW ROBINSON R.P. LEARY RUSSELL SAMUEL C. REID SIGORNEY SMITH ... SPROSTON STACK STEMBEL STEVENS TAYLOR TWIGGS WALKE WALKER WALLER WICKES WM. D. PORTER YOUNG WARRAMUNGA -

SS - 10

Approx. 175

*Excluding Cenpac forces temporarily at sea in S.W.P.A.
Non-effective

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>		
Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)		(Incl. Mandates)		
<u>AKA</u>	(75) ALGOL (AKA)	CLEMSON (APA)	SHERIDAN (APA)	-
<u>APA</u>	ATHENA	CUSTER	WARREN	
<u>APD</u>	ALMAAK	CRESCENT CITY	WAYNE	
<u>LSI</u>	ALSHAIN	DOYEN	WINDSOR	
	ALYCONE	DUPAGE	W.P.BIDDLE	
	AQUARIUS	FAYETTE	BROOKS (APD)	
	CAPRICORNUS	RELAND	CROSBY	
	DIPHDA	F.FUNSTON	DICKERSON	
	CHARA	FREMONT	HERBERT	
	LIBRA	FULLER	KILTY	
	O'HARA	GILLIAM	MANLEY	
	THUBAN	GOLDEN CITY	OVERTON	
	ALPINE (APA)	HARRY LEE	SANDS	
	ADAIR	HASKELL	SCHLEY	
	APELING	HEYWOOD	TALBOT	
	ARIADNE	H.T.ALLEN	WARD	
	A.T.MIDDLETON.	KNOX	KANIMBLA (LSI)	
	AUDRAIN	LEEDSTOWN	MANOCRA	
	BANNER	LELAND	WESTRALIA	
	BAXTER	LEO CLYMAN	CLAN LAMONT	
	BOLIVAR	LAMARR	EMPIRE ARQUEBUS	
	CALVERT	MONROVIA	EMPIRE BATTLEAXE	
	CAMBRIA	ORMSBY	EMPIRE MACE	
	CAVALIER	OLMSTEAD	EMPIRE SPEARHEAD	
	CLAY	SARASOTA	GLENEARN	
<u>AGC</u>	(5) BLUE RIDGE	MOUNT MCKINLEY	WASATCH	-
	MOUNT OLYMPUS	ROCKY MOUNT		
<u>AS</u>	(4) GRIFFIN	ORION	OTUS	-
	HOLLAND			
<u>AD</u>	(4) DOBBIN	SIERRA	WHITNEY	-
	PIEDMONT			
<u>AR</u>	(4) BRIAREUS	PLATYFUS	RIGEL	-
	MEDUSA			
<u>ARB</u>	(1) MIDAS			-
<u>ARC</u>	(5) CEBU	LEYTE	OGLALA	-
	CULEBRA ISLAND	MINDANAO		
<u>ARH</u>	(1) JASON			-
<u>ARL</u>	(4) ACHILLES	EGERIA	REMUS	-
	AMYCUS			
<u>ARS</u>	(4) CABLE	RESERVER	VENTS	-
	GRAPPLE			
<u>ASD</u>	(10) ASHLAND	GUNSTON HALL		-
	BELLEGGROVE	LINDENWALD		
	CARTER HALL	OAKHILL		
	CASA GRANDE	RUSHMORE		
	EPPING FOREST	WHITE MARSH		

4. CENTRAL PACIFIC
(Including N. and S. Pacific Area)

# ALLIED FORCES				S. China Sea Incl. Formosa Singapore	Empire
<u>BB</u>	(13) ALABAMA IDAHO INDIANA IOWA	MASSACHUSETTS MISSOURI NEW JERSEY NORTH CAROLINA	OKLAHOMA SOUTH DAKOTA WASHINGTON WISCONSIN TENNESSEE	(2) HARUNA MUSASHI (sev. dmgd. poss. sunk)	(#)*YAMATO *NAGATO KONGO (poss. S. China Sea)
<u>BB/XCV</u>				(2) HYUGA ISE	-
<u>CV</u>	(13) ENTERPRISE ESSEX FRANKLIN BUNKER HILL	HANCOCK HORNET INTREPID LEXINGTON	RANGER SARATOGA TICONDEROGA WASP YORKTOWN	-	(3) AMAGI HAYATAKI UNRYU
<u>CVL</u>	(8) BATAAN BELLEAU WOOD CABOT	COWPENS INDEPENDENCE LANGLEY	MONTEREY SAN JACINTO	-	(2) RYUHO HOSHO
<u>CVE</u>	(43) ADMIRALTY IS. ALTAMHA ASTROLABE BAY ATTU BOUGAINVILLE BRETON BUCARELI BAY CAPE ESPERANCE CASABLANCA CHAPIN BAY CHENANGO COPAHEE CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR	FANSHAW BAY HOLLANDIA GILBERT ISLANDS KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY KWAJALEIN LONG ISLAND MAKASSAR STRAIT MATANAKAU MUNDA NASSAU NEHENTA BAY PRINCE WILLIAM ROI	RUDYERD BAY SANGAMON SANTEE SARGENT BAY SHAMROCK BAY SHIPLEY BAY SITKOH BAY STEAMER BAY SUWANNEE TAKANAS BAY TANANEK BAY THE IS BAY TULAGI WHITE PLAINS WINDHAM BAY	(2) JINYO UNYO	(2) KAIYO OTAKA (reptd sunk)
<u>CA</u>	(9) BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER	INDIANAPOLIS PENSACOLA NEW ORLEANS	SALT LAKE CITY (2-4) WICHITA SAN FRANCISCO	CHOKAI) 1 rptd *TAKAO) sunk MYOKO) probably NACHI) sunk	(4) IBUKI TONE *AOBA *HAGURO 6
<u>OCA</u>					
<u>CL</u>	(22) ASTORIA BILOXI *BIRMINGHAM CONCORD DETROIT *HONOLULU *HOUSTON	*LEANDER GAMBIER MIA I MOBILE OAKLAND PASADENA RALEIGH *RENO	RICHMOND SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN SANTA FE TRENTON VICKSBURG	(1) KINU ABUKUMA (1 or poss. both sunk)	(4-5) OYODO YAHAGI KISO TAMA) two ISUZU) reptd SAKAWA) sunk
<u>CLT</u>				KASHII	KASHIMA
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(4) BALLARD CHANDELEUR	CURTISS	POCOMOKE	-	(2) ASKITISUSHI *NOTORO
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 150			20	15 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u>	Approx. 150			10	Approx. 50
<u>I</u>		?		?	2 (1 repairing)

* Non-effective.

Some of these units operating temporarily in S.W.P.A.

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>			<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>		
Southwest Pacific (Western Section)			Indian Ocean		
<u>BB</u>	-	(4) HOWE QUEEN ELIZABETH	RENOVN VALIANT	-	
<u>CV</u>	-	(3) ILLUSTRIOUS INDOMITABLE	VICTORIOUS	-	
<u>CVE</u>	-	(7) ACTIVITY AMEER ATHELING BATTLER	BEGUM SHAH UNICORN	-	
<u>CA</u> (1) SUFFOLK		(2) CUMBERLAND	LONDON	-	
<u>CL</u>	-	(6) ACHILLES CEYLON KENYA	NEWCASTLE NIGERIA PHOEBE	-	
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	(1) ALBATROSS		-	
<u>XCL</u>	-	(2) CANTON	CHITRAL	-	
<u>DD</u> (1) QUEENSBOROUGH		Approx. 27		-	
<u>SS</u> (60)	ANGLER BARBERO BASHAW BATFISH BAYA BEGUNA BERGAL BESUGO BLENNY BLUEGILL COBIA DACE DARTER FLASHER	FLYING FISH GAR GROWLER GUAVINA GUITARO GUNNEL GURNARD HADDO HAKE HAMMERHEAD HARDHEAD HAWKBILL JACK	LAPON MINGO MUSKELLIUNGE NARWHAL NAUTILUS PADDLE PARGO REDFIN ROCK SEA WOLF STINGRAY S.42 S.45 S.47	Approx. 16	10(possibly all German)
	CLYDE SEA ROVER SIRDAR	SPITEFUL STOIC STORM STURDY	TANTALUS TANTIVY TELEMACHUS		
	K.9 K.12	K.14 K.15	O.19 ZWAARDFISCH		
<u>AS</u> (3) EURYALE		ANTHEDON MAIDSTONE		-	

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY SHORE-BASED AIR STRENGTH

	SOLOMONS BISMARCKS	EAST INDIES	PHILIPPINES	MANDATES	Philippines Luzon Visayas MINDANAO		
Fighters	3	165 184	356 324	6	175	93	36
S/E Bombers	-	5 10	100 89	-	71	5	12
T/E Bombers	-	70 94	120 147	3	78	37	34
Flying Boats	-	5 6	4 4	-	4	-	-
Float Planes	10 10	57 47	35 24	6	20	22	12
sn. A/C	2 2	44 27	41 27	4	25	7	5
TOTAL	12 18	346 368	656 666	19	373	164	99

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle.

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PART I

(i) ALLIED FORCESSOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA. NEW GUINEA - DISMARCKS(a) At Sea to 1200/4:1.) (a) Task Force 70 (i) 5 AGP: "WILLOUGHBY" "WACHAPREAGUE" "OYSTER BAY" "HILO" "PORTUNUS"
83 PT(ii) 3 PF: "ALLENTOWN" "CHARLOTTSVILLE" "MACHISAS" 1 AVP: "SAN CARLOS"(b) Task Force 73: 4 AVP: "HALF MOON" "HERON" "ORCA" "SAN PABLO" 1 AV: "CURRITUCK" 2 AVR(c) Task Force 75: 1 CGC: "SPENCER"(d) Task Force 76: (a) TG.76.7.1: 2 XAK 6 SC: 648, 731, 734, 735, 748, 749 12 FS(b) TG.76.7.2: 2 AK 1 AT: "WHIPPOORWILL" 2 SC: 737, 738 1 ATR: 31(c) TG.76.7.3: 1 PF: "ORANGE" 1 AN: "TEABERRY" 2 Tows(d) TG.76.4.3: 4 APD: "CROSBY" "NEWMAN" "SCHLEY" "WARD" 1 AV: "STAG"
1 DD: "HOPEWELL" 1 AGC: "SHIKELLAMY" 1 AP: "GEN.HERSY"
1 DE: "EICHENBERGER" 1 AO: "BISHOPDALE" 1 XAK 3 FS(e) TG.76.4.7: 20 XAK 5 LST 1 LCI 2 AO 1 IX: "PORCUPINE"4 PF: "GLENDALE" "BELFAST" "OGDEN" "SAN PEDRO"1 AK: "BOOTES" 1 APA: "GILLIAM"(e) Task Force 77:Task Unit 77.1.5: 3 CL: "BOISE" "NASHVILLE" "PHOENIX" 1 AGC: "WASATCH"5 DD: "BUSH" "DRYANT" "HALFORD" "NEWCOMB" "ROBINSON"Task Group 77.2 (a) 3 BB: "NEW MEXICO" "WEST VIRGINIA" "COLORADO"1 CA: "MINNEAPOLIS" 3 CL: "COLUMBIA" "DENVER" "MONTPELIER"10 DD: "CONY" "INGRAHAM" "CONNER" "WALLER" "EATON" "CONWAY"

"SIGOURNEY" "RENSHAW" "BENNION" "ROBINSON"

(b) 1 CA: "PORTLAND"11 DD: "NICHOLAS" "LANG" "EDWARDS" "PRINGLE" "LA VALLETTE"

"HOWORTH" "FLETCHER" "AULICK" "KNAPP" "MUGFORD"

"SAUFLEY"

Task Unit 77.2.27: 1 DD: "MARYLAND" 1 CL: "ST LOUIS" 2 DD: "TAYLOR" "MUSTIN"Task Unit 77.4.6: 4 CVE: "MANILA BAY" "MARCUS ISLAND" "PETROF BAY" "SAVO ISLAND"1 DD: "RALPH TALBOT" 3 DE: "COOLEBAUGH" "LERRAY WILSON" "GILIGAN"Task Group 77.7.21: 1 AT: "HIDATSA" 2 SC: 637, 744 1 ARD: 19Miscellaneous: 6 DD: "BARTON" "WALKER" "LAFFEY" "O'BRIEN" "ALLEN M. SUMNER" "MOALE"(f) Task Force 78 & 79:Task Group 78.2: 5 AM: "SCOUT" "SENIOR" "REQUITITE" "REVENGE" "PURSUIT"6 YMS: 39, 49, 52, 71, 314, 315 1 PG: "TULSA" 1 HDML: 10743 IX: "PANDA" "MINK" "CARIBOU" 2 PCE(R): 849, 8511 AO: "SEVERN" 4 SC: 726, 1004, 1356, 1368Task Group 78.3: 15 YMS: 2, 6, 8, 9, 47, 51, 53, 68, 218, 315, 329, 334, 336, 339, 481Task Force 78: 1 CGC: "BUTTONWOOD" 1 IX: "ARETHUSA" 2 ARS: "CABLE" "GRAPPLE"(Miscellaneous) 1 AT: "QUAPAN" 1 ARL: "EGERIA" 2 AK: "RUTILICUS" "MURZIM"2 DE: "JOBS" "HOLT" 3 DD: "HUGHES" "O'BANNON" "CONYNGHAM"3 APD: "HERBERT" "LLOYD" "COFER" 43 AP/AK

(2) "AUSTRALIA" (CA) departed Espiritu Santo 0600/30 for Seeadler Harbor due 0500/4.

(3) "BARCOO" (PF) escorting "TANGLER" (AV) proceeding from Morotai to Manus ETA about 5 Dec.

(4) "BENALLA" (AGS) proceeding from Hollandia to Manus ETA about 5 Dec.

(b) In Harbour:Morotai:

Combat units 1 ODD : "VENDETTA"
 29 PT
 Escorts 8 : 6 AMS: "GLENELG" "KATOOMBA" "STRAHAN" "LITHGOW" "COWRA" "DROOME"
 2 PF: "BURDEKIN" "HUTCHINSON"
 Auxiliaries 14 : "MOBJASK" (AGP) "ELKHORN" (AOG) "MERCURY" (AK) 2 YO 2 YOC
 2 YFD 2 YPF 2 YPD 1 YP: 236

Sansapor:

Escorts 2 : 1 DE: "PFEIFFER" 1 PC: 1598
 Auxiliaries 5 : "TRINITY" (AO) "DICKERSON" (APD) "MONITOR" (LSV) "RIKEY" (APH) "BANNER" (AP1)

Noemfoor:

Auxiliaries 1 : "HASKELL" (APA)

Diak-Woendi:

Combat units 39 PT
 Escorts 6 : 5 AMS: "WAGGA" "STAWELL" "LATROBE" "KIAMA" "GYMPIE" 1 PS: "SWAN"
 Auxiliaries 16 : "ORIN" (AS) "SUSQUEHANNA" "SAKATONCHEE" "RIO GRANDE" (AOG) "DERRICK"
 (YO) "VICTORIA" (AO) "STONEWALL" (IX) "PASTORES" (AF) "BINGERA" (AG)
 "REMUS" (ARL) "PHOBOS" (AK) "POYANG" (AE) 2 YP: 238, 240 2 YFD

Humboldt Bay:

Combat units 1 CA : "LOUISVILLE"
 25 DD : "REID" "MONSSEN" "SAMUEL C. REID" "CLAXTON" "STACK" "STEVENS" "HALE"
 "LAMSON" "MAHAN" "KIDD" "FLUSSEN" "SMITH" "RUSSELL" "DRAYTON"
 "MORRIS" "MCGOWAN" "DASHIELL" "BLACK" "COGHLAN" "GANSEVOORT"
 "ERATINE" "CHAUNCEY" "NORMAN SCOTT" "STEMBEL" "ABBOTT" "JENKINS"
 Escorts 76 : 19 DE: "DOWERS" "WITTER" "THOMASON" "REVENTORFF" "CHAS. J. KIMMELL"
 "THOS. F. NICHOL" "LOVELACE" "WHITEHURST" "DOYLE C. BARNES" "LOUGH"
 "KEN. WILLET" "WILLMARTH" "SACCARD" "MANNING" "LLOYD E. ACREE"
 "ENGLAND" "GEO. F. DAVIS" "J. E. CRAIG" "DAN. A. JOY" 1 ML: 825
 10 PF: "BURLINGTON" "CORONADO" "EUGENE" "SANDUSKY" "LONG BEACH" "BISBEE"
 "MUSKOCHEE" "EL PASO" "VAN BUREN" "CALLUP" 3 YMS: 2, 233, 384
 2 AMS: "GLADSTONE" "MUNDABERG" 4 PCE(R): 848, 850, 852, 853
 19 SC: 514, 521, 531, 636, 668, 687, 695, 729, 735, 991, 1012,
 1052, 1273, 1319, 1320, 1321, 1327, 1365, 1369
 21 PC: 84, 402, 404, 555, 563, 584, 586, 695, 812, 1119, 1129, 1122,
 1122, 1123, 1124, 1128, 1134, 1137, 1139, 1188, 1590
 Auxiliaries 81 : "BARNSTABLE" "ELMORE" "HARRIS" "SUMNER" "LEON" "JAMES O'HARA" "KNOX"
 "PIERCE" "LEONARD GOOD" "CAMBRIA" "MOMBOWIA" "CALVERT" "APPLING"
 "CUSTER" "FREMONT" "HENRY T. ALLEN" (APA) "COMET" "WARHAWK" "L'ASALLE"
 "WINGED ARROW" "STORM KING" "HERALD OF THE MORNING" (AP) "WRIGHT" (AD)
 "SUAMICO" "SALAMONIE" "SARANAC" (AO) "JUPITER" "AURIGA" "GANYMEDE"
 "CRUX" (AK) "DIPHA" "AQUARIUS" "ARNED" "ELECTRA" (AKA) "CALAMARES" (AF)
 "HOPE" (AH) "POLLUX" (AKS) "DOMIN" (AD) "SEEKONK" (AGC) "RAIL"
 "LARK" "CHETCO" (AT) "PYRO" (AE) "OTUS" (AS) "ACHILLES" "AMYCUS"
 (AHL) "PREBLE" (DM) "CLYDE" "VILLALOBOS" (IX) "BLUE RIDGE"
 "MT. OLYMPUS" (AGC) "SANDS" "KILTY" "BROOKS" (APD) "GUNSTON HALL"
 "OAKHILL" "LINDENWALL" "BELLE GROVE" "WHITEMARSH" "EPPING FOREST"
 (LSD) "CULEBRA ISLAND" (ARG) "GOLDSBOROUGH" (AVL) "BREEZE" "ELLIOT"
 (DMS) "TRIUMPH" (AM) "ARIADNE" (CMS) 2 YFD 2 ARD: 7, 12
 6 AFD: 2, 3, 11, 16, 24, 25 4 YP: 215, 240, 291, 292

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Escorts 1 : 1 PC: 1600
 Auxiliaries 13 : "THUBAN" (AKA) "FELAND" "CAVALIER" "RAYETTE" "LEEDSTOWN" "DUPAGE" "WAYNE"
 "HEYWOOD" "FULLER" (APA) "JOHN LAND" "GOLDEN CITY" "CAPE JOHNSON" (AP)
 "HERCULES" (AK)

Admiralties:

Combat units 3 DD : "MISSISSIPPI" "CALIFORNIA" "PENNSYLVANIA"
 11 CVE : "KADASHAN BAY" "NATOMA BAY" "SAGINAW BAY" "BARNES" "MAKIN IS" "SALAMAU"
 "HOGGATT BAY" "ALAVA BAY" "OMMANEY BAY" "LUNGA POINT" "BISMARCK SEA"
 3 CA : "BOSTON" "CANBERRA" "SHROPSHIRE"
 1 CL : "CLEVELAND"
 32 DD : "TWIGGS" "HALLIGAN" "HARADEN" "EVANS" "FOOTE" "LEMEY" "MCLERMOTT"
 "MERTZ" "ERBEN" "WALKER" "MEEVIN" "AMMEN" "ARUNDA" "KILLEN"
 "LEUTZE" "HALL" "PAUL HAMILTON" "HELM" "MAURY" "MCCALL" "STERETT"
 "ISHERWOOD" "R. E. LEARY" "KIMBERLY" "CONVERSE" "EAGLEY" "PATTERSON"
 "GRIDLEY" "ROSEURNE" "H. L. EDWARDS" "WARRAMUNGA" "WILSON"
 2 SS : "S.45" "S.47"
 Escorts 56 : 13 DE: "W. C. WANN" "DELAHANTY" "OSMUS" "EVERSOLE" "OBENRENDER"
 "HARMON" "CADANA" "R. S. SUESSENS" "LOBSEY" "LA PRADE"
 "GREENWOOD" "J. DOUGLAS BLACKWOOD" "FOREMAN"

Admiralties: (Cont)

Escorts : 4 SC : 631, 732, 1004, 1375 2 PCS: 1391, 1418 1 AMS: "AKARAT"
 5 PC : 600, 742, 1170, 1131, 1421 2 PF: "CARSON CITY" "GASCOYNE"
 29 YMS: 1, 10, 40, 41, 81, 97, 140, 158, 231, 243, 266, 293, 313, 319, 327, 339,
 340, 341, 342, 353, 360, 363, 364, 365, 380, 393, 398, 408, 410

Auxiliaries 60 : "BAKTER" "ORMISTON" "WINDSON" "ADAIR" "AUDRAIN" (APA) "TALAMANAC"
 "MIEAR" (AF) "MANLEY" "TALBOT" (APD) "CACAPON" "CHIKASKIA"
 "NESHANIC" "CALIENTE" "ESCAMBIA" "WINOOSKI" "NEODRARA" (AO) "JASON"
 (ARE) "JAMESTOWN" (ACP) "CEBU" "LEYTE" "MINDANAO" (AG) "YOUNG"
 "AMERICA" (AP) "ALBENA" "ALCONIA" "UVALLE" "ALYCONE" (AKA) "CHAMBER"
 "CAPTIVATE" "SALUTE" (AM) "MEDUSA" "BRIAREUS" (AR) "MONADNOCK" (CM)
 "SHAULA" "LYRA" "CETUS" "WARWICK" "SAGITTARIUS" (AK) "CLEMSON" (AVL)
 "PRESERVER" (ARS) "PASQUOTANK" (AOG) "ALDASTER" (PYC) "YUNNAN" (AE)
 "PATHFINLER" (ASS) "TAWAN" "KINGFISHER" "TERN" "MENOMINEE" "WATCH HILL"
 "CHOWANOC" "CHIKASIA" (AT) "TORCHWOOD" (YN) "CARONOLET" "DARENDA"
 "LEOPARD" "ANDREW DORIA" (IX) "LAURA AD" "COLDSTAR" (AG) "PIEDMONT"
 "SIERRA" "WHITNEY" (AD) 2 ASD 1 ARD: 20 2 AFD: 8, 20 3 YP: 280, 288,
 585

Capo Gloucester

Combat units 2 DD : "LUCE" "C.J. BALGEM"
 Escorts 4 : 2 PC : 1123, 1601 2 SC: 632, 1004
 Auxiliaries 11 : "EMPIRE ARQUELUS" (LSI) "ORMISTON" (AF) "CAPRICORNUS" (AE) "CLYDE"
 "W.P. BIDDLE" "A.T. MIDDLETON" "CATSKILL" "F. FUNSTON" (APA) "CHARA"
 (AKA) "ROCKY MOUNT" (AGC) "CHEPACHET" (AO)

Alexishafen-Madang:

Escorts 5 : 1 YMS: "RINDJANI" 1 A/S: "WILCANNIA" 2 ML: 802, 812 1 HDML: 1339
 Auxiliaries 3 : "KOOPA" (AG) "PING WO" (ASIS) 1 YP: 504

Langemak:

Escorts 8 : 2 AMS: "GOULBURN" "TOWNSVILLE" 3 PC: 218, 585, 1491
 3 SC: 694, 739, 741
 Auxiliaries 15 : "TASMAN" "MAETSUYCKER" "REFUGE" (AH) "BASE MAERSK" (AO) "OZARK"
 (LSV) "ST GILES" "FACE POINT" "CHIPPEWAN" (AT) "GEN. HARRY TAYLOR"
 "KATCOMA" (AP) "GAMBLE" (DM) "VENTON" (APD) "BULL WHEEL" (YO) "TRAYON"
 (APH) 1 ARD: 10

Lae:

Escorts 2 : 1 ML: 820 1 HDML: 1321

Jacquinet Bay:

Auxiliaries 2 : "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "LARIANA" (AG)

Oro Bay:

Auxiliaries 2 : "OLESTEAD" (APA) "COMFORT" (AH)

Milne Bay:

Escorts 5 : 3 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" "DELOIRINE" "KAFUNDA" 2 SC: 699, 742
 Auxiliaries 11 : "BUNG ALEE" (CM) "ARAYAT" (IX) "MAUNA LOA" (AE) "KUKUMBA" (AO)
 "WARREN" (APA) "ETAMIN" (AK) 3 YP: 276, 449, 541 1 ARD: 9

2. SOLOMONS

(a) At Sea to T200/4:

Nil report.

(b) In Harbour:

Emirau:

Escorts 7 : 1 DE: "STADFELD" 4 SC: 502, 620, 703, 1274 2 YMS: "TUI", 250
 Auxiliaries 2 : 2 YP: 233, 514

Green Is:

Combat units 12 PT
 Escorts 1 : 1 YMS: 94
 Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YP: 248

Torokina:

Combat units 5 DD : "SPROSTON" "PICKING" "WICKES" "W.D. PORTER" "YOUNG"
 Escorts 14 : 2 SC: 1188, 1590 7 PC: 476, 477, 598, 702, 1170, 1231, 1242
 1 PCS: 1429 2 DE: "MERCROMDIE" "GILLIGAN" 3 YMS: 178, 311, 380
 Auxiliaries 23 : "DRACO" (AK) "ANTARES" (AKS) "YUMA" (AT) "CELTIC" (IX) "LIBRA"
 "ALMAAK" "ALSHAIN" "TITANIA" (AKA) "EMPIRE MACE" "WESTRALIA"
 "EMPIRE BATTLEAXE" "KANIMELA" "MANOCHA" (LSI) "SARASOTA" "BOYEN"
 "LAMAR" "SHERIDAN" "ALPINE" "BOLIVAR" "HARRY LEE" (APA)
 "PRES. POLK" "STARLIGHT" (AP) "PINKNEY" (APH)

Treasury Is:

Combat units 42 PT
 6 PGM

Treasury Is: (Cont)

Escorts 6 : 1 DE : "PAUL G. MAKER" 2 PC: 479, 605 1 YMS: 45
 4 SC : 377, 722, 1074, 1260
 Auxiliaries 2 : 1 YP : "WHIPSTOCK" 1 YP: 520

Munda:
 Escorts 6 : 1 DE : "GENEBEAU" 1 PC: 1119 2 YMS: "KIWI", 196
 4 SC : 514, 702, 999, 1065
 Auxiliaries 1 : 1 AK : "SAIK"

3. EAST AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea to 1200/4:

- (1) "GRIFFIN" (A/S) departed Caloundra 1004/2 for Woendi ETA 0500/8.
- (2) "ACUBENS" (AKS) was to depart Caloundra 3 Dec for Hollandia ETA 0600/8.
- (3) "HDML.1327" departed Cairns 0705/29 for Port Moresby ETA 1100/5.

(b) In Harbour:Merauke:

Escorts 4 : 2 YMS: "SHERCE" "MERCARECE" 2 HDML: 1322, 1323

Thursday Is:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "PIRIE"
 Auxiliaries 2 : "WINTER" "CHALLENGER" (AGS)

Cairns:

Escorts 6 : 2 AMS: "COOTAMUNDRA" "FREMANTLE" 1 A/S: "YANDRA" 3 ML: 425, 431, 806
 Auxiliaries 8 : "LOTHIAN" "CLAN LAMONT" "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD" "GLENBARN" (LSI)
 "BENTROON" (A) "FIRE ISLAND" "WATO" (AT) "CALELONIAN SALVOR" (ARS)

Townsville:

Escorts 5 : 2 AMS: "BENDIGO" "KALGOORLIE" 1 YMS: 313 1 ML: 827 1 HDML: 1327
 Auxiliaries 3 : "POLARIS" (AGS) "TANGRED" (AT) 1 YP: 615

Owen:

Auxiliaries 2 : "NEROS" "SHAMBLE" (AT)

Brisbane:

Combat units 6 SS : "S.42" "NAUWAL" "STINGRAY" "NAUTILUS" "GADILAN" "PERCH"
 Escorts 12 : 7 ML: 424, 425, 804, 811, 820, 821 1 PC: 1132

3 HDML: 1129, 1324, 1353 1 AMS: "WHYALLA"
 Auxiliaries 6 : "ETOLIN" (AK) "MESQUITE" (CGC) "OCTANS" "MERRUK" (AF) "PONTUS",
 (AGP) "GEN. ANDERSON" (AP)

Sydney:

Combat units 2 CL : "HOLART" (refitting) "TROMP"
 2 DL : "GLENLOWEN" "QUICKMATCH"
 1 ODL : "STUART"
 3 SS : "K.9" "K.12" "TELEMACHUS"

Escorts 12 : 1 AMS: "BALLARAT" 1 PS: "WARREGO" 1 A/S: "KYBRA" 1 PC: 596
 7 ML: 426, 801, 815, 816, 819, 822, 823 1 SC: 1039

Auxiliaries 4 : "POINT LOMA" (AT) "MAWUNDA" (AH) "OCTORARA" (TX) "ARLENT" (CM)

 Melbourne:

Combat units 1 OCL : "ADELAIDE"
 1 DL : "NIZAM"

Escorts 5 : "ABRAHAM CRUIJNSSEN" "DOOMLA" (A/S) "DOWEN" (AMS) 2 HDML: 1340, 1350

4. NORTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/4:(1) Task Force 71:

On Patrol 27 SS : "BLACKFIN" "SEA WOLF" "FLYING FISH" "DASHAW" "FLOUNDER" "HADDON"
 "GUAVINA" "HATTEL" "BARBERO" "FLASHER" "GUNNEL" "JACK" "PARGO"
 "BECUNA" "CROWLER" "HAKE" "MINGO" "SEA ROVER" "HAWK HILL" "GAR"
 "DESUGO" "HARDEAD" "SPITEFUL" "MUSKELLUNCE"

On Passage 9 SS : "GRUBBER" "CLYDE" "ANGLER" "K.14" "BLUEGILL" "HOE" "LAFON"
 "CAVALLA" "TANTALUS"

(b) In Harbour:Darwin:

Escorts 11 : 5 AMS: "JUNEE" "CASTLEMAINE" "PARKES" "HORSHAM" "ECHUCA"
 5 ML: 429, 803, 812, 814, 907 1 HDML: 1329

Auxiliaries 5 : "STELLA" "MORESBY" "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) "CHANTICLEER" (ARS)
 "WANGANELLA" (AH)

5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(a) At Sea to 1200/4:

(1) Gen. JOHN POPE" (AF) departed Melbourne 1100/26 for Bombay ETA 11 Dec.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat units	1	CA	:	"SUFFOLK"
	1	DD	:	"QUEENSBOROUGH"
	15	SS	:	"GUITARRO" "PADDLE" "DREAM" "COBIA" "DACE" "ROCK" "SIRDAR" "K.15" "TANTIVY" "BERG ALL" "HAMMERHEAD" "STOIC" "STORM" "O.19" "ZWAARDFISCH"
Escorts	11		:	1 <u>FF</u> : "CORPUS CHRISTI" 1 <u>PS</u> : "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA" 1 <u>SC</u> : 720 1 <u>ML</u> : 824 2 <u>YMS</u> : 11, 72
Auxiliaries	7		:	"ANTHEDON" "EURYALE" "MAIDSTONE" (AS) "ISABEL" (PY) "COUCAL" (AS) 1 <u>AD</u> : 10 1 <u>YP</u> : 286

Dunbury:

Escorts	1		:	1 <u>AMS</u> : "DUNBURY"
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(ii) ENEMY FORCESA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC1. PHILIPPINES

- (1) Mindoro Area - Night 2-3 Dec. Navy Mariner sighted 7 PT boats in Verde Is. Passage; at 2200/2 Dec. 3 PT boats were seen heading S.E. at Eastern exit of Verde Is. Passage and at 2240/2 Dec. 4 PT boats were seen apparently stationary off W. coast Verde Is.
At 2233-2Dec. Navy Mariner saw 6 merchant ships (probably small) anchored at Calapan (N. coast Mindoro, at E. end Verde Is. Passage).
- (2) N. Sibuyan Sea - Night 2-3 Dec. Navy Mariner located apparently 2 ships described as 1 destroyer escort and 1 sea truck off Luzon shores of Mompog Passage; the ships were attacked during separate runs without observed effect.
- (3) Camotes-Sibuyan Sea - Further detail of the U. S. destroyer operations in Ormoc Bay night 2-3 Dec. relates that an undetermined number of ships were located close in-shore near Ormoc Town; 2-3 ships including at least 1 of destroyer escort or transport destroyer type were taken under fire by our 4 destroyers and 1 was believed sunk and a second damaged. Intense 3 inch and 40 mm shore fire was encountered and our ships were subjected to intense air attacks throughout the operations; in addition torpedo attacks or possibly mines were encountered. Enemy aircraft losses to AA fire amounted to 6-7 planes; damage was sustained by some of our ships.
It is recalled that the convoy approaching Ormoc Bay, reported by aircraft on 2 Dec., comprised 5 ships including at least some probable destroyer transports. At 1330/3 Nov. 4 ships described as 2 destroyers, 2 large freighter transports were seen by aircraft off S. coast Sibuyan Is. on course 280°, at 12 knots, representing possibly the remainder of the Ormoc transportation mission retiring to the Manila area.
- (4) Leyte - Little progress was made 2-3 Nov. in the uphill advance S. of Limon against increased enemy resistance despite heavy artillery and some direct air support. Several enemy points of resistance were by-passed and a road block was established 2500 yards S. of Leyte River bridge to prevent reinforcements reaching the enemy's more forward positions. Elimination of enemy pockets in the rear of our forward positions S. of Limon continues but new positions are being established by Jap parties apparently infiltrating through our lines.
On W. coast Leyte, vigorous patrols from our positions on Palanas River probed the enemy's lines 2 Dec. but met strong opposition in all sectors.
In the hills W. of Dagami fighting continues on the E. slopes of Mt. Lobi and 2 enemy positions 3-4 miles W. of Guinarona were eliminated 1-2 Dec. after preparatory artillery fire which accounted for over 200 Japs killed. As a result Westward advances of nearly 4000 yards were accomplished.
On 2 and 3 Dec. Leyte based fighter-bombers on a light scale attacked stores and buildings in the Palompon and Ormoc areas.
Night 1-2 Dec. 5 enemy aircraft attacked Carigara installations without reported effect. Night 2-3 Dec. enemy air activity was directed apparently to Ormoc Bay to cover the convoy there (as reported above) as only 1 aircraft was over our Leyte positions and this plane made no attack.
- (5) Visayas - On 1 Dec. Lahug airdrome (Cebu) was bombed by 12 Mitchells escorted by 12 Thunderbolts, Bacolod airdrome (on Negros Is.) was bombed by 24 Liberators with 8 Thunderbolts escorting Fabrica airdrome was bombed by 22 Liberators; 3-6 fighters intercepted over Bacolod-Fabrica and 1 was probably shot down. Also on 1 Dec. 8 Lightnings making a sweep of Negros Is. met 10 enemy fighters shooting down 4 plus probably 2 more.
Night 2-3 Dec. aircraft reported some 40 small craft at Cebu, 18 small craft along N.E. coast Bohol Is. and 8 barges off N.W. Bohol Is. At 0845/3 Dec. aircraft in flight reported 2 barges with 2 probable small escorts in Northern entrance Tanon Strait on course 300°. Small craft from this area are probably being used for nightly runs across Camotes Sea to the Palompon area.
- (6) Mindanao - At midday 1 Dec. Cagayan strip was attacked by 12 Mitchells and Davao was strafed by 8 Thunderbolts.
On 2 Dec. Matina airdrome was bombed by 16 Liberators which destroyed 1 aircraft on the ground.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)

- (7) S. China Sea - P.M. 2 Dec. U. S. submarine reported an escorted convoy of 4 large tankers on Southerly course past Camranh Bay at 15 knots, hugging the coast. It is perhaps significant that fast tanker convoys appear to be using the route along the coast of Indo China rather than Borneo coast; recent reconnaissance of Miri, Brunei and other N.W. borneo ports has shown them practically empty, particularly of tankers.

2. EAST INDIAS

- (1) Halmahera-N. Celebes - Airdromes in these areas were attacked 30 Nov.-1 Dec. by moderate scale strikes involving Mitchells, Lightnings, Bostons, Kittyhawks and Beaufighters.
- (2) Makassar Strait - At 1140/2 Dec. a convoy comprising:-
2 escort vessels - probably minelayer type
2 freighter transports - small to medium towing an oil barge
was attacked by 5 reconnaissance Liberators 135 miles W and N. of Pare Pare, course 120°; the larger merchant ship was sunk.
This convoy is additional to shipping seen in Balikpapan area as reported in yesterdays Summary No. 1039.
At approx. 1327/2 Dec. 5 or 6 sea trucks were observed 25 miles S.S.W. of Makassar, course S.
- (3) S.E. Celebes - Kendari airdrome was harassed night 2-3 Dec. by 1 Liberator.
- (4) Ambon - On 1 Dec. AA positions and targets on Boeroe and Ceram were attacked by 8 Mitchells.

3. BISMARCK-SOLOMONS - Night 30 Nov.-1 Dec. Kavieng was harassed by 2 Mitchells and Rabaul by 1 Mitchell. On 1 Dec. Kavieng supply and camp area were attacked by 39 Dauntless, 14 Mitchells and Lakunai dispersal area by 9 Mitchells. On 2 Dec. Tobera dispersal area was bombed by 11 Liberators.

4. CENTRAL PACIFIC

1. MARIANAS - At 0100/29 Nov. Saipan and Tinian were raided ineffectively by 8 Jap medium bombers for 2 hours; 1 bomber was shot down and another probably shot down.
2. NAMPO SHOTO - Iwo Jima airfields were bombed by 28 Liberators on 29 Nov. and by 29 Liberators on 30 Nov. On the second day 3-4 enemy fighters intercepted and 1-3 were destroyed.
3. JAPAN - Night 29-30 Nov. the industrial areas of Tokyo were bombed by 24 Superfortresses dropping 66½ tons bombs.
4. FORMOSA - At 2230/2 Dec. aircraft in flight reported 2 destroyers, 2 medium merchant ships 140 miles E. of Southern Formosa, course 300°.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

- (1) Persistent enemy attempts to reinforce Leyte by surface craft.
(2) Continued enemy air reinforcement of Formosa and Philippines.
(3) Steady progress on Leyte against increased opposition.
(4) Continued support Leyte operations by 3rd Fleet Aircraft Carrier Task Force.
(5) Enemy submarine activity Philippines, W. and Central Pacific and Indian Ocean including use of midget submarines.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>				<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
* Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)				(Incl. Mandates)
<u>BB</u> (7)	CALIFORNIA COLORADO	MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI	NEW MEXICO WEST VIRGINIA PENNSYLVANIA	-
<u>VE</u> (15)	ALAVA BAY BARNES BISMARCK SEA HOGGATT BAY	KADASHAN BAY LUNGA POINT MAKIN ISLAND	MANILA BAY MARCUS ISLAND NATOMA BAY OMMANEY BAY	PETROF BAY SAGINAW BAY SAVO ISLAND SALAMAUA
<u>CA</u> (6)	#CANBERRA LOUISVILLE	PORTLAND MINNEAPOLIS	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-
<u>CL</u> (11)	BOISE #CLEVELAND COLUMBIA	DENVER MONTPELIER NASHVILLE	PHOENIX #ST LOUIS	ADELAIDE #HOBART #TROMP
<u>AV</u> (2)	CURRITUCK	TANGIER		-
<u>AVP</u> (8)	BELKNAP CHINCOTEACUJE	GOLDSBOROUGH HALF MOON	HERON ORCA	SAN CARLOS SAN PABLO
<u>BB</u> (104)	ABBOT ALLEN M. SUMNER AMMEN AULICK AUSBURNE BAGLEY BARTON BIA CK BRAINE BRYANT BUSH CHAUNCEY CLAXTON COGHLAN CONY CONYGHAM DRAYTON CONNER CONVERSE CONWAY C.T. BADGER DASHIELL EATON ERBEN	EVANS FLETCHER FLUSSER FOOTE GANSEVOORT GRIDLEY HALFORD HARADEN HALLIGAN HALL HELM H.L. EDWARDS HOWORTH HOPEWELL INGRAHAM ISHERWOOD JENKINS KIDD KNAPP KILLEN KIMBER Y LAFFEY LAMSON LANG LAVALLETTE	LEUTZE LUCE MCCALL MAHAN MAURY MCDERMOTT MCGOWAN MELVIN MERTZE MOALE MONSSEN MORRIS MUGFORD MUSTIN NEWCOMB NICHOLAS NORMAN SCOTT O'BANNON O'BRIEN PAUL HAMILTON PATTERSON PICKING PRINGLE REID	REMEY RALPH TALBOT RENSHAW ROBINSON R.P. LEARY RUSSELL SAMUEL C. REID SIGOURNEY SMITH S ROSTON STACK STEMBEL STERETT STEVENS TAYLOR TWIGGS WALKE WALKER WALLER WICKES WILSON WM.D. PORTER YOUNG
	ARUNTA GLENDOWER	NIZAM QUICKMATCH	STUART VENDETTA	WARRAMUNGA
<u>SS</u>				10
<u>PT</u>	Approx. 175			-

* Excluding Cenpac forces temporarily at sea in S.W.P.A.
Non-effective.

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>		
Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)		(Incl. Mandates)		
<u>AKA</u>	(75) ALGOL (AKA)	CLEMSON (APA)	SHERIDAN (APA)	-
<u>APA</u>	ATHENA	CUSTER	WARREN	
<u>APD</u>	ALMAAK	CRESCENT CITY	WAYNE	
<u>LSI</u>	ALSHAIN	DOYEN	WINDSOR	
	ALYCONE	DUPAGE	W.P.BIDDLE	
	AQUARIUS	FAYETTE	BROOKS (APD)	
	CAPRICORNUS	IRELAND	CROSBY	
	DIPHDA	F.FUNSTON	DICKERSON	
	CHARA	FREMONT	HERBERT	
	LIBRA	FULLER	KILTY	
	O'HARA	GILLIAM	MANLEY	
	THUBAN	GOLDEN CITY	OVERTON	
	ALPINE (APA)	HARRY LEE	SANDS	
	ADAIR	HASKELL	SCHLEY	
	APELING	HEYWOOD	TALBOT	
	ARIADNE	H.T.ALLEN	WARD	
	A.T.MIDDLETON.	KNOX	KANIMBLA (LSI)	
	AUDRAIN	LEEDSTOWN	MANOCRA	
	BANNER	LELAND	WESTRALIA	
	BAXTER	LEO CLYMAN	CLAN LAMONT	
	BOLIVAR	LAMARR	EMPIRE ARQUEBUS	
	C.LVERT	MONROVIA	EMPIRE BATTLEAXE	
	CAMBRIA	ORMSBY	EMPIRE MACE	
	CAVALIER	OLMSTEAD	EMPIRE SPEARHEAD	
	CLAY	SARASOTA	GLENEARN	
<u>AGC</u>	(5) BLUE RIDGE	MOUNT MCKINLEY	WASATCH	-
	MOUNT OLYMPUS	ROCKY MOUNT		
<u>AS</u>	(4) GRIFFIN	ORION	OTUS	-
	HOLLAND			
<u>AD</u>	(4) DOBBIN	SIERRA	WHITNEY	-
	PIEDMONT			
<u>AR</u>	(4) BRIAREUS	PLATYBUS	RIGEL	-
	MEDUSA			
<u>ARB</u>	(1) MIDAS			-
<u>AC</u>	(5) CEBU	LEYTE	OGLALA	-
	CULEBRA ISLAND	MINDANAO		
<u>ARH</u>	(1) JASON			-
<u>ARL</u>	(4) ACHILLES	EGERIA	REMUS	-
	AMYCUS			
<u>ARS</u>	(4) CABLE	PRESERVEE	VENTS	-
	GRAPPLE			
<u>ASD</u>	(10) ASHLAND	GUNSTON HALL		-
	BELLEGGROVE	LINDENWALD		
	CARTER HALL	OAKHILL		
	CASA GRANDE	RUSHMORE		
	EPPING FOREST	WHITE MARSH		

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4. CENTRAL PACIFIC
(Including N. and S. Pacific Area)

	# ALLIED FORCES			S. China Sea Incl. Formosa Singapore	Empire
<u>BB</u>	(13) ALABAMA IDAHO INDIANA IOWA	MASSACHUSETTS MISSOURI NEW JERSEY NORTH CAROLINA	OKLAHOMA SOUTH DAKOTA WASHINGTON WISCONSIN TENNESSEE	(2) HARUNA MUSASHI (sev. dmgd. poss. sunk)	(#)*YAMATO *NAGATO KONGO (poss. S. China Sea)
<u>BB/XCV</u>				(2) HYUGA ISE	-
<u>CV</u>	(13) ENTERPRISE ESSEX FRANKLIN BUNKER HILL	HANCOCK HORNET MINIREPID LEXINGTON	RANGER SARATOGA TICONDEROGA WASP YORKTOWN	-	(3) AMAGI HAYATAKA UNRYU
<u>CVL</u>	(8) BATAAN BELLEAU WOOD CABOT	COWPENS INDEPENDENCE LANGLEY	MONTEREY SAN JACINTO	-	(2) RYUHO HOSHO
<u>CVE</u>	(43) ADMIRALTY IS. ALTAMHA ASTROLABE BAY ATTU BOUGAINVILLE BRETON BUCARELI BAY CAPE ESPERANCE CASABLANCA CHAPIN BAY CHENANGO COPAHEE CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR	FANSHAW BAY HOLLANDIA GILBERT ISLANDS KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY KWAJALEIN LONG ISLAND MAKASSAR STRAIT MATANAKAU MUNDA NISSAU NEHENTA BAY PRINCE WILLIAM ROI	RUDYERD BAY SANGAMON SANTEE SARGENT BAY SHAMROCK BAY SHIPLEY BAY SITKOH BAY STEAMER BAY SUWANNEE TAKANAS BAY TANANEK BAY THE IS BAY TULAGI WHITE PLAINS WINDHAM BAY	(2) JINYO UNYO	(2) KAIYO OTAKA (reptd. sunk)
<u>CA</u>	(9) BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER	INDIANAPOLIS PENSACOLA NEW ORLEANS	SALT LAKE CITY (2-4) WICHITA SAN FRANCISCO	CHOKAI) 1 rptd. (4) *TAKAO) sunk MYOKO) probably NACHI) sunk	IBUKI TONE *AOBA *HAGURO 6
<u>OCA</u>					
<u>CL</u>	(22) ASTORIA BILOXI *BIRMINGHAM CONCORD DETROIT *HONOLULU *HOUSTON	*LEANDER GAMBIER MIA I MOBILE OAKLAND PASADENA RALEIGH *RENO	RICHMOND SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN SANTA FE TRENTON VICKSBURG	(1) KINU ABUKUMA (1 or poss. both sunk)	(4-5) OYODO YAHAGI KISO TAMA) two ISUZU) rptd. SAKAWA) sunk
<u>CLT</u>				KASHII	KASHIMA
<u>CV/CSV</u>	(4) BALLARD CHANDELEUR	CURTISS	POCOMOKE	-	(2) ASKITTSUSHIMA *NOTORO
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 150			20	15 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u>	Approx. 150			10	Approx. 50
<u>S</u>		?		?	2 (1 repairing)

* Non-effective.

Some of these units operating temporarily in S.W.P.A.

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>			<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>		
Southwest Pacific (Western Section)			Indian Ocean		
<u>BB</u>	-	(4) HOWE QUEEN ELIZABETH	RENOWN VALIANT	-	
<u>CV</u>	-	(3) ILLUSTRIOUS INDOMITABLE	VICTORIOUS	-	
<u>OVE</u>	-	(7) ACTIVITY AMEER ATHELING BATTLER	BEGUM SHAH UNICORN	-	
<u>CA</u> (1) SUFFOLK		(2) CUMBERLAND	LONDON	-	
<u>CL</u>	-	(6) ACHILLES CEYLON KENYA	NEWCASTLE NIGERIA PHOEBE		
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	(1) ALBATROSS		-	
<u>XCL</u>	-	(2) CANTON	CHITRAL	-	
<u>DD</u> (1) QUEENSBOROUGH		Approx. 27		-	
<u>SS</u> (60)	ANGLER BARBERO BASHAW BATFISH BAYA BEGUNA BERGAL BESUGO BLENNY BLUEGILL COBIA DACE DARTER FLASHER CLYDE SEA ROVER SIRDAR K.9 K.12	FLYING FISH LAPON GAR GROWLER GUAVINA GUITARO GUNNEL GURNARD HADDO HAKE HAMMERHEAD HARDHEAD HAWKBILL HOE JACK SPITEFUL STOIC STORM STURDY K.14 K.15	MINGO MUSKELLUNGE NARWHAL NAUTILUS PADDLE PARGO REDFIN ROCK SEA WOLF STINGRAY S.42 S.45 S.47 TANTALUS TANTIVY TELEMACHUS O.19 ZWAARDFISCH	Approx. 16	10(possibly all German)
<u>AS</u> (3) EURYALE	ANTHEDON	MAIDSTONE		-	

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY SHORE-BASED AIR STRENGTH

	<u>SOLOMONS</u>	<u>EAST INDIES</u>	<u>PHILIPPINES</u>	<u>MANDATES</u>
	<u>BISMARCKS</u>			
Fighters	-	165	356	6
S/E Bombers	-	5	100	-
T/E Bombers	-	70	120	3
Flying Boats	-	5	4	-
Float Planes	10	57	35	6
sn. A/C	2	44	41	4
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>346</u>	<u>656</u>	<u>19</u>

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle.

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Date 5 December 1944

PART I

(i) ALLIED FORCES

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NEW GUINEA - BISMARCKS

(a) At Sea to 1200/5:

- (1) (a) Task Force 70 (i) 5 AGP: "WILLOUGHBY" "WACHAPREAGUE" "OYSTER BAY" "HILO" "PORTUNUS"
83 PT
(ii) 3 PF: "ALLENTOWN" "CHARLOTTSVILLE" "MACHIAS" 1 AVP: "SAN CARLOS"
(b) Task Force 73: 4 AVP: "HALF MOON" "HERON" "ORCA" "SAN PABLO" 1 AV: "CURRITUCK" 2 AVR
(c) Task Force 75: 1 CGC: "SPENCER"
(d) Task Force 76 (a) TG.76.7.1: 2 XAK 6 SC: 648, 731, 734, 735, 748, 749 12 ES
(b) TG.76.7.2: 2 AK 1 AT: "WHIPPOORWILL" 2 SC: 737, 738 1 ATR: 31
(c) TG.76.7.3: 1 PF: "ORANGE" 1 AN: "TEABERRY" 2 Tows
(d) TG.76.4.3: 4 APD: "CROSBY" "NEWMAN" "SCHLEY" "WARD" 1 AV: "STAG"
1 DD: "HOPEWELL" 1 AGC: "SHIKELLAMY" 1 AP: "GEN. HERSEY"
1 DE: "EICHENBERGER" 1 AO: "BISHOPDALE" 1 XAK 3 ES
(e) TG.76.4.7: 20 XAK 5 LST 1 LCI 2 AO 1 IX: "PORCUPINE"
4 PF: "GLENDALE" "BELFAST" "OGDEN" "SAN PEDRO"
1 AK: "BOOTES" 1 APA: "GILLIAM"
- (e) Task Force 77:
Task Unit 77.1.5: 3 CL: "BOISE" "NASHVILLE" "PHOENIX" 1 AGC: "WASATCH"
5 DD: "BUSH" "DRYANT" "HALFORD" "NEWCOMB" "ROBINSON"
Task Group 77.2 (a) 3 BD: "NEW MEXICO" "WEST VIRGINIA" "COLORADO"
1 CA: "MINNEAPOLIS" 3 CL: "COLUMBIA" "DENVER" "MONTPELIER"
10 DD: "CONY" "INGRAHAM" "CONNER" "WALLER" "EATON" "CONWAY"
"SIGOURNEY" "RENSHAW" "BENNION" "ROBINSON"
(b) 1 CA: "PORTLAND"
9 DD: "NICHOLAS" "LANG" "EDWARDS" "PRINGLE" "LA VALLETTE"
"HOWORTH" "FLETCHER" "KNAPP" "MUGFORD"
Task Unit 77.4.6: 3 QVE: "MANILA BAY" "MARCUS ISLAND" "SAVO ISLAND"
1 DD: "RALPH TALBOT" 1 DE: "GILLIGAN"
Task Group 77.7.21: 1 AT: "MIDATA" 2 SC: 637, 744 1 ARD: 19
Miscellaneous: 6 DD: "DARTON" "WALKE" "LAFEY" "O'BRIEN" "ALLEN M. SUMNER" "MOALE"
- (f) Task Force 78 & 79:
Task Group 78.2: 5 AM: "SCOUT" "SENYRY" "REQUISITE" "REVENGE" "PURSUIT"
6 YMS: 39, 49, 52, 71, 314, 315 1 PG: "TULSA" 1 HDM: 1074
3 IX: "MINK" "PANDA" "CARIBOU" 2 PCE(R): 849, 851
1 AO: "SEVERN" 4 SC: 726, 1004, 1356, 1368
Task Group 78.3: 15 YMS: 2, 6, 8, 9, 47, 51, 53, 68, 218, 315, 329, 334, 336, 339, 481
Task Force 78 (a) 1 CGC: "LUTTONWOOD" 1 IX: "ARETHUSA" 2 ARS: "CABLE" "GRAPPLE"
(Miscellaneous) 1 ARL: "EGERIA" 1 AT: "QUAPAN" 2 AK: "RUTILICUS" "MURZIM"
2 DE: "JOBS" "HOLT" 3 APD: "HERBERT" "LLOYD" "COFER"
5 DD: "HUGHES" "O'BANNON" "CONYGHAN" "SHAW" "CALDWELL"
43 AP/AK
(b) 12 ISM 1 SC: 729 1 PG: 1128 2 DD: "HALL" "PAUL HAMILTON"
- (2) "GRIFFIN" (A/S) departed Caloundra 1004/2 for Woendi ETA 0500/8.
(3) "ACUDENS" (AKS) was to depart Caloundra 3 Dec for Hollandia ETA 0300/8.
(4) "CHIWALKUM" (AOG) departed Santo 3 Dec for Milne Bay ETA 9 Dec.
(5) "MIZA" (AF) departed Manus 0600/27 for Pearl Harbor.

(1) In Harbour:Morotai

Combat units 1 ODD : "VENDETTA"
 29 PT
 Escorts 8 : 6 AMS: "GLEBELC" "KATOOMBA" "STRAHAN" "LITHGOW" "COWRA" "BROOME"
 2 PT: "DUGENIA" "HUTCHINSON"
 Auxiliaries 14 : "MOSSACK" (AGP) "SUSQUEHANNA" (AGC) "MERCURY" (AK) 2 YO 2 YOC
 2 YFD 2 YFF 2 YPD 1 YF : 236

Sansapor:

Escorts 1 : 1 PC : 1590

Noonfoor:

Auxiliaries 1 : "HASKELL" (APA)

Niak-Weendi:

Combat units 39 PT
 Escorts 6 : 5 AMS: "WAGGAN" "STABELL" "LATROBE" "KIAMA" "GYMPIE" 1 PS: "SWAN"
 Auxiliaries 13 : "ORION" (AG) "SAKATONCHEE" (AGC) "LEBRICK" (YO) "VICTORIA" (AO)
 "STONEWALL" (IX) "PASTHOES" (AF) "DINGERA" (AG) "REMUS" (ARL)
 "FOYANG" (AE) 2 YP: 238, 240 2 YFD

Humboldt Bay:

Combat units 1 CA : "LOUISVILLE"
 23 DE : "REID" "KONGSEN" "SABIEL C. REID" "CLAXTON" "STACK" "STEVENS" "HALE"
 "LAMSON" "KAMAN" "KID" "FLUSSER" "SMITH" "BRAYTON" "MORRIS"
 "MCGOWAN" "DASHIELL" "BLACK" "COHLAN" "GANSEVOORT" "DRAINE"
 "STRAEL" "ALDOTT" "JENKINS"

Escorts 76 : 20 DE : "BOWENS" "WITTEN" "THOMASON" "NEVENDORFF" "CHAS. J. KIMMELL"
 "THOS. F. NICHOL" "LOVELACE" "WHITEHURST" "DOYLE C. BARNES"
 "LOUGER" "KEN. M. WILLET" "WILLIAMS" "SACCARD" "MANNING"
 "LOYD B. BEE" "ENGLAN" "GEO. F. DAVIS" "J. E. CRAMIG"
 "DANIAL A. JOY" "PREIFFER" 3 YMS: 2, 233, 384
 10 PF : "DUNLINGTON" "CORONADO" "EUGENE" "SANDUSKY" "LONG BEACH" "BISBEE"
 "MUSKOGEE" "EL PASO" "VAN BUREN" "GALLUP" 1 ML: 825
 2 AMS: "GLADSTONE" "DUNDABERG" 4 PCE(A): 848, 850, 852, 853
 18 SC : 514, 521, 531, 636, 668, 687, 695, 735, 991, 1012, 1052
 1273, 1319, 1320, 1321, 1327, 1365, 1369
 20 PC : 84, 462, 464, 555, 563, 584, 586, 695, 812, 1119, 1129,
 1121, 1122, 1123, 1124, 1134, 1137, 1139, 1188, 1590

Auxiliaries 84 : "BANNER" "FAUSTDALE" "ELMORE" "SUMNER" "LEON" "JAMES O'HARA" "KNOW"
 "PIERCE" "LEONARD WOOD" "CATANIA" "MONROVIA" "CALVERT" "APPLING"
 "CUSTER" "FREMONT" "HENRY T. ALLEN" (APA) "COMET" "WARHAWK" "LASALLE"
 "WINGED ARROW" "STOKES KING" "HERALD OF THE MORN" (AF) "WRIGHT" (AG)
 "SUAMICO" "SALAMONIE" "SALAMAC" "TRINITY" (AO) "JUPITER" "GANYMEDE"
 "CRUX" (AK) "LIPIDIA" "AQUARIUS" "ARNED" "ELEGRA" (AKA) "CALAMARES"
 (AF) "HOPE" (AH) "POLLUX" (AKS) "DOBLIN" (AO) "SEKONK" (AGC) "RAIL"
 "LARK" "CHETOC" (AF) "PIRO" (AE) "OTUS" (AS) "ACHILLES" "AMYCUS"
 (ARL) "PREBLE" (DM) "CLIDE" "VILLALOBOS" (IX) "BLUE RIDGE"
 "MT. OLYMPUS" (AGC) "DICKERSON" "KILTY" "BROOKS" "SANDS" (APD)
 "CULEBRA ISLAND" (ARG) "TRIXBY" (APH) "GUNSTON HALL" "SHADWELL"
 "EPPING FOREST" "WHITEMARSH" "DELLE GROVE" "LINDENWALD" "OAKHILL"
 (LSU) "MONITOR" (LSV) "COLLSBOROUGH" (AVD) "BREEZE" "ELLIOT" (DS)
 "TRIUMPH" (AG) 2 YFD 2 A.D.: 7, 12 4 YP: 215, 240, 291, 292
 6 AFD: 2, 3, 11, 16, 24, 25

Aitape:

Escorts 1 : 1 PC : 1600
 Combat units 1 DD : "RUSSELL"
 Auxiliaries 14 : "THULAN" (AKA) "PELANE" "CAVALIER" "PAYETTE" "LEBESTOWN" "DUPAGE"
 "WAYNE" "HEYWOOD" "FULLER" (APA) "JOHN LAND" "CAPE JOHNSON"
 "GOLDEN CITY" (AP) "HERCULES" "AULIGA" (AK)

Admiralties:

Combat units 4 DD : "CALIFORNIA" "MADRID" "MISSISSIPPI" "CALIFORNIA"
 12 CVE : "KADASHAN BAY" "NATOMA BAY" "SAGINAW BAY" "BARNES" "MAKIN ISLAND"
 "SALAMAU" "HOGGATT BAY" "ALAVA BAY" "OMMANEE BAY" "LONG A POINT"
 "BISMARCK SEA" "PETROF BAY"
 4 CA : "BOSTON" "CANBERRA" "SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"
 2 CL : "CLEVELAND" "ST LOUIS"
 35 DD : "TWIGGS" "HALLIGAN" "HARALDEN" "EVANS" "FOOTE" "REMEY" "MCDERMOTT"
 "MERTZ" "BEREN" "WALKER" "MEEVIN" "ALLEN" "ARUNTA" "PATTERSON"
 "KILLEN" "LEUTZE" "CHAUNCEY" "SAUFLEY" "AULICK" "TAYLOR" "MUSTY"
 "HELM" "MAURY" "MCALL" "STERETT" "ISHERWOOD" "R. B. JERRY" "WILSON"
 "GRIDLEY" "CONVERSE" "KIMBERLY" "DAGLEY" "AUSURNE" "H. L. EDWARDS"
 "WARAMUNGA"
 2 LS : "S.45" "S.47"

Admiralties: (Cont)

Escorts 57 : 14 DE : "W.C. WAIN" "DELANEY" "OSMUS" "EVENSOLE" "OBERENDER"
 "HAGON" "CADANA" "R.S. SUESSENS" "LA PRADE" "COOLEDAUGH"
 "GREENWOOD" "J. DOUGLAS BLACKWOOD" "FOREMAN" "LEWIS WILSON"
 5 SC : 631, 732, 732, 1004, 1375 2 PCS : 1391, 1418 1 AMS : "AVARAT"
 5 PG : 600, 742, 1170, 1131, 1421 3 PF : "CARSON CITY" "GASCOYNE" "DANCO"
 29 YMS : 1, 10, 40, 40, 61, 97, 140, 150, 233, 243, 266, 293, 318, 319, 327, 339,
 340, 341, 342, 353, 380, 383, 384, 388, 380, 393, 398, 406, 410

Auxiliaries 70 : "DAXTER" "ADATR" "AULICALL" (APA) "TALAMANAC" (AP) "TANGIER" (AV)
 "ARIANE" (CMS) "HARLEY" "TALBOT" (APL) "CACAPON" "CHIKASKIA"
 "MESHANIC" "CALIENTE" "ESCAMBIA" "WINOOSKI" "NEORAT" (AO) "JAN"
 (ARG) "JAMESTOWN" (AGP) "CEBU" "LEYTE" "MINDANAO" (ARG) "YOUNG"
 "AMERICA" (AP) "ALHENA" "ALCONA" "ALYCONA" (AKA) "CHANCE" "SAL"
 "CAPTIVARE" (AM) "MEDUSA" "DRIAREUS" (AR) "MONADNOCK" (CM) "LE"
 "SHANLA" "CETUS" "WARRICK" "SAGITTARIUS" (AK) "CLEMSON" (AVD)
 "PRESERVER" (ARS) "RIO GRANDE" "ELKHORN" "PASQUOTANK" (AGC) "YU"
 (AE) "ALABASTER" (PYC) "BENALLA" "PATHFINDER" (AGS) "TANADAP" "TEE"
 "KINGFISHER" "MENOMINEE" "WATCH HILL" "CHOWANOC" "CHIKASAW" (AF)
 "TORCHWOOD" (YN) "CARONOLET" "ABRENTA" "LEOPARD" "ANDREW DORR"
 (IX) "LARAABADA" "GOLSTAR" (AG) "PIEDMONT" "SIERRA" "WHITNEY" (-
 2 ABSD 1 ARD : 20 2 ARD : 8, 20 3 YP : 280, 288, 585

Cape Gloucester:

Combat units 2 DD : "LUCE" "C.J. BADGER"
Escorts 4 : 2 PG : 1123, 1601 2 SC : 632, 1004
Auxiliaries 11 : "EMPIRE ARQUEBUS" (LSI) "ORMISTON" (AP) "CAPRICORNUS" (AE) "CL"
 "W.P. MIDDLE" "A.T. MIDDLETON" "CATSKILL" "P. FUNSTON" (APA) "CHAL"
 (AKA) "ROCKY MOUNT" (AGC) "CHEPADHET" (AO)

Alexishafon-Madang:

Escorts 5 : 1 YMS : "RINDANI" 1 A/S : "WILCANNIA" 2 ML : 802, 812 1 HDML : 1339
Auxiliaries 3 : "KOOPA" (AG) "PING NO" (ASIS) 1 YP : 504

Lengenkak:

Escorts 8 : 2 AMS : "GOULBURN" "TOWNSVILLE" 3 PG : 218, 585, 1491 3 SC : 694, 739, 1491
Auxiliaries 15 : "TASMAN" "MAETSUYCKE" "REFUGE" (AH) "BASE MAENSK" (AO) "OZARK" (LSV)
 "ST GILES" "RAC. POINT" "CHIPPEWA" (AP) "GEN. HARRY TAYLOR" "KATOOMB"
 (AP) "GAMBLE" (DM) "OVINGTON" (APD) "DULL WHEEL" (YO) "TRYON" (APH) 1 AC

Lae:

Escorts 2 : 1 ML : 820 1 HDML : 1321

Jacquinot Bay:

Auxiliaries 2 : "CAMERIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "LAURIANA" (AG)

Oro Bay:

Escorts 1 : 1 DE : "LOESER"
Auxiliaries 1 : "OLMSTEAD" (APA)

Milne Bay:

Escorts 5 : 3 AMS : "ROCHAMPTON" "DELORAINE" "KAPUNDA" 2 SC : 699, 742
Auxiliaries 11 : LUNGAREE" (CM) "TRAYAT" (IX) "MAUNA LOA" (AE) "KURUMEA" (AO)
 UVALDE" (AKA) "WARREN" (APA) "ETAMIN" (AK) 3 YP : 278, 449, 541
 1 ARD : 9

Port Moresby:

Escorts 1 : 1 HDML : 1327

2. SOLOMONS

(a) At Sea to 1200/5:

(1) "NORMAN SCOTT" (DL) departed Torokina 1600/2 for Noumea ETA 0700/6.

(b) In Harbour:

Emirau:

Escorts 7 : 1 DE : "STADFELD" 4 SC : 502, 620, 703, 1274 2 YMS : "TUI", 250
Auxiliaries 2 : 2 YP : 239, 514

Green Is:

Combat units 12 BT
Escorts 1 : 1 YMS : 94
Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YP : 248

Torokina:

Combat units 5 DE : "STROSTON" "PICKING" "WICKES" "W.D. PORTER" "YOUNG"
Escorts 14 : 2 SC : 1183, 1590 7 PG : 470, 477, 590, 702, 1170, 1231, 1242
 1 PCS : 1429
 2 DE : "ABERCROMBIE" "GILLMAN"
 3 YMS : 170, 311, 380

(i) ALLIED FORCES (CONT)SECRETTorokina: (Cont)

Auxiliaries 25 : "PARGO" (AK) "EMERALD" (AKS) "YUMA" (AF) "RACCOON" "CELTIC" (I)
 "LIBRA" "ALMAAK" "ADSMAN" "TITANIA" (AKA) "EMPIRE BATTLEAXE"
 "EMPIRE WACE" "NESTALIA" "KANIMILA" "MANOOKA" (LSI) "SARASOTA"
 "DOYER" "HARMIS" "LAMARA" "SHERIDAN" "ALPINE" "BOLIVAR" "HARVEY"
 (APA) "PRES. POLK" "STARLIGHT" (AF) "PINKNEY" (AFH)

Treasury Is:

Combat units 42 PT
 6 PGM
 Escorts 8 : 1 DE : "PAUL G. BAKER" 2 PC: 479, 505 1 YMS: 45
 4 SC: 677, 722, 1074, 1260
 Auxiliaries 2 : 1 YO : "WHIPSTOCK" 1 YP: 520
Munda:
 Escorts 8 : 1 DE : "GENDEBAU" 1 PC: 1119 2 YMS: "KIWI", 196
 4 SC: 524, 702, 999, 1065
 Auxiliaries 1 : 1 AK : "SAIK"

3. EAST AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea to 1200/5:

(i) "YANDRA" (A/S) was to depart Sydney 1000/3 for Melbourne,

(b) In Harbour:Merauke:Escorts 4 : 2 YMS: "SMEBOE" "MERBARDOE" 2 HDML: 1322, 1323Thursday Is:Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "PILOTS"
 Auxiliaries 2 : "WINNIE" "CHALLENGER" (AGS)Horns:Escorts 5 : 2 AMS: "COOPERBONRA" "FIREAVALE" 3 ML: 428, 431, 806
 Auxiliaries 8 : "LOTHIAN" "CLAN LAMONT" "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD" "GLENEARN" (LSI) "WAGO"
 "FIRE ISLAND" (AF) "DUNTRON" (AF) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS)Townsville:Escorts 5 : 2 AMS: "BENDIGO" "KALCOOLIE" 1 YMS: 313 1 ML: 627 1 HDML: 1327
 Auxiliaries 3 : "POLARIS" (AGS) "TANCRE" (AF) 1 YP: C15Bowen:

Auxiliaries 2 : "HEROS" "SHANNE" (AF)

Brisbane:Combat units 6 SS : "S.42" "NARWHAL" "STINGERAY" "NAUTILUS" "GADILAN" "PERCH"
 Escorts 12 : 7 ML: 424, 425, 804, 811, 820, 821 1 PC: 1132
 3 HDML: 1129, 1324, 1353 1 AMS: "WHYALLA"
 Auxiliaries 6 : "ETOLIN" (AK) "MESQUITE" (CGC) "GEN. ANDERSON" (AF) "PONTUS" (AF)
 "OCTANS" "MERKUR" (AF)Sydney:Combat units 2 CL : "HOBART" (refitting) "TROMP"
 2 DD : "GLENDOWER" "QUICKMATCH"
 1 ODD : "STUART"
 3 SS : "K.9" "K.12" "TELEMACHUS"
 Escorts 12 : 1 AMS: "DALLARA" 1 PS: "WARREGO" 1 A/S: "KYBRA" 1 PC: 59
 7 ML: 426, 801, 815, 816, 819, 822, 823 1 SC: 1039
 Auxiliaries 4 : "POINT LOHA" (AF) "MANUNDA" (AF) "OCTORARA" (IX) "ARDENT" (CM)Melbourne:Combat units 1 OCL : "ADELAIDE"
 1 DD : "NIZAM"
 Escorts 5 : "ABRAHAM CRIJNSEN" "DOOMBA" (A/S) "DOWNE" (AMS)
 2 HDML: 1340, 13504. NORTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/5:(1) Task Force 71:On Patrol 27 SS : "BLACKFIN" "SEA WOLF" "FLYING FISH" "DASHAW" "FLOUNDER" "HADDO"
 "GUAVINA" "BARBEL" "BARBETO" "FLASHER" "GUNNEL" "JACK" "PARGO"
 "DECUNA" "CROWLER" "HAKE" "MINCO" "SEA ROVER" "HAWKBILL" "GAR"
 "BESUGO" "HARDHEAD" "SPITEFUL" "MUSKELLUNGE"
 On Passage 9 SS : "GURNARD" "CLYDE" "ANGLER" "K.14" "BLUEGILL" "HCE" "LAPON"
 "CAVALLA" "ANTALUS"

(b) In Harbour:Darwin:

Escorts 10 : 4 AMS: "JUNEE" "CASTLEMAINE" "PARKES" "HORSHAM"
 5 ML: 427, 809, 812, 814, 907 1 HDML: 1329
 Auxiliaries 5 : "STELLA" "MORSELEY" "SHEPPANTON" (AGS) "C HANTICLEEK" (AGS)
 "WANGANELLA" (AF)

Port Nelson:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "ECHUCA"

5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/5:

(1) "GEN. JOHN POPE" (AF) departed Melbourne 1100/20 for Bombay ETA 11 Dec.

(b) In Harbour:Fremantle:

Combat units 1 GA : "SUFFOLK"
 1 DD : "QUEENSTONOUGH"
 15 SS : "GUITARMO" "FACILE" "TREA" "COLIA" "DACE" "ROCK" "SIRDA" "K.15"
 "TANTIVY" "BENCALL" "HAMBERHEAD" "STOIC" "STORM" "ZWAARDFISCH"
 "O.19"
 Escorts 11 : 1 PF: "CORPUS CHRISTI" 1 PS: "SAVORGHAN DE BRAZZA"
 1 SC: 720 1 ML: 824 2 YMS: 11, 72
 Auxiliaries 7 : "ANTHEMION" "EURYALE" "MILSTONE" (AS) "ISABEL" (BY) "COUCAL"
 (ISR) 1 ARD: 10 1 YP: 200

Dunbury:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "MERCURY"

(ii) ENEMY FORCESA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC1. PHILIPPINES

- (1) Manila - Night 3-4 Dec. aircraft located 50-60 ships in Manila Bay including 10 large and 20 medium sized vessels.
- (2) Mindoro Area - At 1215/3 Dec. aircraft sighted a destroyer 5 miles N.W. of Lubang Is., on course S.E. towards Verde Is. Passage.
At 1015/4 Dec. 2 sea trucks were observed anchored off W. Coast Verde Is.

Further sightings on 3 Dec. of convoys seen previously are summarized:-
1040/3 Dec.: 1 medium freighter
2 escorts

in Busunga Harbor (Calamanian Group), this is probably the convoy seen off Tay Tay Bay at 0920/2 Dec., on course 300°

1425/3 Dec.: 2 merchant ships (1 medium, 1 large)
4 escorts including, probably, 1 destroyer off N.W. entrance Mindoro Strait, on course 330°. This is probably the 6 ship convoy first seen at 0830/30 Nov. entering S. Palawan Passage via Balabac Strait and has been observed several times since zig-zagging along N.W. coast Palawan and W. of Calamanian Group.

- (3) N. Sibuyan Sea - At 0952/4 Dec. aircraft sighted 3 seatrucks and 1 lugger anchored off Pasgo Pt. (Rajay Gulf); at 1415/4 Dec. the aircraft returned and attacked this shipping sinking 1 sea truck and the lugger and damaging the other 2 sea trucks
- (4) Visayas - On 30 Nov. Dumaguete airdrome was attacked by 10 Mitchells with 10 escorting Lightnings which engaged 9 enemy fighters and shot down 2, probably shot down another 2 and damaged 4 more without loss.
On 3 Dec. Masbate airdrome was bombed by 7 Kittyhawks cratering the runway and Lahug airdrome was bombed by 9 Liberators.
- (5) Leyte - Elimination of enemy pockets in the rear of our forward positions S. of Leyte River bridge continues inflicting considerable enemy casualties but there is little material change in the general situation in the sector S. of Limon or elsewhere.

Enemy losses to 4 Dec. total:-

25,498 known dead
199 Jap prisoners
128 Formosan/Korean prisoners.

On 4 Dec. air-ground support was offered by small formations of Kittyhawks concentrating on enemy positions along Ormoc Corridor road.

Night 3-4 Dec. 1 enemy aircraft was over Carigara but no attack developed. At 1600/3 Dec. an allied hospital ship was attacked by a torpedo bomber approx. 150 miles E. of Surigao but fortunately the torpedo missed.

- (6) Camotes Sea - Late report states that night 1-2 Dec. 4 U. S. destroyers swept Camotes Sea: a freighter headed S. off S. tip Masbate Is. was intercepted and sunk but no ships were found in Ormoc Bay

2. EAST INDIES

- (1) N. Borneo - Reconnaissance 3 Dec. of N. Borneo coast and anchorages show the area practically devoid of any sizeable shipping, from Miri round as far as Tarakan. Off Jesselton there were 8 sea trucks anchored at 1350/3 Dec. but the majority of the usual anchorages were empty.

At 1950/3 Dec. a small concentration of shipping including 1 large freighter, 1 medium freighter transport and 4 escort vessels, was seen anchored off Balikpapan. A few other small ships were located and attacked in the vicinity of Balikpapan; 2 sea trucks (1 large 1 small) were sunk near Balikpapan and a gunboat, which offered strong AA opposition, was damaged about 60 miles N.N.E. of Balikpapan whilst on course 230°, at 20 knots.

- (2) S. E. Celebes - Night 3-4 Dec. Kendari airdrome was raided by 1 Liberator.
- (3) Flores Sea - A.M. 4 Dec. 4 Mitchells searched Flores Sea for shipping and attacked 2 small craft on Flores Is. shores.

3. NEW GUINEA - On 3 Dec. a village near Wewak was bombed by 8 Beauforts and on 4 Dec. Kairiru Is. was bombed by 6 Bostons.

4. BISMARCK-SOLOMONS - on 4 Dec. Lae airdrome was bombed by 9 Liberators.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC - On 2 Dec. a submarine sighting and contact were reported by surface craft approx. 70 miles S.S.W. of Peleliu.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

- (1) Continued enemy air reinforcement of Formosa and Philippines.
- (2) Steady progress on Leyte against increased opposition.
- (3) Continued support Leyte operations by 3rd Fleet Aircraft Carrier Task Force.
- (4) Enemy submarine activity Philippines, W. and Central Pacific and Indian Ocean including use of midget submarines.
- (5) Absence of significant shipping N. Borneo anchorages.

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<u>BB</u> (7)	CALIFORNIA COLORADO	MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI	NEW MEXICO	WEST VIRGINIA PENNSYLVANIA	-
<u>C</u> (15)	ALAVA BAY BARNES BISMARCK SEA HOGGATT BAY	KADASHAN BAY LUNGA POINT MAKIN ISLAND	MANILA BAY MARCUS ISLAND NATOMA BAY OMMANEY BAY	PETROF BAY SAGINAW BAY SAVO ISLAND SALAMAU	-
<u>CA</u> (6)	#CANBERRA LOUISVILLE	PORTLAND MINNEAPOLIS	AUSTRALIA SHROFESHIRE		-
<u>CL</u> (11)	BOISE #CLEVELAND COLUMBIA	DENVER MONTPELIER NASHVILLE	PHOENIX #ST LOUIS	ADELAIDE #HOBART #TROMP	-
<u>AV</u> (2)	CURRITUCK	TANGIER			-
<u>AVP</u> (8)	BELKNAP CHINCOTEAGUE	GOLDSBOROUGH HALF MOON	HERON ORCA	SAN CARLOS SAN PABLO	-
<u>DD</u> (10)	ABBOT ALLEN M. SUMNER AMMEN AULICK AUSBURNE BAGLEY BARTON BLA CK BRAINE BRYANT BUSH CHAUNCEY CLAXTON COGHLAN CONY CONYGHAM DRAYTON CONNER CONVERSE CONWAY C.T. BADGER DASHIELL EATON ERBEN	EVANS FLETCHER FLUSSER FOOTE GANSEVOORT GRIDLEY HALFORD HARADEN HALLIGAN HALL HELM H.L. EDWARDS HOWORTH HOPEWELL INGRAHAM ISHERWOOD JENKINS KIDD KNAPP KILLEN KIMBER Y LAFFEY LAMSON LANG LAVALLETTE	LEUTZE LUCE MCCALL MAHAN MAURY MCDERMOTT MCGOWAN MELVIN MERTZE MOALE MONSSEN MORRIS MUGFORD MUSTIN NEWCOMB NICHOLAS NORMAN SCOTT O'BANNON O'BRIEN PAUL HAMILTON PATTERSON PICKING PRINGLE REID	REMEY RALPH TALBOT RENSHAW ROBINSON R.P. LEARY RUSSELL SAMUEL C. REID SIGOURNEY SMITH S ROSTON STACK STEMBEL STERETT STEVENS TAYLOR TWIGGS WALKE WALKER WALLER WICKES WILSON WM.D. POTTER YOUNG	-
	ARUNTA GLENDOWER	NIZAM QUICKMATCH	STUART VENDETTA	WARRAMUNGA	

SS

10

PT

Approx. 175

* Excluding Cenpac forces temporarily at sea in S.W.P.A.
Non-effective.

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>		
	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)		(Incl. Mandates)		
<u>AKA</u>	(75)	ALGOL (AKA)	CLERMONT (APA)	SHERIDAN (APA)	-
<u>APA</u>		ALHENA	CUSTER	WARREN	
<u>APD</u>		ALMAAK	CRESCENT CITY	WAYNE	
<u>LSI</u>		ALSHAIN	DOYEN	WINDSOR	
		ALYCONE	DUPAGE	W.P.BIDDLE	
		AQUARIUS	FAYETTE	BROCKS (APD)	
		CAPRICORNUS	ISLAND	CROSBY	
		DIHDA	F. FUNSTON	DICKERSON	
		CHARA	FREMONT	HERBERT	
		LIBRA	FULLER	KILTY	
		O'HARA	GILLIAM	MANLEY	
		THUBAN	GOLDEN CITY	OVERTON	
		ALPINE (APA)	HARRY LEE	SANDS	
		ADAIR	HASKELL	SCHLEY	
		APELING	HEYWOOD	TALBOT	
		ARIADNE	H.T. ALLEN	WARD	
		A.T. MIDDLETON	KNEX	KANIMBLA (LSI)	
		AUDRAIN	LEEDSTOWN	MANOCRA	
		BANNER	LELAND	WESTRALIA	
		BAXTER	LEO CLYMAN	CLAN LAMONT	
		BOLIVAR	LAMARR	EMPIRE ARQUEBUS	
		CALVERT	MONROVIA	EMPIRE BATTLEAXE	
		CAMBRIA	ORMSBY	EMPIRE MACE	
		CAVALIER	OLMSTEAD	EMPIRE SPEARHEAD	
		CLAY	SARASOTA	GLENEARN	
<u>AGC</u>	(5)	BLUE RIDGE	MOUNT MCKINLEY	WASATCH	-
		MOUNT OLYMPUS	ROCKY MOUNT		
<u>AS</u>	(4)	GRIFFIN	ORION	OTUS	-
		HOLLAND			
<u>AD</u>	(4)	DOBBIN	SIERRA	WHITNEY	-
		PIEDMONT			
<u>AR</u>	(4)	BRIAREUS	PLATYFUS	RIGEL	-
		MEDUSA			
<u>AM</u>	(1)	MIDAS			-
<u>ARC</u>	(5)	CEBU	LEYTE	OGIALA	-
		CULEBRA ISLAND	MINDANAO		
<u>ARH</u>	(1)	JASON			-
<u>ARL</u>	(4)	ACHILLES	EGERIA	REMUS	-
		AMYCUS			
<u>ARS</u>	(4)	CABLE	PRESERVER	VENTS	-
		GRAPPLE			
<u>ISD</u>	(10)	ASHLAND	GUNSTON HALL		-
		BELLEGGROVE	LINDENWALD		
		CARTER HALL	OAKHILL		
		CASA GRANDE	RUSHMORE		
		EPPING FOREST	WHITE MARSH		

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4. CENTRAL PACIFIC
(Including N. and S. Pacific Area)

# ALLIED FORCES				S. China Sea Incl. Formosa Singapore	Empire	
<u>BB</u>	(13)	ALABAMA IDAHO INDIANA IOWA	MASSACHUSETTS MISSOURI NEW JERSEY NORTH CAROLINA	OKLAHOMA SOUTH DAKOTA WASHINGTON WISCONSIN TENNESSEE	(2) HARUNA MUSASHI (sev. dmgd. poss. sunk)	(#)*YAMATO *NAGATO KONGO (poss. S. China Sea)
<u>BB/XCV</u>				(2) HYUGA ISE	-	
<u>CV</u>	(13)	ENTERPRISE ESSEX FRANKLIN BUNKER HILL	HANCOCK HORNET INTREPID LEXINGTON	RANGER SARATOGA TICONDEROGA WASP YORKTOWN	-	(3) AMAGI HAYATAKA UNRYU
<u>CVL</u>	(8)	BATAAN BELLEAU WOOD CABOT	COWPENS INDEPENDENCE LANGLEY	MONTEREY SAN JACINTO	-	(2) RYUHO HOSHO
<u>CVE</u>	(43)	ADMIRALTY IS. ALTAMHA ASTROLABE BAY ATTU BOUGAINVILLE BRETON BUCARELI BAY CAPE ESPERANCE CASABLANCA CHAPIN BAY OHENANGO COPAHEE CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR	FANSHAW BAY HOLLANDIA GILBERT ISLANDS KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY KWAJALEIN LONG ISLAND MAKASSAR STRAIT MATANAKAU MUNDA NISSAU NEHENTA BAY PRINCE WILLIAM ROI	RUDYERD BAY SANGAMON SANTEE SARGENT BAY SHAMROCK BAY SHIPLEY BAY SITKOH BAY STEAMER BAY SUWANNEE TAKANAS BAY TANANEK BAY THE IS BAY TULGE WHITE PLAINS WINDHAM BAY	(2) JINYO UNYO	(2) KAIYO OTAKA (reptd. sunk)
<u>CA</u>	(9)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER	INDIANAPOLIS PENSACOLA NEW ORLEANS	SALT LAKE CITY (2-4) WICHITA SAN FRANCISCO	CHOKAI) 1 rptd *TAKAO) sunk MYOKO) probably NACHI) sunk	(4) IBUKI TONE *AOBA *HIGURO 6
<u>OCA</u>						
<u>CL</u>	(22)	ASTORIA BILOXI *BIRMINGHAM CONCORD DETROIT *HONOLULU *HOUSTON	*LEANDER GAMBIER MIA I MOBILE OAKLAND PASADENA RALEIGH *RENO	RICHMOND SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN SANTA FE TRENTON VICKSBURG	(1) KINU ABUKUMA (1 or poss. both sunk)	(4-5) OYODO YAHAGI KISO TAMA) two ISUZU) rptd. SAKAWA) sunk
<u>CLT</u>					KASHII	KASHIMA
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(4)	BALLARD CHANDELEUR	CURTISS	POCOMOKE	-	(2) ASKITSUBISHI *NOTORO
<u>DD</u>		Approx. 150			20	15 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u>		Approx. 150			10	Approx. 50
<u>AS</u>			?		?	2 (1 repairing)

* Non-effective.

Some of these units operating temporarily in S.W.P.A.

5. EAST INDIAN - INDIAN OCEAN

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>				<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>			
Southwest Pacific (Western Section)				Indian Ocean			
<u>BB</u>	-	(4)	HOWE QUEEN ELIZABETH	RENOWN VALIANT	-		
<u>CV</u>	-	(3)	ILLUSTRIOUS INDOMITABLE	VICTORIOUS	-		
<u>CVE</u>	-	(7)	ACTIVITY AMEER ATHELING BATTLER	BEGUM SHAH UNICORN	-		
<u>CL</u>	(1) SUFFOLK	(2)	CUMBERLAND	LONDON	-		
<u>CL</u>	-	(6)	ACHILLES CEYLON KENYA	NEWCASTLE NIGERIA PHOEBE	-		
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	(1)	ALBATROSS		-		
<u>CVL</u>	-	(2)	CANTON	CHITRAL	-		
<u>DD</u>	(1) QUEENSBOROUGH		Approx. 27		-		
<u>SS</u>	(60)		ANGLER BARBERO BASHAW BATFISH BAYA BECUNA BERGAL BESUGO BLENNY BLUEGILL COBIA DACE DARTER FLASHER CLYDE SEA ROVER SIRDAR K.9 K.12	FLYING FISH GAR GROWLER GUAVINA GUITARD FUNNEL GURNARD HADDO HAKE HAMMERHEAD HEADHEAD HAWKBILL HOE JACK SPITEFUL STOIC STORM STURDY K.14 K.15	LAPON MINGO MUSKELLUNGE NARWHAL NAUTILUS PADDLE PARGO REDFIN ROCK SEL. WOLF STINGRAY S.42 S.45 S.47 TANTALUS TANTIVY TELEMACHUS O.19 ZWAARDFISCH	Approx. 16	10 (possibly all German)
<u>AS</u>	(9) A WHELDON		EURYALEE	MAIDSTONE	-		

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY SHORE-BASED AIR STRENGTH

	SOLOMONS		PHILIPPINES			MANDATES
	BISMARCKS	EAST INDIES	Luzon	Visayas	Mindanao	
Fighters	3	184	175	93	36	6
S/E Bombers	-	10	71	5	12	-
T/E Bombers	-	94	78	37	34	3
Flying Boats	-	6	4	-	-	-
Float Mines	10	47	20	22	12	6
Obsn. A/C	2	27	25	7	5	4
TOTAL	15	368	373	164	99	19

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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

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PART I

(i) ALLIED FORCES

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NEW GUINEA - DISMARCKS

(a) At Sea to 1200/6:

- (1) (a) Task Force 70 (i) 5 AGP: "WILLOUGHBY" "MACHAPREAGUE" "OYSTER BAY" "HILO" "PORTUNUS"
83 PT
(ii) 3 PF: "ALLENTOWN" "CHARLOTTSVILLE" "MACHIAS" 1 AVP: "SAN CARLOS"
(b) Task Force 73: 4 AVP: "HALF MOON" "HERON" "ORCA" "SAN PABLO" 1 AV: "CURRITUCK" 2 AVR
(c) Task Force 75: 1 CGC: "SPENCER" 2 DE: "MARTIN" "DUFFY" 2 YMS: 163, 288
(d) Task Force 76 (a) TG.76.7.1: 2 XAK 6 SC: 648, 731, 734, 735, 748, 749 12 FS
(b) TG.76.7.2: 2 AT: "WHIPPOORWILL" "RESERVE" 2 SC: 737, 738
1 ATR: 31 2 AK
(c) TG.76.7.3: 1 PF: "ORANGE" 1 AN: "TEABERRY" 2 Tows
(d) TG.76.4.3: 4 APD: "CROSBY" "NEWMAN" "SCHLEY" "WARD" 1 AV: "STAG"
1 DD: "HOPEWELL" 1 AOG: "SHIKELLAMY" 1 AP: "GEN. HERSEY"
1 DE: "EICHENBERGER" 1 AO: "BISHOPDALE" 1 XAK 3 FS
(e) TG.76.4.7: 20 XAK 5 IST 1 LGI 2 AO 1 IX: "PORCUPINE"
4 PF: "GLENDALE" "BELFAST" "OGDEN" "SAN PEDRO"
1 AK: "BOOTES" 1 APA: "GILLIAM"
(e) Task Force 77: 1 AGC: "WASATCH"
Task Unit 77.1.5: 3 CL: "BOISE" "NASHVILLE" "PHOENIX"
5 DD: "BUSH" "BRYANT" "HALFORD" "NEWCOMB" "ROBINSON"
Task Group 77.2 (a) 3 BB: "NEW MEXICO" "WEST VIRGINIA" "COLORADO"
1 CA: "MINNEAPOLIS" 3 CL: "COLUMBIA" "DENVER" "MONTPELIER"
10 DD: "CONN" "INGRAM" "CONNER" "WALLER" "EATON" "CONWAY"
"SIGOURNEY" "RENSHAW" "BENNING"
(b) 1 CA: "PORTLAND"
9 DD: "NICHOLAS" "LANG" "EDWARDS" "PRINGLE" "LA VALLETTE"
"HOWORTH" "FLETCHER" "KNAPP" "MUGFORD"
Task Unit 77.4.6: 3 CVE: "MANILA BAY" "MARCUS ISLAND" "SAVO ISLAND"
1 DD: "RALPH TALBOT" 1 DE: "GILLIGAN"
Task Group 77.7.21: 1 AT: "HIDATSA" 2 SC: 637, 744 1 APD: 19
Miscellaneous: 6 DD: "BARTON" "WALKER" "LATTEY" "O'BRIAN" "ALLEN M. SUMNER" "MOALE"
(f) Task Force 78 & 79:
Task Group 78.2: 5 AN: "SCOTT" "SENTRY" "REQUISITE" "REVENGE" "PURSUIT"
6 YMS: 39, 49, 52, 71, 314, 315 1 PG: "TULSA" 1 HDML: 1074
3 IX: "CARIBOU" "MINK" "PANDA" 2 PCE(R): 849, 851
1 AO: "SEVERN" 4 SC: 726, 1004, 1356, 1368
Task Group 78.3: 15 YMS: 2, 6, 8, 9, 47, 51, 53, 66, 218, 315, 329, 334, 336, 339, 481
Task Force 78 (a) 1 CGC: "BUTTONWOOD" 1 IX: "ARETHUSA" 2 ARS: "CABLE" "GRAPPIE"
(Miscellaneous) 1 ARL: "EGERIA" 1 AT: "QUAPAW" 2 AK: "RUTILIGUS" "MURZINA"
2 DE: "JOBS" "HOLT" 3 APD: "HERBERT" "LLOYD" "COFER"
5 DD: "HUGHES" "O'BANNON" "CONYGHAN" "SHAW" "CALDWELL"
43 AP/AK
(b) 12 ISM 1 SC: 729 1 PG: 1126 2 DD: "HALL" "PAUL HAMILTON"
(2) "GRIFFIN" (4/S) departed Caloundra 1300/2 for Woandi ETA 0500/8, with "VENDETTA" (DD).
(3) "ACUBENS" (AKS) departed Caloundra 30 Nov for Hollandia ETA 0800/8.
(4) "CHIWAUKUM" (AOG) departed Santo 3 Dec for Milne Bay ETA 9 Dec.

(b) In Harbour:Morotai

Combat units 29 PT
 Escorts 8 : 6 AMS: "GLENELG" "KATOOMB A" "STRAHAN" "LITHGOW" "COWRA" "BROOME"
 2 PF: "BURDEKIN" "HUTCHINSON"
 Auxiliaries 14 : "MOBJACK" (AGP) "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG) "MERCURY" (AK) 2 YO 2 YOG
 2 YFD 2 YPF 2 YPD 1 YP: 236

Sansapor:

Escorts 1 : 1 PC: 1590

Manfoor:

Auxiliaries 1 : "HASKELL" (APA)

Biak-Woendi:

Combat units 39 PT
 Escorts 6 : 5 AMS: "WAGGA" "STAVELL" "LATROBE" "KIAMA" "GYMPIE" 1 PS: "SWAN"
 Auxiliaries 13 : "ORION" (AS) "SAKATONCHEE" (AOG) "DEPRICK" (YO) "VICTORIA" (AO)
 "STONEMALL" (IX) "PASTORES" (AF) "BINGERA" (AC) "REMUS" (ARL)
 "POYANG" (AE) 2 YP: 230, 240 2 YFD

Humboldt Bay:

Combat units 1 CA : "LOUISVILLE"
 27 DD : "REID" "MONSSEN" "SAMUEL C. REID" "CLAXTON" "STACK" "STEVENS" "HALL"
 "LAMSON" "MAHAN" "KIDD" "FLUSSELL" "SMITH" "DRAYTON" "MORRIS" "BLACK"
 "MCGOWAN" "DASHIELL" "COGHLAN" "GANSEVOORT" "BRAINE" "RATHBURN"
 "STEMBEL" "ABBOTT" "JENKINS" "BELL" "ARUNTA" "C. J. BADGER"
 Escorts 80 : 21 DE : "BOWERS" "WITTER" "THOMASON" "NEVENDORFF" "CHAS. J. KIMMEL"
 "THOS. F. NICHOL" "LOVELACE" "WHITHURST" "DOYLE C. BARNES"
 "LOUGH" "KEN. M. WILLETT" "WILLMARTH" "SACCORD" "MANNING"
 "LLOYD E. ACREE" "ENCLAND" "GEO. F. DAVIS" "J. E. CRAIG" "TINSLEY"
 "DANIEL A. JOY" "PELLEPPER" 3 YMS: 2, 233, 384
 3 AMS: "ARARAT" "GLADSTONE" "BUNDABERG" 4 PCE(R): 848, 850, 852, 854
 18 SC: 514, 521, 531, 636, 668, 687, 695, 735, 991, 1012, 1052,
 1273, 1319, 1320, 1321, 1327, 1365, 1369 1 ML: 825
 20 PC: 84, 462, 464, 555, 563, 584, 586, 695, 812, 1119, 1129,
 1121, 1122, 1123, 1134, 1134, 1137, 1139, 1180, 1590
 10 PF: "BURLINGTON" "CORONADO" "EUGENE" "SANDUSKY" "LONG BEACH"
 "BISBEE" "MUSKOCBE" "EL PASO" "VAN BUREN" "GALLUP"
 Auxiliaries 84 : "BANNER" "BARNSTABLE" "ELMORE" "SUMNER" "LEON" "JAMES O'HARA" "KNOW"
 "PIERCE" "LEONARD WOOD" "CAMBRIA" "MONROVIA" "CALVERT" "APPLING"
 "CUSTER" "FREMONT" "HENRY T. ALLEN" (APA) "COMET" "WARHAWK" "LASALLE"
 "WINGED ARROW" "STORM KING" "HERALD OF THE MORN" (AP) "WRIGHT" (A)
 "SUAMICO" "SALAMONIE" "SARANG" "TRINITY" (AO) "JUPITER" "GANIMEDIS"
 "ORUK" (AK) "AQUARIUS" "AGNES" "ELECTRA" (AKA) "CALAMARES" (AF)
 "MERCY" "HOPE" (AI) "POLLUX" (AKS) "LOBBIN" (AD) "SEEKONK" (AGC) "RA"
 "LARK" "CHETCO" (AT) "PIRO" (AE) "ACHILLES" "AMYCUS" (ARL) "PREDLI"
 (DM) "CLYDE" "VILLALOBOS" (IX) "BLUE RIDGE" "MT. OLYMPUS" (AGE)
 "HUMPHREYS" "DICKERSON" "KILTY" "BROOKS" "SANDS" (APD) "RIKEY"
 (APH) "CULEBRA ISLAND" (ARC) "GUNSTON HALL" "SHADWELL" "OAKHILL"
 "EPPING FOREST" "WHITELASH" "BELLE GROVE" "LINCOLNIAL" (LSD)
 "MONITOR" (LSV) "BELKNAP" "GOLDSEBOROUGH" (AVD) "BEEZE" "ELLIOT"
 (DMS) "TRIUMPH" (AM) 2 YFD: 4 YP: 215, 240, 291, 292
 2 AFD: 7, 12 6 AFD: 2, 3, 11, 16, 24, 25

Aitape:

Escorts 1 : 1 PC: 1600
 Combat units 1 DD : "RUSSELL"
 Auxiliaries 15 : "DIPHEAD" "TRUDAN" (AK) "FELAND" "CAVALIER" "FAYETTE" "DUPAGE"
 "LEEDSTOWN" "WAYNE" "BEYWOOD" "FULLER" (APA) "CAPE JOHNSON"
 "GOLDEN CITY" "JOHN LAND" (A) "HERCULES" "AURIGA" (AK)

Admiralties:

Combat units 4 BB : "CALIFORNIA" "MARYLAND" "MISSISSIPPI" "PENNSYLVANIA"
 12 CVE : "KADASHAN BAY" "NATOMA BAY" "SAGINAW BAY" "BARNES" "MAKIN ISLAND"
 "SALAMAUJA" "HOGGATT BAY" "ALAVA BAY" "OMLANEY BAY" "LUNG POINT"
 "BISMARCK SEA" "PETROF BAY"
 4 CA : "BOSTON" "CANBERRA" "SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"
 2 CL : "CLEVELAND" "ST LOUIS"
 35 DD : "TWIGGS" "HALLIGAN" "HARADEN" "EVANS" "FOOTE" "REMEY" "MCDERMOTT"
 "MERTZ" "ERDEN" "WALKER" "MEEVIN" "AMEN" "PATTERSON" "KIMBERLY"
 "LEUTZE" "KILLEN" "CHAUNCEY" "SAUFLEY" "AULICK" "TAYLOR" "MUSTIN"
 "HELM" "MARR" "MCALL" "STERETT" "ISHERWOOD" "R. P. LEARY" "WILSON"
 "GRIDLEY" "CONVERSE" "BAGLEY" "AUSBURNE" "H. L. EDWARDS" "CHARRETTE"
 "WARRAMUNG A"
 2 SS : "S.45" "S.47"

Admiralties: (Cont)

Escorts 61 : 14 DE : "RABY" "DELAHANTY" "OSMUS" "EVEASOLE" "OBERRENDER" "HARMON" "CADIANA" "R.S. SUESSENS" "LA PRADE" "COOLEBAUGH" "FOREMAN" "GREENWOOD" "J. DOUGLAS BLACKWOOD" "LE RAY WILSON"
 5 SC : 631, 732, 982, 1004, 1375 3 PF : "CARSON CITY" "GASCOYNE" "BARCOO"
 8 PC : 600, 742, 1130, 1537, 1591, 1170, 1131, 1421 2 PCS : 1391, 1418
 29 YMS : 1, 10, 46, 48, 81, 97, 140, 158, 238, 243, 286, 293, 318, 319, 327, 339, 340, 341, 342, 353, 360, 363, 364, 366, 380, 393, 398, 403, 410

Auxiliaries 69 : "BAXTER" "ADAIR" (APA) "TALAMANAC" (AF) "TANGIER" (AV) "ARIANUS" (CMS) "MANLEY TALBOT" (APD) "CACAPON" "CHIKASKIA" "NESHANIC" "CALIENTE" "ESCAMBIA" "WINOOSKI" "NEOMARA" (AO) "JASON" (ARG) "JAMESTOWN" (AST) "CEUS" "LEYTE" "MINDANAO" (ARG) "AMERICAN" "YOUTH" (AP) "ALBERTA" "ELCONA" "ALYCONA" (AKA) "ORANGE" "SALUTE" "CAPTIV" (AI) "MEDUSA" "BRIAREUS" (AR) "MONADNOCK" (CM) "LYRA" "CETUS" "SHAULA" "WARWICK" "SAGITTARIUS" (AK) "GLENSON" (AVD) "PRESERVER" (ARS) "RIO GRANDE" "ELKHORN" "PASQUOTANK" (AOG) "YUNNAN" (AE) "ALABASTER" (PYC) "BENALLA" "PARHINDER" (ICS) "TAYLOR" "TERN" "KINGFISHER" "MEMONINEE" "WAGON HILL" "CHOWANOC" "CHIKASKIA" (AT) "TORCHWOOD" (YN) "CARONDOLET" "ABACONDA" "LEOPARD" "ANDREW DORR" (IX) "OTUS" (AS) "LAUREL" "COLLSTAR" (AG) "PIEBMONT" "WHITNEY" "SIERRA" (AD) 2 ASD 1 AD : 20 2 AFD : 6, 20 3 YP : 280, 288, 5

Cape Gloucester:

Combat units 2 DD : "LEUCE" "C. J. DOGER"
 Escorts 5 : 2 PC : 1123, 1001 2 SC : 632, 1004 1 DE : "W. C. WANN"
 Auxiliaries 11 : "EMPIRE ARQUEBUS" (SLI) "MORISTON" (AP) "CAPRICORNUS" (AE) "CLYDE" "W. P. DIDDLE" "A. T. MIDDLETON" "CATSKILL" "F. FUNSTON" (AF) "CHRYA" (AKA) "ROCKY MOUNT" (AGC) "CHEPAGHET" (AO)

Alexishafen-Madang:

Escorts 4 : 1 YMS : "BLINDUANI" 2 ML : 802, 812 1 HDML : 1339
 Auxiliaries 3 : "KOOPA" (AG) "PING WO" (ASIS) 1 YP : 504

Pangemak:

Escorts 8 : 1 AMS : "TOWN VILLE" 1 A/S : "WILCANNIA"
 3 PC : 218, 35, 1491 3 SC : 694, 739, 748
 Auxiliaries 15 : "TASMAN" "M. TSUYCKER" "REFUGE" (AH) "AASE MAERSK" (AO) "OZARK" (LSV) "ST CILES" "RACE POINT" "CHIPPEWA" (AT) "KATOOMBA" "GEN. HARRY MELOR" (AP) "GAMBLE" (DM) "OVERTON" (APD) "TRYON" (APH) "BULL WHEEL" (YC) 1 ARD : 9

Lae:

Escorts 2 : 1 ML : 820 1 HDML : 1321
 Auxiliaries 1 : 1 AP : "TARCONA"

Jacquinet Bay:

Auxiliaries 2 : "AMERICAN SALVOR" (ARS) "LAURIANA" (AG)

Oro Bay:

Escorts 1 : 1 DE : "LOESER"
 Auxiliaries 2 : "OLMSTEAD" (APA) "CASA GRANDE" (LSD)

Milne Bay:

Escorts 6 : 4 AMS : "ROCKHAMPTON" "DEBORAHINE" "COOTAMUNDER" "KAPUNDA"
 2 SC : 699, 742
 Auxiliaries 11 : "DUNGAREE" (CM) "ARAYAT" (IX) "MAUNA LOA" (AE) "KUKUMBA" (AO) "JV ALDE" (AKA) "WARREN" (APA) "ETAMIN" (AK) 1 ARD : 9
 3 YP : 275, 499, 541

Port Moresby:

Escorts 1 : 1 HDML : 1327

2. SOLOMONS(a) At Sea to 1200/6:

(1) "SHANNEE" (AT) departed Brisbane 1705/3 for Torokina ETA 0800/7.

(b) In Harbour:Tau:

Escorts 7 : 1 DE : "STANFIELD" 4 SC : 520, 620, 703, 1274 2 YMS : "TUI" 250
 Auxiliaries 3 : 2 YP : 233, 514 1 AOG : "ACATA"

Green Is:

Combat units 12 PT
 Escorts 1 : 1 YMS : 94
 Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YP : 248

Torokina:

Combat units 5 DD : "SPROSTON" "PICKIN" "WICKES" "W.D. PORTER" "YOUNG"
 Escorts 15 : 2 SC : 1118, 1590 7 PC: 476, 477, 590, 702, 1170, 1231, 1242
 1 PCS: 1429 2 DE: "MERCROMBIE" "GILLIGAN" 3 YMS: 176, 311, 300
 Auxiliaries 25 : "DRACO" (AK) "ANTARES" (AKS) "YUMA" (AT) "RACCOON" "CELTIC" (IX)
 "LIBRA" "ALMAH" "ALSHAIN" "TITANIA" (AKA) "EMPIRE BATTLEAXE"
 "EMPIRE HACE" "WESTALIA" "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA" (LSI) "SARASOTA"
 "LOYEN" "HARRIS" "LAMAR" "SHERIDAN" "ALPINE" "BOLIVAR" "
 "HARRY LEE" (APA) "PRES. POLK" "STARLIGHT" (AP) "PINKNEY" (APN)

Peasary Is:

Combat units 42 PT
 6 PGM
 Escorts 9 : 1 DE : "PAUL G. BAKE" 3 PC: 479, 605, 1132 1 YMS: 45
 4 SC : 677, 722, 1074, 1260
 Auxiliaries 2 : 1 YO : "WHIPSTOCK" 1 YP: 520

Munda:

Escorts 3 : 1 DE : "GENIBEAU" 1 PC: 1119 2 YMS: "KIWI", 196
 4 SC : 514, 702, 999, 1065

3. EAST AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea to 1200/6:

- (1) "OCTANS" (AF) was to depart Sydney 3 Dec for Brisbane, Milne Bay and Hollandia.
- (2) "MESQUITE" (CGC) was to depart Caloundra 1900/2 for Langenak via Milne Bay.
- (3) "WANGANELLA" (AH) departed Darwin 1 Dec for Sydney ETA 0700/3.
- (4) "YANKEE" (A/S) was to depart Sydney 1000/3 for Melbourne.

(b) In Harbour:Merauke:

Escorts 4 : 2 YMS: "SMECCE" "MENDACCE" 2 HDML: 1322, 1323

Thursday Is:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "PIRIE"
 Auxiliaries 2 : "WINTER" "CHALLENGER" (AGS)

Cairns:

Escorts 4 : 1 AMS: "FRENCH" 3 ML: 428, 431, 506
 Auxiliaries 3 : "LOTHIAN" "CLAU LAMONT" "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD" "CLERGAN" (LSI)
 "FIRE ISLAND" (AT) "DUNTHORN" (AF) "CALDONIAN SALVOR" (AS)

Townsville:

Escorts 5 : 3 AMS: "COMPTON" "BENDIGO" "KALGOOLIE" 1 ML: 8267
 1 HDML: 1329
 Auxiliaries 4 : "POLARIS" (AGS) "TANCREP" "WATO" (AT) 1 YP: 615

Bowen:

Auxiliaries 1 : "HEROS" (AT)

Brisbane:

Combat units 6 SS : "S.42" "NARWHAL" "STINGRAY" "NAUTILUS" "GABILAN" "PERCH"
 Escort 12 : 7 ML: 424, 425, 504, 511, 520, 521 1 YMS: 313
 1 AMS: "WHYLLA" 3 HDML: 1129, 1324, 1353
 Auxiliaries 4 : "ETOLIN" (AK) "GEN. ANDERSON" (AP) "PONTUS" (AGP) "MERUR" (AF)

Sydney:

Combat units 2 CL : "HOBART" (refitting) "TROMP"
 2 DD : "GLENDOWER" "QUICKMATCH"
 1 ODD : "STUART"
 3 SS : "K.9" "K.12" "TELEMACHUS"
 Escorts 12 : 1 AMS: "BALLARAT" 1 PS: "WARREGO" 1 A/S: "KYBRA" 1 PC: 596
 7 ML: 426, 501, 515, 516, 519, 522, 523 1 SC: 1039
 Auxiliaries 4 : "POINT LOMA" (AT) "MANUDA" (AI) "OCTORATI" (IX) "ARDEN" (CM)

Melbourne:

Combat units 1 OCL : "MOELAIDE"
 1 DD : "NIZAM"
 Escorts 5 : "ABRAHAM CRIJNSEN" "DOOMEA" (A/S) "BOWEN" (AMS)
 2 HDML: 1340, 1350

4. NORTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/6:(1) Task Force 71:

On Patrol 27 SS : "BLACKFIN" "SEA WOLF" "FLYING FISH" "B. SHAW" "FLOUNDER" "HADDO"
 "GUAINVA" "ARDEL" "ABERO" "FLASHER" "GUNNELL" "JACK" "PARGO"
 "BECUNA" "CROWLE" "H. AKE" "SEA ROVER" "HAWK BELL" "MUSKELLUNGE"
 "BESUGO" "H. ACHER" "SPITEFUL" "GAR" "MINGO"

(1) ALLIED FORCES (CONT)

SECRET

(1) Task Force 71:

On Passage 9 SS : "GURNARD" "CLAUDE" "ANGLER" "K.14" "ELUEGILL" "HOE" "LAPON"
"CAVALLA" "TANTALUS"

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Escorts 10 : 4 AMS: "JUNEE" "CASTLEMAINE" "PARKE" "HORSHAM"
5 ML: 429, 809, 812, 814, 907 1 HDML: 1329

Auxiliaries 4 : "STELLA" "MORESBY" "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) "CHANTICLEER" (ARS)

Port Nelson:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "ECHUCA"

SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(a) At Sea to 1200/6:

Nil report.

(b) In Harbour:

Tremantle:

Combat units 1 CA : "SUFFOLK"

1 DD : "QUEENSDOROUGH"

15 SS : "GUITARRO" "PADDLE" "DREAM" "CODIA" "DACE" "ROCK" "SIDDAR"
"TANTIVY" "EMERALD" "HAMMERHEAD" "STOIC" "STORM" "ZWAARDFISCH"
"K.15" "O.19"

Escorts 6 : 1 PF : "COMPUS CHRISTI" 1 PS: "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA"

1 SC : 720 1 ML: 824 2 YMS: 11, 72

Auxiliaries 7 : "ANNEBON" "BURYALE" "MAIDSTONE" (AS) "ISRAEL" (PY) "COUCAL" (A)

1 ARD: 1C 1 YP: 23C

Dunbury:

Escrts 1 : 1 AMS: "DUNBURY"

(ii) ENEMY FORCESA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC1. PHILIPPINES

- (1) Manila Area - At 1113/5 Dec. aircraft sighted a 6 ship convoy described as 2 cargo vessels, 1 light cruiser 3 destroyers approx. 100 miles W. of Manila Bay entrance, on course 300°, at 10 knots. This is probably the same convoy as that originally reported entering S. Palawan Passage 30 Nov. via Balabac Strait comprising 2 sizeable merchant ships, 4 escorts including, possibly, 1 destroyer; if the above position and course are a correct indication of the convoy's route, it appears to be passing Manila.
- At about midnight 5-6 Dec. 2 destroyers were observed by aircraft approx. 90 miles N.W. of Manila Bay entrance on course 180°.
- Night 3-4 Dec. airfields around Manila including Clark and Nichols were raided by 1 Liberator, and night 4-5 Dec. Clark and Nichols fields were harassed by 2 Liberators.
- (2) S.E. Luzon - A.M. 5 Dec. Bulan airdrome was bombed by 8 Thunderbolts and Legaspi was bombed by 16 Thunderbolts, the former acting as escort for the latter after releasing their bombs; 2 parked aircraft were destroyed on Legaspi. No interception is reported.
- (3) Camotes Sea - Delayed reports state that PT boats operating in Camotes sea night 28-29 Nov. claimed a torpedo hit on an small ship at Port Belbo, on W. shores of Ormoc Bay and 1 hit in 1 of 3 medium sized merchant ships off Ormoc Town; 5 Jap planes attacked the PT boats at various times and 1 was shot down with damage to our boats.
- Night 29-30 Nov. 4 U. S. destroyers swept Camotes Sea but found no ships in Ormoc Bay: at separate times 4 enemy aircraft attacked the destroyers. This makes the fourth destroyer sweep of Camotes Sea conducted recently:-
- 27-28 Nov.: no ships located, 1 submarine sunk, bombarded Ormoc,
 - 29-30 Nov.: no ships located.
 - 1-2 Dec.: sank 1 cargo vessel S. of Masbate Is., bombarded Palompon and Ormoc.
 - 2-3 Dec.: engaged 2-3 ships off Ormoc and believed sank 1 destroyer escort or destroyer transport (subsequently stated by prisoner to be a "MATSU" class destroyer) subjected to continuous, severe, air attacks; 1 destroyer lost to torpedo or possibly mine.
- (4) Visayas - At 1310/2 Dec. Dumaguete airdrome was bombed by 22 Liberators. Also on 2 Dec. Fabrica airdrome was subjected to a sweep by 8 Lightnings which encountered 11 fighters of which 5 were shot down, 1 probably shot down and 1 more damaged.
- On 3 Dec. Opon airdrome (ol. Mactan Is. off Cebu Town) was bombed by 3 Liberators. Night 3-4 Dec. Opon field and the Negros I. airdromes were harassed by 1 Liberator and night 4-5 Dec. Opon and Labag airdromes were raided by 1 Liberator.
- At 1345/5 Dec. Talisay airdrome (N.W. Negros) was dive-bombed by 8 Thunderbolts escorted by 12 Lightnings.
- (5) Leyte - In the Limon sector slight gains were made by our forces moving S. abreast the main highway. A road block established by our forces 250 yards S. of Leyte River was attacked night 2-3 Dec. by several Jap tanks but the attack was repulsed by rockets. Another attempt to force the road block night 4-5 Dec. was made by 8 Jap tanks; this attempt was also frustrated and 2 tanks were destroyed.
- In the W. coast sector, an assault was launched 5 Dec. from our positions S. of Palanas River, the river was crossed and the advance continued against light resistance. At 0730/5 Dec. 15 amphibious tanks landed unopposed near Balogo in the rear of the enemy's lines and harassed communications etc. before successfully withdrawing.
- In the sector W. of Dagami elimination of the enemy strong points continues and some advances were made on 5 Dec.
- On 4 Dec. offensive operations were launched against Wright on Central W. coast Samar; supporting this move, 16 Kittyhawks dive-bombed Wright A.M. 5 Dec.
- There were no enemy air attacks on our Leyte land positions night 4-5 Dec. nor on 5 Dec. up to dusk.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)

- (6) Leyte Gulf Area - Night 4-5 Dec. was quiet but A.M. 5 Dec. the enemy again launched a series of sustained air attacks against our shipping in Leyte Gulf and Surigao Strait and against a convoy approaching Leyte approx. 150 miles E. of Surigao.

At 0915/5 Dec. the convoy approaching Leyte was attacked by torpedo bombers and the attacks were repeated during the day apparently utilizing torpedo bombers, fighters and probably dive-bombers. The convoy was still under attack at 1500/5 Dec. Full details are not yet available but damage was suffered by some of our ships: at least 1 enemy aircraft was shot down by an escort vessel.

At approx. 1110/5 Dec. a Task Group in Surigao Strait was attacked by a force of about 8 dive-bombers and 2 fighters of which 5 aircraft were shot down by fighter cover and 1 more by ships AA. This Task Group was apparently again under attack 1715-1740/5 Dec. but details are not available. Minor damage was suffered by our ships.

In addition at 1730/5 Dec. another Task Group in Leyte Gulf was attacked by 2 dive-bombers both of which were shot down by ships AA.

- (7) Mindanao Sea - At 0500/5 Dec. a sea truck off S. coast Bohol Is. was sunk by night reconnaissance plane.
- (8) Mindanao - At 1246/2 Dec. Cagayan airdrome was bombed by 18 Liberators and on the same day Matina airdrome was attacked by 6 Lightnings destroying 3 parked bombers, and Pedada was strafed by 12 Thunderbolts destroying 1 parked single engine aircraft.

On 4 Dec. a reconnaissance Liberator shot down an enemy patrol bomber over Davao Gulf and destroyed 1 lugger, 1 oil barge in Sarangani Bay.

2. EAST INDIES

- (1) Morotai - Enemy air raids on Morotai seem to have been suspended at least temporarily.

On 4 Dec. however slightly increased land activity was reported in the form of harassing of our perimeter positions.

- (2) N. Celebes - P.M. 1 Dec. coastal positions on Lamoh Strait were attacked by 5 Kittyhawks, 2 Mustangs; 2 barges were sunk by strafing.

On 2 Dec. Langoan airdrome was bombed by 5 Bostons.

- (3) S.E. Celebes - On 2 Dec. Kendari airdrome was attacked by 35 Mitchells probably destroying 2 bombers on the ground and Boroboro airdrome was bombed by 7 Mitchells.

Photos 4 Dec. show 11 serviceable aircraft on 7 S.E. Celebes airdromes - 5 bombers on Malimpoeng and 4 bombers, 2 fighters on Ambesia; there were no serviceable planes on Kendari or Boroboro.

Night 4-5 Dec. Kendari airdrome was bombed by 1 Liberator.

- (4) N. Borneo - Reconnaissance 4 Dec. reported the following shipping:-

Miri:	2 sea trucks
Brunei Bay:	1 medium freighter
	5 sea trucks
Jesselton:	empty
Marudu Bay:	2 sea trucks (1 large, 1 small)
Sandakan:	5 sea trucks
	3 luggers
Sulu Archipelago	
anchorage:	empty
Darvel Bay:	3 barges
Tarakan:	empty.

- (5) Ambon - On 2 Dec. Namlea was bombed by 22 Mitchells and Ceram coast was swept by 4 Mitchells.

3. NEW GUINEA

- (1) Vogelkop - On 2 Dec. airdromes in the Manokwari area were attacked by 44 Kittyhawks
- (2) Wewak - On 4 Dec. Sabik village near Wewak was attacked by 8 Beaufighters and Angoram village up the Sepik River was attacked by 6 Bostons.
- On 5 Dec. Kairiru and Wewak targets were attacked by 9 Liberators, 4 Bostons, 2 Mitchells.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

- 1. FORMOSA - At 2220/4 Dec. aircraft attacked 3 large merchant ships 110 miles W.S.W. of Takao; 2 ships were hit of which 1 was set on fire.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

- (1) Continued enemy air reinforcement of Formosa and Philippines and intensified air offensive against shipping off Leyte.
- (2) Steady progress on Leyte against increased opposition.
- (3) Continued support Leyte operations by 3rd Fleet Aircraft Carrier Task Force.
- (4) Enemy submarine activity Philippines, W. and Central Pacific and Indian Ocean including use of midget submarines.
- (5) Absence of significant shipping N. Borneo anchorages.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> *Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)				<u>ENEMY FORCES</u> (Incl. Mandates)		
<u>BB</u>	(7)	CALIFORNIA COLORADO	MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI	NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA	WEST VIRGINIA	-
<u>CVE</u>	(15)	ALAVA BAY BARNES BISMARCK SEA HOGGATT BAY	KADASHAN BAY LUNGA POINT MAKIN ISLAND	MANILA BAY MARCUS ISLAND NATOMA BAY OMMANEY BAY	PETROF BAY SAGINAW BAY SAVO ISLAND SALAMUA	-
<u>CA</u>	(6)	#CANNBERRA LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PORTLAND	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE		-
<u>CL</u>	(11)	BOISE #CLEVELAND COLUMBIA	DENVER MONTPELIER NASHVILLE	PHOENIX #ST LOUIS	ADELAIDE #HOBART #TROMP	-
<u>AV</u>	(2)	CURRITUCK	TANGIER			-
<u>AVP</u>	(8)	BELKNAP CHINCOTEAGUE	GOLDSBOROUGH HALF MOON	HERON ORCA	SAN CARLOS SAN PABLO	-
<u>DD</u>	(102)	ABBOTT ALLEN M. SUMNER AMMEN AULICK AUSBURNE BAGLEY BARTON BLACK BRAINE BRYANT BUSH CHAUNCEY CLAXTON COGHLAN CONY CONYGHAM CONNER CONVERSE CONWAY C.T. BADGER DASHIELL DRAYTON EATON ERBEN ARUNTA GLENDDOWER	EVANS FLETCHER FLUSSER FOOTE GANSEVOORT GRIDLEY HALFORD HARADEN HALLIGAN HALL HELM H.L. EDWARDS HOWORTH HOEWELL INGRAHAM ISHERWOOD JENKINS KIDD KNAPP KILLEN KIMBERLEY LAFFEY LAMSON LANG NIZAM QUICKMATCH	LEUTZE LUCE MCCALL MAHAN MAURY MCDERMOTT MCGOWAN MELVIN MERTZE MOALE MONSSEN MORRIS MUGFORD MUSTIN NEWCOMB NICHOLAS O'BANNON O'BRIEN PAUL HAMILTON PATTERSON PICKING PRINGLE REID L.V. ALLETTE STUART VENDETTA	REMEY RALPH TALBOT RENSHAW ROBINSON R.P. LEARY RUSSELL SAMUEL C. REID SIGOURNEY SMITH SPROSTON STACK STEMBEL STERETT STEVENS TAYLOR TWIGGS WALKE WALKER WALLER WICKES WILSON WM. D. PORTER YOUNG WARRAMUNGA	-
<u>SS</u>						10
<u>PT</u>		Approx. 175				-

* Excluding Cenpac forces temporarily at sea in S.W.P.A.
Non-effective.

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>		
Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)		(Incl. Mandates)		
<u>AKA</u>	(72) ALGOL (AKA)	CLAY (APA)	SHERIDAN (APA)	-
<u>APA</u>	AIHENA	CLEMSON	WARREN	
<u>APD</u>	ALMAAK	CUSTER	WAYNE	
<u>LSI</u>	ALSHAIN	DOYEN	W.P.BIDDLE	
	ALYCOONE	DUPAGE	BROOKS (APD)	
	AQUARIUS	FAYETTE	CROSBY	
	CAPRICORNUS	FELAND	DICKERSON	
	DIEHDA	F.FUNSTON	HERBERT	
	CHARA	FREMONT	KILTY	
	LIBRA	FULLER	MANLEY	
	O'HARA	GILLIAM	OVERTON	
	THUBAN	GOLDEN CITY	SANDS	
	ALPINE (APA)	HARRY LEE	SCHLEY	
	ADAIR	HASKELL	TALBOT	
	APPLING	HEYWOOD	WARD	
	ARIADNE	H.T.ALLEN	KANIMBLA (LSI)	
	A.T.MIDDLETON	KNOX	MANOCRA	
	AUDRAIN	LEEDSTOWN	WESTRALIA	
	BANNER	LELAND	CLAN LAMONT	
	BAXTER	LEO CLYMAN	EMPIRE ARQUEBUS	
	B OLIVAR	LAMARR	EMPIRE BATTLEAXE	
	CALVERT	MONROVIA	EMPIRE MACE	
	CAMERIA	OLMSTEAD	EMPIRE SPEARHEAD	
	CAVALIER	SARASOTA	GLENEARN	
<u>AGC</u>	(5) BLUE RIDGE	MOUNT MCKINLEY WASATCH		-
	MOUNT OLYMPUS	ROCKY MOUNT		
<u>AS</u>	(4) GRIFFIN	ORION	OTUS	-
	HOLLAND			
<u>AD</u>	(4) DOBBIN	SIERRA	WHITNEY	-
	PIEDMONT			
<u>AR</u>	(4) BRIAREUS	PLATYPUS	RIGEL	-
	MEDUSA			
<u>ARB</u>	(1) MIDAS			-
<u>AC</u>	(5) CEBU	LEYTE	OGLALA	-
	CULEBRA ISLAND	MINDANAO		
<u>ARH</u>	(1) JASON			-
<u>ARL</u>	(4) ACHILLES	EGERIA	REMUS	-
	AMYCUS			
<u>ARS</u>	(4) CABLE	PRESERVER	VENUS	-
	GRAPPLE			
<u>LSD</u>	(10) ASHLAND	GUNSTON HALL		-
	BELLE GROVE	LINDENWALD		
	CARTER HALL	OAKHILL		
	CASA GRANDE	RUSHMORE		
	EPPING FOREST	WHITE MARSH		

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4. CENTRAL PACIFIC
(Including N. and S. Pacific Area)

# ALLIED FORCES				S. China Sea Incl. Formosa Singapore	Empire
BB	(13)	ALABAMA IDAHO INDIANA IOWA	MASSACHUSETTS MISSOURI NEW JERSEY NORTH CAROLINA	OKLAHOMA SOUTH DAKOTA WASHINGTON WISCONSIN TENNESSEE	(2) HARUNA MUSASHI (sev. dmgd. poss. sunk) (3) *YAMATO *NAGATO KONGO (pc) S. China S.
BB/XCV				(2) HYUGA ISE	-
CV	(13)	ENTERPRISE ESSEX FRANKLIN BUNKER HILL	HANCOCK HORNET INTREPID LEXINGTON	RANGER SARITOGA TICONDEROGA WASP YORKTOWN	(3) AMAGI HAYATAI UNRYU
CVL	(8)	BATAAN BELLEAU WOOD CABOT	COWPENS INDEPENDENCE LANGLEY	MONTEREY SAN JACINTO	(2) RYUHO HOSHO
CVE	(43)	ADMIRALTY IS. ALTAMHA ASTROLABE BAY ATTU BOUGAINVILLE BRETON BUCARELI BAY CAPE ESPERANCE CASABLANCA CHAPIN BAY CHENANGO COPAHEE CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR	FANSHAW BAY HOLLANDIA GILBERT ISLANDS KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY KWAJALEIN LONG ISLAND MAKASSAR STRAIT MATANAKAU MUNDA NISSAU NEHENTA BAY PRINCE WILLIAM ROI	RUDYERD BAY SANGAMON SANTEE SARGENT BAY SHAMROCK BAY SHIPLEY BAY SITKCH BAY STEAMER BAY SUWANNEE TAKANAS BAY TANANEK BAY THE IS BAY TULAGI WHITE PLAINS WINDHAM BAY	(2) JINYO UNYO (2) KAIYO OTAKI sunk
CA	(9)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER	INDIANAPOLIS PENSACOLA NEW ORLEANS	SALT LAKE CITY (2-4) WICHITA SAN FRANCISCO	CHOKAI (1 rptd) (4) *TAKAO) sunk MYOKO) probably NACHI) sunk IBUKI TONE *AOBA *HIGURO 6
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CL	(22)	ASTORIA BILOXI *BIRMINGHAM CONCORD DETROIT *HONOLULU *HOUSTON	*LEANDER GAMBIER MIA I MOBILE OAKLAND PASADENA RALEIGH *RENO	RICHMOND SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN SANTA FE TRENTON VICKSBURG	(1) KINU ABUKUMA (1 or poss. both sunk) (4-5) OYODO YAHAGI KISO TAMA) two ISUZU) re SAKAWA) re
CLT				KASHII	KASHIM
AV/CVS	(4)	BALLARD CHANDELEUR	CURTISS	POCOMOKE	(2) ASKITISUS *NOTORO
DD		Approx. 150			20 15 (several repairing)
		Approx. 150			10 Approx. 50
			?	?	2 (1 repairing)

* Non-effective.

Some of these units operating temporarily in S.W.P.A.

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES
Southwest Pacific (Western Section)

ENEMY FORCES
Indian Ocean

<u>BB</u>	-	(4) HOWE QUEEN ELIZABETH	RENOWN VALIANT	-																																																												
<u>CV</u>	-	(3) ILLUSTRIOUS INDOMITABLE	VICTORIOUS	-																																																												
<u>CVE</u>	-	(7) ACTIVITY AMEER ATHELING BATTLER	BEGUM SHAH UNICORN	-																																																												
<u>A</u>	(1) <u>SUFFOLK</u>	(2) CUMBERLAND	LONDON	-																																																												
	-	(6) ACHILLES CEYLON KENYA	NEWCASTLE NIGERIA PHOENIX	-																																																												
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	(1) ALBATROSS		-																																																												
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	SOLOMONS		PHILIPPINES			MANDATES
	BISMARCKS	EAST INDIES	Luzon	Visayas	Mindanao	
Fighters	3	184	175	93	36	6
S/E Bombers	-	10	71	5	12	-
T/Bombers	-	94	78	37	34	3
Flying Boats	-	6	4	-	-	-
Float Planes	10	47	20	22	12	6
Obsn. A/C	2	27	25	7	5	4
TOTAL	15	368	373	164	99	19

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PART I

(1) ALLIED FORCES

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NEW GUINEA - BISMARCKS

(a) At Sea to 1200/7:

- (1) (a) Task Force 70 (i) 5 AGP: "WILLOUGHBY" "WACHAPREAGUE" "OYSTER BAY" "HILO" "PORTUNUS"
83 PT
(ii) 3 PF: "ALLENTOWN" "CHARLOTTSVILLE" "MACHIAS" 1 AVP: "SAN CARLOS"
(b) Task Force 73: 4 AVP: "HALF MOON" "HERON" "ORCQ" "SAN PABLO" 1 AV: "CURRITUCK" 2 AVR
(c) Task Force 75: 1 CGC: "SPENCER" 2 DE: "MARTIN" "DUFFY" 2 YMS: 163, 288
(d) Task Force 76 (a) TG.76.7.1: 2 XAK 6 SC: 648, 731, 734, 735, 748, 749 12 FS
(b) TG.76.7.2: 2 AT: "WHIPPOORWILL" "RESERVE" 2 SC: 737, 738 1 ATR: 31
2 AK
(c) TG.76.7.3: 1 PF: "ORANGE" 1 AN: "TEABERRY" 2 Tows
(d) TG.76.4.3: 4 ARD: "CROSBY" "NEWMAN" "SCHLEY" "WARD" 1 AV: "STAG"
1 DD: "HOPEWELL" 1 AGC: "SHIKALLAMY" 1 AP: "GEN. HERSEY"
1 DE: "EICHENBERGER" 1 AO: "BISHOPDALE" 1 XAK 3 FS
(e) TG.76.4.7: 20 XAK 5 IST 1 LCI 2 AO 1 IX: "PORCUPINE"
4 PF: "GLENDALE" "BELFAST" "OGDEN" "SAN PEDRO"
1 AK: "BOOTES" 1 APA: "GILLIAM"
(e) Task Force 77: 1 AGC: "WASATCH"
Task Unit 77.1.5: 3 CL: "BOISE" "NASVILLE" "PHOENIX"
5 DD: "BUSH" "BRYANT" "HALFORD" "NEWCOMB" "ROBINSON"
Task Group 77.2 (a) 3 BB: "NEW MEXICO" "WEST VIRGINIA" "COLORADO"
1 CA: "MINNEAPOLIS" 3 CL: "COLUMBIA" "DENVER" "MONTPELIER"
10 DD: "CONY" "INGRAHAM" "CONNER" "WALLER" "EATON" "CONWAY"
"SIGOURNEY" "RENSHAW" "BENNION"
(b) 1 CA: "PORTLAND"
9 DD: "NICHOLAS" "LANG" "EDWARDS" "PRINGLE" "LA VALLETTE"
"HOWORTH" "FLETCHER" "KNAPP" "MUGFORD"
Task Unit 77.4.6: 3 CVE: "MANILA BAY" "MARCUS ISLAND" "SAVO ISLAND"
1 DD: "RALPH TALBOT" 1 DE: "GILLIGAN"
Task Group 77.7.21: 1 AT: "HIDATSA" 2 SC: 637, 744 1 ARD: 19
Miscellaneous: 6 DD: "BARTON" "WALKE" "LAFFEY" "OBRIEN" "ALLEN M. SUMNER" "MOALE"
(f) Task Force 78 & 79:
Task Group 78.2: 5 AM: "SCOUT" "SENTRY" "REQUISITE" "REVENGE" "PURSUIT"
6 YMS: 39, 48, 52, 71, 314, 315 1 PG: "TULSA" 1 HMML: 1074
3 IX: "CARIBOU" "MINK" "PANDA" 2 PCE(R): 849, 851
1 AO: "SEVERN" 4 SC: 726, 1004, 1356, 1368
Task Group 78.3: 15 YMS: 2, 6, 8, 9, 47, 51, 53, 68, 218, 315, 329, 334, 336, 339, 481
Task Force 78 (a) 1 CGC: "BUTTONWOOD" 1 IX: "ARETHUSA" 2 ARS: "CABLE" "GRAPPLE"
(Miscellaneous) 1 ARL: "EGERIA" 1 AT: "QUAPAN" 2 AK: "RUTILICUS" "MURZIM"
2 DE: "JOBS" "HOLT" 3 APD: "HERBERT" "LLOYD" "COFER"
5 DD: "HUGHES" "O'BANNON" "CONYGHAM" "SHAW" "CALDWELL"
43 AP/AK
(b) 12 ISM 1 SC: 729 1 PG: 1128 2 DD: "PAUL HAMILTON" "HALL"
(2) "GRIFFIN" (A/S) departed Caloundra 1300/2 for Woendi ETA 0500/8, with "VENETTA" (DD).
(3) "ACUBENS" (AKS) departed Caloundra 30 Nov for Hollandia ETA 0800/8.
(4) "CHIWAIKUM" (AOG) departed Santo 3 Dec for Milne Bay ETA 9 Dec.

(b) In Harbour:Morotai:

Combat units 29 PT
Escorts 8

: 6 AMS: "GLENELG" "KATO OMB A" "STRAHAN" "LITHGOW" "COWRA" "BROOME"
2 PF: "BURDEKIN" "HUTCHINSON"
Auxiliaries: 14 : "MOBJACK" (AGP) "SUSQUEHANNA" (ACG) "MERCURY" (AK) 2 YO 2 YOG
2 YFD 2 YPF 2 YPD 1 YP: 236

Sansapor:

Escorts 1 : 1 PC : 1598

Noemfoor:

Auxiliaries 1 : "HASKELL" (APA)

Diak-Woendi:

Combat units 39 PT

Escorts 6

Auxiliaries 13

: 5 AMS: "WAGGA" "STAWELL" "LATROBE" "KIAMA" "GYMPIE" 1 PS: "SWAN"
"ORION" (AS) "SAKATONCHEE" (ACG) "DERRICK" (YO) "VICTORIA" (AO)
"STONEWALL" (IX) "PASTORES" (AF) "BINGERA" (AG) "REMUS" (ARL)
"POYANG" (AE) 2 YP: 23, 240 2 YFD

Humboldt Bay:

Combat units 1 CA : "LOUISVILLE"

27 DD : "REID" "MONSSEN" "SAMUEL C. REID" "CLAXTON" "STACK" "STEVENS" "HALE"
"LAMSON" "MAHAN" "KIDD" "FLUSSER" "SMITH" "DRAYTON" "MORRIS" "BLACK"
"MCGOWAN" "DASHIELL" "COGLAN" "GANSEVOORT" "BRAINE" "RATHBURNE"
"STEMBEL" "ABBOTT" "JENKINS" "BELL" "ARUNTA" "C. J. BADGER"

Escorts 80 : 21 DE : "BOWERS" "WITTER" "THOMASON" "NEVENDORFF" "CHAS. J. KIMMEL"
"THOS. F. NICHOL" "LOVELACE" "WHITEHURST" "DOYLE C. BARNES"
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"LLOYD E. ACREE" "ENGLAND" "GEO. F. DAVIS" "J. E. CRAIG" "TINSMAN"

3 AMS: "ARARAT" "GLADSTONE" "BUNDABERG" 4 PCE(R): 848, 850, 852, 853

18 SC : 514, 521, 531, 636, 668, 687, 695, 735, 991, 1012, 1052,
1273, 1319, 1320, 1321, 1327, 1365, 1369 1 ML: 825

20 PC : 84, 462, 464, 555, 563, 584, 586, 695, 812, 1119, 1129,
1121, 1122, 1123, 1134, 1135, 1137, 1139, 1188, 1590

10 PF : "BURLINGTON" "CORONADO" "EUGENE" "SANJUSKY" "LONG BEACH"
"DISBEE" "MUSKOGEE" "EL PASO" "VAN BUREN" "GALLUP"

Auxiliaries 84 : "DANNER" "DARNSTABLE" "ELMORE" "SUMNER" "LEON" "JAMES O'HARA" "KNOX"
"PIERCE" "LEONARD WOOD" "CAMBRIA" "MONROVIA" "CALVERT" "APPLING"
"CUSTER" "FREMONT" "HENRY T. ALLEN" (APA) "COMET" "WARHAWK" "LASALLE"
"WINGED ARROW" "STORM KING" "HERALD OF THE MORN" (AP) "WRIGHT" (AG)
"SUAMICO" "SALAMONIE" "SARANAC" "TRINITY" (AO) "JUPITER" "GANYMEDE"
"CRUX" (AK) "AQUATUUS" "ARNED" "ELECTRA" (AKA) "CALAMARES" (AF)
"MERCY" : "HOPE" (AH) "POLLUX" (AKS) "DOBBIN" (AF) "SEEKONK" (ACG)
"LARK" "RAIL" "CHETCO" (AT) "PYRO" (AE) "ACHILLES" "AMYCUS" (ARS) "PREBLE"
(DM) "CLYDE" "VILLALOBOS" (IX) "BLUE RIDGE" "MT. OLYMPUS" (AGC)
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(APH) "CULEBRA ISLAND" (ARG) "GUNSTON HALL" "SHADWELL" "OAKHILL"
"EPPING FOREST" "WHITEMARSH" "BELLE GROVE" "LINDENHALL" (LSU)
"MONITOR" (LSV) "BELKNAP" "GOLDSBOROUGH" (AV) "BREEZE" "ELLIOTT"
(DMS) "TRIUMPH" (AM) 2 YFD 4 YP: 215, 240, 291, 292
2 ARD: 7, 12 6 AFD: 2, 3, 11, 16, 24, 25

Aitape:

Escorts 1 : 1 PC : 1600

Combat units 1 DD : "RUSSELL"

Auxiliaries 15 : "DIPHDA" "TRUMAN" (AKA) "FELAND" "CAVALIER" "FAYETTE" "DUPAGE"
"LEEDSTOWN" "WAYNE" "HEYWOOD" "FULLER" (APA) "CAPE JOHNSON"
"JOHN LAND" "GOLDEN CITY" (AP) "HERCULES" "AURIGA" (AK)

Admiralties:

Combat units 4 BB : "CALIFORNIA" "MARYLAND" "MISSISSIPPI" "PENNSYLVANIA"

12 CVE : "KADASHAN BAY" "NATOMA BAY" "SAGINAW BAY" "BARNES" "MAKING ISLAND"
"SALAMAU" "HOGGATT BAY" "ALAVA BAY" "OMMANEY BAY" "LUNGA POINT"
"BISMARCK SEA" "PETROF BAY"

4 CA : "BOSTON" "CANNERRA" "SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"

2 CL : "CLEVELAND" "ST LOUIS"

35 DD : "TWIGGS" "HALLIGAN" "HARADEN" "EVANS" "FOOTE" "REMEY" "MCDERMOTT"
"MERTZ" "ERBEN" "WALKER" "MEEVIN" "AMMEN" "PATTERSON" "KIMBERLY"
"LEUTZE" "KILLEN" "CHAUNCEY" "SAUFLEY" "AULICK" "TAYLOR" "MUSTIN"
"HELM" "MAURY" "MCCALL" "STERRETT" "ISHERWOOD" "R. P. LEARY" "WILSON"
"GRIDLEY" "CONVERSE" "BAGLEY" "AUSBURNE" "H. L. EDWARDS" "CHARRETTE"

2 SS : "S.45" "S.47"

Admiralties: (Cont)

Escorts 61 : 14 DE : "RABY" "DELAHANTY" "OSMUS" "EVERSOLE" "OBERRENDER" "HARMON"
 "CABANA" "R.S.SUESSENS" "LA PRADE" "COOLEDAUGH" "FOREMAN"
 "GREENWOOD" "J.DOUGLAS BLACKWOOD" "LE RAY WILSON"
 5 SC : 631,732,982,1004,1375/3 PF: "CARSON CITY" "GASCOYNE" "BARCOO"
 8 PC : 600,742,1130,1587,1591,1170,1131,1421 2 PCS: 1391,1418
 29 YMS: 1,10,46,48,81,97,140,158,238,243,286,292,318,319,327,339,
 340,341,342,353,360,363,364,368,380,393,398,408,410

Auxiliaries 69 : "BAXTER" "ADATR" (APA) "TALAMANAC" (AF) "TANGIER" (AV) "ARIADNE"
 (CMS) "MANLEY" "TALEOT" (APL) "CACAPON" "CHIKASKIA" "NESHANIC"
 "CALIENTE" "ESCAMBIA" "WINOOSKI" "NEORARA" (AO) "JASON" (ARG)
 "JAMESTOWN" (AGP) "CEBU" "LEYTE" "MINDANAO" (ARG) "YOUNG" "AMERICA"
 (AP) "ALHENA" "ALCONA" "ALCONE" (AKA) "CHANGE" "SALUTE" "CAPTIVATE"
 (AM) "MEDUSA" "BRIAREUS" (AR) "MONADNOCK" (CM) "LYRA" "CETUS"
 "SHAULA" "WARWICK" "SAGITTARIUS" (AK) "CLEMSON" (AV) "PRESERVE"
 (ARS) "RIO GRANDE" "ELKHORN" "PASQUOTANK" (AOG) "YUNNAN" (AE)
 "ALABASTER" (PYC) "DENALLA" "PATHFINDER" (AGS) "TAWADAN" "TERN"
 "KINGFISHER" "MENOMINEE" "WATCH HILL" "CHOWANOC" "CHIKASAW" (AT)
 "TORCHOOWD" (YN) "CARONDLET" "ADARENDA" "LEOPARD" "ANDREW DORIA"
 (IX) "OTUS" (AS) "LAURABADA" "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "PIEDMONT" "WHITNEY"
 "SIERRA" (AL) 2 ABSD 1 ARD: 20 2 AFD: 8,20 3 YP: 280,288,585

Cape Gloucester:

Combat units 2 DD : "LUCE" "C.J.DADGE"
 Escorts 5 : 2 PC : 1123, 1600 2 SC: 632,1004 1 DE: "W.C.WANN"
 Auxiliaries 11 : "EMPIRE ARQUEBUS" (LSI) "ORMISTON" (AP) "CAPRICORNUS" (AE)
 "CLYDE" "W.P.BIDDLE" "A.T.MIDDLETON" "CATSKILL" "F.FUNSTON" (APA)
 "CHARA" (AKA) "ROCKY MOUNT" (AGC) "CHEPACHET" (AO)

Alexishafen-Madang:

Escorts 4 : 1 YMS: "RINDJANI" 2 ML: 802, 812 1 HEML: 1339
 Auxiliaries 3 : "KOOPA" (AG) "PING WO" (ASIS) 1 YP: 504

Langenak:

Escorts 8 : 1 AMS: "TOWNSVILLE" 1 A/S: "WILCANNIA"
 3 PC : 218, 585, 1491 3 SC : 694, 739, 748
 Auxiliaries 15 : "TASMAN" "MAETSUYCKER" "REFUGE" (AH) "AASE MAERSK" (AO) "OZARK"
 (LSV) "ST GILES" "RACE POINT" "CHIPPEWA" (AT) "KATCOOMBA"
 "GEN. HARRY TAYLOR" (AP) "GAMBLE" (DM) "OVERTON" (APD) "TRYON"
 (APH) "BULL WHEEL" (YOQ) 1 ARD: 9

Lae:

Escorts 2 : 1 ML : 820 1 HEML: 1321
 Auxiliaries 1 : 1 AP : "TAROONA"

Jacquinot Bay:

Auxiliaries 2 : "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "LAURIANA" (AG)

Oro Bay:

Escorts 1 : 1 DE : "LOESER"
 Auxiliaries 2 : "OLSTEAD" (APA) "CASA GRANDE" (LSD)

Milne Bay:

Escorts 6 : 4 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" "DELORAINNE" "COCTAMUNDA" "KAPUNDA"
 2 SC : 699, 742
 Auxiliaries 11 : "BUNGAREE" (CM) "ARAYAT" (IX) "MAUNA LOA" (AE) "KURUMBA" (AO)
 "UVALDE" (APA) "WARREN" (APA) "ETAMIN" (AK) 1 ARD: 9
 3 YP : 278, 499, 541

Port Moresby:

Escorts 1 : 1 HEML: 1327

2. SOLOMONS(a) At Sea to 1200/7:

Nil report.

(b) In Harbour:Amirau:

Escorts 7 : 1 DE: "STADFIELD" 4 SC: 520, 620, 703, 1274 2 YMS: "TUI", 2
 Auxiliaries 3 : 2 YP: 233, 514 1 AOG: "AGAWAM"

Green Is:

Combat units 12 PT
 Escorts 1 : 1 YMS: 94
 Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YP : 248

Torokina:

Combat units 5 DD : "SPROSTON" "PICKING" "WICKES" "W.D. PORTER" "YOUNG"
 Escorts 15 : 2 SC : 1133, 1590 7 PC: 476, 477, 598, 702, 1170, 1231, 1242
 1 PCS: 1429 2 DE: "ABERCROMBI" "GILLIGAN" 3 YMS: 176, 311, 389
 Auxiliaries 25 : "TRACO" (AK) "ANTARES" (AKS) "YUMA" (AT) "RACCOON" "CELTIC" (IX)
 "LIBRA" "ALMAK" "ALSHAIN" "TITANIA" (AK) "EMPIRE BATTLEAXE"
 "EMPIRE MACE" "WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA" (LSI) "DOYEN" "HARRIS"
 "SARASOTA" "LAMARR" "SHERIDAN" "ALPINE" "BOLIVAR" "HARRY LEE" (APA)
 "PRES. POLK" "STARLIGHT" (AP) "PINKNEY" (APH) "SHAWNEE" (AT)

Treasury Is:

Combat units 42 PT
 6 PGM
 Escorts 9 : 1 DE : "PAUL G. BAKER" 3 PC: 479, 605, 1132 1 YMS: 45
 4 SC : 677, 722, 1074, 1260
 Auxiliaries 2 : 1 YO : "WHIPSTOCK" 1 YP: 520

Munda:

Escorts 8 : 1 DE : "GENDREAU" 1 PC: 1119 2 YMS: "KIWI", 196

3. E/ST AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea to 1200/7:

- (1) "OCTANS" (AF) was to depart Sydney 3 Dec for Brisbane, Milne Bay and Hollandia.
- (2) "MESQUITE" (CGC) was to depart Caloundra 1900/2 for Langenak via Milne Bay.
- (3) "WANG ANELLA" (AH) departed Darwin 1 Dec for Sydney EBA 0700/8.

(b) In Harbour:Moruke:

Escorts 4 : 2 YMS: "SMEROE" "MERBARBOE" 2 HDML: 1322, 1323

Thursday Is:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "PIRIE"
 Auxiliaries 2 : "WINTER" "CHALLENGER" (AGS)

Mairns:

Escorts 4 : 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" 3 ML: 423, 431, 806
 Auxiliaries 8 : "LOTHIAN" "CLAN LAMONT" "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD" "GLENEARN" (LSI)
 "FIRE ISLAND" (AT) "DUNTRON" (AP) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS)

Townsville:

Escorts 5 : 3 AMS: "GOULBURN" "BENDIGO" "KALGOORLIE" 1 ML: 827
 1 HDML: 1329
 Auxiliaries 4 : "POLARIS" (AGS) "TANCRED" "WATO" (AT) 1 YP: 615

Bowen:

Auxiliaries 1 : "HEROS" (AT)

Brisbane:

Combat units 6 SS : "S.42" "NARWHAL" "STINGRAY" "NAUTILUS" "GABILAN" "PERCH"
 Escorts 12 : 7 ML: 424, 425, 801, 820, 821, 811 1 YMS: 313
 1 AMS: "WHYALLA" 3 HDML: 1129, 1324, 1353
 Auxiliaries 4 : "ETOLIN" (AK) "GEN. ANDERSON" (AF) "PONTUS" (AGP) "MERKUR" (AF)

Sydney:

Combat units 2 CL : "HOBART" (refitting) "TROMP"
 2 DD : "GLENOWER" "QUICKMATCH"
 1 ODD : "STUART"
 3 SS : "K.9" "K.12" "TELEMACHUS"
 Escorts 12 : 1 AMS: "BALLARAT" 1 PS: "WARREGO" 1 A/S: "KYBRA" 1 PC: 596
 7 ML: 426, 801, 815, 816, 819, 822, 823 1 SC: 1039
 Auxiliaries 4 : "POINT LOMA" (AT) "MANUNDA" (AH) "OCTORARA" (IX) "ARDEN" (CM)

Melbourne:

Combat units 1 OCL : "ADELAIDE"
 1 DD : "NIZAM"
 Escorts 6 : "ABRAHAM CRIJNSEN" "DOOMBA" "YANDRA" (A/S) "BOWEN" (AMS)
 2 HDML: 1340, 1350

4. NORTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/7:(1) Task Force 71:

On Patrol 27 SS : "BLACKFIN" "SEA WOLF" "FLYING FISH" "DASHAW" "FLOUNDER" "HADDON"
 "GUAVINA" "BARBEL" "BARBERO" "FLASHER" "GUNNELL" "JACK" "PARGO"
 "BECUNA" "GROWLER" "HAKE" "SEA ROVER" "HAWKBILL" "MUSKELLUNGE"
 "DESUGO" "HARDHEAD" "SPITEFUL" "GAR" "MINGO"
 On Passage 9 SS : "GURNARD" "CLYDE" "ANGLER" "K.14" "BLUEGILL" "HOE" "LAPON"
 "CAVALLA" "TANTALUS"

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Escorts	10	:	4 <u>AMS</u> : "JUNEE" "CASTLEMARNE" "PARKES" "HORSHAM"
			5 <u>ML</u> : 429, 809, 812, 814, 907 1 <u>HDML</u> : 1329
Auxiliaries	4	:	"STELLA" "MORESBY" "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) "CHANTICLEER" (ARS)

Port Nelson:

Escorts	1	:	1 <u>AMS</u> : "ECHUCA"
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5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(a) At Sea to 1200/7:

Nil Report.

(b) In Harbour:

Perth:

Combat units	1 <u>CA</u>	:	"SUFFOLK"
	1 <u>DD</u>	:	"QUEENSBOROUGH"
	15 <u>SS</u>	:	"GUITARRO" "PADLE" "DREAM" "COBIA" "DACE" "ROCK" "SIRDAR"
			"TANTIVY" "BERGALL" "HAMMERHEAD" "STOIC" "STORM" "ZWAARDFISCH"
			"K.15" "Q.19"
Escorts	6	:	1 <u>PF</u> : "CORPUS CHRISTI" 1 <u>PS</u> : "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA"
			1 <u>SC</u> : 720 1 <u>ML</u> : 824 2 <u>YMS</u> : 11, 72
Auxiliaries	7	:	"ANTHEDON" "EURYALE" "MADISTONE" (AS) "ISABEL" (PY) "COUCAL"
			(ASR) 1 <u>ARD</u> : 10 1 <u>YP</u> : 286

Bunbury:

Escorts	1	:	1 <u>AMS</u> : "BUNBURY"
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(ii) ENEMY FORCESA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC1. PHILIPPINES

- (1) Manila Area - On 5 Dec. reconnaissance plane sighted 15 ships in Manila Bay including 8 identified as cargo vessels and 1 as a destroyer.

At 1000/5 Dec. a large freighter transport was attacked and damaged by aircraft 150 miles N.W. of the entrance to Manila Bay, course N. and at 1245/5 Dec. 5 sea trucks were sighted by aircraft also about 150 miles N.W. of Manila Bay, course N. These reports apparently involve ships additional to the 6 ship convoy sighted in the same general area Northbound at about the same time (reported in yesterday's Summary No. 1042), and may indicate that shipping is keeping clear of Manila as much as possible, at least temporarily.

In addition a sea truck in Subic Bay was attacked by aircraft and left burning.

- (2) Mindoro Area - At 1015/5 Dec. a freighter (estimated at 5000 tons) anchored off S.E. Mindoro Is. was attacked by a Liberator and blew up.

At 1300/5 Dec. a small tanker type vessel was attacked and set on fire at N.W. entrance to Verde Is. Passage.

At 1405/5 Dec. a sea truck anchored off S. tip of Mindoro was strafed by aircraft and left burning fiercely.

At 0900/6 Dec. 4 sea trucks were sighted by aircraft, at anchor off Calapan on N. coast Mindoro.

Reconnaissance planes over Mindoro Strait, 6 Dec., saw a total of 42 enemy planes including 31 medium bombers, 9 fighters, 2 floatplanes, in several groups all apparently heading S.E.

- (3) Sibuyan-Camotes Sea - Another probable transportation run from Manila to Leyte was apparently underway on 6-7 Dec.

At 0930-1000/6 Dec. a 12-13 ship convoy was sighted in Mompog Passage heading S.: the composition was reported as 5-7 freighter transports with 6-7 escorts including some destroyers. At 1410/6 Dec. a sighting probably of the same convoy was sighted at N. end Burias Passage, course E., indicating that the convoys route took them through Samar Sea. The convoy was attacked by aircraft P.M. 6 Dec. and the following night and damage was inflicted including the claimed sinking of merchant ship.

At 0700-0810/7 Dec. the convoy described as 4 transports, 7 escorts including some destroyers was sighted off N.W. Leyte, course S., entering Camotes Sea.

- (4) Leyte - Shortly after daybreak, 7 Dec., U. S. forces landed in some strength in the vicinity of Ipil (approx. 3 miles S.E. of Ormoc Town). Further detail is not yet available but the landing proceeded according to plan in the initial stages.

On 6 Dec. pressure was maintained on enemy positions along the entire line of the Ormoc Corridor front and slight gains were made in some sectors.

The attack Northwards along Ormoc Bay coast progressed satisfactorily on 6 Dec. and by 1500 hours our forces had reached a line from a position on the coast 300 yards S.S.W. of Balogo to a point 2100 yards N.E. of Balogo.

Operations in the area W. of Dagami continue to be limited to elimination of enemy in prepared positions on E. slopes of Mt. Lobi.

Night 6-7 Dec. enemy attempted another "commando" air-borne landing using paratroops mainly in the vicinity of San Pablo and Buri airdromes. It is estimated that 15 transport planes or bombers were used and some of the paratroops have already been rounded up; elimination continues.

- (5) Leyte Gulf - The only enemy air activity reported so far over waters E. of Leyte on 6 Dec. involves two torpedo bombers attacking a merchant ship, previously damaged and under tow, E. of Leyte Gulf at 1415/6 Dec.: both aircraft were shot down but the merchant ship was hit and sank. All personnel had previously been removed.

- (6) Mindanao - On 3 Dec. installations on Sarangani Is. were strafed by 2 Beaufighters and barracks at Davao were bombed and strafed by 6 Bostons.

2. EAST INDIES

- (1) Morotai - At 0111/3 Dec. 1 enemy single-engine aircraft approached from S.W. but retired without attacking.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)

- (2) Halmahera - On 3 Dec. airdromes in W. and Central Halmahera were attacked by 9 Liberators, 52 Mitchells and some Kittyhawks. On 4 Dec. the attacks were repeated involving 94 Mitchells, 12 Kittyhawks.
- (3) N. Celebes - On 4 Dec. Sidate airdrome was strafed by 5 Beaufighters.
- (4) S. Celebes - At 1140/3 Dec. Malimpoeng airdrome was bombed by 28 Liberators and at 1155/3 Dec. Mandai airdrome was bombed by 23 Liberators with 14 Lightnings escorting. At 1130/3 Dec. Kendari airdrome was strafed by 9 Lightnings. P.M. 4 Dec. airdromes in S. Celebes were harassed by 3 Liberators.
- (5) Makassar Strait - At 1400/6 Dec. aircraft in flight reported 3 single stack warships 120 miles N.N.E. of Balikpapan, on course 55° at 17 knots.
3. NEW GUINEA - At 1300/3 Dec. Sorong area was attacked by 11 Bostons.
A.M. 6 Dec. targets in Wewak area were attacked by 4 Mitchells, 4 Bostons.
At 0500/5 Dec. a possible submarine was sighted 50 miles N.N.E. of Kiriwina Is. and at 1116/6 Dec. another possible submarine sighting was reported 95 miles E.S.E. of Finschhafen.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

1. MARIANAS - On 2 Dec. Pagan airstrip was bombed by 18 Corsairs.
2. NAMPO SHOTO - On 2 Dec. Iwo Jima airfield was bombed by 24 Liberators: 2-3 enemy fighters timidly attempted interception.
3. JAPAN - Details of the Super-fortress raid on Tokyo 3 Dec. indicate that 84 aircraft were involved carrying 10 x500 lb. bombs each. Of the total, 70 planes bombed the primary target, the Misashino airplane plant and 7 planes bombed secondary target at the dockyards. About 40 fighters intercepted and four were shot down and eight were probably shot down: 1 Superfortress was lost over the target and 4 others are missing.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

- (1) Shore to shore amphibious landing Ormoc Bay by Blue forces.
(2) Another attempted "Tokyo Express" to Leyte.
(3) Continued enemy air reinforcement of Formosa and Philippines and intensified air offensive against shipping off Leyte.
(4) Steady progress on Leyte.
(5) Continued support Leyte operations by 3rd Fleet Aircraft Carrier Task Force.
(6) Enemy submarine activity Philippines, W. and Central Pacific and Indian Ocean including use of midget submarines.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>			<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>	
		* Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)			(Incl. Mandates)	
<u>BB</u>	(7)	CALIFORNIA COLORADO	MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI	NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA	WEST VIRGINIA	-
<u>CVE</u>	(15)	ALAVA BAY BARNES BISMARCK SEA HOGGATT BAY	KAWASHAN BAY LUNGA POINT MAKIN ISLAND	MANILA BAY MARCUS ISLAND NATOMA BAY OMMANEY BAY	PETROF BAY SAGINAW BAY SAVO ISLAND SALAMAUJA	-
<u>CA</u>	(6)	#CANBERRA LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PORTLAND	AUSTRALIA SHEROPSHIRE		-
<u>CL</u>	(11)	BOISE #CLEVELAND COLUMBIA	DENVER MONTPELIER NASHVILLE	PHOENIX #ST LOUIS	ADELAIDE #HOBART #TRUMP	-
<u>AV</u>	(2)	CURRITUCK	TANGIER			-
<u>AMP</u>	(8)	BELKNAP CHINCOTEAGUE	GOLDSBOROUGH HALF MOON	HERON ORCA	SAN CARLOS SAN PABLO	-
<u>DD</u>	(106)	ABBOTT ALLEN M. SUMNER AMMEN AULICK AUSBURNE BAGLEY BARTON BLACK BRAINE BRYANT BUSH CHARRETTE CHAUNCEY C. J. BADGER CLAXTON COGHLAN CONY CONYGHAM CONNER CONVERSE CONWAY C. T. BADGER DASHIELL DRAYTON BELL ARUNDA GLENOWER	EATON ERBEN EVANS FLETCHER FLUSSER FOOTE GANSEVOORT GRIDLEY HALFORD HARADEN HALLIGAN HALL HELM H. L. EDWARDS HOWORTH HOPEWELL INGRAHAM ISHERWOOD JENKINS KIDD KNAPP KILLEN KIMBERLEY LAFFEY LAMSON	LANG LEUTEE LUCE LA VALLETTE MCCALL MAHAN MAURY MCDERMOTT MCGOWAN MELVIN MERTZE MOALE MONSEN MORRIS MUGFORD MUSTIN NEWCOMB NICHOLAS O'BANNON O'BRIEN PAUL HAMILTON PATTERSON PICKING PRINGLE REID STUART VENDETTA	RATHBURNE REMEY RALPH TALBOT RENSHAW ROBINSON R. P. LEARY RUSSELL SAMUEL C. REID SIGOURNEY SMITH SPROSTON STACK STEMBEL STERETT STEVENS TAYLOR TWIGGS WALKE WALKER WALLER WICKES WILSON WM. D. PORTER YOUNG WARRAMUNGA	-
<u>PT</u>		Approx. 175				10

* Excluding Cenpac forces temporarily at sea in S.W.P.A.
Non-effective.

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES
Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)

ENEMY FORCES
(Incl. Mandates)

<u>AKA</u>	(72)	ALGOL (AKA)	CLEMSON (APA)	WARREN (APA)	-
<u>APA</u>		ALHENA	CUSTER	WAYNE	
<u>APD</u>		ALMAAK	DOYEN	W. P. BIDDLE	
<u>LSI</u>		ALSHAIN	DUFAGE	BROCKS (APD)	
		ALYCOMB	FAYETTE	CROSBY	
		AQUARIUS	FELAND	DICKERSON	
		CAPRICORNUS	F. FUNSTON	HERBERT	
		DIPHDA	FREMONT	HUMPHREYS	
		CHARA	FULLER	KILTY	
		LIBRA	GILLIAM	MANLEY	
		O'HARA	GOLDEN CITY	OVERTON	
		THUBAN	HARRY LEE	SANDS	
		ALPINE (APA)	HASKELL	SCHLEY	
		ADAIR	HEYWOOD	TALBOT	
		APPLING	H. T. ALLEN	WARD	
		ARIADNE	KNOX	KANIMBLA (LSI)	
		A. T. MIDDLETON	LEEDSTOWN	MANOCRA	
		BANNER	LELAND	WESTRALIA	
		BAXTER	LEO CLYMAN	CLAN LAMONT	
		BOLIVAR	LAMARR	EMPIRE ARQUEBUS	
		CALVERT	MONROVIA	EMPIRE BATTLEAXE	
		CAMBRIA	OLMSTEAD	EMPIRE MACE	
		CAVALIER	SARASOTA	EMPIRE SPEARHEAD	
		CLAY	SHERIDAN	GLENEARN	
<u>AGC</u>	(5)	BLUE RIDGE MOUNT OLYMPUS	MOUNT MCKINLEY ROCKY MOUNT	WASATCH	-
<u>AS</u>	(4)	GRIFFIN HOLLAND	ORION	OTUS	-
<u>AD</u>	(4)	DOBBIN PIEDMONT	SIERRA	WHITNEY	-
<u>AR</u>	(4)	BRIAREUS MEDUSA	PLATYPUS	RIGEL	-
<u>ARB</u>	(1)	MIDAS			-
<u>ARC</u>	(5)	CEBU CULEBRA ISLAND	LEYTE MINDANAO	OGLALA	-
<u>ARH</u>	(1)	JASON			-
<u>ARL</u>	(4)	ACHILLES AMYCUS	EGERIA	REMUS	-
<u>ARS</u>	(4)	CABLE GRAPPLE	PRESERVER	VENTIS	-
<u>LSD</u>	(10)	ASHLAND BELLEBROVE CARTER HALL CASA GRANDE EPPING FOREST	GUNSTON HALL LINDENWALD OAKHILL RUSHMORE WHITE MARSH		-

4. CENTRAL PACIFIC
(Including N. and S. Pacific Area)

	# ALLIED FORCES			S. China Sea Incl. Formosa Singapore	Empire
<u>BB</u> (13)	ALABAMA IDAHO INDIANA IOWA	MASSACHUSETTS MISSOURI NEW JERSEY NORTH CAROLINA	OKLAHOMA SOUTH DAKOTA WASHINGTON WISCONSIN TENNESSEE	(2) HARUNA MUSASHI (sev. dmgd. poss. sunk)	(3) *YAMATO *NAGATO KONGO (poss. in S. China Sea)
<u>BB/XCV</u>	-	-	-	(2) HYUGA ISE	-
<u>CV</u> (17)	BENNINGTON BON HOMME RICHARD ENTERPRISE ESSEX FRANKLIN	BUNKER HILL HANCOCK INTREPID LEXINGTON HORNET RANDOLPH	RANGER SARATOGA SHANGRI LA TICONDEROGA WASP YORKTOWN	-	(3) AMAGI HAYATAKA UNRYU
<u>CVL</u> (8)	BATAAN BELLEAU WOOD CABOT	COWPENS INDEPENDENCE LANGLEY	MONTEREY SAN JACINTO	-	(2) RYUHO HOSHO
<u>CVE</u> (43)	ADMIRALTY IS. ALTAMAHA ASTROLABE BAY ATTU BOUGAINVILLE BRETON BUCARELI BAY CAPE ESPERANCE CASABLANCA CHAPIN BAY CHENANGO COPAHEE CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR	FANSHAW BAY HOLLANDIA GILBERT ISLANDS KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY KWAJALEIN LONG ISLAND MAKASSAR STRAIT MATANAKAU MUNDA NASSAU NEHENTA BAY PRINCE WILLIAM ROI	RUDYERD BAY SANGAMON SANTEE SARGENT BAY SHAMROCK BAY SHIPLEY BAY SITKOH BAY STEAMER BAY SUWANNE TAKANAS BAY TANANEK BAY THETIS BAY TULAGI WHITE PLAINS WINDHAM BAY	(2) JINYO UNYO	(2) KAIYO OTAKA (reptd. sunk)
<u>CA</u> (9)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER	INDIANAPOLIS PENSACOLA NEW ORLEANS	SALT LAKE CITY (2-4) WICHITA SAN FRANCISCO	CHOKAI (1 req) (4) *TAKAO) sunk MYOKO) prob. NACHI) sunk	IBUKI TONE *AOBA *HAGURO
<u>CA</u>	-	-	-	-	6
<u>C</u> (22)	ASTORIA BILOXI *BIRMINGHAM CONCORD DETROIT *HONOLULU *HOUSTON	*LEANDER GAMBIER MIAMI MOBILE OAKLAND PASADENA RALEIGH	RICHMOND SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN SANTA FE TRENTON VICKSBURG *RENO	(1) KINU ABUKUMA (1 or poss. both sunk)	(4-5) OYODO YAHAGI KISO TAMA) two ISUZU) reported SAKAWA) sunk
<u>CLT</u>	-	-	-	KASHII	KASHIMA
<u>AV/GVS</u> (4)	BALLARD CHANDELEUR	CURTISS	HOCOMOKE	-	(2) ASKITSUSHIMA *NOTORO
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 150			20	15 (several repairing)
<u>S</u>	Approx. 150			10	Approx. 50
<u>AS</u>		?		?	2 (1 repairing)

* Non-effective.

Some of these units operating temporarily in S.W.P.A.

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>				<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
Southwest Pacific (Western Section)				Indian Ocean
<u>BB</u>	-	(4) HOWE QUEEN ELIZABETH	RENCOWN VALIANT	-
<u>CV</u>	-	(3) ILLUSTRIOUS INDOMITABLE	VICTORIOUS	-
<u>CVE</u>	-	(7) ACTIVITY AMEER ATHELING BATTLER	BEGUM SHAH UNICORN	-
<u>CA</u>	(1) SUFFOLK	(2) CUMBERLAND	LONDON	-
<u>CL</u>	-	(6) ACHILLES CEYLON KENYA	NEWCASTLE NIGERIA PHOEBE	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	(1) ALBATROSS		-
<u>CVL</u>	-	(2) CANTON	CHITRAL	-
<u>DD</u>	(1) QUEENSBOROUGH	Approx. 27		-
<u>SS</u>	(60)	ANGLER FLYING FISH LAPON Approx. 16 BARBERO GAR MINGO BASHAW GROWLER MUSKELIUNGE BATFISH GUAVINA NARWHAL BAYA GUITARO NAUTILUS BECUNA GUNNEL PADDLE BERGAL GURNARD PARGO BESUGO HADDO REDFIN BLENMY HAKE ROCK BLUEGILL HAMMERHEAD SEA WOLF COBIA HARDHEAD STINGRAY DACE HAWKBILL S.42 DARTER HOE S.45 FLASHER JACK S.47 CLYDE SPITEFUL TANTALUS SEA ROVER STOIC TANTIVY SIRDAR STORM TELEMACHUS K.9 K.14 O.19 K.12 K.15 ZWAARDFISCH		10 (possibly all German)
<u>AS</u>	(3) ANTHEDON	EURYALE	MAIDSTONE	-

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY SHORE-BASED AIR STRENGTH

	<u>SOLOMONS</u>		<u>Iuzon</u>	<u>PHILIPPINES</u>		<u>MANDATES</u>
	<u>BISMARCKS</u>	<u>EAST INDIES</u>		<u>Visayas</u>	<u>Mindanao</u>	
Fighters	3	187	125	108	36	6
S/E Bombers	-	10	71	5	12	-
T/E Bombers	-	102	96	37	34	3
Flying Boats	-	6	4	-	-	-
Floa.t Planes	10	57	20	22	12	6
Obsn. A/C	2	29	25	7	5	4
TOTAL	15	391	411	179	99	19

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

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle.

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PART I

(i) ALLIED FORCESSOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NEW GUINEA - BISMARCKS(a) At Sea to 1200/8:

- (1) (a) Task Force 70: 83 PT 5 AGP: "WILLOUGHBY" "WACHAPREAGUE" "OYSTER BAY" "HILO" "PORTUNUS"
 (b) Task Force 73: 5 AVP: "HALF MOON" "HERON" "ORCA" "SAN PABLO" "SAN CARLOS"
 1 AV: "TANGIER" 2 AVR
 (c) Task Force 75: 53 XAK 1 CGC: "BUTTONWOOD" 3 AK: "BOOTES" "RUTILICUS" "MURZIM"
 5 IX: "CARIBOU" "MINK" "PANDA" "ARETHUSA" "PORCUPINE"
 1 ARL: "EGERIA" 4 AT: "QUAPAN" "HIDATSA" "RESERVE" "WHIPOORWILL"
 2 ABS: "CABLE" "GRAPPLE" 1 AO: "BISHOPDALE" 1 APA: "GILLIAM"
 1 AN: "TEABERRY" 1 AI: "STAG" 4 DE: "MARTIN" "JOBS" "HOLT" "DUFFY"
 6 PF: "ORANGE" "GLENDALE" "BELFAST" "CGDEN" "SAN PEDRO" "CORONADO"
 16 YMS: 6, 8, 39, 48, 51, 52, 71, 163, 288, 314, 315, 329, 339, 481
 14 SC: 637, 648, 726, 731, 734, 735, 737, 738, 744, 748, 749, 1004, 1356, 1368
 1 PG: "TULSA" 1 HDML: 1074 2 PGE(R): 849, 851 1 ARD: 9
 6 DD: "NICHOLAS" "PRINGLE" "RADFORD" "PHILIP" "KNAPP" "MUGFORD"
 (d) Task Force 76:
 (a) TG.76.4.9: 12 LSM 2 DD: "PAUL HAMILTON" "HALL" 1 PG: 1123 1 SC: 729
 TG.76.4.10: 5 ISD: "WHITE MARSH" "EPPING FOREST" "BELLE GROVE" "OAKHILL"
 "SUNSTON HALL" 15 LCT 2 DD: "STEVENS" "DASHIELL"
 TG.76.4.11: 15 LT 2 DE: "CHAS. J. KIMBELL" "THOS. F. NICHOL"
 (b) Miscellaneous: 10 XAK 1 AT: "RATL" 1 PG: 1124 9 LCI 1 AM: "REVENGE"
 1 AP: "GEN. HERSEY" 1 AK: "TRIANGULUM" 1 AO: "SHIKELLAMY"
 4 PF: "ALLENTOWN" "MACHIAS" "SANDUSKY" "CHARLOTTSVILLE"
 1 DD: "LANG" 1 LT
 (e) Task Force 77: 1 AGC: "WATCH"
 Task Unit 77.1.5: 2 CL: "BOISE" "PHOENIX" 4 DD: "BUSH" "HALFORD" "BRYANT" "NEWCOMB"
 Task Group 77.2.: 3 BD: "COLORADO" "NEW MEXICO" "WEST VIRGINIA"
 1 CL: "DENVER"
 11 DD: "CONY" "INGRAHAM" "CONNER" "WALLER" "EATON" "CONWAY"
 "SIGOURNEY" "RENSHAW" "BENNION" "ROBINSON"
 Task Group 77.3 : 1 CA: "MINNEAPOLIS" 3 CL: "PHOENIX" "COLUMBIA" "MONTEBELIER"
 8 DD: "FLETCHER" "O'BANNON" "HOWORTH" "LA VALLETTE" "HUGHES"
 "HOPEWELL" "ALLEN D. SUMNER" "COOPER"
 Task Group 77.3.2: 1 CA: "PORTLAND" 1 CL: "NASHVILLE" 3 DD: "BUSH" "MOALE" "HOPEWELL"
 Task Group 77.4.6: 3 CVE: "MANILA BAY" "MARCUS ISLAND" "SAVO ISLAND"
 1 DD: "RALPH TALBOT" 1 DE: "GILLIGAN"
 (f) Task Force 78:
 Task Group 78.3.1: 1 CGC: "SPENCER"
 Task Group 78.3.2: 7 APD: "LLOYD" "KILTY" "CROSBY" "LIDDLE" "COFER" "HERBERT" "KEPHANT"
 Task Group 78.3.3: 31 LCI(L) 12 LSM
 Task Group 78.3.4: 26 IST
 Task Group 78.3.5: 11 DE: "BARTON" "WALKE" "LAFFEY" "O'DRIEN" "SHAW" "EDWARDS"
 "FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "SMITH" "CONYNGHAM" "REID"
 Task Group 78.3.6: 10 AM: "SAUNTER" "PURSUIT" "REQUISITE" "SAGE" "REVENGE" "SALUTE"
 "SCOUT" "SCRIMMAGE" "TRIUMPH" "SENTRY" 1 APD: "BROOKS"
 7 YMS: 2, 9, 47, 53, 68, 334, 336

f. Task Force 78: (Cont)

Task Group 78.3.7 : 2 PC: 462, 563 7 LCI(R)
Task Group 78.3.8 : 1 LCI(D) 1 A

- (2) "BOSTON" (CA) escorted by "OSMUS" "RADY" (DE) to depart Manus 7 Dec for Ulithi.
- (3) "BISBEE" "MUSKOGEE" "GALLUP" "CARSON CITY" "DUNLAP" (PF) departed Manus 0900 for Pearl.
- (4) "AMMEN" (DL) departed Manus 1500/4 for Pearl Harbor.
- (5) "PATTERSON" (DL) departed Manus 0430/6 for Kossol ETA 0600/8.
- (6) "PC.1587" escorting convoy Manus-Peleliu #1 (LST 124) departed Manus 1700/5 for Kossol ETA 0600/10.
- (7) "SPRIGHTLY" (AT) proceeding to Woendi ETA 10 Dec.
- (8) "CHETCO" (AT) towing AFD 11, 1 YPD, 4 YE departed Milne Bay 2100/3 for Hollandia ETA 13 Dec.
- (9) "TWOENVILLE" (AMS) "PC.1131" proceeding to conduct A/S search in Bismarck Sea.
- (10) "CHITWAIKUM" (AOG) departed Santo 3 Dec for Milne Bay ETA 9 Dec.

(b) In Harbour

Moentai:

Combat units 29 PT
Escorts 9 : 8 AMS: "WAGGA" "KIAMA" "GLENELG" "STRAHAN" "LITAGO"
"COWRA" "BROOME" "HUTCHINSSON"
Auxiliaries 13 : "MOBJACK" (AGP) "MERCURY" (AK) 2 YOG 2 YFD 2 YPD 2 YPF 2 YF

Sansapor:

Escorts 1 : 2 PC: 464, 1598

Noonfoor:

Escorts 1 : 1 PC : 462

Auxiliaries 3 : "HASKELL" "LEON" "ADAIR"

Diak-Woendi:

Combat units 1 ODD: "VENDETTA"

Escorts 7 : 5 AMS: "GLADSTONE" "STANLEY" "L. DE" "KATUOMBA" "COLAC"
1 PF : "BURLEKIN" 1 PS : "SWAN"

Auxiliaries 13 : "ORION" (AS) "SAKATONCHEE" "SQUANNA" (AOG) "DERRICK" (YO)
"VICTORIA" (AO) "STONEMALL" (IX) "BINGERA" (AG) "REMUS" (AL)
"GRIFFIN" (AS) 2 YP: 23, 240 2 YFD

Umboldt Bay:

Combat units 1 CA : "LOUISVILLE"
16 DD : "MONSSEN" "RUSSELL" "SAMUEL C. REID" "CLAXTON" "STACK" "STEBEL"
"SMITH" "MORRIS" "GANSEVOORT" "BRADINE" "RATHEURNE" "MCCOWAN"
"ADLOTT" "JENKINS" "BELL" "C. J. BANCER"

Escorts 65 : 18 DE : "BOWERS" "WITTEL" "THOMASON" "NEVENLORFF" "EICHENBERGER"
"LOVELACE" "WHITEHORST" "LOYD C. BARNES" "KEN. M. WILLET"
"LOUGH" "WILLMARTH" "SACCHI" "MANNING" "LLOYD E. AOREE"
"ENGLAND" "GEO. F. DAVIS" "CRAIG" "TINSMAN"
2 AMS: "ARARAT" "BUNDABERG" 4 PCR: 848, 850, 852, 853
16 SC : 514, 521, 531, 626, 630, 695, 735, 991, 1012, 1052,
1273, 1319, 1320, 1327, 1365, 1369 1 ML: 825
17 PC : 84, 555, 584, 586, 600, 1137, 1139, 1188, 1590, 812, 111
1129, 1121, 1122, 1124, 1134, 1135

Auxiliaries 79 : 4 PF : "EUGENE" "LONG BEACH" "VAN BUREN" 1 A/S: "WILC"
"DANNER" "DUNSTABLE" "ELM" "JAMES O'HARA" "KNOW"
"PIERCE" "LEONARD WOOD" "MON ROVIA" "CALVERT" "ALIN"
"CUSTER" "FREMONT" "HENRY T. GLEN" (APA) "COMET" "WARHANK" "SAL"
"WINGED AGROW" "STORM KING" "OF THE MORN" (AF) "GOLDEN"
"WRIGHT" (AG) "PECOS" "SONNET" "TALLULAH" "TUMACORI" "SALVE"
"SUAMICO" "SALAMONIE" "TRIP" "JUPITER" "GANZMELE" "JUY"
(AK) "AQUARIUS" "ARNES" "AKA" "DOUNTIFUL" (AH) "P"
"ACULENS" (AKS) "LOBBIN" "SEBONK" (AOG) "LARK" (AT)
"PYRO" (AE) "ACHILLES" "PREBLE" (LM) "CARONOLEY"
"CLYDE" "VILLALOBOS" (IX) "MT. OLYMPUS" (AGC) "HUMPHREYS"
"LICKERSON" "SHAWWELL" "LINDENWALL" (L) "MONITOR" (ES)
"DELKNAP" "GOLDSBOROUGH" "ELLIOT" (MS) 2 YFD
4 YP : 215, 240, 291, 292 2 YFD: 7, 12 5 AFD: 2, 3, 16, 24, 25

Mitape:

Escorts 1 : 1 PC : 1600
Auxiliaries 16 : "LIPHA" "THUDAN" (AKA) "CAVALIER" "MAYETTE" "DUPAR"
"LEEDSTOWN" "WAYNE" "HEYWOOD" "FULLER" (APA) "CAPE JOHNSON"
"JOHN LAND" "GOLDEN CITY" "HERCULES" "AURIGA" (AK)
"GEN. HARRY TAYLOR" (AF)

Admiralties:

Combat units 4 DE : "CALIFORNIA" "MARYLAND" "MISSISSIPPI" "PENNSYLVANIA"
 14 CVE: "KADASHAN BAY" "NATOMA BAY" "SAGINAW BAY" "BARNES" "MAKIN"
 "SALAMAU" "HOGGATT BAY" "ALAVA BAY" "O'MANEY BAY" "LUNCAN"
 "BISMARCK SEA" "PETROF BAY" "ALTAMAH" "SHIPLEY BAY"
 3 CA : "CANDERRA" "SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"
 2 CL : "CLEVELAND" "ST LOUIS"
 34 DL : "TWIGGS" "HALLIGAN" "HARADEN" "EVANS" "FOOTE" "REMEY" "MOD"
 "MERTZ" "ERBEN" "WALKER" "MEEVIN" "ARUNTA" "BLACK" "HALE"
 "LEUTZE" "KILLEN" "CHAUNCEY" "SAUFLEY" "AULICK" "TAYLOR"
 "HELM" "MAURY" "MCCALL" "STERETT" "R.P. LEARY" "WILSON" "G"
 "CONVERSE" "DAGLEY" "AUSBURNE" "H.L. EDWARDS" "CHARETTE"
 2 SS : "S.45" "S.47"
 7 PT

Escorts 57 : 10 DE : "HALLORAN" "DELANANTY" "EVERSOLE" "CABANA" "COOLE"
 "LA PRIDE" "FOLEMAN" "GREENWOOD" "J. DOUGLAS BLACKWOOD"
 "LE RAY WILSON" 2 PF: "GASCOYNE" "BARCOO"
 5 SG : 631, 732, 932, 1004, 1375 2 PCS: 1391, 1418
 9 PC : 598, 600, 742, 1130, 1591, 1770, 1421, 1138, 1228
 29 YMS: 1, 10, 46, 48, 51, 97, 140, 158, 237, 243, 286, 293, 318, 319, 339, 340, 341, 342, 353, 360, 363, 364, 368, 380, 393, 408, 410

Auxiliaries 70 : "BAXTER" (APA) "CALAMAGOS" "TALAMANG" (AF) "TANGIER" (AV) "MAL"
 "TALBOT" (AFD) "ARIADNE" (CMS) "CACAPON" "CHIKASKIA" "NESBITT"
 "SARANAC" "CALIENTE" "ISCAMEDIA" "WINDOSKI" "NEOBARRA" (AO) "SON"
 (ARG) "JAMESTOWN" (AGP) "CEBU" "LEWIS" "MINLANAO" (ARG) "FRAC"
 "YOUNG" "GEN. C.G. MORTON" (AP) "RIXEN" (APH) "ALHENA" "ALCOHOL"
 "ALYCON" (AKA) "CHANGE" "CAPTEVATE" (AM) "MEDUSA" "BRIAR" (AK)
 "MONADNOCK" (CM) "LYRA" "CETUS" "SHAULIA" "PHODOS" "SAGITARIA"
 (AK) "CLEMSON" (AVD) "PRESERVER" (ARG) "RIO GRANDE" "ELKHORN"
 "PASQUOTANK" (AOG) "YUNGA" (AE) "ALABASTER" (PYC) "BENALL"
 "PATHFINLER" (AGS) "TAMADA" "TEEN" "KINGFISHER" "MENOMINEE"
 "WATCH HILL" "CHOWANOC" "CHIKASAW" (AT) "TOUCHWOOD" (YN) "L"
 "ANDREW DORIA" "ABARENDA" (IX) "OTUS" (AS) "LAURADADA" (AG)
 "PIEDMONT" "WHITNEY" "SEELGRA" (AD) 2 ABSD 1 ARD: 20
 2 AFD: 8, 20 3 YP: 280, 288, 585

Cape Gloucester:

Combat units 4 DD : "LUCE" "C.J. DADGER" "ISHERWOOD" "KIMBERLEY"
 Escorts 7 : 2 PC : 1123, 1601 3 DE: "ODEBRENNER" "R.S. SUESSENS" 2 SG: 117, 118
 Auxiliaries 9 : "CAPRICORNUS" (AE) "CLYDE" "W.P. BIDDLE" "A.T. MIDDLETON" "C"
 "F. FUNSTON" (APA) "CHAMA" (AKA) "ROCKY MOUNT" (AGC) "CHEF"

Alexishafen/Madang:

Escorts 4 : 1 YMS: "RINDJANI" 2 ML: 802, 812 1 HDML: 1339
 Auxiliaries 4 : "CAPE LEEUWIN" (AGS) "KOOPA" (AG) "PING WO" (ASIS) 1 YP: 504

Lengemak:

Combat units 23 PT
 Auxiliaries 15 : "MAETSUYCKER" "REFUGE" (AK) "BASE MERSK" (AO) "RIELEMANN" (A)
 "ST GILES" "RACE POINT" "CHIPPEWA" (AT) "KATOOMBA" "AP" "GASB"
 (DM) "OVERTON" (APL) "TRYON" (APH) "MILL WHEEL" (YO) "WARRICK"
 (AK) "ACONTIUS" (AGP) 1 AFD: 9

Lae:

Escorts 2 : 1 ML : 820 1 HDML: 1321
 Auxiliaries 2 : "OLMSTEAD" (APA) "TASMAN" (AF)

Macquinet Bay:

Auxiliaries 2 : "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "LAURIAN" (AG)

Dro Bay:

Escorts 1 : 1 DE : "LOESER"
 Auxiliaries 2 : "UVALDE" (APA) "CASA GRANDE" (LSE)

Ino Bay:

Escorts 5 : 3 AMS: "ORCKHAMPTON" "DEBORAHINE" "COOTAMUNDRA"
 1 DE : "DARBY" 1 SG: 899
 Auxiliaries 10 : "DUNGAREE" (CM) "ARAYAT" (IX) "MAUNA LOA" (AE) "KURUREA" (AG)
 "WARREN" (APA) "ETAMIA" (AK) 1 AFD: 9 3 YP: 278, 449, 541

Port Moresby:

Escorts 1 : 1 HDML: 1327

2 SOLOMONS

(a) At Sea to 1200/8:

(1) "PC.738" was to depart Guadalcanal about 5 Dec for Manus for onward routing to

(b) In Harbour:Enirau:

Escorts 7 : 1 LE : "STALFELE" 4 SC: 520, 620, 703, 1274 2 YMS: "TUI", 2
 Auxiliaries 2 : 2 YP : 233, 514

Green Is:

Combat units 5 PT
 Escorts 1 : 1 YMS: 94
 Auxiliaries 2 : 1 YB : 248 1 AK: "HYPERION"

Torokina:

Combat units 5 DD : "SPROSTON" "PICKING" "WICKES" "W.D. PORTER" "YOUNG"
 Escorts 15 : 2 SC : 1188, 1590 6 PC: 476, 477, 702, 1170, 1231, 1242
 1 PCS: 1429 3 DE: "HARMON" "ABERCROMBIE" "GILLIGAN"
 3 YMS: 176, 311, 389
 Auxiliaries 30 : "TAURUS" "DRACO" (AK) "ANTARES" (AKS) "YUMA" (AT) "RACCOON"
 "IDEX" (IX) "LILIA" "ALMAAK" "ALSHAIN" "TITANIA" (AKA) "MANO"
 "WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA" "EMPIRE BATTLEAXE" "EMPIRE AREQUEBUS"
 "EMPIRE MACE" (LSI) "BOYEN" "HARRIS" "SARASOTA" "LAMAR" "SHER"
 "ALPINE" "DOLIVAR" "HARRY LEE" (APA) "PRE. POLK" "STARLIGHT"
 "PINKNEY" (APE) "SHAWNEE" (AT) "OZARK" (LSV)

Treasury Is :

Combat units 14 PT
 6 PGM
 Escorts 9 : 1 DE : "PAUL G. BAKER" 3 PC: 479, 605, 1132 1 YMS: 45
 4 SC : 677, 722, 1074, 1260
 Auxiliaries 4 : 1 YO : "WHIPSTOCK" 1 YT: 520 1 AOG: "AGAWAM" 1 YN: 1

Munda:

Escorts 8 : 1 DE : "GENEVAU" 1 PC: 1119 2 YMS: "KIWI", 196

3. EAST AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea to 1200/G:

- (1) "MERKUR" (AF) departed Brisbane 1635/3 for Milne Bay ETA 1400/G.
- (2) "TARCONA" (AP) was to depart Townsville 0500/7 for Milne Bay ETA 0500/9.
- (3) "LOCUST" (YN) was to depart Sydney 6 Dec for Noumea.
- (4) "MESQUITE" (CGC) departed Caloundra 1900/5 for Langenak via Milne Bay.
- (5) "GEN. BUTNER" (AF) proceeding Bombay to Melbourne ETA 12 Dec.

(b) In Harbour:Merauke:

Escorts 4 : 2 YMS: "SMEROE" "MERBAROE" 2 HDML: 1322, 1323

Thursday Is:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "PIRIE"
 Auxiliaries 2 : "WINTER" "CHALLENGER" (AGS)

Cairns:

Escorts 4 : 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" 3 ML: 428, 431, 806
 Auxiliaries 8 : "LOTHIAN" "CLAN LAMONT" "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD" "GLENELAN" (LSI)
 "FIRE ISLAND" (AT) "DUNTROON" (AP) "CALEDONIAN SALMON" (AGS)

Townsville:

Escorts 4 : 2 AMS: "GOULDBURN" "BENDIGO" 1 ML: 827 1 HDML: 1329
 Auxiliaries 5 : "POLARIS" (AGS) "TANCRED" "WATO" (AT) "ORMISTON" (AP) 1 YP

Down:

Auxiliaries 1 : "HEROS" (AT)

Brisbane:

Combat units 6 SS : "S.42" "NAUWHAL" "STINGRAY" "NAUTILUS" "GABILAN" "PERCH"
 Escorts 12 : 7 ML : 424, 425, 801, 820, 821, 811 1 YMS: 313
 1 AMS: "WHYALLA" 3 HDML: 1129, 1324, 1353
 Auxiliaries 3 : "ETOLIN" (AK) "PONTUS" (AGP) "OCTANS" (AF)

Sydney:

Combat units 2 CL : "HOBART" (refitting) "TROMP"
 2 DD : "GLENLOWER" "QUICKMATCH"
 1 ODD: "STUART"
 3 SS : "K.9" "K.12" "TELEMACHUS"
 Escorts 12 : 2 AMS: "KALGOORLIE" "BALLARAT" 1 PS: "WALREGO" 1 PC: 5
 7 ML : 426, 801, 815, 816, 819, 822, 823 1 SC: 1039 1 A/S: "KY"
 Auxiliaries 5 : "POINT LOMA" (AT) "MANUNDA" "WANGANELLA" (AH) "OCTOBRA" (IX)
 "ARDENT" (CM)

Melbourne:

Combat units 1 OCL: "ADELAIDE"
 1 DD: "NIZAM"
 Escorts 6 : "ABRAHAM CRIJNSEN" "DOOMLA" "YANDRA" (A/S) "BOWEN" (AMS)
 2 HDML: 1340, 1350

4. NORTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/8:(1) Task Force 71:

On Patrol 27 SS: "BLACKFIN" "SEA WOLF" "FLYING FISH" "BASHAW" "FLOUNDER" "1"
 "GUAVINA" "ANGEL" "BAGLERO" "FLASHER" "GUNNELL" "JACK" "1"
 "DECUNA" "CROAKER" "HAKE" "SEA ROVER" "HAWKBILL" "MUSKELLUNG"
 "DESUGO" "HALHEA" "SPITEFUL" "GAR" "MINGO"
 On Passage 13 SS: "GURNARD" "CLYDE" "ANGLER" "K.14" "BLUEGILL" "HOE" "LAPON"
 "CAVALLA" "TANTALUS" "BERGALL" "TUSK" "STOIC"

(b) In Harbour:Darwin:

Escorts 10 : 4 AMS: "JUNEE" "CASTLEMAINE" "PARKES" "HORSHAM"
 5 ML: 429, 809, 812, 814, 907 1 HDML: 1329
 Auxiliaires 4 : "STELLA" "MORESE" "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) "CHANTICLEER" (ARS)
Port Nelson:
 Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "ECHUCA"

5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/8:

(1) "BURNIE" "LISMORE" "MARYBOROUGH" (AMS) departed Fremantle 0010/4 for Melbourne, 1000/11: for onward routing to Sydney.

(b) In Harbour:Fremantle:

Combat units 1 CA: "SUFFOLK"
 1 DD: "QUEENSBOROUGH"
 12 SS: "GUITARRO" "PADDLE" "DREAM" "CODIA" "ROCK" "SIREAN" "HAMMOCK"
 "TANTIVY" "STORM" "ZWAARDFISCH" "K.15" "O.19"
 Escorts 6 : 1 PF: "CORPUS CHRISTI" 1 PS: "SAVORGNAN LE BRAZZEA"
 2 YMS: 11, 72 1 SC: 720 1 ML: 824
 Auxiliaries 7 : "ANTHEDON" "EURYALE" "MALLSTONE" (AS) "ISABEL" (PY) "COUCH"
 (ARS) 1 ARD: 10 1 YP: 286

Dunbury:Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "DUNBURY"

(ii) ENEMY FORCESA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC1. PHILIPPINES

- (1) Manila Area - Night 5-6 Dec. Clark and Nichols fields were bombed by 2 harassing Liberators., in addition to other lesser airdromes in the Manila area. The following night, 6-7 Dec., Clark field was again raided by 1 Liberator.
- (2) S. E. Luzon - On 7 Dec. Legaspi airdrome was bombed by Liberators but details are not yet complete.
- (3) Sibuyan-Samar Seas - Several shipping sightings were made by aircraft on 7 Dec. in these waters but all concerned small type ships except for 1 transport in Mompog Passage and the "Tokyo Express" to Leyte attacked in S. Camotes Sea referred to in next paragraph. The transport, estimated by aircraft at 7-9000 tons, off Catuanan on N. shore Mompog Passage was attacked by Navy Mariner at 0315/7 Dec. and sunk. It is not clear whether this ship was originally part of the transportation convoy for Leyte or not.

In addition 1 small coaster and a few luggers were seen and attacked in the general Mindoro Area.

- (4) Samar-Camotes Sea - It is recalled that at 0700/7 Dec. an enemy convoy, believed to be a transportation convoy, from Manila to Leyte, was sighted entering Camotes Sea from N. at 0830/7 Dec. this convoy was described as 7 merchant ships, 4 destroyers, 2 smaller escorts. Air strikes involving fighter-bombers (Thunderbolts, Kittyhawks and Corsairs) were initiated from Leyte against this force at about that time and continued throughout the day. At least some of the ships however reached W. coast Leyte in the vicinity of San Isidro Bay and troops were landed. Preliminary Air Force reports claim the sinking or destruction of all 13 of the ships seen approaching Leyte A.M. 7 Dec. during sustained attacks throughout the day. Substantial enemy air cover was encountered over the convoy and about 35 enemy planes were shot down: our losses amounted to 5 aircraft but all the pilots were rescued.
- (5) Leyte - At 0630/7 Dec. an amphibious landing was commenced by our forces near Ipil, approx. 3 miles S. of Ormoc, on schedule. Our convoy arrived off the beaches intact although air attacks had been experienced during the voyage. Only light enemy opposition to the landing is reported. By 1500/7 Dec. Ipil village was in our hands and the beachhead extended 3000 yards S. from Ipil and 2000 yards inland.

Our convoy was subjected to intense air attacks during the day involving suicide dive-bombers and 4 destroyers, 2 transport destroyers and a few amphibious craft sustained damage in varying degrees of severity; 27 were destroyed.

In the Ormoc Corridor sector slight gains were made but in general the position remains unchanged.

On W. coast Leyte, our forces have advanced through Balogo and by 2359/7 Dec. hold a line running N.E. from the coast 200 yards N. of Balogo along Targas River. During operations 7 Dec., high ground overlooking Calingathgan River was occupied by our forces.

In the San Pablo-Buri area, enemy paratroops estimated to number 200-300 strong landed at approx. 1900-2000/6 Dec. Some of the paratroops penetrated Bayug airdrome and destroyed a few aircraft. During the night 6-7 Dec. an estimated 40-50 enemy planes were over Leyte including 15-20 which dropped paratroops as reported above. A total of 10 of these aircraft were shot down, 2 by fighters and 8 by AA including 2 medium bombers in the Tacloban airfield and San Pedro Bay; these 2 last mentioned bombers were also carrying paratroopers or commandos but all were captured or killed except 4 which are reported to have escaped to Samar.

During the previous day, 6 Dec., approx. 30 enemy aircraft were over Tacloban, Dulag and Baybay but only 2 attacks developed. Interception during the day by fighter patrols cost the enemy 4 planes certain and 2 probabilities.

- (6) Ormoc Bay - Night 5-6 Dec. PT boats sank 6 enemy barges heading E., N.W. of Pacijan Is.: 3 barges were carrying personnel and 3 were carrying supplies. The PT boats were subjected to attacks by 1 floatplane and 1 suicide dive-bomber, during the night without success.
- (7) Visayas - Preliminary reports state that Lahug airdrome was bombed 6 Dec. by Liberators and Negros-Cebu airdromes were harassed night 6-7 Dec. by 1 Liberator
- (8) Sulu Archipelago - Evening 7 Dec. aircraft sighted 3 warships probably including 1 minelayer type vessel with 2 escorts in Jolo Harbor. A large freighter transport was observed beached in the harbor.

2. EAST INDIES

- (1) Morotai - Night 4-5 Dec. 1 enemy aircraft was over Morotai but no attack developed. Night 5-6 Dec. probably 4 enemy aircraft were over and bombs were dropped but fell into the sea: 2 of the raiders were probably damaged by AA and night fighters.
- (2) Halmahera - Heavy air attacks were conducted on N. Halmahera fields A.M. 5 Dec. involving 65 Liberators, 8 Bostons, 1 Mitchell and 4 Kittyhawks.
- (3) N. Celebes - Airdromes in N. Celebes were attacked 5 Dec. by 4 Liberators, 25 Mitchells.
- (4) S. Celebes - At 1050/6 Dec. Kendari and Boroboro airdromes were bombed by 12 Liberators, cratering the runways. Photos taken show 1 plane on Kendari and 1 on Ambesia (50% coverage only) but none on Boroboro.
- (5) N. Borneo - Reconnaissance 6 Dec. showed 5 small ships at Sandakan, 2 ships off Kudat and 6 small ships in Brunei Bay. On 7 Dec. a large transport was observed in Brunei Bay.

BISMARCKS-SOLOMONS - On 5 and 5 Dec. usual offensive patrols and strikes were carried out by moderate scale formations of Mitchells and Corsairs.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

- 1. MARIANAS - At 0400-0500/7 Dec. approx. 10 enemy medium bombers attacked Isley field on Saipan causing some damage to aircraft.
- 2. NAMFO SHOTO - On 3 Dec. light scale Liberator raids were carried out on Iwo Jima and Haha Jima: interception by a few fighters although 16 were seen airborne.
1 possible destroyer, 1 merchant ship and 1 landing craft were observed at Iwo Jima.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

- (1) Successful amphibious landing Ormoc Bay by Blue forces.
- (2) Details of "Tokyo Express" to Leyte.
- (3) Continued enemy air reinforcement of Formosa and Philippines and intensified air offensive Leyte area.
- (4) Steady progress on Leyte: enemy using paratroop commando parties.
- (5) Enemy submarine activity Philippines, W. and Central Pacific and Indian Ocean including use of midget submarines.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>				<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>			
* Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)				(Incl. Mandates)			
<u>BB</u>	(7)	CALIFORNIA COLORADO	MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI	NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA	WEST VIRGINIA	-	
<u>BE</u>	(15)	ALABA BAY BARKES BISMARCK SEA HOGGATT BAY	KAWASHAN BAY LUNGA POINT MCKIN ISLAND	MANILA BAY MARCUS ISLAND NATOLA BAY OMMANEY BAY	PETROF BAY SAGINAW BAY SAVO ISLAND SALMAUJ.	-	
<u>BA</u>	(6)	#CANBERRA LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PORTLAND	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE		-	
<u>BL</u>	(11)	BOISE #CLEVELAND COLUMBIA	DENVER MONTPELIER NASHVILLE	PICONE #ST LOUIS	ADELAIDE #HOBART #TROMP	-	
<u>AV</u>	(2)	CURRITUCK	TENNER			-	
<u>AWP</u>	(8)	BELKNAP CHINCOTEAGUE	GOLDSBOROUGH HALF MOON	HERON ORCA	SAN CARLOS SAN PABLO	-	
	(106)	A. BOTT ALLEN M. SUMNER AMMEN AULICK AUGBURNIE BAGLEY BARTON BLACK BRAINE BRYANT BUSH CHARRETTE CHAUNCEY C. J. BADGER CLAXTON COGHLAN CONY CONYGHAN CONNER CONVERSE CONWAY C. T. BADGER DASHTELL DRAYTON BELL	EATON ERBEN EVANS FLETCHER FLUSSER FOOTE GANSEVOORT GRIDLEY HALFORD HARADEN HALLIGAN HALL HELM H. L. EDWARDS HOWORTH HOPEWELL INGRAHAM ISHERWOOD JENKINS KIDD KNAPP KILLEN KIMBERLEY LANFEE LAMSON	LANG LEUTLE LUCE LA VALLETTE MCCALL MAHAN MAURY MCDERMOTT MCGOWAN MELVIN MERTZE MOALE MONSEN MORRIS MUGFORD MUSTIN NEWCOMB NICHOLAS O'BANNON O'BRIEN PAUL HAMILTON PATTERSON PICKING PRINGLE REID	RATHBURNIE REMEY RALPH TALBOT RENSHAW ROBINSON R. P. LEARY RUSSELL SAMUEL C. REID SIGOURNEY SMITH SPROSTON STACK STEMBEL STRETT STEVENS TAYLOR TWIGGS WALKE WALKER WALLER WICKES WILSON WM. D. PORTER YOUNG		-
		ARUNTA GLENOWER	NIZAM QUIDKILATCH	STUART VENDETTA	WARRAMUNGA		

SB - 10
Approx. 175 -

* Excluding Conpac forces temporarily at sea in S.W.P.A.
Non-effective.

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES
Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)

ENEMY FORCES
(Incl. Mandates)

AKA
APA
AFD
AFI
AFS

(72) ALGOL (AKA)
ALHENA
ALMAAK
ALSHAIN
ALYSONE
AQUARIUS
CAPRICORNUS
DIPHDA
CHARA
LIBRA
O'HARA
THUBAN
ALPINE (APA)
ADAIR
APPLING
ARIADNE
A.T.MIDDLETON
BANNER
BAXTER
BOLIVAR
CALVERT
CAMBRIL
CAVALIER
CLAY

CLEESON (APA)
CUSTER
DOYEN
DUPAGE
EYETTE
FERAND
F.FUNSTON
FREMONT
FULLER
GILLIAM
GOLDEN CITY
HARRY LEE
HASKELL
HOYWOOD
H.T.ALLEN
KNCK
LEEDSTOWN
LELAND
LEO CLYMAN
LAMARR
MICROVIA
OLMSTEAD
SARASOTA
SHERIDAN

WARREN (APA)
WAYNE
W.P.MIDDLE
BROCKS (AFD)
CROSBY
DICKERSON
HERBERT
HUMPHREYS
KILTY
MANLEY
OVERTON
SANDS
SCHLEY
TALBOT
WARD
KANIMBLA (LSI)
MANOCRA
WESTRALIA
CLAN LAMONT
EMPIRE ARQUEBUS
EMPIRE BATTLEAXE
EMPIRE MOE
EMPIRE SPEARHEAD
GLENEARN

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AGC

(5) BLUE RIDGE
MOUNT OLIMPEUS

MOUNT MCKINLEY
ROCKY MOUNT

WASATCH

-

AFI

(4) GRIFFIN
HOLLAND

ORION

OTUS

-

AFD

(4) DOBBIN
PIEDMONT

SIERRA

WHITNEY

-

AFI

(4) BRLAREUS
MEDUSA

PLATYUS

RIGEL

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AFB

(1) MIDAS

-

MRC

(5) CEBU
CULEBRA ISLAND

LEYTE
MINDANAO

OGILLA

-

AFI

(1) JASON

-

AFI

(4) ACHILLES
AMYCUS

EGERIA

REMUS

-

AFS

(4) CABLE
GRAPPLE

PRESERVER

VENUS

-

SD

(10) ASHLAND
BELLEROVE
CARTER HALL
CASA GRANDE
PEPPING FOREST

GUNSTON HALL
LINDENWALD
CAKHILL
RUSHMORT
WHITE MARSH

-

4. CENTRAL PACIFIC
(Including N. and S. Pacific Area)

		# ALLIED FORCES		S. China Sea Incl. Formose Singapore Empire	
<u>BB</u>	(13) ALABAMA IDAHO INDIANA IOWA	MASSACHUSETTS MISSOURI NEW JERSEY NORTH CAROLINA	OKLAHOMA SOUTH DAKOTA WASHINGTON WISCONSIN TENNESSEE	(2) KONGO MUSASHI (sev. dmgd. poss. sunk)	(3) *YAMATO *NAGATO HARUNA
<u>BB/XCV</u>	-	-	-	(2) HYUGA ISE	-
<u>CV</u>	(17) BENNINGTON BON HOMME RICHARD BUNKER HILL ENTERPRISE ESSEX	FRANKLIN HANCOCK INTREPID LEXINGTON HORNET RANDOLPH	RANGER SARATOGA SHANGRI LA TICONDEROGA WASP YORKTOWN	-	(3) AMAGI HAYATAKA UNRYU
<u>CVL</u>	(8) BATAAN BELLEAU WOOD CABOT	COWPENS INDEPENDENCE LANGLEY	MONTEREY SAN JACINTO	(1) RYUHO	(1) HCSHO
<u>CVE</u>	(43) ADMIRALTY IS. ALTAMAHA ASTROLABUM BAY ATTU BOUGAINVILLE BRETON BUCARELI BAY CAPE ESPERANCE CASABLANCA CHAPIN BAY CHENANGO COFAHEE CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR	FANSHAW BAY HOLLANDIA GILBERT ISLANDS KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY KWAJALEIN LONG ISLAND MAKASSAR STRAIT MATANAKAU MUNDA NASSAU NEHENTA BAY PRINCE WILLIAM ROI	WEDDYERD BAY SANGAMON SANTEE SARGENT BAY SHAMROCK BAY SHIPLEY BAY SITKOH BAY STEAMER BAY SUWANNEE TAKANAS BAY TANAMEK BAY THETIS BAY TULAGI WHITE PLAINS WINDHAM BAY	(1) OTAKA	(1) KAIYO
<u>CA</u>	(9) BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER	INDIANAPOLIS PENSACOLA NEW ORLEANS	SALT LAKE CITY WICHITA SAN FRANCISCO	(2-4) CHOWAI (1 rep'd) *TAKAGI (unk) MYOKO) prob. sunk NAGHI) sunk	(1) IBUKI TONE *AOBA *HAGURO
<u>CA</u>	-	-	-	-	6
<u>CA</u>	(22) ASTORIA BILOXI *BIRMINGHAM CONCORD DETROIT *HONOLULU *HOUSTON	*LEANDER GAMBIER MIAMI MOBILE OAKLAND PASADENA RALEIGH	RICHMOND SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN SANTA FE TRENTON VICKSBURG *RENO	(1) KINU ABUKUMA (1 or poss. both sunk)	(4-5) OYODO YAHAGI KISO TAMAY) 1 rep'd. SAKAWA) sunk
<u>CLT</u>	-	-	-	KASHII	KASHIMA
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(4) BALLARD CHANDELEUR	CURTISS	POCOMOKE	-	(2) ASKITSUSHIMA *NOTORO
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 150	-	-	20	15 (several repairing)
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 150	-	-	10	Approx. 50
<u>AS</u>	-	?	-	?	2 (1 repairing)

* Non-effective.

Some of these units operating temporarily in S.W.P.A.

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> Southwest Pacific (Western Section)				<u>ENEMY FORCES</u> Indian Ocean																																																																															
<u>BB</u>	-	(4) HOWE QUEEN ELIZABETH	RENOVA VALIANT	-																																																																															
<u>CV</u>	-	(3) ILLUSTRIOUS INDOMITABLE	VICTORIOUS	-																																																																															
<u>CVE</u>	-	(7) ACTIVITY AMBER ATHELING BATTLER	BECCA SHAH UNICORN	-																																																																															
	(1) <u>SUFFOLK</u>	(2) CUMBERLAND	LONDON	-																																																																															
<u>CL</u>	-	(6) ACHILLES CEYLON KENYA	NEWCASTLE NIGERIA PHOEBE	-																																																																															
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<u>CVL</u>	-	(2) CANTON	CHITRAL	-																																																																															
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	<u>RESEARCHERS</u>	<u>EAST INDIES</u>	<u>Luzon</u>	<u>Visayas</u>	<u>Mindanao</u>	
Fighters	3	187	135	108	36	6
S/E Bombers	-	10	71	5	12	-
T/E Bombers	-	102	96	37	34	3
Flying Boats	-	6	4	-	-	-
Fleet Planes	10	57	20	22	12	6
Com. A/C	2	29	25	7	5	4
TOTAL	15	391	411	179	99	19

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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PART I

(1) ALLIED FORCES

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NEW GUINEA - BISMARCKS

(a) At Sea to 1200/9:

(1) (a) Task Force 70: 83 PT 5 AGP: "WILLOUGHBY" "WACHAPREAGUE" "HILO" "OYSTER BAY" "PORTUNUS"

(b) Task Force 73: 5 AVP: "HALF MOON" "HERON" "ORCA" "SAN PABLO" "SAN CARLOS"

1 AV: "TANGIER" 2 AVR

(c) Task Force 75: 53 XAK 1 CGC: "TUTTONWOOD" 3 AK: "BOOTES" "RUTILICUS" "MURZIM"

5 LSD: "WHITE MARSH" "EPPING FOREST" "BELLE GROVE" "GUNSTON HALL"

"OAKHILL" 3 AT: "QUAPAV" "WHIPPOORWILL" "RESERVE"

5 IX: "CARIBOU" "MINK" "PANDA" "ARETHUSA" "PORCUPINE"

1 ARL: "EGERIA" 2 AGS: "CABLE" "GRAPPLE" 1 AO: "BISHOPDALE"

1 APA: "GILLIAM" 1 AN: "TEABERRY" 1 AW: "STAG" 1 AH: "MERCY"

4 DE: "JOBS" "MARTIN" "HOLT" "DUFFY" 1 PG: "TULSA" 1 HDML: 1074

6 PF: "ORANGE" "GLENDALE" "BELFAST" "OGLEN" "SAN PEDRO" "CORONADO"

10 DD: "NICHOLAS" "PRINGLE" "RADFORD" "PHILIP" "KNAPP" "MUGFORD"

"PAUL HAMILTON" "HALL" "STEVENS" "DASHIELL" 1 ARD: 9

16 YMS: 6, 8, 39, 40, 51, 52, 71, 163, 288, 314, 315, 329, 339, 461 1 PC: 1128

15 SC: 637, 648, 726, 729, 731, 734, 735, 737, 738, 744, 748, 749,

1004, 1365, 1368 2 PCE(R): 849, 851

(d) Task Force 76:

(a) TG.76.4.11: 15 LT 2 DE: "THOS. F. NICHOL" "CHAS. J. KIMMELL"

TG.76.4.14: 18 XAK 4 FS 1 LCI 1 AO: "KURUMBA"

2 DD: "GANSEVOORT" "RUSSELL" 2 DE: "PFELFFER" "TINSMAN"

(b) Miscellaneous: 10 XAK 1 AT: "RAIL" 1 PC: 1124 9 LCI 1 AM: "REVENGE"

1 AP: "GEN. HERSEY" 1 AK: "TRIANGULUM" 1 AO: "SHIKELLAMY"

4 PF: "ALLENTOWN" "MACHIAS" "SANDUSKY" "CHARLOTTSVILLE"

(e) Task Force 77:

TU.77.1.5: 2 CL: "DOISE" "PHOENIX" 4 DD: "BUSH" "HALFORD" "DRYANT" "NEWCOMB"

TG.77.2 : 3 BB: "COLORADO" "NEW MEXICO" "WEST VIRGINIA" 1 CL: "DENVER"

11 DD: "CONY" "INGRAHAM" "CONNER" "WALLER" "EATON" "CONWAY" "RENSHAW"

"SICOURNEY" "DENNION" "ROBINSON"

TG.77.3 : 1 CA: "MINNEAPOLIS" 2 CL: "COLUMBIA" "MONTPELIER"

8 DD: "FLETCHER" "O'BANNON" "HOWORTH" "LA VALLETTE" "HUGHES" "COOPER"

"HOPEWELL" "ALLEN D. SUMNER"

TG.77.3.2: 1 CA: "PORTLAND" 1 CL: "NASHVILLE" 2 DD: "BUSH" "MOALE"

TG.77.4.6: 3 CVE: "MANILA BAY" "MARCUS ISLAND" "SAVO ISLAND"

1 DD: "RALPH TALBOT" 1 DE: "GILLIGAN"

(f) Task Force 78:

TG.78.3.1: 1 CGC: "SPENCER"

TG.78.3.2: 7 APD: "LLOYD" "KILTY" "CROSBY" "LIDDLE" "COPER" "HERBERT" "KEPHART"

TG.78.3.3: 31 LCI(L) 12 LSM

TG.78.3.4: 26 LST

TG.78.3.5: 11 DD: "BARTON" "WALKE" "LAFREY" "O'BRIEN" "SHAW" "EDWARDS" "FLUSSELL"

"LAMSON" "SMITH" "CONYNGHAM" "REID"

TG.78.3.6: 10 AM: "SAUNTER" "PULSUIT" "REQUISITE" "SAGE" "REVENGE" "SALUTE"

"SCOUT" "SCRAMMAGE" "TRIMPH" "SENTRY" 1 APD: "BROOKS"

7 YMS: 2, 9, 47, 53, 68, 334, 336

- (f) Task Force 78: (Cont)
 TG.78.3.7 : 2 PC: 462, 563 7 LCI(G) 5 LCI(R)
 TG.78.3.8 : 1 LCI(D) 1 ATR
- (2) "PC.1587" escorting convoy Manus-Peleliu #1 (LST 124) departed Manus 1700/5 for Peleliu ETA 0600/10.
- (3) "PC.1591,1130" escorting convoy Manus-Ulithi #5 (1 ship) departed Manus 1700/5 for Ulithi ETA 1000/9.
- (4) "CALAMARES" (AF) departed Manus 0600/7 for Pearl Harbor and San Francisco.
- (5) "MCGOWAN" (DE) escorting "MT.OLYMPUS" (AGC) departs Hollandia AM 9 Dec for Torokina ETA 12 Dec. "MCGOWAN" proceeds Noumea.
- (6) "WALT C.WANN" (DE) PC.1600,1601,1603" escorting 18 LST 14 LSM departed Cape Gloucester 0600/8 for Manus ETA 1300/9.
- (7) "GREENWOOD" "LOESER" (DE) escorting 6 LST proceeding to Hollandia ETA 10 Dec.
- (8) "SPRIGHTLY" (AT) proceeding to Woendi ETA 10 Dec.
- (9) "CHETCO" (AT) towing AFD 11, 1 YPD, 4 YE departed Milne 2100/3 for Hollandia ETA 13 Dec.
- (10) "HIDATSU" (AT) with 4 LCI proceeding to join "POTAWATOMI" (AT) in salvage operations on "STONEWALL" (IX) aground off Cape D'Urville.
- (11) "TOWNSVILLE" (AMS) "PC.1131" proceeding to conduct A/S search in Bismarck Sea.

(b) In Harbour:Morotai:

Combat units 29 PT
 Escorts 7 : 6 AMS: "WAGGA" "KIAMA" "GYMPIE" "GLENELG" "STRAHAN" "LITHGOW"
 1 PF: "HUTCHINSON"
 Auxiliaries 13 : "MOBJACK" (AGP) "MERCURY" (AK) 2 YO 2 YOG 2 YFD 2 YPL 2 YPF 1 YP

Sansapor:

Escorts 4 : 1 AMS: "COWRA" 2 PC: 464, 1598 1 SC: 677

Noemfoor:

Escorts 2 : 2 PC: 462, 563
 Auxiliaries 3 : "HASKELL" "LEON" "ADAIR" (APA)

iek-Woendi:

Combat units 1 ODD : "VENDETTA"
 53 PT
 Escorts 8 : 6 AMS: "GLADSTONE" "ROOME" "STAWELL" "LATROBE" "KATOOMBA" "COLLIER"
 1 BF: "BRUDEKIN" 1 PS: "SWAN"
 Auxiliaries 12 : "ORION" "GRIFFIN" (AS) "SAKATONCHEE" "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG) "DERRICK" (C)
 "VICTORIA" (AO) "BINGHAM" (AG) "REMUS" (ARL) 2 YP: 23, 240 2 YFD

Humboldt Bay:

Combat units 1 CA : "LOUISVILLE"
 13 DD : "MONSSEN" "SAMUEL C. REID" "CLAXTON" "STACK" "STEMBEL" "SMITH" "MORRIS"
 "BRADINE" "RATHBURN" "ABBOTT" "JENKINS" "BELL" "BURNS"
 Escorts 65 : 17 DE: "BOWERS" "WITTER" "THOMASON" "NEVENDORFF" "EICHENBERGER"
 "LOVELACE" "WHITEHURST" "DOYLE C. BARNES" "KEN. M. WILFLET"
 "LOUGH" "WILLMARTH" "SACCARD" "MANNING" "LLOYD E. ACREE"
 "ENGLAND" "GEO. F. DAVIS" "J. E. CRAIG" 1 ML: 825
 2 AMS: "ARARAT" "BUNDEBERG" 4 PCE(R): 848, 850, 852, 853
 19 SC: 514, 521, 531, 636, 668, 687, 695, 735, 742, 991, 1012, 1051, 1273, 1319, 1320, 1321, 1327, 1365, 1369
 17 PC: 84, 555, 584, 586, 695, 1137, 1139, 1188, 1590, 812, 1111, 1129, 1121, 1122, 1123, 1134, 1135
 4 PF: "EUGENE" "LONG BEACH" "EL PASO" "VAN BUREN" 1 A/S: "WILSON"
 Auxiliaries 79 : "BANNER" "BARNSTABLE" "ELMORE" "SUMTER" "JAMES O'HARA" "KNOX"
 "PIERCE" "LEONARD WOOD" "CAMBRIA" "MONROVIA" "CALVERT" "APPLING"
 "CUSTER" "ELEMONT" "HENRY T. ALLEN" (APA) "ARIADNE" (CMS) "COMET"
 "WARHAWK" "LASALLE" "WINGED ARROW" "STORM KING" "HERALD OF THE SEAS"
 "(AP) "GOLDSTAR" "WRIGHT" (AG) "PECOS" "SCHUYKILL" "TALLULAH"
 "TUMACACI" "SEVERN" "SUAMICO" "SALAMONIE" "TRINITY" (AO) "CRUX"
 "JUPITER" "GANYMEDE" (AK) "AQUARIUS" "ARNEB" "ELECTRA" (AKA)
 "DOWNTOWN" (AH) "POLLUX" "ACUDENS" (AKS) "DOBBIN" (AD) "SEEKONK"
 (AOG) "LARK" (AT) "POYANG" "PYRO" "YUNNAN" (AE) "ACHILLES" (AG)
 "PIEBLE" (DM) "CARONDOLET" "CLYDE" "VILLALBOS" (IX) "BLMERILGE"
 (AGC) "NEWMAN" "HUMPHREYS" "DICKERSON" "SANDS" (APD) "SHADWELL"
 "LINDENWALL" (LS) "CULEBRA ISLAND" (ARG) "PASTORES" (AF)
 "MONITOR" (LSV) "BELKNAP" "COLLSBOROUGH" (AVR) "BREEZE" "ELIOTT"
 (DMS) 2 YFD 4 YP: 215, 240, 291, 292 2 ARD: 7, 12
 5 AFD: 2, 3, 16, 24, 25

de:

Auxiliaries 16 : "DIPHA" "TRUBAN" (AKA) "FELAND" "CAVALIER" "GAYETTE" "DUPAGE"
 "LEEDSTOWN" "WAYNE" "HEYWOOD" "FULLER" (APA) "CAPE JOHNSON"
 "JOHN LAND" "GOLDEN CITY" (AP) "HERCULES" "ELLIOTT" (AK)
 "GEN. HARRY TAYLOR" (AP)

Admiralties:

Combat units 4 DB : "CALIFORNIA" "MARYLAND" "MISSISSIPPI" "PENNSYLVANIA"
 14 CVE : "KADASHAN BAY" "NATOMA BAY" "SAGINAW BAY" "BARNES" "MAKIN ISL."
 "SALAMAUJA" "HOGGATT BAY" "ALAVA BAY" "OMMANEY BAY" "LUNG A POIN"
 "EISMARCK SEA" "PETHOF BAY" "ALTAMAHA" "SHIPLEY BAY"
 3 CA : "CANTON" "SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"
 2 CL : "CLEVELAND" "ST LOUIS"
 34 DD : "TWIGGS" "HALLIGAN" "HARADEN" "EVANS" "FOOTE" "REMEY" "MCLEMMON"
 "MERTZ" "ERDEN" "WALKER" "MEEVIN" "MUNTA" "BLACK" "HALE" "KIL"
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 "HELM" "MAURY" "MCCALL" "STERETT" "R.P. LEAHY" "WILSON" "GRIDLE"
 "CONVERSE" "DAGLEY" "AUSBURNE" "H.L. EDWARDS" "CHARRETTE"
 2 SS : "S.45" "S.47"
 19 PT

Escorts

52 : 3 DE : "HALLORAN" "DELAHANTY" "EVERSOLE" "CADANA" "COOLEDAUGH"
 "LA PRADE" "FOREMAN" "LE RAY WILSON" 2 PCS: 1391, 1418
 2 PF : "GASCOYNE" "BACOO" 4 SC: 732, 982, 1004, 1375
 29 YMS: 1, 10, 46, 48, 81, 97, 140, 158, 238, 243, 286, 293, 311,
 319, 327, 339, 340, 341, 342, 353, 360, 363, 364, 368,
 380, 393, 408, 410 7 PC: 598, 600, 742, 1138, 1170, 1421

Auxiliaries

67 : "DAXTER" (APA) "TALAMANAC" (AF) "TANGIER" (AV) "MANLEY" "TALBOST"
 (APD) "CACAPON" "CHIKASKIA" "NESHANIC" "SARANAC" "CALLENTE"
 "ESCAMBIA" "WINOOSKI" "NEOBARR" (AO) "JASON" (ARG) "JAMESTOWN"
 (AGP) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "CEBU" "LEYTE" "MINLANAO" (ARG) "AMERICAN"
 "YOUNG" "GEN. C.G. MORTON" (AP) "RIXEY" (APH) "ALHENA" "ALCONA"
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 "PHOBOS" (AK) "CLEMSON" (AVL) "PRESERVER" (ARS) "RIO GRANDE"
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 "WATCH HILL" "CHOWANOC" "CHIKASAW" (AT) "TORCHWOOD" (YN)
 "LEOPARD" "ANDREW DORIA" "ABARENDA" (IX) "OTUS" (AS) "SIERRA"
 "WHITNEY" "PIELMONT" (AL) "LAUREL" (AG) 2 ASL 1 ARD: 2
 2 AFD: 8, 20 3 YP: 280, 288, 585

Cape Gloucester:

Combat units 3 DD : "LUCE" "ISHERWOOD" "KIMBERLEY"
 Escorts 4 : 1 PC: 1123 2 DE: "ODEIGENDER" "R.S. SUESSENS" 1 SC: 1004
 Auxiliaries 8 : "CAPRICORNUS" (AE) "CLYDE" "W.P. BIDDLE" "A.T. MIDDLETON"
 "CATSKILL" "F. FUNSTON" (APA) "CHARA" (AKA) "ROCKY MOUNT" (AGC)

Alexishafen-Madang:

Escorts 5 : 1 AMS: "KAPUNDA" 1 YMS: "KINDJANI" 2 ML: 802, 812 1 HDML: 131
 Auxiliaries 4 : "CAPE LEEUWIN" (AGS) "KOOPA" (AG) "PING WU" (ASIS) 1 YP: 504

Langemak:

Combat units 28 PT
 Escorts 6 : 3 SC: 694, 739, 748 3 PC: 218, 585, 1491
 Auxiliaries 16 : "MAETSCHYCKEN" "REFUGE" (AH) "AASE MAETSK" (AO) "RIFLEMAN" (AM)
 "ST GILES" "RACE POINT" "CHIPPEWA" (AT) "KATOOMB" (AP) "GAMBLE"
 (DM) "DOVELTON" (APD) "TRYONG" (APH) "BULL WHEEL" (YO) "WARWICK"
 (AK) "MONTIUS" (JGP) 1 YRD: 9

Escorts 2 : 1 ML: 220 1 HDML: 1321
 Auxiliaries 2 : "OLMSBURY" (APA) "TASMAN" (AH)

Vacquinot Bay:

Auxiliaries 2 : "CANDRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "LAURIANA" (AG)

Oro Bay:

Auxiliaries 2 : "UVALDE" (APA) "CASA GRANDE" (LSD)

Milne Bay:

Escorts 6 : 3 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" "LELORAIN" "COOTAMUNDRA"
 2 DE: "J. DOUGLAS BLACKWOOD" "DARBY" 1 SC: 699
 Auxiliaries 12 : "DUNGAREE" (CM) "ARAYAT" (IX) "MAUNA LOA" (AE) "WARREN" (APA)
 "ETAMIN" (AK) "TAROONA" (AP) "MERKUR" (AF) "CHIWAIKUM" (AOG)
 1 ARD: 9 3 YP: 278, 449, 541

Port Moresby:

Escorts 1 : 1 HDML: 1327

SOLOMONS

(a) At Sea to 1200/9:

(1) "HAWKESBURY" (PF) "AFARAT" (AMS) escorting Convoy Peleliu-Russells #4 ("ARIEL" "NAOS"
 (AK) "PRINCE GEORGE" (AF) "TULURAN" (AG) departed Peleliu 7 Dec for
 Russells ETA about 15 Dec.

(3) "PC.738" was to depart Guadalcanal about 5 Dec for Manus for onward routing to Ulithi

(b) In Har bour:Enirau:

Escorts 7 : 1 LE: "STAFFELD" 2 YMS: "TUI", 250 4 SC: 520,602,703,1274
 Auxiliaries 2 : 2 YP: 233,514

Green Is:

Combat units 5 PT
 Escorts 1 : 1 YMS: 94
 Auxiliaries 2 : 1 YP: 248 1 AK: "HYPERION"

Torokina:

Combat units 5 DD : "SPROSTON" "PICKING" "WICKES" "W.D.PORTER" "YOUNG"
 Escorts 15 : 2 SC: 1188, 1590 6 PC: 476, 477, 702, 1170, 1231, 1242
 1 PCS: 1429 3 DE: "HARMON" "AERCROMBIE" "GILLIGAN"
 3 YMS: 176, 311, 380
 Auxiliaries 31 : "TAURUS" "DRACO" (AK) "ANTARES" (AKS) "YUMA" (AT) "RACCOON"
 "IDEX" (IX) "LIBRA" "ALMAAK" "ALSHAIN" "TITANIA" (AKA) "MANOOKA"
 "WESTRALIA" "KANIMELA" "EMPIRE BATTLEAXE" "EMPIRE AREQUEBUS"
 "EMPIRE MACE" "LOTHIAN" (SLI) "LOYEN" "HARRIS" "SARASOTA" "LAM"
 "SHERIDAN" "ALPINE" "BOLIVAR" "HARRY LEE" (APA) "PRES.POLK"
 "STARLIGHT" (AP) "PINKNEY" (APH) "SHAWNEE" (AT) "OZARK" (LSV)

Treasury Is:

Combat units 14 PT
 6 PGM
 Escorts 9 : 1 LE: "PAUL G.BAKER" 3 PC: 479, 605, 1132 1 YMS: 45
 4 SC: 677, 722, 1074, 1260
 Auxiliaries 3 : 1 YP: 520 1 AOG: "AGAWAM" 1 YN: "PALM"

Munda:

Escorts 8 : 1 DE: "GENDREAU" 1 PC: 1119 2 YMS: "KIWI", 196

3. EAST AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea to 1200/9:

- (1) "MONTEREY" (AP) departed Brisbane 1355/6 for Hollandia ETA 0400/11.
- (2) "MESQUITE" (CGC) departed Caloundra 1900/5 for Langemak via Milne Bay.
- (3) "GOULBURN" (AMS) departed Townsville 1606/6 for Sydney ETA 1600/10.
- (4) "BURNIE" "LISMORE" "MAYMOROUGH" (AMS) departed Fremantle 0610/4 for Melbourne ETA 1000/11; for onward routing to Sydney.
- (5) GEN.BUTNER" (AP) proceeding Dombay to Melbourne ETA 12 Dec.

(b) In Harbour:Merauke:

Escorts 4 : 2 YMS: "SHEROE" "MERBANDOE" 2 HLML: 1322, 1323

Thursday Is:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "PIRIE"
 Auxiliaries 2 : "WINTER" "CHALLENGER" (AGS)

Cairns:

Escorts 4 : 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" 3 ML: 428, 431, 806
 Auxiliaries 5 : "CLAN LAMONT" (LSI) "FIRE ISLAND" (AT) "DUNTRON" (AP)
 "EVANGELINE" (XAK) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS)

Townsville:

Escorts 3 : 1 AMS: "BENDIGO" 1 ML: 827 1 HLML: 1329
 Auxiliaries 7 : "POLARIS" (AGS) "TANCREL" "WATO" (AT) "ORMISTON" (AP)
 "GLENEARN" "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD" (LSI) 1 YP: 615

Bowen:

Auxiliaries 1 : "HEROS" (AT)

Brisbane:

Combat units 6 SS : "S.42" "NAUHAL" "STINGRAY" "NAUTILUS" "GADILAN" "PERCH"
 Escorts 12 : 7 ML: 424, 425, 801, 820, 821, 811 1 YMS: 313
 1 AMS: "WHYALLA" 3 HLML: 1129, 1324, 1353
 Auxiliaries 3 : "ETOLIN" (AK) "PONTUS" (AGP) "OCTANS" (AF)

Sydney:

Combat units 2 CL : "HODART" (refitting) "TROMP"
 2 DD : "GLENLOWER" "QUICKMATCH"
 1 ODD : "STUART"
 3 SS : "K.9" "K.12" "TELEMACHUS"
 Escorts 12 : 2 AMS: "KALGOORLIT" "WANGANELLA" 1 DS: "WANREGO" 1 PC
 7 ML: 426, 801, 815, 816, 819, 822, 823/1 SC: 1039 1 AS: "KYBRA"
 Auxiliaries 5 : "POINT LAMONT" (AT) "MAMUNDA" "WANGANELLA" (AT) "OCTORARA" (IX) "ARDEN"

Melbourne:

Combat units 1 OCL : "ADELAIDE"
 1 DD : "NIZAM"
 Escorts 6 : "ABRAHAM CRIJNSEN" "DOOMB A" "YANDRA" (A/S) "BOWEN" (AMS)
 2 HMML: 1340, 1350

4. NORTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/9:(1) Task Force 71:

On Patrol 27 SS : "BLACKFIN" "SEA WOLF" "FLYING FISH" "BASHA" "FLOUNDER" "HADDO"
 "GUAVINA" "FAOEL" "BARBERO" "FLASHER" "GUNNELL" "JACK" "PARGO"
 "BECUNA" "CROWLER" "AHKE" "SEA ROVER" "HAWKBILL" "MUSKELLUNGE"
 "BESUGO" "HAMMERHEAD" "SPITEFUL" "GAR" "MINGO"
 On Passage 14 SS : "GURNARD" "CLYDE" "TANGLE" "K.14" "BLUEGILL" "HOE" "LAPON" "DACE"
 "CAVALLA" "TANTALUS" "BERGALL" "TUSK" "STOIC" "CAIMAN"

(b) In Harbour:Darwin:

Escorts 10 : 4 AMS: "JUNEE" "CASTLEMAINE" "PARKES" "HORSHAM"
 5 ML: 429, 309, 312, 314, 907 1 HMML: 1329
 Auxiliaries 4 : "STELLA" "HOKESBY" "SHEPPA TON" (AGS) "CHANTICLEER" (ARS)

Port Nelson:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "ECHUCA"

5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/9:

Nil Report.

(b) In Harbour:Fremantle:

Combat units 1 CA : "SUFFOLK"
 1 DD : "QUEENSCROUGH"
 12 SS : "GUITARRO" "PADDLE" "BREAM" "COBIA" "ROCK" "SINGAR" "HAMMERHEAD"
 "TANTIVY" "STONE" "ZWAARDFISCH" "K.15" "O.19"
 Escorts 6 : 1 PF : "CORPUS CHRISTI" 1 PS: "SAVOIGNAN DE BRAZZA"
 2 YMS: 11, 72 1 SC: 720 1 ML: 324
 Auxiliaries 7 : "ANTHEDON" (EURYALE) "MILSTONE" (AS) "ISABEL" (PY) "COUCAL"
 (ARS) 1 ARD: 10 1 YP: 286

Bunbury:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "BUNBURY"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

1. PHILIPPINES

- (1) Manila Area - At 0250/8 Dec. a Navy Mariner sighted 3 warships described as 2 heavy cruisers and 1 light cruiser, 20 miles W. of Subic Bay, on course 335° at 15 knots.

At 1114/8 Dec. aircraft in flight reported 2 destroyers, 2 destroyer escorts, 130 miles W. of the entrance to Manila Bay, on course 40°, speed 15 knots.

It is perhaps significant that the daylight search reported only 1 group of ships in this area although the range of reconnaissance should have covered the limit, which could have been reached by the units sighted during the early morning darkness hours. This, coupled with the lack of any other intelligence to place heavy cruisers in the immediate Manila area, may suggest that the units sighted were one and the same group possibly on patrol perhaps A/S patrol, over the approaches to Manila.

In addition to the above sightings a small coaster was attacked and damaged by the Mariner in Subic Bay at 0151/8 Dec. and 1 destroyer was seen off Lubang Is. at the N.W. entrance to Verde Is. Passage on course 300° at 15 knots., at 1345/8 Dec.

- (2) Sibuyan Sea - At 1000/7 Dec. 3 sea trucks were attacked by a Liberator in Romblor Passage (W. coast Tablas Is.) and set on fire.

At 1600/7 Dec. 2 ships described as destroyer escorts were sighted by aircraft at N. exit from Burias Strait (between the coast S.E. Luzon and Burias Is.), on course 330° at 20 knots.

- (3) Mindoro Area - At 1500/7 Dec. a reconnaissance Liberator attacked 2 sea trucks and 2 coasters off Calapan on N.E. coast Mindoro: both sea trucks were sunk and the 2 coasters set on fire. Also P.M. 7 Dec. 3 sea trucks were attacked by Liberator at or near Coron Bay: all 3 were damaged.

At 0410/8 Dec. 5 small coasters were attacked by a Mariner near San Jose, on S.W. coast Mindoro: 1 was destroyed and 3 were damaged.

- (4) Leyte - Slow progress was made 7-8 Dec. in the Ormoc Corridor S. of Limon where stiff resistance was encountered.

Following the landing near Ipil and preliminary consolidation our forces advanced N. and by 1500/8 Dec. were approaching Camp Downes, only 1 mile from Ormoc Town. No indication of the intensity of opposition is reported.

Elimination of the enemy paratroopers which landed in the San Pablo area evening 6 Dec. has progressed effectively on 8 Dec. All remaining paratroops had been contained in a pocket between Buri, Bayug and San Pablo strips and all airdromes were clear of enemy.

- (5) Visayas - A.M. 8 Dec. aircraft in flight reported 6 sea trucks and 3 luggers at anchor at Tagbilaran, the main anchorage on S.W. Bohol Is.

At 1250/7 Dec. Mologo airdrome on N.W. Negros Is., was bombed by 11 Liberators which dropped excellent bomb patterns across the strip: there was no AA nor interception.

- (6) Mindanao Area - At 0445/6 Dec. a submarine contact was reported by surface craft 250 miles S.E. of Surigao.

2. EAST INDIES

- (1) Morotai - At 0346/8 Dec. enemy aircraft approached Morotai and dropped 30-40 bombs, but all fell wide of any objective.
- (2) Halmahera - On 7 Dec. airdromes in N. Halmahera were again attacked involving 27 Mitchells, 19 Kittyhawks and a few other patrol planes.
- (3) S. E. Celebes - At 1030-1100/7 Dec. Ambesia airdrome was bombed by 18 Liberators which dropped an excellent pattern across the dispersal area and runway. The aircraft whilst en route base, strafed an auxiliary sailing craft in Tiworo Strait setting the vessel on fire.
- (4) E. Borneo - On 7 Dec. a tank farm at Tarakan was bombed by 5 Liberators and 3 Mitchells in 3 attacks.

3. NEW GUINEA - At 0900/8 Dec. Moem plantation at Wewak was bombed by 6 Bostons.

4. BISMARCKS-SOLOMONS - On 7 Dec. normal Corsair offensive patrols were conducted.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

1. CAROLINES - On 4 Dec. Ponape was subjected to an attack by 9 Dauntless, 20 Corsairs in addition to the usual attacks on enemy held positions by offensive patrols.
2. MARIANAS - On 4 Dec. Rota was attacked by 36 Corsairs and on 5 Dec. Pagan and Rota runways were attacked by Corsairs and Avengers.
3. NAMPO SHOTO - On 7 Dec. Iwo Jima was subjected to a heavy attack by a strong force of Super-fortresses, coordinated with 108 Liberators and 30 Lightnings. The Super-fortresses met no AA nor fighter opposition but the Lightnings encountered 6 fighters of which 5 were shot down and the sixth damaged. All the Superfortresses returned to base.
 This heavy attack was coordinated with bombardment of airfields and installations by a cruiser and destroyer Task Force.
 Details of damage inflicted are not yet available.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

- (1) Continued enemy air reinforcement of Formosa and Philippines and intensified air offensive Leyte area.
- (2) Satisfactory progress on Leyte.
- (3) Heavy Blue attack on Iwo Jima in Nampo Shoto.
- (4) Enemy submarine activity Philippines, W. and Central Pacific and Indian Ocean including use of midget submarines.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>				<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
* Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)				(Incl. Mandates)
BB	(7) CALIFORNIA COLORADO	MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI	NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA	WEST VIRGINIA
<u>CVE</u>	(17) ALAVA BAY ALTAMAHA BARNES BISMARCK SEA HOGGATT BAY	KADASHAN BAY LUNGA POINT MAKIN ISLAND MANILA BAY	MARCUS ISLAND NATOMA BAY OMMANEY BAY PETROF BAY	SAGINAW BAY SAVO ISLAND SALAMAU SHIPLEY BAY
<u>CA</u>	(6) #CANBERRA LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PORTLAND	AUSTRALIA SHROFSHIRE	
<u>CL</u>	(11) BOISE #CLEVELAND COLUMBIA	DENVER MONTPELIER NASHVILLE	PHOENIX #ST LOUIS	ADELAIDE #HOBIART #TROMP
<u>AV</u>	(2) CURRITUCK	TANGIER		
<u>MP</u>	(8) BELKNAP CHINCOTEAGUE	GOLDSBOROUGH HALF MOON	HERON ORCA	SAN CARLOS SAN PABLO
<u>DD</u>	(103) ABBOTT ALLEN M. SUMNER AULICK AUSBURNE BAGLEY BARTON BLACK BRAINE BRYANT BUSH CHARRETTE CHAUNCEY C. J. BADGER CLAXTON COGHLAN CONY CONYGHAM CONNER CONVERSE CONWAY C. T. BADGER DASHIELL DRAYTON BELL ARUNTA GLENDOWER	HATON HERBEN EVANS FLETCHER FLUSSER FOOTE GANSEVOORT GRIDLEY HALFORD HARADEN HALLIGAN HALL HELM H. L. EDWARDS HOWORTH HOPEWELL INGRAHAM ISHERWOOD JENKINS KIDD KNAPP KILLEN KIMBERLEY LAFREY NIZAM QUICKMATCH	LAMSON LANG LA VALLETTE LEUTZE LUCE MCCALL MAURY MODERMOTT MCGOWAN MELVIN MERTZE MOALE MONSSEN MORRIS MUGFORD MUSTIN NEWCOMB NICHOLAS O'BANNON O'BRIEN PAUL HAMILTON PICKING PRINGLE REID STUART VENDETTA	RATHBURNE REMEY RALPH TALBOT RENSHAW ROBINSON R. P. LEARY RUSSELL SAMUEL C. REID SIGOURNEY SMITH SPROSTON STACK STEMEEL STERETT STEVENS TAYLOR TWIGGS WALKE WALKER WALLER WICKES WILSON J. M. D. PORTER YOUNG WARRAMUNGA

Approx. 175

* Excluding Conpac forces temporarily at sea in S.W.P.A.
Non-effective.

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES
Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)

ENEMY FORCES
(Incl. Mandates)

<u>AKA</u>	(76)	AIGOL (AKA)	CLEMSON (APA)	WAYNE (APA)	-
<u>APA</u>		ALHENA	CUSTER	W.P.DIBBLE	
<u>APD</u>		AIMAAK	DOYEN	BROOKS (APD)	
<u>ISI</u>		ALSHAIN	DUPAGE	COFER	
		ALYCONE	FAYETTE	CROSBY	
		AQUARIUS	FELAND	DICKERSON	
		CAPRICORNUS	F.FUNSTON	HERBERT	
		DIPHDA	FREMONT	HUMPHREYS	
		CHARA	FULLER	KEPHART	
		LIBRA	GILLIAM	KILTY	
		O'HARA	GOLDEN CITY	LIDDLE	
		THUBAN	HARRY LEE	MANLEY	
		UVALDE	HASKELL	NEWMAN	
		ALPINE (APA)	HEYWOOD	OVERTON	
		ADAIR	H.T.ALLEN	SANDS	
		APPLING	KNOX	SCHLEY	
		ARIADNE	LEEDSTOWN	TALBOT	
		A.T.MIDDLETON	LELAND	KANIMBLA (ISI)	
		BANNER	LEO CLYMAN	MANOORA	
		BAXTER	LAMARR	WESTRALIA	
		BOLIVAR	MONROVIA	CLAN LAMONT	
		CALVERT	OLMSTEAD	EMPIRE ARQUEBUS	
		CAMBERIA	SARISOTA	EMPIRE BATTLEAXE	
		CAVALIER	SHERIDAN	EMPIRE MACE	
		CLAY	WARREN	EMPIRE SPEARHEAD	
				GLENEARN	
<u>AGC</u>	(5)	BLUE RIDGE	MOUNT MCKINLEY	WASATCH	-
		MOUNT OLYMPUS	ROCKY MOUNT		
<u>AS</u>	(4)	GRIFFIN	ORION	OTUS	-
		HOLLAND			
<u>AD</u>	(4)	DOBBIN	SIERRA	WHITNEY	-
		PIEDMONT			
<u>AR</u>	(4)	BRIAREUS	PLATYFUS	RIGEL	-
		MEDUSA			
<u>ARB</u>	(1)	MIDAS			-
<u>AC</u>	(5)	CEBU	LEYTE	OGLALA	-
		CULEBRA ISLAND	MINDANAO		
<u>ARH</u>	(1)	JASON			-
<u>ARL</u>	(4)	ACHILLES	EGERIA	REMUS	-
		AMAZONS			
<u>ARS</u>	(4)	CABLE	PRESERVER	VENTS	-
		GRAPPLE			
<u>ISD</u>	(10)	ASHLAND	GUNSTON HALL		-
		BELLEGROVE	LINDENWALD		
		CARTER HALL	OAKHILL		
		CASA GRANDE	RUSHMORE		
		EPPING FOREST	WHITE MARSH		

4. CENTRAL PACIFIC
(Including N. and S. Pacific Area)

		# ALLIED FORCES		S. China Sea Incl. Formosa Singapore	Empire
<u>BB</u>	(13) ALABAMA IDAHO INDIANA IOWA	MASSACHUSETTS MISSOURI NEW JERSEY NORTH CAROLINA	OKLAHOMA SOUTH DAKOTA WASHINGTON WISCONSIN TENNESSEE	(2) KONGO MUSASHI (sev. dmgd. poss sunk)	(3) *YAMATO *NAGATO HARUNA
<u>BB/XCV</u>				(2) HYUGA ISE	-
<u>CV</u>	(17) BENNINGTON BON HOMME RICHARD BUNKER HILL ENTERPRISE ESSEX	FRANKLIN HANCOCK INTREPID LEXINGTON HORNET RANDOLPH	RANGER SARATOGA SHANGRI LA TICONDEROGA WASP YORKTOWN	-	(3) AMAGI HAYATAKA UNRYU
<u>CVL</u>	(8) BATAAN BELLEAU WOOD CABOT	COWPENS INDEPENDENCE LANGLEY	MONTEREY SAN JACINTO	(1) RYUHO	(1) HOSHO
<u>CVE</u>	(41) ADMIRALTY IS. ASTROLABE BAY ATTU BOUGAINVILLE BRETON BUCARELI BAY CAPE ESPERANCE CASABLANCA CHAPIN BAY CHENANGO CHOPAHEE CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR	FANSHAW BAY HOLLANDIA GILBERT ISLANDS KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY KWAJALEIN LONG ISLAND MAKASSAR STRAIT MATANAKAU MUNDA NASSAU MEHENTIA BAY PRINCE WILLIAM ROI	RUDYERD BAY SANGAMON SANTEE SARGENT BAY SHAMROCK BAY SITKOH BAY STEAMER BAY SUWANNEE TAKANAS BAY TANANEK BAY THETIS BAY TULAGI WHITE PLAINS WINDHAM BAY	(1) OTAKA	(1) KAIYO
	(10) BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER DULUTH	INDIANAPOLIS PENSACOLA NEW ORLEANS	SALT LAKE CITY WICHITA SAN FRANCISCO	(2-4) CHOKAI (rep) *TAKAO (sunk) MYOKO (prob.) NACHI (sunk)	(4) IBUKI TONE *AOBA *HAGURO
<u>CGA</u>				-	6
<u>CL</u>	(23) ASTORIA BILOXI *BIRMINGHAM CONCORD DETROIT FLINT *HONOLULU HOUSTON	MELEANDER GAMBIER MIAMI MOBILE OAKLAND PASADENA RALEIGH	RICHMOND SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN SANTA FE TRENTON VICKSBURG *RENO WILKES BARRE	(1) KINU ABUKUMA (1 or poss. both sunk)	(4-5) OYODO YAHAGI TAMA (1 rept) SAKAWA (sunk)
<u>CLT</u>				KASHII	KASHIMA
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(4) BALLARD CHANDELEUR	CURTISS	POCOMOKE	-	(2) ASKITSUSH *NOTORO
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 150			20	15 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u>	Approx. 150			10	Approx. 50
		?		?	2 (1 repairing)

* Non-effective.

Some of these units operating temporarily in S.W.P.A.

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> Southwest Pacific (Western Section)			<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> Indian Ocean	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u> Indian Ocean		
<u>BB</u>	-		(4) HOWE QUEEN ELIZABETH	RENOWN VALIANT	-	
<u>CV</u>	-		(3) ILLUSTRIOUS INDOMITABLE	VICTORIOUS	-	
<u>CVE</u>	-		(7) ACTIVITY AMEER ATHELING BATTLER	DEGUM SHAH UNICORN	-	
<u>CA</u>	(1) SUFFOLK		(2) CUMBERLAND	LONDON	-	
<u>CL</u>	-		(6) ACHILLES CEYLON KENYA	NEWCASTLE NIGERIA PHOEBE	-	
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-		(1) ALBATROSS		-	
<u>CVL</u>	-		(2) CANTON	CHITRAL	-	
<u>DD</u>	(1) QUEENSBOROUGH		Approx. 27		-	
<u>SS</u>	(61)	ANGLER BARBERO BASHAW BATFISH BAYA BECUNA BERGAL BESUGO BLENNY BLUEGILL COBIA DACE DARTER FLASHER	FLYING FISH GAR CROWLER GUAVINA GUITARO GUNNEL GURNARD HADDO HAKE HAMMERHEAD HARDHEAD HAWKBILL HOE JACK	LADON MINGO MUSKELLUNGE NARWHAL NAUTILUS PADDLE PARGO REDFIN ROCK SEA WOLF STINGRAY TUSK S.42 S.45 S.47	Approx. 16	10 (possibly all German)
		CLYDE SEA ROVER SIRDAR	SPITEFUL STOIC STORM STURDY	TANTALUS TANTIVY TELEMACHUS		
		K.9 K.12	K.14 K.15	0.19 ZWAARDFISCH		
<u>AS</u>	(3)	ANTHEDON EURYALE MAIDSTONE				

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY SHORE-BASED AIR STRENGTH

	<u>SOLOMONS</u>		<u>PHILIPPINES</u>			<u>MANDATES</u>
	<u>BISMARCKS</u>	<u>EAST INDIES</u>	<u>Iuzon</u>	<u>Visayas</u>	<u>Mindanao</u>	
Fighters	3	187	129	103	37	6
3/E Bombers	-	8	84	3	13	-
1/E Bombers	-	96	110	31	37	3
Flying Boats	-	6	4	-	-	-
Boat Planes	10	58	37	16	12	6
Obsn. A/C	2	29	24	17	8	4
TOTAL	15	384	388	170	107	19

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

(i) ALLIED FORCES

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NEW GUINEA - BISMARCKS

(a) At Sea to 1200/11:

- (1) (a) Task Force 70: 83 PT
6 AGP: "WILLOUGHBY" "MACHAPRE ACUE" "HILO" "OYSTERBAY" "PONTUS" "ORESTES"
- (b) Task Force 73: 5 AVP: "HALF MOON" "HERON" "ORCA" "SAN PABLO" "SAN CARLOS"
1 AV: "TANGIER" 2 AVR
- (c) Task Force 75: 53 XAK 1 CGC: "BUTTONWOOD" 3 AK: "BOOTES" "RUTILICUS" "MURZIM"
5 LSD: "WHITE MARSH" "EPPING FOREST" "BELLE GROVE" "GUNSTON HALL"
"OAKHILL" 3 AT: "QUAPAN" "WHIPPOORWILL" "RESERVE"
5 IX: "CARIBOU" "MINK" "PANDA" "ARETHUSA" "PORCUPINE"
1 ATL: "ECERIA" 2 ARS: "CABLE" "GRAPPLE" 1 AO: "BISHOPDALE"
1 APA: "GILLIAM" 1 AN: "TEADERRY" 1 AV: "ST.G" 1 AH: "MERCY"
4 DE: "JOBS" "MARTIN" "HOLT" "DUFFY" 1 PG: "TULSA" 1 HDML: 1074
6 PF: "ORANGE" "GLENDALE" "BELFAST" "OCDEN" "SAN PEDRO" "CORONADO"
9 DD: "PRINGLE" "RADFORD" "PHILIP" "KNAPP" "MUGFORD" "DASHIELL"
"PAUL HAMILTON" "HALL" "STEVENS" 2 PCE(R): 849, 851
16 YMS: 6, 8, 39, 40, 51, 52, 71, 163, 200, 314, 315, 329, 339, 481 1 ARD: 9
15 SC: 637, 648, 726, 729, 731, 734, 735, 737, 738, 744, 748, 749,
1004, 1365, 1368 1 PG: 1128
- (d) Task Force 76:
TG.76.4.11: 15 LT 2 DE: "THOS.F.NICHOL" "CHAS.J.KIMMELL"
TG.76.4.14: 18 XAK 2 DD: "GANSEVOORT" "RUSSELL" 2 DE: "PFEIFFER" "TINSMAN"
1 AO: "KURUMBA" 4 FS 1 LCI
- (e) Task Force 77:
TU.77.1.5: 2 CL: "BOISE" "PHOENIX" 4 DD: "DUSH" "HALFORD" "BRYANT" "NEWCOMB"
TG.77.2 : 3 DE: "COLORADO" "NEW MEXICO" "WEST VIRGINIA" 1 CL: "DENVER"
11 DD: "CONY" "INGRAHAM" "CONNER" "WALLER" "EATON" "CONWAY" "RENSHAW"
"SIGOURNEY" "BENNION" "ROBINSON"
TG.77.3 : 1 CA: "MINNEAPOLIS" 2 CL: "COLUMBIA" "MONTPELIER"
8 DD: "FLETCHER" "O'BANNON" "HONORTH" "LA VALLETTE" "HUGHES" "COOPER"
"HOPEWELL" "ALLEN D.SUMNER"
TG.77.3.2: 1 CA: "PORTLAND" 1 CL: "NASHVILLE" 1 DD: "MOALE"
TG.77.4.6: 3 CVE: "MANILA BAY" "MARCUS ISLAND" "SAVO ISLAND" 1 DD: "RALPH TALBOT"
1 DE: "GILLIGAN"
- (f) Task Force 78:
TG.78.3.1: 1 CGC: "SPENCER"
TG.78.3.2: 7 APD: "LLOYD" "KILTY" "CROSBY" "LIDALE" "COFER" "HERBERT" "KEPHART"
TG.78.3.3: 31 LST(L) 12 LSM
TG.78.3.4: 26 LST
TG.78.3.5: 11 DD: "BARTON" "WALKE" "LAFFEY" "O'BRIEN" "SHAW" "EDWARDS" "FLUSSER"
"LAMSON" "SMITH" "CONYGHAM" "REID"
TG.78.3.6: 10 AM: "SAUNTER" "SAGE" "PURSUIT" "REQUISITE" "REVENGE" "SALUTE" "SCRIMMAGE"
"SCOUT" "TRIUMPH" "SENTRY" 1 APD: "BROOKS" 5 YMS: 2, 9, 47, 53, 68, 334, 336
TG.78.3.7: 2 PC: 462, 563 7 LCI(G) 5 LCI(S)
TG.78.3.8: 1 ATR 1 LCI(D)

- (2) "KITKUN BAY" "STEAMER BAY" (CVE) with "EDMONDS" "JOHN C. BUTLER" "RAYMOND" (DE) proceeding to Manus ETA 0100/16.
- (3) "BRETON" (CVE) proceeding to Manus from Compac ETA 0930/13.
- (4) "RILEY" "KNOX" "MCNULTY" "METIVIER" "C.W. JOHNSON" "EUGENE" "E. ELMORE" (DE) departed Tulagi 0930/8 for Hollandia?
- (5) "NICHOLAS" (DD) proceeding to Manus ETA about 11 Dec.
- (6) "MONSSEN" (DL) escorting "MT. OLYMPUS" (AGC) departs Hollandia AM 9 Dec for Torokina ETA 12 Dec. "MONSSEN" proceeds to Noumea.
- (7) "CHETCO" (AT) towing AFD 11, 1 YFD, 4 YE departed Milne 2100/3 for Hollandia ETA 13.
- (8) "PASTORES" (AF) departed Manus 9 Dec for Auckland ETA 16 Dec.
- (9) "YMS. 393" was to depart Manus about 8 Dec for Brisbane, via Langenak, Milne and Cairns.
- (10) "CAMERIAN SALVOR" (ARS) assisting "WESTWATER HO" aground off Tawi Island.
- (11) "POLLUX" (AKS) was to depart Hollandia about 10 Dec for Sydney.

(b) In Harbour:Morotai:

Combat units 20 PT
 Escorts 8 : 7 AMS: "WAGGA" "KIAMA" "GYMPIE" "GLENELG" "STRAHAN" "LITHGOW"
 "COWRA" 1 PF: "HUTCHINSON"
 Auxiliaries 13 : "MOBJACK" (AGP) "MERCURY" (AK) 2 YO 2 YCG 2 YFD 2 YPL 2 YPF 1 YPC

Sansapor:

Escorts 3 : 2 PC: 464, 1590 1 SC: 677

Nconfoor:

Escorts 2 : 2 PC: 462, 563
 Auxiliaries 3 : "HASKELL" "LEON" "A. AIR" (APA)

Diak-Woendi:

Combat units 1 ODD : "VENETTA"
 30 PT
 Escorts 8 : 6 AMS: "GLADSTONE" "BROOME" "STABELL" "LATROBE" "KATCOMB" "COLSON"
 1 PF: "DURKIN" 1 PS: "SWAN"
 Auxiliaries 15 : "ORION" "GRIFFIN" (AS) "SAKATONCHEE" "SUSQUEHANNA" (AGC) "REML"
 (ARL) "DELRICK" (YO) "VICTORIA" (AG) "DINGER" (AG) "HIDATSU"
 "POTAWATOMI" (AF) 3 YP: 23, 240, 415 2 YFL

Harboldt:

Combat units 1 CA : "LOUISVILLE"
 13 DL : "MCGOWAN" "SAMUEL C. REIL" "CLAXTON" "STACK" "STEMBEL" "RATHBURN"
 "SMITH" "MORRIS" "DRAINE" "ABBOTT" "JENKINS" "BELL" "BURNS"
 Escorts 76 : 19 DE : "DOWNS" "WITTER" "THOMASON" "NEVENDORFF" "EICHENBERGER"
 "LOUGH" "WILLMARTH" "SACCARDI" "MANNING" "LLOYD E. SCREE"
 "LOVELACE" "WHITEHURST" "DOYLE C. BARNES" "KEN. M. WILLET"
 "ENGLAND" "GEO. F. DAVIS" "J. E. CRAIG" "GREENWOOD" "LOESER"
 5 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOLINSVILLE" "ARARAT" "DUNDABELG" "KAPUNDA"
 20 SC: 514, 521, 531, 636, 668, 687, 695, 735, 741, 742, 991, 1
 1052, 1273, 1319, 1320, 1331, 1327, 1365, 1369 1 ML: 825
 18 PC: 84, 555, 584, 506, 695, 1137, 1139, 1188, 1590, 1119, 812, 1129, 112
 1122, 1123, 1124, 1134, 1135 4 PCE(R): 848, 850, 852, 853
 4 : 8 PF: "EUGENE" "LONG BEACH" "EL PASO" "VAN BUREN" "ALLENTOWN"
 "MICHIAS" "SANLUSKY" "CHARLOTTESVILLE" 1 A/S: "WILCANN"
 Auxiliaries 84 : "BANNER" "DARNSTABLE" "ELMORE" "SUMTER" "JAMES O'HARA" "PIERCE"
 "KNOX" "LEONARD WOOD" "CAMERIA" "MONROVIA" "CALVERT" "APPLING"
 "CUSTER" "FREMONT" "HENRY T. ALLEN" (APA) "COMET" "WINGED ARROW"
 "WARHAWK" "LA SALLE" "STORM KING" "HERALD OF THE MONR" "MONTEB"
 "GEN. HERSEY" (AP) "GOLSTAR" "WRIGHT" (AG) "PECOS" "SCHUYKILL"
 "TALLULAH" "SHIKELLAMY" "TUMACACORI" "SEVERN" "SUAMICO" "SALAMONIA"
 "TRINITY" (AG) "CRUX" "JUPITER" "GANYMEDE" "TRIANGULUM" (AK)
 "AQUARIUS" "ARNED" "ELECTRA" (AKA) "BOUNTIFUL" (AH) "ACUBENS" (AF)
 "DUBLIN" (AD) "SEEKONK" (AG) "LARK" "RAIL" "SPRIGHTLY" (AT) "P"
 "POYANG" "YUNNAN" (AE) "ACHILLES" (ARS) "PREBLE" (DM) "REVENGE" (E)
 "STONEWALL" "CARONDOLET" "CLYDE" "VILLALOBOS" (KX) "BLUE RIDGE"
 (AGC) "NEWMAN" "HUMPHREYS" "DICKERSON" "SANDS" (APL) "SHAWWELL"
 "LINDENWALD" (LSO) "CULEBRA ISLAND" (AG) "MONITOR" (LSV) "BELK"
 "GOLDSBOROUGH" (AVR) "BREEZE" "ELLIOTT" (LMS) 2 ARD: 7, 12
 2 YFL 4 YP: 218, 240, 291, 292 5 AFD: 2, 3, 16, 24, 25

Aitape:

Auxiliaries 16 : "DIPHDA" "THUDAN" (AKA) "FELAND" "CAVALIER" "FAYETTE" "EUPAGE"
 "LEEDSTON" "WAYNE" "HEYWOOD" "FULLER" (APA) "CAPE JOHNSON"
 "GOLDEN CITY" "JOHN LAND" (AP) "HERCULES" "ELLIOT" (AK)
 "GEN. HARRY TAYLOR" (AP)

Admiralties:

Combat units 4 DD : "CALIFORNIA" "MARYLAND" "MISSISSIPPI" "PENNSYLVANIA"

Admiralties: (Cont)

Combat units 14 CVE : "KADASHAN BAY" "NATOMA BAY" "SAGINAW BAY" "BARNES" "MAKIN ISL"
 "SALAMAUAI" "HOGGATT BAY" "SLAVA BAY" "OMMANBY BAY" "LUNGA POINT"
 "BISMARCK SEA" "PETROF BAY" "ALTAMAHAI" "SHIPLEY BAY"
 3 CA : "CANBERRA" "SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"
 2 CL : "CLEVELAND" "ST LOUIS"
 38 DD : "TWIGGS" "HALLIGAN" "HARADEN" "EVANS" "FOOTE" "RENEY" "MCDERMOTT"
 "MERTZ" "ERDEN" "WALKER" "MEEVIN" "ARUNTA" "DLACK" "HALE" "KID"
 "LEUTZE" "KILLEN" "CHANCEY" "SAUFLEY" "AULICK" "TAYLOR" "MUSTY"
 "HELM" "MAURY" "MCCALL" "STERETT" "R.P. LEARY" "WILSON" "GRILLEN"
 "CONVERSE" "DAGLEY" "AUSBURN" "H.L. EDWARDS" "CHARRETTE" "AUSTIN"
 "KIMBERLEY" "LUCE" "ISHERWOOD"
 2 SS : "S.45" "S.47"

Escorts

19 PT : 11 DE : "W.C. WANN" "HALLORAN" "DELAHANTY" "EVERSOLE" "CADANA"
 "COOLELAUGH" "LAPRALE" "FOREMAN" "LE RAY WILSON" "ODEREN"
 "R.S. SUESSENS" "ODERPINDER" 2 PCS: 1391, 1418
 2 PF : "GASCOYNE" "BARCOO" 4 SC: 732, 902, 1004, 1375
 29 YMS: 1, 10, 46, 48, 81, 97, 140, 150, 238, 243, 286, 293, 318, 318, 327, 331,
 340, 341, 342, 353, 360, 363, 364, 368, 380, 409, 410

Auxiliaries

67 : 10 PC : 598, 600, 742, 1220, 1130, 1170, 1421, 1600, 1601, 1603
 "BAXTER" (APA) "TALAMANCA" (AF) "TANGIER" (AV) "MANLEY" "TALBOUR"
 (APD) "CACAPON" "CHIKASKIA" "NESHANIC" "SARANAC" "CALIENTE"
 "ESCAMBIA" "WINOOSKI" "NEORARA" (AO) "JASON" (ARG) "JAMESTOWN"
 (AGP) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "CEBU" "LEYTE" "MINDANAO" (ARG) "GEN. MORT"
 "YOUNG AMERICA" (AP) "RIXEY" (APH) "ALHAMA" "ALCONA" "ALYCINE"
 (AKA) "CHANGE" "CAPTIVATE" (AM) "MELUSA" "BRIAREUS" (AR) "SHAUN"
 "LYRA" "CETUS" "SAGITTARIUS" "PHODOS" (AK) "MONADNOCK" (CM)
 "ROCKY MOUNT" (AGC) "CLEMSON" (AVL) "PRESERVER" (ARS) "RIO GRAN"
 "PASQUOTANK" "ELKHORN" (AGG) "ALDASTER" (PYC) "DENALLA"
 "PATHFINDER" (AGS) "TANADA" "TERN" "KINGFISHER" "MEMONINEE"
 "WATCH HILL" "CHOWANOC" (AT) "LEOPARD" "ANDREW LORIA" "ABAREN"
 (IX) "HOPE" (AH) "SIERRA" "WHITNEY" "PIELMONT" (AG) "LAUREL ADAM"
 "OTUS" (AS) 2 ASL 1 AD: 20 2 AD: 8, 20 3 YP: 200, 286, 385

Cape Gloucester:

Escorts 3 : 1 PC : 1123 2 SC: 631, 1004
 Auxiliaries 7 : "CAPRICORNUS" (AE) "CLYDE" "W.P. BIDDLE" "A.T. MIDDLETON" "CATSK"
 "F. FUNSTON" (APA) "CHARA" (AK)

Alexishafen-Madang:

Escorts 4 : 1 YMS: "RINDJANI" 2 ML: 802, 812 1 HMML: 1339
 Auxiliaries 4 : "ARIADNE" (CMS) "KOOPA" (AG) "PING WO" (ASIS) 1 YP: 504

Langemak:

Combat units 20 PT
 Escorts 8 : 1 AMS: "DELORaine" 3 SC: 694, 730, 740 4 PC: 213, 585, 1131, 149
 Auxiliaries 18 : "MAETSUYCKER" "REFUGE" (AH) "AASE MAERSK" (AO) "RIFLEMAN" (AM)
 "ST GILES" "RACE POINT" "CHIPPEWA" (AT) "KATCOMBA" (AP) "GAMBELL"
 (LM) "OVERTON" (APD) "TRYON" (APH) "BULL WHEEL" (YO) "WARWICK"
 (AK) "ACONTIUS" (AGP) "CLAN LAMONT" "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD" "GLENEA"
 (LSI) 1 ARD: 9

Lag:

Escorts 2 : 1 ML : 320 1 HMML: 1321
 Auxiliaries 2 : "CLMSTEAD" (APA) "TASMAN" (AH)

Jacquinet Bay:

Auxiliaries 1 : "LAURIANA" (AG)

Oro Bay:

Auxiliaries 2 : "UVALLE" (APA) "CASA GRANDE" (LSD)

Milne Bay:

Escorts 5 : 1 AMS: "COCTAMUNERA" 2 DE: "J. DOUGLAS BLACKWOOD" "DARBY"
 1 SC : 699 1 HMML: 1327
 Auxiliaries 12 : "CAPE LEEUWIN" (AGS) "ARAYAT" (IX) "MAUNA LOA" (AE) "WARREN" (A.)
 "ETAMIN" (AK) "TARCONA" (AP) "MERKUR" (AF) "CHIWAIKUM" (AG)
 "TORCHWOOD" (YN) 3 YP: 278, 499, 541

2. SCLOMONS(a) At Sea to 1200/11:

- (1) "HAMMONDSPORT" (AKV) was to depart Tulagi about 3 Dec for Manus.
- (2) "CHIKASKIA" (AT) proceeding to render assistance to "BLACKBURN" grounded off Emirau Is.
- (3) "PC. 730" was to depart Guadalcanal about 5 Dec for Manus for onward routing to Ulithi.
- (4) "HAWKESBURY" (PF) "ARARAT" (AMS) escorting Convoy Pelolieu-Russells #4 ("ARIEL" "NA" "PRINCE GEORGE" (AP) "TULURAN" (AG) departed Pelolieu 7 Dec for Russells ETA about 15 Dec

(b) In Harbour:

Enirau:
 Escorts 7 : 1 DE: "STADFELD" 2 YMS: "TUI", 250 4 SC: 520, 602, 703, 1274
 Auxiliaries 2 : 2 YP: 233, 514

Green Is:
 Combat units 5PT
 Escorts 1 : 1 YMS: 94
 Auxiliaries 2 : 1 YP: 248 1 AK: "HYPERION"

Torokina:
 Combat units 6 DD : "SPROSTON" "PICKING" "WICKES" "W.D. PORTER" "YOUNG" "MONSSEN"
 Escorts 15 : 2 SC: 1188, 1590 5 PC: 470, 477, 702, 1170, 1231, 1242
 1 PCS: 1429 3 DE: "HARMON" "DELCROUDIE" "GILLIGAN"
 3 YMS: 176, 311, 389
 Auxiliaries 31 : "TAURUS" "CASSIOPIEA" "RACO" (AK) "ANTARES" (AKS) "YUMA" (AT)
 "RACCOON" "IDEA" (IX) "LIBRA" "ALMAAK" "ALSHAIN" "TITANIA" (A)
 "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA" "EMPIRE BATTLEAXE" "LOTHIAN"
 "EMPIRE ARQUEBUS" "EMPIRE MACE" (LSI) "DOYEN" "HARRIS" "LAMARIN"
 "SARASOTA" "SHERIDAN" "ALPINE" "BOLIVAR" "HARRY LEE" (APA)
 "PRES. POLK" "STARLIGHT" (AP) "PINKNEY" (APH) "SHAWNEE" (AT)
 "OZARK" (LSV)

Treasury Is:
 Combat units 14 PT
 6 PGM
 Escorts 9 : 1 DE: "PAUL G. BAKER" 3 PC: 479, 605, 1132 1 YMS: 45
 4 SC: 677, 722, 1074, 1260
 Auxiliaries 3 : 1 YP: 520 1 AGG: "AGAWAN" 1 YN: "PALM"

Munda:
 Escorts 8 : 1 DE: "GENDREAU" 1 PC: 1119 2 YMS: "KIWI", 196

3. EAST AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea to 1200/11:

- (1) "OCTANS" (AF) departed Caloundra 2000/7 for Milne Bay due 0800/11.
- (2) "WARREGO" (PS) was to depart Sydney about 7 Dec for New Guinea.
- (3) "DUNGAREE" (CM) was to depart Sydney 8 Dec for Milne Bay, Lae, Manus, Madang..
- (4) "MESQUITE" (CGC) departed Caloundra 1900/5 for Tangonak via Milne Bay.
- (5) "PC.596" was to depart Sydney 9 Dec for Purvis Bay.
- (6) "PC.597" was to depart Guadalcanal about 10 Dec for Sydney.
- (7) "WATO" (AT) departed Bowen 1625/6 for Sydney ETA pm 11 Dec.
- (8) "GEN. BUTNER" (AF) proceeding Bombay to Melbourne ETA 12 Dec.

(b) In Harbour:

Merauke:
 Escorts 4 : 2 YMS: "SMENCE" "MERDATHOE" 2 HDML: 1322, 1323

Thursday Is:
 Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "PIRIE"
 Auxiliaries 2 : "WINTER" "CHALLENGER" (AGS)

Cairns:
 Escorts 4 : 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" 3 ML: 428, 431, 806
 Auxiliaries 4 : "FIRE ISLAND" (AT) "DUNTROON" (AP) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS)
 "EVANGELINE" (XAK)

Townsville:
 Escorts 3 : 1 AMS: "BENJICO" 1 ML: 827 1 HDML: 1329
 Auxiliaries 4 : "POLARIS" (AGS) "TANCRE" (AT) "ORMISTON" (AP) 1 YP: 615

Lowen:
 Auxiliaries 1 : "HEROS" (AT)

Brisbane:
 Combat units 6 SS : "S.42" "NARWHAL" "STINGRAY" "NAUTILUS" "GAILAN" "PERCH"
 Escorts 13 : 7 ML: 424, 425, 801, 820, 821, 811 1 YMS: 313
 1 AMS: "WHYALLA" 3 HDML: 1129, 1324, 1353 1 A/S: "KYDRA"
 Auxiliaries 2 : "ETOLIN" (AK) "PORTUNUS" (AGP)

Sydney:
 Combat units 2 CL : "HOBART" (refitting) "TROMP"
 2 DE : "GLENLOWER" "QUICKMATCH"
 1 ODL : "STUART"
 3 SS : "K.9" "K.12" "TELEMACHUS"
 Escorts 11 : 3 AMS: "KALGOORLIE" "BALLARAT" "GOULBURN"
 7 ML: 426, 801, 815, 816, 819, 822, 823 1 SC: 1039
 Auxiliaries 5 : "POINT LOMA" (AT) "MANUMBA" "WANGANELLA" (AH) "OCOTRAR" (IX) "ARDEEN"

Melbourne:

Combat units 1 OCL : "DELAIDE"
 1 DD : "NIZAM"
 Escorts 9 : "ABRAHAM CRUIJNSSEN" "DOOMER" "YANRA" (A/S) "DOWEN" "MARYBOROUGH"
 "DURNIE" "LISMORE" (AMS) 2 HMML: 1340, 1350

4. NORTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/11:(1) Task Force 71:

On Patrol 35 SS : "DLENNY" "ANGLE" "ROCK" "FADLE" "HAMMERHEAD" "LAPON" "CAVALRY"
 "BAYA" "HOE" "KELFIN" "COLIA" "SINGAR" "DACE" "DE GALL" "DASH"
 "BLACKFIN" "SEA WOLF" "FLYING FISH" "HALDO" "GUAVINA" "DABEL"
 "GROWLER" "TACERO" "FLASHER" "GUNNELL" "JACK" "PARGO" "DECUN"
 "HAWKBILL" "MUSKELLUNGE" "DESUGO" "HAIKHEAD" "SPITEFUL" "MINGO"
 "GAR"

On Passage 13 SS : "GURNARD" "CLYDE" "K.14" "BLUEGILL" "TANTALUS" "TUSK" "STOICK"
 "CAIMAN" "HAKE" "FLOUNDER" "TANTIVY" "STURDY" "SEA ROVER".

(b) In Harbour:Perth:

Combat units 2 : "STORM" "ZWAADFISCH"
 Escorts 10 : 4 AMS: "JUNEE" "CASTLEMAINE" "PARKES" "HORSHAM"
 5 ML: 429, 809, 812, 819, 907 1 HMML: 1329
 Auxiliaries 4 : "STELLA" "MORESTY" "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) "CHANTICLEER" (AGS)

Port Nelson:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "ECHUCA"

5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/11:

Nil report.

(b) In Harbour:Fremantle:

Combat units 1 CA : "SUFFOLK"
 1 DD : "QUEENSDOROUGH"
 Escorts 4 SS : "GUITARRO" "DREAM" "K.15" "O.19"
 6 : 1 PF : "CORPUS CHRISTI" 1 PS: "SAVOIRGNAN DE BRAZZA"
 2 YMS: 11, 72 1 SC: 720 1 ML: 824
 Auxiliaries 7 : "ANTHELOD" "EURYALE" "MILSTONE" (AS) "ISABEL" (PY) "COUCAL"
 (ARS) 1 ARL: 10 1 YP: 286

Bunbury:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "BUNBURY"

(ii) ENEMY FORCESA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC1. PHILIPPINES

- (1) Manila Area - Aircraft over Manila Bay 9 Dec. saw 1 or 2 destroyers and a patrol craft off Bataan and in the Corregidor area probably all patrolling the approaches to Manila Bay.

Night 9-10 Dec. an unidentified vessel was attacked by a Liberator in Lingayan Gulf and a concentration of 10 ships in Manila Bay was attacked by another Liberator; results of both attacks were unobserved.

At 1000-1100/9 Dec. a hospital ship was sighted 85 miles W. of Corregidor, course 2400.

- (2) Mindoro - On 10 Dec. a small coaster was attacked by a Liberator and left burning off W. coast Mindoro.
- (3) Sibuyan Sea - At 1508/9 Dec. 3 sea trucks and 2 barges at S. end Mompog Passage were strafed and damaged by a Liberator. An enemy plane was observed in the vicinity.

At 0330/10 Dec. a convoy of 8 ships was observed in Verde Is. Passage heading S.E. At 1410/10 Dec. a convoy, thought probably to be the same group, although described as 4 destroyers, 4 destroyer escorts and 3 small freighter transports, was sighted by aircraft between S.W. coast Marinduque Is. and N.E. coast Mindoro on a Northerly course.

- (4) Visayan Sea - At 0820/11 Dec. a convoy described as 6 transports, 3 destroyer escorts was sighted by aircraft in Central Visayan Sea, approx. 30 miles E. of the N.E. tip Panay with 4 fighters covering. No course was reported but the convoy is thought to be the group seen 10 Dec. off N.E. Mindoro having again reversed course during the night and now probably heading for N.W. Leyte.

- (5) Visayas - Additional strikes on airdromes this area 8 Dec. were carried out by 42 Cenzac Liberators on Lahug (Cebu) airdrome: 4-10 enemy planes were seen airborne but no interception was attempted.

- (6) Leyte - Shortly before 1645/10 Dec. our forces entered Ormoc having advanced through Camp Downes.

Further S. on the W. coast Leyte our forces advancing Northwards have reached a point 1 mile from the Southern flank of the Ipil beachhead. In addition, forces in this area have contacted advanced units which have moved over the E.-W. trail from Burauen and which control the mountain pass between Anas and Mahonag.

Some remnants of the enemy paratroops still remain, enveloped but offering stubborn resistance, near the N. end of Buri strip.

There is evidence that enemy units in the Ormoc Corridor, S. of Limon, are being supplied and perhaps reinforced by air. Enemy supplies and concentrations at San Isidro were attacked 10 Dec. by 16 Kittyhawks.

Off N. coast Leyte, our amphibious craft moving reinforcements into the Leyte area were subjected to dive-bombing attacks early 10 Dec. but suffered no damage.

In Leyte Gulf, 8 enemy medium bombers attacked surface units at approx. 1715/10 Dec. without effect: 1 bomber was shot down by AA. Over our Ormoc Bay positions enemy air activity on 10 Dec. was on a moderate scale and 5 or 6 planes were shot down by fighter protection.

In Surigao Strait, probably evening 10 Dec. 4 enemy fighters attacked 2 pairs PT boats: 2 planes made suicide dives hitting 1 PT boat causing damage and casualties.

2. EAST INDIES

- (1) Morotai - Early 9 Dec. 2 enemy planes were over Morotai and 1 was shot down by Black Widow: no bombs were dropped.
- (2) N. Borneo - Reconnaissance 9 Dec. saw only a few small ships in the usual anchorages from Tarakan to Miri, although three warships described as 1 light cruiser one destroyer and 1 destroyer escort were sighted at 1050/9 Dec., 30 miles off Tarakan, course 160°, speed 15 knots.

It is recalled that three similar warships were sighted in Jolo Harbor evening 7 Dec.

- (3) S. China Sea - On 26 Nov. a large tanker was sunk by U. S. submarines Jst N. of M.
3. NEW GUINEA - On 8 Dec. enemy installations in Vogelkop Peninsula were attacked by 55 Kittyhawks.

On 10 Dec. Wewak point was bombed by 6 Mitchells.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)

4. BISMARCK-SOLOMONS - On 9 Dec. Vunakanau airdrome, including dispersal area, was bombed by 42 Mitchells. Other air activity this area 9 Dec. was limited to usual offensive sweeps by Corsairs and Venturas on a moderate scale.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

1. JAPAN - Reconnaissance Superfortress over Kure-Osaka area 9 Dec. saw 2 unidentified carriers at anchor in Bungo Channel. It is recalled that 2 carriers, now described as converted cruiser-hull type, were seen at anchor off Kure on 8 Dec.

In addition some 25 ships including light cruisers and destroyers were observed in the general Inland Sea approaches.

Single Superfortress raids were carried out on Honshu at approx. 1810/7 Dec. and on Tokyo at approx. 1952/9 Dec.

2. YELLOW SEA - Shipping described as 2 carriers, 4 cruisers were reported by aircraft at 1050/10 Dec. approx. 150 miles N.N.W. of Yellow River mouth (in position 34-00 N. 120-45 E.) on course 300° at fast speed. The convoy more likely to involve a tanker group.

3. NAMPO SHOTO - At 0950-1045/8 Dec. Iwo Jima airfields were attacked by 62 Superfortresses, escorted by 3 Liberators and 28 Lightnings which attacked the target prior to the Superfortresses. Our planes all returned having encountered no AA nor interception.

This strike follows the heavy attacks and bombardment of these targets on 7 Dec.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

- (1) Another attempted "Tokyo Express" to Leyte.
- (2) Capture of Ormoc and good progress generally on Leyte.
- (3) Continued enemy air reinforcement of Formosa and Philippines and intensified air offensive Leyte area.
- (4) Photo reconnaissance of Japan and harassing raids.
- (5) Repeated Blue strikes on Iwo Jima in Nampo Shoto.
- (6) Enemy submarine activity Philippines, W. and Central Pacific and Indian Ocean including use of midget submarines.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>				<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>		
* Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)				(Incl. Mandates)		
<u>BB</u>	(7)	CALIFORNIA COLORADO	MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI	NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA	WEST VIRGINIA	-
<u>CVE</u>	(17)	ALAVA BAY ALTAMAHA BARNES BISMARCK SEA HOGGATT BAY	KADASHAN BAY LUNGA POINT MAKIN ISLAND MANILA BAY	MARCUS ISLAND NATOMA BAY OMMINEY BAY PETROF BAY	SAGINAW BAY SAVO ISLAND SALAMAUA SHIPLEY BAY	-
<u>CA</u>	(6)	#CANBERRA LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PORTLAND	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE		-
<u>CL</u>	(11)	BOISE #CLEVELAND COLUMBIA	DENVER MONTPELIER NASHVILLE	PHOENIX #ST LOUIS	ADELAIDE #HOBART #TROMP	-
<u>AV</u>	(2)	CURRITUCK	TANGIER			-
<u>AVP</u>	(8)	BEIKNAP CHINCOTEAGUE	GOLDSBOROUGH HALF MOON	HERON ORCA	SAN CARLOS SAN PABLO	-
<u>DD</u>	(104)	ABBOTT ALLEN M. SUMNER AULICK AUSBURN BAGLEY BARTON BELL BLACK BRAINE BRYANT BURNS BUSH CHARRRETTE CHAUNCEY C. J. BADGER CLAXTON COGHLAN CONY CONYGHAM CONNER CONVERSE CONWAY C. T. BADGER DASHIELL DRAYTON ARUNTA GLENOWER	EATON ERBEN EVANS FLETCHER FLUSSER FOOTE GANSEVOORT GRIDLEY HALFORD HARADEN HALLIGAN HALL HELM H. L. EDWARDS HOPEWELL INGRAHAM ISHERWOOD JENKINS KIDD KNAPP KILLEN KIMBERLEY LAFFEY HOWORTH	LAMSON LANG LA VALLETTE LEUTZE LUCE MCCALL MAURY MCDERMOTT MCGOWAN MELVIN MERTZE MOALE MONSSEN MORRIS MUSTIN NEWCOMB NICHOLAS O'BANNON O'BRIEN PAUL HAMILTON PICKING PRINGLE REID MUGFORD	RATHEURNE REMEY RALPH TALBOT RENSHAW ROBINSON R. P. LEARY RUSSELL SAMUEL C. REID SIGOURNEY SMITH SPROSTON STACK STEMBEL STERETT TAYLOR TWIGGS WALKE WALKER WALLER WICKES WILSON WM. D. PORTER YOUNG STEVENS WARRAMUNGA	-

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PT

Approx. 175

* Excluding Cenpac Forces temporarily at sea in S.W.P.A.
Non-effective.

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES
Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)

ENEMY FORCES
(Incl. Mandates)

<u>AKA</u>	(76)	AIGOL (AKA)	CLEMSON (APA)	WAYNE (APA)	-
<u>APA</u>		ALHENA	CUSTER	W.P.DIBBLE	
<u>APD</u>		ALMAAK	DOYEN	BROOKS (APD)	
<u>BI</u>		ALSHAIN	DUPAGE	COFER	
		ALYCONE	FAYETTE	CROSBY	
		AQUARIUS	FELAND	DICKERSON	
		CAPRICORNUS	F.FUNSTON	HERBERT	
		DIPHDA	FREMONT	HUMPHREYS	
		CHARA	FULLER	KEPLART	
		LIBRA	GILLIAM	KILTY	
		O'HARA	GOLDEN CITY	LIDDLE	
		THUBAN	HARRY LEE	MANLEY	
		UVALDE	HASKELL	NEWMAN	
		ALPINE (APA)	HEYWOOD	OVERTON	
		ADAIR	H.T.ALLEN	SANDS	
		APPLING	KNOX	SCHLEY	
		ARIADNE	LEEDSTOWN	TALBOT	
		A.T.MIDDLETON	LELAND	KANIMBLA (ISI)	
		BANNER	LEO CLYMAN	MANOORA	
		BAXTER	LAMARR	WESTRALIA	
		BOLIVAR	MONROVIA	CLAN LAMONT	
		CALVERT	OLMSTEAD	EMPIRE ARQUEBUS	
		CAMBRIA	SARASOTA	EMPIRE BATTLEAXE	
		CAVALIER	SHERIDAN	EMPIRE MACE	
		CLAY	WARREN	EMPIRE SPEARHEAD	
				GLENEARN	
<u>AGC</u>	(5)	BLUE RIDGE	MOUNT MCKINLEY	WASATCH	-
		MOUNT OLYMPUS	ROCKY MOUNT		
<u>AS</u>	(4)	GRIFFIN	ORION	OTUS	-
		HOLLAND			
	(4)	DOBBIN	SIERRA	WHITNEY	-
		PIEDMONT			
<u>AR</u>	(4)	BRIAREUS	PLATYPUS	RIGEL	-
		MEDUSA			
<u>ARB</u>	(1)	MIDAS			-
<u>ARC</u>	(5)	CEBU	LEYTE	OGLALA	-
		CULEBRA ISLAND	MINDANAO		
<u>ARH</u>	(1)	JASON			-
<u>ARL</u>	(4)	ACHILLES	EGERIA	REMUS	-
		AMYCUS			
<u>ARS</u>	(4)	CABLE	PRESERVER	VENTIS	-
		GRAPPLE			
<u>LSD</u>	(10)	ASHLAND	GUNSTON HALL		-
		BELLEGRIVE	LINDENWALD		
		CARTER HALL	OAKHILL		
		CASA GRANDE	RUSHMORE		
		BEPING FOREST	WHITE MARSH		

4. CENTRAL PACIFIC
(Including N. and S. Pacific rea)

S.China Sea
Incl. Formosa
Singapore Empire

	#	ALLIED FORCES		
<u>BB</u> (13)		ALABAMA IDAHO INDIANA IOWA	MASSACHUSETTS MISSOURI NEW JERSEY NORTH CAROLINA TENNESSEE	OKLAHOMA SOUTH DAKOTA WASHINGTON WISCONSIN
				(2) KONGO (3)*YAMATO MUSASHI (sev#NAGATO dmgd.poss. HARUNA sunk)
<u>BB/XCV</u>				(2) HYUGA ISE
<u>CV</u> (17)		BENNINGTON BON HOMME RICHARD BUNKER HILL ENTERPRISE ESSEX	FRANKLIN HANCOCK INTREPID LEXINGTON HORNET RANDOLPH	RANGER SARATOGA SHANGRI LA TICONDEROGA WASP YORKTOWN
				(3) AMAGI HAYATAKA UNRYU
<u>CVL</u> (8)		BATAAN BELLEAU WOOD CABOT	COWPENS INDEPENDENCE LANGLEY	MONTEREY SAN JACINTO
				(1) RYUHO (1) HOSHO
<u>CVE</u> (41)		ADMIRALTY IS. ASTROLABE BAY ATTU BOUGAINVILLE BRETON BUCARELI BAY CAPE ESPERANCE CASABLANCA CHAPIN BAY CHENANGO COPAHEE CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR	FANSHAW BAY HOLLANDIA GILBERT ISLANDS KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY KWAJALEIN LONG ISLAND MAKASSAR STRAIT MATANAKAU MUNDA NASSAU NEHENIA BAY PRINCE WILLIAM ROI	RUDYERD BAY SANGAMON SANTEE SARGENT BAY SHAMROCK BAY SITKOH BAY STEAMER BAY SUWANNEE TAKANAS BAY TANANEK BAY THETIS BAY TULAGI WHITE PLAINS WINDHAM BAY
				(1) OTAKA (1) KAIYO
<u>CA</u> (10)		BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER DULUTH	INDIANAPOLIS PENSACOLA NEW ORLEANS	SALT LAKE CITY (2-4) SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA
				CHOKAI (1 rep) (4) IBUKI *TAKAO (sunk) TONE MYOKO) prob. *AOBA NACHI) sunk *HAGURO
<u>OCA</u>				6
<u>CL</u> (23)		ASTORIA BILOXI *BIRMINGHAM CONCORD DETROIT FLINT *HONOLULU HOUSTON	*LEANDER GAMBIER MIAMI MOBILE OAKLAND PASADENA RALEIGH	RICHMOND SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN SANTA FE TRENTON VICKSBURG *RENO WILKES BARRE
				(1) KINU (4-5) YAHAGI ABUKUMA SAKAWA (1 or poss. ISU J both sunk) KISO TAMA) 1 or pos OYODO) both su
<u>CLT</u>				KASHII KASHIMA
<u>AV/CVS</u> (4)		BALLARD CHANDELEUR	CURTISS	POCOMOKE
				(2) ASKITSUSHIMA *NOTORO
<u>DD</u>		Approx. 150		20 15 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u>		Approx. 150		10 Approx. 50
<u>AS</u>		?		? 2 (1 repairing)

* Non-effective.

Some of these units operating temporarily in S.W.P.A.

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> Southwest Pacific (Western Section)		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> Indian Ocean	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u> Indian Ocean
<u>BB</u>	-	(4) HOWE QUEEN ELIZABETH	RENOWN VALIANT -
<u>CV</u>	-	(3) ILLUSTRIOUS INDOMITABLE	VICTORIOUS -
<u>CVE</u>	-	(7) ACTIVITY AMEER ATHELING BATTLE	BEGUM SHAH UNICORN -
<u>TA</u>	(1) SUFFOLK	(2) CUMBERLAND	LONDON -
<u>CL</u>	-	(6) ACHILLES CEYLON KENYA	NEWCASTLE NIGERIA PHOEBE -
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	(1) ALBATROSS	-
<u>CVL</u>	-	(2) CANTON	CHITRAL -
<u>DD</u>	(1) QUEENSBOROUGH	Approx. 27	-
<u>SS</u>	(62)	Approx. 16	10 (possibly all German)
	ANGLER BARBERO BASHAW BATFISH BAYA BECUNA BERGAL BESUGO BLENNY BLUEGILL CAIMAN COBIA DACE DARTER FLASHER	FLYING FISH GAR GROWLER GUAVINA GUITARO GUNNEL GURNARD HADDO HAKE HAMMERHEAD HARDHEAD HAWKBILL HOE JACK	LAPON MINGO MUSKELLUNGE NARWHALL NAUTILUS PADDLE PARGO REDFIN ROCK SEA WOLF STINGRAY TUSK S.42 S.45 S.47
	CLYDE SEA ROVER SIRDAR	SPITEFUL STOIC STORM STURDY	TANTALUS TANTIVY TELEMACHUS
	K.9 K.12	K.14 K.15	O.19 ZWAARDFISCH
<u>AS</u>	(3) ANTHEDON	EURYALE MAIDSTONE	-

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY SHORE-BASED AIR STRENGTH

	<u>SOLOMONS</u>		<u>PHILIPPINES</u>			<u>MANDATES</u>
	<u>BISMARCKS</u>	<u>EAST INDIES</u>	<u>Iuzon</u>	<u>Visayas</u>	<u>Mindanao</u>	
Fighters	3	187	129	103	37	6
S/E Bombers	-	8	84	3	13	-
T/E Bombers	-	96	110	31	37	3
Flying Boats	-	6	4	-	-	-
Float Planes	10	58	37	16	12	6
Obs A/C	2	29	24	17	8	4
TOTAL	12	384	388	170	107	19

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle.

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PART I

(i) ALLIED FORCES

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NEW GUINEA - BISMARCKS

(a) At Sea to 1200/12:

- (1) (a) Task Force 70: 83 PT
6 AGP: "WILLOUGHBY" "WACHAPREAGUE" "HILO" "PONTUS" "OYSTER BAY" "ORESTES"
- (b) Task Force 73: 5 AVP: "HALF MOON" "HERON" "ORCA" "SAN PABLO" "SAN CARLOS"
2 AV: "TANGIER" "CURRITUCK" 2 AVR
- (c) Task Force 75 (i) 44 XAK 1 CGC: "BUTTONWOOD" 3 AK: "BOOTES" "RUTILICUS" "MURZIM"
3 AT: "QUAPAW" "WHIPPORWILL" "RESERVE" 2 ARS: "CABLE" "GRAPPLE"
5 IX: "CARIBOU" "MINK" "PAD A" "AETHUSA" "PORCUPINE"
1 ARL: "EGERIA" 1 AO: "BISHOPDALE" 1 APA: "GILLIMA" 1 AV: "STAG"
1 AN: "TEABERRY" 4 DE: "JOBS" "MARTIN" "HOLT" "DUFFY"
1 PF: "ORANGE" 1 HDML: 1074 2 PCE(R): 849, 851
9 DD: "PRINGLE" "RADFORD" "PHILIP" "KNAPP" "DASHIELL" "HALL"
"PAUL HAMILTON" "STEVENS" 1 PC: 1128 1 ARD: 9
16 YMS: 6, 8, 39, 48, 51, 52, 71, 163, 288, 314, 315, 329, 339, 481
15 SC: 637, 648, 725, 729, 731, 734, 735, 737, 738, 744, 748, 749, 1004,
1365, 1368 1 AGC: "MT. MCKINLEY"
- (ii) TU. 75.2.1: 9 XAK 4 FS 7 LT 1 TP
5 PF: "GLENDALE" "SAN PEDRO" "CORONADO" "CGDEN"
"BELFAST" 3 DD: "MUGFORD" "DRAYTON" "NICHOLAS"
- (d) Task Force 76:
TG.76.4.11: 15 LT 2 DE: "THOS. F. NICHOL" "CHAS. J. KIMMELL"
TG.76.4.10: 5 LSD: "WHITEMARSH" "EPPING FOREST" "DELLE GROVE" "GUNSTON HALL"
"OAK HILL" 2 DD: "FLUSSER" "SHAW"
TG.76.4.14: 18 XAK 2 DD: "GANSEVOORT" "RUSSELL" 2 DE: "PFEIFFER" "TINSMAN" 1 LCI 4 FS
- (e) Task Force 77:
TU.77.1.5: 2 CL: "BOISE" "PHOENIX" 4 DD: "BUSH" "HALFORD" "BRYANT" "NEWCOMB"
TG.77.2 : 3 BB: "COLORADO" "NEW MEXICO" "WEST VIRGINIA" 1 CL: "DENVER"
11 DD: "CONY" "INGRAM" "CONNER" "WALLE" "EATON" "CONWAY" "RENSHAW"
"SIGOURNEY" "DENNISON" "ROBINSON"
TC.77.3 : 1 CA: "MINNEAPOLIS" 2 CL: "COLUMBIA" "MONTPELIER"
8 DD: "FLETCHER" "O'BANNON" "HOWORTH" "LA VALLETTE" "HUGES" "COOPER"
"HOPEWELL" "ALLEN D. SUMNER"
TG.77.3.2: 1 CA: "PORTLAND" 1 CL: "NASHVILLE" 1 DD: "MOALE"
TG.77.4.6: 6 CVE: "MANILA BAY" "MARCUS ISLAND" "SAVO ISLAND" "NATOMA BAY"
"KADASHAN BAY" "OMMONEY BAY"
9 DD: "RALPH TALBOT" "REMEY" "MERTZ" "STEMDEL" "MCDERMOTT" "BRAINE"
"PATTERSON" "HARADEN" "TWIGGS"
- (f) Task Force 78:
TG.78.3.1: 1 CGC: "SPENCER"
TG.78.3.2: 7 APL: "LLOYD" "KILTY" "CROSBY" "LIDDLE" "COFEN" "HERBERT" "KEPHART"
TG.78.3.3: 31 LST(L) 12 LSM
TG.78.3.4: 26 LST
TG.78.3.5: 11 DD: "DARTON" "WALKE" "LAFFEY" "O'BRIEN" "EDWARDS" "LAMSON" "SMITH"
"CONYGHAM" "REIL"

(f) Task Force 78: (Cont)

TG.78.3.6: 10 AM: "SAUNTER" "SAGE" "PURSUIT" "REQUISITE" "REVENGE" "SALUTE" "SCOUT" "TRIUMPH" "SENYRY" 1 APL: "BROOKS" 7 YMS: 2,9,47,53, 33A

TG.78.3.7: 2 PC: 462, 563

7 LCI(G) 5 LCI(R)

TG.78.3.8: 1 ATR

1 LCI(D)

- (2) "MARYLAND" (DD) "ST LOUIS" (CL) "WALKER" "AULICK" "KID" "BLACK" "CHAUNCEY" (DL) departed Manus 1600/9 for Pearl ETA 19 Dec.
- (3) "ERDEN" "HALE" (DL) departed Manus 1600/7 for Pearl.
- (4) "LOUISVILLE" (CA) "AUSBUENE" "CONVERSE" "FOOTE" (LL) en route shore ETA 1000/13.
- (5) "ORION" (AS) departed Biak 1000/10 for Pearl ETA 24 Dec.
- (6) "KITKUN DAY" "STEAMER BAY" (CVE) with "ELMONDS" "JOHN C. BUTLER" "RAYMOND" (DE) proceeding to Manus ETA 0100/16.
- (7) "RILEY" "KNOX" "MCNULTY" "METIVIER" "G.W. JOHNSON" "EUGENE" "E. ELMORE" (DE) departed Tulagi 0930/8 for Hollandia?
- (8) "BRETON" (CVE) proceeding to Manus from Cenpac ETA 0930/13.
- (9) "MERCY" (AM) proceeding Hollandia ETA 1000/13.
- (10) "PC.1130" escorting Convoy Manus-Ulithi #6 ("ALIES" AK) departed Manus 1500/10 for Ulithi ETA 1500/4.
- (11) "SCUFFLE" (AM) departed Eniwetok 1040/9 for Manus ETA 0600/14.
- (12) "STABELL" "KATOCMA" "COLAC" (AMS) escorting Convoy BG 507 departed Biak 1500/10 ETA Morotai 1000/13.
- (13) "HUTCHINSON" (PF) departed Morotai 1100/10 for Hollandia ETA 1800/12, thence Fremantle via Manus.
- (14) "SAKATONCHEE" (AGC) departed Biak 1700/10 ETA Morotai 1000/13.
- (15) "CHAFFEE" (DE) departed Humboldt Bay 1800/10 for A/S patrol off Aitapo.
- (16) "TORCHWOOD" (YN) departed Milne Bay 0200/10 for Hollandia ETA 0830/16.
- (17) "CHETCO" (AT) towing AFL 11, 1 YPD, 4 YE departed Milne 2100/3 for Hollandia ETA 13 Dec.
- (18) "PASTORES" (AF) departed Manus 9 Dec for Auckland ETA 16 Dec.
- (19) "YMS.393" was to depart Manus about 8 Dec for Brisbane, via Langemak, Milne and Cairns.
- (20) "CAMERIAN SALVOR" (ARS) assisting "WESTWIND HO" aground off Tawi Island.
- (21) "POLLUX" (AKS) was to depart Hollandia about 10 Dec for Sydney.

(b) In Harbour:Morotai:

Combat units 1 ODU : "VENETTA"
 20 PT
 Escorts 7 : 7 AMS: "WAGGA" "KIAMA" "GYMPIE" "GLENEILG" "STRAHAN" "LITHON" "CONRAD"
 Auxiliaries 14 : "MOBJACK" (AGP) "MERCURY" (AK) "CEN. HARRY TAYLOR" (AF) 2 YO
 2 YOG 2 YFD 2 YPD 2 YIF 1 YP: 196

Sansapor:

Escorts 3 : 2 PC: 464, 1597 1 SC: 677

Noemfoor:

Escorts 2 : 2 PC: 462, 563
 Auxiliaries 3 : "HASKELL" "LEON" "ALAIR" (APA)

Biak-Woendi:

Combat units 30 PT
 Escorts 5 : 3 AMS: "GLA STONE" "DROOME" "LATROBE" 1 PF: "DULDEKIN" 1 PS: "GRIFFIN" (AS) "SUSQUEHANNA" (AGC) "REMUS" (ARL) "DERRICK" (AL) "VICTORIA" (AC) "DINGELA" (AG) "HILARISA" "POTANATOMI" (AF)
 Auxiliaries 13 : 3 YP: 23, 240, 415 2 YFL

Humboldt Bay:

Combat units 12 DD : "MCGOWAN" "SAMUEL C. REIL" "CLAXTON" "STACK" "YOUNG" "RATHBURN" "SMITH" "MORRIS" "ABBOT" "JENKINS" "DELL" "DURNS"
 Escorts 78 : 21 DE : "BOWERS" "WITTER" "THOMASON" "NEVENLORFF" "EICHLANDERGER" "LOUGH" "WILLMATHER" "SACCARD" "MANNING" "LLOYD E. AONEE" "DA" "LOVELACE" "WHITEHURST" "LOYLE C. BARNES" "KEN. H. WILLET" "LO" "GEO. F. DAVIS" "J. E. CRAIG" "GILEMWOOD" "RULLEROW" "HOLGES"
 6 AMS: "DELOR AINE" "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" "AR AR AT" "DUN. ALLEG" "KAPUN. A" 4 PCE(R): 848, 850, 852, 853
 8 PF : "EUGENE" "LONG BEACH" "EL PASO" "VAN BUREN" "ALLEN TOWN" "MACHIAS" "SANBUSKY" "CHARLOTTSVILLE" 1 ML: 825
 20 SC : 514, 521, 531, 636, 668, 687, 695, 735, 741, 742, 997, 1052, 1273, 1319, 1320, 1331, 1327, 1365, 1369
 18 PC : 84, 555, 564, 586, 695, 1137, 1139, 1188, 1590, 1119, 1129, 1120, 1122, 1123, 1124, 1134, 1135
 Auxiliaries 82 : "BARNER" "BARNSTABLE" "ELMORE" "SUMNER" "JAMES O'HARA" "PIRE" "KNOX" "LEONARD WOOD" "CAMERIAN" "MONROVIA" "CALVERT" "APPLING" "CUSTER" "FREMONT" "HENRY T. ALLEN" (APA) "GOLDSTAR" "WRIGHT" (-

Humboldt Bay: (Cont)

Auxiliaries : "COMET" "WINGEL ARROW" "TAMBAK" "LA SALLE" "HERALD OF THE M"
 "STORM KING" "MONTEREY" (AP) "PECOS" "SCHUYKILL" "KURUMBA"
 "TALLULAH" "SHIKELLAY" "TUMACORRI" "SEVERN" "SUAMICO" "SALAM"
 "TRINITY" (AO) "CRUA" "JUPITER" "GANYMEDE" (AK) "AQUARIUS"
 "ARNEE" "ELECTRA" (AKA) "MOUNTIFUL" (AH) "ACUBENS" (AK) "LARE"
 "RAIL" "SPRIGHTLY" (AT) "DOBLIN" (AD) "SEEKONK" (AOG) "PYRO"
 "POYANG" "YUNNAN" (AE) "ACHILLES" (ARS) "PRE LE" (DM) "REMEME"
 "STONEWALL" "CARON CLET" "CLYLE" "VILLALOBOS" (IX) "BLUE RIDGE"
 (AGC) "NEWMAN" "HUMPHREYS" "DICKERSON" "SANDS" (APD) "SHAWWELL"
 "LINLENWALL" (LSL) "CULEBRA ISLAND" (ARG) "MONITOR" (LSV) "DELKI"
 "GOLDSBOROUGH" (SMD) "BREEZE" "ELLIOTT" (DMS) 2 ARD: 7, 12
 2 YFD 4 YP: 218, 240, 291, 292 5 AFD: 2, 3, 10, 24, 25

Aitapo:

Combat units 42 PT
 Auxiliaries 15 : "DIPHEA" "THUAN" (AKA) "BELAND" "CAVALIER" "FAYETTE" "DUPIGLE"
 "LEEDSTOWN" "WAYNE" "FULLER" (APA) "CAPE JOHNSON" "GOLDEN CMT"
 "JOHNLAND" (AP) "HERCULES" "ELLIOTT" (AK) "ACONTIUS" (AGP)

Aparities:

Combat units 3 DD : "CALIFORNIA" "MISSISSIPPI" "PENNSYLVANIA"
 11 CVE : "SAGINAW BAY" "BARNES" "MAKIN ISLAND" "SALAMAU" "HCGGATT BAY"
 "LAVA BAY" "LUNGA POINT" "BISMARCK SEA" "PETROF BAY" "ALTAR"
 "SHIPLEY BAY"
 3 GA : "CANDEIRA" "SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"
 1 CL : "CLEVELAND"
 24 EL : "TWIGGS" "HALLISAN" "EVANS" "NEEVIN" "ARUNTA" "LEUTZE" "KILLE"
 "SAUFLEY" "TAYLOR" "MUSTIN" "HELM" "MAURY" "MCCALL" "STERETT"
 "R.P. LEARY" "WILSON" "GRILLEY" "DAGLEY" "H.L. EDWARDS" "AUSTIN"
 "CHARENTE" "KIMBERLEY" "LUCE" "ISHERWOOD"
 2 SS : "S.45" "S.47"
 5 PT

Escorts

56 : 10 DE : "V.C. WANN" "HALLORAN" "DELAUNTY" "EVERSOLE" "CADANAN"
 "COOLEAUGH" "LAFLEAH" "FOREMAN" "R.S. SUESSENS" "OBERRE"
 2 PF : "GASCOYNE" "BARCOO" 4 SG: 732, 962, 1004, 1375
 29 YMS: 1, 10, 46, 48, 61, 97, 140, 158, 238, 243, 280, 293, 218, 319, 327, 3
 340, 341, 342, 353, 300, 303, 304, 368, 380, 409, 410 2 PCS: 13
 9 PC : 59, 600, 742, 1228, 1170, 1421, 1600, 1601, 1003 14

Auxiliaries

69 : HEYWOOD" "BAXTER" (APA) "TALAMANCA" (AF) "TANGIER" (AV) "MARI"
 "TALEOT" (APD) "CACAPON" "CHIKASKIA" "NESHANIC" "SARANIC"
 "CALIENTE" "ESCAMBIA" "WINOOSKI" "NEORARA" "CHEPACHET" (AO)
 "JASON" (A.G) "JAMESTOWN" (AGP) "AMYCUS" (AAL) "CERU" "LEYTE"
 "MINDANAO" (ARG) "YOUNG AMERICA" (AP) "RIXEY" (APH) "ALHENA"
 "ALCONA" "ALYCONA" (AKA) "CHANGE" "CAPTIVATE" (AM) "DRIARE"
 "MELUSIA" (AR) "SHAULA" "LYRA" "CETUS" "SAGITTARIUS" "PHOBOS"
 (AK) "MONADNOCK" (CM) "ROCKY MOUNT" (AGC) "CLEMSON" (AVD)
 "PRESERVE" (ARS) "RIO GRANDE" "PASQUOTANK" "ELKHORN" (AOG)
 "ALABASTER" (PYC) "DENALLA" "PATHFINDER" (AGS) "TANADA" "TELE"
 "KINGFISHER" "MENOMINEE" "WATCH HILL" "CHOWANOC" (AT) "LEOP"
 "ANDREW DORIA" "ADARENDA" (IX) "HOPE" (AM) "SIERRA" "WHITNE"
 "PIREMCNT" (AD) "LAURADADA" (AG) "OTUS" (AS) 2 ABSD
 1 ARD: 20 2 AFD: 8, 20 3 YP: 280, 288, 585

Cape Gloucester:

Escorts 3 : 1 PC : 1123 2 SG: 631, 1004
 Auxiliaries 7 : "CAPRICORNUS" (AE) "CLYLE" "W.P. BIDDLE" "A.T. MIDDLETON" "CATSK"
 "F. FUNSTON" (APA) "CHARA" (AKA)

Alexishafen-Malang:

Escorts 5 : 1 A/S: "WILCANNIA" 1 YMS: "HINDJANI" 2 ML: 802, 812
 1 HDML: 1339
 Auxiliaries 4 : "ARIADNE" (CMS) "KOOPA" (AG) "PING WO" (ASIS) 1 YP: 504

Langemak:

Escorts 7 : 3 SC : 694, 730, 743 4 PC: 218, 585, 1131, 1491
 Auxiliaries 18 : "REFUGE" (AH) "RIFLEMAN" (AM) "ST GILES" "RACE POINT" "CHIP"
 (AT) "KATCOMBA" "GEN. M.L. HERSEY" "TARCONA" (AP) "GAMBLE" (DM)
 "OVERTON" (APD) "TRYON" (APH) "DULL WHEEL" (YO) "WATWICK" (AK)
 "CLAN LAMONT" "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD" "GLENEBAN" (LSI)

Leo:

Escorts 2 : 1 ML : 820 1 HDML: 1321
 Auxiliaries 1 : "TASMAN" (AM)

Jackuinot Bay:

Auxiliaries 1 : "LAURIANA" (AG)

Pro Bay:

Auxiliaries 3 : "UVALDE" (APA) "CASA GRANDE" (LS.) "GEN. J.H. MORA" (AP)

Milne Bay:

Escorts 4 : 1 AMS: "COOTAMUNDRA" 1 LE: "DANCY" 1 SC: 699 1 HMML: 132
 Auxiliaries 11 : "CAPE LEBWYN" (AG) "AMIRAT" (IX) "MAUNA LOA" (AE) "WAGGEN" (APA)
 "OCTANS" (AF) "ETAHIN" (AK) "METSUYCKEN" (AM) "CHINAURU" (AN)
 3 YF: 273, 499, 514

SOLOMONS(a) At Sea to 1200/12:

- (1) "CHKASAN" (AT) proceeding to render assistance to "BLACK MAN" grounded off Enirau Is.
- (2) "LEWIS WILSON" (LE) departed Manus 2200/10 for Torokina ETA 1200/12.
- (3) "ENGLAND" (LE) escorting "GEN.C.G.MOULTON" (AF) departed Manus 1400/9 for Guadalcanal ETA 0700/12.
- (4) "PC.738" was to depart Guadalcanal about 5 Dec for Manus for onward routing to Uili.
- (5) "HAWKESBURY" (PF) "AMIRAT" (AMS) escorting Convoy Pololliu-Russells #4 ("MICHEL" "NA'S")
 "PRINCE GEORGE" (AF) "TULULAN" (AG) departed Pololliu 7 Dec for Russells EBA about 1200/12.

(b) In Harbour:Enirau:

Escorts 7 : 1 DE: "STAPFEL" 2 YMS: "TUI", 250 4 SC: 502, 602, 703, 1274
 Auxiliaries 3 : "YPERION" (AK) 2 YF: 233, 514

Green Is:

Combat units 5 PT
 Escorts 1 : 1 YMS: 94
 Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YF: 248

Torokina:

Combat units 5 DL : "SPROSTON" "PICKING" "WICKES" "J.D.PORTER" "MONSSEN"
 Escorts 15 : 2 SC: 1188, 1590 5 PC: 476, 477, 702, 1170, 1231, 1242
 1 PCS: 1429 4 DE: "HARMON" "DERGROMIE" "GILLIGAN" "SPANG"
 3 YMS: 176, 311, 389
 Auxiliaries 33 : "TARUS" "CASSIOPEIA" "BRICO" (AK) "ANTARES" (AKS) "YUMA" (AF)
 "RACCOON" "IDEX" (IX) "LILRA" "ALMAK" "ALSHAIN" "TITANIA" (AL)
 "MANORA" "AUSTRALIA" "KANIMELA" "EMPIRE BATTLEAXE" "LOTHIAN"
 "EMPIRE ARGENTUS" "EMPIRE RACE" (LSI) "LOYEN" "HAGNIS" "LAMAR"
 "SARASOTA" "SHEILAN" "ALPINE" "POLIVIA" "HARRY LEE" (APA) "OZ"
 (LSV) "PRES.POLK" "STARLIGHT" (AP) "PINKNEY" (APH) "SHANBEE" (AS)
 "MT.OLYMPUS" (AGC) "SHIPSTOCK" (YO)

Treasury Is:

Combat units 14 PT
 6 PGM
 Escorts 9 : 1 DE: "PAUL S. DAKEL" 3 PC: 479, 605, 1132 1 YMS: 45
 4 SC: 677, 722, 1074, 1260
 Auxiliaries 3 : 1 YF: 520 1 AGC: "AGATA" 1 YN: "PALM"

Munda:

Escorts 3 : 1 DE: "GENREAS" 1 PC: 1119 2 YMS: "KIWI", 196

3. EAST AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea to 1200/12:

- (1) "WARRAGO" (PS) was to depart Sydney about 7 Dec for New Guinea.
- (2) "BUNGABEE" (CM) departed Sydney 0746/9 for Milne ETA 0800/16 thence Lae, Manus, Madaya.
- (3) "MESQUITE" (CGC) departed Caloundra 1900/5 for Langemak via Milne Bay.
- (4) "HMML.1324" departed Caloundra 1300/11 for Townsville ETA 0800/14.
- (5) "PC.597" departed Tulagi 1100/10 for Sydney ETA 0600/10.

(b) In Harbour:Merauke:

Escorts 4 : 2 YMS: "SMERCE" "MERBANDOE" 2 HMML: 1322, 1323

Thursday Is:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "PIRIE"
 Auxiliaries 2 : "WINTER" "CHALLENGER" (AGS)

Cornwall:

Escorts 4 : 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" 3 ML: 426, 431, 806
 Auxiliaries 4 : "PIRE ISLAND" (AT) "JUNYACON" (AF) "GALEONIAN SALVOR" (ARS)
 "EVANGELINE" (XAK)

Townsville:

Escorts 3 : 1 AMS: "BENDIGO" 1 ML: 827 1 HMML: 1329
 Auxiliaries 4 : "PCLARIS" (AGS) "TANCHE" (AT) "GIMISTON" (AF) 1 YF: 615

Dowen:

Auxiliaries : "HERCULES" (AT)

Brisbane:

Combat units SS : "S.42" "MACHIAEL" "NAUTILUS" "GATILAN" "PERCH"
 Escorts 12 : 7 ML : 424, 425, 401, 811, 820, 821 1 YMS: 313
 1 AMS: "MIRALLA" 1 A/S: "KYBRA" 2 HDML: 1129, 1353
 Auxiliaries 2 : "ETOLIA" (AK) "FORTUNUS" (AGF)

Sydney:

Combat units 2 CL : "DUBART" (refitting) "THOM"
 3 DL : "GLENOWEN" "QUICKMATCH" "QUEENSTONOUGH"
 1 CF : "STUART"
 3 SS : "K.9" "K.12" "TELEPHOS"
 Escorts 11 : 3 AMS: "KALCAGLIS" "DALLARAT" "COULURN" 1 A/S: "YANDRA"
 7 ML : 424, 425, 415, 816, 819, 822, 823 1 SC : 1039
 Auxiliaries 7 : "POINT LOP" "MARA" (AT) "MANUND" "WANGANELLA" (AH) "ARLENT"
 (DM) "OCTOBER" (IX) "ARSE NIELSK" (AO)

Melbourne:

Combat units 1 CCL : "ADELAIDE"
 1 DL : "NIZAM"
 Escorts 3 : "ABRAHAM CRINJENSEN" "DOMINA" (A/S) "DOWEN" "MARYBOROUGH"
 "BURNET" "LISMORE" (AMS) 2 HDML: 1340, 1350
 Auxiliaries 1 : "GEN. BUTLER" (AF)

4. NORTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/12:(1) Task Force 71:

On Patrol 39 SS : "DLENNY" "ANGLER" "ROCK" "PADDLE" "HAMMERHEAD" "LATON" "CAVALLE"
 "BAYA" "ICE" "REIN" "COLIA" "SIROAN" "DACE" "BERGALL" "BASRA"
 "BLACKFIN" "SEA ROVER" "FLYING FISH" "HARCO" "GUAVINA" "DABEL"
 "GROMLER" "ACERAC" "FLASHER" "GURELL" "JACK" "TANGO" "DECONI"
 "HAWKILL" "MSUEKLUNCE" "EUSGO" "MACHEA" "SPLEEFUL" "MINGO"
 "CAR" "KIKKEN" "SEA LION" "TUNA" "STINGRAY"
 On Passage 1 SS : "GURNARD" "CLYDE" "K.14" "BLUGILL" "TANTALUS" "TUSK" "STOIC"
 "CAIMAN" "RAKE" "FLOUNDER" "TANTIVY" "STURDY" "SEA ROVER"

(2) "MORESLY" (AGS) "CASTELAINE" (AGS) on survey duty vicinity Penguin Shoal.

(b) In Harbour:Marvin:

Combat units 2 : "STORM" "ZANNEFISCH"
 Escorts 3 : "PARKES" "HARSHAM" (AMS) 5 ML: 429, 809, 812, 819, 907 1 HDML: 132
 Auxiliaries 3 : "STELLA" "SHEPPARD" (AGS) "CHANTICLEER" (AGS)

Port Nelson:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "ECHUCA"

Cassini Is:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "JUNEE"

5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/12:

Nil report.

(b) In Harbour:Fremantle:

Combat units 1 CA : "SUFFOLK"
 5 SS : "GUITAR" "MORAN" "K.15" "O.19" "SPLIT"
 Escorts 6 : 1 PF : "CORYS C. ISTE" 1 PS: "SAVONGNAN DE BRAZZA"
 2 YMS: 11, 72 1 SC: 720 1 ML: 824
 Auxiliaries 7 : "ANTHERON" "EUGYALE" "MILSTONE" (AS) "ISABEL" (PY) "COUCAL"
 (AS) 1 AD: 10 1 YP: 286

Bunbury:

Escorts : 1 AMS: "MURPHY"

(ii) ENEMY FORCESA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC1. PHILIPPINES

- (1) S. China Sea - Local sources report that a convoy of 10 cargo vessels with 6 escorts left Saigon P.M. 9 Dec., heading E.
- (2) Manila Area - At 0400/11 Dec. a Navy Mariner reported 3 ships described as 1 "TONE" class heavy cruiser, 1 destroyer and 1 unidentified type ship apparently anchored near Dasol Bay, between Manila and Lingayan Gulf. Although there is no definite evidence of heavy cruisers in the immediate vicinity of Manila, it is recalled that at 0250/8 Dec. a Navy Mariner reported 2 heavy cruisers and 1 light cruiser 20 miles W. of Subic Bay course 335°. Aircraft over Manila Bay or Lingayan Gulf recently have not reported any heavy unit present.
- (3) Sibuyan Sea - At 0520/11 Dec. a small coaster was attacked and sunk by aircraft in Burias Passage.
At 0915/11 Dec. aircraft sighted 1 tanker and 1 sea truck off Burgos, on Tayabas Bay which is between Marinduque Is. and the coast of Luzon.
At 1515/11 Dec. a small coaster was seen off S. Marinduque Is., course 300°.
- (4) Leyte - Although an enemy pocket still remains in Ormoc Town, elimination of which is in progress, our forward position runs roughly through the N. outskirts of the town to a point approx. 1500 yds. E.N.E. of Ormoc.
On W. coast our forces moving up the coast contacted other forces forming the Southern flank of the Ipil beachhead in the vicinity of Deposit on 11 Dec., but considerable resistance is still being encountered on the flank of this sector.
In the Ormoc Corridor an enemy pocket just S.E. of Tolibaw was enveloped 11 Dec. and by-passed. By night fall 11 Dec. advanced elements were approx. 1000 yds. S. of Tolibaw.
Contact was made 11 Dec. with enemy along the San Isidro-Pinamopoan trail approx. 4000 yds S.W. of Calubian, at the entrance to Leyte Bay. An enemy party estimated at 100 strong attacked but were repulsed with casualties and scattered to the hills.
Enemy casualties to 11 Dec. total:-
31529 known dead
237 Jap prisoners captured
128 Koreans/Formosans captured.
Our losses total 2012 killed, 7309 wounded and 254 missing.
Enemy air activity continues on a fair scale in the waters E. and S. of Leyte. In addition to the attacks 10 Dec., reported in yesterday's Summary No. 1047, an allied destroyer in Surigao Strait was attacked by a suicide dive bomber suffering considerable damage and a merchant ship in Leyte Gulf was hit by a bomb. On 11 Dec. a convoy proceeding through Surigao Strait was attacked at 1700/11 Dec. by about 10 enemy bombers, including 2 suicide dive bombers; damage was suffered by our ships. This convoy was kept under observation by enemy aircraft and subjected to attacks throughout early hours 12 Dec.
- (5) Visayan Sea - The enemy convoy, comprising probably 11 ships - 3-4 merchant ships, 3-4 destroyer transports and the remainder destroyers or smaller escorts, approaching N.W. Leyte at 0820/11 Dec. was subjected to constant air attack throughout 11 Dec. Full and final results are not yet available but damage was inflicted on the enemy ships and a number of the fighter umbrella, apparently maintained at about 20 planes, were shot down.
- (6) Visayas - At 1150/11 Dec. Mandurriao airdrome, on Panay, was bombed by 47 Liberator aircraft with 19 fighters escorting. There was no AA nor interception.
At 1035/11 Dec. 2 tankers and 1 sea truck were observed at S. end of Guimaras Strait.
- (7) Mindanao - At 1330/11 Dec. Padada airdrome was attacked by 25 Mitchells, escorted by 13 Thunderbolts; there was no interception.

2. EAST INDIES

- (1) Morotai - Early 10 Dec. approx. 10 enemy aircraft raided S.W. Morotai in 5 attacks, inflicting negligible damage.
- (2) Halmahera - New Guinea - On 9 Dec. stores and supplies at Wasile Bay were attacked by 14 Beaufighters. Airdromes in Halmahera, targets in Sangihe Is. and N.W. Dutch New Guinea were subjected to attacks 9 Dec. involving 21 Kittyhawks.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)

- (3) N. Borneo - Reconnaissance about midday 10 Dec. again reported only a few small ships and luggers at all the main anchorages including Brunei Bay, Marudu, Sandakan, Jolo and Tawi Tawi. 3 floatplanes were observed taking off from Balabac on E. Coast Balabac Is.
- (4) E. Coast Borneo - At noon 9 Dec. Lingkas oil tank storage area was bombed by 24 Liberators with effect: flames rose to 400 ft. and smoke to 10,000 ft; oil seemed to flow to the coast as a river of flames. There was no AA nor interception.
- A.M. 9 Dec. Balikpapan was bombed by 2 Liberators.
- At 1155/10 Dec. a force described as 3 destroyers was sighted a little over 100 miles N.E. of Balikpapan course 240°. This is probably the group of 3 warships seen Southbound off Tarakan A.M. 9 Dec. and in Jolo on 7 Dec.
- (4) Ambon - On 9 Dec. Ambon area airfields were attacked by 24 Mitchells, 11 Lightnings.
4. NEW GUINEA - At 1045/10 Dec. a possible submarine was sighted by aircraft off N.E. coast Waigeo Is.

4. BISMARCK-SOLOMONS - On 10 Dec. attacks on New Ireland and Kavieng were conducted on a light scale by Corsairs and Venturas.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

1. NAMPO SHOTO - Further detail concerning the combined attacks on Iwo Jima airfield 8 Dec., the second successive day, show that a small force of Liberators with 28 Lightnings opened the attack at about 0830/8 Dec., followed by 62 Superfortresses at 0930/8 for which the Lightnings acted as cover: about 5 enemy fighters were encountered and 1 or 2 were shot down.
- At 1050-1250/8 Dec. 89 Liberators in 2 strikes took up the attack followed at 1250/8 Dec. by Naval surface units which bombarded the area for over 1 hour: 3 shore batteries opened up for 15 minutes and then were silent.
- Photos show all runways inoperative and large fires were burning at 1415/8 Dec.
2. FORMOSA - On 5-6 Dec. shipping in S. China Sea was attacked by 2 China-based Liberators: 1 cargo vessel (300ft.) was hit and 6 other ships were attacked.
3. W. COAST U. S. A. - A possible submarine contact was made by surface vessel at 1900/9 Dec. approx. 600 miles S.W. of San Francisco.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

- (1) Another attempted "Tokyo Express" to Leyte.
- (2) Capture of Ormoc and Good progress generally on Leyte.
- (3) Continued enemy air reinforcement of Formosa and Philippines and intensified air offensive Leyte area.
- (4) Repeated Blue strikes on Iwo Jima in Nampo Shoto.
- (5) Enemy submarine activity Philippines, W. and Central Pacific and Indian Ocean including use of midget submarines.
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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>				<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
* Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)				(Incl. Mandates)
<u>BB</u>	(7) CALIFORNIA COLORADO	MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI	NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA	WEST VIRGINIA
<u>CVE</u>	(20) ALAVA BAY ALTAMAHA BARNES BISMARCK SEA BRETON	HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KITKUN BAY LUNGA POINT MAKIN ISLAND	MANILA BAY MARCUS ISLAND NANTOMA BAY OMMANEY BAY PETROF BAY	SAGINAW BAY SALAMAUA SAVO ISLAND SHIPLEY BAY STEAMER BAY
<u>CA</u>	(6)#CANBERRA LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PORTLAND	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	
<u>CL</u>	(11) BOISE #CLEVELAND COLUMBIA	DENVER MONTPELIER NASHVILLE	PHOENIX #ST LOUIS	ADELAIDE #HOBART #TROMP
<u>AY</u>	(2) CURRITUCK	TANGLIER		
<u>AVP</u>	(8) BELKNAP CHINCOTEAGUE	GOLDSBOROUGH HALF MOON	HERON ORCA	SAN CARLOS SAN PABLO
	(105) ABBOTT ALLEN M. SUMNER AULICK AUSBURNE AUSTIN BAGLEY BARTON BELL BLACK BRAINE BRYANT BURNS BUSH CHARRETTE CHAUNCEY C. J. BADGER CLAKTON COGHLMAN CONY CONYGHAM CONNER CONVERSE CONWAY C. T. BADGER DRAYTON	DRAYTON EATON EVANS ERBEN FLETCHER FLUSSER FOOTE GANSEVOORT GRIDLEY HALFORD HARADEN HALLIGAN HALL HELM H. L. EDWARDS HOPEWELL HOWORTH INGRAHAM ISHERWOOD JENKINS KIDD KNAPP KILLEN KIMBERLEY LAFFEY	LAMSON LANG LA VALLETTE LEUTZE LUCE MCCALL MAURY MCDERMOTT MCGOWAN MELVIN MERTZE MOALE MONSSEN MORRIS MUGFORD MUSTIN NEWCOMB NICHOLAS O'BANNON O'BRIEN PAUL HAMILTON PICKING PRINGLE REID	RATHBURNE RENEY RALPH TALBOT RENSHAW ROBINSON R. P. LEARY RUSSELL SAMUEL C. REID SIGOURNEY SMITH SPROSTON STACK STEMBEL STERETT STEVENS TAYLOR TWIGGS WAIKE WALKER WALLER WICKE WILSON WM. D. PORTER YOUNG
	ARUNTA GLINDOWER	NIZAM QUICKMATCH	STUART VENDETTA	WARRAMUNGA

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Approx. 175

* Excluding Cenpac forces temporarily at sea in S.W.P.A.
Non-effective.

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES
southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)

ENEMY FORCES
(Incl. Mandat)

<u>AKA</u>	(76)	AEGOL (AKA)	CLENSON (AKA)	WAYNE (AKA)	-
<u>APA</u>		ALHENA	CUSTER	W.P. DIEBLE	
<u>APD</u>		ALHENA	DOYEN	BROCKS (APD)	
<u>SI</u>		ALSHAM	DUPAGE	COFER	
		ALYCOE	FAYETTE	CROSBY	
		ANGLIA	LELAND	DICKERSON	
		CAPRICORNUS	R. FUNSTON	HERBERT	
		DIPHDA	FREMONT	HUMPHREYS	
		GEARA	FULLER	KEPHART	
		LIBRA	GILLIAN	KILTY	
		O'HARA	GOLDEN CITY	LIDDLE	
		TRUBAN	HARRY LEE	MANLEY	
		UVALDE	HASKELL	NEWMAN	
		ALPINE (AKA)	HEYWOOD	OVERTON	
		ADAIR	H.T. ALLEN	SANDS	
		APPLING	KNOX	SCHLEY	
		ARIADNE	LEEDSTOWN	TALBOT	
		A.T. FIDELITY	LELAND	KANIMBLA (LSI)	
		BANNER	LEO CYRILL	MANOORA	
		BAXTER	LAMAR	WESTRALIA	
		OLIVIA	MONROVIA	CLAN LAMONT	
		CALVERT	OLMSTEAD	EMPIRE ARQUEBUS	
		CAMERIA	SARISOTA	EMPIRE BATTLEAXE	
		CAVALIER	SHERIDAN	EMPIRE MACE	
		CLAY	WARREN	EMPIRE SPEARHEAD	
				GLENBARN	
<u>AGC</u>	(5)	BLUE RIDGE	MOUNT MCKINLEY	WASATCH	-
		MOUNT CHEFUS	ROCKY MOUNT		
<u>AS</u>	(4)	GRIFFIN	ORION	ORUS	-
		WELLAND			
	(4)	DARBY	SIERRA	WHITNEY	-
		FIDMONT			
<u>AR</u>	(4)	BRIAREUS	PLATYPUS	RIGEL	-
		MEDUSA			
<u>ARB</u>	(1)	MIDAS			-
<u>ARC</u>	(5)	CEBU	LEYTE	OGLALA	-
		CULEBRA ISLAND	MINDANAO		
<u>ARR</u>	(1)	JASON			-
<u>ARL</u>	(4)	ACHILLES	ECERIA	REMUS	-
		AMCUS			
<u>ARS</u>	(4)	CABLE	PRESERVER	VENUS	-
		GRAPITE			
<u>ISD</u>	(10)	ASHLAND	GUNSTON HALL		-
		BRIELGROVE	LINDENWALD		
		CARTER HALL	CAKILL		
		CASA GRANDE	RUSHMORE		
		REPPING FOREST	WHITE MARSH		

4. CENTRAL PACIFIC
(Including N. and S. Pacific Area)

	# ALLIED FORCES		S. China Sea Incl. Formosa Singapore	Empire
<u>BB</u> (13)	ALABAMA IDAHO INDIANA IOWA	MASSACHUSETTS MISSOURI NEW JERSEY NORTH CAROLINA	OKLAHOMA SOUTH DAKOTA WASHINGTON WISCONSIN	(2) KONGO (3)*YAMATO MUSASHI (sev. *NAGATO damgd. poss. HARUMA sunk)
<u>BB/XCV</u>	-	-	(2) HYUGA ISE	-
<u>CV</u> (17)	BENNINGTON BON HOMME RICHARD BUNKER HILL ENTERPRISE ESSEX	FRANKLIN HANG-OCK INTREPID LEXINGTON HORNET RANDOLPH	RANGER SARATOGA SANGHRI LA TICONDEROGA WASP YORKTOWN	(3) AMAGI HAYATAKA UNRYU
<u>CVL</u> (8)	BATAAN BELLEAU WOOD CABOE	COWPENS INDEPENDENCE LANGLEY	MONTEREY SAN JACINTO	(1) RYUHO (1) KAIYO
<u>CVE</u> (38)	ADMIRALTY IS. ASTROLABE BAY ATIU BOUGAINVILLE BUCARELI BAY CAPE ESPERANZA CASABLANCA CHAPIN BAY CHIENANGO COPAHEE CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR	FANSHAW BAY HOLLANDIA GILBERT ISLANDS KALININ BAY KWAJALEIN BAY LONG ISLAND MAKASSAR STRAIT MATANAKAU NUMDA NASSAU NEHEMIA BAY PRINCE WILLIAM ROI	RUDYERD BAY SANGAMON SANTEE SARGENT BAY SHAROCK BAY SITKOH BAY SUWANNEE TAKANAS BAY TANANEK BAY THETIS BAY TULAGI WHITE PLAINS WINDHAM BAY	(1) OTAKA (1) KAIYO
<u>A</u> (10)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER DULUTH	INDIANAPOLIS PENSACOLA NEW ORLEANS	SALT LAKE CITY (2-4) SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA	CHOKAI (1 rep (4) IBUKI *TAKAO (sunk) TONE MYOKO) prob. *AOBA NACHI) sunk
<u>OCA</u>	-	-	-	6
<u>CL</u> (23)	ASTORIA BILLOXI *BIRMINGHAM CONCORD DE ROIT FLINT *HONOLULU	*LEANDER GAMBIER MIAMI MOBILE OAKLAND PASADENA RALEIGH	RICHMOND SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN SANTA FE TRENTON VICKSBURG *RENO. WILKES BARRE	(1) KINU (4-5) YAHAGI ABUKUMA SAKAWA (1 or poss. ISUZU both sunk) KISO TAMA) 1 or po CYCDO) both
<u>CLT</u>	-	-	KISHII	KASHIMA
<u>AV/CVS</u> (4)	BALLARD CHANDLEUR	CURTISS	POCOMOKE	(2) ASKITSUSHIMA *NOTORO
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 150		20	15 (several rep)
<u>SS</u>	Approx. 150		10	Approx. 50
<u>AS</u>	?		?	2 (1 repairing)

* Non-effective.

Some of these units operating temporarily in S.W.P.A.

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> Southwest Pacific (Western Section)		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> Indian Ocean		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u> Indian Ocean	
<u>BB</u>	-	(4)	HOWE QUEEN ELIZABETH	RENOWN VALIANT	-
<u>CV</u>	-	(3)	ILLUSTRIOUS INDOMITABLE	VICTORIOUS	-
<u>CVE</u>	-	(7)	ACTIVITY AMEER ATHELING BATTLER	BEGUM SHAH UNICORN	-
<u>CL</u>	(1) SUFFOLK	(2)	CUMBERLAND	LONDON	-
<u>CVL</u>	-	(6)	ACHILLES CEYLON KENYA	NEWCASTLE NIGERIA FIGEBE	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	(1)	ALBATROSS		-
<u>CVL</u>	-	(2)	CANTON	CHITRAL	-
<u>DD</u>	(1) QUEENSBOROUGH		Approx. 27		-
<u>ES</u>	(62)		Approx. 16		10 (possibly all German)
	ANGLER	FLYING FISH	LAPON		
	BARBERO	GAR	MINGO		
	BASHAW	BROWLER	MUSKELLUNGE		
	BATFISH	GUVINA	NARWHALL		
	BAYA	QUIBARO	NAUTILUS		
	BECUNA	GUNNEL	PADDLE		
	BERGAL	GURNARD	FARGO		
	BESUGO	HADDO	REDFIN		
	BLENNY	HAKE	ROCK		
	BLUEGILL	HAMMERHEAD	SEA WOLF		
	CAJMAN	HARDHEAD	STINGRAY		
	COBIA	HAWKBILL	TUSK		
	DACE	HOE	S.42		
	DARTER	JACK	S.45		
	FLASHER		S.47		
	CLIFF	SPITEFUL	TANTALUS		
	SEA ROVER	STOIC	TANTIVY		
	SIRDAR	STORM	TELEMACHUS		
		STURDY			
	K.9	K.14	0.19		
	K.12	K.15	ZWAARDFISCH		
<u>AS</u>	(3) ANTHEDON	EURYALE	MAIDSTONE		-

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY SHORE-BASED AIR STRENGTH

	<u>SOLOMONS</u>		<u>PHILIPPINES</u>			<u>MANDATES</u>
	<u>BISMARCKS</u>	<u>EAST INDIES</u>	<u>Luzon</u>	<u>Visayas</u>	<u>Mindanao</u>	
Fighters	3	187	129	103	37	6
S/E Bombers	-	8	84	3	13	-
T/E Bombers	-	96	110	31	37	3
Flying Boats	-	6	4	-	-	-
float Planes	10	58	37	16	12	6
Obsn. A/C	2	29	24	17	8	4
TOTAL	12	384	388	170	107	19

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PART I

(i) ALLIED FORCES

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

NEW GUINEA - BISMAROKS

(a) At Sea to 1200/13:

- (1) (a) Task Force 70: 83 PT
6 AGP: "WILLOUGHBY" "WACHAPREAGUE" "HILO" "PONTUS" "OYSTER BAY" "CRESTES"
- (b) Task Force 73: 5 AVP: "HALF MOON" "HERON" "ORCA" "SAN PABLO" "SAN CARLOS"
2 AV: "TANGIER" "CURRITUCK" 2 AVR
- (c) Task Force 75 (i) 62 XAK 1 CGC: "BUTTONWOOD" 3 AK: "BOOTES" "RUTILICUS" "MURZIM"
3 AT: "QUAPAN" "WHIPPOORWILL" "RESERVE" 2 ARS: "CABLE" "GRAPPLE"
5 IX: "CARIBOU" "MINK" "PANDA" "ARETHUSA" "PORCUPINE"
1 ARL: "EGERIA" 1 AO: "BISHOPDALE" 1 APA: "GILLIAM" 1 AF: "STAG"
1 AN: "TEABERRY" 6 DE: "JOBS" "MARTIN" "HOLT" "DUFFY" "TINSMAN"
1 PF: "ORANGE" / "PFEIFFER" / 2 PCE(R): 849, 851
10 DD: "PRINGLE" "RADFORD" "PHILIP" "KNAPP" "DASHIELL" "HALL"
"GANSEVOORT" "RUSSELL" "PAUL HAMILTON" "STEVENS"
1 PC: 1128 1 ARD: 9 1 HDML: 1074 1 AGC: "MT. MCKINLEY"
16 YMS: 6, 8, 39, 48, 51, 52, 71, 163, 288, 314, 315, 329, 339, 481
15 SC: 637, 648, 725, 729, 731, 734, 735, 737, 738, 744, 748,
749, 1004, 1365, 1368
(ii) TU.75.2.1: 5 PF: "GLENDALE" "SAN PEDRO" "CORONADO" "OGLIN" "BELFAST"
4 FS 3 DD: "MUGFORD" "DRAYTON" "NICHOLAS" 9 XAK 1 TP 7 LT
- (d) Task Force 76:
TG.76.4.11: 15 LT 2 DE: "THOS. F. NICHOL" "CHAS. J. KIMMELL"
TG.76.4.10: 5 LSD: "WHITEMARSH" "EPPING FOREST" "BELLE GROVE" "GUNSTON HALL"
"OAKHILL" 2 DD: "FLUSSER" "SHAW"
- (e) Task Force 77:
TU.77.1.5: 2 CL: "BOISE" "PHOENIX" 4 DD: "BUSH" "HALFORD" "BRYANT" "NEWCOMB"
TG.77.2: 3 BB: "COLORADO" "NEW MEXICO" "WEST VIRGINIA" 1 CL: "DENVER"
11 DD: "CONY" "INGRAHAM" "CONNER" "WALLER" "EATON" "CONWAY" "RENSHAW"
"SIGOURNEY" "DENNION" "ROBINSON"
TG.77.3: 2 CA: "LOUISVILLE" "MINNEAPOLIS" 2 CL: "COLUMBIA" "MONTPELIER"
8 DD: "FLETCHER" "O'BANNON" "HOWORTH" "LA VALLETTE" "HUGHES" "COOPER"
"HOPEWELL" "ALENN D. SUMNER"
TG.77.3.2: 1 CA: "PORTLAND" 1 CL: "NASHVILLE" 1 DD: "MOALE"
TG.77.4.6: 6 CVE: "MANILA BAY" "MARCUS ISLAND" "SAVO ISLAND" "NATOMA BAY"
"KADASHAN BAY" "OMMANEY BAY"
9 DD: "RALPH TALBOT" "REMEY" "MERTZ" "STEMBEL" "MCDERMOTT" "BRAINE"
"PATTERSON" "HARADEN" "TWIGGS"
- (f) Task Force 78
TG.78.3.1: 1 CGC: "SPENCER"
TG.78.3.2: 7 APD: "LLOYD" "KILTY" "CROSBY" "LIDDLE" "COFER" "HERBERT" "KEPHART"
TG.78.3.3: 31 LST(L) 12 LSM
TG.78.3.4: 26 LST
TG.78.3.5: 11 DD: "BARTON" "WALKE" "LAFFEY" "O'BRIEN" "EDWARDS" "LAMSON" "SMITH"
"CONYGHAM" "REID"

(f) Task Force 78: (Cont)

TG.78.3.6: 10 AM: "SAUNTER" "SAGE" "PURSUIT" "REQUISITE" "REVENGE" "SALUTE" "SCRIMMAGE"
"SCOUT" "TRIUMPH" "SENTRY" 1 APD: "DROOKS" 7 YMS: 2, 9, 47, 53, 68, 334

TG.78.3.7: 2 PC: 462, 563 7 LCI(G) 5 LCI(R)

TG.78.3.8: 1 ATR 1 LCI(D)

- (2) "KITKUN BAY" "STEAM BAY" (CVE) with "EDMONDS" "W.C. BUTLER" "RALPH" (DE) proceeding to Manus ETA 0100/16.
- (3) "PC.1138" escorting Convoy Manus-Ulithi #6 ("ARIES" (AK)) departed Manus 1500/10 for Ulithi ETA 1500/14.
- (4) "SOUFFLE" (AM) departed Eniwetok 1040/9 for Manus ETA 0600/14.
- (5) "YMS.393" was to depart Manus about 8 Dec for Brisbane, via Langemak, Milne and Cairn.
- (6) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) assisting "WESTWARD HO" aground of Tawi Island.
- (7) "POLLUX" (AKS) was to depart Hollandia about 10 Dec for Sydney.

(b) In Harbour:

Morotai

Combat units 1 ODD : "VENDETTA"

20 PT

Escorts 7 : 10 AMS: "WAGGA" "KIAMA" "CYMPIE" "GLENELG" "STRAHAN" "KATCOOMB A"
"LITHGOW" "COWRA" "STAWELL" "KATCOOMB B" "COLAC"

Auxiliaries 15 : "MOBJACK" (AGP) "MERCURY" (AK) "GEN. HARRY TAYLOR" (AP) 2 YO
"SAKATONCHEE" (ACG) 2 YOG 2 YFD 2 YPD 2 YPF 1 YP: 196

Singapore

Escorts 3 : 2 PC: 464, 1598 1 SC: 677

Moerfoor

Escorts 2 : 2 PC: 462, 563

Auxiliaries 3 : "HASKELL" "LEON" "DAIR" (APA)

Pieterboendi

Combat units 30 PT

Escorts 5 : 3 AMS: "GLADSTONE" "BROOME" "LATROBE" 1 PF: "BURDEKIN" 1 PS: "SMITH"

Auxiliaries 13 : "GRIFFIN" (AS) "SUSQUEHANNA" (ACG) "REMUS" (ARL) "LERRICK" (YO)
"VICTORIA" (AO) "BINGERA" (AG) "HIDATSU" "POTAWATOMI" (AT)
3 YP: 23, 240, 514 2 YFD

Humboldt Bay

Combat units 12 DD : "MCGOWAN" "SAMUEL C. REID" "CLAXTON" "STACK" "YOUNG" "RATHBURN"
"SMITH" "MORRIS" "ABBOT" "JENKINS" "BELL" "BURNS"

Escorts 79 : 21 DE : "BOWERS" "WITTER" "THOMASON" "NEVENDORF" "EICHENBERGER"
"LOUGH" "WILLMARTH" "S. MCCARD" "MANNING" "LLOYD E. ACREE"
"LOVELACE" "WHITEHURST" "DOYLE C. BARNES" "KEN. M. WILLET" "LO"
"GEO. F. DAVIS" "J. E. CRAIG" "GREENWOOD" "RUDDEROW" "HODGES"
6 AMS: "DELOR AINE" "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" "ARARAT" "BUNDAGER"
"KAPUNDA" 4 PCE(R): 848, 850, 852, 853
9 PF : "EUGENE" "LONG BEACH" "EL PASO" "VAN BUREN" "ALLENTOWN"
"MACHIAS" "SANDUSKY" "CHARLOTTESVILLE" "HUTCHINSON" 1 ML: 825
20 SC : 514, 521, 531, 636, 668, 687, 695, 735, 741, 742, 991,
1052, 1273, 1319, 1320, 1331, 1327, 1365, 1369
18 PC : 84, 555, 584, 586, 695, 1137, 1139, 1188, 1590, 1119,
1129, 1128, 1122, 1123, 1124, 1134, 1135

Auxiliaries 85 : "BANNER" "BARNSTABLE" "ELMORE" "SUMTER" "JAMES O'HARA" "PIERCE"
"KNOX" "LEONARD WOOD" "CAMBRIA" "MONROVIA" "CALVERT" "APPLING"
"CUSTER" "FREMONT" "HENRY T. ALLEN" (APA) "GOLDSTAR" "WRIGHT" (AG)
"COMET" "WINGED ARROW" "WART. K" "LA SALLE" "HERALD OF THE MORNING"
"STORM KING" "MONTEREY" (AP) "PECOS" "SCHUYKILL" "KURUMB A"
"TALLULAH" "SHIKELLAMY" "TUMACORRI" "CEVERN" "SUAMICO" "SALAMONT"
"TRINITY" (AO) "CRUX" "JUPITER" "GANYMEDE" (AK) "AQUARIUS"
"ARNED" "ELECTRA" (AKA) "MERCY" "BOUNTIFUL" (AH) "ACUBENS" (AK)
"LARK" "RAIL" "SPRIGHTLY" "CHETCO" (AT) "MORRIS" (AO) "SEEKONK"
(ACG) "PYRO" "POYANG" "YUNNAN" (AE) "ACHELLES" (ARS) "PREBLE"
"REVENGE" "STONEMALL" "CARONDOLET" "CLAY" "VILLALOBOS" (IX)
"BLUE RIDGE" (ACG) "NEWMAN" "HUMPHREYS" "TICKERSON" "SANDS"
"SHADWELL" "LINDENWALD" (LSD) "CULEBRA ISLAND" (ARG) "MONITOR"
(LSV) "GOLDSBOROUGH" (AVD) "BREEZE" "ELLIOTT" (LMS) 2 ARD: 7, 1
2 YFD : YP: 218, 240, 291, 292 6 AFD: 2, 3, 11, 16, 24, 25

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Combat units 42 PT

Escorts 1 : 1 DE : "CHAFFEE"
Auxiliaries 15 : "DIPHDA" "THUBAN" (AKA) "PELAND" "CAVALIER" "FAYETTE" "DUPAGE"
"LEEDSTOWN" "WAYNE" "FULLER" (APA) "CAPE JOHNSON" "GOLDEN CITY"
"JOHN LAND" (AP) "HERCULES" "ELLIOTT" (AK) "ACONTIUS" (AGP)

Admiralties:

Combat units 3 BB : "CALIFORNIA" "MISSISSIPPI" "PENNSYLVANIA"
 12 CVE : "SAGINAW BAY" "BARNES" "MAKIN ISLAND" "SALAMAU" "ALMA BAY"
 "HOGGATT BAY" "LUNGA POINT" "BISMARCK SEA" "PETROF BAY"
 "ALTAMAH" "SHIPLEY BAY" "BRETON"
 3 CA : "CANBERRA" "SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"
 1 CL : "CLEVELAND"
 24 DE : "TWIGGS" "HALLIGAN" "EVANS" "MEEVIN" "ARUNTA" "LEUTZE" "KILLER"
 "SAUFLEY" "TAYLOR" "MUSTIN" "HELM" "MAURY" "MCCALL" "STERETT"
 "R.P. LEARY" "WILSON" "GRIDLEY" "BAGLEY" "H.L. EDWARDS" "AUSTIN"
 "CHARRETT" "KIMBERLEY" "LUCE" "ISHERWOOD"
 2 SS : "S.45" "S.47"
 5 PT
 Escorts 56 : 10 DE : "W.C. WANN" "HALLORAN" "DELAHANTY" "EVERSOLE" "CABANA"
 "COOLEBAUGH" "LAPRADE" "FOREMAN" "R.S. SUESSENS" "OBERRENDER"
 2 PF : "GASCOYNE" "BARCOO" 4 SC: 732, 982, 1004, 1375
 29 YMS: 1, 10, 46, 48, 81, 97, 140, 158, 238, 243, 286, 293, 218, 319, 327, 340, 341, 342, 353, 360, 363, 364, 368, 380, 409, 410
 9 PC : 598, 600, 742, 1228, 1170, 1421, 1600, 1601, 1603 2 PCS: 134, 140
 Auxiliaries 96 : "HEYWOOD" "BAXTER" (APA) "TALAMANCA" (AF) "MANLEY" "TALBOT" (A)
 "CACAPON" "CHIKASKIA" "NESHANIC" "SARANAC" "CALIENTE" "ESCAMBI"
 "WINOOSKI" "NEOBARRA" "CHEPACHET" (AO) "JASON" (ARG) "JAMESTON"
 (AGP) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "CEBU" "LEYTE" "MINDANAO" (ARG) "RIXEY" (A)
 "YOUNG AMERICA" (AP) "ALHENA" "ALCONA" "ALYCONE" (AKA) "CHANGE"
 "CAPTIVATE" (AM) "BRIAREUS" "MEDUSA" (AR) "SHAULA" "PHODOS"
 "CETUS" "LYRA" "SAGITTARIUS" (AK) "MONAENOCK" (CM) "ROCKY MOUNT"
 (AGC) "CLEMSON" (AVD) "PRESERVER" (ARS) "RIO GRANDE" "PASQUOT"
 "ELKHORN" (AOG) "ALABASTER" (PYC) "BENALLA" "PATHFINDER" (AGS)
 "TAWABA" "TERN" "KINGFISHER" "MENOMINEE" "WATCH HILL" "CHOWANOC"
 (AT) "LEOPARD" "ANDREW DORIA" "ABARENDA" (IX) "HOPE" (AH) "CT"
 (AS) "SIERRA" "WHITNEY" "PIEDMONT" (AD) "LAURABADA" (AG) 2 ABS
 1 ARD: 20 2 AFD: 8, 20 3 YP: 280, 288, 585
Cape Gloucester:
 Escorts 3 : 1 PC : 1123 2 SC: 631, 1004
 Auxiliaries 7 : "CAPRICORNUS" (AE) "CLYDE" "W.P. BIDDLE" "A.T. MIDDLETON" "CATS"
 "F. FUNSTON" (APA) "CHARA" (AKA)
Alexishafen-Madang:
 Escorts 5 : 1 A/S: "WILCANNIA" 1 YMS: "RINDJANI" 2 ML: 802, 812
 1 HDML: 1339
 Auxiliaries 4 : "ARIADNE" (CMS) "KOOPA" (AG) "PING WOI" (ASIS) 1 YP: 504
Langenak:
 Escorts 7 : 3 SC : 695, 730, 743 4 PC: 218, 585, 1131, 1491
 Auxiliaries 18 : "REFUGE" (AH) "RIFLEMAN" (AM) "ST GILES" "RACE POINT" "CHIPPEW"
 (AT) "KATOOMBA" "GEN. M. L. HERSEY" "TAROONA" (AP) "GAMBLE" (DM)
 "OVERTON" (APD) "TRYON" (APH) "BULL WHEEL" (YO) "WARWICK" (AK)
 "CLAN LAMONT" "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD" "GLENEARN" (SLI)
Lae:
 Escorts 2 : 1 ML : 820 1 HDML: 1321
 Auxiliaries 1 : "TASMAN" (AH)
Jacquinet Bay:
 Auxiliaries 1 : "LAURIANA" (AG)
Oro Bay:
 Auxiliaries 3 : "UV ALDE" (APA) "CASA GRANDE" (LSD) "GEN. J. H. MCRAE" (AP)
Milne Bay:
 Escorts 4 : 1 AMS: "COOTAMUNDR" 1 LE: "DARBY" 1 SC: 699 1 HDML: 1327
 Auxiliaries 11 : "CAPE LEEUWIN" (ACS) "ARAYAT" (IX) "MAUNA LOA" (AE) "WARREN"
 (APA) "OCTANS" (AF) "ETAMIN" (AK) "MAETSUYCKER" (AH)
 "CHIWAIKUM" (AOG) 3 YP: 278, 499, 514

2. SOLOMONS:(a) At Sea to 1200/13:

- (1) "HAWKESBURY" (PF) escorting Convoy Peleliu-Russells #4 ("ARIDEL" "NAOS" "PRINCE GEORGE"
 (AP) "TULUNAN" (AG) departed Peleliu 7 Dec for Russells ETA about 15 Dec
- (2) "PC 738" was to depart Guadalcanal about 5 Dec for Manus for onward routing to Ulithi
- (3) "CHIKASAW" (AT) proceeding to render assistance "BLACKBURN" grounded off Emirau Is.

(b) In Harbour:

Emirau:
 Escorts 7 : 1 DE: "STADFELD" 2 YMS: "TUI", 250 4 SC: 502, 520, 703, 1200
 Auxiliaries 3 : "HYPERION" (AK) 2 YP: 233, 514

Roan Is:

Combat units 5 PT
 Escorts 1 : 1 YMS: 94
 Auxiliaries 3 : 1 YP: 248

Torokina:

Combat units 5 DD : "SPROSTON" "PICKING" "WICKES" "W.D.PORTER" "MONSSEN"
 Escorts 16 : 2 SC: 1100, 1590 5 PC: 476, 477, 702, 1170, 1231, 1242
 5 DE: "HARMON" "BERCROMBIE" "GILLIAN" "SPANGLER" "LERAY WEL"
 1 PCS: 1429 3 YMS: 176, 311, 389
 Auxiliaries 33 : "TAURUS" "CASSIOPEIA" "ERACO" (AK) "ANTARES" (AKS) "YUMA" (AT)
 "RACCOON" "IBEX" (IX) "LIBRA" "ALMAAK" "ALSHAIN" "TITANIA" (A)
 "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA" "EMPIRE BATTLEAXE" "LOTHIAN"
 "EMPIRE ARQUEBUS" "EMPIRE MACE" (SLI) "DOYEN" "LAMARR" "HARRIS"
 "SARASOTA" "SHERIDAN" "ALPINE" "BOLIVAR" "HARRY LEE" (APA) "OZA"
 (LSV) "PRES. POLK" "STARLIGHT" (AP) "PINKNEY" (APHC) "SHAWNEE" (A)
 "MT. OLYMPUS" (AGC) "WHIPSTOCK" (YO)

Treasury Is:

Combat units 14 PT
 6 TGM
 Escorts 9 : 1 DE: "PAUL G. BAKER" 3 PC: 479, 605, 1132 1 YMS: 45
 4 SC: 677, 722, 1074, 1260
 Auxiliaries 3 : 1 YP: 520 1 AG: "AGAWAM" 1 YN: "PALM"

Murda:

Escorts 4 : 1 DE: "GENREAU" 1 PC: 1119 2 YMS: "KIWI", 196

3. EAST AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea 01/1200/13:

- (1) "WARREGO" (PS) had to depart Sydney about 7 Dec for New Guinea.
- (2) "BUNGAREE" (CG) departed Sydney 0846/9 for Milne ETA 0800/16 thence Lae, Manus, Madang.
- (3) "ORMISTON" (AP) departed Townsville 0615/11 for Milne Day.
- (4) "MESQUITE" (CG) departed Caloundra 1900/5 for Langemak via Milne Day.
- (5) "HML.1324" departed Caloundra 1300/11 for Townsville ETA 0800/14.
- (6) "PC.597" departed Tulagi 1100/10 for Sydney ETA 0600/16.

(b) In Harbour:Merauke:

Escorts 4 : 2 YMS: "SMEROE" "MERBAROE" 2 HML: 1322, 1323

Thursday Is:

Escorts 1 : 1 A/S: "PIRIE"
 Auxiliaries 2 : "WINTER" "CHALLENGER" (AGS)

Cairns:

Escorts 4 : 1 A/S: "FREMANTLE" 3 ML: 420, 431, 806
 Auxiliaries 4 : "FIRE ISLAND" (AT) "DUNLOON" (AP) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS)
 "EVANGELINE" (KAK)

Townsville:

Escorts 3 : 1 A/S: "BENDIGO" 1 ML: 827 1 HML: 1329
 Auxiliaries 3 : "POLARIS" (AGS) "TANGRED" (AT) 1 YP: 615

Dowen:

Auxiliaries 1 : "HEROS" (AT)

Brisbane:

Combat units 6 AG : "S.42" "NAUHAL" "NAUTILUS" "CABILAN" "PERCH"
 Escorts 12 : 7 ML: 424, 425, 801, 811, 820, 821 1 YMS: 313
 1 A/S: "WHYALLA" 1 A/S: "KYBRA" 2 HML: 1129, 1353
 Auxiliaries 2 : "ETOLIN" (AK) "PONTUNUS" (AGP)

Sydney:

Combat units 2 ML : "HOBART" (refitting) "TROMP"
 2 DD : "GLENOWER" "QUICKMATCH" "QUEENSBOROUGH"
 1 ODD : "STUART"
 3 SC : "K.9" "K.12" "TELEMACHUS"
 Escorts 11 : 3 A/S: "KALGOORLIE" "DAELARAT" "GOULBURN" 1 A/S: "YANDRA"
 7 ML: 426, 801, 815, 816, 819, 822, 823 1 SC: 1039
 Auxiliaries 7 : "POINT LOMA" "WATO" (AT) "MANUNDA" "WANGANELLA" (AH) "ARLENT"
 (GM) "OCTORARA" (IX) "AASE MÆRSK" (AO)

Melbourne:

Combat units 1 OCL : "ADELAIDE"
 1 AL : "NIZAM"
 Escorts 8 : "ABRAHAM CRINJENSEN" "DOONDA" (A/S) "BOWEN" "MARYBOROUGH"
 "BURNET" "LISMORE" (AMS) 2 HML: 1340, 1350
 Auxiliaries 1 : "GEN. BUTNER" (AP)

4. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(a) At Sea to 1200/13:

(1) Task Force "13"

On Patrol 39 SS : "BLENNY" "ANGLER" "ROCK" "PADDLE" "HAMMERHEAD" "LAPON" "CAYALLA"
 "BAYA" "HOE" "REDFIN" "COMIA" "SIRDAR" "DACE" "DEAGALL" "DASHA"
 "BLACKFIN" "SEA ROVER" "FLYING FISH" "HALLO" "GUAVINA" "BARBEL"
 "CROWLER" "BARBERO" "FLASHER" "GUNNELL" "JACK" "PARGO" "DECU"
 "HANKILL" "MUSKELLUNGE" "DESUGO" "HARDHEA" "SPITEFUL" "MIN"
 "GAR" "KRAKEN" "SEA LION" "TUNA" "STINGRAY"
 On Passage 13 SS : "GURNARD" "CLYDE" "K.14" "BLUEGILL" "TANTALUS" "TUSK" "STOIC"
 "CAITMAN" "HAKE" "FLOUNDER" "TANTIVE" "STURDY" "SEA ROVER"

(2) "MORESBY" (AGS) "CASTLEMAINE" (AGS) on survey duty vicinity Penguin Shoal.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Combat units 2 SS : "STORM" "ZWAARDFISCH"
 Escorts 0 : "PARKES" "HORSHAM" (AMS) 5 ML: 429, 301, 312, 319, 907 1 HDML: 1329
 Auxiliaries 3 : "STELLA" "SHEPPATON" (AGS) "CHANTICLEER" (ARS)
 Port Nelson:
 Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "ECHUCA"
 Cassini Is:
 Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "JUNEL"

5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(a) At Sea to 1200/12:

Nil report.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat units 1 OA : "SUFFOLK"
 1 SS : "GUITARRO" "DREAM" "K.15" "O.19" "SPLIT"
 Escorts 6 : 1 PF : "CORPUS CHRISTI" 1 PS: "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA"
 2 YMS: 11, 72 1 SC: 720 1 ML: 324
 Auxiliaries 7 : "ANTHEDON" "EURYALE" "MILESTONE" (AS) "ISABEL" (PY) "COUCAL"
 1 ARD: 10 1 YP: 286
 Burbury:
 Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "DUNBURY"

(ii) ENEMY FORCESA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC1. PHILIPPINES

- (1) W. Coast Luzon - Reconnaissance aircraft searching W. coast Luzon from Cape Bojeador to Manila Bay, midday 11 Dec., saw a number of small dispersal groups of shipping involving 1 tanker, 10 merchant ships, 5 sea trucks and 5 escort vessels. The only ship of any size was the tanker which was grouped with 2 escorts, stationary near Cape Bojeador.
Night 11-12 Dec. 2 ships sighted in Manila Bay were attacked by 2 Liberators with unobserved results.
- (2) Verde Is. Passage-Sibuyan Sea - At approx. 1100/11 Dec. aircraft sighted 10 sea truck type vessels, including 6 of the smallest class, at anchor off Northern shores of Verde Is. Passage.
At 1500/11 Dec. 1 sea truck was observed at anchor at E. end Verde Is. Passage and another sea truck was attacked and damaged off S.E. coast Mindanao Is. proceeding on course 310°. The latter vessel was subsequently destroyed by another patrol Liberator.
At 2112/11 Dec. a Mariner attacked and destroyed a small freighter transport at N. exit from Tablas Strait.
At 1745/12 Dec. aircraft in flight reported 1 medium freighter, 2 escort vessels, 25 miles S.S.E. of Sibuyan Is., course 200° at 10 knots. This report might concern remnants of the convoy attacked off N.W. Leyte 11 and 12 Dec.
- (3) Visayan Sea - Attacks on the enemy convoy 11 and 12 Dec. engaged on transportation run to Leyte resulted in total damage inflicted as follows:-
Sunk or destroyed: 4 freighter transports, including 1 finished off by PT boats night 11-12 Dec.
2 destroyers or escorts.
Badly damaged possibly sunk: 1 freighter transport
2 destroyers or escorts
Damaged: 1 freighter transport
1 escort.
It is recalled that the convoy was estimated to comprise probably 3 destroyer transports, 4 merchant ships and 4 escorts when it was sighted approaching Leyte at 0830/11 Dec. and attacks were conducted throughout daylight 11 Dec. By night fall 3 of the freighter transports and 2 destroyers or escorts were claimed to have been sunk; a fourth freighter transport, probably already damaged, was located and sunk by PT boats that night off Palompon. Some of the ships, however, managed to reach the vicinity of Palompon or San Isidro Bay. At 0800/12 Dec. 1 merchant ship and 3 escorts were seen approx. 10 miles out of San Isidro Bay on course 300° and these ships were later attacked: all were at least damaged.
The attacking aircraft involved Corsairs, Thunderbolts, Kittyhawks and Lightnings being used as dive-bombers: the first aircraft over the convoy encountered 20-30 enemy fighters and during the day an estimated 40-60 enemy planes were over the convoy. Of these, 23 were shot down and 4 more were probably shot down: our losses totalled 5 fighters.
- (4) Surigao Strait-Camotes Sea - From daybreak 12 Dec. onwards enemy aircraft kept constant observation over an allied convoy and conducted several strikes including one attack at 0625/12 Dec. and another involving 20 planes at 0810/12 Dec.: 11 enemy planes were shot down by Hellcats covering the convoy. Some damage was suffered by the convoy.
- (5) Leyte - Ground activities on 12 Dec. were limited largely to consolidating newly captured areas and active patrolling. A major target was made by our forces in the Ormoc Corridor.
On 30 Dec. 16 Corsairs, 16 Kittyhawks, 16 Thunderbolts attacked targets in W. Leyte, including Palompon and Lononon.
- (6) Visayas - On 11 Dec. airdromes and other targets on Cebu were attacked by Liberators in some strength.
- (7) Mindanao - At 1235/10 Dec. Port Misamas on Central N. coast Mindanao was attacked by 7 Lightnings with gasoline incendiaries.
On 12 Dec. Davao airdrome was bombed by one group Liberators and Padoia airdrome by one group Mitchells.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)2. EAST INDIES

- (1) Morotai - Night 10-11 Dec. probably three enemy planes were over Morotai at different times but no bombs were dropped.
At 0450/12 Dec. 2 enemy planes approached Morotai but made no attack.
- (2) Halmahera-II, Celebes-N.W. New Guinea - On 10 Dec. attacks on these areas concentrating mainly on airdromes were conducted by 29 Mitchells, 52 Kittyhawks and 6 Mustangs. On 11 Dec. similar sweeps were made by 16 Kittyhawks.
- (3) S.E. Celebes - At 1115/12 Dec. Kendari airdrome was bombed by 23 Liberators and Taworo by another 6 Liberators, hitting the strips effectively.
- (4) E. Borneo - At 1150/10 Dec. Paloesian tank farm at Tarakan was attacked by 22 Liberators blanketing the entire target. Lingkas tank farm was bombed by another 2 Liberators.
At 1200/11 Dec. Djoeata tank farm at Tarakan was attacked by 4 Mustangs setting tanks on fire.
- (5) N. Borneo - At 10 Dec. Labuan (Brunei Bay) and Miri were each bombed by 2 Liberators.
- (6) Timor - On 11 Dec. Cape Chater airdrome was bombed by 6 Liberators.
- (7) Ambon - On 10 Dec. airdromes in the Ambon area were attacked by 24 Mitchells, 18 Mustangs.
3. NEW GUINEA - At 12 Dec. Villages in Wewak area were attacked by 10 Beauforts, 6 Mitchells.
4. BISMAECKS-SOLOMONS - On 11 Dec. targets in this area were attacked by 3 Mitchells, 6 Venturas, 46 Corsairs. On 12 Dec. Lakunai was bombed by 5 Liberators.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

- (1) Results of attempted "Tokyo Express" to Leyte.
Consolidation in progress generally on Leyte.
- (3) Continued enemy air reinforcement of Formosa and Philippines and intensified sea offensive Leyte area.
- (4) Enemy submarine activity Philippines, W. and Central Pacific and Indian Ocean including use of midget submarines.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>				<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>		
* Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)				(Incl. Mandates)		
<u>BB</u>	(6)	CALIFORNIA COLORADO	MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA	WEST VIRGINIA	-	
<u>CVE</u>	(20)	ALAVA BAY ALTAMIRANO BARNES BISMARCK SEA BRETON	HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KITKUN BAY IUNGA POINT MAKIN ISLAND	MANILA BAY MARCUS ISLAND NATOMA BAY OMMANEY BAY PETROF BAY	SAGINAW BAY SANTO MARINO SAVO ISLAND SHIPLEY BAY STEAMER BAY	-
<u>CA</u>	(6)#	CANBERRA LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PORTLAND	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	
<u>CL</u>	(10)	BOISE #CLEVELAND COLUMBIA	DENVER MONTPELIER NASHVILLE	PHOENIX ADELAIDE #HOBART #TROMP	-	
<u>AV</u>	(2)	CURRITUCK	TANGIER		-	
<u>AVP</u>	(8)	BALKNAP CHINGCHENGJUE	GOLDSBOROUGH HALF MOON	HERON ORCA	SAN CARLOS SAN PABLO	-
<u>DD</u>	(99)	ABBOTT ALLEN M. SUMNER AUSBURNE AUSTIN BAGLEY BARTON BEEL BRAINE BRYANT BURNS BUSH CHARRETTE C. J. BADGER CLAXTON COGHLAN CONY CONYGHAM CONNER CONVERSE CONWAY C. T. BADGER	DRAYTON EATON EVANS FLETCHER FLUSSER FOOTE GANSEVOORT GRIDLEY HALFORD HARADEN HALLIGAN HALL HELM H. L. EDWARDS HOFEWELL HOWORTH INGRAHAM ISHERWOOD JENKINS KNAPP KILLEN KIMBERLEY LAFFEY	LAMSON LANG L. VALLEPTE LEUTZE LUCE MCCALL MAURY MCDERMOTT MCGOWAN MELVIN MERTZE MOALE MONSIEUR MCRRIS MUGFORD MUSTIN NEWCOMB NICHOLAS O'BANNON O'BRIEN PAUL HAMILTON PICKING PRINGLE	RATHBURN REMEY RALPH TALBOT RENSHAW ROBINSON R. P. LEARY RUSSELL SAMUEL C. REID SIGOURNEY SMITH STROSTON STACK STEMBEL STERETT STEVENS TAYLOR TWIGGS WALKE WALLER WICKES WILSON WM. D. PORTER YOUNG	-
		ARUNTA GLENDOVER	NIZAM QUEENSBOROUGH	QUICKMATCH STUART	VENDETTA WARRAMUNGA	-
<u>SS</u>					10	
<u>PT</u>		Approx. 175			-	

* Excluding Cenapc forces temporarily at sea in S.W.P.A.
Non-effective.

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)			<u>ENEMY FORCES</u> (Incl. Mandates)		
<u>AKI</u>	(76)	ALGOL (AKA)	CLEMSON (APA)	WAYNE (APA)	-
<u>APA</u>		ALHENA	CUSTER	W.P.BIDDLE	
<u>AFD</u>		ALMAAK	DOYEN	BROOKS (AFD)	
<u>LSI</u>		ALSHAIN	DUPAGE	COFER	
		ALYCONE	FAYETTE	CROSBY	
		AQUARIUS	FELAND	DICKERSON	
		CAPRICORNUS	F.FUNSTON	HERBERT	
		DIPLODA	FREMONT	HUMPHREYS	
		CHARA	FULLER	KEPHART	
		LIBRA	GILLIAM	KILTY	
		O'HARA	GOLDEN CITY	LIDDLE	
		THUBAN	HARRY LEE	MANLEY	
		UVALDE	HASKELL	NEWMAN	
		ALPINE (APA)	HEYWOOD	OVERTON	
		ADAIR	H.T.ALLEN	SANDS	
		APPLING	KNOX	SCHLEY	
		ARIADNE	LEEDSTOWN	TALBOT	
		A.T.MIL LINTON	LELAND	KANIMBLA (LSI)	
		BANNER	LEO CLYMAN	MANOORA	
		BAXTER	LAMARR	WESTRALIA	
		BOLEAF	MONROVIA	CLAN LAMONT	
		CALVERA	OLMSTEAD	EMPIRE ARQUEBUS	
		CAMERON	SARASOTA	EMPIRE BATTLEAXE	
		CAVALIER	SHERIDAN	EMPIRE MACE	
		CLAU	WARREN	EMPIRE SPEARHEAD	
				GLENEARN	
<u>AGC</u>	(5)	BLUE RIDGE MOUNT OLYMPUS	MOUNT MCKINLEY ROCKY MOUNT	WASATCH	-
<u>AS</u>	(3)	GRIFFIN	HOLLAND	OTUS	-
<u>AD</u>	(4)	DOBBIE PIEDMONT	SIERRA	WHITNEY	-
<u>AR</u>	(4)	BRIAREUS MEDUSA	PLATYFUS	RIGEL	-
<u>ARS</u>	(1)	MIDAS			-
<u>ARC</u>	(5)	CEBU CULLEBA ISLAND	LEYTE MINDANAO	OGIALLA	-
<u>ARH</u>	(1)	JASON			-
<u>ARL</u>	(4)	ACHILLES AMYCUS	IGERIA	REMUS	-
<u>ARS</u>	(4)	CABLE GRAPPLE	PRESERVER	VENUS	-
<u>ISD</u>	(10)	ASHLAND BELLEVUE CARROLL HALL CASA GRANDE EPHING FOREST	GUNSTON HALL LINDENWALD OKHILL RUSHMORE WHITE MARSH		-

4. CENTRAL PACIFIC
(Including N. and S. Pacific Area)

S. China Sea
Incl. Formosa
Singapore Empire

	#ALLIED FORCES				
<u>BB</u> (14)	ALABAMA IDAHO INDIANA IOWA MARYLAND	MASSACHUSETTS MISSOURI NEW JERSEY NORTH CAROLINA	OKLAHOMA SOUTH DAKOTA WASHINGTON WISCONSIN	(2)	KONGO (3) MUS'SHI (sev. dmgd. poss sunk) *YAMATO *MAGATO HARUNA
<u>BB/XCV</u>	-	-	-	(2)	HYUGA ISE -
<u>CV</u> (17)	BENNINGTON BON HOMME RICHARD BUNKER HILL ENTERPRISE ESSEX	FRANKLIN HANCOCK HORNET INTREPID LEXINGTON RANDOLPH	RANGER SARATOGA SHANGRI LA TICONDEROGA WASP YORKTOWN	-	(3) AMAGI HAYATAKA UNRYU
<u>CVL</u> (8)	BATAAN BELLEAU WOOD CABOT	COWPENS INDEPENDENCE LANGLEY	MONTEREY SAN JACINTO	(1)	RYUHO (1) KAIYO
<u>CVE</u> (38)	ADMIRALTY IS. ASTROLABE BAY ATTU BOUGAINVILLE BUCARELI BAY CAPE ESPERANCE CASABLANCA CHAPIN BAY CHENANGO COPAHEE CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR	FANSHAW BAY HOLLANDIA GILBERT ISLANDS KALININ BAY KWAJALEIN BAY LONG ISLAND MAKASSAR STRAIT MATANAKAU MUNDA NASSAU NEHENTA BAY PRINCE WILLIAM ROI	RUDYERD BAY SANGAMON SANTEE SARGENT BAY SHAMROCK BAY SITKOH BAY SUWANNEE TAKANAS BAY TANANEK BAY THETIS BAY TULAGI WHITE PLAINS WINDHAM BAY	(1)	OTAKA (1) KAIYO
<u>CA</u> (10)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER DULUTH	INDIANAPOLIS PENSACOLA NEW ORLEANS	SALT LAKE CITY SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA	(2-4)	CHOKAI (rep. 4) *TAKAO (sunk) MYOKO) prob. sunk IBUKI TONE *AOBA NACHI)
<u>OCA</u>	-	-	-	-	6
<u>CL</u> (23)	ASTORIA BILOXI *BIRMINGHAM CONCORD DETROIT FLINT *HONOLULU	*LEANDER GAMBIER MIAMI MOBILE OAKLAND PASADENA RALEIGH RICHMOND	SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN SANTA FE TRENTON ST LOUIS WICKSBURG *RENO WILKES BARRE	(1)	KINU (4-5) ABUKUMA (1 or poss. both sunk) YAHAGI SAKAWA ISUZU KISO TAMA) 1 or OYODO) both
<u>CLT</u>	-	-	-	-	KASHII KASHIMA
<u>AV/CVS</u> (4)	BALLARD CHANDELEUR	CURTISS	POCOMOKE	-	(2) ASKITSUSHI *NOTCRO
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 150			20	15 (several repaired)
<u>SS</u>	Approx. 150			10	Approx. 50
<u>AS</u>		?		?	2 (1 repairing)

* Non-effective.
Some of these units operating temporarily in S.W.P.A.

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> Southwest Pacific (Western Section)			<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> Indian Ocean		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u> Indian Ocean	
<u>BB</u>	-		(4) HOWE QUEEN ELIZABETH	RENOWN VALIANT	-	
<u>CV</u>	-		(3) ILLUSTRIOUS INDOMITABLE	VICTORIOUS	-	
<u>CVE</u>	-		(7) ACTIVITY AMEER ATHELING BATTIER	BEGUM SHAH UNICORN	-	
	(1) SUFFOLK		(2) CUMBERLAND	LONDON	-	
<u>CL</u>	-		(6) ACHILLES CEYLON KENYA	NEWCASTLE NIGERIA PHOEBE	-	
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-		(1) ALBATROSS		-	
<u>CVL</u>	-		(2) CANTON	CHITRAL	-	
<u>DD</u>	-		Approx. 27		-	
<u>SS</u>	(64)	ANGLER BARBERO BASHAW BATFISH BAYA BECUNA BERGAL BESUGO HENNY BLUEGILL CAIMAN COBIA DACE DARTER FLASHER	FLYING FISH GAR CROWLER GUAVINA GUITARO GUNNEL GURNARD HADDO HAKE HAMMERHEAD HARDHEAD HAWKBILL HOE JACK KRAKEN	LAPON MINGO MUSKELLUNGE NARWHALL NAUTILUS PADDLE PARGO REDFIN ROCK SEA LION SEA WOLF STINGRAY TUSK S.42 S.45 S.47	Approx. 16	10 (possibly all German)
		CLYDE SEA ROVER SIRDAR	SPITEFUL STOIC STORM STURDY	TANTALUS TANTIVY TELEMACHUS		
		K.9 K.12	K.14 K.15	0.19 ZWAARDFISCH		
<u>AS</u>	(3)	ANTHEDON EURYALE	MAIDSTONE			

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY SHORE-BASED AIR STRENGTH

	SOLOMONS		PHILIPPINES			MANDATES
	BISMARCKS	EAST INDIES	Iuzon	Visayas	Mindanao	
Fighters	3	174	137	111	47	6
S/L Bombers	-	14	89	3	24	-
T/B Bombers	-	86	99	18	45	3
Flying Boats	-	6	4	-	-	-
Float planes	10	60	34	12	11	6
Obsn. A/C	2	21	19	17	8	4
TOTAL	15	361	382	161	135	19

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
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Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle.

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PART I(1) ALLIED FORCESSOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NEW GUINEA - BISMARCKS(a) At Sea to 1200/14:

- (1) (a) Task Force 70: 60 PT
6 AGP: "WILLOUGHBY" "WACHAPREAGUE" "HILO" "PONTUS" "OYSTER BAY" "ORESTES"
- (b) Task Force 73: 5 AVP: "HALF MOON" "HERON" "ORCA" "SAN PABLO" "SAN CARLOS"
2 AV: "TANGLER" "CURRITUCK" 2 AVR
- (c) Task Force 75: 1 AGC: "MT. MCKINLEY" 62 XAK 1 CGC: "BUTTONWOOD" 1 ARL: "EGERIA"
3 AK: "BOOTES" "RUTILICUS" "MURZIM" 2 ARS: "CABLE" "GRAPPLE"
3 AT: "WHIPPOORWILL" "QUAPAW" "RESERVE" 1 PF: "ORANGE" 1 AW: "STAG"
5 IX: "CARIBOU" "MINK" "PAND A" "ARETHUSA" "PORCUPINE" 1 ARD: 9
1 AO: "BISHOPDALE" 1 APA: "GILLIAM" 2 PCE(R): 849, 851
6 DE: "JOBS" "MARTIN" "HOLT" "DUFFY" "TINSMAN" "PFEIFFER"
1 AN: "TEABERRY" 3 DD: "GANSEVOORT" "KNAPP" "RUSSELL" 1 PC: 1128
16 YMS: 6, 8, 39, 48, 51, 52, 71, 163, 288, 314, 315, 329, 339, 481
15 SC: 637, 648, 725, 729, 731, 734, 735, 737, 738, 744, 748,
749, 1004, 1365, 1368 1 HDML: 1074
- (d) Task Force 76:
TG.76.4.11: 15 LT 2 DE: "THOS. F. NICHOL" "CHAS. J. KIMMELL"
TG.76.4.17: 4 APA: "LEONARD WOOD" "FREMONT" "SUMTER" "JAMES O'HARA"
3 DD: "STACK" "MORRIS" "MUSTIN"
- (e) Task Force 77: 1 AGC: "WASATCH" 2 CA: "LOUISVILLE" "MINNEAPOLIS" 1 CL: "NASHVILLE"
12 DD: "BRYANT" "CONYNGHAM" "COOPER" "EDWARDS" "GANSEVOORT" "REID"
"HUGHES" "KNAPP" "LAMSON" "NEWCOMB" "RUSSELL" "SMITH"
TG.77.3: 1 CA: "PORTLAND" 2 CL: "PHOENIX" "BOISE"
8 DD: "BARTON" "WALKE" "LAFPEY" "O'BRIEN" "ALLWYN E. SUMNER" "MOALS"
"INGRAHAM" "LOWRY"
TG.77.1.2 (a) 3 BB: "WEST VIRGINIA" "COLORADO" "NEW MEXICO"
3 CL: "DENVER" "MONTPELIER" "COLUMBIA"
10 DD: "WALLER" "RENSHAW" "ROBINSON" "CONWAY" "CONY" "BENNION"
"EATON" "SIGOURNEY" "CONNOR"
(b) 6 CVE: "MARCUS ISLAND" "KATOMA BAY" "MANILA BAY" "KADASHAN BAY"
"SAVO ISLAND" "OMMANEY BAY"
9 DD: "REMEY" "MERTZ" "MCDERMOTT" "RALPH TALBOT" "STEMEL" "BRAINE"
"PATTERSON" "HARADEN" "TWIGGS"
- (f) Task Force 78:
TG.78.3: 14 DD: "HALL" "PAUL HAMILTON" "HOWORTH" "PRINGLE" "STEVENS" "PHILIP"
"DASHIELL" "FLETCHER" "O'BANNON" "RADFORD" "HOPEWELL" "BUSH"
"HALFORD" "LAVALLETTE"
TG.78.3.2: 7 APD: "LOYD" "KILTY" "CROSBY" "LIDDLE" "COFER" "HERBERT" "KEPHART"
TG.78.3.3: 31 LST(L) 12 LSM
TG.78.3.4: 26 LST
TG.78.3.6: 10 AM: "SAUNTER" "SAGE" "PURSUIT" "REQUISITE" "REVENGE" "SALUTE" "SCRIMMAGE"
"SCOUT" "TRIUMPH" "SENYRY" 1 APD: "BROOKS" 7 YMS: 2, 9, 47, 53, 68, 339
TG.78.3.7: 2 PC: 462, 563 7 LCI(G) 5 LCI(R)
TG.78.3.8: 1 ATR 1 LCI(D)

- (2) "HID/TS" (AT) departed Hollandia 12 Dec for Fax Bay ETA 0500/17.
- (3) "KIMBERLEY" "MCGOWAN" "YOUNG" (DD) were to depart Hollandia 13 Dec for Fax Shore.
- (4) "KITKUN BAY" "STEAMER BAY" (CVE) with "EDMONDS" "J.C.BUTLER" "RAYMOND" (DE) proceeded to Manus ETA 0100/16.
- (5) "YMS.393" was to depart Manus about 8 Dec for Brisbane via Longnak, Milne and Cairns
- (6) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) assisting "WESTWARD HO" aground of Tawi Island.
- (7) "POLLUX" (AKS) was to depart Hollandia about 10 Dec for Sydney.

(b) In Harbour:

Morotai:

Combat units 1 ODD : "VENDETTA"
 20 PT
 Escorts 10 : 10 AMS: "WAGGA" "KILMER" "GYMPI" "GLENEIG" "STRAHAN" "KATCOMB"
 "LITHGOW" "CONRA" "STANFILL" "COLAC"
 Auxiliaries 15 : "MOBJACK" (AGP) "MERCURY" (AG) "GEN.HARRY TAYLOR" (LP) 2 YO
 "SAKATONCHEE" (AG) 2 YCG 2 YFL 2 YPD 2 YRF 1 YPI 196

Sansapor:

Escorts 1 : 1 PG : 464
 Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YP : 283

Noefloor:

Escorts 2 : 2 PG : 462, 563
 Auxiliaries 3 : "HASKELL" "LEON" "ADAIR" (AP)

Biak-Woendi:

Combat units 30 PT
 Escorts 5 : "GLADSTONE" "BROOK" "LAITRO" (AG) "BRUFKIN" (PF) "SWAN" (PS)
 Auxiliaries 11 : "GRIFFIN" (AD) "GUSQUELHANN" (AG) "RELIUS" (ARL) "DERRICK" (YO)
 "VICTORIA" (AD) "BINGERA" (AG) "TOMARA" (AT) 2 YED
 2 YP : 240, 514

Humboldt Bay:

Combat units 11 DD : "W.D.PORTER" "FLUSSEN" "SEYD" "SAMUEL CALLE" "CLAYTON" "ABBOTT"
 "RATHBURNE" "SMITH" "JENKINS" "BELL" "BURNS"
 Escorts 87 : 25 DE : "DOWERS" "WITLER" "THOMAS" "NEVENDORFF" "EICHENBERGER"
 "LOUGH" "WILLMARTH" "SACCOLO" "MANNING" "LLOYD E. ACREP"
 "LOVELACE" "WHITEHUS" "LOYLE" "BARNES" "KENNETH WILLET" "KIM"
 "J.E. GRAY" "GREENWOOD" "BERROW" "ROBERT" "LOESER" "RILEY"
 "MCNULTY" "MURPHY" "T.P. BROWN" "A. JOHNSON"
 6 AMS: "DELORALME" "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" "ARCTIC" "BUNDABERG"
 "KAPUNDA" 4 YED: 248, 850, 852, 853
 14 PF : "EUGENE" "LONG BEACH" "PASO" "VAN BUREN" "ALLETOWN" "MACH"
 "SANDUSKY" "CHARLOTTE" "HUTCHINSON" "GLENDALE" "OGDEN"
 "SAN PEDRO" "CORONADO" "PUNNETT" 1 ML: 825
 21 SC : 514, 521, 531, 636, 667, 668, 687, 695, 735, 741, 742, 743,
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(i) ALLIED FORCES (CONT)

SECRET

Amiralties: (Cont)

Combat units 1 CL : "CLEVELAND"
 25 DD : "TWIGGS" "HALLIGAN" "EVANS" "MEEVIN" "ARUNTA" "LEUTZE" "KILLEN"
 "SAUFLEY" "TAYLOR" "NICOLAS" "HELM" "MAURY" "MCCALL" "STERETT"
 "R.P. LEARY" "WILSON" "GRIDLEY" "BAGLEY" "H.L. EDWARDS" "AUSTIN"
 "CHARRETT" "LUCE" "ISHERWOOD" "MUGFORD" "DRAYTON"
 2 SS : "S.45" "S.47"
 5 PT
 Escorts 56 : 10 DE : "W.C. WANN" "HALLORAN" "DELAHANTY" "EVERSOLE" "COOLEB AUG"
 "CABANA" "LEPRADE" "FOREMAN" "R.S. SUESSENS" "OBERRENDER"
 2 PF : "GASCOYNE" "BARCOO" 4 SG : 732, 982, 1004, 1375
 29 YMS : 1, 10, 46, 48, 81, 97, 140, 158, 238, 245, 286, 293, 318, 319, 327, 3
 340, 341, 342, 353, 360, 363, 364, 368, 380, 409, 410
 9 PC : 598, 600, 742, 1228, 1470, 1421, 1600, 1601, 1603 2 PCS : 134, 147
 Auxiliaries 69 : "HEYWOOD" "BAXTER" (APA) "TALAMANGA" (AF) "MANLEY" "TALBOT" (AD)
 "CACAPON" "CHIASKIA" "NESHANIC" "SARANAC" "CALIENTE" "ESCAMBIA"
 "WINOOSKI" "NEOBARRA" "CHEPACHET" (AO) "JASON" (ARG) "JAMESTONE"
 (AGP) "AMYCUS" (ARI) "CEBU" "LEYTE" "MINDANAO" (ARG) "RIXEY" (APH)
 "YOUNG AMERICA" (AP) "ALHENA" "ALCONA" "ALYCONA" (AKA) "CHARGE"
 "CAPTIVATE" "SCUFFLE" (AM) "BRIANUES" "MEDUSA" (AR) "SHALAN" "BHO"
 "CETUS" "LYRA" "SAGITTARIUS" (AK) "MONADNOCK" (CM) "ROCKY MOUNT"
 (AGG) "CLEMSON" (AVD) "PRESERVER" (ARS) "RIO GRANDE" "PASQUOTAN"
 "ELKHORN" (AOG) "ALABASTER" (PYC) "BENALLA" "PATFINDEE" (AGS)
 "TAWABA" "TERN" "KINGFISHER" "MENOMINEE" "WATCH HILL" "CHOWANCO"
 "CHIKASAW" (AT) "LEOPARD" "ANDREW DORIA" "ABARENS" (IX) "HOPE" (C)
 "OTUS" (AS) "SIERRA" "WHITNEY" "PITDMONT" (AD) "LAURABADA" (AG)
 2 ABSD 1 ARD : 20 2 AFD : 8, 20 3 YP : 280, 288, 585

Cape Gloucester:

Escorts 3 : 1 PC : 1123 2 SC : 631, 1004
 Auxiliaries 7 : "CAPRICORNUS" (AE) "CLYDE" "W.P. BIDDLE" "A.T. MIDDLETON" "CATS"
 "F. FUNSTON" (APA) "CHARA" (AKA)

Alexishafen-Madang:

Escorts 5 : 1 A/S : "WILCANNIA" 1 YMS : "RINDJANI" 2 ML : 802, 812 1 HDML :
 Auxiliaries 4 : "ARIADNE" (CMS) "KOOPA" (AG) "PENG WO" (ASIS) 1 YP : 504

Lagemak:

Escorts 7 : 3 SC : 695, 730, 743 4 PC : 283, 585, 1131, 1491
 Auxiliaries 17 : "REFUGE" (AH) "RIFLEMAN" (AH) "ST GILES" "RACE POINT" "CHIPPEW"
 (AT) "KATOOMBA" "GEN. M.L. HEPSEY" "TARONAN" (AP) "GAMBLE" (DM)
 "OVERTON" (APD) "TRYON" (APH) "BULL WHEEL" (YO) "WARWICK" (AS)
 "CLAN LAMONT" "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD" "GLENEARL" (LSI) "EVANGELINE" (X)

Lae:

Escorts 2 : 1 ML : 820 1 HDML : 1321
 Auxiliaries 1 : "TASMAN" (AH)

Jacquinet Bay:

Auxiliaries 1 : "LAURIANA" (AG)

Oro Bay:

Auxiliaries 3 : "UVALDE" (APA) "CASA GRANDE" (LSD) "GEN. J.H. MORAÉ" (AP)

Milne Bay:

Escorts 4 : 1 AMS : "COOTAMUNRA" 1 DE : "DARBY" 1 SG : 699 1 HDML : 1327
 Auxiliaries 11 : "CAPE LEEUWIN" (AGS) "ARALAT" (IX) "MAUNA LOA" (AE) "WARREN"
 (APA) "MESQUITE" (CGC) "ETAMEN" (AK) "METSUYCKER" (AH)
 3 YP : 278, 499, 514

2. SOLOMONS

(a) At Sea to 1200/14:

- "HAWKESBURY" (PF) escorting Convoy Peleliu-Russells #4 ("ARIDE" "NAOS" "PRINCE GEORGE"
 (AP) "TULUNAN" (AG) departed Peleliu 7 Dec for Russells ETA about 15
- "PC.738" was to depart Guadalcanal about 5 Dec for Manus for onward routing to Ulithi

(b) In Harbor:

Emirau:

Escorts 7 : 1 DE : "STADFLED" 2 YMS : " " 250 4 SG : 502, 620, 703, 1273
 Auxiliaries 3 : "HYPERION" (AK) 2 YP : 233, 514

Green Is:

Combat units 5 PT
 Escorts 1 : 1 YMS : 94
 Auxiliaries 2 : 2 YP : 248, 520

Torokina:

Combat units 4 DD : "SPROSTON" "PICKING" "WICKES" "MONSSEN"
 Escorts 16 : 2 SC : 1188, 1590 5 PC: 476, 477, 702, 1170, 1231, 1242
 5 DE : HARMON" "ABERCROMBIE" "GILLEGAN" "SPANGLER" "LE RAY WILSON"
 1 PCS: 1429 3 YMS: 176, 311, 389
 Auxiliaries 32 : "CASSIOPEIA" "DRACO" (AK) "ANTARES" (AKS) "YUMA" (AT) "RACCOON"
 "IBEX" (IX) "LIBRA" "ALMAAK" "ALSHAIN" "TITANIA" (AD) "MANOOKA"
 "WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA" "EMPIRE BATTLEAXE" "EMPIRE ARQUEBUS"
 "LOTHIAN" "EMPIRE MACE" (LSI) "BOYEN" "LAMARR" "HARRIS" "ALF"
 "SHERIDAN" "SARASOTA" "BOLIVAR" "HARRY LEE" (APA) "OZARK" (I)
 "PRES. POLK" "STARLIGHT" (AF) "PINKNEY" (APH) "SHAWNEE" (AT)
 "MT. OLYMPUS" (AGC) "WHIPSTOCK" (YC)

Treasury Is:

Combat units 14 PT
 6 PGM
 Escorts 9 : 1 DE : "PAUL G. BAKER" 3 PC: 479, 605, 1132 1 YMS: 45
 4 SC : 677, 722, 1074, 1260
 Auxiliaries 2 : 1 ACG: "SWAN" 1 YM: "PAMP"

Munda:

Escorts 4 : 1 DE : "GENDREAU" 1 PC: 1119 2 YMS: "KIWI", 196

3. EAST AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA(a) In Harbour:Merauke:

Escorts 4 : 2 YMS: "SMEROE" "MERBARBOE" 2 HDML: 1322, 1323

Thursday Is:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "PIRIE"
 Auxiliaries 2 : "WINTER" "CHALLENGER" (AS)

Cairns:

Escorts 4 : 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" 3 ML: 428, 431, 806
 Auxiliaries 2 : "FIRE ISLAND" (AT) "DUNTOON" (AP)

Townsville:

Escorts 5 : 1 AMS: "BENDIGO" 2 ML: 803, 827 2 HDML: 1324, 1329
 Auxiliaries 3 : "POLARIS" (AGS) "TANCRED" (AT) 1 YP : 615

Dunedin:

Auxiliaries 1 : "HEROS" (AT)

Brisbane:

Combat units 6 SS : "S.42" "NARWHAL" "NAUTILUS" "GABLIAN" "PELICH"
 Escorts 12 : 6 ML : 424, 425, 810, 811, 821, 821 1 YMS: 313
 1 AMS: "WHYALLA" 1 ML: "KORRA" 2 HDML: 1129, 1353
 Auxiliaries 2 : "ETOLIN" (AK) "PORTUNUS" (AP)

Sydney:

Combat units 2 CL : "HOBART" (refitting) "TROMP"
 3 DD : "GLENOWEN" "QUICKMATCH" "QUEENSBOROUGH"
 1 ODD : "STUART"
 Escorts 11 : 3 SS : "K.12" "K.9" "TELEMACHUS"
 3 AMS: "KALGOORLIE" "BALLRAT" "COULBURN" 1 A/S: "YANDRA"
 1 SC : 1039 7 ML: 426, 801, 815, 816, 819, 822, 823
 Auxiliaries 8 : "POINT LOMA" "WATC" (AT) "MORRIS" "WANGANELLA" (AI) "ARDENT" (CM)
 "OCTORARA" (IX) "ASSE MAERSK" (AD) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS)

Melbourne:

Combat units 1 OCL : "ADELAIDE"
 1 DD : "NIZAM"
 Escorts 8 : "ABRAHAM CRINJENSEN" "DOOLBA" (A/S) "DOWEN" "MARYBOROUGH"
 "BURNEI" "LISMORE" (AMS) 2 HDML: 1340, 1350

(b) At Sea to 1200/14:

- (1) "WARREGO" (PS) was to depart Goulburn 1800/12 for Milne Bay ETA 2000/16.
- (2) "BUNGAREE" (CM) departed Sydney 0846/9 for Milne Bay ETA 0800/16 thence Lae, Manus, Madag.
- (3) "ORMISTON" (AP) departed Townsville 0615/11 for Milne Bay.
- (4) "PC.597" departed Tulagi 1100/10 for Sydney ETA 0600/16.
- (5) "GEN. BUTNER" (AP) ordered to Sydney ETA unknown.

4. NORTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/14:(1) Task Force 71:

On Patrol 27 SS : "BLENNY" "ANGLER" "PADBLE" "HAMMERHEAD" "LAPON" "CAVALLA" "BAY A" "COM"
 "HOE" "REDFIN" "SILVER" "DACE" "BERGALL" "ASHAW" "GUAVINA" "BARBERO" "E"
 "PARCO" "HAWKILL" "MUSKELLUNGE" "BESUGO" "HARDHEAD" "SPITEFUL" "MINGO"

(1) ALLIED FORCES (CONT)

SECRET

(1) Task Force 71: (Cont)

On Passage 14 SS : "GURNARD" "CLYDE" "K.14" "BLUEGILL" "TANTALUS" "TUSK" "STOICK"
"ZWANDFISCH" "CAIMAN" "HAKE" "FLOUNDER" "TANTIVY" "SEA ROVER"
"STURDY"

(2) "MORESBY" (AGS) "CASTELMAINE" (AMS) on survey duty vicinity Penguin Shoal.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Escorts 7 : "PAKRES" (AMS) 5 ML: 429,801,812,819,907 1 HDML: 1329
Auxiliaries 3 : "STELLA" "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) "CHANTICLEER" (ARS)

Port Nelson:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "ECHUCA"

Cassini Is:

Escorts 2 : 2 AMS: "JUNEE" "HORSHAM"

5 SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(a) At Sea to 1200/14:

Nil report.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat units 1 CA : "SUFFOLK"
18 SS : "GUITARRO" "DREAM" "K.15" "O.19" "SPLIT" "ROCK" "BLACKFIN" "H."
"FLYING FISH" "BABEL" "CROWLER" "GUNNEL" "JACK" "BECUNA" "G."
"TUNA" "STINGRAY"
Escorts 6 : 1 PF : "CORPUS CHRISTI" 1 PS: "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA"
2 YMS: 11, 72 1 SC: 720 1 ML: 824
Auxiliaries 7 : "ANTHELMON" "EURYAL" "MILSTONE" (AS) "COUCAL" (ARS) "ISABEL"
(PY) 1 ARD: 10 1 YP: 286

Bunbury:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "BUNBURY"

(ii) ENEMY FORCESA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC1. PHILIPPINES

- (1) Manila - Night 12-13 Dec. a search Liberator bombed a medium sized cargo vessel in Manila Bay with unobserved results: no AA nor interception was encountered.
- (2) S. W. Luzon-N. Palawan - Reconnaissance P.M. 13 Dec. in fair visibility saw 11 sea trucks and 1 patrol craft dispersed in 5 groups between Subic Bay and Northern Palawan, Manila Bay proper was not covered. Of these ships, 4 sea trucks and the patrol craft were probably sunk.
- At 1330/13 Dec. coast-watchers reported 2 large warships (thought however to be escort type vessels) in Verde Is. Passage heading towards Manila and at the same time aircraft sighted 2 freighter transports (1 large, 1 small) and 1 auxiliary in Mindoro Strait, course 330°.
- (3) S.E. Luzon - On 12 Dec. Legaspi airdrome was bombed by Liberators from Palau in some strength.
- (4) Visayas - At 1125/12 Dec. Bacolod airdrome, on Negros, was bombed by 45 Liberators with 16 fighters escorting, effectively hitting the strips and destroying 4 parked planes.

Preliminary reports indicate that on 13 Dec. Lahug at Cebu was bombed by Palau based Liberators, and Talisay and Carolina, on Negros, were attacked by Morotai based planes: photos taken at the time of the strikes show 26 operational aircraft on Carolina and 7 fighters, 10 bombers on Talisay.

- (5) Palawan - Reconnaissance, noon 12 Dec., sighted 9 fighters and 4 bombers on Puerto Princesa airdrome.

- (6) Leyte - In the Ormoc Corridor, our forces attacked S. from positions approx. 1000 yds. S.E. of Tolibaw on 13 Dec. against organized enemy positions on a precipitous ridge running parallel to and on W. side of the highway. By midday several of these positions had been reduced and the advance S. resumed, but slowly due to the rugged nature of the ground.

In the immediate Ormoc vicinity the most bitter resistance encountered since the W. coast landing was met on 12 Dec. from positions N. of Ormoc. On 13 Dec. an attack was launched N. from Ormoc against heavy resistance but our troops achieved advances sufficient to capture Cogon (about 1 mile N. of Ormoc).

On Central W. coast, a strong attack by Jap elements from the hills on our E. flank was experienced in the Ipil area, results of which are not available yet.

On Samar, Wright was captured by our forces at 1400/13 Dec.

Night 11-12 Dec. 2 Jap landing craft type ships and 1 barge attempted land troops at or near Ormoc. The barge was destroyed off Ormoc Pier and 1 of the landing craft was sunk by shore fire off Linao (2000 yds. N.W. of Ormoc). The second landing craft was hit by shore fire and started to burn whereupon it withdrew to the W.

At dusk 12 Dec. 3 enemy bombers dropped bombs near Tacloban airdrome hitting an AA battery and causing a few casualties.

- (7) Mindanao Sea - P.M. 13 Dec. comparatively heavy enemy air attacks were conducted against a convoy in Mindanao Sea but results are not yet available. Some damage was suffered, however, and a few enemy planes were shot down.
- (8) Mindanao - At 1140/12 Dec. San Roque airdrome (Central W. coast Davao Gulf) was attacked by 27 Mitchells with 8 Thunderbolts escorting: there was no interception although 1 Jap fighter was seen airborne.

2. EAST INDIES

- (1) Halmahera - A.M. 11 Dec. supply area and waterfront at Goeroea on S. shores of Wasile Bay, were attacked by 24 Mitchells, 12 Lightnings, 11 Bostons, 4 Kittyhawks.
- (2) N. Celebes - On 11 Dec. Manado was bombed and rocketed by 18 Beaufighters and on 12 Dec. airdromes and other targets in N. Celebes were attacked by 16 Beaufighters.
- (3) S.E. Celebes - At 0918/13 Dec. a possible picket boat was strafed by a reconnaissance Liberator off Waha Island (off S.E. leg Celebes).
- (4) N. Borneo - Reconnaissance of the main anchorages this area 12 Dec. continued to show negligible shipping present: in Brunei Bay there were 2 sea trucks, 8 luggers and all were sunk or damaged.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)

- (5) Ambon - On 12 Dec. Ambon area airdromes were attacked by 37 Mitchells.
- 3. NEW GUINEA - On 12 Dec. Jefman Is. airdrome was bombed by 11 Bostons, 1 Mitchell.
A.M. 13 Dec. villages near Wewak were attacked by 6 Bostons.
- 4. BISMARCKS-SOLOMONS - On 12 Dec. usual strikes and offensive sweeps were carried out by moderate formations of Mitchells, Corsairs and Venturas.
- 5. S. AUSTRALIA - At 1120/9 Dec. an enemy submarine shelled a merchant vessel 150 miles S. by E. of Adelaide: no damage was suffered. The possibility of a German submarine operating in these waters is suggested.

CENTRAL PACIFIC

- 1. NAMPO SHOTO - On 10 Dec. Iwo Jima airfield installations were bombed by 24 Liberators. On 11 Dec. 3 enemy fighters were encountered by patrol plane N.W. of Iwo Jima.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

- (1) Further progress on Leyte.
- (2) Blue Aircraft Carrier Task Force support for Philippine operations.
- (3) Continued enemy air reinforcement of Formosa and Philippines and intensified air offensive Leyte area.
- (4) Enemy submarine activity Philippines, W. and Central Pacific and Indian Ocean including use of midget submarines.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>			<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>	
		* Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)			(Incl. Mandates)	
<u>BB</u>	(6)	CALIFORNIA COLORADO	MISSISSIPPI	NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA	WEST VIRGINIA	-
<u>CVE</u>	(20)	ALAVA BAY ALTAMAHA BARNES BISMARCK SEA BRETON	HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KITKUN BAY LUNGA POINT MAKIN ISLAND	MANILA BAY MARCUS ISLAND NATOMA BAY OMMANEY BAY PETROF BAY	SAGINAW BAY SALAMAUA SAVO ISLAND SHIPLEY BAY STEAMER BAY	-
<u>CA</u>	(6)#	CANBERRA LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PORTLAND	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE		-
<u>CL</u>	(10)	BOISE #CLEVELAND COLUMBIA	DENVER MONTPELIER NASHVILLE	PHOENIX	ADELAIDE #HOBART #TROMP	-
<u>AV</u>	(2)	CURRITUCK	TANGIER			-
<u>AVP</u>	(8)	BALKNAP CHINCOTEAGUE	GOLDSBOROUGH HALF MOON	HERON ORCA	SAN CARLOS SAN PABLO	-
<u>DD</u>	(99)	ABBOTT ALLEN M. SUMNER AUSBURNE AUSTIN BAGLEY BARTON BELL BRAINE BRYANT BURNS BUSH CHARRETTE C. J. BADGER CLAXTON COGHLAN CONY CONYHAM CONNER CONVERSE CONWAY C. T. BADGER	DRAYTON EATON EVANS FLETCHER FLUSSER FOOTE GANSEVOORT GRIDLEY HALFORD HARADEN HALLIGAN HALL HELM H. L. EDWARDS HOPEWELL HOWORTH INGRAHAM ISHERWOOD JENKINS KNAPP KILLEN KIMBERLEY LAFFEY	LAMSON LANG L. VALLETTE LEUTZE LUCE MCCALL MAURY MCDERMOTT MCGOWAN MELVIN MERTZE MOALE MONSSEY MCCRIS MUGFORD MUSTIN NEWCOMB NICHOLAS O'BANNON O'BRIEN PAUL HAMILTON PICKING PRINGLE	RATHBURN REMBY RALPH TALBOT RENSHAW ROBINSON R. P. LEARY RUSSELL SAMUEL C. REID SIGOURNEY SMITH SROSTON STACK STEMBEL STERETT STEVENS TAYLOR TWIGGS WALKE WALLER WICKES WILSON WM. D. PORTER YOUNG	-
		ARUNTA GLENDOWER	NIZAM QUEENSBOROUGH	QUICKMATCH STUART	VENDETTA WARRAMUNGA	
<u>SS</u>						10
<u>PT</u>		Approx. 175				-

* Excluding Genapc forces temporarily at sea in S.W.P.A.
Non-effective.

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES
Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)

ENEMY FORCES
(Incl. Mandates)

<u>AKA</u>	(76)	ALGOL (AKA)	CLEMSON (APA)	WAYNE (APA)	-
<u>APA</u>		ALHENA	CUSTER	W.P.BIDDLE	
<u>AFD</u>		ALMAAK	DOYEN	BROCKS (AFD)	
<u>ISI</u>		ALSMAIN	DUPAGE	COFER	
		ALYCOE	FAYETTE	CRCSBY	
		AQUARIUS	FELAND	DICKERSON	
		CAPRICORNUS	F.FUNSTON	HERBERT	
		DIPHDA	FREMONT	HUMPHREYS	
		CHARA	FULLER	KEPHART	
		LIBRA	GILLIAM	KILTY	
		O'HARA	GOLDEN CITY	LIDDLE	
		THUBAN	HARRY LEE	MANLEY	
		UVALDE	HASKELL	NEWMAN	
		ALPINE (APA)	HEYWOOD	OVERTON	
		ADAIR	H.T.ALLEN	SANDS	
		APPLING	KNOX	SCHLEY	
		ARLADNE	LEEDSTOWN	TALBOT	
		A.T.MIDDLETON	LELAND	KANIMBLA (ISI)	
		BANNER	LEO CLYMAN	MANOCRA	
		BAXTER	LAMARR	WESTRALIA	
		BOLIVAR	MONROVIA	CLAN LAMONT	
		CALVERT	OLMSTEAD	EMPIRE ARQUEBUS	
		CAMBERIA	SARASOTA	EMPIRE BATTLEAXE	
		CAVALIER	SHERIDAN	EMPIRE MACE	
		CLAY	WARREN	EMPIRE SPEARHEAD	
				GLENEARN	
<u>AGC</u>	(5)	BLUE RIDGE	MOUNT MCKINLEY	WASATCH	-
		MOUNT OLYMPUS	ROCKY MOUNT		
<u>AS</u>	(3)	GRIFFIN	HOLLAND	OTUS	-
	(4)	DOBBIN	SIERRA	WHITNEY	-
		PIEDMONT			
<u>AR</u>	(4)	BRIAREUS	PLATYPUS	RIGEL	-
		MEDUSA			
<u>ARS</u>	(1)	MIDAS			-
<u>ARC</u>	(5)	CEBU	LEYTE	OGLALA	-
		CULIEBRA ISLAND	MINDANAO		
<u>ARH</u>	(1)	JASON			-
<u>ARL</u>	(4)	ACHILLES	EGERIA	REMUS	-
		AMYCUS			
<u>ARS</u>	(4)	CABLE	PRESERVER	VENTIS	-
		GRAPPLE			
<u>LSD</u>	(10)	ASHLAND	GUNSTON HALL		-
		BELIEGROVE	LINDENWALD		
		CARTER HALL	OAKHILL		
		CASA GRANDE	RUSHMORE		
		EPPING FOREST	WHITE MARSH		

4. CENTRAL PACIFIC
(Including N. and S. Pacific Area)

	# ALLIED FORCES			S. China Sea Incl. Formosa Singapore	Empire
<u>BB</u> (14)	ALABAMA IDAHO INDIANA IOWA MARYLAND	MASSACHUSETTS MISSOURI NEW JERSEY NORTH CAROLINA	OKLAHOMA SOUTH DAKOTA WASHINGTON WISCONSIN	(2) KONGO MUSASHI (sev. dmgd. poss. sunk)	(3) *YAMATO *NAGATO HARUNA
<u>BB/XOV</u>	-	-	-	(2) HYUGA ISE	-
<u>CV</u> (17)	BENNINGTON BUNKER HILL ENTERPRISE ESSEX FRANKLIN	HANCOCK HORNET INTREPID LEXINGTON RANGER SARATOGA	TICONDEROGA WASP YORKTOWN BON HOMME RICHARD RANDOLPH SHANGRI LA	- (present status unknown)	(3) AMAGI HAYATAKA UNRYU
<u>CVL</u> (8)	BATAAN BELLEAU WOOD CABOT	COWPENS INDEPENDENCE LANGLEY	MONTEREY SAN JACINTO	(1) OTAKA	(1) KAIYO
<u>CVE</u> (38)	ADMIRALTY IS. ASTROLABE BAY ATTU BOUGAINVILLE BUCARELI BAY CAPE ESPERANCE CASABLANCA CHAPIN BAY CHENANGO COPAHEE CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR	FANSHAW BAY HOLLANDIA GILBERT ISLANDS KALININ BAY KWAJALEIN BAY LONG ISLAND MAKASSAR STRAIT MATANAKAU MUNDA NASSAU NEHENTA BAY PRINCE WILLIAM ROI	RUDYERD BAY SANGAMON SANTEE SARGENT BAY SHAMROCK BAY SITKOH BAY SUWANNEE TAKANUS BAY TANANEK BAY THETIS BAY TULAGI WHITE PLAINS WINDHAM BAY	(1) OTAKA	(1) KAIYO
<u>CA</u> (10)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER DULUTH	INDIANAPOLIS PENSACOLA NEW ORLEANS	SALT LAKE CITY SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA	(2-4) CHOKAI *TAKAO MYOKO NACHI	rep (4) IBUKI TONE *AOBA)sunk
<u>OCA</u>	-	-	-	-	6
<u>CL</u> (23)	ASTORIA BILOXI *BIRMINGHAM CONCORD DETROIT FLINT *HONOLULU	*LEANDER GAMBIER MIAMI MOBILE OAKLAND PASADENA RALEIGH RICHMOND	SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN SANTA FE TRENTON ST LOUIS VICKSBURG *RENO WILKES BARRE	(1) KINU ABUKUMA (1 or poss. both sunk)	(4-5) YAHAGI SAKAWA ISUZU KISO TAMA) 1 or poss OYODO) both
<u>CLT</u>	-	-	-	KASHII	KASHIMA
<u>V/CVS</u> (4)	BALLARD CHANDELEUR	CURTISS	POCOMOKE	-	(2) ASKITISUSHIMA *NOTORO
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 150			20	15 (several rep.)
<u>SS</u>	Approx. 150			10	Approx. 50
<u>AS</u>		?		?	2 (1 repairing)

* Non-effective
Some of these units operating temporarily in S.W.P.A.

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

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<u>BB</u>	-	(4) HOWE QUEEN ELIZABETH	RECON VALIANT -																																																																			
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ESTIMATE OF ENEMY SHORE-BASED AIR STRENGTH

	SOLOMONS		PHILIPPINES			MANDATES
	BISMARCKS	EAST INDIES	Luzon	Visayas	Mindanao	
Fighters	3	174	137	111	47	6
S/E Bombers	-	14	89	3	24	-
T/E Bombers	-	86	99	18	45	3
Flying Boats	-	6	4	-	-	-
Float Planes	10	60	34	12	11	6
Obsn. A/C	2	21	19	17	8	4
TOTAL	15	361	382	161	135	19

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

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

No. 1051

Date 15 December 1944

PART I

(i) ALLIED FORCES

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NEW GUINEA - BISMARCKS

(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

- (a) Task Force 70: 60 PT
6 AGP: "WILLOUGHBY" "WACHAPREAGUE" "HILO" "PONTUS" "OYSTER BAY" "ORESTES"
- (b) Task Force 73: 5 AVP: "HALF MOON" "HERON" "ORCA" "SAN PABLO" "SAN CARLOS"
2 AV: "TANGIER" "CURRITUCK" 2 AVR
- (c) Task Force 75: 1 AGC: "MT. MCKINLEY" 62 XAK 1 CGC: "BUTTONWOOD" 1 ARL: "EGERIA"
3 AK: "BOOTES" "RUTILICUS" "MURZIM" 2 ARS: "CABLE" "GRAPPLE"
3 AT: "WHIPPOORWILL" "QUAPAN" "RESERVE" 1 PF: "ORANGE" 1 AW: "STAG"
5 IX: "CARIBOU" "MINK" "PANDA" "ARETHUSA" "PORCUPINE" 1 ARD: 9
1 AO: "BISHOPDALE" 1 APA: "GILLIAM" 2 PGE(R): 849, 851
6 DE: "JOBS" "MARTIN" "HOLT" "DUFFY" "TINSMAN" "PFEIFFER"
1 AN: "TEABERRY" 1 DD: "KNAPP" 1 PC: 1128 1 HDMI: 1074
16 YMS: 6, 8, 39, 48, 51, 52, 71, 163, 288, 314, 315, 329, 339, 481
15 SC: 637, 648, 725, 729, 731, 734, 735, 737, 738, 744, 748,
749, 1004, 1365, 1368
- (d) Task Force 76:
TG.76.4.11: 15 LT 2 DE: "THOS. F. NICHOL" "CHAS. J. KIMMALL"
TG.78.4.17: 4 APA: "LEONARD WOOD" "FREMONT" "SUMTER" "JAMES O'HARA"
3 DD: "STACK" "MORRIS" "MUSTIN"
- (e) Task Force 77: 1 AGC: "WASATCH" 2 CA: "LOUISVILLE" "MINNEAPOLIS" 1 CL: "NASHVILLE"
12 DD: "BRYANT" "CONYGHAM" "COOPER" "EDWARDS" "GANSEVOORT" "REID"
"HUGHES" "KNAPP" "LASMON" "NEWCOMB" "RUSSELL" "SMITH" "STANLEY"
TG.77.3: 1 CA: "PORTLAND" 2 GL: "PHOENIX" "BOISE"
8 DD: "BARTON" "WALKE" "LAFPEY" "O'BRIEN" "ALLEN E. SUMNER" "MOALE"
"INGRAHAM" "LOWRY"
TG.77.1.2 (a) 3 BB: "WEST VIRGINIA" "COLORADO" "NEW MEXICO"
3 CL: "DENVER" "MONTPELIER" "COLUMBIA"
10 DD: "WALLER" "RENSHAW" "ROBINSON" "CONWAY" "CONY" "BENNION"
"EATON" "SIGOURNEY" "CONNOR"
(b) 6 CVE: "MARCUS ISLAND" "NATOMA BAY" "MANILA BAY" "KADASHAN BAY"
"SAVO ISLAND" "OMMANEY BAY"
9 DD: "REMEY" "MERTZ" "MCDERMOTT" "RALPH TALBOT" "STEMBEL" "BRAINE"
"PATTERSON" "HARADEN" "TWIGGS"
- (f) Task Force 78:
TG.78.3: 14 DD: "DASHIELL" "HALL" "PAUL HAMILTON" "HOWORTH" "PRINGLE" "STEVENS" "PHILIP"
"FLETCHER" "O'BANNON" "RADFORD" "HOPEWELL" "BUSH" "HALFORD" "LAVALLETT"
TG.78.3.2: 7 APD: "LLOYD" "KILTY" "CROSBY" "LIDDLE" "COFER" "HERBERT" "KEPHART"
TG.78.3.3: 31 LST(L) 12 ISM
TG.78.3.4: 26 LST
TG.78.3.6: 10 AM: "SAUNTER" "SAGE" "PURSUIT" "REQUISITE" "REVENGE" "SALUTE" "SCRIMMAGE"
"SCOUT" "TRIUMPH" "SENTRY" 1 APD: "BROOKS" 7 YMS: 2, 9, 47, 53, 68, 339
TG.78.3.7: 2 PC: 462, 563 7 LCI(G) 5 LCI(R)
TG.78.3.8: 1 ATR 1 LCI(D)

- (2) "KIMBERLEY" "MCGOWAN" "YOUNG" "W.D. PORTER" (DL) were to depart Hollandia 13 Dec for Far Shore.
- (3) "HILATSA" (AT) departed Hollandia 12 Dec for Far Shore ETA 0500/17
- (4) "ALLEN TOWN" "MACHIAS" "CHARLOTTESVILLE" "SANDUSKY" (PF) departed Hollandia 1500/12 for Far Shore ETA 0800/16.
- (5) "KITKUN BAY" "STEAMER BAY" (CVE) with "EDMONDS" "J.C. BUTLER" "RAYMOND" (DE) proceeding to Manus ETA 0100/16.
- (6) "BARCOO" (PF) was to depart Madang 1700/14 for Hollandia.
- (7) "PC.476,1123" escorting 3 XAK departed Torokina 1615/12 for Hollandia ETA 0800/17.
- (8) "RIXEY" (APH) was to depart Noumea 14 Dec for Manus ETA 20 Dec.
- (9) "STONEWALL" (IX) with 2 LCI(G) was to depart Hollandia about 1200/14 for Manus.
- (10) "ML.802" was to depart Madang 1600/13 for Langemak due 0600/14 thence Jacquinot Bay ETA PM 15 Dec.
- (11) "KIAMA" (AMS) departed Langemak 1744/12 for Brisbane.
- (12) "YMS.393" was to depart Manus about 8 Dec for Brisbane via Langemak, Milne Bay & Cairn

(b) In Harbour:

Morotai:

Combat units 1 ODI : "VENDETTA"
20 PT
Escorts 9 : 9 AMS: "WAGGA" "CYMPIE" "GLENELG" "STRAHAN" "KATOOMB A" "LITHGOW"
"COWRA" "STANWELL" "COLAC"
Auxiliaries 18 : "MOBJACK" (AGP) "MERCURY" (AK) "SAKATONCHEE" (AOG) "ARIADNE"
"CLAN LAMONT" "GLENEARN" "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD" (LSI) 2 YO 2 YU
2 YFD 2 YPL 2 YPF 1 YP: 196

Sansapor:

Escorts 1 : 1 PC : 464
Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YP : 283

Noemfoor:

Escorts 2 : 2 PC : 462, 563
Auxiliaries 3 : "HASKELL" "LEON" "ADAIR" (APA)

Piak-Woendi:

Combat units 30 PT
Escorts 5 : "GLADSTONE" "BROOME" "LATROBE" (AMS) "BURDEKIN" (PF) "SWAN" (PS)
Auxiliaries 11 : "GRIFFIN" (AS) "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG) "REMUS" (ARL) "DERRICK" (YO)
"VICTORIA" (AO) "BINGER A" (AG) "POTAWATOMI" (AT) 2 YFD
2 YP : 240, 514

Humboldt:

Combat units 10 DD : "FLUSSER" "SHAW" "SAMUEL C. REID" "CLAXTON" "ABBOTT" "JENKINS"
"RATHBURN" "SMITH" "BELL" "BURNS"
Escorts 83 : 25 DE : "BOWERS" "WITTER" "THOMASON" "NEVENDORFF" "EICHENBERGER"
"LOUGH" "WILLMARTH" "SACCARD" "MANNING" "LLOYD E. ACREE"
"LOVELACE" "WHITEHURST" "DOYLE. C. BARNES" "KEN. M. WILLETTE"
"J. E. CRAIG" "GREENWOOD" "RUDDEROW" "HODGES" "LOESER" "RILEY"
"MCNULTY" "METIVIER" "E. E. ELMORE" "G. A. JOHNSON"
6 AMS: "DELOR AINE" "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" "ARARAT" "BUND ABERG"
"KAPUNDA" 4 PCE(R): 848, 850, 852, 853
10 PF : "EUGENE" "LONG BEACH" "EL PASO" "VAN BUREN" "HUTCHINSON"
"GLENDALE" "OGDEN" "SAN PEDRO" "CORONADO" "BELFAST" 1 ML: 802
21 SC : 514, 521, 531, 636, 667, 668, 687, 695, 735, 741, 742
1052, 1273, 1319, 1320, 1331, 1327, 1365, 1369
16 PC : 84, 555, 584, 586, 695, 1137, 1139, 1188, 1119, 1129,
1128, 1124, 1134, 1135, 1590, 1598
Auxiliaries 86 : "BANNER" "BARNSTABLE" "ELMORE" "PIERCE" "KNOX" "CAMBRIA" "MONROVIA"
"CALVERT" "APPLING" "CUSTER" "HENRY T. ALLEN" (APA) "GOLDSTAR" "WRIGLEY"
(AG) "GEN. HARRY. TAYLOR" "COMET" "WINGED ARROW" "WARHAWK" "LA SALLE"
"HERALD OF THE MORN" "STORM KING" "MONTEREY" (AP) "PECOS" "KURUMB A"
"SCHUYKILL" "KALLULAH" "SHIKELLAMY" "SEVERN" "SUAMICO" "SALAMONIE"
"TRINITY" (AO) "OCTANS" (AF) "CRUX" "JUPITER" "GANYMEDE" (AK) "AQUA LITA"
"ARNED" "ELECTRA" (AKA) "MERCY" "BOUNTIFUL" (AH) "ACUBENS" (AKS) "LARK"
"RAIL" "SPRIGHTLY" "CHEYCO" (AT) "DOBBIN" (AD) "SEEKONK" (AOG) "PYRO"
"POYANG" "YUNNAN" (AE) "PREBLE" (DM) "ACHILLES" (ARS) "REVENGE" (AM)
"CARONDOLET" "CLYDE" "VILLALOBOS" (IX) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "NEWMAN"
"HUMPHREY" "DICKERSON" "SANDS" (APD) "WHITEMARSH" "EPPING FOREST"
"BELLE GROVE" "OAKHILL" "GUNSTON HALL" "SHADWELL" "LINLINTHWAITH" (LSD)
"CULEBRA ISLAND" (ARG) "MONITOR" (LSV) "GOLDSBOROUGH" (AVD) "BREEZE"
"ELLIOTT" (DMS) 2 YFD 4 YP: 218, 240, 291, 292
2 ARD: 7, 12 6 AFD: 2, 3, 11, 16, 24, 25

Aitape:

Combat units 42 PT
Escorts 1 : "CHAFFEE"
Auxiliaries 15 : "FELAND" "CAVALIER" "FAYETTE" "DUPAGE" "WAYNE" "LEEDSTOWN" "FULLE"

Yape: (Cont)
 Auxiliaries : "DIPLOMA" "THURAN" (AKA) "CAPE JOHNSON" "GOLDEN CITY" "JOHN LAND" (AP) "HERCULES" "ELLIOTT" (AK) "ACONTIUS" (AGP)

Admiralties:
 Combat units 3 DE : "CALIFORNIA" "MISSISSIPPI" "PENNSYLVANIA"
 12 CVE : "SAGINAW BAY" "DARNES" "MAKIN ISLAND" "SALAMAUJA" "ALAVA BAY"
 "HOGGATT BAY" "LUNGA POINT" "BISMARCK SEA" "SHIPLEY BAY"
 "PETROF BAY" "ALTAMAHA" "BRETON"
 3 CA : "CANDEIRA" "SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"
 1 CL : "CLEVELAND"
 25 DD : "TWIGGS" "HALLIGAN" "EVANS" "MEEVIN" "ARUNTA" "LEUTZE" "KILLEN"
 "SAUFLEY" "TAYLOR" "NICHOLAS" "HELM" "MAURY" "MCCALL" "STERETT"
 "R.P. LEARY" "WILSON" "GRIDLEY" "BAGLEY" "H.L. EDWARDS" "AUSTIN"
 "CHARRETTE" "LUCE" "ISHERWOOD" "MUGFORD" "DRAYTON"
 2 SS : "S.45" "S.47"
 5 PT

Escorts 56 : 11 DE : "W.C. WANN" "HALLORAN" "DELAHANTY" "EVERSOLE" "SPANGLER"
 "COOLED AUGH" "CABANA" "LAFRADE" "FOREMAN" "R.S. SUESSENS"
 "ODERRENDER" 1 PF: "GASCOYNE" 4 SC: 732, 982, 1004, 1375
 29 YMS: 1, 10, 46, 48, 81, 97, 140, 158, 238, 243, 286, 293, 318, 319, 327,
 328, 340, 341, 342, 360, 353, 363, 364, 368, 380, 409, 410
 9 PC : 598, 600, 742, 1228, 1170, 1421, 1600, 1601, 1602 1 PCS: 1341

Auxiliaries 69 : "HEYWOOD" "DAXTER" (APA) "TALAMANCA" (AF) "MANLEY" "TADOT" (AV) "JASON"
 (ARG) "CACAPON" "CHIKASKIA" "NESHANIC" "SARANAC" "CALIENTE" "ESCAMBIA"
 "WINOOSKI" "NEOLARARA" "CHEPACHET" (AO) "JAMESTOWN" (AGP) "AMYCUS" (AM)
 "CEPU" "LEYTE" "MINDANAO" (ARG) "HAMMONDSPOUT" (ARV) "YOUNG AMERICA"
 (AP) "ALHENA" "ALCONA" "ALYCONE" (AKA) "CHANGE" "CAPTIVATE" "SCUFFLE"
 (AM) "BRIAREUS" "MEDUSA" (AR) "SHALIA" "PHOBOS" "CETUS" "SAGITARIUS"
 "LYRA" (AK) "MONADNOCK" (CM) "ROCKY MOUNT" (AGC) "CLEMSON" (AVD) "TERRA"
 "TAWAB" "KINGFISHER" "MENOMINEE" "WATCH HILL" "CHOWANOC" "CHIKASAW"
 (AT) "PRESERVER" (ARS) "RIO GRANDE" "PASQUOTANK" "ELKHORN" (ACG)
 "ALADASTER" (PYC) "BENALLA" "PATHFINDER" (AGS) "LEOPARD" "ABERDEEN"
 "ANDREW DORIA" (IX) "HOPE" (AH) "OTUS" (AS) "SIERRA" "WHITNEY" "PIEDMONT"
 (AD) "LAURABADA" (AG) 2 ABSD 1 ARD: 20 2 AFD: 8, 20
 3 YP : 280, 288, 585

Gloucester:
 Escorts 2 : 2 SC : 631, 1004
 Auxiliaries 7 : "CAPRICORNUS" (AE) "CLYDE" "W.P. BIDDEE" "A.T. MIDDLETON" "CATSKILL"
 "F. FUNSTON" (APA) "CHARA" (AKA)

Alexishafen-Madang:
 Escorts 4 : 1 A/S: "WILCANNIA" 1 YMS: "RINDJANI" 1 ML: 812 1 HDML: 1328
 Auxiliaries 4 : "MERKUR" (AF) "KOOPA" (AG) "PING WO" (ASIS) 1 YP: 504

Lengemak:
 Escorts 8 : 3 SC : 695, 730, 743 5 PC: 218, 585, 1131, 1132, 1491
 Auxiliaries 16 : "REFUGE" (AH) "RIFLEMAN" (AM) "ST GILES" "RACE POINT" "CHIPPEW"
 (AT) "KATOOMBIA" "DUNTRON" "GEN. W.F. HASE" "GEN. M.L. HERSEY" "TARCO"
 (AP) "GAMBLE" (DM) "OVERTON" (APD) "TRYON" (APH) "BULL WHEEL" (AM)
 "WARWICK" (AK) "EVANGELINE" (XAK)

Lee:
 Escorts 3 : 1 ML : 820 2 HDML: 1321, 1328
 Auxiliaries 2 : "TASMAN" (AH) "CAMERIAN SALVOR" (ARS)

Jacquinet Bay:
 Auxiliaries 1 : "LAURIANA" (AG)

Oro Bay:
 Auxiliaries 3 : "UVALDE" (APA) "CASA GRANDE" (LSD) "GEN. J.H. MCHAE" (AP)

Milne Bay:
 Escorts 4 : 1 AMS: "COCTAMUNERA" 1 LE: "DARBY" 1 SC: 699 1 HDML: 1327
 Auxiliaries 12 : "CAPE LEEUWIN" (AGS) "ARAYAT" (IX) "MAUNA LOA" (AE) "WARREN"
 (APA) "MESQUITE" (CGC) "ETAMIN" (AK) "MAETSUYCKER" (AH)
 "ORMISTON" "CHIWAKUM" (AOG) 3 YP: 278, 499, 514

SOLOMONS(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

Nil report.

(b) In Harbour:Emirau:

Escorts 7 : 1 DE : "STAFFELD" 2 YMS: "TUI", 250 4 SC: 502, 620, 703, 1273
 Auxiliaries 3 : "HYPERION" (AK) 2 YP : 233, 514

Green Is:

Combat units 5 PT
 Escorts 1 : 1 YMS: 94
 Auxiliaries 2 : 2 YP : 248, 520

Torolona:

Combat units 4 DD : "SPROSTON" "PICKING" "WICKES" "MONSSEN"
 Escorts 15 : 2 SC : 1103, 1590 5 PC: 477, 702, 1170, 1231, 1242
 4 DE : "HARMON" "AMERCROMBIE" "GILLIGAN" "LERAY WILSON"
 1 PCS: 1429 3 YMS: 176, 311, 389
 Auxiliaries 32 : "CASSIOPEIA" "DRACO" (AK) "ANTARES" (AKS) "YUMA" (AT) "RACCOON"
 "IDEX" (IX) "LIDRA" "ALMAK" "ALSHAIN" "TITANIA" (AD) "MANOON"
 "WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA" "EMPIRE BATTLEAXE" "EMPIRE ARQUEBUS"
 "LOTHIAN" "EMPIRE MACE" (SLI) "BOYEN" "LAMARR" "HARRIS" "ALPINE"
 "SHERIDAN" "SARASOTA" "BOLIVAR" "HARRY LEE" (APA) "OZARK" (LSV)
 "PRES. POLK" "STARLIGHT" (AP) "PINKNEY" (APH) "SHAWNEE" (AT)
 "MT. OLYMPUS" (AGC) "WHIPSTOCK" (YO)

Treasury Is:

Combat units 14 PT
 6 PGM
 Escorts 8 : 1 DE : "PAUL G. BAKER" 2 PC: 479, 605 1 YMS: 45
 4 SC : 677, 722, 1074, 1260
 Auxiliaries 2 : 1 AOG: "SWAN" 1 YN: "PALM"

Munda:

Escorts 4 : 1 DE : "GENDREAU" 1 PC: 1119 2 YMS: "KIWI", 196
 Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YP : 348

3. EAST AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

- (1) "WARREGO" (PS) was to depart Caloundra 1300/12 for Milne Bay ETA 2000/16.
- (2) "BUNGAREE" (CM) departed Sydney 0846/9 for Milne Bay 0800/16 thence Lae, Manus, Madang.
- (3) "PC.597" departed Tulagi 1100/10 for Sydney ETA 0600/16.
- (4) "POLLUX" (AKS) was to depart Hollandia about 10 Dec for Sydney.
- (5) "GEN. BUTNER" (AP) ordered to Sydney ETA unknown.
- (6) "PIRIE" (AMS) was to depart Caloundra 1700/14 for Melbourne ETA 1600/18 for onward passage to Fremantle.

(b) In Harbour:Merauke:

Escorts 4 : 2 YMS: "SMEROE" "MERCAROE" 2 HDML: 1322, 1323

Thursday Is:

Escorts 1 : 1 ML : 809
 Auxiliaries 2 : "WINTER" "CHALLENGER" (AGS)

Cairns:

Escorts 4 : 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" 3 ML: 428, 431, 806
 Auxiliaries 1 : "FIRE ISLAND" (AT)

Townsville:

Escorts 5 : 1 AMS: "DENLIGO" 2 ML: 803, 827 2 HDML: 1324, 1329
 Auxiliaries 2 : "POLARIS" (AGS) "TANCRE" (AT) 1 YP: 615

Gen:

Auxiliaries 1 : "HEROS" (AT)

Brisbane:

Combat units 4 SS : "S.42" "NARWHAL" "NAUTILUS" "GABILAN" "PERCH"
 Escorts 10 : 6 ML : 424, 425, 810, 811, 821, 820 1 YMS: 313
 1 A/S: "KYBRA" 2 HDML: 1129, 1353
 Auxiliaries 2 : "ETOLIA" (AK) "PORTUNUS" (AGP)

Sydney:

Combat units 2 CL : "HOBART" (refitting) "TROMP"
 3 DD : "GLENDOWER" "QUICKMATCH" "QUEENSBOROUGH"
 1 ODD : "STUART"
 2 SS : "K.9" "K.12"
 Escorts 13 : 4 AMS: "KALGOORLIE" "BALLARAT" "GOULBURN" "WHYALLA" 1 SC: 103
 1 A/S: "YANDRA" 7 ML: 426, 802, 815, 816, 819, 822, 823
 Auxiliaries 8 : "POINT" "LOMA" "WATG" (AT) "MANUNDA" "WANGANELLA" (AH) "ARLEN" (CM)
 "OCTORARA" (IX) "ASE MAERSK" (AOG) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS)

Melbourne:

Combat units 1 OCL : "ADELAIDE"
 1 DD : "NIZAM"
 Escorts 8 : "ABRAHAM CRINJENSEN" "DOOMLA" (A/S) "BOWEN" "MARYBOROUGH"
 "BURNEI" "LISMORE" (AMS) 2 HDML: 1340, 1350

4. NORTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/15:(1) Task Force 71:

On Patrol 29 SS : "BLENNY" "ANGLER" "PADDLE" "HAMMERHEAD" "LAPON" "CAVALLA" "BAY" "COBIA" "HOE" "REDFIN" "SIRDAR" "DACE" "BERG ALL" "DASHAW" "ROCK" "GUAVINA" "DARDERO" "FLASHER" "PARGO" "HAWKBILL" "MUSKELLUNGE" "DESUGO" "HARDHEAD" "SPITEFUL" "MINGO" "STORM" "TELEMACHUS" "KRAKEN" "SEA LION"

On Passage 14 SS : "GURNARD" "CLYDE" "K.14" "BLUEGILL" "TANTALUS" "TUSK" "STOIC" "ZWAARDFISCH" "CAIMAN" "HAKE" "FLOUNLER" "TANTIVY" "SEA ROVER" "STURDY"

(b) In Harbour:Darwin:

Escorts 7 : 1 AMS: "ECHUCA" 4 ML: 429, 301, 312, 319 1 HDML: 1329

Auxiliaries 3 : "STELLA" "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) "CHANTICLEER" (ARS)

Cassini Is:

Escorts 2 : 2 AMS: "JUNEE" "HORSHAM"

5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

Nil report.

(b) In Harbour:Fremantle:

Combat units 1 CA : "SUFFOLK"

16 SS : "GUITARRO" "DREAM" "K.15" "O.19" "SPLIT" "BLACKFIN" "HADO" "FLYING FISH" "BADEL" "CROWLER" "GUNNEL" "JACK" "BECUNA" "GAL" "TUNA" "STINGRAY"

Escorts 6 : 1 PF: "CORPUS CHRISTI" 1 PS: "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA" 2 YMS: 11, 72 1 SC: 720 1 ML: 324

Auxiliaries 7 : "ANTHEDON" "EURYALE" "MILLSTONE" (AS) "COUCAL" (ARS) "ISABEL" (PY) 1 ARD: 10 1 YP: 286

Dunbury:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "DUNBURY"

(ii) ENEMY FORCESA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC1. PHILIPPINES

(1) S. China Sea - At 0800/14 Dec. a U. S. submarine sighted an enemy force described as:-

2 battleships
1 light cruiser
5 destroyers
70 miles S.E. of Camranh Bay, on course 20° at 19 knots.

At 1300/14 Dec. another U. S. submarine sighted a force described as:-
2 battleships
4 destroyers

just outside Camranh Bay, on course 10° at 17 knots. Strong air cover was reported over the enemy fleet units on each occasion.

It is considered likely that the two forces are identical having proceeded North from the Singapore-Lingga area and possibly hurriedly refuelled in the Camranh Bay area. It is not impossible, however, that 2 separate forces are involved.

(2) W. Coast Luzon - During 14 Nov. aircraft from strong 3rd Fleet Carrier Task Group attacked targets in Luzon concentrating on airfields. A preliminary fighter sweep involving 38 Hellcats shot down 14 aircraft in the air and destroyed 77 on the ground. Further details are not yet available except that only 1 enemy plane was noted near our task groups during the morning and early afternoon and that 1 was shot down at 0415/14 Dec.

Preliminary study of photos supplemented by sightings indicate a total of about 300 aircraft on the Luzon airfields of which 45 were on Clark field as shown by photos.

Reconnaissance of Manila Bay night 13-14 Dec. revealed 15 ships present; bombs were dropped on 2 ships with unobserved results. On 14 Dec. reconnaissance aircraft searching W. coast Luzon reported a large number of small ships or barges, estimated to number 55, and 1 landing craft type ship in Lingayen Gulf and a few small ships in Subic Bay. At 1108/14 Dec. a 3 ship group described as 1 heavy cruiser, 1 destroyer and 1 gunboat were sighted 16 miles outside the entrance to Manila Bay on course 300°, at high speed (25 knots reported). In addition one small convoy of 1 or 2 small freighters with 2 escorts heading S. was seen off Dasol Bay and 4 destroyers or small escort vessels were seen all separately and all heading S. towards Manila.

(3) Mindoro - Preliminary reports indicate that U. S. Army forces landed on S.W. coast Mindoro in the vicinity of San Jose shortly before 0745/15 Dec. The landing was unopposed in the initial stages although the convoy was subjected to air attacks.

On 14 Dec. enemy aircraft attacked our convoy in Sulu Sea intermittently throughout daylight hours. Near misses were experienced but no casualties were reported. Combat air patrol was apparently effective and shot down 4 enemy planes.

(4) Visayas - The strikes on Negros airdromes 13 Dec. reported in yesterday's Summary No. 1050, involved 22 Liberators escorted by 12 Thunderbolts attacking Carolina and 20 Liberators escorted by 10 Lightnings attacking Talisay; the run ways were well covered. There was no AA over either target and 3 fighters only attempted interception over Carolina.

In addition on 13 Dec. Iahug airdrome at Cebu was attacked by 1 group of Liberators which encountered no opposition.

On 14 Dec. Iahug and Opon airdromes were each attacked by 1 group of Liberators from Palau. In addition fighter-bomber sweeps on 14 Dec. of Negros airdromes met with great success. During an early sweep 9 enemy planes were shot down, 40-60 aircraft were observed on Carolina which were well strafed but damage could not be assessed, and 20 aircraft on Silay were destroyed. Afternoon reconnaissance sighted 50-60 aircraft on Silay airdrome and a strike destroyed an estimated 40 of these, making a total for the day of 69 enemy aircraft destroyed in addition to an unassessed number on Carolina.

(5) Leyte - In the Ormoc vicinity, our forces advanced 800 yards N. of Cogon on 14 Dec. and captured Linao (2000yds. N.W. of Ormoc) during the course of which large supply dumps were captured. Opposition in these operations was stiff.

In the Ormoc Corridor, opposition was encountered from dug-in positions on both sides of the highway but elements on the E. side of the road had repaired a bridge 1700 yds. S.E. of Tolibaw by 1200/14 Dec. mopping up of by-pass pockets continues.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)

- (5) Leyte (Contd.) - On the E. flank of our forces on W. coast Leyte in the Ipil vicinity are meeting increasingly heavy resistance as the pressure is being brought to bear on enemy elements trapped between our forces in the coastal plains and those advancing from the E. over the mountains.
- During 13 Dec. and the following night, 18 enemy aircraft were over our Leyte positions but only 1 attack developed, viz. at dusk on Tacloban strip without effect. A.M. 13 Dec. a single enemy plane suicide-crash dived onto a tanker anchored in San Pedro Bay: damage was suffered and slight casualties.
- Early A.M. 13 Dec. a lugger or small sea truck was destroyed by PT boats 1 mile off Palompon. At 0410/14 Dec. 2 sailing vessels were encountered by PT boats leaving San Isidro Bay: 1 fled back to the beach and the other was abandoned.
- (6) Mindanao - At 1244/13 Dec. San Roque airdrome was bombed by 18 Mitchells escorted by 12 Thunderbolts and Sasa fuel storage area was bombed by 16 Liberators.
- On 14 Dec. Padada was bombed by Liberators destroying 2 planes on the ground. In addition Surigao airdrome was bombed and cratered by 16 Kittyhawks.
- At 1150/14 Dec. 2 small freighters were attacked by Liberator and sunk just South of Davao.
- (7) Sulu Archipelago - At 1200/13 Dec. Zettlefield airdrome, on Jolo, was bombed by 3 Mitchells.

2. EAST INDIES

- (1) Halmahera - On 12 and 13 Dec. airdromes and supply bases in this sector were raided by substantial formations of Kittyhawks, Mitchells and Beaufighters.
- (2) N. Celebes - At 0812/14 Dec. 4 enemy floatplanes ineffectively tried to intercept a Navy Liberator over Toli Toli.
- (3) N. Borneo - Reconnaissance 14 Dec. disclosed negligible shipping in the Main N. Borneo anchorages, the greatest being off Jesselton with 13 sea trucks and Brunei Bay with 1 small freighter and 4 sea trucks.
- (4) Balikpapan - At 1032/14 Dec. aircraft sighted shipping described as 1 large whaling factory type ship, 1 large tanker and 1 medium transport off Balikpapan.
- (5) Ambon - On 13 Dec. Ambon area airdromes were attacked by 24 Mitchells, 10 Boston and 21 Lightnings.

3. NEW GUINEA

On 13 Dec. coastal sweeps and patrols over enemy hold territory were conducted by 66 Kittyhawks.

At 0915/14 Dec. villages near Wewak were attacked by 6 Beauforts 5 Mitchells.

4. BISMARCK-SOLOMONS

On 13 Dec. the usual offensive sweeps involving Corsairs and Venturas were carried out and in addition Vunakanau was bombed by 20 Mitchells, 6 Venturas. At 1113/14 Dec. Tobera was bombed 5 Liberators.

B. CENPAC

Bonins - At 1650/14 Dec. aircraft reported 8 seatrucks varying from 150-2500 tons each and 1 destroyer at Chichi Jima.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

- (1) Blue Landing on Mindoro.
- (2) Blue Aircraft Carrier Task Force support for Philippine operations.
- (3) Further progress on Leyte.
- (4) Continued enemy air reinforcement of Formosa and Philippines and intensified air offensive Leyte area.
- (5) Enemy submarine activity Philippines, W. and Central Pacific and Indian Ocean including use of midget submarines.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>				<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
* Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)				(Incl. Mandates)
<u>BB</u>	(6) CALIFORNIA COLORADO	MISSISSIPPI	NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA	WEST VIRGINIA -
<u>CVE</u>	(20) ALAVA BAY ALTA MAHA BARNES BISMARCK SEA BRETON	HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KITKUN BAY LUNGA POINT MAKIN ISLAND	MANILA BAY MARCUS ISLAND NATOMA BAY OMMANEY BAY PETROF BAY	SAGEHAW BAY SALAMAUA SAVO ISLAND SHIPLEY BAY STEAMER BAY -
<u>CA</u>	(6)#CANBERRA LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PORTLAND	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-
<u>CL</u>	(10) BOISE #CLEVELAND COLUMBIA	DENVER MONTPELIER #NASHVILLE	PHOENIX ADELAIDE #HOBART #TROMP	-
<u>AV</u>	(2) CURRITUCK	TANGIER		-
<u>AVP</u>	(8) BALKNAP CHINCOTEAGUE	GOLDSBOROUGH HALF MOON	HERON ORCA	SAN CARLOS SAN PABLO -
<u>LT</u>	(99) ABBOTT ALLEN M. SUMNER AUSBURNE AUSTIN BAGLEY BARTON BELL BRADINE BRYANT BURNS BUSH CHARRETTE C. J. BADGER CLAXTON COGHILAN CONY CONYGHAM CONNER CONVERSE CONWAY C. T. BADGER	DRAYTON EATON EVANS FLETCHER FLUSSER FOOTE GANSEVOORT GRIDLEY HALFORD HARADEN HALLIGAN HALL HELM H. L. EDWARDS HOFEWELL HOWORTH INGRAHAM ISHERWOOD JENKINS KNAPP KILLEN KIMBERLEY LAFTEY	LAMSON LING L. VALLETTE LEUTZE LUCE MCCALL MAURY MCDERMOTT MCGOWAN MELVIN MERTZE MOALE MONSSEN MORRIS MUGFORD MUSTIN NEWCOMB NICHOLAS O'BANNON O'BRIEN PAUL HAMILTON PICKING PRINGLE	RATHEURNE REMEY RALPH TALBOT RENSHAW ROBINSON R. P. LEARY RUSSELL SAMUEL C. REID SIGOURNEY SMITH SROSTON STACK STEMBEL STERETT STEVENS TAYLOR TWIGGS WAIKE WALLER WICKES WILSON WM. D. PORTER YOUNG -
	ARUNTA GLENDOWER	NIZAM QUEENSBOROUGH	QUICKMATCH STUART	VENDETTA WARRAMUNGA -
<u>SB</u>				10
<u>FT</u>	Approx. 175			-

* Excluding Genapc forces temporarily at sea in S.W.P.A.
Non-effective.

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)

ENEMY FORCES
(Incl. Mandates)

<u>AKA</u>	(76)	ALGOL (AKA)	CLEMSON (APA)	WAYNE (APA)	-
<u>APA</u>		ALHENA	CUSTER	W.P.BIDDLE	
<u>AD</u>		ALMAAK	DOYEN	BROCKS (AD)	
<u>ISI</u>		ALSMAN	DUPAGE	COFER	
		ALYCON	FAYETTE	CRCSBY	
		AQUARIUS	FELAND	DICKERSON	
		CAPRICORNUS	F.FUNSTON	HERBERT	
		DIPHDA	FREMONT	HUMPHREYS	
		CHARA	FULLER	KEPHART	
		LIBRA	GILLIAM	KILTY	
		O'HARA	GOLDEN CITY	LIDDLE	
		THUBAN	HARRY LEE	MANLEY	
		UVULDE	HASKELL	NEWMAN	
		ALPINE (APA)	HEYWOOD	OVERTON	
		ADAIR	H.T.ALLEN	SANDS	
		APPLING	KNOX	SCHLEY	
		ARLADNE	LEEDSTOWN	TALBOT	
		A.T.MIDDLETON	LELAND	KANIMBLA (ISI)	
		BANNER	LEO CLYMAN	MANOCRA	
		BAXTER	LAMARR	WESTRALIA	
		BOLIVAR	MONROVIA	CLAN LAMONT	
		CALVERT	OLMSTEAD	EMPIRE ARQUEBUS	
		CAMBRIA	SARASOTA	EMPIRE BATTLEAXE	
		CAVALIER	SHERIDAN	EMPIRE MACE	
		CLAY	WARREN	EMPIRE SPEARHEAD	
				GLENEARN	
<u>AS</u>	(5)	BLUE RIDGE	MOUNT MCKINLEY	WASATCH	-
		MOUNT OLYMPUS	ROCKY MOUNT		
<u>AS</u>	(3)	GRIFFIN	HOLLAND	OTUS	-
	(4)	DOBBIN	SIERRA	WHITNEY	-
		PIEDMONT			
<u>AR</u>	(4)	BRIAREUS	PLATYPUS	RIGEL	-
		MEDUSA			
<u>ARS</u>	(1)	MIDAS			-
<u>ARC</u>	(5)	CERU	LEYTE	OGALLA	-
		CULEBRA ISLAND	MINDANAO		
<u>ARH</u>	(1)	JASON			-
<u>ARL</u>	(4)	ACHILLES	EGERIA	REMUS	-
		AMYCUS			
<u>APS</u>	(4)	CABLE	PRESERVER	VENUS	-
		GRAPPLE			
<u>ASD</u>	(10)	ASHLAND	GUNSTON HALL		-
		BELIECROVE	LINDENWALD		
		CARTER HALL	CAKHILL		
		CASA GRANDE	RUSHMORE		
		EFFING FOREST	WHITE MARSH		

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> Southwest Pacific (Western Section)		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> Indian Ocean		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u> Indian Ocean			
<u>BB</u>	-	(4)	HOWE QUEEN ELIZABETH	REFORM VALIANT	-		
<u>CV</u>	-	(3)	ILLUSTRIOUS INDOMITABLE	VICTORIOUS	-		
<u>CVE</u>	-	(7)	ACTIVITY AMEER ATHELING BATTLE	BEGUM SHAH UNICORN	-		
<u>CA</u>	(1) SUFFOLK	(2)	CUMBERLAND	LONDON	-		
<u>CL</u>	-	(6)	ACHILLES CEYLON KENYA	NEWCASTLE NIGERIA PHOEBE	-		
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	(1)	ALBATROSS		-		
<u>CVL</u>	-	(2)	CANTON	CHITRAL	-		
<u>DD</u>	-		Approx. 27		-		
<u>SS</u>	(64)		ANGLER BARBERO BLSHAW BATTLEFISH BAYA BEGUM BERGAL BESUGO BLENNY BLUEGILL CAIMAN COBIA DACE DARTER FLASHER CLYDE SEA POWER SIRDAR K.9 K.12	FLYING FISH GAR CROWLER GUAVINA GUITARO GUNNEL GURNARD HADDO HAKE HAMMERHEAD HARDHEAD HAWKBILL HOE JACK KRAKEN SPITEFUL STOIC STORM STURDY K.14 K.15	LAPON MINGO MUSKELLUNGE NARWHALL NAUTILUS PADDLE PARGO REDFIN ROCK SEA LION SEA WOLF STINGRAY TUSK S.42 S.45 S.47 TANTALUS TANTIVY TELEMACHUS O.19 ZWAARDFISCH	Approx. 16	10 (possibly all German)
<u>AS</u>	(3)		AMPHEDON EURYALE MAIDSTONE		-		

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY SHORE-BASED AIR STRENGTH

	<u>SOLOMONS</u>		<u>PHILIPPINES</u>			<u>MANDATES</u>
	<u>BISMARCKS</u>	<u>EAST INDIES</u>	<u>Luzon</u>	<u>Visayas</u>	<u>Mindanao</u>	
Fighters	3	174	137	111	47	6
Bombers	-	14	89	3	24	-
T Bombers	-	86	99	18	45	3
Boats	-	6	4	-	-	-
Observ. A/C	10	60	34	12	11	6
Obsn. A/C	2	21	19	17	8	4
TOTAL	15	361	382	161	195	19

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
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PART I

(i) ALLIED FORCES

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NEW GUINEA - BISMARCKS

(a) At Sea to 1200/16:

- (1) (a) Task Force 70: 60 PT
6 AGP: "WILLOUGHBY" "WACHAPREAGUE" "HILO" "PONTUS" "OYSTER BAY" "CRESTES"
- (b) Task Force 75: 5 AVP: "HALF MOON" "HERON" "ORCA" "SAN PAOLO" "SAN CARLOS"
2 AV: "TANGIER" "CURRITUCK" 2 AVR
- (c) Task Force 75: 1 AGC: "MT. MCKINLEY" 62 XAK 1 CGC: "BUTTONWOOD" 1 ARL: "EGERIA"
3 AK: "BOOTES" "RUTILICUS" "MURZIM" 2 ARS: "CABLE" "GRAFFLE"
3 AT: "WHIPPOORWILL" "QUAPAN" "RESERVE" 1 APA: "GILLIAM"
5 PF: "ALIENTOWN" "MACHIAS" "CHARLOTTESVILLE" "SANDUSKY" "ORANGE"
1 AN: "STAG" 1 AO: "BISHOPDALE" 1 ARD: 9 2 PCE(R): 849, 851
5 IX: "CARIBOU" "MINK" "PANDA" "ARETHUSA" "PORCUPINE" 1 PC: 1128
4 DE: "JOBS" "HOLT" "TINSMAN" "PFEIFFER" 1 AN: "TEABERRY"
12 YMS: 6, 8, 39, 48, 51, 52, 71, 314, 315, 329, 339, 481
15 BC: 637, 648, 725, 729, 731, 734, 735, 737, 738, 744, 748,
749, 1004, 1365, 1368 1 HDML: 1074 1 DD: "HARADEN"
- (d) Task Force 76:
TG.76.4.11: 15 LT 2 DE: "THOS. F. NICHOL" "CHAS. J. KIMMELL"
- (e) Task Force 77: 1 AGC: "WASATCH" 2 CA: "LOUISVILLE" "MINNEAPOLIS" 1 CL: "NASHVILLE"
17 DD: "DRYANT" "CONYGHAM" "COOPER" "EDWARDS" "GANSEVOORT" "AUSBURNE"
"REID" "HUGHES" "LAMSON" "NEWCOME" "RUSSELL" "SMITH" "STANLEY"
"CHARLES" "CONVERSE" "FOOTE" "STERETT" "WILSON"
TG.77.3: 1 CA: "PORTLAND" 2 CL: "PHOENIX" "BOISE"
8 DD: "BARTON" "WALKER" "LAFFEY" "O'DRIEN" "ALLEN E. SUMNER" "INGRAHAM"
"MOALE" "LOWRY"
TG.77.1.2 (a) 3 BB: "WEST VIRGINIA" "COLORADO" "NEW MEXICO"
3 CL: "DENVER" "MONTPELIER" "COLUMBIA"
10 DD: "WALLER" "RENSHAW" "RODINSON" "CONWAY" "CONY" "BENNION"
"EATON" "SIGOURNEY" "CONNOR"
(b) 6 CVE: "MARUS ISLAND" "NATOMA BAY" "MANILA BAY" "KADASHAN BAY"
"SAVO ISLAND" "OMMANEY BAY"
8 DD: "REMEY" "MERTZ" "MCDERMOTT" "RALPH TALBOT" "STEMBEL" "BRAINE"
"PATTERSON" "TWIGGS"
- (f) Task Force 78:
TG.78.3: 14 DD: "DASHIELL" "HALL" "PAUL HAMILTON" "HOWORTH" "PRINGLE" "STEVENS" "PHILIP"
"FLETCHER" "O'DANNON" "RADFORD" "HOPWELL" "BUSH" "HALFORD" "LAVALLETT"
TG.78.3.2: 7 APD: "LLOYD" "KILTY" "CROSBY" "LIDDLE" "COFER" "HERBERG" "KEPHART"
TG.78.3.3: 31 LST(L) 12 LSM
TG.78.3.4: 26 LST
TG.78.3.6: 10 AM: "SAUNTER" "SAGE" "PURSUIT" "REQUISITE" "REVENGE" "SALUTE" "SCRAMMAGE"
"SCOUT" "TRIUMPH" "SEENTRY" 1 APD: "DROOKS" 6 YMC: 2, 9, 47, 53, 68, 339
TG.78.3.7: 2 PC: 462, 563 7 LCI(G) 5 LCI(R)
TG.78.3.8: 1 ATR 1 LCI(D)

- (2) "KIMBERLEY" "MCGOWAN" "YOUNG" "W.D. PORTER" (DD) were to depart Hollandia 13 Dec for Far Shore ETA 1100/16.
- (3) "PGE(R) 852,853" departed Manus 11 Dec for Kossol Passage.
- (4) "HIDATSA" (AT) departed Hollandia 12 Dec for Far Shore ETA 0500/17.
- (5) "BARCOO" (PF) was to depart Madang 1700/14 for Hollandia.
- (6) "PC.476,1132" escorting 3 XAK departed Torokina 1615/12 for Hollandia ETA 0800/17.
- (7) "GEN.M.L.HERSEY" (AP) departed Langemak 1430/13 for Noumea ETA 17 Dec.
- (8) "APACHE" (AT) departed Santo 11 Dec for Hollandia ETA 17 Dec.
- (9) "STONEWALL" (IX) with 2 LCI(G) was to depart Hollandia about 1200/14 for Manus.
- 10) "KIAMA" (AMS) departed Langemak 1744/12 for Brisbane.

(b) In Harbour:

Notai:
 Combat units 3 DD : "MORRIS" "STACK" "MUSTIN"
 1 ODD : "VENDETTA"
 20 PT

Escorts 11 : 9 AMS: "WAGGA" "GYMPIE" "GLENELG" "STRAHAN" "KATOOMBA" "COWRA"
 "STAWELL" "COLAC" 2 PC: 1122, 1133

Auxiliaries 24 : "MOBJACK" (AGP) "MERCURY" (AK) "SAKATONCHEE" (AOG) "ARIADNE" (C)
 "CLAN LAMONT" "GLENEAN EMPIRE SPEARHEAD" (LSI) "LEONARD WOOD"
 "ELMORE" "FREMONT" "SUMTER" "J.O'HARA" (APA) "ARNEB" (AKA)
 2 YO 2 YOG 2 YFD 2 YPD 1 YP: 196 2 YPF

Sansapor:
 Escorts 6 : 2 PC : 464, 1119 3 SC: 521, 695, 1327 1 AMS: "LITHGOW"
 Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YP : 283

Noemfoor:
 Escorts 2 : 2 PC : 462, 563
 Auxiliaries 3 : "HASKELL" "LEON" "ADAIR" (APA)

Biak-Woendi:
 Combat units 30 PT
 Escorts 5 : "GLADSTONE" "BROOME" "LATROBE" (AMS) "BURDEKIN" (PF) "SWAN" (PS)
 Auxiliaries 10 : "GRIFFIN" (AS) "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG) "REMUS" (ARL) "DEERICK" (YO)
 "VICTORIA" (AO) "BINGERA" (AG) 2 YFD 2 YP: 240, 514

Humboldt Bay:
 Combat units 10 DD : "FLUSSER" "SHAW" "SAMUEL C. REID" "CLAXTON" "ABBOTT" "JENKINS"
 "RATHBURNE" "SMITH" "BELL" "BURNS"

Escorts 77 : 25 DE : "WITTER" "BOWERS" "THOMASON" "NEVENLORFF" "EICHENBERGER"
 "LOUGH" "WILLMARTH" "SACCAFO" "MANNING" "LLOYD E. ACREE"
 "LOVELACE" "WHITEHURST" "DOYLE C. BARNES" "KEN. M. WILLET"
 "J. E. CRAIG" "GREENWOOD" "RUDLEROW" "HODGES" "LOESER" "RILEY"
 "MCNULTY" "METIVIER" "E. E. ELMORE" "G. A. DJOHNSON"
 6 AMS: "DELOR AINE" "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" "ARARAT" "BUNDABERG"
 "KAPUNDA" 2 PCE(R): 848, 850 1 ML: 825
 10 PF : "EUGENE" "LONG BEACH" "EL PASO" "VAN BUREN" "HUTCHINSON"
 "GLENDALE" "OGDEN" "SAN PEDRO" "CORONADO" "BELFAST"
 16 SC : 514, 531, 636, 667, 668, 687, 735, 741, 742, 1052, 1274,
 1319, 1320, 1331, 1365, 1369
 15 PC : 84, 555, 584, 586, 1137, 1139, 1188, 1129, 1128, 1124,
 1134, 1135, 1590, 1598

Auxiliaries 78 : "DANNER" "BARNSTABLE" "PIERCE" "KNOX" "CAMDEN" "MONROVIA" "APPLING"
 "CALVERT" "CUSTER" "HENRY. T. ALLEN" (APA) "GOLDSTAR" "WRIGHT" (AG)
 "GEN. HARRY. TAYLOR" "COMET" "WINGED ARROW" "WARHAWK" "LA SALLE"
 "HERALD OF THE MORN" "STORM KING" "MONTEREY" (AP) "PECOS" "KURUMB"
 "SCHUYKILL" "TALLULAH" "SHIKELLAMY" "SEVERN" "SUAMICO" "SALAMONIE"
 "TRINITY" (AO) "OCTAN" (AP) "CRUX" "JUPITER" "GANYMEDE" (AK) "AQUARIUS"
 "ALCONA" "ELECTRA" (AKA) "TASMAN" "MERCY" "DOUTIFUL" (AH) "ACUBENS"
 "POTANATOMI" "LARK" "RAIL" "SPRIGHTLY" "CHETCO" (AT) "DOBBIN" (AD)
 "SEEKONK" (AOG) "PYRO" "POYANG" "YUNNAN" (AE) "PREBLE" (DM) "ACHILLES"
 (ARS) "REVENGE" (AM) "CARONDOLET" "CLYDE" "VILLALOBOS" (IX) "BLUERIDGE"
 (AGC) "NEWMAN" "HUMPHREY" "DICKERSON" "SANDS" (APL) "WHITE MARSH"
 "BEEPING FOREST" "BELLE GROVE" "CAKILL" "GUNSTON HALL" "SHADWELL"
 "LINDENWALL" (LSU) "OGLALA" "CULEBRA ISLAND" (ARG) "MONITOR" (LSV)
 "GOLDSBOROUGH" (AVD) "BREEZE" "ELLIOTT" (DMS) 4 YP: 210, 240, 291
 2 YFD 2 ARD: 7, 12 6 AFD: 2, 3, 11, 16, 24, 25

Aitape:
 Combat units 42 PT
 Escorts 1 : 1 DE : "CHAFEE"
 Auxiliaries 15 : "FELAND" "CAVALIER" "FAYETTE" "DUPAGE" "WAYNE" "LEEDSTOWN" "FULLER"
 (APA) "DIPHA" "THUBAN" (AKA) "CAPE JOHNSON" "GOLDEN CITY" "JOHN LAND"
 (AP) "HERCULES" "ELLIOTT" (AK) "ACONTIUS" (AGP)

Admiralties:

Combat units 3 DB : "CALIFORNIA" "MISSISSIPPI" "PENNSYLVANIA"
 14 CVE : "SAGINAW BAY" "EARNES" "MAKIN ISLAND" "SALAMAU" "ALAVA BAY"
 "HOGGATT BAY" "LUNGA POINT" "BISMARCK SEA" "SHIPLEY BAY"
 "PETROF BAY" "ALTAMAH" "KITKUN BAY" "STEAMER BAY" "BRETON"
 3 CA : "CANDERRA" "SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"
 1 CL : "CLEVELAND"
 25 DD : "TWIGGS" "HALLIGAN" "EVANS" "MEEVIN" "ARUNTA" "LEUTZE" "KILLEN"
 "SAUFLEY" "TAYLOR" "NICHOLAS" "HELM" "MAURY" "MCCALL" "STERETT"
 "R.P. LEARY" "WILSON" "GRIDLEY" "DAGLEY" "H.L. EDWARDS" "AUSTIN"
 "CHABRETTE" "LUCE" "ISHERWOOD" "MUGFORD" "DRAYTON"
 2 SS : "S.45" "S.47"
 5 PT

Escorts 60 : 14 DE : "W.C. WANN" "HALLORAN" "DELAHANTY" "EVERSOLE" "COOLEBAUGH"
 "SPANGLER" "CABANA" "LAPRADE" "FOREMAN" "RAYMOND" "EDMONDS"
 "R.S. SUESSENS" "OBERRENDER" "RAYMOND" "J.C. BUTLER"
 2 PF : "BUREKIN" "GASCOYNE" 4 SC: 732, 982, 1004, 1375
 29 YMS: 1, 10, 46, 48, 81, 97, 140, 158, 238, 243, 286, 293, 318, 319, 327,
 328, 340, 341, 342, 360, 353, 363, 364, 368, 380, 409, 410
 9 PC : 598, 600, 742, 1228, 1170, 1421, 1600, 1601, 1602 2 PCS: 1341, 1421

Auxiliaries 70 : "HEYWOOD" "E. ASTER" "OLMSTEAD" (APA) "TALAMANC" "MERKUR" (AF) "MANLEY"
 "TALBOT" (APD) "JASON" (ARG) "CACAPON" "CHIKASKIA" "NESHANIC" "SARANAC"
 "CALIENTE" "ESCAMBIA" "WINGOSKI" "NEOBARRA" "CHEPACHET" (AO) "CYRENE"
 (AGP) "AMYCUS" (AR) "CEBU" "LEYTE" "MINDANAO" (ARG) "HAMMONDSPORT" (AK)
 "YOUNG AMERICA" (AP) "ALHENA" "ALYCONE" (AKA) "CHANGE" "CAPTIVATE"
 "SCUFFLE" (AM) "BRIAREUS" "MEDESA" (AR) "SHUALA" "PHOBOS" "CETUS" "LYR"
 "SAGITARIUS" (AK) "MONADNOCK" (CM) "ROCKY MOUNT" (AGC) "CLEMSON" (AV)
 "TERN" "TAWABA" "KINGFISHER" "MENOMINEE" "WATCH HILL" "CHOWANOC"
 "CHIKASAW" (AT) "PRESERVE" (ARS) "RIO GRANDE" "PASQUOTANK" "ELKHORN"
 (AOG) "ALABASTER" (PYC) "DENALLA" "PATHFINLER" (AGS) "LEOPARD"
 "ABARENDA" "ANDREW DORIA" (IX) "HOPE" (AH) "OTUS" (AS) "SIERRA" "WHITON"
 "PIEDMONT" (AD) "LAURADADA" (AG) 2 ABSD 1 ARD: 20
 2 AFD: 8, 20 3 YP: 280, 288, 585

Cape Gloucester:

Escorts 2 : 2 SC : 631, 1004
 Auxiliaries 7 : "CAPRICORNUS" (AE) "CLYDE" "W.P. BIDDLE" "A.T. MIDDLETON" "CATSKILL"
 "F. FUNSTON" (APA) "CHARA" (AKA)

Alexishafen-Madang:

Escorts 4 : 1 A/S: "WILCANNIA" 1 YMS: "RINDJANI" 1 ML: 812 1 HDML: 1339
 Auxiliaries 3 : "KOOPA" (AG) "PING WO" (ASIS) 1 YP: 504

Lengemak:

Escorts 7 : 3 SC : 695, 730, 743 4 PC: 218, 585, 1131, 1491
 Auxiliaries 16 : "REFUGE" (AH) "RIFLEMAN" (AM) "ST GILES" "RACE POINT" "CHIPPEWA"
 (AT) "KATOOMBA" "DUNTRON" "GEN. W.F. HASE" "GEN. J.H. MCRAE" "TAROOM"
 (AF) "GAMBLE" (DM) "OVERTON" (APD) "WARWICK" (AK) "TRYON" (APH)
 "BULL WHEEL" (YO) "EVANGELINE" (XAK)

Lae:

Escorts 3 : 1 ML : 820 2 HDML: 1321, 1328
 Auxiliaries 1 : "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS)

Juinot Bay:

Escorts 1 : 1 ML : 802
 Auxiliaries 1 : "LAURIANA" (AG)

Oro Bay:

Auxiliaries 2 : "UVALDE" (APA) "CASA GRANDE" (LSD)

Milne Bay:

Escorts 4 : 1 AMS: "COCTAMUNRA" 1 DE: "DARBY" 1 SC: 699 1 HDML: 1327
 Auxiliaries 13 : "CAPE LEEUWIN" (AGS) "ARAYAT" (IX) "MAUNA LOA" (AE) "ORMISTON"
 (AP) "DUNGAREE" (CM) "CHIWAUKUM" (AOG) 3 YP: 278, 449, 514

SOLOMONS:

(a) At Sea to 1200/16:

- (1) "GENDREAU" (DE) departed Manus 0600/13 for Purvis Bay ETA 16 Dec.
- (2) "BEBAS" (DE) departed Santo 0922/13 for Manus ETA 1000/13.
- (3) "PC.590" was to depart Guadalcanal for Manus for onward routing to Ulithi.

(b) In Harbour:

Emirau:

Escorts 7 : 1 DE: "STADFELD" 2 YMS: "TUI", 250 4 SC: 502, 620, 703, 1273
 Auxiliaries 4 : "HYPERION" (AK) "JAMESTOWN" (AGP) 2 YP: 233, 514

Green Is:

Combat units 5 PT
 Escorts 1 : 1 YMS: 94
 Auxiliaries 2 : 2 YP: 248, 520

Torokina:

Combat units 4 DD : "SPROSTON" "PICKING" "WICKES" "MONSSEN"
 Escorts 16 : 2 SC: 1188, 1590 6 PC: 477, 702, 1132, 1170, 1231, 1242
 4 DE: "HARMON" "AERCROMBIE" "GILLIGAN" "LE RAY WILSON"
 1 PCS: 1420 3 YMS: 176, 311, 389
 Auxiliaries 34 : "ZURACK" "CASSIOPEIA" "DRACO" (AK) "ANTARES" (AKS) "RACCOON"
 "IDEX" (IX) "YUMA" (AT) "LIBRA" "ALMAAK" "ALSHAIN" "TITANIA"
 "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA" "EMPIRE BATTLEAXE" "LOTHIAN"
 "EMPIRE ARQUEBUS" "EMPIRE MACE" (LSI) "DOYEN" "LAMARR" "HARRIS"
 "ALPINE" "SHERIDAN" "SARASOTA" "BOLIVAR" "HARRY LEE" (APA)
 "OZARK" (LSV) "PRES. POLK" "STARLIGHT" (AP) "PINKNEY" (APH)
 "SHAWNEE" (AT) "MT. OLYMPUS" (AGC) "WHIPSTOCK" (YO)

Treasury Is:

Combat units 14 PT
 6 PGM
 Escorts 8 : 1 DE: "PAUL G. BAKER" 2 PC: 479, 605 1 YMS: 45
 4 SC: 677, 722, 1074, 1260
 Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YN: "PALM"

Munda:

Escorts 2 : 2 YMS: "KIWI", 196
 Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YP: 348

3. EAST AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea to 1200/16:

- (1) "WARREGO" (PS) departed Caloundra 1000/14 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/18.
- (2) "POLLUX" (AKS) was to depart Hollandia about 10 Dec for Sydney.
- (3) "ML. 803" departed Townsville 2320/13 for Brisbane ETA 1200/16.
- (4) "TRIANGULUM" (AK) departed Saidor 2300/11 for Brisbane ETA 2100/18.
- (5) "YMS. 393" departed Milne Bay 0407/13 for Brisbane.
- (6) "GEN. DUPNER" (AP) ordered to Sydney ETA 17 Dec.
- (7) "PIRIE" (AMS) was to depart Caloundra 1700/14 for Melbourne ETA 1600/18 for onward passage to Fremantle.

(b) In Harbour:Merauke:

Escorts 2 : 2 YMS: "SMEROE" "MERBAROE"

Thursday Is:

Escorts 3 : 1 ML: 809 2 HDML: 1322, 1323
 Auxiliaries 2 : "WINTER" "CHALLENGER" (AGS)

Cairns:

Escorts 4 : 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" 3 ML: 428, 806, 431
 Auxiliaries 1 : "FIRE ISLAND" (AT)

Townsville:

Escorts 4 : 1 AMS: "BENDIGO" 1 ML: 827 2 HDML: 1324, 1329
 Auxiliaries 3 : "POLARIS" (AGS) "TANCRED" (AT) 1 YP: 615

Dowen:

Auxiliaries 1 : "HEROS" (AT)

Brisbane:

Combat units 6 SS : "S.42" "NARWHAL" "NAUTILUS" "GABILAN" "PERCH"
 Escorts 10 : 6 ML: 424, 425, 810, 811, 821, 820 1 YMS: 313
 1 A/S: "KYDRA" 2 HDML: 1129, 1353
 Auxiliaries 2 : "ETOLIN" (AK) "PORTUNUS" (AGP)

Sydney:

Combat units 2 CL : "HODART" (refitting) "TROMP"
 3 DD : "GLENDOVEN" "QUICKMATCH" "QUEENSDOROUGH"
 1 ODD : "STUART"
 2 SS : "K.9" "K.12"
 Escorts 13 : 3 AMS: "KALGOORLIE" "DALLARAT" "GOULEURN" 1 PC: 597
 1 SC: 1039 1 A/S: "YANDRA" 7 ML: 426, 801, 815, 816, 819, 822, 823
 Auxiliaries 8 : "POINT LOMA" "WATO" (AT) "MANUNDA" "WANG ANELLA" (AH) "ARDEN" (CM)
 "OCTORARA" (IX) "ASE MAERSK" (AGC) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS)

Melbourne:

Combat units 1 OCL : "ADEL AIDE"
 1 DD : "NIZAM"
 Escorts 9 : "ABRAHAM CRINJENSEN" "DOOMLA" (A/S) "DOWNIN" "MARYBOROUGH"
 "WHYALLA" "BURNIE" "LISMORE" (AMS) 2 HDML: 1340, 1350

4. NORTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/16:(1) Task Force 71:

On Patrol 29 SS : "BLENNY" "ANGLER" "PADDLE" "HAMMERHEAD" "LAPON" "CAVALLA" "BAY A"
 "COBIA" "HOE" "RELFIN" "SIRLAR" "DACE" "BERG ALL" "DASHA" "ROCK"
 "GUAVINA" "BARBERO" "FLASHER" "PARGO" "HAWKBILL" "MUSKELLUNGE"
 "DESUGO" "HARDHEAD" "SPITEFUL" "MINGO" "STORM" "TELEMACHUS"
 "KRAKEN" "SEA LION"
 On Passage 14 SS : "GURNARD" "CLYDE" "K.14" "BLUEGILL" "TANTALUS" "TUSK" "STOIC"
 "ZWAARDFISCH" "CAITMAN" "HAKE" "FLOUNDER" "TANTIVY" "SEA ROVER"
 "STURDY"

(b) In Harbour:Darwin:

Escorts 7 : 1 AMS: "ECHUCA" 4 ML: 429, 801, 812, 819 1 HDML: 1329
 Auxiliaries 3 : "STELLA" "SHEPARDON" (AGS) "CHANTICLEER" (ARS)

Jessini Is:

Escorts 2 : 2 AMS: "JUNEE" "HORSHAM"

5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/16:

Nil report.

(b) In Harbour:Fremantle:

Combat units 1 GA : "SUFFOLK"
 16 SS : "GUITARRO" "DREAM" "K.15" "O.19" "SPLIT" "BLACKFIN" "HADDO"
 "FLYING FISH" "BARDEL" "GROWLER" "GUNNEL" "JACK" "DECUNA"
 "TUNA" "STINGRAY" "GAR"
 Escorts 6 : 1 PF : "CORPUS CHRISTI" 1 PS: "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA"
 2 YMS: 11, 72 1 SC: 720 1 ML: 824
 Auxiliaries 7 : "ANTHEDON" "EURYALE" "MAIDSTONE" (AS) "COUCAL" (ARS) "ISABEL"
 (PY) 1 ARD: 10 1 YP: 286

Bunbury:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "DUNDURY"

(ii) ENEMY FORCESA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC1. PHILIPPINES

- (1) S. China Sea - Further to the submarine reports of 2 battleships, 1 light cruiser and 5 destroyers, 70 miles S.E. of Camranh Bay at 0800/14 Dec., course 200° and of 2 battleships, 4 destroyers just outside Camranh Bay at 1300/14 Dec. it is now reported that 2 battleships, 2 cruisers 4 destroyers, 2 torpedo boats arrived at Camranh Bay at 1300/14 Dec.

This new intelligence indicates clearly that heavy surface units probably including 2 battleships ("ISE" class), 1 light cruiser and 5 destroyers have sortied from the Singapore-Lingga area and were apparently at Camranh Bay evening 14 Dec.

Other unconfirmed reports of heavy units in the waters W. of Manila on 15 Dec. involving, possibly, 1 battleship, 2 heavy cruisers and some destroyers have been received (dealt with later in this Summary) and may be significant in assessing the total enemy naval forces available in this area.

In addition to the above sightings a warship described as an "AOBA" class heavy cruiser was sighted by aircraft maneuvering and circling near Tizard Bank (Western edge of Dangerous Ground). This unit is probably identical with a warship sighted by a submarine at 2015/15 Dec., 100 miles W.S.W. of Tizard Bank when it was described as a "HATSU HARU" class destroyer: course at this time was 275° and speed 19 knots.

- (2) Mindoro - Shortly after daybreak 15 Dec. substantial U. S. Army forces landed on S.W. coast Mindoro Is. unopposed. The landing was supported by battleship escort carrier and cruiser task groups and by shore-based aircraft.

By midnight 15-16 Dec. our beachhead included approximately 15 miles of coast from a point 3 miles N. of Bugsanga River mouth to a point 12 miles S. thereof and our advanced elements had captured San Jose town and air-drome. There were no casualties suffered on land and no opposition.

Throughout 15 Dec., however, enemy aircraft attacked our ships off-shore and the support group inflicting damage to some amphibious craft and some casualties. During the day 24 enemy aircraft were destroyed over the beachhead and our task groups of which 17 were shot down by air patrol 4 by ships AA and 3 were ineffective attempted suicide crash dives: all types of enemy aircraft were involved. No damage was suffered by our task force units although a few casualties occurred.

On 15 Dec. a destroyer already damaged and hiding on Pondarochan Bay (S. coast Mindoro) was shelled and set on fire by our naval surface units.

- (3) W. Coast Luzon - At 0910/15 Dec. aircraft reported 3 destroyers (described as "MUTSUKI" class) 80 miles S.W. of Corregidor, course 225°, speed 14 knots.

At 1130/15 Dec. a force described as:-

- 1 "KONGO" class battleship
- 2 heavy cruisers
- 1 destroyer

was reported by aircraft 135 miles W. of Corregidor, on course 350°, speed 15 knots, followed 25 miles away by:-

- 1 large transport
- 1 large freighter transport
- 3 destroyers

on course 300°, speed 10 knots.

Also at 1130/15 Dec. aircraft sighted a force described as:-

- 1 light cruiser
- 2 destroyers
- 2 large freighter transports

200 miles W.N.W. of Corregidor, course 300°, speed 8 knots.

At 1200/15 Dec. 1 large transport was sighted by aircraft 50 miles W. of Subic Bay course 330°, speed 15 knots.

At 1400/15 Dec. an armed transport was seen 30 miles N.W. of Lingayan Gulf, course 300°, speed 12 knots.

At 0125/16 Dec. aircraft reported unsuccessfully attacking 2 units described as 1 heavy cruiser and 1 light cruiser 50 miles W. of Subic Bay course 180°, speed 20 knots.

Most of the above reports have been regarded as exaggerated as to type and size of ships, particularly the report of the battleship, 2 heavy cruisers and 1 destroyer, on the grounds that all shipping will have put to sea from Manila Bay as a result of 3rd Fleet Aircraft Carrier strikes on 14 and 15 Dec.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)

- (3) W. Coast Luzon (Contd.) - In view, however, of the known "all-out" effort by the enemy in connection with the defence of the Philippines and the estimated enemy naval strength available in this area, it must be considered possible that heavy surface naval units are amongst the ships reported.

A delayed report states that probably on 4 Dec. a U. S. submarine sank 1 large tanker, 2 destroyers and 1 unidentified type ship 240 miles W.S.W. of Bataan, whilst on Westerly course.

- (4) Luzon - Further reports concerning aircraft strikes from 3rd Fleet Carrier Task Groups on 14 Dec. state that approximately 200 aircraft were destroyed mainly on Luzon fields. Reports however are not yet complete. Shipping was also attacked as secondary target with good results but details are not available.

Luzon fields were heckled night 14-15 Dec. and were attacked again 15 Dec.

On 14 Dec. Naga airdrome (near Legaspi) was attacked by fighter-bombers from Leyte and on 15 Dec. San Fernando airdrome (also in S.E. Luzon) was attacked by 16 Thunderbolts from Leyte.

- (5) Visayas - The attack on Opon airdrome (off Cebu) on 13 Dec. involved 16 Liberators.

On 14 Dec. Masbate airdrome was attacked by Leyte-based fighter-bombers and Opon airdrome was bombed by 39 Liberators in addition to attacks already reported. Final reports of attacks on Carolina, La Carlotta, Silay and Talisay airdromes on 14 Dec. indicate that a total of 95-110 enemy planes were destroyed or damaged.

Night 14-15 Dec. Carolina and Silay airdromes were raided by 2 Liberators.

- (6) Leyte - Strong enemy resistance is still being encountered in the Ormoc Corridor but little enemy movement is reported in the San Isidro sector. Consolidation continues in and around Ormoc.

In W. coast sector, a junction was made by our forces in the Plains E. of Albuera after eliminating 200 Japs.

On Samar, the E.-W. highway joining Wright and Taft was reported clear of enemy on 15 Dec.

Enemy casualties mount rapidly and up to 1200/15 Dec. totalled:-

37,132 counted dead

273 Jap prisoners taken

no change Formosan/Korean prisoners.

- (7) Sulu Archipelago - At 1000/15 Dec. a convoy comprising 1 freighter transport, 3 escorts was observed 70 miles N. of Tawi Tawi, course 70°, apparently heading for Jolo as at 2214/15 Dec. a group of shipping of the same composition was seen anchored there.

At 1205/15 Dec. aircraft observed 25 aircraft (10 fighters, 15 T/E bombers) on an airdrome on Jolo; partial photographic coverage confirms the presence of 6 operational twin-engine bombers.

- (8) Palawan - A delayed reconnaissance report states that at 1215/13 Dec. a tanker and a gunboat were strafed and damaged by Liberator in N. channel, Balabac Straits.

At 1320/13 Dec. 3 sea trucks were sighted at Puerto Princessa, in addition to 4 floatplanes on the water.

2. EAST INDIES

- (1) S. China Sea - At 2140/13 Dec. a heavy cruiser was reported to have been sunk by a U. S. submarine 180 miles S.W. of Saigon (or off southernmost tip of F.I.C.): a probable light cruiser was in company but course was not reported.

- (2) Malahera - On 14 Dec. 10 luggers or barges were observed by aircraft in Wasil Bay.

- (3) S. Celebes - Shipping sighted A.M. 14 Nov. involved only a few small ships including 2 coastal freighters along W. shores Bone Gulf and 3 coasters, 20 barges at Makassar.

- (4) Kai Islands - Photos 14 Dec. show Letfoear, Doelah, Doeroea, Langgoer and Faan airdromes all overgrown and inoperative.

3. NEW GUINEA - Wewak area was attacked A.M. 15 Dec. by 6 Bostons, 6 Mitchells.

4. BISMARCKS-SOLOMONS - On 14 Dec. Lakunai was bombed by 8 Corsairs and targets in New Ireland were attacked by 14 Corsairs, 2 Venturas.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

1. MIDWAY - At 1800/13 Dec. (local W. Longitude time) an escort vessel obtained a good submarine contact 780 miles S. of Midway and attacked.
2. CAROLINES - At 1500/14 Dec. a submarine was reported 150 miles N.E. Ulithi.
3. JAPAN - Night 13-14 Dec. Tokyo area, including the Imperial Palace was harassed by 1 Superfortress.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

- (1) Rapid progress on Mindoro.
- (2) Enemy fleet units in S. China Sea.
- (3) Blue Aircraft Carrier Task Force effective strikes on Luzon in support of Philippines operations.
- (4) Further progress on Leyte.
- (5) Continued enemy air reinforcement of Formosa and Philippines.
- (6) Blue submarine successes.
- (7) Enemy submarine activity Philippines W. and Central Pacific and Indian Ocean including use of Midget submarines.

Distribution:

C in C SWPA	(1)
G-2 (Navy)	(1)
G-3 (Navy: Plans Operations)	(2)
Cdr. 7th Fleet	(2)
7th Fleet, Rear Echelon	(1)
Cdr. SWP Sea Frontier	(2)
C in C Eastern Fleet	(1)
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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>				<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
* Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)				(Incl. Mandates)
<u>BP</u>	(6) CALIFORNIA COLORADO	MISSISSIPPI	NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA	WEST VIRGINIA -
<u>CVE</u>	(20) ALAVA BAY ALTAMIR BARNES BISMARCK SEA BRETON	HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KITKUN BAY LUNGA POINT MAKIN ISLAND	MANILA BAY MARCUS ISLAND NATOMA BAY OMMANEY BAY PETROF BAY	SAGINAW BAY SALAMAU SAVO ISLAND SHIPLEY BAY STEAMER BAY -
<u>CA</u>	(6)#CANBERRA LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PORTLAND	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-
<u>CL</u>	(10) BOISE #CLEVELAND COLUMBIA	DENVER MONTPELIER #NASHVILLE	PHOENIX	ADELAIDE #HOBART #TROMP -
<u>AV</u>	(2) CURRITUCK	TANGIER		-
<u>AVP</u>	(8) BALKNAP CHITCOTEAGUE	GOLDSBOROUGH HALF MOON	HERON ORCA	SAN CARLOS SAN PABLO -
<u>DD</u>	(99) ABBOTT ALLEN M. SUMNER AUSBURNE AUSTIN BAGLEY BARTON BELL BRADINE BRYANT BURNS BUSH CHARRETT C.J. BADGER CLAXTON COGHLAN CONY CONYGHAM CONNER CONVERSE CONWAY C.T. BADGER	DRAYTON EATON EVANS FLETCHER FLUSSER FOOTE GANSEVOORT GRIDLEY HALFORD HARADEN HALLIGAN HALL HELM H.L. EDWARDS HOPEWELL HOWORTH INGRAHAM ISHERWOOD JENKINS KNAPP KILLEN KIMBERLEY LAPPEY	LAMSON LING L. VALLETTE LEUTZE LUCE MCCALL MAURY MCDERMOTT MCGOWAN MELVIN MERTZE MOALE MONSSEN MORRIS MUGFORD MUSTIN NEWCOMB NICHOLAS O'BANNON O'BRIEN PAUL HAMILTON PICKING PRINGLE	RATHBURNE REMEY RALPH TALBOT RENSHAW ROBINSON R.P. LEARY RUSSELL SAMUEL C. REID SIGOURNEY SMITH SPROSTON STACK STEMBEL STERETT STEVENS TAYLOR TWIGGS WALKE WALLER WICKES WILSON WM.D. PORTER YOUNG VENDETTA WARRAMUNGA
<u>ARUNTA</u>	GLENDOWER	NIZAM QUEENSBOROUGH	QUICKMATCH STUART	

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PT Approx. 175

* Excluding Cenapc forces temporarily at sea in S.W.P.A.
Non-effective.

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES
Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)

ENEMY FORCES
(Incl. Mandates)

<u>AKA</u>	(76)	ALGOL (AKA)	CLEMSON (APA)	WAYNE (APA)	-
<u>APA</u>		ALHENA	CUSTER	W.P.BIDDLE	
<u>ATD</u>		ALMAAK	DOYEN	EROUKS (LED)	
<u>LSI</u>		ALSPHAIN	DUPAGE	COFER	
		ALYCCOE	FAYETTE	CRCSBY	
		AQUARIUS	FELAND	DICKERSON	
		CAPRICORNUS	F.FUNSTON	HERBERT	
		DIPHDA	FREMONT	HUMPHREYS	
		CHARA	FULLER	KEPHART	
		LIBRA	GILLIAM	KILTY	
		O'HARA	GOLDEN CITY	LIDDLE	
		THUBAN	HARRY LEE	MANLEY	
		UVULDE	HASKELL	NEWMAN	
		ALPINE (APA)	HEYWOOD	OVERTON	
		ADAIR	H.T.ALLEN	SANDS	
		APPLING	KNOX	SCHLEY	
		ARLADNE	LEEDSTOWN	TALBOT	
		A.T.MIDDLETON	LELAND	KANIMBLA (ISI)	
		BANNER	LEO CLYMAN	MANOCRA	
		BAXTER	LAMARR	WESTRALIA	
		BOLIVAR	MONROVIA	CLAN LAMONT	
		CALVERT	OLMSTEAD	EMPIRE ARQUEBUS	
		CAMBRIA	SARASOTA	EMPIRE BATTLEAXE	
		CAVALIER	SHERIDAN	EMPIRE MACE	
		CLAY	WARREN	EMPIRE SPEARHEAD	
				GLENEARN	
<u>AGO</u>	(5)	BLUE RIDGE	MOUNT MCKINLEY	WASATCH	-
		MOUNT OLYMPUS	ROCKY MOUNT		
<u>AS</u>	(3)	GRIFFIN	HOLLAND	OTUS	-
<u>AD</u>	(4)	DOBBIN	SIERRA	WHITNEY	-
		PIEDMONT			
	(4)	BRIAREUS	PLATYFUS	RIGEL	-
		MEDUSA			
<u>ARES</u>	(1)	MIDAS			-
<u>ARS</u>	(5)	CEBU	LEYTE	OGLALLA	-
		CULEBRA ISLAND	MINDANAO		
<u>ARH</u>	(1)	JASON			-
<u>ARL</u>	(4)	ACHILLES	EGERIA	REMUS	-
		AMYCUS			
<u>ARS</u>	(4)	CABLE	PRESERVER	VENUS	-
		GRAPPLE			
<u>LSD</u>	(10)	ASHLAND	GUNSTON HALL		-
		DELECRUVE	LINDENWALD		
		CARTER HALL	CAXHILL		
		CASA GRANDE	RUSHMORE		
		EPPING FOREST	WHITE MARSH		

4. CENTRAL PACIFIC
(Including N. and S. Pacific Area)

	# ALLIED FORCES		S. China Sea Incl. Formosa Singapore	Empire
<u>BB</u> (14)	ALABAMA IDAHO INDIANA IOWA	MASSACHUSETTS MISSOURI NEW JERSEY NORTH CAROLINA	OKLAHOMA SOUTH DAKOTA WASHINGTON WISCONSIN	(2) KONGO (3) *YAMATO MUSASHI (sev. *NACATO dmgd. prob. *HARUNA sunk)
<u>BB/XCV</u>	-	-	(2) HYUGA ISE	-
<u>CV</u> (17)	BENNINGTON BUNKER HILL ENTERPRISE ESSSEX FRANKLIN	HANCOCK HORNET INTREPID LEXINGTON RANGER SARATOGA	TICONDEROGA WASP YORKTOWN BON HOMME RICHARD RANDOLPH SHANGRI LA	(3) AMAGI HAYATAKA UNRYU)status)unknown
<u>CVL</u> (8)	BATAAN BELLEAU WOOD CABOT	COWPENS INDEPENDENCE LANGLEY	MONTEREY SAN JACINTO	(1) RYUHO
<u>CVE</u> (38)	ADMIRALTY IS. ASTROLABER BAY ATTU BOUGAINVILLE BUCARELI BAY CAFE ESPERANCE CASABLANC CHAPIN BAY CHENANGO COPAHEE CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR	FANSHAW BAY HOLLANDIA GILBERT ISLANDS KALININ BAY KWAJALEIN BAY LONG ISLAND MAKASSAR STRAIT MATANAKAU MUNDA NASSAU NEHENTA BAY PRINCE WILLIAM ROI	RUDYERD BAY SANGAMON SANTEE SARGENT BAY SHAMROCK BAY SITKOH BAY SUWANNEE TAKANAS BAY TANANEK BAY THEPIS BAY TULAGI WHITE PLAINS WINDHAM BAY	(1) KAIYO (1) OTAKI
<u>CA</u> (10)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER DULUTH	INDIANAPOLIS PENSACOLA NEW ORLEANS	SALT LAKE CITY (2-4) SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA	CHOKAI rep(4) IBUKI *TAKAO(sunk TONE MYOKO)prob. *AOBA NACHI)sunk
<u>OCA</u>	-	-	-	6
<u>CL</u> (23)	ASTORIA BILLOXI *BIRMINGHAM CONCORD DETROIT FLINT *HONOLULU	*LEANDER GAMBIER MIAMI MOBILE OAKLAND PASADENA RALEIGH RICHMOND	SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN SANTA FE TRENTON ST LOUIS VICKSBURG *RENO WILKES BARRE	(1) KINU (4-5) YAHAGI ABUKUMA SAKAWA (1 or poss. ISUZU both sunk) KISO TAMA)1 or 1 OYODO)both s
<u>CLT</u>	-	-	KASHII	KASHIMA
<u>AV/CVS</u> (4)	BALLARD CHANDELER	CURTISS	POCOMOKE	(2) ASKITSUSHIMA *NOTORO
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 150		20	15 (Several repa.
<u>SS</u>	Approx. 150		10	Approx. 50
		?	?	2 (1 repairing)

* Non-effective.

Some of these units operating temporarily in S.W.P.A.

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> Southwest Pacific (Western Section)			<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> Indian Ocean		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u> Indian Ocean	
<u>BB</u>	-		(4)	HOWE QUEEN ELIZABETH	RENOWN VALIANT	-
<u>CV</u>	-		(3)	ILLUSTRIOUS INDOMITABLE	VICTORIOUS	-
<u>CVE</u>	-		(7)	ACTIVITY AMEER ATHELING BATTLER	BEGUM SHAH UNICORN	-
<u>CA</u> (1)	SUFFOLK		(2)	CUMBERLAND	LONDON	-
<u>CL</u>	-		(6)	ACHILLES CEYLON KENYA	NEWCASTLE NIGERIA PHOEBE	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-		(1)	ALBATROSS		-
<u>CVL</u>	-		(2)	CANTON	CHITRAL	-
<u>DD</u>	-			Approx. 27		-
<u>SS</u> (64)	ANGLER BARBERO BASHAW BATTLESHIP BAYA BECUNA BERGAL BESUGO BLENNY BLUEGILL CAIMAN COBIA DACE DARTER FLASHER	FLYING FISH GAR GROWLER BUAVINA GUITARO BUNNEL GURNARD HADDO HAKE HAMMERHEAD HARDHEAD HAWKBILL HOE JACK KRAKEN	LAPON MINGO MUSKELLUNGE NARWHALL NAUTILUS PADDLE PARGO REDFIN ROCK SEA LION SEA WOLF STINGRAY TUSK S.42 S.45 S.47	Approx. 16		10 (possibly all German)
	GLYDE SEA ROVER SIRDAR	SPITEFUL STOIC STORM STURDY	TANTALUS TANTIVY TELEMACHUS			
	K.9 K.12	K.14 K.15	0.19 ZWAARDFISCH			
<u>AS</u> (3)	ANTHEDON	EURYALE	MAIDSTONE			-

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY SHORE-BASED AIR STRENGTH

	<u>SOLOMONS</u>		<u>EAST INDIES</u>	<u>PHILIPPINES</u>			<u>MANDATES</u>
	<u>BISMARCKS</u>			<u>Luzon</u>	<u>Visayas</u>	<u>Mindanao</u>	
Fighters	3	174	127	90	37	6	
S/E Bombers	-	14	67	-	14	-	
T/E Bombers	-	86	71	13	35	3	
Seaplane Bases	-	6	-	-	-	-	
Float Planes	10	60	31	12	14	6	
Com. A/C	2	21	21	14	4	4	
TOTAL	15	361	317	129	104	19	

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle.

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PART I

(i) ALLIED FORCESSOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NEW GUINEA - BISMARCKS(a) At Sea to 1200/17:

- (1) (a) Task Force 70: 60 PT
6 AGP: "WILLOUGHBY" "WACHAPREAGUE" "HILO" "PONTUS" "OYSTER BAY" "ORDESTE"
- (b) Task Force 73: 5 AVP: "HALF MOON" "HERON" "ORCA" "SAN PABLO" "SAN CARLOS"
2 M: "TANGIER" "CURRITUCK" 2 AVR
- (c) Task Force 75: 1 AGC: "MT. MCKINLEY" 62 XAK 1 CGC: "DUTTONWOOD" 1 ARL: "EGERIA"
3 AK: "DOOTES" "RUTILICUS" "MURZIM" 2 ARS: "CADLE" "GRAPPLE"
4 AT: "WHIPPOORWILL" "QUAPAW" "RESERVE" "HIDATSU" 1 AW: "STAG"
5 PF: "ALLEN TOWN" "MACHIAS" "CHARLOTTEVILLE" "SANDUSKY" "ORANGE"
1 AO: "BISHOPDALE" 1 APA: "GILLIAM" 2 PCE(R): 849, 851 1 ARD: 9
5 IX: "CARIBOU" "MINK" "PANDA" "ARETHUSA" "PORCUPINE" 1 PC: 1128
4 DE: "JOBS" "HOLT" "TINSMAN" "PFEIFFER" 1 AN: "TEA BERRY"
5 DD: "KIMBERLEY" "MCGOWAN" "YOUNG" "W.D. PORTER" "HARADEN"
12 YMS: 6, 8, 39, 48, 51, 52, 71, 314, 315, 329, 339, 481 1 HDML: 1074
15 SC: 637, 648, 725, 729, 731, 734, 735, 737, 738, 744, 748,
749, 1004, 1365, 1368
- (d) Task Force 76:
TG.76.4.11: 15 LT 2 DE: "THOS. F. NICHOL" "CHAS. J. KIMMELL"
- (e) Task Force 77: 1 AGC: "WASATCH" 2 GA: "LOUISVILLE" "MINNEAPOLIS" 1 CL: "NASHVILLE"
17 DD: "DRYANT" "CONYGHAM" "COOPER" "EDWARDS" "GANSEVOORT" "AUSDURNE"
"REID" "HUGHES" "LAMSON" "NEWCOMB" "RUSSELL" "SMITH" "STANLEY"
"CHARLES" "CONVERSE" "FOOTE" "STERETT" "WILSON"
TG.77.3: 1 CA: "PORTLAND" 2 CL: "PHOENIX" "BOISE"
8 DD: "BARTON" "WALKER" "LAFEY" "O'BRIEN" "ALLEN E. SUMNER" "INGRAHAM"
"MOALE" "LOWRY"
TG.77.1.2 (a) 3 DE: "WEST VIRGINIA" "COLORADO" "NEW MEXICO"
3 CL: "DENVER" "MONTPELIER" "COLUMBIA"
10 DD: "WALLER" "RENSHAW" "ROBINSON" "CONWAY" "CONY" "DENNION"
"EATON" "SICOURNEY" "CONNOR"
(b) 6 CVE: "MARCUS ISLAND" "NATOMA BAY" "MANILA BAY" "KADASHAN BAY"
"SAVO ISLAND" "OMMANEY BAY"
8 DD: "REMEY" "MERTZ" "MCDERMOTT" "RALPH TALBOT" "STEMBEL"
"DRAINE" "PATTERSON" "TWIGGS"
- (f) Task Force 78:
TG.78.3: 14 DD: "DASHIELL" "HALL" "PAUL HAMILTON" "HOWORTH" "PRINGLE" "STEVENS" "PHILIP"
"FLETCHER" "O'BANNON" "RADFORD" "HOPEWELL" "DUSH" "HALFORD" "LAV ALLETTE"
TG.78.3.2: 7 APD: "LLOYD" "KILTY" "CROSEY" "LIDDLE" "COFER" "HERBERT" "KEPHART"
TG.78.3.3: 31 LST(L) 1 ISM
TG.78.3.4: 26 LST
TG.78.3.6: 10 AM: "SAUNTER" "SAGE" "PURSUIT" "REQUISITE" "REVENGE" "SALUTE" "SCRIMMAGE"
"SCOUT" "TRIUMPH" "SENTRY" 1 APD: "BROOKS" 6 YMS: 2, 9, 47, 53, 63, 339
TG.78.3.7: 2 PC: 462, 563 7 LCI(G) 5 LCI(R)
TG.78.3.8: 1 ATR 1 LCI(D)

- (2) "HOUSTON" (CL) "LIPAN" "ARAPAHO" (AT) escorted by "STRAUSS" "OSBERG" (DE) "YMS-184" departed Ulithi 1000/14 for Manus ETA 20 Dec. "STRAUSS" detaches and returns Ulithi.
- (3) "THETIS BAY" (CVE) proceeding Compac to Finschhafen ETA 20 Dec.
- (4) "ROBERT BRAZIER" "E.A.HOWARD" "JESSE RUTHERFORD" "KEY" "L.E.THOMAS" "C.T.O'BRIEN" (DL) proceeding from Sopac to Seeadler ETA 20 Dec.
- (5) "MERCY" (AH) departed Hollandia 1400/15 for Far Shore.
- (6) "PC.1131" escorting "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD" "CLAN LAMONT" (LSI) departed Langemak 1607/14 for Morotai ETA 0700/19. "ARIADNE" (CMS) to RV en route and accompany to Morotai: "PC.1131" to detach and proceed to Hollandia.
- (7) "PCE(R) 852,853" departed Manus 11 Dec for Kossol Passage.
- (8) "STONEWALL" (IX) with 2 LCI(G) was to depart Hollandia about 1200/14 for Manus.
- (9) "LARK" (AT) departed Hollandia 1145/14 for Milne Bay 0700/19.
- (10) "EVANGELINE" (XAK) departed Langemak 0800/14 for Honolulu.
- (11) "KIAMA" (AMS) departed Langemak 1744/12 for Brisbane.

(b) In Harbour:

Morotai:

Combat units 3 DD ; "MORRIS" "STACK" "MUSTIN"
 1 ODD : "VENETTA"
 20 PT
 Escorts 11 : 9 AMS: "WAGGA" "GYMPIE" "GLENELG" "STRAHAN" "KATOOMBA" "COMBIE"
 "STAWELL" "COLAC" 2 PC: 1122, 1133
 Auxiliaries 20 : "MOBJACK" (JGP) "MERCURY" (AK) "SAKATONCHEE" (AOG) "ARNED" (AKA)
 "LEONARD WOOD" "ELMORE" "FREMONT" "SUMTELL" "J.O'HARA" (APA)
 2 YO 2 YOG 2 YFD 2 YPD 2 YPF 1 YP: 196

Sansapor:

Escorts 6 : 2 PC: 464, 1119 3 SC: 521, 695, 1327 1 AMS: "LITHGOW"
 Auxiliaries 2 : 1 YP: 283 1 AOG: "SUSQUEHANNA"

Noenfoor:

Escorts 2 : 2 PC: 462, 563
 Auxiliaries 3 : "HASKELL" "LEON" "ADAIR" (APA)

Uk-Woendi:

Combat units 1 SS : "STINGRAY"
 12 PT
 Escorts 6 : "DELOMAINE" "GLADSTONE" "BROOME" "LATROBE" (AMS) "BURDEKIN"
 (PF) "SWAN" (PS)
 Auxiliaries 9 : "GRIFFIN" (AS) "REMUS" (AAL) "DERRICK" (YO) "VICTORIA" (AO)
 "TINGERA" (AG) 2 YFD 2 YP: 240, 514

Humboldt Bay:

Combat units 10 DD : "FLUSSER" "SHAW" "SAMUEL C.REID" "CLAXTON" "ABDO TT" "JENKINS"
 "RATHBURN" "SMITH" "DELL" "BURNS"
 Escorts 72 : 26 DE : "WITTER" "DOWNS" "THOMASON" "NEVENORFF" "EICHENDERGER"
 "LOUGH" "WILLMARTH" "SACCARD" "MANNING" "LLOYD E. ACREE"
 "LOVELACE" "WHITEHURST" "DOYLE C.P.ARNES" "KEN M.WILLET"
 "J.E.CRAIG" "GREENWOOD" "RUDEROW" "HODGES" "LOESER" "RILEY"
 "MCNULTY" "METIVIER" "E.E.ELMORE" "G.A.JOHNSON" "COOLED AUCH"
 5 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" "ARARAT" "BUNDABERG" "KAPUNDA"
 5 PF : "EUGENE" "EL PASO" "VAN BUREN" "HUTCHINSON" "BARCOO"
 16 SC : 514, 531, 636, 667, 668, 687, 735, 741, 742, 1052, 1274,
 1319, 1320, 1331, 1365, 1369 2 PCE(R): 848, 850
 17 PC : 84, 476, 555, 584, 586, 1137, 1139, 1188, 1129, 1128,
 1124, 1131, 1134, 1135, 1590, 1598 1 ML: 825
 Auxiliaries 77 : "DANNER" "ARNSTADT" "PIERCE" "KNOX" "CAMBRIA" "MONROVIA" "APPLING"
 "CALVERT" "CUSTER" "HENRY T.ALLEN" (APA) "GOLDSTAR" "WRIGHT" (AG)
 "GEN.HARRY.TAYLOR" "COMET" "WINGED ARROW" "WARRHAWK" "LA SALLE"
 "HERALD OF THE MORN" "STORM KING" "MONTEREY" (AP) "PECOS" "KURUM"
 "SCHUYKILL" "TALLULAH" "SHIKELLAMY" "SEVERN" "SUAMICO" "SALAMONIE"
 "TRINITY" (AO) "REFUGE" "JUPITER" "GANYMEDE" (AK) "OCTANS" (AF) "ALCON"
 "AQUARIUS" "ELECTRA" (AKA) "TASMAN" "BOUNTIFUL" (AH) "ACULENS" (AKS)
 "APACHE" "POTAWATOMI" "RAIL" "SPRIGHLY" "CHETCO" (AT) "DOBBLINS" (AL)
 "SEEKONK" (AOG) "PYRO" "POYANG" "YUNNAN" (AE) "PREBLE" (DM) "ACHILLES"
 (ARS) "REVENGE" (AM) "CARONDOLET" "CLYDE" "VILLALOBOS" (IX) "BLUERIDGE"
 (AGC) "NEUMAN" "HUMPHREY" "BICKERSON" "SANDS" (APD) "WHITE MARSH"
 "EPPING FOREST" "ELLE GROVE" "CASTLE" "GUNSTON HALL" "SHADWELL"
 "LINDENHALL" (LSL) "OGLALA" "CULEBRA" (ARG) "MONITOR" (LSV)
 "GOLSTOROUGH" (AVD) "FREEZE" "ELLIOTT" (DM) 1 YP: 218, 240, 291, 292
 2 YFD 2 AFD: 7, 12 6 AFD: 2, 3, 11, 16, 25

Aitape:

Escorts 1 : 1 DE : "CHAFFEE"
 Auxiliaries 15 : "FELAN" "CAVALIER" "FAYETTE" "DUPAGE" "WAYNE" "LEELSTOWN" "FULLER"
 (APA) "DIPIELA" "THELAN" (AKA) "CAPE JOHNSON" "GOLDEN CITY"
 "JOHN LAND" (AP) "HERCULES" "ELLIOTT" (AK) "TALBOT" (APD)

Admiralties:

Combat units 3 DD : "CALIFORNIA" "MISSISSIPPI" "PENNSYLVANIA"
 14 CVE : "SAGINAW BAY" "D'ANES" "MAKIN ISLAND" "SALAMAU" "ALAVA BAY"
 "HOGGATT BAY" "LUNGA POINT" "RISMAICK-SEA" "SHIPLEY BAY"
 "PETROF BAY" "ALTAMIA" "KITKUN BAY" "STEAMER BAY" "BRETON"
 3 CA : "CANBERRA" "SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"
 1 CL : "CLEVELAND"
 25 DD : "TWIGGS" "HALLIGAN" "EVANS" "MEEVIN" "AFUNTA" "LEUTZE" "KILLEN"
 "SAUFLEY" "TAYLOR" "NICHOLAS" "HELM" "MAURY" "MCCALL" "STERETT"
 "R.P. LEARY" "WILSON" "GRIDLEY" "DAGLEY" "H.L. EDWARDS" "AUSTIN"
 "CHARRETTE" "LUCE" "ISHELMWOOD" "MUGFORD" "DRAYTON"
 2 SS : "S.45" "S.47"
 5 PT

Porta

66 : 13 DE : "W.C. WANN" "HALLORAN" "DELAHANTY" "EVERSOLE" "OBERRENDER"
 "SPANGLER" "CADANAN" "LAPRADE" "FOREMAN" "RAYMOND" "EDMONDS"
 "R.S. SUESSENS" "J.C. DUTLER" 4 SC: 732, 90, 1004, 1375
 8 PF : "BUTSEKIN" "GASCOYNE" "LONG PEACH" "GLENDALE" "SAN PEDRO"
 "CORONADO" "CGDEN" "DELFEST" 2 PCS: 1391, 1410
 29 YMS: 1, 10, 46, 48, 51, 97, 140, 150, 230, 243, 280, 310, 319, 327, 328,
 340, 341, 342, 360, 363, 353, 364, 368, 380, 409, 410
 10 PC : 590, 593, 600, 742, 1220, 1170, 1421, 1600, 1001, 1602

Auxiliaries

71 : "HEYWOOD" "DAXTER" "OLMSTEAD" (APA) "TALAMANGA" "MERCUR" (AF)
 "MANLEY" (APD) "JASON" (ARG) "CACAPON" "CHIKASKIA" "NESHANTO" "SARANAN"
 "CALIENTE" "ESCAMBI" "WINOOSKI" "NEODRARA" "CEPACHET" (AO) "CYRE"
 (AGP) "AMYCUS" (AR) "CE" "LEYTE" "MINDANAO" (AG) "HAMMONDSPOINT" (A)
 "YOUNG AMERICA" (AP) "ALHENA" "ALYCONE" (AKA) "CHANGE" "CAPTIVATE"
 "SCUFFLE" (AM) "TRIAREUS" "MEDUSA" (AR) "SHAUL" "PHOBOS" "CETUS" "LYLE"
 "CRUX" "SAGITTARIUS" (AK) "MONADNOCK" (CM) "ROCKY MOUNT" (AGC)
 "CLEMSON" (AVL) "TERN" "TAMADA" "KINGFISHER" "MENOMINEE" "WATCH HILL"
 "CHOWANOC" "CHIKASAW" (AT) "PRESERVER" (ARS) "RTO GRANDE" "ELKHORN"
 "PASQUOTANK" (AOG) "ALFASTER" (PYC) "DENALLA" "PATHFINDER" (AGS)
 "LEOPARD" "MARENA" "ANDREW DORIA" (IX) "HOPE" (AH) "OTUS" (AS)
 "SIERRA" "WHITNEY" "PIEDMONT" (AD) "LAURADADA" (AG) 1 ARD: 20
 2 ABSD 2 AFD: 3, 20 3 YP: 280, 288, 585

Port Gloucester:

Escorts 2 : 2 SC : 631, 1004
 Auxiliaries 7 : "CAPRICORNUS" (AE) "CLYDE" "W.P. BIDDLE" "A.T. MIDDLETON"
 "CATSKILL" "F. FUNSTON" (APA) "CHARA" (AKA)

Alexishafen-Madang:

Escorts 3 : 1 YMS: "RINGJANI" 1 ML: 012 1 HDML: 1339
 Auxiliaries 3 : "KOOPA" (AG) "PING WO" (ASIS) 1 YP : 504

Longenak:

Escorts 6 : 3 SC : 695, 730, 743 3 PC: 218, 565, 1491
 Auxiliaries 14 : "RIFLEMAN" (AM) "ST GILES" "RACE POINT" "CHIPPEWA" (AT) "KATOOMA"
 "DUNTROON" "GEN. W.F. HASE" "GEN. J.H. MCRAE" (AP) "GAMBLE" (DM) "TRYON"
 (APH) "OVERTON" (APD) "WARWICK" (AK) "BULL WHEEL" (YO) "GLENEARN" (L)

Lae:

Escorts 3 : 1 ML : 020 2 HDML: 1321, 1320
 Auxiliaries 1 : "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS)

Jacquinet Bay:

Escorts 1 : 1 ML : 002
 Auxiliaries 1 : "LAURIAN" (AG)

Oro Bay:

Auxiliaries 2 : "UVALDE" (APA) "CASA GRANDE" (LSD)

Milne Bay:

Escorts 5 : 1 A/S: "WILCANNIA" 1 AMS: "COOTAMUNDR" 1 DE: "D ARBY"
 1 SC : 699 1 HDML: 1327
 Auxiliaries 13 : "CAPE LEECHWIN" (AGS) "ARAYAT" (IX) "MAINA LO" (AR) "ORMISTON" (AP)
 "LUNG ARBE" (CM) "CHIWAIKUM" (AOG) 3 YP: 278, 449, 514

Port Moresby:

Escorts 1 : 1 ML : 019

2. SOLOMONS

(a) At Sea to 1200/17:

(1) "DEBAS" (DE) departed Santa 0922/13 for Manus ETA 1000/13.

(b) In Harbour:Emirau:

Escorts 7 : 1 DE: "STAFFELD" 2 YMS: "TUI", 250 4 SC: 502, 620, 703, 1273
 Auxiliaries 3 : "HYPERION" (AK) 2 YP: 233, 514

Green Is:

Combat units 5 PT
 Escorts 2 : 1 YMS: 94 1 M/S: "CAP DE PALMES"
 Auxiliaries 2 : 2 YP: 246, 520

Horokina:

Combat units 4 DE : "SPROSTON" "PICKING" "WICKES" "MONSSEN"
 Escorts 16 : 2 SC: 1100, 1590 6 PC: 477, 702, 1132, 1170, 1231, 1242
 4 DE: "HARMON" "ADERCHROMDIE" "GILLIGAN" "LE RAY WILSON"
 1 PSC: 1420 3 YMS: 176, 311, 389
 Auxiliaries 34 : "ZAUERACK" "CASSIOPEIA" "ERACO" (AK) "ANTARES" (AKS) "RACCOON"
 "IDEX" (IX) "YUMA" (AT) "LEIRA" "ALMAK" "ALSHAIN" "TITANIA"
 "MANOONA" "WESTRALIA" "KANIMOLA" "EMPIRE BATTLEAXE" "LOTHIAN"
 "EMPIRE ARQUEBUS" "EMPIRE MACE" (LSI) "DOYEN" "LAMAR" "HARRIS"
 "ALPINE" "SHERIDAN" "SARASOTA" "BOLIVAR" "HARRY LEE" (APA)
 "OZARK" (LSV) "PRES. POLK" "STARLIGHT" (AP) "PINKNEY" (APH)
 "SHAWNEE" (AT) "MT. OLYMPUS" (AGC) "WHIPSTOCK" (YO)

Treasury Is:

Combat units 14 PT
 6 PGM
 Escorts 8 : 1 DE: "PAUL G. BAKER" 2 PC: 479, 605 1 YMS: 45
 4 SC: 677, 722, 1074, 1200
 Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YN: "PALM"

Munda:

Escorts 2 : 2 YMS: "KIWI", 190

3. EAST AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea to 1200/17:

- (1) "WARREGO" (PS) departed Caloundra 1000/14 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/16.
- (2) "POLLUX" (AKS) departed Hollandia 0530/14 for Sydney ETA 0500/21.
- (3) "TRIANGULUM" (AK) departed Saidor 2300/11 for Brisbane ETA 2100/13.
- (4) "TARCONA" (AP) departed Townsville 0620/16 for Brisbane ETA 1900/16.
- (5) "YMS.393" was to depart Cairns 0300/16 for Caloundra ETA 1900/19.
- (6) "PIVIE" (AMS) was to depart Caloundra 1700/14 for Melbourne ETA 1600/13 for onward passage to Fremantle.
- (7) "GEN. MANN" (AP) proceeding to Melbourne ETA 20 Dec.

(b) In Harbour:Merauke:

Escorts 2 : 2 YMS: "SMEROE" "MERDARBOE"

Thursday Is:

Escorts 3 : 1 ML: 309 2 HDML: 1322, 1323
 Auxiliaries 2 : "WINTER" "CHALLENGER" (AGS)

Cairns:

Escorts 4 : 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" 3 ML: 420, 306, 431
 Auxiliaries 1 : "FIRE ISLAND" (AT)

Townsville:

Escorts 4 : 1 AMS: "BENDIGO" 1 ML: 327 2 HDML: 1324, 1329
 Auxiliaries 3 : "POLARIS" (AGS) "TANGHEE" (AT) 1 YP: 615

Doven:

Auxiliaries 1 : "HEROS" (AT)

Brisbane:

Combat units 6 SS : "S.42" "NARWHAL" "NAUTILUS" "GABLIAN" "PERCH"
 Escorts 11 : 7 ML: 424, 425, 303, 310, 311, 321, 320 1 YMS: 313
 1 A/S: "KYLERA" 2 HDML: 1129, 1353
 Auxiliaries 2 : "ETOLIN" (AK) "PORTUNUS" (AGP)

Sydney:

Combat units 2 GL : "HOBART" (refitting) "TROMP"
 3 DD : "GLENDOVE" "QUICKMATCH" "QUEENSBOROUGH"
 1 ODD : "STUART"
 2 SS : "K.9" "K.12"
 Escorts 13 : 3 AMS: "KALGOORLIE" "BALLARAT" "GOULBURN" 1 PC: 597
 1 SC: 1039 1 A/S: "YANDRA" 7 ML: 426, 301, 315, 316, 319, 322
 Auxiliaries 9 : "POINT LOMA" "WATO" (AT) "MANUNG" "WANGANELLA" (AH) "AUBERT" (CM)
 "OCTORFINA" (IX) "AASE MAERSK" (AGC) "CALLEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS)
 "GENERAL PUTNEY" (AP)

Molbourne:

Combat units 1 OCI : "ADELAIDE"
 1 DL : "NIZAM"
 Escorts 9 : "ABRAHAM CRINJENSEN" "BOOM A" (A/S) "BOWEN" "MARY GROUGH"
 "WHYALLA" "BRUNIE" "LISMORE" (AMS) 2 HDML: 1340, 1350

4. NORTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/17:(1) Task Force 71:

On Patrol 27 SS : "LENNY" "ANGLER" "PADLE" "HARBENHEAD" "LAFON" "CAVALLA" "DANA"
 "CONIA" "HOE" "REDFIN" "SINDAC" "DACE" "BERGALL" "DASHAW" "ROCK"
 "GUAVINA" "DANDERO" "FLASHER" "KRAKEN" "HAWKBILL" "MUSKELLUNGE"
 "DESUGO" "HARBHEAD" "SEA LION" "MINGO" "STORM" "TELEMACHUS"
 On Passage 17 SS : "GURNARD" "CLYDE" "K.14" "LUEGILL" "TANTALUS" "TUSK" "STOIC"
 "ZWAARDFISCH" "CAIMAN" "HAKE" "FLOUNDER" "TANTIVY" "SEA ROVER"
 "STURLY" "GUITARRO" "PARGO" "SPITEFUL"

(b) In Harbour:Darwin:

Escorts 5 : 1 AMS: "ECHUCA" 3 ML: 429, 601, 612 1 HDML: 1329
 Auxiliaries 3 : "STELLA" "SHEPARDTON" (IGS) "CHANTICLEER" (ARS)

Cassini Is:

Escorts 2 : 2 AMS: "JUNEE" "NORSHAM"

5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/17:

Nil report.

(b) In Harbour:Fremantle:

Combat units 1 CA : "SUFFOLK"
 14 SS : "DREAM" "K.15" "O.19" "SPLIT" "LACKFIN" "HADO" "DARDEL"
 "FLYING FISH" "GROWLER" "GUNNEL" "JACK" "DECUNA" "TUNA" "GAR"
 Escorts 6 : 1 PF : "CORPUS CHRISTI" 1 PS : "SAVORGNAN LE PRAZZA"
 2 YMS: 11, 72 1 SC: 720 1 ML: 624
 Auxiliaries 7 : "ANTHELOON" "EURYALE" "MILSTONE" (AS) "COUCAL" (ARS) "ISABEL"
 (PY) 1 AD: 10 1 YP: 286

Dunbury:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "DUNBURY"

(ii) ENEMY FORCESA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC1. PHILIPPINES

- (1) Luzon Preliminary reports of results of aircraft attacks from 3rd Fleet Carrier Task Groups during the 3 days, 14, 15 and 16 Dec., on Luzon airfields indicate that 235 enemy aircraft were destroyed and 138 damaged. Photos show many hidden planes still on the numerous Luzon fields but it was not practicable to estimate the number of available operational planes. Cdr. 3rd Fleet considers, however, that the Enemy's air capabilities from Luzon are negligible until again reinforced.

During the period there was negligible air opposition to our Task Groups operations. As indicated previously, only 1 enemy plane was located near the force on 14 Dec. and this was shot down: 1 Jap plane tracked the force early 16 Dec. and later during the morning 8 enemy planes attempted to attack but were all shot down by fighter patrols near E. coast Luzon.

No details of the Task Groups' attacks on shipping are available.

- (2) W. Coast Luzon - With reference to the sightings of heavy naval surface units in the waters W. of Manila 15 Dec. (reported in yesterday's Summary No. 1052) particularly with regard to the report of a battleship and 2 heavy cruisers, further interrogation of pilots indicates that sizes and types of ships were clearly exaggerated and that the reported battleships and heavy cruisers were, in fact, probably large destroyers.

Reconnaissance 16 Dec. of both E. and W. coast Luzon revealed little of significance. Weather was bad in the Northern sectors but fair coverage was obtained elsewhere.

- (3) Mindoro - Further reports regarding land activity on S.W. Mindoro indicate that all our initial objectives have been gained, including 2 airdrome sites, perimeter defences commenced and consolidation generally proceeds. No direct enemy contacts have been made although friendly natives report small groups of Japs, numbering 25-30 strong, retiring to N. and N.E.

Night 15 Dec. and up to daybreak 16 Dec. approx. 10 enemy planes were detected by shipping off S.E. Mindoro and some attacks were made on the beachhead: 1 plane was shot down by AA and another air patrol just after daybreak. Naval covering force reports only sporadic enemy air activity 16 Dec. during daylight and land-based fighters returning from convoy cover report no enemy contacts.

At 1600/16 Dec. a possible but doubtful submarine contact was reported by surface craft 28 miles S. of San Jose.

- (4) Mindoro Area - Several reports of small ships N.W. and N.E. of Mindoro have been reported:-

1600/15 Dec.: 2 small coasters strafed and damaged off N.W. coast Mindoro
 1115/16 Dec.: 1 gunboat, 1 large sea truck 60 miles W. of N.W. tip Mindoro heading N. at 5 knots. (possibly same as above)
 1505/16 Dec.: 1 small coaster off N.E. Mindoro, strafed and damaged
 1545/16 Dec.: 1 sea truck camouflaged and stationary on W. coast Romblon Is. (in N.W. Sibuyan Sea) hit by incendiary but did not burn.

- (5) S. E. Luzon - On 16 Dec. San Fernando airdrome was attacked by 16 Kittyhawks.

- (6) Visayas - Additional attacks on Negros airfields A.M. 14 Dec. involve :-
 Malogo: by 24 Liberators, escort 7 Lightnings. Approx. 35 aircraft observed on ground in target area which was well covered
 Nil interception.

Carolina: by 7 Liberators: nil opposition
 Silay: by 6 Liberators: nil interception
 Dumaguette: by 5 Liberators.

During a sweep at 0940/14 Dec. by 12 Thunderbolts covered by 9 Lightning (previously unreported) a formation of 14 enemy medium bombers covered by 6-8 fighters was encountered over Negros: during a 20 minute combat all 14 medium bombers and 6 enemy fighters were shot down for the loss of 1 Lightning.

At 1025/14 Dec. another 6 enemy bombers covered by 8 fighters were encountered in the same general area by 11 Thunderbolts but on this occasion only 1 enemy fighter was shot down.

It is suggested that the above flights of aircraft and those located on the ground on Negros 14 Dec. may have been from Manila dromes (which were under attack by 3rd Fleet aircraft) possibly after making attacks on our convoy in Sulu Sea.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)

(7) Leyte - More rapid progress particularly in the Ormoc Corridor is reported. Our main body on 16 Dec. was in contact with the enemy near the saddle of the mountain pass approx. 2300 yds. S. of Tolibaw. Elements of our E. flank has progressed further and was approaching Lonoy (approx. 6500 yds S. of Tolibaw) to establish a roadblock there. Elimination of enemy pockets in our rear continues and equipment has been captured.

At 0730/16 Dec. an attack was launched from positions dominating the Northward routes from Ormoc with Valencia as the objective. Valencia itself was taken under artillery fire.

Enemy casualties on Leyte to 1200/16 Dec. total:-

39,416 counted dead
280 Jap prisoners
128 Formosan/ Korean prisoners.

- (8) Mindanao - On 15 Dec. Sassa airdrome was attacked by 16 Liberators and on 16 Dec. Padada drome was bombed on a similar scale.
- (9) Sulu Archipelago - At 0500/16 Dec. aircraft reported Jolo anchorage empty. It is recalled that P.M. 15 Dec. a convoy comprising 1 freighter transport, 3 escorts arrived at Jolo.

2. EAST INDIES

(1) Morotai - Early 15 Dec. 1 enemy aircraft raided S.W. Morotai causing a few casualties.

At 1710/16 Dec. a submarine was sighted by aircraft 10 miles N. of Morotai Strait, course 55°.

(2) Halmahera - On 14 Dec. N. Halmahera targets, particularly airdromes, were attacked by 23 Kittyhawks.

(3) N. Celebes - On 14 Dec. Sidate airdrome was bombed by 7 Beaufighters.

(4) N. W. Borneo - At 1210/16 Dec. 2 tankers with 4 escorts were observed by aircraft close in-shore 55 miles S.W. of Miri, course 220°, speed 10 knots.

(5) E. Borneo - At 1210/15 Dec. Balikpapan anchorage was empty. It is recalled that at 1030/14 Dec. 1 whaling factory type ship, 1 tanker and 1 large freighter transport were there.

(6) Ambon - On 14 Dec. airdromes in the Ambon area were attacked by 28 Mitchells, 11 Havocs.

3. NEW GUINEA - Additional strikes on villages in the Wewak area were conducted 15 Dec. by 14 Beauforts.

4. BISMARCKS-SOLOMONS - Limited air offensive only was conducted by Norsols planes on 15 Dec. in this area.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

- (1) Negligible enemy opposition to Blue consolidation on Mindoro.
- (2) No further intelligence on enemy fleet units in S. China Sea.
- (3) Blue Aircraft Carrier Task Force effective strikes on Luzon in support of Philippines operations.
- (4) Accelerated progress on Leyte.
- (5) Continued enemy air reinforcement of Formosa and Philippines.
- (6) Enemy submarine activity Philippines, W. and Central Pacific and Indian Ocean including use of midget submarines.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>				<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
* Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)				(Incl. Mandates)
	(6) CALIFORNIA COLORADO	MISSISSIPPI	NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA	WEST VIRGINIA -
<u>CV</u>	(20) ALAVA BAY ALTAHAHA BARNES BISMARCK SEA BRETON	HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KITKUN BAY LUNGA POINT MAKIN ISLAND	MANILA BAY MARCUS ISLAND NATONA BAY OMMANEY BAY PETROF BAY	SAGINAW BAY SALAMAUA SIVO ISLAND SHIPLEY BAY STEAMER BAY -
<u>CA</u>	(6)#CANBERRA LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PORTLAND	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-
<u>CL</u>	(10) BOISE #CLEVELAND COLUMBIA	DENVER MONTPELIER #NASHVILLE	PHOENIX ADELAIDE #HOBART #TROMP	-
<u>AV</u>	(2) CURRITUCK	TANGIER		-
<u>AVP</u>	(8) BALKNAP CHINCOTEAGUE	GOLDSBOROUGH HALF MOON	HERON ORCA	SAN CARLOS SAN PABLO -
<u>DD</u>	(99) ABBOTT ALLEN M. SUMNER AUSBURNE AUSTIN BAGLEY BARTON BELL BRADINE BRYANT BURNS BUSH CHARRETTE C. J. BADGER CLAXTON COGHLAN CONY CONYGHAM CONNER CONVERSE CONWAY C. T. BADGER ARUNTA GLENDOWER	DRAYTON EATON EVANS FLETCHER FLUSSER FOOTE GANSEVOORT GRIDLEY HALFORD HARADEN HALLIGAN HALL HELM H. L. EDWARDS HOPEWELL HOWORTH INGRAHAM ISHERWOOD JENKINS KNAPP, KILLEN KIMBERLEY LAFTEY	LAMSON LANG L. VALLETTE LEUTZE LUCE MCCALL MAURY MCDERMOTT MCGOWAN MELVIN MERTZE MOALE MONSSEN MORRIS MUGFORD MUSTIN NEWCOMB NICHOLAS O'BANNON O'BRIEN PAUL HAMILTON PICKING PRINGLE QUICKMATCH STUART	RATHBURN REMEY RALPH TALBOT RENSHAW ROBINSON R. P. LEARY RUSSELL SAMUEL C. REID SIGOURNEY SMITH SPRISTON STACK STEMBEL STERETT STEVENS TAYLOR TWIGGS WALKE WALLER WICKES WILSON WM. D. PORTER YOUNG VENNETTA WARRAMUNGA

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F Approx. 175

* Excluding Cenapc forces temporarily at sea in S.W.P.A.
Non-effective.

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES
Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)

ENEMY FORCES
(Incl. Mandates)

	ALLIED FORCES	ENEMY FORCES
	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	(Incl. Mandates)
<u>AKA</u>	(76) ALGOL (AKA)	CLEMSON (APA)
<u>APA</u>	ALHENA	CUSTER
<u>APD</u>	ALMAAK	DOYEN
<u>ISI</u>	ALSHAIN	DUPAGE
	ALYCOONE	FAYETTE
	AQUARIUS	FELAND
	CALERICORNUS	F.FUNSTON
	DIPHDA	FREMONT
	CHARA	FULLER
	LIBRA	GILLIAM
	O'HARA	GOLDEN CITY
	THUBAN	HARRY LEE
	UVALDE	HASKELL
	ALPINE (APA)	HEYWOOD
	ADLIR	H.T.ALLEN
	APPLING	KNOX
	ARIADNE	LEEDSTOWN
	A.T.MIDDLETON	LELAND
	BANNER	LEO CLYMAN
	BAKTER	LAMARR
	BOLIVAR	MONROVIA
	CALVERT	OLMSTEAD
	CAMBRIA	SARASOTA
	CAVALLIER	SHERIDAN
	CLAY	WARREN
		WAYNE (APA)
		W.P.BIDDLE
		BROOKS (APD)
		COFER
		CROSBY
		DICKERSON
		HERBERT
		HUMPHREYS
		KEPHART
		KILTY
		LIDDLE
		MANLEY
		NEWMAN
		OVERTON
		SANDS
		SCHLEY
		TALBOT
		KANIMBLA (ISI)
		MANOCRA
		WESTRALIA
		CLAN LAMONT
		EMPIRE ARQUEBUS
		EMPIRE BATTLEAXE
		EMPIRE MACE
		EMPIRE SPEARHEAD
		CLENEARN
<u>AGC</u>	(5) BLUE RIDGE	MOUNT MCKINLEY
	MOUNT OLYMPUS	ROCKY MOUNT
<u>AS</u>	(3) GRIFFIN	HOLLAND
<u>AD</u>	(4) DOBBIN	SIERRA
	PIEDMONT	WHITNEY
<u>AR</u>	(4) BRIAREUS	PLATYPUS
	HECUSA	RIGEL
<u>ARES</u>	(1) MIDAS	
<u>ARC</u>	(5) CEBU	LEYTE
	CULEBRA ISLAND	MINDANAO
<u>ARH</u>	(1) JASON	
<u>ARL</u>	(4) ACHILLES	EGERIA
	AMYCUS	REMUS
<u>ARS</u>	(4) CABLE	PRESERVER
	GRAPPLE	VENTS
<u>ASD</u>	(10) ASHLAND	GUNSTON HALL
	BELIEGROVE	LINDENWALD
	CARTER HILL	OAKHILL
	CASA GRANDE	RUSHMORE
	EPFING FOREST	WHITE MARSH

4. CENTRAL PACIFIC
(Including N. and S. Pacific Area)

	# ALLIED FORCES		S. China Sea Incl. Formosa Singapore	Empire
(14) ALABAMA IDAHO INDIANA IOWA	MASSACHUSETTS MISSOURI NEW JERSEY NORTH CAROLINA	OKLAHOMA SOUTH DAKOTA WASHINGTON WISCONSIN	(2) KONGO MUSASHI (sev. dmgd. prob. sunk)	(3) *YAMATO *NAGATO *HARUNA
<u>BB/XCV</u>	-		(2) HYUGA ISE	-
<u>CV</u> (17) BENNINGTON BUNKER HILL ENTERPRISE ESSEX FRANKLIN	HANCOCK HORNET INTREPID LEXINGTON RANGER SARATOGA	TICONDEROGA WASP YORKTOWN BON HOMME RICHARD RANDOLPH SHANGRI LA	-	(3) AMAGI HAYATAKA UNRYU
<u>CVL</u> (8) BATAAN BELLEAU WOOD CABOT	COWPENS INDEPENDENCE LANGLEY	MONTEREY SAN JACINTO		(1) RYUHO
<u>CVE</u> (38) ADMIRALTY IS. ASTROLABE BAY ATTU CUGAINVILLE BUCARELI BAY CAPE ESPERANCE CASABLANCA CHAPIN BAY CHENANGO COPAHEE CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR	FANSHAW BAY HOLLANDIA GILBERT ISLANDS KALININ BAY KWAJALEIN BAY LONG ISLAND MAKASSAR STRAIT MATANAKAU MUNDA NASSAU NEHENTA BAY PRINCE WILLIAM ROI	RUDYERD BAY SANGAMON SANTEE SARGENT BAY SHAMROCK BAY SITKOH BAY SUWANNEE TAKANAS BAY TANANEK BAY THETIS BAY WHITE PLAINS WHITE PLAINS WINDHAM BAY	(1) KAIYO	(1) OTAKA
<u>CA</u> (10) BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER DULUTH	INDIANAPOLIS PENSACOLA NEW ORLEANS	SALT LAKE CITY SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA	(1-4) CHOKAI *TAKAO)prob. MYOKO)all NACHI)sunk	(4) IBUKI (pos. China S. *TONE *AOBA *HAGURO
<u>OCA</u>	-		-	6
(23) ASTORIA BILOXI *BIRMINGHAM CONCORD DETROIT FLINT *HONOLULU	*LEANDER GAMBIER MIAMI MOBILE OAKLAND PASADENA RALEIGH RICHMOND	SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN SANTA FE TRENTON ST LOUIS VICKSBURG *RENO WILKES BARRE	(1-2) KISO KINU)1 or poss. ABUKUMA)both sunk	(3-4) *YAHAGI *SAKAWA *ISUZU *OYODO (pos. sunk)
<u>CLT</u>	-		KASHII	KASHIMA
<u>AV/CVS</u> (4) BALLARD CHANDELEUR	CURTISS	POCOMOKE	-	(2) ASKITSUBA *NOTORO
<u>DL</u> Approx. 150			20	15 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u> Approx. 150			10	Approx. 50
<u>AS</u>	?		?	2 (1 repairing)

* Non-effective.
Some of these units operating temporarily in S.W.P.A.

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> Southwest Pacific (Western Section)			<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> Indian Ocean		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u> Indian Ocean	
<u>BB</u>	-		(4)	HOWE QUEEN ELIZABETH	RENOWN VALIANT	-
<u>CV</u>	-		(3)	ILLUSTRIOUS INDOMITABLE	VICTORIOUS	-
<u>CVE</u>	-		(7)	ACTIVITY AMBER ATHELING BATTLER	BEGUM SHAH UNICORN	-
<u>CA</u> (1)	SUFFOLK		(2)	CUMBERLAND	LONDON	-
<u>CL</u>	-		(6)	ACHILLES CEYLON KENYA	NEWCASTLE NIGERIA PHOEBE	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-		(1)	ALBATROSS		-
<u>CVL</u>	-		(2)	CANTON	CHITRAL	-
<u>DD</u>	-			Approx. 27		-
<u>SS</u> (64)	ANGLER BARBERO BASHAW BATFISH BAYA BECUNA BERGAL BESUGO BIENNY BLUEGILL CAIMAN COBIA DACE DARTER FLASHER	FLYING FISH GAR GROWLER BUAVINA GUITARO BUNNEL GURNARD HADDO KAKE HAMMERHEAD HARDHEAD HAWKBILL HOE JACK KRAKEN	LAPON MINGO MUSKELLUNGE NARWHALL NAUTILUS PADDLE PARGO REDFIN ROCK SEA LION SEA WOLF STINGRAY TUSK S.42 S.45 S.47	Approx. 16		10 (possibly all German)
	GLYDE SEA ROVER SIRDAR	SPITEFUL STOIC STORM STURDY	TANTALUS TANTIVY TELEMACHUS			
	K.9 K.12	K.14 K.15	0.19 ZWAARDFISCH			
<u>AS</u> (3)	ANTHEDON	EURYALE	MAIDSTONE			-

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY SHORE-BASED AIR STRENGTH

	<u>SOLOMONS</u>		<u>PHILIPPINES</u>			<u>MANDATES</u>
	<u>BISMARCKS</u>	<u>EAST INDIES</u>	<u>Luzon</u>	<u>Visayas</u>	<u>Mindanao</u>	
Fighters	3	174	127	90	37	6
S/E Bombers	-	14	67	-	14	-
T/E Bombers	-	86	71	13	35	3
Flying Boats	-	6	-	-	-	-
Float Planes	10	60	31	12	14	6
Obsn. A/C	2	21	21	14	4	4
TOTAL	15	361	317	129	104	19

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle.

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PART I

(1) ALLIED FORCES

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NEW GUINEA - DISMARCKS

(a) At Sea to 1200/18:

- (1) (a) Task Force 70: 60 PT
6 AGP: "WILLOUGHBY" "WACHAPREAGUE" "HTLO" "PONTUS" "OYSTER BAY" "ORESTES"
- (b) Task Force 73: 5 AVP: "HALF MOON" "HERON" "ORCA" "SAN PABLO" "SAN CARLOS"
2 AV: "TANGIER" "CURRITUCK" 2 AVR
- (c) Task Force 75: 1 AGC: "MT. MCKINLEY" 62 XAK 1 CGC: "BUTTONWOOD" 1 ARL: "EGERIA"
3 AK: "BOOTES" "RUTILICUS" "MURZIM" 2 ARS: "CABLE" "GRAPPLE"
4 AT: "WHIPPOORWILL" "QUAPAW" "RESERVER" "HIDATSA" 1 AS: "STAG"
5 PF: "ALLEN TOWN" "MACHIAS" "CHARLOTTESVILLE" "SANDUSKY" "ORANGE"
1 AO: "BISHOPDALE" 1 APA: "GILLIAM" 2 PCE(R): 849, 851 1 ARD: 9
5 IX: "CARIBOU" "MINK" "PANDORA" "ARETHUSA" "PORCUPINE" 1 PG: 1128
6 DE: "JOBS" "HOLT" "TINSMAN" "PFEIFER" "THOS. F. NICHOL" "C. J. KIMMELL"
5 DD: "KIMBERLEY" "MCGOWAN" "YOUNG" "W. D. PORTER" "HARADEN"
12 YMS: 6, 8, 39, 48, 51, 52, 71, 314, 315, 329, 339, 481 1 HDMI: 1074
15 SC: 637, 648, 725, 729, 731, 734, 735, 737, 738, 744, 748,
749, 1004, 1365, 1368 1 AN: "TEABERRY"
- (d) Task Force 76:
TU.76.4.15: 14 LST plus escorts.
TU.76.4.19: 1 PF: "EL PASO" 1 ARG: "OGLALA" 1 IX: "CARONDOLET" 1 FS
- (e) Task Force 77: 1 AGC: "WASATCH" 2 CA: "LOUISVILLE" "MINNEAPOLIS" 1 CL: "NASHVILLE"
17 DD: "DRYANT" "CONYGHAM" "COOPER" "EDWARDS" "GANSEVOORT" "AUSEURNE"
"REID" "HUGHES" "LAMSON" "NEWCOMB" "RUSSELL" "SMITH" "STANLEY"
"CHARLES" "CONVERSE" "FOOTE" "STERETT" "WILSON"
TG.77.3: 1 CA: "PORTLAND" 2 CL: "PHOENIX" "DOISE"
8 DD: "EATON" "WALKER" "LAFFEY" "O'BRIEN" "A. E. SUMNER" "INGRAHAM" "MOALE" "LOWRY"
TG.77.1.2 (a) 3 BD: "WEST VIRGINIA" "COLORADO" "NEW MEXICO"
3 CL: "DENVER" "MONTPELIER" "COLUMBIA"
10 DD: "WALLER" "RENSHAW" "ROBINSON" "CONWAY" "CONY" "BENNION"
"EATON" "SIGOURNEY" "CONNOR"
(b) 6 CVE: "MARCUS ISLAND" "NATOMA BAY" "MANILA BAY" "KADASHAN BAY"
"SAVO ISLAND" "OMMANEY BAY"
8 DD: "REMEY" "MERTZ" "MCCLERMOTT" "RALPH TALBOT" "STEMMEL"
"BRAINE" "PATTERSON" "TWIGGS"
- (f) Task Force 78:
TG.78.3: 14 DD: "DASHIELL" "HALL" "PAUL HAMILTON" "HOWORTH" "PRINGLE" "STEVENS" "PHILIP"
"FLETCHER" "O'DANNON" "RALFORD" "HOPEWELL" "DUSH" "HALFORD" "LAWALLETTE"
TG.78.3.2: 7 APD: "LLOYD" "KILTY" "CROSBY" "LIDDLE" "COFER" "HERBERT" "KEPHART"
TG.78.3.3: 31 LST(L) 12 ISM
TG.78.3.4: 26 LST
TG.78.3.6: 10 AM: "SAUNTER" "SAGE" "PURSUIT" "REQUISITE" "REVENGE" "SALUTE" "SCRIMMAGE"
"SCOUT" "TRIUMPH" "SENTRY" 1 APD: "BROOKS" 6 YMS: 2, 9, 47, 68, 53, 339
TG.78.3.7: 2 PG: 462, 563 7 LCI(G) 5 LCI(R)
TG.78.3.8: 1 ATR 1 LCI(D)

- (2) "HOUSTON" (GL) "LIPAN" "ARAPAHO" (AT) escorted by "STRAUSS" "OSBERG" (DE) "YMS.104" departed Ulithi 1000/14 for Manus ETA 20 Dec. "STRAUSS" detaches and returns Ulithi.
- (3) "THETIS BAY" (CVE) proceeding Cenpac to Finschhafen ETA 20 Dec.
- (4) "ROBERT BRAZIER" "E.A.HOWARD" "JESSE RUTHERFORD" "KEY" "L.E.THOMAS" "C.T.O'BRIEN" (LE) proceeding from Sopac to Seeadler ETA 20 Dec.
- (5) "MERCY" (AH) departed Hollandia 1400/15 for Far Shore.
- (6) "PC.1131" escorting "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD" "CLAN LAMONT" (LSI) departed Langemak 1607/14 for Morotai ETA 0700/19. "ARIALINE" (CMS) to RV en route and accompany to Morotai: "PC.1131" to detach and proceed to Hollandia.
- (7) "PCE(R) 852,853" departed Manus 11 Dec for Kossol Passage.
- (8) "STONEWALL" (IX) with 2 LCI(G) was to depart Hollandia about 1200/14 for Manus.
- (9) "LARK" (AT) departed Hollandia 1145/14 for Milne Bay ETA 0700/19.
- (10) "GEN.J.H.MCRAIG" (AP) departed Langemak 0700/16 for San Francisco ETA 31 Dec.
- (11) "WITTER" (DE) escorting Convoy Manus-Ulithi #7 ("CASTOR" (AKS) departed Manus 1600/14 for Ulithi ETA 0800/18.
- (12) "BOUNTIFUL" (AH) proceeding to Manus ETA 1900/20.
- (13) "KIAMA" (AMS) departed Langemak 1744/12 for Brisbane.

(b) In Harbour:Morotai:

Combat units 3 DD : "MORRIS" "STACK" "MUSTIN"
1 ODD : "VENETTA"
20 PT

Escorts 11 : 9 AMS: "WAGGA" "GYMPIE" "GLENELG" "STRAHAN" "KATOOMBA" "COWRA"
"STAWELL" "COLAC" 2 PC: 1122, 1133

Auxiliaries 20 : "MOJACK" (AGP) "MERCURY" (AK) "SAKATONCHEE" (AOG) "ARNEE" (AKA)
"LEONARD WOOD" "ELMORE" "TREMONT" "SUMTER" "J.O'HARA" (APA)
2 YO 2 YOG 2 YPD 2 YFD 2 YPF 1 YP: 196

Sansapor:

Escorts 6 : 2 PC : 464, 1119 3 SC: 521, 695, 1327 1 AMS: "LITHGOW"
Auxiliaries 2 : 1 YP : 203 1 AOG: "SUSQUEHANNA"

Noemfoor:

Escorts 2 : 2 PC : 462, 563
Auxiliaries 3 : "HASKELL" "LEON" "ADAIR" (APA)

Siak-Woendi:

Combat units 1 SS : "STINGRAY"
12 PT

Escorts 6 : 4 AMS: "DELOR AINE" "GLADSTONE" "LATROBE" "BROOME"
1 PF : "BURLEKIN" 1 PS: "SWAN"

Auxiliaries 10 : "GRIFFIN" (AS) "REMUS" (ARL) "DEERICK" YO) "VICTORIA" (AO)
"TRYON" (APH) "DINGERA" (AG) 2 YFD 2 YP: 240, 514

Humboldt Bay:

Combat units 10 DD : "FLUSSER" "SHAW" "SAMUEL C.REID" "CLAXTON" "ABBOTT" "JENKINS"
"RATHBURNE" "SMITH" "DELL" "BURNS"

Escorts 71 : 26 DE : "DOWERS" "CHAFFEE" "THOMASON" "NEVENLORFF" "EICHENBERGER"
"LOUGH" "WILLMARTH" "SACCARD" "MANNING" "LLOYD E.ACREE"
"LOVELACE" "WHITEHURST" "DOYLE C.BARNES" "KEN.M.WILLET"
"J.E.CRAIG" "GREENWOOD" "RUDDEROW" "HODGES" "LOESER" "RILEY"
"MCNULTY" "METIVIER" "E.E.ELMORE" "G.A.JOHNSON" "COOLEB AUGH"
5 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" "ARARAT" "BUNDABERG" "KAPUNDA"
4 PF : "EUGENE" "VAN BUREN" "HUTCHINSON" "BARCOO" 1 ML: 825
16 SC : 514, 531, 636, 667, 668, 687, 735, 741, 742, 1052, 1274,
1319, 1320, 1331, 1365, 1369 2 PCE(R): 848, 850
17 PC : 84, 476, 555, 584, 586, 1137, 1139, 1188, 1129, 1128,
1124, 1131, 1134, 1135, 1590, 1598

Auxiliaries 73 : "CAMBER" "BARNSTABLE" "PIERCE" "KNOX" "CAMBRIA" "MONROVIA" "APPLING"
"CALVERT" "CUSTER" "HENRY.T.ALLEN" (APA) "GOLDSTAR" "WRIGHT" (AG)
"GEN.HARRY.TAYLOR" "COMET" "WINGED ARROW" "WARHAWK" "LA SALLE"
"HERALD OF THE MORN" "STORM KING" "MONTEREY" (AP) "PECOS" "KURUMB A"
"SCHUYKILL" "TALLULAH" "SHIKELLAMY" "SEVERN" "SUMICO" "SALAMONIE"
"TRINITY" (AO) "REFUGE" "JUPITER" "GANYMEDE" (AK) "OCTANS" (AP) "ALCONA"
"AQUARIUS" "ELECTRA" (AKA) "TASMAN" (AH) "ACUBENS" (AKS) "TOTANATOMI"
"APACHE" "RAIL" "SPRIGHTLY" "CHETCO" (AT) "DOBBINS" (AD) "SEEKONK" (AOG)
"PYRO" "POYANG" "YUNNAN" (AE) "PREBLE" (DM) "ACHILLES" (ARS) "REVENGE"
(AM) "CLYDE" "VILLALPOS" (IX) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "NEWMAN" "HUMPHREY"
"SANDS" (AFD) "WHITE MARSH" "EPPING FOREST" "LINDENWALL" "SHADWELL"
"BELLE GROVE" "OAKHILL" "GUNSTON HALL" (LSI) "CULEBRA ISLAND" (ARG)
"MONITOR" (LSV) "GOLDSBOROUGH" (AVL) "BREEZE" "ELLIOTT" (LMS) 2 YFD
2 ARD: 7, 12 6 AFD: 2, 3, 11, 16, 24, 25 4 YP: 218, 240, 291, 292

Aitape:

Auxiliaries 16 : "FELAND" "CAVALIER" "FAYETTE" "DUPAGE" "WAYNE" "LEELSTOWN" "FULLER"
(APA) "DIPHDA" "THUDAN" (AKA) "CAPE JOHNSON" "GOLDEN CITY"
"JOHN LANG" (AF) "HERCULES" "ELLECT" (AK) "TALBOT" "DICKERSON" (APD)

Admiralties:

Combat units 3 BD : "CALIFORNIA" "MISSISSIPPI" "PENNSYLVANIA"
14 CVE : "SAGINAW BAY" "BARNES" "MAKIN ISLAND" "SALAMAU" "ALAVA BAY"
"HOGGATT BAY" "LUNGA POINT" "BISMARCK SEA" "SHIPLEY BAY"
"PETROF BAY" "ALTAMAH" "KITKUN BAY" "STEAMER BAY" "BRETON"
3 GA : "CANDERRA" "SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"
1 GL : "CLEVELAND"
25 DD : "TWIGGS" "HALLIGAN" "EVANS" "MEEVIN" "ARUNTA" "LEUTZE" "KILLEN"
"SAUFLEY" "TAYLOR" "NICHOLAS" "HELM" "MAURY" "MCCALL" "STERETT"
"R.P. LEARY" "WILSON" "GRIDLEY" "BAGLEY" "H.L. EDWARDS" "CHARENTE"
"AUSTIN" "LUCE" "ISHERWOOD" "MUGFORD" "DRAYTON"
2 SS : "S.45" "S.47"
5 PT

Escorts

66 1 14 DE : "W.C. WANN" "HALLORAN" "DELAHANTY" "EVERSOLE" "OBERRENDER"
"SPANGLER" "CADANA" "LAPRADE" "FOREMAN" "RAYMOND" "EDMONDS"
"R.S. SUESSENS" "J.C. BUTLER" "REGAS" 4 SG: 732, 90, 1004, 1375
8 PF : "BURLEKIN" "GASCOYNE" "LONG BEACH" "GLENDALE" "SAN PEDRO"
"CORONADO" "OGDEN" "BELFAST" 2 PCS: 1391, 1410
29 YMS: 1, 10, 46, 48, 81, 97, 140, 150, 238, 243, 286, 318, 319, 327, 328,
340, 341, 342, 360, 363, 353, 364, 368, 380, 409, 410
9 PC : 590, 600, 742, 1220, 1170, 1421, 1600, 1601, 1602

Auxiliaries

72 : "HEYWOOD" "DAXTER" "OLMSTEAD" (APA) "TALAMACA" "MERKUR" (AF)
"MANLEY" (APD) "JASON" (ARG) "CACAPON" "CHIKASKIA" "NESHANIC" "SARANAC"
"CALIENTE" "ESCAMBIA" "WINOOSKI" "NEORARA" "CHEPACHET" (AO) "CKRENE"
(AGP) "AMYCUS" (AR) "CEBU" "LEYTE" "MINLANAO" (ARG) "HAMMONSPORT" (AKV)
"YOUNG AMERICA" (AP) "ALHENA" "ALYCOONE" (AKA) "CHANGE" "CAPTIVATE"
"SCUFFLE" (AM) "TRIAREUS" "MELUSA" (AR) "SHAULA" "PHODOS" "CETUS" "LYB"
"INDUS" "CRUX" "SAGITTARIUS" (AK) "MONALNOCK" (CM) "ROCKY MOUNT" (AG)
"CLEMSON" (AVL) "TERN" "TANADA" "KINGFISHER" "MENOMINEE" "WATCH HILL"
"CHOWANOC" "CHIKASAW" (AT) "PRESERVE" (AS) "RIO GRANDE" "ELKHORN"
"PASQUOTANK" (AOG) "ALABASTER" (PYC) "BENALLA" "PITHFINDER" (AGS)
"LEOPARD" "AREND" "ANDREW DORIA" (IX) "HOPE" (AH) "OTUS" (AS)
"SIERRA" "WHITNEY" "PIEDMONT" (AL) "LAURADA" (AG) 1 ARD: 20
2 ABSD 2 AFD: 8, 20 3 YP: 280, 280, 585

Cape Gloucester:

Escorts 2 : 2 SC : 631, 1004
Auxiliaries 7 : "CAPRICORNUS" (AE) "CLYDE" "W.P. BIDDLE" "A.T. MIDDLETON"
"CATSKILL" "F. FUNSTON" (APA) "CHARA" (AKA)

Wishafen-Madang:

Escorts 3 : 1 YMS: "RINDJANI" 1 ML: 812 1 HDML: 1339
Auxiliaries 3 : "KOOPA" (AG) "PING WO" (ASIS) 1 YP: 504

Langemak:

Escorts 6 : 3 SC : 695, 720, 743 3 PC: 210, 585, 1491
Auxiliaries 13 : "RIFLEMAN" (AM) "ST GILES" "RACE POINT" "CHIPPEWA" (AT) "KATOOMBA"
"BUNTRON" "GEN. W.F. HASE" (AP) "GAMBLE" (DM) "BENALLA" (AGS) "WARWICK"
(AK) "OVERTON" (APD) "BULL WHEEL" (YO) "GLENEARN" (LSI)

Lae:

Escorts 3 : 1 ML : 820 2 HDML: 1321, 1320
Auxiliaries 1 : "CAMBERIAN SALVOR" (AS)

Jacquinet Bay:

Escorts 1 : 1 ML : 802
Auxiliaries 1 : "LAURIANA" (AG)

Oro Bay:

Auxiliaries 2 : "UVALDE" (APA) "CASA GRANDE" (LSD)

Milne Bay:

Escorts 7 : 1 PS : "WARREGO" 1 AMS: "COOTAMUNDA" 1 A/S: "WILCANNIA"
1 SC : 699 1 DE: "DARBY" 1 HDML: 1327 1 PC: 590
Auxiliaries 13 : "CAPE LEEUWIN" (AGS) "ARAYAT" (IX) "MAUNA LOA" (AE) "ORMISTON" (AP)
"DUNGAREE" (CM) "CHIWAUKUM" (AOG) 3 YP: 270, 449, 514

Port Moresby:

Escorts 1 : 1 ML : 819

2. SOLOMONS

(a) At Sea to 1200/18:

Nil report.

(b) In Harbour:Emirau:

Escorts 7 : 1 DE: "STADFELD" 2 YMS: "TUI", 250 4 SC: 502, 620, 703, 1273
 Auxiliaries 3 : "HYPERION" (AK) 2 YP: 233, 514

Green Is:

Combat units 5 PT
 Escorts 2 : 1 YMS: 94 1 M/S: "CAP DE PALMES"
 Auxiliaries 3 : 2 YP: 240, 520 1 AK: "ZURACK"

Torokina:

Combat units 4 DD : "SPROSTON" "PICKING" "WICKES" "MONSSEN"
 Escorts 16 : 2 SC: 1188, 1590 6 PC: 477, 702, 1132, 1170, 1231, 1242
 4 DE: "HARMON" "ABERCROMBIE" "GILLIGAN" "LE RAY WILSON"
 1 PCS: 1420 3 YMS: 176, 311, 389
 Auxiliaries 33 : "CASSIOPEIA" "DRACO" (AK) "ANTARES" (AKS) "RACCOON" "IDEX" (IX)
 "YUMA" (AT) "LIERA" "ALMAAK" "ALSHAIN" "TITANIA" "MANCORA" "KANIMBLA"
 "WESTRALIA" "EMPIRE BATTLE AXE" "LOTHIAN" "EMPIRE ARQUESBUS"
 "EMPIRE MACE" (LSI) "DOYEN" "LAMARR" "HARRIS" "ALPINE" "SHERIDAN"
 "SARASOTA" "BOLIVAR" "HARRY LEE" (APA) "OZARK" (LSV) "PRES. POLK"
 "STARLIGHT" (AP) "PINKKEY" (APH) "SHAWNEE" (AT) "MT. OLYMPUS" (AGC)
 "WHIPSTOCK" (YO)

Treasury Is:

Combat units 14 PT
 6 FGM
 Escorts 8 : 1 DE: "PAUL G. BAKER" 2 PC: 479, 605 1 YMS: 45
 4 SC: 677, 722, 1074, 1260
 Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YN: "PALM"

Munda:

Escorts 2 : 2 YMS: "KIWI", 196

3. EAST AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea to 1200/18:

- (1) "POLLUX" (AKS) departed Hollandia 0530/14 for Sydney ETA 0500/21.
- (2) "TRIANGULUM" (AK) departed Saidor 2300/11 for Brisbane ETA 2100/18.
- (3) "TROCENA" (AP) departed Townsville 0620/16 for Brisbane ETA 1900/18.
- (4) "YMS.393" was to depart Cairns 0300/16 for Caloundra ETA 1900/19.
- (5) "PIEIE" (AMS) was to depart Caloundra 1700/14 for Melbourne ETA 1600/18 for onward passage to Fremantle.
- (6) "KALGOORLIE" "BALLARAT" "GOULBURN" (AMS) were to depart Sydney 16 Dec to RV with "WHYALLA" (AMS) off Wilson's Promontory.
- (7) "GEN. MANN" (AP) proceeding to Melbourne ETA 20 Dec.

(b) In Harbour:Merguke:

Escorts 2 : 2 YMS: "SMERCE" "MERC ARBOE"

Thursday Is:

Escorts 3 : 1 ML: 809 2 HDML: 1322, 1323
 Auxiliaries 2 : "WINTER" "CHALLENGER" (AGS)

Townsville:

Escorts 4 : 1 AMS: "BENDIGO" 1 ML: 827 2 HDML: 1324, 1329
 Auxiliaries 3 : "POLARIS" (AGS) "TANCRED" (AT) 1 YP: 615

Cairns:

Escorts 4 : 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" 3 ML: 428, 806, 431
 Auxiliaries 1 : "FIRE ISLAND" (AT)

Down:

Auxiliaries 1 : "HEROS" (AT)

Brisbane:

Combat units 6 SS : "S.42" "NARWHAL" "NAUTILUS" "GADILAN" "PERCH"
 Escorts 11 : 7 ML: 425, 425, 803, 810, 811, 820, 821 1 YMS: 313
 1 A/S: "KYDR" 2 HDML: 1129, 1353
 Auxiliaries 2 : "ETOLIN" (AK) "PORTUNUS" (AGP)

Sydney:

Combat units 2 CL : "HOBART" (refitting) "TROMP"
 3 DD : "GLENDOVE" "QUICKMATCH" "QUEENSBOROUGH"
 1 OLD : "STUART"
 2 SS : "K.9" "K.12"
 Escorts 10 : 1 PC: 597 1 SC: 1039 1 A/S: "YANLRA"
 7 ML: 426, 801, 815, 816, 819, 822

(i) ALLIED FORCES (CONT)SECRETSydney: (Cont)

Auxiliaries 9 : "POINT LOMA" "WAOT" (AT) "MANUNDA" "WANG ANELLA" (AH) "ARDENT" (CM)
 "OCTORARA" (IX) "AASE MAERSK" (ACG) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS)
 "GENERAL BUTNER" (AP)

Melbourne:

Combat units 1 OCL : "ADELAIDE"
 1 DD : "NIZAM"
 Escorts 9 : "ABRAHAM GRINJENSEN" "DOOMDA" (A/S) "DOWEN" "MAYBOROUGH"
 "WHYALLA" "BRUNIE" "LISMORE" (AMS) 2 HDML: 1340, 1350

4. NORTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/18:(1) Task Force 71:

On Patrol 29 SS : "DECUNA" "BLENNY" "ANGLER" "PADDLE" "HAMMERHEAD" "LAPON"
 "CAVALLA" "BAYA" "CORIA" "HOE" "RELFIN" "SIRDAR" "DACE"
 "BERGALL" "DASHA" "ROCK" "GUITARRO" "GURNARD" "GUAVINA"
 "BARDENO" "FLASHER" "KRAKEN" "HAWKBILL" "MUSKELLUNGE" "DESUGO"
 "HARDHEAD" "SEA LION" "MINCO" "STORM" "TELEMACHUS"
 On Passage 13 SS : "CLYDE" "K.14" "BLUGILL" "PANTALUS" "TUSK" "ZWAACFISCH"
 "CATMAN" "HAKE" "FLOUNDER" "TANTIVY" "SEA ROVER" "PAGO"
 "SPITEFUL"

(b) In Harbour:Darwin:

Escorts 5 : 1 AMS: "ECHUCA" 3 ML: 429, 801, 812 1 HDML: 1329
 Auxiliaries 3 : "STELLA" "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) "CHANTICLEER" (ARS)

Cassini Is:

Escorts 2 : 2 AMS: "JUNEE" "HORSHAM"

5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/18:

Nil report.

(b) In Harbour:Fremantle:

Combat units 1 CA : "SUFFOLK"
 14 SS : "DREAM" "K.15" "O.19" "SPLIT" "STURDY" "BLACKFIN" "HADDO"
 "DARDEL" "FLYING FISH" "GROWLER" "GUNNEL" "JACK" "TUNA" "GAT"
 Escorts 6 : 1 PF: "CORPUS CHRISTI" 1 PS: "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA"
 2 YMS: 11, 72 1 SC: 720 1 ML: 824
 Auxiliaries 7 : "ANTHELON" "EURYALE" "MAIDSTONE" (AS) "COUCAL" (ARS) "ISABEL"
 (PY) 1 ARD: 10 1 YP: 236

Dunbury:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "DUNBURY"

(ii) ENEMY FORCESA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC1. PHILIPPINES

- (1) S. China Sea - At 0800/17 Dec. a U. S. submarine reported that the enemy naval force in Camranh Bay had departed and shortly afterwards reported that the force included:

2 battleships ("ISE" class)
 1-2 heavy cruisers ("ATAGO" class)
 2 destroyers (including 1 of the new small "MATSU" class)

In addition apparently 1 tanker with 2 "ASASHIA" class destroyers were in company. The course is reported as 130°, at 17 knots but the course given may not be a good indication of the final destination as it is estimated that the force is probably bound for Manila-Mindoro area.

Aircraft reported another force, presumably a replenishment force comprising 4 tankers, 3 small escorts, entering Camranh Bay at 1025/17 Dec. Another aircraft (China-based) sighting timed 1545/16 Dec. reports this replenishment force 25 miles off Camranh Bay.

Evening 15 Dec. a U. S. submarine attacked 3 destroyers ("MATSU" class) N.W. of Scarborough Shoal (175 miles W.N.W. of Corregidor), on course 330°: 1 destroyer was sunk and another probably sunk. Early next morning, 16 Dec. 2 large ships were attacked in the same general area heading N.W. but the attacks were unsuccessful.

China-based aircraft sighted at 1810/16 Dec. a convoy comprising 3 transports, 3 freighters or freighter transports (all large ships) with 2 escorting destroyers 95 miles E.N.E. of Tonkon Point (Hainan), on course 230°.

It is also reported that 2 transports, 1 auxiliary cruiser and 5 escorts departed Saigon on 13 Dec.

- (2) Luzon - Details of the attacks by 3rd Fleet Carrier-borne Aircraft on shipping mainly along W. coast Luzon on 14, 15 and 16 Dec. indicated the following damage inflicted:-

Sunk or destroyed: 1 medium tanker in Lingayan Gulf
 3-4 small ships in Subic Bay
 1 small ship off-shore between Subic Bay and Lingayan Gulf

Left burning: 1 large transport in Subic Bay
 1 medium freighter) between Subic Bay and entrance
 1 medium tanker) Lingayan Gulf
 (already beached)
 5 small ships - elsewhere

Damaged: 2 destroyers) 1 DD in Manila Bay, others between there
 2 destroyer escorts) and Vigan.

A convoy comprising 2 freighters (1 large, 1 small) with 2 escorts (exact location unstated) was also attacked and all ships were hit by rockets or strafing.

In addition, 4 locomotives and 21 railroad cars in the San Fernando (Lingayan Gulf) area were destroyed or damaged and airfield installations generally well shot up.

Damage to enemy aircraft remains as reported in yesterday's Summary No. 1053: 235 destroyed and 138 damaged.

- (3) Mindoro - Consolidation continues within our perimeter without enemy land interference. Vicious enemy air activity is being experienced: during 16 Dec. there were no fewer than 9 suicide crash dives against beach installations, PT boats and amphibious craft, causing slight damage only to fuel dumps and some casualties.

Reports from the escort carrier covering force during the period of escort to and from Mindoro indicate that a total of 76 planes were destroyed, 13 probably destroyed and 14 damaged (including some reported previously): of those destroyed, 5 were suicide crash dives, 43 were shot down by air patrols over the task group, 3 in air and 20 on ground in sweeps over Neg. airfields and 5 by ships AA. The only serious damage suffered was by 1 destroyer, although a number of casualties were incurred.

- (4) Leyte - The swift advance N. from Ormoc on 17 Dec., including an outflanking sweep west of the highway, involved the occupation of San Jose (approx. 1½ miles S.W. of Valencia). By 1530/17 Dec. our forces were approaching Valencia airfield against light opposition.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)

- (4) Leyte (Contd.) - Opposition to the advance along the highway continues to be heavy but the disintegration of by-passed defences in the Ormoc-Valencia sector is now stated to have begun.
- In the Northern mountainous sector of the Ormoc Corridor enemy continues to resist betterly and our advance there is slow.
- Some enemy movement eastwards along the road from Palompon was observed on 16 Dec. and artillery fire was placed on enemy positions in the area on 17 Dec.
- Elimination continues of stubborn parties of enemy trapped between the coastal plains along W. coast Leyte and the hills.
- Enemy casualties on Leyte and Samar mount rapidly and at 1200/17 Dec. numbered:-
- 40,282 known dead
 - 290 Jap prisoners
 - 128 Formosan/Korean prisoners.
- Supporting ground forces, enemy positions at Valencia were attacked by 15 Kittyhawks
- (5) Visayas - On 16 Dec. strikes against airdromes on Negros Is. were conducted as under:-
- Silay: by 7 Thunderbolts destroying 5 and damaging 4 planes on ground
 - by 11 escorted Mitchells strafing 2 aircraft in revetments
 - Talisay: by 6 Mitchells
 - Silay)
 - Talisay): Strafed by 15 Lightnings.
- There was no interception but AA was intense against low flying aircraft. Night 16-17 Dec. Negros dromes were harassed by 2 Liberators.
- On 17 Dec. Bacolod was bombed by 2 groups of Liberators: no AA or interception was experienced.
- (6) Palawan - At 1300/15 Dec. Puerto Princessa drome was bombed by 41 Liberators dropping 489 x 500 lb. bombs and destroying 3, damaging 4 parked planes: there was no AA nor interception.
- At 1220/16 Dec. the same target was bombed by 40 Liberators dropping 480 x 500 lb bombs concentrating on the runways: there was no AA nor interception.
- (7) Sulu Archipelago - The report of 25 aircraft on Jolo on 15 Dec. was incorrect: the aircraft were at Jesselton.
- However at approx. 0840/16 Dec. a reconnaissance Liberator saw 4 medium bombers over Jolo and was attacked by 10 Zekes near Jolo: 1 Zeke shot down and another probably shot down.
- (8) Mindanao - At 1020/15 Dec. San Roque airdrome was bombed by 13 Mitchells. A few small ships only were seen in Davao Gulf.
- On 16 Dec. Padada was bombed by 16 Liberators destroying 2 aircraft in revetments and damaging 4 others.
- On 17 Dec. Likanan airdrome was attacked by Mitchells, unopposed.

2. EAST INDIES

- (1) Morotai - Early 17 Dec. 2 enemy aircraft were over Morotai but bombs dropped fell wide of any objective.
- (2) Halmahera - On 15 and 16 Dec. airdromes, supply areas and installations in N. Halmahera were attacked by Mitchells and Kittyhawks on a light scale.
- (3) N. Celebes - On 15 and 16 Dec. ~~Manado~~ was attacked by Beaufighters on a light scale.
- (4) N.W. Borneo - At 1205/15 Dec. aircraft observed 25 aircraft on Jesselton drome (originally incorrectly reported at Jolo) involving 10 fighters, 15 bombers. partial photo coverage confirmed the presence of operational aircraft.
- At 1100/16 Dec. Jesselton was strafed by 11 Lightnings shooting down 4 bombers (including 2 taking off the strip) and damaged 2 of 10 small in revetments.
- At 1135/17 Dec. Jesselton was bombed by 23 Liberators dropping 272 x 500 lb. bombs, rendering 3000 ft. of the runway unserviceable. Photos show 11 bombers and 3 fighters, all operational, still present.
- (5) E.-N.E. Borneo - At 0005/16 Dec. a 3000 ton freighter was attacked and apparently destroyed off Hog Point (Sibutu Passage) as the ship was later seen beached on its side.
- At 1025/16 Dec. aircraft saw 3 Jap fighters over Tarakan: the harbor was empty.
- At 1220/17 Dec. Tarakan airdrome was strafed by 12 Thunderbolts destroying 5 fighters on the ground and shooting down 2 airborne.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)

- (6) Ambon - On 15 and 16 Dec. Ambon area airdromes and oil storage area were attacked by Mitchells and Bostons on a moderate scale.
3. NEW GUINEA - On 15 Dec. Waigeo Island was attacked by 8 Mitchells and Utarom by 24 Kittyhawks.
On 16 Dec. villages near Wewak were attacked by 6 Beauforts.
4. BISMARCK-SOLOMONS - On 16 Dec. Lakunai and Vunakanau airdromes were attacked by 40 Mitchells, 6 Venturas: both fields were left unserviceable as confirmed by photos.
In addition offensive sweep on a light scale were conducted 16 Dec. over New Ireland and Bougainville.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

1. NAMPO SHOTO - On 13 Dec. Iwo Jima airfields were attacked by 4 Liberators followed later in the day by 15 Liberators.
2. JAPAN - On 13 Dec. the Mitsubishi aircraft factor in the Nagoya area was attacked by the majority of a force of 74 Superfortresses: results were assessed as fair to poor: 4 aircraft were lost.
3. HAWAII - At 2140/12 Dec. (Local W. Long. time) a submarine was contacted by a destroyer escort 24 miles S. of Oahu.
4. FANNING ISLAND AREA - At 1500/12 Dec. (Local W. Long. time) a submarine was sighted by aircraft just S. of Fanning Is.
5. PHOENIX ISLAND - At 1800/13 Dec. (Local W. Long. time) a Submarine contacted and attacked by a destroyer escort in the vicinity of Phoenix Is.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

- (1) Negligible enemy opposition to Blue consolidation on Mindoro.
- (2) Enemy fleet units in S. China Sea on the move.
- (3) Blue Aircraft Carrier Task Force supporting Philippines operations.
- (4) Accelerated progress on Leyte.
- (5) Continued enemy air reinforcement of Formosa and Philippines.
- (6) Further successes Blue submarines.
- (7) Enemy submarine activity Philippines, W. and Central Pacific and Indian Ocean including use of midget submarines.

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PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES
(Incl. Mandates)

* Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)

BB	(6) CALIFORNIA COLORADO	MISSISSIPPI	NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA	WEST VIRGINIA	-
CV	(21) ANAVA BAY ALTAMAHA BARNES BISMARCK SEA BLETON	HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KITKUN BAY LUNGA POINT MAKIN ISLAND	MANILA BAY MARCUS ISLAND NATOMA BAY OMMANEY BAY PETROF BAY	SAGINAW BAY SALAMAUA SAVO ISLAND SHIPLEY BAY STEAMER BAY THETIS BAY	-
CA	(6) #CANBERRA LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PORTLAND	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE		
CL	(11) BOISE #CLEVELAND COLUMBIA	DENVER #HOUSTON MONTELLIER	#NASHVILLE PHOENIX #HOUSTON	ADELAIDE #HOBART #TROMP	-
CV	(2) CURRITUCK	TANGIER			-
AVF	(8) BELKNAP CHINCOLENGUE	GOLDSBOROUGH HALF MOON	HERON ORCA	SAN CARLOS SAN PABLO	-
CV	(99) ABBOTT ALLEN M. SUMNER AUSUBINE AUSTIN BAGLEY BARTON BELL BRAINE BRYANT BURNS BUSH CHARRETEL C. J. BADGER CLAXTON COGHLAN CONY CONYGHAM CONNER CONVERSE COWLEY C. T. BADGER ARUNTA GLENDOWRI	DRAYTON EATON EVANS FLETCHER FLUSSER FOOTE GANSEVOORT GRIDLEY HALFORD HARADEN HALLIGAN HALL HELM H. L. EDWARDS HOPEWELL HOWORTH INGRAHAM ISHERWOOD JENKINS KNAPP KILLEN KIMBLEY LAFFEY	LAMSON LANG LA VALLETTE LEUTZE LUCE MCCALL MAURY MCDERMOTT MCGOWAN MELVIN MERTZE MOALE MONSEN MORRIS MUGFORD MUSTIN NEWCOMB NICHOLAS O'BANNON O'BRIEN PAUL HAMILTON PICKING FRINGLE	RATHBURNE REMEY RALPH TALBOT RENSHAW ROBINSON R. P. LEARY RUSSELL SAMUEL C. REID SIGOURNEY SMITH SPROSTON STACK STEMBEL STERETT STEVENS TAYLOR TWEGGS WALKE WALLER WICKES WILSON WM. D. PORTER YOUNG VENDETTA #WARRAMUNGA	-
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*Excluding Cenpac forces temporarily at sea in S.W.P.A.
#Non-effective.

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES
Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)

ARMY FORCES
(Incl. Mandates)

<u>AKA</u>	(76)	ALGOL (AKA)	CLEMSON (APA)	WAYNE (APA)
<u>APA</u>		ALHENA	CUSTER	W.P.BIDDLE
<u>LED</u>		ALMAAK	DOYER	BROOKS (LED)
<u>ISI</u>		ALSMERIN	DUPAGE	COFER
		ALYCOBE	FAYETTE	CROSBY
		AQUARIUS	FELAND	DICKERSON
		CAPRICORNUS	F.FUNSTON	HERBERT
		DIPHDA	FREMONT	HUMPHREYS
		CHARA	FULLER	KEPHART
		LIBRA	GILLIAM	KILTY
		O'HARA	GOLDEN CITY	LIDDLE
		THUBAN	HARRY LEE	MANLEY
		UVALDE	HASKELL	NEWMAN
		ALPINE (APA)	HEYWOOD	OVERTON
		ADAIR	H.T.ALLEN	SANDS
		APPLING	KNOX	SCHLEY
		ARLADNE	LEEDSTOWN	TALBOT
		A.T.MIDDLETON	LELAND	KANIMBLA (ISI)
		BANNER	LEO CLYMAN	MANOCRA
		BAXTER	LAMARR	WESTRALIA
		BOLIVAR	MONROVIA	CLAN LAMONT
		CALVERT	OLMSTEAD	EMPIRE ARQUEBUS
		CAMBRIA	SARASOTA	EMPIRE BATTLEAXE
		CAVALLIER	SHERIDAN	EMPIRE MACE
		CLAY	WARREN	EMPIRE SPEARHEAD
				GLENEARN
<u>AGC</u>	(5)	BLUE RIDGE	MOUNT MCKINLEY	WASATCH
		MOUNT OLYMPUS	ROCKY MOUNT	
<u>AS</u>	(3)	GRIFFIN	HOLLAND	OTUS
<u>AD</u>	(4)	DOBBIN	SIERRA	WHITNEY
		PIEDMONT		
<u>AR</u>	(4)	BRIAREUS	PLATYPUS	RIGEL
		MEDUSA		
<u>ARIS</u>	(1)	MIDAS		
<u>ARC</u>	(5)	CEBU	LEYTE	OGLALA
		CULEBRA ISLAND	MINDANAO	
<u>ARH</u>	(1)	JASON		
<u>ARL</u>	(4)	ACHILLES	EGERIA	REMUS
		AMYCUS		
<u>APS</u>	(4)	CABLE	PRESERVER	VENTIS
		GRAPPLE		
<u>LSD</u>	(10)	ASHLAND	GUNSTON HALL	
		BELLE GROVE	LINDENWALD	
		CARTER HALL	OAKHILL	
		CAS. GELANDE	RUSHMORE	
		EFFING FOREST	WHITE MARSH	

4. CENTRAL PACIFIC
(Including N. and S. Pacific Area)

	# ALLIED FORCES		S. China Sea Incl. Formosa Singapore	Empire
<u>BB</u> (14)	ALABAMA IDAHO INDIANA IOWA	MASSACHUSETTS MISSOURI NEW JERSEY NORTH CAROLINA	OKLAHOMA SOUTH DAKOTA WASHINGTON WISCONSIN	(2) KONGO (3) *YAMATO MUSASHI (sev. *NAGATO dmgd. prob. *HARUNA sunk)
<u>BB/XCV</u>	-	-	(2) HYUGA ISE	-
<u>CV</u> (17)	BENNINGTON BUNKER HILL ENTERPRISE ESSEX FRANKLI	HANCOCK HORNET INTREPID LEXINGTON RANGER SARATOGA	TICONDEROGA WASP YORKTOWN BON HOMME RICHARD RANDOLPH SHANGRI LA	(3) AMAGI HAYATAKA UMAYU (1) RYUHO
<u>CVL</u> (8)	BATAAN BELLEAU WOOD CABOT	COWPENS INDEPENDENCE LANGLEY	MONTEREY SAN JACINTO	(1) RYUHO
<u>CVL</u> (37)	ADMIRALTY IS. ASTROLABE BAY ATTU CUGAINVILLE BUCARELI BAY CAPE ESPERANCE CASABLANCA CHAPIN BAY CHERNANGO COPAHEE CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR	FANSHAW BAY HOLLANDIA GILBERT ISLANDS KALININ BAY KWAJALEIN BAY LONG ISLAND MAKASSAR STRAIT MATANAKAU MUNDA NASSAU NEHENTA BAY PRINCE WILLIAM ROI	RUDYERD BAY SANGAMON SANTEE SARGENT BAY SHAMROCK BAY SITKOH BAY SUWANNEE TAKANAS BAY TANANEK BAY WHITE PLAINS WHITE PLAINS WINDHAM BAY	(1) KAIYO (1) OTAFU
<u>LA</u> (10)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER DULUTH	INDIANAPOLIS PENSACOLA NEW ORLEANS	SALT LAKE CITY (1-4) SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA	CHOKAI (4) IBUKI (prob China) *TAKAO) prob. MYOKO) all NACHI) sunk *AOBA *HAGURO
<u>OCA</u>	-	-	-	6
<u>CL</u> (23)	ASTORIA BILOXI *BIRMINGHAM CONCORD DETROIT FLINT *HONOLULU	*LEANDER GAMBIER MIAMI MOBILE OAKLAND PASADENA RALEIGH RICHMOND	SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN SANTA FE TRENTON ST LOUIS VICKSBURG *RENO WILKES BARRE	(1-2) KISO (3-4) *YAHAGI KINU) 1 or poss. SAKA ABUKIMA) both *TSUZA sunk) *OYODO (1)
<u>CLF</u>	-	-	-	KASHII KASHIWA
<u>AV/CVS</u> (4)	BALLARD CHANDELEUR	CURTISS	POCOMOKE	(2) ASKITER *NOTORO
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 150			20 15 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u>	Approx. 150			10 approx. 50
<u>AS</u>				? 2 (1 repair)

* Non-effective.
Some of these units operating temporarily in S.W.P.A.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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PART I

(1) ALLIED FORCES

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NEW GUINEA - BISMARCKS

(a) At Sea to 1200/19:

- (1) (a) Task Force 70: 60 PT
6 AGP: "WILLOUGHBY" "WACHAPREAGUE" "HILO" "PONTUS" "OYSTER BAY" "ORESTES"
- (b) Task Force 73: 5 AVP: "HALF MOON" "HERON" "ORCA" "SAN PABLO" "SAN CARLOS"
2 AV: "TANGIER" "CURRITUCK" 2 AVR
- (c) Task Force 75: 1 AGC: "MT. MCKINLEY" 62 XAK 1 CGC: "DUTTONWOOD" 1 ARL: "EGERIA"
3 AK: "BOOTES" "RUTILICUS" "MIRZIM" 2 ARS: "CABLE" "GRAPPLE"
4 AT: "WHIPPOORWILL" "QUAPAW" "RESERVE" "HIDATSU" 1 AV: "STAG"
5 PF: "ALLENTOWN" "MACHIAS" "CHARLOTTESVILLE" "SANDUSKY" "ORANGE"
1 AO: "BISHOPDALE" 1 APA: "GILLIAM" 2 PCE(R): 849, 851 1 ARD: 9
5 IX: "CARDON" "MINK" "PANDA" "ARETHUSA" "PORCUPINE" 1 PC: 1128
6 DE: "JOBS" "HOLT" "TINSMAN" "PFEIFFER" "THOS. F. NICHOL" "C. J. KIMMELL"
5 DD: "KIMBERLEY" "MCGOWAN" "YOUNG" "W. D. PORTER" "HARADEN"
12 YMS: 6, 8, 39, 48, 51, 52, 71, 314, 315, 329, 339, 481 1 HDML: 1074
15 SC: 637, 648, 725, 729, 731, 734, 735, 737, 738, 744, 748,
749, 1004, 1365, 1368 1 AN: "TEABERRY"
- (d) Task Force 76:
TU.76.4.15: 14 LST plus escorts
TU.76.4.19: 1 PF: "EL PASO" 1 ARG: "OGLALA" 1 IX: "CARONDOLET" 1 ES
- (e) Task Force 77: 1 AGC: "WASATCH" 2 GA: "LOUISVILLE" "MINNEAPOLIS" 1 CL: "NASHVILLE"
17 DD: "DRYANT" "CONYGHAM" "COOPER" "EDWARDS" "GANSEVOORT" "AUSURNE"
"REID" "HUGHES" "LAMSON" "NEWCOMB" "RUSSELL" "SMITH" "STANLEY"
"CHARLES" "CONVERSE" "FOOTE" "STERETT" "WILSON"
TG.77.3: 1 GA: "PORTLAND" 2 CL: "PHOENIX" "BOISE"
8 DD: "BARTON" "WALKER" "LAPPEY" "O'BRIEN" "A. E. SUMNER" "INGRAM" "MOALE" "LOWRY"
TG.77.1.2 (a) 3 DD: "WEST VIRGINIA" "COLORADO" "NEW MEXICO"
3 CL: "DENVER" "MONTPELIER" "COLUMBIA"
10 DD: "WALLER" "RENSHAW" "ROBINSON" "CONWAY" "CONY" "BENNION"
"EATON" "SIGOURNEY" "CONNOR"
(b) 6 CVE: "MARCUS ISLAND" "NATOMA BAY" "MANILA BAY" "KADASHAN BAY"
"SAVO ISLAND" "OLIMNEY BAY"
8 DD: "REMEY" "MERTZ" "MCDERMOTT" "RALPH TALBOT" "STEMBEL" "BRAINE"
"PATTERSON" "TWIGGS"
- (f) Task Force 78:
TG.78.3: 14 DD: "DASHIELL" "HALL" "PAUL HAMILTON" "HOWORTH" "PRINGLE" "STEVENS" "PHILIP"
"FLETCHER" "O'BANNON" "RADFORD" "HOPEWELL" "BUSH" "HALFORD" "LA VALLETTE"
TG.78.3.2: 7 APD: "LLOYD" "KILTY" "CROSBY" "LIDDLE" "COFER" "HERBERT" "KEPHART"
TG.78.3.3: 31 LST(L) 12 LSM
TG.78.3.4: 26 LST
TG.78.3.6: 10 AM: "SAUNTER" "SAGE" "PURSUIT" "REQUISITE" "REVENGE" "SALUTE" "SCRIMMAGE"
"SCOUT" "TRIUMPH" "SENTRY" 1 APD: "BROOKS" 6 YMS: 2, 9, 47, 68, 53, 339
TG.78.3.7: 2 PC: 462, 563 7 LCI(G) 5 LCI(R)
TG.78.3.8: 1 ATR 1 LCI(D)

- (2) "HOUSTON" (CL) "LIPAN" "ARAPAHO" (AT) escorted by "STRAUSS" "OSBERG" (DE) "YMS.184" departed Ulithi 1000/14 for Manus ETA 20 Dec. "STRAUSS" detaches and returns Ulithi.
- (3) "SHAMROCK BAY" (CVE) "R.S.BULL" "HOWARD" (DE) proceeding Cenpac to Manus ETA 0100/22.
- (4) "THETIS BAY" (CVE) proceeding Cenpac to Finschhafen ETA 20 Dec.
- (5) "ROBERT BRAZIER" "E.A.HOWARD" "JESSE RUTHERFORD" "KEY" "L.E.THOMAS" "C.T.O'BRIEN" (DE) proceeding from Sopac to Seeadler ETA 20 Dec.
- (6) "BRETON" (CVE) departed Manus 1200/16 for Pearl Harbor ETA 25 Dec.
- (7) "MERCY" (AH) departed Hollandia 1400/15 for Far Shore.
- (8) "GASCOYNE" (PF) departed Manus 1600/16 for Far Shore ETA 20 Dec.
- (9) "BOUNTIFUL" (AH) proceeding to Manus ETA 1900/20.

(b) In Harbour:Morotai:

Combat units 3 DD : "MORRIS" "STACK" "MUSTIN"
1 ODD : "VENDETTA"
20 PT

Escorts 12 : 10 AMS : "DELORAIN" "KAPUNDA" "DUNDABERG" "STRAHAN" "GYMPIE"
"KATOOMBA" "GLENELG" "COWRA" "STAWELL" "COLAC"
2 PC : 1122, 1133

Auxiliaries 22 : "MOBJACK" (AGP) "MERCURY" (AK) "ARIADNE" (CMS) "CLAN LAMONT"
"EMPIRE SPEARHEAD" (LSI) "ARNED" (AKA) "LEONARD WOOD" "ELMORE"
"FREMONT" "SUMTER" "J.O'HANA" (APA) 2 YO 2 YOG 2 YPD
2 YPF 2 YFD 1 YP: 196

Sansapor:

Escorts 5 : 2 PC : 464, 1119 3 SC: 695, 1327, 521
Auxiliaries 2 : 1 YP : 283 1 AOG: "SUSQUEHANNA"

Demfoor:

Escorts 2 : 2 PC : 462, 563
Auxiliaries 5 : "HASKELL" "LEON" "ADAIR" (APA) "DIPHDA" (AKA) "MANLEY" (APD)

Diak-Woendi:

Combat units 1 SS : "STINGRAY"
12 PT

Escorts 9 : 6 AMS : "WAGGA" "LITHGOW" "COOTAMUNERA" "GLADSTONE" "LATROBE"
"BROOM" 1 PF: "BURDEKIN" 1 PS: "SWAN" 1 YMS: "RINDJANI"
Auxiliaries 11 : "TRIFFIN" (AS) "REMUS" (ARL) "DERRICK" "YO" "VICTORIA" (AO) "BINGERA"
(AG) "SAKATONCHEE" (AOG) "RYONG" (APH) 2 YFD 2 YP: 240, 514

Humboldt Bay:

Combat units 10 LD : "FLUSSE" "SHAN" "SAMUEL C.REID" "CLAXTON" "ABBOTT" "JENKINS"
"RATHBURNE" "SMITH" "BELL" "BURNS"

Escorts 69 : 26 DE : "DOWERS" "CHAFFEE" "THOMSON" "NEVENDORFF" "EICHENBERGER"
"LOUGH" "WILLMARTH" "SACCARD" "MANNING" "LOYD E. ACREE"
"LOVELACE" "WHITEHURST" "DOYLE C.BARNES" "KEN M.WILLETT"
"J.E.CRAIG" "GREENWOOD" "RUDDEROW" "HODGES" "LOESER" "RILEY"
"MCNULTY" "METIVIER" "E.E.ELMORE" "G.A.JOHNSON" "COOLEBAUGH"
3 AMS : "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" "ARARAT" 2 PC(R): 848, 850
3 PF : "EUGENE" "VAN BUREN" "BARCOO" 1 ML: 825
16 SC : 514, 531, 636, 667, 668, 687, 735, 741, 742, 1052, 1274,
1319, 1320, 1331, 1365, 1369
18 PC : 84, 476, 555, 584, 586, 1131, 1137, 1139, 1188, 1129,
1128, 1124, 1131, 1134, 1135, 1590, 1598

Auxiliaries 74 : "BANNER" "BARNSTABLE" "PIERCE" "KNOX" "CAMBRIA" "MONROVIA" "APPLING"
"CALVERT" "CUSTER" "HENRY T. ALLEN" (APA) "GOLDSTAR" "WRIGHT" (AG)
"GEN.HARRY TAYLOR" "COMET" "WINGRED ARROW" "WARHAWK" "LA SALLE"
"HERALD OF THE MORN" "STORM KING" "MONTEREY" (AP) "PECOS" "KURUMB"
"SCHUYKILL" "TALLULAH" "SHIKELLAMY" "SEVERN" "SUAMICO" "SALAMONIE"
"TRINITY" (AO) "REFUGE" "JUPITER" "GANYMEDE" (AK) "OCTANS" (AP) "ALCONA"
"AQUARIUS" "ELECTRA" (AKA) "TASMAN" (AH) "ACUBENS" (AKS) "POTANATOMI"
"APACHE" "RAIL" "SPRIGHTLY" "CHEMCO" "TANCRED" (AT) "DOBBINS" (AD)
"SEEKONK" "CHIWAIKUM" (AOG) "PYRO" "YUNNAN" (AE) "PREBLE" (DM) "CLYDE"
"VILLALOBOS" (IX) "ACHILLES" (ARS) "REVENGE" (AM) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC)
"NEWMAN" "HUMPHREY" "SANDS" (APD) "WHITE MARSH" "EPPING FOREST"
"LINDENWALL" "SHADWELL" "BELLE GROVE" "OAKHILL" "GUNSTON HALL"
(LSD) "CULEBRA ISLAND" (ARG) "MONITOR" (LSV) "GOLDSBOROUGH" (AVD)
"BREEZE" "ELLIOTT" (DMS) 2 YFD 2 ARD: 7, 12
6 AFD: 2, 3, 11, 16, 24, 25 4 YP: 218, 240, 291, 292

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Auxiliaries 16 : "HEYWOOD" "FELAND" "CAVALIER" "EAYETTE" "DUPAGE" "WAYNE" "LEEDSTON"
"FULLER" (APA) "THUDAN" (AKA) "CAPE JOHNSON" "GOLDEN CITY"
"JOHN LAND" (AP) "HERCULES" "ELLIOTT" (AK) "TALBOT" "DICKERSON" (APD)

Admiralties:

Combat units 3 BD : "CALIFORNIA" "MISSISSIPPI" "PENNSYLVANIA"
 13 CVE : "SAGINAW BAY" "DARNES" "MAKIN ISLAND" "SALAMAU" "ALVA BAY"
 "HOGGATT BAY" "LUNGA POINT" "BISMARCK SEA" "SHIPLEY BAY"
 "PETROF BAY" "ALTAMAH" "KITKUN BAY" "STEAMER BAY"
 3 CA : "CANDERRA" "SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"
 1 CL : "CLEVELAND"
 25 DD : "TWIGGS" "HALLIGAN" "EVANS" "MEEVIN" "ARUNTA" "LEUTZE" "KLEBER"
 "SAUFLEY" "TAYLOR" "NICHOLAS" "HELM" "MAURY" "MCCALL" "STERETT"
 "R.P. LEARY" "WILSON" "GRILLEY" "DAGLEY" "H.L. EDWARD" "CHARLETT"
 "AUSTIN" "LUCY" "ISHERWOOD" "MUGFORD" "DRAYTON"
 2 SS : "S.45" "S.47"
 5 PT

Escorts 67 : 14 DE : "W.C. WANN" "HALLORAN" "DELAHANTY" "EVERSOLE" "OBERRENDER"
 "SPANGLER" "CADANAN" "LAPRADE" "FOREMAN" "RAYMOND" "EDMONDS"
 "R.S. SUESSEN" "J.C. BUTLER" "DEGAS" 4 SC: 732, 98, 1004, 1375
 8 PF : "PURDEKIN" "HUTCHINSON" "LONG BEACH" "GLENDALE" "SAN PEDRO"
 "CORONADO" "OGDEN" "BELFAST" 2 PCS: 1391, 1418
 30 YMS: 1, 10, 46, 48, 81, 97, 140, 158, 197, 238, 243, 286, 318, 319, 327,
 328, 340, 341, 342, 360, 363, 353, 364, 368, 380, 409, 410

Auxiliaries 73 : 9 PG : 598, 600, 742, 1228, 1170, 1421, 1600, 1501, 1602
 "DAXTER" "OLMSTEAD" (APA) "TALAMANGA" "MERKUR" (AF) "POYANG" (AE)
 "JASON" (ARG) "CACAPON" "CHIKASKIA" "NESHANIC" "SARANAC" "CALIENTE"
 "WINOOSKI" "ESCAMBIA" "NEORARA" "CHEPACHET" (AO) "CYRENE" (AGP)
 "AMYCUS" (AR) "CEBU" "LEYTE" "MINDANAO" (ARG) "HAMMONSPORT" (AKV)
 "YOUNG AMERICA" "GEN. W.H. HASE" (AP) "ALHENA" "ALYCONE" (AKA)
 "SHAULA" "PHOPOS" "CETUS" "LYRA" "INUS" "CLUX" "SAGITTARIUS" (AK)
 "CHANGE" "CAPTIVATE" "SCUFFLE" (AM) "MERAREUS" "MEDUSA" (AR) "TERN"
 "TANADA" "KINGFISHER" "MENOMINEE" "WATCH HILL" "CHOWANOC" "CHIKASAW"
 (AT) "MONADNOCK" (CM) "ROCKY MOUNT" (AGC) "CLEMSON" (AVD) "PRESERVER"
 (ARS) "RIO GRANDE" "ELKHORN" "PASQUOTANK" (AOG) "ALAMASTER" (PYC)
 "PENALLA" "PATHFINDER" (AGS) "LEPARD" "STONEWALL" "ADRENDA"
 "ANDREW DORIA" (IX) "HOPE" (AH) "OTUS" (AS) "SIERRA" "PIEDMONT"
 "WHITNEY" (AD) "LAURABADA" (AG) 1 ARD: 20 2 ADSL
 2 AFD: 8, 20 3 YP: 280, 288, 585

Cape Gloucester:

Escorts 2 : 2 SC : 631, 1004
 Auxiliaries 7 : "CAPRICORNUS" (AE) "CLYDE" "W.P. DIDDLE" "A.T. MIDDLETON"
 "CATSKILL" "F. FUNSTON" (APA) "CHARA" (AKA)

Alexishafen/Madang:

Escorts 2 : 1 ML : 812 1 HDML: 1339
 Auxiliaries 3 : "KOOPA" (AG) "PING WO" (ASIS) 1 YP: 504

Langemak:

Escorts 6 : 3 SC : 695, 720, 743 3 PG: 218, 585, 1491
 Auxiliaries 12 : "RIFLEMAN" (AM) "ST GILES" "RACE POINT" "CHIPPEWA" (AT) "KATOOMBA"
 "DUNTRON" (AP) "GAMBLE" (DM) "DENALLA" (AGS) "WARWICK" (AK)
 "OVERTON" (APD) "BULL WHEEL" (YO) "GLENEARN" (LSI)

Lae:

Escorts 3 : 1 ML : 820 2 HDML: 1321, 1328
 Auxiliaries 1 : "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS)

Macquiot Bay:

Escorts 1 : 1 ML : 802
 Auxiliaries 1 : "LAURIANA" (AG)

Oro Bay:

Auxiliaries 2 : "UVALDE" (APA) "CASA GRANDE" (LSD)

Milne Bay:

Escorts 6 : 1 FS: "WARREGO" 1 A/S: "WILCANNIA" 1 DE: "DARBY"
 1 SC: 699 1 HDML: 1327 1 PG: 590
 Auxiliaries 9 : "CAPE LEEUWIN" (AGS) "ARAYAT" (KX) "MAUNA LOA" (AE) "CRMISTON"
 (AP) "LARK" (AT) "BUNGAREE" (CM) 3 YP: 278, 449, 514

Port Moresby:

Escorts 1 : 1 ML : 819

2. SOLOMONS

(a) At Sea to 1200/19:

1) "SC. 518" escorting "MEXICO" departed Emirau 16 Dec for Brisbane ETA 1300/22.

(b) In Harbour:

Emirau:
 Escorts 7 : 1 DE: "STADFELD" 2 YMS: "TUI", 250 4 SC: 502, 620, 703, 1272
 Auxiliaries 3 : "HYPERION" (AK) 2 YP : 233, 514

(1) ALLIED FORCES (CONT)SECRETGreen Is:

Escorts 2 : 1 YMS: 94 1 M/S: "CAP DES PALMES"
 Combat units 5 PT
 Auxiliaries 3 : 2 YP : 248, 520 1 AK: "ZAUERACK"

Torokina:

Combat units 4 DD : "SPROSTON" "PICKING" "WICKES" "MONSSEN"
 Escorts 16 : 2 SC : 1188, 1590 6 PG: 477, 702, 1132, 1170, 1231, 1242
 4 DE : "HARMON" "BERCROMBI" "GILLIGAN" "LE RAY WILSON"
 1 PCS: 1420 3 YMS: 176, 311, 389
 Auxiliaries 33 : "CASSIOPEIA" "DRACO" (AK) "ANTARES" (AKS) "RACCOON" "IBEX" (IX) "YUM" (AT) "LIBRA" "ALMAAK" "ALSHAIN" "TITANI A" "MANOOR A" "KANIMBLA" "WESTRALIA" "EMPIRE BATTLEAXE" "EMPIRE ARQUEBUS" "EMPIRE MACE" "LOTHIAN" (SLI) "DOYEN" "LAMAR" "HARRIS" "ALPINE" "SHERIDAN" "DOLIVAN" "SARASOTA" "HARRY LEE" (APA) "OZARK" (LSV) "PRES. POLK" "STARLIGHT" (A) "PINKNEY" (APH) "SHAWNEE" (AT) "MT. OLYMPUS" (AGC) "WHIPSTOCK" (YO)

Treasury Is:

Combat units 14 PT
 6 PGM
 Escorts 8 : 1 DE : "PAUL G. BAKER" 2 PG: 479, 605 1 YMS: 45
 4 SC : 677, 722, 1074, 1260
 Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YN : "PALM"

Munda:

Escorts 2 : 2 YMS: "KIWI", 196

3. EAST AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea to 1200/19:

- (1) "POLLUX" (AKS) departed Hollandia 0530/14 for Sydney ETA 0500/21.
- (2) "YMS.393" was to depart Cairns 0300/16 for Caloundra ETA 1900/19.
- (3) "KALGOORLIE" "DALLARAT" "GOULBURN" (AMS) departed Sydney 1447/16 to RV with "WHYALL" (AS) off Wilson's Promontory.
- (4) "GEN. MANN" (AP) proceeding to Melbourne ETA 20 Dec.

(b) In Harbour:Merauke:

Escorts 2 : 2 YMS: "SMEROE" "MERBARBOE"

Thursday Is:

Escorts 3 : 1 ML : 809 2 HDML: 1322, 1323
 Auxiliaries 2 : "WINTER" "CHALLENGER" (AGS)

Townsville:

Escorts 4 : 1 AMS: "BENDIGO" 1 ML: 827 2 HDML: 1324, 1329
 Auxiliaries 2 : "POLARIS" (AGS) 1 YP: 615

Cairns:

Escorts 4 : 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" 3 ML: 428, 806, 431
 Auxiliaries 1 : "FIRE ISLAND" (AT)

Bowen:

Auxiliaries 1 : "HEROS" (AT)

Brisbane:

Combat units 6 SS : "S.42" "NARWHAL" "NAUTILUS" "GABILAN" "PERCH"
 Escorts 12 : 7 ML : 425, 424, 803, 810, 811, 820, 821 1 YMS: 313
 1 AMS: "KIAMA" 1 A/S: "KYBRA" 2 HDML: 1129, 1355
 Auxiliaries 4 : "ETOLIN" (AK) "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "TARONA" (AP) "TRIANGULUM"

Sydney:

Combat units 2 CL : "HOBART" (refitting) "TROMP"
 3 DD : "GLENOWER" "QUICKMATCH" "QUEENSBOROUGH"
 1 ODD : "STUART"
 2 SS : "K.9" "K.12"
 Escorts 10 : 1 PG : 597 1 SC: 1039 1 A/S: "YANDRA"
 7 ML : 426, 801, 815, 816, 819, 822
 Auxiliaries 10 : "POINT LOMA" "WATO" (AT) "MANUNDA" "WANG ANELLA" (AH) "ARLANT" (GM)
 "OCTORARA" (IX) "AASE MAERSK" (ACG) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS)
 "GEN. DUTERN" (AP) "PLATYPUS" (AR)

Melbourne:

Combat units 1 OCL : "ADELAIDE"
 1 DD : "NIZAM"
 Escorts 10 : "ABRAHAM CRINJENSEN" "DOOMBA" (A/S) "PIRIE" "BOWEN" "WESMORE"
 "MARYBOROUGH" "BRUNET" (AMS) 2 HDML: 1340, 1350

4. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(a) At Sea to 1200/19:

(1) Task Force 71:

On Patrol 29 SS : "DECUNA" "PLENNY" "ANGLER" "PADDLE" "HAMMERHEAD" "LAPON"
 "CAVALLA" "BAYA" "COBIA" "HOE" "REFIN" "SIRDAR" "DACE"
 "BENGALL" "DASHAW" "ROCK" "GUITARRO" "GURNAC" "GUAVINA"
 "BARBERO" "FLASHER" "KRAKEN" "HAWKBILL" "MUSKELLUNGE" "DESUGO"
 "HARDHEAD" "SEA LION" "MINGO" "STORM" "TELEMACHUS"
 On Passage 13 SS : "CLYDE" "K.14" "BLUEGILL" "TANTALUS" "TUSK" "ZWAARDFISCH"
 "CAIMAN" "HAKE" "FLOUNDER" "TANTIVY" "SEA ROVER" "PARGO"
 "SPITEFUL"

(b) In Harbour:

Arwin:

Escorts 5 : 1 AMS: "ECHUCA" 3 ML: 429, 801, 812 1 HDML: 1329
 Auxiliaries 3 : "STELLA" "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) "CHANTICLEER" (ARS)
Cassini Is:
 Escorts 2 : 2 AMS: "JUNEE" "HORSHAM"

5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(a) At Sea to 1200/19:

Nil report.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat units 1 CA : "SUFFOLK"
 14 SS : "BREAN" "K.15" "O.19" "SPLIT" "STURDY" "BLACKFIN" "HADO"
 "BARDEL" "FLYING FISH" "GROWLER" "GUNNEL" "JACK" "TUNA" "GAR"
 Escorts 6 : 1 PF: "CORPUS CHRISTI" 1 PS: "SAVORGNAN LE BRAZZA"
 2 YMS: 11,72 1 SC: 720
 Auxiliaries 7 : "ANTHEDON" "EURYALE" "MILSTONE" (AS) "COUCAL" (AS) "ISABEL"
 (PY) 1 ARD: 10 1 YP: 206

Dunbury:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "DUNBURY"

(ii) ENEMY FORCESA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC1. PHILIPPINES

- (1) S. China Sea - The enemy naval surface force in the vicinity of Camranh Bay 16-17 Dec. was attacked by China-based aircraft at 1855/17 Dec. in a position 20 miles E. of Camranh Bay, on course 10°: no details of the results of the attack are available. The force was reported at this time to include 2 battleships, 2 heavy cruisers and 2 light cruisers.
At 1600/18 Dec. a force comprising:-
2 battleships
2 cruisers
2 destroyers
arrived at Cape St. Jacques (155 miles S.W. of Camranh Bay. This is considered to be the same force as that reported previously at Camranh Bay.
At 1140/17 Dec. a large transport with 2 escorting destroyers was seen off Vanphong Bay (35 miles N. of Camranh Bay), on course 300°, at 20 knots: a floatplane was covering the convoy
- (2) Mainla Area - At 1310/18 Dec. a Liberator sighted 2 destroyers, 3 freighter transports 105 miles W.N.W. of Corregidor, on course 270°, speed 10 knots.
At approx. 0230/19 Dec. a reconnaissance plane sighted one significant group of ships and contacted another or possibly 2 other groups all in the area 50-100 miles N.W.-S.W. of Manila Bay: courses were undetermined but thought generally to be towards Manila. The first force comprised 13 ships 50-100 miles N.W. of Manila Bay and was observed from 3000 ft. altitude: 1 battleship and 1 cruiser were reported to be included amongst the ships seen. Another group of 14 ships was contacted by radar further S. and possibly a third group of 7 unidentified ships was seen 50-100 miles N.W. of Verde Is. Passage.
- (3) Iuzon - Further, but still incomplete, details of the 3rd Fleet Carrier strikes on Iuzon airfields 14, 15 and 16 Dec. raises the number of enemy aircraft destroyed to 61 in the air and 208 on the ground plus probably 190 damaged.
Our losses during the first 2 days operations amounted to 20 aircraft in combat and 51 operationally.
- (4) Verde Is. Passage - On 18 Dec. Calatagan airdrome (on Luzon at N.W. entrance Verde Is. Passage) was attacked by 15 Kittyhawks from Leyte: 1 bomber was damaged on the field and barracks were hit.
Reconnaissance aircraft sighted 15 schooners in Batangas Bay on 17 Dec.
- (5) Mindoro - Enemy land activity on Mindoro is confined to small active patrols outside our perimeter. Very few enemy contacts have been made as evidenced by the casualties which amount to 6 killed, 5 captured: in addition 5 Jap civilians have been captured.
During 17 and 18 Dec. enemy aircraft continued active over Mindoro: fighter patrols involving Lightnings Thunderbolts and Corsairs shot down 5 enemy fighters on 17 Dec. and 8 plus one probable on 18 Dec.
At 0300/18 Dec. a sea truck was seen and strafed by aircraft at the N. entrance to Tablas Strait, course 200°, speed 10 knots.
- (6) Leyte - Valencia was captured by 1600/18 Dec. in our advance N. from Ormoc after the airdrome had been captured during the morning without opposition. The advance was subsequently continued N. from Valencia towards the junction of the Palompon road at Libungao (approx. 8500 yds. by road from Valencia).
Further slight gains have been made in the area S. of Tolibaw. Enemy artillery is reported registering on Leyte river bridge.
In N.W. Leyte, the enemy are reinforcing by parachute but only in small numbers. Contacts mainly with small parties of Japs is reported in the Dulao area. 2 Jap transport planes were shot down by a Liberator over Visayan Sea on 17 Dec.
- (7) Visayas - On 17 Dec. Bacolod airdrome on Negros was bombed by 47 Liberators, Silay by 17 Mitchells, 24 Thunderbolts and Carolina by 15 Lightnings. In total 12 enemy planes were destroyed on the ground and 4 damaged. There was no interception and slight AA only was encountered over Silay.
- (8) Palawan - At 0125/16 Dec. a warship described as a light cruiser was sighted by aircraft 21 miles N.N.W. of Northern Palawan Is., course 180°, speed 20 knots.
- (9) Sulu Archipelago - At 0930/18 Dec. San Roque airdrome, near Zamboanga, was attacked by 27 Mitchells and at 1015/18 Dec. a small freighter near the sea-plane base at Sanga Sanga (Tawi Tawi) was set on fire by 8 strafing Thunderbolts.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)2. EAST INDIES

- (1) N. Celebes-Manado was attacked A.M. 17 Dec. by 7 Beaufighters, 7 Kittyhawks.
- (2) N. Borneo - During the Liberator strike on Jesselton 17 Dec. (reported in Summary No. 1054), 7 escorting Lightnings strafed the field and in total 7-9 enemy planes were destroyed on the ground.
- (3) Soemba - At 1200-1330/17 Dec. 2 small sea trucks in the Waingapoe area were attacked and damaged by 3 Mitchells.
At 1258/18 Dec. Ende was bombed by 12 Liberators with unobserved results.
- (4) Ambon - Airfields were attacked 17 Dec. by 24 Mitchells, 3 Lightnings.
3. NEW GUINEA - Additional strikes on villages around Wewak on 16 Dec. were conducted by 5 Beauforts, 6 Mitchells. On 17 Dec. similar targets were attacked by 9 Beauforts, 6 Bostons, 6 Liberators and on 18 Dec. by 15 Beauforts.
4. BISMARCKS-SOLOMONS - On 16 Dec. Tobera was bombed by 5 Liberators, 7 Beauforts. On 17 Dec. New Ireland targets were attacked by 8 Corsairs, 11 Ventura and Bougainville by 8 Corsairs.
Photos 17 Dec. show both Lakunai and Tobera strips unserviceable with no attempt to repair damage but Vunakanau has been repaired and was serviceable.
At 1050/18 Dec. Tobera was bombed by 8 Liberators and on 18 Dec. other targets in Gazelle Peninsula were attacked by 6 Mitchells, 6 Bostons

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

- (1) Further sightings enemy fleet units S. China Sea.
- (2) Negligible enemy opposition to Blue consolidation on Mindoro.
- (3) Accelerated progress on Leyte.
- (4) Continued enemy air reinforcement of Formosa and Philippines.
- (5) Enemy submarine activity Philippines, W. and Central Pacific and Indian Ocean including use of midget submarines.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>				<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
* Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)				(Incl. Mandates)
<u>BB</u>	(6) CALIFORNIA COLORADO	MISSISSIPPI	NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA	WEST VIRGINIA -
<u>OVE</u>	(21) ALAVA BAY ALTAMAHA BARNES BISMARCK SEA BRETON	HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KITKUN BAY LUNGA POINT MAKIN ISLAND	MANILA BAY MARCUS ISLAND NATOMA BAY OMMANEY BAY PETROF BAY	SAGINAW BAY SALAMAUA SAVO ISLAND SHIPLEY BAY STEAMER BAY THETIS BAY -
<u>GA</u>	(6)#CANBERRA LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PORTLAND	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	
<u>CL</u>	(11) BOISE #CLEVELAND COLUMBIA	DENVER #HOUSTON MONTELLIER	#NASHVILLE PHOENIX #HOUSTON	ADELAIDE #HOBART #TROMP -
<u>CV</u>	(2) CURRITUCK	TANGIER		-
<u>AVP</u>	(8) BELKNAP CHINCOTEAGUE	GOLDSBOROUGH HALF MOON	HERON ORCA	SAN CARLOS SAN PABLO -
<u>DD</u>	(99) ABBOTT ALLEN M.SUMNER AUSEBURNE AUSTIN BAGLEY BARTON BELL BRAINE BRYANT BURNS BUSH CHARRETTE C.J.BADGER CLAXTON COGHLAN CONY CONYGHAM CONNER CONVERSE CONWAY C.T.BADGER	DRAYTON EATON EVANS FLETCHER FLUSSER FOOTE GANSEVOORT GRIDLEY HALFORD HARADEN HALLIGAN HALL HELM H.L.EDWARDS HOPEWELL HOWORTH INGRAHAM ISHERWOOD JENKINS KNAPP KILLEN KIMBERLEY LAFFEY	LAMSON LANG LA VALLETTE LEUTZE LUCE MCCALL MAURY MCDERMOTT MCGOWAN MELVIN MERTZE MOALE MONSSEN MORRIS MUGFORD MUSTIN NEWCOMB NICHOLAS O'BANNON O'BRIEN PAUL HAMILTON PICKING PRINGLE	RATHBURNE REMEY RALPH TALBOT RENSHAW ROBINSON R.P.LEARY RUSSELL SAMUEL C.REID SIGOURNEY SMITH SPROSTON STACK STEMBEL STERETT STEVENS TAYLOR TWIGGS WALKE WALLER WICKES WILSON WM.D.PORTER YOUNG -
	ARUNTA GLENOWER	NIZAM QUEENSBOROUGH	QUICKMATCH STUART	VENDETTA WARRAMUNGA -

SS

PM

Approx. 175

* Excluding Cenpac forces temporarily at sea in C.W.P.A.
Non-effective.

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFICALLIED FORCES
Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)ENEMY FORCES
(Incl. Mandates)

<u>AKA</u>	(76)	ALGOL (AKA)	CLEMSON (APA)	WAYNE (APA)	-
<u>ALA</u>		ALHENA	CUSTER	W.P.BIDDLE	
<u>ALD</u>		ALMAAK	DOYEN	BROOKS (ALD)	
<u>ASI</u>		ALSHAIN	DUPAGE	COFER	
		ALYCCOE	FAYETTE	CRCSBY	
		AQUARIUS	FELAND	DICKERSON	
		CAERICORNUS	F.FUNSTON	HERBERT	
		DIPHDA	FREMONT	HUMPHREYS	
		CHARA	FULLER	KEPHART	
		LIBRA	GILLIAM	KILTY	
		O'HARA	GOLDEN CITY	LIDDLE	
		THUBAN	HARRY LEE	MANLEY	
		UVALDE	HASKELL	NEWMAN	
		ALPINE (APA)	HEYWOOD	OVERTON	
		ADAIR	H.T.ALLEN	SANDS	
		APPLING	KNOX	SCHLEY	
		ARIADNE	LEEDSTOWN	TALBOT	
		A.T.MIDDLETON	LELAND	KANIMBLA (ISI)	
		BANNER	LEO CLYMAN	MANOCRA	
		BAXTER	LAMARR	WESTRALIA	
		BOLIVAR	MONROVIA	CLAN LAMONT	
		CALVERT	OLMSTEAD	EMPIRE ARQUEBUS	
		CAMBRIA	SARASOTA	EMPIRE BATTLEAXE	
		CAVALLIER	SHERIDAN	EMPIRE MACE	
		CLAY	WARREN	EMPIRE SPEARHEAD	
				GLENEARN	
<u>AGC</u>	(5)	BLUE RIDGE	MOUNT MCKINLEY	WASATCH	-
		MOUNT OLYMPUS	ROCKY MOUNT		
<u>AS</u>	(3)	GRIFFIN	HOLLAND	OTUS	-
<u>AD</u>	(4)	DOBBIN	SIERRA	WHITNEY	-
		PIEDMONT			
<u>AR</u>	(4)	BRIAREUS	PLATYPUS	RIGEL	-
		MEIDUSA			
<u>ABR</u>	(1)	MIDAS			-
<u>ARC</u>	(5)	CEBU	LEYTE	OGLALA	-
		CULEBRA ISLAND	MINDANAO		
<u>ARH</u>	(1)	JASON			-
<u>ARL</u>	(4)	ACHILLES	EGERIA	REMUS	-
		AMYCUS			
<u>ARS</u>	(4)	CABLE	PRESERVER	VENUS	-
		GRAPPLE			
<u>ASD</u>	(10)	ASHLAND	GUNSTON HALL		-
		BELIEGROVE	LINDENWALD		
		CARTER HALL	OAKHILL		
		CASA GRANDE	RUSHMORE		
		EPPING FOREST	WHITE MARSH		

4. CENTRAL PACIFIC
(Including N. and S. Pacific Area)

	#	ALLIED FORCES		S. China Sea Incl. Formosa Singapore	Empire
<u>BB</u>	(14)	ALABAMA IDAHO INDIANA IOWA	MASSACHUSETTS MISSOURI NEW JERSEY NORTH CAROLINA	OKLAHOMA SOUTH DAKOTA WASHINGTON WISCONSIN	(2) KONGO (3)*YAMATO MUSASHI (sev. *NAGATO dmgd. prob. *HARUNA sunk)
<u>BB/XCV</u>	-	-	-	(2) HYUGA ISE	-
<u>CV</u>	(17)	BENNINGTON BUNKER HILL ENTERPRISE ESSEX FRANKLIN	HANCOCK HORNET INTREPID LEXINGTON RANGER SARATOGA	TICONDEROGA WASP YORKTOWN BON HOMME RICHARD RANDOLPH SHANGRI LA	(3) AMAGI HAYATAKA UNRYU (1) RYUHO
<u>CVL</u>	(8)	BATAAN BELLEAU WOOD CABOT	COWPENS INDEPENDENCE LANGLEY	MONTEREY SAN JACINTO	(1) KAIYO (1) OTAKA
<u>CVE</u>	(37)	ADMIRALTY IS. ASTROLABE BAY ATTU CUGAINVILLE BUCARELI BAY CAPE ESPERANCE CASABLANCA CHAPIN BAY CHENANGO COPAHEE CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR	FANSHAW BAY HOLLANDIA GILBERT ISLANDS KALININ BAY KWAJALEIN BAY LONG ISLAND MAKASSAR STRAIT MATANAKAU MUNDA NASSAU NEHENTIA BAY PRINCE WILLIAM ROI	RUDYERD BAY SANGAMON SANTIEE SARGENT BAY SHAMROCK BAY SITKOH BAY SUWANNEE TAKANAS BAY TANANEK BAY WHITE PLAINS WHITE PLAINS WINDHAM BAY	(1) KAIYO (1) OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	(10)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER DULUTH	INDIANAPOLIS PENSACOLA NEW ORLEANS	SALT LAKE CITY (1-4) SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA	(1-4) CHOKAI *TAKAO)prob. MYOKO)all NACHI)sunk (4) IBUKI(pos China S *TONE *ACBA *HAGURO
<u>OCA</u>	-	-	-	-	6
<u>CL</u>	(23)	ASTORIA BILOXI *BIRMINGHAM CONCORD DETROIT FLINT *HONOLULU	*LEANDER GAMBIER MIAMI MOBILE OAKLAND PASADENA RALEIGH RICHMOND	SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN SANTA FE TRENTON ST LOUIS VICKSBURG *RENO WILKES BARRE	(1-2) KISO (3-4)*YAHAGI KINU)1 or poss. SAKAWA ABUKUMA)both *ISUZU sunk) *OYODO(pos sun.
<u>CLT</u>	-	-	-	KASHII	KASHIMA
<u>CV/CVS</u>	(4)	BALLARD CHANDELEUR	CURTISS	POCOMOKE	(2) ASKITSU *NOTORO
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 150	-	-	20	15 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u>	Approx. 150	-	-	10	Approx. 50
<u>AS</u>	?	-	-	?	2(1 repair

* Non-effective.
Some of these units operating temporarily in S.W.P.A.

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> Southwest Pacific (Western Section)			<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> Indian Ocean		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u> Indian Ocean
<u>BB</u>	-		(4) HOWE QUEEN ELIZABETH	RENOWN VALIANT	-
<u>CV</u>	-		(3) ILLUSTRIOUS INDOMITABLE	VICTORIOUS	-
<u>CVE</u>	-		(7) ACTIVITY AMEER ATHELING BATTLER	BEGUM SHAH UNICORN	-
<u>CA</u> (1) SUFFOLK			(2) CUMBERLAND	LONDON	-
<u>CL</u>	-		(6) ACHILLES CEYLON KENYA	NEWCASTLE NIGERIA PHOEBE	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-		(1) ALBATROSS		-
<u>CVL</u>	-		(2) CANTON	CHITRAL	-
<u>DD</u>			Approx. 27		-
<u>SS</u> (64)	ANGLER BARBERO BASHAW BATFISH BAYA BECUNA BERGAL BESUGO BLENNY BLUEGILL CAIMAN COBIA DACE DARTER FLASHER	FLYING FISH GAR GROWLER GUAVINA GUITARO GUNNEL GUFNARD HADDO HAKE HAMMERHEAD HARDHEAD HAWKBILL HOE JACK KR. AKEN	LAPON MINGO MUSKELLUNGE NARWHALL NAUTILUS PADDLE PARGO REDFIN ROCK SEA LION SEA WOLF STINGRAY TUSK S.42 S.45 S.47		10 (Possibly all German)
	CLYDE SEA ROVER SIRDAR	SPITEFUL SPLIT STORM STURDY	TANTALUS TANTIVY TELEMACHUS		
	K.9 K.12	K.14 K.15	0.19 ZWAARDFISCH		
<u>AS</u> (3)	ANTHEDON	EURYALE	MAIDSTONE		

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY SHORE-BASED AIR STRENGTH

	SOLOMONS		PHILIPPINES			MANDATES
	ELSMARCKS	EAST INDIES	Luzon	Visayas	Mindanao	
Fighters	3	139	100	68	37	6
S/E Bombers	-	14	36	-	14	-
T/E Bombers	-	69	48	11	29	3
Flying Boats	-	6	-	-	-	-
Float planes	10	53	28	12	14	6
Obsn. A/C	2	15	15	10	4	4
TOTAL	15	296	227	101	98	19

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle.

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PART I

(i) ALLIED FORCES

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NEW GUINEA - DISMARCHS

(a) At Sea to 1200/20:

- (1) (a) Task Force 70: 63 PT
6 AGP: "WILLOUGHBY" "WACHAPREAU" "HILO" "PONTUS" "OYSTER BAY" "ORESTES"
- (b) Task Force 73: 5 AVP: "HALF MOON" "HERON" "ORCA" "SAN PABLO" "SAN CARLOS"
2 AV: "TANGIER" "CURRITUCK" 2 AVR
- (c) Task Force 75: 38 XAK 1 CGC: "DUTTONWOOD" 1 ARL: "EGERIA" 1 APA: "GILLIAM"
3 AK: "DOOTES" "RUTILICUS" "MURZIN" 2 ARS: "CABLE" "GRAPPLE"
4 AT: "HIPPOCORNWELL" "QUAPAT" "RESERVE" "HIDATSU" 1 AI: "STAG"
1 PF: "GASCOYNE" 4 PCE(R): 849, 851, 852, 853 1 ARD: 9
5 IX: "CARIBOU" "MINK" "PANDA" "ARETHUSA" "PORCUPINE" 1 PC: 1123
5 DD: "KIMBERLEY" "MCGOWAN" "YOUNG" "W.D. PORTER" "HARADEN"
12 YMS: 6, 8, 39, 48, 51, 52, 71, 314, 315, 329, 339, 481 1 HDML: 1074
13 SC: 637, 725, 729, 731, 734, 735, 737, 744, 748, 749, 1004, 1365, 1368
1 AN: "TEABERRY" 2 DE: "JOBS" "HOLT"
TU.75.2.2: 16 XAK 2 FS 2 PF: "ORANGE" "VAN BUREN" 2 DE: "TINSMAN" "PEIFFER"
2 DD: "RUSSELL" "LAWSON" 1 APD: "LIDDLE" 2 SC: 643, 738
TU.75.2.4: 1 CL: "NASHVILLE" 1 DL: "SMITH"
TU.75.2.5: 8 XAK 1 AO: "BISHOPDALE" 1 FS 1 IST 1 LSM 1 DD: "ROSS"
4 PF: "ALLEN TOWN" "MACHIAS" "CHARLOTTEVILLE" "SANDUSKY"
2 DE: "THOS. F. NICKEL" "C. J. KIMMELL"
- (d) Task Force 76:
TU.76.4.15: 14 LST plus escorts
TU.76.4.19: 1 PF: "EL PASO" 1 ARG: "OGLALA" 1 IX: "CARONDOLET" 1 FS
TU.76.4.23: 1 DE: "CHAFFEE" 3 LSM
- (e) Task Force 77: 1 AGC: "MASATCH" 2 CA: "LOUISVILLE" "MINNEAPOLIS"
15 DL: "DRIANT" "CONYGHAM" "COOPER" "EDWARDS" "GANSEVOORT" "AUSDURNE"
"REIL" "HUGHES" "NEWCOM" "STANLEY" "CHARLES" "CONVERSE"
"FOOTE" "STERETT" "WILSON"
TG.77.3: 1 CA: "PORTLAND" 2 CL: "PHOENIX" "BOISE"
8 DL: "BARTON" "WALKER" "LAFFEY" "O'BRIEN" "A.E. SUMNER" "INGRAHAM" "MOALE"
"LOWRY"
TG.77.1.2 (a) 3 DD: "WEST VIRGINIA" "COLORADO" "NEW MEXICO"
3 CL: "DENVER" "MONTPELIER" "COLUMBIA"
10 DD: "WALLER" "RENSHAW" "ROBINSON" "CONWAY" "CONY" "BENNION"
"EATON" "SIGOURNEY" "CONNOR"
(b) 6 CVE: "MARCUS ISLAND" "NATOMA BAY" "MANILA BAY" "KALASHAN BAY"
"SAVO ISLAND" "OMMONEY BAY"
8 DD: "REMEY" "MERTZ" "MCLERMOTT" "RALPH TALBOT" "TWIGGS"
"STEMMEL" "RAINE" "PATTERSON"
- (f) Task Force 78: 1 AGC: "MT. MCKINLEY"
TG.78.3: 14 DL: "DASHIELL" "HALL" "PAUL HAMILTON" "HONORTH" "PRINGLE" "LA VALLETTE"
"STEVENS" "PHILIP" "FLETCHER" "O'BANNON" "RALFORD" "HOPEWELL" "DUSH"
"HALFORD"
TG.78.3.2: 6 APD: "LLOYD" "KILTY" "CROSBY" "COFER" "HERBERT" "KEPHART"

(i) ALLIED FORCES (CONT)

(f) Task Force 78: (Cont)

TG.78.3.2: 31 LST(L) 12 ISM

TG.78.3.4: 26 LST

TG.78.3.6: 10 AM : "SAUNTER" "SAGE" "PURSUIT" "REQUISITE" "REVENGE" "SCRIMMAGE" "SALUTE" "SCOUT" "TRIUMPH" "SENTRY" 1 APL: "DROOKS"

6 YMS: 2, 9, 47, 60, 12, 339

TG.78.3.7: 2 IG: 462, 563 7 LCI(G) 5 LCI(R)

TG.78.3.8: 1 ATR 1 LCI(L)

(2) "LONGDEACH" "GLENDALE" "SAN PEDRO" "CORONADO" "OGLETHORPE" "DELFEST" (PF) departed Manus 160/17 for Balboa.

(3) "GEN.W.F.HASE" (AP) was to depart Manus 20 Dec for Santo.

(4) "SHAMROCK BAY" (CVL) "R.S.BULL" "HOWARD" (DE) proceeding Cenpac to Manus ETA 0100/22.

(5) "SC.723" escorting "JULIAN MACK" departed Green Is 1330/17 for Hollandia ETA 21 Dec.

(6) "CHIMAUKUM" (ACG) proceeding to Hollandia ETA 0600/22.

(7) "DOUNTIFUL" (AH) proceeding to Manus ETA 1900/20.

(b) In Harbour:

Morotai:

Combat units 3 DL : "MONTIC" "STACK" "MUSTIN"

28 PT

Escorts 11 : 9 AMS: "MELORIANE" "KAPUNA" "DUNLADENG" "STRAHAN" "KATOOMB A" "STRATHAN" "GYMPIE" "CONRAD" "STAVELL" "COLAC"

Auxiliaries 22 : 2 PC: 1122, 1133

"HOLJACK" (AGP) "MERCURY" (AK) "ARIALNE" (CMS) "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD" "CLAN LAMONT" (LSI) "ARNED" (AKA) "LEONARD WOOD" "ELMORE" "FREMONT" "DUMTER" "JOSHARA" (APA) 2 YO 2 YCG 2 YPL 2 YPF 2 YFL

2 IR: 19

Sansapor:

Escorts 5 : 2 PC: 454, 1119 3 SC: 695, 1327, 521

Auxiliaries 2 : 1 YF: 263 1 ACG: "SUSQUEHANNA"

Noemfoor:

Escorts 2 : 2 PC: 462, 563

Auxiliaries 6 : "HASKELL" "LEON" "AIR" (APA) "DIPHLA" (AKA) "MANLEY" (APL) "GOLDSBOROUGH" (AV)

Diak-Woendi:

Combat units 27 PT

Escorts 9 : 6 AMS: "WAGGON" "LITHGOW" "COOTAMUNRA" "GLALSTONE" "LATROBE" "MERCURY" 1 PF: "DURKIN" 1 PS: "SWAN" 1 YMS: "RINDJANI"

Auxiliaries 11 : "TRIFFLE" (AP) "RENU" (ARL) "MURRICK" (YO) "VICTORIA" (AO) "TRYCON" (APF) "DINGERA" (IG) "SAKATONCHEE" (ACG) 2 YFL 2 YP: 240, 514

Humboldt Bay:

Combat units 10 DL

Escorts 69 : 27 DL: "PLUMBER" "SHAW" "SAMUEL C. REID" "CLAXTON" "ADDOT" "JENKINS" "RATHBURN" "SMITH" "WELL" "EUGENS"

"DOMERS" "RILEY" "THOMSON" "NEVENLOFT" "EICHENBERGER" "TOUGH" "WILLMARTH" "SACCARD" "MANNING" "LLOYD E. ACREH" "JOVELADE" "WHITEHURST" "LOYLE C. DAINES" "KEN. M. WILLETT" "J. E. CRAIG" "GREENWOOD" "RULLEROW" "HOLGES" "LOESER" "L. AY" "MAGULTY" "METIVIER" "E. E. ELMORE" "G. A. JOHNSON" "COOLEYMAUGH"

3 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOLMSVILLE" "ARARAT" 2 PCE(R): 848, 850

2 PF: "EUGENE" "DARCOO" 1 ML: 825

16 SC: 314, 531, 636, 667, 668, 687, 735, 741, 742, 1052, 1274, 1319, 1320, 1331, 1365, 1369

16 PC: 84, 476, 555, 584, 586, 51131, 1137, 1139, 1188, 1129, 1128, 1124, 1131, 1134, 1135, 1590, 1598

Auxiliaries 73 : "BRANNER" "D'ARCTABLE" "PIERCE" "KNOX" "CABRIA" "MONROVIA" "APPLING" "CALVERT" "CUSTER" "H. T. ALLEN" (APA) "GOLLSTAR" "WRIGHT" (IG)

"HEN. HART" "MILCO" "COMET" "WINGED ARROW" "WARHAK" "LASALLE"

"GENERAL OF THE MONR" "STORM KING" "MONTEREY" (AP) "PECOS" "SEVERN"

"MURKIN" "SCORPION" "BALLULAN" "SHIKELLY" "SUAMICO" "SALAMONIE" (AO) "GLEBEARN" (LSI) "JUPITER" "GANYMEDE" (AK) "OCTANS" (AP) "ALCONA"

"AQUARIUS" "ELECTRA" (AKA) "REFUGE" "TASMAN" (AH) "ACUBENS" (AKS)

"POTAMONE" "APACHE" "RAIL" "SPRIGHTLY" "CHETCO" "TANCREL" (AE)

"BLODDEN" (AE) "SEKONK" (ACG) "PYRO" "YUNGAN" (AE) "PREBLEM" (DM)

"OLYDE" "VILALOBOS" (IX) "ACHILLES" (AS) "REVENGE" (AM) "NEWMAN"

"THOMPSON" "SANDS" (APL) "DUE REGE" (IGC) "WHITE MARSH" "AKHILL"

"PEPPER FOREST" "LIN EN. ALL" "SHAWELL" "DELLE GROVE" "GUNSTONHALL" (LSL) "CULBRA ISLAND" (IG) "MONITOR" (LSV) "BREEZE" "ELLIOTT" (LMS)

2 YFL 2 AU: 7, 12 6 YPL: 2, 3, 11, 16, 24, 25 4 YP: 218, 240, 291, 292

(i) ALLIED FORCES (CONT)

Auxiliaries 15 : "HEYWOOD" "FELAN" "CAVALIER" "DUPAGE" "WAYNE" "LEESTOWN" "FULLER"
 (APA) "THUDAN" (AKA) "CAPE JOHNSON" "GOLDEN CITY" "JOHN LAND" (AF)
 "HERCULES" "ELLIOTT" (AK) "TALBOT" "DICKELSON" (APL)

Admiralties:
Combat units 3 DE : "CALIFORNIA" "MISSISSIPPI" "PENNSYLVANIA"
 13 CVE : "SAGINAW BAY" "DARNES" "MAKIN ISLAND" "SALAMAU" "ALAVA BAY"
 "HOGGATT BAY" "LUNGA POINT" "DISMARCK SEA" "SHIPLEY BAY"
 "PETROF BAY" "ALTAMAH" "KINKUN BAY" "STEAMER BAY"
 3 CA : "CANBERRA" "SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"
 2 CL : "CLEVELAND" "HOUSTON"
 25 DL : "HALLIGAN" "EVANS" "BEEVIN" "ARUNTA" "LEUTZE" "KILLEN" "SAUFLEY"
 "TAYLOR" "NICHOLS" "HELM" "MAURY" "MCCALL" "STERETT" "R.P. LEARY"
 "WILSON" "GUILLEY" "DAGLEY" "H.L. EDWARDS" "CHARLETTE" "ISHERWOOD"
 "AUSTIN" "LUCE" "MUGFORD" "DRAYTON"
 2 SS : "S.45" "S.47"
Escorts 64 : 17 LE : "W.C. WANN" "HALLORAN" "ELAHANTY" "EVERSOLE" "ODERRENLER"
 "SPANGLER" "CADANAN" "LAPRADE" "FOREMAN" "RAYMOND" "EDMONDS"
 "R.S. SUESSENS" "J.C. BUTLER" "DEEDS" "OSBERG" "ROBT. BRAZIER"
 1 PF : "DUREKIN" 2 POS: 391, 1418 4 SC: 732, 98, 1004, 1375
 31 YMS: 1, 10, 46, 48, 81, 97, 140, 158, 184, 197, 238, 243, 386, 318, 319,
 327, 328, 340, 341, 342, 360, 363, 364, 368, 380, 409, 410
 9 PC : 598, 600, 742, 1228, 1170, 1421, 1600, 1501, 1602
Auxiliaries 74 : "FAYETTE" "DAXTER" "OLMSTEAD" (APA) "TALAMANGA" "MERKUR" (AF)
 "POYANG" (AE) "JASON" (ARG) "CACAPON" "CHIKASKIA" "NESHANTIC"
 "SARANGAC" "CALIENTE" "WINOOSKI" "ESCADIA" "NEORARA" "CHEPACHET"
 (AO) "CYRENE" (AGP) "AMYCUS" (AR) "CEDU" "LEYTE" "MINDANAO (ARG)"
 "HAMMONDSPONT" (AKV) "YOUNG AMERICA" (AP) "ALYCONE" (AKA) "CETUS"
 "SHAULA" "PHOTOS" "LYRA" "INUS" "CRUX" "SAGITARIUS" (AK) "CHANGE"
 "CAPTIVATE" "SCUFFLE" (AM) "BERIAREUS" "MELUS" (AR) "TERN" "TANADA"
 "LIPAN" "ARAPAO" "KINGFISHER" "MENOMINEE" "WATCH HILL" "BHIKASA"
 "CHOWANOC" (AT) "LONLNOCK" (CH) "ROCKY MOUNT" (AGC) "CLEMSON" (AVL)
 "PRESERVER" (ARS) "RIO GRANDE" "ELKHORN" "PASQUOTANK" (AOG) "OTUS"
 (AS) "ALDASTER" (PYC) "BENALLA" "PATHFINLER" (AGS) "ANDREW LORIA"
 "LEOPARD" "STONEHALL" "ADRENDA" (AIX) "HOPE" (AH) "SIERRA" "WHITNEY"
 "PIELMONT" (AL) "LAUREL" (AG) 1 AL: 20 2 ASL
 2 AFD: 8, 20 3 YP: 280, 288, 585

Cape Gloucester:
Escorts 2 : 2 SC : 631, 1004
Auxiliaries 7 : "CAPRICORNUS" (AE) "CLYDE" "W.P. DIDDLE" "A.T. MIDDLETON" "CATSKILL"
 "F. FUNSTON" (APA) "CHARA" (AKA)

Alexishafen-Madang:
Escorts 3 : 1 ML : 812 1 HML: 1339 1 AMS: "GLENELG"
Auxiliaries 4 : "KOOPA" (AG) "PING JO" (ASIS) "MESQUITE" (CGG) 1 YP: 504

Angemak:
Combat units 1 CVE : "THETIS BAY"
Escorts 6 : 3 SC : 695, 720, 743 3 PC: 218, 585, 1491
Auxiliaries 13 : "RIFLEMAN" (AM) "ST GILES" "RACE POINT" "CHIPPEN" (AT) "KAITOOMB"
 "GEN. H. SCOTT" "DUNTROON" (AP) "GAMBLE" (DM) "BENALL" (AGS) "WALIJ"
 "TRINITY" (AO) "WARWICK" (AK) "OVERTON" (APD) "BULL WHEEL" (YO)

Lae:
Escorts 3 : 1 ML : 820 2 HML: 1321, 1328
Auxiliaries 1 : "CABRIAN SALVOR" (AS)

Macquinet Bay:
Escorts 1 : 1 ML : 802
Auxiliaries 1 : "LAURIANA" (AG)

Oro Bay:
Escorts 1 : 1 PS : "WARREGO"
Auxiliaries 2 : "UVALLE" (APL) "GASA GRANDE" (IS.)

Sege Bay:
Escorts 6 : 1 AS: "SILGANNIA" 1 PF: "HUTCHINSON" 1 LE: "DARBY"
 1 SC : 699 1 HML: 1327 1 PC: 590
Auxiliaries 8 : "ARAYAT" (IX) "MAUNA LOA" (AE) "ORMISTON" (AP) "LARK" (AT) "BUNGAREE"
 (CM) 3 YP: 278, 449, 514

Port Moresby:
Escorts 1 : 1 ML : 819

2. SOLOMONS(a) At Sea to 1200/20:

(1) "SC.518" escorting "MEXICO" departed Emirau 16 Dec for Brisbane ETA 1300/22.

(b) In Harbour:Emirau:Escorts 7 : 1 DE: "STAFFELL" 2 YMS: "TUI", 250 4 SC: 502, 620, 703, 1274
Auxiliaries 4 : "HYPERION" (AK) "TAGANAK" (AG) 2 YP: 233, 514Green Is:Combat units 5 PT
Escorts 1 : 1 YMS: 94
Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YP: 248Torokina:Combat units 4 DD : "SPROSTON" "PICKING" "WICKES" "MONSSEN"
Escorts 16 : 2 SC: 1188, 1590 6 PC: 477, 702, 1132, 1170, 1231, 1242
4 DE: "HAMMON" "MERCROMPIE" "GILLIGAN" "LERAY WILSON"
1 PCS: 1420 3 YMS: 176, 311, 389
Auxiliaries 31 : "CASSIOPEIA" "ERACC" (AK) "ANTARES" (AKS) "YUMA" (AT) "EMPIRE MACE"
"LEORAN" "ALMAAK" "ALSHAIN" "TITANIA" "MANOORA" "KANIMELA" "LOTHIAN"
"AUSTRALIA" "EMPIRE DATTLEAKE" "EMPIRE ARQUEDUS" (LSI) "LOYEN"
"LAMAR" "HARRIS" "ALPINE" "SHERIDAN" "DOLIVAT" "HARRY LEE"
"SARASOTA" (APA) "OZARK" (LSV) "PRES. POLK" "ST ALRIGHT" (AP)
"PINKNEY" (APH) "SHANNE" (AT) "MT. OLYMPUS" (AG) "WHIPSTOCK" (YO)Treasury Is:Combat units 14 PT
6 FGM
Escorts 8 : 1 DE: "PAUL G. BAKER" 2 PC: 479, 605 1 YMS: 45
4 SC: 677, 722, 1074, 1260
Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YM: "PALM"Munda:Escorts 2 : 2 YMS: "KIMI", 196EAST AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea to 1200/20:

- (1) "POLLUX" (AKS) departed Hollandia 0530/14 for Sydney ETA 0500/21.
- (2) "HML.1343" departed Caloundra 1600/19 for Townsville ETA 0600/23 for onward routing to Madang.
- (3) "GEN. BUTNER" (AP) was to depart Sydney 20 Dec for Brisbane.
- (4) "KIAMI" (AMS) departed Caloundra 1600/19 for Sydney ETA 0630/22.
- (5) "ML.803" was to depart Caloundra 1500/19 for Sydney ETA 1300/21.
- (6) "KALGOORLIE" "DALLARAT" "GOULDBURN" (AMS) departed Sydney 1447/16 to RV with "WHYALLA" (AMS) off Wilson's Promontory.

(b) In Harbour:Morauke:Escorts 3 : 2 YMS: "SMEROE" "MERCROE" 1 HML: 1326Thursday Is:Escorts 2 : 1 AMS: "ECHUCA" 1 HML: 1353
Auxiliaries 3 : "WINTER" "CHALLENGER" "CAPE LEEUWIN" (AGS)Townsville:Escorts 4 : 1 AMS: "DENLIGO" 1 ML: 827 2 HML: 1324, 1329
Auxiliaries 2 : "POLARIS" (AGS) 1 YP: 615Cairns:Escorts 7 : 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" 4 ML: 428, 806, 809, 431
2 HML: 1322, 1323
Auxiliaries 1 : "FIRE ISLAND" (AT)Bowen:

Auxiliaries 1 : "HEROS" (AT)

Brisbane:Combat units 3 SS : "S.42" "NARWHAL" "NAUTILUS"
Escorts 10 : 6 ML: 424, 425, 810, 811, 820, 821 2 YMS: 313, 393
1 MS: "KYRRA" 1 HML: 1129
Auxiliaries 4 : "ETOLIN" (AK) "FORTUNUS" (AGF) "TAROONAN" (AP) "TRI AND ULU" (AK)Key:Combat units 2 CL : "HOBART" (refitting) "TROMP"
3 DD : "GLENOWER" "QUICKMATCH" "QUEENSBOROUGH"
1 OLD : "STUART"
2 SS : "K.9" "K.12"

(i) ALLIED FORCES (CONT)

SECRET

Sydney: (Cont)

Escorts 10 : 1 PC : 597 1 SC: 1039 1 A/S: "YANERA"
7 ML : 426, 801, 815, 816, 819, 822
Auxiliaries 9 : "POINT LOMA" "WATO" (AT) "MANUNDA" "WANGANELLA" (AH) "ALENT" (CM)
"OCTOBER" (IX) "AASE MAERSK" (ADG) "CALELONTIAN SALVOR" (ARS)
"PLATYPUS" (AR)

Melbourne:

Combat units 1 OCL : "ALELAIDE"
1 DL : "NIZAM"
Escorts 10 : "ABRAHAM CRINJENSEN" "DOONDA" (A/S) "PIRIE" "DOMEN" "LISMORE"
"MAYBOROUGH" "BRUNET" (AS) 2 HLML: 1340, 1350
Auxiliaries 1 : "GENERAL MANN" (AP)

NORTH WESTERN AREA

(a) At Sea to 1200/20:

(1) Task Force 71:

On Patrol 29 SS : "DECUNA" "DLENNY" "ANGLER" "PALLER" "HAFERHEA" "LAPON" "CODIA"
"CAYALLA" "DAYA" "HOE" "RELFIN" "STELLAR" "LACE" "BERGALL" "ROCK"
"DASHA" "GUITARRO" "GURNAL" "GUAVINA" "DARDERO" "FLASHER"
"KRAKEN" "HAKKILL" "MUSKELLUNGE" "DESUGO" "HATCHEA" "SEA LION"
"MINGO" "STORM" "TELEMACHUS"
On Passage 16 SS : "CLYDE" "K.14" "DUEGILL" "TANTALUS" "TASK" "ZNAAR FISCH" "CAIMAN"
"HAKE" "FLOUNDER" "TANTIVY" "SEA ROVER" "PARGO" "SPITEFUL" "PERCH"
"GABILAN" "STINGRAY"

(2) "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) departed Darwin 0806/18 Dec for survey grounds vicinity Cape
Fourcroy.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Escorts 4 : 3 ML : 429, 801, 812 1 HLML: 1329
Auxiliaries 2 : "STELLA" (AGS) "CHAMFICLEER" (AS)

Cassini Is:

Escorts 2 : 2 AMS: "JUNEE" "HORSHAM"

5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(a) At Sea to 1200/20:

Nil report.

(b) In Harbour:

Manantle:

Combat units 1 CA : "SUFFOLK"
14 SS : "DREAM" "K.15" "O.19" "SPLIT" "STURLY" "BLACKFIN" "HALLO" "JACK"
"BABEL" "FLYING FISH" "GROWLER" "GUMMEL" "TUNA" "GAR"
Escorts 6 : 1 PF : "CORPUS CHRISTI" 1 PS: "SAVORGNAN LE DRAZZA"
2 YMS: 71, 72 1 SC: 720
Auxiliaries 7 : "ANTHELOON" "EURYALE" "MILSTONE" (AS) "COUCAL" (ARS) "ISABELL" (PY)
1 AD: 10 1 YP: 286

Dunbury:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "BUNBURY"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

1. SOUTH CHINA SEA

- (1) French Indo China Coast - Further to the reported arrival of 2 battleships, 2 cruisers and 2 destroyers at Cap St. Jacques at 1600/18 Dec. it is now reported that a considerable concentration of ships was off Cap St. Jacques night 18-19 Dec. Local sources estimate that there may have been 4 battleships, 7 cruisers, 13 destroyers and many fleet train units present but this estimate would appear to be excessive from other reported sightings in the area and intelligence generally.

At 1400/19 Dec. the following ships were reported to have departed Cap St. Jacques:-

- 2 battleships
- 2 cruisers
- 5 destroyers
- 25 ships of fleet train.

- (2) Manila Area - At 1100/19 Dec. a freighter transport with 3 destroyer escorts 130 miles W.S.W. of Scarborough Shoal, on course 240°, at 10 knots, was attacked and hit by a bomb from a search Liberator

No further sightings have been reported of the concentration of shipping 50-100 miles outside Manila 0230-0315/19 Dec. but further reports state that 34 ships were located apparently comprising one convoy in 3 distinct groups, as previously indicated i.e. 13, 14 and 7 ships respectively. The general course of the convoy is now given as Westerly.

2. PHILIPPINES

- (1) Luzon - Amendments to previous claims of damage inflicted by 3rd Fleet Carrier-borne aircraft 14, 15 and 16 Dec. give the following results:-

Sunk or destroyed:

- 1 large transport
- 3 medium (probable) transports
- 1 large tanker
- 2 cargo vessels (1 large, 1 medium)
- 12 small freighters
- 2 landing craft type ships
- 1 mine layer.

Total 22 ships

Damaged:

- 4 destroyers
- 2 destroyer escorts
- 1 coast defence (small escort) vessel
- 2 transports (1 large 1 medium)
- 1 small tanker
- 17 small freighters

Total 27 ships

In addition, a number of small craft were destroyed or damaged.

Claims of damage to enemy aircraft now total:-

- 72 planes shot down
- 208 destroyed on ground
- 190 damaged on ground

Our losses totalled 27 aircraft in combat, 38 operational including 30 personnel in total.

- (2) S. E. Luzon - On 19 Dec. Legaspi airdrome was bombed by 2 groups of Liberators from Palau. There was neither AA nor interception.

- (3) Mindoro - Only minor enemy contacts are reported in land activity on Mindoro. Enemy air activity over Mindoro continues on a moderate scale including further suicide dive bombers apparently paying particular attention to PT boats. During the period 16-18 Dec. casualties inflicted on enemy aircraft, additional to any previously reported, total 9 including 5 shot down by PT boats and 4 by shore AA.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)

- (4) Leyte - The accelerated advance in the Ormoc Corridor continues. On 19 Dec. Libungao was occupied by our forces advancing N. from Ormoc and the road from Libungao to Palompon was cut approx. 1200 yds. W. of Libungao. In the drive S. from Tolibaw, Lonoy was occupied 19 Dec. and many Jap dead were found when the area was taken, presumably as a result of artillery preparation.
- Elimination of large numbers of Japs in the coastal plains on W. side of Leyte continues.
- Known enemy dead to 1200/19 Dec. total 43,141 and Jap prisoners number 323.
- (5) Visayas - On 18 Dec. Fabrica and Dumaguette were strafed, each by flights of 12 Lightnings.
- On 19 Dec. Fabrica was bombed by 1 group of Mitchells.
- (6) Palawan - At 1400/17 Dec. Puerto Princesa was bombed by a reconnaissance Liberator: there was neither AA nor interception.

3. EAST INDIES

- (1) Lesser Soenda Is. - At 1125/18 Dec. a 200 ton vessel bombed strafed and probably destroyed by 4 Mitchells on N. coast Roti Is. (off Koepang, Timor). The 2 small ships attacked 17 Dec. on Flores and Soemba were both observed gutted and wrecked.
4. NEW GUINEA - On 18 Dec. villages in the Wewak area were attacked by an additional 19 Beauforts.
- At 1215/18 Dec. an unconfirmed aircraft report states that a submarine and a floatplane were observed 35 miles N.E. of Wewak.
5. BISMARCK-SOLOMONS - A delayed report states that Lakunai was bombed on 17 Dec. by 38 Mitchells.
- On 18 Dec. Rabaul area was swept by 23 Corsairs which shot up a floatplane off Malaguna. New Ireland and Bougainville targets were also attacked 18 Dec. by small flights of Corsairs and Venturas.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

1. CAROLINES - On 17 Dec. Woleai was bombed by 2 Liberators: no activity was observed.
2. NAMPO SHOTO - On 17 Dec. Iwo Jima airfields and installations were bombed by 50 Liberators dropping 112 tons of bombs. 3 enemy fighters intercepted with little effect.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

- (1) Further sightings enemy fleet units S. China Sea.
 (2) Negligible enemy opposition to Blue consolidation on Mindoro.
 (3) Accelerated progress on Leyte.
 (4) Continued enemy air reinforcement of Formosa and Philippines.
 (5) Enemy submarine activity Philippines, W. and Central Pacific and Indian Ocean including use of midget submarines.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>				<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
* Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)				(Incl. Mandates)
<u>BB</u>	(6) CALIFORNIA COLORADO	MISSISSIPPI	NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA	WEST VIRGINIA -
<u>CVE</u>	(21) ALAVA BAY ALTAMAHA BARNES BISMARCK SEA SHAMROCK BAY	HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KITKUN BAY LUNGA POINT MAKIN ISLAND	MANILA BAY MARCUS ISLAND NATOMA BAY OMMANEY BAY PETROF BAY	SAGINAW BAY SALAMAUA SAVO ISLAND SHIPLEY BAY STEAMER BAY THETIS BAY -
<u>CA</u>	(6)#CANBERRA LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PORTLAND	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	
<u>CL</u>	(11) BOISE #CLEVELAND COLUMBIA	DENVER #HOUSTON MONTHELIER	#NASHVILLE PHOENIX #HOUSTON	ADELAIDE #HOBART #TROMP -
<u>CV</u>	(2) CURRITUCK	TANGIER		-
<u>AVP</u>	(8) BELKNAP CHINCOTEAGUE	GOLDSBOROUGH HALF MOON	HERON ORCA	SAN CARLOS SAN PABLO -
<u>DD</u>	(99) ABBOTT ALLEN M. SUMNER AUSEBURNE AUSTIN BAGLEY BARTON BELL BRAINE BRYANT BURNS BUSH CHARRETTE C. J. BADGER CLAXTON COGHLAN CONY CONYGHAM CONNOR CONVERSE CONWAY C. T. BADGER	DRAYTON EATON EVANS FLETCHER FLUSSER FOOTE GANSEVOORT GRIDLEY HALFORD HARADEN HALLIGAN HALL HELM H. L. EDWARDS HOPEWELL HOWORTH INGRAHAM ISHERWOOD JENKINS KENAPP KILLEN KIMBERLEY LAFFEY	LAMSON LANG LA VALLETTE LEUTZE LUCE MCCALL MAURY MCDERMOTT MCGOWAN MELVIN MRTZE MOALE MONSSEN MORRIS MUGFORD MUSTIN NEWCOMB NICHOLAS O'BANNON O'BRIEN PAUL HAMILTON PICKING PRINGLE	RATHEBURNE REMEY RALPH TALBOT RENSHAW ROBINSON R. P. LEARY RUSSELL SAMUEL C. REID SIGOURNEY SMITH SPROSTON STACK STEMBEL STERETT STEVENS TAYLOR TWIGGS WALKE WALLER WICKES WILSON WM. D. PORTER YOUNG
	ARUNTA GLENLOWER	WIZAM QUEENSBOROUGH	QUICKMATCH STUART	VENDETTA WARRAMUNGA

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Approx. 175

* Excluding Cenpac forces temporarily at sea in S.W.P.A.
Non-effective.

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES
Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)

ENEMY FORCES
(Incl. Mandan)

<u>AKA</u>	(76)	AIGOL (AKA)	CLEMON (APA)	WAYNE (APA)	-
<u>APA</u>		AIHENA	CUSTER	W.P.BIDDLE	
<u>AFD</u>		ALMAAK	DOYEN	BROOKS (AFD)	
<u>ISI</u>		ALSELLIN	DUFAGE	COFER	
		ALYCCONE	FAYETTE	CROSBY	
		AQUARIUS	FELAND	DICKERSON	
		CALERICORNIUS	F.JUNSTON	HERBERT	
		DIPHDA	FREMONT	HULPHREYS	
		CHARA	FULLER	KEPHART	
		LIBRA	GILLIAM	KILTY	
		O'HARA	GOLDEN CITY	LIDDLE	
		THUBAN	HARRY ISE	MANLEY	
		UVLADE	HASKELL	NEWMAN	
		ALPINE (APA)	HEYWOOD	OVERTON	
		ADAIR	H.T.ALLEN	SANDS	
		APPLING	KNOX	SCHLEY	
		ARIADNE	LEEDSTOWN	TALBOT	
		A.T.MIDDLETON	LELAND	KANIMBLA (ISI)	
		BANNER	LEO CLYMAN	MANOCRA	
		BAXTER	LAMARR	WESTRALIA	
		BOLIVAR	MONROVIA	CLAN LAMONT	
		CALVERT	OLMSTEAD	EMPIRE ARQUEBUS	
		CAMBRIA	SARASOTA	EMPIRE BATTLEAXE	
		CAVALIER	SHERIDAN	EMPIRE MACE	
		CLAY	WARREN	EMPIRE SPEARHEAD	
				GLENEARN	
<u>AGC</u>	(5)	BLUE RIDGE	MOUNT MCKINLEY	WASATCH	-
		MOUNT CLYMPUS	ROCKY MOUNT		
<u>AS</u>	(3)	GRIFFIN	HOLLAND	OTUS	-
<u>AD</u>	(4)	DOBBIN	SIERRA	WHITNEY	-
		PIEDMONT			
<u>AR</u>	(4)	BRIAREUS	PLUTYPUS	RIGEL	-
		MEGUSA			
<u>ARS</u>	(1)	MIDAS			-
<u>ARC</u>	(5)	CEBU	LEYTE	OGLALA	-
		CULEBRA ISLAND	MINDANAO		
<u>ARM</u>	(1)	JASON			-
<u>ARL</u>	(4)	ACHILLES	EGERIA	REMUS	-
		AMICUS			
<u>APS</u>	(4)	CABLE	PRESERVER	VENUS	-
		GRAPPLE			
<u>LSD</u>	(10)	ASHLAND	GUNSTON HALL		-
		BELLEGROVE	LINDENWALD		
		CARTER HILL	OLKHILL		
		CASA GRANDE	RUSHMORE		
		EPPING FOREST	WHITE MARSH		

4. CENTRAL PACIFIC
(Including N. and S. Pacific Area)

S. China Sea
Incl. Formosa
Singapore Empire

	#	ALLIED FORCES				
<u>BB</u>	(14)	ALABAMA IDAHO INDIANA IOWA	MASSACHUSETTS MISSOURI NEW JERSEY NORTH CAROLINA	OKLAHOMA SOUTH DAKOTA WASHINGTON WISCONSIN	(2) KONGO MUSASHI (sev. dmgd. prob. sunk)	(3) *YAMATO *NAGATO *HARUNA
<u>BB/XCV</u>	-				(2) HYUGA ISE	-
<u>CV</u>	(17)	BENNINGTON BUNKER HILL ENTERPRISE ESSEX FRANKLIN	HANCOCK HORNET INTREPID LEXINGTON RANGER SARATOGA	TICONDEROGA WASP YORKTOWN BON HOMME RICHARD RANDOLPH SHANGRI LA	-	(3) AMAGI HAYATAKA UNRYU
<u>CVL</u>	(8)	BATAAN BELLEAU WOOD CABOT	COWPENS INDEPENDENCE LANGLEY	MONTEREY SAN JACINTO		(1) RYUHO
<u>CVE</u>	(37)	ADMIRALTY IS. ASTROLABE BAY ATTU CUGAINVILLE BUCARELI BAY CAPE ESPERANCE CASABLANCA CHAPIN BAY CHENANGO COPAHEE CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR	FANSHAW BAY HOLLANDIA GILBERT ISLANDS KALININ BAY KWAJALEIN BAY LONG ISLAND MAKASSAR STRAIT MATANAKAU MUNDA NASSAU NEHENTIA BAY PRINCE WILLIAM ROI	RUDYERD BAY SANGAMON SANTEE SARGENT BAY BRETON SITKOH BAY SUWANNEE TAKANAS BAY TANANEK BAY WHITE PLAINS WHITE PLAINS WINDHAM BAY	(1) KAIYO	(1) OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	(10)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER DULUTH	INDIANAPOLIS PENSACOLA NEW ORLEANS	SALT LAKE CITY (1-4) SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA	CHOKAI *TAKAO)prob. MYOKO)all NACHI)sunk	(4) IBUKI (pos. China S) *TONE *AOBA *HAGURO
<u>OCA</u>	-					6
<u>CL</u>	(23)	ASTORIA BILOXI *BIRMINGHAM CONCORD DETROIT FLINT *HONOLULU	*LEANDER GAMBIER MIAMI MOBILE OAKLAND PASADENA RALEIGH RICHMOND	SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN SANTA FE TRENTON ST LOUIS VICKSBURG *RENO WILKES BARRE	(1-2) KISO KINU)1 or poss. ABUKUMA)both sunk)	(3-4) *YAHAGI *SAKAWA *ISUZU *OYODO (pos.)
<u>CLT</u>					KASHII	KASHIMA
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(4)	BALLARD CHANDELEUR	CURTISS	POCOMOKE	-	(2) ASKITSUSHI *NOTORO
<u>DD</u>		Approx. 150			20	15 (several repairs)
<u>SS</u>		Approx. 150			10	Approx. 50
<u>AS</u>					?	2 (1 repair)

* Non-effective.

Some of these units operating temporarily in S.W.P.A.

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> Southwest Pacific (Western Section)			<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> Indian Ocean		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u> Indian Ocean
<u>BB</u>	-		(4) HOWE QUEEN ELIZABETH	RENOWN VALIANT	-
<u>CV</u>	-		(3) ILLUSTRIOUS INDOMITABLEE	VICTORIOUS	-
<u>CVE</u>	-		(7) ACTIVITY AMEER ATHELING BATTLER	BEGUM SHAH UNICORN	-
<u>CA</u> (1) SUFFOLK			(2) CUMBERLAND	LONDON	-
<u>CL</u>	-		(6) ACHILLES CEYLON KENYA	NEWCASTLE NIGERIA PHOEBE	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-		(1) ALBATROSS		-
<u>CVL</u>	-		(2) CANTON	CHITRAL	-
<u>DD</u>			Approx. 27		-
<u>SS</u> (64)	ANGLER BARBERO BASHAW BATFISH BAYA BECUNA BERGAL BESUGO BLENNY BLUEGILL CAIMAN COBIA DACE DARTER FLASHER	FLYING FISH GAR GROWLER GUAVINA GUITARO GUNNEL GURNARD HADDO HAKE HAMMERHEAD HARDHEAD HAWKBILL HOE JACK KR. KEN	LAPON MINGO MUSKELLUNGE NARWHALL NAUTILUS PADDLE PARGO REDFIN ROCK SEA LION SEA WOLF STINGRAY TUSK S.42 S.45 S.47		10 (Possibly all German)
	CLYDE SEA ROVER SIRDAR	SPITEFUL SPLIT STORM STURDY	TANTALUS TANTIVY TELEMACHUS		
	K.9 K.12	K.14 K.15	O.19 ZWAARDFISCH		
<u>AS</u> (3)	ANTHEDON	EURYALE	MAIDSTONE		

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY SHORE-BASED AIR STRENGTH

	SOLOMONS		PHILIPPINES			MANDANAN
	BISMARCKS	EAST INDIES	Luzon	Visayas	Mindanao	
Fighters	3	139	100	68	37	6
S/E Bombers	-	14	36	-	14	-
T/E Bombers	-	69	48	11	29	3
Flying Boats	-	6	-	-	-	-
Float Planes	10	53	28	12	14	6
Obs. A/C	2	15	15	10	4	4
TOTAL	15	296	227	101	98	19

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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

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PART I

(i) ALLIED FORCES

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NEW GUINEA - BISMARCKS

(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

- (1) (a) Task Force 70: 63 PT
6 AGP: "WILLOUGHBY" "WACHAPREAGUE" "HILO" "PONTUS" "OYSTER BAY" "ORESTES"
(b) Task Force 73: 5 AVP: "HALF MOON" "HERON" "ORCA" "SAN PABLO" "SAN CARLOS"
2 AV: "TANCIER" "CURRITUCK" 2 AVR
(c) Task Force 75: 38 XAK 1 CGC: "BUTTONWOOD" 1 ARD: "EGERIA" 1 APA: "GILLIAM"
3 AK: "DOOTES" "RUTILICUS" "MURZIM" 2 ARS: "CABLE" "GRAPPLE"
4 AT: "HIPPOCKRILL" "QUAPAD" "RESERVE" "HIDATSA" 1 AI: "STAG"
1 PF: "GASCOYNE" 4 PCE(R): 849, 851, 852, 853 1 ARD: 9
5 IX: "CARIDOU" "MINK" "PANDA" "ARETHUSA" "PORCUPINE" 1 PC: 1128
4 DD: "KIMLERLEY" "MCGOWAN" "YOUNG" "W.D. PORTER"
12 YMS: 6, 8, 39, 48, 51, 52, 71, 314, 315, 329, 339, 481 1 HDML: 1074
13 SC: 637, 725, 729, 731, 734, 735, 737, 744, 748, 749, 1004, 1365, 1368
1 AN: "TEADERRY" 2 DE: "JODS" "HOLT" 1 AH: "MERCY"
TU.75.2.5: 8 XAK 1 AO: "BISHOPDALE" 1 FS 1 LST 1 ISM 1 DD: "ROSS"
4 PF: "ALLENTOWN" "MACHIAS" "CHARLOTTESVILLE" "SANDUSKY"
2 DE: "THOS.F. NICHEL" "C.J. KIMMELL"
(d) Task Force 76:
TU.76.4.15: 14 LST plus escorts.
TU.76.4.19: 1 PF: "EL PASO" 1 ARG: "OGLALA" 1 IX: "CARONDOLET" 1 FS
TU.76.4.22: 5 LSD: "WHITEMARSH" "OAKHILL" "EPPING FOREST" "LINDENWALD" "BELLEGROVE"
2 DE: "DANIEL A. JOY" "HODGES" 3 DD: "CALDWELL" "HARADEN" "HUGHES"
4 ARD: "CROSBY" "KILTY" "SCHLEY" "HERBERT"
TU.76.4.23: 1 DE: "CHAFFEE" 8 ISM
(e) Task Force 77: 1 AGC: "WASATCH" 2 CA: "LOUISVILLE" "MINNEAPOLIS"
14 DD: "DRYANT" "CONHAM" "COOPER" "EDWARDS" "GANSEVOORT" "REID"
"CHAS. A. AUSBURNE" "NEWCOMB" "STANLEY" "CONVERSE" "FOOTE"
"STERETT" "WILSON"
TG.77.3: 8 DD: "BARTON" "WALKER" "LAFFEY" "O'BRIEN" "A.E. SUMNER" "INGRAHAM" "MOALE"
"LOWRY" 1 CA: "PORTLAND" 2 CL: "PHOENIX" "BOISE"
TG.77.1.2 (a) 3 DD: "WEST VIRGINIA" "COLORADO" "NEW MEXICO"
3 CL: "DENVER" "MONTPELIER" "COLUMBIA"
10 DD: "WALLER" "RENSHAW" "ROBINSON" "CONJAY" "CONY" "DENNION"
"EATON" "SIGOURNEY" "CONNOR"
(b) 6 CVE: "MARCUS ISLAND" "NATOME DAY" "MANILA DAY" "KADASHAN DAY"
"SAVO ISLAND" "OMMANEY DAY"
8 DD: "REMEY" "MERTZ" "MCDERMOTT" "RALPH TALBOT" "TWIGGS"
"STEMMEL" "DRAINE" "PATTERSON"
(f) Task Force 78: 1 AGC: "MCMCKENLEY"
TG.78.3: 14 DD: "DASHIELL" "HALL" "PAUL HAMILTON" "HOWORTH" "PRINGLE" "LA VALLETTE"
"STEVENS" "PHILIP" "FLETCHER" "O'BANNON" "RADFORD" "HOPEWELL" "DUSH"
"HALFORD"
TG.78.3.2: 3 APD: "LLOYD" "COFER" "KEPHART"

(i) ALLIED FORCES (CONT)

SECRET

(f) Task Force 78: (Cont)

TG.78.3.3: 31 LST(L) 12 LSM

TG.78.3.4: 26 LST

TG.78.3.6: 10 AM: "SAUNTER" "SAGE" "PURSUIT" "REQUISITE" "REVENGE" "SCRIMMAGE" "SALUTE"
"SCOUT" "TRIMPH" "SENTRY" 1 APD: "DROOKS" 6 YMS: 2,9,47,53,68,339

TG.78.3.7: 2 PC : 462, 563 7 LCI(G) 5 LCI(R)

TG.78.3.8: 1 ATR 1 LCI(D)

(2) "SHAMROCK BAY" (CVE) "R.S.DULL" "HOLLARE" (DE) proceeding Cenpac to Manus ETA 0100/22.

(3) "WAKE ISLAND" (CVE) "R.M.ROSELL" "O'FLAHERTY" (DE) departed Pearl 15 Dec for Manus
ETA 24 Dec.

(4) "GEN.W.F.HASE" (AP) was to depart Manus 20 Dec for Santo.

(5) "CHIWAIKUM" (AG) proceeding to Hollandia ETA 0600/22.

(b) In Harbour

Morotai:

Combat units 3 DD : "MORRIS" "STACK" "MUSTIN"

28 PT

Escorts 11 : 9 AMS: "DELOR AINE" "KAPUNDA" "BUNDABERG" "STRAHAN" "KATOOMBA"
"GYMPIE" "COWRA" "STANBELL" "COLAC" 2 PC: 1122, 1133

Auxiliaries 22 : "MOBJACK" (AGP) "MERCURY" (AK) "ARIADNE" (CMS) "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD"
"CLAN LAMONT" (LSI) "ARNED" (AKA) "LEONARD WOOD" "ELMORE" "FREMONT"
"SUMTER" "J.O'HARA" (APA) 2 YO 2 YOG 2 YPD 2 YPF 2 YFD 1 YP: 196

Sansapor:

Escorts 5 : 2 PC : 464, 1119 3 SC: 695, 1327, 521

Auxiliaries 2 : 1 AG: "SUSQUEHANNA" 1 YP: 283

Noemfoor:

Escorts 2 : 2 PC : 462, 563

Auxiliaries 6 : "HASKELL" "LEON" "ADAM" (APA) "LIPHA" (AKA) "MANLEY" (APL)
"GOLDSBOROUGH" (AVL)

Diak-Woendi:

Combat units 27 PT

Escorts 9 : 6 AMS: "WAGGA" "LITHGOW" "COOTAMUNDR" "GLALSTONE" "LATRODE" "BROOM"
1 PF: "DUREKIN" 1 PS: "SWAN" 1 YMS: "RINDJANI"

Auxiliaries 11 : "GRIFFIN" (AS) "REMUS" (ARL) "LEBRICK" (YO) "VICTORIA" (AO) "TRYON"
(APH) "DINGERA" (AG) "SAKATONCHEE" (AG) 2 YFD 2 YP: 240, 514

Humboldt Bay:

Combat units 10 DD : "FLUSSER" "SHAW" "SAMUEL C. REIL" "CLAXTON" "ADDOT" "JENKINS"
"RATHBURN" "SMITH" "DELL" "BURNS"

Escorts 69 : 26 DE : "DOWERS" "RILEY" "THOMASON" "NEVENLORFT" "EICHENBERGER"
"LOUGH" "WILLMARTH" "SACCA" "MANNING" "LOYD E. ACREE"
"LOVELACE" "HITEHURST" "DOYLE C.D. HANES" "KEN.M. WILLET"
"J.E. CRAIG" "GREENWOOD" "RUDLERON" "TINSMAN" "LOESER"
"DAY" "MCNULTY" "METIVIER" "E.E. ELMORE" "G.A. JOHNSON"
"COOLEAUGH" "PEIFFER" 2 PF: "EUGENE" "DARCOO"

3 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" "ARARAT" 2 PCE(R): 648, 850
19 SC : 514, 531, 636, 648, 667, 668, 687, 723, 735, 738, 741, 742, 1052,
1274, 1319, 1320, 1331, 1365, 1369 1 ML: 825

18 PC : 84, 476, 555, 584, 586, 1131, 1137, 1139, 1188, 1129, 1128,
1124, 1131, 1134, 1135, 1590, 1598

Auxiliaries 78 : "DANNER" "BARNSTABLE" "PIERCE" "KNOX" "CARRIA" "MONROVIA" "APPLING"
"CALVERT" "CUSTER" "H.T. ALLEN" (APA) "GOLDSTAR" "RIGHT" (AG)
"GEN. HARRY. TAYLOR" "COMET" "WINGED ARROW" "WARHAWK" "LA SALLE"
"HERALD OF THE MORN" "STORM KING" "MONTEREY" (AP) "PECOS" "SEVERN"
"KURUMBA" "SCHUYKILL" "TALLULAH" "SHIKELLAMY" "SUAMICO" "SALAMONIE"
(AO) "GLENEARN" (SLI) "JUPITER" "GANYMEDE" (AK) "OCTANS" (AF) "ALCONA"
"AQUARIUS" "ELECTRA" (AKA) "REGUGE" "TASHAN" (JH) "CUBENS" (AKS)
"POTANATOMI" "APACHE" "RAIL" "SPRIGHTLY" "CHETCO" "TANCREL" (AT)
"DOBBIN" (AO) "SEEKNOK" (AG) "PYRO" "YUNNAN" (AE) "PEOPLE" (DM)
"CLYDE" "VILLALOBOS" (IX) "ACHILLES" (AS) "REVENGE" (AM) "WILMAN"
"LIDDLE" "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" (APD) "BLUE RIDGE" (AG) "SHAWWELL"
(LSI) "CUREDRA ISLAND" (AG) "MONITOR" (LSV) "BREEZE" "ELLIOT" (LMS)
2 YFD 2 AD: 7, 12/6 AFD: 2, 3, 11, 16, 24, 25 4 YP: 218, 240, 291, 292

Aitape:

Auxiliaries 15 : "HEYWOOD" "FELANI" "CAVALIER" "DUPAGE" "WAYNE" "LEELSTOWN" "FULLER"
(APA) "THUDAN" (AKA) "CAPE JOHNSON" "GOLDEN CITY" "JOHN LAW" (AP)
"HERCULES" "ELLIOTT" (AK) "TALBOT" "LICKERSON" (APH)

Admiralties:

Combat units 3 DE : "CALIFORNIA" "MISSISSIPPI" "PENNSYLVANIA"
 13 CVE : "SAGINAW BAY" "D'ARNE" "MAKIN ISLAND" "SALAMAU" "ALAVA BAY"
 "HOGGATT BAY" "LUNG POINT" "BISMARCK SEA" "SHIPLEY BAY"
 "PETROF BAY" "ALTAMAHA" "KITKUN BAY" "STEAMER BAY"
 3 CA : "CAMBERMA" "SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"
 3 CL : "CLEVELAND" "HOUSTON" "NASHVILLE"
 28 DD : "HALLIGAN" "EVANS" "MEEVIN" "ARUNTA" "LEUTZE" "KILLEN" "SAUFLEY"
 "TAYLOR" "NICHOLAS" "HELM" "MAURY" "MCCALL" "R.P. LEARY" "LAMSON"
 "WILSON" "GILLEY" "BAGLEY" "H.L. EDWARDS" "CHARRETTE" "ISHERWOOD"
 "AUSTIN" "LUCE" "MUGFORD" "LAXTON" "SMITH" "RUSSELL"

Escorts

66 : 2 SS : "S.45" "S.47"
 17 DE : "M.C. WANN" "HALLORAN" "DELAHANTY" "EVERSOLE" "ODERENDER"
 "SPANGLER" "CADAN" "LAPRALE" "FOREMAN" "RAYMOND" "EDMONDS"
 "R.S. SUESSENS" "J.C. DUTLER" "DEBAS" "OSBERG" "ROBT. BRAZIER"
 3 PF : "ORANGE" "VAN BUREN" "BURLKIN" 4 SC: 732, 98, 1004, 1375
 9 PC : 598, 600, 742, 1228, 1170, 1421, 1600, 1601, 1602/ 2 PCS:
 31 YMS: 1, 10, 46, 48, 81, 97, 140, 158, 184, 197, 238, 243, 386, 318, 319,
 327, 328, 340, 341, 342, 360, 363, 353, 364, 368, 380, 409, 410
 2 PCS: 1391, 1418

Auxiliaries

74 : "FAYETTE" "DIXTER" "OLMSTEAD" (APA) "TALAMANC" "MERCUR" (AF)
 "POYANG" (AE) "CACAPON" "CHIKASKIA" "NESHANIC" "SARANAC" "WINOOSKI"
 "CALIENTE" "ESCAMEDIA" "NEORARA" "CHEPACHET" (AO) "JASON" (AG)
 "CYRENE" (AGP) "AMYCUS" (AR) "CERU" "LEYTE" "MINLANAO" (ARG) "CETUS"
 "SHAULA" "PHOBOS" "LYRA" "INLUS" "CRUX" "SAGITARIUS" (AK) "ALYCONE"
 (AKA) "HAMMONSPORT" (AKV) "YOUNG AMERICA" (AP) "CHANGE" "SCUFFLE"
 "CAPTIVATE" (AM) "DRIAREUS" "MELUS" (AR) "TERR" "TANADA" "LIPAN"
 "ARAPAHO" "KINGFISHER" "MENOMINEE" "WATCH HILL" "CHIKASIA" "CHOWANOC"
 (AT) "MONASNOCK" (CM) "ROCKY MOUNT" (AGC) "CLEMSON" (AVL) "PRESERVE"
 (ARS) "RIO GRANDE" "ELKHORN" "PASQUOTANK" (AGG) "OTUS" (AS) "DENALLA"
 "PATHFINDER" (AGS) "ALDASTER" (PYC) "ANDREW LORIAN" "LEOPARD"
 "STONEWALL" "ADRENAL" (IX) "DOWNTIFUL" (AH) "SIERRA" "HITNEY"
 "PIEDMONT" (L) "LAURADA" (AG) 1 ARD: 20 2 ALSD
 2 AFD: 8, 20 3 YP: 280, 288, 585

Cape Gloucester:

Escorts 2 : 2 SC : 631, 1004
 Auxiliaries 7 : "CAPRICORNUS" (AE) "CLYDE" "W.P. BIDDLE" "A.T. MIDDLETON" "CATSKILL"
 "F. FUNSTON" (APA) "CHARA" (AKA)

Alexishafen-Madang:

Escorts 3 : 1 ML : 802 1 HLML: 1339 1 AMS: "GLENELG"
 Auxiliaries 4 : "KOOPA" (AG) "PING WO" (ASIS) "MESQUITE" (CGC) 1 YP: 504

Langenak:

Combat units 1 CVE : "THETIS BAY"
 Escorts 6 : 3 SC : 695, 720, 743 3 PC: 218, 585, 1491
 Auxiliaries 13 : "RIFLEMAN" (AM) "ST GILES" "RACE POINT" "CHIPPEWA" (AT) "KATOOMB"
 "GEN. H. SCOTT" "LUNTRON" (AP) "GAMBLE" (LM) "BULL WHEEL" (YO)
 "TRINITY" (AO) "WARRICK" (AK) "OVERTON" (APD)

Lae:

Escorts 3 : 1 ML : 820 2 HLML: 1321, 1328
 Auxiliaries 1 : "CAMERIAN SALVOR" (AS)

Jacquinet Bay:

Escorts 1 : 1 ML : 802
 Auxiliaries 1 : "LAURIANA" (AG)

Oro Bay:

Escorts 1 : 1 PS : "WARREGO"
 Auxiliaries 2 : "UVALE" (APA) "CASA GRANDE" (LSD)

Milne Bay:

Escorts 6 : 1 A/S: "WILCANNIA" 1 PF: "HUTCHINSON" 1 DE: "DARBY"
 1 SC: 699 1 HLML: 1327 1 PC: 590
 Auxiliaries 8 : "ARAYAT" (IX) "MAUNA LOA" (AE) "ORMISTON" (AP) "LARK" (AT)
 "BUNGAREE" (CM) 3 YP: 278, 449, 514

Port Moresby:

Escorts 1 : 1 ML : 819

2. SOLOMONS

(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

(1) "SC.518" escorting "MEXICO" departed Emirau 16 Dec for Brisbane ETA 1300/22.

(b) In Harbour:

Emirau:

Escorts 7 : 1 LE: "STAFELD" 2 YMS: "TUI", 250 4 SC: 502, 620, 703, 1274
 Auxiliaries 4 : "HYPERION" (AK) "TAGANAK" (AGG) 2 YP: 233, 514

Green Is:

Combat units 5 PT
 Escorts 1 : 1 YMS: 94
 Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YP: 248

Torokina:

Combat units 4 LL : "SPROSTON" "PICKING" "WICKES" "MONSSEN"
 Escorts 16 : 2 SC: 1188, 1590 6 PC: 477, 702, 1132, 1170, 1231, 1242
 4 LE: "HAMMON" "ADERCROMDIE" "GILLIGAN" "LERAY WILSON"
 1 PCS: 1420 3 YMS: 176, 311, 389
 Auxiliaries 31 : "CASSIOPEIA" "LIACO" (AK) "ANTARES" (AKS) "YUMA" (AT) "EMPIRE MACE"
 "LIEP A" "ALMAAK" "ALSHAIN" "TITANIA" "MANOORA" "KANIMBLA" "LOTHIAN"
 "WEST ALIA" "EMPIRE BATTLEAXE" "EMPIRE ARQUESBUS" (LSI) "LOYEN"
 "LAMARU" "HARRIS" "ALPINE" "SHERIDAN" "BOLIVAR" "HARR LEE"
 "SARASOTA" (APA) "OXARK" (LSV) "PRES. POLK" "STARLIGHT" (AP)
 "PINKNEY" (APH) "SHAWNEE" (AT) "MT. OLYMPUS" (AGC) "HIPSTOCK" (YO)

Treasury Is:

Combat units 14 PT
 6 FCM
 Escorts 8 : 1 LE: "PAUL G. BAKER" 2 PC: 479, 605 1 YMS: 45
 Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YN: "PALM"

Anda:

Escorts 2 : 2 YMS: "KIWI", 196

EAST AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

- (1) "HML.1342" departed Caloundra 1600/19 for Townsville ETA 0600/23 for onward routing to Madang.
- (2) "KIAMA" (AMS) was to depart Caloundra 1600/19 for Sydney ETA 0630/22.
- (3) "ML.803" was to depart Caloundra 1500/19 for Sydney ETA 1300/21.
- (4) "KALGOORLIE" "DALLARAT" "GOULDBURN" (AMS) departed Sydney 1447/16 to RV with "WHYALLA" (AMS) off Wilson's Promontory.

(b) In Harbour:Mercuke:

Escorts 3 : 2 YMS: "SMEROE" "MERBABOE" 1 HML: 1326

Thursday Is:

Escorts 2 : 1 AMS: "ECHUCA" 1 HML: 1353
 Auxiliaries 3 : "WINTER" "CHALLENGER" "CAPE LEEUWIN" (AGS)

Townsville:

Escorts 4 : 1 AMS: "DENLIGO" 1 ML: 827 2 HML: 1324, 1329
 Auxiliaries 2 : "POLARIS" (AGS) 1 YP: 615

Cairns:

Escorts 7 : 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" 4 ML: 428, 806, 809, 431
 2 HML: 1322, 1323
 Auxiliaries 1 : "FIRE ISLAND" (AT)

Bowen:

Auxiliaries 1 : "HEROS" (AT)

Brisbane:

Combat units 3 SS : "S.42" "NAGHAL" "NAUTILUS"
 Escorts 10 : 6 ML: 424, 425, 810, 811, 820, 821 2 YMS: 313, 393
 1 A/S: "KYERA" 1 HML: 1129
 Auxiliaries 5 : "ETOLIN" (AK) "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "GEN. BUTNER" "TAROOMA" (AP)
 "TRIANGULUM" (AK)

Sydney:

Combat units 2 CL : "HOBART" (refitting) "TLOMP"
 3 DL : "GLENLOWEN" "QUICKMATCH" "QUEENSDOROUGH"
 1 OLE : "STUART"
 2 SS : "K.9" "K.12"
 Escorts 10 : 1 PC: 597 1 SC: 1039 1 A/S: "YANERA"
 7 ML: 426, 801, 815, 816, 819, 822
 Auxiliaries 10 : "POINT LOMA" "MATO" (AT) "MANUNDA" "JANGANELLA" (AH) "ALENT" (CM)
 "OCTORARA" (IA) "LISE MAELSK" (AGC) "GALEONI AN SALVOR" (AGS)
 "PLAYTUS" (AR) "POLLUX" (AKS)

Melbourne:

Combat units 1 OCL : "AELALE"
 1 DL : "NIZAM"
 Escorts 10 : "ABRAHAM CRINJUN SEN" "LOOMBA" (A/S) "PIRIE" "BOWEN" "LISMORE"
 "MARYBOROUGH" "TRUNEI" (AMS) 2 HML: 1340, 1350
 Auxiliaries 1 : "GENERAL MANN" (AP)

4. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

(1) Task Force 71:

On Patrol 29 SS : "DECURIA" "BLENNY" "ANGLER" "PADDLE" "HAMMERHEAD" "LAPON" "COLIA"
 "CAVALLA" "D AYI" "HOE" "TELFIN" "SIREN" "LACE" "BERG ALL" "ROCK"
 "DASHA" "GUITARRO" "GURNAD" "GUAVINA" "BARBERO" "FLASHER"
 "KRAKEN" "HAWKILL" "MUSKELLUNGE" "DESUCO" "HARDHEAD" "SEA LION"
 "MINGO" "STORM" "TELEMACHUS"
 On Passage 16 SS : "CLYDE" "K.14" "LUEGILL" "TANTALUS" "TASK" "ZWAARDFISCH" "CAIMAN"
 "HAKE" "FLOUNDER" "TANTIVY" "SLA ROVE" "PARGO" "SPITEFUL" "PERCH"
 "GADILAN" "STINGRAY"

(2) "SHEPPARTON" (IGS) departed Darwin 0806/18 Dec for Survey ground vicinity Cape Courcroy.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Escorts 4 : 3 ML : 429, 801, 812 1 HMML: 1329
 Auxiliaries 2 : "STELLA" (IGS) "CHANTICLEER" (AS)

Cassini Is:

Escorts 2 : 2 AMS: "JUNEE" "HORSHAM"

5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

Nil report.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat units 1 CA : "SUFFOLK"
 14 SS : "WREATH" "K.15" "O.19" "SPLIT" "STUDY" "BLACKFIN" "HALLO" "JACK"
 "ABEL" "FLYING FISH" "CROWLER" "GUNNEL" "TUNA" "GAR"
 Escorts 6 : 1 PF : "CORPUS CHRISTI" 1 PS: "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA"
 2 YIS: 11, 72 1 SG: 720
 Auxiliaries 7 : "ANTHEON" "EURYALE" "MILLSTONE" (AS) "COUCAL" (AS) "ISRAEL" (PY)
 1 ARD: 10 1 YP: 286

Bunbury:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "BUNBURY"

(ii) ENEMY FORCESA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

1. S. CHINA SEA - Further sightings 19 and 20 Dec. of the enemy naval forces off Saigon are summarized hereunder:-

A.M. 19 Dec.: 6 transports, 1 tanker, 4 escort vessels left Cap St. Jacques towards N.E.
 2300/19 Dec.: 4 transports, 2 tankers left Cap St. Jacques.
 1200/20 Dec.: 6 transports, 3 escort vessels left Cap St. Jacques.
 The task force units involving:-
 2 battleships
 2 cruisers
 5 destroyers

were still in the vicinity of Cap St. Jacques A.M. 20 Dec.

1. PHILIPPINES

- (1) Lingayen Gulf - At 1330/20 Dec. reconnaissance aircraft sighted 12 sea trucks, mainly small type, many small craft off San Fernando, also 2 beached oil barges.

- (2) Verde Is. Passage - On 19 Dec. barges in Batangas Bay (on N. shores of Verde Is. Passage) were attacked by 8 Lightnings and several were destroyed: 6 medium bombers were also strafed on Batangas airdrome and 3 were damaged.

- (3) Mindoro - Consolidation of defence perimeters and shore batteries continues without interference from enemy land forces.

Enemy air activity over Mindoro continued on 20 Dec., if anything on an increased scale. Shortly before noon 28 enemy fighters with 1 reconnaissance plane (possibly representing a strongly escorted photographic reconnaissance mission) were engaged by 8 Thunderbolts, 3 Lightnings over the beachhead as a result of which the enemy reconnaissance and 10 fighters were shot down plus 3 probables for the loss of 1 Thunderbolt although 2 more Thunderbolts are missing.

Night 19-20 Dec. 2 ships described as 1 destroyer, 1 medium freighter transport were attacked by Catalina off N.E. coast Mindoro: a damaging near miss was scored on the merchant ship.

- (4) Visayan Sea - At 1330/20 Dec. 2 coastal freighters were seen by aircraft off S. Gigante Is. (off N.E. Panay).

- (5) Visayas - At 1117/19 Dec. Fabrica airdrome was attacked by 17 Mitchells escorted by 10 Thunderbolts. The strip and revetment areas were hit and 3 aircraft on the ground were left burning as a result of strafing of 6-7 planes seen there. Also on 19 Dec. sweeps were conducted thus:-

Fabrica, Bacolod, Silay, Alicante by 8 Lightnings: 2 parked planes destroyed 4 damaged.

Malogo, Carolina by 24 Corsairs: 1 enemy fighter shot down of 3 intercepting over Carolina: 1 Corsair lost.

Night 19-20 Dec. Bacolod, Alicante and Carolina airdromes were bombed during harassing Liberator raids.

On 20 Dec. Iahug airdrome was bombed by Liberators without opposition.

- (6) Leyte - On the main Ormoc-Pinamopoan highway our forces have almost formed a junction near Kananga advancing S., Kananga had been reached by 1000/20 Dec. and house to house mopping up was in progress 1 hour later. In the drive N. from Valencia and Libungao, our patrols reached a point only 200 yards S. of Kananga on 20 Dec.

There is evidence of the enemy's withdrawal westwards along the Palompon road and southwards on the west coast of the N.W. Peninsula. Our forces are harassing such movements. On 19 Dec. stores at Palompon were attacked by 12 Corsairs.

Destruction continues of the Jap remnants in the coastal plains between Albuera coast and the mountains. A "banzai" charge against our Ipil perimeter on 20 Dec. was repulsed with a loss of 50 Jap dead. On 20 Dec. targets E. of Ipil designated by our ground forces, were attacked by 16 Kittyhawks.

- (7) Mindanao - On 19 Dec. reconnaissance plane sighted 8 sea trucks, mainly small type in Davao Harbor and later Mitchells attacked this concentration of small craft destroying 1 lugger and 5 barges.

On 20 Dec. Sassa airdrome was bombed by a group of Liberators without opposition.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)

- (8) Sulu Archipelago - Photos 18 Dec. show San Roque (near Zamboanga) and Zettlefield (Tolo) airdromes unserviceable with no operational aircraft present. On 20 Dec. San Roque airdrome was attacked by a group of Mitchells.
On 19 Dec. aircraft reported 2 freighter transports (2000-4500 tons each) and 3 sea trucks at Zamboanga.

3. EAST INDIES

- (1) Morotai - At 0400/20 Dec. an enemy plane approached Morotai from S.W., dropped bombs in water and retired to S.W.
- (2) N.W. Borneo - At 1140/18 Dec. aircraft reported 2 small-medium freighters, 10 sea trucks in Brunei Bay. At 1340/20 Dec. 2 sea trucks in Jesselton harbor and at 1350/18 Dec. 3 sea trucks, 4 luggers in a bay 10 miles N.N.W. of Jesselton. 1 sea truck was also observed in Marudu Bay.
- (3) N. Celebes - On 18 Dec. Manado was attacked by 10 Beaufighters and on 19 Dec. Sidate airdrome was attacked by 15 Beaufighters.
- (4) Ambon - On 17, 18 and 19 Dec. Ambon area airdromes were attacked by Mitchells and Havocs on a moderate scale.
- (5) Halmahera-Dutch New Guinea - On 18 and 19 Dec. airdromes, barges and supply bases in N. Halmahera were attacked by small flights of Kittyhawks and Mustangs. On 17 Dec. 70 Kittyhawks made a sweep of N. Halmahera-N.W. New Guinea.
4. BRITISH NEW GUINEA - On 19 Dec. Wewak stores and jetty area were attacked by 6 Liberators, 7 Mitchells.
5. BISMARCK-SOLOMONS - On 19 Dec. Lakunai airdrome was attacked by 33 Mitchells and Kavieng strip was cratered by a heavy Dauntless strike. Offensive sweeps were also conducted 19 Dec. by Corsairs and Venturas.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

1. JAPAN - Early 15 Dec. Tokyo was harassed by 2 Superfortresses and at 0930-1015/15 Dec. Nagoya and Kobe were also raided by single Superfortresses.
Early 18 Dec. harassing raids were conducted by single Superfortresses over Nagoya and between 1300-1440/18 Dec. Mitsubishi aircraft plant was attacked by 69 Superfortresses dropping 160 tons bombs: preliminary reports indicate that bombing was excellent. 3 squadrons of Superfortresses reported heavy air opposition: 1 Superfortress was lost at sea, 1 crash-landed at base and 2 are missing.
2. NAMPO SHOTO - On 15 Dec. Iwo Jima airfields and installations were bombed by 31 Liberators with 68 tons bombs: 3 enemy fighters intercepted. As previously reported these targets were bombed 17 Dec. by 50 Liberators dropping 112 tons bombs.
3. CAROLINES - On 17 Dec. Yap was bombed by 10 Avengers, 12 Corsairs.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

- (1) Further sightings enemy fleet units S. China Sea.
- (2) Increased enemy air activity Mindoro but still negligible opposition to land consolidation.
- (3) Accelerated progress on Leyte.
- (4) Continued enemy air reinforcement of Formosa and Philippines.
- (5) Repeated Blue strikes on aircraft plants Japan and airfield Iwo Jima.
- (6) Enemy submarine activity Philippines, W. and Central Pacific and Indian Ocean including use of midget submarines.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

* Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)

ENEMY FORCES
(Incl. Mandates)

<u>BB</u>	(6) CALIFORNIA COLORADO	MISSISSIPPI	NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA	WEST VIRGINIA	-
<u>BE</u>	(22) ALAVA BAY ALTAMAHAN BARNES BISMARCK SEA SHAMROCK BAY	HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KITKUN BAY LUNGA POINT MAKIN ISLAND	MANILA BAY MARCUS ISLAND NATOMA BAY OMMNEY BAY PETROF BAY WAKE ISLAND	SAGINAW BAY SALAMAUA SAVO ISLAND SHIPLEY BAY STEAMER BAY THETIS BAY	-
<u>CA</u>	(6)#CANBERRA LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PORTLAND	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE		-
<u>CL</u>	(11) BOISE #CLEVELAND COLUMBIA	DENVER #HOUSTON MONTELLIER	#NASHVILLE PHOENIX #HOUSTON	ADELAIDE #HOBART #TROMP	-
<u>CV</u>	(2) CURRITUCK	TANGIER			-
<u>CP</u>	(8) BELKNAP CHINCOTEAGUE	GOLDSBOROUGH HALF MOON	HERON ORCA	SAN CARLOS SAN PABLO	-
<u>DD</u>	(99) ABBOTT ALLEN M.SUMNER AUSBURNE AUSTIN BAGLEY BARTON BELL BRAINE BRYANT BURNS BUSH CHARRETTE C.J.BADGER CLAXTON COGHLAN CONY CONYGHAM CONNER CONVERSE CONWAY C.T.BADGER	DRAYTON EATON EVANS FLETCHER FLUSSER FOOTE GANSEVOORT GRIDLEY HALFORD HARADEN HALLIGAN HALL HELM H.L.EDWARDS HOPEWELL HOWORTH INGRAHAM ISHERWOOD JENKINS KNAPP KILLEN KIMBERLEY LAFFEY	LAMSON LANG LA VALLETTE LEUTZE LUCE MCCALL MAURY MCDERMOTT MCGOWAN MELVIN MERTZE MOALE MONSSEN MORRIS MUGFORD MUSTIN NEWCOMB NICHOLAS O'BANNON O'BRIEN PAUL HAMILTON PICKING PRINGLE	RATHBURNE REMEY RALPH TALBOT RENSHAW ROBINSON R.P.LEARY RUSSELL SAMUEL C.REID SIGOURNEY SMITH SPROSTON STACK STEMBEL STERETT STEVENS TAYLOR TWIGGS WALKE WALLER WICKES WILSON WM.D.PORTER YOUNG	-
	ARUNTA GLENDDOWER	NIZAM QUEENSBOROUGH	QUICKMATCH STUART	VENDETTA WARRAMUNGA	-

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Approx. 175

* Excluding Cenpac forces temporarily at sea in C.W.P.A.
Non-effective.

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES
South West Pacific (Eastern Section)

ENEMY FORCES
(Incl. Mandates)

<u>AKA</u>	(76)	ALGOL (AKA)	CLEMSON (APA)	WAYNE (APA)
<u>APA</u>		AIHENA	CUSTER	W.P.BIDDLE
<u>AFD</u>		ALMAAK	DOYEN	BROOKS (AFD)
<u>ISI</u>		ALSHAIN	DUFANE	COFER
		ALYCOONE	FAYETTE	CROSBY
		AQUARIUS	ERLAND	DICKERSON
		CAPRICORNUS	F.FUNSTON	HERBERT
		DIPHDA	FREMONT	HUMPHREYS
		CHARA	FULLER	KEPHART
		LIBRA	GILLIAM	KILTY
		O'HARA	GOLDEN CITY	LIDDLE
		THUBAN	HARRY LEE	MANLEY
		UVALDE	HASKELL	NEWMAN
		ALPINE (APA)	HEYWOOD	OVERTON
		ADAIR	H.T.ALLEN	SANDS
		APPLING	KNOX	SCHLEY
		ARIADNE	LEEDSTOWN	TALBOT
		A.T.MIDDLETON	LELAND	KANTIBLA (ISI)
		BANNER	LEO CLYMAN	MANOCRA
		BAXTER	LAWARR	WESTRALIA
		BOLIVAR	MONROVIA	CLAN LAMONT
		CALVERT	OLNSTEAD	EMPIRE ARQUEBUS
		CAMBERIA	SARASOTA	EMPIRE BATTLEAXE
		CAVALIER	SHERIDAN	EMPIRE MACE
		CLAY	WARREN	EMPIRE SPEARHEAD
				GLENEARN
<u>BC</u>	(5)	BLUE RIDGE	MOUNT MCKINLEY	WASATCH
		MOUNT OLYMPUS	ROCKY MOUNT	
<u>BS</u>	(3)	GRIFFIN	HOLLAND	ORUS
<u>BD</u>	(4)	DOBBIN	SIERRA	WHITNEY
		PIEDMONT		
<u>BR</u>	(4)	BRIAREUS	PLATYPUS	RIGEL
		MEDUSA		
<u>BRB</u>	(1)	MIDAS		
<u>BRG</u>	(5)	CEBU	LEYTE	OGLALA
		CULIBRA ISLAND	MINDANAO	
<u>BRH</u>	(1)	JASON		
<u>BRJ</u>	(4)	ACHILLES	EGERIA	REMUS
		AMYCUS		
<u>BRK</u>	(4)	CABLE	PRESERVER	VENUS
		GRAPPLE		
<u>BRD</u>	(10)	ASHLAND	GUNSTON HALL	
		BELIEG OVE	LIBDENWALD	
		CARTER HALL	OAKHILL	
		CASA GRANDE	RUSHMORE	
		EPPING FOREST	WHITE MARSH	

4. CENTRAL PACIFIC
(Including N. and S. Pacific Area)

	# ALLIED FORCES		S. China Sea Incl. Formosa Singapore	Empire	
EP (14)	ALABAMA IDAHO INDIANA IOWA	MASSACHUSETTS MISSOURI NEW JERSEY NORTH CAROLINA	OKLAHOMA SOUTH DAKOTA WASHINGTON WISCONSIN	(2) KONGO (3)*YAMATO MUSASHI (sev. *NAGATO dmgd. prob. *HARUNA sunk)	
EB/XCV	-	-	(2) HYUGA ISE	-	
GV (17)	BENNINGTON BUNKER HILL ENTERPRISE ESSEX FRANKLIN	HANCOCK HORNET INPREPID LEXINGTON RANGER SARATOGA	TICONDEROGA WASP YORKTOWN BON HOMME RICHARD RANDOLPH SHANGRI LA	- -) present) status) unknown	(4) KATSURAGI AMAGI HAYATAKA UNRYU (poss. S. China Sea)
) BATAAN BELLEAU WOOD CABOT	COWPENS INDEPENDENCE LANGLEY	MONTEREY SAN JACINTO	- -	(1) RYUHO
AVE (36)	ADMIRALTY IS. ASTROLABE BAY BITTU BOUGAINVILLE BRETON BUGARELI BAY CAPE ESPERANCE CASABLANCA CHAPIN BAY CHENANGO CORALREE CORAL SEA	FANSHAW BAY HOLLANDIA GILBERT ISLANDS KALININ BAY KWAJALEIN BAY LONG ISLAND MAKASSAR STRAIT MATANAKAU MUNDA NASSAU NEHEMIA BAY PRINCE WILLIAM	ROI RUDYERD BAY SANGAMON SANTEE SARGENT BAY SITKOH BAY SUNNINEE TAKANAS BAY TANANEK BAY WHITE PLAINS WINDHAM BAY CORREGIDOR	(1) KAIYO	(1) OPLA
	(10) BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER DULUTH	INDIANAPOLIS PENSACOLA NEW ORLEANS	SALT LAKE CITY SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA	(1-4) CHOKAI *TAKAO) prob. MYOKO) all NACHI) sunk	(4) IBUKI (Poss. S. China Sea) *TONE *AOBA *HAGURO
CC	-	-	-	-	6
	(23) ASTORIA BILOXI *BIRMINGHAM CONCORD DETROIT FLINT *HONOLULU	*BLANDER GAMBIER MIAMI MOBILE OAKLAND PASADENA RALEIGH RICHMOND	SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN SANTA FE TRENCON ST LOUIS VICKSBURG *RENO WILKES BARRE	(1-2) KISO KINU) 1 or poss. IBUKUM.) both sunk)	(3-4)*YAMAGI *SAKAWA *ISUZU *OYODO) poss. sunk)
IT	-	-	KASHII	-	KASHIMA
CVS (4)	BALLARD CHANDELEUR	CURTIS	POCOMOKE	-	(2) ASKITSUSHIMA *NOTORO
	Approx. 150			20	15 (several repairing)
	Approx. 150			10	Approx. 50
	?			?	2 (1 repairing)

* Non-effective.

Some of these units operating temporarily in S.P.A.

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> Southwest Pacific (Western Section)			<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> Indian Ocean		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u> Indian Ocean
<u>BB</u>	-		(4) HOWE QUEEN ELIZABETH	RENOWN VALIANT	-
<u>CV</u>	-		(3) ILLUSTRIOUS INDOMITABLE	VICTORIOUS	-
<u>CVE</u>	-		(7) ACTIVITY AMEER ATHELING BATTLER	BEGUM SHAH UNICORN	-
<u>CA</u> (1) SUFFOLK			(2) CUMBERLAND	LONDON	-
<u>CL</u>	-		(6) ACHILLES CEYLON KENYA	NEWCASTLE NIGERIA PHOEBE	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-		(1) ALBATROSS		-
<u>CVL</u>	-		(2) CANTON	CHITRAL	-
<u>DD</u>			Approx. 27		-
<u>SS</u> (64)	ANGLER BARBERO BASHAW BATFISH BAYA BECUNA BERGAL BESUGO BLENNY BLUEGILL CAIMAN COBIA DACE DARTER FLASHER	FLYING FISH GAR GROWLER GUAVINA GUITARO GUNNEL GURNARD HADDO HAKE HAMMERHEAD HARDHEAD HAWKBILL HOE JACK KRAKEN	LAPON MINGO MUSKELLUNGE MARWHALL NAUTILUS PADDLE PARGO REDFIN ROCK SEA LION SEA WOLF STINGRAY TUSK S.42 S.45 S.47		10 (Possibly all German)
	CLYDE SEA ROVER SIRDAR	SPITEFUL SPLIT STORM STURDY	TANTALUS TANTIVY TELEMACHUS		
	K.9 K.12	K.14 K.15	0.19 ZWAARDFISCH		
<u>AS</u> (3)	ANTHEDON	EURYALE	MAIDSTONE		

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY SHORE-BASED AIR STRENGTH

	SOLOMONS		PHILIPPINES			MANDATE
	BISMARCKS	EAST INDIES	Luzon	Visayas	Mindanao	
Fighters	3	127	101	73	37	6
S/E Bombers	-	14	39	-	11	-
T/E Bombers	-	69	56	18	21	3
Flying Boats	-	6	-	-	-	-
Float Planes	10	60	27	12	14	6
Obsn. A/C	2	15	18	10	3	4
TOTAL	15	291	241	113	86	19

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle.

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PART I

(i) ALLIED FORCES

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NEW GUINEA - BISMARCKS

(a) At Sea to 1200/22:

- (1) (a) Task Force 70: 63 PT
6 AGP: "WILLOUGHBY" "WACHAPREAGUE" "HILO" "PONTUS" "OYSTER BAY" "ORESTES"
- (b) Task Force 73: 5 AVP: "HALF MOON" "HERON" "ORCA" "SAN PABLO" "SAN CARLOS"
2 AV: "TANGIER" "CURRITUCK" 2 AVR
- (c) Task Force 75: 38 XAK 1 CGC: "BUTTWOOD" 1 ARD: "EGERIA" 1 APA: "GILLIAM"
3 AK: "BOOTES" "RUTILICUS" "MURZIN" 2 ARS: "CALE" "GRAPPLE"
4 AT: "HIPPOCAMPUS" "QUAPA" "RESERVE" "HIDATSU" 1 AJ: "STAG"
1 PF: "GASCOYNE" 4 PC(R): 849, 851, 852, 853 1 PS: "WARREGO"
5 LX: "JARILCO" "MINK" "PANDA" "ARETHUSA" "PORCUPINE" 1 PG: 1128
4 DD: "KIMBERLEY" "MCGOWAN" "YOUNG" "W.D. PORTER" 1 ARD: 9
12 YMS: 6, 8, 39, 48, 51, 52, 71, 314, 315, 329, 339, 481 1 HDML: 1074
13 SC: 637, 725, 729, 731, 734, 735, 737, 744, 748, 749, 1004, 1365, 1368
1 AN: "TEAERRY" 3 DE: "JOBS" "HOLT" "CHAFFEE"
TU.75.2.5: 8 XAK 1 AC: "BISHOPDALE" 1 FS 1 LST 1 LSM 1 DD: "ROSS"
4 PF: "ALLENTOWN" "MACHIAS" "CHARLOTTESVILLE" "SANDUSKY"
2 DE: "THOS. F. NICHEL" "C. J. KIMMELL"
TU.75.2.7: 4 ARD: "LLOYD" "NEWMAN" "KEPHART" "COFER"
- (d) Task Force 76:
TU.76.4.15: 14 LST plus escorts
TU.76.4.19: 1 PF: "EL PASO" 1 ARG: "OGLALA" 1 IX: "CARONDOLET" 1 FS
TU.76.4.22: 5 LSD: "WHITEMARSH" "OKAHILL" "EPPING FOREST" "GUNSTON HALL" "BELLGROVE"
2 DE: "DANIEL A. JOY" "HODGES" 3 DD: "CALDWELL" "HARADEN" "HUGHES"
4 ARD: "CROSBY" "KILTY" "SCHLEY" "HERBERT"
TU.76.4.24: 11 XAK 7 LST 2 LCM 1 FS HLO 1 AF: "OCTANS" 1 AO: "POCKETCANYON"
2 AGC: "SHIKELLAMY" "SUSQUEHANNA" 2 AE: "PYRO" "YUNNAN" 1 ATF: "APACHE"
4 DE: "RILEY" "MCNULTY" "J. B. KNOX" "METIVERI" 1 PCE(R): 848
- (e) Task Force 77: 1 AGC: "WASATCH" 1 BB: "NEW MEXICO" 2 CA: "LOUISVILLE" "MINNEAPOLIS"
17 DL: "BRYANT" "CONYGHAM" "COOPER" "EDWARDS" "GANSEVOORT" "CONVERSE"
"REED" "C. A. AUSDRUNE" "NEWCOMB" "STANLEY" "FOOTE" "MCDERMOTT"
"STENDEL" "STERETT" "WILSON" "MERTZ" "PATTERSON"
TG.77.3: 8 DD: "BARTON" "WALKER" "LAFFEY" "O'BRIEN" "A. E. SUMNER" "INGRAHAM" "MOALE"
"LOWRY" 1 CA: "PORTLAND" 2 CL: "PHOENIX" "BOISE"
TG.77.1.2 (c) 2 BB: "WEST VIRGINIA" "COLORADO" 3 CL: "DENVER" "MONTPELIER" "COLUMBIA"
10 DD: "WALLER" "RENSHAW" "RODINSON" "CONWAY" "CONY" "LENNICH" "EATON"
"SIGOURNEY" "CONNOR"
- (b) 6 CVE: "MARCUS ISLAND" "NATOMA BAY" "MANILA BAY" "KALASHAN BAY"
"S. NO ISLAND" "OMMANEY BAY"
4 DD: "RALPH TALBOT" "TWIGGS" "REMEY" "BRAINE"
- (f) Task Force 78: 1 AGC: "MT. MCKINLEY"
TG.78.3: 14 DD: "WASHLELL" "HALL" "PAUL HAMILTON" "HONORTH" "PRINGLE" "LA VALLETTE"
"STEVENS" "PHILIP" "FLETCHER" "O'BANNON" "RADFORD" "HCOPEWELL" "DUSH"
"HALFORD"

(i) ALLIED FORCES (CONT)

Admiralties:

Combat units 3 EB : "CALIFORNIA" "MISSISSIPPI" "PEN. SYLVANIA"
 14 CVE : "SAGINAW BAY" "BARNES" "MAKIN ISLAND" "SALAMAU" "ALVA BAY"
 "FOGGATT BAY" "LUNGA POINT" "BISHOPCK SEA" "SHIPLEY BAY" "ALTAMARA"
 "PETROF BAY" "KITKUN BAY" "STEAMER BAY" "SHAMROCK BAY"
 3 CA : "CANDERRA" "SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"
 3 CL : "CLEVELAND" "HOUSTON" "NASHVILLE"
 28 DL : "HALLIGAN" "EVANS" "REEVIN" "ARUNTA" "LEUTZE" "KILLEN" "R.P. LEARY"
 "SAUFLEY" "TAYLOR" "NICHOLAS" "HELM" "MAURY" "MCCALL" "LAMSON"
 "WILSON" "GRIDLEY" "BAGLEY" "H.L. EDWARDS" "CHARRETT" "ISHERWOOD"
 "AUSTIN" "LUCE" "HUGFORD" "ERAYTON" "SMITH" "RUSSELL"

Escorts 2 SS : "S.45" "S.47"
 66 : 17 LE : "J.C. WANE" "HALLORAN" "DELANANTY" "EVERSOLE" "OBERRENDER"
 "SPANGLER" "CADANA" "LAPRADE" "FOREMAN" "RAYMOND" "EDMONDS"
 "R.S. SUBSENS" "J.C. DUTLER" "BEBIS" "OSBERG" "ROBT. BRAZIER"
 3 PF : "ORANGE" "VAN BUREN" "BHRLEKIN" 4 SC: 732, 98, 1004, 1375
 9 PC : 598, 600, 742, 1228, 1170, 1421, 1600, 1601, 1602
 31 YMS: 1, 10, 46, 48, 81, 97, 140, 158, 184, 197, 238, 243, 386, 318, 319,
 327, 328, 340, 341, 342, 360, 363, 353, 364, 368, 380, 409, 410

Auxiliaries 71 : 2 PCS: 1391, 1418
 "BAXTER" "OLMSTEAD" (APA) "TALAMANGA" "MERKUR" (AF) "POYANG" (AE)
 "CACAPON" "CHIKASKIA" "NESHANIC" "SARANAC" "WINOOSKI" "NEORARA"
 "CALIENTE" "ESCAMBIA" "CHEPACHET" (AO) "JASON" (ARG) "YOUNG AMERICA"
 (AP) "AMYCUS" (AR) "CEDU" "LEYTE" "MINDANAO" (ARG) "CETUS" "SHAULA"
 "PHOBOS" "LYRA" "INJUS" "CRUX" "SAGITTARIUS" (AK) "ALYCONE" (AKA)
 "HAMMONDSFORD" (AKV) "CHANGE" "SCUFFLE" "CAPTIVATE" (AM) "BRIAREUS"
 "MEDUSA" (AR) "TERN" "TANABAY" "LIPAN" "ARAPHO" "KINGFISHER"
 "WATCH HILL" "CHIKASAW" "CHOWANOC" (AT) "MONALNOCK" (CM) "CLEMSON"
 (AVD) "ROCKY MOUNT" (JGC) "PRESERVER" (ARS) "RIO GRANDE" "ELKHORN"
 "PASQUOTANK" (JOG) "OPUS" (AS) "DENALLA" "PATHFINDER" (JGS) "LEOPARD"
 "ANDREW BORI" "STONEWALL" "ABABENDA" (IX) "PATHFINDER" (JGS)
 "ALABASTER" (PYC) "BOUNTIFUL" (AH) "SIERRA" "WHITNEY" "PIELMONT" (AE)
 "LAURIBADA" (JG) 1 ARD: 20 2 ABSD 2 AFL: 8, 20 3 YP: 280, 288, 585

Cape Gloucester:

Escorts 2 : 2 SC : 631, 1004
 Auxiliaries 6 : "CAPRICORNUS" (AE) "CLYDE" "W.D. BIDDLE" "CATSKILL" "F. FUNSTON" (APA)
 "CHARA" (AKA)

Alexishafen-Madang:

Escorts 2 : 1 ML : 802 1 HMML: 1339
 Auxiliaries 4 : "KOOPA" (AG) "PING WO" (ASIS) "MESQUITE" (CGC) 1 YP: 504

Lengemak:

Combat units 1 CVE : "THETIS BAY"
 Escorts 6 : 3 SC : 695, 720, 743 3 PC: 218, 585, 1491
 Auxiliaries 11 : "RIFLEMAN" (AM) "ST GILES" "RACE POINT" "CHIPPEWA" (AT) "KATOOMBA"
 "GEN. H. TAYLOR" (AF) "GABLE" (DM) "BULL WHEEL" (YO) "WARWICK" (AK)
 "OVERTON" (APD) "A.T. MIDDLETON" (APA)

Lae:

Escorts 3 : 1 ML : 820 2 HMML: 1321, 1328
 Auxiliaries 1 : "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS)

Macquinet Bay:

Escorts 1 : 1 ML : 802
 Auxiliaries 1 : "LAURIANA" (AG)

Oro Bay:

Auxiliaries 2 : "UVALDE" (APA) "CASA GRANDE" (LSD)

Milne Bay:

Escorts 6 : 1 A/S: "WILCANNIA" 1 LE: "LARBV" 1 SC: 699 1 ML: 819
 1 PC : 5901 1 HMML: 1327
 Auxiliaries 8 : "ARAYAT" (IX) "MAJNA LOA" (AE) "LARK" (AT) "BUNGAREE" (CM)
 3 YP : 278, 449, 514

2. SOLOMONS

(a) At Sea to 1200/22:

(1) SC.518" escorting "MEXICO" departed Emirau 16 Dec for Brisbane ETA 1300/22.

(i) In Harbour:

Emirau:
 Escorts 7 : 1 LE: "STAPLE" 2 YMS: "TUI", 250 4 SC: 502, 620, 703, 1274
 Auxiliaries 6 : "HYPERION" (AK) "TIGARK" (JOG) 4 YP: 233, 414, 514, 515

Green Is:

Combat units 5 PT
 Escorts 1 : 1 YMS: 94
 Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YP: 248
Looking:
 Combat units 4 DE : "SPROSTON" "PICKING" "WICKES" "MONSSEN"
 Escorts 17 : 2 SC: 1188, 1590 7 PC: 477, 702, 1123, 1132, 1170, 1231, 1242
 4 DE: "HAMON" "ADERCROFT" "GILLIGAN" "LERAY WILSON"
 1 PCS: 1420 3 YMS: 170, 311, 389
 Auxiliaries 33 : "ALDERAMIN" "CASSIOPEIA" "DRACO" (AK) "ANTARES" (AKS) "YUMA" (AT)
 "MEDRA" "ALMAAK" "ALSHAIN" "TITANIA" (AKA) "MANOORA" "EMPIRE MACE"
 "KANIMBLA" "LOTHIAN" "WESTRALIA" "EMPIRE BATTLE AXE" "EMPIRE ARQUEBUS"
 (LSD) "BOYEN" "LAMAR" "HARRIS" "ALPINE" "SHERIDAN" "BOLIVAR" "PA
 "HARRY LEE" "SARASOTA" (APA) "OZARK" (ESV) "PRES. POLK" "STARLIGHT"
 "ORMISTON" (AP) "PINKNEY" (APH) "SHAMREE" (AT) "MT. OLYMPUS" (AGC)
 "WHIPSTOCK" (YO)

Treasury Is:

Combat units 14 PT
 6 PGM
 Escorts 4 : 1 DE: "PAUL G. BAKER" 2 PC: 479, 605 1 YMS: 45
 Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YN: "PALM"

Munda:

Escorts 2 : 2 YMS: "KIWI", 196

3. EAST AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea to 1200/22:

- (1) "TAROONA" (AP) departed Brisbane 1337/20 for Milne ETA 0800/24 thence Jacquinot Bay.
- (2) "UMEROON" (AP) departed Brisbane 1730/20 for Townsville ETA 2200/22 thence Torokina.
- (3) "GLENELG" (AMS) departed Langenak 21 Dec for Brisbane.
- (4) "HUTCHINSON" (PF) departed Milne Bay 0330/21 for Thursday Is ETA 1900/22.
- (5) "EBONY" (YN) departed Noumea 17 Dec ETA Sydney 0800/23.
- (6) "FIRLE" (AMS) departed Port Phillip 1500/19 for Fremantle ETA 1930/25.
- (7) "KALGOORLIE" "BALLARAT" "GOULDBURN" (AMS) departed Sydney 1447/16 to RV with "WHYALLA"
(AMS) off Wilson's Promontory.
- (8) "ACHILLES" (CL) "SWIFTSIDE" (DL) departed Fremantle 1515/20 for Hobart ETA 1730/24,
thence Sydney.

(b) In Harbour:Perth:

Escorts 3 : 2 YMS: "SPEROE" "MENDANOE" 1 HMML: 1326

Thursday Is:

Escorts 2 : 1 AMS: "ECHUCA" 1 HMML: 1353
 Auxiliaries 2 : "POLARIS" (AGS) 1 YP: 615

Uirns:

Escorts 8 : 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" 4 ML: 428, 806, 809, 431
 3 HMML: 1322, 1323, 1324

Auxiliaries 1 : "TIRE ISLAND" (AT)

Dorset:

Auxiliaries 1 : "HEROS" (AT)

Brisbane:

Combat units 3 SS : "S.42" "NAUWHAL" "NAUTILUS"
 Escorts 11 : 6 ML: 424, 425, 810, 811, 820, 821 2 YMS: 313, 393

1 A/S: "KYBRA" 2 HMML: 1129, 1343

Auxiliaries 4 : "ETOLIN" (AK) "FORTUNUS" (AGP) "GEN. BUTNER" (AP) "TRIANGULUM" (AK)

Sydney:

Combat units 2 CL : "HOBART" (refitting) "TROMP"

3 BD : "GLENCLIFF" "QUICKMATCH" "QUEENSBOROUGH"

1 OLL : "STUART"

2 SS : "K.9" "K.12"

Escorts 12 : 1 PC: 597 1 SC: 1039 1 A/S: "YANLRA" 1 AMS: "KIAMA"
 8 ML: 426, 801, 803, 815, 816, 819, 822

Auxiliaries 10 : "POINT LOMA" "TAOT" (AT) "MANUNDA" "WANGAMELLA" (AH) "ARLENT" (CM)
 "OCTORARA" (IX) "MSE MAE. SK" (AOG) "CALELONIAN SALVOR" (AMS)
 "PLATYPUS" (AR) "POLLUX" (AKS)

(i) ALLIED FORCES (CONT)

SECRET

Melbourne:

Combat units 1 OCL : "ADELAIDE"
Escorts 1 ED : "NIZAM"
Escorts 8 : "ABRAHAM CRIJNSEN" "DOOM A" (A/S) "DOWEN" "LISMORE" "MARYBOROUGH"
(MURIE" (AMS) 2 HDML: 1340, 1350

4. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(a) At Sea to 1200/22:

(1) Task Force 71:

On Patrol 29 SS : "BECUNA" "BLENBY" "ANCHER" "PADDLE" "HAMMERHEAD" "LAPON" "COBIA"
"CAYALLA" "DIXIE" "HOE" "RELFIN" "SIRIUS" "DACE" "BERGALL" "ROCK"
"DASHA" "GUITARRO" "GURNARD" "GUAVINA" "D'ARBERO" "FLASHER"
"KRACKEN" "HAWKBILL" "MUSKELLUNGE" "DESUGO" "HAMMERHEAD" "SEA LION"
"MINGO" "STORM" "TELEMACHUS"
On Passage 16 SS : "CLYDE" "K.14" "BLUEGILL" "TANTALUS" "TASK" "ZWAARFISCH" "CAIMAN"
"HIKE" "FLOUNDER" "TANTIVY" "SEA ROVER" "PARGO" "SPITEFUL" "PERCH"
"GABRIEL" "STINGRAY"

(2) "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) departed Darwin 0806/18 Dec for survey ground vicinity Cape Fourcroy.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Escorts 7 : 3 AMS: "CASTLEMAINE" "JUNEE" "HORSHAM" 1 HDML: 1329
3 ML: 429, 801, 812
Auxiliaries 3 : "STELLAR" "MORESDY" (AGS) "CHANTICLEER" (ARS)

5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(a) At Sea to 1200/22:

Nil report.

(b) In Harbour:

Perth:

Combat units 1 CA : "SUFFOLK"
14 SS : "DREAM" "K.15" "O.19" "STURLY" "BLACKFIN" "HALLO" "JACK" "SPLIT"
"BARDEL" "LYING FISH" "GROWLER" "GUNNEL" "TUNA" "GAR"
Escorts 6 : 1 PF : "CORPUS CHRISTI" 1 PS: "SAVORGNAN LE BRAZZI"
1 SC : 720 2 YMS: 11, 72
Auxiliaries 7 : "ANTHEDON" "EURYALE" "MILLSTONE" (AS) "COUCAL" (ARS) "ISABLE" (PY)
1 ARD: 10 1 YP: 286

Dunbury:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "DUNBURY"

(ii) ENEMY FORCESA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC1. S. CHINA SEA

- (1) Saigon - At 1400/20 Dec. (local time) the enemy naval task force units comprising 2 battleships, 2 cruisers (now described as light cruisers) and at least 2 destroyers were still off Cap St. Jacques: all merchant ships had departed the area.
- (2) Hainan Area - At 1745/21 Dec. a force described as 1 battleship or cruiser and 1 destroyer was observed 250 miles E.S.E. of Tonkon Pt. (E. coast Hainan) course 300°, speed 20 knots. Source of the sighting, whether submarine or aircraft, is undetermined.

2. PHILIPPINES

- (1) Lingayan Gulf - Concentration of small ships continues at San Fernando: at 1110/21 Dec. 11 sea truck type ships and 15 luggers were observed by aircraft anchored off San Fernando.
At 1045/21 Dec. a destroyer escort was sighted by aircraft outside Lingayan Gulf, course N. at 10 knots.
- (2) Manila Area - Night 20-21 Dec. Clark Field was bombed during harassing raids by 3 Liberators.
- (3) Mindoro - There were no enemy ground contacts on Mindoro on 21 Dec.
- (4) Mindoro Area - Evening 20 Dec. 2 sailing craft were sighted by aircraft off N.W. tip Marinduque Is., 3 sailing vessels and 1 landing craft type vessel were seen on Tablas Is. shores. At 1530/21 Dec. 15 fishing boats were seen anchored off N. coast Verde Is.
- (5) Masbate - On 20 Dec. Masbate airdrome was bombed by 21 Thunderbolts, 22 Lightnings.
- (6) Leyte - Bitter fighting continues at Kananga preventing our forces from N. and S. from forming a junction. Resistance from dug in positions at the outskirts of the town is reported as heavy while the fighting for Libungao was the most severe yet experienced.
Our forces are moving in strength along the Palompon road Westwards from the Tagbong river bridge.
Enemy casualties on Leyte continue to mount rapidly. At 2350/21 Dec. they totalled:-
47,742 known dead
326 Jap prisoners
128 Formosan Korean prisoners.
Our losses mounted at 2359/21 Dec. to:-
2648 killed
8685 wounded
150 missing.
- (7) Visayas - On 20 Dec. airfields on Negros, Cebu and Panay were attacked as follows:-
Lahug (Cebu): by 26 Liberators (4 Palau)
Base Bacolod (Negros): by 24 escorted Liberators
Santa Barbara (Panay): by 23 escorted Liberators.
Fighter sweeps were also carried out by 12 Thunderbolts, 9 Lightnings.
On 21 Dec. Lahug and Opon (Cebu) were attacked by Liberators and Talisay (Carolina) by Thunderbolts.
- (8) Zamboanga - At 1115/20 Dec. San Roque airdrome was attacked by 16 Mitchells.

3. EAST INDIES

- (1) Makassar Strait - A delayed reconnaissance report states that a convoy comprising 3 escorts, 1 large freighter was seen by aircraft 145 miles N.N.W. of Balikpapan, course 215°.
- (2) E. Java - At 1040/20 Dec. Malang airdrome (inland from Sourabaya) was attacked by 16 Liberators with 24 3/4 tons bombs: the runways were cratered and 8 aircraft were damaged or destroyed on the ground. Some planes were airborne but there was no interception.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)

- 3) Banda Sea - At 0845/20 Dec. a convoy comprising 1 freighter transport (2-4500 tons) 1 sea truck and 1 probable destroyer was sighted 110 miles S. of Ambon on course 200°, at 6 knots. The convoy was attacked at 1515-1530/20 Dec. 30 miles further S. by 3 Mitchells and the largest ship sunk: the sea truck was also strafed without observed effect.
- (4) Morotai - Evening 20 Dec. 2 enemy aircraft bombed Pitoe strip without effect.
- (5) Halmaheras-N. Celebes-Ambon - On 20 Dec. airdromes and supply bases were attacked by aircraft on moderate scale.

4. NEW GUINEA - On 20 Dec. But was attacked by 4 Beauforts. On 21 Dec. Wewak and Boram strips were bombed by 8 Liberators.
5. BISMARCKS-SOLOMONS - Airdromes in Kavieng area, Namtanai and Borpop, als Tobera in the Rabaul area were the main subjects of Norsols air strikes on 20 Dec., all on a moderate scale.

1. CENTRAL PACIFIC

1. JAPAN - At about dawn 20 Dec. a convoy comprising 8 small ships including 5 escorts was contacted by U. S. submarine approx. 200 miles S.S.E. Yokosuka, course N. to N.W. at 5 knots: attacks were unsuccessful.
2. NAMPO SHOTO - Continuing the air offensive against Iwo Jima airfields and installations, these targets were bombed again 19 Dec. by 52 Liberators with 118 tons of bombs: results generally were unobserved. Coordinated with this strike, the airfield areas were strafed by 16 Lightnings: 1 Jap fighter airborne, was shot down and 2 aircraft on the ground were damaged.
On 19 Dec. a reconnaissance Liberator observed 1 tanker, 6 small coasters or barges in Futami anchorage at Chichijima.
3. MIDWAY - At 1920/17 Dec. (local W. long. time) a possible submarine was located and attacked by aircraft 150 miles N.N.W. of Midway.
4. CHINA COAST - On 18 Dec. a heavy coordinated strike was conducted on airfields and installations at Hankow. 30 strongly escorted Mitchells opened the strike followed by 33 Liberators and 89 Mustangs: Superfortresses also participated but details of their function in the operation are not available. Enemy air opposition was described as weak but 21 planes were shot down, 6 probably shot down and 9 damaged in combat. In addition 21 aircraft were destroyed on the ground and another 31 probably destroyed or damaged on the ground. Fires with smoke rising to 10,000 ft. were observed from the warehouse and dock area along the river front and a large ship was observed burning as a result of Superfortress bombing.
5. FORMOSA STRAIT - A coast watcher observed a convoy described as 2 carriers, 1 large transport and 3 destroyers off Tsinking (China coast 50 miles N.E. of Amoy) at 1645/20 Dec. course N.E. Although aircraft carriers could well be in this area it is thought more likely that the convoy was a tanker/transport convoy.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

- (1) Further sightings enemy fleet units S. China Sea.
- (2) Lack of enemy reaction to Blue Mindoro landing.
- (3) Accelerated progress on Leyte.
- (4) Continued enemy air reinforcement of Formosa and Philippines.
- (5) Repeated Blue strikes on airfields Iwo Jima.
- (6) Enemy submarine activity Philippines, W. and Central Pacific and Indian Ocean including use of midget submarines.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>				<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
* Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)				(Incl. Mandates)
<u>BB</u>	(6) CALIFORNIA COLORADO	MISSISSIPPI	NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA	WEST VIRGINIA -
<u>DE</u>	(22) ALAVA BAY ALTAMAHA BARNES BISMARCK SEA SHAMROCK BAY	HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KITKUN BAY LUNGA POINT MAKIN ISLAND	MANILA BAY MARCUS ISLAND MATOMA BAY OMMNEY BAY PETROF BAY WAKE ISLAND	SAGINAW BAY SALAMAU SAVO ISLAND SHIPLEY BAY STEAMER BAY THETIS BAY -
<u>CA</u>	(6) #C. NBERRA LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PORTLAND	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	
<u>CL</u>	(11) BOISE #CLEVELAND COLUMBIA	DENVER #HOUSTON MONTELLIER	#NASHVILLE PHOENIX #HOUSTON	ADELAIDE #HOBART #TROMP -
<u>CV</u>	(2) CURRITUCK	TANGIER		-
<u>FP</u>	(8) BELKNAP CHINCOTEAGUE	GOLDSBOROUGH HALF MOON	HERON ORCA	SAN CARLOS SAN PABLO -
<u>DD</u>	(99) ABBOTT ALLEN M. SUMNER AUSBURNE AUSTIN BAGLEY BARTON BELL BRAINE BRYANT BURNS BUSH CHARRETTE C. J. BADGER CLAXTON COGHLAN CONY CONYGHAM CONNOR CONVERSE CONWAY C. T. BADGER	DRAYTON EATON EVANS FLETCHER FLUSSER FOOTE GANSEVOORT GRIDLEY HALFORD HARADEN HALLIGAN HALL HELM H. I. EDWARDS HOPEWELL HOWORTH INGRAM ISHERWOOD JENKINS KNAPP KILLEN KIMBERLEY LAFFEY	LAMSON LANG LA VALLETTE LEUTZE LUCE MCCALL MAURY MCDERMOTT MCGOWAN MELVIN MRTZE MOLLE MONSSEN MORRIS MUGFORD MUSTIN NEWCOMB NICHOLAS O'BANNON O'BRIEN PAUL HAMILTON PICKING PRINGLE	RATHBURNE REMEY RALPH TALBOT RENSHAW ROBINSON R. P. LEARY RUSSELL SAMUEL C. REID SIGOURNEY SMITH SPROSTON STACK STEMBEL STERETT STEVENS TAYLOR TWIGGS WALKE WALLER WICKES WILSON WM. D. PORTER YOUNG -
	ARUNTA GLENDOWER	NIZAM QUEENSBOROUGH	QUICKMATCH STUART	VENDETTA WARRAMUNGA -

SS
PT

Approx. 175

* Excluding Cenpac forces temporarily at sea S.W.P.A.
Non-effective.

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES
Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)

ENEMY FORCES
(Incl. Mandates)

<u>AKA</u>	(76)	ALGOL (AKA)	CLEMSON (APA)	WAYNE (APA)	-
<u>APA</u>		ATHENA	CUSTER	W.P. BIDDLE	
<u>D</u>		ALMAAK	DOHEN	WROCKS (LED)	
<u>ISI</u>		ALSWAIN	DUFAGE	COFER	
		ALYCONA	FAYETTE	CROSBY	
		AQUARIUS	FELAND	DICKERSON	
		CAPRICORNUS	F. FUNSTON	HEBERT	
		DIPHDA	FREMONT	HUMPHREYS	
		CHARA	FULLER	KEPHART	
		LIBRA	GILLIAM	KILTY	
		O'HARA	GOLDEN CITY	LIDDLE	
		THUBAN	HARRY LEE	MINLEY	
		UVALDE	HASKELL	NEWMAN	
		ALPINE (APA)	HEYWOOD	OVERTON	
		ADAIR	H.T. ALLEN	SANDS	
		APFLING	KNOX	SCHLEY	
		ARIADNE	LEEDSTOWN	TALBOT	
		A. F. MIDDLETON	LELAND	KANTIBLA (ISI)	
		BANNER	LEO CLYMAN	LINCOLN	
		BAXTER	LINARR	WESTRALIA	
		BOLIVAR	MONROVIA	CLAN LAMONT	
		CALVERT	OLMSTRAD	EMPIRE ARQUEBUS	
		CAMBRIA	SARASOTA	EMPIRE BATTLEAXE	
		CAVALIER	SHERIDAN	EMPIRE MACE	
		CLAY	WARREN	EMPIRE SPEARHEAD	
				GLENELARN	
<u>AGC</u>	(5)	BLUE RIDGE	MOUNT MCKINLEY	WASATCH	-
		MOUNT OLYMPUS	ROCKY MOUNT		
<u>AS</u>	(3)	GRIFFIN	HOLLAND	ORUS	-
	(4)	DOBBIN	SIERRA	WHITNEY	-
		PIEDMONT			
<u>AR</u>	(4)	BRIAREUS	PLATYFUS	RIGEL	-
		LENDUSA			
<u>ARS</u>	(1)	MIDAS			-
<u>ARC</u>	(5)	CEBU,	LEYTE	OGILLY	-
		CULEBRA ISLAND	MINDANAO		
<u>ARH</u>	(1)	JASON			-
<u>ARL</u>	(4)	ACHILLES	EGERIA	REMUS	-
		AMYCUS			
<u>ARS</u>	(4)	CABLE	PRESERVER	VANUS	-
		GRAPPLE			
<u>LSD</u>	(10)	ASHLAND	GUNSTON HALL		-
		BELLEVUE	LIPDENWALD		
		CARTER HALL	OAKHILL		
		CASA GRANDE	RUSHMORE		
		EFFING FOREST	WHITE MARSH		

4. CENTRAL PACIFIC
(Including N. and S. Pacific Area)

	# ALLIED FORCES		S. China Sea Incl. Formosa Singapore	Empire
<u>BB</u> (14)	ALABAMA IDAHO INDIANA IOWA	MASSACHUSETTS MISSOURI NEW JERSEY NORTH CAROLINA	OKLAHOMA SOUTH DAKOTA WASHINGTON WISCONSIN	(2) KONGO (3)*YAMATO MUSASHI (sev. *NAAGATO dmgd. prob. *HARUNA sunk)
<u>BB/XCV</u>	-	-	(2) HYUGA ISE	-
<u>CV</u> (17)	BENNINGTON BUNKER HILL ENTERPRISE ESSEX FRANKLIN	HANCOCK HORNET INTREPID LEXINGTON RANGER SARATOGA	TICONDEROGA WASP YORKTOWN BONHOMME RICHARD) RANDOLPH SHANGRI LA	(4) KATSURAGI AMAGI MAYATAKI UNRYU (poss. S. S. China Sea)status)unknown
<u>CVL</u> (8)	BATAAN BELLEAU WOOD CABOT	COMPENS INDEPENDENCE LANGLEY	MONTEREY SAN JACINTO	(1) RYUHO
<u>CVE</u> (36)	ADMIRALTY IS. ASTROLABE BAY ATTU BOUGAINVILLE BRETON BUCARLEI BAY CAPE ESPERANCE CASABLANCA CHAPIN BAY CHENANGO COPAHEE CORAL SEA	FANSHAW BAY HOLLANDIA GILBERT ISLANDS KALININ BAY KWAJALEIN BAY LONG ISLAND MOKASSAR STRAIT MATANAKAU MUNDA NASSAU NEHENTA BAY PRINCE WILLIAM	ROI RUDYERD BAY SANGAMON SANTEE SERGENT BAY SITKOH BAY SUNANNEE TAKANAS BAY TANANEK BAY WHITE PLAINS WINDHAM BAY CORREGIDOR	(1) KAIYO (1) OTAKA
<u>CA</u> (10)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER DULUTH	INDIANAPOLIS PENSACOLA NEW ORLEANS	SALT LAKE CITY (1-4) SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA	CHOKAI (4) IBUKI (poss. S. China Sea. *TAKAO) prob. MYOKO) all NACHI) sunk *AOBA *H. BURO
<u>CCA</u>	-	-	-	6
<u>C</u> (23)	ASTORIA BILOXI *BIRMINGHAM CONCORD DETROIT FLINT *HONOLULU	*LEANDER GAMBIER MIAMI MOBILE OAKLAND PASADENA RALEIGH RICHMOND	SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN SANTA FE TRENTON ST LOUIS VICKSBURG *RENO WILKES BARRE	(1-2) KISO (3-4)*YAHAGI KINU) 1 or poss. SAKAMA ABUKUMA) both *ISUZU sunk) *OYODO) poss. sunk)
<u>CIT</u>	-	-	KASHII	KASHIMA
<u>AV/CVS</u> (4)	BALLARD CHANDELEUR	GURTISS	FOCOMOKE	(2) ASKITSUSHIMA *NOTORO
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 150	-	20	15 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u>	Approx. 150	-	10	Approx. 50
<u>LS</u>	?	-	?	2 (1 repairing)

* Non-effective.

Some of these units operating temporarily in S.W.P.A.

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> Southwest Pacific (Western Section)			<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> Indian Ocean		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u> Indian Ocean
<u>BB</u>	-		(4) HOWE QUEEN ELIZABETH	RENOWN VALIANT	-
<u>CV</u>	-		(3) ILLUSTRIOUS INDOMITABLEE	VICTORIOUS	-
<u>CVE</u>	-		(7) ACTIVITY AMEER ATHELING BATTLER	BEGUM SHAH UNICORN	-
<u>CS</u> (1) SUFFOLK	-		(2) CUMBERLAND	LONDON	-
<u>CL</u>	-		(6) ACHILLES CEYLON KENYA	NEWCASTLE NIGERIA PHOEBE	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-		(1) ALBATROSS		-
<u>CVL</u>	-		(2) CANTON	CHITRAL	-
<u>DD</u>			Approx. 27		-
<u>SS</u> (64)	ANGLER BARBERO BASHAW BATFISH BAYA BECUNA BERGAL BESUGO BIENNY BLUEHILL CAIMAN COBIA DACE DARTER FLASHER	FLYING FISH GAR GROWLER GUAVINA GUITARO GUNNEL GURNARD HADDO HAKE HAMMERHEAD HARDHEAD HAWKBILL HOE JACK KR. KEN	LAPON MINGO MUSKELLUNGE NARWHALL NAUTILUS PADDLE PARCO REDFIN ROCK SEA LION SEA WOLF STINGRAY TUSK S.42 S.45 S.47		10 (Possibly all German)
	CLYDE SEA ROVER SIRDAR	SPITEFUL SPLIT STORM STURDY	TANTALUS TANTIVY TELEMACHUS		
	K.9 K.12	K.14 K.15	O.19 ZWAARDFISCH		
<u>AS</u> (3)	ANTHEDON	EURYALE	MAIDSTONE		

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY SHORE-BASED AIR STRENGTH

	SOLOMONS		EAST INDIES	PHILIPPINES			MANDANAN
	BISMARCKS			Luzon	visayas	Mindanao	
Fighters	3	127	101	73	37	6	
S/E Bombers	-	14	39	-	11	-	
T/E Bombers	-	69	56	18	21	3	
Flying Boats	-	6	-	-	-	-	
Float Planes	10	60	27	12	14	6	
Obsn. A/C	2	15	18	10	3	4	
TOTAL	15	291	241	113	86	19	

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PART I

(1) ALLIED FORCES

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NEW GUINEA - BISMARCKS

(a) At Sea to 1200/23:

(1), (a) Task Force 70: 63 PT

6 AGP: "WILLOUGHBY" "WACHAPREAGUE" "HILO" "PONTUS" "OYSTER BAY" "ORESTES"

(b) Task Force 73: 5 AVP: "HALF MOON" "HERON" "ORCA" "SAN PABLO" "SAN CARLOS" 2 AV:
2 AV: "TANGLER" "CURRITUCK"

(c) Task Force 75: 38 XAK 1 CGC: "BUTTONWOOD" 1 ARD: "EGERIA" 1 APA: "GILLIAM"
3 AK: "BOOTES" "RUTILICUS" "MRUZIM" 2 ARS: "CABLE" "GRAPPLE"
4 AT: "WHIPPOORWILL" "QUAPAN" "RESERVE" "HIDATSA" 1 AN: "STAG"
1 PF: "GASCOYNE" 4 PCE(R): 849, 851, 852, 853 1 PS: "WARREGO"
5 IX: "CARIBOU" "MINK" "PANDA" "ARETHUSA" "PORCUPINE" 1 PC: 1128
4 DD: "KIMBERLEY" "MCGOWAN" "YOUNG" "W.D. PORTER" 1 ARD: 9
12 YMS: 6, 8, 39, 48, 51, 52, 71, 314, 315, 329, 339, 481 1 HBM: 1074
13 SC: 637, 725, 729, 731, 734, 735, 737, 744, 748, 749, 1004, 1365, 1368
1 AN: "TEABERRY" 3 DE: "JOBS" "HOLT" "CHAFFEE"

TU.75.2.5: 8 XAK 4 PF: "ALLENTOWN" "MAGLIAS" "CHARLOTTESVILLE" "SANDUSKY" 1 FS 1 L
2 DE: "THOS. F. NICHEL" "C. J. KIMMELL" 1 DD: "ROSS" 1 AO: "BISHOPDALE" 1 L

TU.75.2.7: 4 PD: "LLOYD" "NEWMAN" "KEPHART" "COFER"

(d) Task Force 76:

TU.76.4.15: 14 IST plus escorts.

TU.76.4.19: 1 PF: "EL PASO" 1 ARG: "OGLALA" 1 IX: "CARONDOLET" 1 FS

TU.76.4.22: 5 LSD: "WHITEMARSH" "OAKHILL" "EPPING FOREST" "GUNSTON HALL" "BELLE GROVE"

2 DE: "DANIEL A. JOY" "HODGES" 3 DD: "CALDWELL" "HARADEN" "HUGHES"

4 APD: "CROSBY" "KILTY" "SCHLEY" "HERBERT"

TU.76.4.24: 11 XAK 7 IST 2 LCM 1 FS HLO 1 AF: "OCTANS" 1 AO: "POCKET CANYON"

2 AGC: "SHIKELLAMY" "SUSQUEHANNA" 2 AE: "PYRO" "YUNNAN" 1 ATF: "APACHE"

4 DE: "RILEY" "MCNULTY" "J. B. KNOX" "METIVIER" 1 PCE(R): 848

(e) Task Force 77: 1 AGC: "WASATCH" 1 BB: "NEW MEXICO" 2 CA: "LOUISVILLE" "MINNEAPOLIS"

17 DD: "BRYANT" "CONYGHAM" "COOPER" "EDWARDS" "GANSEVOORT" "CONVERSE"
"REID" "C. A. AUSBURNE" "NEWCOMB" "STANLEY" "FOOTE" "MCDERMOTT"
"STEMBEL" "STERETT" "WILSON" "MERTZ" "PATTERSON"

TG.77.3: 8 DD: "BARTON" "WALKER" "LAFFEY" "O'BRIEN" "A. E. SUMNER" "INGRAHAM" "MOALE"
"LOWRY" 1 CA: "PORTLAND" 2 CL: "PHOENIX" "BOISE"

(f) Task Force 78: 1 AGC: "MT. MCKINLEY"

TG.78.3: 14 ED: "DASHIELL" "HALL" "PAUL HAMILTON" "HOWORTH" "PRINGLE" "LAVALLETTE" "BUSH"
"STEVENS" "PHILIP" "FLETCHER" "O'BANNON" "RADFORD" "HOPEWELL" "HALFORD"

TG.78.3.3: 31 IST(L) 12 LSM

TG.78.3.4: 26 IST

TG.78.3.6: 10 AM: "SAUNTER" "SAGE" "PURSUIT" "REQUISITE" "REVENGE" "SCRIMMAGE" "SALUTE"
"SCOUT" "TRIUMPH" "SENTRY" 1 APD: "BROOKS" 6 YMS: 2, 9, 47, 53, 68, 339

TG.78.3.7: 2 PC: 462, 563 7 LCI(G) 5 LCI(R)

TG.78.3.8: 1 ATR 1 LCI(D)

(2) "WAKE ISLAND" (CVE) "R. M. ROWELL" "O'FLAHERTY" (DE) departed Pearl 15 Dec for Manus ETA
24 Dec.

- (3) RENO" (CL) with "MENOMINEE" "SIOUX" (ATF) escorted by "WITTER" (DE) "YMS.296" proceeding from Ulithi to Manus ETA 24 Dec.
- (4) "BARCOO" (PF) escorting "A.W.HILL" departed Hollandia 1330/19 for Far Shore ETA 2359.
- (5) "SPRIGHTLY" (AT) with 3 tows proceeding to Woendi ETA pm 26 Dec.
- (6) "MERCY" (AH) proceeding to Hollandia ETA 0900/24.

(b) In Harbour:

Morotai:

Combat units 3 DD : "MORRIS" "STACK" "MUSTIN"
 28 PT
 Escorts 11 : 9 AMS: "DELOR AINE" "KAPUND A" "BUND ABERG" "STRAHAN" "KATOOMB A" "COLE"
 "GYMPIE" "COWR A" "STAWELL" 2 PC: 1122, 1132
 Auxiliaries 22 : "MOBJACK" (AGP) "MERCURY" (AK) "ARIADNE" (CMS) "ARNEB" (AKA) "F.FUNSTON"
 "ELMORE" "LEONARD WOOD" "J.O'HARA" "SUMTER" (APA) "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD"
 "CLAN LAMONT" (LSI) 2 YO 2 YOG 2 YPD 2 YPF 2 YED 1 YP: 196

Sansapor:

Escorts 5 : 1 PC : 1119 4 SC: 667, 695, 1327, 521
 Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YP : 283

Noemfoor:

Escorts 2 : 2 PC : 462, 563
 Auxiliaries 6 : "HASKELL" "LEON" "ADAIR" (APA) "DIPHD A" (AKA) "MANLEY" (APD)
 "GOLDSBOROUGH" (AVD)

Biak-Woendi:

Combat units 27 PT
 Escorts 9 : 6 AMS: "WAGGA" "LITHGOW" "COOTAMUNDR A" "GLADSTONE" "LATROBE" "BROOM"
 1 PF : "BURDEKIN" 1 PS: "SWAN" 1 YMS: "RINDJANI"
 Auxiliaries 13 : "GRIFFIN" (AS) "REMUS" (ARD) "DERRICK" (YO) "VICTORIA" (AO) "TASMAN" (AO)
 "SEEKONK" (AOG) "ALCONA" (AKA) "BINGER A" (AG) "SAKATONCHEE" (AOG)
 2 YFD 2 YP: 240, 514

Humboldt Bay:

Combat units 10 DD : "FLUSSER" "SHAW" "SAMUEL.C.REID" "CLAXTON" "ABBOT" "JENKINS" "SMITH"
 "RATHBURN" "BURNS" "BELL"
 Escorts 66 : 23 DE : "WILLMARTH" "BOWERS" "THOMASON" "NEVENDORFF" "EICHENBERGER"
 "LOUGH" "SACCORD" "MANNING" "LOYD.E.ACREE" "LOVELACE" "DAY"
 "WHITEHURST" "DOYLE.C.BARNES" "KEN.M.WILLET" "J.E.CRAIG"
 "GREENWOOD" "RUDDEROW" "TINSMAN" "E.E.ELMORE" "G.A.JOHNSON"
 "LEOSER" "COOLEBAUGH" "PEIFFER" 1 PF: "EUGENE"
 3 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" "ARARAT" 1 PGE(R): 850
 18 SC : 514, 531, 636, 648, 668, 687, 723, 735, 738, 741, 742,
 1052, 1274, 1319, 1320, 1331, 1365, 1369 1 ML: 825
 19 PC : 84, 464, 476, 555, 584, 586, 1131, 1137, 1139, 1188,
 1129, 1128, 1124, 1131, 1134, 1135, 1590, 1598
 Auxiliaries 74 : "BANNER" "BARNSTABLE" "PIERCE" "KNOX" "CAMBRIA" "MONROVIA" "APPLING"
 "CALVERT" "CUSTER" "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "GOLDSTAR" "WRIGHT" (AG) "COMET"
 "GEN.H.SCOTT" "WINGED ARROW" "WARHAWK" "HERALD OF THE MORN"
 "LASALLE" "STORM KING" "MONTEREY" (AP) "PECOS" "SEVERN" "KURUMB A"
 "TRINITY" "SCHUYKILL" "TALLULAH" "SUAMICO" "SALAMONIE" (AO) "CYRENE"
 (AGP) "GLENEARN" (SLI) "JUPITER" "GANYMED" (AK) "CHIWAUKUM" (AOG)
 "AQUARIUS" "ELECTRA" (AKA) "REUGE" "HOPE" (AH) "ACUBENS" (AKS) "RIKEY"
 (APH) "POTANATOMI" "RAIL" "CHETCO" "TANGRED" (AT) "DOBBIN" (AD) "PRESTON"
 (DM) "CLYDE" "VILLALOBOS" (IX) "ACHILLES" (ARS) "REVENGE" (AM) "LIDDLE"
 "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" (APD) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "SHADWELL" "LINDENWALD"
 (LSD) "CULEBRA ISLAND" (ARG) "MONITOR" (LSV) "BREEZE" "ELLIOTT" (DMS)
 2 YFD 2 ARD; 7,12 6 AFD: 2,3,11,16,24,25 4 YP: 218,240,291,2

Aitape:

Auxiliaries 16 : "FAYETTE" "HEYWOOD" "FELAND" "CAVALIER" "DUPAGE" "WAYNE" "LEEDSTOWN"
 "FULLER" (APA) "THUBAN" (AKA) "CAPE JOHNSON" "GOLDEN CITY" "JOHN LAW"
 (AP) "HERCULES" "ELLIOTT" (AK) "TALBOT" "DICKERSON" (APH)

Admiralties:

Combat units 5 BB : "CALIFORNIA" "MISSISSIPPI" "PENNSYLVANIA" "WEST VIRGINIA" "COLORADO"
 20 CVE : "SAGINAW BAY" "BARNES" "MAKIN ISLAND" "SALAMAU A" "BISMARCK SEA"
 "ALAVA BAY" "HOGGATT BAY" "LUNGA POINT" "SHIPLEY BAY" "PETROF BAY"
 "ALTAMAHA" "KITKUN BAY" "STEAMER BAY" "SHAMROCK BAY" "SAVO ISLAND"
 "MARCUS ISLAND" "NATOMA BAY" "MANILA BAY" "KADASHAN BAY"
 "OMMANEY BAY"
 3 CA : "CANBERRA" "SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"
 6 CL : "CLEVELAND" "HOUSTON" "NASHVILLE" "DENVER" "MONTPELIER" "COLUMBIA"
 42 DD : "HALLIGAN" "EVANS" "MEEVIN" "ARUNT A" "LEUTZE" "KILLEN" "R.P.LEARY"
 "SABLEY" "TAYLOR" "NICHOLAS" "HELM" "MAURY" "MCCALL" "H.L.EDWARDS"
 "LAMSON" "WILSON" "GRIDLEY" "BAGLEY" "CHARRETT" "ISHERWOOD" "CONY"

Admiralties: (Cont)

Combat units : "AUSTIN" "LUCE" "MUGFORD" "DRAYTON" "SMITH" "RUSSELL" "RALPH TALBOT"
"WALLER" "RENSHAW" "ROBINSON" "CONWAY" "BENNION" "EATON" "SIGOURNEY"
"CONNOR" "TWIGGS" "REMEY" "BRAINE"

Escorts 2 SS : "S.45" "S.47"
66 : 17 DE : "W.C.WANN" "HALLORAN" "DELAHANTY" "EVERSOLE" "OBERRENDER"
"SPANGLER" "CABANA" "LAPRADE" "FOREMAN" "RAYMOND" "EDMONDS"
"R.S.SUESSENS" "J.C.BUTLER" "BEBAS" "OSBERG" "ROBT.BRAZIER"
2 PF : "ORANGE" "VAN BUREN" 4 SC: 732, 98, 1004, 1375
9 PC : 598, 600, 742, 1228, 1170, 1421, 1600, 1601, 1602
31 YMS: 1, 10, 46, 48, 81, 97, 140, 158, 184, 197, 238, 243,
386, 318, 319, 327, 328, 340, 341, 342, 360, 363, 353,
364, 368, 380, 409, 410 2 PCS: 1391, 1418

Auxiliaries 71 : "BAXTER" "OLMSTEAD" (APA) "TALAMANCAN" "MERKUR" (AF) "POYANGE" (AE)
"CACAPON" "CHIKASKIA" "NESHANIC" "SARANAC" "WINOOSKI" "NEOBRAVA"
"CALIENTE" "ESCAMBIA" "CHEPACHET" (AO) "JASON" (ARG) "YOUNG AMERIC"
(AP) "AMYCUS" (AR) "CEBU" "LEYTE" "MINDANAO" (ARG) "CETUS" "SHAUL"
"PHOBOS" "LYRA" "INDUS" "CRUX" "SAGITTARIUS" (AK) "ALYCONE" (AKA)
"HAMMONDSPORT" (AKV) "CHANGE" "SCUFFLE" "CAPTIVATE" (AM) "BRIAREUS"
"MEDUSA" (AR) "TERN" "TAVABA" "LIPAN" "ARAPAHO" "KINGLSHER"
"WATCH HILL" "CHIKASAW" "CHOWANOC" (AT) "MONADNOCK" (CM) "CLEMSON"
(AVD) "ROCKY MOUNT" (AGC) "PRESERVER" (ARS) "RIO GRANDE" "ELKHORN"
"PASQUOTANK" (AOG) "OTUS" (AS) "BENALLA" "PATHFINDER" (AGS) "LEOPARD"
"ANDREW DORIA" "STONEWALL" "ABREND" (IX) "PATHFINDER" (AGS)
"ALABASTER" (PYC) "BOUNTIFUL" (AH) "SIERRA" "WHITNEY" "PIEDMONT" (A)
"LAURABADA" (AG) 1 ARD: 20 2 ABSD 2 AFD: 8, 20 3 YP: 280, 288, 585

Cape Gloucester:

Escorts 2 : 2 SC : 631, 1004
Auxiliaries 6 : "CAPRICORNUS" (AE) "CLYDE" "W.P.BIDDLE" "CATSKILL" "F.FUNSTON" (AF)
"CHARA" (AKA)

Alexishafen-Madang:

Escorts 2 : 1 ML : 802 1 HDML: 1339
Auxiliaries 4 : "KOOPA" (AG) "PING WO" (ASIS) "MESQUITE" (CGC) 1 YP: 504

Lan emak:

Combat units 1 CVE : "THETIS BAY"
Escorts 6 : 3 SC : 695, 720, 743 3 PC: 218, 585, 1491
Auxiliaries 11 : "RIFLEMAN" (AM) "ST GILES" "RACE POINT" "CHIPPEWA" (AT) "KATOOMB"
"GEN.H.TAYLOR" (AP) "GAMBLE" (DM) "BULL WHELL" (YO) "WARWICK" (AK)
"OVERTON" (APD) "A.T.MIDDLETON" (APA)

Lae:

Escorts 3 : 1 ML : 820 2 HDML: 1321, 1328
Auxiliaries 1 : "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS)

Jacquinet Bay:

Escorts 1 : 1 ML : 802
Auxiliaries 1 : "LAURIANA" (AG)

Oro Bay:

Auxiliaries 2 : "UVALDE" (APA) "CASA GRANDE" (LSD)

Milne Bay:

Escorts 6 : 1 A/S: "WILCANNIA" 1 DE: "DARBY" 1 SC: 699 1 ML: 819
1 HDML: 1327 1 PC: 590
Auxiliaries 8 : "ARAYA" (IX) "MAUNA LOA" (AE) "LARK" (AT) "BUNGAREE" (CM)
3 YP : 278, 449, 514

2. SOLOMONS(a) At Sea to 1200/23:

Nil report.

(b) In Harbour:Emirau:

Escorts 7 : 1 DE: "STADFIELD" 2 YMS: "TUI", 250 4 SC: 502, 620, 703, 1274
Auxiliaries 6 : "HYPERION" (AK) "TAGANAK" (AOG) 4 YP: 233, 414, 514, 515

Green Is:

Combat units 5 PT
Escorts 1 : 1 YMS: 94
Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YP : 248

Orokina:

Combat units 4 DD : "SPROSTON" "PICKING" "WICKES" "MONSSEN"

Torokina: (Cont)

Escorts 17 : 2 SC: 1188, 1590 7 PC: 477, 702, 1123, 1132, 1170, 1231, 1242
 4 DE: "HARMON" "ABERCROMBIE" "GILLIGAN" "LERAY WILSON"
 1 PCS: 1420 3 YM: 176, 311, 389
 Auxiliaries 33 : "ALDERAMIN" "CASSIOPEIA" "DRACO" (AK) "ANTARES" (AKS) "YUMA" (AT)
 "LIBRA" "ALMAAK" "ALSHAIN" "TITANI A" (AKA) "MANOORA" "EMPIRE MAGE"
 "KANIMBLA" "LOTHIAN" "WESTRALIA" "EMPIRE BATTLEAXE" "EMPIRE ARQUE"
 (LSD) "DOYEN" (LAMAR) "HARRIS" "ALPINE" "SHERIDAN" "BOLIVAR"
 "HARRY LEE" "SARASOT" (APA) "OZARK" (LSV) "PRES. POLK" "STARLIGHT"
 "ORMISTON" (AP) "PINKNEY" (APH) "SHAWNEE" (AT) "MT. OLYMPUS" (AGC)
 "WHIPSTOCK" (YO)

Treasury Is:

Combat units 14 BT
 6 PGM
 Escorts 4 : 1 DE: "PAUL G. BAKER" 2 PC: 479, 605 1 YM: 45
 Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YN: "PALM"

Munda:

Escorts 2 : 2 YM: "KIWI", 196

3. EAST AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea to 1200/23:

- (1) "TAROONA" (AP) departed Brisbane 1337/20 for Milne ETA 0800/24 thence Jacquinot Bay.
- (2) "GLENELG" (AMS) departed Langemak 21 Dec for Brisbane.
- (3) "PIRIE" (AMS) departed Port Philip 1500/19 for Fremantle ETA 1930/25.
- (4) "ACHILLES" (CL) "SWIFTSURE" (DD) departed Fremantle 1515/20 for Hobart ETA 1730/24, thence Sydney.

(b) In Harbour:Merakke:

Escorts 3 : 2 YM: "SMEROE" "MERBARBOE" 1 HDML: 1326

Thursday Is:

Escorts 2 : 1 AMS: "ECHUCA" 1 HDML: 1353 1 PF: "HUTCHINSON"
 Auxiliaries 2 : "POLARIS" (AGS) 1 YP: 615

Cairns:

Escorts 8 : 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" 4 ML: 806, 809, 431, 428
 3 HDML: 1322, 1323, 1324
 Auxiliaries 1 : "FIRE ISLAND" (AT)

Townsville:

Escorts 3 : 1 AMS: "BENDIGO" 1 ML: 827 1 HDML: 1329
 Auxiliaries 3 : 1 AP: "DUNTROON" 1 YP: 615

Bowen:

Auxiliaries 1 : "HEROS" (AT)

Brisbane:

Combat units 3 SS : "S.42" "NARWHAL" "NAUTILUS"
 Escorts 11 : 6 ML: 424, 425, 810, 811, 820, 821 2 YM: 313, 393
 1 A/S: "KYBRA" 2 HDML: 1129, 1343 1 SC: 518
 Auxiliaries 4 : "ETOLIN" (AK) "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "GEN. BUTNER" (AP) "TRIAMBULUM" (AK)

Sydney:

Combat units 2 CL : "HOBART" (refitting) "TROMP"
 3 DD : "GLENOWER" "QUICKMATCH" "QUEENSBOROUGH"
 1 ODD : "STUART"
 2 SS : "K.9" "K.12"
 Escorts 12 : 1 PC: 597 1 SC: 1039 1 A/S: "YANDRA" 1 AMS: "KIAMA"
 8 ML: 426, 801, 803, 815, 816, 819, 822
 Auxiliaries 10 : "POINT LOMA" "WATO" (AT) "MANUNDA" "WANGANELLA" (AH) "ARDEN" (CM)
 "OCTORARA" (IX) "ASSE MAERSK" (AGC) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS)
 "PLATYPUS" (AR) "POLLUX" (AKS) "EBONY" (YN)

Melbourne:

Combat units 1 OCL : "ADELAIDE"
 1 DD : "NIZAM"
 Escorts 12 : 2 A/S: "ABRAHAM CRIJNSEN" "DOOMBA"
 8 AMS: "KALGOOLIE" "BALLARAT" "GOULBURN" "WYALLA" "LISMORE"
 "BOWEN" "MARBOROUGH" "BURNIE"
 2 HDML: 1340, 1350

4. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(a) At Sea to 1200/23:

(1) Task Force 71:

On Patrol 29 SS : "BECUNA" "BLENNY" "ANGLER" "PADDLE" "HAMMERHEAD" "LAPON" "COBIA"
 "CAVALLA" "BAYA" "HOE" "REDFIN" "SIRDAR" "DACE" "BERGALL" "ROCK"
 "BASHAW" "GUITARRO" "GURNARD" "SUAVINA" "BARBERO" "FLASHER"
 "KRAKEN" "HAWKBILL" "MUSKELLUNGE" "BESUGO" "HARDHEAD" "SEA LION"
 "MINGO" "STORM" "TELEMACHUS"
 On Passage 16 SS : "CLYDE" "K.14" "BLUEGILL" "TANTALUS" "TUSK" "ZWAARDFISCH" "CAIMAN"
 "HAKE" "FLOUNDER" "TANTIVY" "SEA ROVER" "PARGO" "SPITEFUL" "PERCI"
 "GABILAN" "STINGRAY"

(2) "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) departed Darwin 0806/18 Dec for survey ground vicinity Cape Fourcroy.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Escorts 7 : 3 AMS: "CASTLEMAINE" "JUNEE" "HORSHAM" 1 HDML: 1329
 3 ML: 429, 801, 812
 Auxiliaries 3 : "STELLA" "MORESBY" (AGS) "CHANTICLEER" (RS)

5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(a) At Sea to 1200/23:

Nil report.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat units 1 CA : "SUFFOLK"
 14 SS : "BREAM" "K.15" "O.19" "STURDY" "BLACKFIN" "HADDON" "JACK" "SPLIT"
 "BARBEL" "FLYING FISH" "GROWLER" "GUNNELL" "TUNA" "GAR"
 Escorts 6 : 1 PF : "CORPUS CHRISTI" 1 PS: "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA"
 1 SC : 720 2 YMS: 11, 72
 Auxiliaries 7 : "ANTHELOD" "EURYALE" "MAIDSTONE" (AS) "COUCAL" (RS) "ISABEL" (PY)
 1 ARD: 10 1 YP: 286

Bunbury:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "BUNBURY"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

1. SOUTH CHINA SEA

(1) Camranh Bay-Saigon - At 0925/22 Dec. aircraft in flight reported 2 heavy cruisers, 3 destroyers 135 miles S.S.E. of Camranh Bay (or 175 miles E. of Cap St. Jacques) on course 330° at 17 knots.

At 1700/22 Dec. a U. S. submarine contacted probably the same force again described as 2 heavy cruisers and 3 destroyers, 75 miles S.S.E. of Camranh Bay on course 90° at 17 knots.

It is suggested that these units may be a portion of the force recently reported at Camranh Bay and off Cap St. Jacques possibly manœuvering at sea having been observed in both anchorages.

At 1320/22 Dec. Reconnaissance aircraft observed 2 tankers and 6 escorts in Camranh Bay: the tankers had deck cargo but closer observation was not possible owing to the presence of enemy aircraft.

(2) Anambas Is. Area - A delayed report states that a U. S. submarine hit and it is believed, sank a medium merchant ship 175 miles N.N.W. of Anambas Is.

2. PHILIPPINES

(1) Manila - At about midday 22 Dec. Clark Field was attacked by 24 Liberators from Palau escorted by 63 Thunderbolts from Leyte. Bomb patterns were effective and an estimated 50 enemy aircraft were destroyed in the dispersal areas. 9 enemy fighters rose to intercept and the escort shot down 8 preventing any attack on the Liberators.

(2) S.W. Luzon - On 22 Dec. Lipa airdrome (near Batangas) was bombed and strafed by Corsairs and Kittyhawks. The runway was cratered and 3-4 aircraft on the ground were destroyed by strafing. There was no interception.

(3) W. Coast Luzon - On 20 Dec. aircraft sighted a convoy of 3 transports with 2 escorts 100 miles W. of Ororridor, course W. at 10 knots.

The concentration mainly comprising small craft remains off San Fernando in Lingayan Gulf: at 0910/22 Dec. 1 destroyer escort, 1 medium freighter and 25 barges or small craft were sighted at anchor there.

(4) Mindoro - There is still no ground contact with enemy forces on Mindoro. Enemy air activity over Mindoro and Sulu Sea continues on a moderate scale and at about dusk 21 Dec. enemy aircraft attacked a convoy in Sulu Sea approaching Mindoro. No details concerning the intensity of the attack are available, but 2 IST's were hit and covering Lightnings shot down 4 fighters while ships claimed 2 more.

Also during 21 Dec. 6-7 enemy planes were shot down over Mindoro by Lightnings operating from Mindoro. On 22 Dec. 5 enemy planes were shot down by Lightnings patrols over Mindoro: there is no report of any damage inflicted.

(5) Visayan Sea - Night 20-20 Dec. 2 small freighters loaded with lumber and supplies were attacked by PT boats 1 mile N. of Bantayan Is. The ships were heading E. probably for N.W. Leyte but 1 was sunk and the other escaped to the S.

(6) Visayas - Details of air strikes on Negros airfields 21 Dec. are detailed hereunder:
 Dumaguette: by 4 Liberators)
 Bacolod: by 24 Liberators) no kill or interception reported.
 Fabrica: by 18 Liberators)

Night 21-22 Carolina airdrome was bombed by 3 Liberators and on 22 Dec. Carblina was attacked by 1 group of Palau based Liberators.

(7) Leyte - Our forces from N. and S. in Ormoc Corridor had formed a Junction S. of Kananga by nightfall 21 Dec. Kananga town was eventually overcome P.M. 21 Dec after bitter enemy resistance from buildings and dug-in defences. Mopping up of remaining enemy pockets: along the sides of the highway and E. of Ormoc continue and in the meantime our forces are pressing westward on the Palompon road.

In the N.W. Peninsula, movements of enemy troops continues along the coast.
 At 1315/22 Dec. a coast observer reported 3 possible submarines 2-5 miles off Baybay.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)

- (8) Davao Area - On 21 Dec. Licanan airdrome was bombed by 16 Liberators destroying 3 parked planes and Cagayan strip was cratered by bombs from 9 Lightnings.
On 22 Dec. Sassa airdrome was bombed by Liberators.
At 1000/21 Dec. aircraft reported 1 destroyer, 2 freighters 10 sea trucks in Davao Harobr.
- (9) Davao Gulf - At 0940/21 Dec. a small coaster was attacked and left burning 60 miles S. of Davao.
- (10) Zamboanga - At 0910/21 Dec. San Roque airdrome was attacked by 8 Mitchells: moderate AA but no interception was experienced.
At 0945/22 Dec. Zamboanga waterfront was attacked by Mitchells and 3 coasters were sunk.

3. EAST INDIES -

- (1) Halmaheras - At 0915/21 Dec. Lolobata airdrome was bombed by 13 Mitchells: photos show the strip operational.
Also on 21 Dec. the supply and personnel area at Goeroea in Galala Bay were heavily attacked by 52 Mitchells and 24 Lightnings. In addition coastal sweeps were conducted by 16 Kittyhawks.
- (2) N. Celebes - At 1115/21 Dec. a sea truck near Dampal Bay (N.W. Elbow of N. Celebes) was attacked by 2 Venturas without observed effect.
- (3) N. Borneo - On 21 Dec. the following ship sightings were reported by reconnaissance aircraft:
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|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Balikpapan: | 1 destroyer |
| | 2 tankers |
| | 5 sea trucks |
| Sangkoelirang Bay: | 1 sea truck) all sunk by attack |
| (1° N. 118° E.) | 2 barges) |
| Sandakan: | 7 luggers or sea trucks |
| Schomburg Bay: | 1 small sea truck |
| (N.E. coast) | |
| Jesselton: | 3 sea trucks or luggers |
| Brunei: | Empty. |
- (4) E. Java - Photos of Malang during the strike 20 Dec. show 16 aircraft (10 bombers, 5 fighters 1 transport) present: the runway was serviceable.
4. NEW GUINEA - On 21 Dec. villages in the Wewak area were attacked by 27 Beauforts. Also on 21 Dec. Andai town near Manokwari was attacked by 36 Mitchells.
5. BISMARCKS SOLOMONS - On 22 Dec. enemy aircraft approached Manus but retired towards Rabaul when faced by Corsairs.
Photos 21 Dec. show Vunakanau strip operational but Lakunai and Tobera both unserviceable.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

1. EAST CHINA SEA - On 19 Dec. a U. S. submarine attacked and sank a large aircraft carrier in the E. China Sea, N.E. of Formosa. The carrier is described as having a prominent island and had aircraft on deck: escorted by 3 destroyers the ship was on a Southerly course. From a distance of 2000 yds. the carrier was observed to sink stern first as a result apparently of 2 torpedo hits. Subsequently the submarine was subjected to severe depth charge attacks by the escorting destroyers.
2. NAIPO SHOTO - A.M. 22 Dec. aircraft sighted 11-12 ships including 3-4 destroyers, 5-8 small merchant ships at Chichi Jima.
3. MANDATES - Regular neutralization of possibly operational airfields in Carolines and Marianas continues.
4. CHINA
- (1) Manchuria - P.M. probably 21 Dec. Mungden aircraft factories were attacked by China based unescorted Superfortresses in strength. Enemy aerial opposition was encountered and 15 fighters were shot down plus probably another 7.

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(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT N.V.A.L DEVELOPMENTS

- (1) Successful and significant Blue submarine activities E. China Sea.
- (2) Further sightings enemy fleet units S. China Sea.
- (3) Lack of enemy reaction to Blue Mindoro landing.
- (4) Ormoc Corridor cleared.
- (5) Continued enemy air reinforcement of Formosa and Philippines.
- (6) Enemy submarine activity Philippines, West and Central Pacific and Indian Ocean including use of midget submarines.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>				<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
* Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)				(Incl. Mandate)
BB (6)	CALIFORNIA COLORADO	MISSISSIPPI	NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA	WEST VIRGINIA -
CV7 (12)	ALAVA BAY ATAFU BARNES BISMARCK SEA HOGGATT BAY	KADASHAN BAY KITKUN BAY LUNGA POINT MANNING ISLAND MANUA BAY	MARCUS ISLAND NATOMA BAY OMMANEY BAY PETROF BAY SAGINAW BAY SALAMUA	SAVO ISLAND SHAMROCK BAY SHIPLEY BAY STEAMER BAY THETIS BAY WAKE ISLAND -
CL (6)	#CANBERRA LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PORTLAND	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-
CL (13)	#BOISE #CLEVELAND COLUMBIA	DENVER #HOUSTON MONPELIER	#NASHVILLE PHOENIX #RENO	ACHILLES ADELAIDE #HOBART #TROMP -
CL (2)	CURRITUCK	TANGIER		-
CL (8)	BALKNAF CHINCOTEAGUE	GOLDSBOROUGH HALF MOON	HERON ORCA	SAN CARLOS SAN PABLO -
DD (101)	ABBOTT ALLEN M. SUMNER AUSBURNE AUSSENER BAGLEY BARTON BELLE BRADLINE BRYANT BURNS BUSH CHARRETTE C. J. BADGER CLAXTON COGHLIN CONY CONYGHAM CONNER CONVERSE CONWAY C. T. BADGER DRAYTON	EATON EVANS FLETCHER FLUSSER FOOTE GRIFFIN GRIDLEY HALLFORD HARRADEN HALLIGAN HALL HELM H. L. EDWARDS HOWEY HOWORTH INGRAM ISHERWOOD JENKINS KNAPP KILLEN KIMBERLEY LAFFEY LILSON	LANG LA BALLETTTE LEUTZE LUCE MCCALL MAIRY MCDERMOTT MCGOWAN MEIVIN MERTZE MOALE MONSSEN MORRIS MUGFORD MUSTIN NEWCOMB NICHOLAS O'BANNON O'BRIEN PAUL HAMILTON PICKING PRINGLE RATHBURNE	REMEY RALPH TALBOT RENSHAW ROBINSON ROSS R. P. LEARY RUSSELL SAMUEL C. REID SIGOURNEY SMITH SPROSTON STACK STEMBELL STERETT STEVENS TAYLOR TWIGGS WALKE WALLER WICKES WILSON WM. D. PORTER YOUNG
	ARUNTA GLENOWER	NIZAM QUEENSBOROUGH	QUICKMATCH STUART SWIFTSURE	VENDETTA WARRAMUNGA -

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Approx. 175

* Excluding Cenpac forces temporarily at sea in S.W.P.A.
Non-effective.

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES
Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)

ENEMY FORCES
(Incl. Mandates)

<u>APA</u>	(76)	ALGOL (AKA)	CLEMSON (APA)	WAYNE (APA)	-
<u>APA</u>		AIHENA	CUSTER	W.P.BIDDLE	
<u>APD</u>		ALMAAK	BOYEN	BROOKS (APD)	
<u>ISI</u>		ALSHAIN	DUPAGE	COFER	
		ALYCOE	FAYETTE	CROSBY	
		AQUARIUS	FELAND	DICKERSON	
		CAPRICORNUS	F.FUNSTON	HERBERT	
		DIPHDA	FREMONT	HUMPHREYS	
		CHARA	FULLER	KEPHART	
		LIBRA	GILLIAM	KILTY	
		O'HARA	GOLDEN CITY	LIDDLE	
		THUBAN	HARRY LEE	MANLEY	
		UVALDE	HASKELL	NEWMAN	
		ALPINE (APA)	HEYWOOD	OVERTON	
		ADMIR	H.T.ALLEN	SANDS	
		APPLING	KNOX	SCHLEY	
		ARIADNE	LEEDSTOWN	TALBOT	
		A.T.MIDDLETON	LELAND	KANIMBLA (ISI)	
		BANNER	LEO CLYMAN	MANOCRA	
		BAXTER	LAMARR	WESTRALIA	
		BOLIVAR	MONROVIA	CLAN LAMONT	
		CALVERT	OLMSTEAD	EMPIRE ARQUEBUS	
		CAMBRIA	SARASOTA	EMPIRE BATTLEAXE	
		CAVALIER	SHERIDAN	EMPIRE MACE	
		CLAY	WARREN	EMPIRE SPEARHEAD	
				GLENEARN	
<u>AGC</u>	(5)	BLUE RIDGE	MOUNT MCKINLEY	WASATCH	-
		MOUNT OLYMPUS	ROCKY MOUNT		
<u>AS</u>	(3)	GRIFFIN	HOLLAND	OTUS	-
<u>AD</u>	(4)	DOBBIN	SIERRA	WHITNEY	-
		PIEDMONT			
<u>AR</u>	(4)	BRIAREUS	PLATYFUS	RIGEL	-
		MEDEUSA			
<u>ARS</u>	(1)	MIDAS			-
<u>ARC</u>	(5)	CEBU	LEYTE	OGLALA	-
		CULEBRA ISLAND	MINDANAO		
<u>ARH</u>	(1)	JASON			-
<u>ARL</u>	(4)	ACHILLES	EGERIA	REMUS	-
		AMYCUS			
<u>ARS</u>	(4)	CABLE	PRESERVER	VENUS	-
		GRAPPLE			
<u>ASD</u>	(10)	ASHLAND	GUNSTON HALL		-
		BELLEGROVE	LINDENWALD		
		CARTER HALL	OAKHILL		
		CASA GRANDE	RUSHMORE		
		EPPING FOREST	WHITE MARSH		

4. CENTRAL PACIFIC
(Including N. and S. Pacific Area)

	# ALLIED FORCES		S. China Sea Incl. Formosa Singapore	Empire
(14)	ALABAMA IDAHO INDIANA IOWA	MASSACHUSETTS MISSOURI NEW JERSEY NORTH CAROLINA	OKLAHOMA SOUTH DAKOTA WASHINGTON WISCONSIN	(1) KONGO (3) *YAMATO *MAGATO *HARUNA
BB/ACV			(2) HYUGA ISE	-
CV	(17) BENNINGTON BUNKER HILL ENTERPRISE ESSEX FRANKLIN FRANKLIN	HANCOCK HORNET INTREPID LEXINGTON RANGER SARATOGA	TICONDEROGA WASP YORKTOWN BON HOMME RICHARD) RANDOLPH SHANGRI LA	(4) KATSURAGI AMAGI HIYATAKA UNRYU (prob. sunk)
ME	(3) BATAAN BELLEAU WOOD CABOT	COMPENS INDEPENDENCE LANGLEY	MONTEREY SAN JACINTO	(1) RUYHO
	(36) ADMIRALTY IS. ASTROLABE BAY ATTU BOUGAINVILLE BRETON BUCARELI BAY CAPE ESPERANCE CASABLANCA CHAPIN BAY CHENANGO COPAHEE CORAL SEA	CORREGIDOR FANSHAW BAY GILBERT ISLANDS KALININ BAY KWAJALEIN BAY LONG ISLAND MAKASSAR STRAIT MATANAKAU MUNDAY NASSAU NEHEMIA BAY HOLLANDIA	PRINCE WILLIAM ROI RUDYERD BAY SANGAMON SANTEE SARGENT BAY SITKOH BAY SUWANNEE TAKANAS BAY TANNEK BAY WHITE PLAINS WINDHAM BAY	(1) KAIYO (1) OTAKA
CA	(10) BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER DULUTH	INDIANAPOLIS PENSACOLA NEW ORLEANS	SALT LAKE CITY (1-4) SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA	CHOKAI *TAKAO) prob. MYOKO) all NACHI) sunk (4) IBUKI (poss. S. China Sea) *TONE *AOBA *HAGURO
CCA				6
	(22) ASTORIA BILOXI *BIRMINGHAM CONCORD DETROIT FLINT *HONOLULU	*LEANDER GAMBIER MIAMI MOBILE OAKLAND PASADENA RALLIEGH RICHMOND	SAN DIEGO SAN JULIAN SAN PEDRO TRENTON ST LOUIS VICKSBURG WILKES BARRE	(1-2) KISO KINU) 1 or poss. sunk) *YAHAGI *SAKANA *ISUZU *YODO) poss. sunk)
			KASHII	KASHIMA
	(4) BALLARD CHLONDELEUR	CURTISS	POCOMOKE	(2) ASKITSUSHIMA *NOTORO
DD	Approx. 150		20	15 (several repairing)
	Approx. 150		10	Approx. 50
ES		?	?	2 (1 repairing)

* Non-effective.

Some of these units operating temporarily in S.W.P.A.

(1) ALLIED FORCES (CONT)

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- (4) "COWANEQUE" (AO) proceeding from Ulithi to Manus ETA 24 Dec.
- (5) "LOESER" (DE) escorting 3 LST departed Oro Bay 0900/22 ETA Humboldt Bay 1400/25.
- (6) "SPRIGHTLY" (AT) with 3 tows proceeding to Woendi ETA pm 26 Dec.

(b) In Harbour:

Morotai:

Combat units 3 DD : "MORRIS" "MUSTIN" "STACK"
 28 PT
 Escorts 11 : 8 AMS: "DELOR AINE" "KAPUNDA" "BUND ABERG" "STRAHAN" "KATOOMB A"
 "COLAC" "COWRA" "STAVELL" 2 PC: 1122, 1133
 Auxiliaries 20 : "MOBJACK" (AGP) "MERCURY" (AK) "ARIADNE" (CMS) "ARNEE" (AKA) "ELMORE"
 "F. FUNSTON" "LEONARD WOOD" "J. O'HARA" "SUMTER" (APA) 2 YO
 2 YOG 2 YPD 2 YPF 2 YFD 1 YP: 196

Sansapor:

Escorts 6 : 2 PC: 1119, 1598 4 SC: 667, 695, 1327, 521
 Auxiliaries 2 : 1 APH: "RIKEY" 1 YP: 283

Moemfoor:

Escorts 2 : 2 PC: 462, 563
 Auxiliaries 6 : "HACKELL" "LEON" "ADAIR" (APA) "DIPHD A" (AKA) "MANLEY" (APD)
 "GOLDSBOROUGH" (AVD)

Sink-Woendi:

Combat units 27 PT
 Escorts 10 : 6 AMS: "WAGGA" "LITHGOW" "COOTAMUNDA" "GLADSTONE" "LATROBE" "BROOME"
 1 DE: "BOWLERS" 1 PS: "SWAN" 1 PF: "BURDEKIN" 1 YMS: "RINDJANT"
 Auxiliaries 15 : "GELTIN" (AS) "REMUS" (ARD) "DERRICK" (YO) "VICTORIA" (AO) "TASMAN"
 "TANGIER" (AV) "SEEKONK" "SAKATONCHEE" (AOG) "BINGER A" (AG)
 "ALCONA" (AKA) "MERKUR" (AF) 2 YFD 2 YP: 240, 514

Humboldt Bay:

Combat units 14 DD : "BUSSER" "SHAW" "SAMUEL C. REID" "CLAXTON" "ABBOT" "JENKINS" "SMITH"
 "RATHBURNE" "BURNS" "BELL" "RUSSELL" "CALDWELL" "HARADEN" "HUGHES"
 Escorts 60 : 21 DE : "WILLMARTH" "THOMASON" "NEVENDORF" "EICHENBERGER" "DAY"
 "LOUGH" "MANNING" "LLOYD E. ACREE" "LOVELACE" "D. A. JOY"
 "WHITEHURST" "HODGES" "KEN. M. ILLETT" "J. E. CRAIG" "TINSMAN"
 "GREENWOOD" "RUDDER" "E. E. ELMORE" "COOLEBAUGH" "PEIFFER"
 "G. A. JOHNSON" 3 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" "ARARAT"
 17 SC: 514, 531, 636, 648, 668, 687, 723, 735, 738, 741, 742, 1052,
 1319, 1320, 1331, 1365, 1369 1 PS: "WARREGO" 1 ML: 825
 17 PC: 84, 464, 476, 555, 584, 586, 1131, 1137, 1139, 1188,
 1129, 1128, 1124, 1131, 1134, 1135, 1590
 Auxiliaries 86 : "BANNER" "BARNSTABLE" "PIERCE" "KNOX" "CAMBRIA" "MONROE" "APPLING"
 "CALVERT" "CUSTER" "H. T. ALLEN" (APA) "GOLDSTAR" "WRIGHT" (AG) "COMET"
 "GEN. H. SCOTT" "WINGED ARROW" "WARHAWK" "HERALD OF THE MORN"
 "LASALLE" "STORM KING" "MONTEREY" (AP) "PECOS" "SEVERN" "KURMBA"
 "TRINITY" "SCHUYKILL" "TALLULAH" "SAMICO" "SALAMONIE" (AO) "PREBLE"
 "(DM) "CLYDE" "VILLALOBOS" (IX) "CYRENE" (AGP) "CLAN LAMONT"
 "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD" (LSI) "JUPITER" "GANYMEDE" (AK) "CHIAUKUM" (AOG)
 "AQUARIUS" "ELECTRA" (AKA) "MERCY" "REFUGE" "HOPE" (AH) "POTANATOMI"
 "RALL" "CHETCO" "TANCREL" (AT) "DOBBIN" (AD) "ACHILLES" (ARS) "SANDS"
 "LIDDLE" "HUMPHREYS" "CROSBY" "KILTY" "SCHLEY" "HERBERT" "NEWMAN"
 "KEPHART" "COFER" "LLOYD" (APD) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "LINDENWALD"
 "SHADWELL" "WHITEMARSH" "OAKHILL" "EPPING FOREST" "BELLE GROVE"
 "GUNSTON HALL" (LSL) "CULEBRA ISLAND" (ARG) "BREEZE" "ELLIOTT" (DMS)
 "MONITOR" (LSV) 2 YFD 6 AFD: 2, 3, 11, 16, 24, 25
 2 ARD: 7, 12 4 YP: 218, 240, 291

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Auxiliaries 16 : "FAYETTE" "HEYWOOD" "LEEDSTOWN" "FELAND" "CAVALIER" "DUAPE" "WAYNE"
 "FULLER" (APA) "THUBAN" (AKA) "HERCULES" "ELLIOTT" (AK) "DICKERSON"
 "TALBOT" (APH) "CAPE JOHNSON" "GOLDEN CITY" "JOHN LAND" (AP)

Admiralties:

Combat units 5 BE : "CALIFORNIA" "MISSISSIPPI" "PENNSYLVANIA" "WEST VIRGINIA" "COLORADO"
 22 CVE : "SAGINAW BAY" "BARNES" "MAKIN ISLAND" "SALAMAUJA" "BISMARCK SEA"
 "ALAVA BAY" "HOGGATT BAY" "LUNGA POINT" "SHIPLEY BAY" "PETROF BAY"
 "ALTAMAH" "KITKUN BAY" "STEAMER BAY" "SHAMROCK BAY" "SAVO ISLAND"
 "MARCUS ISLAND" "NATOMA BAY" "MANILA BAY" "KADASHAN BAY"
 "OMMAKEY BAY" "THETIS BAY" "WAKE ISLAND"
 3 CA : "CANBERRA" "SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"
 7 CL : "CLEVELAND" "HOUSTON" "NASHVILLE" "DENVER" "MONTPELIER" "MENO"
 "COLUMBIA"

Admiralties: (Cont)

Combat units 39 DD : "HALLIGAN" "EVANS" "MEEVIN" "ARUNTA" "LEUTZE" "KILLEN" "R.P. LEARY" "SAUFLEY" "TAYLOR" "NICHOLAS" "HELM" "MAURY" "MCCALL" "H.L. EDWARDS" "LAMSON" "WILSON" "GRIDLEY" "BAGLEY" "CHAPRETT" "ISHERWOOD" "CONY" "AUSTIN" "LUCE" "MUGFORD" "DRAYTON" "SMITH" "RALPH TALBOT" "TWIGGS" "WALLER" "RENSHAW" "ROBINSON" "CONWAY" "BENNION" "EATON" "CONNOR" "SIGOURNEY" "RENEY" "BRAINE"

Escorts 2 SS : "S.45" "S.47"
70 : 20 DE : "W.C. WANN" "HALLORAN" "DELAHANTY" "EVERSOLE" "OBERRENDER" "SPANGLER" "CADANA" "LAPRADE" "FOREMAN" "RAYMOND" "EDMONDS" "R.S. SUESSENS" "J.C. BULTER" "BEGAS" "OSBERG" "O'FLAHERTY" "ROBT. BRAZIER" "R.M. ROWELL" "WITTER" 2 PCS: 1391, 1418
2 PC : "ORANGE" "VAN BUREN" 5 SC: 732, 98, 1004, 1274, 1375
9 PC : 598, 600, 742, 1228, 1170, 1421, 1600, 1601, 1602
32 YMS: 1, 10, 46, 48, 81, 97, 140, 158, 184, 197, 238, 243, 296, 386, 318, 319, 327, 328, 340, 341, 342, 360, 363, 353, 364, 368, 380, 409, 410

Auxiliaries 73 ; "BAXTER" "OLMSTEAD" (APA) "TALAMANCA" (AF) "POYANG" (AE) "CACAPON" "CHIKASKIA" "NESHANIC" "SARANAC" "WINOOSKI" "NEOBARRA" "CALIENTE" "ESCAMBIA" "CHEPACHET" (AO) "YOUNG AMERICA" (AP) "AMYCUS" (AR) "GEBU" "LEYTE" "MINDANAO" "JASON" (ARG) "CETUS" "SHUALA" "PHOBOS" "TARA" "INDUS" "CRUX" "SAGITTARIUS" (AK) "ALYCONE" (AKA) "CHANGE" "SCUTTLE" "CAPTIVATE" (AM) "HAMMONDSPORT" (AKV) "BRIAREUS" "MEDUSA" (AR) "FERN" "MENOMINEE" "SIOUX" "TANABAH" "LIPAN" "KINGFISHER" "ARAPAHO" "WATCH HILL" "CHIKASAW" "CHOWANOC" (AT) "BUNGAREE" "MONADNOCK" (CM) "CLEMSON" (AVD) "ROCKY MOUNT" (AGS) "PRESERVER" (ARS) "RIO GRANDE" "ELKHORN" "PASQUOTANK" (AOG) "OTUS" (AS) "DENALLA" "PATHFINDER" (AGS) "LEOPARD" "ANDREW DORIA" "STONEWALL" "ABAREND" (IX) "PATHFINDER" (AGS) "ALABSTER" (PYC) "BOUNTIFUL" (AH) "SIERRA" "WHITNEY" "PIEDMONT" (AD) "LAURABADA" (AG) 2 BSD
2 AFD: 8, 20 1 ARD: 20 3 YP: 280, 288, 585

Cape Gloucester:
Escorts 2 : 2 SC : 631, 1004
Auxiliaries 6 ; "CAPRICORNUS" (AE) "CLYDE" "W.P. BIDDLE" "CATSKILL" "F. FUNSTON" (AP) "CHARA" (AKA)

Alexishafen-Madang:
Escorts 3 : 1 ML : 802 1 HDML: 1339 1 AMS: "GYMPIE"
Auxiliaries 4 : "KOOPA" (AG) "PING WO" (ASIS) "MESQUITE" (CGC) 1 YP: 504

Langemak:
Escorts 6 : 3 SC: 695, 720, 743 3 PG: 218, 585, 1491
Auxiliaries 12 : "RIFLEMAN" (AM) "ST GILES" "RACE POINT" "CHIPPEWA" (AT) "KATOOMBA" "GEN. H. TAYLOR" (AP) "GABLE" (DM) "BULL WHEEL" (YO) "WARRICK" (AK) "OVERTON" (AFD) "A.T. MIDDLETON" (APA) "ALHENA" (AKA)

Lae:
Escorts 3 : 1 ML : 820 2 HDML: 1321, 1328
Auxiliaries 1 : "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS)

Jacquinet Bay:
Escorts 1 : 1 ML : 802
Auxiliaries 1 : "LAURIANA" (AG)

Oro Bay:
Auxiliaries 2 : "UVALDE" (APA) "CASA GRANDE" (LSD)

Milne Bay:
Escorts 5 : 1 DE: "DARBY" 1 SC: 699 1 ML: 819 1 HDML: 1327 1 PC: 590
Auxiliaries 7 : "ARAYAT" (IX) "MAUNALOAH" (AE) "LARK" (AT) "TAROONA" (AP)
3 YP : 278, 449, 514

2. SOLOMONS(a) At Sea to 1200/24:

Nil report.

(b) In Harbour:Emirau

Escorts 7 : 1 DE: "STADFEILD" 2 YMS: "TUI", 250 4 SC: 502, 620, 703, 1274
Auxiliaries 6 : "HYPERION" (AK) "TAGANAK" (AOG) 4 YP: 233, 414, 514, 515,

Green Is:

Combat units 5 PT
Escorts 1 : 1 YMS: 94
Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YP : 248

Torokina:

Combat units 4 DD : *MONSSEN" "PICKING" "SPROSTON" "WICKES"
 Escorts 17 : 2 SC: 1188, 1590 7 PC: 477, 702, 1123, 1132, 1170, 1231, 1242
 4 DE: "HARMON" "BERCROMBIE" "GILLIGAN" "LERAY WILSON"
 1 PCS: 1420 3 YMS: 176, 311, 389
 Auxiliaries 33 : "ALDERAMIN" "CASSIOPEIA" "DRACO" (AK) "ANTARES" (KS) "TITANIA"
 "LIBRA" "ALMAAK" "ALSHAIN" (AKA) "ANOORA" "EMPIRE MACE" "LOTHIAN"
 "KANIMBLA" "WESTRALIA" "EMPIRE BATTLEAXE" "EMPIRE ARQUEBUS"
 (LSD) "DOYEN" "LAMARR" "HARRIS" "ALPINE" "SHERIDAN" "HARRY LEE"
 "BOLIVAR" "SARASOTA" (AP) "OZARK" (LSV) "PRES. POLK" "STARLIGHT"
 "ORMISTON" (AP) "PINKEN" (APH) "WHIPSTOCK" (YO) "MT. OLYMPUS" (AGC)
 "SHANNEE" "YUMA" (AT)

Treasury Is:

Combat units 14 PT
 6 PGM
 Escorts 4 : 1 DE : "PAUL G. BAKER" 2 PC: 479, 605 1 YMS: 45
 Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YN : "PALM"

3. EAST AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea to 1200/24:

- (1) "GLENELG" (AMS) departed Langemak 21 Dec for Brisbane.
- (2) "ML.809" departed Cairns 0600/22 for Townsville and Brisbane.
- (3) "ACHILLES" (CL) "SWIFTSURE" (DD) departed Fremantle 1515/20 for Hobart ETA 1730/24
 thence Sydney.
- (4) "PIRIE" (AMS) departed Port Philip 1500/19 for Fremantle ETA 1930/25.

(b) In Harbour:Merauke:

Escorts 3 : 2 YMS: "SHEROE" "MERBARBOE" 1 HDML: 1326

Thursday Is:

Escorts 2 : 1 AMS: "ECHUCA" 1 HDML: 1353 1 PF: "HUTCHINSON"
 Auxiliaries 2 : "POLARIS" (AGS) 1 YP: 615

Jairns:

Escorts 7 : 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" 3 ML: 806, 431, 428
 3 HDML: 1322, 1323, 1324

Auxiliaries 1 : "FIRE ISLAND" (AT)

Townsville:

Escorts 3 : 1 AMS: "BENDIGO" 1 ML: 827 1 HDML: 1329

Auxiliaries 3 : 1 AP: "DUNTROON" 1 YP: 615

Bowen:

Auxiliaries 1 : "HEROS" (AT)

Brisbane:

Combat units 3 SS : "S.42" "NARWHAL" "NAUTILUS"

Escorts 13 : 6 ML: 424, 425, 810, 811, 820, 821 2 YMS: 313, 393 1 A/S: "WILCANNA"
 1 A/S: "WILCANNA"

Auxiliaries 4 : ETOLIN" (AK) "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "GEN. BUTNER" (AP) "TRIANGULUM" (AK)

Sydney:

Combat units 1 BB : "HOWE"
 2 CVE : "ATHELING" "BATTLER"
 2 CL : "HOBART" "TROMP"
 2 DD : "QUICKMATCH" "QUEENSBOROUGH"
 1 ODD : "STUART"
 2 SS : "K.9" "K.12"

Escorts 12 : 1 PC: 597 1 SC: 1039 1 A/S: "YANDRA" 1 AMS: "KIAMA"
 8 ML: 426, 801, 803, 815, 816, 819, 822

Auxiliaries 10 : "POINT LOMA" "WATO" (AT) "MANUNDA" "WANGANELLA" (AH) "ARDEN" (CM)
 "OCTORARA" (IA) "AASE MAERSK" (AOG) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS)
 "PLATYPUS" (AR) "POLLUX" (AKS) "EBONY" (YN)

Melbourne:

Combat units 2 CVE : "STRIKER" "FENCER"

1 OCL : "ADELAIDE"

5 DD : "NIZAM" "QUILLIAM" "QUADRANT" "QUIBERON" "QUALITY"

Escorts 12 : 2 A/S: "ABRAHAM CRIJNSEN" "DOOMBA" 2 HDML: 1340, 1350
 8 AMS: "KALGOORLIE" "BALLARAT" "GOULBURN" "WHYALLA" "LISMORE"
 "BOLEN" "MARYBOROUGH" "BURNIE"

4. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(a) At Sea to 1200/24:

(1) Task Force 71:

On Patrol 29 SS : "BECUNA" "BLENNY" "ANGLER" "PADDLE" "HAMMERHEAD" "LAPON" "COBIA"
 "CAVALLA" "BAYA" "HOE" "REDFIN" "SIRDAR" "DACE" "BERG ALL" "ROCK"
 "BASHAW" "GUITARRO" "GURNARD" "GUAVINA" "BARBERO" "FLASHER"
 "KRAKEN" "HAWKBILL" "MUSKELLUNGE" "BESUGO" "HARDHEAD" "SEA LION"
 "MINGO" "STORM" "TELEMACHUS"
 On Passage 16 SS : "CLYDE" "K.14" "BLUEGILL" "TANTALUS" "TUSK" "ZWAARDFISCH" "CAIMAN"
 "HAKE" "FLOUNDER" "TANTIVY" "SEA ROVER" "PARGO" "SPITEFUL" "PERCH"
 "GABILAN" "STINGRAY"

(2) "SHEPPARTON" (IGS) departed Darwin 0806/18 Dec for survey ground vicinity Cape Fourcroy.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Escorts 7 : 3 AMS: "CASTLEMAINE" "JUNEE" "HORSHAM" 1 HDML: 1329
 3 ML: 429, 801, 812
 Auxiliaries 3 : "STELLA" "MORESBY" (IGS) "CHANTICLEER"

5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(a) At Sea to 1200/24:

Nil report.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat units 1 CA : "SUFFOLK"
 14 SS : "BREAM" "K.15" "O.19" "STURDY" "BLACKFIN" "HADDO" "JACK" "SPLIT"
 "BARBEL" "FLYING FISH" "GROWLER" "GUNNELL" "TUNA" "GAR"
 Escorts 6 : 1 PF : "CORPUS CHRISTI" 1 PS: "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA"
 1 SC : 720 2 YMS: 11, 72
 Auxiliaries 7 : "ANTHEDON" "EURYALE" "MAIDSTONE" (AS) "COUCAL" (AS) "ISABEL" (PY)
 1 ARD: 10 1 YP: 286

Bunbury:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "BUNBURY"

(ii) ENEMY FORCESA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC1. SOUTH CHINA SEA

- (1) Camranh Bay-Cap St. Jacques - Movements of enemy heavy naval units continue in this area.

At 1400/21 Dec. a force described as:-

2 heavy cruisers

2 destroyers

departed Cap St. Jacques for S. This force may be identical with that sighted twice on 22 Dec. approaching Camranh Bay from S. described as 2 heavy cruisers, 3 destroyers and also with a force sighted 0700/23 Dec. by U. S. submarine arriving at Camranh Bay. This last sighting however is described as:-

1 battleship

1 heavy cruiser, "NACHI" class

Another report states that the 2 "ISE" class battleships were still off Cap St. Jacques on 22 Dec.

Taking these reports together, it appears probable that either an additional battleship and probably 1 more heavy cruiser have arrived into the area or that 1 battleship, possibly "KONGO" class, has been with the force all the time and has been described as a heavy cruiser. In any case it appears that the force concentrated in the Cap St. Jacques. Camranh Bay area now probably comprises:-

1 battleship, possibly "KONGO" class

2 battleships, "ISE" class

1-2 heavy cruisers

1-2 Light cruisers

8 destroyers.

With reference to the fleet train units comprising in total 16 transports, 3 tankers, 7 escorts which departed Cap St. Jacques 19-20 Dec. it is perhaps significant that a somewhat similar concentration was sighted in S. Formosa area 23 Dec. (see later in this Summary).

At 1400/21 Dec. 1 transport and 3 escorts departed Cap St. Jacques towards the E.

At 1000/23 Dec. aircraft sighted 1 medium freighter 2 destroyer escorts, close in-shore, 45 miles S.S.W. of Camranh Bay on course 60°, at 12 knots. This same aircraft inspected Camranh Bay and Cap St. Jacques in excellent visibility with negative results.

2. PHILIPPINES

- (1) N. Luzon - At 0910/23 Dec. aircraft sighted 1 freighter, 1 tanker, 2 escorts anchored in San Vicente Bay (N.E. tip Luzon).
- (2) Lingayan Gulf - At 1330/23 Dec. aircraft sighted a hospital ship approx. 100 miles W. of Cape Bolinao, course probably N.
- (3) Manila - Photos taken of Clark field prior to the Liberator strike 23 Dec. giving 60% coverage of the 4 of the 5 strips show 162 operational aircraft present (80 fighters, 79 twin engined bombers, 3 single engined bombers). As previously reported the strike claimed the destruction of an estimated 50 aircraft on the ground.
On 23 Dec. Grace Park airdrome at Manila was bombed by 1 group of Liberators.
- (4) Batangas Area - Scouts report that recent arrival from Manila of 40-50 "Q" boats (40 ft length) in the Batangas area and that these are well camouflaged and hidden along the Calatagan coast (North shore Verde Is. Passage) mainly near Calatagan Town.
On 22 Dec. Calatagan airdrome was bombed by 16 Kittyhawks, cratering the runway.
- (5) S. E. Luzon - Night 22-23 Dec. 2 enemy fighters were followed by a Hellcat from Samar to Bulan airdrome (Near Legaspi) where both were shot down whilst coming in to land.
- (6) Mindoro - There is still no enemy ground contact reported on Mindoro. Further reports of air activity 22 Dec. show that 10 enemy fighters were shot down by Lightning patrols over Mindoro, I.E. an additional 5 to earlier reports. No details of enemy air activity 23 Dec. have been received.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)

- (7) Visayas - At 1130/22 Dec. Fabrica airdrome was attacked by 18 Mitchells escorted by 10 Thunderbolts: 3 aircraft were destroyed and 6 damaged on the ground. There was no interception and only slight AA.
 Night 22-23 Dec. Carolina was bombed by 2 Liberators during harassing raids: 5 enemy night fighters ineffectively attempted to intercept.
 On 23 Dec. Fabrica was attacked by 24 Liberators escorted by 7 Lightnings scoring hits amongst 8 parked planes, and Silay was bombed by 23 Liberators escorted by 7 Thunderbolts hitting 2 parked planes. There was no interception and only moderate AA.
- (8) Leyte - All organized enemy resistance throughout Leyte E. of the Ormoc-Pinamopan highway including the mountain area in Central Leyte has been overcome but elimination of isolated pockets continues.
 In the advance W. along Palompon road our forces have reached a point approx. 7 miles (as the bomber flies) from Palompon: enemy resistance is being encountered at this point and is being taken under artillery fire. Palompon Town is also being subjected to harassing artillery fire. On 23 Dec. enemy concentrations in this area were attacked by 12 Kittyhawks.
 Enemy casualties on Leyte-Samar to 1220/23 total:-
 51,704 known dead
 335 Jap prisoners
 128 Formosan/Korean prisoners.
 Our losses to the same date total:-
 2,739 dead
 9,075 wounded
 149 missing.
- (10) Davao - A.M. 22 Dec. shipping off Davao was attacked by 3 Mitchells which destroyed 1 freighter transport (of undetermined size) and 1 coaster also damaged 8 sea trucks.
- (11) Zamboanga - At 1017/23 Dec. San Roque airdrome was bombed by 6 Mitchells and Zamboanga by another 6 Mitchells.

3. EAST INDIES

- (1) Morotai - In the Wajaboela area, on Central W. coast an enemy party attempted to infiltrate our perimeter there entering and looting the village of Wajabcela, night probably 20-21 Dec.
 Early 23 Dec. 1 enemy aircraft dropped bombs near Pitoe strip causing slight casualties and damage.
- (2) Halmahera - In an attempt to stop the nightly harassing raids on Morotai and possible supply and reinforcement of S.W. Morotai, Lolobata and the adjacent Hatetabako airdromes were subjected to attacks 22 Dec. by 68 Liberators, 41 Mitchells 18 Lightnings, 16 Kittyhawks with 203 tons bombs: the supply and personnel area at Goeroea in Galela Bay were attacked by 43 Mitchells, 16 Beaufighters, 25 Lightnings, 16 Kittyhawks with 30 tons bombs plus rockets and napalm incendiaries. Targets in Wasile Bay were attacked by 27 Kittyhawks, 13 Mustangs, 15 Beaufighters.
 On 23 December Lolobata and Hatetabako were again attacked on a substantial scale.

4. NEW GUINEA - On 22 and 23 December villages in Wewak area were subjected to air attacks on the usual scale.
5. BISMARCK-SOLOMONS - On 22 Dec. Rabaul, New Ireland and Bougainville were subjected to offensive sweep on a light scale.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

1. FORMOSA - At 0950/23 Dec. aircraft sighted a concentration of shipping described as comprising 1 transport, 12 tankers or freighters and 15 smaller vessels anchored in vicinity of Takao Harbor: 3-5 enemy fighters were airborne but did not intercept.
 In view of the fact that no other unusual concentration of shipping has been seen in the Luzon-Formosa area since the "fleet train" which departed Cap St. Jacques 19-20 Dec. for N., it is suggested that the shipping off Takao may in fact include at least some of the 16 transports, 3 tankers, 7 escorts involved in the 3 convoys.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)

- (1) Further sightings enemy fleet units S. China Sea.
- (2) Organized resistance Leyte overcome except for N.W. Peninsula.
- (3) Continued enemy air reinforcement of Formosa and Philippines.
- (4) Enemy submarine activity Philippines, West and Central Pacific and Indian Ocean including use of midget submarines.

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1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>	
Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)		(Incl. Mandates)	
<u>AKA</u> (76)	<u>ALGOL</u> (AKA)	<u>CLEMSON</u> (APA)	<u>WAYNE</u> (APA)
<u>APA</u>	<u>ALHENA</u>	<u>CUSTER</u>	<u>W.P.BIDDLE</u>
<u>AFD</u>	<u>ALMAAK</u>	<u>DOYEN</u>	<u>BROOKS</u> (AFD)
<u>ISI</u>	<u>AISHLIN</u>	<u>DUPAGE</u>	<u>COPER</u>
	<u>ALYCONE</u>	<u>FAYETTE</u>	<u>CROSBY</u>
	<u>AQUARIUS</u>	<u>FELAND</u>	<u>DICKERSON</u>
	<u>CAPRICORNUS</u>	<u>F.FUNSTON</u>	<u>HERBERT</u>
	<u>DIPHDA</u>	<u>FREMONT</u>	<u>HUMPHREYS</u>
	<u>CHARA</u>	<u>FULLER</u>	<u>KEPHART</u>
	<u>LIBRA</u>	<u>GILLIAM</u>	<u>KILTY</u>
	<u>O'HARA</u>	<u>GOLDEN CITY</u>	<u>LIDDLE</u>
	<u>THUBAN</u>	<u>HARRY LEE</u>	<u>MANLEY</u>
	<u>UVALDE</u>	<u>HASKELL</u>	<u>NEWMAN</u>
	<u>ALPINE</u> (APA)	<u>HEYWOOD</u>	<u>OVERTON</u>
	<u>ADAIR</u>	<u>H.T.ALLEN</u>	<u>SANDS</u>
	<u>APPLING</u>	<u>KNOX</u>	<u>SCHLEY</u>
	<u>ARLADNE</u>	<u>LEEDSTOWN</u>	<u>TALBOT</u>
	<u>A.T.MIDDLETON</u>	<u>LELAND</u>	<u>KANIMBLA</u> (ISI)
	<u>BANNER</u>	<u>LEO CLYMAN</u>	<u>MANOORA</u>
	<u>BAXTER</u>	<u>HAMARR</u>	<u>WESTRALIA</u>
	<u>BOLIVAR</u>	<u>MONROVIA</u>	<u>CLAM LAMONT</u>
	<u>CALVERT</u>	<u>OLMSTEAD</u>	<u>EMPIRE ARQUEBUS</u>
	<u>CAMERIA</u>	<u>SARASOTA</u>	<u>EMPIRE BATTLEAXE</u>
	<u>CAVALIER</u>	<u>SHERIDAN</u>	<u>EMPIRE MACE</u>
	<u>CLAY</u>	<u>WARREN</u>	<u>EMPIRE SPEARHEAD</u>
<u>AGC</u> (5)	<u>BLUE RIDGE</u>	<u>MOUNT MCKINLEY</u>	<u>WASATCH</u>
	<u>MOUNT OLYMPUS</u>	<u>ROCKY MOUNT</u>	
<u>AS</u> (3)	<u>GRIFFIN</u>	<u>HOLLAND</u>	<u>OTUS</u>
<u>AD</u> (4)	<u>DOBBIN</u>	<u>SIERRA</u>	<u>WHITNEY</u>
	<u>PIEDMONT</u>		
<u>AR</u> (4)	<u>BRIAREUS</u>	<u>PLATYFUS</u>	<u>RIGEL</u>
	<u>MEDUSA</u>		
<u>ARB</u> (1)	<u>MIDAS</u>		
<u>ARC</u> (5)	<u>CEBU</u>	<u>LEYTE</u>	<u>OGLALA</u>
	<u>CULEBRA ISLAND</u>	<u>MINDANAO</u>	
<u>ARH</u> (1)	<u>JASON</u>		
<u>ARL</u> (4)	<u>ACHILLES</u>	<u>EGERIA</u>	<u>REMUS</u>
	<u>AMYCUS</u>		
<u>ARS</u> (4)	<u>CABIE</u>	<u>PRESERVER</u>	<u>VENTS</u>
	<u>GRAPPLE</u>		
<u>ISD</u> (10)	<u>ASHLAND</u>	<u>GUNSTON HALL</u>	
	<u>BELLEGROVE</u>	<u>LINDENWALD</u>	
	<u>CARTER HALL</u>	<u>OAKHILL</u>	
	<u>CASA GRANDE</u>	<u>RUSHMORE</u>	
	<u>EPPING FOREST</u>	<u>WHITE MARSH</u>	

4. CENTRAL PACIFIC (Contd.)
(Including N. and S. Pacific Area)

# ALLIED FORCES	S. China Sea Incl. Formosa Singapore		Empire
<u>CL</u> (22) ASTORIA BILOXI *BIRMINGHAM CONCORD DETROIT FLINT GAMBIER *HONOLULU *LEANDER MIAMI MOBILE	OAKLAND PASADENA RALEIGH RICHMOND SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN SANTA FE ST LOUIS TRENTON VICKSBURG WILKES BARRE	(1-2) KISO KINU)1 or poss. ABUKUMA)both sunk	(3-4)*YAHAGI SAKAWA *ISUZU OYODO(poss. sunk)
<u>CLT</u>	-	(1) KASHII	(1) KASHIMA
<u>AV/CVS</u> (4) BALLARD CHANDELEUR	CURTISS POCOMOKE		(2) ASKITSUSHIMA *NOTORO
<u>DD</u> Approx. 150		20	15 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u> Approx. 150		10	Approx. 50
<u>AS</u>	?	?	2 (1 repairing)

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> (Southwest Pacific Western Section)	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> Indian Ocean	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u> Indian Ocean
<u>BB</u> -	(4) HOWE QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT	RENOWN -
<u>CV</u> -	(3) ILLUSTRIOUS INDOMITABLE	VICTORIOUS -
<u>CVE</u> -	(7) ACTIVITY AMEER ATHELING BATTLER	BEGUM SHAH UNICORN -
<u>CA</u> (1) SUFFOLK	(2) CUMBERLAND	LONDON -
<u>CL</u> -	(5) CEYLON KENYA	NEWCASTLE NIGERIA PHOEBE -
<u>AV/CVS</u> -	(1) ALBATROSS	-
<u>CVL</u> -	(2) CANTON	CHITRAL -
<u>DD</u> -	Approx. 27	-

* Non-effective.

Some of these units operating temporarily in S.W.P.A.

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN (Contd.)

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> (Southwest Pacific (Western Section))		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> Indian Ocean	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u> Indian Ocean
SS (63) ANGLER	HAKE	Approx. 16	10 (possibly all German)
BARBERO	HAMMERHEAD		
BASHAW	HAWKBILL		
BATFISH	HCE		
BAYA	JACK		
BECUNA	KRAKEN		
BERGAL	LAPON		
BESUGO	MINGO		
BLENNY	MUSKELLUNGE		
BLUEGILL	NARWHALL		
CATMAN	NAUTILUS		
COBLA	PADDLE		
DACE	PARGO		
FLASHER	REDFIN		
FLYING FISH	ROCK		
G.L.R	SEA LION		
GROWLER	SEA WOLF		
GULVINA	STINGRAY		
GUILTRO	TUSK		
GUNNEL	S.42		
BURNARD	S.45		
H.D.O	S.47		
CLYDE	STORM		
SEAROVER	STURDY		
SIRDAR	TANTALUS		
SPITEFUL	TANTIVY		
SPLIT	TELEMACHUS		
K.9	K.15		
K.12	O.19		
K.14	ZWAARDFISCH		
AS ANTHEDON	MALDSTONE		
EURYALE			

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY SHORE-BASED AIR STRENGTH

	SOLOMONS		PHILIPPINES			MANDATES
	BISMA ROKS	EAST INDIES	Luzon	Visayas	Mindanao	
Fighters	3	127	97	67	37	6
S/E Bombers	-	14	53	-	11	-
T/E Bombers	-	69	48	18	21	3
Flying Boats	-	6	-	-	-	-
Float Planes	10	50	24	12	14	6
Casn. A/C	2	15	12	10	3	4
TOTAL	15	281	206	107	86	19

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

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle.

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Date 25 December 1944

PART I(i) ALLIED FORCESSOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NEW GUINEA - BISMARCKS(a) At Sea to 1200/25:(a) Task Force 70: 63 PT

6 AGP: "WILLOUGHBY" "WACH APRE AGUE" "HILO" "PONTUS" "OYSTER BAY" "ORESTES"

(b) Task Force 73: 5 AVP: "HALF MOON" "ORCA" "SAN PABLO" "SAN CARLOS" "BARATARIA"

1 AV: "CURRITUCK" 2 AVR

(c) Task Force 75: 41 XAK 2 CGC: "BUTTONWOOD" "SPENCER" 1 ARD: "EGERIA" 1 APD: 9

4 AK: "BOOTES" "RUTILICUS" "MURZIM" "APPANOOSE" 1 APA: "GILLIAM"

2 ARS: "CABLE" "GRAPPLE" 3 PF: "GASCOYNE" "EUGENE" "EL PASO"

4 IT: "WHIPPOORWILL" "QUAPAN" "RESERVE" "HIDATSU" 1 AN: "STAG"

1 ARG: "OGLALA" 1 AH: "MAETSUYCKER" 4 PCE(R): 849,850,852,853

1 AKS: "ACUBENS" 1 PG: 1128 1 AN: "TEABERRY" 1 HDML: 1074

6 IX: "MINK" "CARIBOU" "PANDA" "RETHUSA" "PORCUPINE" "CARONDOLET"

6 DD: "KIMBERLEY" "MCGOWAN" "YOUNG" "W.D. PORTER" "WOODWORTH" "LANDER"

4 DE: "DOYLE C.BARNES" "JACCARD" "CHAFFEE" "MACK"

12 YMS: 6, 8, 39, 48, 51, 52, 71, 314, 315, 329, 339; 481

13 SC: 637, 725, 729, 731, 734, 735, 737, 744, 748, 749, 1004, 1365, 1368

TU.75.2.5: 8 XAK 4 PF: "ALLENTOWN" "MACHIAS" "CHARLOTTEVILLE" "SANDUSKY" 1 FS

2 DE: "T.F. NICHEL" "C.J. KIMMELL" 1 DD: "ROSS" 1 AO: "BISHOPDALE" 1 LSM 1 L

TU.75.2.8: 17 XAK 4 FS 1 PCE(R): 851 2 DE: "JOBS" "HOLT" 1 AVP: "HERON"

2 DD: "HOWORTH" "HALFORD"

(d) Task Force 76:

TU.76.4.24: 11 XAK 7 LST 1 FS 1 AF: "OCTANS" 1 AO: "POCKET CANYON" H10 2 LCM

2 AGC: "SHIKELLAMY" "SUSQUEHANNA" 2 AF: "PYRO" "YUNNAN" 1 PCE(R): 848

4 DE: "RILEY" "MCNULTY" "J.B. INOX" "METIVIER" 1 ATF: "APACHE"

(e) Task Force 77: 1 AGC: "WASATCH" 1 BB: "NEW MEXICO" 2 CA: "LOUISVILLE" "MINNEAPOLIS"

17 DD: "BRYANT" "CONYGHAM" "COOPER" "EDWARDS" "GANSEVOORT" "CONVERSE"

"REID" "C.A. AUSBURNE" "NEWCOMB" "STANLEY" "FOOTE" "McDERMOTT"

"STEMBEL" "STERETT" "WILSON" "MERTZ" "PATERSON"

TU.77.3: 8 DD: "BARTON" "WALKER" "LAFFEY" "O'BRIEN" "A.E. SUMNER" "INGRAHAM" "MOALE" "LOWRY"

1 CA: "PORTLAND" 2 CL: "PHOENIX" "BOISE"

(f) Task Force 78: 1 AGC: "MT. MCKINLEY"

TG.78.3: 12 DD: "DASHIELL" "HALL" "PAUL HAMILTON" "PRINGLE" "LAV ALLETTE" "STEVENS" "BUSH"

"PHILIP" "FLETCHER" "O'BANNON" "RADFORD" "HOPEWELL"

TG.78.3.3: 31 LST(L) 12 LSM

TG.78.3.4: 26 LST

TG.78.3.6: 10 AM: "SAUNTER" "SAGE" "PURSUIT" "REQUISITE" "REVENGE" "SCRIMMAGE" "SENTRY"
"SALUTE" "SCOUT" "TRIUMPH" 1 APD: "BROOKS" 6 YMS: 2, 9, 47, 53, 68, 339

TG.78.3.7: 2 PG: 462, 563 7 LCI(G) 5 LCI(R)

TG.78.3.8: 1 ATR 1 LCI(D)

(2) "LOESER" (DE) escorting 3 LST departed Oro Bay 0900/22 ETA Humboldt Bay 1400/25.

(3) "SPRIGHTLY" (AT) with 3 tows proceeding to Woendi ETA pm 26 Dec.

(b) In Harbour:Morotai:

Combat units 3 DD : "MORRIS" "MUSTIN" "STACK"
 28 PT
 Escorts 11 : 8 AMS: "DELOR AINE" "KAPUNDA" "BUND ABERG" "STRAHAN" "KATOOMB A"
 "COLAC" "COWRA" "STAWELL" 2 PC: 1122, 1133
 Auxiliaries 20 : "MOBJACK (AK)" "MERCURY" (AK) "ARIADNE" (CMS) "ARNEB" (AKA) "ELMORE"
 "F.FUNSTON" "LEONARD WOOD" "J.O'HARA" "SUMTER" (APA) 2 YO
 2 YOG 2 YPD 2 YPF 1 YP: 196

Sansapor:

Escorts 6 : 2 PC: 1119, 1598 4 SC: 521, 667, 695, 1327
 Auxiliaries 2 : 1 APH: "RIKEY" 1 YP: 283

Noemfoor:

Escorts 2 : 2 PC: 462, 563
 Auxiliaries 6 : "HASKELL" "LEONARD" "ADAM" (APA) "DIPHDA" (AKA) "MANLEY" (APD)
 "GOLDSBOROUGH" (AVD)

ak-Woendi:

Combat units 27 PT
 Escorts 10 : 6 AMS: "WAGGA" "LITHGOW" "COOTAMUNDRA" "GLADSTONE" "LATROBE" "BROOME"
 1 DE: "BOWERS" 1 PS: "SWAN" 1 PF: "BURDEKIN" 1 YMS: "RINDJANI"
 Auxiliaries 15 : "GRIFFIN" (AS) "REMUS" (ARD) "DERRICK" (YO) "VICTORIA" (AO) "TASMAN" (AI)
 "TANGIER" (AV) "SEEKONK" "SAKATONCHEE" (AOG) "BINGERA" (AG) "ALCONA"
 (AKA) "MERKUR" (AF) 2 YFD 2 YP: 240, 514

boldt Bay:

Combat units 14 DD : "FLUSSER" "SHAW" "SAMUEL C. REID" "CLAXTON" "ABBOT" "JENKINS" "SMITH"
 "RATHBURNE" "BURNS" "BELL" "RUSSELL" "CALDWELL" "HARADEN" "HUGHES"
 Escorts 60 : 21 DE: "WILLMARTH" "THOMASON" "NEVENDORFF" "EICHENBERGER" "DAY"
 "LOUGH" "MANNING" "L.E. ACREE" "LOVELACE" "D.A. JOY" "HODGES"
 "WHITEHURST" "K.M. WILLETT" "J.E. CRAIG" "TINSMAN" "RUDDERON"
 "GREENWOOD" "E.E. ELMORE" "COLLEBAUGH" "PEIFFER" "G.A. JOHNSON"
 3 AMS: "ROCHHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" "ARARAT" 1 PS: "WARREGO"
 17 SC: 514, 531, 646, 658, 668, 687, 723, 735, 738, 741, 742, 1052, 1319,
 1320, 1331, 1365, 1369 1 ML: 825
 17 PC: 84, 464, 476, 555, 584, 586, 1131, 1137, 1139, 1188,
 1129, 1128, 1124, 1131, 1134, 1135, 1590
 Auxiliaries 86 : "BANNER" "BARNSTABLE" "PIERCE" "KNOX" "CAMBRIA" "MONROVIA" "APPLING"
 "CALVERT" "CUSTER" "H.T. ALLEN" (APA) "GOLDSTAR" "WRIGHT" (AG) "COMET"
 "GEN.H. SCOTT" "WINGED ARROW" "WARHAWK" "HERALD OF THE MORN"
 "LASALLE" "STORM KING" "MONTEREY" (AP) "PECOS" "SEVERN" "KURUMBA"
 "TRINITY" "SCHUNKILL" "TALIULAH" "SUAMICO" "SALAMONIE" (AO) "PREBLE"
 (DM) "CLYDE" "VILLALOBOS" (IX) "CYRENE" (AGP) "CLANLAMONT"
 "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD" (LSI) "JUPITER" "GANYMEDE" (AK) "CHITWAUKUM" (AOG)
 "AQUARIUS" "ELECTRA" (AKA) "DOBBIN" (AD) "MERCY" "REFUGEE" "HOPE" (AH)
 "POTAWATOMI" "RAIL" "CHETCO" "TANCRED" (AT) "ACHILLES" (ARS) "SANDS"
 "LIDDLE" "HUMPHREYS" "GROSBY" "KILTY" "SCHLEY" "HERBERT" "NEWMAN"
 "KEPHART" "COFER" "LLOYD" (APD) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "LINDENWALD"
 "SHADWELL" "WHITEMARSH" "OAKHILL" "EPPING FOREST" "BELLE GROVE"
 "GUNSTON HALL" (LSD) "CULEBRA ISLAND" (ARG) "BREEZE" "ELLIOT" (DMS)
 "MONITOR" (LSV) 2 YFD 6 AFD: 2, 3, 11, 16, 24, 25
 2 ARD: 7, 12 4 YP: 218, 240, 291

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Auxiliaries 16 : "FAYETTE" "HEYWOOD" "LEEDSTOWN" "FELAND" "CAVALIER" "DURAGE" "WAYNE"
 "FULLER" (APA) "THUBAN" (AKA) "HERCULES" "ELLIOTT" (AK) "DICKERSON"
 "TALBOT" (APH) "CAPE JOHNSON" "GOLDEN CITY" "JOHN LAND" (AP)

ralties:

Combat units 5 BB : "CALIFORNIA" "MISSISSIPPI" "PENNSYLVANIA" "WEST VIRGINIA" "COLORADO"
 22 CVE : "SAGINAW BAY" "BARNES" "MAKIN ISLAND" "SALAMAU" "BISMARCK SEA"
 "ALAVA BAY" "HOGGATT BAY" "LUNGA POINT" "SHIPLEY BAY" "PETROF BAY"
 "ALTAMAH" "KITKUN BAY" "STEAMER BAY" "SHAMROCK BAY" "SAVO ISLAND"
 "MARCUS ISLAND" "NATOMA BAY" "MANILA BAY" "KADASHAN BAY"
 3 CA : "CANBERRA" "SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"
 7 CL : "CLEVELAND" "HOUSTON" "NASHVILLE" "DENVER" "MONTPELIER" "RENO" "COLUMBIA"
 39 DD : "HALLIGAN" "EVANS" "MEEVIN" "ARUNTA" "LEUTZE" "KILLON" "R.P. LEARY"
 "SAUFLEY" "TAYLOR" "NICHOLAS" "HELM" "MAURY" "McCALL" "H.L. EDWARDS"
 "LAMSON" "WILSON" "GRIDLEY" "BAGLEY" "CHARRET" "ISHERWOOD" "CONY"
 "AUSTIN" "LUCE" "MUGFORD" "DRAYTON" "SMITH" "RALPH TALBOT" "TWIGGS"
 "WALLER" "RENSHAW" "ROBINSON" "CONWAY" "BENNION" "EATON" "CONNOR"
 "SIGOURNEY" "REMEY" "BRAINE"
 2 SS : "S.45" "S.47"

Admiralties: (Cont)

Escorts 70 : 20 DE : "W.C. WANN" "H. LORAN" "DELAHANTY" "EVERSOLE" "OBERRENDER"
 "SPANGLER" "C. B. ANA" "LAPRADE" "FOREMAN" "RAYMOND" "EDMONDS"
 "R. S. SUESSENS" "J. C. BUTLER" "BEGAS" "OSBERG" "O'FLAHERTY"
 "ROBT. BRAZER" "R. M. ROWELL" "WITTER" 2 PCS: 1391, 1418
 2 PE : "ORANGE" "VAN BUREN" 5 SC: 732, 98, 1004, 1274, 1375
 9 PC : 598, 600, 742, 1228, 1170, 1421, 1600, 1601, 1602
 32 YMS: 1, 10, 46, 48, 81, 97, 140, 158, 184, 197, 238, 243, 296, 386, 318, 319,
 327, 328, 340, 341, 342, 360, 363, 353, 364, 368, 380, 409, 410

Auxiliaries 74 : "BAXTER" "OLMSTEAD" (AP A) "TALAMANC A" (AF) "POWANG" (AE) "CACAPON"
 "CHIKASKI A" "NESHANIC" "SARANAC" "WINOOSKI" "NEOBRA A" "CALIENTE"
 "COWANEQUE" "ESCAMBI A" "CHEPACHET" (AO) "YOUNG AMERICA" (AP) "AMYCUS"
 (AR) "CEBU" "LEYT" "MINDANAO" "JASON" (ARG) "CETUS" "SH AUL A" "PHOBOS"
 "LYR A" "INDUS" "CRUX" "SAGITTARIUS" (AK) "ALYCON" (AKA) "CHANCE"
 "SCUFFLE" "CAPTIVATE" (AM) "HAMMONDSPO" (AKV) "BRIAREUS" "MEDUS A"
 (AR) "GERN" "MENOMINEE" "SIOUX" "TAWAB A" "LIPAN" "KINGFISHER" "ARAPHAO"
 "WATCH HILL" "CHIKASAW" "CHOWANOC" (AT) "BUNGAREE" "MONADNOCK" (CM)
 "CLEMSON" (AVD) "ROCKY MOUNT" (AGS) "PRESERVER" (ARS) "RIO GRANDE"
 "ELKHORN" "PASQUOTANK" (AOG) "OTUS" (AS) "BENALL A" "PATHFINDER" (AGS)
 "ALAEASTER" (PYC) "BOUNTIFUL" (AH) "SIERRA" "WHITNEY" "PIEDMONT" (AD)
 "LAURABADA" (AG) 2 ABSD 2 AFD: 8, 20 1 ARD: 20 3 YP: 280, 288, 585

Cape Gloucester:
 Escorts 2 : 2 SC : 631, 1004
 Auxiliaries 6 : "CAPRICORNUS" (AE) "CLYDE" "W. P. BIDDLE" "CATSKILL" (AP) "CHARA" (AKA)

Alexishafen-Madang:
 Escorts 3 : 1 ML : 802 1 HDML: 1339 1 AMS: "GYMPIE"
 Auxiliaries 4 : "KOOPA" (AG) "PING WO" (ASIS) "MESQUITE" (CGC) 1 YP: 504

Lengemak:
 Escorts 6 : 3 SC : 695, 720, 743 3 PC: 218, 585, 1491
 Auxiliaries 12 : "RIFLEMAN" (AM) "ST GILES" "RACE POINT" "CHIPPEWA" (AT) "KATOOMB A"
 "GEN. H. TAYLOR" (AP) "GAMBLE" (DM) "BULL WHEEL" (YO) "WARWICK" (AK)
 "OVERTON" (APD) "A. T. MIDDLETON" (APA) "ALHENA" (AKA)

Lae:
 Escorts 3 : 1 ML : 820 2 HDML: 1321, 1328
 Auxiliaries 1 : "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS)

Jacquinot Bay:
 Escorts 1 : 1 ML : 802
 Auxiliaries 1 : "LAURIANA" (AG)

oro Bay:
 Auxiliaries 2 : "UVALDE" (APA) "CASA GRANDE" (LSD)

lne Bay:
 Escorts 5 : 1 DE : "DARBY" 1 SC: 699 1 ML: 819 1 HDML: 1327 1 PC: 590
 Auxiliaries 7 : "ARAYAT" (IX) "MAUNA LOA" (AE) "LARK" (AT) "TAROONA" (AP)
 3 YP: 278, 449, 514

2. SOLOMONS(a) At Sea to 1200/25:Emirau:

Escorts 7 : 1 DE: "STADFELD" 2 YMS: "TUI", 250 4 SC: 502, 620, 703, 1274
 Auxiliaries 6 : "HYPERION" (AK) "TAGANAK" (AOC) 4 YP: 233, 414, 514, 515

Green Is:

Combat units 5 PT
 Escorts 1 : 1 YMS: 94
 Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YP: 248

Torokina:

Combat units 4 DD : "MONSSEN" "PICKIN" "SPROSTON" "WICKES"
 Escorts 17 : 2 SC : 1188, 1590 7 PC: 477, 702, 1123, 1132, 1170, 1231, 1242
 4 DE : "HARMON" "ABERGROMBIE" "GILLIGAN" "LERAY WILSON"
 1 PCS: 1420 3 YMS: 176, 311, 389
 Auxiliaries 33 : "ALDERAMIN" "CASSIOPEIA" "DRACO" (AK) "ANTARES" (AKS) "TITANIA"
 "LIBRA" "ALMAK" "ALSHAIN" (AKA) "MANOORA" "EMPIRE MACE" "LOTHIAN"
 "KANIMBLA" "WESTRALIA" "EMPIRE BATTLEAXE" "EMPIRE ARQUEBUS" (LSD)
 "DOYEN" "LAMARR" "HARRIS" "ALPINE" "SHERIDAN" "HARRY LEE" "FOLIVAR"
 "SARASOTA" (AP) "OZARK" (LSV) "PRES. POLK" "STARLIGHT" "ORMISTON" (AP)
 "PINKNEY" (APH) "WHIPSTOCK" (YDQ) "MT. OLYMPUS" (AGC) "SHAWNEE" "YUNIA" (E)

Treasury Is:

Combat units 14 PT
 6 FGM
 Escorts 4 : 1 DE : "PAUL G. BAKER" 2 PC: 479, 605 1 YMS: 45
 Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YN : "PALM"

(i) ALLIED FORCES (COM)3. EAST AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea to 1200/25:

- (1) "GLENELG" (AMS) departed Langemak 21 Dec for Brisbane.
 (2) "ML.809" departed Cairns 0600/22 for Townsville and Brisbane.
 (3) "PIRIE" (AMS) departed Port Philip 1500/19 for Fremantle ETA 1930/25.

(b) In Harbour:

Merauke:
 Escorts 3 : 2 YMS: "S. 100" "MERBARE OE" 1 HDML: 1326

Thursday Is:
 Escorts 2 : 1 AMS: "ECUC A" 1 HDML: 1324, 1353 1 PF: "HUTCHINSON"
 Auxiliaries 2 : "POLARIS" (AGS) 1 YP: 615

Cairns:
 Escorts 6 : 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" 1 ML: 806, 431, 428 2 HDML: 1322, 1323
 Auxiliaries 1 : "FIRE ISLAND" (AT)

Townsville:
 Escorts 3 : 1 AMS: "BENDIGO" 1 ML: 827 1 HDML: 1329
 Auxiliaries 2 : 1 AP: "DUNTHOON" 1 YP: 615

Bowen:
 Auxiliaries 1 : "HEROS" (AT)

Brisbane:
 Combat units 3 SS : "S.42" "NARWHAL" "NAUTILUS"
 Escorts 13 : 6 ML: 424, 425, 810, 811, 820, 821 2 YMS: 313, 393
 1 A/S: "WILCANNIA"
 Auxiliaries 4 : "ETOLIN" (AK) "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "GEN. BUTNER" (AP) "TRIANGULUM" (AK)

Sydney:
 Combat units 1 BB : "HOWE"
 2 CVE : "ATHELING" "BATTLER"
 2 CL : "MOBART" "TROMP"
 1 ODD : "STUART"
 2 DD : "QUICKMATCH" "QUEENSBOROUGH"
 2 SS : "K.9" "K.12"
 Escorts 12 : 1 PC: 597 1 SC: 1039 1 A/S: "YANDRA" 1 AMS: "KIAMA"
 8 ML: 426, 801, 803, 815, 816, 819, 822
 Auxiliaries 10 : "POINT LOMA" "WATO" (AT) "MANUNDA" "WANGANELLA" (AH) "ARDE" (CM)
 "OCTORARA" (IX) "AASE MAERSK" (AG) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS)
 "PLATYPUS" (AR) "POLLUX" (AKS) "EBONY" (LN)

Melbourne:
 Combat units 2 CVE : "STRIKER" "FENCE"
 1 OCL : "ADEL AIDE"
 Escorts 5 DD : "NIZAM" "QUILLIAM" "QUADRANT" "QUIBERON" "QUALITY"
 12 : 2 A/S: "ABRAHAM CRISTENSEN" "DOOMBA" 2 HDML: 1340, 1350
 8 AMS: "KALBOORLIE" "ALLARAT" "GOULBURN" "WHYALLA" "LISMORE"
 "BOWEN" "MRYBOROUGH" "BURNIE"

Hobart:
 Combat units 1 CL : "ACHILLES"
 1 DD : "SWIFTSURE"

4. NORTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/25:

- (1) Task Force 71:
 On Patrol 29 SS : "BECUNA" "BLENNY" "PADDLE" "HAMMERHEAD" "LAPON" "COBI A" "CAVALLA"
 "ANGLER" "BAYA" "HOE" "REDFIN" "SIRDA" "DACE" "BERG ALL" "ROCK"
 "BASHA" "GUITARRO" "GURNARD" "GUAVINA" "BARBERO" "FLASHER" "KRA"
 "HAWKBILL" "MSUBELLUNGE" "BESUGO" "HARDHEAD" "SEA LION" "MINGO"
 "STORM" "TELEMACHUS"
 On Passage 16 SS : "CLYDE" "K.14" "BLUEGILL" "TANTALUS" "TUSK" "ZWAARDFISCH" "CAIMA"
 "LAKE" "FLOUNDER" "TANTIVY" "SEA ROVER" "PARGO" "SPITEFUL" "PERC"
 "GABILAN" "SPINGRAY"
- (2) "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) departed Darwin 0806/18 Dec for survey ground vicinity Cape Four

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:
 Escorts 7 : "CASTLEMAINE" "HORSEHAM" "JUNEE" (AMS) 3 ML: 429, 801, 812 1 HDML
 Auxiliaries 3 : "STELLA" "MORSEBY" (AGS) "CHANTICLEER" (AR)

5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(a) At Sea to 1200/25:

Nil report.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat units	1	CA	:	"SUFFOLK"
	14	SS	:	"BREAM" "K.15" "O.19" "STURDY" "BLACKFIN" "HADLO" "JACK" "SPLIT" "BARBEL" "FLYING FISH" "GROWLER" "GUNNELL" "TUNA" "GAR"
Escorts	6		:	1 PF : "CORPUS CHRISTI" 1 PS : "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA" 1 SC : 720 2 YMS:11, 72
Auxiliaries	7		:	"ANTHEDON" "EURYALE" "MAIDSTONE" (AS) "COUCAL" (ARS) "ISABEL" (PY) 1 ARD: 10 1 YP: 286

Bunbury:

Escorts	1		:	1 AMS: "BUNBURY"
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(ii) ENEMY FORCESA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC1. SOUTH CHINA SEA

- (1) Camranh Bay - A confirmatory report is now available of the arrival of enemy fleet units at Camranh Bay A.M. 23 Dec. The report States that:-

2 heavy cruisers
3 destroyers
1 tanker

arrived Camranh Bay at 0900/23 Dec. and departed 6 hours later, indicating that the units probably put into sheltered waters to fuel. This report supports the submarine report of 1 battleship, 1 heavy cruiser and 2 destroyers arriving at Camranh Bay that morning but still leaves open to doubt the possibility that 1 battleship (possibly "KONGO" class) may have been described on this and previous occasions as a heavy cruiser. The report also accounts for the aircraft report that Camranh Bay was searched that day with negative results.

No subsequent sightings of this force have been reported nor is there any further intelligence available concerning the force off Cap Saint Jacques on 22 Dec.

- (2) Saigon - Local sources report that on 21 Dec. 16 transports arrived at Saigon and 1 transport departed. These arrivals or portion thereof could be at least part of the "fleet train units" which departed Cap Saint Jacques on 19-20 Dec. having been recalled but concentration at Formosa on 23 Dec. (reported in yesterday's Summary No. 1060) could equally well represent part of the same "fleet train units".

2. PHILIPPINES

- (1) Lingayan Gulf - At 1100/24 Dec. aircraft in flight reported:-

5 large merchant ships
2 destroyers
1 submarine
1 unidentified ship
about 100 barges

at anchor in the vicinity of San Fernando.

This concentration probably includes new arrivals as at 0700/24 Dec. another aircraft reported 1 sizeable freighter and 2 escorts approaching San Fernando across the mouth of Lingayan Gulf.

- (2) Manila Area - At 0840/24 Dec. aircraft reported a hospital ship 15 miles W.S.W. of Subic Bay on course 100°, apparently heading for Manila.

At 1600/24 Dec. aircraft reported 2 destroyers 50 miles W.N.W. of Corregidor on course 100°, at 15 knots. These are probably the same units seen at 0700/24 Dec. reported as 2 destroyer escorts 175 miles W.N.W. of Corregidor course 160°, at 17 knots.

- (3) Mindoro - There is still no enemy ground contact reported on Mindoro.

During the 24 hours following midnight 22-23 Dec. there were at least 20 enemy aircraft over Mindoro mainly at dusk 23 Dec. when 4 attacks were made: no material damage was suffered: 1 shot down 1 plane and probably shot down a second.

- (4) Leyte - At about dawn 25 Dec. an amphibious shore-to-shore landing supported by PT boats was conducted 1 mile N. of Palompon on N.W. Leyte. Slight opposition only was encountered.

Other land activity on Leyte is confined to mopping up isolated pockets and a general steady advance Westwards on a long line stretching almost unbroken throughout the length of the N.W. Leyte Peninsula with advanced elements approx. 7 miles from Palompon, as previously reported.

On 23 Dec. Palompon area was attacked by 5 Thunderbolts dropping napalin incendiaries which set the entire target area ablaze. This attack was preceded by 10 Kittyhawks dropping bombs on W. coast Leyte ports.

At 2235/22 Dec. an enemy barge heading S. towards Palompon was destroyed by PT boats.

Evening and night 23 Dec. 14 enemy aircraft were located over Leyte including formation estimated at 10 aircraft over Ormoc Corridor: bombs were dropped but inflicted no damage. 1 shot down 1 plane and hit a second.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)

- (5) Visayas - On 24 Dec. Carolina strip was well cratered by 1000 lb. bombs dropped by 24 Corsairs.
- (6) Mindanao Sea - At 0430/24 Dec. an enemy PT boat was located by Mariner search plane 10 miles W. of Camiguin Is.: the PT boat was sunk by destroyers.
- (7) Mindanao - At 0810/23 Dec. small ships in Davao Gulf were attacked by 6 Mitchells: 3 small coasters in the Panakan area were destroyed.

3. EAST INDIES

- (1) Morotai - Continued attempts by the enemy to infiltrate our lines are reported.
- (2) Halmahera - Night 22-23 Dec. 2 heavily armed enemy barges were attacked by PT boats off Djodjefa (Northernmost tip of Halmahera and almost opposite Wajaboela on Morotai) heading N.W.: the barges were hit and returned whence they came. Later the same night, an abandoned barge found in this area, thought to be one of those damaged earlier, was destroyed by other PT boats: the barge was loaded with ammunition and supplies.
On 23 Dec. aircraft strafed 5 barges in N. Halmahera, destroying 1 and damaging 3.
- (3) Lombok Strait - At 2307/22 Dec. Catalinas located a vessel described as a destroyer in Lombok Strait. It is suggested that this may be an A/S patrol vessel.

4. NEW GUINEA - On 24 Dec. supplies at Wewak Pt. were attacked by 10 Thunderbolts.

5. BISMARCKS-SOLOMONS - On 23 Dec. Vunakanau was attacked by 45 Mitchells, 6 Venturas and Matupi Is. by 8 Beauforts. Other targets throughout the area were attacked by light formations of Corsairs.
Photos 23 Dec. show Lakunai strip under repair and partially serviceable.
A.M. 24 Dec. Vunakanau and Tobera were bombed by 11 Liberators.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

1. JAPAN - At about midday Nagoya was attacked by Superfortresses from Saipan. 78 of these planes set out for the targets and 48 bombed the primary target by radar from 26,600-32,600 ft. dropping 519 x 500 lb. bombs with generally unobserved results. AA fire was meager but fighter opposition was the heaviest yet reported: 50-60 fighters made about 400 attacks and 2 Superfortresses were lost, 17 damaged: 11 enemy fighters were shot down 20 probably shot down and 11 damaged.
Of the remainder of the Superfortresses a few bombed alternative targets in Japan and 8 bombed Iwo Jima: other returned early due mechanical trouble.
2. FORLISA - At 1300/24 Dec. aircraft in flight reported 20 warships 45 miles W.N.W. of Takao, on course 280°.
3. CHINA - A delayed report of details of the raid by China-based Superfortresses on Mukden aircraft factory and railroad and dock facilities at Darien A.M. 21 Dec., the major force involving 37 aircraft attacked the aircraft plant at Mukden and 9 attacked Darien dropping in aggregate 172 tons of bombs.
Enemy fighter opposition is described as moderate to strong over Mukden and nil over Darien: 15 fighters were shot down, 7 probably shot down and 12 damaged: 2 Superfortresses were lost.

ADDENDUM:

Manila - On 24 Dec. Liberators escorted by Thunderbolts bombed Clark field causing many fires in dispersal areas. AA was intense and some 50-60 enemy fighters intercepted - a very different story to the raids on the previous 2 days on Manila airdromes when 9 and nil intercepting aircraft were reported. 18 enemy fighters were shot down and 2 more probably shot down. All Liberators returned base.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

- (1) Further sightings enemy fleet units S. China Sea.
- (2) Amphibious Blue landing Palompon, on Leyte.
- (3) Continued enemy air reinforcement of Formosa and Philippines.
- (4) Enemy submarine activity Philippines, West and Central Pacific and Indian Ocean including use of midget submarines.

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1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>				<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>*Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>				<u>(Incl. Mandates)</u>
DD (Contd.)	ARUNTA	QUALITY	QUILLIAM	SWIFTSURE
	GLENDOWER	QUEENSBOROUGH	QUICKMATCH	VENDETTA
	NIZAM	QUIBERON	STUART	WARRAMUNGA
	QUADRANT			
SE		-		10
PF	Approx. 175			-

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>				<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>				<u>(Incl. Mandates)</u>
AKA (76)	ALGOL (AKA)	CLEMSON (APA)	WAYNE (APA)	-
APM	ALHENA	CUSTER	W.P.BIDDLE	
APD	ALMAAK	DOYEN	BROOKS (APD)	
ISI	ALSHAIN	DUPAGE	COFER	
	ALYCONE	FLAYETTE	CROSBY	
	AQUARIUS	FELAND	DICKERSON	
	CAPRICORNUS	F.FUNSTON	HERBERT	
	DIPHDA	FREMONT	HUMPHREYS	
	CHARA	FULLER	KEFHART	
	LIBRA	GILLIAM	KILTY	
	O'HARA	GOLDEN CITY	LIDDLE	
	THUBAN	HARRY LEE	MANLEY	
	UVALDE	HASKELL	NEWMAN	
	APLINE (APA)	HEYWOOD	OVERTON	
	ADAIR	H.T.ALLEN	SANDS	
	APPLING	KNOX	SCHLEY	
	ARLADNE	LEEDSTOWN	TALBOT	
	A.T.MIDDLETON	LELAND	KANIMBLA (ISI)	
	BANNER	LEO CLYMAN	MANOORA	
	BAXTER	LAMARR	VESTRALIA	
	BOLIVAR	MONROVIA	CLAN LAMONT	
	CLIVERT	OLMSTEAD	EMPIRE ARQUEBUS	
	CAMBRIA	SARASOTA	EMPIRE BATTLEAXE	
	CAVALIER	SHERIDAN	EMPIRE MACE	
	CLAY	WARREN	EMPIRE SPEARHEAD	
APM (5)	BLUE RIDGE	MOUNT MCKINLEY	WASATCH	-
	MOUNT OLYMPUS	ROCKY MOUNT		
AS (2)	GRIFFIN	HOLLAND	OTUS	-
APD (4)	DOBBIN	SIERRA	WHITNEY	-
	PIEDMONT			
AR (4)	BRLREUS	PLATYFUS	RIGEL	-
	MEDUSA			
ARB (1)	MIDAS			-
ARC (5)	CEBU	LEYTE	OGLALA	-
	CULEBRA ISLAND	MINDANAO		

* Excluding Cenpac forces Temporarily at Sea in S.W.P.A.
Non-effective.

4. CENTRAL PACIFIC
(Including N. and S. Pacific Area)

	<u># ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>S. China Sea</u> <u>Incl. Formosa</u> <u>Singapore</u>	<u>Empire</u>
<u>CGE</u> (Contd.)	CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR FANSHAW BAY GILBERT ISLANDS HOLLANDIA KALININ BAY KWAJALEIN BAY	SARGENT BAY SITKOH BAY SUWANNEE TAKANUS BAY TANANEK BAY WHITE PLAINS WINDHAM BAY	
<u>CGA</u> (30)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER DURHAM INDIANAPOLIS	PENSACOLA NEW ORLEANS SALT LAKE CITY SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA	(1-4) CHOKAI *TAKAO)prob. MYOKO)all NACHI)sunk (4) IBUKI(poss. S. China Sea) *TONE *MOBI *HAGURO
<u>CGA</u>	-	-	6
<u>CGL</u> (22)	ASTORIA BELOXI *BIRMINGHAM CONCORD DETROIT PLENT *HONOLULU MIAMI MOBILE ONTARIO GAMBIA	PASADENA RALEIGH RICHMOND SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN SANTA FE ST LOUIS TRENTON VICKSBURG WILKES BARRE *LEANDER	1-2) KISO KINU)1 or poss. ABUKUMA)both sunk (3-4)*YAMAGI SAKAWA *ISUZU OYODO(poss. sunk)
<u>CLF</u>	-	(1) KASHII	(1) KASHIMA
<u>AV/SVS</u> (4)	BALIARD CHANDELEUR	CURTISS POCOMOKE	(2) ASKITSUSHIMA *NOTORO
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 150	20	15 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u>	Approx. 150	10	Approx. 50
<u>AS</u>	?	?	2 (1 repairing)

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> (Southwest Pacific Western Section)	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> Indian Ocean	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u> Indian Ocean
<u>ES</u>	-	(3) QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN	-
<u>CV</u>	-	(5) ACTIVITY AMEER BEGUM	SHAH UNICORN
<u>CA</u> (1)	DURFOLK	(2) CUMBERLAND	LONDON

* Non-effective.

Some of these units operating temporarily in S.W.P.A.

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> (Southwest Pacific Western Section)		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> Indian Ocean	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u> Indian Ocean	
SI	-	(5) CEYLON KENYA	NEWCASTLE NIGERIA PHOENIX	
SEVENTS	-	(1) ALBATROSS	-	
SI	-	(2) CANTON	CHITRAL	
SI	-	Approx. 27	-	
SS (63)	ANGLER BARGERRO BASHAW BATTLEFISH BAXA BECUNA BERGALL BESUGO BLENNY BLUEGILL CALLAN COBLA DACE FLASHER FLYING FISH GAR GROWLER GULVILL GUITARO GUNNEL GURNARD HADDO CLYDE SEA ROVER SIRDAR SPITEFUL SPLIT K.9 K.12 K.14	HAKE HAMMERHEAD HAWKBILL HOE JACK KRAKEN LAPON MINGO MISKELLUNGE NORWALL NAUTILUS PADDLE PARGO REDFIN ROCK SEA LION SEA WOLF STINGRAY TUSK S.42 S.45 S.47 STORM STURDY TANTALUS TANTIVY TELEMACHUS K.15 O.19 ZILLARDFISCH	Approx. 16	10 (possibly all German)
AS (3)	ANTHEDON EURYALE	MIDSTONE		

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY SHORE-BASED AIR STRENGTH

	<u>SOLOMONS</u>		<u>PHILIPPINES</u>			<u>MANDATES</u>
	<u>BISMARCKS</u>	<u>EAST INDIES</u>	<u>Luzon</u>	<u>Visayas</u>	<u>Mindanao</u>	
Fighters	3	127	103	69	28	6
S/TB Bombers	-	14	44	2	10	-
T/B Bombers	-	69	68	12	14	3
Flying Boats	-	6	-	-	-	-
Float Planes	10	50	21	9	14	6
Coastal A/C	2	15	28	2	-	4
TOTAL	15	291	264	94	66	19

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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

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PART I

(1) ALLIED FORCES

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

I. NEW GUINEA - BISMARCKS

(a) At Sea to 1200/26:

- (1) (a) Task Force 70: 63 PT
6 AGP: "WILLOUGHBY" "WACHAPREAGUE" "HILO" "PONTUS" "OYSTER BAY" "ORESTES"
(b) Task Force 73: 5 AVP: "HALF MOON" "ORCA" "SAN PABLO" "SAN CARLOS" "BARATARIA"
1 AV: "CURRITUCK" 2 AVR
(c) Task Force 75: 52 XAK 2 CGC: "BUTTONWOOD" "SPENCER" 1 ARD: "EGERIA" 1 ARD: 9
4 AK: "BOOTES" "RUTILICUS" "WMURZIM" "APPANOOSE" 1 APA: "GILLIAM"
2 ARS: "CABLE" "GRAPPLE" 3 PF: "GASCOYNE" "EUGENE" "EL PASO"
5 AT: "WHIPPOORWILL" "QUAPAW" "RESERVE" "HIDATSU" "APACHE" 1 AJ: "STAG"
1 ARG: "OGLALA" 1 AH: "MAETUSYCKER" 2 AOG: "SHIKELLAMY" "SUSQUEHAN"
5 PCE(R): 848, 849, 850, 852, 853 1 AF: "OCTANS" 2 AB: "PYR" "YUNNAN"
1 AKS: "ACUBENS" 1 PC: 1128 1 AN: "TEABERRY" 1 HDML: 1074
8 DE: "D.C.B ARNES" "JACCARD" "CHAFFEE" "MACK" "RILEY" "MCNULTY" "METEVIER" "J.B. KNOX"
7 DD: "KIMBERLEY" "MCGOWAN" "YOUNG" "W.D. PORTER" "WOODWORTH" "LANDER"
"ABBOT" 12 YMS: 6, 8, 39, 48, 51, 52, 71, 314, 315, 329, 339, 481
13 SC: 637, 725, 729, 731, 734, 735, 737, 744, 748, 749, 1004, 1365, 1368
TU.75.2.5: 2 XAK 4 PF: "ALLENTOWN" "MACHI AS" "CHARLOTTEVILLE" "SANDUSKY" 1 LSM
1 DD: "ROSS" 1 AO: "BISHOPDALE" 1 LST 1 FS
TU.75.2.8: 17 XAK 4 FS 1 PCE(R): 851 2 DE: "JOBS" "HOLT" 1 AVP: "HERON"
2 DD: "HOWORTH" "HALFORD"
Task Force 77: 1 AGC: "WASATCH" 1 BB: "NEW MEXICO" 2 CA: "LOUISVILLE" "MINNEAPOLIS"
16 DD: "BRYANT" "COOPER" "EDWARDS" "GANSEVOORT" "CONVERSE" "REID" "MERTZ"
"C. A. AUSEBURNE" "NEWCOMB" "STANLEY" "FOOTE" "McDERMOTT" "STEMBEL"
"STERETT" "WILSON" "PATERSON"
TU.77.3: 8 DD: "BARTON" "WALKER" "LAFFEY" "O'BRIEN" "A.E. SUMNER" "INGRAHAM" "MOALE" "LOWRY"
1 CA: "PORTLAND" 2 CL: "PHOENIX" "BOISE"
(e) Task Force 78:
TG.78.3: 11 DD: "DASHIELL" "HALL" "PAUL HAMILTON" "PRINGLE" "STEVENS" "BUSH" "FLETCHER"
"PHILIP" "O'BANON" "RADFORD" "HOPEWELL"
TG.78.3.3: 31 LST(L) 12 LSM
TG.78.3.4: 26 LST
TG.78.3.6: 10 AM: "SAUNTER" "SAGE" "PURSUIT" "REQUISITE" "REVENGE" "SCRIMMAGE" "SENYRY"
"SALUTE" "SCOUT" "TRIUMPH" 1 ARD: "BROOKS" 6 YMS: 2, 9, 47, 53, 68, 339
TG.78.3.7: 2 PC: 462, 563 7 LCI(G) 5 LCI(R)
TG.78.3.8: 1 ATR 1 LCI(D)
"THETIS BAY" (CVE) departed Langemak 1500/23 for Honolulu ETA 3 Jan.
"TANGIER" (AV) departed Woendi 1500/23 for Palau ETA 1330/25.
"GEN. H. TAYLOR" (AP) departed Langemak 1300/23 for San Francisco, ETA 8 Jan.
"GEN. BUTNER" (AP) departed Brisbane 22 Dec for San Pedro ETA 5 Jan.
(6) "COOLAMUNDRA" "COLAC" (AMS) escorting 1 XAK departed Biak 1800/24 for Morotai ETA 0500/27.
(7) "SPRIGHTLY" (AT) with 3 tows proceeding to Woendi ETA pm 26 Dec.

(b) In Harbour:

- Protai:
 Combat units 2 DD : "MORRIS" "MUSTIN"
 Escorts 28 PT : 7 AMS: "DELOVAINE" "KAPUNDA" "BUNDABERG" "STRATHAN" "KATOOMB A" "COWLEY"
 "STANWELL" 2 PG: 1122, 1133
 Auxiliaries 20 : "MOBJACK" (AGP) "MERCURY" (AK) "ARIADNE" (CMS) "ARNEB" (AKA) "ELMORE"
 "F. FUNSTON" "LEONARD WOOD" "J. O'HARA" "SUMNER" (APA) 2 YQ
 2 YCG 2 YEL 2 YPF 1 YP: 196
- Sansapor:
 Escorts 6 : 2 PG: 1119, 1598 4 SQ: 521, 667, 695, 1327
 Auxiliaries 3 : 1 APH: "RIXEY" 1 AOG: "SAKATONGHEE" 1 YP: 283
- Noemfoor:
 Escorts 2 : 2 PG: 462, 563
 Auxiliaries 6 : "HASKELL" "LEONARD AIR" (APA) "DIPHD A" (AKA) "MANLEY" (APD)
 "GOLDSBOROUGH" (AVD)
- Biak-Woendi:
 Combat units 1 ODD : "VENDETTA"
 Escorts 27 PT : 5 AMS: "WAGGA" "LENGGONG" "GLADSTONE" "CATROBE" "BROOM" 1 PS: "SWAN"
 1 DE: "BOLLERS" 1 PF: "BURDEKIN" 1 YLS: "RINDJANI"
 Auxiliaries 12 : "GRIFFIN" (AS) "REMUS" (ARD) "DERRICK" (YO) "TRINITY" "VICTORIA" (AO)
 "TASMAN" (AI) "BINGER" (AG) "ALCONA" (AK) 2 YFD 2 YP: 240, 514
- Humboldt Bay:
 Combat units 12 DD : "FLUSSER" "SHAW" "SAMUEL C. REED" "GLAXTON" "STACK" "LA VALLETTE"
 "JENKINS" "SMITH" "RATHBURN" "BURNS" "LELL" "RUSSELL"
 Escorts 65 : 24 DE : "WILLEMARTH" "THOMASON" "NEVENDORET" "EICHENBERGER" "DAY"
 "LOUGH" "MANNING" "L. E. ACREE" "LOVELACE" "D. A. JOY" "HODGES"
 "WHITEHURST" "K. M. WILLETT" "E. CRAIG" "TINSMAN" "RUDDEROW"
 "GREENWOOD" "E. E. ELMORE" "COOLEBAUGH" "PEIFFER" "G. A. JOHNSON"
 "C. M. KIMMEL" "THOS. F. NICKEL" "LOESER" 1 PS: "WARREGO"
 4 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" "ARARAT" "GYMPL" 1 ML: 825
 18 SC : 514, 531, 646, 658, 668, 687, 723, 735, 738, 741, 742,
 1012, 1052, 1319, 1320, 1331, 1365, 1369
 17 PG : 84, 464, 476, 555, 584, 586, 1131, 1137, 1139, 1188,
 1129, 1128, 1124, 1131, 1134, 1135, 1590
- Auxiliaries 86 : "BANNER" "BARNSTABLE" "PIERCE" "BOOX" "CAMBRIA" "MONROVIA" "APPLING"
 "CALVERT" "CUSTER" "H. T. ALLEN" (APA) "GOLDSTAR" "WRIGHT" (AG) "COMET"
 "LASALLE" "GEN. H. SCOTT" "WINGED ARROW" "HERALD OF THE MORN"
 "WARHAWK" "STORM BANG" "MONTEREY" (AP) "COS" "SEVERN" "KURUMBIA"
 "SARANAC" "SCHUYKILL" "TALLULAH" "SUAMICO" "SALAMONIE" (AO) "PREBLE"
 (DM) "CLYDE" "VILLALOBOS" (IX) "CYRENE" (AGP) "EMPIRE SPERRHEAD"
 "CLAY LAMONT" (LST) "JUPITER" "CANYMEDE" (AK) "SEEKONK" "CHW AUKUM" (AOG)
 "AQUARIUS" "ELECTRA" (AKA) "DOBIN" (AD) "MERCY" "REFUGE" "HOPE" (AH)
 "POTAWATOMI" "RAIL" "CHETCO" "TANCRED" (AT) "ACHILLES" (ARS) "SANDS"
 "LIDDLE" "HUMPHREYS" "CROSBY" "KILTY" "SCHLEY" "HERBERT" "NEWMAN"
 "KEPHART" "COFER" "LLOYD" "DICKERSON" (APD) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGG) "OAKHILL"
 "BLINDENWALD" "SHADWELL" "BELLE GROVE" "GUNSTON HALL" (LSD) "BREEZE"
 "ELLIOTT" (DMS) "CULEBRA ISLAND" (ARG) "MONITOR" (LSV) 2 YFD
 6 AD: 2, 8, 11, 16, 24, 25 2 ARD: 7, 12 3 YP: 218, 240, 291
- Aitape:
 Auxiliaries 17 : "FAYETTE" "HEYWOOD" "LEEDSTOWN" "FELAND" "CAVALIER" "DUPAGE" "WAYNE"
 "FULLER" (APA) "THUSAN" (AKA) "HERCULES" "ELLIOTT" (AK) "WHITEMARSH"
 "PEPPING FOREST" (LSD) "TALBOT" (APH) "CAPE JOHNSON" "GOLDEN CITY"
 "JOHN LAND" (AP)
- Admiralties:
 Combat units 5 BB : "CALIFORNIA" "MISSISSIPPI" "PENNSYLVANIA" "WEST VIRGINIA" "COLORADO"
 22 CVT : "SAGINAW BAY" "BARNES" "MAKIN ISLAND" "SALAMAU" "BISMARCK SEA"
 "ALAVA BAY" "HOGGATT BAY" "LINGA POINT" "SHIPLEY BAY" "PETROF BAY"
 "ALTAMAH A" "KITJUN BAY" "STEAMER BAY" "SHAMROCK BAY" "SAVO ISLAND"
 "MARCUS ISLAND" "NATOMA BAY" "MANILA BAY" "KADASHAN BAY" "KWAJALEIN"
 "OMMANEY BAY" "WAKE ISLAND"
 3 CA : "CANBERRA" "SHERPESHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"
 7 CL : "CLEVELAND" "HOUSTON" "NASHVILLE" "DENVER" "MONTPELIER" "RENO" "COLUMB"
 12 DD : "HALLIGAN" "EVANS" "HELVIN" "ARUNT A" "LEUTZE" "KILLEN" "R. P. LEARY"
 "SAUFLEY" "TAYLOR" "NICHOLAS" "HELM" "MAURY" "McCALL" "H. L. EDWARDS"
 "LAMSON" "WILSON" "GRIDLEY" "BAGLEY" "CHARRETE" "ISHERWOOD" "CONY"
 "AUSTIN" "LUCY" "HUGFORD" "BRAYTON" "SMITH" "RALPH TALBOT" "TWIGGS"
 "WALLER" "RENSHAW" "ROBINSON" "CONWAY" "BENNING" "EATON" "CONNOR" "BUSH"
 "SIGOURNEY" "REBEX" "BRATNE" "CALDWELL" "HARADEN" "CONYGHAM"
 2 SS : "S. 45" "S. 47" -2-

(i) ALLIED FORCES (CONT)

SECRET

Admiralties: (Cont)
Escorts 73

: 23 DE : "W.C.WANN" "H ALLOR AN" "DEL AH ANTY" "EVERSOLE" "OBERRENDER"
"SP ANGLER" "C AB AN A" "L APR DE" "FOREMAN" "R AYMOND" "EDMONDS"
"R.S.SUESSENS" "J.C.BUTLER" "DEB AS" "OSBERG" "O' FLAHERTY"
"ROBT.BRAZIER" "R.M.ROWELL" "WITTER" "MITCHELL" "BL ACKWOOD"
"R.S.BULL" "H.F.CLARK" 2 PCS: 1391, 1418
2 DE: "OR ANGE" "VAN BUREN" 5 SC: 732, 98, 1004, 1274, 1375
9 PC : 598, 600, 742, 1228, 1170, 1421, 1600, 601, 1602
32 YMS: 1, 10, 46, 48, 81, 97, 140, 158, 184, 197, 238, 243, 296, 386, 318, 319
327, 328, 340, 341, 342, 360, 363, 353, 364, 368, 380, 409, 410

Auxiliaries 71

: "B AXTER" "UV ALDE" "OLMSTE AD" (AP A) "T ALMAN ANG A" (AF) "C AC APON" "NESH ANIC"
"CHIK ASKI A" "WINOOSKI" "NEOBR AR A" "C ALIENTE" "ESC AMBI A" "CHEP ACHET"
"COW ANEQUE" (AO) "YOUNG AMERIC A" (AP) "AMYCUS" (AR) "J AMESTOWN" (AGP)
"CEBU" "LEYTE" "MIND AN AO" "J ASON" (ARG) "CETUS" "SH AULA" "PHOBOS"
"LYRA" "INDUS" "CRUX" "S AGITTARIUS" (AK) "ALYCONE" (AK A) "CH ANGE"
"SCUFFLE" "C APTIV ATE" (AM) "H AMMONDSPORT" (AKV) "BRI AREUS" "MEDUS A"
(AR) "TERN" "MENOMINEE" "SIOUX" "TAW AB A" "LIP AN" "KINGFISHER" "AR APIHO"
"WATCH HILL" "CHIK AS AW" "CHOW ANOC" (AT) "BUNG AREE" "MON ADNOCK" (CM)
"CLEMSON" (AVD) "MT. MCKINLEY" "ROCKY MOUNT" (AGS) "PRESERVER" "GRASP"
(ARS) "RIO GRANDE" "ELKHORN" "P ASQUOT ANK" (AOG) "OTUS" (AS) "BEN ALL A"
"P ATHFINDER" (AGS) "AL ABSTER" (PYC) "BOUNTIFUL" (AH) "SIERR A" "WHITNEY"
"PIEDMONT" (AD) "LAUR AB AD A" (AG) 3 YP: 280, 288, 585
2 ABSD 2 AFD: 8, 20 1 ARD: 20

Cape Gloucester:

Escorts 2
Auxiliaries 6

: 2 SC : 631, 1004
: "CAPRICORNUS" (AE) "CLYDE" "W.P.BIDDLE" "CATSKILL" (AP) "CHARA" (AKA)

Alexishafen-Madang:

Escorts 2
Auxiliaries 4

: 1 ML : 802 1 HDML: 1339
: "KOOPA" (AG) "PING WO" (ASIS) "MESQUITE" (CGC) 1 YP: 504

Memak:

Escorts 6
Auxiliaries 12

: 3 SC : 695, 720, 743 3 PC: 218, 585, 1491
: "RIFLEMAN" (AM) "ST GILES" "RACE POINT" "CHIPPEWA" (AT) "K ATOOMB A"
(AP) "GUALALA" (AOG) "G AMBLE" (DM) "BULL WHELL" (YO) "WARWICK" (AK)
"OVERTON" (APD) "A.T.MIDDLETON" (APA) "ALHEN A" (AKA)

Lae:

Escorts 3
Auxiliaries 1

: 1 ML : 820 2 HDML: 1321, 1328
: "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS)

Jacquinot Bay:

Escorts 1
Auxiliaries 1

: 1 ML : 802
: "LAURIANA" (AG)

Oro Bay:

Auxiliaries 1

: "CASA GRANDE" (LSD)

Milne Bay:

Escorts 5
Auxiliaries 7

: 1 DE: "DARBY" 1 SC: 699 1 ML: 819 1 HDML: 1327 1 PC: 500
: "ARAY AT" (IX) "MAUNDA LOA" (AE) "LARK" (AT) "TAROONA" (AP)
3 YP : 278, 449, 514

2. SOLOMONS

(a) At Sea to 1200/26:

- (1) "NETTAVEE" (AOG) departed Tulagi 1920/22 for Emirau ETA 0400/27.
- (2) "ALDERAMIN" (AK) departed Torokina 0640/24 for Lunga due 0200/26.

(b) In Harbour:

Emirau:

Escorts 7
Auxiliaries 6

: 1 DE: "STADFIELD" 2 YMS: "TUI", 250 4 SC: 502, 620, 703, 1274
: "HYPERION" (AK) "TALANAK" (AOG) 4 YP: 233, 414, 514, 515

London Is:

Combat units 5 PT
Escorts 1
Auxiliaries 1

: 1 YMS: 94
: 1 YP : 248

Treasury Is:

Combat units 14 PT
6 FGM
Escorts 4
Auxiliaries 2

: 1 DE : "PAUL G. BAKER" 2 PC: 479, 605 1 YMS: 45
: 1 YN : "PALM" 1 AOG: "AG AWAM"

Torokina:

Combat units 4 DD : "MONSSEN" "PICKING" "SPROSTON" "WICKES"
 Escorts 17 : 2 SC : 1188, 1590 1 PCS: 1420 3 YMS: 176, 311, 389
 4 DE : "HARMON" "ABERCROMBIE" "GILLIGAN" "LERAY WILSON"
 7 PC : 477, 702, 1123, 1132, 1170, 1231, 1242
 Auxiliaries 30 : "CASSIOPEIA" "DRACO" (AK) "ANTARES" (AKS) "TITANIA" "LIBRA" "ALMAAK"
 "ALSHAIN" (AK) "MANOORA" "EMPIRE MACE" "LOTHIAN" "KANIMBLA" "WESTRALIA"
 "EMPIRE BATTLEAXE" "EMPIRE ARQUEBUS" (LSI) "DOYEN" "LAMARR" "HARRIS"
 "ALPINE" "SHERIDAN" "HARRY LEE" "BOLIVAR" "SARASOTA" (AR) "OZARK" (LSV)
 "PRES. POLK" "STARLIGH" (AP) "PINKNEY" (APH) "WHIPSTOCK" (YO) "SHAWNEE"
 "YUMA" (AT) "MT. OLYMPUS" (AGC)

EAST AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea to 1200/26:

- (1) "ORMISTON" (AP) departed Torokina 1600/23 for Townsville ETA 0300/27.
- (2) "POYANG" (AE) departed Madang 1700/23 for Bowen ETA 30 Jan thence Sydney.
- (3) "HDML.1358" was to depart Caloundra 0630/23 for Townsville ETA 0600/29 thence Madang.
- (4) "ML.809" departed Cairns 0600/22 for Townsville and Brisbane ETA 0800/29.

(b) In Harbour:Morauke:

Escorts 3 : 2 YMS: "SMEROE" "MERBARBOE" 1 HDML: 1326

Thursday Is:

Escorts 3 : 1 AMS: "ECHUCA" 2 HDML: 1324, 1353
 Auxiliaries 2 : "POLARIS" (AGS) 1 YP: 615

Cairns:

Escorts 6 : 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" 3 ML: 806, 431, 428 2 HDML: 1322, 1323
 Auxiliaries 1 : "FIRE ISLAND" (AT)

Townsville:

Escorts 3 : 1 AMS: "BENDIGO" 1 ML: 827 1 HDML: 1329
 Auxiliaries 2 : "DUNTROON" (AP) 1 YP: 615

Bowen:

Auxiliaries 1 : "HEROST" (AT)

Brisbane:

Combat units 3 SS : "S.42" "NARWHAL" "NAUTILUS"
 Escorts 10 : 6 ML : 424, 425, 810, 811, 820, 821 2 YMS: 313, 393
 1 A/S: "WILCANNIA" 1 AMS: "GLENELG"
 Auxiliaries 3 : "ETOLIN" (AK) "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "TRIANGULUM" (AK)

Sydney:

Combat units 1 BB : "HOWE"
 2 CVE : "ATHELING" "BATTLE"
 1 CL : "TROMP"
 2 DD : "QUICKMATCH" "QUEENSBOROUGH"
 1 ODD : "STUART"
 2 SS : "K.9" "K.12"
 Escorts 12 : 1 PC : 597 1 SC: 1039 1 A/S: "YANDRA" 1 AMS: "KIAMA"
 8 ML : 426, 801, 803, 815, 816, 819, 822
 Auxiliaries 10 : "POINT LOMA" "WATO" (AT) "MANUNDA" "WANGANELLA" (AH) "ARDENT" (CM)
 "ASTORARA" (IX) "AASE MAERSK" (AGG) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS)
 "PLATYPUS" (AR) "POLLUX" (AKS) "EBONY" (YN)

Jervic Bay:

Combat units 1 CL : "HOBART"

Melbourne:

Combat units 2 CVE : "STRIKER" "FENCER"
 1 OCL : "ADELAIDE"
 5 DD : "NIZAM" "QUILLIAM" "QUADRANT" "QUIBERON" "QUALITY"
 Escorts 12 : 2 A/S: "ABRAHAM CRIJNSEN" "DOOMBA" 2 HDML: 1340, 1350
 8 AMS: "KALGOORLIE" "BALLARAT" "GOULBURN" "WHYALLA" "LISMORE"
 "BOYER" "MAYBOROUGH" "BURNIE"

Hobart:

Combat units 1 CL : "ACHILLES"
 1 DD : "SWIFTSURE"

4. NORTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/26:(1) Task Force 71:

On Patrol 29 SS : "BECUNA" "BLENNY" "PADDLE" "HAMMERHEAD" "LAPON" "COBIA" "CAYALLA"
 "ANGLER" "BAYA" "HOE" "REDFIN" "SIRDAR" "DACE" "BERGALL" "ROCK"
 "BASHAW" "GUITARRO" "GURNARD" "GUAVINA" "BARBERO" "FLASHER" "KRAKEN"
 "HAWKBILL" "MUSKELLUNGE" "BESUGO" "HARDHEAD" "SEA LION" "MINGO"
 "STORM" "TELEMACHUS"
 On Passage 16 SS : "CLYDE" "K.14" "BLUEGILL" "TANTALUS" "TUSK" "ZWAARDFISCH" "CAIMAN"
 "HAKE" "FLOUNDER" "TANTIVY" "SEAROVER" "PARGO" "SPITEFUL" "PERCH"
 "GABILAN" "STINGRAY"

(b) In Harbour:Darwin:

Ports 8 : 1 PF : "HUTCHINSON" 3 AMS : "CASTLEMAINE" "HORSHAM" "JUNEE"
 3 ML : 429, 801, 812 1 HDML : 1329
 Auxiliaries 4 : "STELLA" "SLEUTH" "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) "CHANTICLEER" (AR)
Snake Is:
 Auxiliaries 1 : "MORESBY" (AGS)

5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/26:

Nil report.

(b) In Harbour:Fremantle:

Combat units 1 CA : "SUFFOLK"
 14 SS : "BREAM" "K.15" "O.19" "BLACKFIN" "HADDON" "JACK" "SPLIT" "STURDY"
 "BARBEL" "FLYING FISH" "GROWLER" "GUNNELL" "TUNA" "GAR"
 Escorts 7 : 1 PF : "CORPUS CHRISTI" 1 PS : "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA"
 1 SC : 720 2 YMS : 11, 72 1 AMS : "PIRIE"
 Auxiliaries 7 : "ANTHEDON" "EURYALE" "MALDSTONE" (AS) "COUCAL" (ARS) "ISABLE" (PY)
 1 ARD : 10 1 YP : 286
Bunbury:
 Escorts 1 : 1 AMS : "BUNBURY"

(ii) ENEMY FORCESA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC1. SOUTH CHINA SEA

- (1) S. Formosa - Further detail concerning the report from aircraft in flight of 20 warships between Takao and Pescadores 24 Dec. reveals that the following shipping was observed at approx. 1345/24 Dec.:-
- (a) 1 probable aircraft carrier
 - 9 warships described as 3 heavy cruisers, 6 destroyers in position 45 miles W.N.W. of Takao, course 280° at 15 knots, apparently heading for Bako or Formosa Strait.
 - (b) 7 large ships
 - 8 small ships
- contacted by radar a short distance away.
- (2) Hong Kong - At 1315/25 Dec. aircraft sighted 11 merchant ships (medium to small) with 2 escorts entering Hong Kong harbor.
- (3) Hainan-F.I.C. - At 0046/26 Dec. aircraft in flight reported a convoy of 8 ships 70 miles S. of Southern tip Hainan Is., course 290°.
- (4) F. I. C. Coast - Early A.M. 22 Dec. a convoy comprising 5 merchant ships, 1 destroyer and 3 other escorts was attacked by U. S. submarine close in-shore 190 miles N. of Camranh Bay: 3 ships identified as tankers were sunk. The convoy was probably en route Saigon area to Hainan or further N. and may have been one of the "fleet train" convoys which departed Cap St. Jacques 19 and 20 Dec.
- At 1200/24 Dec. a convoy comprising:-
- 5 merchant ships (3 medium, 2 small)
 - 5 escorts (1 destroyer, 4 smaller escorts) was reported by aircraft 10 miles N.E. of Camranh Bay course 15°, speed 10 knots.
- (5) Camranh Bay - Visual scrutiny of Camranh Bay by 2 aircraft on 24 Dec. reported negative results except for a number of sailing craft although 1 whaling factory type ship 3 tankers and 1 other merchant ship were observed dispersed at anchor along the coast between Camranh Bay and Cap St. Jacques. This would be consistent with the apparent dispersal of shipping from the main anchorages since this area has been subject to regular reconnaissance. An enemy floatplane was shot down 24 Dec. in the vicinity of Camranh Bay.

2. PHILIPPINES

- (1) N. Luzon - At 1405/25 Dec. aircraft sighted:-
- 4 freighter transports (5500-8500 tons each)
 - 2 destroyers
 - 5 destroyer escorts,
- stationary near Calayan Is. in Babuyan Group off N. coast Luzon. The ships got under way on a general S.E. course whilst under observation.
- (2) W. Coast Luzon - At approx. 1615/25 Dec. a convoy comprising 2 medium freighter transports, 3 escorts was observed by aircraft 7 miles W. of Dasol Bay, course S. apparently making for Manila.
- (3) Manila - Further detail of the raid on 24 Dec. of Clark field by 22 Liberators escorted by 60 Thunderbolts, indicates that 50-60 enemy fighters were encountered. Thunderbolts shot down 31 enemy fighters and probably shot down 2 plus 1 probable. 1 Thunderbolt was lost and 2 are missing.
- Night 24-25 Dec. Clark, Nichols and Nielson fields were bombed by 3 Liberators.
- On 25 Dec. Mabalacat airdrome in the Manila area apparently increasing in importance, was attacked by 22 Liberators escorted by Lightnings: preliminary reports indicate that an estimated 50 enemy fighters intercepted and 39 definite plus 4 probables were shot down by Lightnings: 4 Lightnings were lost.
- (4) Verde Is. Passage - Reconnaissance aircraft reported 10 floatplanes and 15 barges along W. coast of Maricaban Is. at 1330/25 Dec.
- (5) Mindoro - Night 25-25 Dec. 3 enemy aircraft were over S.W. Mindoro and 1 was shot down by shore AA and another by PT boats.
- The same night PT boats destroyed a whale boat underway in Calapan Bay (N.E. Mindoro) and strafed deck installations there.
- (6) Visayas - On 24 Dec. Silay airdrome was bombed by 12 Kittyhawks: 1 possibly serviceable aircraft on the ground was destroyed.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)

(7) Leyte - Subsequent to the amphibious landing near Palompon early 25 Dec. Palompon town was captured at about noon following an air attack by 16 Thunderbolts. In other areas all organized resistance has been crushed and mopping up of isolated pockets is in progress.

Enemy casualties to date total:-

54,338 known dead

363 Jap prisoners

128 Formosan/Korean prisoners (unchanged).

Enemy air activity over Leyte continues on a light scale: night 24 Dec. at least 8 planes were over in 5 attacks and 1 was shot down by AA: Night 25 Dec. 3 aircraft were over individually. Bombs were dropped but fell wide of any objectives.

(8) Davao - On 25 Dec. Sassa airdrome was bombed by Liberators.

3. EAST INDIES

(1) N. Celebes - At 1730/22 Dec. 2 sea trucks and 4 small craft were observed by aircraft in Manado harbor.

(2) N.W. Borneo - At 1330/22 Dec. a small coaster was located by aircraft off Miri: the ship was attacked and sunk. At dawn 23 Dec. 1 small ship was observed off Labuan in Brunei Bay: the ship was hit by strafing.

4. BISMARCK-SOLOMONS - On 24 December Tobera and Vunakanau were bombed and strafed by 8 Mitchells and 9 Bostons respectively.

Photos 24 Dec. show Eakunai serviceable but both Vunakanau and Tobera well cratered and unserviceable.

5. AUSTRALIA COAST - At 0707/25 Dec. a merchant ship was attacked by submarine 75 miles S. of Jarvis Bay (70 miles S. of Sydney. It is recalled that on 9 Dec. a merchant ship was shelled by a submarine, believed German, off S. Australia coast.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

- (1) Further sightings enemy fleet units S. China Sea.
- (2) Palompon captured and organized Jap resistance crushed.
- (3) Substantial enemy convoy movement F.I.C.-Hong Kong area.
- (4) Continued enemy air reinforcement of Formosa and Philippines.
- (5) Enemy submarine activity Philippines, West and Central Pacific and Indian Ocean including use of midget submarines.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>				<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
* Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)				(Incl. Mandates)
<u>BB</u> (7)	CALIFORNIA COLORADO	MISSISSIPPI PENNSYLVANIA	NEW MEXICO WEST VIRGINIA	HOWE
<u>CVE</u> (26)	ALAVA BAY ALTAMHA BARNES BISMARCK SEA HOGGATT BAY	KADASHAN BAY KITKUN BAY LUNGA POINT MAKIN ISLAND MANILA BAY	MARCUS ISLAND NATOMA BAY OMMANEY BAY PETROF BAY SAGINAW BAY SALAMAU	SAVO ISLAND SHAMROCK BAY SHIPLEY BAY STEAMER BAY THETIS BAY WAKE ISLAND
	ATHELING	BATTLER	FENCER	STRIKER
<u>CA</u> (6)#	CANBERRA LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PORTLAND	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	
<u>CL</u> (13)	BOISE #CLEVELAND COLUMBIA	DENVER #HOUSTON MONTPELIER	#NASHVILLE PHOENIX #RENO	ACHILLES ADELAIDE HOBART #TROMP
<u>AV</u> (2)	CURRITUCK	TANGIER		
<u>AVP</u> (8)	BELKNAP CHINCOTEAGUE	GOLDSBOROUGH HALF MOON	HERON ORCA	SAN CARLOS SAN PABLO
<u>DD</u> (105)	ABBOTT ALLEN M. SUMNER AUSBURNE AUSTIN BAGLEY BARTON BELL BRADY BRYAN BURNS BUSH CHARRETTE C. J. BADGER CLAXTON COCHLAN CONY CONYGHAM CONNER CONVERSE CONWAY C. P. BADGER DRAYTON	EATON EVANS FLETCHER FLUSSER FOOTE GANSEVOORT GRIDLEY HALFORD HARADEN HALLIGAN HALL HELM H. L. EDWARDS HOPEWELL HOWORTH INGRAHAM ISHERWOOD JENKINS KNAPP KILLEN KUMBERLEY LAFFEY LANSON	LANG LA VALLETTE LEUTZE LUCE MCCALL MAURY MCDERMOTT MCGOWAN MELVIN MERTZE MOALE MONSSEN MORRIS MUGFORD MUSTIN NEWCOMB NICHOLAS O'BANNON O'BRIEN PAUL HAMILTON PICKING FRINGLE RATHBURNE	REMEY RALPH TALBOT RENSHAW ROBINSON ROSS R. P. LEARY RUSSELL SAMUEL C. REID SIGCURNY SMITH SPROSTON STACK STEMBEL STERETT STEVENS TAYLOR TWIGGS WALKE WALLER WICKES WILSON WM. D. PORTER YOUNG

* Excluding Cenapc forces temporarily at sea in S.W.P.A.
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1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>				<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
*Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)				(Incl. Mandates)
<u>DD</u> (Contd.)	ARUNTA	QUALITY	QUILLIAM	SWIFTSURE
	GLENDOWER	QUEENSBOROUGH	QUICKMATCH	VENDETTA
	NIZAM	QUIBERON	STUART	WARRAMUNGA
	QUADRANT			
<u>SS</u>				10
<u>PT</u>	Approx. 175			-

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>				<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)				(Incl. Mandates)
<u>AKA</u> (77)	ALGOL (AKA)	CLEMSON (APA)	WAYNE (APA)	-
<u>APA</u>	ALHENA	CUSTER	W.P.BIDDLE	
<u>APD</u>	ALMAAK	DOYEN	BROOKS (APD)	
<u>ISI</u>	ALSHEIN	DUPAGE	COFER	
	ALYCONE	FLAYETTE	CROSBY	
	AQUARIUS	FELAND	DICKERSON	
	CAPRICORNUS	F.FUNSTON	HERBERT	
	DIPHDA	FREMONT	HUMPHREYS	
	CHARA	FULLER	KEIHART	
	LIBRA	GILLIAM	KILTY	
	O'HARR	GOLDEN CITY	LIDDLE	
	THUBAN	HARRY LEE	MANLEY	
	UVALDE	HASKELL	NEWMAN	
	APLINE (APA)	HEYWOOD	OVERTON	
	ADAIR	H.T.ALLEN	SANDS	
	APPLING	KNOX	SCHLEY	
	ARLADNE	LEEDSTOWN	TALBOT	
	A.T.MIDDLETON	LELAND	KANIMBLA (ISI)	
	BANNER	LEO CLYMAN	MANORA	
	BAXTER	LAMARR	WESTRALIA	
	BOLIVAR	MONROVIA	CLAN LAMONT	
	CLAVERT	OLMSTEAD	EMPIRE ARQUEBUS	
	CAMBRIA	SARASOTA	EMPIRE BATTLEAXE	
	CAVALIER	SHERIDAN	EMPIRE MACE	
	CLAY	WARREN	EMPIRE SPEARHEAD	
			LOTHIAN	
<u>AGC</u> (5)	BLUE RIDGE	MOUNT MCKINLEY	WASATCH	-
	MOUNT OLYMPUS	ROCKY MOUNT		
<u>AS</u> (3)	GRIFFIN	HOLLAND	OTUS	-
<u>AD</u> (4)	DOBBIN	SIERRA	WHITNEY	-
	PIEDMONT			
<u>AR</u> (4)	BRLREUS	PLATYFUS	RIGEL	-
	MEDUSA			
<u>ARB</u> (1)	MIDAS			-
<u>ARC</u> (5)	CEBU	LEYTE	OGLALA	-
	CULEBRA ISLAND	MINDANAO		

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1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)			<u>ENEMY FORCES</u> (Incl. Mandates)
<u>ARH</u> (1)	JASON		-
<u>ARL</u> (4)	ACHILLES AMYCUS	EGERIA	REBUS
<u>ARS</u> (4)	CABLE GRAPPLE	PRESERVER	VENTS
<u>LSD</u> (10)	ASHLAND BELLEGREVE CARTER HALL CASA GRANDE EPING FOREST	GUNSTON HALL LINDENWALD OAKHILL RUSHMORE WHITE MARSH	-

4. CENTRAL PACIFIC
(Including N. and S. Pacific Area)

#	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	S. China Sea Incl. Formosa Singapore	Empire
<u>BB</u> (11)	ALABAMA IDAHO INDIANA IOWA MASSACHUSETTS MISSOURI	NEW JERSEY NORTH CAROLINA SOUTH DAKOTA WASHINGTON WISCONSIN	(1) KONGO (3) *YAMATO *NAGATO *HARUNA
<u>BB/XCV</u>	-	(2) HYUGA ISE	-
<u>CV</u> (17)	BENNINGTON BUNKER HILL ENTERPRISE ESSEX FRANKLIN HANCOCK HORNET INTREPID LEXINGTON	RANGER SARATOGA TICONDEROGA WASP YORKTOWN BON HOMME RICHARD)present RANDOLPH)status SANGRI LA)unknown	(4) KATSURAGI AMAGI HAYATAKA UNRYU (prob.sunk)
<u>CVL</u> (8)	BATAAN BELLEAU WOOD CABOT COWPENS	INDEPENDENCE LANGLEY MONTEREY SAN JACINTO	(1) RYUHO
<u>CVE</u> (36)	ADMIRALTY IS. ASTORLABE BAY ATTU BOUGAINVILLE BRETON BUGARALI BAY CAFE ESPERANCE CASABLANCA CHELPIN BAY CHENANGO COPAHEE	LONG ISLAND MAKASSAR STRAIT MATANAKAU MUNDA NASOAU NEHENIA BAY PRINCE WILLIAM ROI RUDYERD BAY SANGAMON SANTEE	(1) KAIYO (1) OTAKA

* Non-effective.

Some of the units operating temporarily in S.W.P.A.

4. CENTRAL PACIFIC
(Including N. and S. Pacific Area)

<u># ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>S. China Sea</u> <u>Incl. Formosa</u> <u>Singapore</u>		<u>Empire</u>
<u>CVE (Contd.)</u>				
	CORAL SEA	SARGENT BAY		
	CORREGIDOR	SITKOH BAY		
	FANSHAW BAY	SUWANNEE		
	GILBERT ISLANDS	TAKANAS BAY		
	HOLLANDIA	TANANEK BAY		
	KALININ BAY	WHITE PLAINS		
	KWAJALEIN BAY	WINDHAM BAY		
<u>CA</u>	(10) BALTIMORE	PENSACOLA	(1-4) CHOKAI	(4) IBUKI(poss. S. China Sea)
	BOSTON	NEW ORLEANS	*TAKAO)prob.	
	CHESTER	SALT LAKE CITY	MYOKO)all	*TONE
	DULUTH	SAN FRANCISCO	NACHI)sunk	*MOBA
	INDIANAPOLIS	WICHITA		*HAGURO
<u>CA</u>	-	-	-	6
<u>CL</u>	(22) ASTORIA	PASADENA	1-2) KISO	(3-4)*YAHAGI
	BILOXI	RALEIGH	KINU)1 or poss.	SAKANA
	*BIRMINGHAM	RICHMOND	ABUKUMA)both sunk	*ISUZU
	CONCORD	SAN DIEGO		OYODO(poss. sunk)
	DETROIT	SAN JUAN		
	FLINT	SANTA FE		
	*HONOLULU	ST LOUIS		
	MIAMI	TRENTON		
	MOBILE	VICKSBURG		
	OAKLAND	WILKES BARRE		
	GAMBIA	*LEANDER		
<u>CLT</u>	-		(1) KASHII	(1) KASHIMA
<u>AV/CVS(4)</u>	BALLIARD	CURTISS	-	(2) ASKITSUSHIMA
	CHANDELEUR	POCOMOKE		*NOTORO
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 150		20	15 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u>	Approx. 150		10	Approx. 50
<u>AS</u>	?		?	2 (1 repairing)

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> <u>Southwest Pacific Western Section)</u>		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> <u>Indian Ocean</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u> <u>Indian Ocean</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	(2) QUEEN ELIZABETH		-
		RENOGN		
<u>CV</u>	-	(5) ACTIVITY	SHAH	-
		AMEER	UNICORN	
		BEGUM		
<u>CA</u>	(1) SUFTOLK	(2) CUMBERLAND	LONDON	-

* Non-effective.

Some of these units operating temporarily in S.W.P.A.

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> (Southwest Pacific Western Section)		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> Indian Ocean		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u> Indian Ocean
CL	..	(5) CEYLON KENYA	NEWCASTLE NIGERIA PHOEBE	-
AV/CVS	..	(1) ALBATROSS		-
CVL	..	(2) CANTON	CHITRAL	-
DD	..	Approx. 27		-
SS (63)	..	Approx. 16		10 (possibly all German)
	ANGLER	HAKE		
	BARGER	HAMMERHEAD		
	BASHAW	HAWKBILL		
	DATEFISH	HOE		
	BAYA	JACK		
	BECUN	KRAKEN		
	BERGAL	LAPON		
	BESUGO	MINGO		
	BLENNY	MISKELLUNGE		
	BLUEGILL	NORWHALL		
	CALMAN	NAUTILUS		
	COBIA	PADDLE		
	CRAY	PARGO		
	FLASHER	REDFIN		
	FLYING FISH	ROCK		
	GAR	SEA LION		
	GROWLER	SEA WOLF		
	GULVINE	STINGRAY		
	GUILLO	TUSK		
	GUNNEL	S.42		
	GURNARD	S.45		
	HADDO	S.47		
	CLYDE	STORM		
	SEA ROVER	STURDY		
	SIRDAR	TANTALUS		
	SPITEFUL	TAN IVY		
	SPLIT	TELEMACHUS		
	K.9	K.15		
	K.12	O.19		
	K.14	ZWILLARDFISCH		
S (3)	ANTHEDON	MAIDSTONE		-
	EURYALE			

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY SHORE-BASED AIR STRENGTH

	<u>SOLOMONS</u>		<u>PHILIPPINES</u>			<u>MANDATES</u>
	<u>BISMARCKS</u>	<u>EAST INDIES</u>	<u>Luzon</u>	<u>Visayas</u>	<u>Mindanao</u>	
Fighters	3	127	103	69	28	6
S/E Bombers	-	14	44	2	10	-
T/E Bombers	-	69	68	12	14	3
Flying Boats	-	6	-	-	-	-
Float Planes	10	50	21	9	14	6
Obsn. A/C	2	15	28	2	-	4
TOTAL	15	291	264	94	66	19

Sansapor:

Escorts 6 : 2 PC : 1119, 1598 4 SC: 521, 667, 695, 1327
 Auxiliaries 3 : "RIXEY" (APH)"SAKATONCHEE" (AOG) 1 YP: 283

Soemfoor:

Escorts 2 : 2 PC : 462, 563
 Auxiliaries 6 : "HASKELL" "LEON" "ADATR" (APA)"DIPHDA" (AKA)"MANLEY" (APD)
 "GOLDSBOROUGH" (AVD)

Biak-Woendi:

Combat units 1 ODD : "VENDETTA"
 27 PT
 Escorts 9 : 5 AMS: "WAGGA" "LITHGOW" "GLADSTONE" "LATROBE" "BROOME"
 1 PS: "SWAN" 1 DE: "BOMERS" 1 PF: "BURDEKIN" 1 YMS: "RINDJANI"
 Auxiliaries 13 : "GRIFFIN" (AS)"REMUS" (ARD)"DERFICK" (YO)"TRINITY" "VICTORIA" (AO)
 "TASMAN" (AH)"BINGER" (AG)"ALCON" (AKA)"SPRIGHTLY" (AT)
 2 YFD 2 YP: 240, 514

Humboldt Bay:

Combat units 12 DD : "FLUSSER" "SHAM" "SAMUEL C. REID" "CLAXTON" "STACK" "JENKINS" "SMITH"
 "LA VALLETTE" "RATHBURN" "BURNS" "BELL" "RUSSELL" "H ALFORD" "HOWORTH"
 Escorts 68 : 26 DE : "WILLMARTH" "THOMASON" "NEVENDORF" "EICHENBERGER" "DAY"
 "LOUGH" "MANNING" "L.E. ACREE" "LOVELACE" "D. A. JOY" "HODGES"
 "WHITEHURST" "K.M. WILLET" "J.E. CRAIG" "TINSMAN" "JOBS"
 "RUDDEROW" "GREENWOOD" "E.E. ELMORE" "COOLEBAUGH" "HOLT"
 "PEIFFER" "G.A. JOHNSON" "C.M. KIMMELL" "THOS. F. NICKEL"
 "GYMPIE" 1 PS: "WARREGO" 1 PCE(R): 851
 4 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" "ARARAT" "GYMPIE" 1 ML: 825
 18 SC : 514, 531, 646, 658, 668, 687, 723, 725, 738, 741, 742, 1012,
 1052, 1319, 1320, 1331, 1365, 1369
 17 PC : 84, 464, 476, 555, 584, 586, 1131, 1137, 1139, 1188,
 1129, 1128, 1124, 1131, 1134, 1135, 1590
 Auxiliaries 87 : "BANNER" "BARNSTABLE" "PIERCE" "KNOX" "CABRIA" "MONROVIA" "APPLING"
 "CALVERT" "CUSTER" "H.T. ALLEN" (APA)"GOLDSTAR" "WRIGHT" (AO)
 "COMET" "LASALLE" "GEN. H. SCOTT" "WINGED ARROW" "HERALD OF THE MORN"
 "WACHAWK" "STORM KING" "MONTEREY" (AP)"PEGOS" "SEVERN" "KURUMB"
 "SARANAC" "SCHUYKILL" "TALLULAH" "SUAMICO" "SALAMONIE" (AO)"PREBLE"
 (DM)"CLYDE" "VILLALOBOS" (IX)"CYRENE" (AGP)"EMPIRE SPEARHEAD"
 "CLANLAMONT" (LSI)"JUPITER" "GANYMEDE" (AK)"SELKONK" "CHITWAIKUM"
 (AOG)"AQUARIUS" "ELECTRA" (AKA)"DOBBIN" (AD)"MERCY" "REGUGE" "HOPE"
 (AH)"POTAWATOMI" "RAIL" "CHETCO" "TANCRED" (AT)"ACHILLIES" (RS)
 "SANDS" "LIDDLE" "HUMPHREYS" "CROSBY" "KILTY" "SCHLEY" "HERBERT"
 "NEWMAN" "KEPHART" "COFER" "LLOYD" "DICKERSON" (APD)"BLUE RIDGE"
 (AGC)"OAKHILL" "LINDENWALD" "SHADWELL" "BELLE GROVE"
 "GUNSTON HALL" (LSD)"BREEZE" "ELLIOTT" (DMS)"CULEBRA ISLAND"
 (ARG)"MONITOR" (LSV) 6 AFD: 2, 8, 11, 16, 24, 25
 2 YFD 2 ARD: 7, 12 3 YP: 218, 240, 291

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Auxiliaries 17 : "FAYETTE" "HEYWOOD" "LEEDSTOWN" "FELAND" "CAVALIER" "DUPAGE"
 "WAYNE" "FULLER" (APA)"THUBAN" (AKA)"HERCULES" "ELLIOTT" (AKA)
 "WHITEMARSH" "EPPING FOREST" (LSD)"TALBOT" (APH)"JOHN LAND"
 "CAPE JOHNSON" "GOLDEN CITY" (AP)

Admiralties:

Combat units 5 BB : "CALIFORNIA" "MISSISSIPPI" "PENNSYLVANIA" "WEST VIRGINIA" "COLORADO"
 22 CVE : "SAGINAW BAY" "BARNES" "MAKIN ISLAND" "SALAMUA" "BISMARCK SEA"
 "ALAVA BAY" "ALTAMALA" "HOGGATT BAY" "LUNG POINT" "PETROF BAY"
 "SHIPLEY BAY" "KITKUN BAY" "STEATER BAY" "SHAROCK BAY" "KWAJALEIN"
 "SAVO ISLAND" "MARCUS ISLAND" "NATOMA BAY" "MANILA BAY"
 "KADASHA BAY" "OMANEY BAY" "WAKE ISLAND"
 3 CA : "CANBERRA" "SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"
 7 CL : "CLEVELAND" "HOUSTON" "ASHVILLE" "DENVER" "MONTPELIER" "RENO" "COLUMBIA"
 42 DD : "HALLIGAN" "EVANS" "MELVIN" "ARUNTA" "LUTZE" "KILLEN" "R.P. LEARY"
 "SAUFLEY" "TAYLOR" "NICHOLAS" "HELM" "MAURY" "McCALL" "H.L. EDWARDS"
 "LAMSON" "WILSON" "GRIDLEY" "BAGLE" "CHARRETE" "ISHERWOOD" "CONY"
 "AUSTIN" "LUCE" "MUGFORD" "DRAYTON" "SMITH" "RALPH TALBOT" "TWIGGS"
 "WALLER" "RENSHAW" "ROBINSON" "CONWAY" "BENION" "EATON" "CONNOR"
 "BUSH" "SIGOURNEY" "REMEY" "BRAINE" "CALDWELL" "HARADEN" "CONYGHAM"
 2 SS : "S.45" "S.47"
 Escorts 73 : 23 DE: "W.C. WANN" "HALLORAN" "DELAHANTY" "EVERSOLE" "OBERRENDER"
 "SPANGLER" "CABAN" "LAPRADE" "FOREMAN" "RAYMOND" "EDMONDS"
 "R.S. SUESSENS" "J.C. BUTLER" "BEBAS" "OSBERG" "O'FLAHERTY"
 "ROBT. BRAZIER" "R.M. ROWELL" "MITTER" "MITCHELL" "BLACKWOOD"
 "R.S. BULL" "H.F. CLARK" 2 PCS: 1391, 1418

(i) ALLIED FORCES (CONT)

Admiralties: (Cont)

Escorts : 2 DE : "ORANGE" "VAN BUREN" 5 SC: 732, 98, 1004, 1274, 1375
 9 PC : 598, 600, 742, 1228, 1170, 1421, 1600, 1601, 1602
 32 YMS: 1, 10, 46, 48, 81, 97, 140, 158, 184, 197, 238, 243, 296, 386, 318,
 319, 327, 328, 340, 341, 342, 360, 353, 363, 364, 368, 380, 409, 410

Auxiliaries 71 : "BAXTER" "JVALDE" "OLMSTEAD" (APA) "TALAMANAC" (AF) "CACAPON"
 "NESHANIC" "CHIKASKIA" "WINOOSKI" "NEORARA" "CALIENTE" "ESCAMBIA"
 "CHEPACHET" "COMANEQUE" (AO) "JASON" "CEBU" "LEYTE" "MINDANAO" (ARG)
 "YOUNG AMERICAN" (AP) "AMYCUS" (AR) "JAMESTOWN" (AGP) "CETUS" "LYRA"
 "SHAULA" "PHOBOS" "INDUS" "CRUX" "SAGITTARIUS" (AK) "ALYCONE" (AKA)
 "CHANGE" "SCUFFLE" "CAPTIVATE" (AM) "HAMMONDSPOUT" (AKV) "MELUS"
 "BRIAREUS" (AR) "TERN" "MENOMINEE" "SIOUX" "TAMABAN" "KINGFISHER"
 "LIPAN" "ARAPAHO" "WATCH HILL" "CHIKASKIA" "CHOWANOC" (AT) "CLEMSON"
 (AV) "BUNGAREE" "MONADNOCK" (CM) "MT. MCKINLEY" "ROCKY MOUNT" (AGC)
 "PRESERVER" "GRASP" (ARS) "RIO GRANDE" "ELKHORN" "PASQUOTANK" (AOG)
 "OTUS" (AS) "BENALLA" "PATHFINDER" (AGS) "ALABASTER" (PYC) "SIERRA"
 "WHITNEY" "PIEDMONT" (AD) "BOUNTIFUL" (AH) "LAURABADA" (AG)
 3 YP: 280, 288, 585 2 ABSD 2 AFD: 8, 20 1 ARD: 20

Cape Gloucester:
 Escorts 2 : 2 SC : 631, 1004
 Auxiliaries 6 : "CAPRICORNUS" (AE) "W.P. BIDDLE" "CATSKILL" "CLYDE" (AP) "CHARA" (AKA)

Alexishafen-Madang:
 Escorts 2 : 1 ML : 802 1 HDML: 1339
 Auxiliaries 4 : "KOOPAN" (AG) "PING WOO" (ASIS) "MESQUITE" (CGC) 1 YP: 504

Langemak:
 Escorts 6 : 3 SC : 695, 720, 743 3 PC: 218, 585, 1491
 Auxiliaries 12 : "RIFLEMAN" (AM) "ST GILES" "RACE POINT" "CHIPPEWA" (AT) "KATOOMBAN"
 (AP) "GUALALA" (AOG) "GAMBLE" (DM) "BULL WHEEL" (YO) "WARRICK" (AK)
 "OVERTON" (APL) "A.T. MIDDLETON" (APA) "ATHENA" (AKA)

Lae:
 Escorts 3 : 1 ML : 820 2 HDML: 1321, 1328
 Auxiliaries 1 : "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS)

Macduinot Bay:
 Escorts 1 : 1 ML : 802
 Auxiliaries 1 : "LAURIANA" (AG)

Oro Bay:
 Auxiliaries 1 : "CASA GRANDE" (LSD)

Milne Bay:
 Escorts 5 : 1 DE : "DABY" 1 SC: 699 1 ML: 819 1 HDML: 1327 1 PC: 500
 Auxiliaries 7 : "ARAYAT" (IX) "MAUNA LOA" (AE) "LARK" (AT) "TAROONA" (AP)
 3 YP : 278, 449, 514

2. SOLOMONS

(a) At Sea to 1200/27:

Nil report.

(b) In Harbour:

Emirauc
 Escorts 7 : 1 DE: "STAFELD" 2 YMS: "TUI", 250 4 SC: 502, 620, 703, 1274
 Auxiliaries 7 : "HYPERION" (AK) "METTAWEE" "TAGANAK" (AOG) 4 YP: 233, 414, 514, 515

Green Is:
 Combat units 5 PT
 Escorts 1 : 1 YMS: 94
 Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YP: 248

Treasury Is:
 Combat units 14 PT
 6 FGM
 Escorts 4 : 1 DE : "PAUL G. BAKER" 2 PC: 479, 605 1 YMS: 45
 Auxiliaries 2 : 1 YN : "PALM" 1 AOG: "AGAJAM"

Torokina:
 Combat units 4 DD : "MONSSEN" "PICKING" "SPROSTON" "WICKES"
 Escorts 17 : "2 SC: 1188, 1590 1 PCS: 1420 3 YMS: 176, 311, 389
 4 DE: "HAGION" "BERCROMBIE" "GILLIGAN" "LERAY WILSON"
 7 PC: 477, 702, 1123, 1132, 1170, 1231, 1242

Torokina: (Cont)

Auxiliaries 30 : "CASSIOPEIA" "DRACO" (AK) "ANTARES" (AKS) "TITANIA" "LIBRA" "ALMAAK"
 "ALSHAIN" (AK) "MANOORA" "EMPIREACE" "LOTHIAN" "KANTIMBLA" "NESTRALIA"
 "EMPIRE BATTLEAE" "EMPIRE ARQUEBUS" (SLI) "LOYEN" "LAMARR" "HARRIS"
 "ALPINE" "SHERIDAN" "HARRY LEE" "BOLIVAR" "SARASOTA" (AR) "OZARK" (LSV)
 "PRES. POLK" "STARLIGHT" (AP) "PINKNEY" (APH) "WHIPSTOCK" (YO)
 "SHANJEE" "YUBA" (AT) "MT. OLYMPUS" (AGC)

3. EAST AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea to 1200/27:

- (1) "POYANG" (AE) departed Madang 1700/23 for Bowen ETA 30 Jan thence Sydney.
 (2) "HML.1358" was to depart Caloundra 0630/23 for Townsville ETA 0600/29 thence Madang.
 (3) "ML.809" departed Cairns 0600/22 for Townsville and Brisbane ETA 6800/29.

(b) In Harbour:Morauke:

Escorts 3 : 2 YMS: "SMEROE" "MERBARBOE" 1 HML: 1326

Thursday Is:

Escorts 3 : 1 AMS: "ECHUCA" 2 HML: 1324, 1353
 Auxiliaries 2 : "POLARIS" (AGS) 1 YP: 615

Cairns:

Escorts 6 : 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" 3 ML: 806, 431, 428 2 HML: 1322, 1323
 Auxiliaries 1 : "FIRE ISLAND" (AT)

Townsville:

Escorts 3 : 1 AMS: "BENLIGO" 1 ML: 827 1 HML: 1329
 Auxiliaries 3 : "DUNTRON" "ORMISTON" (AP) 1 YP: 615

Don:

Auxiliaries 1 : "HEROS" (AT)

Brisbane:

Combat units 3 SS : "S.42" "NAFWHAL" "NAUTILUS"
 Escorts 10 : 6 ML: 424, 425, 810, 811, 820, 821 2 YMS: 313, 393
 1 A/S: "WILCANNIA" 1 AMS: "GLENELG"
 Auxiliaries 3 : "ETOLIN" (AK) "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "TRIANGULUM" (AK)

Sydney:

Combat units 1 BB : "HOME"
 2 CVE : "ATHELING" "BATTLER"
 1 CL : "THOMP"
 2 DD : "QUICKMATCH" "QUEENSBOROUGH"
 1 ODL : "STUART"
 2 SS : "K.9" "K.12"
 Escorts 12 : 1 PC : 597 1 SC: 1039 1 A/S: "YANTRA" 1 AMS: "KIAMA"
 8 ML: 426, 801, 803, 815, 816, 819, 822
 Auxiliaries 10 : "POINT LOMA" "WATO" (AT) "MANOORA" "ANGANELLA" (AH) "ARDENT" (CM)
 "OTORARA" (IX) "AASE MAERSK" (AG) "CALLEONIAN SALVOR" (ARS)
 "PLATYPUS" (AT) "POLLUX" (AKS) "EBONY" (YN)

Jervis Bay:

Combat units 1 CL : "HOBART"

Melbourne:

Combat units 2 CVE : "STRIKER" "FENCEL"
 1 OCL : "AELAIDE"
 5 DD : "NIZAM" "QUILLIAM" "QUADRANT" "QUIBERON" "QUALITY"
 Escorts 12 : 8 AMS: "KALGOORLIE" "BALLARAT" "GOULBURN" "WHYALLA" "LISMORE" "BOWEN"
 "MARYBOROUGH" "BUNCIE" 2 A/S: "ABRAHAM CRIJNSEN" "DOOMB A"
 2 HML: 1340, 1350

Hobart:

Combat units 1 CL : "ACHILLES"
 1 DD : "SWIFTSURE"

4. NORTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/27:(1) Task Force 71:

On Patrol 29 SS: "BECUNA" "BLENNY" "PADDLE" "HAMMARHEAL" "LAPON" "COBIA" "CAVALLA" "ANGLER"
 "BAYA" "HOE" "NELFIN" "SINDAR" "LACE" "BERGALL" "ROCK" "BASHA" "GUITARRO"
 "GURNARD" "GUAVINA" "BARBERO" "FLASHER" "KRACKEN" "HAWKBILL" "BESUGO"
 "MUSKELLUNGE" "HACHEAL" "SEA LION" "MINGO" "STOR" "TELEMACHUS"

(i) ALLIED FORCES (CONT)(1) Task Force 71 (CONT)

On Passage 16 SS : "CLYDE" "K.14" "BLUEGILL" "TANTALUS" "TUSK" "ZWARDFISCH" "CAIMAN"
 "HAKE" "FLOUNDER" "TANTIVY" "SEA ROVER" "PARGO" "SPITEFUL" "PERCH"
 "GABILAN" "STINGRAY"

(b) In Harbour:Darwin:

Escorts 8 : 1 PF : "HUTCHINSON" 3 AMS: "CASTLEMAINE" "HORSHAM" "JUNEE"
 3 ML : 429, 801, 812 1 HLML: 1329
 Auxiliaries 4 : "STELLA" "SLEUTH" "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) "CHANTICLEER" (AR)
Wake Is:
 Auxiliaries 1 : "MORESEY" (AGS)

5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/27:

Nil report.

(b) In Harbour:Fremantle:

Combat units 1 CA : "SUFFOLK"
 14 SS : "BREATH" "K.15" "O.19" "BLACKFIN" "HADDO" "JACK" "SPLIT" "STURDY"
 "DABBEL" "FLYING FISH" "GROALER" "GUNNELL" "TUNA" "GAR"
 Escorts 7 : 1 PF : "CORPUS CHRISTI" 1 PS: "SAVORGNAN LE BRAZZA"
 1 SC : 720 2 YMS: 11, 72 1 AMS: "PIRIE"
 Auxiliaries 7 : "ANTHELMON" "EURYALE" "RAILSTONE" (AS) "COUCAL" (ARS) "ISABEL" (PY)
 1 ARL: 10 1 YP: 286
Bunbury:
 Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "BUNBURY"

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC1. PHILIPPINES

(1) Mindoro - At 1650/26 Dec. and enemy Task Group comprising:-

- 1 battleship
- 1 heavy cruiser
- 6 destroyers

was sighted 100 miles W.N.W. of San Jose on an easterly course. This force apparently proceeded towards N.W. tip of Mindoro at comparatively high speed then change course to S.E. and proceeded along S.W. coast of Mindoro through APO East Passage. The force was subjected to aircraft and PT boat attacks and damage was inflicted including apparently the sinking of at least 1 destroyer, damaging the battleship and damaging a second destroyer. However, the force subjected our beach and inland positions in the vicinity of San Jose including aircromes, to rather severe shelling lasting at least 2 hours from 2340/26 Dec. Full details of our attacks and of enemy shelling, however, are not yet available.

At approx. 0055/27 Dec. the enemy force apparently reversed course and proceeded again through APO East Passage and was sighted at 0400/27 Dec. approx. 35 miles W. of N.W. Mindoro on course 300°, at 25 knots: the force was described at this time as comprising:-

- 1 battleship (trailing oil)
- 1 heavy cruiser
- 3 destroyers (1 trailing oil.)

The Army Command on Mindoro reported that no enemy landings had been affected up to 2240/26 Dec. However, at 0650/27 Dec. aircraft reported 8 ships (undetermined as to type or size) approx. 20 miles W. of San Jose.

It is recalled that a force resembling the above reported Task Group, was sighted entering Camranh Bay A.M. 23 Dec. and departing again 6 hours later apparently after refuelling. The force at Camranh Bay was described as:-

- 2 heavy cruisers (also reported as 1 battleship, 1 "NACHI" class cruiser)
- 3 destroyers
- 1 tanker.

This force has not been sighted subsequently nor has there been any further report concerning the 2 "ISE" class battleships, cruisers and destroyers last seen at Cap St. Jacques on 22 Dec.

In addition there were sightings on 25 Dec. (reported in next paragraph) of escorted merchant convoys heading S. off W. coast Luzon, possibly connected with Mindoro operations.

Night 25-26 Dec. enemy aircraft over Mindoro and attacks caused some minor casualties and some damage to aircraft on the ground: a night fighter shot down 1 enemy plane and AA claim 2 shot down.

(2) W. Coast Luzon - At 1600-1700/25 Dec. 2 enemy convoys were sighted in the same area about 25 miles S.W. or S.S.W. of C. Bolinao (entrance Lingayan Gulf) as follows:-

- 2 medium freighters)
- 3 escorts) course 150° at 12 knots

- 2 medium freighters) a few miles behind above group, course 18°, at
- 3 escorts) 14 knots.

In addition 1 destroyer escort was seen 15 miles further S. on course 150° at 12 knots.

Other shipping sighted off San Fernando P.M. 25 Dec. involved:-

- 9 merchant ships (7 medium 2 small)
- 9 sea trucks
- 4 escorts
- many small craft,

all stationary in addition to 2 groups each of 2 small ships heading N. near the entrance of Lingayan Gulf.

At 1825/26 Dec. aircraft reported:-

- 2 tankers
- 2 escorts

off Subic Bay on course 120°.

(3) Manila - Further detail concerning the Liberator strike on Clark field 25 Dec. reveals that 30 enemy aircraft were destroyed or damaged on the ground by bombing and that enemy interception was effected by 70-80 fighters of which 40 were definitely shot down and 3 probably shot down (Liberators claim 8 of these and Lightning cover the remainder), 5 Lightnings were lost

- (3) Manila (Contd.) - On 26 Dec. Clark field was again attacked by Liberators on a similar scale: preliminary reports indicate that 15-20 enemy fighters intercepted and 13 were shot down for the loss of 1 Lightning.
- (4) Verde Is. Passage - On 25 Dec. the aircrome and installations on Lubang Is. (at N.W. entrance Verde Is. Passage) were attacked by 12 Thunderbolts.
- (5) Palawan - At 1215/24 Dec. Puerto Princesa airdrome was bombed by 24 Liberators destroying 1 and damaging 2 of some 13 planes soon parked on the field.
- (6) Visayas - On 25 Dec. installations on Masbate Is. were attacked by 8 Thunderbolts
- (7) Leyte - Our advance Westwards across N.W. Leyte Peninsula continues against slight opposition in the N. but strongly entrenched positions were encountered abreast the road approaching Palompon from inland.
- (8) Davao - On 25 Dec. shipping in N. Davao Gulf was attacked during a sweep by 6 Mitchells: jetties, 2 coasters and 1 barge were destroyed.
The attack on Sassa airdrome 25 Dec. involved 12 Liberators.
On 26 Dec. Matina airdrome was bombed by 16 Liberators.
- (9) Zamboanga - A.M. 25 Dec. San Roque airdrome was attacked by 9 Mitchells.

2. PAST INDIES

- (1) Morotai - Night 24-25 Dec. and 25-26 Dec. a few enemy aircraft raided the airdrome area on Morotai causing some damage to aircraft and minor casualties. 1 enemy plane was shot down by Spitfire night fighter 24-25 Dec.
On 25 Dec. an estimated 250 Japs launched an attack on our perimeter in the vicinity of Wajabocla and some infiltration was also attempted.
 - (2) Halmahera - The strikes on Lolobata airdrome and the supply areas at Georoca and Galcla Bay were maintained 24 and 25 Dec. on a substantial scale, involving Mitchells, Lightnings, Warhawks and Beaufighters.
 - (3) N. Borneo - On 24 Dec. Kudat airdrome was attacked by 23 Liberators and Tawao by 6 Thunderbolts.
On 25 Dec. Sandakan airdrome was bombed by 24 Liberators and Jessolton airdrome by 19 Liberators. There was no AA nor interception.
Reconnaissance of the main N. Borneo anchorages 25 Dec. revealed no significant shipping.
 - (4) Banda Sea - On 25 Dec. 2 small coasters were attacked first by a Liberator and later by 4 Mitchells 110-150 miles S. of Ambon on course 180°: both were sunk.
3. NEW GUINEA - On 25 Dec. Wewak area was attacked by 8 Beauforts.
Night 23-24 Dec. an enemy submarine was reported by merchant ship 30 miles E. x S. of Jansa Bay.

4. BISMARCKS-SOLOMONS - On 25 Dec. Vunakanau was bombed by 36 Mitchells, 6 Venturas 8 Corsairs. Normal offensive sweeps were also conducted over the general area that day.
On 26 Dec. Lakunai was bombed by 5 Liberators.
Photos 24 Dec. show Lakunai serviceable, Tobera under repair but Vunakanau well cratered.

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

1. JAPAN - Aircraft over W. Japan noon 26 Dec. reported enemy warships involving heavy units, including at least 1 battleship, possibly 2 aircraft carriers and possibly 7 cruisers or destroyers anchored off Nagasaki.
2. NAIPO SHOTO - On 23 Dec. Iwo Jima was attacked by 25 Liberators: 2 enemy fighter ineffectively attempted interception.
At 1025/25 Dec. 1 destroyer, 1 submarine, 5 small merchant ships were observed at Chichi Jima.
3. HARLINS - At 101025 Dec. 16-25 enemy aircraft raided Isley field in waves: "window" was extensively used. Some damage was suffered to aircraft on the ground: 3 enemy planes were shot down by our fighters; 1 certain, 1 probable and 1 damaged by AA.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS

- (1) enemy sorties against Mindoro.
- (2) Substantial enemy convoy movement F.I.C.-Hong Kong area and W. coast Luzon.
- (3) Continued enemy air reinforcement of Formosa and Philippines.
- (4) Enemy submarine activity Philippines, W. and Central Pacific and Indian Ocean including use of midget submarines.

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1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>				<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>*Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>				<u>(Incl. Mandates)</u>
<u>DD</u> (Contd.)	ARUNTA	QUALITY	QUILLIAM	SWIFTSURE
	GLENDOWER	QUEENSBOROUGH	QUICKMATCH	VENDETTA
	NIZAM	QUIBERON	STUART	WARRAMUNGA
	QUADRANT			
<u>SS</u>				10
<u>PT</u>	Approx. 175			-

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>			<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>			<u>(Incl. Mandates)</u>
<u>AKA</u> (77)	ALGOL (AKA)	CLEMSON (APA)	WAYNE (APA)
<u>APA</u>	ALHENA	CUSTER	W.P.BIDDLE
<u>APD</u>	ALMAAK	DOYEN	BROOKS (APD)
<u>LSI</u>	ALSHAIN	DUPAGE	COFER
	ALYCONE	FAYETTE	CROSBY
	AQUARIUS	FELAND	DICKERSON
	CAPRICORNUS	F.FUNSTON	HERBERT
	DIPHDA	FREMONT	HUMPHREYS
	CHARA	FULLER	KEIHART
	LIPRA	GILLIAM	KILTY
	OHLARA	GOLDEN CITY	LIDDLE
	THUBAN	HARRY LEE	MANLEY
	UVILDE	HASKELL	NEWMAN
	APLINE (APA)	HEYWOOD	OVERTON
	DAIR	H.T.ALLEN	SANDS
	APPLING	KNOX	SCHLEY
	ARLADNE	LEEDSTOWN	TALBOT
	A.T.MIDDLETON	LELAND	KANIMBLA (LSI)
	BANNER	LEO CLYMAN	MANOORA
	BAXTER	LAMARR	WESTRALIA
	BOLIVAR	MOIROVIA	CLAN LAMONT
	CLAVERT	OLMSTEAD	EMPIRE ARQUEBUS
	CAMBRIA	SARASOTA	EMPIRE BATTLEAXE
	CAVALIER	SHERIDAN	EMPIRE MACE
	CLAY	WARREN	EMPIRE SPEARHEAD
			LOTHIAN
<u>AGC</u> (5)	BLUE RIDGE	MOUNT MCKINLEY	WASATCH
	MOUNT OLYMPUS	ROCKY MOUNT	-
<u>AS</u> (3)	GRIFFIN	HOLLAND	OTUS
			-
<u>AD</u> (4)	DOBBIN	SIERRA	WHITNEY
	PIEDMONT		-
(4)	BRLREUS	PLATYHUS	RIGEL
	MEDUSA		-
<u>ARB</u> (1)	MIDAS		-
<u>ARC</u> (5)	CREBU	LEYTE	OGLLILA
	CULEBRA ISLAND	MINDANAO	-

* Excluding Cenpac forces Temporarily at Sea in S.W.P.A.

Non-effective.

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>	
Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)		(Incl. Mandates)	
<u>ARH</u>	(1) JASON		-
<u>ARI</u>	(4) ACHILLES MYCUS	EGERIA	VENUS
<u>ARS</u>	(4) CABLE GRAPPLE	PRESERVER	VENIS
<u>ASD</u>	(10) ASHLAND BELLEGROVE CARTER HALL CASA GRANDE EELING FOREST	GUNSTON HALL LIIDENWALD OAKHILL RUSHMORE WHITE MARSE	-

4. CENTRAL PACIFIC
(Including N. and S. Pacific Area)

<u># ALLIED FORCES</u>		S. China Sea Incl. Formosa Singapore	Empire
<u>BB</u>	(11) ALABAMA IDAHO INDIAN IOWA MASSACHUSETTS MISSOURI	NEW JERSEY NORTH CAROLINA SOUTH DAKOTA WASHINGTON WISCONSIN	(1) KONGO (3) *YAMATO *MIGATO *ILRUMI
<u>BB/XCV</u>		(2) HYUGA ISE	-
<u>BB</u>	(17) BENNINGTON BUNKER HILL ENTERPRISE ESSEX FRANKLIN HANCOCK HORNET INTREPID LEXINGTON	RANGER SARATOGA TICONDEROGA WASP YORKTOWN BON HOMME RICHARD) RANDOLPH) SAHNGRE LA)	(4) KATSURAGI AMAGI HAYATAKI UNRYU (prob.sunk)
<u>CVL</u>	(8) BATAAN BELLEAU WOOD CABOT COMPENS	INDEPENDENCE LANGLEY MONTEPEY SAN JACINTO	(1) RYUHO
<u>CVL</u>	(36) ADMIRALTY IS. ASTROLABE BAY ATTU BOUGAINVILLE BRETON BUCARELI BAY CAPE ESPERANCE CASABLANCA CELEPIN BAY CHENANGO COFAHEE	LONG ISLAND MAKASSAR STRAIT MATANAKU MUNDA NASCAU NEHENTIA BAY PRINCE WILLIAM ROI RUDYERD BAY SINGAMON SANTEE	(1) KAIYO (1) OTAKA

* Non-effective.

Some of the units operating temporarily in S.W.P.A.

4. CENTRAL PACIFIC
(Including N. and S. Pacific Area)

<u># ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>S. China Sea</u> <u>Incl. Formosa</u> <u>Singapore</u>		<u>Empire</u>
<u>CVE (Contd.)</u>				
	CORAL SEA	SARGENT BAY		
	CORREGIDOR	SITKOH BAY		
	FANSEAN BAY	SUNANTEE		
	GILBERT ISLANDS	TAKANAS BAY		
	HOLLANDIA	TARANAK BAY		
	KALININ BAY	WHITE PLAINS		
	THETIS BAY	WINDHAM BAY		
<u>CA</u> (10)	BALTIMORE	PENSACOLA	(1-4) CHOKAI	(4) IBUKI(poss. S. China Sea)
	BOSTON	NEW ORLEANS	*TAKAO)prob.	
	CHESTER	SALT LAKE CITY	MYOKO)all	*TONE
	DULUTH	SAN FRANCISCO	NACHI)sunk	*MOBA
	INDIANAPOLIS	WICHITA		*HIGURO
<u>OCL</u>	-	-	-	6
<u>CL</u> (22)	ASTORIA	PASADENA	1-2) KISO	(3-4)*YAHAGI
	BILOXI	RALIGH	KINU)1 or poss.	SAKIMA
	*BIRMINGHAM	RICHMOND	IBUKI)both sunk	*ISUZU
	CONCORD	SAN DIEGO		OYODO(poss. sunk)
	DETROIT	SAN JUAN		
	FLINT	SANTA FE		
	*HONOLULU	ST LOUIS		
	MIAMI	TRENTON		
	MOBILE	VICKSBURG		
	OAKLAND	WILKES BARRE		
	GAMBIA	*BLANDER		
<u>CLF</u>	-		(1) KASHII	(1) KASHIMA
<u>V/CVS</u> (4)	BILLIARD	CURTISS	-	(2) ASKITSUSHIMA
	CHARDELEUR	POCOMOKE		*NOTORO
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 150		20	15 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u>	Approx. 150		10	Approx. 50
<u>AS</u>	?		?	2 (1 repairing)

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> (Southwest Pacific Western Section)		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> Indian Ocean		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u> Indian Ocean
<u>BB</u>	-	(3)	QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT	-
			RENOVN	
<u>CV</u>	-	(3)	ILLUSTRIOUS INDOMITABLE VICTORIOUS	-
<u>CVE</u>	-	(5)	ACTIVITY	SHLH
			AMEER	UNICORN
			BEGUM	
<u>CA</u> (1)	SUFFOLK	(2)	CUMBERLAND	LONDON

* Non-effective.
Some of these units operating temporarily in S.W.P.A.

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> (Southwest Pacific Western Section)		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> Indian Ocean	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u> Indian Ocean
<u>CL</u>	-	(5) Ceylon KENYA	NEWCASTLE NIGERIA PHOEBE
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	(1) ALBATROSS	-
<u>ATL</u>	-	(2) GANTON	CHITRAL
<u>DD</u>	-	approx. 27	-
(63)	ANGLER BARGER BASTARD BATFISH BAYA BECUNA BERGAL BESUGO BLENNY BLUEGILL CALMAN COBIA DACE FLASHER FLYING FISH GAR GROWLER GULVINE GUILTRO GUNNEL GURNARD HADDO	HAKE HAMMERHEAD HAWKBILL HOE JACK KRaken LAPON MINGO MUSKELLUNGE NORWHALL NAUTILUS PADDLE PARGO PREFIN ROCK SEA LION SEA WOLF STINGRAY TUSK S.42 S.45 S.47	10 (possibly all German)
	CLYDE SEA ROVER SIRDAR SPITEFUL SPLIT	STORM STURDY TANTALUS TANTIVY TELEMACHUS	
	K.9 K.12 K.14	K.15 0.19 ZWILLARDFISCH	
<u>AS</u>	(3) ANTHEDON EURYALE	MALDSTONE	-

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY SEABASED AIR STRENGTH

	<u>SOLOMONS</u>		<u>PHILIPPINES</u>			<u>MANDATES</u>
	<u>BISMARCKS</u>	<u>EAST INDIES</u>	<u>Luzon</u>	<u>Visayas</u>	<u>Mindanao</u>	
Fighters	3	127	103	69	28	6
S/E Bombers	-	14	44	2	10	-
T/E Bombers	-	69	68	12	14	3
Flying Boats	-	6	-	-	-	-
Float Planes	10	50	21	9	14	6
Obsn. A/C	2	15	28	2	-	4
TOTAL	15	291	264	94	66	19

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
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PART I

(i) ALLIED FORCES

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

NEW GUINEA - BISMARCKS

(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

- (1) (a) Task Force 70.1: 23 PT
- (b) Task Group 77.14: 2 CA: "LOUISVILLE" "MINNEAPOLIS" 2 CL: "PHOENIX" "BOISE" 10 DD
- (c) Miscellaneous: 1 OB: "NEW MEXICO"
- (2) "MUNDA" (CVE) departed Pearl Harbor 21 Dec for Manus ETA 1430/1 Jan.

(b) In Harbour:

Levte:-

Combat units	1 <u>CA</u>	:	"PORTLAND"
	42 <u>DD</u>	:	"ABBOT" "A. E. SUMNER" "BARTON" "BRYANT" "BUSH" "C. A. AUSBRUNE" "CONVERSE" "COPPER" "DASHIELL" "EDWARDS" "FLETCHER" "GANSEVOORT" "FOOTE" "HALL" "HOPEWELL" "INGRAHAM" "KIMBERLEY" "LANDNER" "LAFEY" "LOWRY" "McDERMOTT" "McGOWAN" "MERTZ" "MOALE" "NEWCOMB" "O'BANNON" "O'BRIEN" "PATTERSON" "PAUL HAMILTON" "PHILIP" "RIEL" "PRINGLE" "RADFORD" "STANLEY" "STEMBEL" "STERETT" "STEVENS" "WALKER" "W. D. PORTER" "WILSON" "WOODWORTH" "YOUNG"
Escorts	83 <u>PT</u>	:	
	50	:	8 <u>DE</u> : "CHAFFEE" "D. C. BARNES" "JACCORD" "J. B. KNOX" "METIVIER" "MACK" "McNULTY" "RILEY" 3 <u>PC</u> : 462, 563, 1128 3 <u>PF</u> : "EL PASO" "EUGENE" "CASCOYEN" 1 <u>HDML</u> : 1074 13 <u>SC</u> : 637, 725, 729, 731, 734, 735, 737, 744, 748, 749, 1004, 1365, 1368 5 <u>PCE(R)</u> : 848, 849, 850, 852, 853 17 <u>YMS</u> 2, 6, 8, 9, 39, 47, 48, 51, 52, 59, 68, 71, 314, 315, 329, 339, 481
Auxiliaries	102	:	"WASATCH" (AGC) "CURRITUCK" (AV) "WILLOUGHBY" "WACHAPREAGUE" "HILO" "PONTUS" "OYSTER BAY" "ORESTES" (AGP) "HALF MOON" "ORCA" "SAMPALO" "SAN CARLOS" "BARATARIA" (AVP) "BOTTOMWOOD" "SPENCER" (CGC) "CARLE" "GRAPPLE" (ARS) "EGERIA" (ARL) "OGLALA" (ARG) "APPANOOSE" "BOOTES" "MURZIM" "RUTILICUS" (AK) "APACHE" "HIDATSU" "QUAPAW" "RESERVE" "WHIPPOORWILL" (AT) "SHIKELLAMY" "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG) "STAG" (AI) "MAETSUYCKER" (AH) "OCTANS" (AF) "PYLO" "YUNNAN" (AE) "ACUBENS" (AKS) "GILLIAM" (APA) "TEABERRY" (AN) "BROOKS" (APD) "SANTER" "SALUTE" "SAGE" "SCOUT" "SCRIMMAGE" "SENTRY" "PURSUIT" "REQUISITE" "REVENGE" "TRIUMPH" (AM) 52 <u>XAK</u> 1 <u>ARD</u> : 9

Morotai:

Combat units	2 <u>DD</u>	:	"MUSTIN" "MORRIS"
	28 <u>PT</u>	:	
Escorts	11	:	9 <u>AMS</u> : "COOTAMUNDRA" "COLAC" "DELORATINE" "KAPUNDA" "STRAHAN" "CONRA" "BUNDABERG" "KATOOMBA" "STABELL" 2 <u>PC</u> : 1122, 1133
Auxiliaries	20	:	"MOBJACK" (AGP) "MERCURY" (AK) "ARIADNE" (CMS) "ARNEB" (AKA) "ELMORE" "F. FUNSTON" "LEONARD WOOD" "J. O'HARA" "SUMTER" (AP) 2 <u>YO</u> 2 <u>YOG</u> 2 <u>YPD</u> 2 <u>YPF</u> 2 <u>YFD</u> 1 <u>YP</u> : 196

Sansapor:

Escorts 6 : 2 PC ; 1119, 1598 4 SC: 521, 667, 695, 1327
Auxiliaries 3 : "RIXEY" (APH) "SAKATONCHEE" (AOG) 1 YP: 283

Noemfoor:

Escorts 2 : 2 PC : 462, 563
Auxiliaries 6 : "HASKELL" "LEON" "ADAIR" (APA) "DIPHD A" (AKA) "MANLEY" (APD)
"GOLDSBOROUGH" (AVD)

Bisk-Woendi:

Combat units 1 ODD : "VENDETIA"
27 PT
Escorts 9 : 1 PS: "SWAN" 5 AMS: "WAGGA" "LITHGOW" "GLADSTONE" "LATROBE" "BROOME"
1 DE: "BOWERS" 1 PF: "BURDEKIN" 1 YMS: "RINDJANI"
Auxiliaries 13 : "GRIFFIN" (AS) "REMUS" (ARD) "DERRICK" (YO) "TRINITY" "VICTORIA" (AO)
"TASMAN" (AH) "BINGERA" (AG) "ALCONA" (AKA) "SPRIGHTLY" (AT)
2 YFD 2 YP : 240, 514

Humboldt Bay:

Combat units 13 DD : "FLUSSER" "SHAW" "SAMUEL C. BEID" "CLAXTON" "STACK" "JENKINS" "SMITH" "ROSS"
"LAV ALLETTE" "RATHBURN" "BRUNS" "BELL" "RUSSELL" "HALFORD" "HOMORTH"
Escorts 72 : 26 DE : "WILLMARTH" "THOMASON" "NEVENDORFF" "EICHENBERGER" "DAY"
"LOUGH" "MANNING" "L.E. ACREE" "LOVELACE" "D.A. JOY" "HOLGES"
"WHITEHURST" "K.M. WILLETT" "J.E. CRAIG" "TINSMAN" "JOBS"
"RULLERO" "GREENWOOD" "E.E. ELMORE" "COOLEBAUGH" "HOLT"
"PEIFFER" "G.A. JOHNSON" "C.M. KIMMELL" "THOS. F. NICHEL"
"LOESER" 1 PS: "WARREGO" 1 PCE(R): 851
4 PF : "ALBENTOWN" "CHARLOTTESVILLE" "MACHIAS" "SANDUSKY"
4 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" "ARARAT" "GYMPIE" 1 ML: 825
18 SC : 514, 531, 646, 658, 668, 687, 723, 725, 738, 741, 742,
1012, 1052, 1319, 1320, 1331, 1365, 1369
17 PC : 84, 464, 476, 555, 584, 586, 1131, 1137, 1139, 1188,
1129, 1128, 1124, 1131, 1134, 1135, 1590
Auxiliaries 88 : "BANNER" "BARNSTABLE" "PIERCE" "KNOX" "CABRIA" "MONROVIA" "APPLING"
"CALVERT" "CUSTER" "H.T. ALLEN" (APA) "GOLDSTAR" "WRIGHT" (AG)
"COMET" "LASALLE" "GEN. H. SCOTT" "WINGED ARROW" "HERALD OF THE MORN"
"WARHAWK" "STORM KING" "MONTEREY" (AP) "PECOS" "SEVERN" "KURUMB"
"BISHOPDALE" "SARANAC" "SCHUYKILL" "TALLULAH" "SUAMICO" "SALAMONIE"
(AO) "PREBLE" (DH) "CLYDE" "VILLALOBOS" (IX) "CYRENE" (AGP) "MERCY"
"REFUGE" "HOPE" (AH) "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD" "CLAN LAMONT" (LSI)
"JUPITER" "GANYMEDE" (AK) "SEEKONK" "CHIMUKUM" (AOG) "AQUARIUS"
"ELECTRA" (AKA) "DOBBIN" (AD) "POTANATOMI" "RAIL" "CHETCO" "TANCREL"
(AT) "ACHILLES" (ARS) "SANDS" "LIDDLE" "HUMPHREYS" "CROSBY" "KILTY"
"SCHLEY" "HERBERT" "NEWMAN" "KPHART" "COFER" "LLOYD" "LICKELSON" (APD)
"BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "OAKHILL" "LENDENWALD" "SHADWELL" "BELLE GROVE"
"GUNSTON HALL" (LSL) "BREEZE" "ELLIOTT" (DMS) "CULEBRA ISLAND"
(ARG) "MONITOR" (LSV) 6 AFD: 2, 8, 11, 16, 24, 25
2 YFD 2 ARD: 7, 12 3 YP: 218, 240, 291

Aitape:

Auxiliaries 17 : "FAYETTE" "HEYWOOD" "LEEDSTOWN" "FELAND" "CAVALIER" "DUPAGE" "WYDNE"
"FULLER" (APA) "THUBAN" (AKA) "HERCULES" "ELLIOTT" (AKA) "JOHN LAND"
"CAPE JOHNSON" "GOLDEN CITY" (AP) "WHITEMARSH" "EPPING FOREST"
(LSD) "TALBOT" (APH)

Admiralties:

Combat units 5 BB : "CALIFORNIA" "MISSISSIPPI" "PENNSYLVANIA" "WEST VIRGINIA" "COLORADO"
22 CVE : "SAGINAW BAY" "BARNES" "MARIN ISLAND" "SALAMAU" "BISMARCK SEA"
"ALVA BAY" "ALTAMAH" "HOGGAT BAY" "LUNGA POINT" "PETROF BAY"
"SHIPLEY BAY" "KITKUN BAY" "STEAMER BAY" "SHAMROCK BAY"
"SAVO ISLAND" "MARCUS ISLAND" "NATOMA BAY" "MANILA BAY"
"KADASHAN BAY" "OMANEY BAY" "WAKE ISLAND" "KWAJALEIN"
3 CA : "CANBERRA" "SHORPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"
7 CL : "CLEVELAND" "HOUSTON" "NASHVILLE" "DENVER" "MONTPELIER" "RENO" "COLUMBIA"
42 DD : "HALLIGAN" "EVANS" "MELVIN" "ARUNTA" "LEUTZE" "KILLEN" "R.P. LEARY"
"SAUFLEY" "TAYLOR" "NICHOLAS" "HELM" "MAURY" "McCALL" "H.L. EDWARDS"
"LAMSON" "WILSON" "GRILEY" "BAGLEY" "CHARRETE" "ISHERWOOD" "CONY"
"AUSTIN" "LUCE" "MUGFORD" "DRAYTON" "SMITH" "RALPH TALBOT" "TWIGGS"
"WALLER" "RENSHAW" "ROBINSON" "CONWAY" "BENNION" "EATON" "CONNOR"
"BUSH" "SIGOURNEY" "REBEY" "BRAINE" "CALDWELL" "HARADEN" "CONYGHAN"
Escorts 2 SS : "S.45" "S.47"
73 : 23 DE : "W.C. WANN" "HALLORAN" "EVERSOLE" "OBERRENLER" "DELAHANTY"
"SPANGLER" "CABANA" "LAPRADE" "FOREMAN" "RAYMOND" "EDMONDS"
"R.S. SUESSENS" "J.C. BUTLER" "BEBAS" "OSBERG" "O'FLAHERTY"
"ROBT. BRAZIER" "R.M. ROWELL" "WITTER" "MITCHELL" "BLACKWOOD"
"R.S. BULL" "H.F. CLARK" 2 PCS: 1391, 1418

(i) ALLIED FORCES (CONT)

SECRET

Admiralties: (Cont)

Escorts : 2 DE : "ORANGE" "VAN BUREN" 5 SC: 98, 732, 1004, 1274, 1375
 32 YMS - 1, 10, 46, 48, 81, 97, 140, 158, 184, 197, 238, 243, 296, 380, 318,
 319, 327, 328, 340, 341, 342, 360, 353, 363, 364, 368, 380, 409, 410
 9 PC : 598, 600, 742, 1228, 1170, 1421, 1600, 1601, 1602

Auxiliaries 71 : "BAXTER" "UV ALDE" "OLMSTEAD" (APA) "TALAMANC" (AF) "COWANESQUE"
 "CACAPON" "MESHANIC" "CHIKASKIA" "WINOOSKI" "NEOBRA" "CALIENTE"
 "ESCAMBIA" "CHEPACHET" (AO) "JASON" "CEBU" "LEYTE" "MINDANAO" (ARG)
 "YOUNG AMERICA" (AP) "AMYCUS" (AR) "JAMESTOWN" (APG) "CETUS" "LYRA"
 "SHAULA" "PHOBOS" "INDUS" "CRUX" "SAGITTARIUS" (AK) "ALYCON" (AKA)
 "CHANGE" "SCUFFLE" "CAPTIVATE" (AM) "HAMMONDSPOR" (AKV) "MELUSA"
 "BRIAREUS" (AR) "GERN" "MENOMINEE" "SIOUX" "TANAB" "KINGFISHER"
 "LIPAN" "ARAPHO" "WATCH HILL" "CHIKASKIA" "CHOWANOC" (AT) "CLEMSON"
 (AVD) "BUNGAREE" "MONADNOCK" (CM) "MT. Mc. KINLEY" "ROCKY MOUNT" (JGC)
 "PRESERVER" "GRASP" (ARS) "RIO GRANDE" "ELKHORN" "PASQUOTANK" (JOG)
 "OTUS" (AS) "BENALLA" "PATHFINDER" (JGS) "ALABASTER" (PYC) "SIERRA"
 "WHITNEY" "PIEDMONT" (AD) "BOUNTIFUL" (AH) "LAURABAD" (JG)
 3 YP : 280, 288, 585 2 ABSD 2 AFD : 8, 20 1 ARD : 20

Cape Gloucester:
 Escorts 2 : 2 SC : 631, 1004
 Auxiliaries 6 : "CAPRICORNUS" (AE) "W.P. BIDDLE" "CATSKILL" "CLYDE" (AP) "CHARA" (AK)

Alexishafen-Madang:
 Escorts 2 : 1 ML : 802 1 HDML: 1339
 Auxiliaries 4 : "KOOPA" (AG) "LING HO" (SIS) "MESQUITE" (CGC) 1 YP: 504

Angemak:
 Escorts 6 : 3 SC : 695, 720, 743 3 PC: 218, 585, 1491
 Auxiliaries 12 : "RIFLEMAN" (AM) "ST GILES" "RACE POINT" "CHIPPEWA" (AT) "KATOOMBA"
 (AP) "GUALALA" (JOG) "GAMBLE" (DM) "BULL WHEEL" (YO) "WARWICK" (AK)
 "OVERTON" (APL) "A.T. MIDDLETON" (APA) "ALHENA" (AKA)

Lae:
 Escorts 3 : 1 ML : 820 2 HDML: 1321, 1328
 Auxiliaries 1 : "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS)

Jacquinet Bay:
 Escorts 1 : 1 ML : 802
 Auxiliaries 1 : "LAURIANA" (AG)

Oro Bay:
 Auxiliaries 1 : "CASA GRANDE" (LSD)

Lilno Bay:
 Escorts 5 : 1 DE : "DADBY" 1 SC: 699 1 ML: 819 1 HDML: 1327 1 PC: 500
 Auxiliaries 7 : "ARAYAT" (IX) "MAUNA LOA" (AE) "LAK" (AT) "TAROONA" (AP)
 3 YP : 278, 449, 514

2. SOLOMONS

(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

Nil report.

(b) In Harbour:

Emirau:
 Escorts 7 : 1 DE : "STALFELD" 2 YMS: "TUI", 250 4 SC: 502, 620, 703, 1274
 Auxiliaries 7 : "HYPERION" (AK) "METABEE" "TAGANAK" (JOG) 4 YP: 233, 414, 514, 515

Green Is:
 Combat units 5 PT
 Escorts 1 : 1 YMS: 94
 Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YP : 248

Treasury Is:
 Combat units 14 PT
 6 PGM
 Escorts 4 : 1 DE : "PAUL G. BAKER" 2 PC: 479, 605 1 YMS: 45
 Auxiliaries 2 : 1 YN : "PALM" 1 JOG: "AGAWAN"

Torokina:
 Combat units 4 DL : "MONSSEN" "PICKING" "SPROSTON" "WICKES"
 Escorts 17 : 2 SC : 1188, 1590 1 PCS: 1420 3 YMS: 176, 311, 389
 4 DE : "HARMON" "BERCROMBIE" "GILLIGAN" "LERAY WILSON"
 7 PC : 477, 702, 1123, 1132, 1170, 1231, 1242

(i) ALLIED FORCES (CONT)

SECRET

Brokinga: (Cont)

Auxiliaries 30

:" "CASSIPEIA" "DRACO" (AK) "ANTARES" (AKS) "TITANI A" "LIBRA" "ALMAAK"
"ALSHAIN" (AK) "MANOORA" "EMPIRE MACE" "LOTHIAN" "KANI BLA" "WESTRALIA"
"EMPIRE BATTLEAXE" "EMPIRE ARQUEBUS" (LSI) "DOYEN" "LAMARR" "HARRIS"
"ALPINE" "SHERIDAN" "HARRY LEE" "BOLIVAR" "SARASOTA" (AR) "OZARK" (LSV)
"PRES. POLK" "STARLICH" (AP) "PINKNEY" (APH) "WHIPSTOCK" (YO) "YUMA"
"SHANNEE" (AT) "MT. OLYMPUS" (AGC)

3. EAST AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA

(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

- (1) "POYANG" (AE) departed Madang 1700/23 for Bowen ETA 30 Jan thence Sydney.
- (2) "HML:1358" was to depart Caloundra 0630/23 for Townsville ETA 0600/29 thence Madang.
- (3) "ML.809" departed Cairns 0600/22 for Townsville and Brisbane ETA 0800/29.
- (4) "GEN. JOHN OPOPE" (AP) departed Bombay 16 Dec for Melbourne ETA 29 Dec.

(b) In Harbour:

Morauke:

Escorts 3 : 2 YMS: "SMEROE" "MERBARBOE" 1 HML: 1326

Thursday Is:

Escorts 3 : 1 AMS: "ECHUCA" 2 HML: 1324, 1353
Auxiliaries 2 : "POLARIS" (AGS) 1 YP: 615

Cairns:

Escorts 6 : 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" 3 ML: 806, 431, 428 2 HML: 1322, 1323
Auxiliaries 1 : "FIRE ISLAND" (AT)

Townsville:

Escorts 3 : 1 AMS: "BENDIGO" 1 ML: 827 1 HML: 1329
Auxiliaries 3 : "LUNBROOK" "ORMISTON" (AP) 1 YP: 615

Bowen:

Auxiliaries 1 : "HEROS" (AT)

Brisbane:

Combat units 3 SS : "S.42" "NARWHAL" "NAUTILUS"
Escorts 10 : 6 ML: 424, 425, 810, 811, 820, 821 2 YMS: 313, 393
1 A/S: "WILCANNIA" 1 AMS: "GLENELG"
Auxiliaries 3 : "ETOLIN" (AK) "FORTUNUS" (AGP) "TRIANGULUM" (AK)

Sydney:

Combat units 1 BB : "HOME"
2 CVE : "ATHELING" "BATTLER"
1 CL : "TROMP"
2 LD : "QUICKMATCH" "QUELENSBOROUGH"
1 ODD : "STUART"
2 SS : "K.9" "K.12"
Escorts 12 : 1 PG: 597 1 SC: 1039 1 A/S: "YANDRA" 1 AMS: "KIAMA"
8 ML: 426, 801, 803, 815, 816, 819, 822
Auxiliaries 10 : "POINT LOMA" "MATO" (AT) "MANUNDA" "MANGANELLA" (AH) "ARLENT" (CM)
"OCTORARA" (IX) "AISE MAERSK" (AOG) "CALELONI" "SALMOB" (ARS)
"PLATYPUS" (AR) "POLLUX" (AKS) "EBONY" (YN)

Melbourne:

Combat units 2 CVE : "STRIKER" "FENCER"
1 OCL : "ADELAIDE"
5 DL : "NIZAM" "QUILLIAM" "QUAERANT" "QUIBERON" "QUALITY"
Escorts 12 : 8 AMS: "KALGOOLIE" "BALLARAT" "GOULBURN" "WHYALLA" "BOWEN"
"LISMORE" "MACKYBOROUGH" "BURNIE"
2 A/S: "ABRAHAM CRIJNSNE" "DOOMBA" 2 HML: 1340, 1350

Hobart:

Combat units 1 CL : "SWIFTSURE"
1 DD : "ACHILLES"

4. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

(1) Task Force 71:

On Patrol 29 SS: "BECUNA" "BLENNY" "PALLE" "HAM ERHEA" "LAPON" "COBIA" "CAVALLEA" "ANGLER"
"DAYA" "HOE" "HELFIN" "STEAR" "BACE" "BERG ALL" "ROCK BASHA" "GUITARRO"
"GURNARD" "GUAVINA" "BARBERO" "FLASHER" "KRAKEN" "HARKBILL" "BESUGO"
"MUSKELLUNGE" "ARCHER" "SEA LION" "MINGO" "STORM" "TELEMECHUS"

(i) ALLIED FORCES (CONT)

SECRET

(1) Task Force 71: (Cont)

On Passage 16 SS: "CLYDE" "K.14" "BLUEGILL" "TANTALUS" "TUSK" "ZWAARFISCH" "CAIMAN" "TANTIVY"
"HAKL" "FLOUNDER" "SEA ROVER" "PARGO" "SPITEFUL" "PERCH" "GABILAN" "STINGRAY"

(b) In Harbour:

Derwin:

Escorts 8 : 1 PF: "HUTCHINSON" 3 AMS: "CASTLEMAINE" "HORSHAM" "JUNEE"
3 ML: 429, 801, 812 1 HML: 1329
Auxiliaries 4 ; "STELLA" "SLEUTH" "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) "CHANTICLEER" (ARS)
Snake Is:
Auxiliaries 1 : "MORESBY" (AGS)

2. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

Nil report.

(b) In Harbour:

remantle:

Combat units 1 CA : "SUFFOLK"
14 SS : "BREAM" "K.15" "O.19" "BLACKFIN" "HALLO" "JACK" "SPLIT" "STURLY"
"BARBEL" "FLYING FISH" "GROWLER" "GUNNELL" "TUNA" "GAR"
Escorts 7 : 1 PF: "CORPUS CHRISTI" 1 PS: "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA"
1 SC: 720 2 YMS: 11, 72 1 AMS: "PIRIE"
Auxiliaries 7 : "ANTHELOM" "EURYALE" "MADSTONE" (AS) "COUCAL" (ARS) "ISABLE" (PY)
1 ARD: 10 1 YP: 286
Bunbury:
Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "BUNBURY"

(ii) ENEMY FORCESA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC1. SOUTH CHINA SEA

- (1) Hainan - At 0155/27 Dec. aircraft reported a convoy comprising:-
 4 freighters
 4 escort vessels
 20 miles E. of Southern Hainan Is., course 80°.
 At 0350/27 Dec. another convoy of 6 ships was seen 30 miles N.E. of Tonkin Pt. (E. Hainan), course S.
- (2) French Indo China - Reconnaissance midday 26 Dec. reported 1 destroyer 40 miles N. of Camranh Bay, course 150° and a concentration of shipping involving:-
 3 tankers
 3 sea trucks (possibly small patrol craft)
 off Cap Varella.
 Reconnaissance at about noon 27 Dec. with 85% coverage of the area reported Camranh Bay and Cap Saint Jacques negative.
- (3) Formosa - At 1415/26 Dec. 12 sea trucks were observed by aircraft 25 miles S.W. of Takao, course Easterley.

2. PHILIPPINES

- (1) N.W. Luzon - At 1600/26 Dec. a convoy comprising 4 freighters, 7 escorts were observed 35 miles W. of Vigan, course 170°: 9 enemy fighters were covering the convoy.
 At 1530/27 Dec. shipping sighted at anchor off San Fernando comprised:-
 2 destroyers
 9 freighter transports
 12 sea truck type ships.
 At 1550/27 Dec. aircraft reported a convoy comprising:-
 1 tanker
 3 merchant ships
 2 escorts
 25 miles S.S.W. of Vigan, course N. This sighting is confirmed by a submarine sighting a little earlier which reported 2 tankers, 2 freighters, 3 escorts close in-shore approx. 15 miles S. of Vigan, course N. at 8 knots: the merchant ships were reported by the submarine to be carrying troops but with light draft.
- (2) Manila-Lingayan Gulf Coast - With reference to shipping sighted heading outside Lingayan gulf P.M. 25 Dec. in 2 groups and 1 single ship comprising in total 4 medium freighter transports, 7 escorts, a Navy Mariner sighted at about midnight 25-26 Dec. :-
 4 merchant ships (varying from sea trucks to 7000 ton ships)
 1 large transport
 3 escorts
 anchored off Dasol Bay and 1 warship described as a heavy cruiser heading N. from this concentration.
 This shipping could be connected with Mindoro operations night 26-27 Dec. as reported below.
- (3) Manila Area - Reconnaissance 27 Dec. revealed about 20 cargo vessels probably including many derelicts in Manila harbor: no warships were present. The same aircraft reported at 1645/27 Dec. 3 large transports, heavily camouflaged at anchor 10 miles S. of Ataanan.
- (4) Mindoro - Full and final details concerning the enemy operation night 26-27 Dec. including bombardment, covering S.W. Mindoro are not yet available.
 Air sources report that in addition to the enemy Task Group of 1 battleship, 1 heavy cruiser and 6 destroyers, another convoy comprising:-
 6 merchant ships
 5 warships (4 destroyers or escorts, 1 light cruiser).
 It is submitted that this possible transportation force is very similar to the Southbound convoy off Dasol Bay 25-26 Dec. which comprised 4 merchant ships and 6 escorts.
 The possibility of an enemy landing is still not clarified. Local land forces state that there are no indications of any landings having taken place and that patrols 27 Dec. saw no enemy movement outside the perimeter. Air force however states that landings were seen to be taking place approx. 25 miles N.W. of San Jose. In any case the land position on Morotai is reported as unchanged: damage and casualties suffered as a result of the bombardment are described as extremely light.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)

- (4) Mindoro(Contd.) - Preliminary claims of damage inflicted by aircraft and PT boats on the enemy forces include 2 destroyers sunk, 3 transports set on fire, the battleship and heavy cruiser damaged.

The retiring force was tracked well across S. China Sea and was last seen positively at 1430/27 Dec. 280 miles W. of San Jose (on Mindoro) on course 230°, at 20 knots: the force at this time was described as :-

- 1 battleship
- 2 cruisers: (1 heavy, 1 light)
- 4 destroyers.

Probably the same force was sighted again 2240/27 Dec. 400 miles W. of San Jose, described simply as 6 ships on course 270°, apparently heading for, or at least towards, Camranh Bay.

With regard to the possible transport force, no daylight sightings have been reported although some shipping was reported early 28 Dec. in the Busuanga Is. (or Coron Bay) area.

- (5) Leyte - In N.W. Peninsula our forces landed at San Isidro early 27 Dec. and at 1445/27 Dec. were 500 yards S. of San Isidro Bay encountering only scattered resistance. In the area inland from Palompon, however, the enemy continues to obstruct the road preventing a junction of our forces.
- (6) Visayas - At 1515/27 Dec. Talisay airrome was bombed by 25 Liberators.
- (7) Sulu Archipelago - At 0945/25 Dec. San Roque airrome was bombed by 9 Mitchells. At 1225/27 Dec. San Roque airrome was again attacked involving 11 Mitchells.

C. EAST INDIES

- (1) Morotai - Night 26-27 Dec. 4 enemy aircraft were over Morotai individually and 2 attacks were made with little effect.
- (2) Halmahera - On 26 Dec. strikes on enemy supply and personnel areas in N.W. Halmahera were repeated: approx. 150 tons of bombs were dropped.
- (3) Banda Sea - A.M. 26 Dec. 2 small ships were observed by aircraft Southbound approx. 150 miles S. of Ambon: as a result of attack by aircraft both ships were destroyed.

4. NEW GUINEA - A.M. 27 Dec. Kairiu and Muschu Islands were attacked respectively by 9 Bostons and 8 Mitchells.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

1. FORMOSA - At 1025/27 Dec. a convoy comprising 4 large transports with strong escort reported as 11 destroyers, 2 heavy cruisers was sighted 70 miles E. of Southern Formosa, course uncertain but probably N.
2. NEW GUINEA - On 26 Dec. Iwo Jima airfields and installations were bombed by 15 Liberators. Weak interception was attempted by 2 fighters without effect. 12-15 aircraft were observed on the ground, mainly single engine planes. A delayed report states that Iwo Jima was bombed 24 Dec. by 25 Superfortresses with 107 tons bombs.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

- (1) Further detail of enemy sortie against Mindoro and withdrawal towards F.I.C. coast.
- (2) Substantial enemy convoy movement F.I.C.-Hong Kong area and W. coast Luzon.
- (3) Continued enemy air reinforcement of Formosa and Philippines.
- (4) Enemy submarine activity Philippines, W. and Central Pacific and Indian Ocean including use of midget submarines.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>				<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
* Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)				(Incl. Mandate)
BB	(7) CALIFORNIA COLORADO	MISSISSIPPI PENNSYLVANIA	NEW MEXICO WEST VIRGINIA	HOWE -
CV	(26) ALAVA BAY ALTAMIRA BARNES BISMARCK SEA HOGGATT BAY KWAJALEIN ATHELING	KADASHAN BAY KITKUN BAY LUNGA POINT MAKIN ISLAND MANILA BAY BATTLER	MARCUS ISLAND MILTON BAY OMMANEY BAY PETROF BAY SAGINAW BAY SALAMUA FENCER	SAVO ISLAND SHAMROCK BAY SHIPLEY BAY STELMER BAY - WAKE ISLAND STRIKER
CA	(6) CANBERRA LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PORTLAND	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-
CL	(13) BOISE #CLEVELAND COLUMBIA	DENVER #HOUSTON MONTPELIER	#NASHVILLE PHOENIX #RENO	ACHI ES ADELAIDE HOBART #TROMP
AV	(2) CURRITUCK	TANGIER		-
LVP	(7) BARATARIA CHINCOTEAGUE	HALF MOON	HERON ORCA	SAN CARLOS SAN PABLO -
DD	(105) ABBOTT ALLEN M. SUMNER AUSBURNE AUSTIN BAGLEY BARTON BELL BRAINE BRYANT BURNS BUSH CHARRRETTE C. J. BADGER CLIXTON COGHLAN CONY CONYGH CONNER CONVERSE CONWAY C. T. BADGER DRAYTON	EATON EVANS FLETCHER FIUSSER FOOTE GANSEVOORT GRIDLEY HALFORD HARADEN HALLIGAN HILL HELM H. L. EDWARDS HOPEWELL HOWORTH INGRAHAM ISHERWOOD JENKINS KNAPP KILLEN KUMBERLEY LAFFEY LILSON	LANG LA VALLETTE LEUTZE LUCE MCCALL MAURY MCDERMOTT MCGOWAN MELVIN MERTZE MOALE MONSSEN MORRIS MUGFORD MUSTIN NEWCOMB NICHOLLS O'BANNON O'BRIEN PAUL HAMILTON PICKING PRINGLE RATHEURNE	REMEY RALPH TALBOT RENSHAW ROBINSON ROSS R. P. LEARY RUSSELL SAMUEL C. REID SIGCURNNEY SMITH SPROSTON STACK STEMMEL STERETT STEVENS TAYLOR TWIGGS WALKE WALLER WICKES WILSON WM. D. PORTER YOUNG

* Excluding Cenapc forces temporarily at sea in S.W.P.A.
Non-effective.

1 SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contc.)

ALLIED FORCES
Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)

ENEMY FORCES
(Incl. Mandates)

LD (Contd.)

ARUNTA	QUALITY	QUILLIAM	SWIFT SURE
GLENDOWER	QUEENSBOROUGH	QUICKMATCH	VENEPT.
NIZAM	QUILDERON	STUART	WARP MUNGA
QUADRANT			

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LI Approx. 175

<u>AKA</u> (79)	ALCOL (AKA)	CUFTER (APA)	FELKNAP (APD)	-
<u>APA</u>	ALHENA	DOLEN	BROOKS	
<u>APD</u>	ALMAAK	DU LAGE	COFFER	
<u>LSI</u>	ALSHAIN	YETTE	CROSBY	
	ALICOME	FELAND	DICKERSON	
	AQUARIUS	F. FUNSTON	GOLDSBOROUGH	
	C. RICORNUS	FREMONT	HEBERT	
	DEIHDA	FULLER	HUMPHREYS	
	CHARA	GILLIAM	KEPHART	
	LIBRA	GOLDEN CITY	KILTY	
	O'HARA	HARRY LEE	LIDDLE	
	TRUBAN	HA KELL	MANLEY	
	UVALDE	HEYWOOD	NEWMAN	
	APLINE (APA)	H.T. ALLEN	OVERTON	
	ADAIR	KNOX	SANDS	
	AP LING	LEEDSTOWN	SCHLEY	
	ARIADNE	LELAND	TALBOT	
	A.T. MIDDLETON	LEO CLYMAN	KANIMELA (LSI)	
	BANNER	LAMARR	MANORA	
	D. XTER	MONROVIA	WESTRALIA	
	BOEIVAR	OLMSTEAD	CLAN LAMONT	
	CALVENT	SARASOTA	EMPIRE ARJUBUS	
	CALBERIA	SHERIDAN	EMPIRE BATTLEAXE	
	CAVALIER	WARREN	EMPIRE MACE	
	CEAL	WAYNE	EMPIRE SPEARHEAD	
	CLEMONSON	W.P. SIDDE	LOTHIAN	

(5)	BLUE RIDGE	MOUNT MCKINLEY	WASATCH	-
	MOUNT OLYMPUS	ROCKY MOUNT		

<u>AS</u>	(5)	GRIFFIN	HOLLAND	OTUS	-
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<u>AD</u>	(4)	DOBBS	SIERRA	WITNEY	-
		PIEDMONT			

<u>AR</u>	(4)	BRIAREUS	PLATYPUS	RIGEL	-
		MEDUSA			

<u>RB</u>	(1)	MIDAS			-
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<u>AC</u>	(5)	CEBU	LEYTE	OGLALA	-
		CULBERRA ISLAND	MINDANAO		

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1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>			<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)			(Incl. Mandates)
<u>ARH</u>	(1) JASON		-
<u>ARL</u>	(4) ACHILLES AMYCUS	EGERIA	REMUS
<u>ARS</u>	(4) CABLE GRAPPLE	PRESERVER	VENTS
<u>ASD</u>	(10) ASHLAND BELLEGROVE CARTER HILL OCEAN GRANDE EPPING FOREST	GUNSTON HALL LINDENWALD OAKHILL RUSHMORE WHITE MARSH	-

4. CENTRAL PACIFIC
(Including N. and S. Pacific Area)

#	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	S. China Sea Incl. Formosa Singapore	Empire
<u>BB</u>	(11) ALABAMA IDAHO INDIANA IOWA MASSACHUSETTS MISSOURI	NEW JERSEY NORTH CAROLINA SOUTH DAKOTA WASHINGTON WISCONSIN	(1) KONGO (3) *YAMATO *MIGATO *ILRUM
<u>BB/AV</u>	-	(2) HYUGA ISE	-
<u>CV</u>	(17) BENNINGTON BUNKER HILL ENTERPRISE ESSEX FRANKLIN HANCOCK HORNET INTREPID LEXINGTON	RANGER SARATOGA TICONDEROGA WASP YORKTOWN BON HOMME RICHARD) RANDOLPH SANGRE DE	(4) KATSURAGI AMAGI HAYATAKA UNRYU (prob. sunk)
<u>CVL</u>	(8) BATAAN BELLEAU WOOD CABOT COMPENS	INDEPENDENCE LANGLEY MONTEPEY SAN JACINTO	(1) RYUHO
<u>CVE</u>	(36) ADMIRALTY IS. ASTROLBE BAY ATTU BOUGAINVILLE BRETON BUCARELI BAY CAPE ESPERANCE C.SABLANCA CHALPIN BAY CHENANGO COFAHEE	LONG ISLAND MAKASSAR STRAIT MILITAKAU MUNA NASOU NEHEMIA BAY PRINCE WILLIAM ROI RUDYARD BAY SANGALION SANTEE	(1) KAIYO (1) OTAKA

* Non-effective.

Some of the units operating temporarily in S.W.P.A.

4. CENTRAL PACIFIC
(Including N. and S. Pacific Area)

S. China Sea
Incl. Formosa
Singapore Empire

# ALLIED FORCES			
<u>CVE</u> (Contd.)			
	CORAL SEA	SARGENT BAY	
	CORREGIDOR	SITKOH BAY	
	FRENCH BAY	SUNANNEE	
	GILBERT ISLANDS	TAKANIS BAY	
	HOLLANDIA	TANANEK BAY	
	KALININ BAY	WHITE PLAINS	
		WINDHAM BAY	
<u>CL</u> (10)	BALTIMORE	PENSACOLA	(1-4) CHOKAI
	BOSTON	NEW ORLEANS	*TAKAO)prob.
	CHESTER	SALT LAKE CITY	MYOKO)all
	DULUTH	SAN FRANCISCO	NACHI)sunk
	INDIANAPOLIS	WICHITA	
			(4) EBUKI(poss. S. China Sea)
			*TONE
			*AOBI
			*HAGURO
			6
<u>CL</u> (22)	ASTORIA	PASADENA	1-2) KISO
	BILOXI	RICHMOND	KINU)1 or poss. SAKI
	*BIRMINGHAM	RICHMOND	BUKIM)both sunk
	CONCORD	SAN DIEGO	
	DETROIT	SAN JUAN	(3-4)*YAHAGI
	FLINT	SANTA FE	*TSUZU
	*HONOLULU	ST LOUIS	YOODO(poss. sunk)
	MIAMI	TRENTON	
	MOBILE	VICKSBURG	
	OAKLAND	WILKES BARRE	
	GAMBIA	*LEANDER	
<u>CLT</u>			(1) KASHII
			(1) KASHIMA
<u>CVS</u> (4)	BALLIARD	CURTISS	
	CHANDELEUR	POCOMOKE	(2) ASKITSUSHIMA
			*NOTORO
<u>D</u>	Approx. 10		20
<u>S</u>	Approx. 150		15 (several repairing)
<u>AS</u>	?		10
			Approx. 50
			?
			2 (1 repairing)

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES (Southwest Pacific Western Section)	ALLIED FORCES Indian Ocean	ENEMY FORCES Indian Ocean
<u>BB</u>		
	(3) QUEEN ELIZABETH VILLIANT	
	RENOWN	
<u>CVE</u>	(3) ILLUSTRIOUS INDOMITABLE VICTORIOUS	
	(5) ACTIVITY	SHLH
	AMBER	UNICORN
	BEGUM	
<u>VA</u> (1) SUFFOLK	(2) CUMBERLAND	LONDON

* Non-effective.

Some of these units operating temporarily in S.W.P.A.

Ansapor:

Escorts 6 : 2 PC : 1119, 1593 4 SC: 521, 667, 695, 1327
Auxiliaries 3 : "RIXEY" (APH) "SAKATONCHEE" (AG) 1 YP: 283

Noemfoor:

Escorts 2 : 2 PC : 462, 563
Auxiliaries 6 : "HASKELL" "LEON" "ADIR" (APA) "DIPHD A" (AKA) "MANLEY" (APD)
"GOLDSBOROUGH" (AVL)

Diak-Woendi:

Combat units 1 ODD : "VENDETTA"
27 PT
Escorts : 1 PS: "SWAN" 5 AMS: "WAGGA" "LITHGOW" "GLADSTONE" "LATROBE" "BROOME"
1 DE: "BOWENS" 1 PF: "BURDEKIN" 1 YMS: "RINDJANI"
Auxiliaries 13 : "GRIFFIN" (AS) "REMUS" (ARL) "DERRICK" (YO) "TRINITY" "VICTORIA" (AO)
"TASMAN" (AH) "BINGER" (AG) "ALCONA" (AKA) "SPRIGHTLY" (AT)
2 YFD 2 YP: 240, 514

Humboldt Bay:

Combat units 13 DD : "FLUSSER" "SHAW" "AMEL C. REID" "CLAXTON" "STACK" "JENKINS" "SMITH" "ROSS"
"LAV ALLETTE" "RATHBURN" "BURNS" "BELL" "RUSSELL" "HALFORD" "HORNORTH"
Escorts 72 : 26 DE : "WILLMARTH" "THOMASON" "NEVENDORFF" "EICHENBERGER" "DAY"
"LOUGH" "MANNING" "L.E. ACREE" "LOVELACE" "D. A. JOY" "HODGFS"
"WHITEHURST" "K.M. WILLETT" "J.E. CRAIG" "TINSMAN" "JOBS"
"RUDLEROW" "GREENWOOD" "E.E. ELMORE" "COOLEB AUGH" "HOLT"
"PEIFFER" "G.A. JOHNSON" "C.M. KIMMELL" "THOS. F. NICHEL"
"LOESER" 1 PS: "WARREGO" 1 PCE(R): 851
4 PF : "ALLENTOWN" "CHARLOTTEVILLE" "MACHIAS" "SANDUSKY"
4 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" "RARAT" "GYMPIE" 1 DL: 825
18 SC : 514, 531, 646, 658, 668, 687, 723, 725, 738, 741, 742
1012, 1052, 1319, 1320, 1331, 1365, 1369
17 PC : 84, 464, 476, 555, 584, 586, 1131, 1137, 1139, 1188
1129, 1128, 1124, 1131, 1134, 1135, 1590
Auxiliaries 88 : "BANNER" "BARNSTABLE" "PIERCE" "KNOX" "CABRIA" "MONROVIA" "APPLI"
"CALVERT" "CUSTER" "H.T. ALLEN" (APA) "GOLDSTAR" "RIGHT" (AD)
"COMET" "LASALLE" "GEN. H. SCOTT" "WINGED ARROW" "HEROLD OF THE MORNING"
"WARHANK" "STORE KING" "MONTEREY" (AP) "PECOS" "SEVERN" "KURUMBAN"
"BISHOPDALE" "SARANAC" "SCHUYKILL" "TALLULAH" "SUAMICO" "SALAMONIE"
(AO) "PREBLE" (DM) "CLYDE" "VILLALOBOS" (IX) "CYRENE" (AGP) "BERCY"
"REFUGE" "HOPE" (AH) "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD" "CLAN LAMONT" (LSI)
"JUPITER" "CANYMEDE" (AK) "SEEKONK" "CHINAIKUM" (AG) "AQUARIUS"
"ELECTRA" (AKA) "DOBBIN" (AD) "POTANATOMI" "RAIL" "CHETCO" "TANCRED"
(AT) "ACHILLES" (ARS) "SANDS" "LIDDLE" "HUMPHREYS" "CROSBY" "MILTY"
"SCHLEY" "HERBERT" "NEWMAN" "KEPHART" "COFER" "LLOYD" "DICKERSON" (APL)
"BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "OAKHILL" "LINDEN" "ALL" "SHAWELL" "BELLE GROVE"
"GUNSTON HALL" (LSL) "BREEZE" "ELLIOTT" (DMS) "CULEBRA ISLAND"
(ARG) "MONITOR" (LSV) 6 AFD: 2, 8, 11, 16, 24, 25
2 YFD 2 ARD: 7, 12 3 YP: 218, 240, 291

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Auxiliaries 17 : "AYETTE" "HEYWOOD" "LEEDSTOWN" "FELAND" "CAVALIER" "DUPAGE" "MAYNE"
"FULLER" (APA) "THREAN" (AKA) "HERCULES" "ELLIOT" (AKA) "JOHN LAND"
"CAPE JOHNSON" "GOLDEN CITY" (AP) "WHITEMARSH" "EPPING FOREST"
(LSL) "TALBOT" (APH)

Admiralties:

Combat units 5 BB : "CALIFORNIA" "MISSISSIPPI" "PENNSYLVANIA" "WEST VIRGINIA" "COLORADO"
22 CVE : "SAGINAW BAY" "BARNES" "MAKIN ISLAND" "SALAMAU" "BISMARCK SEA"
"ALAVA BAY" "ALTAMAH" "HOGGAT BAY" "LUNGA POINT" "PETROF BAY"
"SHIPLEY BAY" "KITKUN BAY" "STEAMER BAY" "SHAMROCK BAY"
"SAVO ISLAND" "MARCUS ISLAND" "NATOMA BAY" "MANILA BAY"
"KADASHAN BAY" "OMMANEY BAY" "WAKE ISLAND" "KWAJALEIN"
3 CA : "CANBERRA" "SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"
7 CL : "CLEVELAND" "HOUSTON" "NASHVILLE" "DENVER" "MONTPELIER" "RENO" "COLUMBIA"
42 DL : "HALLIGAN" "EVANS" "MELVIN" "AUNTAN" "LETUZE" "KILLEN" "R.P. LEARY"
"SAUFLEY" "TAYLOR" "NICHOLAS" "HELM" "MAULY" "McCALL" "H.L. EDWARDS"
"LAMSON" "WILSON" "GRILLEY" "BAGLEY" "CHARRETE" "ISHERWOOD" "CONY"
"JUSTIN" "LUCE" "MUGFORD" "DRAYTON" "SMITH" "RALPH TALBOT" "TWIGGS"
"WALLER" "RENSBACH" "ROBINSON" "CONWAY" "BENNION" "BATON" "CONNOR"
"BUSH" "SIGOURNEY" "REMEY" "BR LINE" "CALDWELL" "HARRIS" "CONIGHA"
Escorts 2 SS : "S.45" "S.47"
73 : 23 DE : "W.C. WAIN" "HALLORAN" "EVERSOLE" "OBERRENDLER" "BELAHANTY"
"SPANGLER" "CADAN" "LAPRADE" "FOREMAN" "RAXMUND" "EDMOND"
"R.S. SUESSENS" "J.C. BUTLER" "BEGAS" "OSBERG" "O'FLAHERTY"
"ROBT. BRAZIER" "R.M. ROMELL" "WITTER" "MITCHELL" "BLACKMOOR"
"R.S. BULL" "H.F. CLARK" 2 PCS 1391, 1418

Admiralties: (Cont)

Escorts : 2 DE : "ORANGE" "VAN BUREN" 5 SC: 98, 732, 1004, 1274, 1375
 32 YMS: 1, 10, 46, 48, 51, 97, 140, 158, 184, 197, 238, 243, 296, 386, 318,
 319, 327, 328, 340, 341, 342, 360, 353, 363, 364, 368, 380, 409, 4
 9 PC : 598, 600, 742, 1228, 1170, 1421, 1600, 1601, 1602

Auxiliaries 71 : "BAXTER" "UV ALDE" "OLSTEAD" (APA) "TALAMACA" (AF) "COWANESQUE"
 "CACAPON" "NESHANIC" "CHIKASKIA" "MINOOSKI" "NEOBRAA" "CALIENTE"
 "ESCAMBIA" "CHEPACHET" (AD) "JASON" "CEBU" "LEYTE" "MINDANAO" (ARG)
 "YOUNG AMERICA" (AF) "AMYCUS" (AR) "JAMESTOWN" (AGP) "CETUS" "LYRA"
 "SHAULA" "PHOBOS" "INDUS" "CRUX" "SAGITTARIUS" (AK) "ALYCON" (AKL)
 "CHANGE" "SCUFFLE" "CAPTIVATE" (AM) "HAMMONDSPO" (AKV) "MEDUSA"
 "BRIAREUS" (AR) "TERN" "MENOMINEE" "SIOUX" "TANAB" "KINGFISHER"
 "LIPAN" "ARAPACHO" "WATCH HILL" "CHIKASAW" "CHONNOC" (AT) "CEMSON"
 (AVL) "BUNGAREE" "MONAENOCK" (CM) "MT. MCKINLEY" "ROCKY MOUNT" (AGC)
 "PRESERVER" "GRASP" (ARS) "RIO GRANDE" "ELKHORN" "PASQUOTANK" (AGG)
 "OTUS" (AS) "BENALL" "PATHFINDER" (AGS) "ALABASTER" (PYC) "SIENRA"
 "WHITNEY" "PIELMONT" (AD) "BOUNTIFUL" (AH) "LAURABADA" (AG)
 3 YP: 280, 288, 585 2 ABSD 2 AFD: 8, 20 1 ARD: 20

Cape Gloucester:

Escorts 2 : 2 SC : 631, 1004
 Auxiliaries 6 : "CAPRICORNUS" (AE) "W.P. BIDDLE" "CATSKILL" "CLYDE" (AP) "CHARA" (AKA)

Alexishafen-Madang:

Escorts 2 : 1 ML : 802 1 HLML: 1339
 Auxiliaries 4 : "KOOPIA" (AG) "PING WO" (ASIS) "MESQUITE" (CGC) 1 YP: 504

Mongemak:

Escorts 6 : 3 SC : 695, 720, 743 3 PC: 218, 585, 1491
 Auxiliaries 12 : "RIFLEMAN" (AM) "ST GILES" "TRACE POINT" "CHIPPEWA" (AT) "KATOOME"
 (AP) "GULALALA" (AOG) "GABLE" (DIP) "BULL WHEEL" (YO) "WARWICK" (AK)
 "OVERTON" (APL) "A.T. MIDDLETON" (APA) "ALENA" (AKA)

Sege:

Escorts 3 : 1 ML : 820 2 HLML: 1321, 1328
 Auxiliaries 1 : "CADRIAN SALVOR" (ARS)

Jacquinet Bay:

Escorts 1 : 1 ML : 802
 Auxiliaries 1 : "LAURIANA" (AG)

Cro Bay:

Auxiliaries 1 : "CASA GRANDE" (LSL)

Milne Bay:

Escorts 5 : 1 DE: "DARBY" 1 SC: 699 1 ML: 819 1 HLML: 1327 1 PC: 500
 Auxiliaries 7 : "ARAYAT" (IX) "MAUNA LOA" (AE) "LARK" (AT) "TAROONA" (AP)
 Auxiliaries 3 YP : 278, 449, 514

2. SOLOMONS

(a) At Sea to 1200/29:

Nil report.

(b) In Harbour:

Eirau:

Escorts 7 : 1 DE: "STADFELD" 2 YMS: "TUI", 250 4 SC: 502, 620, 703, 1274
 Auxiliaries 7 : "HYPERION" (AK) "METTALBE" "TAGANAK" (AOG) 4 YP: 233, 414, 514, 515

Green Is:

Combat units 5 PT
 Escorts 1 : 1 YMS: 94
 Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YP : 248

Peasary Is:

Combat units 14 PT
 6 FGM
 Escorts 4 : 1 DE: "PAUL G. BAKER" 2 PC: 479, 605 1 YMS: 45
 Auxiliaries 2 : "PALM" (YN) "ARATA" (AOG)

Torekina:

Combat units 4 DL : "MONSSEN" "PICKING" "SPROSTON" "WICKES"
 Escorts 17 : 2 SC : 1183, 1590 1 PCS: 1420 2 YMS: 176, 311, 389
 4 DE : "HARRON" "MERCROMDIE" "GILLIGAN" "LERAY WILSON"
 7 PC : 477, 702, 1123, 1132, 1170, 1231, 1242

Torokina: (Cont)

Auxiliaries 30 : "CASSIOPIE" "ALRICO" (AK) "ANTARES" (AKS) "TITANIA" "LIBRA" "ALMAK"
 "ALSHAIN" (AK) "ANCORA" "EMPIRE HAZE" "LOTHIN" "K ANIMBLA" "WESTRALIA"
 "EMPIRE BATTLEAXE" "EMPIRE ARQUEBUS" (LSI) "LOYEN" "LAMRR" "HARRIS"
 "ALPINE" "SHERIDAN" "HARRY LEE" "BOLIVAR" "SARASOTA" (AR) "OZARK" (LSV)
 "PRES. POLK" "STARLIGHT" (AP) "PINKNEY" (APH) "WHIPSTOCK" (YO) "YUMA"
 "SHANNEE" (AT) "MT. OLYMPUS" (AGC)

3. EAST AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea to 1200/29:

(1) "POYANG" (AE) departed Madang 1700/23 for Bowen ETA 30 Jan thence Sydney.

(b) In Harbour:Perauke:

Escorts 3 : 2 YMS: "SMEROE" "MERDARBOE" 1 HDML: 1326

Thursday Is:

Escorts 3 : 1 AMS: "ECHUCA" 2 HDML: 1324, 1353

Auxiliaries 2 : "POLARIS" (AGS) 1 YP: 615

Chair s:

Escorts 6 : 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" 3 ML: 806, 431, 428 2 HDML: 1322, 1323

Auxiliaries 1 : "FIRE ISLAND" (AT)

Dunnsville:

Escorts 4 : 1 AMS: "BENDIGO" 1 ML: 827 2 HDML: 1329, 1358

Auxiliaries 3 : "DUNTRCOON" "ORMISTON" (AP) 1 YP: 615

1:

Auxiliaries 1 : "HEROS" (AT)

Brisbane:

Combat units 3 SS : "S.42" "NARWHAL" "NAUTILUS"

Escorts 11 : 7 ML: 424, 425, 800, 810, 811, 820, 821 2 YMS: 313, 393

1 A/S: "WILCANNIA" 1 AMS: "GLENELG"

Auxiliaries 3 : "ETOLIN" (AK) "FORTUNUS" (AGP) "TRIANGULUM" (AK)

Sydney:

Combat units 1 BB : "HOME"

2 CVE : "ATHELING" "BATTLER"

1 CL : "TROMP"

2 DD : "QUICKMATCH" "QUELSEBOROUGH"

1 ODD : "STUART"

2 SS : "K.9" "K.12"

Escorts 12 : 1 PC: 597 1 SC: 1039 1 A/S: "YANERA" 1 AMS: "KIAMA"

3 ML: 426, 801, 803, 815, 816, 819, 822

Auxiliaries 10 : "POINT LOMA" "WATO" (AT) "MANUNA" "WANGANELEA" (AH) "ARDENT" (CH)

"DOCTORARA" (IX) "ASSE MAERSK" (JOG) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS)

"PLATYPUS" (IX) "POLLUX" (AKS) "EBONY" (YN)

Melbourne:

Combat units 2 CVE : "STRIKER" "FENCER"

1 OCL : "AELAIDE"

5 DD : "NIZAM" "QUILLIAM" "QUERANT" "QUIBERON" "QUALITY"

Escorts 12 : 3 AMS: "KALGOORLIE" "BALLARAT" "GOULBURN" "WHYALLA" "BOWEN"

"LISMORE" "MARYBOROUGH" "BURNIE"

2 A/S: "ABRAHAM CRIJNSEN" "LOOMBA" 2 HDML: 1340, 1350

Auxiliaries 1 : "GEN. JOHN POPE" (AP)

Obant:

Combat units 1 CL : "SWIFTSURE"

1 DD L "ACHILLES"

NORTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/29:(1) Task Force 71:

On Patrol 29 SS: "BECUNA" "BLENNY" "TADDE" "HAMERHEAD" "LAPON" "COBIA" "CIVALLA" "ANGLER"

"BAY A" "HOE" "REDFIN" "SINEAR" "LACE" "BERGALL" "ROCK" "BASHA" "GUITARRO"

"GURNARD" "GUAVINA" "BARBERO" "FLASHER" "KRAKEN" "HAWKBILL" "DESUGO"

"MUSKELLUNGE" "HACHELA" "SEA LION" "MINGO" "STORM" "TELEMACHUS"

On Passage 16 SS: "CLYDE" "K.14" "O.19" "BLUEDGILL" "TANTALUS" "TUSK" "ZWAARLFISCH" "CAIMAN" "TENTIVE"

"HAKE" "FLOUNDER" "SEA ROVER" "PARGO" "SPITEFUL" "PERCH" "GABILAN" "STINGRAY"

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Escorts 8 : 1 PF : "HUTCHINSON" 3 AMS: "CASTLEMAINE" "HORSHAM" "JUNEE"
 3 ML : 429, 801, 812 1 HLML: 1329

Auxiliaries 4 : "STELLA" "SLEUTH" "SHEPHERTON" (AGS) "CHANTICLEER" (ARS)

Snake Is:

Auxiliaries 1 : "MORESBY" (AGS)

5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(a) At sea to 1200/29:

Nil report.

(b) In Harbour:

Perth:

Combat units 1 GA : "SUFFOLK"
 14 SS : "BREAM" "K.15" "O.19" "BLACKFIN" "HADDO" "JACK" "SPLIT" "STURDY"
 "BARBEL" "FLYING FISH" "GROWLER" "GUNNELL" "TUNA" "GAR"

Escorts 7 : 1 PF : "CORPUS CHRISTI" 1 PS: "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA"
 1 SC : 720 2 YS: 11, 72 1 AMS: "PIRIE"

Auxiliaries 7 : "ANTHELO" "EURYALE" "MILSTONE" (AS) "COUCAL" (ARS) "ISABEL" (PY)
 1 ARD: 10 1 YP: 286

Bunbury:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "BUNBURY"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

1. SOUTH CHINA SEA

- (1) Formosa Strait - At 1200/28 Dec. a large convoy comprising:-

- 7 large transports
- 2 whaling factory type ships (17-19,000 tons)
- 3 large tankers
- 5 destroyers
- 1 battleship (original in-flight reports indicated that this unit was a carrier but subsequently it was identified, apparently, as a heavy surface unit)

was sighted by Liberator 60 miles S.E. of Swatow on course 310°, at 10 knots. 1 enemy patrol bomber was covering the convoy.

It is recalled that a 17 ship convoy was reported by aircraft approaching S. Formosa from E. at 1025/27 Dec.: composition of this convoy was described as 4 large transports, 11 destroyers and 2 heavy cruisers.

2. PHILIPPINES

- (1) N. Luzon - Considerable convoy movement and shipping activity is reported by aerial reconnaissance off N. coast Luzon:-

(a) At 1400/28 Dec.: - 2 tankers
2 medium freighters or freighter transports
3 escorts

37 miles W.N.W. of Aparri, course 90°, speed 10 knots.

(b) At 1410/28 Dec.: - 1 destroyer escort 30 miles N.E. of Cape Bojeador course 180° at 10 knots.

(c) At 1425/28 Dec.: - 3 medium freighter transports
8 escorts

45 miles N. of Aparri, course 200° at 10 knots.

It is significant to note these convoys apparently converging on Aparri possibly indicating the increasing importance of that port as a terminal for large shipping as our air attacks increase in intensity on Manila and are now starting on San Fernando.

- (2) Lingayen Gulf - Night 27-28 Dec. shipping at San Fernando was attacked by 5 Mitchells: 1 medium freighter transport was hit and set on fire and another similar ship suffered several near misses.

At 1500/28 Dec. aircraft reported the following shipping anchored off San Fernando:-

- 5 destroyers or escorts
- 5 freighter transports (2-5,000 tons each)
- 20 sea trucks or small freighters
- 20 small craft.

- (3) Manila-Lingayan Gulf - At 1530/28 Dec. aircraft sighted 1 coastal freighter with 2 landing craft type ships off Dasol Bay, course 180°, at 5 knots.

- (4) Mindoro - With reference to the enemy force which bombarded our positions off Mindoro night 26-27 Dec. a PW survivor picked up off DD "KIYOSHIMO" which was sunk states that the bombardment force comprised heavy cruiser "ASHIGARA", light cruiser "UYODO", 2 new "KIYOSHIMO" class destroyers, 1 "ASASHIO" class destroyer and 3 new type "MATSU" class (900-1000 tons) destroyers.

There is no clear evidence yet as to whether any enemy landing took place that night but if in fact such is the case the scale is believed to have been very small. Intensified security patrols covering all likely assembly points, were carried out 28 Dec. by land forces with no enemy contacts.

Night 27-28 Dec. 12-13 aircraft attacked our positions with little effect: Black Widows shot down 3 enemy planes and AA claim a fourth

- (5) Calamian Group - Night 27-28 Dec. aircraft located 9-10 small ships or barges off S.W. coast Busuanga Is. (near Coron Bay).

- (6) Mindanao-Sulu Sea - Enemy aircraft made intensive attacks on an allied convoy off S. coast Bonol shortly before noon 28 Dec. at least 4 suicide dives were carried out: 1 was shot down but 3 hit ships causing severe damage to 2 liberty ships and 1 converted liberty ship.

The attack was repeated at about dusk and for 1½ hours the convoy was subjected to attacks involving 20-30 aircraft: 1 LST was hit by torpedo and subsequently sunk by our own gunfire. The enemy planes appeared to approach from N.W. and retired both towards N.E. and towards S.

Preliminary reports indicate that the convoy was under severe and continuous attack at about 0200/29 Dec.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)

- (7) Visayas - At 1315/27 Dec. San Jose airbase on W. coast Panay was bombed by 24 Liberators
- (8) Leyte - With the exception of the strong enemy resistance astride the road E. of Palompon preventing our forces there from joining others advancing over the mountains, opposition along San Isidro-Palompon coast seems to be negligible.

3. EAST ISLANDS

- (1) Morotai - Night 25-26 Dec. the enemy made another assault on our perimeter in the vicinity of Rajja on S.W. coast Morotai.
Night 27-28 Dec. 2 enemy aircraft were over Morotai and dropped bombs without effect.
- (2) Halimaha - At 1635/27 Dec. 3 enemy medium bombers were intercepted by 4 Thunderbolts over Djailolo: all 3 planes were shot down.
- (3) E. Borneo - On 26 Dec. a patrol Liberator attacked and damaged 2 small ships in Tarakan anchorage and also strafed oil storage tanks there.
- 4. NEW GUINEA - On 27 Dec. villages in Wewak area were attacked by an additional 35 Beauforts.
- 5. BISMARCKS-SOLOMONS - On 27 Dec. Lakunai strip was bombed by 25 Mitchells and Vunakanau by 8 Mitchells, 8 Venturas.

7. CENTRAL PACIFIC

- 7. HAWAII - At 0500/26 Dec. aircraft reported sighting a submarine 400 miles W. of Oahu.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

- (1) Heavy enemy convoy traffic N. Luzon-Formosa-China coast.
- (2) Further detail of enemy sortie against Misuro.
- (3) Continued enemy air reinforcement of Formosa and Philippines and intensified enemy air scale of effort Central Philippines.
- (4) Enemy submarine activity Philippines, W. and Central Pacific and Indian Ocean including use of midget submarine.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

PACIFIC OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

Southwest Pacific

Central Pacific

<u>SB</u> (7)	CALIFORNIA COLORADO MISSISSIPPI HOVE	PENNSYLVANIA NEW MEXICO WEST VIRGINIA	(13)	ALABAMA IDAHO INDIANA IOWA	MARYLAND MASSACHUSETTS MISSOURI NEW JERSEY NORTH CAROLINA	TENNESSEE SOUTH DAKOTA WASHINGTON WISCONSIN
<u>CV</u> -			(17)	BENNINGTON BUNKER HILL ENTERPRISE ESSEX FRANKLIN HANCOCK	HORNET INTREPID LEXINGTON RANGER SARATOGA TICONDEROGA	WASP YORKTOWN BON HOMME RICHARD RANDOLPH SHANGRI LA (present status unknown)
<u>AB</u> -			(8)	BATAAN BELLEAU WOOD CADOT	CORPENS INDEPENDENCE LANGLEY	MONTEREY SAN JACINTO
<u>AVE</u> (27)	ALINA BAY ALYAMAHA ARIELIA BARNES BATTLE BONAROCK SEA BONER BOVALE BAY KALASHAN BAY KIKUY BAY KWAJALEIN LUNGA POINT MILIN ISLAND MANILA BAY	MARCUS ISLAND MUNDA NATOMA BAY OMMANEY BAY PETROF BAY SAGINAW BAY SALAMAUA SAVO ISLAND SUNAROOK BAY SHIPLEY BAY STEAMER BAY STRIKER WAKE ISLAND	(27)	ADMIRALTY IS. ANZIO ASTROLABE BAY ATTU BOUGAINVILLE BRETON EUGENELI BAY CAPE ESPERANCE CASABLANCA CHAPIN BAY CHENANGO COPAHEE CORAL SEA	CORREGIDOR FANSHAW BAY GILBERT ISLANDS HOLLANDIA KALININ BAY LONG ISLAND MAKASSAR STRAIT MATANKAU NEHENTA BAY PRINCE WILLIAM ROI RUDYERD BAY SANGAMON	SANTEE SARGENT BAY SITKOH BAY SUWANNEE TAKANIS BAY THETIS BAY TULAGI WHITE PALING WILDHAM BAY NASSAU TANANEK BAY
<u>AE</u> (7)	#CANBERRA LOUISVILLE MI NEAPOLIS *SUFFOLK	FORTLAND AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	(10)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER	INDIANAPOLIS PENSACOLA QUINCY NEW ORLEANS	SALT LAKE CITY SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA
<u>CL</u> (13)	BOISE CLEVELAND COLUMBI DENVER #HOUSTON MONTPELIER	#N SHVILLE P. WIX #RENO ACHILLES ADELAIDE HOBART	(24)	ASTORIA BILOXI BIRMINGHAM CONCORD DETROIT DULUTH FLINT #HONOLULU	MIAMI MOBILE O. LAND PASADENA RALEIGH RICHMOND SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	SANTA FE #ST LOUIS TRENTON VICKSBURG VINCENNES WILKES BARRE GAMBIA LEANDER

* Waste in section.
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PACIFIC OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES (Contd.)

Southwest Pacific

Centr. Pacific
Approx. 150

AD (115)	EDWARDS	LUCE	ROBINSON
ABBOTT	EVANS	MCCALL	ROSS
ELEN M. SUMNER	FLETCHER	MAURY	R.P. LEARY
AUSTIN	FLUSSER	MCDERMOTT	RUSSELL
BAGLEY	FOOTE	MCGOWAN	SAMUEL C. REID
BARTON	GANSEVOORT	MELVIN	SAUFLEY
BELL	GRIDLEY	MERTZ	SHAW
BENJON	HALFORD	SCALE	SIGOURNEY
BRADINE	HARADEN	MONSSEN	SMITH
BRYANT	HALLIGAN	MORRIS	SPROSTON
IRIS	HALL	MUGFORD	STACK
BUSH	H.L. EDWARDS	MUSTIN	STARLEY
C.A. FUSSELL	HOPEWELL	NECOMB	STEMBEL
CHARLETTE	HOWORTH	NICHOLAS	STERETT
CALDWELL	INGRAM	O'BANNON	STEVENS
C.J. BADGER	ISHERWOOD	O'BRIEN	TAILOR
CARTON	JENKINS	PAUL HAMILTON	TRIGGS
CHLARK	KNAPP	PHILIP	WALKER
COLE	KILLEN	PICKING	WALKER
JOYCEHAM	KIMBERLEY	TRINGLE	WICKES
CORNER	LAFFEY	RADFORD	WILSON
CONVERSE	LAMSON	RATHBURN	W.M.D. PORTER
COOPER	LANG	REMY	WOODORTH
COOPER	LA VALLETTE	REID	YOUNG
DASHFIELD	LEUISE	RALPH TALLOP	
DRAYTON	LOWRY	REYNOLDS	
EATON			

ARANTA	QUANTITY	QUILLIAM	SWIFTSURE
MEZAM	QUEENSBOROUGH	QUICKMATCH	VENETTA
QUADRANT	QUIBERON	STUART	WARRAMUNGA

Approx. 150

SS (63)	COBIA	HAKE	PAIDLE
ANGLER	DACE	HAMMERHEAD	PARGO
BARBERO	FLAHER	HAKBILL	REDFIN
BASHAW	FLYING FISH	HOE	ROCK
BATFISH	GAR	JACK	SEA LION
BIA	GROBLER	KRAKEN	SEA WOLF
BEGUM	GUVINA	LAPO	SPRINGHEAD
BERGAL	GUITARO	MINGO	TUSK
BESUGO	GUNNER	MUSKELLUNGE	S.42
BELM	GURNARD	N.R. HALL	S.45
BEGGILL	HABDO	NAUTILUS	S.47
CAIMAN			
CYDE	SPIREFUL	STURDY	TANTIVY
SEA TROVER	SPLIT	TANTALUS	TELEGRAPHUS
SILVER	SWORD		
K.9	K.14	O.19	ZWARDFLICH
K.2	K.15		

Approx. 175

(5)	MOUNT OLYMPUS	MOUNT MCKINLEY	ROCKY MOUNT
VASAL			
BLUE RIDGE			

(2)	TANZIER		CHANDELEUR
CUMBERTUCK			POCOMORE
			CURTISS
			K. WHITING
			HAMLIN
			GEORGE
			CUMBERLAND SOUND

Approx. 10

AVP (7)	HALF MOON	HERON	SAN CARLOS
BARATARIA		ORCA	SAN PABLO
CHINCOTEAGUE			

PACIFIC OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

Southwest Pacific

Central Pacific

	<u>Southwest Pacific</u>			<u>Central Pacific</u>
<u>AKA</u> (12)	ALGOL	ALSHAIN	CAPRICORNUS	LIBRA
	ALHENA	ALYCON	DIPHDA	O'HARA
	ALMAAK	AQUARIUS	CHARA	TRUBAN
<u>AF</u> (38)	CAVALIER	FREMONT	LEO CLYMEN	
	CLAY	FULLER	LAMARR	
	CUSTER	GILLIAM	MONROVIA	
	DOYEN	GOLDEN CITY	OLMSTEAD	
	DUPAGE	HARRY LEE	SARASOTA	
	FAYETTE	HASKELL	SHERIDAN	
	FELAND	H. T. ALLEN	UVALDE	
	F. FUNSTON	KNOX	WARREN	
		LEEDSTOWN	WAYNE	
			W. P. DIDDLE	
<u>AG</u> (16)	COLSEBOROUGH	KIMM	OVERTON	
	HERBERT	LITTLE	SANDS	
	HUMPHREYS	MARLEY	SCHLEY	
	KEITHANT	NEWMAN	TALBOT	
<u>AI</u> (9)	CLAN LAMONT	EMPIRE BATTLEAXE	EMPIRE SPEARHEAD	
	EMPIRE ARQUEBUS	EMPIRE MACE	LOTHIAN	
<u>AD</u> (10)	CASA GRANDE	GUNSTON HALL	OAKHILL	
	EPPING FOREST	LINENWALL	RUSHMORE	
			WHITE MARSH	
<u>AS</u> (3)	HOLLAND	OTUS		
<u>AT</u> (4)	PIEDMONT	SIERRA	WHITNEY	

INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

<u>BB</u> (3)	QUEEN ELIZABETH	RENOWN	VALIANT	
<u>BT</u> (3)	ILLUSTRIOUS	INDOMITABLE	VICTORIOUS	
CA	CHERSON	CHERSON	CHERSON	CHERSON
<u>CE</u> (5)	ARTEVITY	AMBER	BEGUM	SHAH
				UNICORN
<u>CA</u> (2)	CUMBERLAND	LONDON		
(5)	CEYLON	KENYA	NEWCASTLE	NIGERIA
				PHOEBE
<u>AV</u> (1)	ALBATROSS			
<u>DE</u>	Approx. 27			
<u>SS</u>				

ENEMY FORCES

South China Sea including Philippines East Indies		Empire (Including Mandates)	Indian Ocean
BB (1) YAMATO		(3) YAMATO #NAGATO #HARUNA	-
BF/XCV (2) HYUGA	ISE	-	-
CV -		(2) AMAGI KATSURAGI HAYATAKA ...	-
E -		(1) RYUHO	-
E () KAIYO		(1) OKAKA	-
CA (4) ASHIGARA TAKAO (prob. sunk) #MOKO		(4) #TONE IBUKI (poss. S. China Sea) #AOBA HAGURO (poss. sunk)	*
CL (3-4) KINU KISO)prob. OSOBO ABUKUMA) sunk		(3-4) #YAHAGI SAKAWA #ISUZU	-
LT (1) KASHI		(1) KASHIMA	-
VS -		(2) ASKITSUSHIMA #NOTORO	-
D 15		Approx. 15	
SS 20		50	10 (poss. all German)
IS ?		2 (1 repairing)	-

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY SHORE-BASED AIR STRENGTH

	PHILIPPINES			Formosa-Luzon ← EAST INDIES	MANDATES	SOLOMONS BISMARCKS
	Luzon	Visayas	Mindanao			
Fighters	190	31	28	106	6	5
B/E Bombers	41	2	10	12	-	-
T/E Bombers	53	11	14	63	3	-
Flying Boats	-	-	-	3	-	-
Fleet Planes	21	9	14	38	6	10
Trn. A/C	28	2	3	13	4	2
TOTAL	333	55	69	235	19	15

Non-Effective

**GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA**
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre
DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY
Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.
Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle.
No. 1066 Date 30 December 1944

PART I

(i) ALLIED FORCES

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NEW GUINEA - BISMARCKS

(a) At Sea to 1200/30:

- (a) Task Force 70.1: 23 PT
- (b) Task Unit 76.4.24: 1 DD: "LANG" 3 LSD: "BELLE GROVE" "GUNSTON HALL" "OAKHILL"
- (c) Task Unit 76.4.27: 1 ARG: "CULEBRA ISLAND" 1 AS: "OTUS" 2 ATR 11 LT
4 ST 3Y 1 PC: 1131 1 SC: 981
- (d) Task Unit 78.3.15: 9 DD: "GANSEVOORT" "BUSH" "WILSON" "PAUL HAMILTON" "STEVENS"
"STERETT" "EDWARDS" "PRINGLE" "PHILIP" 1 XAK 30 PT
21 LST 23 LCI 2 AVP 1 AGP 1 IX: "PORCUPINE"
- (2) "WEST VIRGINIA" "COLORADO" (BB) "COLUMBIA" (CL) "NATOMA BAY" "MANILA BAY" "SAVO ISLAND"
"O'MANEY BAY" "STEAMER BAY" (CVE) "HALLIGAN" "BENNION" "TWIGGS" "BELL" "BURNS"
"RALPH TALBOT" (DD) "EDMONDS" "H.F. CLARK" (DE) departed Manus 1615/26.
- (3) "MAKIN ISLAND" "LUNGA POINT" "BISMARCK SEA" "SALAMUA" "HOGGATT BAY" (CVE) "MAURY"
"GRIDLEY" "HELM" "McCALL" "PATTERSON" "BAGLEY" (DD) departed Manus 1200/27 for
Kossol ETA 0600/30.
- (4) "MUNDA" (CVE) departed Pearl Harbor 21 Dec for Manus ETA 1430/1 Jan.
- (5) "NASHVILLE" (CL) departed Manus 1600/25 for Pearl Harbor ETA 2 Jan.
- (6) "YMS-296" "SC-504" escorting Convoy Manus-Kossol #6 ("ARAPAHO" "SIOUX" (AT) with
tows) departed Manus 1700/24 for Kossol via Peleliu ETA 1 Jan.
- (7) "BOUNTIFUL" (AH) was to depart Manus 0600/27 for Leyte Gulf ETA 0600/2.
- (8) "BUNDABERG" "STAVELL" (AMS) escorting Convoy BG508 departed Biak 2130/27 for
Morotai ETA 1500/30.
- (9) "ALCONA" (AK) departed Woendi 1200/27 for Brisbane ETA 1400/4 Jan.

(b) In Harbour:

Leyte:

- | | | | |
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| Combat units | 2 OBB | : | "NEW MEXICO" "MISSISSIPPI" |
| | 3 CA | : | "PORTLAND" "LOUISVILLE" "MINNEAPOLIS" |
| | 2 CL | : | "BOISE" "PHOENIX" |
| | 33 DE | : | "ABBOT" "A.E. SUMNER" "BARTON" "BRYANT" "C.A. AUSBURNE" "CONVERSE"
"COOPER" "DASHIELL" "FLETCHER" "FOOTE" "HALL" "HOPEMELL" "LARDNER"
"INGRAHAM" "KIMBERLEY" "LAFFEY" "LOARY" "McDERMOTT" "McGOWAN"
"MERTZ" "MOALE" "NEWCOMB" "O'BANNON" "O'BRIEN" "REID" "RADFORD"
"STANLEY" "STEMBEL" "TAYLOR" "WALKER" "W.D. PORTER" "WOODWORTH" "YOUNG" |
| Escorts | 83 PT | | |
| | 50 | : | 7 DE : "CHAFFEE" "D.C. BARNES" "J.B. KNOX" "METIVIER" "McNULTY"
"MACK" "RILEY" 4 PC: 462, 563, 584, 1128
3 PF : "EL PASO" "EUGENE" "GASCOYNE" 1 HDML: 1074
13 SC : 637, 724, 729, 731, 734, 735, 737, 744, 748, 749, 1004, 1365,
1368 5 PCE(R): 848, 849, 850, 852, 853
17 YMS: 2, 6, 8, 9, 39, 47, 48, 51, 52, 59, 68, 71, 314, 315, 329, 339, 481 |
| Auxiliaries | 102 | : | "ASATCH" (AGC) "CURRITUCK" (AV) "WILLOUGHBY" "WACHAPREAGUE" "WILSON"
"WYOMING" "YOON" "ZEPHYRUS" (AGC) "ZEPHYRUS" (AGC) "ZEPHYRUS" (AGC) |

(i) ALLIED FORCES (CONT)

SECRET

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Auxiliaries : "CABLE" "GRAPPLE" (ARS) "EGERTON" (ARL) "OGLALA" (ARG) "APPANOOSE"
"BOOTES" "MURZEL" "RUTILICUS" (AK) "APACHE" "HIDATS" "QUAPAW"
"RESERVE" "WHIPPOORWILL" (AT) "SHIKELLAMY" "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG)
"STAG" (AM) "MAETSUYCKER" (AH) "OCTANS" (AF) "PYRO" "YUNNAN" (APD)
"ACUBENS" (ARS) "GILLIAM" (APA) "TEBERLY" (AN) "BROOKS" (APD)
"SAUNTER" "SALUTE" "SAGE" "SCOUT" "SCRIMMAGE" "SENTRY" "PURSUIT"
"REQUISITE" "REVENGE" "TRIUMPH" (AM) 49 XAK 1 ARD: 9

Morotai:

Combat units 2 DD : "MUSSIN" "MORRIS"
28 PT
Escorts 9 : 7 AMS: "COOTAMUNDRA" "COLAC" "DELORAINE" "KAPUNDA" "STRAHAN" "COWRA"
"KATOOMB" 2 PC: 1122, 1133
Auxiliaries 19 : "MOBJACK" (APG) "ARIADNE" (CMS) "ARNEB" (AKA) "ELMORE" "F. FUNSTON"
"LEONARD WOOD" "J. O'HARA" "SUMTER" (AP) 2 YO 2 YOG 2 YFD 2 YPD
2 YPF 1 YP: 1%

Sansapor:

Escorts 7 : 1 DE: "LOVEPLACE" 2 PC: 1119, 1598 4 SC: 521, 667, 695, 1327
Auxiliaries 4 : "RIXEY" (APH) "SAKATONCHEE" (AOG) "MERCURY" (AK) 1 YP: 283

Noemfoor:

Escorts 2 : 2 PC: 462, 503
Auxiliaries 10 : "HASKELL" "LEON ADAIR" (APA) "DIPHD" (AKA) "MANLEY" "NEWMAN"
"LLCYD" "KEPHART" "COFFER" (APD) "GOLDSBOROUGH" (AVD)

Bia-Woondi:

Combat units 1 ODD : "VENDETTA"
27 PT
Escorts 9 : 6 AMS: "GYMPIE" "WAGGA" "LITHGOW" "GLADSTONE" "LATROBE" "BROOME"
1 PS: "SWAN" 1 YMS: "RINDJANI" 1 DE: "BOWERS"
Auxiliaries 11 : "GRIFFIN" (AS) "REMUS" (ARD) "DERRICK" (YO) "VICTORIA" (AO) "TASMAN"
(AH) "BINGERA" (AG) "SPRIGHTLY" (AT) 2 YFD 2 YP: 240, 514

Humboldt Bay:

Combat units 13 DD : "FLUSSER" "SHAW" "SAMUEL C. REID" "CLAXTON" "STACK" "JENKINS"
"SMITH" "ROSS" "LAV ALLETTE" "RATHBURNE" "RUSSELL" "H ALFORD" "HOWORTH"
Escorts 69 : 24 DE : "WILLIARTH" "THOMASON" "NEVENDORFF" "EICHENBERGER" "DAY"
"LOUGH" "MANNING" "D. A. JOY" "HODGES" "WHITEHURST" "K. M. WILLETT"
"J. E. CRAIG" "TINSMAN" "JOBS" "RULBEROW" "GREENWOOD" "PEIFFER"
"E. E. ELMORE" "COOLEBAUGH" "HOLT" "G. A. JOHNSON" "C. M. KIMMELL"
"T. F. NICHEL" "LOESER" 1 PS: "WARREGO" 1 PC(R): 851
5 PF : "ALLENTOWN" "CHARLOTTEVILLE" "MACHIAS" "SANDUSKY" "BURLKIN"
3 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" "ARARAT" 1 ML: 825
18 SC : 514, 531, 646, 658, 687, 723, 725, 738, 741, 742,
1012, 1052, 1319, 1320, 1331, 1365, 1369
16 PC : 84, 464, 476, 555, 586, 1131, 1137, 1139, 1188, 1129, 1128,
1124, 1131, 1134, 1135, 1590
Auxiliaries 83 : "BANNER" "BARSTABLE" "PIERCE" "KNOX" "CABRIA" "MONROVIA" "APPLING"
"CALVERT" "CUSTER" "H. T. ALLEN" (APA) "GOLDSTAR" "WRIGHT" (AG) "COMET"
"LASALLE" "GEN. H. SCOTT" "WINGED ARROW" "HERALD OF THE MORN"
"WAPAHAK" "STORM KING" "MONTEREY" (AP) "PECOS" "SEVERN" "BISHOPDALE"
"TRINITY" "SARANAC" "SCHUYKILL" "TALLULAH" "SUAMICO" "SALAMONIE" (AO)
"PREBLE" (DM) "KENNEDY" "CLYDE" "VILLALCLOS" (IX) "CYRENE" (ACP)
"MERCY" "REFUGE" "COPE" (AH) "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD" "CLAN LAMONT" (LSI)
"JUPITER" "GAMMEDE" (AK) "RIO GRANDE" "SEKKONK" "CHINWAKUM" (AOG)
"AQUARIUS" "ELECTRA" (AKA) "DOBBIN" (AD) "POTATOMI" "MILL" "CHETCO"
"TANCRED" (AT) "ACHILLES" (AS) "SANDS" "LITTLE" "HUMPHREYS" "KILTY"
"CROSBY" "SCHLEY" "HEBERT" "DICKESON" (APD) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGO)
"LINDEWALE" "SHADLBELL" (LSD) "BREEZE" "ELLIOT" (DMS) "MONITOR" (LSV)
6 AFD: 2, 3, 11, 16, 24, 25 3 YP: 218, 240, 291 2 ARD: 7, 12 2 YFD

Aitape:

Auxiliaries 18 : "FAYETTE" "HEYWOOD" "LEEDSTON" "FELAN" "CANALIER" "DUPAGE" "WAYNE"
"FULLER" (APA) "THUBAN" (AKA) "HERCULES" "ELLIOT" (AKA) "JOHN LAND"
"CAPE JOHNSON" "GOLDEN CITY" (AP) "WHITEMARSH" "EPPING FOREST"
(LSD) "TALBOT" (APH) "KURUMB" (AO)

Admiralties:

Combat units 3 BB : "IOWA" "CALIFORNIA" "PENNSYLVANIA"
12 CVE : "SAGINAW BAY" "BARNES" "ALAVA BAY" "ALTA MAHA" "PETROF BAY" "SKITAJABETIN"
"SHIPLEY BAY" "KITKUN BAY" "SHAMROCK BAY" "MARCUS ISLAND"
"KADASHAN BAY" "WAKE ISLAND"
3 CA : "CANBERRA" "SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"
5 CL : "CLEVELAND" "HOUSTON" "DENVER" "MONTPELIER" "RENO"

Admiralties: (Cont)

Combat units 3: DE : "JANE" "MARTIN" "FRONT" "LEUTZE" "KILLEN" "R. P. LEARY" "H. L. EDWARDS"
 "SAUFLEY" "NICHOLAS" "LAMSON" "WILSON" "CHARRETE" "ISHERWOOD" "CONY"
 "ASTIN" "LUCE" "MUGFORD" "DRAYTON" "SMITH" "WALLE" "RENSHAW" "ROBINSON"
 "CONWAY" "EATON" "CONNOR" "DUSH" "SIGOURNEY" "REMEY" "BRAINE" "CALDWELL"
 "HARRDEN" "CONYGHAM"

Escorts 2 SS 2 "S.45" "S.47"
 70 : 21 DE : "H. C. ... INN" "HALLOWAN" "EVERSOLE" "OBERRENDER" "DELAHANTY"
 "SPANGLE" "CABANA" "LAPRADE" "FOREMAN" "RAYMOND" "R. S. BULL"
 "R. S. SUISSSENS" "J. C. BUTLER" "BEBAS" "OSBERG" "O'FLAHERTY"
 "ROBT. BRAZIER" "R. H. ROWELL" "WILER" "MITCHELL" "BLACKWOOD"
 2 DE : "ORANGE" "VAN BUREN" 5 SC: 98, 732, 1004, 1274, 1375
 31 YMS: 1, 10, 46, 48, 81, 97, 140, 158, 174, 197, 238, 243, 386, 318, 319,
 327, 328, 340, 341, 342, 360, 363, 364, 388, 380, 409, 410
 9 PG: 598, 600, 742, 1228, 1170, 1421, 1600, 1601, 1602
 2 PCS: 1391, 1418

Auxiliaries 65 : "BAXTER" "UVARDE" "MACLEAD" (APA) "TALAMANCAN" (AF) "COWANESQUE"
 "CAGAPON" "NE... ANIC" "CHIKASKI" "WINOOSKI" "NEOBARAN" "CALIENTE"
 "PSCABIA" "CHL... PACHE" (AO) "JASON" "CEBU" "LEYTE" "MINDANAO" (AG)
 "AMICUS" (AR) "JANESTOWN" (AGP) "CETUS" "LYRA" "SHAULA" "PHOBOS" "CRUX"
 "INDUS" "SAGITTARIUS" (AK) "ALYCONE" (AKA) "CHANGE" "CAPTIVATE"
 "SCUTTLE" (AR) "HAMMONDSPORT" (AKV) "MEDUSA" "BRIAREUS" (AR) "TERN"
 "MEMORINE" "TAMARA" "KINGFISHER" "LIPAN" "WATCH HILL" "CHIKASAW"
 "GHONGONG" (AT) "CIEMSON" (AVD) "BUNGAREE" "MONADNOCK" (CM) "OTUS"
 (AS) "MT. MCKINLEY" "ROCKY MOUNT" (JGC) "PRESERVER" "GRASP" (ARS)
 "EIKHORN" "PASQUETANK" (JOG) "PATHFINDER" (JGS) "ALABASTER" (PYC)
 "SIERRA" "WHITELY" "PIEDMONT" (AD) "LAURABADA" (AG) 1 ARD: 20
 3 YP: 280, 288, 585 2 ABSD 2 AFD: 8, 20

Cape Gloucester:

Escorts 2 : 2 SC: 631, 1077
 Auxiliaries 6 : "CAPRETORIUS" (AE) "W. P. BIDDLE" "CATSKILL" "CLYDE" (AP) "CHARLIE" (AKA)

Axisafen-Madang:

Escorts 2 : 1 SC: 802 1 HDML: 1339
 Auxiliaries 4 : "KOPAN" (AG) "PINE WOOD" (ASIS) "MESQUITE" (CGC) 1 YP: 504

Imgemak:

Escorts 6 : 2 SC: 695, 720, 743 3 PG: 218, 585, 1491
 Auxiliaries 12 : "TELEMAN" (AM) "ST GILES" "RACE POINT" "CHIPPEWA" (AT) "KATOONDA"
 (AP) "GUILLET" (JOG) "GAMBLE" (DM) "BULL WHEEL" (YO) "WARWICK" (AK)
 "OVERTON" (AD) "T. MIDDLETON" (APA) "ALHENA" (AKA)

Escorts 3 : 1 ML: 820 2 HDML: 1321, 1326
 Auxiliaries 2 : "CAMBRIAN SAVOIR" (ARS) "SHAWNEE" (AP)

Jacquinet Bay:

Escorts 1 : 1 ML: 802
 Auxiliaries 2 : "LABRIANA" (JG) "YOUNG AMERICA" (AP)

Line Bay:

Escorts 5 : 1 DE: "DARBY" 1 SC: 699 1 ML: 819 1 HDML: 1327 1 PG: 500
 Auxiliaries 6 : "RAYAT" (IX) "M... ALBA" (AE) "LARK" (AT) 3 YP: 278, 449, 514

2. SOLOMONS

(a) At Sea to 1200/30:

No. 1 reports

(b) In Harbor:

Escorts 7 : 1 DE: "STAFFORD" 2 YMS: "TUI", 250 4 SC: 502, 620, 703, 1274
 Auxiliaries 7 : "EXPERION" (AK) "WESTFALEE" "TAGANAK" (JOG) 4 YP: 233, 414, 514, 515

Green Is:

Combat units 5 PT
 Escorts 1 : 1 YMS: 94
 Auxiliaries 1 : 1 ML: 213

Treasury Is:

Combat units 14 PT
 6 FGM
 Escorts 4 : 1 DE: "PAUL G. BAKER" 2 PG: 479, 505 1 YMS: 45
 Auxiliaries 2 : "PALM" (LN) "ACELIA" (AOG)

Torokina:

Combat units 4 DE : "MONSSEN" "PICKING" "SPROSTON" "WICKES"
 Escorts 17 : 2 SC : 1188, 1590 1 PCS: 1420 3 YMS: 176, 311, 389
 4 DE : "HARMON" "BERCROMBIE" "GILLIGAN" "LERAY WILSON"
 7 PC : 477, 702, 1123, 1132, 1170, 1231, 1242
 Auxiliaries 29 : "CASSIOPIEA" "ERICO" (AK) "ANTARES" (AKS) "TITANIA" "LIBRA"
 "ALMAAK" "ALSHAIN" (AK) "MANOORA" "EMPIRE MACE" "EMPIRE ARQUEBUS"
 "EMPIRE BATTLEAXE" "LOTHIAN" "KANIMBLA" "WESTRALIA" (LSI) "BOYEN"
 "LAMARR" "HARRIS" "ALPINE" "SHERIDAN" "HARRY" "LEE" "SARASOTA"
 "BOLIVAR" (AR) "OZARK" (LSV) "PRES? POIK" "STARLIGHT" (AP) "YUMA"
 (AG) "WHIPSTOCK" (YO) "MT. OLYMPUS" (AGC)

3. EAST AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea to 1200/30:

- (1) "FOYANG" (AE) departed Madang 1700/23 for Bowen ETA 30 Jan thence Sydney.
- (2) "HDML.1324" was to depart Thursday Is 1300/28 for Darwin ETA 1330/31.
- (3) "PC.597" was to depart Sydney 29 Dec for Noumea.

(b) In Harbour:Brauke:

Escorts 3 : 2 YMS: "SMEROE" "HERBARBOE" 1 HDML: 1326

Thursday Is:

Escorts 2 : 1 AMS: "ECHUCA" 1 HDML: 1353
 Auxiliaries 3 : "POLARIS" "BENELLA" (AGS) 1 YP: 615

Cairns:

Escorts 4 : 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" 3 ML: 806, 431, 428
 Auxiliaries 1 : "FIRE ISLAND" (AT)

Dunnsville:

Escorts 6 : 1 AMS: "BENDIGO" 4 HDML: 1322, 1323, 1329, 1358 1 ML: 827
 Auxiliaries 3 : "DUNTROON" "ORMISTON" (AP) 1 YP: 615

Bowen:

Auxiliaries 1 : "HEROS" (AT)

Brisbane:

Combat units 3 SS : "S.42" "NAUHAL" "NAUTILUS"
 Escorts 10 : 7 ML: 424, 425, 800, 810, 811, 820, 821 1 A/S: "WILCANNIA"
 2 YMS: 313, 393

Auxiliaries 4 : "PORTUNUS" (AG) "ETOLIN" "TRIANGULUM" (AK) "POLLUX" (AKS)

Sydney:

Combat units 1 BB : "HOME"
 2 CVE : "ATHELING" "BATTLER"
 1 CL : "TROMP"
 2 DD : "QUICKMATCH" "GLENBOROUGH"
 1 OLD : "STUART"
 2 SS : "K.9" "K.12"
 Escorts 12 : 1 SC : 1039 1 A/S: "YANDRA" 2 AMS: "KIAMA" "GLENELG"
 8 ML : 426, 801, 803, 815, 816, 819, 822
 Auxiliaries 10 : "POINT LOMA" "WATO" (AT) "MANUNDA" "LANGANELLA" (AH) "ARDENT" (CM)
 "OCTORARA" (IX) "AASE MAERSK" (AGG) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS)
 "PLATYPUS" (IX) "EBONY" (YN)

Belbourn:

Combat units 2 CVE : "STRIKER" "FENCER"
 1 OCL : "ADELAIDE"
 5 DE : "NIZAM" "QUILLIAM" "QUADRANT" "QUEBERON" "QUALITY"
 Escorts 12 : 8 AMS: "KALGOORLIE" "BALLARAT" "GOULBURN" "WHYALLA"
 "BOWEN" "LISMORE" "MARYBOROUGH" "BURNIE"
 2 A/S: "ABRAHAM CRIJNSEN" "LOOMBA" 2 HDML: 1340, 1350
 Auxiliaries 1 : "GEN. JOHN POPE" (AP)

Honnet:

Combat units 1 CL : "SWIFTSURE"
 1 DE : "ACHILLES"

4. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(a) At Sea to 1200/30:

(1) Task Force 71:

- On Patrol 29 SS : "DECUN A" "BLENNY" "PADDLE" "HAMMERHEAD" "LAPON" "COBIA" "CAVALLA" "ANGLER" "HOE" "BAYA" "REDFIN" "SIRDAR" "DACE" "BERGALL" "GUITARMO" "ROCK" "BASHAW" "GURNARD" "GUAVINA" "BARBERO" "FLASHER" "KRACKEN" "HAKBILL" "DESUGO" "MUSKELLUNGE" "HARHEAD" "SEALION" "TELEMACHUS" "MINGO" "STORM"
- On Passage 16 SS : "CLYDE" "K.14" "O.19" "BLUEGILL" "TANTALUS" "TUSK" "ZWAARFISCH" "CAIMAN" "TANTIVY" "HAKE" "FLOUNDER" "SEA ROVER" "PARGO" "PERC" "SPITEFUL" "GABILLAN" "STINGRAY"

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

- Escorts 8 : 1 PF : "HUTCHINSON" 3 AMS: "CASTLEMAINE" "HORSHAM" "JUNEE" 3 ML: 429, 801, 812 1 HLML: 1329
- Auxiliaries 4 : "STELLA" "SLEUTH" "SHEPPATON" (AGS) "CHANTICLEER" (ARS)
- Wake Is:
- Auxiliaries 1 : "MORESBY" (AGS)

5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(a) At Sea to 1200/30:

Nil report.

(b) In Harbour:

Perth:

- Combat units 1 CA : "SUFFOLK"
- 14 SS : "BREAM" "K.15" "BLACKFIN" "HALLO" "JACK" "SPLIT" "STURLY" "TUNA" "GAR" "GUNNELL" "GROWLER" "FLYING FISH" "BARBEL"
- Escorts 7 : 1 PF : "CORPUS CHRISTI" 1 PS: "SAVORGNAN LE BRAZZAN" 1 SC: 720 2 YMS: 11, 72 1 AMS: "PIRIE"
- Auxiliaries 7 : "ANTHEDON" "EURYALE" "MILSTONE" (AS) "ISRAEL" (PY) "COUCAL" (ARS) 1 ARD: 10 1 YP: 286

Bunbury:

- Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "BUNBURY"

(ii) ENEMY FORCESA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC1. SOUTH CHINA SEA

- (1) China Coast - At 1300/29 Dec. aircraft sighted:-
 1 medium freighter transport
 2 sea trucks
 1 destroyer or escort.
 90 miles S.S.W. of Swatow, course 230°.
- (2) Camranh Bay Area - At approx. 1400/29 Dec. a warship described as a "FUSO" class battleship was sighted 75 miles N.E. of Cape Varella, on course 279°, at 17 knots. It is thought likely that this unit is part of the force (1 heavy cruiser, 1 light cruiser, 4-5 destroyers) returning to Camranh Bay from the Mindoro operation night 26-27 Dec.
 Delayed sighting reports of this area include:-
 Saigon: 2 transports arrived 24 Dec.
 2 transports, 4 escorts arrived 25 Dec.
 C. St. Jacques:
 1 tanker, 4 escorts arrived 24 Dec.
 1 merchant ship under tow with 1 escort arrived 25 Dec.
 Quinhon: 3 tankers)
 (60 miles N. 3 freighters) passed on course N. at 1200/24 Dec.
 of C.Varelli) 4 escorts)

2. PHILIPPINES

- (1) Manila - Night 28-29 Dec. Clark field was raided by 2 Mitchells.
- (2) Manila Area - At 0906/29 Dec. aircraft sighted 1 small freighter transport off N.E. coast Lubang Is., course N., possibly returning to Manila area from Coron Bay area where a few small ships were recently reported.
- (3) Mindoro - There were no enemy ground contacts 29 Dec. Extensive ground patrols and aerial reconnaissance have revealed no signs of enemy landing on S. or S.W. Mindoro
 Night 28-29 Dec. some enemy aircraft ineffectually bombed our positions on Mindoro: AA shot one plane down.
- (4) Visayas - On 29 Dec. Silay and Opon airfields were strafed by 8 Lightnings returning from convoy coverage.
 At 1030/29 Dec. 10 sea trucks or coasters and 10 barges were sighted loading or unloading at Cebu.
- (5) Leyte - Pressure is being brought to bear on the enemy strong point on the Palompon road from both E. and W. and some progress has been made against stubborn resistance from concrete pill-boxes.
 Elsewhere on Leyte mopping up of isolated pockets continues.
- (6) Davao Area - On 29 Dec. Sassa airdrome was bombed by Liberators on a moderate scale: there was no AA nor interception.

3. EAST INDIES

- (1) S.E. Celebes - Night 28 Dec. Ambesia and Tiworo airstrips were bombed by a Liberator.
 At 1230/29 Dec. Tiworo barracks were bombed by 3 Liberators.
- (2) Flores Is. - At 1300/28 Dec. small type shipping, involving 2 coastal freighters and some barges, were attacked by 6 Liberators: 1 coaster was set on fire.
- (3) S.E. Borneo - Catalinas over this area night 28-29 Dec. saw 3 small coastal freighters and several schooners in Laut Strait.
4. BISMARCKS-SOLOMONS - On 28 Dec. Vunakanau was attacked by 5 Mitchells which strafed 3 aircraft on the ground.
 Also on 28 Dec. Kavieng air strip was well cratered during a strike by 27 Mitchells.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC -

1. NAMPO SHOTO - On 24 Dec. Iwo Jima airdrome was subjected to an attack by 50 Liberators dropping 105 tons of bombs followed by 13 Lightnings escorted, for navigational purposes, by 3 Superfortresses: 6 aircraft were damaged on the ground. Half-hearted interception was attempted by 2 Jap fighters. The attack was coordinated with bombardment by a cruiser/destroyer Task Group.
 In conjunction with the attack on Iwo Jima, Susaki airdrome on Haha Jima was bombed by 21 Liberators.

*31) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)

1. NAMPO SHOTO (Contd.) - Preliminary reports indicate that Iwo Jima was bombed again 27 Dec. by surface units: a gunboat was blown up and a landing craft was hit.
2. MARIANAS - At 1900-2030/26 Dec. Tinian and Saipan were raided by 5 Jap bombers causing slight damage to aircraft and some casualties: AA probably shot down 1 plane.
 Later that night 2 bombers approached our positions but were shot down by night fighters before releasing their bombs.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

- (1) Heavy enemy convoy traffic N. Luzon-Formosa-China coast.
 (2) Continued enemy air reinforcement of Formosa and Philippines and intensified enemy air scale of effort Central Philippines.
 (3) Enemy submarine activity Philippines, W. and Central Pacific and Indian Ocean including use of midget submarines.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

PACIFIC OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

Southwest Pacific

Central Pacific

<u>BB</u> (7)	CALIFORNIA COLORADO MISSISSIPPI HOWE	PENNSILVANIA NEW MEXICO WEST VIRGINIA	(13)	ALABAMA IDAHO INDIANA IOWA	MARYLAND MASSACHUSETTS MISSOURI NEW JERSEY NORTH CAROLINA	TENNESSEE SOUTH DAKOTA WASHINGTON WISCONSIN
<u>CV</u> -			(17)	BENNINGTON BUNKER HILL ENTERPRISE ESSEX FRANKLIN HANCOCK	HORNET INTREPID LEXINGTON RANGER SARATOGA TICONDEROGA	WASP YORKTOWN BON HOMME RICHARD RANDOLPH SHANGRI LA (present status unknown)
<u>CVL</u> -			(8)	BATAAN BELLEAU WOOD CABOT	COMPENS INDEPENDENCE LANGLEY	MONTEREY SAN JACINTO
<u>VE</u> (27)	ALAVA BAY ALPAMAHA ATHELING BARNES BATTLER BISMARCK SEA PENCEK HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KITKUN BAY KWAJALEIN LUNGA POINT MAKIN ISLAND MANILA BAY	MARCUS ISLAND MUNDA NATOMA BAY OMMANEY BAY PETROF BAY SAGINAW BAY SALAMAU SAVO ISLAND SHAMROCK BAY SHIPLEY BAY STEAMER BAY STRIKER WAKE ISLAND	(27)	ADMIRALTY IS. ANZIO ASTROLABE BAY ATTU BOUGAINVILLE BRETON BUCARELI BAY CAPE ESPERANCE CASABLANCA CHAPIN BAY CHENANGO COPAHEE CORAL SEA	CORREGIDOR FANSHAW BAY GILBERT ISLANDS HOLLANDIA KALININ BAY LONG ISLAND MAKASSAR STRAIT MATANKAU NEHENTA BAY PRINCE WILLIAM ROI RUDYERD BAY SANGAMON	SANTEE SARGENT BAY SITKOH BAY SUWANNEE TAKANIS BAY THETIS BAY TULAGI WHITE PALMS WINDHAM BAY NASSAU TANANEK BAY
<u>CA</u> (7)	#CANBERRA LOUISVILLE MINNEAPOLIS *SUFFOLK	PORTLAND AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	(10)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER	INDIANAPOLIS PENSACOLA QUINCY NEW ORLEANS	SALT LAKE CITY SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA
<u>CL</u> (13)	BOISE CLEVELAND COLUMBIA DENVER #HOUSTON MONTPELIER	#NASHVILLE PHOENIX #RENO ACHILLES ADELAIDE HOBART	(24)	ASPHOLD BILOXI BIRMINGHAM CONCORD DETROIT DULUTH FLINT #HONOLULU	MIAMI MOBILE MONTPELIER PASADENA RALEIGH RICHMOND SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	SANTA FE #ST LOUIS TRENTON VICKSBURG VINCENNES WILKES BARRE GAMBIA LEANDER

* Western section.
Non-effective.

PACIFIC OCEANALLIED FORCES (Contd.)Southwest PacificCentral Pacific

Approx. 150

<u>D</u>	(115)			
	ABBOTT	EDWARDS	LUCE	ROBINSON
	ALLEN M. SUMNER	EVANS	MCCALL	ROSS
	AUSTIN	FLETCHER	MAURY	R.P. LEARY
	BAGLEY	FLUSSER	MCDERMOTT	RUSSELL
	BARTON	FOOTE	MCGOWAN	SAMUEL C. REID
	BELL	GANSEVOORT	MELVIN	SAUFLEY
	BENNION	GRIDLEY	MERTZ	SHAW
	BRAINE	HALFORD	MOALE	SIGOURNEY
	BRYANT	HARADEN	MONSSEN	SMITH
	BURNS	HALLIGAN	MORRIS	SPROSTON
	BUSH	HALL	MUGFORD	STACK
	C.A. AUSUBURNE	H.L. EDWARDS	MUSTIN	STANLEY
	CHARLETTE	HOPENELL	NECOMB	STEMBEL
	CADDWELL	HOWORTH	NICHOLAS	STERETT
	C.J. BADGER	INGRAHAM	O'BANNON	STEVENS
	CLIXIC	ISHERWOOD	O'BRIEN	TAYLOR
	COOHLAN	JENKINS	PAUL HAMILTON	TRIGGS
	CONE	KNAPP	PHILIP	WALKER
	COYUGHAM	KILLEN	PICKING	WALLER
	CORNER	KIMBERLEY	PRINGLE	WICKES
	CONVERSE	LAFFEY	RADFORD	WILSON
	CONWAY	LAMSON	RATHBURN	WM. D. PORTER
	COOPER	LANG	RENEY	WOODWORTH
	DASHIELL	LA VALLETTE	REID	YOUNG
	DRAXTON	LEUPZE	RALPH TALLEY	
	EATON	LOWRY	RENSHAW	

	ARUNTA	QUALITY	QUILLIAM	SWIFTSURE
	NIZAM	QUEENSBOROUGH	QUICKMATCH	VENETTA
	QUADRANT	QUIBERON	STUART	WARRAMUNGA

Approx. 150

<u>S</u>	(63)			
	ANGLER	COBIA	HAKE	PADDLE
	BARBERO	DACE	HAMMERHEAD	PARGO
	BASHAW	FLAHSER	HAWKBILL	REDFIN
	BATFISH	FLYING FISH	HOE	ROCK
	BELLA	GAR	JACK	SEA LION
	BEGUM	GROWLER	KRAKEN	SEA WOLF
	BERGAL	GUAVINA	LAPON	SILINGRAY
	BESUGO	GUITARO	MINGO	TUSK
	BLENNY	GUNNER	MUSKELLUNGE	S.42
	BLUEGILL	GURNARD	NORWALL	S.45
	CALMAN	HADDO	NAUTILUS	S.47
	CLYDE	SPITEFUL	STURDY	TANTIVY
	SEA ROVER	SPLIT	TANTALUS	TELEMACHUS
	SINDAR	STORM		
	K.9	K.14	0.19	ZWEIFRDLICH
	K.12	K.15		

Approx. 175

Approx. 175

	(5)			
	VASATCH	MOUNT OLYMPUS	MOUNT MCKINLEY	ROCKY MOUNT
	BLUE RIDGE			

<u>AV</u>	(2)			
	CURRITUCK	TANGIER		

CHANDELEUR POCOMOKE
CURTISS K. WHITING
HAMLIN ST. GEORGE
CUMBERLAND SOUND

Approx. 10

<u>VP</u>	(7)			
	BARATARIA	HALF MOON	HERON	SAN CARLOS
	CHINCOAGUE		ORCA	SAN PABLO

PACIFIC OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

	<u>Southwest Pacific</u>			<u>Central Pacific</u>
<u>AKA</u> (12)				-
	ALGOL	ALSHAIN	CAPRICORNUS	LIBRA
	ALHENA	ALYCON	DIPHDA	O'HARA
	ALMAAK	AQUARIUS	CHARA	THUBAN
<u>APA</u> (38)				-
	ALPINE	CAMBRIA	FREMONT	LEO CLYMEN
	ADAIR	CAVALIER	FULLER	LAMARK
	APPLING	CLAY	GILLIAM	MONROVIA
	ARIADNE	CUSTER	GOLDEN CITY	OLMSTEAD
	A.T.MIDDLETON	DOYEN	HARRY LEE	SARASOTA
	BANNER	DUPAGE	HASKELL	SHERIDAN
	BAXTER	FAYETTE	H.T.ALLEN	UVALDE
	BOLIVAR	FELAND	KNOX	WARREN
	CALVERT	F.FUNSTON	LEEDSTOWN	WAYNE
				W.P.BIDDLE
<u>APD</u> (16)				-
	BROOKS	GOLDSBOROUGH	KILTY	OVERTON
	COFER	HERBERT	LIDDLE	SANDS
	CROSBY	HUMPHREYS	MANLEY	SCHLEY
	DICKERSON	KEPHART	NEWMAN	TALBOT
<u>LSI</u> (9)				-
	KANIMBLA	CLAN LAMONT	EMPIRE BATTLEAXE	EMPIRE SPEARHEAD
	MANOCRA	EMPIRE ARQUEBUS	EMPIRE MACE	LOTHIAN
	WESTRALI			
<u>LSD</u> (10)				-
	ASHLAND	CASA GRANDE	GUNSTON HALL	OAKHILL
	BELLE GROVE	EPHING FOREST	LINDENWALD	RUSHMORE
	CARTER HALL			WHITE MARSH
<u>AS</u> (3)				-
	GRIFFIN	HOLLAND	OTUS	
<u>AD</u> (4)				-
	DOBBIN	PIEDMONT	SIERRA	WHITNEY

INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

<u>BB</u> (3)	QUEEN ELIZABETH	RENOWN	VALIANT	
<u>CV</u> (3)	ILLUSTRIOUS	INDOMITABLE	VICTORIOUS	
<u>CVL</u> (5)	ACTIVITY	AMEER	BEGUM	SHAH UNICORN
<u>CA</u> (2)	CUMBERLAND	LONDON		
<u>CL</u> (5)	CEYLON	KENYA	NEWCASTLE	NIGERIA PHOEBE
<u>AV</u> (1)	ALBATROSS			
<u>LD</u>	Approx. 27			
<u>SS</u>	Approx. 16			

ENEMY FORCES

<u>South China Sea</u> (Including Philippines East Indies)		<u>Empire</u> (Including Mandates)		<u>Indian Ocean</u>
<u>Bb</u>	-	(3) YAMATO #HARUNA	#NAAGATO #KONGO	-
<u>Bb/XCV</u>	(2) HYUGA ISE	-	-	-
<u>CV</u>	-	(2-3) AMAGI	KATSURAGI (poss. sunk) HAYATAKA	-
<u>CVL</u>	-	(2) RYUHO	HOSHO	-
<u>CVE</u>	(1) KAIYO	(1) OTAKA	-	-
<u>CA</u>	(3-4) ASHIGARA TAKAO (prob. sunk) CHOKAI #MYOKO	(3-4) #TONE #AOBA	IBUKI (poss. S. China Sea) HAGURO (prob. sunk)	-
<u>OCA</u>	-	6	-	6
<u>CL</u>	(2-4) KINU KISO) prob. OIODO ABUKUMA) sunk	(3) #YAHAGI #ISUZU	SAKAWA	-
<u>CLT</u>	(1) KASHII KASHIMA	(1)	-	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	--	(2) ASKITSUSHIMA	#NOTORO	-
<u>DD</u>	15	approx. 15	-	-
<u>SS</u>	20	50	-	10 (poss. all German)
<u>AS</u>	?	2 (1 repairing)	-	-

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY SHORE-BASED AIR STRENGTH

	FORMOSA	PHILIPPINES			EAST INDIES	MANDATES
	RYUKYU	Luzon	Visayas	Mindanao		SOLOMONS BUSBUCKS
Fighters	135	208	24	25	115	9
S/E Bombers	63	66	2	-	12	-
T/E Bombers	18	69	11	15	61	3
Flying Boats	14	-	-	-	3	-
Float Planes	5	33	8	16	45	16
Obsn. /C	4	22	2	5	10	6
TOTAL	286	398	47	75	235	34

Non-effective

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

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle.

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Date 31 December 1944

PART I

(i) ALLIED FORCESSOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NEW GUINEA - BISMARCKS - PHILIPPINES(a) At Sea to 1200/31:

- 1) (a) Task Force 70.1: 23 PT
- (b) Task Unit 76.4.24: 1 DD: "LANG" 3 LSD: "BELLE GROVE" "GUNSTON HALL" "OAKHILL"
- (c) Task Unit 76.4.27: 1 ARG: "CULEBRA ISLAND" 1 AS: "OTUS" 2 ATR 11 LT
4 ST 3Y 1 PC: 1131 1 SC: 981
- (d) Task Unit 78.3.15: 9 DD: "GANSEVOORT" "BUSH" "WILSON" "PAUL HAMILTON" "STEVENS"
"STERETT" "EDWARDS" "PRINGLE" "PHILIP" 1 XAK 30 PT
21 LST 23 LCI 2 AVP 1 AGP 1 IX: "PORCUPINE"
- (2) "IOWA" (BB) "CALEDWELL" "KILLN" "LAWSON" (DD) departed Manus 0400/29 for Pearl Harbor ETA 1800/6.
- (3) "HARADEN" (DD) was to depart Manus 29 Dec for Pearl Harbor.
- (4) "LADLE" (APD) departed Manus 2100/29 for Pearl Harbor ETA 9 Jan.
- (5) "GEN. W. A. MANN" (AP) was to depart Milne Bay 1100/31 for San Pedro.
- (6) "WARREGO" (RS) departed Hollandia 1300/28 for Leyte ETA 0900/1.
- "BUCKEY" (PF) escorting "DILONIA" (XAO) departed Hollandia 1915/28 for Leyte ETA 1400/2.
- (8) "ALPAMAHA" (CVE) "RIDDLER" (DE) departed Manus 0700/29 for Ulithi ETA 2100/31.
- "MUNDA" (CVE) departed Pearl Harbor 21 Dec for Manus ETA 1430/1 Jan.
- (10) "YLS.296" "SC.504" escorting Convoy Manus-Kossol #6 ("ARAPAHO" "SIOUX" (AT) with
tows) departed Manus 1700/24 for Kossol via Peleliu ETA 1 Jan.
- (11) "BOUNCEFUL" (AH) was to depart Manus 0600/27 for Leyte Gulf ETA 0600/2.
- (12) "OSMUS" (DE) escorting "CARTER HALL" (LSD) departed Leyte 1830/29 for Hollandia.
- (13) "SC.1012" escorting 1 LST departed Humboldt Bay 29 Dec for Sansapor ETA 0800/1.
- (14) "ATA 176" towing "ETAMIN" (AK) departed Milne Bay 0130/30 for Hollandia ETA
1330/6 Jan.
- (15) "ORMISTON" (AP) departed Townsville 1030/29 for Lae ETA 1400/1.
- (16) "WAGGA" (AMS) departed Madang 0440/29 for Brisbane ETA 0700/5.

(b) In Harbor:

Note:

Combat units 2 OBB : "NEW MEXICO" "MISSISSIPPI"
3 CA : "PORTLAND" "LOUISVILLE" "MINNEAPOLIS"
2 CL : "PHOENIX" "BOISE"
33 DD : "ABBOT" "A. E. SUMNER" "BARTON" "BRYANT" "C. A. AUSBURNE" "CONVERSE"
"COOPER" "DASHIELL" "FLETCHER" "FOTTE" "HALL" "HOPEWELL" "LARDNER"
"INGRAM" "KIMBERLEY" "LAFEY" "LOWRY" "McDERMOTT" "McGOWAN"
"MERTZ" "MOALE" "NEWCOMB" "O'BANNON" "O'BRIEN" "REID" "RADFORD"
"STANLEY" "STEMBEL" "TAYLOR" "VALKE" "W. D. PORTER" "WOOD" "WORTH" "YOUNG"
33 PT
Esports 50 : 7 DE : "CHAFFEE" "D. C. BARNES" "J. B. KNOX" "METIVIER" "McMULTY"
"MACK" "RILEY" 4 PC: 462, 563, 584, 1128
3 PF : "EL PASO" "EUGENE" "GASCOYNE" 1 HDML: 1074

Leyte: (Cont)

Escorts : 13 SC : 637, 724, 729, 731, 734, 735, 737, 744, 748, 749, 1004, 1365, 1368 5 PCE(R): 848, 849, 850, 852, 853

Auxiliaries 102 : 17 YMS: 2, 6, 8, 9, 39, 47, 48, 51, 52, 59, 68, 71, 314, 315, 329, 339, 481, "WASATCH" (AGC) "CURRITUCK" (AV) "WILLOUGHBY" "WACHAPREAGUE" "HILO" "PONTUS" "OYSTER BAY" "ORESTES" (AGP) "HALF MOON" "ORCA" "SAN PABLO" "SAN CARLOS" "BARATARIA" (AVP) "BUTTONWOOD" "SPENCER" (AGC) "CABLE" "GRAPPLE" (ARS) "EGERIA" (ARL) "OGIALA" (ARG) "APPANOOSE" "BOOTES" "MURZIM" "RUTILICUS" (AK) "APACHE" "HIDATSU" "QUAPAW" "RESERVE" "WHIPPOORWILL" (AT) "SHIKELLAMY" "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG) "STAG" (AV) "MAETSUYCKER" (AH) "OCTANS" (AF) "PYRO" "YUNNAN" (AE) "ACUBENS" (AKS) "GILLIAM" (APA) "TEABERRY" (AN) "BROOKS" (APD) "SAUNTER" "SALUTE" "SAGE" "SCOUT" "SCRIMAGE" "SENTRY" "PURSUIT" "REQUISITE" "REVENGE" "TRIUMPH" (AM) 49 XAK 1 AD: 9

Manila:
 Combat units 2 DD : "MUSTIN" "MORRIS"
 28 PT
 Escorts 10 : 9 AMS: "COOTAMUNDR" "COLAC" "DELORAIN" "KAPUNDA" "STRAHAN" "COWRA" "KATOOMBA" "BUNDBERG" "STAVELL" 1 SC: 1133
 Auxiliaries 13 : "MOBJACK" (AGP) "ARIANNE" (CMS) "ARNEB" (AKA) "ELMORE" "LEONARD WOOD" "J.O'HARA" "SUMTER" (APA) 2 YO 2 YOG 2 YFD 2 YPD 2 YPF 1 YP: 19

Mansepor:
 Escorts 10 : 1 DE : "LOVELACE" 4 PC: 579, 1119, 1122, 1598
 5 SC : 521, 667, 688, 695, 1327
 Auxiliaries 3 : "RIXEY" (APH) "MERCURY" (AK) 1 YP: 283

Noemfoor:
 Escorts 2 : 2 PC : 462, 563
 Auxiliaries 10 : "HASKELL" "LEON" "DAIR" (APA) "DIPHD" (AKA) "MANLEY" "NEWMAN" "LLOYD" "KEPHART" "COFER" (APD) "GOLDSBOROUGH" (AVD)

Biak-Woendi:
 Combat units 1 DD : "VENDETTA"
 27 PT
 Escorts 7 : 4 AMS: "GYMPIE" "LITHGOW" "GLADSTONE" "LATROBE" "BROOME"
 1 PS : "SWAN" 1 YMS: "RINDJANI" 1 DE: "BOWERS"
 Auxiliaries 11 : "GRIFFIN" (AS) "REMUS" (ARD) "DERRICK" (YO) "VICTORIA" (AO) "TASMAN" (AH) "BINGERA" (AG) "SAKATONCHEE" (AOG) 2 YFD 2 YP: 240, 514

Humboldt Bay:
 Combat units 13 DD : "ABBOT" "FLUSSER" "SHAW" "SAMUEL C. REID" "STACK" "JENKINS" "SMITH" "ROSS" "LAVALLETT" "RATHBURNE" "RUSSELL" "HALLEARD" "HOWORTH"
 Escorts 67 : 24 DE : "WILLMARTH" "THOMASON" "NEVENDORFF" "EICHENBERGER" "DAY" "LOUGH" "MANNING" "D. A. JOY" "HODGSE" "WHITEHURST" "K. M. WILETT" "J. E. CRAIG" "TINSMAN" "JOBS" "RUDDEROW" "GREENWOOD" "PEIFFER" "E. E. ELMORE" "COOLEBAUGH" "HOLT" "G. A. JOHNSON" "C. M. KIMMELL" "T. F. NICHEL" "LOESER" 1 PCE(R): 851
 4 PF : "ALLENTOWN" "CHARLOTTESVILLE" "MACHIAS" "SANDUSKY"
 3 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" "ARARAT" 1 ML: 825
 18 SC : 514, 531, 636, 646, 658, 687, 732, 725, 738, 741, 742, 1052, 1319, 1320, 1331, 1365, 1369
 16 PC : 84, 464, 476, 555, 586, 1131, 1137, 1139, 1188, 1129, 1128, 1124, 1131, 1134, 1135, 1590
 Auxiliaries 69 : "BANNER" "BARNSTABLE" "PIERCE" "KNOX" "APPLING" "H. T. ALLEN" (APA) "GOLDSTAR" "WRIGHT" (AG) "COMET" "LASALLE" "GEN. H. SCOTT" "MONTEREY" "WINGED ARROW" "HERALD OF THE MORN" "STORM KING" (AP) "PECOS" "SEVERN" "BISHOPDALE" "TRINITY" "SARACAC" "SCHUYKILL" "TALULLAH" "SUAMICO" "SALAMON" (AO) "PREBLE" (DM) "KENWOOD" "VILLALOBOS" "CLYDE" (IX) "CYRENE" (AGP) "MERCY" "REFUGE" "HOPE" (AH) "GANYMEDE" "JUPITER" (AK) "RIO GRANDE" "SEEKONK" "CHINAJUKUM" (AOG) "INGHAM" (CGC) "ALHENA" "AQUARIUS" "ELECTRA" (AKA) "DOBBIN" (AD) "RAIL" "CHETCO" "POTANATOMI" "SPRIGHTLY" "TANCRED" (AT) "ACHILLES" (ARS) "HUMPHREYS" "SCHLEY" (APD) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "LINDENWALD" "SHADWELL" (LSD) "BREEZE" "ELLIOTT" (LMS) "MONITOR" (LSV) 2 YFD 6 AFD: 2, 8, 11, 16, 24, 25 2 ARD: 7, 12 3 YP: 218, 240, 291

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 Auxiliaries 18 : "FAYETTE" "HEYWOOD" "LEEDSTOWN" "FELAND" "CAVALIER" "DUPAGE" "WAYNE" "FULLER" (APA) "THUBAN" (AKA) "HERCULES" "ELLIOTT" (AKA) "JOHN LAND" "CAPE JOHNSON" "GOLDEN CITY" (AP) "WHITEMARSH" "EPPING FOREST" (LSD) "TALBOT" (APD) "KURUMB" (AO)

Admiralties:
 Combat units 2 BB : "CALIFORNIA" "PENNSYLVANIA"
 11 CVE : "SAGINAW BAY" "BARNES" "ALAVA BAY" "ETROF BAY" "KWAJALEIN" "WAKE IS" "SHIPLEY BAY" "KITKUN BAY" "SHAMOCK BAY" "MARCUS IS" "KADASHAN BAY"

Admiralties: (Cont)

Combat units 1 CA : "CANBERRA"
 3 CL : "CLEVELAND" "HOUSTON" "RENO"
 26 DD : "EVANS" "MELVIN" "LEUTZE" "R.P. LEARY" "H.L. EDWARDS" "SAUFLEY" "NICHOLAS"
 "WALLER" "CHARENT" "ISHERWOOD" "CONY" "AUSTIN" "LUCE" "MUGFORD" "BUSH"
 "DRAYTON" "RENSHAW" "ROBINSON" "CONWAY" "EATON" "CONNOR" "SIGOURNEY"
 "RENEY" "BRAINE" "CONYGHAM"
 2 SS : "S.45" "S.47"
 Escorts 82 : 21 DE : "W.C. WANN" "HALLONAN" "EVERSOLE" "OBERRENDER" "DELAHANTY"
 "SPANGLER" "CABANAN" "LAPRADE" "FOREMAN" "RAYMOND" "R.S. BULL"
 "R.S. SUESSENS" "J.C. BUTLER" "BEBAS" "OSBERG" "O'FLAHERTY"
 "ROBT. BRAZIER" "R.M. ROWELL" "WITTER" "MITCHELL" "BLACKWOOD"
 "BERCROMBIE" 2 PF: "ORANGE" "VAN BUREN"
 8 SC : 98, 631, 1365, 1369, 732, 1004, 1274, 1375
 34 YMS: 1, 10, 46, 48, 81, 97, 140, 158, 176, 184, 197, 238, 243, 311, 386,
 318, 319, 327, 328, 340, 341, 342, 360, 363, 364, 368, 389, 389
 409, 410 3 PCS: 1391, 1418, 1429
 13 PC : 470, 598, 600, 742, 1228, 1170, 1421, 1170, 1231, 1600, 1601,
 1602, 1603
 Auxiliaries 1010 : "KNOX" "CALVERT" "GUSTER" "HARRIS" "BOLIVAR" "LAMAR" "HARRY LEE" "SHERIDAN"
 "DOYEN" "ALPINE" "SARASOTA" "CLAY" "W.P. BIDDLE" "A.T. MIDDLETON" "UVALDE"
 "CAMBRIA" "MONROVIA" "F. FUNSTON" "BAXTER" "OLMSTEAD" (APA) "TALAMACA"
 (AF) "COWANESQUE" "CACAPON" "NESHANIC" "CHIKASKI" "WINOOSKI" "CALIENTE"
 "NEOBARRA" "ESCAMBIA" "CHEPACHET" (AD) "JASON" "CEBU" "LEYTE" "MINDANAO"
 (ARG) "AMYCUS" (AR) "JAMESTOWN" (AGP) "CETUS" "LYRA" "SHULA" "PHOBOS"
 "CRUX" "INDUS" "SAGITTARIUS" "CAPRICORNUS" (AK) "ALYCON" "TITANIA"
 "ALMACK" "ALSHAIN" "GHARA" (AKA) "CHANGE" "CAPTIVATE" "SCUFFLE" (AM)
 "HAMMONDSPOUT" (AKV) "MEDUSA" "BRIAREUS" (AR) "GERN" "MENOMINEE"
 "TAWABA" "KINGFISHER" "LIPAN" "WATCH HILL" "CHIKASAW" "CHOWANOC" (AT)
 "BUNGAREE" "MONADNOCK" (CM) "OTUS" (AS) "MT. MCKINLEY" "ROCKY MOUNT"
 "MT. OLYMPUS" (AGC) "PRESERVER" "GRASP" (ARS) "ELKHORN" "PASQUOTANK"
 (AOG) "PATHFINDER" (AGS) "ALBASTER" (PYC) "SIERRA" "WHITNEY"
 "PIEDMONT" (AD) "LAURABADA" (AG) "PINKNEY" (APH) "SILVER CLOUD"
 (IX) "OZARK" (LSV) "CATSKILL" "MANOORA" "KANIMBLA" "WESTRALIA" (LSI)
 "ASHLAND" "CASAGRANDE" "LINDENWALD" (LSD) 1 ARD: 20
 3 YP : 280, 288, 585 2 ABSD 2 AFL: 8, 20
Cape Gloucester:
 Escorts 2 : 2 SC : 631, 1004
 Auxiliaries 1 : "CLYDE" (APA)
Alexishafen-Madang:
 Escorts 2 : 1 ML : 802 1 HDML: 1339
 Auxiliaries 4 : "KOOPA" (AG) "PING WO" (ASIS) "MESQUITE" (CGC) 1 YP: 504
Langemak:
 Escorts 6 : 3 SC : 695, 720, 743 3 PC: 218, 585, 1491
 Auxiliaries 10 : "RIFLEMAN" (AM) "ST GILES" "RACE POINT" "CHIPPEWA" (AT) "KATOOMBA"
 (AP) "GUALALA" (AOG) "GAMBLE" (DM) "BULL WHEEL" (YO) "WARWICK" (AK)
 "OVERTON" (APD)
Lae:
 Escorts 3 : 1 ML : 820 2 HDML: 1321, 1328
 Auxiliaries 2 : "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "SHANINEE" (AT)
Jacquinet Bay:
 Escorts 1 : 1 ML : 802
 Auxiliaries 2 : "LAURIANA" (AG)
Oro Bay:
 Auxiliaries 1 : "YOUNG AMERICA" (AP)
Milne Bay:
 Escorts 5 : 1 DE: "DARBY" 1 SC: 699 1 HDML: 1327 1 PC: 500 1 ML: 819
 Auxiliaries 6 : "ARAYAT" (IX) "MAUNA LOA" (AE) "LARK" (AT) 32 YP: 278, 449, 514

2. SOLOMONS(a) At Sea to 1200/31:

(1) "TAGAWANK" (AOG) departed Emirau 1100/26 for Lunga ETA 00500/2.

(b) In Harbor:Emirau

Escorts 7 : 1 DE : "STADFIELD" 4 SC: 502, 620, 703, 1274
 2 YMS: "TUI", 250
 Auxiliaries 6 : "HYPERION" (AK) "METTAWEL" (AOG) 4 YP: 233, 414, 514, 515

Green Is:

Combat units 5 PT
 Escorts 1 : 1 YMS: 94
 Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YP : 248

Treasury Is:

Combat units 14 PT
 6 PGM
 Escorts 4 : 1 LE: "PAUL G. BAKER" 2 PC: 479, 605 1 YMS: 45
 Auxiliaries 2 : "PALM" (YN) "AGAWAM" (ACG)

Torokina:

Combat units 3 DD : "PICKING" "SPROSTON" "WICKES"
 Escorts 9 : 2 SC : 1188, 1590 3 LE: "GILLIGAN" "HARMON" "LERAY WILSON"
 4 PC : 702, 1123, 1132, 1242
 Auxiliaries 9 : "CYGNUS" "CASSIOPEIA" "DRACO" (AK) "LIBRA" (AK) "EMPIRE BATTLEAXE"
 "EMPIRE MACE" "EMPIRE ARQUEBUS" "LOTHIAN" (LSI) "PRES. POLK" (AP)
 "YUMA" (AT) "DUNTROON" (AP)

3. EAST AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea to 1200/31:

- (1) "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD" "LAMONT" (LSI) departed Milne 29 Dec for Brisbane ETA 1400/2 Jan.
- (2) "GLENEARN" (LSI) departed Milne Bay 1237/29 for Sydney ETA 0700/2.
- (3) "TARONA" (AP) departed Milne Bay 0840/29 for Townsville ETA 0901/31.
- (4) "ALCONA" (AK) departed Woendi 1200/27 for Brisbane ETA 1400/4 Jan.
- (5) "POYANG" (SE) departed Madang 1400/23 for Bowen ETA 30 Jan thence Sydney.
- (6) "HLML.1324" was to depart Thursday Is 1300/28 for Darwin ETA 1330/31.
- (7) "HLML.1341" departed Sydney 1200/30 to patrol area off Coff's Harbour.

(b) In Harbour:Merauke:

Escorts 3 : 2 YMS: "SMEROE" "MERBARBOE" 1 HLML: 1326

Thursday Is:

Escorts 2 : 1 AMS: "ECHUCA" 1 HLML: 1333
 Auxiliaries 3 : "POLARIS" "BENALLA" (AGS) 1 YP: 615

Cairns:

Escorts 4 : 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE" 3 ML: 806, 431, 428
 Auxiliaries 1 : "FIRE ISLAND" (AT)

Townsville:

Escorts 6 : 1 AMS: "BENDIGO" 4 HLML: 1322, 1323, 1329, 1358 1 ML: 827
 Auxiliaries 1 : 1 YP : 615

Bowen:

Auxiliaries 1 : "HEROS" (AT)

Brisbane:

Combat units 3 SS : "S.42" "NARWHAL" "NAUTILUS"
 Escorts 10 : 7 ML : 424, 425, 800, 810, 811, 820, 821 2 YMS: 313, 393
 1 A/S: "WILCANNIA"
 Auxiliaries 4 : "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "ETOLIN" "TRIANGULUM" (AK) "POLLUX" (AKS)

Sydney:

Combat units 1 BB : "HOWE"
 2 CVE : "ATHELING" "BATTLER"
 1 CL : "TROMP"
 2 DD : "QUICKMATCH" "QUEENSBOROUGH"
 1 ODD : "STUART"
 2 SS : "K.12" "K.9"
 Escorts 12 : 1 SC : 1039 1 A/S: "YANDRA" 2 AMS: "KIAMA" "GLENELG"
 8 ML : 426, 801, 803, 815, 816, 819, 822
 Auxiliaries 10 : "POINT LOMA" "MATO" (AT) "MANUNDA" "WANGANELLA" (AH) "ARLANT" (CM)
 "OCTORARA" (IX) "MASE MAERSK" (JOG) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS)
 "PLATYPUS" (IX) "EBONY" (YN)

Melbourne:

Combat units 2 CVE : "STRIKER" "FENCER"
 1 CL : "HOBART"
 1 OCL : "ADELAIDE"
 5 DD : "NIZAM" "QUELLIAM" "QUARANT" "QUIBERON" "QUALITY"
 Escorts 12 : 8 AMS: "KALGOORLIE" "BALLARAT" "GOULBURN" "WHYALLA" "BOWEN"
 "LISMORE" "MAYBOROUGH" "BURNIE"
 2 A/S: "ABRAHAM CRIJNSEN" "LOOMBA" 2 HLML: 1340, 1350
 Auxiliaries 1 : "GEN. JOHN POPE" (AP)

Hobart:

Combat units 1 CL : "SWIFTSURE"
1 DL : "ACHILLES"

4. NORTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/31:1) Task Force 71:

On Patrol 29 SS : "BECUNA" "BLENNY" "PADLLE" "HAMMERHEAD" "LAFON" "COBIA" "CAVALLA"
"ANGLE" "HOE" "BAYA" "REDFIN" "SIRDAR" "DACE" "BERGALL" "GUITARRO"
"ROCK" "BASHAW" "GURNARD" "GUAVINA" "BARBERO" "FLSHER" "KRAKEN"
"HAWKBILL" "BESUGO" "MUSKELLUNGE" "HARDHEAD" "SEA LION" "MINGO"
"STORM" "TELEMACHUS"
On Passage 16 SS : "CLYDE" "K.14" "O.19" "BLUEGILL" "TANTALUS" "TUSK" "ZWAARFISCH"
"CAIMAN" "TANTIVY" "HAKE" "FLOUNDER" "SEA ROVER" "PARGO" "PERCH"
"SPITEFUL" "GABILAN" "STANGRAY"

(b) In Harbour:Darwin:

Escorts 9 : 1 PF : "HUTCHINSON" 4 AMS: "CASTLEMAINE" "HORSHAM" "JUNEE" "PARKES"
3 ML : 429, 801, 812 1 HDML : 1329
Auxiliaries 4 : "STELLA" "SLEUTH" "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) "CHANTICLEER" (ARS)
Snake Is:
Auxiliaries 1 : "MORESBY" (AGS)

5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/31:

Nil report.

(b) In Harbour:Fremantle:

Combat units 1 CA : "SUFFOLK"
14 SS : "BREAM" "K.15" "BLACKFIN" "HABDO" "JACK" "SPLIT" "STURDIY" "TUNA"
"GAR" "BUNNELL" "GROWLER" "FLYING FISH" "BARBEL"
Escorts 7 : 1 PF : "CORPUS CHRISTI" 1 PS: "SAVORGNAN LE BRAZZA"
1 SC : 720 2 YMS: 11, 72 1 AMS: "PIRIE"
Auxiliaries 7 : "ANTHELON" "EURYALE" "MILSTONE" (AS) "ISABEL" (PY) "COUCHE" (ARS)
1 ARL: 10 1 YP: 286

Bunbury:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "BUNBURY"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

1. SOUTH CHINA SEA

- (1) Hainan Area - At 0830/30 Dec. aircraft sighted a large convoy comprising 10 large merchant ships with 10 escorts, of which at least 1 was a large warship described as a battleship, 30 miles N.N.E. of Tonkon Pt. (E. Hainan) course 180° at 10 knots. This convoy may well be identical with that reported approaching S. Formosa from E. on 28 Dec. and heading across S. Formosa Strait on 29 Dec. These previous reports indicated that the convoy included 4-7 large transports and several large tankers. The size of escort indicates the importance of the convoy, the destination of which is not yet clear.
- (2) F. I. C. Coast - At 1730/28 Dec. a U. S. submarine sighted:-

1 heavy cruiser

2 destroyers

arriving at Camranh Bay. This would appear to be additional to the unit reported previously (Summary No. 1066), described as 1 "FUSO" class battleship heading W. off Cape Varella at 1400/29 Dec. Taking the 2 reports together, the whole may represent the remaining units of the force which shelled Mindoro night 26-27 Dec. retiring to Camranh Bay area.

Reports from Cap St. Jacques and Camranh Bay give further detail of movements of enemy major fleet units:-

A.M. 29 Dec.: 1 large carrier) arrived C. St. Jacques

3 tankers)

1630/29 Dec.: above ships departed C. S. Jacques

1230/30 Dec.: 1 carrier (no aircraft on deck)

1 light cruiser

1 transport

5 tankers

5 escorts

arrived at Camranh Bay from S. at 12 knots. It is recalled that a probable aircraft carrier was sighted in a large, strongly escorted Westbound convoy in S. Formosa Strait P.M. 24 Dec.

The 2 battleships (probably the 2 "ISE" class units) were reported still off C. St. Jacques 29 and 30 Dec. from 2 sources. Aircraft report in addition 2 heavy cruisers, 4 destroyers also present P.M. 30 Dec.: a convoy of 1 large and 6 small vessels were seen in the same vicinity, course 320°. These 2 battleships were last reported at C. St. Jacques 22 Dec., having been in the area at least since 14 Dec.

- (3) Hong Kong Area - The convoy comprising 1 destroyer, 1 medium freighter 2 sea trucks sighted 90 miles S.S.W. Swatow (or 90 miles E.N.E. of Hong Kong) at 1300/29 Dec. reported in Summary No. 1066 as on course 230°, was subsequently reported as on course 70° at 12 knts.
- At 1730/30 Dec. a convoy of 5 medium freighters, 7 escorts was sighted by aircraft 75 miles E. of Hong Kong on course 70° at 12 knots.

2. PHILIPPINES

- (1) Lingayan Gulf - About midnight 29-30 Dec. several sizeable ships were observed by aircraft close in-shore near San Fernando. In addition, a destroyer was apparently on picket duty off San Fernando Pt. and a convoy described as comprising 2 merchant ships 3 escorts (including 1 heavy cruiser) was departing San Fernando on course 340°. Observing aircraft attacked shipping in this area night 29-30 Dec. and claim to have sunk a medium freighter transport, scored near misses on 3 other merchant ships and landed bombs just astern of the large warship described as a heavy cruiser.
- (2) N.E. Luzon - On 30 Dec. Tuguegarao airrome was attacked by 3 Mitchells destroying 1 aircraft on the ground.
- (3) S.E. Luzon - On 30 Dec. Legaspi airrome was attacked by 3 Mitchells.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)

- (4) Lubang Is. (near N.W. Mindoro) - On 29 Dec. small boats in Hoog harbor (S.E. Lubang Is. were strafed by 2 Lightnings. Night 29 Dec. aircraft observed 2 craft similar to PT boats off N. coast Lubang Is.
- (5) Mindoro - Despite active and extensive patrolling no enemy ground contacts are reported from Indoro.
Intensified enemy air activity continues however. A newly arrived convoy was attacked off Mindoro on 30 Dec. by enemy aircraft and some damage was suffered but full details are not yet available. This is the same convoy that was attacked whilst on passage through Mindanao Sea and Sulu Sea, as previously reported. Attacks on 29 Dec. were effectively frustrated by our fighter cover which shot down 7 enemy planes over the convoy in addition to 3 suicide dive bombing attacks, all of which missed. Also during 29 Dec. an enemy reconnaissance plane over Mindoro was shot down.
The following night 29-30 Dec., an estimated 20 enemy planes were over Mindoro: Black Widows shot down 3 and AA got 2 more. There was no damage to our shore installations.
- (6) Leyte - Some progress was made 29 Dec. against the enemy strong point E. of Palompon and our forces advancing W. from Palompon reached a point 4000 yards from the forces advancing W. over the mountains.
Enemy casualties to 29 Dec. total 59,036 known dead and 423 Jap prisoners have been taken. Recent patrols indicate at least another 3000 Japs in 3 groups in the hills in N.W. Leyte.
- (7) Visayas - On 29 Dec. Silay airdrome was attacked by 3 Mitchells, 8 Lightnings destroying 5 Planes on the ground and Talisay was attacked by another 8 Lightnings.
Night, probably, 29-30 Dec. 4 loaded luggers were destroyed by PT boats off N. Tip Negros Is.
- (8) Davao - On 28 Dec. during a shipping sweep of Davao Gulf by 6 Mitchells, 1 sea truck was hit and warehouses were damaged.
3. EAST INDIES
- (1) Halmaheras-N. Celebes - On 28 and 29 Dec. airdromes in this area were attacked on substantial scale mainly by fighter-bombers but including some Mitchells.
Photos 29 Dec. show Didate (Celebes), Galela, Miti, Hatetabako, Kau and Djailolo (Halmaheras) all operational at least partially, although only 1 serviceable fighter was visible: Molobata was unserviceable.
- (2) S. Celebes - Night 29 Dec. harassing raids were conducted on airdromes in S. Celebes by 2 Liberators.
- (3) N. Borneo - At 1200/29 Dec. small type ships at Sandakan were attacked by 3 Mitchells: 1 sea truck and 3 coasters were destroyed and 4 coasters under construction were strafed.
- (4) W. Borneo - On 24 Dec. a Northbound convoy comprising 1 tanker and 4 unidentified ships was attacked by U. S. submarine off C. Sirik (approx. 200 miles S.W. of Miri): the tanker and 1 other ship were sunk. On 25 Dec. 1 medium freighter was sunk by submarine off westernmost tip of Borneo
- (5) S.E. Borneo - Night 28-29 Dec. several small ships and small craft were observed on N.E. Laut Is. Each small craft was trailing a "Y" shaped object suggesting possibly minesweeping.
- (6) Ambon - On 28 and 29 Dec. Ambon area airdromes were attacked by Mitchells and Lightnings on a moderate scale.
4. BISMARCKS-SOLOMONS - On 28 Dec. Vunakanau was bombed by 9 Beauforts and on 29 Dec. by 9 Mitchells, 8 Venturas, 12 Corsairs.
On New Ireland, Panapai was attacked 29 Dec. by 3 Venturas, 4 Corsairs.
5. SOUTH EAST AUSTRALIA - At 0357/29 Dec. a submarine was located and attacked by aircraft approx. 160 miles S. x W. of Sydney.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

- 1. CHINA COAST - At 1430/30 Dec. aircraft sighted a convoy described as:-
 - 4 tankers
 - 2 freighter transports (1 large, 1 small)
 - 2 escorts.

180 miles N.N.E. of Shanghai, course 80° at 10 knots. Photos show 3 of the "tankers" to be the new type 4-hatch, engines-aft, cargo vessels of approx. 480 ft. length.

- 2. JAPAN - Preliminary reports indicate that the Nakajima aircraft plants at Tokyo were bombed at 1240/27 Dec. by 39 Superfortresses dropping 103½ tons bombs. About 80 enemy fighters are reported to have made strong attacks and 1 Superfortress was lost over the target: 16 enemy fighters are claimed to have been shot down, 12 probably shot down and 7 damaged. Secondary target in Tokyo harbor were attacked by another 13 Superfortresses.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

- (1) Significant sightings of enemy fleet units S. China Sea.
- (2) Heavy enemy convoy traffic N. Luzon-Formosa-China coast.
- (3) Continued enemy air reinforcement of Formosa and Philippines and intensified enemy air scale of effort Central Philippines.
- (4) Repeated Blue air strikes on Japan
- (5) Enemy submarine activity Philippines, W. and Central Pacific and Indian Ocean including use of midget submarines.
- (6) Further successes U. S. submarines

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

PACIFIC OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

Southwest Pacific

Central Pacific

<u>BB</u>	(8)		(12)		
	CALIFORNIA	MISSISSIPPI	ALABAMA	MASSACHUSETTS	TENNESSEE
	COLORADO	PENNSYLVANIA	IDAHO	MISSOURI	SOUTH DAKOTA
	IOWA	NEW MEXICO	INDIANA	NEW JERSEY	WASHINGTON
	HOWE	WEST VIRGINIA	MARYLAND	NORTH CAROLINA	WISCONSIN
<u>CV</u>	-		(17)		
			BENNINGTON	HORNET	WASP
			BUNKER HILL	INTREPID	YORKTOWN
			ENTERPRISE	LEXINGTON	BON HOMME RICHARD
			ESSEX	RANGER	RANDOLPH
			FRANKLIN	SAKATOGA	SHANGRI LA
			HANCOCK	TICONDEROGA	(present status unknown)
<u>CVL</u>	-		(8)		
			BATAAN	COWPENS	MONTEREY
			BELLEAU WOOD	INDEPENDENCE	SAN JACINTO
			CABOT	LANGLEY	
<u>CVE</u>	(27)		(37)		
	ALAVA BAY	MARCUS ISLAND	ADMIRALTY IS.	CORREGIDOR	SANTEE
	ALTAMAHA	MUNDA	ANZIO	FANSHAW BAY	SARGENT BAY
	ATHELING	NATOMA BAY	ASTROLABE BAY	GILBERT ISLANDS	SITKOH BAY
	BARNES	OMMANEY BAY	ATTU	HOLLANDIA	SUVANNEE
	BATTLER	PETROF BAY	BOUGAINVILLE	KALININ BAY	TAKANIS BAY
	BISMARCK SEA	SAGINAW BAY	BRETON	LONG ISLAND	THETIS BAY
	FENCER	SALAMAUA	BUCARELI BAY	MAKASSAR STRAIT	TULAGI
	HOGGATT BAY	SAVO ISLAND	CAPE ESPERANCE	MATANKAU	WHITE PLAINS
	KADASHAN BAY	SHAMROCK BAY	CASABLANCA	NEHENTA BAY	WINDHAM BAY
	KITKUN BAY	SHIPLEY BAY	CHAPIN BAY	PRINCE WILLIAM	NASSAU
	KWAJALEIN	STEAMER BAY	CHENANGO	ROI	TANANEK BAY
	KUNGA POINT	STRIKER	COPAHEE	RUDYERD BAY	
	MAKIN ISLAND	WAKE ISLAND	CORAL SEA	SANGARON	
	MANILA BAY				
<u>DA</u>	(7)		(10)		
	*CANBERRA	PORTLAND	BALTIMORE	INDIANAPOLIS	SALT LAKE CITY
	LOUISVILLE	AUSTRALIA	BOSTON	PENSACOLA	SAN FRANCISCO
	MINNEAPOLIS	SHROPSHIRE	CHESTER	QUINCY	WICHITA
	*SUFFOLK			NEW ORLEANS	
<u>CL</u>	(11)		(25)		
	BOISE	PHOENIX	ASTORIA	MIAMI	SANTA FE
	CLEVELAND	#RENO	BILOXI	MOBILE	#ST LOUIS
	COLUMBIA	ACHILLES	BIRMINGHAM	#NASHVILLE	TRENTON
	DENVER	ADELAIDE	CONCORD	OAKLAND	VICKSBURG
	#HOUSTON	HOBART	DETROIT	PASADENA	VINCENNES
	MONTPELIER		DULUTH	RALEIGH	WILKES BARRE
			FLINT	RICHMOND	GAMBIA
			#HONOLULU	SAN DIEGO	LEANDER
				SAN JUAN	

* Western Section.
Non-effective.

PACIFIC OCEANALLIED FORCES (Contd.)Southwest PacificCentral Pacific

<u>DD</u>	(118)			
	ABBOTT	EDWARDS	LEUTZE	REID
	ALLEN M. SUMNER	EVANS	LOWRY	RALPH TALBOT
	AUSTIN	FLETCHER	LUCE	RENSHAW
	BAGLEY	FLUSSER	MCCALL	ROBINSON
	BARTON	FOOTE	MAURY	ROSS
	BELL	GANSEVOORT	MCDERMOTT	R.P. LEARY
	BENNION	GRIDLEY	MCGOWAN	RUSSELL
	BRAINE	HALFORD	MELVIN	SAMUEL C. REID
	BYRANT	HARADEN	MERTZ	SAUFLEY
	BURNS	HALLIGAN	MOALE	SHAW
	BUSH	HALL	MONSSEN	SIGOURNEY
	C.A. AUSBURNE	HELM	MORRIS	SMITH
	CHARETTE	H.L. EDWARDS	MUGFORD	SPROSTON
	CALDWELL	HOPEWELL	MUSTIN	STACK
	C.J. BRIDGER	HOWORTH	NEWCOMB	STANLEY
	CLAXTON	INGRAHAM	NICHOLAS	STEMBEL
	COGHLIN	ISHERWOOD	O'BANNON	STERETT
	CONI	JENKINS	O'BRIEN	STEVENS
	CONYHAM	KNAPP	PATTERSON	TAYLOR
	CONNER	KILLEN	PAUL HAMILTON	WIGGS
	CONVERSE	KIMBERLEY	PHILIP	WALKER
	CONWAY	LAFFEY	PICKING	WALLER
	COOPER	LAMSON	PRINGLE	WICKES
	DASHIELL	LANG	RADFORD	WILSON
	DRAYTON	LARDNER	RATHBURNE	WM. D. PORTER
	EATON	LA VALLETTE	REMEY	WOODWORTH
				YOUNG

Approx. 150

	ARUNTA	QUALITY	QUILLIAM	SWIFTSURE
	NIZAM	QUEENSBOROUGH	QUICKMATCH	VENDETTA
	QUADRANT	QUIBERON	STUART	WARRAMUNGA

SS

(63)				
	ANGLER	COBIA	HAKE	PADDLE
	BARBERO	DACE	HAMMERHEAD	PARGO
	BASHAW	FLASHER	HAWKBILL	REDFIN
	BATFISH	FLYING FISH	HOE	ROCK
	BAYA	GAR	JACK	SEA LION
	BEGUM	GROWLER	KRAKEN	SEA WOLF
	BERGAL	GUAVINA	LAPON	STINGRAY
	BESUGO	GUITARO	MINGO	TUSK
	BLENNY	GUNNER	MUSKELLUNGE	S.42
	BLUEGILL	GURNARD	NARWHALL	S.45
	CAIMAN	HADDO	NAUTILUS	S.47
	CLYDE	SPITEFUL	STURDY	TANTIVY
	SEA ROVER	SPLIT	TANTALUS	TELEMACHUS
	SIRDAR	STORM		

Approx. 150

	K.9	K.14	0.19	ZWAARDFISCH
	K.12	K.15		

PT
AGC

Approx. 175
(5)
WASATCH
BLUE RIDGE

MOUNT OLYMPUS MOUNT MCKINLEY ROCKY MOUNT

Approx. 175

AV

(2)
CURRITUCK
TANGIER

(7)

CHANDELEUR POCO OKE
CURTISS K. WHITING
HAMLIN ST. GEORGE
SUMBERLAND SOUND

AVP

(7)
BARBARIA HALF MOON HERON SAN CARLOS
CHINCOTEAGUE ORCA SAN PABLO

approx. 10

PACIFIC OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

	<u>Southwest Pacific</u>			<u>Central Pacific</u>
<u>AKA</u> (12)	ALGOL	ALSHAIN	CAPRICORNUS	LIBRA
	ALHENA	ALYCON	DIPHA	O'HARA
	ALMBAK	AQUARIUS	CHARA	TRUBAN
<u>APA</u> (30)	ALPINE	CAMBRIA	FREMONT	LEO CLYMEN
	ADAIR	CAVALIER	FULLER	LEMARH
	APPLING	CLAY	GILLIAM	MONROVIA
	ARIADNE	CUSTER	GOLDEN CITY	OLMSTEAD
	A.T.MIDDLETON	DOYEN	HARRY LEE	SARASOTA
	BANNER	DUPAGE	HASKELL	SHERIDAN
	BAXTER	FAYETTE	H.T.ALLEN	UVALDE
	BOLIVAR	FELAND	KNOX	WARREN
	CALVERT	F.FUNSTON	LEEDSTOWN	WAYNE
				W.P.BIDDLE
<u>APD</u> (16)	BROOKS	GOLDSBOROUGH	KILTY	OVERTON
	COFER	HERBERT	LIDDLE	SANDS
	CROSBY	HUMPHREYS	MANLEY	SCHLEY
	DICKERSON	KEPHART	NEWMAN	TALBOT
<u>LSI</u> (9)	KANIMELA	CLAN LAMONT	EMPIRE BATTLEAXE	EMPIRE SPEARHEAD
	MANOORA	EMPIRE ARQUEBUS	EMPIRE MACE	LOTHIAN
	WESTRALIA			
<u>LSL</u> (10)	ASHLAND	CASA GRANDE	GUNSTON HALL	OAKHILL
	BELLEGRIVE	EPPING FOREST	LINDENWALD	RUSHMORE
	CARTER HALL			WHITE MARSH
<u>AD</u> (3)	GRIFFIN	HOLLAND	OTUS	
<u>AD</u> (4)	DOBBIN	PIEDMONT	SIERRA	WHITNEY

INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

<u>BB</u> (3)	QUEEN ELIZABETH	RENOWN	VALIANT	
<u>CV</u> (3)	ILLUSTRIOUS	INDOMITABLE	VICTORIOUS	
<u>CVL</u> (5)	ACTIVITY	AMEER	BEGUM	SHAH UNICORN
<u>CA</u> (2)	CUMBERLAND	LONDON		
<u>CE</u> (5)	CEYLON	KENYA	NEWCASTLE	NIGERIA PHOEBE
<u>AL</u> (1)	ALBATROSS			
<u>LA</u>	approx. 27			
<u>BS</u>	approx. 16			

ENEMY FORCES

	<u>South China Sea</u> (Including Philippines East Indies)	<u>Empire</u> (Including Mandates)	<u>Indian Ocean</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	(3) YAMATO #NAGATO #HARUNA #KONGO	-
<u>BB/CV</u>	(2) HYUGA ISE	-	-
<u>CV</u>	-	(2-3) AMAGI KATSURAGI (poss. sunk) HAYATAKA	-
<u>CVL</u>	-	(2) RYUHO HOSHO	-
<u>CVE</u>	(1) KAIYO	(1) OTAKA	-
<u>CA</u>	(3-4) ASHIGARA TAKAO (prob. sunk) CHOKAI #MYOKO	(3-4) #TONE ILUKI (poss. S. China Sea) #AOBA HAGURO (prob. sunk)	-
<u>OCA</u>	-	6	6
<u>IL</u>	(2-4) KINO KISO) prob. OYODO ABUKUMA) sunk	(3) #YAHAGI SAKAWA #ISUZU	-
<u>CLT</u>	(1) KASHII KASHIMA	(1)	-
<u>AV/CVS--</u>		(2) #KITSUSHIMA #NOTORO	-
<u>SB</u>	15	Approx. 15	-
<u>SS</u>	20	50	10 (poss. all German)
<u>AS</u>	?	2 (1 repairing)	-

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY SHORE-BASED AIR STRENGTH

	FORMOSA	PHILIPPINES			EAST INDIES	MANDATES SOLOMONS BUSAROKS
	RYUKYU	Luzon	Visayas	Mindanao		
Fighters	135	208	24	25	115	9
S/E Bombers	63	66	2	-	12	-
T/E Bombers	18	69	11	15	61	3
Flying Boats	14	-	-	-	3	-
Float Planes	52	33	8	16	45	16
Obm. A/C	4	22	2	5	10	6
TOTAL	286	398	47	75	235	34

Non-effective