

JAPANESE NAVAL LOSSES - JANUARY, 1943.Soupac and Sovespac Areas.S U M M A R Y

	<u>SUNK</u>	<u>PROBABLY SUNK</u>	<u>DAMAGED</u>
CRUISERS			2
DESTROYERS	2	2	7
TORPEDO BOATS			1
SUBMARINES	1		
TRANSPORTS & CARGO VESSELS	4	3	16
TANKERS			1
UNIDENTIFIED VESSELS	3	3	11
	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>38</u>

The above statement of losses is believed to be conservative as actual sinkings include only those vessels confirmed as sunk.

In the list of vessels damaged there may be a number of units which have been hit more than once and may thus be listed more than once.

This summary does not include vessels sunk or damaged by submarine attack.

SUNK OR DESTROYED

<u>Date</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>Attack</u>	<u>Detail</u>
2/1	New Georgia	2 destroyers	Aircraft	10 destroyers proceeding to Guadalcanal were attacked. Direct hits scored on 2 ships. One left apparently sinking one burning badly. 8 ships sighted returning from Guadalcanal. Ex Soupac.
5/1	Rabaul	1 U/I Vessel	Aircraft	A direct hit was scored on one vessel with 500lb. bomb by B.17's. B.24's proceeding to attack after the B.17's reported that a direct hit broke a ship in two.
	New Britain waters	1 Transport 10-12,000 tons	Aircraft	Three direct hits and one near miss on stern. This transport was later seen to have sunk.
7/1 - 8/1	Lae	1 Transport	Aircraft	A direct hit scored on stern in vicinity of Finschhafen. It appears that this transport limped into Lae, and was the vessel reported beached 20 yards off shore half way between the Butibum and Busu rivers. Direct hits and very near misses were scored on it, and it was last reported burning with black smoke and flames coming from the stern. It appears that 2 merchant vessels were destroyed and not three as originally reported, as the original convoy is believed to have included 5 transports, 3 of which were reported proceeding away from Lae.
18/1	Bismarck Sea	1-8,000 ton cargo vessel	Aircraft	Sank within 8 minutes of attack.
22/1	Rabaul	1- 2-4,000 ton ship	Aircraft	1 direct hit with 500 lb. bomb. Vessel split and sank within 4 minutes.
22/1	Rabaul	1 - 3-4,000 ton ship	Aircraft	Hit with 500 lb. bombs. Sank within 12 minutes.

SUNK OR DESTROYED

<u>Date</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>Attack</u>	<u>Detail</u>
27/1	Kolombangara Island	1 Cargo Vessel	Aircraft	Two hits and three near misses. Fighter pilot reports that the vessel was definitely sinking. Comsopac states that vessel sank. Ex Soupac.
29/1-30/1	Guadalcanal	One "I" class submarine	2 N.Z. warships	Shelled and driven ashore a gutted wreck Ex Soupac.

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1/1	Rabaul	1 large cargo vessel	Aircraft	Direct hit with 1,000 lb. bombs.
1/1	Rabaul	1 medium vessel	Aircraft	Direct hit with 1,000 lb. bombs
1/1	Rabaul	1 U/I vessel	Aircraft	Though no hit observed three ships reported to be burning profusely as aircraft left the target. Two accounted for above.
4/1	Shortland	1 transport	Aircraft	One hit with 500 lb. bombs, one possible hit Ex Soupac.
1/1	Rabaul	8 U/I vessels	Aircraft	Information not available as to precise details. Official report stated 9 vessels destroyed or left on fire. B.17's claimed direct hits on 3 ships and a very near miss between a tender and a destroyer tied alongside. B.24's claim 2 direct hits and 2 near misses on one 10,000 ton vessel (considered probably sunk). High oblique photographs of B.17 attack reveal 2 ships on fire. One other vessel was listing badly with a destroyer alongside (considered probably sunk). B.24's observing results of B.17 attack state one ship was hit and broke in two. (Contd.)

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Date	Area	Ship	Attack	Detail
				This is listed as sunk. One other ship was directly hit and observed to be on fire, and a train of bombs was observed falling on 4 other ships. The assessment of this attack on Rabaul from these reports appears to be 1 vessel sunk 2 probably sunk and 6 damaged.
6/1	Kai Islands	1 "Otori" class Torpedo boat	Aircraft	One direct hit aft of amidship with 250 lb. bomb, one probable direct hit on stern and two near misses. smoke observed from position of hits.
7/1 - 8/1 - 9/1 -	New Britain waters - Lae	3 Transports	Aircraft	Aircraft reports indicate that all 5 of the force of transports proceeding to Lae were hit in the period covering the approach to the period in harbour and in return from Lae. Two were definitely sunk, and the three remaining transports listed as damaged.
9/1	New Britain waters	1 warship (probable light cruiser)	Aircraft	One direct hit. Explosion was observed amidships gunfire ceased and heavy smoke was observed around the vessel.
10/1 - 11/1	Guadalcanal	2 destroyers	Torpedo boat	Torpedo hits scored on two destroyers. Ex Soupac.
14/1 - 15/1	Guadalcanal New Georgia	3 destroyers	Aircraft & torpedo boats	One destroyer hit with 500 lb. bomb. en route Guadalcanal. Torpedo boats claim hits on 2 destroyers off Esperance. Dive bombers attacking on return journey off N.E. New Georgia severely damaged 1 destroyer and damaged another. Comsoupac estimates total 3-5 destroyers damaged. Ex Soupac.
15/1	Vella Lavella	1 cargo vessel (3,000 tons)	Aircraft	Two hits scored. Ex Soupac.

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Date	Area	Ship	Attack	Detail
16/1 - 17/1	Rabaul	2 merchant vessels	Aircraft	Direct hits with 1,000 lb. bombs.
18/1	Shortland	1 cargo vessel	Aircraft	2 direct hits. Ship set on fire. Ex Soupac.
20/1	Shortland	1 destroyer	Aircraft	1 x 500 lb. hit. Ex Soupac.
21/1	Rabaul	1 merchant vessel (6,000 tons)	Aircraft	3 x 500 lb. bombs from 250 feet. Ship rocked and was covered by a sheet of water. It was later observed settling and attempts were being made to beach it.
21/1	Rabaul	1 merchant vessel (2,000 ton)	Aircraft	6 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped from 200 feet. The ship rocked and an oil slick appeared around it.
21/1	Ambon	1 "Nacri" class cruiser	Aircraft	1 hit and 3 near misses. Photos reveal a hit against the hull amidships.
21/1	Ambon	1 merchant vessel (4,000 tons)	Aircraft	One direct hit and 2 near misses with 500 lb. bombs.
22/1	Rabaul	1- 6-8,000 ton merchant vessel	Aircraft	3 direct hits with 500 lb. bombs. The vessel was left burning and a series of small explosions were observed.
22/1	Rabaul	1- 6-8,000 ton merchant vessel	Aircraft	2 direct hits with 500 lb. bombs. The vessel was left burning and smoking and was later seen to explode.
23/1	Vella Lavella	1 cargo vessel	Aircraft	Damaged. Ex Soupac.
23/1	Vella Lavella	1 large destroyer	Aircraft	Damaged. Ex Soupac.
23/1	Rabaul	1 transport (12,000 tons)	Aircraft	One direct hit and five near misses with 500 lb. bombs.
24/1- 25/1	Rabaul	1 U/I vessel	Aircraft	One 500 lb. bomb hit. Large hole observed in ships side.
24/1- 25/1	Rabaul	1- 2,000 ton vessel	Aircraft	Hit caused an explosion which lit up the entire area from position of ship at N.E. end of Simpson Harbour to Raluana Point. No subsequent fire was seen & it is considered that vessel was possibly an ammunition ship.

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Date	Area	Ship	Attack	Details
20/1	Rabaul	1 U/I vessel	Aircraft	Hit (500 lb.) reported to have been scored. Large fire observed later.
28/1	Vella Lavella	1 destroyer	Aircraft	One hit; big explosion observed. Vessel observed to be settling. Ex Soupac.
28/1	Vella Lavella	1 cargo vessel	Aircraft	1 x 100 lb. hit on starboard beam. 1 x 1,000 lb. near miss on port bow. Vessel stopped. Ex Soupac.
30/1	Rabaul	1 U/I vessel	Aircraft	1 x 500 lb. bomb hit. 3 explosions followed.
31/1	Vella Lavella	1 destroyer	Aircraft	2 x 500 lb. hits. Left burning listing and dead in water. Ex Soupac.
31/1	Vella Lavella	1 cargo vessel (6,000 tons)	Aircraft	2 hits 5 near misses with 1,000 lb. bombs 1 torpedo hit reported left burning, listing and dead in water. Ex Soupac.

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20/1	Vella Lavella	1 tanker	Aircraft	A very close miss grazing port side and another 5 feet off stern with 1,000 lb. bombs. Reported smoking and dead in water. Ex Soupac.
30/1	New Britain waters	1 transport (2,500 tons)	Aircraft	One 500 lb. bomb hit railing and exploded in water. One other probable hit.

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITIES

1st January, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & NEUTRAL NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

(1) NORTH PACIFIC SECTOR

1. ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/1:

- (1) "BOBART" "SHELFRIDGE" "BAGLEY" on patrol Coral Sea area.
- (2) "COLAC" operating vicinity Oro Bay.
- (3) "POLARIS" operating vicinity Cape Nelson.
- (4) "BROOME" escorting "CREW" "TAMAR" was to depart Fort Moresby 1700/31 for Cairns.
- (5) "BARUNGA" dep. Milne Bay 1500/20 for Brisbane ETA 0700/2 Jan.
- (6) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "VAN HEUSEN" to Fort Moresby ETA 1300/1.
- (7) "PLATYPUS" was to depart Darwin early a.m. 1/1 for Townsville.
- (8) "MONICA" escorting Convoy W20 ("HARRIS" "WOLCROFT" "CHARON" "POTASS") dep. Brisbane 1311/20 for Townsville.
- (9) "VIRIS" escorting "EMILIE HANSEN" dep. Sydney 0630/27 for Townsville ETA 1000/1.
- (10) "TREVOR" "RANK" escorting "AMERICAN LEGION" from Espiritu Santo were due Cape Horn 0600/1. "TREVOR" & "RANK" to part company so as to arrive Sydney a.m. Jan. 2.
- (11) "RALPH TALBOT" dep. Noumea 0600/31. Due Brisbane 1200/2.
- (12) 13 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

- Milne Bay - "WHYALLA" "HELO" "STELLA" "LADY ESCOTT"
- Fort Moresby - "SWAN" "BALIKRAPAN" "MONTORO" "VAN HEUTER"
- "ISAAC COLES" "ASPASIA DOMINGOS" "D. BUSHNELL"
- "DUNSTON"
- Thursday Is. - "SYLCANNIA"
- Cairns - "MARCHCO" "ARANTA"
- Palm Island - "AUSTRALIA" "H. HURLEY" "HELE" "AASE HANSEN"
- "HERRON"
- Townsville - Repairing "STUART" "KATOOMBA" "DALLARAT"
- Brisbane - "FROBBER" "MURFORD" "WARRAMUNGA" "VERNETTA" "SHERID"
- "PULLOS" "VICTORIA" "KIDGANDA" "HILAR" SC.477
- Repairing: "CENLONO" "LITCOCK" "TULSA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) Task Group 44.3 ("AUSTRALIA" "HELE" "HURLEY") to depart Palm Is. a.m. 3/1, and HV in position 15°S 150°E with Task Group 44.5 ("BOBART" "SHELFRIDGE" "BAGLEY") at 0600/4. "BAGLEY" to proceed to Sydney. Task Group 44.7 ("FROBBER" "MURFORD" "RALPH TALBOT") to depart Hobson Bay p.m. 3/1. "AASE HANSEN" to depart Townsville. "BOBART" "SHELFRIDGE" "AASE HANSEN" to arrive Cid Harbour a.m. 3/1. Task Group 44.7 to arrive Cid Harbour a.m. 7/1, and "BOBART" "SHELFRIDGE" "AASE HANSEN" to depart Cid Harbour "AASE HANSEN" to arrive Townsville a.m. 3/1. Task Group 44.7 to depart Cid Harbour p.m. 3/1. "BOBART" "SHELFRIDGE" to arrive Brisbane a.m. 3/1. Task Group 44.7 to HV with Task Group 44.3 in position 14°S 140°E 1000/10. Task Group 44.3 to arrive Palm Is. p.m. 11/1.
- (2) "BROOME" escorting "BALIKRAPAN" to depart Milne Bay 1300/2 for Oro Bay ETA 1430/3.
- (3) "VIRIS" to escort "CHARON" "WEST CACTUS" from Townsville to Milne Bay 3/1.
- (4) "MARCHCO" "ARANTA" to HV with Convoy W20 (H.T. "KATOOMBA" "WARRAMUNGA" "TOCKUS" "CLEVELAND AINS" - ex Townsville) at 0600/2 and escort to Fort Moresby ETA 1100/4.

8. HUNTER FORCES

- (1) Island Passage - One medium merchant vessel was sighted off Schorn Island 1142/30.
- (2) Chalceul - A report 1040/30 stated that a destroyer was sighted close inshore at Chalceul Bay, and a schooner at Nelli Bay (12 miles south of Chalceul Bay). After looting and capturing a number of natives, these units departed for the east coast of Chalceul at 0830/31. The natives are reported to be used for forced labour on new aerodrome construction.
- (3) Navisug - 3 destroyers were sighted in the harbour 1010/31.
- (4) Cape Isabella - 2 unidentified vessels of 10,000 tons were sighted 30 miles south of Cape Isabella on course 230° early morning 1/1.
- (5) Submarine Activity:-
- New Georgia - 3 submerged objects resembling small submarines were sighted off Tongoro entrance to Kolo Lagoon 0600/31.
 - Wide Bay - A submarine was sighted on the surface at the mouth of Wide Bay 0700/31.
 - Submarines were indicated as follows -

29/12	Navisug	5°30'S 149°30'E
29/12	New Ireland	5°2, 153°E
29/12	Casmata	7°S, 150°E
29/12	Bura	6°30'S, 149°30'E
29/12	Cape Suesby	7°S, 152°E
30/12	Navisug	2°S, 151°E
30/12	Talason	4°S, 149°E
30/12	C. Gloucester	5°S, 148°E
30/12	New Ireland	3°S, 153°E
30/12	New Ireland	2°S, 153°E
30/12	Woodlark Is.	9°S, 152°E
30/12	Natali	4°S, 150°30'E
30/12	Cape Gifford	7°S, 154°E
30/12	Cape Nelson	6°30'S, 149°30'E
31/12	Caloundra	45 miles from Caloundra Head at 0450/31 and 3 miles NNE Caloundra Head at 0530/31.

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(11) NORTH WESTERN AREA

1. ALLIED FORCES

(a) At sea to 1800/1:

- "INVERELL" escorting "J.S. LOWELL" dep. Sydney 1356/31 for Darwin STA Townsville 2350/4.
- 3 submarines on patrol China Sea or HRI area.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - "KANGAROO"

2. HUNTER FORCES

Laivai - The five vessels reported at Laivai 0730/30 departed later the same day.

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(111) SOUTH WESTERN AREA

1. ALLIED FORCES

(a) At sea to 1800/1:

- "HORSBURG" departed Adelaide 1532/30 for Fremantle STA 1800/1.
- "VAN CALEN" with "GOLD STAR" and "SHIFFOURNELL" in company dep. Fremantle 0801/30. Due Perth Gulf a.m. 2/1.
- "JOHN HIDDON" departed Fremantle 0801/1 on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - "ARSLATER" "JACOB VAN BURENBERG" "TROMP" "EASTONIA" "CHILD" "DUBO" "TANFORTH" "ISABEL" "FELIAS"

Residence - "MORON"
Residence - "LARK" "V.R. FOSTON"

B. HUNNY FOSTER

Case Naturalists - There were indications of a possible submarine in the vicinity between 2140/30-2500/31.

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(1v) NORTH & SOUTHERN AREA

1. ALLIED FORCES

(a) At sea to 1800/31:

- (1) "COULBURN" dep. Brisbane 1800/31 to NY with "YUKIAN" at Pent Island at 0800/2 and escort to Sydney via Sydney 0800/3.
- (2) "LATHROP" escorting Scout SPS dep. Sydney 1100/30 via Brisbane 2200/1. "LATHROP" to proceed to Townsville. "YANORA" dep. Sydney 1800/30 to overtake Scout SPS.
- (3) "DELRAYNE" "GLASHE" escorting CONVOY USS dep. Sydney 1901/30.

(b) In Harbour:

Receiving - "MILVIA"
Receiving - "SHAN" "CORBIN" "CORADINE" "SUNDAY" "STAFF" "BONES" "KAPINA" "TOWNVILLE" "SODHAMPTON" "ABRAHAM CRISTIAN"
Receiving - "PORTLAND" "NEW ORLEANS" "HOPEING" "JOUTHARD" "PATTERSON" "BIBBOTALE" "ALHENA"
In Reserve - "SANDORA" "AUSTRALIA"
Delivered - "SPRINGDALE" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "DOONDA"

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B) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

1. ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Yonkers - WACKINAC (AV)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - PRISCILLA MINNEAPOLIS LOUISVILLE (CA) HENRIETTA WELSH ST. LOUIS COLUMBIA ACHILLES SAN DIEGO (CL) AIRMANA HADAM (AO) MORRIS TROMPTON McCALLA NICHOLAS MURPHY WEALE O'BARRON RICHMAN WOODGORTH SPACE ANDERSON GARDNER FLETCHER ISAYTON LAMSON BLUNT (DD) CURTIS BALLARD TANGIER (AV) BIRDL (AD) VESTAL (AR) STAFFORD NEWBOLD (AP) ARCTIC (AV) SABINE (AO) SUNSHINE (AO) YP.200 YP.200 YP.347 YC.477
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA (DD) SAN JUAN (CL) DENNIS SUGGILL BOHNS LANDOWNE BALCH ORILEY McCALL LARSONE PANTIER MAURY CRAVER GARDYCHOT FRANKIE UGHLAP AARON WARD (DD) CARLE (DD) PROMETHEUS (AR) ANOON (AS) LASSIE (AN) MURRAY MAULEY (AP) SONORA (AT) DELPHICUS (YP) WHITNEY (AD) HINDYCHER VIDEO (AN) BUTCHERT (YH) SHANTIC (AO) BEVILLE MURPHY LIGHTY W.S. BURNON FURBERSON FURSTON PRIS. BATES WEST POINT CHESTNUT CITY PRIS. ADAMS PRIS. JACKSON (AP) LIMA MURPHY ENLATHIE ANTONIS (AK) ARR.2
- (4) At Suva - MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO HARTLAND COLCHADO (DD) HULL FARRAGUT PUMBLE (DD) CATALPA LOCUST ROSEWOOD (YH) SALAMONCA (AK) BANABARR (AO) SWIFT (AV) HANNONSPOINT (AP)
- (5) Guadalcanal Area - JAMSTON (DD) BOBOLINE (AN) YC.476 YC.600 (YP) WANDARE (YT) NATAI WCA HIRI TUI (A/S Vessels) ORTOLAN (AR)
- (6) At Buna Buna - YARE (AN)
- (7) At Auckland - MICHONAI (A.S.O) HIGHT (YH) SCAMER (AP) TRYON (AP) Refitting - LEANER (CL)
- (8) At Wellington - McAWLEY (AP)

2. HUNNY FOSTER

- (1) Malaita - 2 gubcats were sighted off Port Bougard 1300/31.
- (2) Guadalcanal - A submarine was indicated 30/12 in position 100° 100' E.

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

Island - The unit described as an 800 ton merchant vessel which was reported hit in the attack on shipping morning 30/12 is now reported to be an 8,000 ton merchant vessel. One B.24 unsuccessfully attacked 0540/31.

III. AIR OPERATIONS

ALLIED

Wedge - 3 B.25's escorted by 4 P.38's, 4 P.39's and 4 P4F's attacked afternoon 31/12. 3 large A.A. guns of large calibre reported new at Wanda. One P.39 crashed. 3 P4F's attacked 0815-0435/1. Reported small calibre A.A.

Island - 1 P4F attacked the aerodrome early morning 31/12. Results not observed.

Island - 2 P4F's attacked the aerodrome night 30-31/12. Results not observed.

Coconut - 1 B.24 attacked twice morning 31/12. One aircraft set on fire.

Island - 6 B.25's attacked aerodrome 1815/31. Bombs fell in area of A.A. positions. 6 fighters intercepted; four hit, one destroyed. 6 A.20's strafed aircraft on the ground 1815/31. 6 B.25's unsuccessfully attacked a supply dump 1827/31. 12 P.38's escorting allied bombers were intercepted by 10-12 fighters 1810-1835/31. 6 fighters destroyed, one probable and 2 damaged.

Santranda Point - 3 A.20's strafed the area noon 31/12.

ENEMY

Morobe - 16 aircraft attacked 1105/31. U.S.I. Barracks and Hospital badly damaged. Large fires started in township. Dock area not hit.

IV. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of new rear bases and of existing advanced bases particularly Fisor, N.coast New Guinea and Solomons preparatory to a further offensive in S.E.P.A.
- (2) Infiltration - Guadalcanal.
- (3) Infiltration - Buna area.

FOR A/COMMO. C.O.I.C.

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APPENDIX

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. ALLIED FORCES

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Facilities of Interest</u>	
<u>U.S. Cruisers</u>	AUSTRALIA	PORTLAND NEW ORLEANS	
<u>U.S. Cruisers</u>	DEWANT REVENUE ARUNTA TROMP LE TRICHPHANT SHELFBIDGE	STUART	
<u>Flotilla Leaders</u>	HEWLEY HELM MAGNET HUFFORD THEBETTA ALBACORE	ROKINS SOUTHARD PATTERSON	
<u>Destroyers</u>	FLYING FISH GATO GROOPER GROGGER SHAPPEE SCORPION TUNA Wahoo	} At Brisbane	
<u>Submarines</u>	ANDER JACK ARCONAUT CARPUS CORNELIUS CUNNINGHAM HASTINGS PLUNDER SAILFISH SARGO SEADRAGON SPEARFISH TRITON		
<u>Submarine Tenders</u>	K.O PULVER SPURRY DUBOIS		} At Sydney HOLLAND
<u>Destroyer Tender</u>	TULSA		
<u>Cargo</u>	HILO KUMUKA AASH KANUK VICTORIA		BISHOPDALE
<u>Heavy Forces</u>			
<u>Task-Force-See Britain-Solomons</u>			
<u>CINC Combined Fleet</u>			
<u>CINC 2nd Fleet</u>			
<u>CINC 4th Fleet</u>			
<u>CINC 6th Fleet (Submarines)</u>			
<u>3 Battleships (BB)</u>	YAMATO MUTSU IBO		
<u>3 Battlecruisers (BC)</u>		KUREO } BARBARA } 1 damaged 20/10	
<u>1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)</u>	HYSHO		
<u>5 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)</u>	HAYATAKA HIVANA OTAKA CHUTO UNTO SOMA		
<u>Heavy Cruisers</u> (prob. 5 effective)	CHUKAI HAGURO KUMANO SUNUYA TANAO	HYOGO (prob. dam. 23/10) MOGAMI (believed sunk 14/11)	

Light Cruisers (CL)
(some damaged
prob. 3-5 effective)

HATORI
YASUNA
KATON
HAGARA
TAKIYU
SHIRAI
YUBARI

TATSUTA } believed sunk
KINU } 14/11

1 or 2 converted light cruisers (CL)
Approx 20 submarines (SS)
Approx 40 destroyers (DD)
3 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHIYOMA
CHITOSE
ASITSUMI
SHIRAI
KASAI
NICHU MARU
KATSURAGI MARU
KAGU MARU
SANTO MARU
KINJO MARU
SOUFU MARU
KAMIKAWA MARU
GONBU MARU

} 1 damaged 2/11

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

Several submarine tenders

Approx 40 Merchant Ships (over 2,000 tons)

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

Approx 200 shore-based aircraft incl. 50 fighters, 50 B, 20 F/O,

37 V/O, 3 Obs. or transport aircraft.

2. PACIFIC OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

6° Cruiser
A.S. Ship
Armed Merchant Cruiser
Destroyers

ARLBERG
VAN HESSINGHE
KATINA
TAKIYU
VAN CALEN
KINJO

S/P Tenders

CHITOSE
O.M. FREYER

Submarine Tender
Submarines

PELTAO
GAN
SANTO MARU
TAKIYU
TAKIYU
TAKIYU
CHITOSE
CHITOSE
K.S.
K.L.

On patrol

At Fremantle

3. PACIFIC OCEAN - PHILIPPINES

ALLIED FORCES

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

ROYAL NAVY

1st and 2nd South West Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)

2 light cruisers (CL)

A. SHIRAI
KASAI
KASAI

1 converted light cruiser (CL)

Approx 10 destroyers (DD)

Approx 3 submarines (SS)

Seaplane Carrier (AV)

Converted S/P Tender (XAV)

YUBARI
CHITOSE MARU

4) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ALLIED FORCES

Battleships

IRADO
YUBARI MARU
KASAI
KASAI
KASAI
KASAI

WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carriers

3rd Cruisers

CHICAGO

SALT LAKE CITY
SAN FRANCISCO
INDIANA POLIS

14 Destroyers
Submarines

15 approx
25 approx

Enemy Forces

East-Asian-United-States-Japan

Cinc 1st Fleet

Cinc 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)

3 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
HAGITO
FUJIO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

SHOKAKU

KURE (damaged 22/10)

1 Converted A/C Carrier (ACV)

SHUNO

3 - 3rd Cruisers (CA)

ARAGO

YUKAWA } Damaged 22/10
TOME }

4 light cruisers (CL)

ANIKUMA

HIKOGAMI

OT

ISHIBI

Converted 2/3 Tenders (LST)

FUJIKAWA MARU
HARUTO MARU
HIYONUNI MARU
HOKAIDAWA MARU
HIROKAWA MARU
SARUKI MARU

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

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 30 Destroyers

Approx 27 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
COLORADO
MARYLAND
MISSISSIPPI

Aircraft Carriers

NEW MEXICO
ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA

Converted A/C Carriers

HARAU

3rd Cruisers

ALABAMA
MINNEAPOLIS
NORFOLK
PENNSYLVANIA
LOUISVILLE

6th Cruisers

INDIANA
HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE
COLUMBIA

LEAHUE

3rd Cruisers

ACHILLES
SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN

Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

MINNEAPOLIS 35 approx

BYRONAY

ASCANIA

D) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

3rd Cruisers

DETROIT

SALEM

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern-United-States-Alentia

Cinc 5th Fleet

3rd Cruiser

WACHI

2 Light Cruisers (CL)

TAMA

YISO

Approx 4 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

B) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA
Allied Forces
6th Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA
Allied Forces
Battleships

Aircraft Carrier
Seaplane Carrier
8th Cruiser
7.5th Cruisers

6th Cruisers

WABE ITU
RECONSTRUCTION
HAWAIIANS
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN
ILLINOIS
ALBATROSS
GEMCOTAS AVROFF (Greek)

REVENGE

HAWTHORNE
FOURTH
HAUTEVILLE
GANDIA
HENTON
BIRMINGHAM
DARTMOUTH
DORSET
DUNDEE
CANTON
CHEROKEE
CALHOUN
CANADOC
SUMMITA (Dutch)
WYOMING
RANCHI
COMPTON
KARINEA
CENTRAL
DANFORTH
CANTON
CARLISLE

NEWCASTLE
GLASGOW
HERALD
DANAE

Armed Merchant Cruisers

A.A. Vessel
Approx 37 Destroyers
Approx 3 Submarines

Enemy Forces
Approx 7 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITIES

2nd January, 1943.

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

(1) NORTH EASTERN SECTOR

1. ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/2:

- (1) "ROBERT" "SELFRIDGE" "BAGLEY" on patrol Coral Sea area.
- (2) "COLAC" operating vicinity Cro By.
- (3) "POLARIS" operating vicinity Cape Nelson.
- (4) "SWAN" escorting "DORRIS" departed Port Moresby 1000/1. Due Milne Bay 0800/2.
- (5) "HUNFORD" departed Brisbane 1404/1 for exercises. Due Brisbane 0800/3.
- (6) "PLATYPUS" "HALDOCK" escorting "PERIC" "ALASKA" departed Darwin 0807/1. Due Thursday Island 0830/3. "PLATYPUS" to proceed to Townsville.
- (7) "HARUNA" was due Brisbane 0700/2.
- (8) "BROOME" escorting "CHERRY" "TASMAN" departed Port Moresby 1000/31 for Cairns. ETA 0800/2. "BROOME" to proceed Townsville due 1000/2.
- (9) "KATONGA" departed Townsville 0631/1. Due Port Moresby 0830/3.
- (10) "HARRIS" "ARISTA" were to RV with Convoy B220 (B.T. "KATONGA" "SMARTMONKEY" "CLEVELAND ABLE" "TIGER") at 0830/2 and escort to Port Moresby ETA 1100/4.
- (11) "FINN" escorting "EMPIRE HARRIER" was due Townsville 1030/1.
- (12) "INVERELL" escorting "J.A. LORRAINE" departed Sydney 1200/31 for Darwin ETA Townsville 2350/4.
- (13) "LATHROP" was to RV with "WANDANA" off Caloundra 2300/1 and escort to Townsville.
- (14) "BONUCA" escorting Convoy B230 ("BARSIN" "ULOOLOO" "CHARON" "POYANG") dep. Brisbane 1211/20 for Townsville.
- (15) "HUNFORD" departed Brisbane 1404/1 for exercises. Due Brisbane 0800/3.
- (16) "RALPH TALBOT" dep. Noumea 0800/31. Due Brisbane 1200/2.
- (17) 13 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Milne Bay - "SHYALL" "BILO" "STELLA" "LADY ISABEL"
 Port Moresby - "CASTLEBRIEN" "MONTRO" "VAN HEUTE" "ISAAC COLBY"
 "AZMATA SONIKOS" "D. BUSHNELL" "TANNEWENBERG"
 Thursday Is. - "WILCANNIA"
 Palm Island - "AUSTRALIA" "HEIKY" "HELM" "AASH HARRIS"
 Townsville - "MERRIS" Repairing - "STUART" "BALLARAT"
 Brisbane - "PROSSIN" "HARLANUNGA" "VERONICA" "SPENNY" "PULTON"
 "VICTORIA" "HUNDRA" "BIRAN" SC. 477
 Repairing: "ONLON" "LIVDON" "TULSA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) Task Group 44.3 ("AUSTRALIA" "HEIKY" "MERRIS") to depart Palm Is. a.m. 3/1, and RV in position 15°S 150°E with Task Group 44.5 ("ROBERT" "SELFRIDGE" "BAGLEY" at 0800/4. "BAGLEY" to proceed to Sydney. Task Group 44.7 ("PROSSIN" "HUNFORD" "RALPH TALBOT") to depart Horeton Bay p.m. 3/1. "AASH HARRIS" to depart Townsville. "ROBERT" "SELFRIDGE" "AASH HARRIS" to arrive Old Harbour a.m. 6/1. Task Group 44.7 to arrive Old Harbour a.m. 7/1, and "ROBERT" "SELFRIDGE" "AASH HARRIS" to depart Old Harbour "AASH HARRIS" to arrive Townsville a.m. 8/1. Task Group 44.7 to depart Old Harbour p.m. 8/1. "ROBERT" "SELFRIDGE" to arrive Brisbane a.m. 2/1. Task Group 44.7 to RV with Task Group 44.3 in position 14°S 140°E 1000/10. Task Group 44.3 to arrive Palm Is. p.m. 11/1.
- (2) "FINN" to escort "CHARON" "BEST CACTUS" from Townsville to Milne Bay 3/1.

2. ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Ruin-Tsisi - A B.17 on reconnaissance reported four heavy cruisers or battleships and six destroyers three miles south of Waik Point on course 70°, and two destroyers, two cargo vessels and one transport stationary in the area at 0910/1. Disregarding the description of the vessels which is certainly incorrect, this report accounts for fifteen vessels at this time. At 1025/1 a B.17 reported no ships in the area. Visibility was excellent and coverage complete. At 1045 another B.17 sighted a light cruiser or destroyer anchored in Shortland Harbour, but did not cover the rest of the area.
- (2) New Georgia - A party of five Japanese equipped with shorts have been exploring Noviana Lagoon since 30/12. They were observed a.m. 1/1 15 miles east of Banda heading East.
- (3) Chalchal Island - Indications of enemy submarine 30-31/12 in position S° E. 155° E.

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(ii) NORTH WESTERN AREA

1. ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1800/1:

- (1) 6 submarines on patrol.

(iii) SOUTH WESTERN AREA

1. ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/1:

- (1) "VAN GAIN" with "GOLD STAR" and "SHIPPONWILL" in company dep. Fremantle 0801/30. Dep Hmouth Gulf a.m. 2/1.
- (2) "CHILD" departed Fremantle 0840/1 for Hmouth Gulf ETA 1100/3.
- (3) "JUNK BIDES" departed Fremantle 0901/1 on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

- Fremantle - "ADELAIDE" "JACOB VAN HEEMSTRAEK" "TROMP" "KAMINDLA" "TURBO" "TANWORTH" "ROSEMAN" "ISABEL" "WILLAS"
- Geraldton - "HERON"
- Hmouth Gulf - "LARK" "S.S. PRUSTON"

2. ENEMY FORCES

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(iv) EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

1. ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/1:

- (1) "COULBERT" dep. Brisbane 1000/31 to RV with "YUNAK" at Dent Island at 0600/2 and escort to Sydney ETA Sydney 0800/2.
- (2) "YANBA" in company with "NIAXIA" was to depart Brisbane a.m. 2/1 for Sydney.
- (3) "TREVIN" "KASE" departed Caloundra 0817/1 for Sydney.
- (4) "WILDURA" escorting Convoy 0059 departed Newcastle 0830/1. "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOMSVILLE" to take over convoy at RV off Sydney p.m. 2/1.
- (5) "DOONDA" escorting Convoy 0058 departed Port Phillip 2300/1 to RV in Westernport area with "DELORAINE" "OLSHING" escorting Convoy 0059.

(b) In Harbour:

Underway - "SEAS" "DOROTHY" "ENCANTER" "MUNDAERO" "CYPRIS"
 "BOON" "KAPUNA" "ABRAHAM CHILDSON"
Repairing: "PORTLAND" "NEW ORLEANS" "ROKINS" "SOUTHERN"
 "FATHERSON" "BISHOPDALE" "ALEXIA"
In reserve: "HARUNA" "AUSTRALIA"
Halbouro - "SPRINGDALE" "LE THYONHART"

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B) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

1. ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AV)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - PENSACOLA WINDYBLOIS LOUISVILLE (CA)
 TROBRIAN BRISBANE ST. LOUIS COLUMBIA ACHILLES SAN DIEGO
 (CL) ALPHANA BASSAU (ACV) HERRIS THORNTON UCCALLA
 SIMONAS CASE CUNNINGHAM BUSTIE BEARS O'BANION
 DUCHANAN WOODWORTH SPACE ANDERSON GANSE FLETCHER
 BRAYTON LANSOE HILLET (ED) CORTESS BALLARD TANCIE (AV)
 NICKEL (AD) VERTAL (AS) VERDO (AN) STRATFORD (AP)
 ANCTIC (AP) BASIER (AO) STUBBS (AO) TP.289 TP.890
 TP.247 PC.677
- (3) At Bougain - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA (DB) SAN JUAN
 (CL) PERKINS LASSPOWNE BALCH GRIBBLE LARDNER PANNING
 HENRY DUNLAP AARON SARD (ED) GAMBLE (DB) PROCTERUS (AR)
 ARDRENE (AS) LASSER (AR) MCKEAN HANLEY (AP) SOMERS (AT)
 DELPHINUS (YP) WERTHEY (AD) KISOPINER (AR) BUTTERWY
 (YH) SERNICO (AO) SEVILLE U.S. BURGESS WEST POINT
 HENICUSY BELLAIRIE ANTARES (AR) ARD.2.
- (4) At Suva - MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO MARYLAND COLORADO (DB)
 HULL PARADISE PERRE (ED) CATALPA LOCUST ROSEWOOD (YH)
 TALARANCA (AK) WAREHAM (AO) BRIGHT (AV) SAUNDERSPORT
 (AP)
- (5) Guadalcanal Area - JAMSTOWN (PO) BOEHLER (AR) PC.476
 PC.499 (YP) SANDANK (YF) BATAI HOA KINI TOI (A/S
 Vessels) OSTOLAN (ASR)
- (6) At Vanikoro - THORNTON (AVD)
- (7) At Buna Buna - TENE (AM)
- (8) At Auckland - HONGKAI (A.S.C.) HONEY (YH) BOAKER (AP) TRYON (APH)
 Refitting - LEANER (CL)
- (9) At Wellington - MOCANLEY (AP)

2. ARMY FORCES

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II. NAVAL OPERATIONS.

Babaul - Two B.17's and four B.24's attacked shipping 0617-0705/1.
 One large transport and one medium vessel hit, and although
 no other hits observed, a third vessel was observed burning.

III. AIR OPERATIONS

ALLIED

Bunda - Three PBY's attacked singly between 0130/31 and 0345/1.
 Nine B.26's escorted by three P.38's, four P.39's, four P.40's
 attacked 0700/1. At 1215/1 a fire was still burning.

Bellele - Reconnaissance 1/1 reported several aircraft on the strip.
 A previous report stated that the ship was three weeks from
 completion.

Bakata Bay - B26's and P47's attacked afternoon 31/12. Direct hits
 on buildings.

Babaul - Three B.24's attacked Vunakenua aerodrome 0402-0510/1.
 Results not observed. Three B.17's attacked Lakunai aerodrome
 0425/1. One direct hit on a searchlight, other results not
 observed.

Caenata - One B.24 attacked aerodrome a.m. 1/1. Bombs fell on runway, and ten fighters probably destroyed. One B.17 attack morning 1/1. Results not observed.

Isa - One B.24 attacked the aerodrome a.m. 1/1. Results not observed.

IV. HENRY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of new rear bases and of existing advanced bases particularly Timor, E. coast New Guinea and Solomons preparatory to a further offensive in S.S.P.A.
- (2) Infiltration - Guadalcanal.
- (3) Infiltration - Buna area.

V. APPENDIX

A list of losses inflicted on Japanese shipping in the South Pacific and South West Pacific Area during December 1942 is attached.

FOR A/DIRECTOR, C.S.I.C.

2/1/43.

APPENDIX

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA		
1. EASTERN OCEAN	Effective	Refitting or damaged
8th Cruisers	AUSUALIA	PORTLAND NEW ORLEANS
6th Cruisers	ROBANT PHOENIX	
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNDA THOMP LE TO COMBAT	STUART
Destroyers	SIMPSON HERBY WELB BARBY HOFFORD	HOPKINS SOUTHARD PATTERSON
Submarines	VENDETTA ALBAKOR FLYING FISH CATO CROWDER SEAFUR SWORDFISH TUNA TARCO SHOWER AMBERJACK ANCHAUT GRANTUS GRUBBLING GUDGON HAUTLES PLUMER CALFISH CARCO SEADRAGON SPEARFISH TRITON K.O	At Brisbane Exercising with HOFFORD On patrol At Sydney HOLLAND
Submarine Tenders	FULTON SPERRY	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboats	TULSA WILC	
Oilers	KUMEDA AASH WASSER VICTORIA	BISHOPDALE
Enemy Forces		
Yokohama-New Britain-Solomons		
CinC Combined Fleet		
CinC 2nd Fleet		
CinC 4th Fleet		
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)		
3 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO MUSU ISE	
2 Battlecruisers (BB)		KODOKO } 1 damaged 26/10 BARUNA }
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	HOSHO	
5 Converted A/C Carriers (ACV)	TAIYATA BITAMA OTAMA CHUYO UNYO AGATA CHOKAI MAKURO KUNAKO SUMITA TAKEAO	BYOKO (Prob. sunk 26/10) MOGAMI (believed sunk 14/11)
Heavy Cruisers (prob. 5 effective)		

Light Cruisers (CL)
(some damaged
prob. 3-5 effective)

BATORI
KASHIMA
KATORI
KASARA
TENRYU
SENDAI
YUDARI

TATSUTA) believed sunk
KINU) 14/11

1 or 2 converted light cruisers (XCL)

Approx. 20 submarines (SS)

Approx. 40 destroyers (DD)

3 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHITODA
CHITOSE
AMITSUSHIMA } 1 damaged 8/11
HISAKI }

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

KASOI
KITCHO MARU
KATSURAGI MARU
KAGU MARU
KAIYO MARU
KIKYO MARU
KIKYOU MARU
KANIKASA MARU
KOSU MARU

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx. 40 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)

Minesweepers, Minesweepers, Sub. Chasers, MTD's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft

Approx. 240 shore-based aircraft incl. 91 fighters, 92 B, 20 P/S,

37 P/S, 9 Obs. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN SECTOR

Allied Forces

C¹ Cruiser

A.A. Ship

Armed Merchant Cruiser

Destroyers

S/P Tenders

Submarine Tender

Submarines

ARLBERG
VAN HEUSEN
KATINKA
TJERE HIDEES
VAN CALEN
HERON
CHILD
H. S. HESTON
FELIAS
GAR
SEARAVEN
THRESDER
TARDON
TAUTOC
KAKARA
TROUT
OSKADIER
CHAYLIS
K. 9
K. 12

On Patrol

At Fremantle

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

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

Heavy Forces

One East Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)

2 light cruisers (CL)

ASHICARA
KASHI
KUMA

1 converted light cruiser (XCL)

Approx. 10 destroyers (DD)

Approx. 3 submarines (SS)

Seaplane Carrier (AV)

Converted S/P Tender (XAV)

NOTORO
OKITSU MARU

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

IDaho
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA
COPAHNE
LOSS ISLAND

WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carriers

3rd Cruisers

CHICAGO

SALT LAKE CITY
SAN FRANCISCO
INDIANAPOLIS

Destroyers
Submarines

15 approx
23 approx

Enemy Forces

Palau-Marianas-Bonins-Formosa-Japan

Cinc 1st Fleet

Cinc 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)

3 Battleships (BB)

YAMATO
MUSASHI
FUJITA
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

SUIBAN

SHOKAKU (damaged 20/10)

1 Converted A/C Carrier (ACV)

SHIRO

3 - 3rd Cruisers (CA)

ATAGO

YISHIMA } damaged 20/10
TONE }

4 light cruisers (CL)

AGOKUSA

YITAGAMI

OI

IKOBU

SHIKAMA HANU (21/10)
(poss. sunk)

Converted T/P Tenders (TAV)

FUJINAGA HANU

HARUTO HANU

SHOJUN HANU

SOJANIDANA HANU

SHINOGA HANU

SAKUNI HANU

6 Old Armored Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 30 Destroyers

Approx 27 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
MARYLAND
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
NEW HAMPSHIRE
SARATOGA
HARLAN
ALABAMA
MINNEAPOLIS
NORTHAMPTON
NEW HAMPSHIRE
LOUISVILLE

Aircraft Carriers

Converted A/C carriers

3rd Cruisers

3rd Cruisers

LEAHMAN

5th Cruisers

Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

INDIANA
ST. LOUIS
KANSAS
COLUMBIA
MONTANA
SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN
33 (approx)
HAWAII
ANAKIA

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

3rd Cruisers

DETROIT
RALEIGH

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northwest Alaska-Kuriles-Aleutians

Cinc 5th Fleet

3rd Cruiser

HACHI

2 light cruisers (CL)

YAMA

KISO

Approx 4 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

6th Cruisers

CONCORD
DENTON
RICHMOND

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Allied Forces

Dutch ships

NAME-TYPE SERVICE

Aircraft Carrier
Seaplane Carrier
8th Cruisers

RESOLUTION
DANIELLE
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
ILLUSTRIOS
ALBATROSS
DEVONSHIRE

7.5th Cruisers

GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)

6th Cruisers

HAKINGO
FROBISHER
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
DEVONSHIRE
LIVERPOOL
DARTMOUTH
DRAGON
DURBAN
CAPE TOWN
CERES
CALDON
CARADOC

Armed Merchant Cruisers

SUNATRA (Dutch)
ALANIA
CANTHAGE
COMPTON
CHITRAL
KASHMIRA
RABONI
RAIFORA
WONCHESTERSHIRE
CARLEILE

A.A. Ship
Approx 27 Destroyers
Approx 9 Submarines

Enemy Forces
Approx 7 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

3rd January, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

(1) NORTH EASTERN SECTOR

1. ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1800/3:

- (1) "ROBERT" "SELFRIDGE" "BAGLEY" on patrol Coral Sea area.
- (2) Task Group 44.3 were to depart Palm Island a.m. 3/13.
- (3) "POLARIS" operating vicinity Cape Nelson.
- (4) "BERNICO" escorting "BALIKPAPAN" from Port Moresby to Oro Bay ETA 1430/3.
- (5) "ANTILLA" proceeding Milne Bay from Melaven Harbour.
- (6) "PLATYPUS" "ZALDOORLIN" escorting "MERID" "ALASKA" departed Darwin 0607/1. Due Thursday Island 0630/6. "PLATYPUS" to proceed to Townsville.
- (7) "CASTLEMAINE" dep. Port Moresby 1340/3. Due Thursday Island 2000/3.
- (8) "MATOONDA" was due Port Moresby 0630/3 from Townsville.
- (9) "FIRE" escorting Convoy 2821 ("CHARON" "WEST CACTUS" "VAN SPILLENBORN") to depart Townsville 3/1 for Milne Bay ETA 1730/6.
- (10) "SANTO" "ARUNTA" were to RV with Convoy 2822 (H.T. "MATOONDA" "JEANTHROCHET" "CLEVELAND ARMS" "ROCK") at 0630/3 and escort to Port Moresby ETA 1100/4.
- (11) "INVERMILL" escorting "J.R. LOWELL" departed Sydney 1256/31 for Darwin ETA Townsville 2359/4.
- (12) "LATROBE" escorting "SARDANA" from Brisbane to Townsville ETA 1800/6.
- (13) "MOOPORD" was due Brisbane 0800/3.
- (14) 13 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

<u>Milne Bay</u>	- "SWAN" "COLAC" "NELO" "STELLA" "LARK ISBERG" "BOHE"
	"DUNTHROON" "MONTORO"
<u>Port Moresby</u>	- "VAN N BUTES" "ISAAC COLES" "ABRASIA BOVINGS"
	"D. BUCHNELL" "VAN NEUMANN"
<u>Thursday Is.</u>	- "GILCANNIA"
<u>Townsville</u>	- "HENLEY" "BOHUA" "BROOK" "PIRE" "BENSON"
<u>Repairing:</u>	"STUART" "BALLARAT"
<u>Brisbane</u>	- "PHOENIX" "SARRAMUNCA" "VENETTA" "MOOPORD"
	"SPERRY" "FULTON" "VICTORIA" "KUMUKA" "WIZAR"
	"CC. 477" "MANUNDA"
<u>Repairing:</u>	"GHELOS" "LITTON" "TALSA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) Task Group 44.3 to RV in position 15°S 150°E with Task Group 44.3 ("ROBERT" "SELFRIDGE" "BAGLEY") at 0600/4. "BAGLEY" to proceed to Sydney. Task Group 44.7 ("PHOENIX" "MOOPORD") to depart Moreton Bay p.m. 6/1. "AASH HARRSH" to depart Townsville. "ROBERT" "SELFRIDGE" "AASH HARRSH" to arrive Old Harbour a.m. 6/1. Task Group 44.7 to arrive Old Harbour a.m. 7/1, and "ROBERT" "SELFRIDGE" "AASH HARRSH" to depart Old Harbour; "AASH HARRSH" to arrive Townsville a.m. 8/1. Task Group 44.7 to depart Old Harbour p.m. 8/1. "ROBERT" "SELFRIDGE" to arrive Brisbane a.m. 9/1. Task Group 44.7 to RV with Task Group 44.3 in position 16°S 149°E 1000/10. Task Group 44.3 to arrive Palm Is. p.m. 11/1.
- (2) "GHELOS" escorting Convoy 2821 ("VICTORIA" "JASON LES") to depart Brisbane 1600/4 for Townsville.

2. HENRY FORCES

- (1) Fain-Fai - A B.17 sighted 6 vessels including 2 light cruisers or destroyers, 3 destroyers and 3 cargo vessels at 0900/Z. 3 ships were sighted by another B.17 afternoon 2/1. One vessel described as a large cruiser was reported to be leaving Fain on course 130°.
- (2) Munda - 10 destroyers were sighted 30 miles W. by S. of Mundi Mundi at 1442/Z and at 1705, 30 miles N.W. of Rendova Island, course 130 in both cases. These positions indicate that the destroyers are being employed to ferry supplies and reinforcements to Munda. The size of this convoy indicates the importance which the enemy attaches to this base. It would appear likely that no major attempt on Guadalcanal will be made until such time as the Munda aerodrome is able to be employed effectively.
- (3) Natal - Recce noon 2/1 revealed the following shipping in the Harbour -
 - 17 warships
 - 50 merchant vessels (tonnage approx as before)
 - 20 smaller vessels (500-3000 tons)
- (4) St. George's Channel - An u/l vessel of 4000 tons was sighted 10 miles south of Cape Casselle, course south at 1150/Z.
- (5) Cape Ward Hunt - 20 barges were massed early a.m. 1/1 east of Nitro Rocks. These are apparently connected with activities in the Sennadea area.
- (6) Submarine Activity - Submarines were indicated as follows 31/12 -

New Ireland	098, 150°E
New Ireland	5°30'S, 155°30'W
Rossell Is.	12°E, 150°30'E

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(11) NORTH WESTERN AREA

1. ALLIED FORCES:

(a) At Sea to 1200/Z:

6 submarines on patrol.

2. HENRY FORCES:

Keopang - An allied aircraft sighted 1 merchant vessel (4000 tons) at anchor off Keopang and 2 merchant vessels (2000 tons) anchored 4 miles S.W. of Cape Wall (14 miles south of Keopang) at 1100/Z.

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(111) SOUTH WESTERN AREA

1. ALLIED FORCES:

(a) At Sea to 1200/Z:

- (1) "CHINA" departed Fremantle 0840/1 for Smooth Gulf ETA 1100/Z.
- (2) "JUNE HEDDER" departed Fremantle 0901/1 on patrol.
- (3) "TRUMP" escorting "BOSTON" departed Fremantle 0803/Z. To return Fremantle a.m. 3/12.

(b) In Harbour:

<u>Fremantle</u>	- "ADELAIDE" "JACOB VAN HENEGHE" "HARIBLA" "DUBBO"
	"TAMOUTH" "HORSHAM" "ISABEL" "PHILAS"
<u>Coralton</u>	- "IMRON"
<u>Smooth Gulf</u>	- "VAN OLEN" "LARK" "S.B. PRESTON" "COLD STAR"
	"SHYPOORHILL"

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(11v) EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREAS

1. ALLIED FORCES

(a) At sea to 1200/Z:

- (1) "CANTON" escorting "WYMAN" from Hart Is. to Swines Bay

0600/8

- (2) "RALPH TALBOT" escorting "AMERICAN LEVITE" was to depart Brisbane 0800/3 for Melbourne.
- (3) "YANTRA" in company with "KIANKA" departed Brisbane 2/1 for Sydney.
- (4) "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNVILLE" escorting Convoy 0099 to RV in Westport area.
- (5) "DELOVAINE" "OLIVERO" escorting Convoy 0099 STA Sydney 2300/4; Newcastle 0800/5.

(b) In Harbour:

Spines - "TRUVER" "SANE" "DOBBIE" "SUCADINE" "SUCADABING"
 "STEFER" "MILDURA" "DORSE" "KAPUNTA" "ABRIANAH"
 "CRIJESSEN"
Repairing: "PORTLAND" "NEW ORLEANS" "KOFFINS" "SOUTHEARD"
 "PATTERSON" "BISHOPDALE" "ALHENA"
In Reserve: "SAPONA" "AUSTRALIA"
Melbourne - "SPRINGDALE" "LE TRIONPHANT" "DOONDA"

B) PACIFIC AREA

1. ALLIED FORCES:

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACHINAC (AV)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - PENSACOLA MINNEAPOLIS LOUISVILLE (CA)
 HONOLULU PEKING ST. LOUIS COLUMBIA NASHVILLE ACHILLES
 SAN DIEGO (CL) ALTAMIRA KASSAN (ACV) MORRIS THORNTON
 McCALLA BRID DEWANE NICHOLAS CASE GUMMINGO MUSTIE
 O'BANNON BUCHANAN WOODWORTH STACE ANDERSON GASS
 FLETCHER PRATTON LANGOR ELLET (DD) JUSTISS BALLARD
 PAROISE (AV) RYCEL (AD) VERTAL (AD) VIRGO (AN) STRATFORD
 SHYLLIC (AP) ARCTIC (AV) BABINE NEGONO (AO) SUMERS (AO)
 YP.300 YP.347 PC.477
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA (BB) SAN JUAN (CL)
 PERKINS LAMPADONE DAICH CHIPLEY LAMMER FRESINO
 McCALL GRAVE HAUBY DORLAP AARON SAND (DD) GARBLE (DD)
 PROMETHIUS (AD) DELVIVINUS (YP) ARCONNE (AS) LASSEN (AN)
 SOKMAN (APD) SONORA (AT) WHITNEY (AD) KINGPINNER (AN)
 SUPPLEMENT (YN) SHANICO (AO) HAVILLE R.W. BURTONS WEST POINT
 HERBERT BELLATRIX ARTANES (AK) ASD.2
- (4) At Suva - MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO HARTLAND COLORADO (BB)
 HONOCHAH HULL PARRAGUT PUEBLE (DD) CATALPA LOCUST
 ROSEWOOD (YN) TALAMANCA (AK) KAWAHEE (AO) BRIGIT (AV)
 HANCOCKSPORT (AP)
- (5) Guadalcanal Area - JAMSTON (DD) BOSOLINE (AN) PC.476 PC.499 (YP)
 WANDAK (YP) HATAI SEA KING TUI (A/S Vessels) ORTOLAN (AK)
- (6) At Vanikoro - THORNTON (AVD)
- (7) At Nova Nova - YERN (AN)
- (8) At Auckland - HONOLAI (A.S.C) EBONY (YN) ROANER (AP) TRUCE (AVD)
 Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
- (9) At Wellington - McAGLUK (AP)

2. ENEMY FORCES:

- (1) Malaita - A native report states that a submarine was sighted off the coast, 8 miles north of Auki Harbour at 0800/3.
- (2) Guadalcanal - Submarines were indicated 51/12 in positions 10°S, 101°E and 10°S 100°E.

II. NAVAL OPERATIONS

"SHUALLA" was attacked by 15 aircraft at Melaren Harbour. A signal timed 1435/2 stated that "SHUALLA" was proceeding to Mine Bay to land two badly wounded personnel.

III. AIR OPERATIONS

Allied

Munda - 6 B.25's, 3 SB's escorted by 8 P47's, 4 P.39's and 2 P.40's attacked morning 2/1. Six A.A. emplacements hit. Direct hit on building.

Lae - 6 B.25's attacked the strip noon 2/1. 6 A.20's attacked approx same time. Fires started. 7 Beaufighters and 13 P.51's were also over Lae. One Beaufighter missing. 6 B.25's attacked supply dumps early afternoon 2/1. 2 hits on a dump started a fire; and one enemy aircraft was damaged on the ground.

Salween - 3 A.20's attacked morning 1/1. Direct hits on buildings.

Saurau area - 3 A.20's attacked morning 1/1 and morning 2/1. Results not observed. 2 Wirraways strafed Japanese personnel morning 2/1.

Guadalcanal - B25's attacked enemy positions morning 1/1.

Brow

Tufi - 12 aircraft attacked early afternoon 2/1. Preliminary report states no damage.

IV. HERBY'S MESSAGE UNIT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of new rear bases and of existing advanced bases particularly Timor, N. coast New Guinea and Solomons preparatory to a further offensive in S.W.P.A.
- (2) Infiltration - Guadalcanal.
- (3) Infiltration - Saurau area.

FOR A/STENOGRAPH, C.C.I.C.

3/1/45

Light Cruisers (CL)
(some damaged
prob. 3-5 effective)

SATOH
KASHIMA
KATOH
KAGARA
TAKIHO
SUNAMI
YUDARI

TATSUTA } believed sunk
KIBU } 14/11

1 or 2 converted light cruisers (COL)
Approx 20 submarines (SS)
Approx 40 destroyers (DD)
3 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHITOSE
CHITOSE }
AKITSUSHIMA } 1 damaged 8/11
NISHIN }
KANOI }

Converted S/P Tenders (TAV)

HITOMO MARU
KATSURAGI MARU
KAOU MARU
SANTO MARU
KUNJO MARU
SOUTOU MARU
KAMIKAWA MARU
GOSU MARU

Several submarine tenders

Approx 60 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub. Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft
Approx 240 shore-based aircraft incl. 91 fighters, 92 B, 20 P/B,
37 P/P, 2 Com. or transport aircraft.

2. INDIAN OCEAN

Allied Forces

6th Cruiser
A.A. Ship
Armed Merchant Cruiser
Destroyers

S/P Tenders

Submarine Tender
Submarines

ADLAIDE
VAN HORNEMAN
HAWKINS
TJERE HIDDEN
VAN CALEN
HERON
CHILDS
U.S. FREESTON
PELLAS
GAB
SEARAYNE
TERRONNE
TAMBOE
TAUTOO
TROUT
GRENADIER
GRAYLING
K.S
K.M

On Patrol

At Fremantle

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

6 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or HKI area (see above)

Enemy Forces

Cinc Pac Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA) AMICARA
2 light cruisers (CL) KASHII
IRMA

1 converted light cruiser (COL)

Approx 10 destroyers (DD)

Approx 3 submarines (SS)

Seaplane Carrier (AV)

Converted S/P Tender (TAV)

NOTONO
OITSOU MARU

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

Converted A/C Carriers

IDaho
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA
COAHUILA
LONG ISLAND

WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE

B) PACIFIC AREA

ALLIED FORCES
6th Cruisers

CONCORD
TAMATE
RICHMOND

C) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

ALLIED FORCES
Battleships

WASPITE
DECELYTON
SANTILITO
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
ILLUSTRIOUS

SEVINGE

Aircraft Carrier
Scapline Carrier
8th Cruisers
7.5th Cruisers

ALBATROSS
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)

6th Cruisers

HARKINS
PROGRESSOR
NAU ETUS
GANDIA
HYPERION
BIRMINGHAM
DAUNTLESS
DRAGON
DUBIAN
CAPTIVE
CUBES
CALICO
CANADIC
SUNATA (Dutch)

BRIGASTLE
GLASCOE
HERALD
DARRE

Armed Merchant Cruisers

FORCULPHORINE
BARCHI
CORFU
KANTALA
CENTRAL
BARONA
CANTAGE
CARLILE

A.S. Vessel
Approx 27 Destroyers
Approx 9 Submarines

Enemy Forces
Approx 7 Submarines

DAILY APPROPRIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

4th January, 1942

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & NEUTRAL NAVAL FORCES

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH HAZARD AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/4:

- (1) Task Group 44.5 ("AUSTRALIA" "HELEN" "HENLEY") were to SV in position 15°S, 150°E with Task Group 44.6 ("HEBERT" "SELFRIDGE" "DAGLEY") at 0800/4. "DAGLEY" to proceed to Sydney.
- (2) "DENDRICO" operating vicinity Croc Bay.
- (3) "COLAC" departed Milne Bay 1236/3 for Port Moresby.
- (4) "WHYALLA" dep. Milne Bay 1246/3 for Port Moresby ETA 1330/4.
- (5) "POLARIS" operating vicinity Cape Nelson.
- (6) "PLATTING" "KALOOKOON" escorting "PERICO" "ALAZONA" departed Darwin 0807/1. Due Thursday Is. 0930/6. "PLATTING" to proceed to Cairns.
- (7) "CASTLEBRAINE" dep. Port Moresby 1346/2 was due Thursday Is. 2000/3.
- (8) "INVERBELL" escorting "J.R. LOWELL" departed Sydney 1226/31 for Darwin ETA Townsville 2350/4.
- (9) "LATROBE" escorting "SARRANA" from Brisbane to Townsville ETA 1200/3.
- (10) "MANTONA" dep. Brisbane 1155/3 for Port Moresby ETA 0900/7.
- (11) "WARRNOO" "ARUNTA" escorting Convoy TND0 ("S.F. "SANTONIA" "SWANTHROPE" "CLEVELAND ARMS" "TODD") due Port Moresby 1100/4.
- (12) "PINK" escorting Convoy TNE1 ("CHAMON" "WEST CACTUS" "VAN SPIELBERGER") dep. Townsville 1232/3 for Milne Bay ETA 1730/6.
- (13) "WARRAMONGA" "VERONICA" dep. Brisbane 1200/3, for exercises in Heron Bay.
- (14) 13 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

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| Milne Bay | - "SWAN" "HILO" "SHEILA" "LADY ISABEL" "BOOTH" |
| | "DENTON" "MONTGOM" "BOOTH" |
| Port Moresby | - "SANTONIA" "VAN NEUFUS" "ISAAC COLES" "ASTASIA" |
| | "ROMEOS" "D. DUCKHILL" "VAN BRUNSWICK" |
| Thursday Is. | - "SILCARRIA" |
| Townsville | - "SANTA" "BROWN" "MORRIS" "AASH HARRIS" |
| (Repairing) | "STUART" "BALLANT" |
| Brisbane | - "PHEBUS" "SIMPSON" "SPERRY" "FOLTON" "VICTORIA" |
| | "EUKERRA" "MIRAN" "SC. 477" "DUNBURY" |
| (Repairing) | "CHILONG" "LITTON" "TULSA" |

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) Task Group 44.7 ("PHEBUS" "SIMPSON") to depart Heron Bay p.m. 5/1. "AASH HARRIS" to depart Townsville. "ROBERT" "SELFRIDGE" "AASH HARRIS" to arrive Old Harbour a.m. 6/1. Task Group 44.7 to arrive Old Harbour a.m. 7/1, and "ROBERT" "AASH HARRIS" to depart Old Harbour; "AASH HARRIS" to arrive Townsville a.m. 8/1. Task Group 44.7 to depart Old Harbour p.m. 8/1. "ROBERT" to arrive Brisbane a.m. 9/1. Task Group 44.7 to SV with Task Group 44.3 in position 14°S 140°E 1000/10. Task Group 44.3 to arrive Palm Is. p.m. 11/1.
- (2) "CHILONG" escorting Convoy TNS1 ("VICTORIA" "JASON LINE") to depart Brisbane 1400/4 for Townsville.
- (3) Convoy TNE1 ("CANDERA" "TACHAS" "CHAMON" "MORRIS") to depart Townsville 1700/4 for Brisbane. "CHILONG" to SV in position 22°33'S 152°02'E and escort to Brisbane.

(11) HERBY FORCES.

- (1) Malta-Prisi - Aerial reconnaissance 1540/3 reported 20 ships of which 3 were described as large warships, 6 as light cruisers and 6 cargo vessels.
- (2) Solonona - The ten dest-cruisers reported 30 miles NE of Rendova at 1730/3 were attacked off Rendova Is. and two were hit (see Naval Incidents). The convoy proceeded not to Buna, but to Guadalcanal and was observed retiring from Cape Esperance at 0800/3. 3 were sighted at 0730 30 miles NE of Sandurubangara Point, Vella Lavella returning to base. At dawn 3/1, the water off Esperance was littered with boxes and drums.
- (3) Buna - One small cargo vessel was reported at the wharf at Buna 2/1.
- (4) Submarine Activity
 - a) Vanunu Is. - A small w/i submarine was sighted 5 miles south of Vanunu Is. at 1830/3.
 - b) Vella Lavella - A large w/i submarine was sighted on the surface west of Vella Lavella a.m. 1/1.
 - c) Port Moresby - A possible enemy submarine was sighted 30 miles south of Port Moresby, course 075 at 1530/3.
 - d) Poroko Harbour - A submarine was sighted 48 miles NNE of Poroko Harbour, course 152, at 0837/3.
 - e) Submarines were indicated as follows 1/1 -

2°S, 155°E
7°S, 150°E
4°S, 157°E
13°S, 155°E

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES.

(a) At Sea to 1800/4:

6 submarines on patrol.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1800/4:

- (1) "CHIEF" departed Fremantle 0840/1 for Smooth Gulf STA 1100/3.
- (2) "TANK HIGGS" departed Fremantle 0801/1 on patrol.

(b) In Harbours:

Fremantle - "ADELAIDE" "JACOB VAN HEERDEN" "TROUT" "WAINWALA"
"DUBCO" "TAMWORTH" "H. BRHAM" "ISRAEL" "WELLS"
Coralton - "HURON"
Smooth Gulf - "VAN CAHEN" "LARK" "W.S. BRISTON" "COLD STAR"
"WHIPPOSWILL"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREAS

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1800/4:

- (1) "COULSHIN" escorting "KUNAN" from Dent Is. to Sydney STA 0800/3.
- (2) "RALPH TALBOT" escorting "AMERICAN LEGION" departed Brisbane 0850/3 for Melbourne STA 1400/3.
- (3) "YANINA" in company with "NIANDA" departed Brisbane 2/1 for Sydney.
- (4) "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNVILLE" escorting CONVOY 0089 to RV in Eastport area.

(8) "DELOMATE" "OLIVIA" escorting Convoy OCSO STA Sydney
0330/4; Newcastle 0600/5.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney	- "TRIVER" "LANE" "DORRIS" "TIGRINE" "BOHANNON"
	"STEVIE" "MILORA" "BONNIE" "SAFUKA" "ABRAHAM"
	"CHYSSER"
(Repairing)	"PORTLAND" "THE OCEANO" "TOWERS" "SOUTHERN"
	"PATTERSON" "BIRCHDALE" "ALEXIA"
(In Reserve)	"MANOORA" "AUSTRALIA"
Melbourne	- "BIRCHDALE" "LE TRIUMPHANT" "DOUGLA"

B) SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Yavikoro - HICKING (AV)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - PENACOLA MINNEAPOLIS (CA) SAN DIEGO (CL)
ALTAMARA HANAU (ACV) HERRIS THORNTON McALLA BRID
NICHOLAS CASE CUMINGS MURPHY BUCHANAN WOODSOUTH
SPACE ANDERSON GARDNER ELLET (DD) CURTIS BALLARD
TANCHE (AV) RIGEL (AC) VESTAL (AS) VIBCO (AN) STRATFORD
REPUBLIC (AP) ARCTIC (AP) SABINE HOSHO (AO) YP.200
YP.347 PC.477
- (3) At Noumea - SAN JUAN (CL) FERRIS BALCH CHIDLEY McALL
CHATEL AARON WARD (DD) PROMETHEUS (AN) DELPHINUS (YF)
ARCHE (AS) LAGOS (AS) HOKKAN (AP) SONORA (AT)
CHITNEY (AD) KIMOPHISER (AN) DOTTERBUT (YH) SEANICO (AO)
NEVILLE W.S. BURROWS WEST POINT MEGOCKY ASTAR (AK)
ARD.2
- (4) At Suva - MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO MARYLAND COLORADO (DD)
MONROE HULL PARAGUT PERDIE (DD) CATALPA LOCUST
ROSEWOOD (YH) TALAMUCA (AK) KANAKAH (AO) WRIGHT (AV)
HAMMONDSPOUT (AP)
- (5) Guadalcanal Area - JAMSTOWN (PO) BODOLINE (AN) PC.478 PC.400 (YF)
SUMNER (AO) WARDANK (YF) KATAI MCA KISI TUI (A/S vessels)
ORTCLAE (AS)
- (6) At Vanikoro - THORNTON (AV)
- (7) At Bora Bora - TENE (AN)
- (8) At Auckland - HONOHAI (A.S.O) EBONY (YH) ROAMER (AP)
Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
- (9) At Wellington - McAWLEY (AP) FORELST (AK)

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) Buna -- 3 S.17's attacked shipping 1540/3. Near miss on one large warship.
- (2) Solomons -- The 10 destroyers which were proceeding to Guadalcanal were attacked off Noviana Is. Direct hits were scored on two and a very near miss on a third. One was left burning badly and the second appeared to be sinking. 3 destroyers were sighted returning to base, and it would appear that the 2 damaged destroyers sank. One enemy aircraft also destroyed.
- (3) Dakau -- One S.17 attacked shipping 0600-0630/3. Results not observed, but a large fuel oil fire observed 20 minutes after attack.

III. AIR OPERATIONS

ALLIED

Buna - 3 S.17's, 4 P.4F, 4 P.39's attacked Buna morning 3/1. Three hits on A.A. positions.
Dakau Bay - 3 S.39's escorted by 7 P.39's, 4 P.4F's attacked 1530/2. Bombs fell in water. Fires in supply area caused by strafing.

Midway -- One B.24 attacked the town area morning 2/12.
2/13 -- One B.24 attacked aerodrome morning 2/1. One
direct hit on an enemy aircraft, 2 other possibly
damaged. 4 B.24's attacked afternoon 2/1. Fire and
smoke in hangar area.
2/14 -- 4 B.24's strafed Japanese troops in the water
1230/3.

MIAMI:

Guadalcanal -- 3 aircraft separately attacked Henderson
field night 2-3/1.

IV. MIAMI'S PROBABLE NEXT STEPS

- (1) Renewed attempt to re-take Guadalcanal co-ordinated
with offensive activities Arafura Sea area.
- (2) Infiltration - Suanakuda area.

For A/DIRECTOR, C.A.I.C.
C.H.O., S.S.P.A.

4/1/43

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Position or Damaged</u>
Light Cruisers (CL) (some damaged prob. 5-6 effective)	HATCHI KACHINA KATONI KADARA TSENTO SHENAI YUBARI	TATSUTA } believed sunk KISU } 14/11
1 or 2 converted light cruisers (KCL)		
Approx 22 submarines (SS)		
Approx 40 destroyers (DD)		
5 Seaplane Carriers (AV)	CHITORA CHITOSE AYTSUSHINA NISHIN KAIKI NITCHO MARU KATOURAOI MARU KAGU MARU SANTO MARU HEIJO MARU SUYOU MARU KAMIKAWA MARU GONBU MARU	} 1 damaged 8/11
Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)		
Several Submarine Tenders		
Approx 40 Merchant ships (over 5,000 tons)		
Minesweepers, Minersweepers, Sub-Chasers, WTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft		
Approx 240 shore-based aircraft incl. 91 fighters, 22 B, 20 P/S, 37 P/P, 2 Obs. or transport aircraft.		

2. WESTERN OCEAN

Allied Forces

6" cruiser
A.A. Ship
Armed Merchant Cruiser
Destroyers
S/P Tenders

ARNAIDE
VAN HEENHORN
KANIUBLA
TJERK HINDUS
VAN CALEN
HERON
CHILD'S
A.B. PRESTON
JULIAS
OAR
ORONALIS
THUNDER
TAMBOUR
TATTOO
TROUT
ORVILLE
E.O
E.12

On Patrol

At Present

Submarine Tender
Submarines

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

Chief and Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

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

ASHIGARA
KASHI
KUNA

1 converted Light Cruiser (KCL)
Approx 16 Destroyers (DD)
Approx 3 submarines (SS)
Seaplane Carrier (AV)
Converted S/P Tender (XAV)

MYTOMO
OKITSU MARU

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces
Battleships

Effective
IOWA
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA
COFASHE
LONG ISLAND
CHICAGO

Refitting or Damaged
WEST VIRGINIA
CA. IPONNIA
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carriers

8th Cruisers

SAIT LAKE CITY
SAN FRANCISCO
INDIANAPOLIS

Destroyers
Submarines

15 (approx)
25 (approx)

Enemy Forces

Yamato-Mikasa-Tenryu-Furusewa-Jazan

CINC 1st Fleet

CINC 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)

5 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
HAGITO
YUSO
YARASHIRO
HYUM
SUICAM
SUICHO
SEMO

SHIKAKU (damaged 20/10)

2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

1 Converted A/C Carrier (CCV)

3 - 8th Cruisers (CA)

ABURAMA

YINMA } damaged 20/10
TONE }
KITAJAKI }
OX }
ISOUZU }

4 light cruisers (CL)

Converted S/T Tenders (KAV)

FOJIKARA MARU
HARUTO MARU
KIYOSHIMI MARU
KINOSHANA MARU
SASUMI MARU

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

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 30 Destroyers

Approx 27 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces
Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
COLORADO
MARYLAND
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA
SARASOT
ALABAMA
MINNEAPOLIS
BOSTON
PERRACOLA
LOUISVILLE
MEMPHIS
HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE
COLUMBIA
SCYLLUS
SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN
38 (approx)
MONOAT
ASCANIA

Aircraft Carriers

Converted A/C Carriers

8th Cruisers

6th Cruisers

BRANHAM

5th Cruisers

Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces
8th Cruisers

DETROIT
BALTIMORE

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

5th January, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/5:

- (1) "AUSTRALIA" "HELM" "HEMLET" on patrol Coral Sea area.
- (2) "BENDIGO" operating vicinity Oro Bay.
- (3) "KATOONBA" escorting "VAN HEUTE" dep. Port Horesby 1800/4 for Oro Bay ETA 1400/6.
- (4) "POLARIS" operating vicinity Cape Nelson.
- (5) "WARRICO" to depart Port Horesby for Thursday Is. ETA 1700/6.
- (6) "PLATYPUS" "KALSOORLIN" escorting "MERID" "ALACHA" departed Darwin 0807/1. Due Thursday Is. 0930/6. "PLATYPUS" to proceed to Cairns.
- (7) "BAGLEY" en route Sydney from Palm Island.
- (8) Convoy TALL ("CANBERRA" "TASMAN" "CHERRY" "HERBERT") departed Townsville 1730/4 for Brisbane. "CHERLON" to BV in position 22° 33' S, 152° 02' E and escort to Brisbane.
- (9) "INVERELL" escorting "J.S. LARRELL" departed Sydney 1256/31 for Darwin was due Townsville 2359/4.
- (10) "LATROBE" escorting "SANDARA" from Brisbane to Townsville ETA p.m. 5/1.
- (11) "WAVUNDA" dep. Brisbane 1155/3 for Port Horesby ETA 0900/7.
- (12) "CHERLON" escorting Convoy HES1 ("VICTORIA" "JACOB LEE") dep. Brisbane 2015/4 for Townsville.
- (13) "VIRIK" escorting Convoy HES1 ("CHARON" "BEST CACTUS" "VAN SPILBERGEN") dep. Townsville 1358/3 for Milne Bay ETA 1730/6.
- (14) "WARRANDONGA" "VENNETTA" dep. Brisbane 1800/3, for exercises in Moreton Bay.
- (15) 13 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

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| Milne Bay | - "HILO" "STELLA" "BOTH" |
| Port Horesby | - "WHYALLA" "COLAC" "ISAAC COLES" "ASPASIA BOKINOS"
"KATOONBA" (K.T) "SMARTENBURY" "CLEVELAND ABEE"
"TOCHON" |
| Thursday Is. | - "SILCAMEIA" "CASTLEMAINE" |
| Cairns | - "SWAN" |
| Townsville | - "ECHOCA" "AASE HARRSE"
(repairing) "STUART" "BALLARAT" "BROOME" |
| Brisbane | - "SPENT" "FULTON" "EUSUNDA" "HILAR" "SO.477"
"HONDURK"
(repairing) "LITHON" "TULSA" |

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) Task Group 44.7 ("PROHEX" "HUSPOND") to depart Moreton Bay p.m. 5/1. "AASE HARRSE" to depart Townsville. "HUBERT" "SELFRIDGE" "AASE HARRSE" to arrive Old Harbour a.m. 6/1. Task Group 44.7 to arrive Old Harbour a.m. 7/1, and "HUBERT" "AASE HARRSE" to depart Old Harbour; "AASE HARRSE" to arrive Townsville a.m. 8/1. Task Group 44.7 to depart Old Harbour p.m. 8/1. "HUBERT" to arrive Brisbane a.m. 9/1. Task Group 44.7 to BV with Task Group 44.3 in position 14° S 148° E 1000/10. Task Group 44.3 to arrive Palm Is. p.m. 11/1.
- (2) "COLAC" escorting E.T. "KATOONBA" to depart Port Horesby 1850/5. "COLAC" to escort to Magnetic Island. "KATOONBA" to proceed Sydney. Escort to be provided.
- (3) "LATROBE" escorting Convoy THER ("ULOOKOO" "HARRIS" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "SARARA" ex Townsville, "GEORGE HATHINGS" ex Cairns)

to depart Townsville p.m. 5/1 for Port Moresby ETA 1800/8.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Bain-Baizi -- B.L.V's attacking at 1845/4 reported a transport anchored at Baizi and a large transport and a smaller u/i vessel at Tonolei Harbour. The area was obscured by cloud.
- (2) New Georgia Area -- It is reported 3/1 that small vessels and barges unloaded every night at Vila Plantation (Kolombangara Island) and that the Japanese have built houses in the bush on the boundaries of Vila and Stannore Plantations. The Japanese strength at Vila Plantation was estimated at 400 on 25/12. A native report 4/1 states that traffic proceeds regularly through the Diamond Narrows at night.
- (3) Lorengau - A schooner (3-400 tons) was sighted near the jetty at 1818/4.
- (4) Cape Ward Hunt -- An aircraft reported indications of an u/i unit 40 miles NE of Cape Ward Hunt at 0115/3. On dropping flares, a large object possibly a submarine, was reported moving on the surface, but weather conditions prevented further observations. There were later indications of an u/i unit ten miles north of this position. An u/i submarine was reported yesterday to have been sighted 45 miles NE of Horobe Harbour at 0807/3.
- (5) Submarine Activity -- Submarines were indicated as follows -

2/1	7°S, 150°E
2/1	6°S, 150°E
2/1	1°S, 152°E
2/1	3°S, 147°E
2/1	4°S, 150°E
2/1	8°S, 150°E
2/1	7°S, 154°E
2/1	8°S, 150°E
2/1	11°S, 154°30'E
3/1	1°S, 150°E
3/1	5°S, 149°E
3/1	1°S, 151°E
3/1	2°S, 157°E
3/1	8°S, 153°E
3/1	8°S, 154°30'E
3/1	4°S, 148°E
3/1	7°S, 152°E
3/1	12°S, 152°E
3/1	12°S, 150°E
3/1	8°S, 150°E
3/1	30°15'S, 152°30'E
3/1	30°11'S, 155°E
4/1	55 miles from Lakes Entrance on bearing 135°.

2. NORTH SANDWICH AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1800/3:

- (1) "ARUETA" departed Port Moresby 1829/4 for Darwin ETA 1830/7.
- (2) 6 submarines on patrol.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Blower (23 mi S. of Lalwai) -- A native reports having sighted an unidentified submarine off the coast at Blower 1/1.

3. SOUTH SANDWICH AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1800/3:

- (1) "FRANCIS" departed Humeath Gulf 1100/3 for Fremantle ETA 1300/8.

- (2) "ISABEL" escorting "KOOHIDA" departed Fremantle 0730/4 for Essooth Gulf.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - "ADELAIDE" "JACOB VAN HENSHERR" "TICH" "KAMINELA"
 "TJUNE HEDDIE" "DUBBO" "TAMWORTH" "HEBMAN" "VELTAC"
 Geraldton - "HESON"
 Essooth Gulf - "VAN CALEN" "LARK" "CHILDS" "GOLD STAR"
 "SHIPPOOBYLL"

4. BATHURST & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At sea to 1200/5:

- (1) "COULBURN" escorting "TUBRAN" from Dent Is. to Sydney STA 0600/5.
- (2) "RALPH DALBY" escorting "AMERICAN INDIAN" departed Brisbane 0800/5 for Melbourne STA 1400/6.
- (3) "DOCKHAMPTON" "TOSHOVILLE" escorting Convoy 0050. "DOCKHAMPTON" escorting Convoy 0050 departed Port Phillip 0600/5 for RV in Wilson's Promontory area.
- (4) "PATTERSON" to depart Sydney a.m. 5/1. Due Brisbane a.c. 7/1.

(b) In Harbour:

Newcastle - "DELORAINE"
 Sydney - "TREVIN" "RAIS" "DUBBIN" "ENCADINE" "BUNDABERG"
 "GLENHIL" "STEVIE" "MILDURA" "BOWER" "KAPURDA"
 "ABRAHAM CRYSCHER" "YANINA" "BUNGARIE"
 (Repairing) "PORTLAND" "NEW ORLEANS" "HAWKINS" "SOUTHERN"
 "BISHOPDALE" "ALBERTA"
 (In Reserve) "MASCORA" "AUSTRALIA"
 Melbourne - "BRITANNIA" "LA TRIUMPHANT"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "KAPURDA" "MILDURA" escorting Convoy 0100 to depart Sydney 1030/5 for Brisbane.
- (2) "DELORAINE" to escort Convoy 0060 from Newcastle. "BUNDABERG" "ABRAHAM CRYSCHER" to RV off Sydney p.m. 6/1 and take over escort.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - WACKING (AV)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - FERRACOLA MINNEAPOLIS (CA) SAN DIEGO (CL) ALABAMA HARRAD (ACV) BERRIS THORNTON NOCALLA SOID NICHOLAS CASH CONNINGO MUSTIN SUTHERAN WOODWORTH SPACK ANDERSON GARRS HLEST (DD) CURTIS BALLARD TANNIER (AV) HIGEL (AD) FHO (AB) VESAL (AM) YERKO (AN) STAFFORD REPUBLIC (AP) ARCTIC (AP) MARINE HOSHO (AO) TP.200 TP.307 PC.477
- (3) At Noumea - CLEVELAND SAN JUAN (CL) SWANSEE SARGAN (ACV) PERKINS BALCH GRIDLEY NOCALL COMBAT HALLER HATFORD JERRINS MURPHY CRAVER (DD) FROSTHEUS (AN) DELPHINS (YF) ARCOINE (AS) LASSER (AS) MORRAN (APD) WHITNEY (AD) KIRKPATRICK (AN) BUTTERWORTH (YN) SOANICO (AO) NEVILLE W.S. BIRNONS WEST POINT NEGROBY ANTADES (AN) AED.2
- (4) At Suva - MISSISSIPPI EDS MEXICO HARTLAND COLOMADO (DD) BUCKINGHAM HULL PARRAGUT MERRLE (DD) CATALPA LOCUST ROSSWOOD (YN) YALANCA (AK) KANAKUS (AO) WRIGHT (AV) HANCOCKPOST (AP)

- (5) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESSTOWN (PO) BOBOLINE (AN) PC.670
PC.400 (YP) SIMMONS (AG) WARDANK (YT) HATAI MCA
SISI TOI (A/S Vessels) OYTOAN (ASR)
- (6) At Vila - YP.300
- (7) At Auckland - HORNUM (A.S.C) HEWY (YB) HOKER (AP) SOLACE (AN)
Maffing - LEATHER (CL)
- (8) At Wellington - MCCARTHY (AP) FORMALINUT (AK)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Malaita - A small unit believed to be a submarine was sighted off Cape Astrolabe at 0030/4.
- (2) Submarines were indicated as follow -

2/1	10 ⁰⁰ , 101 ⁰⁰
2-3/1	6 ⁰⁰ , 103 ⁰⁰

II. NAVAL OPERATIONS

- (1) Dain-Vaial - 7 B.17's escorted by 6 P.38's attacked a transport anchored off Vaial at 1034/4. One hit and one possible hit were scored.
- (2) Gudalcanal - The eight destroyers which reached the Cape Esperance area were attacked by 3 torpedo boats. One hit on one destroyer and three probable hits on two other destroyers were claimed, but all 3 returned to base. It is not certain whether troops were landed, but it is considered unlikely. Torpedo boats and submarine chasers destroyed stores and munitions floating off Guadalcanal daylight 3/1.
- (3) Piscabafen - A small two-masted auxiliary launch with a cargo of supplies was towed and strafed by an allied aircraft in the harbour at 1530/4.

III. AIR OPERATIONS

ALLIED

- Maiva - 12 B.24's escorted by 8 P.40's, 8 P.30's attacked 1700/4. One aircraft on ground probably destroyed.
- Cassata - A B.24 attacked the aerodrome morning 4/1.
- Melung - A B.24 attacked morning 4/1. Results not observed.
- Lee - 6 B.24's attacked 4/1. One direct hit on a house and fire started. 6 A.20's with P.38 cover attacked grounded aircraft morning 4/1. Results not observed.
- Salama - 7 B.24's strafed Hiba and Konistun morning 4/1.
- Melung Area - 2 A.20's attacked noon 4/1. Results not observed.
- Sananda Point - 6 B.24's attacked morning 4/1. Fires started. 4 B.24's carried out strafing attacks morning and early afternoon 4/1.
- Laival-Beaco - 2 B.24's attacked roads, villages and huts morning 4/1.
- Puliro - 4 B.24's attacked the aerodrome morning 4/1. Personnel, and one aircraft strafed, and one motor transport set on fire.

ENEMY

- Tufi - An enemy aircraft attacked morning 4/1. No damage.
- Basal Is. - An enemy floatplane flew over the area from 2. to 3. early afternoon 4/1.

IV. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Renewed attempt to re-take Guadalcanal co-ordinated with offensive activities Arafuka Sea area.
- (2) Infiltration - Sananda area.

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Damaged</u>
Light cruisers (CL) (some damaged prob. 3-6 effective)	HATOHY KASHIMA KATOHY KOGATA TOSHYU SENGAI YUDAI	TAYOHYA } believed sunk KINO } 10/11
1 or 2 converted light cruisers (MCL)		
Approx 30 submarines (SS)		
Approx 40 destroyers (DD)		
5 Seaplane Carriers (AV)	CHIYODA CHIYOSU AKITSUBISHI SHIBUSI KASAI	} 1 damaged 8/11
Converted S/P Tenders (MST)	HITCHO MARU KATSUBARAI MARU KASU MARU OAHYO MARU KUNJO MARU SAYYOU MARU KAMIKAWA MARU GONDO MARU	
Several Submarine Tenders		
Approx 40 Merchant Ships (over 5,000 tons)		
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub. Chasers, MCB's, Ombats, Patrol Craft		
Approx 240 shore-based aircraft incl. 51 fighters, 93 B, 80 T/C, 37 P/P, 8 Obs. or transport aircraft.		

2. INDONESIA - PHILIPPINES

<u>Allied Forces</u>		
U.S. Cruisers	ADOLPHUS VAN HEERDEN	
A.A. Ship	KASINDA	
Armed Merchant Cruiser	YOUNG BIDDIS	
Destroyers	VAE CALAN	
S/P Tenders	DETON CHILDS S.S. PRESTON	
Submarine Tender	WELIAN	
Submarines	CAF ✓ SOMERBYNE ✓ TINKER ✓ TANDE ✓ TAYLOR ✓ TROUT ✓ SQUINTING }	On Patrol
	K.O K.12 }	At Present

3. INDONESIA - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces
6 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or IRI area (see above)

Enemy Forces
CINC IRI Southeast Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)	ASHIGARA
2 light cruisers (CL)	KASHII KURE
1 converted light cruiser (MCL)	
Approx 15 destroyers (DD)	
Approx 3 submarines (SS)	
Seaplane Carrier (AV)	RYUKYO
Converted S/P Tender (MST)	CHITSU MARU

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces
Battleships

Effective
IDAH0
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA
COWANEE
LONG ISLAND
CHICAGO

Refitting or Reserved
WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carriers

6th Cruisers

SALT LAKE CITY
SAN FRANCISCO
INDIANA OLIS

Destroyers
Submarines

15 (approx)
33 (approx)

Enemy Forces

Yamato - Midget - Bombers - Torpedo - Janso

CINC 1st Fleet

CINC 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)

3 Battleships (BB)

YAMASHIRO
HAGURO
FUJ0
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

1 Converted A/C Carrier (ACV)

3 - 6th Cruisers (CA)

SHIRASU
KURE
ATAGO

SHOKAKU (damaged 26/10)

4 light cruisers (CL)

ABUKUMA

TIKONA }
TONE } damaged 26/10
HIPAGANI
OI

Converted E/P Tenders (EPV)

POJINARA MARU
HARUTO MARU
KIYOSHI MARU
KIYOSADA MARU
SAGAMI MARU

KIYOSADA MARU (CL/10)
(poss. sunk)

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OAC)

Approx 30 Destroyers

Approx 27 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces
Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
CHICAGO
MARYLAND
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
NEW YORK
CARATOGA
HAROLD

Aircraft Carriers

Converted A/c Carriers

6th Cruisers

ALABAMA
SWANSEE
SARDANON
MINNEAPOLIS
NORTHAMPTON
PENSAOLA

6th Cruisers

STOUTA
LOUISVILLE
KENTON
HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS

LEANDER

6th Cruisers

MEMPHIS
COLUMBIA
CLEVELAND

Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

ACHILLES
SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN
46 (approx)
HONOLULU
ASCANIA

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces
6th Cruisers

DETROIT
HALFON

10 Destroyers: 10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Alentiana

China Sea Fleet

3 rd Cruiser	2	HACHI
2 light cruisers (CL)		TAMA
		KISO

Approx 4 Destroyers
Approx 7 Submarines

E) SOUTHERN OCEAN AREA

Allied Forces

3 rd Cruisers	CONCORD
	TRENTON
	RECHERCHÉ

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

Aircraft Carrier
Seaplane Carrier
3rd Cruisers

7.5th Cruisers

3rd Cruisers

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
RANILLIES
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
ILLUMINATE
ALBATROSS
GEORGIO AVRAFF (Greek)
REVEREND DEVONSHIRE
PROTECTOR
REVEREND
HAWKINS
GAMBIA
ENTERPRISE
LIVERPOOL
DAUNTLESS
DRAGON
DUNDEE
CAIRO
CAMEL
CALIPH
CARACAS
SUMATRA (Dutch)
ALABAMA
CANTON
COMPTON
CENTRAL
KASIMIA
KANCHI
KANDORA
KONCHERKINE
KANTON

BERCASTLE
CLARKE
EMERALD
DARBY

Armed Merchant Cruisers

A.A. Ship
Approx 27 Destroyers
Approx 9 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Approx 7 Submarines

5) ANTWERP/ROTTERDAM/BRISTOL AREA

ALLIED FORCES
6th Cruisers

CONCORD
TUNTON
RICHMOND

7) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

ALLIED FORCES
Merchant ships

BARNSIDE
NEW LOTION
SARPLING
ROYAL GOVERNOR
ILLUSTRIOS

3 SWISS

Aircraft Carrier
Seaplane Carrier
8th Cruisers

ALBATROSS
DEVOCHINE
GEORGIO AVRAOP (Greek)

7.5th Cruisers

HARLES
FRONTIER
MONTYING
DARBY
ENTERPRISE
LIVERPOOL
DAUNTLESS
DRAGON
MURBAN
CAMERON
CORSA
CALLEDON
CARADOC
SUMATRA (Dutch)

NEWCASTLE
GLASGOW
EMERALD
DANAE

6th Cruisers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

SARCHE
CARTAGE
CORFU
CENTRAL
NAVIGELA
ALANTA
BANTUA
SCROSTERSHIRE
CANTON

A.A. Ship
Approx 27 Destroyers
Approx 3 Submarines

Enemy Forces
Approx 7 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

6th January, 1943

I. DISTRICTS ALLIED & FRIEND NAVAL FORCES

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA:

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/0:

- (1) "AUSTRALIA" "HELE" "HINLEY" on patrol Coral Sea area.
- (2) "PHOENIX" "HUGHFORD" en route for Old Harbour ETA a.m. 7/1.
- (3) "ROBANT" "SILFRIDON" "LASH BARBER" due Old Harbour a.m. 8/1.
- (4) "DAGLEY" due Brisbane from Coral Sea area 1800/0.
- (5) "BENDIGO" escorting "BALIKAPAN" due Milne Bay from Oro Bay.
- (6) "KATONDA" escorting "VAN HEUSSE" dep. Port Moresby 1800/0 for Oro Bay ETA 1800/0.
- (7) "ANTALIA" dep. Port Moresby 1156/0 for Milne Bay ETA 1800/0.
- (8) "POLARIS" operating vicinity Cape Nelson.
- (9) "WARRENCO" departed Port Moresby 1156/0 to BV with "BIBLIA" off Fucker Point, at 1800/0. "WARRENCO" to escort "BIBLIA" to Newauke.
- (10) "PLATYPUS" "HALCOCKLIE" escorting "BIBLIO" "ALAGHA" were due Thursday Island 0930/0 from Darwin. "PLATYPUS" to coal from "BIBLIO" and proceed to Cairns 7/1.
- (11) "COLAC" departed Port Moresby 1758/0 to clear passage for H.F. "KATONDA" which departed Port Moresby 1800/0. ETA Townsville "COLAC" 0700/0, "KATONDA" 2100/7.
- (12) "MANUKA" dep. Brisbane 1153/0 for Port Moresby ETA 0900/7.
- (13) "MIRIE" escorting Convoy TBA ("THARON" "WEST CAOTOS" "VAN SPIELBERGEN") dep. Townsville 1300/0 for Milne Bay ETA 1730/0.
- (14) "LATROBE" escorting Convoy TBA ("OROLOLO" "KARIE" "SERVIRE HANDLE" "WAKANA" ex Townsville; "GEORGE BATHINGS" ex Cairns) departed Townsville 1930/0 for Port Moresby ETA 1800/0.
- (15) "ORIELONG" escorting Convoy TBA ("VICTORIA" "JASON LEE") was to BV with Convoy TBA ("CANNARA" "TAMAR" "CHERRY" "VENUS") in position 22°35'S, 152°02'E at 0700/0 and escort to Brisbane. "VICTORIA" "JASON LEE" to proceed to Townsville.
- (16) "DANBARUNA" "VERNETTA" dep. Brisbane 1800/0, for exercises in Hoveton Bay.
- (17) 11 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Milne Bay	- Warships & Auxiliaries: "STELLA"
	Merchant Vessels: "BOHE"
Port Moresby	- Merchant Vessels: "ISAAC COLES" "AGRAPA BONICOS" "SEARSDORP" "CLEVELAND ARMS" "YOCKOS"
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux: "WILGAMIA" "CASTLEMAINE"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux: "SSAN"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux: "BOHUA" "POYANO"
	Merchant Vessels: "SSAN"
(Repairing)	Warships & Aux. "STUART" "DALLABAT" "BROOME"
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. "SC.477" "DORRUM" YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 SC.746 "CHERRY" "VULTOR"
	Merchant Vessels: "SSAN"
(Repairing)	Warships & Aux. "LITHON" "TULSA" "KURUMBA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "PHOENIX" "HUGHFORD" to arrive Old Harbour a.m. 7/1, and "ROBANT" "LASH BARBER" to depart Old Harbour; "LASH BARBER" to arrive Townsville a.m. 8/1. Task Group 44.7 ("PHOENIX" "HUGHFORD" "SILFRIDON") to depart Old Harbour p.m. 8/1. "ROBANT" to arrive Brisbane a.m. 9/1. Task Group 44.7

to HV with Task Group 44.3 ("AUSTRALIA" "TIGER" "SHENNY")
in position 14°S 148°E 1800/10. Task Group 44.3 to
arrive Sala Is. p.m. 11/1.

(11) SHENNY FORCES

- (1) Bain-Sala -- Aircraft reported having sighted 10 vessels at 1800/8. One large warship described as a battleship was sighted off Pupukina Point (6 miles NE by E of Bain), one heavy cruiser off Bain, and 4 destroyers and 4 cargo vessels in the Shortland Island area. The heavy cruiser was unsuccessfully attacked (see Naval Incidents).
- (2) Kolombangara Is. -- A native report 3/1 states that a wharf is under construction near the western boundary of Vila Plantation.
- (3) Sala -- High oblique photographs taken by E.17's noon 5/1 reveal 75 vessels. E.34's over the area at the same time reported a probable carrier at the north end of the harbour, and a submarine tender.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1800/8:

- (1) "ANUPHA" departed Port Moresby 1800/4 for Darwin ETA 1800/7.
- (2) 6 submarines on patrol.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1800/8:

- (1) "KARIBELA" "DUBBO" escorting CONVOY 808 departed Fremantle 1800/5. "DUBBO" to be detached 1800/7 to return to Fremantle. "KARIBELA" to be detached 3/1 for Albany ETA 0430/10.
- (2) "ISORHE" escorting "ROOLINA" departed Fremantle 0730/6 for Hazzouth Gulf.

(b) In Harbour:

- Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "JACOB VAN BINSBERG" "TROUP"
"JENK HINDS" "TAMWORTH" "BONDIAN" "PRESTON"
"MELIAS"
- Coralston - Warships & Aux. - "HEMOS"
- Hazzouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "VAN CALEN" "WHIFFOORHILL" "LARK"
"CHILD" "GOLD STAR"

4. NORTHERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1800/8:

- (1) "COULBURN" escorting "YUKAN" from Sent Is. to Sydney ETA 0800/8.
- (2) "RALPH TALBOT" escorting "AMERICAN LEICOR" departed Brisbane 0800/5 for Melbourne ETA 1400/8.
- (3) "DELAHAIN" escorting CONVOY 8000 was to depart Newcastle 0830/8. "DUMBARNO" "ANAHAN OYSSER" to HV off Sydney p.m. 6/1 and take over convoy.
- (4) "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNVILLE" escorting CONVOY 8080 for Sydney and Newcastle.
- (5) "PATERSON" to depart Sydney a.m. 3/1. See Brisbane 0800/7.
- (6) "KAPURA" "MILDORA" escorting CONVOY 8020 were to depart Sydney 1030/8 for Brisbane.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. "TREVISE" "ZANE" "BUNDABERG" "CLEMENS"
 "OYSTER" "MILPURA" "BOWEN" "YANDRA" "DOIRIN"
 "REGADINE" "BONGARER"
 (Repairing) "POSTLAND" "NEW ORLEANS" "HOPKINS" "SOUTHERN"
 "BISHOPDALE" "ALGERIA"
 (In Reserve) "SANGORA" "WESTRALIA"
 Melbourne - Warships & Aux. "SPRINGDALE" "LE TRIOMPHANT"
 "DOONIA"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - WACKINAC (AV) THORNTON (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - PENSACOLA MINNEAPOLIS (CA) ALTAMABA
 NASSAU (ACV) THORNTON McCALL NICHOLAS CUNNINGHAM
 BUCHANAN WOODWORTH STACK CANSE DE HAVEN LANG
 SAUFLEY (DD) GAMBLE (DE) CURTISS BALLARD TANGIER (AV)
 NIGEL (AD) FYRO (AR) VESTAL (AN) VINEO (AM) TRYON (AFH)
 STRATFORD (AP) ARCTIC (AP) SABINE BESSO (AO) YP.290
 YP.347 PRES. GRANT (AP)
- (3) At Noumea - CLEVELAND SAN JUAN (CL) SUWANNEE SANGAMON (ACV)
 PERKINS BALCH GRIDLEY McCALL COBBAY WALLER RADFORD
 JENKINS MURPHY GRAVER (DD) PROMETHEUS (AS) DELPHINUS (YP)
 ARDORRE (AS) LASSEN (AR) McKEAN (AFD) WHITNEY (AD)
 KINGFISHER (AM) SUMICO CIBARON (AO) REVILLE MERCURY
 S.W. BURROWS ANTARES (AK) ARD.2
- (4) At Suva - MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO MARYLAND COLORADO (EE)
 MONCHAN HULL PARRAGUT PERBLE (DD) CATALPA LOCUST
 ROSEWOOD (YN) TALAMANCA (AK) KARRAKER (AO) WRIGHT (AV)
 HAMMONDSPURT (AP)
- (5) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) PC.476
 PC.499 (YP) SUNNER (AG) WANDANK (YY) NATAI MOA
 KIWI TUI (A/S Vessels) ORTOLAN (AKR)
- (6) At Vila - YP.289
- (7) At Auckland - HONOLULU (A.S.C) EBONY (YN) ROANER (AP) SOLAGE (AK)
 Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
- (8) At Wellington - SHAW (DD) McCAWLEY (AP) FOMALHAUT (AK)

(11) EBONY FORCES

Fiji - An U/I unit was indicated in position 20 miles bearing
 300° from Sleepy Point (S.W. extremity of Vanua Levu Island)
 course East at 2131/4.

C. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

"ADELAIDE" escorting "ILE DE FRANCE" was to depart Fremantle
 0600/5 for Colombo.

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) Buin -- 5 B.17's escorted by 6 P.38's attacked a heavy
 cruiser 1600/5. No hits. 25 fighters intercepted.
 3 destroyed, 2 probable. 2 P.38's lost.
- (2) Sabaul -- 6 B.17's attacked shipping 1200-1210/5. One
 direct hit on stern and one near miss on a 7-8,000 ton
 cargo vessel. One direct hit on stern of 5-6000 ton
 cargo vessel. One direct hit on bridge and one near
 miss on 6-8000 ton vessel. One very near miss was
 reported between a destroyer and a vessel described as
 a probable destroyer tender. Photographs of this attack
 reveal one vessel listing heavily and smoking, and two
 others on fire. 6 B.24's proceeding to attack at the

some time reported one ship breaking in two as a result of the B.17's attack. The B.24's claimed two direct hits and two near misses on a transport.

- (3) Cape Espi (10 miles WSW Cape Orford) - A two-masted schooner (25 feet) at anchor was strafed by a B.24 at 1415/4.
- (4) Munda -- Allied surface units bombarded Munda night 4/1. Catalinas over Munda night 4-5/1 reported that the bombardment had been thorough, and four fires started. 10 dive bombers and 10 fighters attacked the retiring allied units 25 miles south by west of Cape Hunter, Guadalcanal. No damage. Intercepting P-51's shot down 4 bombers and two probable.

III. AIR OPERATIONS

ALLIED:

- Munda - 3 B.24's attacked morning 4/1.
- Eschsch - One B.24 attacked the aerodrome afternoon 4/1. Hit on center of runway. One Catalina attacked early morning 4/1. Results not observed.
- Lae - One B.24 attacked the aerodrome afternoon 4/1. One bomber on ground possibly destroyed. 3 A.20's attacked morning 4/1. Results not observed. 3 B.24's attacked noon 4/1. Results not observed.
- Salomon - 4 Bessifighters strafed Hobe and Kozistun, morning 4/1. Results not observed.
- Sansanda - 5 B.24's attacked morning 4/1.

IV. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Renewed attempt to re-take Guadalcanal co-ordinated with offensive activities Arafura Sea area.
- (2) Infiltration - Sansanda area.

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APPENDIX

DAILY APPROPRIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

<u>1. <u>UNITED STATES</u></u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Landed</u>
<u>51st Force</u>	<u>AUSWALIA</u>	<u>PORTLAND</u>
<u>5th Cruisers</u>		<u>NEW ORLEANS</u>
<u>6th Cruisers</u>	<u>ROBERT</u>	
	<u>PROBIX</u>	
<u>Flotilla Leaders</u>	<u>WARRASINGA</u>	<u>STUART</u>
	<u>LE THOMPSON</u>	
	<u>GRIPONOR</u>	
<u>Destroyers</u>	<u>PATTERSON</u>	<u>HAWKINS</u>
	<u>KEELBY</u>	<u>SOUTHARD</u>
	<u>TELE</u>	
	<u>BACLET</u>	
	<u>BRUNSON</u>	
<u>Submarines</u>	<u>VERNETA</u>	
	<u>ALBACORE</u>	
	<u>WATSON PICH</u>	
	<u>CATO</u>	
	<u>GRUYER</u>	} <u>at Brisbane</u>
	<u>SHAPTEL</u>	
	<u>SPORFISH</u>	
	<u>TUNA</u>	
	<u>SARCO</u>	
	<u>AMBERJACK</u>	
	<u>ANDRAUT</u>	
	<u>CHARLES</u>	
	<u>CRUIER TWO</u>	
	<u>OPOLDS</u>	
	<u>QUECHON</u>	} <u>On Patrol</u>
	<u>BAUTICE</u>	
	<u>FLANCON</u>	
	<u>SARCO</u>	
	<u>SPARFISH</u>	} <u>At Sydney</u>
	<u>TRITON</u>	
	<u>E.S</u>	
<u>Submarine Tenders</u>	<u>FOLSON</u>	<u>HOLLAND</u>
	<u>SPERRY</u>	
<u>Destroyer Tender</u>	<u>BOESIN</u>	
<u>Subsists</u>	<u>TULSA</u>	
	<u>HILD</u>	
<u>Oilers</u>	<u>AGER HAYSH</u>	<u>DISCORDANCE</u>
	<u>VICTORIA</u>	<u>KUSHIWA</u>
<u>Heavy Force</u>		
<u>Task-Force-56 Britain-Colombia</u>		
<u>CinC Combined Fleet</u>		
<u>CinC 2nd Fleet</u>		
<u>CinC 3rd Fleet</u>		
<u>CinC 6th Fleet</u>		
<u>CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)</u>		
<u>3 Battleships (BB)</u>	<u>YARATO</u>	
	<u>MUTSU</u>	
	<u>YSS</u>	
<u>3 Battlecruisers (BC)</u>		<u>KODOKO</u> } <u>1 damaged 26/10</u>
		<u>HARUNA</u> }
<u>3 Aircraft Carriers (CV)</u>	<u>ZUIKANTO</u>	
	<u>RYUNO</u>	
<u>3 Converted A/C Carriers (ACV)</u>	<u>HAYATAKA</u>	
	<u>HITAKA</u>	
	<u>ZUIHO</u>	
<u>3 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (AOV)</u>	<u>OTAKA</u> } <u>Passing</u>	
	<u>CHUTO</u> }	
	<u>UBYO</u> }	
<u>Heavy Cruisers (CA)</u>	<u>AGOA</u>	<u>RYUNO (prob. Com. 26/10)</u>
<u>(prob. 3 effective)</u>	<u>CHIKAI</u>	<u>ROKARI (believed sunk</u>
	<u>HAGURO</u>	<u>10/11)</u>
	<u>KURENO</u>	
	<u>SURUYA</u>	
	<u>TARAO</u>	

9th Cruisers

CHICAGO

SALT LAKE CITY
SAN FRANCISCO
INDIANAPOLIS

Destroyers

15 approx.

Submarines

23 approx.

Heavy Forces

Palau-Maipan-Gonine-Formosa-Japan

CINC 1st Fleet

CINC 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)

3 Battleships (BB)

MURASME

MAGATO

FUSO

YAMASHIRO

HYUGA

2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

SUIKAKU

SEOKAKU (damaged 26/10)

1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)

SUINO

3 - 8th Cruisers (CA)

ATAGO

TIKONA } damaged 26/10
TONE }

4 light cruisers (CL)

ASUKUNA

KITAGAKI

OI

ISSEI

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

FUJISAWA MARU

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

HARUTO MARU

KIYOKUNI MARU

HOGANICAWA MARU

KIYOGASA MARU

SANUKA MARU

6 old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx. 20 Destroyers

Approx. 27 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

INDIANA

WASHINGTON

SOUTH CAROLINA

MARYLAND

MISSISSIPPI

NEW MEXICO

Aircraft carriers

ENTERPRISE

Converted A/C Carriers

SARATOGA

HASSETT

8th Cruisers

ALABAMA

INDIANAPOLIS

NORTHAMPTON

PENSACOLA

6th Cruisers

LOUISVILLE

HELENA

LEAHUA

HONOLULU

ST. LOUIS

NASHVILLE

COLUMBIA

5th Cruisers

ACHILLES

SAN DIEGO

SAN JUAN

Destroyers

35 (approx.)

Armed Merchant Cruisers

HONGKAI

ASCANIA

D) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Alentians

CINC 5th Fleet

8th Cruiser

NACHI

2 light cruisers (CL)

TAMA

KISO

Approx. 4 destroyers

Approx. 7 submarines

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces
6th Cruisers

CONCORD
TRUSTOR
RICHMOND

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Allied Forces
Battleships

GARSPITE REVENGE
RESOLUTION
DANIELLS
ROYAL SOVEREIGN

Aircraft Carrier
Seaplane Carrier
6th Cruisers

ILLUMINATOR
ALBATROSS
DEVONSHIRE
OSWEGON AVENUE (Creek)
HAWKINS

7.5th Cruisers

PROBATION
MARRIOTT

6th Cruisers

GAMBIA NEWCASTLE
NORTH POLE GLASGOW
LIVERPOOL BARNABY
LAURENCE DANAE

Armed Merchant Cruisers

DRAGON
TERRAN
CANTON
CERES
CALICO
CARADOC
HUNTER (Dutch)
ALABAMA
CANTON
COMPTON
CHRYSLER
KABINLA
KANCHI
KAPURA
WORCESTERSHIRE
CARLISLE

A.A. Ship
Approx. 27 Destroyers
Approx. 9 Submarines

Enemy Forces
Approx. 7 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

7th January, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH HAUEN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/7:

- (1) "AUSTRALIA" "HELM" "HEMLET" on patrol Coral Sea area.
- (2) "PHOENIX" "HUNFORD" to arrive Cid Harbour a.m. 7/1. "HOBART" "AASE BARSEK" to depart Cid Harbour.
- (3) "HENDON" departed Milne Bay 1424/6 for Fort Moresby STA 0800/7.
- (4) "COLAC" departed Fort Moresby 1700/6 to clear passage for R.V. "KATONDA" which departed Fort Moresby 1800/6. STA Townsville "COLAC" 0700/6, "KATONDA" 2100/7.
- (5) "PLATYUS" to proceed from Thursday Island today 7/1 for Cairns.
- (6) "BOHUKA" departed Townsville 1634/6 for Maryborough.
- (7) "MANUMBA" dep. Brisbane 1153/6 for Fort Moresby STA 0800/7.
- (8) "ONLONO" was to RV with Convoy 7311 ("CAMERON" "GARRAN" "CHERRY" "SHROUD") in position 22°35'S 159°02'E. "ONLONO" arrived at RV 1830/6, and reported convoy not sighted.
- (9) "LATROBE" escorting Convoy 7322 ("WLOOLOO" "KANSIE" "EMPIRE HANDLE" "SARAKA" ex Townsville; "GEORGE MATTHEWS" ex Cairns) departed Townsville 1930/6 for Fort Moresby STA 1830/6.
- (10) "INVERELL" escorting "J.E. LOWELL" on route Townsville to Darwin. Due Thursday Island 1830/6.
- (11) "WARRAMUNDA" "VENUSTIA" exercising in Houton Bay.
- (12) 10 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux: "KATONDA"
	Merchant Vessels: "VAN HUYTON"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux: "STELLA"
	Merchant Vessels: "DOTH"
Fort Moresby	- Warships & Aux: "FIRIE"
	Merchant Vessels: "ISAM COLES" "ANASTAS KONIKOS"
	"BRANTENHUT" "CLEVELAND ABDE" "YOCROU"
	"VAN SPILBERGEN" "CHAROU" "GUST CACTUS"
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "WILCAHRIA" "KALCOONIE"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "SEAN"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "POYANO"
(Repairing)	"STUART" "DALLASAT" "BROCK"
Cid Harbour	- Warships & Aux. - "SHELFRIDGE"
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "DARBY" "DURBURY" "SHERRY"
	"POLTON" 30.477 30.746 783.9 783.49
	783.50
(Repairing)	"LITROCK" "TULSA" "KONUMBA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "HOBART" "AASE BARSEK" to depart Cid Harbour; "AASE BARSEK" to arrive Townsville a.m. 8/1. Task Group 44.7 ("PHOENIX" "HUNFORD" "SHELFRIDGE") to depart Cid Harbour p.m. 8/1. "HOBART" to arrive Brisbane a.m. 9/1. Task Group 44.7 to RV with Task Group 44.3 ("AUSTRALIA" "HELM" "HEMLET") in position 14°S 146°E 1000/10. Task Group 44.3 to arrive Palm Is. p.m. 11/1.

(1) EVENT FORCES

- (1) Swire-Paial -- 7 ships were sighted in the area at 1230/6 including 1 large warship, ^{2 small warships} 2 destroyers and one transport.
- (2) Diamond Narrows -- A report timed 1040/5 states that small craft move south nightly through the Diamond Narrows from Holobangara. This now appears to be the main source of supply to Banda. Supplies are apparently ferried to Holobangara Island and from thence are brought by small craft through the Diamond Narrows to Banda and probably as far as Wickham Anchorage.
- (3) Casata-Arawa Area -- A convoy of ten vessels comprising warships and transports was sighted at approximately 1030/6 30 miles NE of Casata on course 250°. At 2130 the convoy was 11 miles east by south of Casata. At 2320 the position was 17 miles east by south of Arawa, and at 0630/7 28 miles south of Arawa on course 240. The convoy was attacked at approximately 0400/7 30 miles SW of Arawa. At 0512/7 the position was 50 miles SW by S. of Arawa and at approximately 0627/7 76 miles SW of Arawa (see Naval Incidents).

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1300/7:

- (1) "HARRISCO" was to SV with "RIDELIA" off Packer Point at 1800/6 and escort to Morak. X
- (2) "ARUNTA" departed Port Moresby 1030/4 for Darwin STA 1830/7.
- (3) "CASTLEWAINE" escorting "ISLANDER" departed Thursday Is. 0830/6 for Darwin STA 1431/7.
- (4) 7 submarines on patrol.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1300/7:

- (1) "KAWINDA" "DUBBO" escorting Convoy 202 departed Fremantle 1400/5. "DUBBO" to be detached 1000/7 to return to Fremantle. "KAWINDA" to be detached 9/1 for Albany STA 0430/10.
- (2) "ISCHUL" escorting "KOOLEDA" departed Fremantle 0730/4 for Exmouth Gulf.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "JACOB VAN HUNGERFORD" "TRUMP"
"THOMAS RIDGER" "TAMWORTH" "FORSHAN" "PRESTON"
"PHILIAS"
Geraldton - Warships & Aux. - "HITCH"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "VAN CALEN" "SEIFFOORVILLE" "LARK"
"CHILD" "COLD STAR"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1800/6:

- (1) "GOLDEN" escorting "YUKAN" from Kent Is. to Sydney STA 0800/6.
- (2) "DUNBARRO" "ABRAHAM CUYENBERG" escorting Convoy 0080 (incl. "DUNBARRO") dep. Sydney 1806/6 for SV in Wilson's Promontory area.

- (3) "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNVILLE" escorting CONWAY 0000 for Sydney and Newcastle.
- (4) "WARRABINE" departed Sydney 1220/0 for Brisbane STA 1101/0.
- (5) "TAPUEBA" "MILDURA" escorting CONWAY 0000 departed Sydney 1201/0 for Brisbane STA 0701/0.
- (6) "PATTERSON" was due Brisbane 0000/7 from Sydney.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney	- Warships & Aux. - "TREVOR" "LARK" "OLDFIELD" "DELAWARE" "CHRYSLER" "MILDURA" "BOURN" "TANDRA" "DORSET"
(Repairing)	"PORTLAND" "NEW ORLEANS" "HARRIS" "SOUTHARD" "BISHOPDALE" "ALBERTA"
(In Reserve)	"MANOCHA" "AUSTRALIA"
Melbourne	- Warships & Aux. - "RALPH TAYLOR" "SPRINGDALE" "LE TRIUMPHANT" "DOONAN" "AMERICAN LEGION"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanuoro - MACKINAC (AV) THORNTON (AV)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - PENNACOLA HINERAPOLIS (CA) ALTAMARA
BASSAT (ACT) THORNTON McALLA NICHOLAS CURRISS
SUCHANAN WOODSCOTE STACE GANSE LANG SAUPLY (CD)
GAMBLE (DM) CURTIS HALLARD TANDER (AV) RIGBY (AD)
PYRO (AS) VESSEL (AR) VINDO (AM) TRYON (AP) STRATFORD
HINDS (AV) ARCTIC (AV) SABINE NEGRO (AO) YP.200
YP.347
- (3) At Noumea - CLEVELAND SAN JUAN (CL) SWANNEE SANDANON (ACT)
PERKINS BALCH GIBLET McALL CONWAY HALLER RADFORD
JENKINS MURPHY CHAVEN (CD) NICOMEDES (AR) DELPHINUS (YP)
ARCHE (AO) LARSEN (AS) MCKEAN (AP) WHITBY (AO)
KIDPISHAN (AM) SCAMICO CITHARON (AO) NEVILLE MERCURY
U.S. DUNNONS ASTARD (AK) ABD.3
- (4) At Suva - MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO BAYLAND COLORADO (SB)
MONROE HULL PARRAGUT PUEBLE (CD) CATALPA LOCUST
ROSBODD (YH) TALAMANCA (AR) KAWAHE (AO) URICH (AV)
HARRINGTON (AP)
- (5) Guadalcanal Area - JARVIS (PS) BOSCH (AR) FC.476
FC.499 (YP) SUMNER (AO) WARD (YT) HATAI MCA
KIWI YUI (A/S Vessels) ORTEL-S (AGR)
- (6) At Vila - YP.200
- (7) At Auckland - HONGKAI (A.W.C) EDGEM (YH) ROAMES (AP) SOLACE (AR)
Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
- (8) At Wellington - FORMALHAUT (AR)

C. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

"ARLAIN" escorting "ILE DE FRANCE" towards Colombo.
"ARLAIN" to proceed as far as endurance at best
speed will permit and return to Fremantle.

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) Rain -- 3 B.17's, 4 P.38's, 6 P.40's attacked 1230/0. One possible hit on stern and three near misses on transport which was believed to have been left listing.
- (2) Caenata-Grave -- The convoy of ten vessels was attacked 30 miles SE of Arava at approximately 0125/7. One transport was left in flames.
- (3) Eel Islands -- 3 Hudsons attacked an "OPMI" class torpedo boat (300 tons) 8 miles north of Tocal proceeding north at 0750/0. One direct hit, one probable direct hit and two near misses. Vessel last observed stationary at 0825/0.

III. AIR OPERATIONS

ALLIED

Irwin -- 4 B.17's attacked the aerodrome early afternoon 6/1. Results not observed.
Munda -- 1 Catalina attacked Munda 2800-2315/3. 1 B.17 attacked 6/1.
Shamala -- 1 B.17 attacked the aerodrome afternoon 6/1. Results not observed.
Lee - 1 B.17 attacked the village area afternoon 6/1. Results not observed. 6 A.20's attacked grounded aircraft afternoon 6/1.
Ashora River - 4 Bombers strafed the west bank 6/1.
Succumbia Point - 6 B.25's attacked morning 6/1. Results not observed.

IV. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Renewed attempt to re-take Sandakan
co-ordinated with offensive activities
Aradura Sea area.
- (2) Infiltration - Succumbia area.

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APPENDIX

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACCOUNT

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. <u>WESTERN PACIFIC</u>		<u>On Reserve</u>
<u>Allyn Force</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Deficiency of Personnel</u>
3 rd Cruisers	AUSTRALIA	PORTLAND NEW ORLEANS
6 th Cruisers	BRANT VENNIE	
Armed Merchant Cruisers		MASOBA AUSTRALIA
Fleet Leaders	HARRINGTON IN THOMPSON	STUART
Destroyers	SELFRIDGE PATRICKSON HESLEY BELL RALPH TALBOT BAGLEY EDFORD VENETTA ALBACORE FLYING FISH CATO OSGUE SHAPPE SCOTTISH TUNA UNCO AMERJACK ARONOFF GRANITE GREENLIE GROVER HAFFNER JARGO SCARFISH UNITON K.S FULTON SPRING BOBBIE TULSA BILO	HOWERS SOUTHERN
Submarines		
		At Brisbane
		On Patrol
		At Sydney
Submarine Tenders		HOLLAND
Destroyer Tender		
Outposts		
Oilers	AAHE BARBER VICTORIA	DUNEDIN KIRIBATI
<u>SEVEN FORCES</u>		
<u>South-Western Britain-Solomon</u>		
CinC Combined Fleet		
CinC 2nd Fleet		
CinC 3rd Fleet		
CinC 4th Fleet		
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)		
3 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO MITSU ISE	
2 Battlecruisers (BC)		KOJURO HARUNA } 1 damaged 20/10
2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)	SUZUKI KODO	
3 Converted A/C Carriers (ACV)	HAYATAKA HITAKA SUHO	
3 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	OTAMA CHUGO UNYO	} ferrying
Heavy Cruisers (CA) (prob. 5 effective)	AKA CHIKAI MAGURO KURAMA MUSUBI TAKAO	MIYUKI (prob. sunk 20/10) MORRIS (believed sunk 14/11)

On Report
 Re: RECAPTURE OF LOST SHIPS
 TATSUTA } believed sunk
 KINU } 14/11

Light Cruisers (CL)
 (some damaged
 prob. 3-3 effective)

Effective
 HATOH
 HANINA
 HAKOBI
 HAKARA
 HIRAYU
 HIRAI
 YUDAI

1 or 2 converted light cruisers (CL)
 Approx 30 submarines (SS)
 Approx 40 destroyers (DD)
 3 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHUYO
 CHITOSE
 AITOHISHINA
 SHIMIZU
 HAKOBI
 HIRONO MARU
 HIRAYAMA MARU
 KASU MARU
 SAITO MARU
 KUNIO MARU
 KOUYO MARU
 HAKINAKA MARU
 OCHUO MARU

} 1 damaged 6/11

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx 40 Merchant Ships (over 5,000 tons)
 Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub. Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft
 Approx 300 shore-based aircraft incl. 51 fighters, 82 B, 20 F/T,
 37 P/T, 2 Obs. or transport aircraft.

2. SOUTHERN OCEAN

Alleged Forces
 5" Cruiser
 Flotilla Leaders

A.A. Ship
 Armed Merchant Cruiser
 Destroyers

S/P Tenders

Submarine Tender
 Submarine

AMERICA
 AMERICA
 TROOP
 VAN MUNCHING
 KATANA
 TOSHIKI
 VAN GALEN
 IRON
 CHIEF
 S.S. PHILTON
 JULIAS
 S.S.
 OYAMA ICH
 S.P. JOHN
 HIRAYAMA
 FANON
 TAYLOR
 WOLF
 ORTELING
 E.S.
 E.L.

} On Patrol

} At Fremantle

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Alleged Forces
 7 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or SWI area (see above)

Enemy Forces
 1st Fleet - Southwest Expeditionary Fleet
 1 heavy cruiser (CA)
 3 light cruisers (CL)

AMERICA
 HAKOBI
 HARA

1 converted light cruiser (XCL)
 Approx 15 destroyers (DD)
 Approx 3 submarines (SS)
 Seaplane Carrier (AV)
 Converted S/P Tender (XAV)

HIRONO
 CHITOSE MARU

B) PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces
Battleships

Effective
IDARO
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA
CORANNE
LONG ISLAND
CHICAGO

On Reserve,
Refitting or Damaged
WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carriers

8th Cruisers

SALT LAKE CITY
SAN FRANCISCO
INDIANA OLIS

Destroyers
Submarines

15 (approx)
23 (approx)

Enemy Forces

Japan-Formosa-Taiwan-Java

CINC 1st Fleet

CINC 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)

3 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
YAGATO
FUJIO
YAMASHIRO
MUTSU

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)

3 - 8th Cruisers (CA)

MIKAZUKI
ATAGO

SHIRAKI (damaged 26/10)
TIKONA } damaged 26/10
TOME }

4 light cruisers (CL)

ADZUMI

KITAGAKI
OI

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

FUJIKAWA MARU
HARUTO MARU
KIYOSUMI MARU
KIYODASA MARU
SANKI MARU

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

6 Old Armored Cruisers (OAG)

Approx 30 Destroyers

Approx 27 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces
Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
SOUTH CAROLINA
COLORADO
MAINE
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA
ALBATROSS
ALBATROSS
SUGARHILL
SAN GABRIEL
MINNESOTA
HONOLULU
PENNSYLVANIA
SIOUX
LOUISVILLE
HAWAII
HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE
COLUMBIA
CLEVELAND
ACHILLES
SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN
40 (approx)
MOHAWK
ALCANTARA

Aircraft Carriers

Converted A/C Carriers

8th Cruisers

LEAHOWE

6th Cruisers

5th Cruisers

Destroyers
Armed Merchant Cruisers

D) NORTH PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces
8th Cruisers

DETROIT
BALDWIN

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northwest, North-Caribbean-Alentinas

CinC 3rd Fleet

6th Cruiser (CA)

SACBI

2 light cruisers (CL)

TAMA

SIRO

Approx 6 Destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

B) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

Enemy Forces

6th Cruisers

CHITONO

TRISTON

WICHARD

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Enemy Forces

Merchantships

WAGWITZ

BERGOTICE

WABILLIS

ROYAL SOVEREIGN

ILLUSIONIS

Aircraft Carrier

ALBATROSS

Seaplane Carrier

COGNAC AVENUE (Greek)

6th Cruisers

DEPOSENTER

7.5th Cruisers

FORDYNER

6th Cruisers

HANKINS

HAURITICO

BERGASIE

GAMBIA

GLASCOE

ENTREPRISE

HERALD

LIVERPOOL

LAMAR

DAUNTLESS

DRAGON

FURBER

CANTON

CHINA

CALDOE

CARADOC

SWATERA (Dutch)

Armed Merchant Cruisers

ALAFIA

CANTAGE

CORFU

CHITRAL

KARINIA

BAUCHI

BAVUDA

ROCKEFELLER

CARLISLE

A.A. Ship

Approx 27 Destroyers

Approx 9 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Approx 7 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

8th January, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/8:

- (1) "AUSTRALIA" "HELM" "HENLEY" on patrol Coral Sea area.
- (2) "HOBART" departed Cid Harbour 1400/7 for Brisbane ETA 0800/9.
- (3) "WHYALLA" operating off Tufi.
- (4) "BENDIGO" escorting "SWARTENHONDT" "YOCHOW" was to depart Port Moresby 1022/8 for Townsville.
- (5) "COLAC" en route Port Moresby to Townsville ETA 0700/9.
- (6) "PLATYPUS" departed Thursday Island 0820/7 for Cairns.
- (7) "ECHUCA" departed Townsville 1634/6 for Maryborough ETA 0900/9.
- (8) "GEELONG" escorting Convoy BT32 ("FRANCIS LEWIS" "STEPHEN J. FIELD") to depart Brisbane 1400/8 for Townsville.
- (9) "INVERELL" escorting "J.R. LOWELL" en route Townsville to Darwin. Due Thursday Island 1930/8.
- (10) "LATROBE" escorting Convoy TN22 ("ULOOLOO" "KARSIK" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "WANAKA" ex Townsville; "GEORGE MATTHEWS" ex Cairns) departed Townsville 1930/5 for Port Moresby ETA 1800/8.
- (11) 10 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "KATOOMBA"
	Merchant Vessels: "VAN HEUTSZ"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE" "STELLA"
	Merchant Vessels: "BOTH" "VAN SPILBERGEN"
	"CHARON" "WEST CACTUS"
Port Moresby	- Merchant Vessels: "ISAAC COLES" "ASPASIA NOMIKOS"
	"VAN DER LIJN" "CLEVELAND ABBE" "MANUNDA"
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "SWAN"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "POYANG" "AASE MAERSK"
(Repairing)	"STUART" "BALLARAT" "BROOME"
Cid Harbour	- Warships & Aux. - "PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "SELFRIDGE"
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "PATTERSON" "BAGLEY" "WARRAMUNGA"
	"VENDETTA" "BUNBURY" "GEELONG" "SPERRY"
	"FULTON" "MERKUR" SC.477 SC.746 YMS.9
	YMS.49 YMS.50
(Repairing)	"LITHGOW" "TULSA" "KURUMBA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) Task Group 44.7 ("PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "SELFRIDGE") to depart Cid Harbour p.m. 8/1. "HOBART" to arrive Brisbane a.m. 9/1. Task Group 44.7 to RV with Task Group 44.3 ("AUSTRALIA" "HELM" "HENLEY") in position 14°S 148°E at 1000/10. Task Group 44.3 to arrive Palm Is. p.m. 11/1.
- (2) "PIRIE" escorting "BOTH" "LORINNA" to depart Milne Bay 1300/10 for Oro Bay ETA 1430/11.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Bougainville -- An enemy observation post is reported at Empress Augusta Bay.

- (2) Lae Area -- The convoy reported yesterday was sighted during morning and afternoon 7/1, heading towards Lae. At 1530/7 9 vessels were reported in Lae Harbour, indicating that one vessel had been sunk in the previous air attacks. The composition of the convoy is not clear, but appears to have originally comprised one light cruiser, four destroyers, and five transports, of which one transport was sunk (see also Naval Incidents).
- (3) Cape Ward Hunt -- A probable destroyer was sighted 27 miles NE Cape Ward Hunt on a westerly course at 0100/8.
- (4) Arawe -- A light cruiser or destroyer was sighted 90 miles ESE of Arawe at 0840/8. (See also Naval Incidents).
- (5) Mambare -- A two-masted schooner was sighted, anchored at the mouth of the Mambare River 0820/7.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/8:

- (1) "WILCANNIA" escorting Convoy TD4 ("KOOLIGA" "BABINDA") departed Thursday Island 1902/7 for Darwin ETA p.m. 11/1.
- (2) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "ISLANDER" departed Thursday Is. 0850/6 for Darwin ETA 1631/9.
- (3) "WARREGO" escorting "BIDELIA" departed Thursday Island 0807/7 for Merauke ETA 1500/8.
- (4) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "ARUNTA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Laga-Lautem -- A large possible tanker and two small vessels were sighted proceeding east past Laga at 0330/7. They were later reported unloading supplies off Lautem.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/8:

- (1) "KANIMBLA" "DUBBO" escorting Convoy SU5 departed Fremantle 1400/5. "DUBBO" was to be detached 2000/7 to return to Fremantle. "KANIMBLA" to be detached 9/1 for Albany ETA 0430/10.
- (2) "ISOBEL" escorting "KOOLINDA" departed Fremantle 0730/4 for Exmouth Gulf.
- (3) "VAN GALEN" "LARK" "GOLD STAR" en route Exmouth Gulf to Fremantle.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK" "TROMP"
 "TJERK HIDDEN" "TAMWORTH" "HORSHAM" "PRESTON"
 "PELIAS"
 Geraldton - Warships & Aux. - "HERON"
 Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "WHIPPOORWILL" "CHILDS"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Albany -- A possible submarine was sighted 19 miles SSW of Albany at 1015/7.

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/8:

- (1) "BUNDABERG" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy C060 (incl. "BUNGAREE") dep. Sydney 1606/6 for RV in Wilson's Promontory area.
- (2) "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy OC59 were due Sydney 0300/8.
- (3) "ENGADINE" departed Sydney 1829/6 for Brisbane ETA 1101/8.
- (4) "KAPUNDA" "MILDURA" escorting Convoy GP29 departed Sydney 1031/6 for Brisbane ETA 0730/9.
- (5) "GOULBURN" departed Sydney 1847/7 for Brisbane ETA 1200/9.
- (6) "GYMPIE" & "BOWEN" departed Sydney 1425/7 for working up exercises in Broken Bay.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "TREVER" "ZANE" "GLENELG"
"DELORAINÉ" "MILDURA" "YANDRA" "DOBBIN"
"YUNNAN"
(Repairing) "PORTLAND" "NEW ORLEANS" "HOPKINS" "SOUTHARD"
"BISHOPDALE" "ALHENA"
(In Reserve) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "RALPH TALBOT" "SPRINGDALE"
"LE TRIOMPHANT" "DOOMBA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting "GEORGE M. LIVANOS" "DUNDULA" "TULAGI" to depart Sydney 0900/9 for Capricorn Channel. "ROCKHAMPTON" to return to Sydney.
- (2) "TOWNSVILLE" to escort Convoy C061 from Newcastle. "DELORAINÉ" "YANDRA" to RV off Sydney p.m. 9/1 and take over escort.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Wilson's Promontory -- A possible torpedo track was reported 25 miles west of Wilson's Promontory at 2050/7. Air searches were negative.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AV) THORNTON (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - PENSACOLA MINNEAPOLIS (CA) ALTAMAHA NASSAU (ACV) THORNTON McCALLA NICHOLAS CUMMINGS LANSDOWNE BUCHANAN WOODWORTH STACK GANSE LANG SAUFLEY (DD) CURTISS BALLARD TANGIER (AV) RIGEL (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) VIREO (AM) STRATFORD PRES. GRANT (AP) ARCTIC (AF) SABINE PLATTE NEOSHO (AO) YP.290 YP.347
- (3) At Noumea - CLEVELAND SAN JUAN (CL) SUWANNEE SANGAMON (ACV) PERKINS BALCH GRIDLEY McCALL CONWAY WALLER RADFORD JENKINS MURPHY CRAVEN (DD) PROMETHEUS (AR) DELPHINUS (YP) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) McKEAN (APD) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER (AM) SUAMIGO CIMARRON (AO) NEVILLE MERCURY W.W. BURROWS ANTARES (AK) ARD.2
- (4) At Suva - MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) MONOGHAN HULL FARRAGUT PREBLE (DD) CATALPA LOCUST ROSEWOOD (YN) TALAMANCA (AK) KANKAKEE (AO) WRIGHT (AV) HAMMONDSPOUT (AP)
- (5) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) PC.476 PC.499 (YP) SUMNER (AG) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA KIWI TUI (A/S Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR)
- (6) At Vila - YP.289

- (7) At Auckland - MONOWAI (A.M.C) EBONY (YN) ROAMER (AP) SOLACE (AH)
Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
(8) At Wellington - FOMALHAUT (AK)
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C. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

"ADELAIDE" escorting "ILE DE FRANCE" towards Colombo.
"ADELAIDE" to proceed as far as endurance at best
speed will permit and return to Fremantle. (if possible)?

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) Gasmata-Lae Area -- The convoy was attacked en route Lae. One transport described as of 12-14,000 tons was hit 3 times 43 miles S. by W. of Arawe at 0330/7. A terrific explosion followed the hits, and the ship was reported in flames and listing to port. It appeared to blow up. As only 9 ships were sighted in Lae Harbour, it would appear that this transport sank. Another transport was reported to have been hit on the stern by one direct hit off Finschhafen 0650-0810/7. 11 intercepting fighters were destroyed, 8 probably destroyed, 2 damaged. One B.25 and one B.26 missing.
- (2) Arawe Area -- The light cruiser or destroyer sighted 90 miles ESE of Arawe at 0840/8 was attacked shortly after. Four near misses were claimed.
- (3) Kai Islands -- Two enemy warships (described as destroyers, one apparently towing the other which was leaving an oil slick) were unsuccessfully attacked by 5 Hudsons 9 miles NNE of Toetal at 1146/7. The vessel being towed was apparently the torpedo boat attacked and hit morning 6/1. A destroyer was unsuccessfully attacked by 5 Hudsons 21 miles NW of Toetal at 1612/6.
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III. AIR OPERATIONS

ALLIED

Munda - 4 B.26's attacked morning 7/1. A.A. positions believed destroyed.

Rekata Bay - 6 B.26's and 12 P.39's attacked afternoon 7/1. One large fire started. Two aircraft lost.

Gasmata - One B.24 attacked the aerodrome late 6/1. One large oil fire started. One PBV attacked early morning 7/1. Several fires started. Grounded aircraft strafed and believed damaged.

Huon Gulf - 13 Beaufighters strafed a whaler containing personnel, and a number of small craft early afternoon. Whaler and one small boat destroyed. remainder damaged. 15 fighters intercepted. Two damaged.

Arawe-Lae - 4 P.38's escorting Beaufighters attacking enemy transports were intercepted by 4 or 5 enemy fighters. Two fighters destroyed.

Lae - A.20's attacked grounded aircraft morning 7/1. One direct hit on a blast bay, one large fire started and an unidentified bomber set on fire. One A.20 lost. 15 P.38's attacked morning 7/1.

ENEMY

Cape Melville - An enemy aircraft was indicated 190 miles NE of Cape Melville morning 7/1.

IV. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Renewed attempt to re-take Guadalcanal
co-ordinated with offensive activities
Arafura Sea area.
- (2) Infiltration - Sanananda area.

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For A/DIRECTOR, C.O.I.C.
G.H.Q., S.W.P.A.

8/1/43

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

Effective
AUSTRALIA

On Reserve,
Refitting or Damaged
PORTLAND
NEW ORLEANS

6" Cruisers

HOBART
PHOENIX

Armed Merchant Cruisers

MANOORA
WESTRALIA

Flotilla Leaders

WARRAMUNGA
LE TRIOMPHANT
SELFRIDGE

STUART

Destroyers

PATTERSON
HENLEY
HELM
RALPH TALBOT
BAGLEY
MUGFORD

HOPKINS
SOUTHARD

Submarines

VENDETTA
ALBACORE
GATC
GROUPE
SNAPPER
SWORDFISH
TUNA
WAHOO
AMBERJACK
ARGONAUT
FLYING FISH
GRAMPUS
GREENLING
GROWLER
NAUTILUS
SARGO
SPEARFISH
TRITON
K.9

At Brisbane

On Patrol

At Sydney
HOLLAND

Submarine Tenders

FULTON
SPERRY

Destroyer Tender

DOBBIN

Gunboats

TULSA
HILO

Oilers

AASE MAERSK
VICTORIA

BISHOPDALE
KURUMBA

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet

CinC 2nd Fleet

CinC 3rd Fleet

CinC 4th Fleet

CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)

3 Battleships (BB)

YAMATO
MUTSU
ISE

2 Battlecruisers (BB)

KONGO)
HARUNA) 1 damaged 26/10

2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

ZUIKAKU
HOSHO

3 Converted A/C Carriers(XCV)

HAYATAKA
HITAKA

3 Auxiliary A/C Carriers(ACV)

ZUIHO
OTAKA)
CHUYO)
UNYO)

Ferrying

Heavy Cruisers (CA)
(prob. 5 effective)

AOBA
CHOKAI
HAGURO
KUMANO
SUZUYA
TAKAO

MYOKO (prob. dan. 26/10)
MOGAMI (believed sunk
14/11)

Light Cruisers (CL)
(some damaged
prob. 3-5 effective)

Effective
NATORI
KASHIMA
KATORI
NAGARA
TENRYU
SENDAI
YUBARI

On Reserve,
Refitting or Damaged
TATSUTA) believed sunk
KINU) 14/11

1 or 2 converted light cruisers (XCL)
Approx 28 submarines (SS)
Approx 40 destroyers (DD)
5 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

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

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

NITCHO MARU
KATSURAGI MARU
KAGU MARU
SANYO MARU
KENJO MARU
SOUYOU MARU
KAMIKAWA MARU
GOSHU MARU

Several Submarine Tenders
Approx 40 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MPB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft
Approx 249 shore-based aircraft incl. 91 fighters, 92 B, 20 F/B,
37 F/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN SECTION

Allied Forces

6" Cruiser

Flotilla Leaders

A.A. Ship

Armed Merchant Cruiser

Destroyers

S/P Tenders

Submarine Tender

Submarines

ADELAIDE
ARUNTA
TROMP
VAN HEEMSKERK
KANIMBIA
TJERK HIDDERS
VAN GALEN
HERON
CHILDS
W.B. PRESTON
PELIAS
GAR)
GRENADIER)
GUDGEON)
THRESHER) On Patrol
TAMBOR)
TAUTOG)
TROUT)
GRAYLING)
K.8) At Fremantle
K.12)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

CinC 2nd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA) ASHIGARA

2 light cruisers (CL) KASHII

KUMA

1 converted light cruiser (XCL)

Approx 16 destroyers (DD)

Approx 3 submarines (SS)

Seaplane Carrier (AV)

NOTORO

Converted S/P Tender (XAV)

OKITSU MARU

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces
Battleships

IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA
COPAHEE
LONG ISLAND
CHICAGO

WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carriers

8" Cruisers

SALT LAKE CITY
SAN FRANCISCO
INDIANA POLIS

Destroyers

15 (approx)

Submarines

23 (approx)

Enemy Forces

Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan

CinC 1st Fleet

CinC 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)

5 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
NAGATO
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)

3 - 8" Cruisers (CA)

ATAGO

SHOKAKU (damaged 26/10)

4 light cruisers (CL)

ABUKUMA

TIKUMA } damaged 26/10
TONE }

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

FUJIKAWA MARU
NARUTO MARU
KIYOZUMI MARU
KINUGASA MARU
SANUKI MARU

KITAGAMI

OI

ISUZU

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

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 30 Destroyers

Approx 27 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
COLORADO
MARYLAND
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA
NASSAU
ALTAMAHA
SUWANNEE
SANGAMON
MINNEAPOLIS
NORTHAMPTON
PENSACOLA
WICHITA
LOUISVILLE

Aircraft Carriers

Converted A/C Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

LEANDER

5" Cruisers

Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE
COLUMBIA
CLEVELAND
ACHILLES
SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN
45 (approx)
MONOWAI
ASCANIA

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

DETROIT
RALEIGH

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

9th January, 1943.

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(I) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/9:

- (1) "AUSTRALIA" "HELM" "HEMLOCK" on patrol Coral Sea area. ETA Palm Is. p.m. 11/1.
- (2) "PHOENIX" "SUOPOND" "SULFRIDGE" on patrol Coral Sea area.
- (3) "ROBERT" departed Old Harbour 1400/7 for Brisbane ETA 0900/9.
- (4) "SYDALLA" operating off Tafi.
- (5) "BENEDICO" escorting "SCANTLEBURY" "TACHON" departed Port Moresby 1050/8 for Cairns ETA 2000/10. "BENEDICO" for Townsville ETA 0900/11.
- (6) "PLATINUS" departed Thursday Island 0620/7 for Cairns.
- (7) "BOHICA" departed Townsville 1634/8 for Maryborough ETA 0900/9.
- (8) "ORIELONG" escorting Convoy BT32 ("FRANCIS LEWIS" "STEPHEN J. FIELD") departed Brisbane 1445/8 for Townsville.
- (9) H.T. "KATOONBA" departed Townsville 1630/8 to MV with "ORIELONG". "ORIELONG" to escort to position off Brisbane. "BOOKHAMPTON" to take over and escort "KATOONBA" to Sydney ETA 1630/12.
- (10) 10 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "KATOONBA"
	Merchant Vessels: "VAN BRUTSE"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "PIRE" "STELLA"
	Merchant Vessels: "BOTH" "VAN SPIELBERGEN" "CHARON"
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "LATHOS" "PALUNA" "BARATA"
	Merchant Vessels: "ISAAC COLES" "AGAPASIA HOMEROS"
	"VAN DER LIJN" "CLEVELAND ADRI" "SANDUZA"
	"GLOGLOO" "HARSIK" "BERNIE HANBLE" "GEORGE HATTHENS"
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE" "INVERELL"
Cairns	- Warship & Aux. - "SWAN"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "COLE" "POTANE" "AASH HARRON"
(Repairing)	"STUART" "HALLANAT" "DROONE"
Old Harbour	- Warships & Aux. - "PHOENIX" "SUOPOND" "SULFRIDGE"
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "ENCADINE" "BAGLEY" "GARRANDEA"
	"VENDETTA" "DUNHONY" "PATTERSON" "SHEPHERD"
	"SPERRY" "FULTON" "BERKUR" SC.477 SC.746
	YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50
(Repairing)	"LITHOON" "TULSA" "KUMURBA"
Morobe	- Warships & Aux. - "WARRECO"
	Merchant Vessels: "RICHELIA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "PIRE" escorting "BOTH" "LOBIWA" to depart Milne Bay 1300/10 for Oro Bay ETA 1430/11.
- (2) "SWAN" escorting TMS3 ("DONTROCK" AND "TAROOKA") to depart Townsville 1900/9 for Port Moresby ETA 1800/11.

(II) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Santa Isabel -- A small heavily camouflaged vessel anchored off Morobe Harbour p.m. 7/1. This type of vessel has previously been used by the enemy for reporting purposes.
- (2) How Georgia Group -- P.M. 8/1, two destroyers and a large cargo vessel were reported N.E. of Vella Lavella on a south easterly course, probably bound for one of the enemy bases in the area, possibly Vila Plantation on S.E. Munderumbanga.

- (3) Buka -- Reconnaissance sighted two destroyers off W. Coast Buka, probably a.m. 9/1.
Natives report that the enemy is concentrating on defence in this area.
An enemy convoy of seven ships including one cruiser and two destroyers was seen E. of Buka Passage headed W. at 1730/8. Fighter cover was apparently provided for the convoy which was probably returning to base from Shortlands.
- (4) Madang -- It is estimated that there are approximately 3,000 Japs in the Madang area, based on native reports of 7/1. Bridges have apparently been thrown across the Gum and Cogol Rivers.
- (5) Hambare Bay -- A possible submarine was reported off Hambare Bay at 0130/8.
- (6) Sarananda-Coputa area -- Activities were confined to patrols on 6/1. Enemy positions have been located in the area.
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2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1800/9:

- (1) "WILCANNIA" escorting Convoy TD4 ("MOOLIGA" "BARINDA") departed Thursday Island 1900/7 for Darwin ETA p.m. 11/1.
- (2) "CASTERMAINE" escorting "ISLANDER" departed Thursday Island 0830/8 for Darwin ETA 1631/8.
- (3) 3 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "ARUNTA"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Soerba (NEI) -- An enemy base is believed to be under construction at Waingapore on E. coast of Soerba Is.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1800/9:

- (1) "KANTHULA" "DUBCO" escorting Convoy 505 departed Fremantle 1400/8. "DUBCO" was to be detached 2000/7 to return to Fremantle. "KANTHULA" to be detached 9/1 for Albany ETA 0630/10.
- (2) "ISABEL" "LARK" "GOLD STAR" departed Breamouth Gulf for Fremantle ETA 1900/8.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:	Warships & Aux. - "JACOB VAN HEERSEBERG" "TROMP" "TJARK NIEZES" "TANWORTH" "BORSHAN" "PRESTON" "FELIAS" "VAN CALEN"
C Geraldton:	Warships & Aux. - "EMBOE"
Breamouth Gulf	Warships & Aux. - "HIPPOCRONIA" "ORILDS"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1800/9:

- (1) "MONTABDO" "ARABIAN CHRISTEN" escorting Convoy 0260 (including "BONCARRNE") dep. Sydney 1806/8 for RV in Wilson's Promontory area.
- (2) "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting "GEORGE H. LIVANOS" "DURDULA" "TULAGI" were to depart Sydney 0800/9 for Capricorn Channel. "ROCKHAMPTON" to return to Sydney escorting H.L. "KATONDA" ETA 1830/12.

- (3) "KAPUNDA" "WILGUNA" escorting Convoy OPEO departed Sydney 1031/0 for Brisbane ETA 1200/0.
- (4) "BOULEVARD" departed Sydney 1047/7 for Brisbane ETA 1200/0.
- (5) "OLYMPIA" and "BOWEN" departed Sydney 1428/7 for working up exercises in Broken Bay.
- (6) "RALPH TALENT" escorting "HOLLAND" were to depart Port Phillip 0900/0 for Suva.
- (7) "DOCKEN" escorting OC60 departed Port Phillip 2140/8 for Sydney.
- (8) "HOVEY" and "VANITY" escorting "PRESIDENT JACKSON" "PRESIDENT HAYES" "PRESIDENT ADAMS" due Melbourne 1400/12 - except "HOVEY" due Sydney 10/1.

(b) In Harbour:
Sydney

(Repairing)

(In reserve)

Melbourne

Newcastle

- Warships & Aux. - "TREVET" "SANS" "CLEVER" "DELOIRINE" "TANDRA" "DOBBIN" "YUMAS" "ROCKHAMPTON" "PORTLAND" "NEW ORLEANS" "SOPHIE" "SOUTHARD" "HIGHDALE" "ALBERTA" "MANCORA" "WESTRALIA" - Warships & Aux. - "SPRINGDALE" "LE TRIOMPHANT" - Warships & Aux. - "TOWNSVILLE"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "TOWNSVILLE" ^{to} escort Convoy COG1 from Newcastle. "DELOIRINE" "TANDRA" to RV off Sydney p.m. 9/1 and take over escort.
- (2) "KAPUNDA" and "WILGUNA" escorting OC60 ("WARRIOR" and six ships) from Brisbane to Sydney: ETA 1500/0.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - WACHINAC (AV) THORNTON (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - MISSISSIPPI MINNEAPOLIS LOUISVILLE (CA) NORFOLK HELENA NASSVILLE ST. LOUIS COLUMBIA ACHILLES (CL) ALTAMIRA HASSAU (ACV) THORNTON NOCALLA NICHOLAS COMBING LANGDOCK DUCHESNEA WOODWORTH STACE GORSE LANG DANFORTH (H) LANGON O'BRIEN PRASER FLETCHER BRAYTON (DD) CURTIS BAILLARD TARTER (AV) SIGEL (AD) TIBO (AB) VESTAL (AR) VIBRO (AN) STRATFORD PERS. GRANT GREGORY CITY (AP) ARCTIC (AD) MADINE PLATTE DESSO (AO) YP. 200 YP. 347.
- (3) At Noumea - CLEVELAND SAN JUAN (CL) SWANSEE SARGASO (ACV) PERKINS BALCH GRIDLEY NOCALL CONWAY WALLER RAYFORD JUNKINS MURPHY GRAVEN (DD) PROMETHEUS (AR) DELPHINUS (YF) BUTTERNUT (YB) ARGONNE (AS) LASER (AB) HOBAN (AP) WHITNEY (AD) KINOPISTON (AN) SUANICO CINARRON (AO) BEVILLE BRIGANT V.V. HERCULES ANTARES (AE) ASD. 8
- (4) At Suva - MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO MAYLAND COLORADO (DD) WOODMAN HULL PARRAGUT PHELPS (DD) CATALA LOCUST ROSEWOOD (YB) PALANCA (AE) KANAKES (AO) WRIGHT (AV) HANCOCKSPORT (AP)
- (5) Guadalcanal Area - JARISTONE (PO) BOBOLINK (AN) PC. 476 PC. 600 (YF) JENNER (AO) WARDANK (YF) BATAI BOA KISI TUI (A/S Vessels) OSTOLAN (ASH)
- (6) At Vila - YP. 200
- (7) At Auckland - HOKUAI (A.S.C) EBONY (YB) ROANER (AP) BOLLACK (AN) Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
- (8) At Wellington - POMALHAUT (AE)

C. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

"ADELAIDE" escorting "ELM DE FRANCE" towards Colombo. "ADELAIDE" to proceed as far as endurance at best speed will permit and return to Fremantle.

II NAVAL INCIDENTS

(a) Huon Gulf: The enemy convoy which arrived at Lae during the afternoon of 7/1, consisted originally of one light cruiser, four destroyers and five transports or cargo vessels, and left Rabaul early a.m. 6/1. The convoy was first located by aircraft at 1030/0 30 miles off Cassata course 250°, and was still in the area S. of Arava a.m. 7/1. One transport described as of 10,000 to 12,000 tons was hit by bombs from a Catalina early a.m. 7/1 and subsequently sank. Another merchant vessel was hit and probably sank approaching Lae p.m. 7/1.

Three transports were in Lae Harbour a.m. 8/1 and of these one was sunk by air attacks. On 9/1 two merchant vessels and four warships had departed Lae and were seen at 0845/0 S.E. of Finchtafen, course S.

In addition, one warship was seen during the night 7-8/1 in the vicinity of the debris, etc., from the transport sunk early a.m. 7/1. This vessel may have returned to pick up survivors after escorting the rest of the convoy to Lae and subsequently proceeded direct to Rabaul.

Reports indicate that the merchant ships were from 3-12,000 tons and it is considered that the original convoy included 30,000 to 35,000 tons of merchant ships.

III AIR OPERATIONS

ALLIED

Lae - Four B.25's attacked supply dumps early afternoon 7/1. Bombs fell in target area. Eleven Seafighters attacked grounded aircraft morning 8/1. One fighter set on fire, two others hit. Thirteen A.20's attacked troops and equipment morning 8/1. Hits on trucks of supplies, three fires started. Fifteen P.35's over Lae were intercepted by fifteen to twenty fighters morning 8/1. Four fighters destroyed, one probable, one possible. Twelve P.35's over Lae afternoon 8/1 attacked fifteen to twenty fighters. Five fighters destroyed, three probable, three possible.

Madang - One B.24 attacked the aerodrome early afternoon 8/1. Direct hits on centre of runway.

Mausu-Beaco - Six Seafighters attacked buildings and huts morning 7/1. One building set on fire.

ENEMY

Arava - Ten fighters intercepted a B.24 morning 7/1. One fighter probably destroyed.

Cape Melville. - The report of an enemy aircraft in this area 7/1 is discounted.

ALLIED

Lae-Huon Gulf - Reports to hand show that the following number of sorties were carried out in connection with the enemy convoy approaching Lae (see Naval Incidents) since 6/1:-

- 20 Fortresses
- 3 Liberators
- 44 Mitchells (B.25)
- 22 Marauders (B.25)
- 6 Hudsons
- 8 Seaforts
- 13 Vostons
- 2 Catalinas
- 11 Seafighters
- 50 Lightnings (P.35)
- 12 P.40's

The following casualties inflicted on enemy aircraft are claimed in combat over the convoy and in the Lae area 6, 7 and 8 Jan:-

- 51 destroyed
- 25 probably destroyed
- 25 damaged

Our losses have not yet been assessed, but are reported as light.

IV. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Renewed offensive against Guadalcanal.
- (2) Consolidation Mac-Salomon area, with infiltration into Papuan beach-heads.
- (3) Consolidation Timor-Arafura Sea-Dutch New Guinea.
- (4) Possible carrier-borne raids from HEI area against strategic points on W. and E.W. coast of Australia.

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APPENDIX

DAILY APPROPRIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

EASTERN SECTION

(I) ALLIED FORCES

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA	PORTLAND NEW ORLEANS
6" Cruisers	ROBERT PECKIN	
Armed Merchant Cruisers		HANCOCK AUSTRALIA } On Reserve
Flotilla Leaders	SARRANUNGA LE TRIDEPHANT SHEPHERD PATTERSON	STUART
Destroyers	HELMY HOLE HALFT TALBOT BAGLEY SIMPSON VENDETTA ALBACORE CATO OH UPER SEAPER SWORDFISH TUSA WASCO ANNEJACK ACCOHAUT FLYING FISH ORAN PUE GENELING GROWLER BASTARD SANGO SPEARFISH TRITON	HOPKINS SOUTHERN
Submarines		
		At Brisbane
		On Patrol
		At Sydney
Submarine Tenders	H.O PULTON SPENNY DOBIE	DOLLARD
Destroyer Tender	TULSA	
Cablecars	HILG	
Oilers	AASH BARRSK VICTORIA	BISHOP & B EVUNDA

(II) ENEMY FORCES (Truk-Jaluit-Biswarcks-Solomon)

CinC Combined Fleet		
CinC 2nd Fleet		
CinC 3rd Fleet		
CinC 4th Fleet		
CinC 5th Fleet (Submarines)		
3 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO MITSU ISHI	
2 Battlecruisers (BB)		KOSHO } 1 damaged 26/10 HARUNA }
2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)	SUIKAWA HOSHO	
3 Converted A/C Carriers (ACV)	HAYATAKA HITAKA SUINO	
3 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	OTAKA OSUTO OSYO	ferrying

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
Heavy Cruisers (CA) (prob. 3 effective)	AOBA CECKAI HAGURO KUMANO SARUYA TANAO	HYOGO (pr-b. dan. 26/10) MOCANI (believed sunk 14/11)
Light Cruisers (CL) (some damaged prob. 3-5 effective)	KATORI KASABA TENRYU SENBAI YUBARI	YATSUMA } believed sunk SINU } 14/11
1 or 2 converted light cruisers (XCL) Approx 25 submarines (SS) Approx 40 destroyers (DD) 3 Seaplane Carriers (AV)	CHIYOGA KITOSE AKITSUBISHI NISENIN KASOI	} 1 damaged 8/11
3 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) Several Submarine Tenders Approx 40 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons) Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub. Chasers, STB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft Approx 249 shore-based aircraft incl. 91 fighters, 52 B, 20 V/B, 37 F/P, 9 Obs. or transport aircraft.		

2. WESTERN SECTION

(1) ALLIED FORCES

6" Cruiser	SELAIDE	
Flotilla Leaders	AUGETA TRUMP	
A.A. Ship	VAN KHENSHINEK	
Armed Merchant Cruiser	KARINELA	
Destroyers	TJUNK HIDDEN VAN CALES	
S/P Tenders	H-SOH CHYING W.B. WENTON	
Submarine Tender	PELIAS	
Submarine	SAS CHAYLING GREENADIER OUT-GOON TANBOU TAUYOO TRENTER TROUT	} On Patrol
	K.8 K.12	
		} At Fremantle

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(1) ALLIED FORCES

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

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Cinc Snd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet
 1 heavy cruiser (CA) ARIFIDARA
 2 light cruisers (CL) KASHII
 KUMA
 1 converted light cruiser (XCL)
 Approx 10 destroyers (DD)
 Approx 3 submarines (SS)
 1 Seaplane Carrier (AV) NOTORO
 1 Converted S/P Tender (XAV)

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
Battleships	IDARO PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA	WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE
Converted A/C Carriers	COPAHNE LONG ISLAND	
8" Cruisers	CHICAGO	SALT LAKE CITY SAN FRANCISCO INDIANAPOLIS
Destroyers	19 (approx)	
Submarines	23 (approx)	

(11) SHINY FORCES (Saipan-Honins-Formosa-Japan)

Cinc 1st Fleet		
Cinc 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)		
5 Battleships (BB)	SHOGAKU YAMATO FUJIO YAMAHIRO HYUGA	
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)		SHOKAKU (damaged 20/10)
3 - 8" Cruisers (CA)	ATAGO	YIPUKA } damaged 20/10 TOME }
4 light cruisers (CL)	ARISUKA	KITASAKI OI ISUKU
5 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)		
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)		
Approx 30 Destroyers (DD)		
Approx 27 Submarines (SS)		

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

Battleships	INDIANA MAGNIFICENT NORTH CAROLINA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO	
Aircraft Carriers	SURPRISE	
Converted A/C Carriers	SEATON ALABAMA COPAHNE SARASOTA	
8" Cruisers	INDIANAPOLIS MONTPELIER PENNSYLVANIA WICHITA LOUISVILLE	
6" Cruisers	HELENA SARASOTA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA CLEVELAND ACUTLES	LEANDER
8" Cruisers	SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	
Destroyers	45 (approx)	
Armed Merchant Cruisers	SCORPION ASCANIA	

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

(I) ALLIED FORCES

Effective

Non-effective

6" Cruisers

DEWITT
BALLION

Destroyers 10
Submarines 10

(II) ENEMY FORCES (Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians)

CINC 5th Fleet
8" Cruiser (CA)
2 light cruisers (CL)

HACHI
TAMA
KISO

1 Converted O/P Tender (LAV)
Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(I) ALLIED FORCES

6" Cruisers

CORNWALL
TRENTOE
RICHMOND

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(I) ALLIED FORCES

Battleships

WASSUPIE
RESOLUTION
SANTILIES
ROYAL SOVEREIGN

Aircraft Carrier
Seaplane Carrier
9" Cruisers

ILLUSTRIOUS
ALBATROSS
GEORGE AVROFF (Greek)
DEVONSHIRE

7.5" Cruisers

FRITCHIE
HARRIES

6" Cruisers

MASSITUS
GAMBIA
WYNDHURST
LIVERPOOL
DAUNTLESS
DRAGON

NEWCASTLE
GLASGOW
EMERALD
DARAW

Armed Merchant Cruisers

MURRAY
CAPETOWN
CERES
CALYCE
CANADOC
SUMATRA (Dutch)
ALABIA
CARTHAGE
CORFU
CUTRAL
SANTIMA
RANCHI
SAN SIA
WORCESTERSHIRE
CARLISLE

A.A. Ship
Approx 27 Destroyers
Approx 9 Submarines

(II) ENEMY FORCES

Approx 7 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

10th January, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/10:

- (1) "AUSTRALIA" "HELM" "HENLEY" on patrol Coral Sea area ETA Palm Is. p.m. 11/1.
- (2) "PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "SELFRIDGE" en route patrol Coral Sea area.
- (3) "WHYALLA" operating off Tufi.
- (4) "SWAN" escorting TN23 ("DUNTRON" "TAROOMA") was to depart Townsville 1900/9 for Milne Bay ETA 1800/11.
- (5) Hospital Ship "MANUNDA" dep. Port Moresby 1130/9 for Milne Bay ETA 1030/10.
- (6) "BENDIGO" escorting "SWARTENHONDT" "YOCHOW" dep. Port Moresby 1050/8 for Cairns ETA 2000/10. "BENDIGO" for Townsville ETA 0800/11.
- (7) "BIDELIA" was to depart Merauke a.m. 10/1 for Thursday Is.
- (8) "PLATYPUS" dep. Thursday Is. 0820/7 for Cairns.
- (9) "GEELONG" escorting "KA TOOMBA" (H.T) to position off Moreton Is. for RV at 1100/11 with "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting GP29A.
- (10) "BAGLEY" "PATTERSON" escorting "WEST POINT" dep. Brisbane 1000/10 for Melbourne.
- (11) "WARRAMUNGA" "VENDETTA" dep. Brisbane 1534/9 to exercise off Cape Moreton. To return 11/1.
- (12) 11 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Merchant Vessel: "VAN HEUTSZ"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE" "STELLA" "KA TOOMBA" Merchant Vessels: "BOTH" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "CHARON"
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" "PALUMA" "WANAKA" Merchant Vessels: "ISAAC COLES" "ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "CLEVELAND ABBE" "ULOOLOO" "KARIK" "EMPIRE" "HAMBLE" "GEORGE MATTHEWS" "WEST CACTUS"
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"
Townsville (Repairing)	- Warships & Aux. - "POYANG" "AASE MAERSK" "STUART" "BALLARAT" "BROOME" "COLAC"
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "GOULBURN" "BUNBURY" "SPERRY" "FULTON" SC.477 Sc.746 YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50
(Repairing)	"LITHGOW" "FULSA" "KURUMBA"
Maryborough	- "ECHUCA" (Repairing)

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "PIRIE" escorting "BOTH" "LORINNA" to depart Milne Bay 1300/10 for Oro Bay ETA 1430/11.
- (2) "LATROBE" escorting "KARSIK" is to depart Port Moresby 0630/12 for Oro Bay 1430/14.
- (3) After RV with GP29A "GEELONG" to take over escort Brisbane portion (1 vessel) ETA p.m. 11/1.
- (4) "GOULBURN" to depart Brisbane for RV with GP29A and take over escort Townsville portion ETA 2200/14.
- (5) "ROCKHAMPTON" to take over escort of H.T. "KATOOMBA" from RV off Moreton Island to Sydney ETA 1830/12.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) New Georgia - A force of 2 destroyers and 1 cargo vessel was seen at 0850/9 SE of Vella Lavella course 30. These are undoubtedly the same units which were reported p.m. 8/1 in the same vicinity, returning to Shortlands having completed their mission probably to Vila Plantation (SW Kundurumbangara Is. At 2030/8, 6 or more destroyers were sighted NNW of Kolombangara heading SE possibly cover for the convoy reported above.
- (2) Shortlands - A destroyer was seen a.m. 9/1 by aircraft west of ~~Oatua~~ Is. on a course of 330°. At 1540/9, a destroyer was again seen off the northern tip of Choiseul Is. course 300. It was previously reported that a destroyer patrol was carried out in this area each evening.

Natives report construction work in progress in Buin area while the defence area extending 3 miles inland from Buin is a "prohibited area".

- (3) Kieta - At 1045/9, 2 destroyers were sighted by aircraft 45 miles ENE of Kietacourse 230 speed 35 knots.
- (4) Buka - At 1200/9, a 3,000 ton vessel arrived at Buka escorted by a destroyer. The destroyer departed again towards NW. The cargo vessel was being unloaded into barges or launches at 1735/9.

During 9/1 aircraft were heard on Buka 'drome but none were seen airborne.

- (5) Rabaul - Aircraft over Rabaul about 0900/9 reported at least 53 vessels in the Harbour and another 5 outside the Harbour.
- (6) Kumusi River Area - It was reported on 8/1 that Japanese were in occupation of the area from the Kumusi River mouth south to Bakumbari. It is estimated that 200 enemy are in the area.
- (7) Sanananda Area - On 7/1 activity was still limited to patrols. Captured Rabaul natives state that the Japanese were short of food and arms.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/10:

- (1) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "ISLANDER" dep. Thursday Is. 0850/6 for Darwin ETA 1631/9.
- (2) "WILCANNIA" escorting Convoy TD4 ("KOOLIGA" "BABINDA") dep. Thursday Is. 1902/7 for Darwin ETA p.m. 11/1.
- (3) "WARREGO" "INVERELL" escorting "J.R.LOWELL" dep. Thursday Island 1350/9 for Darwin ETA p.m. 12/1.
- (4) "ARUNTA" dep. Darwin 0520/9 for Timor.
- (5) 7 submarines on patrol.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/10:

- (1) "KANIMBLA" "DUBBO" escorting Convoy SU5 dep. Fremantle 1400/5. "DUBBO" was to be detached 2000/7 to return to Fremantle. "KANIMBLA" to be detached 9/1 for Albany ETA 0430/10.
- (2) "ISABEL" "LARK" "GOLD STAR" dep. Exmouth Gulf for Fremantle ETA 1900/9.
- (3) "HERON" dep. Geraldton 1830/9 for Exmouth Gulf ETA 1600/11.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK" "TROMP"
"TJERK HIDDUS" "TAMWORTH" "HORSHAM" "PRESTON"
"PELIAS" "VAN GALEN"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "WHIPPOORWILL" "CHILDS"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/10:

- (1) "BUNDABERG" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy C060 (incl. "BUNGAREE") dep. Sydney 1606/6 for RV in Wilson's Promontory area.
- (2) "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting "GEORGE M. LIVANOS" "DUMDULA" "TULAGI" were to depart Sydney 0900/9 for Capricorn Channel. "ROCKHAMPTON" to return to Sydney escorting H.T. "KATOOMBA" ETA 1830/12.
- (3) "GYMPIE" "BOWEN" dep. Sydney 1425/7 for working up exercises in Broken Bay.
- (4) "RALPH TALBOT" escorting "HOLLAND" dep. Port Phillip 1344/9 for Suva.
- (5) "DOOMBA" escorting C060 dep. Port Phillip 2140/8 for Sydney.
- (6) "HOVEY" "MANLEY" escorting "PRES. JACKSON" "PRES. HAYES" "PRES. ADAMS" due Melbourne 1400/12.
- (7) "DELORAIN" & "YANDRA" escorting C061 dep. Sydney 1736/9 for Melbourne.
- (8) "KAMPUNDA" "MILDURA" escorting PG29 ("MERKUR" and 7 ships) dep. Brisbane 1409/9 for Newcastle with 3 ships ETA 1230/11, and Sydney with 5 ships 1900/11.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "TREVER" "ZANE" "GLENELG" "DOBBIN"
"YUNNAN" "TOWNSVILLE" "ROCKHAMPTON" "WANGANILLA"
(Repairing) "PORTLAND" "NEW ORELANS" "BISHOPDALE" "ALHENA"
(In Reserve) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "SPRINGDALE" "LE TRIOMPHANT"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanuoro - MACKINAC BALLARD (AV)
 - (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) LOUISVILLE (CA) HONOLULU
HELENA NASHVILLE ST. LOUIS COLUMBIA ACHILLES
SAN DIEGO (CL) NICHOLAS MORRIS ANDERSON MUSTIN ELLET
LANDSDOWNE GANSE LANG SAUFLEY (DD) LAMSON O'BANNON
FRAZIER FLETCHER DRAYTON (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV)
RIGEL (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) STRATFORD PRES. GRANT
CRESCENT CITY (AP) ARCTIC (AF) PLATTE NEOSHO (AO)
YP.290 YP.347 YP.239 YP.517 YP.518
 - (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA (BB) CLEVELAND (CL)
SUWANNEE SANGAMON (ACV) PERKINS CONWAY WALLER RADFORD
JENKINS MURPHY MAURY LARDNER SHAW (DD) MCKEAN
STRINGHAM (APD) PROMETHEUS (AR) DELPHINUS (YP) ARGONNE (AS)
LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER (AM) McCAWLEY (AP)
SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) NEVILLE MERCURY W.W. BURROWS
ANTARES (AK) ARD,2
 - (4) At Suva - PREBLE (DD) CATALPA LOCUST ROSEWOOD (YN) TALAMANCA (AK)
KANKAKEE (AO) WRIGHT (AV) HAMMONDSPOUT (AP)
 - (5) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) PC.477 PC.499 (YP)
SUMNER (AG) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA KIWI TUI (A/S Vessels)
ORTOLAN (ASR)
 - (6) At Vila - YP.239
 - (7) At Auckland - MONOWAI (A.M.C) EBONY (YN) ROAMER (AP) SOLACE (AH)
Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
 - (8) At Wellington - FOMALHAUT (AK)
 - (9) At Tongatabu - LOCUST (YN)
 - (10) At Samoa - TERN (AM)
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C. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

"ADELAIDE" escorting "ILE DE FRANCE" towards Colombo.
"ADELAIDE" to proceed as far as endurance at best
speed will permit and return to Fremantle.

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) Solomon Sea -- The enemy convoy which departed from Lae early a.m. 9/1 has been reported off Jacquinot Bay at 0800/10. At this time the convoy was stationary.
- (2) Oro Bay - "VAN HEUTSZ" was attacked by enemy aircraft probably p.m. 9/1. "VAN HEUTSZ" sustained extensive damage from one direct hit but continued discharging. One member of the crew was killed and two others wounded. "KATCOMBA" also in the area, was undamaged.
- (3) Merauke - "BIDELIA" was attacked by one enemy floatplane at Merauke and two 100-lb bombs were dropped. No damage or casualties were suffered.

Submarine Activity - On 8/1 there were indications of enemy submarines -

- 1 in D'Entrecasteaux-Louisiades area
 - 3 in Central Solomon Sea area
 - 2 E. or NE of Solomons
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III. AIR OPERATIONS

ALLIED

Rabaul - 2 B.17's dropped 40 x 100-lb bombs on Vunakanau aerodrome about 0900/9. The aircraft were intercepted by 12-15 Zero's of which 7 were claimed as definitely shot down and others damaged.

Lae Aerodrome - 11 Bostons dropped 440 x 20-lb bombs am. 9/1.

Lae - The beached transport and supplies ashore were attacked a.m. 9/1 by 4 B.17's, 12 B.25's, 3 B.26's, 11 P.40's with ~~12 P.40's~~ 24 P.40's and 8 P.38's as cover. Bombs dropped:- 16 x 1000-lb, 129 x 300-lb. The beached transport was reported blazing after several direct hits, while fires were started ashore.

Huon Gulf - The retiring enemy convoy was attacked during a.m. 9/1 by 4 B.17's, 5 B.24's and 1 Catalina which dropped 18 x 1000-lb bombs, 22 x 500-lb., 4 x 250-lb. Near misses were claimed.

Salamaua - 3 A.20's dropped 6 x 500-lb and 6 x 250-lb bombs on Salamaua. Direct hits were made on several buildings and some fires started.

Mubo - 3 A.20's bombed and strafed Mubo and Komiatum p.m. 8/1. Several huts were definitely destroyed and others left smouldering.

IV. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Renewed offensive against Guadalcanal.
- (2) Consolidation Lae-Salamaua area, with infiltration into Papuan beach-heads and possible offensive activity eastern New Guinea area.
- (3) Consolidation Timor-Arafura Sea - Dutch New Guinea.
- (4) Possible carrier-borne raids from NEI area against strategic points on west and NW coast of Australia.

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A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

EASTERN SECTION

	(1) <u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	
8" Cruisers	<u>Effective</u> AUSTRALIA	<u>Non-effective</u> PORTLAND NEW ORLEANS
6" Cruisers	HOBART PHOENIX	
Armed Merchant Cruisers		MANOORA) On WESTRALIA) Reserve
Flotilla Leaders	WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT SELFRIDGE PATTERSON HENLEY HELM RALPH TALBOT BAGLEY MUGFORD VENDETTA ALBACORE) GATO) GROUPE) At Brisbane SNAPPER) TUNA) WAHOO)	STUART
Destroyers	AMBERJACK) ARGONAUT) FLYING FISH) GRAMPUS) GREENLING)) On Patrol GROWLER)) NAUTILUS) SARGO) SPEARFISH) SWORDFISH) TRITON)	
Submarines	K.9 At Sydney	
Submarine Tenders	FULTON SPERRY DOBBIN TULSA MILO	
Destroyer Tender		
Gunboats		
Oilers	AASE MAERSK VICTORIA	BISHOPDALE KURUMBA

(11) ENEMY FORCES (Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-Solomons)

CinC Combined Fleet		
CinC 2nd Fleet		
CinC 3rd Fleet		
CinC 4th Fleet		
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)		
3 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO MUTSU ISE	
2 Battlecruisers (BB)	HARUNA KONGO	
2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)	ZUIKAKU HOSHO Prob.ferrying	
3 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	HAYATAKA HITAKA ZUIHO	
3 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	OTAKA) CHUYO) UNYO)	Ferrying

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
Heavy Cruisers (CA) (prob. 5 effective)	AOBA CHOKAI HAGURO KUMANO SUZUYA TAKAO	MYOKO (prob. dam. 26/10) MOGAMI (believed sunk 14/11)
Light Cruisers (CL) (some damaged prob. 3-5 effective)	NATORI NAGARA TENRYU SENDAI YUBARI	TATSUTA) believed sunk KINU) 14/11
1 or 2 converted light cruisers (XCL) Approx 28 submarines (SS) Approx 40 destroyers (DD) 5 Seaplane Carriers (AV)	CHIYODA CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA NISSHIN KAMOI))) 1 damaged 8/11
8 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) Several Submarine Tenders Approx 40 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons) Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MIB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft Approx 215 shore-based aircraft incl. 70 fighters, 86 B, 20 F/B, 37 F/P, 12 Obsn. or transport aircraft.		

2. WESTERN SECTION

(1) ALLIED FORCES

6" Cruiser	ADELAIDE	
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA	
	TROMP	
A.A. Ship	VAN HEEMSKERK	
Armed Merchant Cruiser	KANIMBLA	
Destroyers	TJERK HIDDES	
	VAN GALEN	
S/P Tenders	HERON	
	CHILDS	
	W.B. PRESTON	
Submarine Tender	ELIAS	
Submarines	GAR)
	GRAYLING)
	GRENADIER)
	GUDGEON) On Patrol
	TAMBOR)
	TAUTOG)
	TROUT)
	THRESHER)
	K.8) At Fremantle
	K.12)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) ALLIED FORCES

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

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

CinC 2nd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet	
1 heavy cruiser (CA)	ASHIGARA
2 light cruisers (CL)	KASHII KUMA
1 converted light cruiser (XCL)	
Approx 16 Destroyers (DD)	
Approx 3 submarines (SS)	
1 Seaplane Carrier (AV)	NOTORO
1 Converted S/P Tender (XAV)	

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
Battleships	IDAHO PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA	WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE
Converted A/C Carriers	COPAHEE LONG ISLAND	
8" Cruisers	CHICAGO	SALT LAKE CITY SAN FRANCISCO INDIANAPOLIS
Destroyers	15 (approx)	
Submarines	23 (approx)	

(11) ENEMY FORCES (Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan)

CinC 1st Fleet		
CinC 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)		
5 Battleships (BB)	MUSASHI NAGATO FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA	
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)		SHOKAKU (damaged 26/10)
3 - 8" Cruisers (CA)	ATAGO	TIKUMA } damaged 26/10 TONE }
4 light cruisers (CL)	ABUKUMA	KITAGAMI OI ISUZU
5 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)		
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)		
Approx 30 Destroyers (DD)		
Approx 27 Submarines (SS)		

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

Battleships	INDIANA WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO	
Aircraft Carriers	ENTERPRISE SARATOGA	
Converted A/C Carriers	NASSAU ALTAMAHA SUWANNEE SANGAMON	
8" Cruisers	MINNEAPOLIS NORTHAMPTON PENSACOLA WICHITA LOUISVILLE	
6" Cruisers	HELENA HONOLULU ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA CLEVELAND ACHILLES	LEANDER
5" Cruisers	SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	
Destroyers	45 (approx)	
Armed Merchant Cruisers	MONOWAI ASCANIA	

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-Effective</u>
6" Cruisers	DETROIT RALEIGH	
10 Destroyers		
10 Submarines		

(11) ENEMY FORCES (Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians)

CinC 5th Fleet	
8" Cruiser (CA)	NACHI
2 Light Cruisers (CL)	TAMA KISO
Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)	
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)	

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

6" Cruisers	CONCORD TRENTON RICHMOND
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F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

Battleships	WARSPITE RESOLUTION RAMILLIES ROYAL SOVEREIGN ILLUSTRIOUS ALBATROSS DEVONSHIRE GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)	
Aircraft Carrier	HAWKINS	
Seaplane Carrier	PROBISHER	
8" Cruisers	MAURITIUS	NEWCASTLE
7.5" Cruisers	GAMBIA	GLA SGOW
6" Cruisers	ENTERPRISE	EMERALD
	LIVERPOOL	DANAE
	DAUNTLESS	
	DRAAGON	
	DURBAN	
	CAPETOWN	
	CERES	
	CALEDON	
	CARADOC	
	SUMATRA (Dutch)	
Armed Merchant Cruisers	ALAUNIA CARTHAGE CORFU CHITRAL KANIMBLA RANCHI RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE CARLISLE	
A.A. Ship		
Approx 27 Destroyers		
Approx 9 Submarines		

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Approx 7 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

11th January, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/11:

- (1) "WHYALLA" operating off Tufi.
- (2) "PIRIE" escorting "BOTH" & "LORINNA" dep. Milne Bay 1211/10 for Oro Bay.
- (3) "KATOOMBA" escorting "VAN HEUTSZ" departed Oro Bay for Milne Bay, was due p.m. 10/1 or a.m. 11/1.
- (4) "SWAN" escorting TN23 ("DUNTROON" "TARCOONA") departed Townsville 0905/10 for Milne Bay ETA 1100/12.
- (5) "WANAKA" departed Port Moresby 10/1 for Thursday Island ETA 2000/11.
- (6) "BENDIGO" escorting "SWARTENHONDT" "YOCHOW" dep. Port Moresby 1050/8 for Cairns ETA 2000/10. "BENDIGO" for Townsville ETA 0800/11.
- (7) "BIDELIA" was to depart Merauke a.m. 10/1 for Thursday Is.
- (8) "MUGFORD" en route Townsville ETA 0700/11 for escort duties.
- (9) "GEELONG" escorting "KATOOMBA" (H.T) to position off Moreton Is. for RV at 1800/11 with "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting GP29A.
- (10) "BAGLEY" escorting "WEST POINT" dep. Brisbane 1000/10 for Melbourne ETA 1400/12.
- (11) "WARRAMUNGA" "VENDETTA" dep. Brisbane 1534/9 to exercise off Cape Moreton. To return 11/1.
- (12) 11 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "STELLA" "MANUNDA"
	Merchant Vessels: "BULIMBA" "MULIAMA" "CHARON"
	"VAN SPILBERGEN"
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" "PALUMA"
	Merchant Vessels: "ISAAC COLES" "CLEVELAND ABBE"
	"ULOOLOO" "KARSIK" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "WEST CACTUS"
	"GEORGE MATTHEWS"
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"
Palm Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "HELM"
	"HENLEY" "SELFRIDGE"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "POYANG" "AASE MAERSK" "VICTORIA"
(Repairing)	"STUART" "BALLARAT" "BROOME" "COLAC"
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "PATTERSON" "GOULBURN"
	"BUNBURY" "SPERKY" "FULTON" SC.477 SC.746
	YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50
(Repairing)	"LITHGOW" "TULSA" "KURUMBA"
Maryborough	- "ECHUCA" (Repairing)
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "PLATYPUS"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "LATROBE" escorting "KARSIK" is to depart Port Moresby 0630/12 for Oro Bay 1430/14.
- (2) After RV with GP29A "GEELONG" to take over escort Brisbane portion (4 vessels) ETA p.m. 11/1.
- (3) "GOULBURN" escorting BT33 (5 ships) to dep. Brisbane 11/1 to RV with GP29A off Moreton Is. and take over "TULAGI", all for Townsville ETA 2200/14.
- (4) "ROCKHAMPTON" to take over escort of H.T. "KATOOMBA" 1800/11 from RV off Moreton Island to Sydney ETA 1830/12.
- (5) "MUGFORD" escorting "JASON LEE" "STAGEN" "FRANCIS LEWIS" "PAINE WINGATE" to depart Townsville 1200/11 for Moresby ETA 1600/14.

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(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) New Georgia -- A small enemy patrol vessel was seen north of Ringdove Bay on N. coast of Vangunu Is. on 8/1. Barges were passing nightly on 5th, 6th & 7th Jan. to or from Munda via Diamond Narrows.
- (2) Shortlands Area -- An auxiliary cargo vessel was sighted a.m. 9/1 in Choiseul Bay (NW extremity of Choiseul Is.). At 1030/10, a cargo vessel, possibly a weather reporting ship, was reported 45 miles NW of Cape Alexander course 45°. 8 enemy destroyers were reported at 1600/10 to be 35 miles SE Shortlands, course ESE at high speed.
- (3) Buka -- The cargo vessel which arrived at noon 9/1 departed towards NW 1300/10. Reconnaissance over the area 10/1 reported no shipping.
- (4) Kieta -- A small cargo vessel was off Kieta at 1100/10 course 310°.
- (5) Rabaul -- The report of 58 vessels in Rabaul area at 0900/9 was incorrect and referred to 0900/5. There has been no report of shipping at Rabaul since the air attack at 0900/5.
- (6) Lorengau - An 80 ft. sailing vessel was the only shipping seen at Lorengau by reconnaissance at noon 10/1. The runway appeared unserviceable.
- (7) Finschhafen - Supplies are being delivered to Japanese at Kamloa (2 miles S. of Finschhafen) by boat. Enemy patrols have been active for 3 days west of Finschhafen.
- (8) Lae - 4 pinnaces arrived at Labu 0715/9 from Lae. Labu is about 2 miles SW of Lae.
- (9) Mambare Bay - An unidentified vessel was sighted 45 miles NE of Cape Ward Hunt at about 0130/11 course 266° (see Air Operations).
- (10) Kumusi River - Japanese were encountered by one of our patrols in this area who killed 5 and took 2 prisoners.
- (11) Sanananda Area - Tarakena was occupied by our troops at 2130/8. ~~_____~~
~~_____~~. Covered bunkers have been located throughout the area.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) Allied Forces

(a) At Sea to 1200/11:

- (1) "WILCANNIA" escorting Convoy TD4 ("KOOLIGA" "BABINDA") dep. Thursday Is. 1902/7 for Darwin ETA p.m. 11/1.
- (2) "WARREGO" "INVERELL" escorting "J.R. LOWELL" dep. Thursday Is. 1350/9 for Darwin ETA p.m. 12/1.
- (3) "ARUNTA" dep. Darwin 0520/9 for Timor.
- (4) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE"
Merchant Vessels: "ISLANDER"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Soemba Is. - The runway at Waingapoe was reported on 9/1 to show no signs of use.
- (2) Timor - Reconnaissance 9/1 reported a gunboat, one 12,000 ton camouflaged cargo vessel and one 6,000 ton cargo vessel were sighted 65 miles NW of Koepang apparently headed there. In addition, one 8,000 ton cargo vessel was seen 75 miles WNW of Koepang.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

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(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/11:

- (1) "KANIMBLA" escorting Convoy "Associated" for Colombo dep. Albany 1036/10. "KANIMBLA" to return Fremantle approx 25/1.
- (2) "HERON" dep. Geraldton 1830/9 for Exmouth Gulf ETA 1600/11.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK" "TROMP"
"TJERK HIDDES" "TAMWORTH" "HROSHAM" "PRESTON"
"PELIAS" "VAN GALEN" "DUBBO" "GOLD STAR"
"LARK" "ISABEL"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "WHIPPOORWILL" "CHILDS"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/11:

- (1) "BUNDABERG" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy C060 (incl. "BUNGAREE") dep. Sydney 1606/6 for RV in Wilson's Promontory area.
- (2) "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting GP29A ("VAN DER BOSCH" "JANSSEN" "GEORGE M. LIVANOS" "DUNDULA" "TULAGI") dep. Sydney 0855/9 for Capricorn Channel (see Proposed Movements NE Area).
- (3) "GYMPIE" "BOWEN" dep. Sydney 1425/7 for working up exercises in Broken Bay.
- (4) "WAGGA" dep. Sydney 1625/9 for working up in Broken Bay.
- (5) "RALPH TALBOT" escorting "HOLLAND" dep. Port Phillip 1344/9 for Suva.
- (6) "DOOMBA" escorting C060 dep. Port Phillip 2140/8 for Sydney.
- (7) "HOVEY" "MANLEY" escorting "PRES. JACKSON" "PRES. HAYES" "PRES. ADAMS" due Melbourne 1400/12.
- (8) "DELORAINE" & "YANDRA" escorting C061 (1 ship) dep. Sydney 1730/9 for Melbourne.
- (9) "KAPUNDA" "MILDURA" escorting PG29 ("MERKUR" & 7 ships) dep. Brisbane 1409/9 for Newcastle with 3 ships ETA 0400/11, and Sydney with 5 ships 1030/11.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "TREVER" "ZANE" "DOBBIN" "YUNNAN"
"TOWNSVILLE" "ROCKHAMPTON" "WANGANELLA"
(Repairing) "PORTLAND" "NEW ORLEANS" "BISHOPDALE" "ALHENA"
"GLENELG"
(In Reserve) "MANCOORA" "WESTRALIA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "SPRINGDALE" "LE TRIOMPHANT"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Wilson's Promontory - U.S.S. "RALPH TALBOT" reported strong sound contact of a submarine in position 38°55'S, 147°30'E (52 mi E. by N. of Wilson's Promontory) at 0420/10. Depth charges were dropped but no results observed.
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5. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC BALLARD (AV)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) LOUISVILLE MINNEAPOLIS (CA)
HONOLULU HELENA NASHVILLE ST. LOUIS COLUMBIA ACHILLES
SAN DIEGO (CL) NICHOLAS MORRIS ANDERSON MUSTIN ELLET

WOODWORTH BUCHANAN LANSDOWNE GANSE LANG SAUFLEY
LAMSON O'BANNON FRAZIER DRAYTON DE HAVEN (DD)
CURTISS TANGIER (AV) THORNTON (AVD) VIREO (AM) RIGEL (AD)
PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) STRATFORD PRES. GRANT CRESCENT
CITY (AP) ARCTIC (AP) PLATTE NEOSHO (AO) YP.290 YP.347
YP.239 YP.517 YP.518 PC.746

- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA (BB) CLEVELAND (CL)
SUWANNEE SANGAMON (ACV) PERKINS CONWAY WALLER RADFORD
JENKINS MURPHY MAURY LARDNER SHAW (DD) MCKEAN
STRINGHAM (APD) PROMETHEUS (AR) DELPHINUS (YP) ARGONNE (AS)
LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER (AM) McCAWLEY (AP)
SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) NEVILLE MERCURY W.W. BURROWS
ANTARES (AK) ARD.2
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA LOCUST ROSEWOOD (YN) TALAMANCA (AK)
KANKAKEE (AO) WRIGHT (AV) HAMMONDSPORT (AP)
- (5) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) PC.477 PC.499 (YP)
SUMNER (AG) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA KIWI TUI (A/S Vessels)
ORTOLAN (ASR)
- (6) At Vila - SABINE (AO) BUTTERNUT (YN) YP.289
- (7) At Auckland - MONOWAI (A.M.C) EBONY (YN) ROAMER (AP) SOLACE (AH)
Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
- (8) At Wellington - FOMALHAT (AK)
- (9) At Tongatabu - LOCUST (YN)
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C. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

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"ADELAIDE" to proceed as far as endurance at
best speed will permit and return Fremantle.

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

Enemy Submarine Activity - Indications were reported on
9-10/1 as follows -

- 1 in Louisiades Archipelago area
 - 7 in central and eastern Solomon Sea
 - 5 east and ~~NE~~ of Solomons
 - 1 in Bismarck Archipelago area
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III. AIR OPERATIONS

ALLIED

Solomon Sea - During p.m. 9/1 and a.m. 10/1 the enemy
convoy retiring from Lae towards Rabaul was attacked
by 2 Catalinas, 2 Liberators, 3 Fortresses and 5
Beauforts. Hits were claimed with one 1000-lb bomb,
250-lb bombs and a torpedo; also a near miss with
500-lb bombs. 3 enemy fighters were shot down and
one probably.

Wewak - A Liberator dropped 6 x 500-lb bombs in the
vicinity of the runway, at 1110/10.

Madang - A Liberator dropped 2 x 500-pounders on Madang
at 0915/10.

Finschhafen - A Liberator dropped 2 x 500-lb bombs on
the runway at 0750/10.

Lae Aerodrome - 11 Beaufighters strafed grounded aircraft
at Lae from 0950-1010/10. One fighter was burned and
others hit.

Lae Supply Dumps - 6 B.25's with 9 P.38's as cover bombed
and strafed the shore front at 1000/10.

Cape Ward Hunt - The unidentified vessel reported earlier
off Cape Ward Hunt at about 0130/11 was bombed.

IV. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Renewed offensive against Guadalcanal.
- (2) Consolidation Lae-Salamaua area, with infiltration into Papuan beach-heads and possible offensive activity eastern New Guinea area.
- (3) Consolidation Timor-Arafura Sea - Dutch New Guinea.
- (4) Possible carrier-borne raids from NEI area against strategic points on west and NW coast of Australia.

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11/1/43

heavy cruisers (CA)
(prob. 5 effective)

CHOKAI
HAGURO
KUMANO
SUZUYA
TAKAO
ISUZU
NAGARA
TENRYU
SENDAI
YUBARI

MYOKO (prob. dam. 26/10)
MOGAMI (believed sunk
14/11)

Light Cruisers (CL)
(some damaged
prob. 3-5 effective)

TATSUTA) believed sunk
KINU) 14/11

1 or 2 converted light cruisers (XCL)
Approx 28 submarines (SS)
Approx 40 destroyers (DD)
5 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

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

8 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx 40 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)

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

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2. WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces

6" Cruiser
Flotilla Leaders

ADELAIDE
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VAN GALEN

A.A. Ship
Armed Merchant Cruiser
Destroyers

HERON
W.B. PRESTON
~~PELLIAS~~ CHILDS

Submarine Tender
Submarines

PELIAS
GAR)
GRAYLING)
GRENADIER)
GUDGEON)
TAMBOR) On Patrol
TAUTOG)
TROUT)

THRESHER)
K.8) At Fremantle
K.12)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

CinC 2nd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet
1 heavy cruiser (CA)
3 light cruisers (CL)

ASHIGARA
KASHII
KUMA
NATORI

1 converted light cruiser (XCL)
Approx 16 destroyers (DD)
Approx 3 submarines (SS)
1 Seaplane Carrier (AV)
1 Converted S/P Tender (XAV)

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B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	IDAHO PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA	WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE
Converted A/C Carriers 8" Cruisers	LONG ISLAND CHICAGO	SALT LAKE CITY SAN FRANCISCO INDIANAPOLIS
Destroyers	15 (approx)	
Submarines	23 (approx)	

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan)

CinC Is t Fleet		
CinC 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)		
5 Battleships (BB)	MUSASHI NAGATO FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA	
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)		SHOKAKU (damaged 26/10)
3 - 8" Cruisers (CA)	ATAGO	TIKUMA } damaged 26/10 TONE }
3 light cruisers (CL)	ABUKUMA	KITAGAMI OI
5 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)		
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)		
Approx 30 Destroyers (DD)		
Approx 27 Submarines (SS)		

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	INDIANA WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO	
Aircraft Carriers	ENTERPRISE SARATOGA	
Converted A/C Carriers	NASSAU ALTAMAH COPAHEE CHENANGO SUWANNEE SANGAMON	
8" Cruisers	MINNEAPOLIS NORTHAMPTON PENSACOLA WICHITA	
6" Cruisers	LOUISVILLE HELENA	LEANDER
	HONOLULU ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER ACHILLES	
5" Cruisers	SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	
Destroyers	45 (approx)	
Armed Merchant Cruisers	MONOWAI ASCANIA	

B. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

DETROIT
RALEIGH

10 Submarines
10 Destroyers

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Alaska)

CinC 5th Fleet
8" Cruiser (CA)
2 light cruisers (CL)

NACHI
TAMA
KISO

Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
RAMILLIES
ROYAL SOVEREIGN

Aircraft Carrier
Seaplane Carrier
8" Cruisers

ILLUSTRIOUS
ALBATROSS
DEVONSHIRE
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)

7.5" Cruisers

HAWKINS
FROBISHER
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
ENTERPRISE
LIVERPOOL
DAUNTLESS

NEWCASTLE
GLASGOW
EMERALD
DANAE

6" Cruisers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

SUMATRA (Dutch)
ALAUNIA
CARTHAGE
CORFU
CHITRAL
KANIMBIA
RANCHI
RANPURA
WORCESTERSHIRE
CARLISLE

A.A. Ship
Approx 27 Destroyers
Approx 9 Submarines

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 7 Submarines

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- (1) "WHYALLA" operating off Tufi.
- (2) "PIRIE" escorting "BOTH" & "LORINNA" dep. Milne Bay 1211/10 for Oro Bay ETA Oro Bay 1330/12.
- (3) "BUNDABERG" & "ABRAHAM CRYNSSEN" escorting OC60 arrived Newcastle 0054/12. "ABRAHAM CRYNSSEN", escorting Sydney section, arrived 1755/11.
- (4) "BENDIGO" dep. Townsville 1848/11 for Cairns ETA Cairns 2400/12.
- (5) "GOULBURN" escorting BT33 (5 ships) dep. Brisbane 1951/12 ETA Townsville 0800/15.
- (6) "MUGFORD" escorting TN24, consisting of "JASON LEE" "STAGEN" "FRANCIS LEWIS" "PAINE WINGATE" dep. Townsville 1310/11 en route Port Moresby ETA 1600/14.
- (7) "LATROBE" escorting "KARSIK" dep. Port Moresby en route Oro Bay ETA 1430/14.
- (8) "WARRAMUNGA" dep. Caloundra 1559/11 for exercises off Cape Moreton. On completion "WARRAMUNGA" returns to Brisbane.
- (9) "VICTORIA" dep. Townsville 1136/11 for Palm Island.
- (10) "GEELONG" escorting H.T. "KATOOMBA" to a position off Moreton Is. for RV at 1800/11 with "ROCKHAMPTON", escorting GP29A. "GEELONG" arrived Brisbane 0726/12.
- (11) "AASE MAERSK" dep. Townsville 0105/12 en route Brisbane.
- (12) "MANUNDA" enroute Brisbane ETA 0700/14.
- (13) 10 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. -	"STELLA" "KATOOMBA" "SWAN"
	Merchant Vessels:	"BULIMBA" "VAN HEUTSZ" "VAN SPILBERGEN"
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. -	"LATROBE" "PALUMA"
	Merchant Vessels:	"ISAAC COLES" "CLEVELAND ABBE" "ULOOLOO" "KARSIK" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "WEST CACTUS" "GEORGE MATTHEWS"
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. -	"KALGOORLIE" "WANAKA"
Palm Is.	- Warships & Aux. -	"AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "HELM" "HENLEY" "SELFRIDGE"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. -	"PLATYPUS"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. -	"POYANG" "
(Repairing)		"STUART" "BALLARAT" "BROOME" "COLAC"
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux. -	"ECHUCA" (Repairing)
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. -	"HOBART" "PATTERSON" "GOULBURN" "VENDETTA" "BUNBURY" "SPERRY" "FULTON" SC.477 SC.746 YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50
(Repairing)		"LITHGOW" "TULSA" "KURUMBA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) After RV with GP29A "GEELONG" to take over escort Brisbane portion (4 vessels) ETA p.m. 11/1.
- (2) "ROCKHAMPTON" to take over escort of H.T. "KATOOMBA" 1800/11 from RV off Moreton Island to Sydney ETA 1830/12.
- (3) "BUNDABERG" to escort Newcastle section of OC60 to destination, where Newcastle section of OC62 will be picked up and escorted to a RV off Sydney 15/1.

- (4) "VAN HEUTSZ", on completion of discharge at Milne Bay, to be sailed direct for Townsville, escorted by "KATOOMBA".

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) New Georgia - Two separate forces, each consisting of four destroyers were observed proceeding on a NE course off Landsdale Point, New Georgia, at 0620/11 and 0725/11 respectively.

At 1230/11 four vessels, described as cargo vessels were sighted in a position 25 miles north of Landsdale Point; course 300°. This latter force is more than probably the same force as sighted at 0620/11, 60 miles E. by S. of Landsdale Point.

- (2) Shortland Is. Area - Allied aircraft reported sighting a.m. 11/1 five destroyers in Shortland Harbour and 4 cargo vessels to the SE of Shortland Is. The latter vessels were proceeding on a course of 300° at high speed. It is probable that these ships were the same as those sighted at 0725/11 in a position 12 miles N. of Landsdale Point.
- (3) Rabaul - Allied aircraft report having sighted at approx 1200/11 the following vessels in Rabaul Harbour -
1 aircraft carrier
37 large vessels
24 small vessels
- (4) Guadalcanal - At 0030/11 8 destroyers ex Buin - Shortlands area were observed off Cape Esperance, Guadalcanal (see Naval Incidents).

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/12:

- (1) "ARUNTA" dep. Darwin 0924/11 for Townsville.
(2) "WARREGO" "INVERELL" escorting "J.R.LOWELL" dep. Thursday Is. 1350/9 for Darwin ETA p.m. 12/1.
(3) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE" "WILCANNIA"
Merchant Vessels: "ISLANDER"

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/12:

- (1) "KANIMBLA" escorting "Associated" for Colombo departed Albany 1036/10. "KANIMBLA" to return Fremantle approx 25/1.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK" "TROMP"
"TJERK HIDDEN" "TAMWORTH" "HORSHAM" "PRESTON"
"PELIAS" "VAN GALEN" "DUBBO" "GOLD STAR"
"LARK" "ISABEL"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "WHIPPOORWILL" "CHILDS"
"HERON"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/12:

- (1) "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting GP29A ("VAN DER BOSCH" "JANSSEN" "GEORGE M. LIVANOS" "DUNDULA" "TULAGI") dep. Sydney 0855/9 for Capricorn Channel (see Proposed Movements NE Area).
- (2) "GYMPIE" "BOWEN" dep. Sydney 1425/7 for working up exercises in Broken Bay.
- (3) "WAGGA" dep. Sydney 1625/9 for working up in Broken Bay.
- (4) "RALPH TALBOT" escorting "HOLLAND" dep. Port Phillip 1344/9 for Suva.
- (5) "HOVEY" "MANLEY" escorting "PRES. JACKSON" "PRES. HAYES" "PRES. ADAMS" due Melbourne 1400/12.
- (6) "DELORAINE" "YANDRA" escorting C061 dep. Sydney 1730/9 for Melbourne.
- (7) "WANGANELLA" (Hospital Ship) dep. Sydney 1912/11 ETA Brisbane 0900/13.
- (8) "DOOMBA" escorting C061, incl. "BUNGAREE", dep. Melbourne 2145/11 ETA Port Kembla 1800/14, Sydney 2400/14 and Newcastle 0800/15.
- (9) "BAGLEY" escorting "WEST POINT" dep. Brisbane 1000/10 from Melbourne ETA 1400/12.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "TREVER" "MILDURA" "ZANE"
"KAPUNDA" "DOBBIN" "YUNNAN" "TOWNSVILLE"
(Repairing) "PORTLAND" "NEW ORLEANS" "BISHOPDALE"
"ALHENA" "GLENELG"
(In Reserve) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "SPRINGDALE"
(Repairing) "LE TRIOMPHANT"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "BUNGAREE" to accompany GP31 to Brisbane and then proceed to own area of operation.
- (2) "TOWNSVILLE" "GLENELG" to escort GP30 due to depart Sydney 1030/13. "GLENELG" proceeding to Brisbane.
"TOWNSVILLE" only to provide escort for PG30.
- (3) "MILDURA" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" to escort C062 and take over from "BUNDABERG" at RV off Sydney p.m. 13/1.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC BALLARD (AV)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) LOUISVILLE MINNEAPOLIS (CA)
HONOLULU HELENA NASHVILLE ST. LOUIS COLUMBIA ACHILLES
SAN DIEGO (CL) NICHOLAS MORRIS ANDERSON MUSTIN ELLET
GANSE LANG SUFFLEY LAMSON O'BANNON FRAZIER DRAYTON
DE HAVEN (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) THORNTON (AVD)
VIREO (AM) RIGEL (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) STRATFORD
PRES. GRANT CRESCENT CITY (AP) ARCTIC (AF) PLATTE
NEOSHO (AO) YP.290 YP.347 YP.239 YP.517 YP.518
FC.746
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA (BB)
SARATOGA (CV) CLEVELAND (CL) SAN JUAN (CL) SUWANNEE
SANGAMON (ACV) PERKINS CONWAY WALLER RADFORD JENKINS
MURPHY MAURY SHAW BALCH GRIDLEY CRAVEN McCALL
DUNLAP FANNING LANDSDOWNE (DD) McKEAN STRINGHAM (APD)

- PROMETHEUS (AR) DELPHINUS (YP) ARGONNE (AS)
 LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER (AM) McCAWLEY (AP)
 SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) NEVILLE MERCURY W.W.BURROWS
 ANTARES (AK) ARD.2
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA LOCUST ROSEWOOD (YN) TALAMANCA (AK)
 SHELDRAKE (AM) KANKAKEE (AO) WRIGHT (AV)
 HAMMONDSPOET (AP)
- (5) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) PC.477 PC.499(YP)
 SUMNER (AG) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA KIWI TUI (A/S Vessel)
 ORTOLAN (ASR)
- (6) At Vila - SABINE (AO) BUTTERNUT (YN) YP.289 ROAMER (AP)
- (7) At Auckland - MONOWAI (A.M.C) EBONY (YN) SOLACE (AH)
 Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
- (8) At Wellington - FOMALHAUT (AK)
- (9) At Tongatabu - LOCUST (YN)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Enemy submarines indicated in the South Pacific Area on 10/1 are as follows -

one 8°S, 160°E
 one 7°S, 161°E
 one 2°S, 162°E

C. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

"ADELAIDE" escorting "ILE DE FRANCE" towards Colombo.
 "ADELAIDE" to proceed as far as endurance at
 best speed will permit and return Fremantle
 ETA 13/1.

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) Buin-Faisi-Guadalcanal Operations: - At approximately 0030/11
 8 enemy vessels, described as destroyers were observed off
 Cape Esperance, Guadalcanal. The vessels were attacked by
 motor torpedo boats and reports indicate that torpedo hits
 were obtained on at least one destroyer and one other vessel
 described as a cruiser or transport (probably large destroyer).
 Two motor torpedo boats were lost.
 The eight vessels were later sighted in two groups
 of four, proceeding away from the area (see Enemy Forces).
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III. AIR OPERATIONS

ALLIED

Arce Islands - Three Hudsons attacked a jetty at
 Dobo at 1225/11, dropping 12 x 250 G.P. bombs
 and 45 x 4-lb incendiaries. Nil hits observed.

IV. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Renewed offensive against Guadalcanal.
 (2) Consolidation Lae-Salamaua area, with
 infiltration into Papuan beach-heads
 and possible offensive activity E.
 New Guinea area.
 (3) Consolidation Timor-Arafura Sea - Dutch
 New Guinea.
 (4) Possible carrier-borne raids from NEI area
 against strategic points on west and NW
 coast of Australia.

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	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
Heavy Cruisers (CA) (prob. 5 effective)	AOBA CHOKAI HAGURO KUMANO SUZUYA TAKAO	MYOKO (prob. dam. 26/10) MOGAMI (believed sunk 14/11)
Light Cruisers (CL) (some damaged prob. 3-5 effective)	ISUZU NAGARA TENRYU SENDAI YUBARI	TATSUTA) believed sunk KINU) 14/11
1 or 2 converted light cruisers (XCL) Approx 27 submarines (SS) Approx 40 destroyers (DD) 5 Seaplane Carriers (AV)	CHIYODA CHITOSE) AKITSUSHIMA) 1 damaged 8/11 NISSHIN) KAMOI	
8 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) Several Submarine Tenders Approx 40 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons) Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft Approx 207 shore-based aircraft incl. 63 fighters, 75 B, 20 F/B, 37 F/P, 12 Obsn. or transport aircraft.		

2. WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser	ADELAIDE	
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA TROMP	
A.A. Ship	VAN HEEMSKERK	
Armed Merchant Cruisers	KANIMBLA	
Destroyers	TJERK HIDDES VAN GALEN	
S/P Tenders	HERON W.R. PRESTON	
Submarine Tender	CHILDS	
Submarines	PELIAS GAR) GRAYLING) GRENADIER) GUDGEON) On Patrol TAMBOR) TAUPOG) TROUT) THRESHER) K.8) At Fremantle K.12)	

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

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KUMA
NATORI

1 converted light cruiser (XCL)
Approx 16 destroyers (DD)
Approx 3 submarines (SS)
1 Seaplane Carrier (AV) NOTORO
1 Converted S/P Tender (XAV)

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA

WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carriers
8" Cruisers

LONG ISLAND
CHICAGO

SALT LAKE CITY
SAN FRANCISCO
INDIANAPOLIS

Destroyers
Submarines

15 (approx)
23 (approx)

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan)

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

MUSASHI
NAGATO
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)
3 - 8" Cruisers (CA)

ATAGO

SHOKAKU (damaged 26/10)
TIKUMA } damaged 26/10
TONE }
KITAGAMI
OI

3 Light cruisers (CL)

ABUKUMA

5 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)
Approx 30 Destroyers (DD)
Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
COLORADO
MARYLAND

Aircraft Carriers

MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA

Converted A/C Carriers

NASSAU
ALTAMAHAN
COPAHEE
CHENANGO
SUWANNEE
SANGAMON

8" Cruisers

MINNEAPOLIS
WICHITA
LOUISVILLE

6" Cruisers

HELENA
HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE
COLUMBIA
CLEVELAND
MONTPELLIER
ACHILLES

LEANDER

5" Cruisers

SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN
45 (approx)
MONOWAI
ASCANIA

Destroyers
Armed Merchant Cruisers

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

13th January, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 12 00/13:

- (1) "WHYALLA" operating off Tufi.
- (2) "PIRIE" escorting "BOTH" & "LORINNA" was due Oro Bay 1330/12, then return Milne Bay.
- (3) "LATROBE" escorting "KARSIK" dep. Port Moresby 1336/12 for Milne Bay ETA 1600/13 en route Oro Bay ETA 1430/15.
- (4) "KATOOMBA" escorting "VAN HEUTZ" dep. Milne Bay 1630/12 for Townsville ETA 0800/15.
- (5) "GOULBURN" escorting BT33 (6 ships incl. "TULAGI") dep. Brisbane 1951/12 ETA Townsville 0800/15 (see Proposed Movements).
- (6) "MUGFORD" escorting TN24, CONSISTING of "JASON LEE" "STAGEN" "FRANCIS LEWIS" "PAINE WINGATE" dep. Townsville 1310/11 en route Port Moresby ETA 1600/14.
- (7) "WARRAMUNGA" dep. Caloundra 1559/11 for exercises off Cape Moreton. On completion "WARRAMUNGA" returns to Brisbane.
- (8) "VICTORIA" dep. Townsville 1136/11 for Palm Island.
- (9) "ARUNTA" dep. Darwin 0924/11 for Townsville ETA 0630/14.
- (10) "AASE MAERSK" dep. Townsville 0105/12 en route Brisbane.
- (11) "MANUNDA" en route Brisbane ETA 0700/14.
- (12) "GEEELONG" escorting BGI consisting of 2 MV from Brisbane ETD 0830/13.
- (13) 11 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "STELLA" "SWAN" "DUNTROON" "TARGONA"
	Merchant Vessels: "BULIMBA" "VAN SPILBERGEN"
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "PALUMA"
	Merchant Vessels: "ISAAC COLES" "CLEVELAND ABBE"
	"ULOOLOO" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "WEST CACTUS"
	"GEORGE MATTHEWS"
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"
Palm Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "HELM"
	"HENLEY" "SELFRIDGE"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "PLATYPUS" "BENDIGO"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "POYANG"
(Repairing)	"STUART" "BALLARAT" "BROOME" "COLAC"
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA" (repairing)
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "PATTERSON" "GOULBURN"
	"VENDETTA" "SPERRY" "FULTON" SC.477 SC.746
	YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50
(Repairing)	"LITHGOW" "TULSA" "KURUMBA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "BUNDABERG" to escort Newcastle section of OC60 to destination, where Newcastle section of C062 will be picked up and escorted to a RV off Sydney 13/1.
- (2) "TOWNSVILLE" to escort GP30 (2 ships) from Sydney ETD 1201/13. One ship for Brisbane ETA 0900/16, 1 ship for Townsville.
- (3) "GLENELG" to escort "MAETSUYCKER" from Sydney to RV off Moreton Island with "GOULBURN" escorting "AASE MAERSK" at 2000/14. "GLENELG" takes "AASE MAERSK" to Caloundra and "GOULBURN" takes "MAETSUYCKER" to Capricorn Channel.

- (4) "GOULBURN" to escort "AASE MAERSK" to RV with "GLENELG".

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Choiseul Is. - Three destroyers were sighted at 1520/11 in position 7°20'S, 157°E (4 miles off SW coast Choiseul Is.) course 300°. These are probably remnants of the force of 8 destroyers which were off Cape Esperance about midnight 10-11/1 and probably include some damaged units. Previous reports showed the vessels returning to Shortlands in two groups of 4 and the fact that only 3 were given in the above report may indicate that one had sunk.
- (2) Munda - Enemy fighters were seen taking-off from and in revetments on Munda aerodrome on 12/1.
- (3) Vangunu - A new dock or jetty is reported at the NW tip of Vangunu Is.
- (4) Shortlands - Reconnaissance at noon 12/1 showed a possible light cruiser at anchor between Shortlands Is. and Ballale Is. The area was apparently well covered but no other shipping was reported which seems strange in view of the units reported in the area 11/1.
- (5) Madang Area - Enemy patrol activities are reported in the vicinity of Ramu Valley and Bogadgin (respectively 40 mi SW and 20 mi S. of Madang) on 11/1. These patrols are stated to be creating a nervous tension among local natives.
- (6) Lae - Enemy barge activity was again reported 11/1 from Salamaua to Lae and Labu (2 miles SW of Lae).
- (7) Mambare Delta - Japanese camps are established on East Is. at the mouth of the Mambare River while previous reports showed enemy supply dumps on West Island (see Air Ops.).
- (8) Kumusi River - On 12/1, the enemy was reported to be occupying an area 1000 x 300 yards W. of Kurenada at the mouth of the Kumusi River.
- (9) Sanananda Area - A perimeter of pill-boxes on the Surirai track held up our advance on 12/1. Some advance was made by our troops, supported by tanks, on the Sanananda track. A bridgehead has been established across Konomti Creek west of Tarakena and an enemy artillery unit on the beach 1500 yards NW, was forced to withdraw on 11/1.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(a) At Sea to 12 00/13:

- (1) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "ISLANDER" dep. Darwin 0735/12 for Thursday Is. ETA 1430/15.
- (2) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "WILCANNIA" "WARREGO" "INVERELL"
Merchant Ships: "JAMES R. LOWELL" "KOOLIGA"
"BABINDA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Timor - A ship was at anchor off Baucau p.m. 8/1.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 12 00/13:

- (1) "KANIMBLA" escorting "Associated" for Colombo departed Albany 1036/10. "KANIMBLA" to return Fremantle approx 25/1.
- (2) "HERON" dep. Exmouth Gulf 1400/12 for Geraldton ETA 1700/14.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK" "TROMP"
"TJERK HIDDEN" "TAMWORTH" "HORSHAM" "PRESTON"
"PELIAS" "VAN GALEN" "DUBBO" "GOLD STAR"
"LARK" "ISABEL"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "WHIPPOORWILL" "CHILDS"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/13:

- (1) "DELORAIN" & "YANDRA" escorting OC61, incl. "BUNGAREE" from Melbourne, ETA Port Kembla 1800/14, Sydney 2400/14, and Newcastle 0800/15.
- (2) "WANGANELLA" (Hospital Ship) dep. Sydney 1912/11 ETA Brisbane 0900/13.
- (3) "GYMPIE" "BOWEN" dep. Sydney 1425/7 for working up exercises in Broken Bay.
- (4) "WAGGA" dep. Sydney 1625/9 for working up in Broken Bay.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "TREVER" "MILDURA" "ZANE"
"KAPUNDA" "DOBBIN" "YUNNAN" "TOWNSVILLE"
"ROCKHAMPTON" "GLENELG"
(Repairing) "PORTLAND" "NEW ORLEANS" "BISHOPDALE"
"ALHENA"
(In Reserve) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "SPRINGDALE" "HOVEY"
"RALPH TALBOT" "BAGLEY" "MANLEY" "DOOMBA"
(Repairing) "LE TRIOMPHANT"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "BUNGAREE" to accompany GP31 to Brisbane and then proceed to own area of operation.
 - (2) "TOWNSVILLE" "GLENELG" to escort GP30 due to depart Sydney 1030/13. "GLENELG" proceeding to Brisbane. "TOWNSVILLE" only to provide escort for PG30.
 - (3) "MILDURA" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" to escort C062 and take over from "BUNDABERG" at RV off Sydney p.m. 13/1.
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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC BAILLARD (AV)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) LOUISVILLE MINNEAPOLIS (CA)
HONOLULU HELENA NASHVILLE ST. LOUIS COLUMBIA ACHILLES
SAN DIEGO (CL) NICHOLAS MORRIS ANDERSON MUSTIN EILET
GANSE LANG LAMSON O'BANNON FRAZIER DRAYTON
DE HAVEN (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) THORNTON (AVD)
VIREO (AM) RIGEL (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) STRATFORD
PRES. GRANT CRESCENT CITY (AP) ARCTIC (AF) PLATTE
NEOSHO (AO) YP.290 YP.347 YP.239 YP.517 YP.518
PC.746
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA (BB)
SARATOGA (CV) CLEVELAND (CL) SAN JUAN (CL) SUWANNEE
SANGAMON (ACV) CONWAY WALLER RADFORD JENKINS
MURPHY SHAW BALCH GRIDLEY CRAVEN McCALL DUNLAP
FANNING LANDSDOWNE (DD) McKEAN STRINGHAM (APD)
HUGHES FLETCHER (DD) PROMETHEUS (AR) DELPHINUS (YP)
ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER (AM)
PREBLE (DM) CASTOR (AK) NESCHES SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO)
NEVILLE MERCURY W.W. BURROWS ANTARES (AK) ARD.2
ENGADINE

- (4) At Suva - CATALPA LOCUST ROSEWOOD (YN) TALAMANCA (AK)
KANKAKEE (AO) WRIGHT (AV) HAMMONDSPORT (AP)
- (5) At Vila - SABINE (AO) BUTTERNUT (YN) YP.289 ROAMER (AP)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) PC.477
PC.499 (YP) SUMNER (AG) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA
KIWI TUI (A/S Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR)
- (7) At Auckland - MONOWAI (A.M.C) GANSEVOORT (DD) HUNTER LIGGET (AP)
EBONY (YN) SOLACE (AH)
Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
- (8) At Wellington - FOMALHAUT (AK)
- (9) At Tongatabu - LOCUST (YN)
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C. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

"ADELAIDE" escorting "ILE DE FRANCE" towards Colombo.
"ADELAIDE" to proceed as far as endurance at
best speed will permit and return Fremantle
ETA 13/1.

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

Nil.

III. AIR OPERATIONS

ALLIED

New Britain - At 1245/6, a Liberator was intercepted by 4
enemy fighters 100 miles SE of Cape Orford. One fighter
was shot down and another possibly.

Salamaua - 4 Beaufighters in conjunction with 3 Bostons
bombed and strafed the Salamaua-Komiatum Track from 1130
to 1215/11.

Mambare Delta - 3 Beaufighters strafed possible enemy con-
centrations and/or supplies in coconut groves and along a
creek on East Island from 0930-1045/12. No activity seen.

Fullero (formerly given as FUIJORO - NE Timor) - 4 Beaufighters
strafed grounded aircraft, buildings and huts, motor transports
and a steam roller on Fullero Aerodrome at 1045/12.

ENEMY

Buna - 4 u/1 type aircraft which appeared larger than the
reporting Catalina were seen at about 0545/12 approx 50 mi
E. Buna. The aircraft were probably 4-engined F/B and may
have been engaged on supply dropping in the Sanananda area
and/or submarine and surface vessel reconnaissance.

Merauke - At 1533-1602/12, 9 enemy medium bombers dropped about
14 bombs of 500 & 1000-lbs on Merauke township. Some strafing
was also done. Slight further damage to Dutch Barracks was
the only effect.

IV. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Renewed offensive against Guadalcanal.
- (2) Consolidation Lae-Salamaua area, with
infiltration into Papuan beach-heads
and possible offensive activity E.
New Guinea area.
- (3) Consolidation Timor-Arafura Sea - Dutch
New Guinea.
- (4) Possible carrier-borne raids from NEI area
against strategic points on west and N.W.
coast of Australia.

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For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.
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DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

14th January, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES:

(a) At Sea to 1200/14:

- (1) "WHYALLA" operating off Tufi.
- (2) "PIRIE" escorting "BOTH" & "LORINNA" was due Oro Bay 1330/12, then return Milne Bay.
- (3) "LATROBE" escorting "KARSIK" arrived Milne Bay 1445/13 en route Oro Bay ETA 1430/15.
- (4) "KATOOMBA" escorting "VAN HEUTZ" dep. Milne Bay 1630/12 for Townsville ETA 0800/15.
- (5) "GOULBURN" escorting BT33 (6 ships incl. "TULAGI") dep. Brisbane 1951/12 ETA Townsville 0800/15 (see Proposed Movements).
- (6) "MUGFORD" escorting TN24, consisting of "JASON LEE" "STAGEN" "FRANCIS LEWIS" "PAINE WINGATE" dep. Townsville 1310/11 en route Port Moresby ETA 1600/14.
- (7) "WARRAMUNGA" dep. Caloundra 1559/11 for exercises off Cape Moreton. On completion "WARRAMUNGA" returns to Brisbane.
- (8) "VICTORIA" dep. Townsville 1136/11 for Palm Island.
- (9) "ARUNTA" dep. Darwin 0924/11 for Townsville ETA 0630/14.
- (10) "AASE MAERSK" dep. Townsville 0105/12 en route Brisbane.
- (11) "GEELONG" escorting BGI consisting of 2 MV dep. Brisbane 1321/13.
- (12) "SWAN" escorting "TAROONA" dep. Milne Bay 1202/13 enroute Port Moresby ETA 0900/14.
- (13) "VENDETTA" dep. Brisbane 1635/13 to carry out exercises with U.S. submarine to seaward of Cape Moreton.
- (14) 11 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" "STELLA"
	Merchant Vessels: "DUNTROON" "VAN SPILBERGEN"
	"KARSIK"
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "PALUMA"
	Merchant Vessels: "ISAAC COLES" "ULOOLOO"
	"EMPIRE HAMBLE" "WEST CACTUS" "GEORGE MATTHEWS"
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"
Palm Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "HELM"
	"HENLEY" "SELFRIDGE"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "PLATYPUS" "BENDIGO"
Townsville	---Warships & Aux. - "POYANG"
	(Repairing) "STUART" "BALLARAT" "BROOME" "COLAC"
	(Repairing)
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA" (repairing)
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - HOBART" "PATTERSON" "SPERRY"
	"FULTON" SC.477 SC.746 YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50
	"WANGANELLA" "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ships)
	(Repairing) "LITHGOW" "TULSA" "KURUMBA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "GIE NELG" escorting "MAETSUYCKER" from Sydney to RV off Moreton Island with "GOULBURN" escorting "AASE MAERSK" at 2000/14. "GLENELG" takes "AASE MAERSK" to Caloundra and "GOULBURN" takes "MAETSUYCKER" to Capricorn Channel. On completion "GOULBURN" to return Brisbane.
- (2) "VENDETTA" on completion of exercises off Cape Moreton to return Brisbane 15/1 and depart for Townsville p.m. 16/1.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Russell Is. - An enemy destroyer was sighted at 0130/13 3 miles north of Pavuvu Is. course 290°. This unit may have been employed on a lone supply-running mission to Guadalcanal or more likely was delivering supplies to the known staging-in base in the vicinity of Pavuvu Is.
- (2) Shortlands - Reconnaissance at 1015-1035/13 reported 16 vessels in the area, of which 4 cargo ships and 10 other unidentified vessels were anchored off-shore between Buin and Kahili, one cargo vessel was anchored near Shortland Is. and 1 destroyer was patrolling near Shortland Is.
In addition, 4 four-engined and 2 twin-engined flying boats were seen on the water at Faisi.
- (3) Buka - Aircraft reported 1 destroyer and 1 cargo vessel east of Buka Is. and just south of Ontong Java course 155° at 0925/13.
A ground observer reports that smoke seen in the vicinity of Kessa Harbour suggested that shipping was present during the morning 12/1. It appears that barges from Buka Passage meet shipping in Kessa Harbour.
- (4) Kavieng - At 1030/13 the following shipping was sighted -
1 probable small warship in Kavieng Harbour
2 probable cargo ships " " "
2 " heavy cruisers in Balgai Bay
2 small unidentified ships " " "
Photos taken at the same time show 15 medium bombers (of which probably 10 u/s), 26 single-seater fighters (of which probably 3 u/s).
- (5) Rabaul - Further information on the reconnaissance on 11/1 shows that the probable aircraft carrier reported was departing north from Rabaul at 1045/11 escorted by two destroyers and that the vessels in the harbour included 10 destroyers and 1 tanker.
- (6) Huon Gulf Area - At 0122/14, an enemy destroyer was sighted 65 miles S. by E. of Arawe course 270°. The course suggests that the vessel was heading for Lae or Salamaua but she may be bound for Mambare Bay area, as the usual route to Cape Ward Hunt followed in the past has brought vessels approximately to the above reported position after which they change course to south.
- (7) Lae - Troops recently landed at Lae are reported to be billeted in the Butibum area. Barge activity continued on 12/1.
- (8) Amboga River - There are signs of recent enemy occupation at the mouth of Amboga River but the area is now clear to a point 1 1/2 miles to the NW.
- (9) Sanananda - Strong enemy defensive positions held up our advance on the tracks on 12/1. Numerous pill-boxes, similar but perhaps stronger than those used by the enemy at Buna, have been seen in the area.
Heavy rains have turned the track into a quagmire.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/14:

- (1) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "ISLANDER" dep. Darwin 0735/12 for Thursday Is. ETA 1430/15.
(2) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "WILCANNIA" "WARREGO" "INVERELL"
Merchant Ships: "JAMES R. LOWELL" "KOOLIGA"
"BABINDA"

SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/14:

- (1) "KANIMBLA" escorting "Associated" for Colombo departed Albany 1036/10. "KANIMBLA" to return Fremantle approx 25/1.
- (2) "HERON" dep. Exmouth Gulf 1400/12 for Geraldton ETA 1700/14.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK"
"TROMP" "TJERK HIDDERS" "TAMWORTH" "HORNSAM"
"PRESON" "PELIAS" "VAN GALEN" "DUBBO" "GOLD STAR"
"IARK" "ISABEL"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "WHIPPOORWILL" "CHILDS"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/14:

- (1) "DELORAINNE" & "YANDRA" escorting OC61, incl. "BUNGAREE" from Melbourne, ETA Port Kembla 1300/14, Sydney 1900/14, and Newcastle 0300/15.
- (2) "GYMPIE" "BOWEN" working up in Broken Bay.
- (3) "WAGGA" working up in Broken Bay.
- (4) "GLENELG" escorting "MAETSUYCKER" dep. Sydney 0737/13.
- (5) "MILDURA" & "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting C062 dep. Sydney 1526/13 to take over Newcastle section of convoy from "BUNDABERG".

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "TREVER" "BUNDABERG" "ZANE"
"KAPUNDA" "DOBBIN" "YUNNAN" "TOWNSVILLE"
ROCKHAMPTON
(Repairing) "PORTLAND" "NEW ORLEANS" "BISHOPDALE" "ALHENA"
(In Reserve) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "SPRINGDALE" "HOVEY" "BAGLEY"
"RALPH TALBOT" "MANLEY" "DOOMBA"
(Repairing) "LE TRIOMPHANT"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "BUNGAREE" to accompany GP31 to Brisbane and then proceed to own area of operation.
- (2) "RALPH TALBOT" escorting "TRYON" to dep. Melbourne 14/1 for Efate.
- (3) "TOWNSVILLE" to escort GP30 (2 ships) from Sydney ETD 1201/14. One ship for Brisbane ETA 0900/17, one ship for Townsville.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC BALLARD (AV)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) LOUISVILLE MINNEAPOLIS (CA)
HONOLULU HELENA NASHVILLE ST. LOUIS COLUMBIA ACHILLES
SAN DIEGO (CL) NICHOLAS MORRIS ANDERSON MUSTIN ELLET
GANSE LANG LAMSON O'BANNON FRAZIER DRAYTON DE HAVEN (DD)
CURTISS TANGIER (AV) THORNTON (AVD) VIREO (AM) RIGEL (AD)
PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) STRATFORD PRES. GRANT CRESCENT CITY
(AP) ARCTIC (AF) PLATTE NEOSHO (AO) YP.290 YP.347
YP.239 YP.517 YP.518 PC.746
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA (BB) SARATOGA (CV)

- CLEVELAND SAN JUAN (CL) SUWANNEE SANGAMON (ACV) CONWAY
 WALLER RADFORD JENKINS MURPHY SHAW BALCH GRIDLEY
 CRAVEN McCALL DUNIA P FANNING LANDSDOWNE HUGHES
 FLETCHER (DD) McKEAN STRINGHAM (APD) PROMETHEUS (AR)
 DELPHINUS (YP) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD)
 KINGFISHER (AM) PREBLE (DM) CASTOR (NEVILLE MERCURY
 W.W.BURROWS ANTARES (AK) NESCHES SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO)
 ARD.2 ENGADINE
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA ~~KANKAKEE~~ ROSEWOOD (YN) TALAMANCA (AK)
 KANKAKEE (AO) WRIGHT (AV) HAMMONDSPOOT (AP)
- (5) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) PC.477 PC.499 (YP)
 SUMNER (AG) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA KIWI TUI (A/S Vessels)
 ORTOLAN (ASR)
- (6) At Vila - SABINE (AO) BUTTERNUT (YN) YP.289 ROAMER (AP)
- (7) At Auckland - MONOWAI (A.M.C) GANSEVOORT (DD) HUNTER LIGGETT (AP)
 EBONY (YN) SOLACE (AH)
 Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
- (8) At Wellington - POMALHAUT (AK)
- (9) At Tongatabu - LOCUST (YN)

C. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

Guadalcanal - A further report by Comsopac on the visit of 8 destroyers to Cape Esperance on the night 10/11 Jan. states that a Catalina picked up 4 units at 0030/11 off Cape Esperance and reported same to our patrol craft. The patrol craft scored 3 torpedo hits on 2 destroyers and possibly two hits on a third destroyer. The landing was attempted between Aruligo and Cape Esperance with 4 of the 8 destroyers towing boats with troops which were released when sufficiently close to shore. The other four destroyers apparently stood offshore as cover as they were not sighted off Cape Esperance. At daylight 11/1 supplies were seen floating in the Cape Esperance area and a large quantity was destroyed. It is believed that the landing was partly successful.

III. AIR OPERATIONS

ALLIED

- Finschhafen - A Liberator bombed and strafed buildings at Finschhafen at 0910/12.
- Madang - The same Liberator as that which attacked Finschhafen dropped 2 bombs on the Madang runway at 1050/12. Huts and buildings were also strafed.
- Lae - The aerodrome, docks, barges, stores and gun position on the beached vessel were bombed and strafed during the morning 13/1 by 3 Fortresses, 6 B.25's, 7 Beaufighters and 8 Lightnings as top cover. Buildings and the jetty were hit and fires started. One barge was also set ablaze.
- Salamaua - At approx 1130/13, 3 Bostons bombed and strafed the Komiatum - Salamaua track.
- Sanananda - During a.m. 12/1, 4 Bostons bombed and strafed Killerton Village. Several huts were destroyed. During a.m. 13/1, 6 Bostons bombed and strafed Sanananda track with unobserved results.

ENEMY


- Kavieng - On 13/1, 8 Type "O" fighters intercepted our reconnaissance Fortress which took cloud cover.
- Gasmata - At 1125/13, 6 Type "O" fighters intercepted our reconnaissance Liberator which claims to have shot down 2 definitely plus 1 probably. 2 Type 1 M/B were seen taking off from the runway.
- Louisiade Archipelago - At 0920/12, one type 1 M/B, was seen 60 miles north of Rossel Is.
- Merauke - 9 enemy M/B bombed the water-front and township from 1320 to 1350/13. Slight damage was inflicted on the

jetty. (An enemy F/P was over the area from 1226-1247/13.

Munda - At 0715/13, 6 Marauders escorted by eight Aircobras and 5 Lightnings bombed the runway area.
Rekata Bay - At 1500/13, 6 Marauders escorted by 8 Aircobras and 5 Lightnings bombed Suavana Plantation.
Guadalcanal - 6 Dauntless and 6 Aircobras bombed and strafed enemy positions in support of ground activities a.m. 12/1. Later in the morning 4 Warhawks successfully strafed an enemy patrol at Bonegi River Crossing between Cape Esperance and Kokumbona.

IV. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Renewed offensive against Guadalcanal.
- (2) Consolidation Lae-Salamaua area, with infiltration into Papuan beach-heads and possible offensive activity east New Guinea area.
- (3) Consolidation Timor-Arafura Sea - Dutch New Guinea.
- (4) Possible carrier-borne raids from NEI area against strategic points on west and NW coast of Australia.


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14/1/43

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
	<u>(i) Allied Forces:</u>	
8" Cruisers	AU STRALIA	PORTLAND NEW ORLEANS
6" Cruisers	HOBART PHOENIX	
Armed Merchant Cruisers		MANOORA WESTRALIA) On Reserve
Flotilla Leaders	WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT SELFRIDGE	STUART
Destroyers	PATTERSON HENLEY HELM RALPH TALBOT BAGLEY MUGFORD	
Submarines	VENDETTA ALBACORE) AMBERJACK) GROUPEL) SNAPPER) At Brisbane TUNA) WAHOO) ARGONAUT) FLYING FISH) GATO) GRAMPUS) GREENLING) GROWLER) On Patrol GUARDFISH) NAUTILUS) SPEARFISH) SWORDFISH) TRITON)	
Submarine Tenders	K.9 FULTON SPERRY	At Sydney
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboats	TULSA HILO	
Oilers	AASE MAERSK VICTORIA	BISHOPDALE KURUMBA

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-Solomons)

CinC Combined Fleet	
CinC 2nd Fleet	
CinC 3rd Fleet	
CinC 4th Fleet	
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)	
3 Battle ships (BB)	YAMATO MUTSU ISE
2 Battlecruisers (BB)	HARUNA KONGO
2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)	ZUIKAKU HOSHO (prob. ferrying)
3 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	HAYATAKA HITAKA ZUIHO
3 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	OTAKA) CHUYO) Ferrying UNYO)

Heavy Cruisers (CA)
(prob. 5 effective)

AOBA
CHOKAI
HAGURO
KUMANO
SUZUYA
TAKAO
ISUZU
KATORI
KASHIMA
NAGARA
TENRYU
SENDAI

MYOKO (prob. dau 26/10)
MOGAMI (believed sunk
14/11)

Light Cruisers (CL)
(some damaged
prob. 5 effective)

TATSUTA) believed sunk
KINU) 14/11
YUBARI

1 or 2 converted light cruisers (XCL)

Approx 27 submarines (SS)

Approx 40 destroyers (DD)

5 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

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

8 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx 40 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)

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

Approx 221 land-based aircraft incl. 77 F, 75 B, 20 F/B, 37 F/P,

12 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces

6" Cruiser
Flotilla Leaders

ADELAIDE
ARUNTA
TROMP
VAN HEEMSKERK
KANIMBLA
TJERK HIDDERS
VAN CALEN

A.A. Ship
Armed Merchant Cruiser
Destroyers

HERON
W.E. PRESTON

S/P Tenders

CHILDS

Submarine Tender
Submarines

PELIAS
GAR)
GRAYLING)
GRENADIER)
GUDGEON)
TAMBOR)
TAUTOG)
TROUT)
THRESHER)
K.8)
K.12)

On Patrol

At Fremantle

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces

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

(ii) Enemy Forces

CinC 2nd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)

ASHIGARA

3 light cruisers (CL)

KASHII

KUMA

NATORI

1 converted light cruiser (XCL)

Approx 16 destroyers (DD)

Approx 3 submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane Carrier (AV)

NOTORO

1 Converted S/P Tender (XAV)

CENTRAL PACIFIC AREAEffectiveNon-effective(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADAWEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEEConverted A/C Carriers
8" CruisersLONG ISLAND
~~CHICAGO~~SALT LAKE CITY
SAN FRANCISCO
INDIANAPOLISDestroyers
Submarines15 (approx)
23 (approx)(ii) Enemy Forces (Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan)

CinC 1st Fleet

CinC 3rd Fleet (A/C Carriers)

5 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
NAGATO
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)

3 - 8" Cruisers (CA)

ATAGO

SHOKAKU (damaged 26/10)
TIKUMA } damaged 26/10
TONE }
KITAGAMI
OI

3 light cruisers (CL)

ABUKUMA

5 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 30 Destroyers (DD)

Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
COLORADO
MARYLAND
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO

Aircraft Carriers

ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA

Converted A/C Carriers

NASSAU
ALTAMAHA
COPANEE
CHENANGO
SUWANNEE

8" Cruisers

SANGAMON
MINNEAPOLIS
WICHITA

6" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE
CHICAGO
HELENA
HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE
COLUMBIA
CLEVELAND
MONTPELLIER
ACHILLES

LEANDER

5" Cruisers

SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN

Destroyers

45 (approx)

Armed Merchant Cruisers

HONOWAI
ASCANIA

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers	DETROIT
	RALEIGH
10 Submarines	
10 Destroyers	

(ii) Enemy Forces: (N.Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians)

CinC 5th Fleet	
8" Cruiser (CA)	NAGHI
2 light cruisers (CL)	TAMA
	KISO
Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)	
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)	

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers	CONCORD
	TRENTON
	RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	WARSPITE	
	RESOLUTION	
	RAMILLIES	
	ROYAL SOVEREIGN	
Aircraft Carrier	ILLUSTRIOUS	
Seaplane Carrier	ALBATROSS	
8" Cruisers	DEVONSHIRE	
	GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)	
7.5" Cruisers	HAWKINS	
	PROBISHER	
6" Cruisers	MAURITIUS	NEWCASTLE
	GAMBIA	GIA SGOW
	ENTERPRISE	EMERALD
	LIVERPOOL	DANAE
	DAUNTLESS	
	DRAGON	
	DURBAN	
	CAPETOWN	
	CERES	
	CALEDON	
	CARADOC	
	SUMATRA (Dutch)	
Armed Merchant Cruisers	ALAUNIA	
	CARTHAGE	
	CORFU	
	CHITRAL	
	KANIMELA	
	RANCHI	
	RAMPURA	
	WORCESTERSHIRE	
A.A. Ship	CARLISLE	
Approx 27 Destroyers		
Approx 9 Submarines		

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 7 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

15th January, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

- (1) "WHYALLA" operating off Tufi.
- (2) "TULSA" dep. Brisbane 0845/14 en route Milne Bay, calling at Cairns ETA Cairns 1500/17.
- (3) "ARUNTA" dep. Townsville 1925/14 for Brisbane ETA 1000/16.
- (4) "MUGFORD" escorting "WAROONA" departed Port Moresby 1917/14 for Cairns ETA 0900/16.
- (5) "WANGANELLA" dep. Brisbane 1422/14 en route Port Moresby ETA 0800/18.
- (6) "LATROBE" escorting "KARSIK" dep. Milne Bay 1319/14 en route Oro Bay ETA 1430/15.
- (7) "WARRAMUNGA" "VENDETTA" "PATTERSON" & "HOBART" carrying out exercises to seaward of Cape Moreton.
- (8) "GLENELG" escorting "MAETSUYCKER" to the vicinity of Capricorn Channel, departed Sydney 0737/13. On completion of escort to return to Brisbane.
- (9) "GEELONG" escorting GT3 (3 MV) dep. Gladstone 0300/15 ETA Townsville 0300/17.
- (10) 11 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" "STELLA" "PIRIE"
	Merchant Vessels: "DUNTROON" "VAN SPILBERGEN"
	"KARSIK" "BOTH" "LORINNA"
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "PALUMA" "SWAN"
	Merchant Vessels: "ISAAC COLES" "ULOOLOO"
	"EMPIRE HAMBLE" "WEST CACTUS" "GEORGE MATTHEWS"
	"JASON LEE" "PAINE WINGATE" "STAGEN" "FRANCIS LEWIS"
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"
Palm Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "HELM"
	"HENLEY" "SELFRIDGE"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "PLATYPUS" "BENDIGO"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "POYANG"
(Repairing)	"STUART" "BALLARAT" "BROOME" "COLAC"
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA" (repairing)
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "SPERRY" "FULTON" "GOULBURN"
	SC.477 SC.746 YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50
	"MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)
(Repairing)	"LITHGOW" "KURUMBA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "VENDETTA" on completion of exercises off Cape Moreton to return Brisbane 15/1 and depart for Townsville p.m. 16/1.
- (2) "PIRIE" to escort "DUNTROON" & "BOTH" for Port Moresby, thence Cairns. ETD Milne Bay 1100/15.
- (3) "SWAN" escorting "GEORGE MATTHEWS" ETD Moresby for Cairns 1900/15.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Guadalcanal - The "Tokyo Express" was run a gain last night 13-14/1 from Shortlands to Guadalcanal (see Naval Incidents).
- (2) Ysabel Is. - An enemy destroyer was off Rekata Bay at 0752/14 course 300° probably returning to Shortlands after delivering supplies to the Rekata Bay base.

- (3) Buka - Japanese Radar installation located within 60 mile radius of Buka Passage.
- (4) Lae - 20 to 30 enemy aircraft seen on aerodrome by attacking aircraft 1000/14. Most of these, however, appeared unserviceable.
- (5) Salamaua - 20 to 30 loaded and covered native canoes seen at Sachen Bay (13 miles S. of Salamaua) 1020/14. Large number of new native canoes also at Kui (26 miles SSE of Salamaua) where they are possibly built.
- Our forces, in 5 parties, attacked enemy positions at Mubo on 11/1 and fighting was still in progress at dawn 13/1. A series of strongly built 3-man pill-boxes have been encountered.
- 116 Japanese dead have already been counted.
- (6) Huon Gulf - The enemy destroyer seen heading towards Lae at 0122/14 was not reported again after daylight.
- (7) Cape Ward Hunt - One or more enemy submarines were encountered 1 mile off-shore at 0450/13 (see Naval Incidents).
- (8) Gona - A party of some 50 well armed Japanese were located trying to escape through Gona towards W. They turned S. when encountered by our troops. It is not known whence they came.
- (9) Sanananda - On 12-13/1 our forces advanced 1100 yards towards Giruwa from Tarakena.
- No further progress is reported on the track but a prisoner of war states that orders have been issued to withdraw to Giruwa.
- (10) Enemy Submarines were indicated as follows -
- 13/1 - 4 from Jacquinot Bay to Trobriands and East of Louisiades in addition to 1 or more off Manbare Bay early a.m. 13/1 (encountered our PTs)
- 3 W. & S. of Solomons.
 1 E. Bougainville
 1 N. New Britain.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

- (1) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "ISLANDER" dep. Darwin 0735/12 for Thursday Is. ETA 1430/15.
- (2) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "WILG ANNIA" "WARREGO" "INVERELL"
 Merchant Vessels: "JAMES R. LOWELL" "KOOLIGA"
 "BABINDA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Keopang - 2 possible 5-6000 ton vessels seen by recce on 14/1.
- (2) Kendari - 1 vessel 10-12,000 tons seen by recce at 1040/14.
- (3) Celebes Area - Reconnaissance aircraft a.m. 14/1 reported - 1 medium sized tanker off Boetoeng Is. (SE Celebes) 15 seaplanes in Tiworo Strait (between SE Celebes & Moena Is.) Several Seaplanes anchored at Bawe Bawe (SW tip Boetoeng Is.) (see Air Ops.)

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

- (1) "KANIMBLA" escorting "Associated" for Colombo departed Albany 1036/10. "KANIMBLA" to return Fremantle approx 25/1.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK"
"TROMP" "TJERK HIDDERS" "VAN GALEN" "TAMWORTH"
"HORSHAM" "PRESTON" "PELIAS" "DUBBO" "LARK"
"GOLD STAR" "ISABEL"
Geraldton - Warships & Aux. - "HERON"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "WHIPPOORWILL" "CHILDS"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

- (1) "GYMPIE" "BOWEN" working up in Broken Bay.
- (2) "WAGGA" working up in Broken Bay.
- (3) "MILDURA" & "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting C062 dep. Sydney 1526/13 to take over Newcastle section of convoy from "BUNDABERG".
- (4) "TOWNSVILLE" escorting GP30 (2 MV) dep. Sydney 1039/14
ETA Brisbane 0445/17.
- (5) "RALPH TALBOT" escorting "TRYON" dep. Melbourne 0756/14.
After escort "RALPH TALBOT" ETA Brisbane 1000/18,
"TRYON" ETA Vila 0800/19.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "TREVER" "BUNDABERG" "ZANE"
"KAPUNDA" "DOBBIN" "YUNNAN" "ROCKHAMPTON"
"YANDRA" "BUNGAREE"
(Repairing) "PORTLAND" "NEW ORLEANS" "BISHOPDALE" "ALHENA"
(x In Reserve) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"
Newcastle "DELORAINÉ"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "SPRINGDALE" "HOVEY" "BAGLEY"
"RALPH TALBOT" "MANLEY" "DOOMBA"
(Repairing) "LE TRIOMPHANT"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "BUNGAREE" to accompany GP31 to Brisbane and then proceed to own area of operation.
 - (2) "KYBRA" to be sailed from Sydney p.m. 15/1 for Townsville.
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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC BALLARD (AV)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) LOUISVILLE MINNEAPOLIS (CA)
HONOLULU HELENA NASHVILLE ST. LOUIS COLUMBIA ACHILLES
SAN DIEGO (CL) NICHOLAS MORRIS ANDERSON MUSTIN ELLET
GANSE MEADE JENKINS RUSSELL LAMSON O'BANNON DRAYTON
DE HAVEN (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) THORNTON (AVD) VIREO (AM)
PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) STRAFFORD PRES. GRANT FRED. FUNSTAN (AP)
BELLATRIX (AK) ALDEBARAN (AK) ARCTIC (AF) PLATTE NEOSHO
NESCHES (AO) YP.290 YP.347 YP.239 YP.517 YP.518
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA (BB) SARATOGA (CV)
CLEVELAND SAN JUAN (CL) SUWANNEE SANGAMON (ACV) CONWAY

- WALLER RADFORD MURPHY SHAW GRIDLEY CRAVEN McCALL
 DUNLAP FANNING LANDSDOWNE HUGHES FLETCHER (DD) McKEAN
 STRINGHAM (APD) PROMETHEUS (AR) DELPHINUS (YP) ARGONNE (AS)
 LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER (AM) PREBLE (DM)
 CASTOR NEVILLE MERCURY W.W.BURROWS ANTARES (AK)
 SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) ARD.2 ENGINE
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA ROSEWOOD (YN) TALAMANCA (AK) KANKAKEE (AO)
 WRIGHT (AV) HAMMONDSPORT (AP)
- (5) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) PC.477 RC.499 (YP)
 SUMNER (AG) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA KIWI TUI (A/S Vessels)
 ORTOLAN (ASR)
- (6) At Vila - SABINE (AO) BUTTERNUT (YN) YP.289 ROAMER (AP)
- (7) At Auckland - MONOWAI (A.M.C) GANSEVOORT (DD) HUNTER LIGGETT (AP)
 EBONY (YN) SOLACE (AH)
 Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
- (8) At Wellington - FOMALHAUT (AK)
- (9) At Tongatabu - LOCUST (YN)
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II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) Guadalcanal - A force of 9 vessels probably all destroyers left Shortlands at about 1445/14 and were seen in various positions during the afternoon and evening. At 0122/15, 5 of these units were sighted 18 miles east of Russell Is. heading SE. At 0635/15 9 destroyers were reported 18 mi off Korrigole Harbour (Santa Ysabel) returning to base. Two or three of the units were described as transports in some reports and it is possible that these units may be destroyers specially converted for transport purposes.
- (2) Cape Ward Hunt - At 0450/13 our patrol craft were attacked by submerged enemy submarines with about 12 torpedoes in a position about one mile north of Cape Ward Hunt. Our patrol craft counter-attacked with four depth-charges and then lost contact.
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III. AIR OPERATIONS

ALLIED

- Gasmata - A Liberator bombed Gasmata runway at 1038/14.
- Madang Area - A Liberator bombed Madang township at 1010/14 and also strafed Finschhafen.
- Lae - Four B.25's with top cover of 8 P.38's bombed stores and supplies on the beach. Large oil or petrol fires were started. In addition 6 Bostons carried out armed recce of the coast from Kui to Labu which was strafed.
- Salamaua - A Liberator bombed the wreck at Salamaua at 1740/13.
- Salamaua Area - Four Bostons strafed the Komiatum-Salamaua track and bombed and strafed Bakumbari Village.
- Fuiloro - 3 Beaufighters strafed Fuiloro Aerodrome at 1115/14.
- Laga - 2 Hudsons bombed and strafed Laga Village at 1228/14. Two Type "O" fighters unsuccessfully attempt to intercept.
- Rekata Bay - At 1800/13, 10 Wildcats and 4 Warhawks strafed Suavanau Plantation. Morning 14/1 recce aircraft encountered 3 float biplanes and shot one down.
- Munda - At 1030/14, 6 Dauntless escorted by 11 Wildcats bombed runway. Two Zero's and one twinengined bomber were destroyed on ground. There was no interception but intense A.A. fire of all calibres was encountered. All our aircraft returned.

ENEMY

- Celebes - Two enemy fighters intercepted the reconnaissance Liberator over this area a.m. 14/1.
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15/1/43

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA	PORTLAND NEW ORLEANS
6" Cruisers	HOBART PHOENIX	
Armed Merchant Cruisers		MANOORA) WESTRALIA) On Reserve
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT SELFDRIDGE	STUART
Destroyers	PATTERSON MENLEY HELM RALPH TALBOT BAGLEY MUGFORD VENDETTA	
Submarines	ALBACORE) AMBERJACK) GROUPE) At Brisbane TUNA) WAHOO) ARGONAUT) FLYING FISH) GATO) GRAMPUS) GREENLING) GROWLER) On Patrol GUARDFISH) NAUTILUS) SNAPPER) SWORDFISH) TRITON)	
Submarine Tenders	K.9 FULTON SPERRY	At Sydney
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboats	TULSA HILO	
Oilers	AASE MAERSK VICTORIA	BISHOPDALE KURUMBA

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-Solomons)

CinC Combined Fleet	
CinC 2nd Fleet	
CinC 3rd Fleet	
CinC 4th Fleet	
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)	
3 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO MUTSU ISE
2 Battlecruisers (BB)	HARUNA KONGO
2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)	ZUIKAKU HOSHO (prob. ferrying)
3 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	HAYATAKA HITAKA ZUIHO
3 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	OTAKA) CHUYO) Ferrying UNYO)

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

EFFECTIVE

NON-EFFECTIVE

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA
LONG ISLAND

WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carriers
8" Cruisers

SALT LAKE CITY
SAN FRANCISCO
INDIANAPOLIS

Destroyers
Submarines

15 (approx)
23 (approx)

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan)

CinC 1st Fleet
5 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
NAGATO
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)
3 - 8" Cruisers (CA)

ATAGO

SHOKAKU (damaged 23/10)
TIKUMA) damaged 26/10
TONE)
KITAGAMI
OI

3 light cruisers (CL)

ABUKUMA

5 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)
Approx 30 Destroyers & Gunboats (DD & PG)
Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces

Battle ships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
COLORADO
MARYLAND
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO

Aircraft Carriers

ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA

Converted A/C Carriers

NASSAU
ALTAMAHA
COPAHEE
CHENANGO
SUWANNEE

8" Cruisers

SAN CAMON
MINNEAPOLIS
WICHITA
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6" Cruisers

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MONTPELLIER
ACHILLES

LEANDER

5" Cruisers

SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN

Destroyers

45 (approx)

Armed ~~Merchant~~ Merchant Cruisers
MONOWAI
ASCANIA

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

DETROIT
RELEIGH

10 Submarines
10 Destroyers

(ii) Enemy Forces: (N. Honshu-Kurile s-Aleutians)

CinC 5th Fleet
8" Cruiser (CA)
2 light cruisers (CL)

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TAMA
KISO

Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battle ships

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
RAMILLIES
ROYAL SOVEREIGN

Aircraft Carrier
Seaplane Carrier
8" Cruisers

ILLUSTRIOUS
ALBATROSS
DEVONSHIRE
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)

7.5" Cruisers

HAWKINS
PROBISHER

6" Cruisers

MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
ENTERPRISE
LIVERPOOL
DAUNTLESS
DRAGON
DURBAN
CAPE TOWN
CERES
CALEDON
CARADOC
SUMATRA (Dutch)

NEWCASTLE
GLASGOW
EMERALD
DANAE

Armed Merchant Cruisers

ALAUNIA
CARTHAGE
CORFU
CHITRAL
KANIMBLA
RANCHI
RANPURA
WORCESTERSHIRE
CARLISLE

A.A. Ship
Approx 27 Destroyers
Approx 9 Submarines

(ii) Enemy Forces

Approx 7 Submarines

IV. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Renewed offensive against Guadalcanal.
- (2) Consolidation Lae-Salamaua area, with infiltration into Papuan beach-heads and possible offensive activity east New Guinea area.
- (3) Consolidation Timor-Arafura Sea - Dutch New Guinea including possible attempt to occupy Merauke.
- (4) Possible carrier-borne raids from N.E.I. area against strategic points on west and N.W. coast of Australia.

For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.
G.H.Q., S.W.P.A.

15/1/43

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

10th January, 1943.

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/16:

- (1) "WHYLLA" and "POLARIS" operating off Puffi.
- (2) "LATHOKE" escorting "KASSIK" dep. Milne Bay 1310/16 on route Oro Bay ETA 1430/16.
- (3) "PIRIE" escorting "BUNTHOON" and "BOON" dep. Milne Bay 1401/16 for Port Moresby ETA 2000/16 and thence Cairns.
- (4) "TULSA" dep. Brisbane 1048/16 on route Milne Bay, calling at Cairns ETA Cairns 1500/17.
- (5) "WOODFORD" escorting "TARDUNA" departed Port Moresby 1017/16 for Cairns ETA 0900/16.
- (6) "WANGANELLA" dep. Brisbane 1422/14 on route Port Moresby ETA 0800/16.
- (7) "ANUPTA" dep. Townsville 1022/14 for Brisbane ETA 1000/16.
- (8) "O.S.LIVANOS" with SC.744 dep. Brisbane 1815/15 for Capricorn Channel whence "O.S.LIVANOS" proceeds Townsville.
- (9) "OSBLOCH" escorting STS (S MV) dep. Madstone 0300/15 ETA Townsville 0300/17.
- (10) 11 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "STELLA" "
	Merchant Vessels: "VAN SPIELERHOFF" "LORETTA"
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "PALUMA" "SWAN"
	Merchant Vessels: "ISAAC COLES" "ULOCLOO" "EMPIRE HANBLE" "WEST CACTUS" "GEORGE MATTHEWS" "JASON LEE" "PAINE WHEATE" "SEAGRAM" "FRANCIS LEWIS"
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "CASTLETON RE"
Pala Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "EMULET" "SHELFRIDGE"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "PATYFOS" "BENDIGO"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "WELK" "POHNO" "KATCOONRA" "STUART" "HALLAMAT" "BROOKS" "OCLAC"
(Repairing)	
Navyborough	- Warships & Aux. - "SERRA" (repairing)
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "BOHART" "PATTERSON" "SARRAMBOCA" "TENDRYA" "SHERRY" "FULTON" SC.744 SC.745 "HMS.9 HMS.40 HMS.50 "MANUDA" (Hospital ship) "AASE HANSEN" (Oiler)
(Repairing)	"LITTON" "KURUBA" "SCULBURN"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "VERNETTA" to depart for Townsville 17/1. "SHERRY" to be escorted to S.S.P.A. boundary.
- (2) "SWAN" escorting "GEORGE MATTHEWS" RTD Moresby for Cairns 1600/16.

(II) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Gudalcanal - The enemy convoy which probably originally consisted of 2 destroyers was seen retiring from Gudalcanal to Shortlands during the morning 15/1 (see Naval Incidents).
- (2) Sea Georgia - A vessel described as a transport was reported west of Vella Lavella at 1030/15, course Northwest, having probably been to Wanda.

Another force consisting of one destroyer and one cargo vessel was seen at 1400/15 leaving Puffi and again at 1545/15 North-west of Vella Lavella, probably en route Vila Plantation (South-east end Kolombangara Island), or some other base in the

vicinity. A report indicates that there may be as many as 4,000 enemy troops at Vila Plantation

- (3) Shortlands - Reconnaissance showed in the Shortlands area at 1000/13 three light cruisers or large destroyers, ^{and 4 cargo vessels} there were also eleven type "C" floatplanes, of which some were airborne and apparently attempted interception. In addition six 4-engined flying boats were seen on the water. Photos 12/1 show runway and blast revetments on Ballale Is. completed.
- (4) New Ireland - A small vessel was seen at 0800/13 close in shore 25 miles North-west of East Cape (see Air Operations).
- (5) Nabaul - Attacking aircraft reported many ships in the Harbour at dawn, 13/1. (See Air Operations.)
- (6) Salomons - The raid by our patrol on Mubo lasted three days, 11th to 13th, and is described as highly successful. Enemy Headquarters, a W/T Hut, stores and other huts north of Mubo were destroyed, and heavy casualties inflicted. Our casualties are described as ridiculously light compared to the damage done.
- (7) Guadalupa - Successful progress was made on the track front, 14/1, and an enemy position mopped up.
- (8) Swains - Another probable submarine was reported off the Sankara River Mouth at 0130/14. This is additional to reports concerning early a.m. 13/1.
- (9) Port Moresby - A possible enemy submarine was reported at 0800/13 42 miles West by South of Port Moresby.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1800/13:

- (1) "KALCOORLIN" escorting "DARVEL" (ID.6) dep. Thursday Is. 1600/13 for Darwin, SPA p.m. 13/1.
- (2) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbours:

Darwin - Warships and Aus. - "WILCANNIA" "BARBDOO" "INVERELL"
Merchant Vessels: "JAMES H. LOWELL" "MOOLICA"
"BARINCA"

(11) BRITISH FORCES

- (1) Tioor - Photos taken of Junford Aerodrome (Koopang) 14/1 reveal 9 medium bombers of which 3 may be damaged, 13 other aircraft of which 9 are fighters.
At 1300/14 a destroyer was seen north of Boa Is. (off East end Tioor) on course 230°.
- (2) Gegeo - At 1415/13 a destroyer and two transports were seen off North-east coast of Gegeo on course 90°.
- (3) Hondari (Celebes) - Photos taken 14/1 show 27 single-engine fighters and 17 medium bombers on Hondari Beach. In addition 11 unserviceable fighters can be seen.
There are signs of intensive use of the aerodrome.
- (4) Derby - An unidentified aircraft was over the Derby area during morning 13/1.
- (5) Port Hedland - A possible floating mine has been located in position 10°47' S, 115°47' E.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA.

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1800/13:

- (1) "KANTHIA" escorting "ASSOCIATED" for Colombo departed Albany 1000/13. "KANTHIA" to return Fremantle approx. 20/1.

(2) "THOR" escorting "GOLD STAR" departed Fremantle 0817/15 for Melbourne until 0900/15, "THOR" to return Fremantle with "ANTHILLA".

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "JACOB VAN BREUSEN" "JOHN HIGGINS" "VAN GALEN" "TANWORTH" "MORCART" "PRESTON" "FELIAS" "DUNRO" "LARK" "ISABEL"

C Geraldton - Warships & Aux. - "HERCULES"

Esmond Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "WHITFOURSHILL" "CHILDS"

4. BAITERN & SEVENTH AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1800/15:

- (1) "OTRIF" "ROVEN" working up in Broken Bay.
- (2) "SACCA" working up in Broken Bay.
- (3) "WILDORA" and "ABRAHAM ORTHOGON" escorting 0002 after RV with 00.02 off Wilson's Promontory 0800/15, to Sydney and Newcastle.
- (4) "ROONDA" escorting 00.02, after RV, to Melbourne ETA p.m. 16/1.
- (5) "TOURNSVILLE" escorting 0002 (2 RV) dep. Sydney 1030/15 ETA Brisbane 0445/17.
- (6) "RALPH TALBOT" escorting "TRYON" dep. Melbourne 0750/16. After escort "RALPH TALBOT" ETA Brisbane 1000/16, "TRYON" ETA Vila 0800/16.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "TREVOR" "RANK" "DUNDACRO" "KAPUNDA" "DORRIS" "YUNGAN" "ROCKHAMPTON" "YANINA" "DUNGARR" "PORTLAND" "NEW ORLEANS" "BIRCHDALE" "ALBERA" "WANDORA" "WESTHALLIA"

(Repairing)
(In reserve)

Newcastle - "DELOHAINE"

Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "SPRINGDALE" "ROVET" "RAGLET" "RAGLET" "LE THROUGHT"

(Repairing)

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "DUNDACRO" to accompany 0002 to Brisbane and then proceed to own area of operation.
- (2) S.T. "WATONDA" to depart Sydney 1800/15 for Townsville S.T.A. 1700/20.

5. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Valdivia - WACKINAC BALLARD (AV)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ESTERPEIER (CV) COPANNE (CV) LOUISVILLE MINNEAPOLIS (CA) HONOLULU HELERA NASHVILLE ST. LOUIS COLUMBIA ACUTILES SAN DIEGO (CL) NICHOLAS MORRIS ANDERSON RUSTIN ELIOT GANSE GRADE JENKINS RUSSEL LANSCH O'BANION TRAYTON DE SAVIE (DD) CORTISS TANCINN (AV) THORNTON (AVD) VIRHO (AN) VINO (AN) VITAL (AN) STRATFORD PRES. CHANT PRIN. PUNSTAR (AV) DELATHIE (AN) ALLENBARAN (AN) ARCTIC (AP) PLATTE BUSHRO HESCHER (AD) YP. 290 YP. 339 YP. 518 YP. 517
- (3) At Bougainville - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA (DD) SARATOGA (CV) SAN JUAN (CL) ~~(AV)~~

BALCH RADFORD MURPHY SEAS CRIDLEY GRAYES McCALL.
 SOUTHARD DUNLAP WARRING LANDSTOWN FLETCHER (DS) McNEAL
 (AS) WICKETHURST (AR) DELPHINUS (YP) ARCONDE (AS) LASKE
 (AR) WHITNEY (AR) KINGFISHER (AR) (DS) NEVILLE MERCURY
 S.S. KURROSE ANDRES (AR) SEANTO CINARCO (AO) ARD.2
 RECORDED

- (4) At Nova - CATALPA ROSEWOOD (YN) TALARCA (AR) BARKER (AO)
 WRIGHT (AV) HARRISPORT (AP)
 (5) Guadalcanal Area - JARROUSE (PO) BOCKLINE (AO) PC-477 PC-499 (YP)
 SUMNER (AO) WARENE (TT) KATAI SGA KINI TUI (A/S Vessel)
 CHITLAN (ASR)
 (6) At Vila - BABINE (AO) BUTTERNET (YN) YP-299 ROASER (AP)
 (7) At Suva - KOCWAI (A.N.C.) CANNESPORT (DS) HUNTER LIGHTY (AP)
 HONEY (YN) SOLACE (AS)
 Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
 (8) At Wellington - POMALHAUT (AR)
 (9) At Tongatabu - LOCUST (YN)

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

The enemy force on the Shortlands-Guadalcanal run during night 14/15 January probably consisted of five "YAGUAKI" class destroyers (1942, 1500 tons, speed 34 knots) and four smaller old type destroyers being used as transports. The convoy apparently split when in the vicinity of Russell Island before midnight and the Catalina bombed the concentration of five units of which two were seen burning off Cape Esperance. These two vessels, however, proceeded north east still at 20 knots. All nine units were sighted at 0638/15 off Korigole Harbour and were attacked by fifteen dive bombers with cover at 0735/15 in position 6° South, 167°45' East. Five destroyers, including two of the old type, were damaged and made slow progress until attacked again by Fortresses at 1540/15 when in position 7°15' South, 156°30' East. The other four units proceeded to Shortlands separately at high speed and probably arrived before noon, 15/1.

Strong enemy fighter cover was provided for the convoy (See Air Operations) but two destroyers at least were badly damaged and one of them possibly sunk.

It is possible that additional units (destroyers or small, fast, cargo vessels) were involved but the one force of nine destroyers could account for all reports.

III. AIR OPERATIONS

ALLIED

- New Ireland - One B.17 bombed the small vessel close inshore, 22 miles North West of East Cape at 0628/15.
Isabau - Two B.17's bombed ship ping in harbour 0600/15. Results unobserved.
Casuarina - 1 B.17 & 1 B.24 bombed runway a.m. 15/1. Results unobserved.
Madang - 1 B.24 bombed runway 1005/15. Results unobserved.
Pinschhafen - 1 B.24 bombed runway 1737/14. Smoke seen.
 1 B.24 bombed airstrome 0840/15. Results unobserved.
Lae - 3 B.25's bombed supply dumps 1150/15. Results unobserved.
Mebare - 2 Seafighters strafed enemy position Mebare Delta.
Tarindap - 1 Hudson bombed Matka Is. off Saualaki.
Solomons - (a) 15 dive bombers escorted by four Aircobras & 12 Grummans attacked enemy convoy at 0735/15. (See Naval Incidents) Intercepted by about 12 Zeros (land-based). 11 Zeros reported shot down; we lost two Aircobras & 3 Grummans.
 (b) 9 B.17's escorted by 4 Aircobras and 4 Seahawks and six Lightnings attacked the enemy convoy at 1540/15 (see Naval Incidents). 14 Fighters, including 12 Zero floatplanes encountered; 12 floatplanes shot down. All our aircraft returned.

Salomons (c) 12 dive bombers escorted by 7 Cruisers and 6 Albatrosses failed to locate enemy convoy but attacked cargo vessel believed heading for Vila plantation at 1745/15. Two hits and four very near misses observed; ship soon burning and dead in water at 1825/15. Interception effected by 12 Zeros of which 7 were shot down. We lost one Crusian.

ENEMY

Case Bird Hunt - Four Zeros attacked one of our aircraft in this vicinity at about 1430/15. Results not yet reported.

Port Moresby - One enemy medium bomber dropped bombs in the vicinity of Kila. No damage or casualties.

Banda Is. - One enemy plane unsuccessfully attempted to intercept our reconnaissance aircraft 12 miles S. of Banda Is. 0343/15.

IV. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Renewed offensive against Guadal canal
- (2) Consolidation Lae-Salamua area, with infiltration into Papuan Beach-heads and possible offensive activity east New Guinea area.
- (3) Consolidation Finschhafen New-Guinea including possible attempt to occupy Seruako.
- (4) Possible carrier-borne raids from U.S.I. area against strategic points on west and N.E. coast of Australia.

FOR A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.
C.I.C. S.S.I.A.

12/1/45.

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(I) Allied Forces:

0⁰ Cruisers

DETROIT
HALEIGH

10 Submarines
10 Destroyers

(II) Enemy Forces: (N. Honshu-Kuriles-Alouians)

CinC 5th Fleet
0⁰ Cruiser (CA)
2 light Cruisers (CL)

HACHI
YAMA
KISO

Approx. 4 Destroyers (DD)
Approx. 7 Submarines (SS)

E) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

(I) Allied Forces:

0⁰ Cruisers

CORCORAN
TRENTON
RICHMOND

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(I) Allied Forces:

Battleships

BARSPITE
RESOLUTION
RAPID FIRE
ROYAL SOVEREIGN

Aircraft Carrier
Seaplane Carrier
0⁰ Cruisers

ILLUSTRIOUS
ALBATROSS
INVINCIBLE
GEORGES AVENOFF (Greek)

7.5⁰ Cruisers

HAWKINS
PROTECTOR
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
ENTERPRISE
LIVERPOOL
DARTMOUTH

WINDCASTLE
GLASCOW
HERALD
DARBY

0⁰ Cruisers

TRACON
DUBSAR
CAMPTON
CERES
CALSON
CARADOC
SUWATRA (Dutch)

Armed Merchant Cruisers

ALABAMA
CARTHAGE
CONQU
CENTRAL
NAVIGATOR
HONG KONG
HONG KONG
WINDCASTLE
CARLINE

A.A. SHIP

Approx. 27 Destroyers
Approx. 8 Submarines

(II) Enemy Forces

Approx. 7 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

17th January, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/17:

- (1) "WHYALLA" & "POLARIS" operating off Tufi.
- (2) "SWAN" escorting "GEORGE MATTHEWS" dep. Moresby for Townsville 1617/16 ETA 2300/18.
- (3) "TULSA" dep. Brisbane 1845/14 en route Milne Bay, calling at Cairns ETA Cairns 1500/17.
- (4) "WANGANELLA" dep. Brisbane en route Port Moresby 1422/14 ETA 0800/18.
- (5) "G.M.LIVANOS" with SC.744 dep. Brisbane 1515/15 for Capricorn Channel whence "G.M.LIVANOS" proceeds Townsville.
- (6) "HELM" dep. Townsville 1516/16 en route Dunk Is.
- (7) "PATTERSON" dep. Brisbane 1447/16 to carry out exercises to seaward of Cape Moreton.
- (8) "GEELONG" en route Gladstone ETA 0600/17; thence to escort assembled convoy as far as Whitsunday Passage. On completion to return to Brisbane.
- (9) 11 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE"
	Merchant Vessel: "KARSIK"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "STELLA" "HILO"
	Merchant Vessels: "VAN SPILBERGEN" "LORINNA"
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "PALUMA" "SWAN" "PIRIE"
	Merchant Vessels: "ISAAC COLES" "ULOOLOO"
	"EMPIRE HAMBLE" "WEST CACTUS" "GEORGE MATTHEWS"
	"DUNTROON" "JASON LEE" "PAINE WINGATE" "STAGEN"
	"BOTH" "FRANCIS LEWIS"
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE"
Palm Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "HENLEY"
	"SELFRIDGE"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "PLATYPUS" "BENDIGO" "MUGFORD"
	Merchant Vessel: "TAROONA"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "POYANG" "KATOOMBA"
(Repairing)	"STUART" "BALLARAT" "BROOME" "COLAC"
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA" (repairing)
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "ARUNTA" "WARRAMUNGA"
	"VENDETTA" "SPERRY" "FULTON" "GLENELG"
	"TOWNSVILLE" SC.744 SC.76 YMS.9 YMS.49
	YMS.50 "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship) "AASE
	MAERSK" (Oiler)
(Repairing)	"LITHGOW" "KURUMBA" "GOULBURN"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "VENDETTA" to depart for Townsville 17/1. "SPERRY" to be escorted to S.W.P.A. Boundary.
- (2) "TOWNSVILLE" escorting PG30 (4 MV) due to depart Caloundra 0900/17.
- (3) "KATOOMBA" escorting TN25 (Portion "A" - "AROONA" "BONTEKOE" "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" "TASMAN"; Portion "B" - "DUNDULA" "BAN HONG LIONG" "STEPHEN J.FIELD") to depart Townsville 1200/17. "BENDIGO" escorting "YOCROW" from Cairns to join Portion "B" of convoy at Fitzroy Is. at 0600/18. Portion "A" ETA Moresby 1530/20; Portion "B" ETA Milne Bay 1730/20.

- (4) "AUSTRALIA" "SELFRIDGE" "HENLEY" to proceed to Percy Is. departing 2200/22 so as to arrive Brisbane 0800/24. "PHOENIX" & "MUGFORD" to proceed to Dunk Is. and on 23/1 move to Palm Is. with "HELM". "HOBART" "PATTERSON" "RALPH TALBOT" to depart Moreton Bay so as to arrive Palm Is. on 25/1.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) New Georgia - Enemy activity continues at Wickham Is. (S.E. Vangunu Is.) where undergrowth has been cleared and a road across the island is reported well kept.
13 buildings, possibly barracks, have been seen in the vicinity of Vila Plantation (SE Kolombangara).
- (2) Choiseul - At 1750/15, 1 destroyer and 2 cargo vessels were sighted off NE coast Choiseul Is. course 300°. If the position given is correct, these units could not have been part of the convoy that steamed to Guadal canal during the night 14-15/1, and may have been to Rekata Bay.
- (3) Shortlands - Reconnaissance p.m. 16/1 reported 5 destroyers and 10 cargo vessels. The correct description of the 15 units is more likely 4 or 5 cargo vessels and 10 or 11 destroyers, as it is now believed that "Terutsuki" class destroyers were at times mistakenly reported as cargo vessels on the previous day (see Naval Incidents).
- (4) Buka - A light cruiser or large destroyer arrived at Buka Passage during the night of 15-16/1.
Cargo is being ferried from Buka to Tarlena (Soraken Harbour, NW coast Bougainville Is.).
- (5) Gasmata - One merchant vessel (less than 6,000 tons) was at Gasmata 1320/15 (see Air Operations).
- (6) C. St. George - A heavy cruiser was sighted 60 miles south of Cape St. George at 0910/16 on a westerly course, (possibly returning to Rabaul from Shortlands). (See Air Ops.)
- (7) Salamaua - Constant patrols are being carried out on all tracks following consolidation of our positions in the saddle area at Guadagazel (2½ miles S. of Mubo).
- (8) Sanananda - On 15/1 our advance on the Surirai and Cape Killerton tracks progressed unopposed and at 1800/15 had reached a point 1450 yards south of Cape Killerton.
On the Sanananda track, artillery and heavy mortar fire at 0900/16 is reported to have effectively smashed enemy resistance astride the motor road north of the road block.

Poorly clad Japanese were encountered on 15/1 in Euroribadi Village (2¼ miles SW Amboga River mouth) by our patrol, which later withdrew.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/17:

- (1) "WILCANNIA" escorting "BABINDA" dep. Darwin 0414/16 en route Thursday Is. ETA 16400/19.
- (2) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "DARVEL" (TD.6) dep. Thursday Island 1628/15 for Darwin, ETA p.m. 18/1.
- (3) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "WARREGO" "INVERELL"
Merchant Ships: "JAMES R. LOWELL" "KOOLIGA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Ambon - Reconnaissance at 0900/16 reported 3 merchant vessels, one of 10,000 tons and 2 of 2-3000 tons in Ambon Bay.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/17:

- (1) "KANIMBLA" escorting "Associated" for Colombo dep. Albany 1036/10. "KANIMBLA" to return Fremantle approx 25/1.
- (2) "TROMP" escorting "GOLD STAR" dep. Fremantle 0817/15 for Melbourne until 0900/16; "TROMP" to return Fremantle with "REYNELLA".
- (3) "ISABEL" dep. Fremantle 1207/16 to RV with and escort s.s. "NARBADA" to Fremantle.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK"
"TJERK HIDDIS" "VAN GALEN" "TAMWORTH" "HORSHAM"
"PRESTON" "PELIAS" "DUBBO" "LARK"
Geraldton - Warships & Aux. - "HERON"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "WHIPPOORWILL" "CHILDS"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES:

(a) At Sea to 1200/17:

- (1) "WAGGA" working up in Broken Bay.
- (2) "MILDURA" & "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting 0062 after RV with 0062 off Wilson's Promontory 0600/16, for Sydney and Newcastle.
- (3) "RALPH TALBOT" escorting "TRYON" dep. Melbourne 0756/14. After escort "RALPH TALBOT" ETA Brisbane 1000/18; "TRYON" ETA Vila 0800/19.
- (4) "BAGLEY" escorting "WEST POINT" dep. Melbourne 0815/16. "WEST POINT" ETA Auckland 1800/19. After escorting "WEST POINT" to a position 420 m. ESE of Sydney, "BAGLEY" to proceed Sydney ETA 1200/18.
- (5) "BUNDABERG" & "YANDRA" escorting 0063 dep. Sydney 1500/16.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "TREVOR" "ZANE" "GYMPIE" "BOWEN"
"KAPUNDA" "DOBBIN" "YUNNAN" "ROCKHAMPTON"
"BUNGAREE" "DELORAINIE"
(Repairing) "PORTLAND" "NEW ORLEANS" "BISHOPDALE" "ALHENA"
(In Reserve) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"
Newcastle -
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "SPRINGDALE" "HOVEY" "MANLEY"
"DOOMBA"
(Repairing) "LE TRIOMPHANT"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "BUNGAREE" to accompany GP31 to Brisbane and then proceed to own area of operation.
 - (2) H.T. "KATOOMBA" to depart Sydney 1437/16 for Townsville ETA 1837/20.
 - (3) "KAPUNDA" to depart Sydney approximately 20/1 for Brisbane, thence Townsville.
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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC BALLARD (AV)

- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) COPAHEE (XCV) LOUISVILLE
MINNEAPOLIS (CA) HONOLULU HELENA NASHVILLE ST. LOUIS
COLUMBIA ACHILLES SAN DIEGO (CL) NICHOLAS MORRIS
ANDERSON MUSTIN ELLET GANSE MEADE JENKINS RUSSELL
LAMSON O'BANNON RADFORD DRAYTON DE HAVEN (DD)
CURTISS TANGIER (AV) THORNTON (AVD) VIREO (AM) PYRO (AE)
VESTAL (AR) STRATFORD PRES. GRANT FRED. FUNSTAN (AP)
ALDEBARAN (AK) ARCTIC (AF) PLATTE NEOSHO NESCHES (AO)
YP.290 YP.239 YP.518 YP.517
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA (BB) SARATOGA (CV)
SAN JUAN (CL) SAUFLEY BALCH MURPHY SHAW GRIDLEY
GRAVEN McCAIL SOUTHARD DUNIA P FANNING LANDSDOWNE
FLETCHER (DD) McKEAN (APD) PROMETHEUS (AR) DELPHINUS (YP)
ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER (AM)
NEVILLE MERCURY W.W. BURROWS ANTARES (AK) SUAMIGO
CIMARRON (AO) ARD.2 ENGADINE"
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA ROSEWOOD (YN) TALAMANCA (AK) KANKAKEE (AO)
WRIGHT (AV) HAMMONDSPORT (AP)
- (5) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) PC.477 PC.499 (YP)
SUMNER (AG) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA KIWI TUI (A/S Vessels)
ORTOLAN (ASR)
- (6) At Vila - SABINE (AO) RIGEL (AR) FRAZIER (DD) BUTTERNUT (YN)
YP.289 ROAMER (AP)
- (7) At Auckland - MONOWAI (A.M.C) GANSEVOORT (DD) HUNTER LIGGETT (AP)
EBONY (YN) SOLACE (AH)
Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
- (8) At Wellington - FOMALHAUT (AK)
- (9) At Tongatabu - LOCUST (YN)

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

Guadalcanal reports the following details of the "Terutsuki"
class destroyers attacked 14-15/1:-

- Streamlined and very large
- 2 turrets aft, 2 turrets forward capable all angles
including vertical
- Anti-aircraft fire much heavier and more intense than
encountered from any other enemy ship
- Ships making 30 knots appeared to increase speed to
40 knots
- Great manoeuverability in avoiding dive-bombing
- Crane or boom on back ship (probably accounted for
reports that some were cargo vessels)
- Decks painted mottled brown and green.

III. AIR OPERATIONS

ALLIED

- Gasmata - (a) Three B.24's attacked Gasmata aerodrome p.m. 15/1.
30 x 500-lb bombs dropped on target, at least
6 hits being recorded.
- (b) One B.24 reports having dropped 6 x 500-lb bombs
on Gasmata 'drome at 0757/16. Runway damaged.
- Cape Gloucester - One B.24 dropped 10 x 500-lb bombs on S. end
of runway at Cape Gloucester at 1630/15. No damage observed.
- Wewak-Madang - One B.24 on 15/1 bombed a bridge extending over
Gogol River to west end of runway at Wewak. Results not
observed.
- Finschhafen - One B.24 over Finschhafen at 1420/61 dropped
3 x 500-lb bombs in town area. Results not observed.
- Lae - (a) B.25's attacked supply dumps at Lae from 1006-1012/16
dropping 48 x 300-lb bombs. Fires started on Voco
Point and several buildings demolished.
- (b) Six Beaufighters attacked supply dumps at Lae at
1120/16. Stores, huts and Labu Village strafed.
Fires observed SE end of Lae runway.
- (c) One B.24 dropped 5 x 500-lb bombs on Lae drome.

Kurenada Area - Three A.20's attacked villages at Kurenada and Kumusi River Delta at 1230/16 dropping 120 x 20-lb bombs. Villages successfully strafed.

Soputa-Sanananda Track - (a) 3 A.20's strafed the Soputa - Sananda track between 0805-0830/16. No results observed. Bridges on track in good condition.

(b) Allied aircraft dropped 26 x 100-lb bombs on Sanananda track junction at 1530/16. 11 bombs hit target. Many explosives and fires observed.

Munda - 6 Marauders escorted by 8 Aircobras and 4 Warhawks bombed aerodrome at 1255/16. Lots of black smoke seen. No interception but 10 Zero's seen in distance on return trip.

Ballale - Reconnaissance aircraft bombed Ballale runway probably p.m. 16/1.

ENEMY

Port Moresby - At 2252/15 one u/i enemy bomber dropped approx 5 bombs on the Moresby side of Wards 'drome. No damage or casualties reported.

Guadalcanal - One enemy aircraft bombed Henderson Field at 1957/15, while our aircraft were landing. 3 men wounded and one Grumman slightly damaged.

At 2050/15, 2 enemy aircraft were over and dropped bombs without causing any damage.

IV. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Renewed offensive against Guadalcanal.
- (2) Consolidation Lae-Salamaua area, with infiltration into Papuan beach-heads and possible offensive activity east New Guinea area.
- (3) Consolidation Timor-Arafura Sea - Dutch New Guinea including possible attempt to occupy Merauke.
- (4) Possible carrier-borne raids from N.E.I. area against strategic points on west and N.W. coast of Australia.

For A/DIRECTOR, C.O.I.C.
G.H.Q., S.W.P.A.

17/1/43

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
	<u>(i) Allied Forces:</u>	
8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA	PORTLAND NEW ORLEANS
6" Cruisers	HOBART PHOENIX	
Armed Merchant Cruisers		MANOORA WESTRALIA) On Reserve
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT SELFDRIDGE	STUART
Destroyers	PATTERSON HENLEY HELM RALPH TALBOT BAGLEY MUGFORD VENDETTA	
Submarines	ALBACORE) AMBERJACK) GROUPEL) At Brisbane SNAPPER) TUNA) ARGONAUT) FLYING FISH) GATO) GRAM PUS) GREENLING) GROWLER) On Patrol GUARDFISH) NAUTILUS) SWORDFISH) TRITON) WAHOO)	
Submarine Tenders	K.9	At Sydney
Destroyer Tender	FULTON SPERRY	
Gunboats	DOBBIN TULSA HILO	
Oilers	AASE MAERSK VICTORIA	BISHOPDALE KURUMBA

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-Solomons)

CinC Combined Fleet		
CinC 2nd Fleet		
CinC 3rd Fleet		
CinC 4th Fleet		
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)		
3 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO MUTSU ISE	
2 Battlecruisers (BB)	HARUNA KONGO	
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	HOSHO (prob. ferrying)	
2 converted A/C Carriers(XCV)	HAYATAKA HITAKA	
3 Auxiliary A/C Carriers(ACV)	OTAKA) CHUYO) Ferrying UNYO)	

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
Heavy Cruisers (CA) (prob. 5 effective)	AOBA CHOKAI HAGURO KUMANO SUZUYA TAKAO	MYOKO (prob. dam. 26/10) MOGAMI (believed sunk 14/11)
Light Cruisers (CL) (prob. 5 effective)	ISUZU KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA TENRYU SENDAI	TATSUTA (believed sunk KINU) 14/11
1 or 2 converted light cruisers (XCL) Approx 27 submarines (SS) Approx 40 destroyers (DD) 4 Seaplane Carriers (AV)	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA NISSHIN KAMO I	CHIYODA (damaged 8/11 poss. sunk)
8 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) Several Submarine Tenders Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons) Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft Approx 221 land-based aircraft incl. 77 F, 75 B, 20 F/B, 37 F/P, 12 Obsn. or transport aircraft.		

2. WESTERN SECTION

(1) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser	ADELAIDE	
Flotilla Leader	THOMP	
A.A. Ship	VAN HEEMSKERK	
Armed Merchant Cruiser	KANIMBLA	
Destroyers	TJERK HIDDUS VAN GALEN	
S/P Tenders	HERON W.B. PRESTON	
Submarine Tender	CHILDS	
Submarines	PELIAS GAR) GRAYLING) GRENADIER) GUDGEON) On Patrol TAMBOR) TAI TOG) TROUT) THRESHER) K.8) At Fremantle K.12)	

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

C's in C 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Southwest Expeditionary Fleets

1 heavy cruiser (CA)	ASHIGARA
3 light cruisers (CL)	KASHII KUMA NATORI
1 converted light cruiser (XCL)	
Approx 16 destroyers (DD)	
Approx 3 submarines (SS)	
1 Seaplane Carrier (AV)	NOTORO
1 Converted S/P Tender (XAV)	

CENTRAL
B. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battle ships	IDAHO PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA	WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE
Converted A/C Carriers 8" Cruisers	LONG ISLAND	SALT LAKE CITY SAN FRANCISCO INDIANAPOLIS
Destroyers	15 (approx)	
Submarines	23 (approx)	

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan)

CinC 1st Fleet 5 Battleships (BB)	MUSASHI NAGATO FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA	
2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)	ZUIKAKU	SHOKAKU (damaged 26/10)
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)	ZUIHO	
3 - 8" Cruisers (CA)	ATAGO	TIKUMA) damaged 26/10 TONE)
3 light cruisers (CL)	ABUKUMA	KITAGAMI OI
5 Converted it S/P Tenders (XAV)		
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)		
Approx 30 Destroyers and Gunboats (DD & PG)		
Approx 27 Submarines (SS)		

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	INDIANA WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO	
Aircraft Carriers	ENTERPRISE SARATOGA	
Converted A/C Carriers	NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE CHENANGO SUWANNEE SANGAMON	
8" Cruisers	MINNEAPOLIS WICHITA LOUISVILLE CHICAGO	
6" Cruisers	HELENA HONOLULU ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER ACHILLES	LEAN DER
5" Cruisers	SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	
Destroyers	45 (approx)	
Armed Merchant Cruisers	MONOWAI ASCANIA	

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

DETROIT
RALEIGH

10 Submarines

10 Destroyers

(ii) Enemy Forces :

(N.Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians)

CinC 5th Fleet

8" Cruiser (CA)

2 light cruisers (CL)

NACHI
TAMA
KISO

Approx 4 destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 submarines (SS)

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

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

Aircraft Carrier

Seaplane Carrier

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

HAWKINS
PROBISHER
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
ENTERPRISE
LIVERPOOL
DAUNTLESS
DRAGON
DURBAN
CAPETOWN
CERES
CALEDON
CARAID C
SUMATRA (Dutch)
ALANIA
CARTHAGE
CORFU
CHITRAL
KANIMBLA
RANCHI
RANPURA
WORCESTERSHIRE
CARLISLE

NEWCASTLE
GLASGOW
EMERALD
DANAE

Armed Merchant Cruisers

A.A. Ship

Approx 27 Destroyers

Approx 9 Submarines

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 7 Submarines

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) New Georgia - A cargo vessel was seen 12 miles N. of Vella Lavella course ESE at 1615/17 - probably en route Vila Plantation. Another cargo vessel was sighted at 0805/18 returning to Faisi from SE probably from Vila Plantation.
- (2) Shortlands - At 0815/18 4 vessels described as cargo in area and one other departing to NE. At 1410/18, 4 vessels described as 1 light cruiser, 2 destroyers and 1 cargo vessel were attacked by B.17's in the area (see Air Ops.). There is a decrease of about 12 ships since 17/1.
- (3) Buka - At 0800/18, a large destroyer and a 5,000 ton cargo vessel arrived Buka Passage and these units were seen by reconnaissance aircraft at W. end of Passage at 0840/18. The cargo vessel was being unloaded into lighters throughout 18/1. These units may have departed Shortlands the previous night.
In addition, 1 cargo vessel was seen at 0840/18 east of Buka on course 160, speed 8 knots - probably bound for Shortlands
There is further evidence that Buka aerodrome is being used as a repair depot.
- (4) Cape St. George - One destroyer and a cargo vessel were sighted 10 miles east of Cape St. George at 1026/18 course 90° speed 15 knots - probably bound for Buka or Shortlands.
- (5) Rabaul - One cruiser, 6 warships and 25 medium to large merchant vessels were in Rabaul Harbour at 1055/18. At an average of 6,000 tons this would give a total of 150,000 tons, which compares with a total of 230,000 tons in 43 vessels on 23/12/42.
There were also 13 vessels under 1000 tons in the harbour at 1055/18.
In addition, a destroyer and a cargo vessel were seen off Cape Gazelle at 1100/18, presumably heading for Rabaul.
- (6) Bismarck Sea - An 8000 ton cargo vessel and a small destroyer were seen at 1200/18 half way between Rabaul and Lorengau course 110 (see Naval Incidents).
- (7) Salamaua - A new clash occurred on 17/1 in the Mubo area causing our troops to withdraw from the Guadagazel Saddle.
- (8) Mambare River - A possible submarine was lying off-shore at 2222/18.
- (9) Sanananda - No further progress has been reported in this area but the enemy pocket immediately north of the road block is still holding out.
Barge activity was seen by lightning at Sanananda at 2000/17 and activity is thought to have continued throughout the night. Reinforcement by barge at this stage is thought unlikely and the activity may have been concerned with evacuation of sick and wounded.
- (10) Osprey Reef - A possible submarine was located 110 miles east of Osprey Reef at 1630/18 (see Naval Incidents).
- (11) Sydney - An enemy submarine attacked "MOBILUBE" 60 miles off Sydney at 2150/18 (see Naval Incidents).

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/19:

- (1) "WARREGO" & "INVERELL" escorting "J.R. LOWELL" dep. Darwin 0522/18 ETA Thursday Is. 1030/21.
- (2) "WILCANNIA" escorting "BABINDA" dep. Darwin 0414/16 en route Thursday Island ETA 1600/19.
- (3) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "DANEL" (TD.6) dep. Thursday Island 1628/15 for Darwin, ETA p.m. 18/1.
- (4) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Merchant Ships: "KOOLIGA"

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/19:

- (1) "KANIMBLA" escorting "Associated" for Colombo dep. Albany 1036/10. "KANIMBLA" to return Fremantle approx 25/1.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK" "TJERK HIDDEN" "VAN GALEN" "TAM WORTH" "HORSHAM" "PRESTON" "PELIAS" "DUBBO" "LARK" "ISABEL"
Geraldton - Warships & Aux. - "HERON"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "WHIPPOORWILL" "CHILDS"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/19:

- (1) "WAGGA" working up in Broken Bay.
(2) At 0023/19 "KAPUNDA" was carrying out A/S patrols in a position approx 60 miles east of Sydney, in vicinity of torpedo attack on "MOBILUE". "TREVOR" was en route the same area a.m. 19/1.
(3) "TOWNSVILLE" escorting PG30 (4 MV) dep. Caloundra 0940/17 ETA Newcastle 1105/19, Sydney 1705/19.
(4) "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting OC62 en route Newcastle ETA 0700/19.
(5) "RALPH TALBOT" escorting "TRYON" dep. Melbourne 0756/14. After escort "RALPH TALBOT" ETA Brisbane 1000/18; "TRYON" ETA Vila 0800/19.
(6) "HOVEY" & "MANLEY" escorting "PRES. JACKSON" "PRES. ADAMS" & "PRES. HAYES" departed Melbourne 0930/18. "HOVEY" detaches at 160°E and proceeds to Sydney.
(7) "BUNDABERG" & "YANDRA" escorting C063 dep. Sydney 1500/16. "DELORAINIE" escorting Newcastle portion departed Newcastle 0733/16.
(8) "DOOMBA" escorting OC63 (4 MV) dep. Melbourne 2251/18.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. "BAGLEY" "ZANE" "GYMPIE" "BOWEN" "DOBBIN" "YUNNAN" "ROCKHAMPTON" "BUNGAREE" "MILDURA"
(Repairing) "PORTLAND" "NEW ORLEANS" "BISHOPDALE" "ALHENA"
(In Reserve) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "SPRINGDALE"
(Repairing) "LE TRIOMPHANT"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "KAPUNDA" & "ROCKHAMPTON" to escort GP31 departing Sydney 1000/20. "BUNGAREE" to accompany GP31 to Brisbane and then proceed to own area of operation.

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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AV) THORNTON (AVD)
(2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) COPAHEE (XCV) MINNEAPOLIS (CA) HONOLULU HELENA NASHVILLE ST. LOUIS ACHILLES SAN DIEGO (CI) MORRIS ANDERSON MUSTIN ELLET GANSE JENKINS RUSSELL HUGHES HOPKINS LAMSON DRAYTON (DD) DIXIE (AD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) VIREO (AM) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) PRES. GRANT FRED. FUNSTAN (AP) CASTOR ALDEBARAN (AK) ARCTIC (AF) PLATTE NEOSHO NESCHES (AO) YP.290 YP.239 YP.518 YP.517

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

18th January, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/18:

- (1) "POLARIS" operating off Tufi.
- (2) "WHYALLA" dep. Milne Bay 0630/17 ETA Port Moresby 1400/18.
- (3) "LATROBE" departed Oro Bay 1015/17 escorting "KARSIK" to a position 5 miles SW of Brumer Island, where "KARSIK" is to proceed independently to Townsville ETA 2300/20. "LATROBE" to proceed to Port Moresby for fuel ETA Milne Bay 1730/18.
- (4) "GEORGE MATTHEWS" escorted by "SWAN" dep. Moresby for Townsville 1617/16 ETA 2300/18. "SWAN" to proceed ahead of "G.MATTHEWS" arriving Townsville 1200/18.
- (5) "PIRIE" escorting "DUNTRON" and "BOTH" dep. Port Moresby 1317/17 ETA Cairns 1300/19.
- (6) "TULSA" dep. Cairns 1845/17 en route Milne Bay.
- (7) "WANGANILLA" dep. Brisbane en route Port Moresby 1422/14 ETA 0800/18.
- (8) "AUSTRALIA" "SELFRIDGE" "HENLEY" proceeding to Percy Is. whence they depart at 2200/22 so as to arrive Brisbane 0800/24.
- (9) "KATOOMBA" escorting TN25 (Portion "A" - "AROONA" "BONTEKOE" "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" "TASMAN"; Portion "B" - "CLEVELAND ABBE" "BAN HONG LIONG" "STEPHEN J.FIELD") departed Townsville 1455/17. "BENDIGO" escorting "YOCHOW" from Cairns to join Portion "B" of convoy at Fitzroy Is. at 0600/18. Portion "A" ETA Moresby 1530/20; Portion "B" ETA Milne Bay 1730/20.
- (10) "G.M.LIVANOS" with SC.744 dep. Brisbane 1515/15 for Capricorn Channel whence "G.M.LIVANOS" proceeds Townsville.
- (11) "PATTERSON" dep. Brisbane 1447/16 to carry out exercises to seaward of Cape Moreton.
- (12) "TOWNSVILLE" escorting PG30 (4 MV) dep. Caloundra 0940/17 ETA Newcastle 0805/19, ETA Sydney 1305/19.
- (13) "VENDETTA" escorting "SPERRY" dep. Brisbane 1445/17. "VENDETTA" will part company on arrival 1590E and proceed to Townsville ETA 1700/21.
- (14) "GEELONG" escorting GT4 (2 MV) dep. Gladstone 1615/17, ETA Townsville 0600/19.
- (15) 11 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux.	
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux.	- "STELLA" "HILO"
	Merchant Vessels:	"VAN SPILBERGEN" "LORINNA"
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux.	- "PALUMA"
	Merchant Vessels:	"ISAAC COLES" "ULOOLOO"
		"EMPIRE HAMBLE" "WEST CACTUS" "JASON LEE"
		"PAINE WINGATE" "STAGEN" "FRANCIS LEWIS"
Thursday Is.	-- Warships & Aux.	- "CASTLEMAINE"
Dunk Is.	- Warships & Aux.	- "PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "HELM"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux.	- "PLATYPUS"
	Merchant Vessels:	"TAROONA"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux.	- "POYANG" "SELFRIDGE"
(Repairing)		"STUART" "BALLARAT" "BROOME" "COLAC"
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux.	- "ECHUCA" (repairing)
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux.	- "HOBART" "ARUNTA" "WARRAMUNGA"
		"FULTON" "GLENELG" "KYBRA" SC.744 SC.746

Brisbane (Contd) - YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)
"AASE MAERSK" (Oiler)
(Repairing) "LITGOW" "KURUMBA" "GOULBURN"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "KYBRA" escorting BT34 (3 MV) is to depart Caloundra 1900/18 en route Townsville.
- (2) "PHOENIX" & "MUGFORD" to move to Palm Is. 23/1 with "HELM".
"HOBART" "PATTERSON" "RALPH TALBOT" to depart Moreton Bay so as to arrive Palm Is. on 25/1.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) New Georgia - A possible destroyer was seen early p.m. 16/1 at a cove near Cliff Point (southern end New Georgia Is.). A striking force of dive bombers was unable to locate the vessel.
- (2) Shortlands Area - The enemy post at Choiseul Bay is reported to have been withdrawn after dismantling all houses.
At 0930/17 under poor conditions, reconnaissance aircraft sighted 16 vessels in the area. The vessels were described as 1 battleship, 4 destroyers and 11 cargo vessels but a more likely composition is thought to be -
1 heavy cruiser
10-12 destroyers
3 - 5 cargo ships
The heavy cruiser reported 60 miles S. of Cape St. George at 0910/16 on course 270° may have been actually southbound and may be the unit sighted at Shortlands 17/1.
In addition, 1 destroyer and 1 cargo vessel were seen at 1250/17 off SE end Bougainville Is. on a northerly course.
Four 4-engined flying boats were at Faisi at 0930/17.
- (3) Buka - During the morning 16/1, 14 fighter aircraft passed over Buka flying S. to N. and in the afternoon 5 bombers and 4 fighters landed from the south. Air activity is reported to be increasing at Buka and aircraft frequently arrive singly from S. and similarly depart again to S. strengthening the opinion that Buka aerodrome is being used as a repair depot.
The large destroyer which arrived at Buka Passage during the night 15-16/1 departed towards Kessa at dusk 16/1.
At 1210/17, a cargo vessel escorted by a destroyer and patrol craft were sighted 25 miles NE of Buka Passage on course 300 at 10 knots.
At 1230/17, a cargo vessel was at Tinputz Harbour (NE tip Bougainville Is.).
Enemy observation posts are reported to have been established at -
Yame Is. (13 mi NW Buka Passage)
Petat Is. (10 mi NW Buka Passage)
A cargo vessel was reported to have been at Yame Is. on 12/1.
- (4) Bismarck Sea - At 1150/17, one 8000 ton transport escorted by a destroyer was seen 35 mi ESE of Lorengau apparently on a southerly course. (See Air Operations).
- (5) Rabaul - Aircraft attacking shipping during the night 16-17/1 (see Air Ops) reported 50 to 60 ships in Simpsons Harbour with a number of small craft concentrated in NE end. In addition, possibly other units including destroyers in Matupi Harbour and outer section of Blanche Bay.
- (6) Cape Gloucester - The landing strip appears serviceable and to have been widened considerably.
- (7) Madang - The hinterland of Madang from Sek (8 mi N. of Madang) to Bogadgin (15 mi S. of Madang) has been closed by enemy patrols which have operated past Urugina (30 mi SW Madang) as far as the Ramu River.
Enemy interest has been shown in the old emergency landing ground at Bundi (45 mi SW Madang).
- (8) Finschhafen - Up to 16/1, Hallsbach had not been occupied by the enemy who were concentrated in Finschhafen proper.
- (9) Lae - Barge traffic between Lae and Labu was continuing on 15/1.
At least 4 enemy fighters were on Lae aerodrome 16/1.

- 10) Sanananda - At 1800/17, all opposition had been overcome in the Cape Killerton area. On the Sanananda motor road, forward elements have reached a position about 1000 yards from the coast.
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2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/18:

- (1) "WILCANNIA" escorting "BABINDA" dep. Darwin 0414/16 en route Thursday Is. ETA 1600/19.
- (2) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "DARVEL" (TD.6) dep; Thursday Island 1628/15 for Darwin, ETA p.m. 18/1.
- (3) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "WARREGO" "INVERELL"
Merchant Ships: "JAMES R. LOWELL" "KOOLIGA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Macassar - Reconnaissance a.m. 17/1 reported 2 medium merchant vessels at Macassar. 1 transport plane was seen on the aerodrome which appeared to have one concrete runway 4000 ft. long.
 - (2) Timor - A large number of troops are reported to have landed at Baucau on 8/1 while enemy troops occupy the Ilicomar, Irabin River, and Tualo on S. coast.
 - (3) Ambon - Photographs taken 16/1 show 6 M/B and 2 fighters on Laha aerodrome where the runway is in good condition.
 - (4) Babe - Photographs taken 15/1 show that the aerodrome is probably serviceable and has been extended.
 - (5) Manokwari - A probable whaling factory ship, of about 9000 tons is shown at Manokwari by photos taken 15/1.
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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/18:

- (1) "KANIMBLA" escorting "Associated" for Colombo dep. Albany 1036/10. "KANIMBLA" to return Fremantle approx 25/1.
- (2) "TROMP" escorting "GOLD STAR" dep. Fremantle 0817/15 for Melbourne until 0900/16; "TROMP" to return Fremantle with "REYNELLA".
- (3) "ISABEL" dep. Fremantle 1207/16 to RV with and escort s.s. "NARBADA" to Fremantle.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK"
"TJERK HIDDUS" "VAN CALEN" "TAMWORTH" "HORSHAM"
"PRESTON" "PELIAS" "DUBBO" "LARK"
Geraldton - Warships & Aux. - "HERON"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "WHIPPOORWILL" "CHILDS"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/18:

- (1) "WAGGA" working up in Broken Bay.

- (2) "MILDURA" & "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting OC62 en route Sydney and Newcastle ETA Sydney 0100/19, ETA Newcastle 0700/19.
- (3a) "RALPH TALBOT" escorting "TRYON" dep. Melbourne 0756/14. After escort "RALPH TALBOT" ETA Brisbane 1000/18; "TRYON" ETA Vila 0800/19.
- (4) "BAGLEY" escorting "WEST POINT" dep. Melbourne 0815/16. "WEST POINT" ETA Auckland 1800/19. After escorting "WEST POINT" to a position 420 m. ESE of Sydney "BAGLEY" to proceed Sydney ETA 12,00/18.
- (5) "BUNDABERG" & "YANDRA" escorting G063 dep. Sydney 1500/16. "DELORAIN" escorting Newcastle portion departed Newcastle 0733/16.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "TREVOR" "ZANE" "GYMPIE" "BOWEN"
 "KAPUNDA" "DOBBIN" "YUNNAN" "ROCKHAMPTON"
 "BUNGAREE"
 (Repairing) "PORTLAND" "NEW ORLEANS" "BISHOPDALE" "ALHENA"
 (In Reserve) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"

Newcastle --Warships & Aux.,
 Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "SPRINGDALE" "HOVEY" "MANLEY"
 "DOOMBA"
 (Repairing) "LE TRIUMPHANT"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "BUNGAREE" to accompany GP31 to Brisbane and then proceed to own area of operation.
- (2) H.T. "KATOOMBA" to depart Sydney 1437/16 for Townsville ETA 1837/20.
- (3) "KAPUNDA" to depart Sydney approximately 20/1 for Brisbane, thence Townsville.
- (4) "HOVEY" & "MANLEY" escorting "PRES. JACKSON" "PRES. ADAMS" & "PRES. HAYES" was to depart Melbourne at 0930/18. "HOVEY" detaches at 1600E and proceeds to Sydney.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AV) THORNTON (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) COPAHEE (XCV) MINNEAPOLIS (CA) HONOLULU HELENA NASHVILLE ST. LOUIS ACHILLES SAN DIEGO (CL) MORRIS ANDERSON MUSTIN ELLET GANSE JENKINS RUSSELL HUGHES HOPKINS LAMSON DRAYTON (DD) DIXIE (AD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) VIREO (AM) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) PRES. GRANT FRED. FUNSTAN (AP) CASTOR (ALDEBARAN (AK) ARCTIC (AF) PLATTE NEOSHO NESCHES (AO) YP.290 YP.239 YP.518 YP.517
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA (BB) SARATOGA (CV) SAN JUAN (CL) SAUFLEY BALCH MURPHY SHAW CRAVEN McCALL SOUTHARD SUNLAP FANNING LANDSDOWNE FLETCHER (DD) McKEAN (APD) PROMETHEUS (AR) DELPHINUS (YP) ARGONNE (AS) SHELDRAKE (AM) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER (AM) STRATFORD (AP) NEVILLE MERCURY W.W. BURROWS ANTARES (AK) SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) ARD.2 ENGADINE
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA ROSEWOOD (YN) KANKAKEE (AO) WRIGHT (AV) HAMMONDSPOUT (AP)
- (5) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) PC.477 PC.499 (YP) SUMNER (AG) WANDANK (YT) WATAI MOA KIWI TUI (A/S Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR)
- (6) At Vila - LOUISVILLE WICHITA (GA) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND (CL) SUWANNEE SANGAMON (XCV) MEADE CONWAY WALLER (DD) PREBLE (IM) SABINE (AO) RIGEL (AR) PRAZIER (DD) BUTTERNUT (YI) YP.289 ROAMER (AP)
- (7) At Auckland - MONOWAI (A.M.C) GANSEVOORT (DD) HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) EBONY (YN) SOLAGE (AH)
 Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
- (8) At Wellington - POMALHAUT (AK) LIBRA (AK)
- (9) At Tongatabu - LOCUST (YN)
- (10) At Bora Bora - MAHAN SMITH (DD)

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

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III. AIR OPERATIONS

ALLIED

Bismarck Sea - One B.24 dropped 6 x 500-lb bombs on a destroyer and transport approx 35 mi ESE of Lorengau at 1340/17. Three near misses observed.

Rabaul - 10 B.17's attacked shipping in harbour 2318/16 to 0315/17. Hits were claimed on 2 merchant vessels; possibly 4 hits on a large transport and near misses on another 7000 ton cargo vessel. Four large explosions were seen early in the attack apparently from 4 different ships.

Some bombs fell in the vicinity of Malaguna and Vunakanau strips and others near what was believed to be a new runway east of Vunapope.

Gasmata - A B.24 bombed Gasmata 'drome at 0823/17. Bombs burst across runway.

Cape Gloucester - A B.24 bombed Cape Gloucester runway at 1345/17. Results not observed.

Finschhafen - A B.24 bombed the wharf area at Finschhafen at 0900/17.

Lae - (a) Six B.25's bombed stores along coast between Voco Pt. and Butibum River at 1114/17. Large explosions and several small fires observed.

(b) One B.24 bombed Malahang aerodrome at 1805/17. Results not observed.

Mambare Area - Three A.20's strafed the Mambare River Delta area at 1000/17.

Sanananda Point Area - Three A.20's bombed and strafed Sanananda Point and M.T.road between 1725 and 1740/15.

Buin-Faisi - (a) Five B.17's bombed Kahili runway and revetments after dusk 16/1. Two large fires started. Enemy unsuccessfully attempted interception with 15 a/c.

(b) 2 Catalinas bombed Kahili from 2300/16 to 0100/17.

(c) Four B.17's bombed Ballale runway and revetment areas p.m. 16/1. One large fire started. Unsuccessful interception by 15 aircraft.

Munda - Four Marauders, with 12 fighters, bombed Munda at 1725/16. No enemy aircraft seen.

ENEMY

Milne Bay - 23 or 24 M/B byx escorted by 12 fighters dropped approximately 150 bombs on the Turnbull aerodrome at Milne Bay between 1250/17 and 1335/17. Six direct hits NW end of runway, rendering portion unserviceable. Fuel dumps and equipment destroyed. Two B.17's, two P.39's and one B.24 and one Hudson were destroyed on the ground and one Hudson was badly damaged. Eight Hudsons and one B.17 were holed by shrapnel. An attempt was made to intercept the enemy near Ferguson Is.

IV. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Renewed offensive against Guadalcanal.
- (2) Consolidation Lae-Salamaua area, with infiltration into Papuan beach-heads and possible offensive activity east New Guinea area.
- (3) Consolidation Timor-Arafura Sea - Dutch New Guinea including possible attempt to occupy Merauke.
- (4) Possible carrier-borne raids from N.E.I. area against strategic points on west and N.W. coast of Australia.

For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.
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	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
Heavy Cruisers (CA) (prob. 5 effective)	AOBA CHOKAI HAGURO KUMANO SUZUYA TAKAO	MYOKO (prob. dam. 26/10) MOGAMI (believed sunk 14/11)
5 Light Cruisers (CL)	ISUZU KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA TENRYU	TATSUTA) believed sunk KINU) 14/11
1 or 2 converted light cruisers (XCL)		
Approx 27 submarines (SS)		
Approx 40 destroyers (DD)		
4 Seaplane Carriers (AV)	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA NISSEIN KANOI	CHIYODA (damaged 8/11) (poss. sunk)
8 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)		
Several Submarine Tenders		
Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)		
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft		
Approx 221 land-based aircraft incl. 77 F, 20 F/B, 75 B, 37 F/P, 12 Obsn. or transport aircraft.		

2. WESTERN SECTION

(1) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser	ADELAIDE	
Flotilla Leader	TROMP	
A.A. Ship	VAN HEEMSKERK	
Armed Merchant Cruiser	KANIMBLA	
Destroyers	TJERK HIDDES VAN GALEN	
S/P Tenders	HERON W. B. PRESTON	
	CHILDS	
Submarine Tender	PELIAS	
Submarines	GAR) On Patrol
	GRAYLING	
	GRENADIER	
	GUDGEON	
	TAMBOR	
	TAUTOG) At Fremantle
	TROUT	
	THRESHER	
	K.6	
	K.12	

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(1) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

C's in C 1st, 2nd & 3rd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)	ASHIGARA
3 light cruisers (CL)	KASHII KUMA NATORI
1 converted light cruiser (XCL)	
Approx 16 destroyers (DD)	
Approx 3 submarines (SS)	
1 Seaplane Carrier (AV)	NOTORO
1 Converted S/P Tender (XAV)	

B CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA**Effective****Non-effective****(1) Allied Forces:**

Battle ships

IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA
LONG ISLANDWEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEEConverted A/C Carrierx
8" CruisersSALT LAKE CITY
SAN FRANCISCO
INDIANAPOLISDestroyers
Submarines15 (approx)
25 (approx)**(ii) Enemy Forces: (Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan)**CinC 1st Fleet
5 Battleships (BB)MUSASHI
NAGATO
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)
3 - 8" Cruisers (CA)ZUIKAKU
ZUIHO
ATAGO

SHOKAKU (damaged 26/10)

4 light cruisers (CL)

ABUKUMA
SENDAITIKUMA)
TONE) damaged 26/10
KITAGAMI
OI5 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)
Approx 30 Destroyers and Gunboats (DD & PG)
Approx 27 Submarines (SS)**C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA****(1) Allied Forces:**

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
COLORADO
MARYLAND
MISSISSIPPI

Aircraft Carriers

NEW MEXICO
ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA

Converted A/C Carriers

NASSAU
ALTAMAH
COPAHEE
CHENANGO
SUWANNEE

8" Cruisers

SANGAMON
MINNEAPOLIS
WICHITA
LOUISVILLE

6" Cruisers

CHICAGO
HELENA
HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE

LEANDER

5" Cruisers

COLUMBIA
CLEVELAND
MONTPELLIER
ACHILLESDestroyers
Armed Merchant CruisersSAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN
45 (approx)
MONOWAI
ASCANIA

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

DETROIT
RALEIGH

10 Submarines

10 Destroyers

(ii) Enemy Forces: (N. Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians)

CinC 5th Fleet

8" Cruiser (CA)

2 light cruisers (CL)

NACHI
TAMA
KISO

Approx 4 destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 submarines (SS)

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battle ships

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
RAMILLIES
ROYAL SOVEREIGN

Aircraft Carrier

Seaplane Carrier

8" Cruisers

ILLUSTRIOUS
ALBATROSS
DEVONSHIRE
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)

7.5" Cruisers

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

6" Cruisers

NEWCASTLE
GLASGOW
EMERALD
DANAE

Armed Merchant Cruisers

ALAUZIA
CARTHAGE
CORFU
CHITRAL
KANIMBLA
RANCHI
RANPURA
WORCESTERSHIRE
CARLISLE

A.A. Ship

Approx 27 Destroyers

Approx 9 Submarines

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 7 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

19th January, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/19:

- (1) "POLARIS" operating off Tufi.
- (2) "LATROBE" dep. Ore Bay 1015/17 escorting "KARSIK" to a position 5 miles SW of Brumer Is., where "KARSIK" is to proceed independently to Townsville ETA 2300/20. "LATROBE" to proceed to Port Moresby for fuel ETA Milne Bay 1730/18.
- (3) "KYBRA" escorting BT34 (3 MV) dep. Caloundra 1925/18 en route Townsville ETA 1800/22.
- (4) "PIRIE" escorting "DUNTROON" and "BOTH" dep. Port Moresby 1317/17 ETA Cairns 1300/19.
- (5) "TULSA" dep. Cairns 1845/17 en route Milne Bay ETA 1600/19.
- (6) "AUSTRALIA" "SELFRIDGE" "HENLEY" proceeding to Percy Island whence they depart at 2200/22 so as to arrive Brisbane 0800/24.
- (7) "KATOOMBA" escorting TN25 (Portion "A" - "AROONA" "BONTEKOE" "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" "TASMAN"; Portion "B" - "CLEVELAND ABBE" "BAN HONG LIONG" "STEPHEN J. FIELD") departed Townsville 1455/17. "BENDIGO" escorting "YOCHOW" from Cairns to join Portion "B" of convoy at Fitzroy Is. at 0600/18. Portion "A" ETA Moresby 1530/20; Portion "B" ETA Milne Bay 1730/20.
- (8) "ARUNTA" dep. Brisbane 1635/18 en route Moreton Bay for exercises.
- (9) "WARRAMUNGA" & "GLENELG" dep. Brisbane 1630/18 to carry out exercises to seaward of Cape Moreton.
- (10) "VENDETTA" en route Townsville ETA 1700/21.
- (11) "GEELONG" en route Townsville ETA a.m. 20/1.
- (12) 11 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "STELLA" "HILO"
	Merchant Vessels: "LORINNA"
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "PALUMA" "WHYALLA"
	Merchant Vessels: "ISAAC COLES" "ULOOLOO"
	"EMPIRE HAMBLE" "WEST CACTUS" "JASON LEE"
	"PAINE WINGATE" "STAGEN" "FRANCIS LEWIS"
	"WANGANELLA" (Hospital Ship)
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE"
Dunk Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "HELM"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "PLATYPUS"
	Merchant Vessels: "TAROONA"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "POYANG" "SELFRIDGE" "SWAN"
(Repairing)	"STUART" "BALLARAT" "BROOME" "COLAC"
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA" (repairing)
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "PATTERSON" "FULTON"
	"RALPH TALBOT" "KYBRA" "SC.744" "SC.746"
	YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)
	"AASE MAERSK" (Oiler)
(Repairing)	"LITHGOW" "KURUMBA" "GOULBURN"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "PHOENIX" & "MUGFORD" to move to Palm Is. 23/1 with "HELM".
"HOBART" "PATTERSON" "RALPH TALBOT" to depart Moreton Bay so as to arrive Palm Is. on 25/1.
- (2) "TAROONA" escorted by "SWAN" ETD Townsville 2000/19 en route Port Moresby ETA 1600/21.

- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA (BB) SARATOGA (CV)
SAN JUAN (CL) SAUFLEY BLACH MURPHY SHAW CRAVEN McCALL
SOUTHARD DUNLAP FANNING LANDSDOWNE FLETCHER (DD)
McKEAN (APD) PROMETHEUS (AR) DELPHINUS (YP) ARGONNE (AS)
LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER (AM) STRATFORD (AP)
NEVILLE MERCURY W.W.BURROWS ANTARES (AK) SUAMICO
CIMARRON (AO) ARD.2 ENGADINE
- (4) At Suva - BUCHANAN (DD) CATALPA ROSEWOOD (YN) KANKAKEE (AO)
WRIGHT (AV) HAMMONDSPOIT (AP)
- (5) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) PC.477 PC.499 (YP)
SUMNER (AG) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA KIWI TUI (A/S Vessels)
ORTOLAN (ASR)
- (6) At Vila - LOUISVILLE WICHITA (CA) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND (CL)
SUWANNEE SANGAMON (XCV) MEADE CONWAY WALLER FRAZIER (DD)
SHELDRAKE (AM) PREBLE (DM) SABINE (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER (AP)
BUTTERNUT (YN) YP.289
- (7) At Auckland - MONOWAI (A.M.C) EBONY (YN) SOLACE (AH)
Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
- (8) At Wellington - FOMALHAUT (AK) LIBRA (AK)
- (9) At Tongatabu - LOCUST (YN)
- (10) At Bora Bora - MAHAN SMITH (DD)

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) Bismarck Sea - The 8000 ton fully loaded cargo vessel escorted by a small destroyer was sighted by a recon Liberator at 1200/18 half way between Rabaul and Lorengau heading SE. Four 500-lb bombs were dropped on the cargo vessel from 4,000 ft. and one hit scored on the stern and one amidships. The vessel immediately burst into flames from stem to stern and sank in 8 minutes. Oil and fuel continued to burn on the water.
- (2) Sydney - ss "MOBILUBE" (U.S. Tanker - 10,000 tons) which departed Sydney 18/1, was torpedoed by an enemy submarine when 60 miles out at 2150/18 and reported to be sinking by the stern a quarter of an hour later. However, at 2256/18 the Captain signalled that the ship would probably remain afloat.
A.M.S. "KA PUNDA" is carrying out A/S patrol and ^{"Traver"} is leaving or has left Sydney to attempt to tow. A tug is also being despatched.
- (3) Osprey Reef - "TULSA" reported submarine contact at 1630/18 when 110 miles east of Osprey Reef. Depth charges were dropped after which no further contact was obtained. "TULSA" was en route Milne Bay from Cairns.

III. AIR OPERATIONS

ALLIED

- Rabaul - Three B.24's attacked shipping in harbour between 0215 and 0300/18. Nil hits observed.
- Gasmata - One Catalina bombed the aerodrome at 0430/18. No results observed.
- Madang - A B.24 dropped 2 x 500-lb bombs near runway at Madang a.m. 18/1.
- Finschhafen - A B.24 dropped 8 x 500-lb bombs at 1252/18 in town area and along waterfront. No results observed.
- Lae - (a) 11 Beaufighters strafed Lae from 0955/18. Fuel dump set on fire. Still burning one hour later.
(b) 7 B.25's dropped 56 x 300-lb bombs on motor pool supply dump at 1020/18. Bombs fell in target area and buildings set afire.
- Mubo-Komiatur area - Four A.20's dropped 8 bombs between 1100 & 1170/18 on villages and defence system in area. Nil activity observed along track.
- Buin-Faisi Area - 8 B.17's escorted by 6 Lightnings and 7 Warhawks attacked shipping in Shortland Harbour at 1410/18. Two direct hits and 4 near misses were made on a cargo vessel off Orlofe Is. Last observed burning. 2 Zero's shot down. One P.40 missing.

ENEMY

Cape Beechey Area - Two Zero's sighted at 1200/18 in a position 67 miles SE of Cape Beechey, New Britain.
Gasmata Area - At 0030/18 there were ASV indications of unidentified aircraft in a position 70 miles south of Gasmata. One visual sighting reported an u/i aircraft in same position, course SW.

IV. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Renewed offensive against Guadalcanal.
- (2) Consolidation Lae-Salamaua area, with infiltration into Papuan beach-heads and possible offensive activity east New Guinea area.
- (3) Consolidation Timor-Arafura Sea - Dutch New Guinea including possible attempt to occupy Merauke.
- (4) Possible carrier-borne raids from N.E.I. area against strategic points on west and N.W. coast of Australia.

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19/1/43

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA**Effective****Non-effective****(i) Allied Forces:**

Battleships	IDAHO PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA LONG ISLAND	WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE
Converted A/C Carrier 8" Cruisers		SALT LAKE CITY SAN FRANCISCO INDIANAPOLIS
Destroyers	15 (approx)	
Submarines	23 (approx)	

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan)

CinC 1st Fleet 5 Battleships (BB)	MUSASHI NAGATO FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA	
2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)	ZUIKAKU	SHOKAKU (damaged 26/10)
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)	ZUIHO	
3 - 8" Cruisers (CA)	ATAGO	TIKUMA) TONE) damaged 26/10
4 light cruisers (CL)	ABUKUMA SENDAI	KITAGAMI OI
5 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)		
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)		
Approx 30 Destroyers and Gunboats (DD and PG)		
Approx 27 Submarines (SS)		

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA**(i) Allied Forces:**

Battleships	INDIANA WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO	
Aircraft Carriers	ENTERPRISE SARATOGA	
Converted A/C Carriers	NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE CHENANGO SUWANNEE SANGAMON	
8" Cruisers	MINNEAPOLIS WICHITA LOUISVILLE CHICAGO	
6" Cruisers	HELENA HONOLULU ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER ACHILLES	LEANDER
5" Cruisers	SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	
Destroyers	45 (approx)	
Armed Merchant Cruisers	MONOWAI ASCANIA	

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers DETROIT
RALEIGH
10 Submarines
10 Destroyers

(ii) Enemy Forces: (N. Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians)

CinC 5th Fleet
8" Cruiser (CA) NACHI
2 light cruisers (CL) TAMA
KISO
Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
RAMILLIES
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
Aircraft Carrier ILLUSTRIOUS
Seaplane Carrier ALBATROSS
8" Cruisers DEVONSHIRE
GEORGIOS AVRHOF (Greek)
7.5 " Cruisers HAWKINS
PROBISHER
6" Cruisers MAURITIUS NEWCASTLE
GAMBIA GLASGOW
ENTERPRISE EMERALD
LIVERPOOL DANAE
DAUNTLESS
DRAGON
DURBAN
CAPETOWN
CERES
CALEDON
CARADOC
SUMATRA (Dutch)
Armed Merchant Cruisers ALAUNIA
CARTHAGE
CORFU
CHITRA
KANIMBLA
RANCHI
RANPURA
WORCESTERSHIRE
CARLISLE
A.A. Ship
Approx 27 Destroyers
Approx 9 Submarines

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 7 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

20th January, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

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1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/20:

- (1) "TAROONA" escorted by "SWAN" departed Townsville 2035/19 en route Port Moresby ETA 1600/21.
- (2) "WANGANELLA" dep. Milne Bay 1630/19 en route Brisbane ETA 0700/23.
- (3) "WHYALLA" dep. Port Moresby 1415/19 to rejoin "STELLA" and "POLARIS" off Cape Nelson ETA Tufi p.m. 21/1.
- (4) "KYBRA" escorting BT34 (3 MV) dep. Caloundra 1925/18 en route Townsville ETA 1800/22. "KYBRA" to leave convoy at Capricorn Channel and proceed independently to Townsville.
- (5) "KATOOMBA" & "BENDIGO" escorting TN25 (Portion "A" - "AROONA" "BONTEKOE" "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" "TASMAN"; Portion "B" - "CLEVELAND ABBE" "BAN HONG LIONG" "STEPHEN J. FIELD" "YOCHOW") dep. Townsville 1455/17. Convoy to divide at a position 150 mi. SSW Moresby. Portion "A" ETA Moresby 1530/20; Portion "B" ETA Milne Bay 1730/20.
- (6) "PATTERSON" escorting "MAUI" to vicinity of Townsville.
- (7) "ARUNTA" dep. Brisbane 1635/18 to carry out exercises to seaward of Cape Moreton.
- (8) "WARRAMUNGA" & "GLENELG" carrying out exercises to seaward of Cape Moreton.
- (9) "VENDETTA" en route Townsville ETA 1700/21.
- (10) "GEELONG" & "GOULBURN" carrying out exercises in Moreton Bay.
- (11) "GRIDLEY" en route Sydney.
- (12) 12 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "HILO" "TULSA"
	Merchant Vessels: "LORINNA"
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "PALUMA" "LATROBE"
	Merchant Vessels: "ISAAC COLES" "ULCOLOO"
	"EMPIRE HAMBLE" "WEST CACTUS" "JASON LEE"
	"PAINE WINGATE" "STAGEN" "FRANCIS LEWIS"
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE" "WILCANNIA"
Dunk Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "HELM"
Percy Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "SELFRIDGE" "HENLEY"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "PLATYPUS"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "POYANG" "PIRIE"
(Repairing)	"STUART" "BALLARAT" "BROOME" "COLAC"
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA" (repairing)
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "FULTON" "RALPH TALBOT"
	SC.744 SC.746 YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50
	"MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship) "AASE MÆRSK" (Oiler)
(Repairing)	"LITHGOW" "KURUMBA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "PHOENIX" & "MUGFORD" to move to Palm Is. 23/1 with "HELM". "HOBART" "PATTERSON" "RALPH TALBOT" to depart Moreton Bay so as to arrive Palm Is. on 25/1.
- (2) "AUSTRALIA" "SELFRIDGE" "HENLEY" are to depart Percy Is. at 2200/22 so as to arrive Brisbane 0800/24.
- (3) "GLENELG" is to escort BT35 ETD Brisbane a.m. 21/1.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) New Georgia - Comsopac considers that the cargo vessel reported in yesterday's appreciation to be en route Vila Plantation made a round trip Faisi-Vila-Faisi p.m. 17/1 to a.m. 18/1. At 0930/19 one destroyer and one cargo vessel were seen 8 miles SE Faisi course ESE probably en route Vila Plantation. At 1507/19 one heavy cruiser, 7 destroyers were sighted off north coast Vella Lavella course 120 speed 15knots. Destinations unknown but no report has been received of any attempt to make a run for Guadalcanal.
- (2) Shortlands - Photographs taken 15/1 show 32 aircraft on the water in the vicinity of Faisi.
- (3) C. St. George - At about 1140/19 one light cruiser and 3 destroyers were sighted probably off the east coast of Cape St. George course 260, speed 20 knots. Most likely en route Rabaul.
- (4) Rabaul - At noon 19/1 3 destroyers were seen at the entrance to Blanche Bay course 180. Weather prevented observation of the harbour. At 1205/19 one 15,000 ton transport was sighted in Rugen Harbour (E. coast New Britain - 25 miles from Rabaul).
- (5) Sanananda - Our troops captured Sanananda Village during the afternoon 18/1 and forward elements occupied Giruwa. Four enemy pockets remain - the main one between Giruwa and Tarakena, another between Sanananda and Wye Point, a third immediately north of the road block on motor road 2½ miles from Sanananda, and the fourth on the motor road about 800 yards from Sanananda. It is estimated that some thousand Japanese still remain in the Sanananda area and ~~off~~ these a large percentage are sick. Stray parties are being mopped up. Reports show that the barges seen off Sanananda Point during the night 16-17/1 brought rice for the troops and if any evacuation was made, it only concerned the incapacitated.
- (6) Port Moresby - At 1239/19 a possible submarine was seen on the surface 20 miles south of Port Moresby. Subsequent air search was negative.
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2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/20:

- (1) "WARREGO" & "INVERELL" escorting "J.R. LOWELL" dep. Darwin 0522/18 ETA Thursday Island 1030/21.
- (2) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"
Merchant Vessels: "KOOLIGA" "DARVEL"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "WILCANNIA" escorting "TERKA" & "ALAGNA" ETD Thursday Island 0900/20 en route Darwin E.T.A. p.m. 25/1.
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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/20:

- (1) "KANIMBLA" escorting "Associated" for Colombo dep. Albany 1036/10. "KANIMBLA" to return Fremantle approx 25/1.

In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP"
"JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK" "TJERK HIDDES" "VAN GALEN"
"TAMWORTH" "HORSHAM" "PRESTON" "PELIAS" "DUBBO"
"LARK" "ISABEL"
Geraldton - Warships & Aux. - "HERON"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "WHIPPOORWILL" "CHILDS"

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4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/20:

- (1) "WAGGA" working up in Broken Bay.
- (2) "BUNDABERG" & "YANDRA" escorting OC63 (5 MV) departed Melbourne 2313/19.
- (3) "HOVEY" & "MANLEY" escorting "PRES. JACKSON" "PRES. ADAMS" "PRES. HAYES" departed Melbourne 0930/18. "HOVEY" Detaches at 1600E and proceeds to Sydney ETA 0600/22.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "BAGLEY" "TREVOR" "ZANE" "GYMPIE"
"BOWEN" "TOWNSVILLE" "KAPUNDA" "DOBBIN" "YUNNAN"
"ROCKHAMPTON" "BUNGAREE" "DELORAIN" "MILDURA"
(Repairing) "PORTLAND" "NEW ORLEANS" "BISHOPDALE" "ALHENA"
(In Reserve) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"
Newcastle - Warships & Aux. - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "SPRINGDALE" "DOOMBA"
(Repairing) "LE TRIOMPHANT"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "KAPUNDA" & "ROCKHAMPTON" to escort GP31 departing Sydney 1000/20. "BUNGAREE" to accompany GP31 to Brisbane and then proceed to own area of operation.
- (2) "DELORAIN" & "TOWNSVILLE" detailed for C064 (10 MV) to take over escort from "GYMPIE" & "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" at RV off Sydney at 1630/20. Newcastle portion of convoy ETD 0900/20. Sydney portion ETD 1630/20.

5. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AV) THORNTON (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) COPAHEE (XCV) MINNEAPOLIS (CA) HONOLULU HELENA NASHVILLE ST. LOUIS ACHILLES SAN DIEGO (CL) CASE WILSON MORRIS ANDERSON MUSTIN GANSE JENKINS RUSSELL HUGHES HOPKINS LAMSON DRAYTON (DD) DIXIE (AD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) PRES. GRANT FRED. FUNSTAN (AP) STRINGHAM (AFD) CASTOR ALDEBARAN (AK) ARCTIC (AF) PLATTE NEOSHO NESCHES (AO) YP.290 YP.518 YP.517
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA (BB) SARATOGA (CV) CHICAGO (CA) SAN JUAN MONTEPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO (ACV) SAUFLEY BALCH MURPHY SHAW CRAVEN McCALL DUNLAP FLETCHER CUMMINGS McCAWLEY MAURY (DD) McKEAN (APD) PROMETHEUS (AR) DELPHINUS (YP) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER (AM) NEVILLE MERCURY W.W. BURROWS ANTARES (AK) SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) POMALHAUT (AK) ARD.2 ENGADINE YP.239
- (4) At Suva - BUCHANAN (DD) CATALPA ROSEWOOD (YN) KANKAKEE (AO) WRIGHT (AV) HAMMONDSPOUT (AP) HUMPHREYS (APD)
- (5) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) PC.477 PC.499 (YP) SUMNER (AG) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA KIWI TUI (A/S Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR)

- ... - LOUISVILLE WICHITA (CA) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND (CL)
 SUWANNEE SANGAMON (ACV) MEADE CONWAY WALLER FRAZIER (DD)
 SHELDRAKE (AM) PREBLE (DM) SABINE (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER (AP)
 BUTTERNUT (YN) TRYON (AK)
- (7) At Auckland - MONOWAI (A.M.C) EBONY (YN) SOLACE (AH)
Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
 - (8) At Wellington - LIBRA (AK)
 - (9) At Tongatabu - LOCUST (YN)
 - (10) At Bora Bora - MAHAN SMITH (DD)
 - (11) At Samoa - H.T.ALLEN (AP) TAYLOR (DD)
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II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

Sydney - U.S. Tanker "MOBILUBE" has now been towed to port. She was torpedoed at 2105/18 under the port quarter engine-room. Three of the watch were killed and there were five minor injuries. The ship was temporarily abandoned by as many as possible as a precaution against shelling.

Reports now received indicate that "KALINGO" (British cargo vessel - 2047 tons) was sunk by torpedo at about 0130/18 about 100 miles out from Sydney. 32 survivors have reached Sydney in a lifeboat.

III. AIR OPERATIONS

ALLIED


- Gasmata - A Liberator bombed runway 1220/19.
Lae - 7 B.25's bombed supply dump Malahang 0958/19.
New Guinea Coast - 3 Bostons conducted offensive sweep from Salamaua to Mambare a.m. 19/1 and strafed Kurenada Village at Kumusi River mouth.
Mangrove Is. - 3 Beaufighters strafed Mangrove Is. - off Cape Killerton - from 0845 to 0917/19.
Timor - 4 Beaufighters strafed Beaco-Baucau Road from 0855 to 0952/19.
Toeal (Kai Is.) - 3 B.25's bombed Toeal demolishing some buildings.
Darwin - 6 Kittyhawks intercepted a Zero apparently on reconnaissance over the Darwin area at 1140/19. The Zero was possibly damaged.

ENEMY

- Gasmata - 15 Zero's were seen by a reconnaissance Fortress over Gasmata at 1330/19 and eluded by taking cloud cover.
Buna - 18 enemy aircraft over Buna area at 2330/18. Some bombs dropped Sinemi Creek without causing damage.
Milne Bay - 3 or 4 enemy aircraft dropped 9 bombs in vicinity of Rabi and Turnbull Field 2053/18. No material damage.
Merauke - 1 floatplane bombed the strip at about 1030/19. No damage or casualties.
Darwin - 2 enemy aircraft believed over Darwin - Batchelor area 1310-1334/19.
Wyndham - Unidentified aircraft was seen over Wyndham at 0920/19.
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IV. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Renewed offensive against Guadalcanal.
- (2) Consolidation Lae-Salamaua area, with infiltration into Papuan beach-heads and possible offensive activity east New Guinea area.
- (3) Consolidation Timor-Arafura Sea - Dutch New Guinea including possible attempt to occupy Merauke.
- (4) Possible carrier-borne raids from NEI area against strategic points on west and NW coast of Australia.


 For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.
G.H.Q., S.W.P.A.

APPENDIX

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
	<u>(i) Allied Forces:</u>	
8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA	PORTLAND NEW ORLEANS
6" Cruisers	HOBART PHOENIX	
Armed Merchant Cruisers		MANOORA) WESTRALIA) On Reserve
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT	STUART
Destroyers	SELFDRIDGE PATTERSON HENLEY HELM RALPH TALBOT BAGLEY MUGFORD	
Submarines	VENDETTA AMBERJACK) GRAMPUS) GROUPEL) At Brisbane SNAPPER) ALBACORE) ARGONAUT) GATO) GRAYBACK) GREENLING) GROWLER) GUARDFISH) NAUTILUS) SWORDFISH) TRITON) TUNA) WAHOO)	On Patrol
Submarine Tenders	K.9 PULTON SPERRY	At Sydney
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboats	TULSA HILO	
Oilers	AASE MAERSK VICTORIA	BISHOPDALE KURUMBA

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-Solomons)

CinC Combined Fleet		
CinC 2nd Fleet		
CinC 3rd Fleet		
CinC 4th Fleet		
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)		
3 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO MUTSU ISE	
2 Battlecruisers (BB)	HARUNA KONGO	
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	HOSHO (prob. ferrying)	
2 converted A/C Carriers(XCV)	HAYATAKA HITAKA	
3 Auxiliary A/C Carriers(ACV)	OTAKA) CHUYO) UNYO)	Ferrying

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
Heavy Cruisers (CA) (prob. 5 effective)	AOBA CHOKAI HAGURO KUMANO SUZUYA TAKAO	MYOKO (prob. dam. 26/10) MOGAMI (believed sunk 14/11)
5 Light Cruisers (CL)	ISUZU KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA TENRYU	TATSUTA) believed sunk KINU) 14/11
1 or 2 converted light cruisers (XCL)		
Approx 27 submarines (SS)		
Approx 40 destroyers (DD)		
4 Seaplane Carriers (AV)	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA NISSHIN KAMO I	CHIYODA (damaged 8/11 poss. sunk)
8 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)		
Several Submarine Tenders		
Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)		
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft		
Approx 247 land-based aircraft incl. 96 F, 74 B, 22 F/AB, 43 F/P, 12 Obsn. or transport aircraft.		

2. WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser	ADELAIDE	
Flotilla Leader	TROMP	
A.A. Ship	VAN HEEMSKERK	
Armed Merchant Cruiser	KANIMBIA	
Destroyers	TJERK HIDDES	
	VAN GALJEN	
S/P Tenders	HERON	
	W.B. PRESTON	
	CHILDS	
Submarine Tender	PELIAS	
Submarines	GRAYLING)	
	GRENADIER)	
	GUDGEON)	On Patrol
	TAMBOR)	
	TAUTOG)	
	TROUT)	
	GAR)	
	THRESHER)	At Fremantle
	K.8)	
	K.12)	

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

C's in C 1st, 2nd & 3rd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)	ASHIGARA
3 light cruisers (CL)	KASHII KOMA NATORI
1 converted light cruiser (XCL)	
Approx 16 destroyers (DD)	
Approx 3 submarines (SS)	
1 Seaplane Carrier (AV)	NOTORO
1 Converted S/P Tender (XAV)	

PACIFIC AREAEffectiveNon-effective(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	IDAHO PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA LONG ISLAND	WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE
Converted A/C Carrier 8" Cruisers		SALT LAKE CITY SAN FRANCISCO INDIANAPOLIS
Destroyers	15 (approx)	
Submarines	23 (approx)	

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan)

CinC 1st Fleet		
5 Battleships (BB)	MUSASHI NAGATO FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA	
2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)	ZUIKAKU	SHOKAKU (damaged 26/10)
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)	ZUIHO	
3 - 8" Cruisers (CA)	ATAGO	TIKUMA } damaged 26/10 TONE } KITAGAMI OI
4 light cruisers (CL)	ABUKUMA SENDAI	
5 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)		
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)		
Approx 30 Destroyers and Gunboats (DD and PG)		
Approx 27 Submarines (SS)		

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	INDIANA WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO	
Aircraft Carriers	ENTERPRISE SARATOGA	
Converted A/C Carriers	NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE CHENANGO SUWANNEE	
8" Cruisers	SAN GAMON MINNEAPOLIS WICHITA LOUISVILLE CHICAGO	
6" Cruisers	HELENA HONOLULU ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER ACHILLES	LEANDER
5" Cruisers	SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	
Destroyers	45 (approx)	
Armed Merchant Cruisers	MONOWAI ASCANIA	

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

21st January, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

- (1) "WHYALLA" "STELLA" & "POLARIS" operating off Cape Nelson.
- (2) "TAROONA" escorted by "SWAN" departed Townsville 2035/19 en route Port Moresby ETA 1600/21.
- (3) "LATROBE" departed Port Moresby 0631/20 en route Townsville ETA 1300/22.
- (4) "BALLARAT" escorting TN26 ("J.W.MAAL" "DAVID BUSHEL" "G.M.LIVANOS" "DUNDULA") also "PING WO" and three TPD's dep. Townsville 1500/20 for Port Moresby ETA 1700/23.
- (5) "KYBRA" dep. Caloundra 1925/18 en route Townsville ETA 1800/22.
- (6) "GOULBURN" escorting BT35 dep. Brisbane 2220/20 for Townsville. "GOULBURN" to RV with "ORMISTON" at 1800/22 vicinity Capricorn Channel and escort to Brisbane ETA 1000/24.
- (7) "PATTERSON" escorting "MAUI" to vicinity of Townsville.
- (8) "WARRAMUNGA" & "ARUNTA" carrying out exercises to seaward of Cape Moreton.
- (9) "RALPH TALBOT" dep. Brisbane 1445/20 for exercises.
- (10) "VENDETTA" en route Townsville ETA 1700/21.
- (11) 12 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "HILO" "TULSA" "BENDIGO"
	Merchant Vessels: "LORINNA" "YOCROW" "S.G.FIELD"
	"CLEVELAND ABBE" "BAN HONG LIONG"
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "PALUMA" "KATOOMBA"
	Merchant Vessels: "JASON LEE" "STAGEN" "AROONA"
	"BONTEKOE" "VAN DEVENTER" "TASMAN" "FRANCIS LEWIS"
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE" "WARREGO" "INVERELL"
Dunk Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "HELM"
Percy Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "SELFRIDGE" "HENLEY"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "PLATYPUS" "PIRIE"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "POYANG" "VICTORIA"
(Repairing)	"STUART" "BROOME" "COLAC"
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA" (repairing)
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "FULTON" "GEELONG"
	SC.744 SC.746 YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50
	"MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)
(Repairing)	"LITHGOW" "KURUMBA" "AASE MAERSK"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "PHOENIX" & "MUGFORD" to move to Palm Is. 23/1 with "HELM". "HOBART" "PATTERSON" "RALPH TALBOT" to depart Moreton Bay so as to arrive Palm Is. on 25/1.
- (2) "AUSTRALIA" "SELFRIDGE" "HENLEY" are to depart Percy Is. at 2200/22 so as to arrive Brisbane 0800/24.
- (3) "GLENELG" is to escort "SWARTENHONDT" ETD Brisbane p.m. 21/1.
- (4) "BENDIGO" escorting "YOCROW" to depart Milne Bay p.m. 21/1 for Oro Bay ETA 1400/22.
- (5) "VENDETTA" escorting TN27 ("DUMEROON" & "KATOOMBA") expected to depart Townsville 0630/22 en route Milne Bay ETA 1330/24.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) New Georgia - At 0705/20, one destroyer and cargo vessel were seen NE of Vella Lavella course N.W. These are no doubt the units reported yesterday departing Faisi at 0930/19 probably en route Faisi and now returning to base.
Two destroyers and one cargo vessel departed Faisi at about 0750/20 course S.E. These units were attacked by Fortresses shortly afterwards (see Naval Incidents). They were last reported at 1550/20 north of Vella Lavella, course 125°, probably on the round trip to Vila Plantation.
 - (2) Shortlands - At 0603/20, one destroyer, one cargo vessel and one large transport were off Loluei (E. coast Bougainville) course S.W. no doubt en route Shortlands.
At 1000/20 11 vessels described as two destroyer and 9 merchant vessels were reported by reconnaissance in the area. Of these, one cargo vessel was stationary off Cape Alexander (N. end Choiseul) and one destroyer, one cargo vessel and one transport arriving from NE probably the units reported in previous Para.
 - (3) Buka - a.m. 20/1, a large schooner was at Teop Harbour.
The destroyer and cargo vessel which arrived at 0800/18 and subsequently unloaded, departed during the night 19-20/1, direction unknown.
 - (4) Rabaul - Photos 18/1 show 13 warships, 44 merchant vessels and 4 tankers. This compares with the visual sightings already reported of one cruiser, 6 warships, 25 medium to large merchant vessels, 13 small merchant vessels. In addition 110 fighters and 8 bombers were visible on Lakunai aerodrome.
 - (5) Wewak - At 0915/20 a light cruiser, 2 transports and one u/i vessel were reported by reconnaissance approximately 35 mi N. Wewak on course 30°.
22 aircraft were seen on the runway and 3 aircraft were taking off. This is the first report of aircraft using this aerodrome since Wewak was occupied on 18/12/42.
 - (6) Sanananda - The position remains materially unchanged but the four enemy pockets have been somewhat narrowed.
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2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

- (1) "WILCANNIA" escorting "TERKA" & "ALAGNA" dep. Thursday Is. 1020/20 en route Darwin ETA p.m. 25/1.
- (2) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"
Merchant Vessels: "KOOBIGA" "DARVEL"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Ambon - Reconnaissance a.m. 20/1 reported 4 vessels of which one was possibly a cruiser in Amboi Bay and possibly additional shipping outside.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

- (1) "KANIMBLA" escorting "Associated" for Colombo dep. Albany 10/1. "KANIMBLA" to return Fremantle approx 25/1.
- (2) "LARK" with "CAPE OTWAY" dep. Fremantle 1246/20 for Exmouth Gulf ETA 0800/24.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP"
"JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK" "TJERK HIDDES"
"VAN GALEN" "TAMWORTH" "HORSHAM" "PRESTON"
"PELIAS" "DUBBO" "ISABEL"
Geraldton - Warships & Aux. - "HERON"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "WHIPPOORWILL" "CHILDS"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

- (1) "BUNDABERG" & "YANDRA" escorting OC63 (5 MV) departed Melbourne 2313/19.
- (2) "HOVEY" & "MANLEY" escorting "PRES. JACKSON" "PRES. ADAMS" "PRES. HAYES" departed Melbourne 0950/18. "HOVEY" detaches at 160°E and proceeds to Sydney ETA 0600/22.
- (3) "DELOIRINE" & "TOWNSVILLE" escorting C064 dep. Sydney 1635/20 for Melbourne.
- (4) "GRIDLEY" en route Sydney.
- (5) "KAPUNDA" & "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting GP31 (6 ships incl. "BUNGAREE") dep. Sydney 1038/19. "KAPUNDA" ETA Caloundra 0700/23.) On arrival at Brisbane "BUNGAREE" to proceed to own area of operation.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "BAGLEY" "TREVOR" "ZANE"
"ABRAHAM CREYNSEN" "GYMPIE" "WAGGA" "BOWEN"
"TOWNSVILLE" "DOBBIN" "YUNNAN" "DELOIRINE"
"MILDURA"
(Repairing) "PORTLAND" "NEW ORLEANS" "BISHOPDALE" "ALHENA"
(In Reserve) "MANDORA" "WESTRALIA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "SPRINGDALE" "DOOMBA"
(Repairing) "LE TRIOMPHANT"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "LE TRIOMPHANT" to depart for RV with C064 off Twofold Bay at 1700/21 to provide additional escort until 0600/22. "LE TRIOMPHANT" is then to proceed to Melbourne to escort C064 to Wilson's Promontory.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Sydney - There were two sightings on 20/1 of possible submarines which may have been responsible for the attacks on our shipping on 18/1. Reports have not yet been confirmed.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AV) THORNTON (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) COPAHEE (XCV) MINNEAPOLIS (C)
HONOLULU HELENA NASHVILLE ST. LOUIS ACHILLES
SAN DIEGO (CL) CASE WILSON MORRIS ANDERSON MUSTIN
GANSE JENKINS RUSSELL HUGHES LAMSON DRAYTON (DD)
DIXIE (AD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR)
TALAMANCA (AR) PRES. GRANT FRED. FUNSTAN (AP) STRINGHAM
(APD) CASTOR ALDEBARAN (AK) ARCTIC (AF) PLATTE NEOSHO
(AO) YP. 290
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA (BB)
SARATOGA (CV) CHICAGO (CA) SAN JUAN MONTEPELLIER (CL)
CHENANGO (ACV) TAYLOR LAVALETTE SAUFLEY MURPHY SHAW

GRAVEN McCALL DUNLAP FLETCHER CUMMINGS McCAWLEY
 MAURY (DD) McKEAN (APD) PROMETHEUS (AR) DELPHINUS (YP)
 ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) WEITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER (AM)
 NESCHES (AO) NEVILLE MERCURY W.W. BURROWS ANTARES
 FOMALHAUT TITANIA ALGORAE (AK) SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO)
 PATHFINDER (AGS) ROCHAMBEAU H.T. ALLEN G. CLYMER
 JOHN PENN (AP) ARD.2 YP.239

- (4) At Suva - BUCHANAN (DD) CATALPA ROSEWOOD (YN) KANKAKEE (AO)
 WRIGHT (AV) HAMMONDSPOIT (AP) HUMPHREYS (APD)
- (5) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) SUMNER (AG)
 WANDANE (YT) HATAI MOA KIWI TUI (A/S Vessels)
 ORTCLAN (ASR)
- (6) At Vila - LOUISVILLE WICHITA (CA) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND (CL)
 SUWANNEE SANGAMON (ACV) MEADE CONWAY WALLER FRAZIER
 EDWARDS (DD) SHELDRAKE (AM) PREBLE (DM) SABINE (AO)
 RIGEL (AR) ROAMER (AP) BUTTERNUT (YN) TRYON (AK) PC.476
- (7) At Auckland - MONOWAI (A.M.C) EBONY (YN) WEST POINT (AP)
 Refitting - LEANDER (OL)
- (8) At Wellington - LIBRA (AK)

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

New Georgia - Two destroyers and one cargo vessel departed Faisi approximately 0750/20 probably on the round trip Faisi-Vila Plantation-Faisi. The convoy was attacked by Fortresses between Shortlands and Vella Lavella at about 1100/20. No hits were claimed but the convoy changed course to N.W. However, at 1255/20 the vessels were seen again N.E. of Vella Lavella on a SE course and at 1545/20 north of Kolombangara Is. At this last stated time the cargo vessel with one destroyer was on course 165° and the other destroyer manoeuvring 10 miles north indicating that the units may have been in difficulties.

III. AIR OPERATIONS

ALLIED

- Willaumez Peninsula - A Liberator strafed 3 loaded barges offshore Cape Hollman a.m. 19/1.
- Gasmata - Runway bombed 19/1 and 20/1 by one Liberator each morning.
- Cape Gloucester - Airfield bombed by Liberator noon 20/1.
- Wewak - 4 Liberators detailed to attack the convoy sighted off Wewak 0915/20 were intercepted by about 25 Zeros between 1515 and 1600/20. 12 Zero's definitely destroyed and 6 damaged. All 4 Liberators were damaged but apparently returned to base.
- Madang - At 0851/19, a Liberator bombed warehouse and at 0945/20 another Liberator bombed the runway and wharf area.
- Lae - A Liberator bombed beached transport at 1400/19 and at 0830/20, 6 B.25's bombed supply dumps in Terrace area.
- Kunusi River - 3 Beaufighters strafed Kurenada Village area 0930-1130/20.
- Dobo - 3 B.25's bombed jetty at 1000/20, 3 enemy floatplanes attempted interception and one was probably destroyed.
- Ambon - Recce Liberator shot down one of two Zero's which intercepted over Ambon at 1200/20.
- Munda - A Catalina bombed the 'drome at 0130/20. 7 Fortresses escorted by 4 Warhawks and 6 Lightnings bombed Munda 'drome at 1645/19.
- Shortlands - At 0830/20 6 Fortresses bombed Faisi and later 3 Fortresses attacked 2 destroyers, 1 cargo vessel between Fauro and Shortlands. Nil hits. Intercepted by 25 aircraft including land-based Zero's, floatplane Zero's and float biplanes. Fortresses accompanied by 4 Warhawks and five Lightnings; and 8 enemy fighters shot down including four

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land-zeros. One Lightning crash-landed.

Timor - 5 Zero's attempted to intercept 3 B.25's on armed recon in vicinity Pailoro (E. Timor) at 1100/19. 1 Zero was damaged.

Port Hedland - 1 enemy aircraft was seen 350 mi NNW of Cape Hedland at 1030/20.

IV. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Renewed offensive against Guadalcanal.
- (2) Consolidation Lae-Salamaua area, with infiltration into Papuan beach-heads and possible offensive activity east New Guinea area.
- (3) Consolidation Timor-Arafura Sea - Dutch New Guinea including possible attempt to occupy Merauke.
- (4) Possible carrier-borne raids from NEI. area against strategic points on west and N.W. coast of Australia.

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21/1/43

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
	<u>(i) Allied Forces:</u>	
8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA	NEW ORLEANS
6" Cruisers	HOBART	PORTLAND
Armed Merchant Cruisers	PHOENIX	MANOORA)
		WESTRALIA) On Reserve
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA	
	WARRAMUNGA	
	LE TRIOMPHANT	
	SELFDRIDGE	
Destroyers	PATTERSON	
	HENLEY	
	HELM	
	RALPH TALBOT	
	BAGLEY	
	MUGFORD	
	VENDETTA	
Submarines	AMBERJACK)	
	GRAMPUS)	At Brisbane
	GROUPEL)	
	SNAPPER)	
	ALBACORE)	
	ARGONAUT)	
	GATO)	
	GRAYBACK)	
	GREENLING)	
	GROWLER)	
	GUARDFISH)	On Patrol
	NAUTILUS)	
	SWORDFISH)	
	TRITON)	
	TUNA)	
	WAHOO)	
	K.9	At Sydney
Submarine Tenders	FULTON	
	SPERRY	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboats	TULSA	
	HILO	
Oilers	AASE MAERSK	BISHOPDALE
	VICTORIA	KURUMBA

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-Solomon)

CinC Combined Fleet		
CinC 2nd Fleet		
CinC 3rd Fleet		
CinC 4th Fleet		
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)		
3 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO	
	MUTSU	
	ISE	
2 Battlecruisers (BB)	HARUNA	
	KONGO	
2 converted A/C Carriers(XCV)	HAYATAKA	
	HITAKA	
3 Auxiliary A/C Carriers(ACV)	OTAKA)	
	CHUYO)	Ferrying
	UNYO)	

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Noneffective</u>
Navy Cruisers (CA) (prob. 6 effective)	AOBA CHOKAI HAGURO KUMANO SUZUYA TAKAO TONE	MYOKO (prob. dam. 26/10) MOGAMI (believed sunk 14/11)
5 Light Cruisers (CL)	ISUZU KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA TENRYU	TATSUTA) believed sunk KINU) 14/11
1 or 2 converted light cruisers (XCL)		
Approx 27 submarines (SS)		
Approx 40 destroyers (DD)		
4 Seaplane Carriers (AV)	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA NISSHIN KAMOI	CHIYODA (damaged 8/11 poss. sunk)
8 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)		
Several Submarine Tenders		
Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)		
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub. Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft		
Approx 247 shore-based aircraft incl. 96 F, 74 B, 22 F/B, 43 F/P, 12 Obsn. or transport aircraft.		

2. WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser	ADELAIDE	
Flotilla Leader	TROMP	
A.A. Ship	VAN HEEMSKERK	
Armed Merchant Cruiser	KANIMBIA	
Destroyers	TJERK HIDDIES VAN CALEN	
S/P Tenders	HERON W.B. PRESTON	
	CHILDS	
Submarine Tender	FELIAS	
Submarines	GRAYLING) GRENADIER) GUDGEON) TAMBOR) TAUTOG) TROUT)	On Patrol
	GAR) THRESHER)	
	K.8) K.12)	At Fremantle

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

C's in C 1st, 2nd & 3rd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)	ASHIGARA
3 light cruisers (CL)	KASHII KUMA NATORI

1 converted light cruiser (XCL)	
Approx 16 destroyers (DD)	
Approx 3 submarines (SS)	
1 Seaplane Carrier (AV)	NOTORO
1 Converted S/P Tender (XAV)	

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	IDAHO PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA LONG ISLAND	WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE
Converted A/C Carrier 8" Cruisers		SALT LAKE CITY SAN FRANCISCO INDIANAPOLIS
Destroyers	15 (approx)	
Submarines	23 (approx)	

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan)

CinC 1st Fleet		
5 Battleships (BB)	MUSASHI NAGATO FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA	
2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU	
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)	ZUIHO	
2 - 8" Cruisers (CA)	ATAGO	TIKUMA (damaged 26/10)
4 light cruisers (CL)	ABUKUMA SENDAI	KITAGAMI OI
5 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)		
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)		
Approx 30 Destroyers and Gunboats (DD and PG)		
Approx 27 Submarines (SS)		

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	INDIANA WASHINGTON NORTE CAROLINA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO	
Aircraft Carriers	ENTERPRISE SARATOGA	
Auxiliary A/C Carriers	NASSAU ALTAHAMA COPAHKE CHENANGO SUWANNEE SANGAMON	
8" Cruisers	MINNEAPOLIS WICHITA LOUISVILLE CHICAGO	
6" Cruisers	HELENA HONOLULU ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER ACHILLES	LEANDER
5" Cruisers	SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	
Destroyers	45 (approx)	
Armed Merchant Cruisers	MONOWAI ASCANIA	

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers	DETROIT RALEIGH
10 Destroyers	
10 Submarines	

(ii) Enemy Forces: (N.Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians)

CinC 5th Fleet	
8" Cruiser (CA)	NACHI
2 light cruisers (CL)	TAMA KISO
Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)	
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)	

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers	CONCORD TRENTON RICHMOND
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F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	WARSPITE RESOLUTION RAMILLIES ROYAL SOVEREIGN ILLUSTRI OUS	
Aircraft Carrier	ALBATROSS	
Seaplane Carrier	DEVONSHIRE	
8" Cruisers	GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)	
7.5" Cruisers	HAWKINS PROBISHER	
6" Cruisers	MAURITIUS GAMBIA ENTERPRISE LIVERPOOL DAUNTLESS DRAGON DURBAN CAPETOWN CERES CALEDON CARADOC SUMATRA (Dutch)	NEWCASTLE EMERALD DANAE
Armed Merchant Cruisers	ALAUNIA CARTHAGE CORFU CHITRAL KANIMBIA RANCHI RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE CARLISLE	
A.A. Ship		
Approx 27 Destroyers		
Approx 9 Submarines		

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 7 Submarines

ALLIED APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

22nd January, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/22:

- (1) "WHYALLA" "STELLA" & "POLARIS" operating off Cape Nelson.
- (2) "BENDIGO" escorting "YOCHOW" en route Oro Bay ETA 1400/22.
- (3) "VENDETTA" escorting TN27 ("DUNTROON" "KATOOMBA") enroute Milne Bay ETA 1330/24.
- (4) "JASON LEE" escorted by "KATOOMBA" dep. Port Moresby 2307/21 en route Cairns ETA 1800/23. "KATOOMBA" to escort to Fitzroy Is. and then proceed Townsville. "KATOOMBA" ETA Townsville 0800/24.
- (5) "LATROBE" departed Port Moresby 0631/20 en route Townsville ETA 1300/22.
- (6) "BALLARAT" escorting TN26 (J.W.HOLT" "DAVID BUSHNEL" G.M.LIVANOS" "DUNDULA") also "PING WO" and three TPD's dep. Townsville 1500/20 for Port Moresby ETA 1700/23.
- (7) "KYBRA" dep. Caloundra 1925/18 en route Townsville ETA 1800/22.
- (8) "GLENELG" escorting "SWARTENHONDT" departed Caloundra 0147/22 ETA Townsville 0430/25.
- (9) "GOULBURN" escorting BT35 dep. Brisbane 2220/20 for Townsville ETA 1530/23. "GOULBURN" to RV with "ORMISTON" at 1800/22 vicinity Capricorn Channel and escort to Brisbane ETA 1000/24.
- (10) "PATTERSON" escorting "MAUI" to vicinity of Townsville.
- (11) "WARRAMUNGA" & "ARUNTA" carrying out exercises to seaward of Cape Moreton.
- (12) "RALPH TALBOT" dep. Brisbane 1445/20 for exercises.
- (13) 12 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "HILO" "TULSA"
	Merchant Vessels: "S.J.FIELD" "CLEVELAND ABBE"
	"BAN HONG LIONG"
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "SWAN"
	Merchant Vessels: "STAGEN" "AROONA" "TAROONA"
	"BONTEKOE" "VAN DEVENTER" "TASMAN"
	"FRANCIS LEWIS"
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE"
Dunk Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "HELM"
Percy Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "SELFRIDGE" "HENLEY"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "PLATYPUS" "PIRIE"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "POYANG" "VICTORIA"
(Repairing)	"STUART" "BROOME" "COLAC"
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA" (repairing)
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "PULTON" "GEELONG"
	SC.744 SC.746 YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50
	"MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)
(Repairing)	"LITHGOW" "KURUMBA" "AASE MAERSK"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "PHOENIX" & "MUGFORD" to move to Palm Is. 23/1 with "HELM". "HOBART" "PATTERSON" "RALPH TALBOT" to depart Moreton Bay so as to arrive Palm Is. on 25/1. "HOBART" & "RALPH TALBOT" ETD 1700/23.

- (2) "AUSTRALIA" "SELFRIDGE" "HENLEY" are to depart Percy Is. at 2200/22 so as to arrive Brisbane 0800/24. "AUSTRALIA" & "HENLEY" to carry out exercises between Cape Moreton and Caloundra.
- (3) "GOULBURN" to escort "BUNGAREE" and 2 MV from Brisbane approx 24 to Whitsunday Passage. On completion of escort to return to Brisbane.
- (4) On completion of exercises off Cape Moreton on 22/1 "ARHNTA" is to proceed to Sydney.
- (5) On completion of disembarking at Brisbane about 23/1 "WANGANILLA" (Hospital Ship) is to be sailed for Sydney for repairs and docking. Thence to Middle East.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Treasury Is. - At 0930/21 an u/i vessel was sighted approx 75 mi SW of Treasury Island.
- (2) Vella Lavella - At 0415/21 2 destroyers and 1 large cargo vessel were sighted 15 mi NW of Vella Lavella on course 310°. At 1435/21 two tankers were sighted 5 miles N. of Kundurumbangara Point, on course 110°.
- (3) Kolombangara Is. - At 1825/21 one vessel with one escort sighted entering W. end of Blackett Strait (between Kolombangara and Arundel Is.) on an easterly course. Vessels last sighted at 1941/21 four miles W. of Vila Plantation.
- (4) Buka - A report timed 1701/21 states that a large number of troops and much building material were landed from the vessels reported at Buka Passage a.m. 18/1. Considerable activity at aerodrome.
- (5) Buin-Faisi Area - At 1015/21 two small cargo vessels with funnel aft were sighted 30 mi SW Faisi. These were probably the two tankers subsequently observed 5 mi N. of Kundurumbangara Point.
- (6) Bougainville Is. - (a) At 0805/20 2 destroyers and 1 cargo vessel were sighted 70 mi NE Kieta course 100°. (b) At 0930/21 two destroyers and 4 cargo vessels were sighted 70 mi ENE Buka Passage course 240°. The same force was sighted 2 hours later 60 mi E. by N. of the Passage course 120°.
- (7) St. George's Channel - At 1700/21 one cruiser, 1 destroyer and 2 MV (10,000 tons) were sighted 18 mi SW Cape St. George, New Ireland, course 175°.
- (8) Rabaul - At 1200/20 3 destroyers were sighted in Blanche Bay on a southerly course. At 0430/21 the following vessels were sighted in the harbour -
 1 cargo vessel off Raluana Point
 4 u/i vessels off Praed Pt. (1 of 10,000 tons)
- (9) Wewak Harbour - A report timed 1835/21 states that 2 transports and 3 destroyers were sighted in Wewak Harbour.
- (10) Coral Sea - There were indications of the presence of enemy submarines on 21/1 in positions approx 225 mi SSE of Rossel Is. and 230 miles SSW of Rossel Is.
- (11) Sanananda Point - By 1700/20 the enemy had been overcome in his position between the W. arm of Konomui Creek and the coast. Pressure was still being maintained against a small enemy pocket east of Wye Point at 1800/20. At 1045/21 enemy resistance at a point approx 900 yards down the M.T. road was overcome.
- (12) Giruwa - A report timed 1320/21 states that contact had been established between allies driving SE from Giruwa and those advancing NW from Tarakena.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/22:

- (1) "WILCANNIA" escorting "TERKA" & "ALAGNA" dep. Thursday Is. 1020/20 en route Darwin ETA p.m. 25/1.

(2) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"
Merchant Vessels: "KOOLIGA" "DARVEL"

(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "WARREGO" & "INVERELL" escorting "MAETSUYCKER" were to depart Thursday Is. 1101/22 for Darwin ETA p.m. 25/1.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Ambon - At 0910H/21 1 possible tanker, 2 large merchant vessels were sighted in Binnen Bay and one cruiser, 2 large vessels and 2 smaller vessels off Ambon.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/22:

(1) "KANIMBIA" escorting "Associated" for Colombo dep. Albany 10/1. "KANIMBIA" to return Fremantle approx 25/1.
(2) "LARK" with "CAPE OTWAY" dep. Fremantle 1246/20 for Exmouth Gulf ETA 0800/24.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP"
"JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK" "TJERK HIDDES"
"VAN GALEN" "TAMWORTH" "HORSHAM" "PRESTON"
"PELIAS" "DUBBO" "ISABEL" "LANAKAI"
Geraldton - Warships & Aux. - "HERON"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "WHIPPOORWILL" "CHILDS"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/22:

(1) "DELORAINÉ" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting C064 dep. Sydney 1635/20 for Melbourne.
(2) "KAPUNDA" "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting GF31 (6 ships incl. "BUNGAREE") dep. Sydney 1038/19. "KAPUNDA" ETA Chloundra 0700/23. On arrival at Brisbane "BUNGAREE" to proceed to own area of operation.
(3) "LE TRIOMPHANT" dep. Williamstown 1705/20 for RV with C064 off Twofold Bay at 1700/21 to provide additional A/S escort until 0600/22. "LE TRIOMPHANT" is then to proceed to Melbourne to escort C064 to Wilson's Promontory.

(b) In Harbour:

Newcastle - Warships & Aux. - "YANDRA"
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "BAGLEY" "TREVOR" "ZANE"
"GRIDLEY" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "GYMPIE"
"WAGGA" "BOWEN" "TOWNSVILLE" "DOBBIN" "YUNNAN"
"DELORAINÉ" "MILDURA" "MORESEY" "BUNDABERG"
(Repairing) "PORTLAND" "NEW ORLEANS" "BISHOPDALE" "ALHENA"
(In Reserve) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "SPRINGDALE" "DOOMBA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "BUNDABERG" & "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" detailed for C065, to

take over escort from "YANDRA" at RV off Sydney at 1600/23.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AV) THORNTON (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) COPAHEE (ACV) MINNEAPOLIS (CA)
HONOLULU HELENA NASHVILLE ST. LOUIS ACHILLES
SAN DIEGO (CL) CASE WILSON MORRIS ANDERSON MUSTIN
JENKINS RUSSELL HUGHES LAMSON DRAYTON (DD) EIXIE (AD)
CURTISS TANGIER (AV) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) TALAMANCA (AR)
FRED. FUNSTAN (AP) STRINGHAM (APD) CASTOR ALDEBARAN (AK)
ARCTIC (AF) PLATTE NEOSHO (AO) YP.290
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA (BB)
SARATOGA (CV) CHICAGO (CA) SAN JUAN MONTEPELLIER (CL)
CHENANGO (ACV) TAYLOR LAVALETTE SAUFLEY MURPHY SHAW
CRAVEN McCALL DUHLAP FLETCHER CUMMINGS McCAWLEY
MAURY (DD) MCKEAN (APD) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS)
LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER (AM) NEVILLE MERCURY
ANTARES POMALHAUT TITANIA ALGRAB (AK) NESCHES
SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) PATHFINDER (AGS) ARD.2 YP.239
ROCHAMBEAU H.T. ALLEN G. CLYMER JOHN PENN (AP)
- (4) At Suva - BUCHANAN (DD) CATALPA ROSEWOOD (YN) KANKAKEE (AO)
WRIGHT (AV) HAMMONDSPOUT (AP) HUMPHREYS (APD)
- (5) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) SUMNER (AG)
WARDANK (YT) MATAI MOA KIWI TUI (A/S Vessels)
ORTOLAN (ASR)
- (6) At Vila - LOUISVILLE WICHITA (CA) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND (CL)
SUWANNEE SANGAMON (ACV) MEADE CONWAY WALLER FRAZIER
EDWARDS (DD) SHELDRAEE (AM) PREBLE (DM) SABINE (AO)
RIGEL (AR) ROAMER (AF) BUTTERNUT (YN) TRYON (AK) PG.476
- (7) At Auckland - MONOWAI (A.M.C) EBONY (YN) WEST POINT (AP)
Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
- (8) At Wellington - LIBRA (AK)

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) Ambon - Three B.24's attacked shipping in Ambon Harbour at 0910/21 hitting one 5,000 ton merchant ship and one hit, with three near misses, was scored on a large cruiser. Heavy white smoke was seen from the cruiser after the attack and it was listing towards shore.
- (2) Rabaul - Three B.17's attacked shipping in Rabaul Harbour between 0408 and 0530/21 scoring a very near miss on one 2000 ton vessel and another very near miss on a 6000 ton vessel. The latter was later observed settling and attempts were being made to beach it.

III. AIR OPERATIONS

ALLIED

- Rabaul - Between 2244/20 and 0530/21 2 Catalinas and 15 B.17's attacked aerodromes and shipping at Rabaul. The Catalinas dropped 8 bombs on the runway at Kokopo. The B.17's dropped a total of 32 x 500-lb bombs, 6 of which fell near a 2000 ton merchant vessel and 3 of which fell close to a 6000 ton vessel (see Naval Incidents). 15 bombs were dropped on 3 other vessels. Results not observed. 8 x 500-lb bombs were dropped on Vunakanau aerodrome. Bombs fell in target area starting small fires. 96 x 20-lb clusters were dropped on Lakunai. Bombs fell along runway and in dispersal area.
- Gasmata - A Catalina dropped 8 x 250-lb bombs and 12 x 20-lb on runway at Gasmata at 0229/21. All bombs fell in target area. A report timed 0958/21 states that an allied aircraft was being attacked by 5 Type "O" fighters over Gasmata.
- Lautem - Three B.25's dropped 4 x 500-lb bombs on Lautem at 0820/20. All bombs fell short of target.

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Ambon - Allied air attack on shipping (see Naval Incidents).

New Georgia - A B.17 reports sighting a.m. 21/1 one u/1 aircraft over Teti Pari Island (30 mi SE of Munda).

At 0121/21 an unspecified number of u/1 bombers was heard over New Georgia Is. on a southerly course.

On 19/1 it is reported that work on the Munda 'drome was being expedited by many troops and construction personnel.

Bougainville - At 0845/20 approx 25 float type "O" fighters and float biplanes were observed in vicinity of Faisi Is.

Photos taken on 18/1 reveal that NE dispersal lane at Buka will be completed shortly; the strip at Kieta is unused; 27 aircraft near Lofung Plantation on Faisi Is.

Milne Bay - Between 2130/20 and 0330/21 12 bombers attacked the aerodromes at Milne Bay dropping an unspecified number of 500-lb bombs. No casualties or damage reported.

Darwin - Between 0115/21 and 0120/21 two medium bombers dropped 5 bombs in the bush. Nil damage or casualties. One enemy aircraft probably destroyed.

Celebes - A B.24 on recce 20/1 reports having sighted a single runway aerodrome off SW end of Lake Tondano (17 mi S. by E. of Menado).

Merauke - A Beaufort observed an enemy floatplane at 1235/21 6 mi S. of Merauke.

Espiritu Santo - At 0150/22 one enemy a/c, possibly a Mitsubishi Type 97 dropped 8 x 60 kg. bombs between 'drome and Segundo Channel. No casualties or damage.

IV. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Renewed offensive against Guadalcanal.
- (2) Consolidation Lae-Salamaua area, with infiltration into Papuan beach-heads and possible offensive activity east New Guinea area.
- (3) Consolidation Timor-Arafura Sea - Dutch New Guinea including possible attempt to occupy Merauke.
- (4) Possible carrier-borne raids from N.E.I. area against strategic points on west and N.W. coast of Australia.

Randy
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22/1/43

Heavy Cruisers (CA)
prob. 6 effective)

Effective

Non-effective

AOBA
CHOKAI
HAGURO
KUMANO
SUZUYA
TAKAO
TONE
ISUZE
KATORI
KASHIMA
NAGARA
TENRYU
CHITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA
NISSHIN
KAMOJ

MYOKO (prob.dam.26/10
MOGAMI (believed sunk
14/11)

5 Light Cruisers (CL)

TATSUTA)believed sunk
KINU) 14/11

1 or 2 converted light cruisers (XCL)

Approx 27 submarines (SS)

Approx 40 destroyers (DD)

4 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHIYODA (damaged 8/11
poss. sunk)

8 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)

Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft
12 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser
Flotilla Leader
A.A. Ship
Armed Merchant Cruiser
Destroyers

ADELAIDE
TROMP
VAN HEEMSKERK
KANIMBLA
TJERK HIDDES
VAN GALEN
HERON
W.B.PRESTON
CHILDS
WELIAS
GRAYLING)
GRENADIER)
JUDGEON)
TAMBOR)
TAUTOG)
TROUT)
GAR)
THRESHER)
K.8)
K.12)

S/P Tenders

On Patrol

Submarine Tender
Submarines

At Fremantle

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

C's in C 1st, 2nd & 3rd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)

ASHIGARA

3 light cruisers (CL)

KASHII

KUMA

NATORI

1 converted light cruiser (XCL)

Approx 16 destroyers (DD)

Approx 3 submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane Carrier (AV)

NOTORO

1 Converted S/P Tender (XAV)

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA
LONG ISLAND

WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carrier
8" Cruisers

SALT LAKE CITY
SAN FRANCISCO
INDIANAPOLIS

Destroyers
Submarines

15 (approx)
23 (approx)

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan)

CinC 1st Fleet
CinC 3rd Fleet
4-5 Battleships (BB)

ISE
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA
ZUIKAKU
SHOKAKU
ZUIHO
ATAGO
ABUKUMA
SENDAI

TIKUMA (damaged 26/10)
KITAGAMI
OI

2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)
2 - 8" Cruisers (CA)
4 light cruisers (CL)

5 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)
Approx 30 Destroyers and Gunboats (DD and PG)
Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
COLORADO
MARYLAND
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA
NASSAU
ALTAHAMA
COPAHEE
CHENANGO
SUWANNEE
SAGAMON

Aircraft Carriers

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

8" Cruisers

MINNEAPOLIS
WICHITA
LOUISVILLE
CHICAGO

6" Cruisers

HELENA
HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE
COLUMBIA
CLEVELAND
MONTPELLIER

LEANDER

5" Cruisers

ACHILLES
SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN
45 (approx)
MONOWAI
ASCANIA

Destroyers
Armed Merchant Cruisers

D. NORTH PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

DETROIT
RALEIGH

10 Destroyers
10 Submarines

(ii) Enemy Forces: (N. Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians)

CinC 5th Fleet
8" Cruiser (CA)
2 light cruisers (CL)

NACHI
TAMA
KISO

Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)
Approx 7 submarines (SS)

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
RAMILLIES
ROYAL SOVEREIGN

Aircraft Carrier
Seaplane Carrier
8" Cruisers

ILLUSTRIOUS
ALBATROSS
DEVONSHIRE
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)

7.5" Cruisers

HAWKINS
FROBISHER

6" Cruisers

MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
ENTERPRISE
LIVERPOOL
DAUNTLESS

NEWCASTLE
GIA SGOW
EMERALD
DANAE

Armed Merchant Cruisers

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

A.A. Ship
Approx 27 Destroyers
Approx 9 Submarines

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 7 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION & PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

23rd JANUARY, 1943.

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/23:

- (1) "AUSTRALIA" "SELFDRIDGE" and "HENLEY" en route Percy Is. to Brisbane ETA 24/1.
- (2) "PHOENIX" and "MUGFORD" and "HELM" en route Palm Is.
- (3) "WHYALLA" "STELLA" and "POLARIS" operating off Cape Nelson.
- (4) "BILO" departed Milne Bay 0856/22 en route Sariba Is., China Strait.
- (5) "TULSA" en route Sariba Is. ETA 1200/22.
- (6) "VENDETTA" escorting TN27 ("DUNTRON" "KATOOMBA") en route Milne Bay ETA 2400/24.
- (7) "BALLARAT" escorting TN26 ("J.W.HOLT" "DAVID BUSHNEL" "G.M.LIVANOS" "DUNDULA") also "PING WO" and three TPD's dep. Townsville 1500/20 for Port Moresby ETA 1700/23.
- (8) "JASON LEE" escorted by "KATOOMBA" dep. Port Moresby 2307/21 en route Cairns ETA 1800/23. "KATOOMBA" to escort to Fitzroy Is. and then proceed Townsville. "KATOOMBA" ETA Townsville 0800/24.
- (9) "LATROBE" departed Port Moresby 0631/20 en route Townsville ETA 0530/23.
- (10) "GLENELG" escorting "SWARTENHOND" departed Caloundra 0147/22 ETA Townsville 0430/25.
- (11) "GOULBURN" escorting "ORMISTON" ETA R.V. position 2000/23. "KAPUNDA" to take over escort and proceed Brisbane. ETA 1000/24.
- (12) "SWAN" escorting "TAROONA" dep. Port Moresby 2223/22. "TAROONA" from Cairns ETA 1101/24. "SWAN" for Townsville ETA 1800/24.
- (13) "RALPH TALBOT" and "HOBART" exercising to seaward of Cape Moreton.
- (14) 13 Submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships and Aux. - "BENDIGO"
Port Moresby	- Warships and Aux. - "SWAN"
	Merchant Vessels: "STAGEN" "AROONA" "TARCOON"
	"BONTEKOE" "VAN DEVENTER" "TASMAN"
	"FRANCIS LEWIS"
Thursday Is.	- Warships and Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE"
Cairns	- Warships and Aux. - "PLATYPUS" "PIRIE"
Townsville	- Warships and Aux. - "POYANG" "VICTORIA"
	"PATTERSON" "KYBRA" "STUART"
(Repairing)	"BROOME" "COLAC" "STUART"
Maryborough	- Warships and Aux. - "WARRAMUNGA" "FULTON"
Brisbane	"GEELONG" YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50
	"WANGANILLA" "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)
(Repairing)	"LITHGOW" "KURUMBA" "AASE MAERSK"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "HOBART" and "RALPH TALBOT" to depart Moreton Bay 1700/23 so as to arrive Palm Is. on 25/1.
- (2) On completion of disembarking at Brisbane about 23/1 "WANGANILLA" (Hospital Ship) is to be sailed for Sydney for repairs and docking. Thence to Middle East.

- (3) "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting PG.31 (1 M.V.) is to depart Caloundra 1500/23 for Sydney.
- (4) "KAPUNDA" and "BUNGAREE" escorting one M.V. (destination Townsville) to proceed from Brisbane for R.V. with "GOULBURN" escorting one M.V. (destination Brisbane) at approx. 2000/23. Escorts are to be changed, "KAPUNDA" escorting one M.V. to Brisbane and "GOULBURN" and "BUNGAREE" escorting one M.V. to vicinity of Whitsunday Passage. On completion of escort "GOULBURN" to return to Brisbane and "BUNGAREE" to proceed to own area of operation.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) New Georgia - The two small vessels (probably tankers), sighted north of Vella Lavella at 1435/21, course 110°, were reported at 0950/22 N.E. of Vella Lavella, course N.W., returning from a mission to Vila Plantation. At 0900/22 one destroyer, one torpedo boat and two cargo vessels were seen leaving Faisi, course 100°. Four Zeros were overhead, apparently giving cover. At 1425/22 two small vessels, apparently unescorted, were sighted east of Vella Lavella, course 225°, no doubt en route Vila Plantation. (See Naval Incidents.)
Reconnaissance on 22/1 reported a landing strip 6,000 feet long in the vicinity of Vila Plantation.
- (2) Bougainville - Presumably the same convoy as was sighted East of Buka Passage 1015/21 was reported again off Kieta 1810/21, course 160°, speed 4 to 8 knots. The convoy was described as one destroyer and four cargo vessels at 1810/21, while one small vessel was reported at anchor close to Kieta at 0900/22.
- (3) Buka - At 0830/22 one cargo vessel at anchor in the Passage.
- (4) Rabaul - Shipping in the Harbour was photographed on 21/1 and 22/1, and approximately the same position was shown each time, viz.,
7 - 8 Destroyers
4 Tankers
43 M.V.
Plus 5 submarines and 2 or 3 patrol craft.
In addition, 8 flying boats and 4 float planes were visible on the water, while approximately 100 single seater fighters and 10 medium bombers were on Lakunai aerodrome.
- (5) Gasmata area - At 1030/22 one M.V. (approximately 2,000 tons) was seen off Cape Beechy (60 miles East of Gasmata).
- (6) Sanananda - Our forces from Tarakina have joined with those from Sanananda on the coast. A small enemy pocket remains, however, on the swampy ground inland. The pocket N.E. of Sanananda has been surrounded, while the third pocket near the junction of the motor road with the Cape Killerton track has been considerably reduced.
- (7) Milne Bay - Probably three enemy aircraft bombed Milne Bay at 2120/22. No damage or casualties.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/23:

- (1) "WILCANNIA" escorting "TERKA" and "ALAGNA" dep. Thursday Is. 1020/20 en route Darwin ETA p.m. 25/1.

(2) "WARREGO" and "INVERELL" escorting "MAETSUYCKER" departed Thursday Is. 1130/22 for Darwin ETA p.m. 25/1.

(3) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships and Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"
Merchant Vessels: "KOOLIGA" "DARVEL"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Ambon - Photos taken 20/1 show:-

1 Cruiser (4,000 tons)
1 small Tanker
11 M.V. (largest 3,500 tons; total
approximately 13,950 tons)
1 possible Seaplane Tender
4 Patrol Craft

(2) S.W. Dutch New Guinea - At 1033/22 three M.V. (one of 2,000 tons and two of 7-800 tons) were seen off Cape van den Bosch, course north. These units may have been "Toaal" or "Dobo" and at the time of sighting returning to base.

(3) Merauke - One twin-engined float plane dropped two bombs in the vicinity of Merauke about noon, 21/1. No damage or casualties.

(4) Darwin - Two enemy medium bombers dropped bombs in the Darwin area shortly before midnight 21/1. No damage reported.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/23:

(1) "HERON" dep. Geraldton 1505/22.

(2) "KANIMBLA" escorting "ASSOCIATED" for Colombo dep. Albany 10/1. "KANIMBLA" to return Fremantle approx. 25/1.

(3) "LARK" with "CAPE OTWAY" dep. Fremantle 1246/20 for Exmouth Gulf ETA 0800/24.

(4) "ISABEL" escorting one M.V. dep. Fremantle 1745/22 for Exmouth Gulf.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP"
"JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK" "TJERK HIDDES"
"VAN GALEN" "TAMWORTH" "HORSHAM" "PRESTON"
"PELIAS" "DUBBO" "LANAKAI"

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "WHIPPOORWILL" "CHILDS"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/23:

(1) "KAPUNDA" "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting GP31 (6 ships incl. "BUNGAREE") dep. Sydney 1038/19. "KAPUNDA" ETA /CALOUNDRA 1500/23. On arrival at Brisbane "BUNGAREE" to proceed to own area of operation.

- (2) "GYMPIE" dep. Sydney 2255/22 to render assistance to U.S.S. "PETER H. BURNETT", torpedoed in a position 420 miles East of Sydney.
- (3) "ARUNTA" proceeding to render assistance to U.S.S. "PETER BURNETT" (7,176 tons) torpedoed.
- (4) "ZANE" departed Sydney 0130/23 to render assistance to U.S.S. "PETER H. BURNETT" torpedoed.

(b) In Harbour:

Newcastle	- Warships and Aux. - "YANDRA"
Sydney	- Warships and Aux. - "BAGLEY" "TREVOR" "HOVEY" "GRIDLEY" "ABRAHAM CRYNSSEN" "WAGGA" "BOWEN" "TOWNSVILLE" "DOBBIN" "YUNNAN" "DELORAINÉ" "MILDURA" "MORESEY" "BUNDABERG"
(Repairing)	"PORTLAND" "NEW ORLEANS" "BISHOPDALE" "ALHENA"
(In Reserve)	"MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"
Melbourne	- Warships and Aux. - "SPRINGDALE" "DOOMBA" "DELORAINÉ" "TOWNSVILLE" "LE TRIOMPHANT"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "BUNDABERG" and "ABRAHAM CRYNSSEN" detailed for CO65 to take over escort from "YANDRA" at RV off Sydney at 1600/23.
- (2) "DELORAINÉ" and "TOWNSVILLE" escorting OC64 (14 M.V.s) was to depart Melbourne 0200/23. Convoy to be escorted as far as Wilson's Promontory by "LE TRIOMPHANT".

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA.

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AV) THORNTON (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - RADFORD NICHOLAS O'BANNON DE HAVEN
ELLET (DD) SANDS (APD) ANGADINE (XAV) AMERICAN LEGION (AP)
ENTERPRISE (CV) MINNEAPOLIS (CA) HONOLULU HELENA
NASHVILLE ST. LOUIS ACHILLES SAN DIEGO (CL) WILSON
MORRIS ANDERSON MUSTIN RUSSELL HUGHES LAMSON DRAYTON
(DD) DIXIE (AD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) PYRO (AE)
VESTAL (AR) TALAMANCA (AR) FRED. FUNSTAN (AP) RE CASTOR
ALDEBARAN (AK) ARCTIC (AF) PLATTE NEOSHO (AO) YP.290.
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA (BB)
SARATOGA (CV) CHICAGO (CA) SAN JUAN MONTEPELLIER (CL)
CHENANGO (ACV) TAYLOR LAVALETTE SAUFLEY MURPHY SHAW
CRAVEN McCALL DUNLAP CUMMINGS McCAWLEY MAURY JENKINS
GANSEVOORT FANNING (DD) MANLEY HUMPHREYS McKEAN (APD)
PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD)
KINGFISHER (AM) NEVILLE MERCURY ANTARES FOMALHAUT
TITANIA ALGORAB (AK) SONOMA (AT) HUNTER LIGGETT
PRES. ADAMS PRES. HAYES PRES. JACKSON (AP) SUAMIC/O
CIMARRON (AO) PATHFINDER (AGS) ARD.2 YP.239
ROCHAMBEAU H.T.ALLEN G.CLYMER JOHN PENN (AP) (BB)
- (4) At Suva - MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO MARYLAND COLORADO/ NASSAU
ALTAMAHA (ACV) WOODWORTH (DD) McCALLA (DD) BUCHANAN (DD)
CATALPA ROSEWOOD (YN) KANKAKEE (AO)
- (5) At Guadalcanal area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) SUMNER (AG)
WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA KIWI TUI (A/S Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR)
- (6) At Vila - LOUISVILLE WICHITA (CA) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND (CL)
COPAHEE SUWANNEE SANGAMON (ACV) MEADE CONWAY WALLER
FRAZIER EDWARDS (DD) SHELDRAKE (AM) PREBLE (DM) SABINE
(AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER (AP) BUTTERNUT (YN) TRYON (AK)
PC. 476
- (7) At Auckland - MONOWAI (.AM.C.) EBONY (YN) WEST POINT (AP)
Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
- (8) At Wellington - LIBRA (AK)

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- M
- (1) Sydney - U.S.S. "PETER H. BURNETT" was torpedoed at approximately 2200/22 approximately 420 miles east of Sydney. At 2335/22 it was reported that the ship might remain afloat. "GYMPIE" departed Sydney at 2255/22 and "ZENE" at 0130/23 to render assistance; "ARUNTA" is also en route the scene of action ETA 1600/23. U.S. Liberty ship "PETER H. BURNETT" departed Newcastle 17/1 bound for U.S.A.
- (2) New Georgia - The two small coastal vessels sighted east of Vella Lavella on course 225°, speed 12 knots, were attacked by nine dive bombers escorted by seven Grumman at 1425/22. No hits claimed but Grumman strafed the ships.
- (3) Rabaul - Fortresses and Liberators bombed shipping in Rabaul Harbour before dawn 22/1. Results not yet assessed.

IV. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Renewed offensive against Guadalcanal.
- (2) Consolidation Lae-Salamaua area, with infiltration into Papuan beach-heads and possible offensive activity east New Guinea area.
- (3) Consolidation Timor-Arafura Sea - Dutch New Guinea including possible attempt to occupy Merauke.
- (4) Possible carrier-borne raids from N.E.I. area against strategic points on west and N.W. coast of Australia.

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23/1/43.

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA	NEW ORLEANS PORTLAND
6" Cruisers	HOBART PHOENIX	
Armed Merchant Cruisers		MANOORA) WESTRALIA) On Reserve
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT	
Destroyers	SELFDRIDGE PATTERSON HENLEY HELM RALPH TABBOT BAGLEY MUGFORD VENDETTA	STUART
Submarines	AMBERJACK) GRAMPUS) SNAPPER) ALBACORE) ARGONAUT) GATO) GRAYBACK) GREENLING) GROWLER) GROUPEL) GUARDFISH) NAUTILUS) SWORDFISH) TRITON) TUNA) WAHOO)	At Brisbane On patrol
Submarine Tender	K.9	At Sydney
Destroyer Tender	FULTON	
Gunboats	DOBBIN TULSA	
Oilers	HILO VICTORIA	BISHOPDALE KURUMBA AASE MAERSK

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-Solomons)

CinC Combined Fleet		
CinC 2nd Fleet		
CinC 4th Fleet		
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)		
3-4 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO MUSASHI MUTSU NAGATO HARUNA KONGO	
2 Battlecruisers (BB)	HAYATAKA HITAKA	
2 converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	OTAKA) UNYO)	Ferrying
3 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	CHUYO)	

Heavy Cruisers (CA)
(prob. 6 effective)

Effective

AOBA
CHOKAI
HAGURO
KUMANO
SUZUYA
TAKAO
TONE
ISUZU
KATORI
KASHIMA
NAGARA
TENRYU

Non-effective

MYOKO (prob.dam.26/10)
MOGAMI (believed sunk
14/11)

5 Light Cruisers (CL)

TATSUTA) believed sunk
KINU) 14/11

1 or 2 converted light cruisers (XCL)

Approx. 27 submarines (SS)

Approx. 40 destroyers (DD)

4 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA
NISSHIN
KAMOI

CHIYODA (damaged 8/11
poss. sunk)

8 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx. 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)

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

~~10 Obsn. or transport aircraft.~~

Approx 343 land-based aircraft incl. 192 F, 74 B, 22 F/B, 43 F/P, 12 Obsn. or Transport A/c.

2. WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser
Flotilla Leader
A.A. Ship
Armed Merchant Cruiser
Destroyers

ADELAIDE
TROMP
VAN HEEMSKERK
KANIMBLA
TJERK HIDDES
VAN CALEN
HERON
W.B.PRESTON
CHILDS
PELIAS
GRAYLING)
GRENADIER)
GUDGEON)
TAMBOR)
TAUTOG)
TROUT)
K.12)
GAR)
THRESHER)
K.8)

S/P Tenders

Submarine Tender
Submarines

On Patrol

At Fremantle

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

C's in C 1st, 2nd and 3rd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

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

ASHIGARA
KASHII
KUMA
NATORI

1 converted light cruiser (XCL)

Approx. 16 destroyers (DD)

Approx. 3 submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane Carrier (AV)

NOTORO

1 Converted S/P Tender (XAV)

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA
LONG ISLAND

WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carrier
8" Cruisers

SALT LAKE CITY
SAN FRANCISCO
INDIANAPOLIS

Destroyers
Submarines

15 (approx)
23 (approx)

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan)

CinC 1st Fleet
CinC 3rd Fleet
4-5 Battleships (BB)

ISE
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

ZUIKAKU
SHOKAKU

1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)
2 - 8" Cruisers (CA)
4 light cruisers (CL)

ZUIHO
ATAGO
ABUKUMA
SENDAI

TIKUMA (damaged 26/10)
KITAGAMI
OI

5 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)
Approx. 30 Destroyers and Gunboats (DD and PG)
Approx. 27 Submarines (SS)

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
COLORADO
MARYLAND
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO

Aircraft Carriers

ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

NASSAU
ALTAMAHA
COPAHEE
CHENANGO
SUKANNEE

8" Cruisers

SAGAMON
MINNEAPOLIS
WICHITA
LOUISVILLE

6" Cruisers

CHICAGO
HELENA
HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE
COLUMBIA
CLEVELAND
MONTPELLIER

LEANDER

5" Cruisers

ACHILLES
SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN
45 (Approx.)
MONOWAI
ASCANIA

Destroyers
Armed Merchant Cruisers

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

DETROIT
RALEIGH

10 Destroyers
10 Submarines

(ii) Enemy Forces: (N. Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians)

CinC 5th Fleet
8" Cruiser (CA)
2 light Cruisers (CL)

NACHI
TAMA
KISO

Approx. 4 Destroyers (DD)
Approx. 7 submarines (SS)

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

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

Aircraft Carrier
Seaplane Carrier
8" Cruisers

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

NEWCASTLE
GLASGOW
EMERALD
DANAE

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

DAUNTLESS
DRAGON
DURBAN
CAPE TOWN
CERES
CALEDON
CARADOC
SUMATRA (Dutch)
ALAUNIA
CARTHAGE
CORFU
CHITRA
KANIMBLA
RANCHI
RAV PURA
WORCESTERSHIRE
CARLISLE

Armed Merchant Cruisers

A.A. Ship
Approx. 27 Destroyers
Approx. 9 Submarines

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx. 7 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

24th January, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA.

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/24:

- (1) "VENDETTA" escorting TN27 ("DUNTRON" "KATOOMBA") en route Milne Bay ETA 2400/24.
- (2) "GLENELG" escorting "SWARTENHOND" departed Caloundra 0147/22 ETA Townsville 0430/25.
- (3) "SWAN" escorting "TAROONA" dep. Port Moresby 2223/22. "TAROONA" for Cairns ETA 1101/24. "SWAN" for Townsville ETA 1800/24.
- (4) "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship) dep. Brisbane 1335/23 en route Port Moresby ETA 0900/27.
- (5) "KAPUNDA" escorting "ORMISTON" from Townsville to Sydney ETA 1930/25.
- (6) "GOULBURN" & "BUNGAREE" escorting one MV to vicinity of Whitsunday Passage. On completion of escort "GOULBURN" returns to Brisbane and "BUNGAREE" proceeds to own area of operation.
- (7) "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting PG31 (1 MV) dep. Caloundra 1607/23 ETA Sydney 0700/25.
- X (8) "HOBART" & "RALPH TALBOT" en route Brisbane to Palm Is. ETA 25/1.
- (9) "VICTORIA" dep. Townsville 1138/23 en route Palm Is.
- (10) 12 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Sariba Is.	- Warships & Aux.	- "PULSA" "HILO"
Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux.	- "BENDIGO"
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux.	- "SWAN" "BALLARAT"
	Merchant Vessels:	"AROONA" "BONTEKOE" "TASMAN"
		"VAN DEVENTER" "FRANCIS LEWIS"
X Palm Is.	- Warships & Aux.	- "PHOENIX" "HELM"
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux.	- "CASTLEMAINE"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux.	- "PLATYPUS" "PIRIE" "LATROBE"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux.	- "POYANG" "MUGFORD" "PATTERSON"
		"KYBRA" "KATOOMBA"
(Repairing)		"BROOME" "COLAC" "STUART"
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux.	- "ECHUCA" (repairing)
X Brisbane	- Warships & Aux.	- "AUSTRALIA" "SELFRIDGE"
		"HENLEY" "WARRAMUNGA" "FULTON" "GEE LONG"
		YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 SC.746 "WANGANILLA"
		(Hospital Ship)
(Repairing)		"LITHGOW" "KURUMBA" "AASE MAERSK"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) On completion of disembarking at Brisbane about 23/1 "WANGANILLA" (Hospital Ship) is to be sailed for Sydney for repairs and docking. Thence to Middle East.
- (2) "GEE LONG" escorting BT36 (3 MV) ETD Brisbane 1200/24.
- (3) "PIRIE" to depart Cairns 2400/24 en route Port Moresby.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) New Georgia - Continued reports of shipping movements from Shortlands to New Georgia are received. On 23/1 one or part of one group is reported returning and two others en route probably to Vila Plantation thus:-
- (a) The 2 small coastal vessels, sighted and attacked N. & E. of Vella Lavella p.m. 22/1, were seen at 1505/22 between Vella Lavella and Kolombangara course 215° and at 1030/23, one small cargo vessel probably one of the above two, was seen between Faisi and Vella Lavella course north.
- It would appear from the sightings that at least one of these vessels did not reach Vila Plantation or Munda.
- (b) At 0700/23, a large destroyer and a large cargo vessel were seen N. of Vella Lavella course SE.
- (c) At 1550/23, a light cruiser or destroyer and a very large cargo vessel were seen 10 miles SE of Faisi course SE.
- (2) Shortlands - At 0930/23, the following units seen in the Buin - Tonolei area -
- 1 light cruiser
 - 6 destroyers
 - 9 cargo vessels of which 2 possibly tankers
- 15 Total of which possibly 1 destroyer or light cruiser and cargo vessel departed at midday (see 1(c) above)
- In addition, at 1042/23 a cruiser (either heavy or light) and a destroyer were sighted approaching Shortlands from the East.
- At 1800/23, 2 destroyers were seen 20 miles NE of Cape Alexander (Choiseul Is.) course 45°, speed 20 knots.
- At 0138/24, an u/i vessel was sighted by aircraft 55 miles W. of Treasury Is.
- (3) Buka - Sopac's morning reconnaissance 23/1 reported 1 destroyer and 1 cargo vessel in Buka Passage area.
- A large ship, possibly a transport, was in Kessa Harbour at 1051/23.
- (4) Bougainville - At approx 1200/23, 2 destroyers and 2 transports were sighted 65 miles west of Buka Passage course not stated.
- At approx 1215/23, 1 cruiser and 1 destroyer were sighted 50-100 miles W. of Buka Passage, course not stated. These above two groups were reported by the same aircraft and are presumed to be separate forces.
- At 1245/23, a heavy cruiser was sighted 82 miles E. of Buka Passage course 180°, speed 30 knots.
- At 1430/23, 1 destroyer, 1 3000 ton cargo vessel and one 5000 ton transport 45 miles W. of Buka Passage, course 160° speed 12 knots. These units were sighted later some 60 miles further south.
- (5) St. George's Channel - At approx 0400/23, 1 possible light cruiser and 3 merchant vessels were seen 15 miles south of Cape Gazelle heading towards Rabaul.
- (6) Rabaul - Aircraft over Rabaul at about 1100/23 reported more than 50 ships in Harbour.
- (7) Gasmata - Recce aircraft reported 5 ships all about 2-300 tons and stationary, spread along south coast of New Britain between Gasmata and Arawe at about 0830/23.
- (8) Wewak - At 1430/23, 1 destroyer and 3 transports were seen 10 miles north of Wewak course north, speed 15 knots.
- ~~(9)~~ There was no reconnaissance of Wewak on 22/1, but the above units might be part of the force in harbour at 1835/21.
- (9) Sanananda - All organised enemy resistance was overcome by 22/1. Remnants of the enemy forces are being mopped up.
- (10) Milne Bay - Probably two enemy a/c were over Milne Bay at midnight 22-23/1. Material damage has not yet been assessed.
- At 0530/23, about six enemy aircraft were over again and dropped bombs causing slight damage only.

(11) Port Moresby - At about 2230/22, probably 4 enemy a/c dropped bombs in the vicinity of Kila aerodrome and seaplane anchorage.

At 0300/23, one or more a/c were over the area and dropped bombs.

At 0956/23, 2 possible submarines were sighted on the surface 15 miles SE of Basilisk Beacon. The reports were ungraded but subsequent search proved negative.

(12) Merauke - At about 1045/23, one enemy floatplane was over Merauke and dropped bombs.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/24:

- (1) "WILCANNIA" escorting "TERKA" & "ALAGNA" dep. Thursday Is. 1020/20 en route Darwin ETA p.m. 25/1.
 - (2) "WARREGO" & "INVERELL" escorting "MAETSUYCKER" departed Thursday Is. 1130/22 for Darwin ETA p.m. 25/1.
 - (3) "KALBOORLIE" escorting "DARVEL" dep. Darwin 0652/23 en route Thursday Island ETA 1130/23.
 - (4) 6 submarines on patrol.
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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/24:

- (1) "HERON" dep. Geraldton 1505/22.
- (2) "KANIMBLA" escorting "Associated" for Colombo dep. Albany 10/1. "KANIMBLA" to return Fremantle approx 25/1.
- (3) "LARK" with "CAPE OTWAY" dep. Fremantle 1246/20 for Exmouth Gulf ETA 0800/24.
- (4) "ISABEL" escorting one MV dep. Fremantle 1745/22 for Exmouth Gulf.
- (5) "PRESTON" dep. Fremantle 0739/23 en route Exmouth Gulf ETA a.m. 25/1.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP"
"JAC OB VAN HEEMSKERK" "TJERK HIDDES"
"VAN GALEN" "TAMWORTH" "HORSHAM" "PELIAS"
"DUBBO" "LANAKAI"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "WHIPPOORWILL" "CHILDS"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/24:

- (1) "GYMPIE" dep. Sydney 2255/22 to render assistance to U.S.S. "PETER H. BURNETT", torpedoed in a position 420 miles east of Sydney.
- (2) "ZANE" departed Sydney 0130/23 to render assistance to U.S.S. "PETER H. BURNETT" torpedoed.
- (3) "BUNDABERG" & "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting C065 dep. Sydney (b) 1552/23 en route Melbourne.
- (4) "DELOIRINE" & "TOWNSVILLE" escorting OC64 (12 MV) dep. Melbourne en route Sydney and Newcastle ETA Sydney 0300/26; Newcastle 0900/26.
- (5) "ARUNTA" en route Sydney after unsuccessful search for "PETER H. BURNETT" ETA Sydney 1500/24.

(b) In Harbour:

Newcastle - Warships & Aux. - "YANDRA"

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "BAGLEY" "TREVOR" "HOVEY"
 "GRIDLEY" "WAGGA" "BOWEN" "TOWNSVILLE" "DOBBIN"
 "YUNNAN" "DELORAINÉ" "MILDURA" "MORESEY"
 "YANDRA"
 (Repairing) "PORTLAND" "NEW ORLEANS" "EISHORDALE" "ALHENA"
 (In Reserve) "KANOORA" "WESTRALIA"
 Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "SPRINGDALE" "DOOMBA"
 "DELORAINÉ" "TOWNSVILLE" "LE TRIOMPHANT"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - "MACKINAC" (AV) THORNTON (AVD)
 - (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) MINNEAPOLIS (CA) HONOLULU
 HELENA NASEVILLE ST. LOUIS ACHILLES SAN DIEGO (CL)
 WILSON MORRIS ANDERSON MUSTIN RUSSELL HUGHES LAMSON
 DRAYTON RADFORD NICHOLAS O'BANNON DE HAVEN ELLET (DD)
 ANGADINE (XAV) SANDS (APD) DIXIE (AD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV)
 PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) AMERICAN LEGION FRED. FUNSTAN (AP)
 GASTOR ADDEBARAN (AK) ARCTIC (AF) PLATTE NEOSHO (AO)
 YP.290.
 - (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA (BB) SARATOGA (CV)
 CHICAGO (CA) SAN JUAN MONTPELLIER (CL) CHERANGO (ACV)
 TAYLOR LAVALETTE SAUFLEY MURPHY SHAW GRAVEN McCALL
 DUNIA P CUMMINGS McCAWLEY MAURY JENKINS GAN SEVOORT
 FANNING (DD) GAMBLE BRESSE (DM) MANLEY McKEAN (APD)
 PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD)
 KINGFISHER (AM) NEVILLE MERCURY ANTARES FOMALHAUT
 TITANIA ALGORAB (AK) SONOMA (AT) PRES. ADAMS PRES. HAYES
 PRES. JACKSON (AP) SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) PATHFINDER (AGS)
 ROCHAMBEAU H.T. ALLEN G. CLYMER (AP) TALAMENCA (AR)
 ARD.2 YP.259.
 - (4) At Suva - MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO MARYLAND COLORADO (BB)
 NASSAU ALTAMAHA (ACV) WOODWORTH (DD) McCALLA (DD)
 BUCHANAN (DD) CATALPA ROSEWOOD (YN) KANKAKEE (AO)
 - (5) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) LOCUST (YN)
 WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA KIWI TUI (A/S Vessels)
 ORTOLAN (ASR)
 - (6) At Vila - LOUISVILLE WICHITA (CA) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND (CL)
 COPAHEE SUWANNEE SANGAMON (ACV) MEADE CONWAY WALLER
 FRAZIER EDWARDS (DD) SHELDRAKE (AM) FREBLE (DM) SABINE
 (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER (AP) BUTTERNUT (YN) RC.476
 - (7) At Auckland - MONOWAI (A.M.C) EBONY (YN) WEST POINT (AP)
 Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
 - (8) At Wellington - LIBRA (AK)
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II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) Sydney - "PETER H. BURNETT", torpedoed at 2200/22 approx 420
 miles out from Sydney, reported at 1910/23 that she was
 damaged by the stern and was drifting to SSW. At that
 time she was in a position about 55 miles from the scene
 of the attack.
- (2) Rabaul - Further to the attack on shipping in Rabaul Harbour
 before dawn 22/1, 5 Liberators bombed from approx 7000 ft.
 between 0350 and 0500/22 while between 0405 and 0440/22.
 3 Fortresses came down to 250-ft. or lower and with delay
 action 500-lb bombs scored hits on 4 vessels thus:-
 2 vessels (2-4000 tons) seen to sink
 1 vessel (6-8000 tons) - 3 direct hits - left burning
 and later seen to explode
 1 vessel (6-8000 tons) - 2 direct hits - left burning
 and a series of explosions followed.
 Fortresses attacked shipping again before dawn 23/1,
 while one Liberator did likewise at 1100/23, but results
 have still to be assessed.

X (3) Kumusi - 2 motor torpedo boats attacked enemy barges a mile offshore at the Kumusi River mouth during the night 22-23/1. Both barges were left beached and one of them was smoking.

III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Renewed offensive against Guadalcanal.
- (2) Consolidation Lae-Salamaua area, with infiltration into Papuan beach-heads and possible offensive activity east New Guinea area.
- (3) Consolidation Timor-Arafura Sea - Dutch New Guinea including possible attempt to occupy Merauke.
- (4) Possible carrier-borne raids from NEI area against strategic points on west and N.W. coast of Australia.

Randy

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24/1/43

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
	<u>(i) Allied Forces:</u>	
8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA	NEW ORLEANS
6" Cruisers	HOBART PHOENIX	PORTLAND
Armed Merchant Cruisers		MANOORA) WESTRALIA) On Reserve
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT	
Destroyers	SELERIDGE PATTERSON HENLEY HELM RALPH TALBOT BAGLEY MUGFORD	STUART
Submarines	VENDETTA AMBERJACK) GRANDU S) GRAYBACK) At Brisbane SNAPPER) ALBACORE) ARGONAUT) GATO) GREENLING) GROWLER) GROUPER) GUARDFISH) NAUTILUS) SWORDFISH) TRIFON) TUNA) WAHOO) K. 9)	On Patrol
Submarine Tender Destroyer Tender Gunboats	FULTON DOEBIN TULSA HILO	At Sydney
Oilers	VICTORIA	BISHOPDALE KURUMBA AASE MAERSK

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-Solomons)

CinC Combined Fleet	
CinC 2nd Fleet	
CinC 4th Fleet	
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)	
3-4 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO MUSASHI MUTSU NAGATO HARUNA KONGO
2 Battlecruisers (BB)	HAYATAKA HITAKA
2 converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	OTAKA) UNYO) CHUYO)
3 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)) Ferrying

Heavy Cruisers (CA)
(prob. 7 effective)

Effective

Non-effective

ATAGO
TAKAO
KUMANO
SUZUYA
TONE
HAGURO
CHOKAI
AOBA
ISUZU
KATORI
KASHIMA
NAGARA
TENRYU

MYOKO (prob.dam.26/11)
MOGAMI (believed sunk
14/11)

5 Light Cruisers (CL)

TATSUTA) believed
KINU) sunk 14/11

1 or 2 converted light cruisers (XCL)

Approx 27 submarines (SS)

Approx 40 destroyers (DD)

4 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA
NISSHIN
KAMOI

CHIYODA (damaged 8/11
poss. sunk)

8 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)

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

Approx 335 shore-based aircraft incl. 186 F, 74 B, 22 F/B, 41 F/P,

12 Obsn. or transport aircraft

2. WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces

6" Cruiser
Flotilla Leader
A.A. Ship
Armed Merchant Cruiser
Destroyers

ADELAIDE
TROMP
VAN HEEMSKERK
KANIBLA
TJERK HIDDES
VAN GALEN
HERON
W.B. PRESTON

S/P Tenders

CHILDS
PELIAS
GRAYLING)
GRENADIER)
GUDGEON)
TAMBOR)
TAUTOG)
TROUT)
K.12)

On Patrol

Submarine Tender

Submarines

CAR)
THRESHER) At Fremantle
K.8)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

C's in C 1st, 2nd and 3rd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)

ASHIGARA

3 light cruisers (CL)

KASHII

KUMA

NATORI

1 converted light cruiser (XCL)

Approx 16 destroyers (DD)

Approx 3 submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane Carrier (AV)

NOTORO

1 Converted S/P Tender (XAV)

Approx 217 Shore-based A/c incl 86 F, 74 B, 4 F/B, 40 F/P, 13 Transpt. A/c.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA
LONG ISLAND

WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carrier
8" Cruisers

SALT LAKE CITY
SAN FRANCISCO
INDIANAPOLIS

Destroyers
Submarines

15 (approx)
23 (approx)

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan)

CinC 1st Fleet
CinC 3rd Fleet
4-5 Battleships (BB)

ISE
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA
ZUIKANU
SHOKAKU
ZUIHO

2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)
1 - 8" Cruiser (CA)
4 light cruisers (CL)

ABUKUMA
SENBAI

TIKUMA (damaged 26/10)
KITAGAMI
OI

5 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)
Approx 30 Destroyers and Gunboats (DD and PG)
Approx 27 Submarines (SS)
Approx 217 shore-based aircraft incl. 86 F, 74 B, 4 F/B, 40 F/P,
13 transport aircraft.

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
COLORADO
MARYLAND
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO

Aircraft Carriers

ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

NASSAU
ALTAMAHAN
COPAHEE
CHENANGO

8" Cruisers

SUVANNEE
SAY GAN ON
MINNEAPOLIS
WICHITA
LOUISVILLE

6" Cruisers

CHICAGO
HELENA
HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE
COLUMBIA
CLEVELAND
MONTPELLIER

LEANDER

5" Cruisers

ACHILLES
SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN
45 (approx)
MCNOWAI
ASCANIA

Destroyers
Armed Merchant Cruisers

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers	DETROIT
	RALEIGH
10 Destroyers	
10 Submarines	

(ii) Enemy Forces: (N. Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians)

CinC 5th Fleet	
1 - 8" Cruiser (CA)	NACHI
2 light cruisers (CL)	TAMA
	KISO
Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)	
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)	

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers	CONCORD
	TRENTON
	RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	WARSPITE	
	RESOLUTION	
	RAMILLIES	
	ROYAL SOVEREIGN	
Aircraft Carrier	ILLUSTRIOUS	
Seaplane Carrier	ALBATROSS	
8" Cruisers	DEVONSHIRE	
	GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)	
7.5" Cruisers	HAWKINS	
	FROBISHER	
6" Cruisers	MAURITIUS	NEWCASTLE
	GAMBIA	GLASGOW
	ENTERPRISE	EMERALD
	EVERPOOL	DANAE
	DAUNTLESS	
	DRAGON	
	DURBAN	
	CAPETOWN	
	CERES	
	CALEDON	
	CARADOC	
	SUMATRA (Dutch)	
Armed Merchant Cruisers	ALAUNIA	
	CARTHAGE	
	CORFU	
	CHITRAL	
	KANIMELA	
	RANCHI	
	RANPUHA	
	WORCESTERSHIRE	
A.A. Ship	CARLISLE	
Approx 27 Destroyers		
Approx 9 Submarines		

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 7 Submarines

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SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/25:

- (1) "WARRAMUNGA" carrying out exercises between Cape Byron and Cape Moreton.
- (2) "MUSFORD" departed Townsville 0918/24 en route Palm Is.
- (3) "SELFRIDGE" dep. Brisbane 1712/24 to carry out exercises to seaward of Cape Moreton.
- (4) "PATTERSON" escorting "POYANG" dep. Townsville for Challenger Bay.
- (5) "GEEELONG" escorting BT36 (3 MV) dep. Brisbane 2335/24 en route Townsville. "GEEELONG" will part company at Whitsunday Passage ETA 1000/28.
- (6) "GLENELG" escorting "SWARTENHONDT" departed Caloundra 0147/22 ETA Townsville 0130/26.
- (7) "WANGANELLA" (Hospital Ship) dep. Brisbane 0900/24 en route Sydney for docking and repairs ETA 2000/25.
- (8) "GOULBURN" & "BUNGAREE" escorting one MV to vicinity of Whitsunday Passage. On completion of escort "GOULBURN" returns to Brisbane and "BUNGAREE" proceeds to own area of operation.
- (9) "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship) dep. Brisbane 1335/23 en route Port Moresby ETA 0900/27.
- (10) "BALLARAT" escorting "DUNDULA" & "BONTEKOE" dep. Port Moresby 1031/24. "DUNDULA" for Milne Bay ETA 1800/25; "BONTEKOE" for Oro Bay ETA 1400/26.
- (11) "PIRIE" departed Cairns 1610/24 en route Port Moresby ETA 2100/26.
- (12) "BENDIGO" escorting "YOCHOW" en route Oro Bay to Port Moresby ETA 1300/25.
- (13) 13 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA"
	Merchant Vessels: "CLEVELAND ABEE" "DUNTROON"
	"KATOOMBA" "STEPHEN J. FIELD" & 25 small craft.
Sariba Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" "HILO"
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux.
	Merchant Vessels: "AROONA" "TASMAN" "VAN DEVENTER"
	"FRANCIS LEWIS"
X Palm Is.	-- Warships & Aux. - "PHOENIX" "HELM" "HOBART"
	"RALPH TALBOT" "VICTORIA"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "PLATYPUS" "LATROBE"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "KYBRA" "KATOOMBA" "SWAN"
(Repairing)	"BROOME" "COLAC" "STUART"
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA" (repairing)
X Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "HENLEY" "FULTON"
	"GEEELONG" YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50
(Repairing)	"LITGOW" "KURUMBA" "AASE MAERSK"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "SWAN" escorting TN28 (2 MV) to depart Townsville 0400/26 for Port Moresby ETA 0900/28.
- (2) "GLENELG" escorting IN29 (2 MV) to depart Townsville 1000/26 for Milne Bay ETA 1600/30.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) New Georgia - The following shipping was reported leaving Blakett Strait (S.W. Kolombangara Is.) -

1 unidentified vessel during night 23-24/1
1 light cruiser or destroyer 0205/24
1 cargo vessel)
1 small vessel) 0240/24

On 23/1, 4 vessels (probably 2 large destroyers and 2 cargo vessels) were reported apparently en route Vila Plantation.

At 1514/24, a tanker was seen east of Vella Lavella course 180°, probably en route Vila Plantation or some other base in the same vicinity.

- (2) Buka - 1 cargo vessel (5,000 tons) was in the Passage at 1420/23.

- (3) Bougainville - Corrected reports give the following shipping in the area 23-24/1 -

(a) 2 destroyers) course 120° speed 10, 50 mi W. Buka
2 transports) Passage at 1140/23.

(b) 1 light cruiser) course 120° speed 10, 37 miles W. of
1 destroyer) Kessa at 1200/23.

Probably the same force sighted again at 0006/24 off west coast Bougainville course 175°.

(c) 1 small cargo vessel) course 160° speed 12 - 15 miles
1 destroyer) S.W. Buka Passage at 1430/23,
reported at 0037/24 off SW coast Bougainville.

N.B. Apart from the disparity of description, this force could be the same as reported in the previous paragraph.

(d) 1 heavy cruiser course 180°, speed 30 knots, 82 miles E. of Buka Passage.

All the above probably reached Shortlands by noon 24/1 and may be included in the units sighted in Buin-Faisi area that day (see under Shortlands).

The enemy are reported to be in force on the road from Kieta to Empress Augusta Bay, on west coast.

- (4) Shortlands - At 1540/24, 2 a destroyer and 2 transport or cargo vessel were seen 27 miles E. by S. of Faisi course 90°. These may be the same units that were seen proceeding down W. coast of Bougainville on 23/1 having put into Shortlands en route probably New Georgia.

At 1907/24, 17 unclassified vessels were seen from a distance in Shortlands area.

- (5) Open Bay - At 1705/23, a small vessel, possibly a gunboat, was sighted off W. coast Gazelle Peninsula course 190°.

- (6) Wewak - Further to the report of 1 destroyer and 3 transports steaming away from Wewak 1430/23, another aircraft reports having seen at 1330/23 a light cruiser, a destroyer and 3 cargo vessels in Wewak Harbour with steam up.

The composition of these units is the same as that reported in Wewak Harbour 21/1.

- (7) Mubo - Japanese still occupy Guadagazelle Saddle.

- (8) Osprey Reef - There were indications of an enemy submarine in the vicinity of 15°S, 155°E (approx 540 miles E. by S. of Osprey Reef) at 2144/23.

At 1440/24, an unidentified submarine was sighted by aircraft on the surface in a position approximately 70 miles SSE Osprey Reef.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/25:

- (1) "WILCANNIA" escorting "TERKA" & "ALAGNA" dep. Thursday Is. 1020/20 en route Darwin ETA p.m. 25/1.
(2) "WARREGO" & "INVERELL" escorting "MAETSUYCKER" departed Thursday Is. 1130/22 for Darwin ETA p.m. 25/1.
(3) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "DARVEL" dep. Darwin 0652/23 en route Thursday Is. ETA 1130/26.
(4) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "BURWAH" dep. Thursday Is. 1030/25 ETA Darwin 2400/28.
(5) 6 submarines on patrol.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Celebes - The following shipping is reported from Salajar Strait (S.W. Celebes) -
23/1 - a "NATORI" class cruiser course W.
2200/23 - an aircraft carrier and 2 large vessels escorted by 2 destroyers - course E.
- (2) Dutch New Guinea - At 1000/24, a small seaplane tender was reported at Manokwari.
At 2040/24, a medium-sized merchant vessel and 4 small vessels were sighted at Babo.
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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/25:

- (1) "HERON" dep. Geraldton 1505/22.
(2) "PRESTON" dep. Fremantle 0739/23 en route Exmouth Gulf
ETA a.m. 25/1.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP"
"JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK" "TJERK HIDDES"
"VAN GALEN" "TAM WORTH" "HORSHAM" "PELIAS"
"DUBBO" "LANAKAI" "KANIMBLA"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "WHIPPOORWILL" "CHILD S"
"IARK" "ISABEL"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/25:

- (1) "GYMPIE" dep. Sydney 2255/22 to render assistance to U.S.S. "PETER H. BURNETT", torpedoed in a position 420 miles east of Sydney.
(2) "ZANE" departed Sydney 0130/23 to render assistance to U.S.S. "PETER H. BURNETT" torpedoed.
(3) "BUNDABERG" & "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting C065 dep. Sydney 1552/23 en route Melbourne.
(4) "DELORAINÉ" & "TOWNSVILLE" escorting OC64 (12 MV) dep. Melbourne en route Sydney and Newcastle ETA Sydney 0300/26; Newcastle 0900/26.
(5) "TREVER" departed Sydney 0800/25 en route Wellington ETA a.m. 29/1.
(6) "KAPUNDA" escorting "ORMISTON" from Townsville to Sydney ETA 1930/25.

(b) In Harbour:

Newcastle - Warships & Aux. - "YANDRA"
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "BAGLEY" "HOVEY" "ARUNTA"
"GRIDLEY" "WAGGA" "BOWEN" "TOWNSVILLE"
"DOBBIN" "YUNNAN" "DELORAINÉ" "MILDURA"
"MORESBY" "ROCKHAMPTON"
(Repairing) "PORTLAND" "NEW ORLEANS" "BISHOPDALE" "ALHENA"
(In Reserve) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "SPRINGDALE" "DOOMBA"
"LE TRIOMPHANT"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AV) BALLARD (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) MINNEAPOLIS (CA) ACHILLES
SAN DIEGO (CL) MORRIS MUSTIN RUSSELL ELLET (DD)
CURTISS TANGIER (AV) ENGADINE (XAV) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE)
VESTAL (AR) AMERICAN LEGION FRED. FUNSTAN (AP) CASTER
ALDEBARAN (ALCHIBA (AK) ARCTIC (AF) PLATTE NEOSHO (AO)
YP.290
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA (BB) BALCH
DUNLAP CUMMINSS McCAWLEY JENKINS (DD) MANLEY
McKEAN (APD) MURPHY SHAW (DD) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS)
LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER (AM) NEVILLE MERCURY
ANTARES FOMALHAUT TITANIA ALGORAB (AK) SONOMA (AT)
PRES. ADAMS PRES. HAYES PRES. JACKSON H.T. ALLEN
G. CLYMER (AP) SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) PATHFINDER (AGS)
TALAMANCA (AR) ARD.2 YP.29. CRESCENT CITY (AP)
- (4) At Suva - MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO MARYLAND COLORADO (BB)
NASSAU ALTAMAHA (ACV) WOODWORTH ~~IR~~ McCALLA EUGHANAN (DD)
CATALPA ROSEWOOD (YN) KANKAKEE (AO)
- (5) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINE (AM) LOCUST (YN)
WANDANK (YT) MATAI MCA KIWI TUI (A/S Vessels)
CRTOLAN (ASR)
- (6) At Vila - LOUISVILLE WICHITA (CA) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND (CL)
SUWANNEE SANGAMON (ACV) MEADE CONWAY WALLER FRAZIER
EDWARDS CHEVALIER (DD) SHELDRAKE (AM) SABINE (AC) NESCHES
RIGEL (AR) ROAMER (AP) BUTTERNUT (YN) PC.476 (AO)
- (7) At Auckland - MONOWAI (A.M.C) EBONY (YN) WEST POINT (AP)
Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
- (8) At Wellington - LIBRA (AK)
- (9) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (CL)

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- X (1) Sydney - Air and surface searches for "PETER H. BURNETT"
on 24/1 failed to locate her but her estimated position
at 0500/25, given in a signal originated by "PETER H. BURNETT"
was 33°43'S, 161°17'E, approx 130 miles SE of the scene
of the attack.
A lifeboat with 20 occupants was seen by a Catalina
at 0600/25 in position 33°35'S, 160°50'E (approx 30 miles
N.W. of the position given at 0500/25.
"ZANE" & "GYMPIE" are in the area.

III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Renewed offensive against Guadalcanal.
- (2) Consolidation Lae-Salamaua area, with infiltration
~~into Papua beach-heads and possible offensive~~
activity east New Guinea area.
- (3) Consolidation Timor-Arafura Sea - Dutch New Guinea
including possible attempt to occupy Merauke.
- (4) Possible carrier-borne raids from NEI area against
strategic points on west and NW coast Australia.

Randy
For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.
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A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
	(1) <u>Allied Forces:</u>	
8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA	NEW ORLEANS PORTLAND
6" Cruisers	HOBART PHOENIX	
Armed Merchant Cruisers		MANOORA) WESTRALIA) On Reserve
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT SELFRIDGE	
Destroyers	PATTERSON HENLEY HELM RALPH TALBOT BAGLEY MUGFORD VENDETTA	STUART
Submarines	GRAMPUS) GRAYBACK) At Brisbane SNAPPER) ALBACORE) AMBERJACK) ARGONAUT) GATO) GREENLING) GROWLER) GROUPEE) GUARDFISH) NAUTILUS) SWORDFISH) TRITON) TUNA) WAHOO)	On Patrol
Submarine Tender	K.9	At Sydney
Destroyer Tender	FULTON	
Gunboats	DOBBIN TULSA HILO	
Oilers	VICTORIA	BISHOPDALE KURUMBA ASSE MAERSK

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-Solomons)

CinC Combined Fleet		
CinC 2nd Fleet		
CinC 3rd Fleet		
CinC 4th Fleet		
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)		
3-4 Battle ships (BB)	YAMATO MUSASHI MUTSU NAGATO	
2 Battle cruisers (BB)	HARUNA KONGO	
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	ZUIKAKU	
3 converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	HAYATAKA HITAKA ZUIHO	
3 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	UNYO) CHUYO)	Ferrying OTAKA

Heavy Cruisers (CA)
(prob. 6 effective)

Effective

Non-effective

ATAGO
TAKAO
TONE
HAGURO
CHOKAI
KUMANO) 1 damaged
SUZUYA) shortly prior 20/1
AOBA
ISUZU
KA TORI
KASHIMA
NAGARA
TENRYU

MYOKO (prob.dam.25/10)
MOGAMI (believed sunk
14/11)

5 Light Cruisers (CL)

TATSUTA) believed
KINU) sunk 14/11

1 or 2 converted light cruisers (XCL)

Approx 27 submarines (SS)

Approx 40 destroyers (DD)

4 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA
NISSHIN
KANOI

CHIYODA (damaged 8/11
poss. sunk)

8 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)

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

Approx 342 shore-based aircraft incl. 183 F, 84 B, 22 F/B, 41 F/P,
12 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser
Flotilla Leader
A.A. Ship
Armed Merchant Cruiser
Destroyers

ADELAIDE
TROMP
VAN HEEMSKERK
KANIMELA
TJERK HIDDES
VAN GALEN
HERON
W. B. PRESTON

S/P Tenders

CHILDS
FELIAS
GRAYLING
GRENADIER
GUDGEON
TAMBOR
TAUTOG
TROUT
K.12
GAR
THRESHER
K.8

On Patrol

At Fremantle

Submarine Tender
Submarines

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

C's in C.1st, 2nd and 3rd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

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

ASHIGARA
KASHII
KUMA
HATORI

1 converted light cruiser (XCL)

Approx 16 destroyers (DD)

Approx 3 submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane Carrier (AV)

M. OTORO

1 Converted S/P Tender (XAV)

Approx 217 shore-based aircraft incl. 86 F, 74 B, 4 F/B, 40 F/P,
13 transport aircraft

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA
LONG ISLAND

WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carrier
8" Cruisers

SALT LAKE CITY
SAN FRANCISCO
INDIANAPOLIS

Destroyers
Submarines

15 (approx)
23 (approx)

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan)

CinC 1st Fleet

~~CinC 3rd Fleet~~

4-5 Battleships (BB)

ISE
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)

1 - 8" Cruiser (CA)

4 light cruisers (CL)

ABUKUMA
SENDAI

SHOKAKU
TIKUMA (damaged 26/10)
KITAGAMI
OI

5 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 30 Destroyers and Gunboats (DD and PG)

Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
COLORADO
MARYLAND
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO

Aircraft Carriers

ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

NASSAU
ALTAMAH
COPAHEE
CHENANGO
SUWANNEE

8" Cruisers

SANGAMON
MINNEAPOLIS
WICHITA
LOUISVILLE

6" Cruisers

CHICAGO
HELENA
HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE
COLUMBIA
CLEVELAND
MONTPELLIER

LEANDER

5" Cruisers

ACHILLES
SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN
45 (approx)
MONOWAI
ASCANIA

Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers DETROIT
RALEIGH
10 Destroyers
10 Submarines

(ii) Enemy Forces: (N.Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians)

CinC 5th Fleet
1 - 8" Cruiser (CA) NACHI
2 light cruisers (CL) TAMA
KISO
Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
RAMILLIES
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
Aircraft Carrier ILLUSTRIOUS
Seaplane Carrier ALBATROSS
8" Cruisers DEVONSHIRE
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
7.5" Cruisers HAWKINS
PROBISHER
6" Cruisers MAURITIUS NEWCASTLE
GAMBIA GLASGOW
ENTERPRISE EMERALD
LIVERPOOL DANAE
DAUNTLESS
DRAGON
DURBAN
CAPETOWN
CERES
GALEDON
CARADOC
SUMATRA (Dutch)
Armed Merchant Cruisers ALAUNIA
CARTHAGE
CORFU
CHITRA
KANIMBIA
RANCHI
RANPURA
WORCESTERSHIRE
CARLISLE
A.A. Ship
Approx 27 Destroyers
Approx 9 Submarines

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 7 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

26th January, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/26:

- (1) "WARRAMUNGA" carrying out exercises between Cape Byron and Cape Moreton.
- (2) "SWAN" escorting TN28 (2 MV) dep. Townsville 0400/26 for Port Moresby ETA 0900/28.
- (3) "GLENELG" escorting TN29 (2 MV) en route Milne Bay ETA 1600/30.
- (4) "GEELONG" escorting BT36 (3 MV) dep. Brisbane 2335/24 en route Townsville. "GEELONG" will part company at Whitsunday Passage ETA 1000/23.
- (5A) "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship) dep. Brisbane 1335/23 en route Port Moresby ETA 0900/27.
- (6) "BALLARAT" escorting "BONTEKOE" for Oro Bay ETA 1400/26.
- (7) "PIRIE" departed Cairns 1610/24 en route Port Moresby ETA 2100/27.
- (8) "BUNGAREE" operating in Barrier Reef area.
- (9) "GOULBURN" en route Brisbane.
- (10) 13 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA"
	Merchant Vessels: "CLEVELAND ABBE" "DUNTROON"
	"DUNDULA" "KATOOMBA" "STEPHEN J.FIELD" and
	38 small craft.
Sariba Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "HILO"
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "BENDIGO"
	Merchant Vessels: "AROOMA" "TASMAN" "VAN DEVENTER"
	"YOCHOW" "G.M.LIVANOS" "JOSEPH HOLT"
	"DAVID BUSHNEL" and 28 small craft.
Palm Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "PHOENIX" "HOBART" "HELM"
	"PATTERSON" "MUGFORD" "VICTORIA"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "PLATYPUS" "LA TROBE" "TULSA"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "KYBRA" "KATOOMBA"
(Repairing)	"BROOME" "COLAC" "STUART"
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA" (repairing)
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "HENLEY" "SELFRIDGE"
(Repairing)	"FULTON" "GEELONG" YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50
	RALPH TALBOT "LITHGOW" "KURUMBA" "AASE MAERSK"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "BENDIGO" escorting "TASMAN" is to depart Port Moresby 1400/26 for Oro Bay ETA 1400/28.
- (2) "PIRIE" escorting "YOCHOW" is to depart Port Moresby 1300/31 for Oro Bay ETA 1400/2/2.
- (3) "GOULBURN" escorting BT37 (3 MV) to depart Brisbane 1200/27.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Kolombangara Is. - On 18/1 nine barges unloaded over 1000 drums of oil and gasoline at Stanmore Plantation. Probably much of this fuel was destroyed during the naval attack on this area 0200/24 (see Naval Incidents).

- (2) Vella Lavella - At 1040/25 a force described as 1 destroyer and 2 cargo vessels was observed in a position 13 miles WNW of Sokanani Point, course 115°. At 1200/25 a force described as 2 destroyers and one transport was sighted 14 miles N. by E. of Kundurumbangara Point course 120°. The same force was sighted 3 hours later on a course of 175°, 11 miles NE by N. of Kundurumbangara Point. It is probable that all three sightings refer to the same force en route Buin to Vila.
- (3) Buin-Faisi Area - Allied aircraft report sighting between 1045 and 1100/25 the following vessels - 1 light cruiser, 5 destroyers, 12 cargo vessels and 6 u/i vessels.
- (4) Buka Passage - At 1225/25 a small cargo ship and a large schooner arrived from the south via the west coast.
- (5) Kavieng - At 1140/24 a cargo vessel (2000 tons) was sighted 15 mi. E. of Kavieng heading for that port.
- (6) Rabaul - At 1045/24 a B.17 reports the following vessels in the Harbour - 6 transports in Keravia Bay and 36 large vessels dispersed in Simpson Harbour.
- (7) Waria River - It is reported that at least four barges and possibly more, loaded with Japanese, landed at Kobo Village on the night of 24/1.
- (8) At 2359/24 a B.17 sighted 2 destroyers, 3 cargo ships in St. George's Channel area 210.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/26:

- (1) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "DARVEL" dep. Darwin 0652/23 en route Thursday Is. ETA 1130/26.
- (2) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "BURWAH" dep. Thursday Is. 1030/25 ETA Darwin 2400/28.
- (3) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. "WILCANNIA" "WARREGO" "INVERELL"
Merchant Ships "TERKA" "ALAGNA" "MAETSUYCKER"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Kendari Area - An enemy convoy consisting of 1 destroyer and 3 large transports was sighted and attacked a.m. 25/1 in a position approximately 95 miles East of Kendari. Convoy was heading towards Ambon.
- (2) Ambon - At 1140/25 a cargo vessel (4/5000 tons) was observed entering Ambon Bay.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/26:

- (1) "HERON" dep. Geraldton 1505/22.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK" "TJERK HIDDUS" "VAN GALEN" "TAMWORTH" "HORSHAM" "PELIAS" "DUBBO" "KANIMBLA"

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "WHIPPOORWILL" "CHILDS" "PRESTON" "LARK" "ISABEL"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/26:

- (1) "LE TRIOMPHANT" & "DOOMBA" escorting OC65, including "GOLDSTAR", dep. Melbourne 2231/25. "GOLDSTAR" ETA Newcastle C600/29.
- (2) "GYMPIE" "ZANE" & "MILDURA" standing by "PETER H. BURNETT" in a position approximately 450 miles east of Sydney.
- (3) "BUNDABERG" & "ABRAHAM CRYNSSEN" escorting C065 dep. Sydney 1552/23 en route Melbourne.
- (4) "TREVER" departed Sydney 0800/25 en route Wellington ETA a.m. 29/1.

(b) In Harbour:

Newcastle	- Warships & Aux. - "YANDRA" "DELORAINÉ"
Sydney	- Warships & Aux. - "BAGLEY" "HCVEY" "ARUNTA" "GRIDLEY" "WAGGA" "BOWEN" "KAPUNDA" "DOBBIN" "YUNNAN" "MORESBY" "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" (Repairing) "PORTLAND" "NEW OREANS" "BISHOPDALE" "MERKUR" "ALHENA" "WANGANELLA" (Hospital Ship)
	(In Reserve) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"
Melbourne	- Warships & Aux. - "SPRINGDALE"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vaikoro - MACKINAC (AV) BALLARD (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) MINNEAPOLIS (CA) ACHILLES SAN DIEGO (CL) MORRIS MUSTIN RUSSELL ELLETT (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) ENGADINE (XAV) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) AMERICAN LEGION KRED. FUNSTAN (AP) CASTOR ALDEBARAN ALCHIEA (AK) ARCITC (AF) PLATTE NEOSHO (AO) YP.290.
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA (BB) BALCH DUNLAP MURPHY SHAW CUMMINGS McCAWLEY JENKINS (DD) COPAHEE (ACV) PREBLE (DM) McKEAN (APD) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER (AM) NEVILLE MERCURY ANTAIRES FOMALHAUT TITANIA ALGORAB (AK) SONOMA (AT) PRES. ADAMS PRES. HAYES PRES. JACKSON H.T. ALLEY CRESCENT CITY (AP) SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) PATHFINDER (AGS) ARD.2 YP.239.
- (4) At Suva - MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) POCOMOKE (AV) NASSAU ALTAMAHA (ACV) WOODWORTH McCALLA BUCHANAN (DD) CATALPA ROSEWOOD (YN) KANKAKEE (AO) G. CLYMER (AP)
- (5) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) LOCUST (YN) WANDANK (YT) NATAI MCA KIWI TUI (A/S Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR)
- (6) At Vila - LOUISVILLE WICHITA (CA) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND (CL) SUWANNEE SANGAMON (ACV) MEADE CONWAY WALLER PRAZIER EDWARDS CHEVALIER (DD) SHELDRAKE (AM) SABINE NESCHES (A) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER (AP) BUTTERNUT (YN) KITTYHAWK (PC.476)
- (7) At Auckland - MONOWAI (A.M.G) EBONY (YN) WEST POINT (AP) Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
- (8) At Wellington - LIBRA (AK)
- (9) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (CL)

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- X (1) Sydney - "GYMPIE" located torpedoed ship "PETER H. BURNETT" at 1015/25 in a position 510 miles east of Sydney. Vessel was badly holed on starboard quarter but riding on an even keel. No immediate danger of sinking. "ZANE" and "GYMPIE" reported they were standing by after having picked up survivors from life-boats. All personnel now accounted for. "ZANE" proceeding to tow "PETER H. BURNETT" towards Sydney until tug "ST. ARISTELL" takes over tow. "GYMPIE" & "MILDURA" are providing A/S escort.
- X (2) New Georgia - A strong naval surface task force bombarded Stanmore and Vila Plantations between 0200 and 0230/24. A spotting Catalina reported that with the exception of one salvo which fell in the water all shells fell in the target area. Photos taken later in the morning showed that the Stanmore Plantation buildings had been completely destroyed, together with one wharf and 6 A.A. gun emplacements. The area appeared well worked over by the attack. This attack was followed later in the morning by a heavy air attack by 61 Douglas dive-bombers and Grummans which swept over the Vila area dropping 48 light and 92 medium bombs destroying the one remaining dock and silencing the only 2 remaining A.A. positions and destroying stores along the beach area.
- (3) Kumusi River Area - On night 24/25/ two PT boats attacked four enemy barges south of Kumusi River. Two barges were sunk and the other two beached. Our boats suffered no damage.
- (4) Rabaul - 8 B.17's attacked shipping in harbour midnight 24/1 dropping bombs on a 2000 ton vessel, causing a large explosion and scoring one hit on another vessel. Results have not yet been assessed.

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III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

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WORLDWIDE APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
	(i) <u>Allied Forces:</u>	
8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA	NEW ORLEANS PORTLAND
6" Cruisers	HOBART PHOENIX	
Armed Merchant Cruisers		MANOORA) WESTRALIA) On Reserve
Flotilla Leaders $\frac{3}{4}$	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT SELFRIDGE PATTERSON HENLEY HELM RALPH TALBOT BAGLEY MUGFORD VENDETTA	STUART
Destroyers		
Submarines	GRAMPUS) GRAYBACK) At Brisbane SNAPPER) ALBACORE) AMBERJACK) ARGONAUT) GATO) GREENLING) GROWLER) GROUPER) On Patrol GUARDFISH) NAUTILUS) SWORDFISH) TRITON) TUNA) WAHOO) E.9) At Sydney	
Submarine Tender	FULTON	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboats	TULSA HILO	
Oilers	VICTORIA	BISHOPDALE KURUMBA AASE MAERSK

(ii) Enemy Forces (Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-Solomons)

CinC Combined Fleet		
CinC 2nd Fleet		
CinC 3rd Fleet		
CinC 4th Fleet		
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)		
3-4 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO MUSASHI MUTSU MAGATO HARUNA KONGO	
2 Battlecruisers (BB)	ZUIKAKU	
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	HA YATAKA	
2-3 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	HITAKA (poss. Home Waters) ZUIHO	
3 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	UNYO) CHUYO) Ferrying	OTAKA

Heavy Cruisers (CA)
prob. 6 effective)

Effective

Non-effective

ATAGO
TAKAO
TCNE
HAGURO
CHOKAI
KUMANO) 1 damaged 19/1
SUZUYA)

MYOKO (prob.dam.26/10)
MOGAMI (believed sunk
14/11)

5 Light Cruisers (CL)

AOBA
ISUZU
KATORI
KASHIMA
NAGARA
TENRYU

TATSUTA) believed
KINU) Sunk 14/11

1 or 2 converted light cruisers (XCL)

Approx 27 submarines (SS)

Approx 40 destroyers (DD)

4 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA
NISSHIN
KAMOJ

CHIYODA (damaged 8/11
poss. sunk)

8 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)

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

Approx 340 shore-based aircraft incl. 181 F, 84 B, 22 F/B, 41 F/P,

12 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN SECTION

(1) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers
Flotilla Leader
A.A. Ship
Armed Merchant Cruiser
Destroyers

ADELAIDE
TROMP
VAN HEEMSKERK
KANIMBLA
TJERK HIDDUS
VAN GALEN

S/P Tenders

HERON
W.B. PRESTON

Submarine Tender
Submarines

CHILDS
PELIAS
GRAYLING }
GRENADIER }
GUDGEON }
TAMBOR } On Patrol
TAUTOG }
TROUT }
K.12 }
GAR }
THRESHER } At Fremantle
K.8 }

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

C's in C 1st, 2nd and 3rd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

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

ASHIGARA
KASHII
KUMA
NATORI

1 converted light cruiser (XCL)

Approx 16 destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane Carrier (AV)

NOTORO

1 Converted S/P Tender (XAV)

Approx 179 shore-based aircraft incl. 76 F, 60 B, 27 F/P,

16 transport aircraft.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA
LONG ISLAND

WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carriers
8" Cruisers

SALT LAKE CITY
SAN FRANCISCO
INDIANAPOLIS

Destroyers
Submarines

15 (approx)
23 (approx)

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan)

CinC 1st Fleet
4-5 Battleships (BB)

ISE
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)
1 - 8" Cruiser (CA)
4 light cruisers (CL)

SHOKAKU
TIKUMA (damaged 26/10)
KITAGAMI
OI

5 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)
6 Old Armored Cruisers (OCA)
approx 30 destroyers and Gunboats (DD and PG)
Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

ABUKUMA
SENDAI

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
COLORADO
MARYLAND
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO

Aircraft Carriers

ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

NASSAU
ALTAMAHA
COPAHEE
CHENANGO
SUWANNEE
SAN GABON

8" Cruisers

MINNEAPOLIS
WICHITA
LOUISVILLE

6" Cruisers

CHICAGO
HELENA
HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE
COLUMBIA
CLEVELAND
MONTPELLIER

LEANDER

5" Cruisers

ACHILLES
SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN
45 (approx)
MONOWAI
ASCANIA

Destroyers
Armed Merchant Cruisers

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

6 Cruisers
10 Destroyers
10 Submarines

DETROIT
RALEIGH

(ii) Enemy Forces: (N. Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians)

CinC 5th Fleet
1 - 8" Cruiser (CA)
2 light cruisers (CL)

WAC HI
TAMA
KISO

Approx 4 destroyers (DD)
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
RAMILLIES
ROYAL SOVEREIGN

Aircraft Carrier
Seaplane Carrier
8" Cruisers

ILLUSTRIOUS
ALBATROSS
DEVONSHIRE
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)

7.5" Cruisers

HAWKINS
PROBISHER
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
ENTERPRISE
LIVERPOOL
DAUNTIE SS
DRAGON
DURBAN
CAPETOWN
CERES
CALEDON
CARADOG
SUMATRA (Dutch)

6" Cruisers

NEWCASTLE
GLASGOW
EMERALD
DANAÉ

Armed Merchant Cruisers

ALAUNIA
CARTHAGE
CORFU
CHITRAL
RANCHI
RANPURA
WORCESTERSHIRE
CARLISLE

A.A. Ship
Approx 27 Destroyers
Approx 9 Submarines

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

27th January, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCESSOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/27:

- (1) "WHYAILA" "STELLA" "POLARIS" operating in Cape Nelson area.
- (2) "BENDIGO" escorting "TASMAN" en route Port Moresby to Oro Bay ETA 1400/28.
- (3) "GLENELG" escorting TN29 (2MV) en route Milne Bay ETA 1600/30.
- (4) "VENDETTA" escorting "DUNTROON" & "KATOOMBA" dep. Milne Bay 1619/26 for Port Moresby ETA 1600/27.
- (5) "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship) dep. Brisbane 1335/23 en route Port Moresby ETA 0900/27.
- (6) "SWAN" escorting TN28 (1 MV) dep. Townsville 0400/26 for Port Moresby ETA 0900/28.
- (7) "TULSA" dep. Cairns 1001/26 for Brisbane.
- (8) "BUNGAREE" operating in Barrier Reef area.
- (9) "GEELONG" escorting BT36 (3 MV) dep. Brisbane 2335/24 en route Townsville. "GEELONG" will part company at Whitsunday Passage ETA 1000/28.
- (10) "WARRAMUNGA" carrying out exercises between Cape Byron and Cape Moreton.
- (11) "SELFDRIDGE" exercising to seaward of Cape Moreton.
- (12) 13 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "BALLA RAT"
	Merchant Vessels: "BONTEKOE"
Milne Bay	- Merchant Vessels - "DUNDULA" "STEPHEN J. FIELD"
	and approx 37 small craft.
Sariba Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "HILO"
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE"
	Merchant Vessels: "AROONA" "YOGHOW" "G.M. LIVANOS"
	"DAVID BUSHNELL" and approx 27 small craft.
X Palm Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "PATTERSON" "MUGFORD"
	"VICTORIA"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "PLATYPUS" "LATROBE" SC.744
X Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "KYBRA" "PHOENIX" "HELM"
(Repairing)	"BROOME" "COLAC" "STUART"
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA" (repairing)
X Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "HENLEY" "GOULBURN"
	"FULTON" "GEELONG" YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50
(Repairing)	"RALPH TALBOT" "LITGOW" "KURUMBA" "AASE MA ERSB"

(c) Proposed Movements

- (1) "PIRIE" escorting "YOGHOW" is to depart Port Moresby 1300/31 for Oro Bay ETA 1400/2/2.
- (2) "GOULBURN" escorting BT37 (3 MV) to depart Brisbane 1200/27.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) New Georgia - At 1005/26, 3 vessels described as a heavy cruiser, 1 destroyer and 1 transport were sighted east of Vella Lavella, on course 280°. These were probably the units, described alternatively as 2 destroyers and 1 cargo or 1 destroyer and 2 cargo vessels, sighted before noon 25/1 heading probably for Vila Plantation area, returning to Shortlands.

- (2) Santa Ysabel - At about 2220/26, 1 cruiser and 7 destroyers were seen 30 miles off Korigole Bay (SW coast Santa Ysabel) on a southerly course speed 30 knots. Probably another "Tokyo Express" from Shortlands to Guadalcanal.
At 1446/26, 5 Zero's were seen off Allardyce Harbour, probably cover for the above-mentioned convoy.
- (3) Guadalcanal - Between 1330 & 1500/25, 40 Zero's and many dive-bombers were prevented from attacking Guadalcanal by our fighters. 8 Grummans and 6 Lightnings intercepted the enemy fighters and shot 1 down. 4 other Grummans on Harbour patrol encountered some of the enemy fighter screen and shot 3 down.

The position taken by our fighters prevented the enemy bombers from reaching their objective and turned them off towards Tulagi. No bombs were dropped and all our aircraft returned.

- On 23/1, our forces captured Kokumbona (about 6 miles W. Matanikau River) and a strong enemy pocket was surrounded.
- (4) Shortlands - At 0855/26, 3 destroyers and 4 cargo vessels were observed in Buin-Tonolei area. No shipping was seen in Shortlands nor in Tonolei Harbours.

Five zeros were seen to take off from Kahili.

At 1517/26, 2 destroyer and a cargo vessel were seen 12 miles SE of Faisi course 113° speed 10 knots, probably setting out for Vila Plantation area.

- (5) Buka - Constant sound of engines was heard throughout 25/1 and 7 aircraft were seen to land, lending more support for the theory that Buka is used as a repair depot.

At 0230/26, 3 vessels were sighted 60 miles SW of the Passage course probably 290°. The vessels were described as an aircraft carrier and 2 cruisers one of which resembled a "Mogami" class cruiser. The sighting was made at night and there is no evidence to suggest that a carrier would be in the Solomon Sea. It is suggested that the correct composition was possibly a tanker with 2 cruisers or large destroyers.

At 1541/26, a convoy of at least 9 ships of which some were transports was sighted 40 miles E. of the Passage course south.

- (6) Jacquinot Bay - A small boat, seen at Waterfall Bay at 1237/26, was bombed without effect.
- (7) Lae - It was reported on 25/1 that 20 enemy barges were hidden at Labu.
- (8) Morobe Harbour - a.m. 26/1, 50 empty native canoes were seen on Waria River.

Enemy troops are reported to have landed near the mouth of Waria River from 4 barges during the night of 24/1.

- (9) Port Moresby - Raid No.101 took place at 0332/25 by 2 to 6 enemy aircraft and one grounded transport aircraft was destroyed.

Raid No.102 at 0325/26 by 2 bombers. No damage or casualties.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/27:

- (1) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "BURWAH" dep. Thursday Is. 1030/25
ETA Darwin 2400/28.
- (2) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "BABINDA" was to depart Thursday Is.
0800/27 for Darwin ETA 2200/30.
- (3) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "WILCANNIA" "WARREGO" "INVERHELL"
Merchant Vessels: "MAETSUYCKER" "KOOLIGA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Kendari - Photos taken 25/1 show 15 serviceable bombers and 6 serviceable fighters. Other fighters are observed by cloud.
 - (2) Ambon - Recce 25/1 reported 8 fighters on Laha and photos of Mamlea show the runways to be overgrown, unused and/or unserviceable.
 - (3) Dutch New Guinea - At about 0900/26, 3 small cargo vessels were sighted 22 miles SW Cape van den Bosch course 180°, probably heading for Kai or Aru Islands. Bombs were dropped by 2 Hudsons but not hits obtained.
 - (4) Manokwari - Photos taken 24/1 of the vessel described as a small seaplane tender show that it was a minelayer type 280' in length.
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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/27:

- (1) "CHILDS" dep. Exmouth Gulf for Fremantle ETA 1500/27.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK" "TJERK HIDDERS" "VAN GALEN" "TAMWORTH" "HORSHAM" "PELIAS" "DUBBO" "KANIMBLA"

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "WHIPPOORWILL" "PRESTON" "LARK" "ISABEL"

Port Hedland - Warships & Aux. - "HERON"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Fremantle - An u/i submarine was sighted 320 mi WNW Geraldton at 1245/26.

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/27:

- (1) "BUNDABERG" & "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting OC65 (incl. "GOLDSTAR") which dep. Melbourne 2231/25. "GOLDSTAR" and some for Newcastle ETA 0600/29 - rest for Sydney.
- (2) "DELOIRINE" escorting Newcastle portion of C066 ETD Newcastle 1101/27. "ROCKHAMPTON" & "WAGGA" to RV off Sydney 1600/27 and take over escort convoy from there onwards.
- (3) "KAPUNDA" & "YANDRA" escorting GP32 (2 MV) were to depart Sydney 1000/27, 1 MV for Brisbane ETA 0700/30 and 1 MV for Bowen ETA 2000/1/2 and Townsville.
- (4) "GYMPIE" "ZANE" & "MILDURA" standing by "PETER H. BURNETT" in a position approximately 450 miles east of Sydney.
- (5) "TREVER" departed Sydney 0800/25 en route Wellington ETA a.m. 29/1.

(b) In Harbour:

Newcastle - Warships & Aux. - "YANDRA" "DELOIRINE"

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "BAGLEY" "HOVEY" "ARUNTA" "GRIDLEY" "WAGGA" "BOWEN" "DOBBIN" "YUNNAN" "MORESBY" "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE"

(Repairing) "PORTLAND" "NEW ORLEANS" "BISHOPDALE"

(On Reserve) "MERKUR" "ALHENA" "WANGANEILA" (Hospital Ship)

"MANCORA" "WESTRALIA"

Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "LE TRIOMPHANT" "DOOMBA" "SPRINGDALE"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Sydney - An unidentified aircraft was over Sydney for about an hour from 0011/26. The report is graded B.2.
At 0412/26, there were indications of an enemy submarine probably within 250 miles of Sydney.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AV) BAILLARD (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) MINNEAPOLIS (CA) ACHILLES
NASHVILLE HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO (CL)
DRAYTON LAMSON REID HUGHES MORRIS MUSTIN RUSSEL
ELLETT (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) ENGADINE (XAV) DIXIE (AD)
PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) AMERICAN LEGION FRED. FUNSTAN (AP)
CASTOR ALDEBARAN ALCHIBA (AK) ARCTIC (AF) PLATTE
NEOSHO (AO) YP. 290.
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA (BB)
SARATOGA (CV) SAN JUAN (CL) CASE MURRAY CRAVEN McCALL
FANNING SAUFLEY BALCH DUNLAP MURPHY SHAW CUMMINGS
McCAWLEY JENKINS (DD) COPAHEE (ACV) PREBLE (DM) McKEAN (APD)
PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD)
KINGFISHER (AM) NEVILLE MERCURY ANTARES FOMALHAUT
TITANIA ALGORAB (AE) SONOMA (AT) PRES. ADAMS PRES. HAYES
PRES. JACKSON H.T. ALLEN CRESCENT CITY (AP) SEAMICO
CIMARRON (AO) PATHFINDER (AGS) ARD. 2 YP. 239.
- (4) At Suva - MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO MARYLAND COLORADO (BB)
POCOMOKE (AV) NASSAU ALTAHAMA (ACV) WOODWORTH McCALLA
BUCHANAN (DD) CATALPA ROSEWOOD (YN) KANKAKEE (AO)
G. GLYMER (AP)
- (5) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) LOCUST (YN)
WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA KIWE TUI (A/S Vessels)
ORTOLAN (ASR)
- (6) At Vila - LOUISVILLE WICHITA (CA) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND (CL)
SUWANNEE SANGAMON (ACV) BLADE CONWAY WALLER FRAZIER
EDWARDS CHEVALIER (DD) SHELDRAKE (AM) SABINE NESCHES (AO)
RIGEL (AR) ROAMER (AP) BUTTERNUT (YN) KITTYHAWK
PC. 476
- (7) At Auckland - MONOWAI (A.M.C) EBONY (YN) WEST POINT (AP)
Refitting - LEANDER (GL)
- (8) At Wellington - LIBRA (AK)
- (9) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (CL)

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) Rabaul - Final assessment of attack by 8 B.17's on shipping at midnight 24-25/1 shows that one 2000 ton probable ammunition ship was hit and blew up with a very violent explosion. Another unidentified ship was hit leaving a large hole in her side.
Shipping was again attacked before dawn 26/1.
- (2) Sydney - "PETER H. BURNETT" has been taken in tow by U.S. destroyer "ZANE" and at 0300/27 her position was approx 490 miles E. of Sydney course 265° speed about 5 knots. Tug "ST. ARISTELL" should meet tow at about 0900/27 and take over from U.S.S. "ZANE".
A.M.S. "MILDURA" "GYMPIE" are providing A/S escort and U.S. destroyer "TREVOR" (en route Wellington) is temporarily standing by in the area.

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	W.B. PRESTON	
	CHILDS	
Submarine Tender	PELIAS	
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	GRENADIER)	
	GUDGEON)	
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INDIANA
WASHINGTON
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COLORADO
MARYLAND
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO

Aircraft Carriers

ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

NASSAU
ALFAMAHA
COPAHEE

8" Cruisers

CHENANGO
SUWANNEE
SANGAMON
MINNEAPOLIS
WICHITA
LOUISVILLE

6" Cruisers

CHICAGO
HELENA
HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE
COLUMBIA
CLEVELAND
MONTPELLIER

5" Cruisers

ACHILLES
SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN
45 (approx)
MONOWAI
ASCANIA

Destroyers
Armed Merchant Cruisers

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

DETROIT
RALEIGH

10 Destroyers
10 Submarines

(ii) Enemy Forces: (N. Honshu-Kuribs-Aleutians)

CinC 5th Fleet

1 - 8" Cruiser (CA)
2 light cruisers (CL)

NACHI
TAMA
KISO

Approx 4 destroyers (DD)
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
RAMILLIES
ROYAL SOVEREIGN

Aircraft Carrier
Seaplane Carrier
8" Cruisers

ILLUSTRIOUS
ALBATROSS
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
DEVONSHIRE

7.5" Cruisers

HAWKINS
FROBISHER

6" Cruisers

MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
ENTERPRISE
LIVERPOOL
DAUNTLESS
DRAGON
DURBAN

NEWCASTLE
GLASGOW
EMERALD
DAAE

Armed Merchant Cruisers

CAPETOWN
CERES
CALEDON
CARADOC
SUMATRA (Dutch)
ALANIA
CARTHAGE
CORFU
CHITRE
RANCHI
RANPURA
WORCESTERSHIRE
CARLISLE

A.A. Ship

Approx 27 Destroyers
Approx 9 Submarines

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

28th January, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

- (1) "RALPH TALBOT" towing 3 MTBs dep. Brisbane 1501/27 ETA Cairns 1400/29.
- (2) "GOULBURN" escorting BT37 (3 MV) dep. Brisbane 1747/27 en route Gladstone and Townsville ETA Gladstone 0045/29 ETA Townsville 0730/30.
- (3) "KAPUNDA" & "YANDRA" escorting GP32 (2 MV) dep. Sydney 1034/27, 1 MV for Brisbane ETA 0700/30 and 1 MV for Bowen ETA 2000/1/2 and Townsville.
- (4) "GLENELG" escorting TN29 (2 MV) en route Milne Bay ETA 1600/30.
- (5) "GEELONG" escorting BY36 (3 MV) dep. Brisbane 2335/24 en route Townsville. "GEELONG" will part company at Whitsunday Passage ETA 1000/28.
- (6) "BENDIGO" escorting "TASMAN" en route Port Moresby to Oro Bay ETA 1400/28.
- (7) "TULSA" dep. Cairns 1001/26 for Brisbane ETA p.m. 29/1.
- (8) "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship) dep. Port Moresby 1831/27 en route Milne Bay ETA 1400/28.
- (9) "STELLA" & "POLARIS" operating in Cape Nelson area.
- (10) "BUNGAREE" operating in Barrier Reef area.
- (11) 13 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "BALLARAT"
	Merchant Vessels: "BONTEKOE"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "WHYALLA" "HILO"
	Merchant Vessels: "DUNDULA" "STEPHEN J.FIELD"
	and approx 40 small craft.
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE" "SWAN" "VENDETTA"
	Merchant Vessels: "YOCHOW" "G.M.LIVANOS" "DUNTROO"
	"KATOOMBA" "DAVIE BUSHNEL" and approx 21 small craft.
Palm Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "PATTERSON" "VICTORIA"
Dunk Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "PHOENIX" "HELM" "MUGFORD"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "PLATYPUS" "LATROBE" SC.744
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "KYBRA"
(Repairing)	"BROOME" "COLAC" "STUART"
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA" (repairing)
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "WARRAMUNGA"
	"SELFRIDGE" "HENLEY" "FULTON" "GAMBLE" "BREESE"
	YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50
(Repairing)	"LITHGOW" "KURUMBA" "AASE MAERSK"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "PIRIE" escorting "YOCHOW" is to depart Port Moresby 1300/30 for Oro Bay ETA 1400/1/2.
- (2) "BALLARAT" to escort "BONTEKOE" to Coral Sea where latter proceeds independently to Townsville. "BALLARAT" to proceed to Port Moresby.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Russel Is. Area - Two submarines were sighted on the surface at 2220/26 just north of Murray (or Buraku) Is. which is

about 20 miles West of Russel Group.

At approx the same time the following night a submarine was again sighted, submerged, in the same position while another was sighted, submerged, 15 miles east of Russel Is.

It is possible that the enemy has ~~some~~^a base at Murray Is. or in the vicinity.

- (2) New Georgia - The destroyer and cargo vessel reported 12 miles SE Faisi course 113° at 1517/26 were sighted at dusk that evening entering Blackett Strait from N.W. heading presumably for Vila Plantation area.

At 1627/27, a destroyer and a cargo vessel were seen N.W. of Vella Lavella heading SE probably also bound for Vila Plantation.

- (3) Shortlands - At dusk 26/1 14 vessels were sighted in Buin - Faisi area.

- (4) Buka - The convoy of at least 9 ships including some large transports sighted 40 miles east of Buka Passage at 1541/26 was again reported at 1704/26 off Banin Bay (N.coast Bougainville between the Passage and Tinputz Bay) moving slowly.

At 1130/27, 1 unidentified vessel with 2 small ships (400 & 600 tons) was seen 15 miles SW of the Passage course 165 speed 10-15 knots, and again 2 hours later about 20 miles further SE course 180°.

At 1130/27, a large destroyer with 2 cargo ships (1000 & 2000 tons) and a large schooner arrived at Buka Passage. The schooner apparently proceeded to Kessa where a 4,000 ton merchant vessel was sighted at 1600/27.

Unloading was in progress in the Passage at 1600/27 from numerous barges.

Six bombers landed at Buka 1700/26 while, between noon and 1500/27, 3 bombers came in from N. plus 16 bombers and 2 fighters arrived from S. A small floatplane, believed to be from Kessa, was airborne during these activities.

- (5) W. Solomon Sea - At 0333/27 a submarine was seen and attacked by a Catalina 50 miles S. by W. Arawe course 90.
- (6) Salamaua Area - An enemy patrol of 300-350 has been seen moving SW from Mubo toward Black Cat Creek in the upper reaches of the Bitoi River.
- (7) Morobe Area - Japanese are reported at Kobo, at the mouth of Waria River, and at Bap (3 miles further SE).
- (8) Kumusi River - N.G. Force estimate that there are approx 200 Japanese at Deunia (15 miles up the Kumusi River).
- (9) Port Moresby - Raid No.103 at 0326/27 by 1 medium bomber. About 20 bombs dropped but no results yet reported.
- (10) Coral Sea - Comsopac reports a submarine sighted on surface in position 19°S 157°20'E (150 miles N.W. Chesterfield Reef).

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

- (1) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "BURWAH" dep. Thursday Is. 1030/25
ETA Darwin 2400/28.
- (2) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "BABINDA" "FINGAL" dep. Thursday Is.
2000/27 for Darwin ETA 2300/31.
- (3) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "WILCANNIA" "WARREGO" "INVERELL"
Merchant Vessels: "MAETSUYCKER" "KOOLIGA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Wessel Is. - At 0900/26, an enemy floatplane was reported west of Wessel Is. It was possibly a similar type of aircraft that sank "PATRICIA CAM" 22/1 (see Naval Incidents).

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

- (1) "TAMWORTH" dep. Fremantle 0730/27 escorting "ATHELDUKE" from Diego Garcia ETA 1300/8/2. "TAMWORTH" then to proceed to Colombo ETA 0200/14/2.
- (2) "TJERK HIDDIES" escorting s.s. "CHUNGKING" dep. Fremantle 1507/27 for Geraldton ETA 2045/28.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "THOMP" "JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK" "VAN GALEN" "HORSHAM" "PELIAS" "DUBBO" "KANIMBLA" "CHILDS"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "WHIPPOORWILL" "PRESTON" "LARK"
Geraldton - Warships & Aux. - "ISABEL"
Port Hedland - Warships & Aux. - "HERON"

(11) ENEMY FORCES:

Fremantle - With reference to the report of an unidentified submarine sighted 320 miles WNW Geraldton 1245/26, further searches have proved negative.

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

- (1) "GRIDLEY" dep. Sydney 1007/27 for Noumea.
- (2) "TREVER" dep. Sydney 0800/25 en route Wellington.
- (3) "ROCKHAMPTON" & "WAGGA" escorting C066 dep. Sydney 1600/27 en route Melbourne ETA vicinity of Wilson's Promontory 1200/30.
- (4) "BUNDABERG" & "ABRAHAM CRYNSSSEN" escorting OC65 (incl. "GOLDSTAR") which dep. Melbourne 2231/25. "GOLDSTAR" and some for Newcastle ETA 0600/29 - rest for Sydney.
- X (5) "PETER H. BURNETT" being towed to Sydney by "ST. ARISTELL". "GYMPIE" "ZANE" & "MILDURA" providing A/S escort. ETA Sydney 0630/30.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "BAGLEY" "HOVEY" "ARUNTA" "BOWEN" "DOBBIN" "YUNNAN" "MORESBY" "TOWNSVILLE" "DELORAINÉ"
(Repairing) "PORTLAND" "NEW ORLEANS" "BISHOPDALE" "MERKUR"
(In Reserve) "ALHENA" "WANGANELLA" (Hospital Ship) "MANCOORA" "WESTRALIA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "LE TRIOMPHANT" "DOOMBA" "SPRINGDALE"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AV) BALLARD (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) MINNEAPOLIS (CA) ACHILLES NASHVILLE HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO (CL) GRAYSON HUMPHREYS DRAYTON LAMSON REID HUGHES MORRIS MUSTIN RUSSEL ELLET (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) ENGADINE (XAV) THORNTON (AVD) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) AMERICAN LEGION FRED. FUNSTAN JOHN FENN (AP) ALDEBARAN ALCHIBA ALGORAB (AK) ARCTIC (AF) PLATTE NEOSHO (AO) SUMNER (AG) YP.290 YP.517 YP.518 WHIPSTOCK
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA (BB) SARATOGA (CV) SAN JUAN (CL) CASE MURRAY CRAVEN McCALL FANNING SAUFLEY BALCH DUNLAP MURPHY SHAW CUMMINGS LARDNER

- GANSEVOORT McCAWLEY JENKINS (DD) COPAHEE (ACV)
 PREBLE MONTGOMERY (DM) McKEAN (APD) PROMETHEUS (AR)
 ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER (AM)
 NEVILLE MERCURY ANTARES POMALHAUT TITANIA (AK)
 SONOMA (AT) PRES. ADAMS PRES. HAYES PRES. JACKSON
 H.T. ALLEN CRESCENT CITY (AP) SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO)
 PATHFINDER (AGS) ARD. 2 YP. 239
- (4) At Suva - MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO MARYLAND COLORADO (BB)
 POCOMOKE (AV) NASSAU ALTAMAHA (ACV) WOODWORTH McCALLA
 BUCHANAN (DD) CATALPA ROSEWOOD (YN) KANKAKEE (AO)
 G. CLYMER (AP) MENOMINEE (AT)
- (5) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) LOCUST (YN)
 WANDANK (YT) KATAI MOA KIWI TUI (A/S Vessels)
 ORTOLAN (ASR) ERSKINE - PHELPS () STRATFORD (★)
- (6) At Vila - LOUISVILLE WICHITA (CA) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND
 MONTPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SUWANNEE SANGAMON (ACV)
 MEADE CONWAY WALLER FRAZIER TAYLOR LAVALETTE
 EDWARDS CHEVALIER (DD) MANLEY SHELDRAKE (AM) SABINE
 NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER HUNTER LIGGETT (AP)
 BUTTERNUT (YN) PC. 476 PC. 477 PC. 479 KITTYHAWK
- (7) At Auckland - MONOWAI (A.M.C) EBONY (YN) WEST POINT (AP)
 TALAMANCA (AR)
 Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
- (8) At Wellington - LIBRA (AK)
- (9) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (CL)

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- X (1) Santa Ysabel Is. - The enemy force of 1 cruiser and 7 destroyers, which was reported at about 2220/26 30 miles off Kaurigam Korigole Bay course south, was located by a Catalina and bombed at 2315/26. One near miss was obtained.
 Contact was lost at 2330/26 and the aircraft believed that the force turned back. No confirmation or other evidence in support of this view has been received but it would appear unlikely that the force should relinquish its task when within 75 miles of Guadalcanal.
- X (2) Wessel Is. - H.M.A.S. "PATRICIA CAM" (300 tons) Naval Auxiliary) was sunk by enemy aircraft on 22/1, 25 miles SW of Wessel Is. 15 survivors are on Wessel Is. while known casualties are 1 killed, 3 missing believed killed, 1 seriously wounded.
 The first intimation of this loss was apparently through an aircraft sighting survivors on an island SW of Wessel Is. at 1030/27.
- (3) Rabaul - The attack on shipping at Rabaul between 0340 and 0440/26 was by 7 Fortresses. Hits scored on unidentified ship which was later reported on fire. Fires were also started on shore.
 Very little shipping was seen in the Harbour but a large concentration was observed between Praed Point and Duke of York Is. indicating night dispersal.

III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Renewed offensive against Guadalcanal.
- (2) Possible diversionary action from the Marshalls area.
- (3) Consolidation Lae-Salamaua-Wewak area.
- (4) Possible offensive against E. New Guinea area (Milne Bay).
- (5) Consolidation Timor-Arafura Sea-Dutch New Guinea including possible attempt to occupy Merauke.
- (6) Possible carrier-borne raids from NEI area against strategic points on west and NW coast Australia.

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 For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.
 G.H.Q., S.W.P.A.
 28/1/43

A P P E N D I X
DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA	NEW ORLEANS PORTLAND
6" Cruisers	HOBART PHENIX	
Armed Merchant Cruisers		MANOORA) WESTRALIA) on Reserve
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT SELFRIDGE	STUART
Destroyers	PATTERSON HENLEY HELM RALPH TALBOT BAGLEY MUGFORD VENDETTA GRAMPUS) GRAYBACK) At Brisbane TRITON) ALBACORE) AMBERJACK) ARGONAUT) GATO) GREENING) GROWLER) GROUPER) On Patrol GUARDFISH) NAUTILUS) SNAPPER) SWORDFISH) TUNA) WABOO) K.9) At Sydney	
Submarine Tender	FULTON	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboats	TULSA HILO	
Oilers	VICTORIA	BISHOPDALE KURUMBA AASE MAERSK

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-Solomons)

CinC Combined Fleet		
CinC 2nd Fleet		
CinC 3rd Fleet		
CinC 4th Fleet		
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)		
3-4 Battle ships (BB)	YAMATO MUSASHI MITSU NAGATO	
2 Battlecruisers (BB)	HARUNA KONGO	
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	ZUIKAKU	
2-3 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	HAYATAKA HITAKA (poss. repairing Home Waters) ZUIHO	
3 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	UNYO) CHUYO) Ferrying	OTAKA

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
Heavy Cruisers (CA) (prob. 6 effective)	ATAGO TAKAO TONE HAGURO CHOKAI KUMANO SUZUYA	MYOKO (prob. dem. 26/10) MOGAMI (believed sunk 14/11)
	} 1 damaged 19/1	
7 Light Cruisers (CL)	AOBA ISUZU KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA TENRYU OI KITAGAMI	TATSUTA } believed KINU } sunk 14/11
1 or 2 converted light cruisers (XCL)		
Approx 27 submarines (SS)		
Approx 40 destroyers (DD)		
4 Seaplane Carriers (AV)	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA NISSHIN KAMOI	CHIYODA (damaged 8/11 poss. sunk)
8 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)		
Several Submarine Tenders		
Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)		
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft		
Approx 365 shore-based aircraft incl. 176 F, 114 B, 22 F/B, 41 F/P, 12 Obsn. or transport aircraft.		

2. WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser	ADELAI DE	
Flotilla Leader	TROMP	
A.A. Ship	VAN HEEM SKERK	
Armed Merchant Cruiser	KANIMBLA	
Destroyers	TJERK HIDDDES	
	VAN CALEN	
S/P Tenders	HERON	
	W.B. PRESTON	
	CHILDS	
Submarine Tender	PHILIAS	
Submarines	GRAYLING	} On Patrol
	GRENADIER	
	GUDGEON	
	TAMBOUR	
	TAUTOG	
	THRESHER	
	TROUT	
	K.12	} At Fremantle
	GAR	
	K.8	

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

C's in C 1st, 2nd and 3rd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)	ASHIGARA
3 light cruisers (CL)	KASHII
	KUMA
	NATORI

1 converted light cruiser (XCL)

Approx 16 destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane Carrier (AV)	NOTORO
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1 converted S/P Tender (XAV)

Approx 179 shore-based aircraft incl. 76 F, 60 B, 27 F/P,
16 transport aircraft.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA
LONG ISLAND

WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carrier
8" Cruisers

SALT LAKE CITY
SAN FRANCISCO
INDIANAPOLIS

Destroyers
Submarines

15 (approx)
23 (approx)

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan)

CinC 1st Fleet
4-5 Battleships (BB)

ISE
FUJIO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)
1 - 8" Cruiser (CA)
2 light cruisers (CL)

SHOKAKU
TIKUMA (damaged 26/10)

5 converted S/P Tenders (XAV)
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)
Approx 30 destroyers and gunboats (DD and PG)
Approx 27 submarines (SS)

ABUKUMA
SENDAI

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
COLORADO
MARYLAND
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO

Aircraft Carriers

ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

NASSAU
ALTAHAMA

8" Cruisers

COPAHEE
CHENANGO
SUWANNEE
SANGAMON
MINNEAPOLIS
WICHITA
LOUISVILLE

6" Cruisers

CHICAGO
HELENA
HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE
COLUMBIA
CLEVELAND
MONTPELLIER

LEADER

5" Cruisers

ACHILLES
SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN

Destroyers
Armed Merchant Cruisers

45 (approx)
MONOWAI
ASCANIA

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers	DETROIT
	RAL EIGH
10 Destroyers	
10 Submarines	

(ii) Enemy Forces: (N.Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians)

CinC 5th Fleet	
1 - 8" Cruiser (CA)	NACHI
2 light cruisers (CL)	TAMA
	KISO
Approx 4 destroyers (DD)	
Approx 7 submarines (SS)	

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers	CONCORD
	TRENTON
	RICHMOND

INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	WARSPITE	
	RESOLUTION	
	RAMILLIES	
	ROYAL SOVEREIGN	
Aircraft Carrier	ILLUSTRIOUS	
Seaplane Carrier	ALBATROSS	
8" Cruisers	GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)	
	DEVONSHIRE	
7.5" Cruisers	HAWKINS	
	FROBISHER	
6" Cruisers	MAURITIUS	NEWCASTLE
	GAMBIA	GLASGOW
	ENTERPRISE	EMERALD
	LIVERPOOL	DANAE
	DAUNTLESS	
	DRAGON	
	DURBAN	
	CAPETOWN	
	GERES	
	GALEDON	
	CARADOC	
	SUMATRA (Dutch)	
Armed Merchant Cruisers	ALAUNIA	
	CARTHAGE	
	CORFU	
	CHITRAL	
	RANCHI	
	RANPURA	
	WORCESTERSHIRE	
A.A. Ship	CARLISLE	
Approx 27 Destroyers		
Approx 9 Submarines		

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

29th January, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES.

(a) At Sea to 1200/29:

- (1) "BALLARAT" escorting "BONTEKOE" dep. Oro Bay 1736/28. "BONTEKOE" ETA Townsville 0800/1/2. "BALLARAT" ETA Port Moresby 0900/30.
- (2) "STELLA" & "POLARIS" operating in Cape Nelson area.
- (3) "MANUNDA" dep. Milne Bay 1503/28 en route Brisbane ETA 0700/1/2.
- (4) "WHYALLA" dep. Milne Bay 1401/28 for Cairns ETA 1500/30.
- (5) "GLENELG" escorting TN29 (2 MV) en route Milne Bay ETA 1600/30.
- (6) "VENDETTA" escorting "DUNTROON" & "KATOOMBA" dep. Port Moresby 1930/28. "DUNTROON" ETA Cairns 1100/30; "VENDETTA" & "KATOOMBA" ETA Townsville 2000/30. "KATOOMBA" to proceed thence to Sydney.
- (7) "SWAN" dep. Port Moresby 1511/28 ETA Thursday Is. 1730/29.
- (8) "GEELONG" escorting "TABINTHA" to Brisbane.
- (9) "STUART" dep. Townsville 1757/28 for exercise. Expected to return a.m. 30/1.
- (10) "BUNGAREE" operating in Barrier Reef area.
- (11) "KAPUNDA" & "YANDRA" escorting GP32 (2 MV) dep. Sydney 1034/27, 1 MV for Brisbane ETA 0700/30 and 1 MV for Bowen ETA 2000/1/2 and Townsville.
- (12) "GOULBURN" escorting BT37 (3 MV) dep. Brisbane 1747/27 en route Gladstone and Townsville ETA Gladstone 0045/29 ETA Townsville 0730/30.
- (13) "RALPH TALBOT" towing three MTBs dep. Brisbane 1501/27 ETA Cairns 0900/30.
- (14) "WARRAMUNGA" "HENLEY" "SELFRIDGE" exercising to seaward of Cape Moreton.
- (15) "BREESE" & "GAMBLE" escorting "ESSO BALBOA" dep. Brisbane a.m. 29/1.
- (16) 13 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "BENDIGO"
	Merchant Vessels: "TASMAN"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "HILO"
	Merchant Vessels: "DUNDULA" "STEPHEN J. FIELD" and approx 40 small craft.
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE"
	Merchant Vessels: "YOCHOW" "G.M. LIVANOS" "GEORGE MATTHEWS" "DAVID BUSHNELL" and approx 21 small craft.
Palm Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "VICTORIA"
Dunk Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "PHOENIX" "HELM" "MUGFORD"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "PLATYPUS" "LATROBE" SC.744
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "KYBRA" "PATTERSON"
(Repairing)	"BROOME" "COLAC"
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA" (repairing)
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "TULSA" "FULTON"
	"GAMBLE" YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50
(Repairing)	"LITHGOW" "KURUMBA" "AASE MAERSK"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "PIRIE" escorting "YOCHOW" is to depart Port Moresby 1300/30

- for Oro Bay ETA 1400/1/2.
- (2) TN30 (3 MV) ETD Townsville 1800/29. Convoy to pick up "LATROBE" as escort off Fitzroy Island Light at 0900/30.
 - (3) "AASE MAERSK" to be sailed Brisbane to Townsville approx 30/1.
 - (4) "WARRAMUNGA" escorting "ROCHAMBEAU" ETD Brisbane 1200/29 for Melbourne.
 - (5) Special Ships "THOMAS JEFFERSON" "AERMITAGE" "JOSEPH T. DICKMAN" and "ARCTURUS" ETA Cape Moreton 0700/31. To be escorted to a position 340 miles E. by N. of Brisbane by U.S. destroyers "STRONG" & "CONY", thence by "SELFRIDGE" & "HENLEY" to Brisbane.
 - (6) "YANDRA" & "KAPUNDA" escorting PG32 (5 MV) ETD Brisbane 0900/30.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) New Georgia - At 0850/28 a destroyer or corvette, one cargo vessel and one tanker were seen departing Faisi course SE. These units were later seen at about noon N.W. Vella Lavella and at 1545 were attacked by dive bombers (see Naval Incidents) At 1405/28, 6 destroyers departed Faisi course SE, high speed and at 1520 were attacked by torpedo planes N.E. Vella Lavella (see Naval Incidents). At 1656/28, however, some or all of this force was again seen 30 miles North New Georgia course 110° speed 20 knots with air cover of 9 Zeros.
- (2) Shortlands - The area was closed in during afternoon 28/1 but one destroyer and one cargo vessel were seen at 1620/28 15 miles W. Buin course 260° speed 8 knots while one cargo vessel was observed in Shortlands Harbour.
- (3) Guadalcanal - With reference to the attempted heavy air raid on Guadalcanal on 25/1 when 40 Zero's, 18 twin-engined bombers and many dive bombers were prevented from reaching their objective, Comsopac suggests that a carrier-borne air group may have been involved. This view is based on the sighting of a reported aircraft carrier escorted by two cruisers 60 miles S.W. Buka course WNW at 0255/26/ During the night 26/27/1, four flights of enemy bombers in flights of 3, 3, 3 & 7 attacked Guadalcanal without causing any material damage. From 1020-1145/27 a large number of Zero's escorting dive-bombers and high level bombers were prevented by our fighters from reaching their objective on Guadalcanal. A preliminary survey shows 9 Zero's destroyed, 6 probably destroyed. We lost 5 fighters.
- (4) Buka - 30 enemy bombers landed at Buka Passage aerodrome on 27/1. They were reported to be still there at 1640/28 when the aerodrome was quiet.
- (5) Open Bay - At 1230/28 one 100' cargo vessel and a launch were observed in Open Bay.
- (6) Wewak - At 1045/28 one 3,000 ton merchant vessel was anchored in the Harbour and one probable gunboat was patrolling 3 miles outside the Harbour.
- (7) Mubo - The enemy has established a staging camp 7 miles E. Black Cat and is cutting a track towards the W. Our patrol contacted enemy troops at 0445/28 in the Wandumi Area (14 miles NE Wau). Intense machine-gun and mortar fire forced our patrol to take up better positions.
- (8) Carolines - Five cargo vessels, one tanker with destroyer escort were sighted at 1555/27 approximately 400 miles ESE Palau course 146° speed 10 knots. This convoy may be on route Rabaul or possibly Wewak.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/29:

- (1) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "BABINDA" "FINGAL" dep. Thursday Is. 2000/27 for Darwin ETA 2300/31.
- (2) "WILCANNIA" escorting "ALAGNA" dep. Darwin 0833/28 for Thursday Is. ETA 0730/2/2.
- (3) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE" "WARREGO" "INVERELL"
Merchant Vessels: "MAETSUYCKER" "KOOLIGA" "BURWAH"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Ambon - At 1100/28 one large transport was seen in the inner Harbour, 2 large transports were at Ambon Wharf and a destroyer was seen entering the Bay.
- (2) Kai Is. - At 1307/28 3 merchant vessels (possibly 1000 tons each) were observed 26 miles N. of Toetal course N, speed 8 knots. These are probably the same units as were reported at 0900/26 22 miles SW Cape Van den Bosch course 180°, probably returning from a visit to Toetal.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES.

(a) At Sea to 1200/29:

- (1) "TAMWORTH" dep. Fremantle 0730/27 escorting "ATHELDUKE" for Diego Garcia ETA 1300/8/2. "TAMWORTH" then to proceed to Colombo ETA 0200/14/2.
- (2) "ISABEL" dep. Geraldton 2245/28 escorting "CHUNGKING" to Exmouth Gulf.
- (3) "TJERK HIDDÉS" departed Geraldton 2250/28 en route Fremantle.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK" "VAN GALEN" "HORSHAM" "PELIAS" "DUBBO" "KANIMBLA" "CHILDS"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "WHIPPOORWILL" "PRESTON" "LARK"
Port Hedland - Warships & Aux. - "HERON"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/29:

- (1) "ROCKHAMPTON" & "WAGGA" escorting C065 dep. Sydney 1600/27 en route Melbourne ETA vicinity of Wilson's Promontory 1200/30.
- (2) "GYMPIE" en route Sydney ETA 0630/30.
- (3) "DELORAINÉ" dep. Sydney 1129/28 to RV with "MILDURA" and tug "ST. ARISTEL" towing "PETER H. BURNETT". Latter vessel estimated to arrive Sydney a.m. 31/1.

(b) In Harbour:

Newcastle - Warships & Aux. - "BUNDABERG" "GOLDSTAR"
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "BAGLEY" "HOVEY" "ARUNTA" "BOWEN" "DOBBIN" "YUNNAN" "MORESBY" "TOWNSVILLE" "DELORAINÉ" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN"

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA	NEW ORLEANS PORTLAND
6" Cruisers	HOBART PHOENIX	
Armed Merchant Cruisers		MANOORA) WESTRALIA) On Reserve
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA WARAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT SELFRIDGE	
Destroyers	PATTERSON HENLEY HELM RALPH TALBOT BAGLEY MUGFORD VENDETTA	STUART
Submarines	GRAMPUS) GRAYBACK) TRITON)	At Brisbane
	ALBACORE) AMBERJACK) ARGONAUT) GATO) GREENING) GROWLER) GROUPEL) GUARDFISH) NAUTILUS) SNAPPER) SWORDFISH) TUNA) WAHOO)	On Patrol
Submarine Tender	K.9	At Sydney
Destroyer Tender	FULTON	
Gunboats	DOBBIN TULSA HILO	
Oilers	VICTORIA	BISHOPDALE KURUMBA AASE MERSK

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-Solomons)

CinC Combined Fleet		
CinC 2nd Fleet		
CinC 3rd Fleet		
CinC 4th Fleet		
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)		
3-4 Battle ships (BB)	YAMATO MUSASHI MUTSU NAGATO HARUNA KONGO	
2 Battle cruisers (BB)		
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	Z UIKAKU	
2-3 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	HAYATAKA HITAKA (poss. repairing Home Waters) ZUIHO	
3 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	UNYO } CHUYO }	Ferrying OTAKA

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
Heavy Cruiser (CA) (prob. 6 effective)	A TAGO TAKAO TOME HAGURO CHOKAI KUMANO) SUZUYA)	MYOKO (prob. dam. 26/10) MOGAMI (believed sunk 14/11)
7 light cruisers (CL)	AOBA ISUZU KAFORI KA SHIMA NAGARA TENRYU OI KITAGAMI	TATSUTA) believed KINU) sunk 14/11
1 or 2 converted light cruisers (XCL)		
Approx 27 submarines (SS)		
Approx 40 destroyers (DD)		
4 Seaplane Carriers (AV)	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA NISSMIN KANOI	CHIYODA (damaged 8/11 poss. sunk)
8 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)		
Several Submarine Tenders		
Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)		
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub. Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft		
Approx 389 shore-based aircraft incl. 181 F, 127 B, 22 F/B, 41 F/P, 18 Obsn. or transport aircraft.		

2. WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser	ADELAIDE	
Flotilla Leader	TROMP	
A.A. Ship	VAN HEEMSKERK	
Armed Merchant Cruiser	KANIMBLA	
Destroyers	TJERK HIDDES VAN GALEN	
S/P Tenders	HERON W. B. PRESTON	
Submarine Tender	CHILDS	
Submarines	PELIAS GRAYLING) GRENADIER) GUDGEON) TAMBOR) TAUTOG) THEESHER) TROUT) K.12)	On Patrol
	GAR) K.8)	At Fremantle

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

C's in C 1st, 2nd and 3rd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)	ASHIGARA
3 light cruisers (CL)	KASHII KUMA NATORI
1 converted light cruiser (XCL)	
Approx 16 destroyers (DD)	
Approx 7 submarines (SS)	
1 Seaplane Carrier (AV)	NOTORO
1 converted S/P Tender (XAV)	
Approx 179 shore-based aircraft inc., 76 F, 60 B, 27 F/P, 16 transport aircraft.	

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA
LONG ISLAND

WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carrier
8" Cruisers

SALT LAKE CITY
SAN FRANCISCO
INDIANAPOLIS

Destroyers
Submarines

15 (approx)
23 (approx)

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan)

CinC 1st Fleet
4-5 Battleships (BB)

ISE
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)
1 - 8" Cruiser (CA)
2 light cruisers (CL)

SHOKAKU
TIKUMA (damaged 26/10)

5 converted S/P Tenders (XAV)
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)
Approx 30 Destroyers and Gunboats (DD and PG)
Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

ABUKUMA
SENDAI

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
COLORADO
MARYLAND
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO

Aircraft Carriers

ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

MASSAU
ALTAMAHA
COPAHEE
CHENANGO
SUWANNEE

8" Cruisers

SAN GAMON
MINNEAPOLIS
WICHITA
LOUISVILLE

6" Cruisers

CHICAGO
HELENA
HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE

LEANDER

5" Cruisers

COLUMBIA
CLEVELAND
MONTPELLIER
ACHILLES
SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN

Destroyers
Armed Merchant Cruisers

45 (approx)
MONOWAI
ASCANIA

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

DETROIT
RALEIGH

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

(ii) Enemy Forces: (N. Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians)

CinC 5th Fleet

1 - 8" Cruiser (CA)

2 light cruisers (CL)

NACHI
TAMA
KISO

Approx 4 destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 submarines (SS)

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
RAMILLIES
ROYAL SOVEREIGN

Aircraft Carrier

Seaplane Carrier

8" Cruisers

ILLUSTRIOUS
ALBATROSS
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
DEVONSHIRE

7.5" Cruisers

HAWKINS
FROBISHER

6" Cruisers

MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
ENTERPRISE
LIVERPOOL
DAUNTLESS

NEWCASTLE
GLASGOW
EMERALD
DANAE

DRAGON

DURBAN

CAPETOWN

CERES

GLEDON

CARADOC

SUMATRA (Dutch)

Armed Merchant Cruisers

ALAUNIA

CARHAGE

CORFU

CHITRAL

RANCHI

RANPURA

WORCESTERSHIRE

GARLISLE

A.A. Ship

Approx 27 Destroyers

Approx 9 Submarines

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

30th JANUARY, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/30:

- (1) "STELLA" and "POLARIS" operating in Cape Nelson area.
- (2) "MANUNDA" dep. Milne Bay 1503/28 en route Brisbane ETA 1700/1/2.
- (3) "WHYALLA" dep. Milne Bay 1401/28 for Cairns ETA 1500/30.
- (4) "GLENNELG" escorting TN.29 (2 MV) en route Milne Bay ETA 1600/30.
- (5) "BALLARAT" escorting "BONTEKOE" dep. Oro Bay 1736/28 "BONTEKOE" ETA Townsville 0800/1/2. "BALLARAT" ETA Port Moresby 0900/30.
- (6) "LATROBE" escorting TN.30 (4 M.V.) en route Port Moresby ETA 1700/1/2.
- (7) "BUNGAREE" operating in Barrier Reef area.
- (8) "RALPH TALBOT" towing two MTB's dep. Brisbane 1501/27 ETA Cairns 0900/30.
- (9) "KYBRA" dep. Townsville 0530/29 for Sydney ETA 1200/4/2.
- (10) SC.744 en route Townsville to Brisbane ETA 0800/2/2.
- (11) "VENDETTA" escorting "DUNTROON" and "KATOOMBA" dep. Port Moresby 1930/28. "DUNTROON" ETA Cairns 1100/30: "VENDETTA" and "KATOOMBA" ETA Townsville 2000/30. "KATOOMBA" to proceed thence to Sydney.
- (12) "SELFRIDGE" and "HENLEY" escorting "HERMITAGE" "THOMAS JEFFERSON" "JOSEPH T. DICKMAN" and "ARCTUROS" ETA Cape Moreton 0700/31.
- (13) "KAPUNDA" and "YANDRA" escorting GP.32 (2 MV) dep. Sydney 1034/27, 1 MV for Brisbane ETA 0700/30 and 1 MV for Bowen ETA 2000/1/2 and Townsville.
- (14) "ESSO RICHMOND" conveying 6 PT Boats ETA Brisbane 31/1.
- (15) "GEELONG" escorting "TABINTHA" to Brisbane ETA 1400/30.
- (16) 13 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "BENDIGO"
	Merchant Vessels: "TASMAN"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "HILO" and 4 PT Boats
	Merchant Vessels: "DUNDULA" "STEPHEN J. FIELD" and approx. 40 small craft.
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE"
	Merchant Vessels: "YOCHOW" "G.M.LIVANOS" "GEORGE MATTHEWS" "DAVID BUSHNEL" and approx. 21 small craft.
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE" "SWAN"
	Merchant Vessels: "BABINDA" and "TULAGI"
Palm Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "VICTORIA"
Dunk Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "PHOENIX" "HELM" "MUGFORD"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - 4 PT boats (2 refitting) "PLATYPUS" SC.746
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "PATTERSON" "POYANG" "GOULBURN"
	(Repairing) "BROOME" "COLAC" "STUART"
	(Repairing)
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA" (repairing)
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "TULSA" "FULTON"
	"GAMELE" YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 and 11 PT boats.
	(Repairing) "LITHGOW" "KURUMBA" "AASE MAERSK"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) Task Group 44.5 ("HOBART" "PATTERSON" "RALPH TALBOT") to proceed Dunk Island a.m. 31/1, thence to sail in company with Task Group 44.7 ("PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" and "HELM") to Challenger Bay ETA approx. 1400/1/2. "VICTORIA" to sail for Townsville. T.G.44.7 to proceed to Townsville on 3/2 to embark provisions, returning Challenger Bay on completion. "VICTORIA" to proceed there arriving 1300/5/2.
- (2) "BENDIGO" to escort "TASMAN" from Oro Bay to Coral Sea and then proceed Port Moresby. "TASMAN" to proceed independently to Townsville.
- (3) "PIRIE" escorting "YOCHOW" is to depart Port Moresby 1300/30, for Oro Bay ETA 1400/1/2.
- (4) "BALLARAT" escorting "DAVID BUSHNELL" and "GEORGE MATTHEWS" (from Brisbane) and "G.M. LIVANOS" (from Townsville) ETD Port Moresby p.m. 31/1. "BALLARAT" to escort as far as Townsville. Onward escort to be arranged.
- (5) On completion of fuelling at Townsville "GOULBURN" to escort "DUNTROON" and "KATOOMBA" to Sydney.
- (6) "AASE MAERSE" to be sailed Brisbane to Townsville approx. 30/1.
- (7) "YANDRA" and "KAPUNDA" escorting PG.32 (5 MV) ETD Brisbane 0900/30.

(ii) Enemy Forces.

- (1) New Georgia: Activity is reported at Lady Lever Plantation in addition to Vila Plantation, which it adjoins, and Stanmore Plantation.

The destroyer and cargo vessel, which were attacked by dive bombers at 1740/27 between Vella Lavella and Kolombangara when the cargo vessel was thought probably to have been sunk, were sighted again at 1031/28 N.W. of Vella Lavella, course W.N.W.

The six destroyers which were attacked at 1520/28 N.E. of Vella Lavella, and sighted again 30 miles further S.E. at 1656/28, were seen at 0911/29 W. of Vella Lavella, course N. If these units visited Cape Esperance, they would have had to maintain 27 knots to have reached their position at 0911/29 from their position at 1656/28 via Cape Esperance.

The destroyer, cargo vessel and tanker which were attacked at approximately the same time and in the same locality as the above six destroyers, were located 30 miles E.S.E. of Faisi at 1100/29 and again at 1317/29 proceeding through Bougainville Strait course N.N.W.

- (2) Buka: At 1000/29, a cargo vessel was in the Passage in addition to a heavy cruiser and two destroyers which proceeded S. along W. coast Bougainville at 1412/29 and which must be added to the units already at Shortlands at 1315/29. (see next para.)
- (3) Shortlands: At 1315/29, three cruisers, six destroyers and 20 transports or cargo vessels were in the Faisi-Tonolei area. This is the largest concentration of merchant shipping in the area since 12/11/42, just before the last large scale attempt to reinforce Guadalcanal. At 1540/29 aircraft reported a destroyer and a cargo vessel in the Shortlands area on course 145°, speed 8 knots. The position is vague and the vessels may be proceeding into the area or, on the other hand, may be departing.
- (4) Salamaua Area: On 28/1, enemy patrols had penetrated to the upper Bulolo River Valley.
- (5) Morobe Area: There are possibly 200 Japs in the Waria River mouth area. Patrols are operating, but it is not believed that positions are being fortified.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/30:

- (1) "WILCANNIA" escorting "ALAGNA" dep. Darwin 0833/28 for Thursday Is. ETA 0730/2/2.
- (2) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE" "WARREGO" "INVERELL"
Merchant Vessels: "MAETSUYCKER" "KOOLIGA" "BURWAH"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "BABUNDA" and "TULAGI" expected to depart Thursday Is. 0800/30 en route Darwin. ETA 2130/2/2.
- (2) "SWAN" escorting "ISLANDER" ETD Thursday Island en route Merauke 1800/30. ETA Merauke 2000/31.
- (3) "WARREGO" and "INVERELL" escorting "MAETSUYCKER" ETD Darwin 30/1 for Onslow.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Darwin: A reconnaissance aircraft was over Darwin at 1130-1156/29.
- (2) Merauke: A single floatplane dropped 2 bombs harmlessly on swamp area near Merauke at 1020/27.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/30:

- (1) "ISABEL" dep. Geraldton 2245/28 escorting "CHUNGKING" to Exmouth Gulf.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELA IDE" "TROMP" "TJERK
HIDDES" "JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK" "VAN GALEN"
"HORSHAM" "PELIAS" "DUBBO" "KANIMBLA"
"CHILDS"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "WHIPPOORWILL" "PRESTON"
"LARK"
Port Hedland - Warships & Aux. - "HERON"

4. EASTERN AND SOUTHER AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/30:

- (1) "BAGLEY" departed Sydney en route Brisbane ETA Cape Moreton 0600/31.
- (2) "LE TRIOMPHANT" and "DOOMBA" escorting OC.66 (7 MV) departed Melbourne 2311/29. "LE TRIOMPHANT" accompanying convoy as additional escort to Sydney.
- (3) "WARRAMUNGA" escorting "ROCHAMBEAU" departed Brisbane 1151/29 ETA Port Melbourne 1500/1/2.
- (4) "PETER H. BURNETT" estimated to arrive Sydney a.m. 31/1. "ST. ARISTELL" towing and "DELORAIN" and "MILDURA" providing A/S escort.

(5) "ROCKHAMPTON" and "WAGGA" escorting CO.66 dep. Sydney 1600/27
en route Melbourne ETA vicinity Wilson's Promontory 1200/30.

(b) In Harbour:

Newcastle - Warships & Aux. - "BUNDABERG"
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "HOVEY" "ARUNTA" "GYMPIE"
"BOWEN" "DOBBIN" "YUNNAN" "MORESEY"
(Repairing) "TOWNSVILLE" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "GOLDSTAR"
"PORTLAND" "NEW ORLEANS" "BISHOPDALE"
(In Reserve) "MERKUR" "ALHENA" "WANGANILLA" (Hospital Ship)
"MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "LE TRIOMPHANT" "DOOMBA"
"SPRINGDALE"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "BUNDABERG" to escort Newcastle portion of CO.67 to a RV off Sydney 30/1. "MORESEY" and "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" to escort convoy to Melbourne departing Sydney 1330/30.
- (2) "MERKUR" to join Convoy GP.33 and proceed to Palm Island ETA 9/2.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AV) BALLARD (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) MINNEAPOLIS (CA) ACHILLES NASHVILLE HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO (CL) GRAYSON HUMPHREYS DRAYTON LAMSON REID HUGHES MORRIS LANSDOWNE BUCHANAN C'BANNON MUSTIN RUSSEL ELLET (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) ENGADINE (XAV) THORNTON (AVD) DIXIX (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) MANLEY (APD) AMERICAN LEGION FRE. FUNSTAN JOHN PENN HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) ALDEBARAN TITANIA ALCHIBA TRYON ALGORAB (AK) ARCTIC (AF) PLATTE PATUKENT NEOSHO (ALO) YP.290 YP.517 YP.518 WHIPSTOCK (AO)
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA (BB) SARATOGA (CV) SAN JUAN (CL) CASE MURRAY CRAVEN McCALL FANNING SAUFLEY BALCH DUNLAP MURPHY SHAW CUMMINGS LARDNER GANSEVOORT SMITH McCAWLEY JENKINS (DD) MCKEAN (APD) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER NEVILLE OBERON MERCURY ANTARES FOMALHAUT SONOMA (AT) CASTOR (AK) PRES. ADAMS PRES. HAYES PRES. JACKSON WILLIAM P. BIDDLE CRESCENT CITY (AP) SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) PATHFINDER (AGS) ARD.2 YP.239 YP.504
- (4) At Suva - MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) POCOMOKE (AV) NASSAU ALTAMARA (ACV) WOODWORTH McCALLA CATALPA ROSEWOOD (YN) KANKAKEE (AO) MENOMINEE (AT)
- (5) At Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) LOCUST (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA KIWI TUI (A/S Vessels) VIREO (AM) ORTOLAN (ASR) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO) STRATFORD (AP)
- (6) At Vila - CHICAGO (CA) LOUISVILLE WICHITA (CA) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTEPELLIER (OL) CHENANGO SUWANNEE SANGAMON (ACV) MEADE CONWAY WALLER FRAZIER TAYLOR LAVALETTE EDWARDS CHEVALIER (DD) NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER BUTTERNUT (YN) PC.476 PC.477 PC.479 KITTYHAWK.
- (7) At Auckland - MONOWAI (A.M.C) EBONY (YN) WEST POINT (AP) TALAMANCA (AR) SOLACE (AH)
Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
- (8) At Wellington - LIBRA (AK)
- (9) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (CL)

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

Nil.

III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Renewed offensive against Guadalcanal.
- (2) Possible diversionary action from the Marshalls area.
- (3) Consolidation Lae-Salamaua-Wewak area.
- (4) Possible offensive against eastern New Guinea area (Milne Bay).
- (5) Consolidation Timor-Arafura Sea - Dutch New Guinea including possible attempt to occupy Merauke.
- (6) Possible carrier-borne raids from NEI area against strategic points on west and N.W. coast Australia.

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A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA	NEW ORLEANS PORTLAND
6" Cruisers	HOBART PHOENIX	
Armed Merchant Cruisers		MANOORA } WESTRALIA } On Reserve
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT SELFRIDGE	STUART
Destroyers	PATTERSON HENLEY HELM RALPH TALBOT BAGLEY MUGFORD VENDETTA	
Submarines	GRAMPUS } GRAYBACK } At Brisbane TRITON } ALBACORE } AMBERJACK } ARGONAUT } GATO } GREENLING } GROWIER } On Patrol GROUER } GUARDFISH } NAUTILUS } SNAPPER } SWORDFISH } TUNA } WAHOO }	
Submarine Tender	K.9	At Sydney
Destroyer Tender	FULTON	
Gunboats	DOBBIN TULSA HILO	
Oilers	VICTORIA	BISHOPDALE KURUMBA AASE MAERSK

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-Solomons)

CinC Combined Fleet	
CinC 2nd Fleet	
CinC 3rd Fleet	
CinC 4th Fleet	
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)	
3-4 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO MUSASHI MUTSU NAGATO HARUNA KONGO
2 Battle cruisers (BB)	ZUIKAKU
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	HAYATAKA
2-3 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	HITAKA (poss. repairing Home Waters) ZUIHO
3 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	UNYO } CHUYO } Ferrying OTAKA

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
Heavy Cruiser (CA) (prob. 6 effective)	ATAGO TAKAO TONE HAGURO CHOKAI KUMANO) SUZUYA)	MYOKO (prob. dam 26/10) MOGAMI (believed sunk 14/11)
7 light cruisers (CL)	AOBA ISUZU KATORI KASHIMA NAGARU TENRYU OI KITAGAMI	TATSUTA) KINU) believed sunk 14/11
1 or 2 converted light cruisers (XCL)		
Approx. 27 submarines (SS)		
Approx. 40 destroyers (DD)		
4 Seaplane Carriers (AV)	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA NISSHIN KAMO I	CHIYODA (damaged 8/11 poss. sunk)
8 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)		
Several Submarine Tenders		
Approx. 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)		
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft		
Approx. 377 shore-based aircraft incl. 171 F, 127 B, 22 E/B, 39 F/P, 18 Obsn. or transport aircraft.		

2. WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser	ADELAIDE	
Flotilla Leader	TROMP	
A.A. Ship	VAN HEEMSKERK	
Armed Merchant Cruiser	KANIMBLA	
Destroyers	TJERK HIDDES VAN CALEN	
S/P Tenders	HERON W.B. PRESTON	
Submarine Tender	CHILDS	
Submarines	PELIAS GRAYLING) GRENADIER) GUDDEON) On patrol TAUTOG) THRESHER) TROTT) K. 12) GAR) TAMBOR) At Fremantle K. B)	

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

C's in C 1st, 2nd and 3rd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)	ASHIGARA	
3 light cruisers (CL)	KASEII	NATORI (dam. 21/1)
	KUMA	
1 converted light cruiser (XCL)		
Approx. 16 destroyers (DD)		
Approx. 7 submarines (SS)		
1 Seaplane Carrier (AV)	NOTORO	
1 converted S/P Tender (XAV)		
Approx 178 shore-based aircraft incl. 76 F, 60 B, 26 F/P, 16 transport aircraft.		

D. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective.

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA

WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carrier
8" Cruisers

LONG ISLAND

SALT LAKE CITY
SAN FRANCISCO
INDIANAPOLIS

Destroyers
Submarines

15 (approx)
23 (approx)

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan)

C in C 1st Fleet
4-5 Battleships (BB)

ISE
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)
1 - 8" Cruiser (CA)
2 light Cruisers (CL)

SHOKAKU
TIKUMA (damaged 26/
10)

ABUKUMA
SENDAI

5 converted S/P Tenders (XAV)
6 old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)
Approx. 30 Destroyers and Gunboats (DD and PG)
Approx. 27 Submarines (SS)

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

(1) Allied Forces:

Battle ships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
COLORADO
MARYLAND
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO

Aircraft Carriers

ENTERPRISE
SARATEGA
NASSAU
ALTAMAHA
COPAHEE
CHENANGO

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

SUWANNEE
SANGAMON
MINNEAPOLIS
WICHITA
LOUISVILLE
CHICAGO

8" Cruisers

HELENA

LEANDER

6" Cruisers

HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE
COLUMBIA
CLEVELAND
MONTPELLIER
ACHILLES

5" Cruisers

SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN

Destroyers
Armed Merchant Cruisers

45 (approx.)
MONOWAI
ASCANIA

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

6 Cruisers
10 Destroyers
10 Submarines

DETROIT
RALEIGH

(ii) Enemy Forces: (N. Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians)

CinC 5th Fleet
1 - 8" Cruiser (CA)
2 light cruisers (CL)

NACHI
TAMA
KISC

Approx. 4 destroyers (DD)
Approx. 7 submarines (SS)

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(ii) Allied Forces:

Battleships

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
RAMILLIES
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
ILLUSTRIOUS

Aircraft Carrier
Seaplane Carrier
~~5~~ 8" Cruisers

ALBATROSS
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
DEVONSHIRE

7.5" Cruisers

HAWKINS
PROBISHER

6" Cruisers

MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
BIRMINGHAM
ENTERPRISE
LIVERPOOL
DANAË

NEWCASTLE
GLASGOW
BIRMINGHAM
EMERALD
DANAË

Armed Merchant Cruisers

SUMATRA (Dutch)
ALANIA
CARTHAGE
CORFU
CHITRAL
RANCHI
RANPURA
WORCESTERSHIRE
CARLISLE

A.A. Ship
Approx. 27 Destroyers
Approx. 9 Submarines

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx. 3 submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

31st January, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/31:

- (1) "STELLA" & "POLARIS" operating in Cape Nelson area.
- (2) "MAHUNDA" dep. Milne Bay 1503/28 en route Brisbane ETA 1700/1/2.
- (3) "PIRIE" escorting "YOCROW" en route Oro Bay ETA 1400/1.
- (4) "LATROBE" escorting TN30 (4 MV) en route Port Moresby ETA 1700/1/2.
- (5) "BUNGAREE" operating in Barrier Reef area.
- (6) "VENDETTA" was to depart Townsville 1000/31 en route Cairns ETA 1830/31.
- (7) "YANDRA" & "KAPUNDA" escorting PG32 (5 MV) dep. Brisbane 2256/30. ETA Newcastle 1800/1, ETA Sydney 2358/1.
- (8) SC.744 en route Townsville to Brisbane ETA 0800/2/2.
- (9) "SELFRIDGE" & "HENLEY" escorting "HERMITAGE" "THOMAS JEFFERSON" "JOSEPH T. DICKMAN" & "ARCTURUS" ETA Cape Moreton 0700/31.
- (10) "KYBRA" dep. Townsville 0530/29 for Sydney ETA 1200/4/2.
- (11) 12 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "BENDIGO"
	Merchant Vessels: "TASMAN"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "GLENELG" "HILO" & 4 PT Boats
	Merchant Vessels: "CORIO" "PORTMAR" & approx 40 small craft.
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "BALLARAT"
	Merchant Vessels: "G.M. LIVANOS" "GEORGE MATTHEWS" "DAVID BUSHNEL" & approx 24 small craft
Palm Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "VICTORIA" "PATTERSON" "RALPH TALBOT"
Dunk Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "PHOENIX" "HELM" "MUGFORD"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - 5 PT Boats (2 refitting) "WHYALLA" "DUNTROON" "PLATYPUS" "SC.746"
Townsville (Repairing)	- Warships & Aux. - "POYANG" "GOULBURN" "BROOME" "COLAC" "STUART"
	Merchant Vessels: "KATOOMBA"
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA" (repairing)
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "BAGLEY" "TULSA" "FULTON" "GEELONG" "BUNBURY" "GAMBLE" YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 and 17 PT boats.
(Repairing)	"LITHGOW" "KURUMBA" "AASE MERSK"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) Task Group 44.5 ("HOBART" "PATTERSON" "RALPH TALBOT") to proceed Dunk Island a.m. 31/1. Task Group 44.7 ("PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" & "HELM") to proceed to Challenger Bay ETA approx 1400/1/2. "VICTORIA" to sail for Townsville. Task Group 44.7 to proceed to Townsville on 3/2 to embark provisions, returning Challenger Bay on completion. "VICTORIA" to proceed there arriving 1300/5. Task Group 44.3 ("AUSTRALIA" "BAGLEY" "HENLEY") to carry out exercises between Cape Moreton and Caloundra on 4/2. "HELM" to be sailed from Dunk Is. to join T.G.44.3 in Moreton Bay by 1600/3/2.
- (2) "BENDIGO" to escort "TASMAN" from Oro Bay to Coral Sea and then

- proceed Port Moresby. "TASMAN" to proceed independently to Townsville.
- (3) "GEELONG" escorting BT38 (4 MV) ETD Brisbane 1400/31 for Townsville. "AASE MAERSK" to accompany convoy.
 - (4) "BALLARAT" escorting "DAVID BUSHNELL" & "GEORGE MATTHEWS" (for Brisbane) and "G.M. LIVANOS" (for Townsville) ETD Port Moresby p.m. 31/1. "BALLARAT" to escort as far as Townsville. Onward escort to be arranged.
 - (5) On completion of fuelling at Townsville "GOULBURN" to escort "DUNTRON" & "KATCOMBA" to Sydney.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) New Georgia - Shortly after 1500/29, a destroyer and two cargo vessels departed Faisi for SE probably on the Faisi-Vila Plantation area trip.
At 0840/30, one cargo vessel was reported 10 miles SE of Faisi on a northerly course.
At 1709/30, 11 twin-engined aircraft and 8 single-engined aircraft passed to SW of Vella Lavella on course SE.
- (2) Guadalcanal - Between 0500 & 0645/28, enemy aircraft were over Guadalcanal and bombs were dropped on fighter and bomber strips, also some incendiary clusters. No other damage is reported.
- (3) Shortlands - At 0955/30, 4 destroyers and 22 cargo vessels (including 5 large) were seen in the Buin-Faisi-Tonolei area.
- (4) Bougainville - Reconnaissance aircraft sighted a cargo vessel stationary approx 40 miles N. to NW of Kieta at 1045/30 and 10 ~~minutes~~ later another cargo vessel approx 20 miles further N.W. apparently steaming to join the first.
- (5) Buka - At 1314/30, a very large transport arrived at Buka Passage from N.W.
- (6) Bismarcks Sea - A 7,000 ton hospital ship was seen at 0425/30 between Rabaul and Kavieng (approx 30 miles NW Rabaul) course not given.
- (7) Open Bay - A 2,500 ton merchant vessel was seen in Open Bay, 17 miles NW of Ubili, at 1200/30 (see Naval Incidents).
- (8) Arawe - At 0035/31, a destroyer was seen in Arawe Harbour.
- (9) Solomon Sea - At approx 0130/30, a submarine was seen 55 miles SSW of Arawe course 180°, speed 10 knots (see Naval Incidents).
- (10) Wewak - A possible large destroyer was seen at anchor in Wewak Harbour at 0750/30.
- (11) Wau Area - On 29/1, enemy patrols continued to infiltrate east of Wau and at 0400/30 had penetrated to within 400 yards of the aerodrome. An attack was launched by the enemy at 0630/30 but by 1250/30 had been driven back with 250 killed.
- (12) Cape Nelson Area - An enemy bomber was over Tufi at 1500/30 but dropped no bombs.

2. NORTHWESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/31:

- (1) "SWAN" escorting "ISLANDER" dep. Thursday Is. en route Merauke 0120/31 ETA Merauke 2000/31.
- (2) "WILCANNIA" escorting "ALAGNA" dep. Darwin 0833/28 for Thursday Is. ETA 0730/2/2.
- (3) "WARREGO" & "INVERELL" escorting "MAETSUYCKER" dep. Darwin 1131/30 for Onslow ETA 1430/3.
- (4) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "BABINDA" & "TULAGI" dep. Thursday Is. 0830/30 en route Darwin ETA 2130/2/2.
- (5) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE"
Merchant Vessels: "KOOLIGA" "BURWAH"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

~~X~~ Wessel Is. Area - An enemy floatplane attacked "WILCANNIA" and convoy 78 miles W. by S. of Wessel Is. at 1250/30.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/31:

- (1) "ISABEL" dep. Geraldton 2245/28 escorting "CHUNGKING" to Exmouth Gulf.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "TJERK HIDDEN"
"JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK" "VAN CALEN" "HORSHAM"
"GELIAS" "DUBBO" "KANIMBLA" "CHILDS"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "WHIPPOORWILL" "PRESTON" "LARK"
Port Hedland - Warships & Aux. - "HERON"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA.

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/31:

- (1) "MORESBY" & "ABRAHAM GRYNSEN" escorting C067 departed Sydney 1413/30.
(2) "LE TRIOMPHANT" "ROCKHAMPTON" "WAGGA" escorting Convoy OC66 (7 MV) to Sydney.
(3) "WARRAMUNGA" escorting "ROCHAMBEAU" dep. Brisbane 1151/29 ETA Port Melbourne 1500/1/2.
~~X~~ (4) "PETER H. BURNETT" estimated to arrive Sydney a.m. 2/2. "DELORAIN" towing and "MILDURA" providing A/S escort. "ST. ARISTELL" proceeding to Sydney.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "HOVEY" "ARUNTA" "GYMPIE"
"BOWEN" "DOBBIN" "YUNNAN" "BUNDABERG"
"TOWNSVILLE" "GOLDSTAR"
(Repairing) "PORTLAND" "NEW ORLEANS" "BISHOPDALE"
"MERKUR" "ALHENA" "WANGANILLA" (Hospital Ship)
(In Reserve) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "DOOMBA" "SPRINGDALE"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "MERKUR" to join Convoy GP33 and proceed to Palm Island ETA 9/2.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Sydney - On 28/1 there were indications of an enemy submarine 35°S, 159°E (approx 400 miles E. of Sydney).
(2) Newcastle - Possible enemy submarine activity was reported by "GIANG ANN" at 0410/30, 30 miles E. of Newcastle (see Naval Incidents).

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAG (AV) BALLARD (AVD)
(2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) MINNEAPOLIS (CA) ACHILLES
NASHVILLE HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO (CL)
GRAYSON HUMPHREYS DRAYTON LAMSON ~~REE~~ REID HUGHES
MORRIS LANG PERKINS LANDSDOWNE BUCHANAN O'BANNON

MUSTIN RUSSEL ELLET (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV)
 THORNTON (AVD) DIXIE (AD) NIAGARA (PG) PYRO (AE)
 VESTAL (AR) MANLEY (APD) AMERICAN LEGION FRED. FUNSTAN
 JOHN PENN G. CLYMER HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) JUPITER
 ALDEBARAN TITANIA ALCHIBA TRYON ALGORAB (AK)
 ARCTIC (AF) PLATTE PATUXENT NEOSHO (AO) YP.290 YP.517
 YP.518 WHIPSTOCK (AO)

- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA (BB) SARATOGA (CV)
 SAN JUAN (CL) CASE, MURRAY McCALL FANNING SAUFLEY BALCH
 DUNIA P MURPHY SHAW CUMMINGS STRONG CONY GRIDLEY
 SMITH McCAWLEY (DD) McKEAN (APD) ~~RRR~~ PROMETHEUS (AR)
 ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER NEVILLE
 OBERON MERCURY ANTARES FOMALHUT CASTOR (AK) SONOMA (AT)
 WILLIAM P. BIDDLE (AP) SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) PATHFINDER (AGS)
 ARD.2 YP.239
- (4) At Suva - MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO MARYLAND COLORADO (BB)
 NASSAU ALTAMAHA (ACV) POCOMOKE (AV) ENGADINE (XAV)
 COPAHEE (ACV) MAHAN WOODWORTH McCALLA (DD) CATALPA
 ROSEWOOD (YN) KANKAKEE (AO) MENOMINEE (AT)
- (5) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PS) BOBOLINK (AM) LOCUST (YN)
 WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA KIWI TUI (A/S Vessels) VIREO (AM)
 ORTOLAN (ASR) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO) STRATFORD (AP)
- X (6) At Vila - CHENANGO (ACV) NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER
 BUTTERNUT (YN) PC.476 PC.477 PC.479 KITTYHAWK
- (7) At Auckland - MONOWAI (A.M.C) EBONY (YN) WEST POINT (AP)
 TALAMANCA (AR) SOLACE (AH)
 Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
- (8) At Wellington - LIBRA (AK)
- (9) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (CL)

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) Rabaul - 6 Fortresses attacked shipping at Rabaul 0405-0441/30.
 Results have yet to be assessed.
- (2) Open Bay - At 1200/30, a Liberator bombed the 2,500 ton cargo
 vessel in Open Bay. Results still to be reported.
- (3) Solomon Sea - At 0150/30, an enemy submarine was bombed by a
 Catalina, 55 miles SSW of Arawe. No hits were claimed. The
 submarine retaliated with a few shots of A.A. fire and then
 submerged. The submarine's surface speed was estimated at
 nearer 15 knots than 10.
- X (4) Wessel Is. Area - At 1250/30, an enemy floatplane dropped
 bombs on "WILCAHNNIA" escorting "ALACMA" en route Darwin to
 Thursday Is. in a position 75 miles W. by S. Wessel Is.
 No damage is reported.
- X (5) Newcastle - "GIANG ANN" reported that at 0410/30 when in position
 32°55'S, 152°19'E (approx 30 miles E. of Newcastle) a suspicious
 explosion occurred near the ship, thought possibly to be a shot
 from an enemy submarine.
 There was no further activity, however, up to 1800/30.

III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Renewed offensive against Guadalcanal.
 (2) Possible diversionary action from the Marshalls area.
 (3) Consolidation Lae-Salamaua-Newak area.
 (4) Possible offensive against eastern New Guinea area
 (Milne Bay).
 (5) Consolidation Timor-Arafura Sea-Dutch New Guinea
 including possible attempt to occupy Merauke.

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 For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.
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31/1/43

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3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

C's in C 1st, 2nd and 3rd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)	ASHIGARA	
3 light cruisers (CL)	KASHII KUMA	NATORI (damaged 21/1)
1 converted light cruiser (XCL)		
Approx 16 destroyers (DD)		
Approx 7 submarines (SS)		
1 Seaplane Carrier (AV)	NOTORO	
1 converted S/P Tender (XAV)		
Approx 178 shore-based aircraft incl. 76 F, 60 B, 26 F/P, 16 transport a/c		

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA
LONG ISLAND

WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carrier
8" Cruisers

SALT LAKE CITY
SAN FRANCISCO
INDIANAPOLIS

Destroyers
Submarines

15 (approx)
23 (approx)

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan)

CinC 1st Fleet
4-5 Battleships (BB)

ISE
FUSO
YAMA SHIRO
HYUGA

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)
1 - 8" Cruiser (CA)
2 light cruisers (CL)

HITAKA (poss. repairing)
ABUKUMA
SENDAI

SHOKAKU
TIKUMA (damaged 26/10)

5 converted S/P Tenders (XAV)
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)
Approx 30 Destroyers and Gunboats (DD & PG)
Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
COLORADO
MARYLAND
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO

Aircraft Carriers

ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

NASSAU
ALTAMAH
COPAHEE
CERNANGO
SUWANNEE
SANGAMON

8" Cruisers

MINNEAPOLIS
WICHITA
LOUISVILLE

6" Cruisers

CHICAGO
HELENA
HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE
COLUMBIA
CLEVELAND
MONTPELLIER

LEANDER

5" Cruisers

ACHILLES
SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN

Destroyers
Armed Merchant Cruisers

45 (approx)
MONDWAI
ASCANIA

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

DETROIT
HALSIGH

10 Destroyers
10 Submarines

(ii) Enemy Forces: (N.Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians)

CinC 5th Fleet

1 - 8" Cruiser (CA)
2 light cruisers (CL)

NACHI
TAMA
KISO

Approx 4 destroyers (DD)
Approx 7 submarines (SS)

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battle ships

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
RAMILLIES
ROYAL SOVEREIGN

Aircraft Carrier
Seaplane Carrier
8" Cruisers

ILLUSTRIOUS
ALBATROSS
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
DEVONSHIRE

7.5" Cruisers

HAWKINS
PROBISHER
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
BIRMINGHAM
ENTERPRISE
DAUNTLESS
LIVERPOOL

6" Cruisers

NEWCASTLE
GLASGOW
EMERALD
DANAE

Armed Merchant Cruisers

DREAGON
DUREAN
CAPETOWN
CERES
CALEDON
CARADOC
SUMATRA (Dutch)
ALAUNIA
CARTHAGE
CORFU
CHITRA
RANCHI
RANPURA
WORCESTERSHIRE
CARLISLE

A.A. Ship

Approx 27 Destroyers
Approx 9 Submarines

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 submarines