

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA (Contd.)3. EAST INDIES

- (1) Taninbar Islands - At 1436/23 A/A positions at Saumlaki were bombed by 1 Liberator.

Photos taken during the Beaufighter strike 22 July reported in yesterday's Summary No. 908 shows Selaroe runway serviceable and 1 transport aircraft destroyed by strafing.

- (2) Halmaheras - Observation reports from reconnaissance aircraft over Halmahera 21 July report 3 merchant ships (2 large, 1 medium), 2 luggers and about 30 barges in the Kau-Wasile Bay area. Next day, 22 July, from high altitude 15 medium and large merchant ships and 20 luggers and small craft were observed in the same area.

Sweeps 22 July by Mitchells sank a sea truck off the East coast of Morotai Island.

At 1145/23 reconnaissance Liberator observed 4 small ships described as 1 100-ft freighter and 3 escorts approx. 40 miles North of Morotai Strait; the small freighter was bombed and damaged.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

- (1) Carolines - Palau: Night 21-22 July Feleliu and Babelthuap aerodromes were bombed by 2 Liberators.

Night 22-23 July the same targets were again attacked by 2 Liberators.

Yap: Night 22-23 July Yap aerodrome was bombed by 2 Liberators. Incendiaries dropped started fires.

Woleai: Midday 22 July Woleai runway was bombed by 3 Liberators. There was no interception.

- (2) Marianas - Reports relate that our ground forces have made satisfactory progress since the initial landing on 2 beaches, 1 North and 1 South of Apra a.m. 21 July. Agana town, the largest on Guam, has been taken and passed during our advance. On 22 July the enemy launched counter attacks against our advanced elements from both Northern and the Southern beachheads but both were repulsed with comparatively heavy casualties.

- (3) Bonins-Volcano Islands - Mahajima, Chichijima and Iwojima were again attacked on 20 July by patrol Liberators from Saipan but full details are not yet available. 1 destroyer, however, was observed at Chichijima and attacked apparently unsuccessfully.

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(iii) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

1. Guam operations proceeding satisfactorily.
2. Another Liberator strike on Bonins.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

<u>CA</u>	(2) AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE		-	-
<u>CL</u>	(4) BOISE PHOENIX NASHVILLE * HOBART		* LEANDER	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(2) TANGIER WRIGHT		-	-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	(6) HALF MOON SAN CARLO HERON ORCA CHINGOPEAGUE SAN CARLOS		COOS BAY	-
<u>DD</u>	(35) ARUNTA WARRAMINGA STUART VENDETTA AEMER READ AMMEN ANDERSON BACHE BEALE DALY FLETCHER GILLESPIE GRAYSON HOBBY HOPEWELL HUGHES HUT CHINS JENKINS	LA VALLETTE MORRIS MULLANY MUST IN NICHOLAS NICHOLSON O'BANNON RADFOR D RUSSELL STACK STEVENSON STOCKTON SWANSON TAYLOR TRATHEN WELLES WILKES	8	-
<u>SS</u>	(6) BLURGILL BREAM CERO DACE DARTER SEA WOLF	) ) ) ) on patrol))	-	5
	(3) BASHAW S.42 S.45	) ) at Seeadler)		
	(3) FLOUNDER FLYING FISH S.47	) ) at Brisbane)		
	(2) K.9 K.12	) ) at Sydney		

* Non-effective

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

<u>PT</u>	Approx. 175	-	?
<u>APA</u> <u>AKA</u> <u>AFD</u>	(10) H.T.ALLEN (APA) KANIMBLA MANOORA WESTRALIA ALCOR AB (AKA) WARD (AFD) SCHLEY HERBERT CROSBY KILTY	4 AFD	-
<u>AGC</u>	BLUE RIDGE	-	-
<u>AD</u>	(2) OPUS EURVALE	-	-
<u>AR</u>	(4) RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS MEDUSA	-	-

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>CA</u>	-	(2) NACHI ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	-
<u>DD</u>	9	5
<u>ES</u>	10	Approx. 5

3. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>AL</u>	TRENTON	-
<u>DL</u>	9	-

4. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

Philippines
Mandates-E. Indies

ENEMY FORCES

Empire

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>Philippines Mandates-E. Indies</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u> <u>Empire</u>
<u>BB</u>	(18) IOWA NEW JERSEY SOUTH DAKOTA INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS ALABAMA	NORTH CAROLINA WEST VIRGINIA WASHINGTON COLORADO CALIFORNIA PENNSYLVANIA *	TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI IDAHO NEW MEXICO MARYLAND OKLAHOMA
			FUSO
			(8) YAMATO MUSASHI NAGATO KONGO YAMASHIRO ISE HYUGA * HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	(9) SARATOGA ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON HORNET	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL WASP	
			(6) UNRYU TAHO ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU)1 sunk HITAKA)2 prob. HAYATAKA) sunk
<u>CV(L)</u>	(9) CABOT COWPENS BATAAN BELLEAU WOOD INDEPENDENCE	LANGLEY MONTEREY PRINCETON SAN JACINTO	
			(2) CHIYODA ONITOSE
			(2) RYUNO)2 dam. ZUIHO)poss. sunk
<u>CV(R)</u>	(33) FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MANILA BAY NATOMA BAY NEHENTA BAY PETROF BAY OMMANEY BAY	RUDYERD BAY SARGENT BAY SHAMROCK BAY ALTAMAHA BARNES BRETON CASABLANCA CHENANGO COPAHIE CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR	LONG ISLAND LUNGA POINT MARCUS ISLAND NASSAU PRINCE WILLIAM MIDWAY SANGAMON SANTEE SAVO ISLAND SUWANNEE WHITE PLAINS
			(2) KAIYO JINYO
			(2) UNYO OTAKA
<u>CV(T)</u>			
			HOSHO
<u>GA</u>	(13) BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND	
			(5) ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI MYOKO HAGURO
			(6) TONE CHIKUMA SUZUYA KUMANO MOGAMI * MAYA
<u>OGA</u>			
			6
<u>GL</u>	(17) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER MONTPELIER HONOLULU ST LOUIS	BIRMINGHAM SAN PABLO SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN MOBILE	
			(2) NATORI NOSHIRO
			(8) NAGARA OYODO ISUZU TAMA KISO * KITAGAMI * YAHAGI * ABUKUMA
<u>GL(T)</u>			
			KASHII
<u>AS</u>	(4) CURTISS POCONOKE	CHANDELEUR BALLARD	
			AKTESUSHIMA * NOTORO
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 185		20
			35 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u>	Approx. 30		35
			Approx. 30
<u>AS</u>	?		?
			2 (1 repairing)

* Non-effective

TOP SECRET

British — MOST SECRET

U.S. — SECRET

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle.

No. 910

Date 25 July 1944

PART I(1) ALLIED FORCESSOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NEW GUINEA - BISMARCKS(a) At Sea to 1200/25:

- X (1) (1) Task Force 74 : 1 CA: "SHROPSHIRE"
5 DD: "ARUNTA" "AMMEN" "HUTCHINS" "BEALE" "BACHE"
(11) Task Force 77 : 1 FF: "EL PASO"
2 FC: 477, 1119
- (2) "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "WARRAMUNGA" (DD) departed Milne Bay 1500/24 for Sydney ETA 0600/28.
- (3) "STEVENSON" (DD) departed Alexishafen 0800/25 for Humboldt Bay ETA 0800/26.
- (4) "BENDIGO" (AMS) departed Aitape 1400/24 for Madang ETA 1700/25.
- (5) "ARARAT" (AMS) escorting Convoy GB.3 ("SHIKELLAMY" (AOG) "OLIVER KELLY" "WEST CACTUS") departed Humboldt Bay 2000/23 for Langemak ETA 0800/26.
- (6) "TRIANGULUM" (AK) departed Finschhafen 1800 /22 for Hollandia ETA 1800/25
- (7) "YMS.47" 1 LCT departed Milne Bay 23 July for Cretin and Humboldt.
- (8) "SC.698" departed Langemak 1512/23 for Milne Bay ETA 1800/25.
- (9) "YMS.48" escorting LCT's departed Humboldt Bay 22 July for Milne Bay via Aitape and Alexishafen.
- (10) "GOLD STAR" (AG) was to depart Hollandia about 0600/25 for Aitape.
- (11) "RAIL" (AT) towing 6 YE was to depart Milne Bay 19 July for Hollandia.
- X (12) "MONTEREY" (AP) departed Milne Bay 0800/23 for Oro Bay but ran aground off Cape Nelson: "SIMON BAMBURGER" "JAMES BUCHANAN" "CAMAS MEADOWS" "CABLE" (ARS) assisting.
- (13) "CRUX" (AK) was to depart Milne Bay 1200/24 for Port Moresby.
- (14) "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) departed Port Moresby 1315/24 for survey duties Bramble Cay area.
- (15) "STRAHAN" (AMS) on Solomon Sea patrol.
- (16) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:Biak Is-Woendi:

Combat Units 62 PT

Escorts 8

Auxiliaries 10

Merchantmen 11

: 3 PF: "GALLUP" "HUTCHINSON" "BELFAST"

1 AMS: "DELORAINÉ"

4 YMS: 51, 73, 316, 393

: "WRIGHT" (AV) "ORCA" (AVP) "PORTUNUS" "HILO"

(AGP) "SPRIGHTLY" (AT) "PASQUOTANK" (AOG)

2 YFD 1 ATR 1 YP: 415

(1) ALLIED FORCES (Contd.)

X Wakde:

Combat Units 5 DD : "SWANSON" "RADFORD" "JENKINS" "LA VALLETTE"
"FLETCHER"

Escorts 10 : 2 DE: "THOMASON" "NEUENDORFF"
2 PF: "GLENDALE" "LONGBEACH"
1 AMS: "WAGGA"
4 PC: 1120, 1122, 1133, 1134
1 YMS: 10

Auxiliaries 6 : "HERBERT" "SCHLEY" "WARD" "KILTY" "CROSBY"
(APD) "VIREO" (AT)

Merchantmen 11

Humboldt Bay:

Combat Units 12 DD : "WELLES" "GILLESPIE" "MULLANY" "STACK"
"WILKES" "NICHOLSON" "ANDERSON" "STOCKTON"
"MUSTIN" "HOBBY" "HUGHES" "MORRIS"

Escorts 12 : 1 DE: "EICHENBERGER"
3 PF: "SAN PEDRO" "ORANGE" "BISBEE"
1 PS: "WARREGO"
2 PC: 476, 1132
4 YMS: 8, 46, 71, 335

Auxiliaries 22 : "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "VICTORIA" "BISHOPDALE" (AO)
"SUSQUEHANNA" "ELKHORN" (AOC) "AMYCUS" (ARL)
"ANDREW DORIA" "PANDA" "VILLALOBOS" (IX)
"OCTANS" (AF) "BOOTES" (AK) "OGLALA" (ARG)
"DERRICK" (YO) "YUMA" (AT) "COMFORT" (AH)
5 YP: 233, 236, 280, 415, 516 1 AFD

Merchantmen 24

Cape:

Combat Units 1 DD : "VENDETTA"
27 PT with LST.201 acting as AGP

Escorts 3 : 1 PF: "VAN BUREN"
1 SC: 744
1 YMS: 334

Merchantmen 13

Admiralties:

Combat Units 2 CL : "BOISE" "PHOENIX"
3 DD : "ABNER READ" "TRATHEN" "DALY"

Escorts 12 : 2 DE: "MARTIN" "EMERY"
1 PF: "EUGENE"
3 PC: 1123, 1124, 1138
4 SC: 737, 742, 982, 1047
1 ML: 827
1 YMS: 315

Auxiliaries 20 : "POLLUX" (AKS) "EURYALE" (AS) "TANGIER" (AV)
"WHITNEY" (AD) "RIO GRANDE" (AOC) "MEDUSA" (AR)
"ALABASTER" (PYC) "LEOPARD" "MINK" (IX)
"CINNAMON" "SILVERBELL" (AN) "PATHFINDER"
"BENALLA" (AGS) "ALBIREO" (AK)
1 AFD 1 YP: 585 2 YRD 1 ABSD 1 YT

Merchantmen 14

Alexishafen-Madang:

Combat Units 1 DD : "GRAYSON"

Escorts 15 : 1 DE: "J.E.CRAIG"
5 AMS: "GYMPIE" "LATROBE" "KATOOMBA" "STAWELL"
"BUNBURY"
1 PF: "CORONADO"
3 SC: 732, 738, 745
4 ML: 42, 806, 816, 818
1 YMS: 336

Auxiliaries 9 : "OTUS" (AS) "DOBBIN" (AD) "KOOPA" (AGP)
"PING WO" (ASIS) 2 ARD 1 ATR 2 AFD

Merchantmen 1

Cape Gloucester:

Merchantmen 2

Saïdor:

Combat Units 7 PT

Escorts 2 : 2 ML: 803, 819

Auxiliaries 1 : "PASQUOTANK" (AOC)

(1) ALLIED FORCES (Contd.)

Langemak:
 Combat Units 5 PT
 Escorts 32 : 1 PF: "BARCOO"
 : 1 PS: "SWAN"
 : 12 AMS: "COOTAMUNDRA" "COLAC" "ROCKHAMPTON"
 "KAPUNDA" "TOWNSVILLE" "LITHGOW"
 "GEE LONG" "GLENELG" "GLADSTONE"
 "GOULBURN" "WHYALLA" "BUNDABERG"
 : 1 PC: 479
 : 11 SC: 650, 734, 735, 736, 741, 743, 746,
 748, 749, 750, 981
 : 4 YMS: 49, 70, 313, 314
 : 2 ML: 426, 430

Auxiliaries 16 : "MTZAR" (AP) "SAKATONCHEE" "SEEKONK" (AOG)
 "KANIMBLA" (APA) "TASHMAN" (AH) "PORCUPINE"
 "ARAYAT" (IX) "SANGAY" "POYANG" (AE)
 "AASE MAERSK" (AO) "RACE POINT" (AT) "INDUS"
 "MONADNOCK" (AK) "MESQUITE" (CGC)
 "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) 1 YP: 504

Merchantmen 22

Lee:
 Escorts 1 : 1 ML: 428
 Merchantmen 7

Morebe:
 Escorts 1 : 1 SC: 703
 Auxiliaries 1 : 1 AFD
 Merchantmen 7

Euna-Oro Bay:
 Merchantmen 9

Milne Bay:
 Combat Units 5 PT
 Escorts 10 : 1 DE: "LOVELACE"
 : 1 AMS: "ESHUCA"
 : 1 PC: 1131
 : 3 SC: 637, 731, 739
 : 2 YMS: 50, 53
 : 2 ML: 431, 801

Auxiliaries 25 : "MANOORA" (APA) "SHASTA" (AE) "SONOMA" "WATO"
 (AT) "SCULPTOR" "LYNX" "ERIDANUS" (AK)
 "HERON" (AVP) "TRINITY" (AO) "TEABERRY" (YN)
 "CHETCO" (AT) "CLYDE" (IX) "TEAK" (AN)
 "LARK" (AM) 5 AFD 3 YP 3 YP: 237, 240, 449
 2 ARD

Merchantmen 25

Port Moresby:
 Escorts 1 : 1 ML: 802
 Auxiliaries 1 : "WINTER" (AGS)

2. SOLOMONS(a) At Sea to 1200/25:

- (1) "WHITEHURST" (DE) escorting "MOBJACK" (AGP) was to depart Espiritu Santo 1500/23 for Dreger ETA 0400/27.
- (2) "TUMULT" (AM) escorting "ROTANIN" (AK) departed Emirau 1000/24 for Green Is. ETA 0600/26.
- (3) "STADTFELD" (DE) escorting "PATAPSCO" (AOG) departed Tulagi 1800/24 for Emirau ETA 1200/27.
- (4) "YMS.99" escorting "PAWNEE" (AP) towing "YO.164" proceeding Tulagi to Morebe crossing 159th Meridian at 1200/25.
- (5) "SC.723" escorting "ROBERT HARPER" was to depart Torokina a.m. 24 July for Morebe ETA a.m. 26 July; on arrival "SC.723" detaches and returns to Torokina

(b) In Harbour:

Emirau Is:
 Combat Units 20 PT
 Escorts 4 : 2 DE: "ENGLAND" "FOREMAN"
 : 1 SC: 1274
 : 1 PC: 589

(i) ALLIED FORCES (Contd.)

Green Is:
 Combat Units 21 PT
 Escorts 3 : 1 DM: "BREEZE"
 1 FC: 620
 1 SC: 677
 Auxiliaries 2 : "SAN CARLOS" (AVP) "VARUNA" (AGP)

Torokina:
 Escorts 6 : 2 DE: "WITTER" "DUFFY"
 4 FC: 1128, 588, 606, 1590
 Auxiliaries 5 : "WESTRALIA" "HENRY T. ALLEN" (APA) "JAGUAR"
 "KANGAROO" (IX) "ALNITAH" (AN)

Treasury Is:
 Combat Units 4 DD : "NICHOLAS" "TAYLOR" "O'BANNON" "HOPEWELL"
 34 PT
 4 PGM
 Escorts 5 : 1 DE: "WHITEHURST"
 1 EV: "GALE"
 1 FC: 590
 1 SC: 722
 1 YMS: 97

Munda:
 Escorts 5 : 1 DE: "BOWERS"
 1 FC: 1229
 1 SC: 514
 2 YMS: 196, 259
 Auxiliaries 1 : "STRATFORD" (AGP)

5. EAST AND SOUTH EAST AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea to 1200/25:

- (1) "YP.278" departed Townsville 1543/24 for Cairns ETA 0600/25 thence Milne Bay ETA North Foreland 1600/27.
- (2) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) departed Sydney 1432/15 for Seeadler Harbour via Palm Island and Samarai.
- (3) "ML.804" departed Thursday Is. 1200/23 for Cairns ETA 1800/30.
- (4) "ML.811" on A/S patrol in Grafton Passage.
- (5) "MAETSUYCKER" (AH) departed Brisbane 1019/24 for Townsville ETA 1200/26.
- (6) "RAINIER" (AE) proceeding Sydney from S.P.A.
- (7) "CHALLENGER" (AGS) proceeding Sydney ETA p.m. 26 July.
- (8) "GENERAL A.E. ANDERSON" (AP) was to depart Melbourne 1240/24 for Bombay.

(b) In Harbour:

Thursday Is:
 Escorts 5 : 4 AMS: "PARKES" "KALGOORLIE" "PIRIE" "BALLARAT"
 1 ML: 805
 Auxiliaries 2 : "VIGILANT" (AGS) "BUTTON WOOD" (CGC)

Cairns:
 Escorts 7 : 2 PF: "MUSKOGEE" "ROCKFORD"
 1 AMS: "KIAMA"
 2 SC: 648, 699
 1 ML: 802
 1 YMS: 52
 Auxiliaries 4 : "FIRE ISLAND" "SOUTHWEST PASS" (AT)
 1 ARD 1 YT

Townsville:
 Auxiliaries 2 : "STELLA" "POLARIS" (AGS)
 Merchantmen 3

Bowen:
 Auxiliaries 1 : "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS)

Brisbane:
 Escorts 8 : 2 AMS: "MILDURA" "BROOME"
 3 FCE: 848, 849, 850
 1 PF: "OGDEN"
 1 FC: 1121
 1 ML: 425
 Auxiliaries 14 : "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "HALF MOON" (AVP) "COUCAL"
 (ASR) "ALGORAB" (AKA) "KURUMBA" (AO) "MERKUR"
 (AF) "ETOLIN" "GANYMEDE" "ST. GILES"
 "CARONDOLET" (IX) "CAPE LEEUWIN" (AGS)
 3 YP: 283, 291, 421 4 "

(1) ALLIED FORCES (Contd.)Brisbane (Contd.)

<u>Merchantmen</u>	10	
<u>Sydney:</u>		
<u>Combat Units</u>	1 CMS	: "ARIADNE"
	2 CL	: "HOBART" (refitting) "NASHVILLE"
	1 DD	: "STUART"
<u>Escorts</u>	12	: 2 DE: "GREENWOOD" "LOESER"
		2 PF: "GASCOYNE" "BURDEKIN"
		1 PS: "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA"
		2 A/S: "WILCANNIA" "YANDRA"
		5 ML: 810, 813, 822, 823, 825
<u>Auxiliaries</u>	11	: "TULSA" (PG) "MORESEY" (AGS) "MURZIM" "VENUS"
		(AK) "YUNNAN" "PYRO" (AE) "RESERVE"
		"POINT LOMA" "TANGRED" (AT) "MANUNDA" (AH)
		"BUNGAREE"
<u>Merchantmen</u>	21	
<u>Newcastle:</u>		
<u>Escorts</u>	2	: 1 AMS: "WARRNAMBOOL"
		1 A/S: "KYBRA"
<u>Melbourne:</u>		
<u>Escorts</u>	2	: 1 AMS: "COWRA"
		1 A/S: "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN"
<u>Auxiliaries</u>	2	: "PLATYPUS" (AR) "GENERAL GEORGE M. RANDALL"
		(AP)
<u>Adelaide:</u>		
<u>Escorts</u>	1	: 1 AMS: "CASTLEMAINE"

NORTH WESTERN AREAIa) At Sea to 1200/25:

- (1) "BOWEN" (AMS) escorting Convoy TD.63 ("JAMES D. PHALAN") departed Thursday Is. 2000/23 for Darwin WFA 1200/26.
- (2) 15 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:Darwin:

<u>Escorts</u>	7	: 2 AMS: "JUNEE" "INVERELL"
		5 ML: 429, 807, 814, 815, 809
<u>Merchantmen</u>	1	
<u>Snake Bay (Melville Is)</u>		
<u>Escorts</u>	1	: 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE"
<u>Merchantmen</u>	2	

5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/25:

- (1) "QUIBERON" (DD) departed Geraldton 1330/24 for Trincomalee

(b) In Harbour:Exmouth Gulf:

<u>Escorts</u>	2	: 2 YMS: 11, 72
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Fremantle:

<u>Combat Units</u>	1 CL	: "ADELAIDE"
<u>Escorts</u>	6	: 1 PF: "CORPUS CHRISTI"
		2 AMS: "HORSHAM" "DUBBO"
		1 SC: 729
		2 ML: 824, 825
<u>Auxiliaries</u>	9	: "GRIPPIN" "ORION" (AS) "ISABEL" (PY) "CHILDS"
		"W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR)
		"ATHOS" (AP) 1 ARD 2 YP: 286, 288

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Note: Merchant ship totals in port include all ships over 1,000 tons except tankers and commissioned ships.

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A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. SOLOMONS - BISMARCKS

(1) Bougainville - Night 22-23 July Rabaul was harassed by 1 Mitchell and East Coast Bougainville was patrolled by another Mitchell. On 23 July bivouac area near Rorovana (near Kieta) was bombed by 12 Avengers and A/A positions Southern Impress Augusta Bay were attacked by 8 Corsairs. Night 23-24 July Rorovana Harbour was shelled by PT Boats.

(2) New Ireland - Night 22-23 July Kavieng was harassed by 2 Mitchells. On 23 July sweeps were conducted over New Ireland by 7 Venturas and a number of Corsairs attacking barges, buildings and huts.

Photos 24 July show that Kavieng and Panapai runways remain serviceable. Numerous plantation buildings and bridges are confirmed destroyed along the Coastal Road west Central New Ireland.

(3) Rabaul - Night 22-23 July Rabaul was harassed by 1 Mitchell; on 23 July coastal sweeps around the eastern and northern shores of Cape Gazelle were conducted by 30 Dauntless and 48 Corsairs. Photos 24 July show that Lakamai, Tobera and Vunakanau runways remain serviceable.

2. NEW GUINEA

(1) Wewak-Aitape - Night 23-24 July anti-barge patrol by 4 PT boats and 1 destroyer was repeated off the Wewak-Yakumul coast; destroyed 1 barge and badly damaged 2 others, and in addition probably damaged 2 trucks on the coastal road by strafing.

During 24 July troop concentrations near Yakumul were bombed by 50 Beauforts, personnel areas at But by 18 Bostons, and 1 Mitchell and in addition stores, bridges and road transport were attacked by some Thunderbolts, Aircobras and Beaufighters.

The enemy assault on our positions near Drinimor River a.m. 22 July was successfully countered and an unknown number of Japanese driven from the area. Night 23-24 July ground activity in the southern sector was limited to minor grenade actions.

(2) Maffin Bay - Minor enemy patrol attacks were reported 22-23 July around the various sectors of the perimeter. Known enemy dead to 23 July number 3160; prisoners 53.

(3) Biak - Active patrolling continues on Biak reporting small enemy contacts 23 July. The enemy casualties to 23 July total 3,658 Japs killed, 74 Japs captured, 532 Indonesians, 6 Sikhs and 1 Chinese taken into custody.

(4) Noemfoor - Mopping up continues on Noemfoor Island where small parties of enemy up to 50 strong are still occasionally attacked. Enemy casualties to 23 July total 785 killed, 35 Japs captured, 354 Formosans, 1 Chinese, 269 Javanese taken into custody.

(5) Western Geelvink Bay - Coastal patrols from late afternoon 23 July involving PT boats and Kittyhawks encountered a few small craft just south of Manokwari, destroying 2 barges and strafing another 4 barges and some canoes.

The coastal sweep was maintained throughout 24 July involving Kittyhawks flying in quartets. 5 barges were at least damaged on Mansinan Island and another 10 or 12 in the area between Manokwari and Cape Moepi were strafed.

(6) Vogelkop Peninsula - At 0952/24 a submarine was sighted approximately 180 miles N.N.E. Sorong on course 210°.

At 1040/24 another submarine was sighted by aircraft in a position about 240 miles E.N.E. of the first reported submarine; the course of the second sighting was not given.

3. EAST INDIES

(1) Kau Islands - At 0915-1000/24 4 barges off the west coast of Walir Island heading S.E. were attacked by a reconnaissance Mitchell; 2 barges were beached and the other 2 left at a standstill still off-shore.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (contd.)

- (2) Watoebela Island - At 1400/24 a small merchantship and some 18 barges at Ticer Island were attacked by 4 Mitchells. Bombs landed amongst the barges and close to the merchantships, but otherwise results were unobserved.
- (3) Soela Island - At 0830/24 3 seatrucks were observed in Sanana Harbour (East Coast Sanana Island) and another 2 seatrucks together with some barges just off the northwest coast of the same Island. One of the seatrucks was bombed; near misses were scored and the vessel run on the reef.
- (4) Java - Night 21-22 July Catalinas over Sourabaya reported 3 ships including 1 possible tanker off Pascoeraan in Madoera Strait, 1 large ship near Sourabaya and another 2 ships near Amboenti.

4. PHILIPPINES - The following shipping sightings 23-24 July are reported :-
- (a) 0755/23: 6 merchantships (1 medium to large and 5 small) with 1 escort described as "YUBARI" class light cruiser, apparently proceeding out of Cebu on a north easterly course.
- (b) p.m. 24 July: 1 aircraft carrier described as "KAIYO" class at N.E. entrance to Guimaras Strait on northerly course.
- (c) 1530/23: 2 small tankers at entrance to Davao Gulf heading south.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

- (1) Carolines - Palau - Night 23-24 July Peleliu and Babelthuap airfields were bombed by 2 Liberators.
- Palau Area - At 1000/24 a submarine was reported approximately midway between Palau group and east coast Mindanao on course 190°.
- Yap - At 1045/23 a bivouac and supply area south of Yap aerodrome were bombed by 23 Liberators. 8 enemy aircraft intercepted and 2 were destroyed; some of the Liberators were damaged but all returned. 1 small cargo vessel was observed in Yap Harbour and another unidentified ship off west coast of Yap Island.
- Woleai - At 0950/23 Woleai aerodrome was bombed by 3 Liberators and 1220/23 the same target was again bombed by 1 Liberator.
- Truk - Daylight 22 July targets in Truk atoll including Dublin Naval Base were attacked by Cenpac Liberators dropping 75 tons of bombs. 2 enemy fighters were airborne but no interception was attempted.
- (2) Marianas - At Guam substantial gains were made by U.S. forces night 22-23 July and on 23 July. Orote Peninsula has almost been cut off by our forces which are attempting to form a junction from 2 beachheads one north and one south of Apra Harbour.
- Enemy casualties have not yet been counted but our casualties number 348 killed, 1500 wounded and 110 missing.
- A landing was effected on Tinian a.m. 24 July following bombardment by aircraft and surface units during previous days. Details concerning the landing are still meagre but apparently some shore fire was encountered but satisfactory progress was made after the beach head had been secured.
- On 22 July Pagan Island aerodrome was bombed and strafed by Thunderbolts from Saipan.
- (3) Bonins - Further details concerning the attacks on this area 20 July by patrol Liberators from Saipan (reported in yesterday's summary No.909) state that the stern was blown off a destroyer at Chichijima or Hahajima and in addition a destroyer escort and a medium cargo vessel were strafed. In the same area 4 land based planes, 2 floatplanes, and 3 flying boats were strafed with unobserved results.

(iii) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

and Tinian

- (1) ~~U.S. Forces land on Tinian~~; Guam operations proceeding satisfactorily.
- (2) Significant shipping sighting in Philippines.

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

<u>CA</u>	(2) AUSTRALIA SHROBSHIRE		-
<u>CL</u>	(4) BOISE PHOENIX NASHVILLE * HOBART	* LEANDER	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(2) TANGIER WRIGHT		-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	(6) HALF MOON SAN PABLO HERON ORCA CHINCOTEAGUE SAN CARLOS	COOE BAY	-
<u>DD</u>	(35) ARUNTA WARRAMINGA STUART VENDETTA AEMER READ AMMEN ANDERSON BACHE BEALE DALY FLETCHER GILLIESPIE GRAYSON HOBBY HOPEWELL HUGHES HUTCHINS JENKINS	LA VALLETTE MORRIS MULLANY MUSTIN NICHOLAS NICHOLSON O'BANNON RADFORD RUSSELL STACK STEVENSON STOCKTON SWANSON TAYLOR TRATHEN WELLES WILKES	8 -
<u>SE</u>	(6) BLUEGILL BREAM CERO DACE DARTER SEA WOLF	) ) ) ) on patrol))	5
	(3) BASHAW S.42 S.45	) ) at Seeadler)	
	(3) FLOUNDER FLYING FISH S.47	) ) at Brisbane)	
	(2) K.9 K.12	) ) at Sydney	

* Non-effective

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
	<u>Southwest Pacific</u> <u>(Eastern Section)</u>	
	<u>South Pacific</u>	
<u>PT</u>	Approx. 175	?
<u>APA</u> <u>AKA</u> <u>APD</u>	(10) H.F. ALLEN (APA) KANIBELA MANOORA WESTRALIA ALGORAB (AKA) WARD (APD) SCHLEY HERBERT CROBBY KILTY	4 APD
<u>ACC</u>	BLUE RIDGE	-
<u>AS</u>	(2) ORUS EURYALE	-
<u>AD</u>	(2) DOBBIN WHITNEY	-
<u>AR</u>	(4) RIGEL FLATYFUS AMYCUS MEDUSA	-

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CA</u>	-	(2) NACHI ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	-
<u>DR</u>	9	5
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx. 5

3. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CL</u>	TRINTON	-
<u>DR</u>	9	-

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	<u>Southwest Pacific</u> <u>(Western Section)</u>	<u>Eastern Fleet Area</u>	<u>Malaya-Indian Ocean</u>
<u>BB</u>		(4) QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOUN RICHELIEU	-
<u>CV</u>	-	(3) VICTORIOUS ILLUSTRIOUS INDOMITABLE	-
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	(6) BATTLEER ATHELING UNICORN BEGUM SHAH AMEER	-
<u>CA</u>	-	(3) CUMBERLAND LONDON SUFFOLK	AOBA
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	(7) CEYLON NEWCASTLE KENYA TROMP GAMBIA PHOENIX NIGERIA	(2) KINU OI
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(3) CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	-
<u>XCL</u>	-	(2) CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>DD</u>	QUIBERON	Approx. 27	5
<u>SS</u>	(15) ANGLER CREVILLE MINGO) ASPROG FLASHER PARGO) BONFISH GURNAFD PUFFER) CABRILLA HOE ROBALO) on patrol COD LAPON SANDLACE)	Approx. 16	12 (incl. 7 German)
	(7) BLUEFISH RATON) GUTPARRO RASHER) NAUTILUS RAY) on passage PADDLE)		
	K.14 at Darwin		
	(10) FLIER HAKE MUSKELLUNGE) HADDO GUNNEL NARWHAL) HARDER JACK REDFIN) at Fremantle K.15)		
<u>AS</u>	(2) ORION GRIFFIN		

ESTIMATE ENEMY SHORE-BASED AIR STRENGTH

	<u>Solomons -</u> <u>Bismarcks</u>	<u>New Guinea</u>	<u>East Indies</u>	<u>Philippines</u>	<u>Mandates</u>
Fighters	2	9	242	200	131
L & M/Bombers	-	4	135	132	34
T & D/Bombers	-	-	4	60	54
Flying Boats	-	-	9	12	4
Floatplanes	10	3	56	27	20
Obsn. A/C	2	2	52	15	23
TOTAL	14	12	508	446	266

TOP SECRET

British — MOST SECRET

U.S. — SECRET

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

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Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle.

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PART I

(1) ALLIED FORCES

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NEW GUINEA - BISMARCKS

(a) At Sea to 1200/26:

- (1) (1) Task Force 77 : 2 PC: 477, 1119
- (2) "SAN PEDRO" (PF) "PC.479" escorting 1 LST and some MV departed Humboldt Bay 25 July for Wakde ETA 0800/26: "SAN PEDRO" with 3 MV continues to Biak with 1 MV joining at Toem.
- (3) "YMS.47" 1 LCT departed Milne Bay 23 July for Cretin and Humboldt.
- (4) "YMS.48" escorting LCT's departed Humboldt Bay 22 July for Milne Bay via Altape and Alexishafen.
- (5) "LATROBE" "KAPUNDA" "LITHGOW" "BUNDABERG" "COOTAMUNDRA" "SC.743" escorting Convoy BG.103 departed Langemak 1730/24 for Humboldt Bay ETA 0800/27.
- (6) "RAIL" (AT) towing 6 YE departed Langemak 1100/22 for Humboldt Bay ETA 0600/27.
- (7) "WHITEHURST" (DE) escorting "MOBJACK" (AGP) proceeding Dreger from S.P.A. ETA 0400/27.
- (8) "MONTEREY" (AP) departed Milne Bay 0800/23 for Oro Bay but ran aground off Cape Nelson: "SIMON BAMBURGER" "JAMES BUCHANAN" "CAMAS MEADOWS" "CABLE" (ARS) assisting.
- (9) "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) departed Port Moresby 1315/24 for survey duties Bramble Cay area.
- (10) "GLADSTONE" "WHYALLA" (AMS) on Solomon Sea patrol.
- (11) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Biak Is-Woendi:

Combat Units	62	PT	
Escorts	8		: 3 PF: "GALLUP" "HUTCHINSON" "BELFAST"
			1 AMS: "DELORAINÉ"
			4 YMS: 51, 73, 316, 393
Auxiliaries	10		: "WRIGHT" (AV) "ORCA" (AVP) "PORTUNUS" "HILO"
			(AGP) "SPRIGHTLY" (AT) "PASQUOTANK" (AOG)
			2 YFD 1 ATR 1 YP: 415
Merchantmen	13		
<u>Wakde:</u>			
Combat Units	5	DD	: "SWANSON" "RADFORD" "JENKINS" "LA VALLETTE"
			"FLETCHER"
Escorts	7		: 1 DE: "THOMASON"
			1 AMS: "WAGGA"
			4 PC: 1120, 1122, 1133, 1134
			1 YMS: 10
Auxiliaries	6		: "HERBERT" "SCHLEY" "WARD" "KILTY" "CROSBY"
			(APD) "VIREO" (AT)
Merchantmen	9		

(1) ALLIED FORCES (Contd.)

Humboldt Bay:

✕ Combat Units 1 CA : "SHROPSHIRE"
18 DD : "ARUNTA" "ANDEN" "BACHE" "BEALE" "HUTCHINS"
"WELLES" "GILLESPIE" "MULLANY" "STACK"
"WILKES" "NICHOLSON" "ANDERSON" "STOCKTON"
"MUSTIN" "HOBBY" "HUGHES" "MORRIS"
"STEVENSON"

Escorts 15 : 2 DE: "EICHENBERGER" "NEUENDORF"
5 PF: "ORANGE" "BISBEE" "LONG BEACH"
"EL PASO" "GLENDALE"
1 PS: "WARREGO"
2 PC: 476, 1132
4 YMS: 8, 46, 71, 335
1 ML: 817

Auxiliaries 21 : "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "VICTORIA" "BISHOPDALE"
(AO) "SUSQUEHANNA" "ELKHORN" (AOG) "AMYCUS"
(ARL) "POYANG" (AE) "ANDREW DORIA" "PANDA"
"VILLALOBOS" (IX) "TRIANGULUM" "BOOTES" (AK)
"OGLALA" (ARG) "DERRICK" (YO) "YUMA" (AT)
"COMFORT" (AH)
4 YP: 236, 280, 415, 516 1 AFD

Merchantmen 25

Atape:

Combat Units 1 DD : "VENDETTA"
27 PT with LST.201 acting as AGP

Escorts 4 : 1 AMS: "GYMPIE"
1 PF: "VAN BUREN"
1 SC: 744
1 YMS: 334

Auxiliaries 1 : "GOLDSTAR" (AG)

Merchantmen 14

Admiralties:

Combat Units 2 CL : "BOISE" "PHOENIX"
3 DD : "ABNER READ" "TRATHEN" "DALY"

Escorts 12 : 2 DE: "MARTIN" "EMERY"
1 PF: "EUGENE"
3 PC: 1123, 1124, 1138
4 SC: 737, 742, 982, 1047
1 ML: 827
1 YMS: 315

Auxiliaries 20 : "POLLEX" (AKS) "EURYALE" (AS) "TANGIER" (AV)
"WHITNEY" (AD) "RIO GRANDE" (AOG) "MEDUSA"
(AR) "ALABASTER" (PYC) "LEOPARD" "MINK" (IX)
"CINNAMON" "SILVERBELL" (AN) "PATHFINDER"
"BENALLA" (AGS) "ALBIREO" (AK)
1 AFD 1 YP: 585 2 YRD 1 ABSD 1 YT

Merchantmen 14

Alexishafen-Madag:

Combat Units 1 DD : "GRAYSON"

Escorts 15 : 1 DE: "J.E.CRAIG"
4 AMS: "KATOOMBA" "STAWELL" "BUNBURY"
"BENDIGO"
1 PF: "CORONADO"
4 SC: 732, 738, 745, 981
4 ML: 42, 806, 816, 818
1 YMS: 336

Auxiliaries 10 : "OTUS" (AS) "DOBBIN" (AD) "KOOPA" (AGP)
"ARAYAT" (IX) "PING WO" (ASIS) 2 ARD 1 ATR
2 AFD

Merchantmen 1

Cape Gloucester:

Merchantmen 2

Idor:

Combat Units 7 PT

Escorts 2 : 2 ML: 803, 819

Langemak:

Combat Units 5 PT

Escorts 25 : 1 PF: "BARCOO"
1 PS: "SWAN"
8 AMS: "ARARAT" "STRAHAN" "COLAC" "GEELONG"
"ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" "GLENELG"
"GOULBURN"

(1) ALLIED FORCES (Contd.)

Langemak (Contd.)
Escorts (Contd.)

Auxiliaries 16 : 9 SC: 650, 734, 735, 736, 741, 746, 748
749, 750
4 YMS: 49, 70, 313, 314
2 ML: 426, 430

Merchantmen 28 : "MIZAR" (AF) "SAKATONCHEE" "SSEKONK"
"SHIKELLAMY" (AOG) "KANIMELA" "MANOORA" (APA)
"TASMAN" (AH) "PORCUPINE" (IX) "SANGAY" (AE)
"AASE MAERSK" (AO) "RACE POINT" (AT) "INDUS"
"MONADNOCK" (AK) "MESQUITE" (CGC)
"CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) 1 YP: 504

Lae:
Escorts 1 : 1 ML: 428
Merchantmen 8

Morobe:
Escorts 1 : 1 SC: 703
Auxiliaries 1 : 1 AFD
Merchantmen 5

Bunae Ore Bay:
Merchantmen 10

Milne Bay:
Combat Units 5 PT
Escorts 10 : 1 DE: "LOVELACE"
1 AMS: "ECHUCA"
1 PC: 1131
4 SC: 637, 698, 731, 739
1 YMS: 50
2 ML: 431, 801

Auxiliaries 26 : "SHASTA" (AE) "SONOMA" "WATO" (AT) "SCULPTOR"
"ERIDANUS" (AK) "HERON" (AVP) "TRINITY" (AO)
"TEABERRY" (YN) "CHETCO" (AT) "CLYDE" (IX)
"TEAK" (AN) "LARK" (AM)
5 AFD 3 YT 4 YP: 233, 237, 240, 449 2 ARD

Merchantmen 2 26

Port Moresby:
Escorts 1 : 1 ML: 802
Auxiliaries 2 : "WINTER" (AGS) "CRUX" (AK)

2. SOLOMONS(a) At Sea to 1200/26:

- (1) "STADTFELD" (DE) escorting "PATAPSCO" (AOG) departed Tulagi 1800/24 for Emirau ETA 1200/27
- (2) "YMS.99" escorting "PAWNEE" (AT) towing "YO.164" proceeding Tulagi to Manus crossby 159th Meridian 28 July.
- (3) "PC.620" escorting "TOUSSAINT L'OUVERTURE" proceeding Green Is. to Torokina was due 0900/26.
- (4) "SC.723" escorting "ROBERT HARPER" was to depart Torokina a.m. 24 July for Morobe ETA a.m. 26 July: on arrival "SC.723" detaches and returns to Torokina.
- (5) "RABY" (DE) escorting "GEORGE W. JULIAN" proceeding Tulagi to Morobe, crossing 159th Meridian at 0900/27: "RABY" detaches and returns Guadalcanal.

(b) In Harbour:

Emirau Is:
Combat Units 20 PT
Escorts 4 : 2 DE: "ENGLAND" "FOREMAN"
1 SC: 1274
1 PC: 589

Green Is:
Combat Units 21 PT
Escorts 3 : 1 DM: "BREEZE"
1 AM: "TUMULT"
1 SC: 677

Auxiliaries 3 : "SAN CARLOS" (AVP) "VARUNA" (AGP) "ROTANIN" (AK)

Torokina:
 Escorts 6 : 2 DE: "WITTER" "DUFFY"
 4 PC: 1128, 588, 606, 1590
 Auxiliaries 5 : "WESTRALIA" "HENRY T. ALLEN" (APA) "JAGUAR"
 "KANGAROO" (IX) "ALNITAH" (AN)

Treasury Is:
 Combat Units 4 DD : "NICHOLAS" "TAYLOR" "O'BANNON" "HOPEWELL"
 34 PT
 4 PGM
 Escorts 87 : 3 DE: "WHITEHURST" "BOWERS" "WILLMARTH"
 1 EV: "GALE"
 1 PC: 590
 1 SC: 722
 1 YMS: 97

Auxiliaries 2 : "CAMANGA" (AG) "STRATFORD" (AGP)

Munda:
 Escorts 5 : 2 PC: 584, 1229
 1 SC: 514
 2 YMS: 196, 259

3. EAST AND SOUTH EAST AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea to 12 00/26:

- (1) "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "WARRAMUNGA" (DD) departed Milne Bay 15 00/24 for Sydney ETA 0600/28.
- (2) "OCTANS" (AF) was to depart Milne Bay 0500/26 for Caloundra ETA 2200/29.
- (3) "LYNX" (AK) was to depart Milne Bay 12 00/26 for Caloundra ETA 0500/30.
- (4) "MUSKOGEE" (PF) departed Cairns 1530/25 for Milne Bay ETA 1000/27.
- (5) "KIAMA" (AMS) was to depart Cairns 0900/26 for Milne Bay ETA 1000/28.
- (6) "YP.278" departed Cairns 1611/25 for Milne Bay ETA North Foreland 1600/27.
- (7) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) departed Sydney 1432/15 for Seeadler Harbour via Palm Island and Samarai.
- (8) "ML.804" departed Thursday Is. 12 00/23 for Cairns ETA 1800/30.
- (9) "ML.811" on A/S patrol in Grafton Passage.
- (10) "MAETSUYCKER" (AH) departed Brisbane 1019/24 for Townsville ETA 1200/26.
- (11) "RAINIER" (AE) proceeding Sydney from S.F.A.
- (12) "ML.808" was to depart Caloundra 1030/26 for Gladstone ETA 1200/27.
- (13) "YANDRA" (A/S) departed Sydney 0905/25 on A/S patrol to Smoky Cape and return.
- (14) "GENERAL A.E. ANDERSON" (AP) was to depart Melbourne 1240/24 for Bombay.

(b) In Harbour:

Thursday Is:
 Escorts 5 : 4 AMS: "PARKES" "KALGOORLIE" "PIRIE"
 "BALLARAT"
 1 ML: 805

Auxiliaries 2 : "VIGILANT" (AGS) "BUTTON WOOD" (CGC)

Cairns:
 Escorts 6 : 1 PF: "ROCKFORD"
 2 SC: 648, 699
 1 ML: 802
 2 YMS: 52, 53

Auxiliaries 4 : "FIRE ISLAND" "SOUTHWEST PASS" (AT)
 1 ARD 1 YF

Townsville:
 Auxiliaries 2 : "STELLA" "POLARIS" (AGS)
 Merchantmen 4

P Owen:
 Auxiliaries 1 : "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS)

Brisbane:
 Escorts 8 : 2 AMS: "MILDURA" "BROOME"
 3 PC: 848, 849, 850
 1 PF: "OGDEN"
 1 PC: 1121
 1 ML: 425

Auxiliaries 14 : "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "HALF MOON" (AVP) "COUCAL"
 (ASR) "ALGORAB" (AKA) "KURUMBA" (AO)
 "MERKUR" (AF) "ETOLIN" "GANYMEDE" "ST. GILES"

(1) ALLIED FORCESBrisbane (Contd.)

Auxiliaires (Contd.) : "CARONDOLET" (IX) "CAPE LEEUWIN" (AGS)
3 YP: 283, 291, 421

Merchantmen 8

Sydney:

Combat Units 1 CMS : "ARIADNE"
2 CL : "NASHVILLE" "HOBART" (refitting)
1 DD : "STUART"

Escorts 11 : 2 DE: "GREENWOOD" "LOESER"
2 PF: "GASCOYNE" "BURDEKIN"
1 PS: "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA"
1 A/S: "WILCANNIA"
5 ML: 810, 813, 822, 823, 825

Auxiliaries 12 : "TULSA" (PG) "CHALLENGER" "MORESEY" (AGS)
"MURZIM" "VENUS" (AK) "YUNNAN" "PYRO" (AE)
"RESERVE" "POINT LOMA" "TANGRED" (AT)
"MANUNDA" (AH) "BUNGAREE" (CM)

Merchantmen 20

Newcastle:

Escorts 2 : 1 AMS: "WARRNAMBOOL"
1 A/S: "KYBRA"

Melbourne:

Escorts 2 : 1 AMS: "COWRA"
1 A/S: "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN"

Auxiliaries 2 : "PLATYPUS" (AR) "GENERAL GEORGE M. RANDALL" (AP)

At Sea:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "CASTLEMAINE"

4. NORTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/26:

- (1) "JUNEE" (AMS) escorting "OCHOCO" was to depart Darwin 0730/26 for Thursday Is. ETA 0530/29.
- (2) "BOWEN" (AMS) escorting Convoy TD.63 ("JAMES D. PHALAN") departed Thursday Is. 2000/25 for Darwin ETA 1200/26.
- (3) 15 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:Darwin:

Escorts 6 : 1 AMS: "INVERELL"
5 ML: 429, 807, 814, 815, 809

Merchantmen -Snake Bay (Melville Is.)

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE"
Merchantmen 2

5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/26:

- (1) "YMS's.11, 72" departed Exmouth Gulf 0900/24 for Fremantle ETA 1000/27.

(b) In Harbour:Fremantle:

Combat Units 1 CL : "ADELAIDE"
Escorts 6 : 1 PF: "CORPUS CHRISTI"
2 AMS: "HORSEHAM" "DUBBO"
1 SC: 729
2 ML: 824, 825

Auxiliaries 10 : "GRIFFIN" "ORION" (AS) "ISABEL" (PY) "CHILDS"
"W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR)
"ATHOS" (AP) 1 ARD 2 YP: 286, 288

Note: Merchant ship totals in port include all ships over 1,000 tons except tankers and commissioned ships.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. SOLOMONS - BISMARCKS

- (1) Bougainville - In the Torokina area an enemy party of unassessed strength was contacted 23-24 July by our patrols in the Upper Laruma Valley.
- (2) New Ireland - Night 23-24 Kavieng was harassed by 5 Mitchells. On 24 July Kavieng was attacked by 14 Corsairs and bridges, villages and other targets of opportunity widely spread over New Ireland were attacked by 6 Venturas.
- (3) Rabaul - Night 23-24 July Rabaul was harassed by 5 Mitchells. A.M. 24 July road targets, coastal targets in the vicinity of Cape Gazelle were attacked by 30 Dauntless and buildings and supply centres around Rabaul were attacked by 18 Dauntless 27 Corsairs.

2. NEW GUINEA

- (1) Newak-Aitape - Weather hampered air operations this sector on 25 July but bridges and concentrations were attacked during the day by 25 Beauforts and coastal sweeps were conducted by 5 Beaufighters in addition to a few Beauforts and Beaufighters which co-operated with PT boats at dawn and dusk, and also 12 Aircobras attacking trails.
Night 24-25 July PT boats operated off-shore met no barge traffic and strafed trucks on the coastal road.
A certain amount of enemy troop movement was reported in the vicinity of the southern flank of Driniumor River line but apart from some heavy artillery fire received near Afua no enemy offensive activity was reported 24 July.
- (2) Maffin Bay - A small party of Japs ~~imm~~ launched an attack on the eastern flank of our Maffin Bay perimeter which was repulsed, p.m. 23 July. Otherwise ~~only~~ minor enemy contacts are reported in this area.
- (3) Manokwari Area - A delayed report states that at 0850/21 a possibly submarine was observed by aircraft in the Manokwari area.
- (4) Western Geelvink Bay - Night 24-25 July a small fuel dump at Moemi was strafed and set on fire by PT boats. 2 fighters each of 4 Kittyhawks co-operating with 6 PT boats at dawn 25 July strafed camouflaged aircraft on Ransiki strip and several trucks nearby; also strafed a barge carrying 50 Japs heading west towards Noemfoor and Manokwari; the barge exploded and sank.

3. EAST INDIES

- (1) Halmahera - At 1000/23 a reconnaissance aircraft observed 6 medium merchantships and several barges in Wasile Bay.
Photos 21 July of the 4 main aerodromes on Northern Halmahera show :-
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|----------|------|-------|-------------|
| Galela | 20 F | 39 MB | |
| Lolebata | 21 F | 8 MB | |
| Miti | 20 F | 2 MB | 1 transport |
| Kau | 3 F | | |
- Total 116 aircraft
whereof 64 F 51 MB 1 transport
- (2) Ambon Area - At 1125/25 2 Namlea aerodromes (Old Namlea and Township aerodrom) were attacked by 18 Liberators. Bombs dropped fell amongst parked planes, probably destroying 1 aircraft on the Township drome and 2 on Old Namlea drome. 10-15 planes were seen on the Township drome and about 8 on Old Namlea; 1 flying boat was observed moored off the jetty. A small seatruck was observed off Central North coast Boeroe Island.
- (3) Kai Islands - At 1100-1215/25 8-10 barges off North east Keer Island were bombed by 4 Mitchells with unassessed results.
- (4) Tanimbar - At 1550/25 the jetty at Saumlaki was bombed by a patrol Liberator.

4. PHILIPPINES - At 0945/25 a convoy comprising 10 merchantships (4 medium 6 small) and 5 destroyers were observed heading south out of Davao Gulf.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

- (1) Carolines - Truk - At 1245/24 airfields and A/A installations in addition to the pier and warehouse area at Dublon were bombed by 27 Cenpac Liberators. 4-8 enemy fighters intercepted without enthusiasm: 1 was probably destroyed and 3 others damaged.
Woleai - At 1400/24 Woleai runway was bombed by 2 Liberators.
 A.M. 25 July Woleai was again attacked by 27 Liberators. There was no interception.
Ponape - A.M. 23 July Ponape was attacked by 12 Cenpac Mitchells.
 On 24 July Ponape was again attacked by Cenpac aircraft.
- (2) Marianas - U.S. troops from the 2 beach heads, 1 north and the other south of Apra Harbour have joined, thus completing the isolation of Grote Peninsula. Difficult terrain and stiff opposition have rendered progress slow but advances towards the interior of the island have also been made.
 Little further detail was available concerning operations on Tinian, but progress appears to be satisfactory.
 On 24 July Rota Island aerodrome was attacked by carrier based aircraft.
 A possible submarine was reported east of Saipan p.m. 22 July

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(iii) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

- (1) Guam and Tinian operations proceeding satisfactorily.
 (2) Significant shipping sightings in Philippines.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>Southwest Pacific</u> (<u>Eastern Section</u>)		<u>South Pacific</u>		
<u>GA</u>	(2) AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	-	-
<u>CL</u>	(4) BOISE PHOENIX NASHVILLE * HOBART	* LEANDER	-	-
<u>AV/CVE</u>	(2) TANGIER WRIGHT	-	-	-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	(6) HALF MOON SAN PABLO HERON ORCA CHINCOTEAGUE SAN CARLOS	COOS BAY	-	-
<u>DD</u>	(35) ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA AENER READ AMDEN ANDERSON BACHE BEALE DALY FLETCHER GILLESPIE GRAYSON HOBBY HOPEWELL HUGHES JENKINS HUTCHINS	LA VALLETTE MORRIS MULLANY MUSTIN NICHOLAS NICHOLSON O'BANNON RADFORD RUSSELL STACK STEVENSON STOCKTON SWANSON TAYLOR TRAT HEN WELLES WILKES	8	-
<u>SS</u>	(6) BLUEGILL BREAM CERO DACE DARTER SEA WOLF	) ) on patrol))	-	5
	(3) BASHAW S.42 S.45	) ) at Seeadler)		
	(3) FLOUNDER FLYING FISH S.47	) ) at Brisbane)		
	(2) K.9 K.12	) ) at Sydney		

* Non-effective

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

<u>PT</u>	Approx. 175	-	?
<u>APA</u> <u>AKA</u> <u>AFD</u>	(10) H.T. ALLEN (APA) KANIMELA MANOORA WESTRALIA ALGORAB (AKA) SCHLEY (AFD) WARD HERBERT CROSBY KILTY	4 AFD	-
<u>AGS</u>	BLUE RIDGE	-	-
	(2) OTUS EURYALE	-	-
<u>AD</u>	(2) DOBBIN WHITNEY	-	-
<u>AR</u>	(4) RIGEL FLATYPUS AMYCUS MEDUSA	-	-

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>CA</u>	-	(2) NACHI ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	-
<u>ED</u>	9	5
<u>SE</u>	10	Approx. 5

3. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>ED</u>	TRENTON	-
	9	-

4. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Philippines
Mandates-E. Indies

Empire

<u>BB</u>	(18) ICWA NEW JERSEY SOUTH DAKOTA INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS ALABAMA	NORTH CAROLINA WEST VIRGINIA WASHINGTON COLORADO CALIFORNIA PENNSYLVANIA	TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI IDAHO NEW MEXICO MARYLAND * OKLAHOMA	FUSO	(8) YAMATO MUSASHI NAGATO KONGO YAMASHIRO ISE HYUGA * HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	(9) SARATOGA ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON HORNET	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL WASP		-	(6) UNRYU TAHO ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU) 1 sunk HITAKA) 2 prob HAYATAKA) sunk
<u>CV(L)</u>	(9) CABOT COWPER BATAAN BELLEAU WOOD INDEPENDENCE	LANGLEY MONTEREY PRINCETON SAN JACINTO		(2) CHIYODA CHITOSE	(2) RYUHO) 2 dem. ZUIHO) poss. sunk
<u>CV(B)</u>	(33) FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY KITRON BAY MANILA BAY NATO MA BAY NEHENTA BAY PETROF BAY ORMANEY BAY	RUDYERD BAY SARGENT BAY SHAMROCK BAY ALTAMANA BARNES BRETON CASABLANCA CHENANGO COPAHEE CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR	LONG ISLAND LUNGA POINT MARCUS ISLAND MIDWAY NASSAU PRINCE WILLIAM SANGAMON SANTEE SAVO ISLAND SUWANNEE WHITE PLAINS	(2) KAIYO JINYO	(2) UNYO OTAKA
<u>CV(T)</u>					HOSHO
<u>CA</u>	(13) BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND		(5) ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI MYOKO HAGURO	(6) TONE CHIKUMA SUZUYA KUMANO MOGAMI * MAYA
<u>CGA</u>					6
<u>CL</u>	(17) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER MONTPELLIER HONOLULU ST LOUIS	BIRMINGHAM SANTA FE SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN MOBILE	BILOXI OAKLAND RENO VINCENNES HOUSTON MIAMI	(2) NATORI NCSHIRO	(8) NAGARA OYODO ISUZU TAMA KISO * KITAGAMI * YAHAGI * ABUKUMA
<u>CL(T)</u>				KASHII	KASHIMA
<u>AV</u>	(4) CURTISS POCOMOKE	CHANDELEUR BALLARD		AKITSUSHIMA	* NOTORO
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 185			20	35 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u>	Approx. 30			35	Approx. 30
<u>AS</u>	?			?	2 (1 repairing)

* Non-effective

TOP SECRETGENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle.

No. 912

Date 27 July, 1944

PART I(1) ALLIED FORCESSOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NEW GUINEA - BISMARCKS(a) At Sea to 1200/27:

- (1) X (1) Task Force 75 : 2 CL : "PHOENIX" "BOISE"
3 DD : "DALY" "TRATHEN" "ABNER READ"
(11) Task Force 77 : 3 PC : 477, 479, 1119
- (2) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) departed Milne Bay 0500/25 for Seeadler Harbour
ETA 1200/27
- (3) "SC.742" escorting Convoy AN.35B ("F119", "COMARA") departed Manus
0900/25 for Langemak ETA 0600/28
- (4) "YMS.335" departed Manus Island 0340/26 for Milne Bay ETA 1700/28.
- (5) "POYANG" (AE) departed Alexishafen p.m. 25 July for Woendi ETA 1200/28
- (6) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) departed Aitape 1730/26 for Madang ETA 1200/28.
- (7) "PC.476" departed Humboldt Bay 26 July for Milne Bay
- (8) "NEUENDORFF" (DE) Humboldt Bay 26 July for Alexishafen
- (9) "YMS.47" 1 LCT departed Milne Bay 23 July for Cretin and Humboldt
- (10) "YMS.48" escorting LCT's departed Humboldt Bay 22 July for Milne Bay
via Aitape and Alexishafen.
- (11) "VAN BUREN" (PF) escorting 3 LST was to depart Alexishafen 27 July for
Humboldt Bay ETA 28 July
- (12) "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) departed Port Moresby 1315/24 for survey duties
Bramble Cay area
- (13) "GLADSTONE" "WHYALLA" (AMS) on Solomon Sea patrol.
- (14) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:Biak Is.-Woendi:

Combat Units	62 PT	
Escorts	9	: 4 PF: "GALLUP" "HUTCHINSON" "BELFAST" "SAN PEDRO" 1 AMS: "DELORAINNE" 4 YMS: 51, 73, 316, 393
Auxiliaries	10	: "WRIGHT" (AV) "ORCA" (AVP) "FORTUNUS" "HILO" (AGP) "SPRIGHTLY" (AT) "PASQUOTANK" (AOG) 2 YFD 1 ATR 1 YP: 415
Merchantmen	13	
<u>W. Is.:</u>		
Combat Units	10 DD	: "SWANSON" "RADFORD" "JENSKIN" "LA VALLETTE" "FLETCHER" "MORRIS" "MUSTIN" "STEVENSON" "HUGHES" "WELLES"
Escorts	7	: 1 DE: "THOMASON" 1 AMS: "WAGGA" 4 PC: 1120, 1122, 1133, 1134 1 YMS: 10

Wakde (contd)

Auxiliaries	6	:	"HERBERT" "SCHLEY" "WARD" "KILTY" "CROSBY" (APD) "VIREO" (AT)
Merchantmen	9		
<u>Humboldt Bay:</u>			
Combat Units	1 CA	:	"SHROPSHIRE"
	13 DD	:	"ARUNTA" "AMMEN" "BACHE" "BEALE" "HUTCHINS" "GILLESPIE" "MULLANY" "STACK" "WILKES" "NICHOLSON" "ANDERSON" "STOCKTON" "HOBBY"
Escorts	23	:	1 DE: "EICHENBERGER" 6 PF: "ORANGE" "BISBEE" "LONG BEACH" "EL" PASO" "GLENDALE" "EUGENE" 1 PS: "WARREGO" 1 SC: 743 9 AMS: "LATROBE" "LITGOW" "KAPUNDA" "COOTAMUNDRA" "BUNDABERG" "ARARAT" "BENDIGO" "GEELONG" "GLENELG" 3 YMS: 8, 46, 71 1 ML: 817
Auxiliaries	21	:	"BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "VICTORIA" "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "SUSQUEHANNA" "ELKHORN" "(AOG) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "PANDA" "VILLALOBOS" (IX) "TRIANGULUM" "BOOTES" (AK) "OGLALA" (ARG) "DERRICK" (YO) "YUMA" (AT) "COMFORT" (AH) "RAIL" (AT) "MIZAR" (AF) 4 YP: 236, 280, 415, 516 1 AFD
Merchantmen	25		
<u>Aitape:</u>			
Combat Units	1 DD	:	"VENDETTA"
	26		PT with LST.201 acting as AGP
Escorts	3	:	1 AMS: "GYMPIE" 1 SC: 744 1 YMS: 334
Merchantmen			
<u>Admiralties:</u>	14		
Combat Units	-		
Escorts	10	:	2 DE: "MARTIN" "EMERY" 3 PC: 1123, 1124, 1138 3 SC: 737, 982, 1047 1 ML: 827 1 YMS: 315
Auxiliaries	20	:	"POLLUX" (AKS) "EURYALE" (AS) "TANGIER" (AV) "WHITNEY" (AD) "RIO GRANDE" (AOG) "MEDUSA" (AR) "ALABASTER" (PYC) "LEOPARD" "MINK" (IX) "CINNAMON" "SILVERBELL" (AN) "PATHFINDER" "BENALLA" "(AGS) "ALBIROO" (AK) 1 AFD 1 YP: 585 2 YRD 1 ABSD 1 YF
Merchantmen			
<u>Alexishafen-Madang:</u>			
Combat Units	1 DD	:	"GRAYSON"
Escorts	14	:	1 DE: "J.E.CRAIG" 3 AMS: "KATCOMBA" "STAWELL" "BUNBURY" 1 PF: "CORONADO" 4 SC: 732, 738, 745, 981 4 ML: 42, 806, 816, 818 1 YMS: 336
Auxiliaries	10	:	"OTUS" (AS) "DOBBIN" (AD) "KOOPA" (AGP) "ARAYAT" (IX) "PING WO" (ASIS) 2 AFD 1 ATR 2 AFD
Merchantmen			
<u>Cape Gloucester:</u>	1		
Merchantmen	2		
<u>Saider:</u>			
Escorts	2	:	2 ML: 803, 819
<u>Langemak:</u>			
Combat Units	13	PT	
Escorts	23	:	1 DE: "WHITEHURST" 1 PF: "BARCOO" 1 PS: "SWAN" 5 AMS: "STRAHAN" "COLAC" "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" "GOULBURN"

Langemak (contd)

Escorts (contd)		: 9 SC: 650, 734, 735, 736. 741, 736, 748, 749, 750
		4 YMS: 49, 70, 325, 314
		2 ML: 426, 430
X Auxiliaries	14	: "SEEKONK" "SHIKELLAMY" (AOG) "MOBJACK" (AGP) "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA" (APA) "TASMAN" (AH) "PORCUPINE" (IX) "SANGAY" (AE) "AASE MAERSK" (AO) "RACE POINT" (AT) "INDUS" (AK) "MESQUITE" (CGC) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) 1 YP: 504
Merchantmen	28	
<u>Lae:</u>		
Escorts	1	: 1 ML: 428
Auxiliaries	1	: "SAKATONCHEE" (AOG)
Merchantmen	8	
<u>Morobe:</u>		
Escorts	1	: 1 SC: 703
Auxiliaries	1	: 1 AFD
Merchantmen	5	
<u>Buna-Ore Bay:</u>		
Merchantmen	10	
Auxiliaries	1	: "MONTEREY" (AP)
<u>Milne Bay:</u>		
Escorts	11	: 1 DE: "LOVELACE" 1 PF: "MUSKOGEE" 1 AMS: "ECHUCA" 1 PC: 1131 4 SC: 637, 698, 731, 739 1 YMS: 50 2 ML: 431, 801
Auxiliaries	26	: "SHASTA" (AE) "SONOMA" "WATO" (AT) "SCULPTOR" "ERIDANUS" (AK) "HERON" (AVP) "TRINITY" (AO) "SHAWNEE" (GAT) "TEABERRY" (YN) "CHETCO" (AT) "CLYDE" "ANDREW DORIA" (IX) "TEAK" (AN) "LARK" (AM) "CABLE" (ARS) 5 AFD 3 YP 4 YP: 233, 237, 240, 449 2 ARD
Merchantmen	26	
<u>Pert Moresby:</u>		
Escorts	1	: 1 ML: 802
Auxiliaries	2	: "WINTER" (AGS) "GRUX" (AK)

2. SOLOMONS(a) At Sea to 1200/27:

- (1) "STADTFELD" (DE) escorting "PATAPSCO" (AOG) departed Tulagi 1800/24 for Emirau ETA 1200/27
- (2) "YMS.99" escorting "PAWNEE" (AT) towing "YO.164" proceeding Tulagi to Manus ETA A.M 29 July
- (3) "SC.518" escorting "JOSEPH LANE" proceeding Green Is. to Emirau Is. ETA 0600/28
- (4) "SC.723" escorting "ROBERT HARPER" was to depart Torokina a.m. 24 July for Morobe ETA a.m. 26 July: on arrival "SC.723" detaches and returns to Torokina.
- (5) "PC.606" escorting "ALITNAH" (AK) proceeding Torokina to Lunga ETA 0700/28
- (6) "RABY" (DE) escorting "GEORGE W. JULIAN" proceeding Tulagi to Morobe, crossing 159th. Meridian at 0900/27: "RABY" detaches and returns Guadalcanal.
- (7) "YMS.97" escorting 1 ATR to tug 1 YOG proceeding Munda to Manus ETA. 0600/1
- (8) "PC.596" escorting "CYGNUS" (AF) proceeding Lunga to Torokina ETA 1700/27.

(b) In Harbour:Emirau Is:

Combat Units	20 PT	
Escorts	4	: 2 DE: "ENGLAND" "FOREMAN" 1 SC: 1274 1 PC: 589

Green Is:

Combat Units	21 PT
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Green Is (contd)

Escorts	3	: 1 DM: "BREEZE" 1 AM: "TUMULT" 1 SC: 677
Auxiliaries	3	: "SAN CARLOS" (AVP) "VARUNA" (AGP) "ROTANIN" (AK)
<u>Torokina:</u>		
Escorts	7	: 3 DE: "BOWERS" "WITTER" "DUFFY" 4 PC: 1128, 588, 620, 1590
Auxiliaries	5	: "WESTRALIA" "HENRY T. ALLEN" (APA) "JAGUAR" "KANGAROO" (IX) "STRATFORD" (AG)
<u>Treasury Is:</u>		
Combat Units	4 DD 54 PT 4 PGM	: "NICHOLAS" "TAYLOR" "O'BANNON" "HOPWELL"
Escorts	4	: 1 DE: "WILLMARTIN" 1 EV: "GALE" 1 PC: 590 1 SC: 722
Auxiliaries	2	: "CAMANGA" (AG)
<u>Munda:</u>		
Escorts	5	: 2 PC: 584, 1229 1 SC: 514 2 YMS: 196, 259
Auxiliaries	1	: "MINTAKA" (AK)

3. EAST AND SOUTH EAST AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea to 1200/27:

- (1) "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "WARRAMUNGA" (DD) departed Milne Bay 1500/24 for Sydney ETA 0600/28
- (2) "NASHVILLE" (CL) departed Sydney 1150/26 for China Strait ETA 1530/29
- (3) "ARIADNE" (GMS) departed Sydney 1319/26 for Brisbane ETA 1600/27
- (4) "OCTANS" (AF) departed Milne Bay 0500/26 for Caloundra ETA 2200/29
- (5) "LYNX" (AK) departed Milne Bay 1200/26 for Caloundra ETA 0500/30
- (6) "KIAMA" (AMS) departed Cairns 0900/26 for Milne Bay ETA 1000/28
- (7) "YP.278" departed Cairns 1611/25 for Milne Bay ETA North Foreland 1600/27
- (8) "ML.804" departed Thursday Island 1200/25 for Cairns ETA 1800/30.
- (9) "ML.811" on A/S patrol in Grafton Passage
- (10) "MILDURA" (AMS) was to depart Caloundra a.m. 27 July for exercises at Laguna Bay, proceeding p.m. 28 July to arrive Gladstone 1200/29, returning thence to Brisbane proceeding Sydney from S.P.A.
- (11) "RAINIER" (AE) proceeding Sydney from S.P.A.
- (12) "OCTORARA" (IX) departed Sydney 1432/26 for Milne Bay ETA 0633/1 AE
- (13) "ML.808" was to depart Caloundra 1030/26 for Gladstone ETA 1200/27
- (14) "YANDRA" (A/S) departed Sydney 0905/25 on A/S patrol to Smoky Cape and return.

(b) In Harbour:Thursday Is:

Escorts	5	: 4 AMS: "PARKES" "KALGOORLIE" "PIRIE" "BALLARAT"
Auxiliaries	2	: 1 ML: 805 "VIGILANT" (AGS) "BUTTON WOOD" (CGC)
<u>Cairns:</u>		
Escorts	6	: 1 PF: "ROCKFORD" 2 SC: 648, 699 1 ML: 802 2 YMS: 52, 53
Auxiliaries	4	: "FIRE ISLAND" "SOUTH WEST PASS" (AT) 1 ARD 1 YT
<u>Townsville:</u>		
Auxiliaries	3	: "STELLA" "POLARIS" (AGS) "MAETSUYCKER" (AH)
Merchantmen	4	
<u>Bowen:</u>		
Auxiliaries	1	: "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS)
<u>Brisbane:</u>		

Brisbane:

Escorts	7	: 1 AMS: "BROOME"
		3 PC: 848, 849, 850, 1 PF: "OGDEN"
		1 PG: 1121 1 ML: 425
Auxiliaries	14	: "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "HALF MOON" (AVP) "COUCAL" (ASR) "ALGORAB" (AKA) "KURUMBA" (AO) "MERKUR" (AF) "ETOLIN" "GANYMEDE" "ST GILES" "CARONDOLET" (IX) "CAPE LEEUWIN" (AGS)
		3 YP: 283, 291, 421
Merchantmen	8	

Sydney:

Combat Units	1 CL	: "HOBART" (Refitting)
	1 DD	: "STUART"
Escorts	11	: 2 DE: "GREENWOOD" "LOESER"
		2 PF: "GASCOYNE" "BURDEKIN"
		1 PS: "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA"
		1 A/S "WILCANNIA"
		5 ML: 810, 813, 822, 823, 825
Auxiliaries	12	: "TULSA" (PG) "CHALLENGER" "MORESBY" (AGS)
		"MURZIM" "VENUS" (AK) "YUNNAN" "PYRO" (AE)
		"RESERVE" "POINT LOMA" "TANCRED" (AT)
		"MANUNDA" (AH) "BUNGAREE" (ACM)
Merchantmen	20	

Newcastle:

Escorts	2	: 1 AMS: "WARRNAMBOOL" 1 A/S: "KYBRA"
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Melbourne:

Escorts	2	: 1 AMS: "COWRA" 1 A/S: "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN"
Auxiliaries	2	: "PLATYPUS" (AR) "GENERAL GEORGE M. RANDALL" (AP)

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Escorts	1	: 1 AMS: "CASTLEMAINE"
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4. NORTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/27:

- (1) "JUNEE" (AMS) escorting Convoy DE 70 "OCHOCO" was to depart Darwin 0730/26 for Thursday Is. ETA 0700/29
- (2) "INVERHELL" (AMS) escorting "EDNA" was to depart Darwin 0800/27 for Millingimbi
- (3) 15 submarines on patrol

(b) In Harbour:Darwin:

Escorts	6	: 1 AMS: "BOWEN"
		5 ML: 429, 807, 814, 815, 809
Merchantmen	1	

Snake Bay (Melville Is)

Escorts	1	: 1 AMS: "FREMANTLE"
Merchantmen	2	

5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/27:

- (1) "MAUNGANUI" (AH) was to depart Fremantle 1730/26 for Wellington.

(b) In Harbour:Fremantle:

Combat Units	1 CL	: "ADELAIDE"
Escorts	8	: 1 PF: "CORPUS CHRISTI"
		2 AMS: "MORSHAM" "DUBBO"
		1 SC: 729 2 ML: 824, 825 2 YMS: 11, 72
Auxiliaries	10	: "GRIFFIN" "ORION" (AS) "ISABEL" (PY) "CHILD'S" "W.B. PRESTON" (AVP) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR)
		"ATHOS" (AP) 1 ARD 2 YP: 286, 288

Note: Merchant ship totals in port include all ships over 1,000 tons except tankers and commissioned ships.

Merchant ship figures shown are those for 26 July, 1944.

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. SOLOMONS - BISMARCKS

- (1) Bougainville - Night 24-25 July East coast Bougainville was patrolled by 1 Mitchell.
- (2) New Ireland - Night 24-25 July Kavieng was subjected to usual nightly raid involving 2 Mitchells. On 25 July Kavieng was attacked by 14 Corsairs and Kimiden Plantation (Central New Ireland near Katherine Harbour) was attacked by 6 Ventures.

Photos 26 July show Penapai runway still serviceable but Kavieng runway is unserviceable with several craters. Details of the raid which rendered runway unserviceable have not yet been received.

Night 25-26 some Japs in caves in Kaut Bay (Gazelle Channel) were shelled by PT boats.

- (3) Rabaul - Night 24-25 July Rabaul was harassed by 2 Mitchells. On 25 July Teboi wharf was attacked by 12 Mitchells starting numerous fires, A/A positions and barge hideout in Vulcan Crater were attacked by 46 Dauntless 6 Corsairs hitting the hideout and destroying 1 slipway and coastal targets around the Gazelle Peninsula were attacked by over 28 Corsairs.

2. NEW GUINEA

- (1) Wewak-Aitape - Night 25-26 July PT boat patrol s off Dagua encountered a single barge heading east: the barge was damaged and left beached. On 26 July air offensive was maintained, and stores in the Wewak area were bombed by 18 Bostons and 1 Mitchell. Troop concentrations in the Yakamal vicinity were attacked by at least 16 Beauforts. A/A positions and stores areas and also trails over the general Wewak-Yakamal area were attacked by 2 Beaufighters Airobras and Thunderbolts.

Land activity on 25 July was mainly confined to aggressive patrolling. A number of minor enemy contacts were reported including another attack, the strength of which has not yet been reported, on our positions at the south flank of the Drinisor River lines at 1700/25.

- (2) Biak - At 2030/25 2 enemy bombers dropped 6 bombs on the Borokoe aerodrome area and 4 bombs on Owi Island. Further details are not yet known.
- (3) Nabire - On 26 July Nabire was bombed and strafed by 9 Bostons starting a large fuel fire.
- (4) Western Geelvink Bay - On 26 July Moemi aerodrome was attacked by 7 Liberators dropping 30 tons of bombs and Ransiki by 8 Liberators dropping 25 tons of bombs.

At dusk 26 July PT boats operating with 4 Kittyhawks south of Manokwari contacted no barges. The Kittyhawks attacked road transport in the Ransiki area and also strafed 3 canoes in the area.

- (5) Vogelkop Peninsula - Throughout 26 July the north coast Vogelkop Peninsula from Manokwari to Sorong was swept by flights of Kittyhawks usually 4 in each flight. No shipping movement has been reported but several small ships and barges were located, strafed and at least damaged at Nanah Island, Ombree Island and inner Ramoi River mouth (all in close vicinity of Sorong).
- (6) Babo - On 26 July Babo aerodrome and revetment areas were bombed by 22 Liberators starting large fires.
- (7) Kaimena - Photos 21 July show that both runways at the Uterom aerodrome are apparently serviceable although one is rough; there are no aircraft present.

(11) ENEMY FORCES (contd)3. EAST INDIES

- (1) Ambon Area - Photos 25 July of Namlea show :-
 Old Namlea - 9 serviceable MB
 Namlea township - 9 serviceable fighters, including
 6 twin engine.
 In Harbour - 1 4-engine flying boat.
- (2) Kai Islands - At 1710/26 Langgeer was bombed by 11 Mitchells dropping bombs on the runway and in the dispersal areas.
- (3a) Seembawa - Night 25-26 July Catalinas reported 1 medium sized ship and a number of barges in Bima Bay.
- (4) Flores - On 26 July reconnaissance aircraft reported 5 small merchantships at Macemere. Photos taken during this mission, however, show 17 barges. These photographs show runway at Macemere Township aerodrome to be serviceable but no aircraft were present.
- (5) Timor - Photos 26 July show 1 500-ton merchantship and 11 barges at Koepang. No aircraft are visible on either Penfole or Koepang Golf Course aerodrome. Both runways are serviceable.

4. PHILIPPINES

- 1755/25 a convoy comprising 5 large and 4 medium merchantships, 6 destroyers, 2 gunboats with 4 aircraft covering were observed entering Sarangani Bay. This is probably the same convoy as that reported coming out of Davao Gulf at 0945/24 (refer yes-terday's summary No.911 where sighting was incorrectly stated as 1945/24).
- 0630/24 6 medium, 1 small freighters, 2 escort vessels in Momog Passage (Northern Sibuyan Sea) was heading S.
- 1026/25 a submarine 110 miles east of Cape San Augustin (Davao Gulf) on course 350°.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA(1) Carolines

Yap-Palau - Enemy sources have announced that on 25 July Palau was raided by American Carrier based planes and that Yap was raided by other aircraft. No further announcement of this strike has yet been made from U.S. sources.

Woleai - At 1135/26 Woleai aerodrome was bombed by 12 Liberators. The supply area on Tagaulap Island was bombed by 5 Liberators and the supply area on Mariacan was bombed by 6 Liberators. Results generally were unobserved. There was no interception but A/A fire damaged three of our planes.

Nomoi Group - At 0940/26 a small convoy described as 4 cargo vessels 1 gunboat was damaged by a reconnaissance Ventura 55 miles W.S.W. of Nomoi Island on course 150° later changed to 30°. Depth charges dropped possibly damaged gunboat and 1 of the cargo vessels.

Wotje-Ponape - On 24 July Wotje was attacked by 8 Liberators 51 Dauntless and 58 Corsairs and Mille was raided by 3 Venturas.

(2) Nauru - On 24 July Nauru was bombed by 20 Mitchells.

(3) Marianas - Details concerning the Tinian landing shows that principal enemy opposition consisted of rifle and machine gun fire. Casualties during the landing were light but heavy calibre shore fire caused some damage and casualties on 2 of our supporting warships. By 1630/24 (the day of the landing) the beachhead covered approximately 4400 yards on the north west shore of Tinian and extended about 1700 yards inland in the centre of the island. Before dawn 25 July the Japanese launched a counter attack which was repulsed with comparatively heavy casualties and during the course of which 5 Jap tankers were destroyed. A.M. 25 July our troops advanced rapidly following heavy artillery and naval gun fire placed on enemy positions inland.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (contd)

(3) Marianas (contd)

and by 1700/25 our perimeter included about one third of the old Bushy Point airfield and one half of the new Bushy Point airfield.

Jap counted dead on Tinian to 25 July number 1334; our casualties were 15 killed, 225 wounded.

On 24 July Rota airfield and adjacent areas were bombed and strafed by 20 Thunderbolts. No operational aircraft were observed on the ground.

No further detail is available concerning the land position on Guam.

C. INDIAN OCEAN

- X (1) North Sumatra - Japanese sources have announced that Sabang Harbour was bombarded by a large allied Task Force supported by carrier based aircraft. No further details are available yet from British Sources.

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(iii) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

- (1) Blue aircraft carrier task forces attack Palau in Central Pacific and Sabang in Indian Ocean.
- (2) Guam and Tinian operations proceeding satisfactorily.
- (3) Significant shipping sighting in Philippines.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

	<u>Southwest Pacific</u> <u>(Eastern Section)</u>	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> <u>South Pacific</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CA</u>	(2) AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIR E	-	-
<u>OL</u>	(4) BOISE PHOENIX NASHVILLE * HOBART	* LEANDER	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(2) TANGIER WRIGHT	-	-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	(7) HALF MOON SAN PABLO HERON ORCA CHINCOPEAGUE SAN CARLO S COOS BAY	-	-
<u>D D</u>	(35) ARUNTA WARRAMINGA STUART VENDETTA AEMER READ AM MEN ANDERSON BACHE BEALE DALY FLETCHER GILLESPI E GRAYSON HOBBY HOPWELL HUGHES HUTCHINS JENKINS	LA VALLETTE MORRIS MULLANY MUSTIN NICHOLAS NICHOLSON O'BANNON RADFORD RUSSELL STACK STEVEN SON STOCKTON SWANSON TAYLOR TRATHEN WELLES WILKES	8
<u>SS</u>	(6) BLUEGILL BREAM CERO DACE DARTER SEA WOLF GUAVINA	) ) ) on patrol)))) on passage	5
	(3) BASHAW S.42 S.45)) at Seacalder)	
	(3) FLOUNDER FLYING FISH S.47)) at Brisbane)	
	(2) K.9 K.12)) at Sydney	

* Non-effective
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1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
	<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	
<u>PT</u>	Approx. 175	-	?
<u>APA</u> <u>AKA</u> <u>AED</u>	(10) H.T. ALLEN (APA) KANIMELA MANGORA WESTRALIA ALGORAB (AK A) WARD (AED) SCHLEY HERBERT CROSBY KILBY	4 AFD	-
<u>AGC</u>	BLUE RIDGE	-	-
<u>AS</u>	(2) OIUS HURVALE	-	-
<u>AD</u>	(2) DOBBIN WHITNEY	-	-
<u>AR</u>	(4) RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS MEDUSA	-	-

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CA</u>	-	(2) NACHI ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	(3) DETROIT HALEIGH RICHMOND	-
<u>DD</u>	9	5
<u>ES</u>	10	Approx. 5

3. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CL</u>	TRENTON	-
<u>DD</u>	9	-

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle.

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Date 28 July, 1944

PART I(1) ALLIED FORCESSOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NEW GUINEA - BISMARCKS(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

- (1) X (i) Task Force 74 : 1 CA : "SHROPSHIRE"
5 DD : "AMMEN" "ARUNTA" "BACHE" "BEALE"
"HUTCHINS"
- X (ii) Task Force 75 : 2 CL : "BOISE" "PHOENIX"
3 DD : "DALY" "TRATHEN" "ABNER READ"
- X (iii) Task Force 77 : 10 DD : "FLETCHER" "HUGHES" "JENKINS"
"LA VALLETTE" "MORRIS" "MUSTIN" "RAD-
FORD" "RUSSELL" "STEVENSON" "WELLES"
4 PC : 1120, 1122, 1133, 1134
5 APD : "WARD" "SCHLEY" "KILTY" "CROSBY"
"HERBERT"
1 ATF : "VIBRO"
- (iv) Miscellaneous : 3 PC : 477, 479, 1119
- (2) "WARREGO" (PS) proceeding Hollandia ETA 1500/28
- (3) "ELKHORN" (AOC) departed Langemak 0900/27 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/29.
- (4) "TRINITY" (AO) departed Milne Bay 1545/27 for Finschhafen 0700/29
- (5) "KATOOMBA" (AMS) assisting "PORCUPINE" (IX) aground on Tami Island.
- (6) "YMS.335" departed Manus Island 0340/26 for Milne Bay ETA 1700/28
- (7) "PC.476" departed Humboldt Bay 26 July for Milne Bay
- (8) "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) departed Port Moresby 1315/24 for survey duties
Bramble Cay area
- (9) "GLADSTONE" "WHYALLA" (AMS) on Solomon Sea patrol
- (10) 6 submarines on patrol

(b) In Harbour:Biak Is-Woendi:

Combat Units	62 PT	
Escorts	9	: 4 PF: "GALLUP" "HUTCHINSON" "BELFAST" "SAN PEDRO" 1 AMS: "DELORAINE" 4 YMS: 51, 73, 316, 393
Auxiliaries	11	: "WRIGHT" (AV) "ORCA" (AVP) "PORTUNUS" "HILO" (AGP) "POYANG" (AE) "SPRIGHTLY" (AT) "PASQUOTANK" (AOG) 2 YFD 1 ATR 1 YP: 415
Merchantmen	11	
<u>Wakde:</u>		
Combat Units	1 DD	: "SWANSON"
Escorts	5	: 1 DE: "THOMASON" " 2 PF: "ORANGE" "LONGBEACH"
Merchantmen	8	1 AMS: "WAGGA" 1 YMS: 10

<u>Oldt Bay:</u>			
Combat Units	8 DD	:	"GILLESPIE" "MULLANY" "STACK" "WILKES" "NICHOLSON" "ANDERSON" "STOCKTON" "HOBBY"
Escorts	22	:	1 DE: "EICHENECKER" 5 PF: "BISBEE" "EL PASO" "GLENDALE" "EUGENE" "VAN BUREN" 3 SC: 741, 743, 746 9 AMS: "LATROBE" "LITHGOW" "KAPUNDA" "COTTAMUNDRA" "BUNDA BERG" "ARARAT" "BENDIGO" "GEEBONG" "GLENELG" 3 YMS: 8, 46, 71 1 ML: 817
Auxiliaries	19	:	"BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "VICTORIA" "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "PANDA" "VILLALOBOS" (IX) "TRIANGULUM" "BOOTES" (AK) "COMFORT" (AH) "OGLALA" (ARG) "DERRICK" (YO) "RAIL" (AT) "MIZAR" (AF) 4 YP: 236, 280, 415, 516 1 AFD
Merchantmen	30		
<u>Aitape:</u>			
Combat Units	1 DD	:	"VENDETTA"
Escorts	26 PT	:	with LST.201. acting as AGP
	3	:	1 AMS: "GYMPIE" 1 SC: 744 1 YMS: 334
Merchantmen	12		
<u>Aradites:</u>			
Combat Units	-		
Escorts	11	:	2 DE: "MARTIN" "EMERY" 1 PF: "BARCOO" 3 PC: 1123, 1124, 1138 3 SC: 735, 982, 1047 1 ML: 827 1 YMS: 315
Auxiliaries	21	:	"POLLUX" (AKS) "EURYALE" (AS) "TANGLER" (AV) "PABLO" (AVP) "WHITNEY" (AD) "RIO GRANDE" (AOG) "MEDUSA" (AR) "ALABASTER" (PYC) "LEOPARD" "MINK" (IX) "CINNAMON" "SILVERBELL" (AN) "PATHFINDER" "BENALLA" (AGS) "ALBIROO" (AK) 1 AFD 1 YP: 585 2 YRD 1 ABSD 1 YT
Merchantmen	15		
<u>Alexishafen-Madang:</u>			
Combat Units	1 DD	:	"GRAYSON"
Escorts	15	:	2 DE: "J.E.CRAIG" "NEUENDORFF" 2 AMS: "STAWELL" "BUNBURY" 1 PF: "CORONADO" 4 SC: 732, 738, 745, 981 4 ML: 42, 806, 816, 818 2 YMS: 48, 336
Auxiliaries	11	:	"OTUS" (AS) "DOBBIN" (AD) "KOOPA" (AGP) "ARAYAT" (IX) "PING WO" (ASIS) 2 ARD 1 ATR 2 AFD "GOLDSTAR" (AG)
Merchantmen	26		
<u>Cape Gloucester:</u>			
Merchantmen	1		
<u>Saidor:</u>			
Escorts	2	:	2 ML: 803, 819
<u>Langemak:</u>			
Combat Units	13 PT		
Escorts	21	:	1 DE: "WHITEHURST" 1 PS: "SWAN" 6 AMS: "STRAHAN" "COLAC" "KATOOMBA" " "TOWNSVILLE" "GOULBURN" 7 SC: 650, 736, 757, 742, 748, 749, 750 5 YMS: 47, 49, 70, 313, 314 2 ML: 426, 430
Auxiliaries	13	:	"SEEKONK" (AOG) "MOBHACK" (AGP) "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA" (APA) "TASMAN" (AH) "SANGAY" (AE) "AASE MAERSK" (AO) "RACE POINT" "YUMA" (AT) "INDUS" (AK) "MESQUITE" (CGC) "CAMBRIAN" SALVOR" (ARS) 1 YP: 504
Merchantmen	286		

Lae:
 Escorts 1 : 1 ML: 426
 Auxiliaries 1 : "SAKATONGHEE" (AOG)
 Merchantmen 8

Morobe:
 Escorts 1 : 1 SC: 703
 Auxiliaries 1 : 1 AFD
 Merchantmen 7

Buna-Oro Bay:
 Merchantmen 10
 Auxiliaries 2 : "MONTEREY" (AP) "SHAWNEE" (GAT)

Milne Bay:
 Escorts 13 : 1 DE: "LOVELACE"
 1 PF: "MUSKOGEE"
 2 AMS: "ECHUCA" "KIAMA"
 1 PC: 1131
 5 SC: 637, 698, 731, 734, 739
 1 YMS: 50
 2 ML: 431, 801

Auxiliaries 29 : "SHASTA" (AE) "SONOMA" "WATO" (AT) "SCULPTOR"
 "ERIDANUS" (AK) "HERON" (AVP) "SHEKELLAMY"
 (AOG) "TEABERRY" (YN) "CHETCO" (AT) "CLYDE"
 "ANDREW DORIA" (IX) "TEAK" (AN) "LARK" (AM)
 "CABLE" (ARS)
 5 AFD 3 YT 5 YP: 233, 237, 240, 278, 449
 2 ARD

Merchantmen 35

Port Moresby:
 Escorts 1 : 1 ML: 802
 Auxiliaries 2 : "WINTER" (AGS) "CRUX" (AK)

2. SOLOMONS(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

- (1) "YMS.99" escorting "PAWNEE" (AT) towing "YO.164" proceeding Tulagi to Manus ETA A.M. 29 July
- (2) "RABY" (DE) escorting "GEORGE W. JULIAN" proceeding Tulagi to Morobe crossing 159th. Meridian at 0900/27: "RABY" detaches and returns to Guadalcanal
- (3) "YMS.97" escorting 1 ATR towing 1 YOG proceeding Munda to Manus ETA 0600/1
- (4) "KIWI" (M/S) escorting "METTAWEE" (AOG) departed Kukum 1800/27 for Torokina 29 July ETA
- (5) "YMS.95" departed Port Purvis 1000/27 for Treasury Is. ETA 1600/28.

(b) In Harbour:

Emirau Is:
 Combat Units 20 MT
 Escorts 4 : 2 DE: "ENGLAND" "FOREMAN" "STAFFELD"
 1 SC: 518, 1274
 1 PC: 589

Auxiliaries 1 : "PATAPSCO" (AOG)

Green Is:
 Combat Units 21 PT
 Escorts 3 : 1 DM: "BREEZE"
 1 AM: "TUMULT"
 1 SC: 677 (AK)

Auxiliaries 3 : "SAN CARLOS" (AVP) "VARUNA" (AGP) "ROTANIN" (AK)

Torokina:
 Escorts 9 : 3 DE: "BOWERS" "WITTER" "DUFFY"
 5 PC: 1128, 588, 596, 620, 1590,
 1 SC: 723

Auxiliaries 6 : "WESTRALIA" "HENRY T. ALLEN" (APA) "JAGUAR"
 "KANGAROO" (IX) "STRATFORD" (AGP) "CYGNUS" (AG)

Treasury Is:
 Combat Units 4 DD : "NICHOLAS" "TAYLOR" "O'BANNON" "HOPWELL"
 34 PT
 4 PGM

Escorts 4 : 1 DE: "WILLMARTIN" 1 EV: "GALE"
 1 PC: 590 1 SC: 722

Auxiliaries 2 : "CAMANGA" (AG)

Munda:

Escorts 5 : 2 PC: 584, 1229
1 SC: 514
2 YMS: 196, 259
Auxiliaries 1 : "MINTAKA" (AK)

3. EAST AND SOUTH EAST AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

- (1) "NASHVILLE" (CL) departed Sydney 1150/26 for China Strait ETA 1530/29
- (2) "OCTANS" (AF) departed Milne Bay 0600/26 for Caloundra ETA 1900/29
- (3) "LYNX" (AK) departed Milne Bay 1120/26 for Caloundra ETA 0700/31
- (4) "ML.804" departed Thursday Island 1200/23 for Cairns ETA 1800/30
- (5) "ML.811" on A/S patrol in Grafton Passage
- (6) "MAETSUYCKER" (AH) departed Townsville 1512/27 for Finschhafen ETA 1100/31 via North Foreland ETA 1100/29
- (7) "MILDURA" (AMS) was to depart Caloundra a.m. 27 July for exercises at Laguna Bay, proceeding p.m. 28 July to arrive Gladstone 1200/29; returning thence to Brisbane
- (8) ML.808 with NAP "MERIDIAN" was to depart Gladstone 0600/28 for Urangan and Brisbane
- (9) "OCTORARA" (IX) departed Sydney 1432/26 for Milne Bay ETA 0633/1 Aug.
- (10) "LOESER" "GREENWOOD" (DE) departed Sydney 1256/27 for S.P.A.
- (11) "COOS BAY" (AVP) proceeding Espiritu Santo to Sydney ETA 29 July
- (12) "ML.825" was to depart Sydney A.M. 28 July for Brisbane Townsville and Milne Bay
- (13) "YANDRA" (A/S) departed Sydney 0851/27 on A/S patrol to Smoky Cape and return

(b) In Harbour:Thursday Is:

Escorts 5 : 4 AMS: "PARKES" "KALGOORLIE" "PIRIE" "BALLARAT"
1 ML: 805
Auxiliaries 2 : "VIGILANT" (AGS) "BUTTON WOOD" (CGC)

Cairns:

Escorts 6 : 1 PF: "ROCKFORD"
2 SC: 648, 699
1 ML: 802
2 YMS: 52, 53
Auxiliaries 4 : "FIRE ISLAND" "SOUTHWEST PASS" (AT)
1 ARD 1 YT

Townsville:

Auxiliaries 2 : "STELLA" "POLARIS" (AGS)

Merchantmen 45

Bowen:

Auxiliaries 1 : "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS)

Brisbane:

Combat Units 1 CMS : "ARIADNE"
Escorts 7 : 1 AMS: "BROOME"
3 PC: 848, 849, 850, 1 PF: "OGDEN"
1 FC: 1121, 1 ML: 425
Auxiliaries 14 : "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "HALF MOON" (AVP) "COUCAL" (ASR) "ALGORAB" (AKA) "KURUMBA" (AO) "MERKUR" (AF) "ETOLIN" "GANYMEDE" "ST GILES" "CARONDOLET" (IX) "CAPE LEEUWIN" (AGS)
3 YP: 283, 291, 421

Merchantmen 9

Sydney:

Combat Units 1 CA : "AUSTRALIA"
1 CL : "HOBART" (Refitting)
2 DD : "STUART" "WARRAMUNGA"
Escorts 11 : 2 PF: "GASCOYNE" "BURDEKIN"
1 PS: "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA"
1 A/S: "WILCANNIA"
5 ML: 810, 813, 822, 823
Auxiliaries 12 : "TULSA" (PG) "CHALLENGER" "MORESBY" (AGS)
"MURSIM" "VENUS" (AK) "YUNNAN" "PYRO" (AE)
"RESERVE" "POINT LOMA" "TANCRED" (AT)
"MANUNDA" (AH) "BUNGAREE" (CM)

Merchantmen 20

Newcastle:
Escorts 2 : 1 AMS: "WARRANBOOL" 1 A/S: "KYBRA"
Melbourne:
Escorts 2 : 1 AMS: "GOWRA" 1 A/S: "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN"
Auxiliaries 2 : "PLATYPUS" (AR) "GENERAL GEORGE M. RANDALL" (AP)
Adelaide:
Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "CASTLEMAINE"

4. NORTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

- (1) "JUNEE" (AMS) escorting Convoy DT.70 "OCHOCO" was to depart Darwin 0730/26 for Thursday Is. ETA 0700/29
(2) "INVERELL" (AMS) escorting Convoy DT.71 ("EDNA") departed Darwin 0830/27 for Millingimbi ETA 1300/29 thence Thursday Is.
(3) 16 submarines on patrol

(b) In Harbour:Darwin:

Escorts 6 : 1 AMS: "BOWEN"
5 ML: 429, 807, 814, 815, 809
Merchantmen 1
Snake Bay (Melville Is):
Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "PREMANTLE"
Merchantmen 2

5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

- (1) "MAUNGANUI" (AH) departed Fremantle 1820/26 for Wellington ETA 1200/5/8

(b) In Harbour:Fremantle:

Combat Units 1 CL : "ADELAIDE" ;
1 DD : "NAPIER"
Escorts 8 : 1 PF: "CORPUS CHRISTI"
2 AMS: "HORSHAM" "DUBBO"
1 SC: 729 2 ML: 824, 825 2 YMS: 11, 72
Auxiliaries 10 : "GRIFFIN" "ORION" (AS) "ISABEL" (PY) "CHILDS"
"W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) "CHANFICLEER" (ASR)
"ATHOS" (AP) 1 ARD 2 YP: 286, 288

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Note: Merchant ship totals in port include all ships over 1,000 tons except tankers and commissioned ships.

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A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. SOLOMONS - BISMARCKS

- (1) Bougainville - During 26 July 2 bridges in the Buin area were destroyed during strikes by Avengers.
- (2) New Ireland - Night 25-26 July Kavieng was harassed by 2 Mitchells. On 26 July Kavieng was attacked by 16 Corsairs and plantation area near Borpop was attacked by 7 Venturas. No strikes are mentioned as having been specifically directed against the airfield but it is recalled that photographs 27 July showed Kavieng runway unserviceable due to bomb craters. Penapai remains serviceable.
- (3) Rabaul - Night 25-26 July Rabaul area was harassed by 2 Mitchells. On 26 July supply areas at Taili Bay and Keravia Bay were attacked by 48 Dauntless, 58 Corsairs and in addition coastal sweeps around the Gazelle Peninsula were conducted by more than 20 Corsairs.

2. NEW GUINEA

- (1) Wewak-Aitape - Aggressive patrol was continued in the eastern and southern parts of the Prunumer line on 26 July. In the Afua area on the southern flank, enemy movement was observed throughout the day and heavy enemy artillery fire was received in this vicinity.
Our air offensive was maintained 27 July, 50 Beauforts over 20 Aircobras attacking troop concentrations and dumps in the Yakemil vicinity, 12 Bostons attacking bridges throughout the area and 12 Thunderbolts attacking stores and gun positions in the Wewak area. The PT boat blockade was maintained by night 26-27 July, but reports have not yet been received.
- (2) Maffin Bay area - A delayed report states that 1040-1130/25 enemy gardens on the east bank Natoo River were bombed by 16 Liberators as an alternative target.
- (3) Western Geelvink Bay - During 27 July villages along the western shores of Geelvink Bay were strafed by Kittyhawks and large fuel fires were started. In addition, several small craft were destroyed or damaged in Wandamen Bay during sweep by 2 Mitchells.
- (4) Western Vogelkop Peninsula - During 27 July the blockade on Western Vogelkop Peninsula was repeated involving 6 Mitchells which attacked and probably sank a 100-ft vessel at Cape Sele and left a seatruck burning in Kaiboes Bay. A/A positions at Kekas were also attacked.
In addition, sweeps were conducted along the North west coast by Kittyhawks and in the vicinity of Sorong, 1 stores laden barge was left burning and 2 other barges damaged. A large Pontoon loaded with stores at Lio Oil pipeline terminal was damaged.
- (5) Babo - A delayed report relates that at 0942/25 Babo aerodrome was bombed by 5 Liberators.
- (6) Elenden River area - At night 27 July a probable enemy reconnaissance aircraft was located over Elenden River area.

3. EAST INDIES

- (1) Tenimbar - At 1520/27 Selaru strip was strafed by 2 Beaufighters.
- (2) Timor - At 1045/27 the road from Keeping to Atamboea was heavily strafed by 6 Beaufighters. Camps, motor transport and a tank were amongst the targets effectively strafed.
P.M. July 27 Cape Chater was bombed by 4 Liberators.
- (3) Banda Sea - At 0844/27 a ship described as a tug beached on Skaro Reef was bombed unsuccessfully by a patrol Liberator.
- (4) Ceram - A preliminary in-flight report indicates that reconnaissance plane sank a ship off the Central North coast of Ceram.

- (5) Ambon Area - P.M. 27 July Laha aerodrome was bombed by 11 Liberators with unobserved results. Namlea was bombed by 1 other Liberator.
- (6) Flores Island - At 1740/27 the dump area at Macemere was bombed by 8 Mitchells with unobserved results.
- (7) Halmahera - Photos 22 July show 131 aircraft on the 4 main northern Halmahera aerodromes thus :-
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|--------------|------------|------------|
| Galela | 24 F | 42 T/E a/c |
| Lolobata | 37 F | 9 " " |
| Miti | 16 F | |
| Kau | 3 F | |
| Total | 131 | |

whereof 80 F 51 T/E a/c

On 27 July surprise strikes reflected on the 3 major Halmahera air bases.

Lolobata was bombed by 37 Liberators and 9 grounded planes were destroyed, many others damaged in the dispersal area.

Miti was bombed by another 25 Liberators which destroyed several planes in revetment area.

Galela was attacked by 26 Mitchells; 4 grounded planes were destroyed, a lugger sunk and much equipment demolished.

There was no interception to our bombers, but 9 low flying enemy fighters were located and chased by Lightnings escorting.

4. PHILIPPINES

- X (1) Ternosa - Night 25-26 July and during 26 July a large enemy convoy was attacked by submarine pack off Northwestern Luzon; the course of convoy not reported. Results of the attacks are given as :
- 1 large tanker sunk
3 cargo vessels sunk, another cargo vessel believed sunk in addition to 2 or 3 cargo vessels damaged.
- (3) Sulu Sea - A delayed report states that on 16-17 July 2 freighters (1 medium 1 large) and 1 medium tanker was sunk and another large freighter damaged by U.S. submarine in Sulu Sea.
- (3) Cebu area - Noon 26 July a convoy of 5 small freighters and 2 escort vessels were seen proceeding southwards from Camotes Sea and entering Cebu during the afternoon. About dawn 27 July a convoy of similar composition described as 5 small freighters and 5 escort vessels were seen in the southern end of Bohol Strait heading S.W. P.M. 26 July a convoy comprising 8 large freighters, 3 small freighters, 2 escort vessels were seen in Bohol Strait proceeding N.W.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

- X (1) Carolines - Palau-Yap - Preliminary report of carrier based aircraft attack on Palau 25 July indicates a very great measure of success. The attack was in the nature of a fighter sweep and 54 float planes were shot up on the water, 21 grounded planes were burned, many other aircraft on the ground damaged. No enemy airborne aircraft were observed.
- In addition to the destruction to aircraft involving the aerodromes at Palau and Yap, 1 destroyer, 1 destroyer escort, 1 small tanker, 7 small freighters, 1 probable landing ship and some small craft were sunk. 5 of our aircraft were lost in combat presumably to A/A but 4 pilots were apparently saved.
- Woleai - At 1000/27 supply areas on Woleai were bombed by 26 Liberators. Some 13 barges observed in the area.
- Nomei Group - The 4 freighters and 1 gunboat seen by reconnaissance plane a.m. 26 July was attacked p.m. 26 Jul by 6 Venturas. The small convoy was then described as 1 1500 ton cargo vessel, 3 lugger type craft and 1 gunboat. 1 vessel was probably sunk, 3 were left burning and 1 vessel escaped to the North east/ The ships were

- attacked in a position 25 miles S.W. of Satawan.
- (2) Marshalls - On 24 July Wotje was raided by 8 Liberators, 51 Dauntless, 58 Corsairs.
- (3) Marianas - Night 25-26 July enemy forces cut off on Orote Peninsula made a desperate attempt to break out but failed to penetrate our lines. 400 Japs were killed in this action. On 26 July ~~the~~ our forces again attacked and supported by intense artillery and naval bombardment advanced 3000 yards up the Peninsula.
- On 24 July Rota airfield and adjacent areas were bombed by 27 Thunderbolts and on 26 July by Carrier-based aircraft.
- Good progress is reported on Tinian Islands by our ground forces supported by heavy naval gunfire. The entire northern quarter of the island is now in our hands. On 25 July Pagan Island was bombed by Thunderbolts.

C. INDIAN OCEAN

- X (1) North Sumatra - Details concerning the Eastern Fleet Strike on Sabang on 25 Jul relate that the operation was highly successful: carrier borne aircraft effected complete surprise in dawn sweep encountering no A/A until right over target. Subsequently battleships, cruisers and destroyers bombarded shore installations while 1 Corsair and 3 destroyers slipped right into the Harbour to shell gun positions and installations at short range. Shore fire was encountered but only minor damage and a few casualties were suffered by our forces including those units which entered the Harbour.
- During a.m. 25 July 1 enemy medium bomber and 1 enemy fighter were intercepted by our carrier borne fighters and shot down. At 1740/25 enemy aircraft were located approaching our Task Force: our carrier based fighters intercepted and shot down 3 Zeros in addition to 2 others damaged. 2 of our fighters made forced water landings but both pilots were rescued; these were our only aircraft casualties.

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(iii) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

1. Blue aircraft carrier Task Forces attacks Palau in Central Pacific and Sabang in Indian Ocean
2. Highly successful blue air attacks on Halmahera air bases.
3. Significant shipping sighting in Philippines and successful U.S. submarine operations
4. Guam and Tinian operations proceeding satisfactorily.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
		<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>
<u>CA</u>	(2)	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-
<u>CL</u>	(4)	BOISE PHOENIX NASHVILLE * HOBART	* LEANDER -
<u>AV/CVE</u>	(2)	TANGIER WRIGHT	- -
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	(7)	HALF MOON SAN PABLO HERON ORCA CHINCOTEAGUE SAN CARLOS COCS BAY	- -
<u>DE</u>	(35)	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA AENNER READ AMMIN ANDERSON BACHE B EALE DALY FLETCHER GILLESPIE GRAYSON HOBBY HOPWELL HUGHES HUTCHINS JENKINS	LA VALLETTE MORRIS MULL ANY MUSTIN NICHOLAS NICHOLSON O'BANNON RADFORD RUSSELL STACK STEVENSON STOCKTON SWANSON TAYLOR TRATHEN WELL IS WILKES
<u>SS</u>	(6)	BLURGILL BREAM CERO DACE DARTER SEA WOLF QUAVINA	) ) ) ) on patr ol)) on passage
	(3)	BASHAW S.42 S.45	) ) at Seeadler)
	(3)	FLOUNDER FLYING FISH S.47	) ) at Brisbane)
	(2)	K.9 K.12	@ at Sydney)

* Non-effective

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (contd)

	<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>PT</u>	Approx. 175		-	?
<u>APA</u> <u>AKA</u> <u>AED</u>	(10) H.T. ALL EN (APA) KANIMELA MAN OORA WESTRALIA ALGORAB (AKA) WARD (AED) SCHLEY HERBERT CROSBY KILTY		4 ARD	-
<u>ACC</u>	BLUE RIDGE		-	-
<u>AS</u>	(2) OTUS BURYALE		-	-
<u>AD</u>	(2) DOBBIN WHITNEY		-	-
<u>AR</u>	(4) RIGEL FLATYFUS AMYCUS MEDUSA		-	-

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CA</u>	-	(2) NACHI ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	-
<u>ED</u>	9	5
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx. 5

3. SOUTHER EASTERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CL</u>	TRENTON	-
<u>DD</u>	9	-

4. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Philippines
Mandates-E. Indies

Empire

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>Philippines Mandates-E. Indies</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES Empire</u>
<u>BB</u>	(18) IOWA NEW JERSEY SOUTH DAKOTA INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS ALABAMA	NORTH CAROLINA WEST VIRGINIA WASHINGTON COLORADO CALIFORNIA PENNSYLVANIA	TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI IDAHO NEW MEXICO MARYLAND OKLAHOMA
		FUSO	(8) YAMATO MUSASHI NAGATO KONGO YAMASHIRO ISE HYUGA * HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	(9) SARATOGA ENTERPRISE YORPTOWN LEXINGTON HORNET	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL WASP	(6) UNRYU TAIHO ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU)1sunk HITAKA)2 prob. HAYATAKA)sunk
<u>CV(L)</u>	(9) CABOT COMPENS BATAAN BELLEAU WOOD INDEPENDENCE	LANGLEY MONTEREY PRINCETON SAN JACINTO	(2) CHIYODA CHITOSE
		(2) CHIYODA CHITOSE	(2) RYUHO) 2 dam. ZUIHO) poss. sunk
<u>CV(E)</u>	(33) FANSHAW BAY GAMBELER BAY HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MANILA BAY NATOMA BAY MEHEVTA BAY PETROF BAY OHMANEY BAY	RUDYERD BAY SARGENT BAY SHAMROCK BAY ALTAMAHA BARNES BRETON CASABLANCA CHENANGO COPAGEE CORAL SEA CORREIDOR	LONG ISLAND LUNGA POINT MARCUS ISLAND MIDWAY NASSAU PRINCE WILLIAM SANGAMON SANTRE SAVO ISLAND SUWANNEE WHITE PLAINS
		(2) KAIYO JINYO	(2) UNYO OTAKA
<u>CV(T)</u>	(13)	-	HOBHO
<u>CA</u>	(19) BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND	(5) ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI MYOKO HAGURO
		(5) ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI MYOKO HAGURO	(6) TONE CHIKUMA SUZUYA KUMANO MOGAMI * MAYA
<u>CCA</u>		-	6
<u>CL</u>	(17) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER MONTPELLIER HONOLULU ST LOUIS	BIRMINGHAM SANTA FE SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN MOBILE	(2) NATORI NOSHIRO 1/2
		BILOXI OAKLAND RENO VINCENNES HOUSTON MIAMI	(8) NAGARA OYODO ISUZU TAMA KISO * KITAGAMI * YAHAGI * ABUKUMA
<u>CL(C)</u>		-	KASHII KASHIMA
<u>AV/CVE</u>	(4) CURTISS POCOMOKE	CHANDELEUR BALLARD	* NOTORO
<u>ID</u>	Approx. 185		20
			35 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u>	Approx. 30		35
			Approx. 30
<u>AS</u>	?		?
			2 (1 repairing)

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SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre
DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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

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Date 29 July, 1944

PART I(1) ALLIED FORCESSOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NEW GUINEA - BISMARCKS(a) At Sea to 1200/29:

- (1) (1) Task Force 78 : 1 CA : "SHROPSHIRE"
2 CL : "BOISE" "PHOENIX"
8 DD : "AMMEN" "ARUNTA" "BACHE" "BEALE"
"HUTCHINS" "DALY" "TRATHEN"
"ABNER READ"
- (ii) Task Force 77 : 10 DD : "PLETCHER" "HUGHES" "JENKINS"
"LA VALLETTE" "MORRIS" "MUSTIN"
"RADFORD" "RUSSELL" "STEVENSON"
"BELLES"
4 PC : 1120, 1122, 1133, 1134
5 APD : "WARD" "SCHLEY" "KILTY" "CROSBY"
"HERBERT"
- (iii) Miscellaneous : 1 ATF : "VIREO"
1 PF : "SAN PEDRO"
3 PC : 477, 479, 1119
- (2) "EUGENE" (PF) escorting "BOOTES" "TRIANGULUM" (AK) and 2 LCI departed Humboldt Bay 28 July for Woendi 1900/29
- (3) "EICHENBERGER" (DE) escorting "VICTORIA" (AO) "VILLALOBOS" (IX) "DERRICK" (YO) and 1 merchantman departed Humboldt Bay 28 July for Woendi ETA 0700/30.
- (4) "PC.1124" was to depart Manus 0800/28 for Woendi ETA 0800/30
- (5) "SC.735" escorting Convoy AN.36 ("MAKAWAO" "SILVESTRE" "ESCALANTE") departed Manus Is. 0700/28 for Langemak ETA 1700/29
- (6) "RAIL" (AT) departed Humboldt Bay 28 July for Milne Bay ETA 2 August
- (7) "PC 476" departed Humboldt Bay 26 July for Milne Bay.
- (8) "ECHUCA" (AMS) departed Milne Bay 1600/28 for Langemak ETA 1500/29
- (9) "TEABERRY" (YN) departed Milne Bay 0850/28 for Finschhafen ETA 1850/30
- (10) "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) departed Port Moresby 1315/24 for survey duties Bramble Cay area
- (11) "GLADSTONE" "WHYALLA" (AMS) on Solomon Sea patrol
- (12) 5 submarines on patrol

(b) In Harbour:1. Mak Is-Woendi:

Combat Units	62	PT	
Escorts	9		: 3 PF: "GALLUP" "HUTCHINSON" "BELFAST" 1 AMS: "DELORAINÉ" 4 YMS: 51, 73, 316, 393
Auxiliaries	12		: "WRIGHT" (AV) "ORCA" (AVP) "PORTUNUS" "HILO" (AGP) "POYANG" (AE) "SPRIGHTLY" (AT) "PASQUOTANK" (AOC) "MIZAR" (AF) 2 YFD 1 ATR 1 YP: 415
Merchantmen	11		

Langetamak (contd)

<u>Auxiliaries (contd)</u>		"RACE POINT" "YUMA" (AT) "INDUS" (AK) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) 1 <u>YP</u> : 504
Merchantmen	25	
<u>Lae:</u>		
Escorts	1	: 1 <u>ML</u> : 426
Auxiliaries	1	: "SAKATONCHEE" (AOG)
Merchantmen	10	
<u>Morobe:</u>		
Escorts	1	: 1 <u>SC</u> : 703
Auxiliaries	1	: 1 <u>AFD</u>
Merchantmen	8	
<u>Duna-Oro Bay:</u>		
Merchantmen	11	
Auxiliaries	1	: "SHAWNEE" (GAT)
<u>Milne Bay:</u>		
Escorts	11	: 1 <u>DE</u> : "LOVELACE" 1 <u>PF</u> : "MUSKOGEE" 1 <u>AMS</u> : "KIAMA" 1 <u>PC</u> : 1131 4 <u>SC</u> : 698, 731, 734, 739 2 <u>YMS</u> : 50, 335 1 <u>ML</u> : 431
Auxiliaries	32	: "SHASTA" (AE) "SONOMA" "WATO" (AT) "SCULPTOR" "ERIDANUS" (AK) "MONTEREY" (AP) "HERON" (AVP) "SHIKELLAMY" (AOG) "ELKHORN" (AOG) "CHETCO" (AR) "CLYDE" "ANDREW DORIA" (IX) "TEAK" (AN) "LARK" (AM) "CABLE" (ARS) "MESQUITE" (CGC) "COMFORT" (AH) 5 <u>AFD</u> 3 <u>YT</u> 5 <u>YP</u> : 233, 237, 240, 278, 449 2 <u>ARD</u>
Merchantmen	40	
<u>Port Moresby:</u>		
Escorts	2	: 2 <u>ML</u> : 801, 802
Auxiliaries	2	: "WINTER" (AGS) "CRUX" (AK)

2. SOLOMONS(a) At Sea to 1200/29:

- (1) "RABY" (DE) escorting "GEORGE W. JULIAN" proceeding Tulagi to Morobe crossing 159th. Meridian at 0900/27: "RABY" detaches and returns to Guadalcanal.
- (2) "TUMULT" (AM) escorting "ROTANIN" (AK) proceeding Green Is. to Russells ETA 1700/30.
- (3) "SC.747" escorting "PAWNEE" (AT) towing 1 Y0 proceeding Tulagi to Manus ETA not known.
- (4) "PC.1591" escorting "SAN BRUNO" proceeding Lunga to Torokina ETA 0700/30
- (5) "DEMPSEY" (DE) escorting "CAPE MAY" proceeding Lunga to Torokina ETA 1300/29.
- (6) "YMS.97" escorting 1 AFR towing 1 Y0G proceeding Munda to Manus ETA 0600/1

(b) In Harbour:Emirau Is:

Combat Units	20 PT	
Escorts	4	: 2 <u>DE</u> : "ENGLAND" "FOREMAN" 1 <u>SC</u> : 518, 1274 1 <u>PC</u> : 589

Green Is:

Combat Units	21 PT	
Escorts	4	: 2 <u>DE</u> : "BOWERS" "STADTFELD" 1 <u>DM</u> : "BREEZE" 1 <u>SC</u> : 677

Auxiliaries	4	: "SAN CARLOS" (AVP) "STRATFORD" "VARUNA" (AGP) "PATAPSCO" (AOG)
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Torokina:

Escorts	9	: 2 <u>DE</u> : "WITTER" "DUFFY" 5 <u>PC</u> : 1128, 588, 596, 620, 1590 1 <u>SC</u> : 723 1 <u>M/S</u> "KIWI"
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Torokina (contd)

<u>Auxiliaries</u>	6	:	"WESTRALIA" "HENRY T. ALLEN" (APA) "JAGUAR" "KANGAROO" (IX) "CYGNUS" (AE) "METTAWEE" (AOG)
<u>Treasury Is:</u>			
<u>Combat Units</u>	4 DD 34 PT 4 PGM	:	"NICHOLAS" "TAYLOR" "O'BANNON" "HOPEWELL"
<u>Escorts</u>	6	:	1 DE: "WILLMARTIN" 1 EV: "GALE" 1 PC: 590 2 SC: 628, 722 1 YMS: 95
<u>Auxiliaries</u>	2	:	"CAMANGA" (AG)
<u>At Sea:</u>			
<u>Escorts</u>	5	:	2 PC: 584, 1229 1 SC: 514 2 YMS: 196, 259
<u>Auxiliaries</u>	1	:	"MINTAKA" (AK)

3. EAST AND SOUTH EAST AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea to 1200/29:

- (1) "NASHVILLE" (CL) departed Sydney 1150/26 for China Strait ETA 1530/29
- (2) "OCTANS" (AF) departed Milne Bay 0600/26 for Caloundra ETA 1900/29
- (3) "LYNX" (AK) departed Milne Bay 1120/26 for Caloundra ETA 0700/31
- (4) "ML.804" departed Thursday Island 1200/23 for Cairns ETA 1800/30
- (5) "ML.811" on A/S patrol in Grafton Passage
- (6) "MAETSUYCKER" (AH) departed Townsville 1512/27 for Finschhafen ETA 1100/28 via North Foreland ETA 1100/29
- (7) "HALF MOON" (AVP) was to depart Caloundra 1800/28 for Milne Bay ETA 4 Aug. via Mackay ETA 0600/30 for tow thence to Palm Is. ETA 1000/31 thence Samarai ETA 0800/3
- (8) "ARIADNE" (CMS) was to depart Caloundra 1200/29 for Cairns ETA 1500/2 visiting Cid and Magnetic Islands en route.
- (9) "MERKUR" (AF) departed Brisbane 27 July for Milne Bay ETA 31 July thence Finschhafen, Madang, Hollandia and Woendi.
- (10) "MILDURA" (AMS) was to depart Caloundra a.m. 27 July for exercises at Laguna Bay, proceeding p.m. 28 Jul to arrive Gladstone 1200/29, returning thence to Brisbane
- (11) "ML.808" with NAP "MERIDIAN" was to depart Gladstone 0600/28 for Urangan and Brisbane
- (12) "OCTERARA" (IX) departed Sydney 1432/26 for Milne Bay ETA 0633/1 Aug.
- (13) "COOS BAY" (AVP) proceeding Espiritu Santo to Sydney ETA 29 July
- (14) "ML.825" departed Sydney 1223/28 for Brisbane, Townsville and Milne Bay ETA Caloundra 1000/30
- (15) "YANDRA" (A/S) departed Sydney 0851/27 on A/S patrol to Smoky Cape and return/

(b) In Harbour:

<u>Thursday Is:</u>			
<u>Escorts</u>	6	:	5 AMS: "JUNEE" "PARKES" "KALGOORLIE" "PIRIE" "BALLARAT"
<u>Auxiliaries</u>	2	:	1 ML: 805 "VIGILANT" (AGS) "BUTTON WOOD" (CGC)
<u>Cairns:</u>			
<u>Escorts</u>	6	:	1 PF: "ROCKFORD" 2 SC: 648, 699 1 ML: 802 2 YMS: 52, 53
<u>Auxiliaries</u>	4	:	"FIRE ISLAND" "SOUTHWEST PASS" (AT) 1 ARD 1 YT
<u>Townsville:</u>			
<u>Auxiliaries</u>	2	:	"STELLA" "POLARIS" (AGS)
<u>Merchantmen</u>	5	:	
<u>At Sea:</u>			
<u>Auxiliaries</u>	1	:	"CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS)
<u>Brisbane:</u>			
<u>Escorts</u>	7	:	1 AMS: "BROOME" 3 PCE: 848, 849, 850 1 PF: "OGDEN" 1 PC: 1121 1 ML: 425

Brisbane (contd)

Auxiliaries	13	:	"OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "COUCAL" (ASR) "ALGORAB" (AKA) "KURUMBA" (AO) "MERKUR" (AF) "ETOLIN" "GANYMEDE" "ST GILES" "CARONDOLET" (IX) "CAPE LEEUWIN" (AGS) 3 <u>YP</u> : 283, 291, 421
Merchantmen	10		
<u>Sydney:</u>			
Combat Units	1 CA	:	"AUSTRALIA"
	1 CL	:	"HOBART" (refitting)
	2 DD	:	"STUART" "WARRAMUNGA"
Escorts	11	:	2 <u>PF</u> : "GASCOYNE" "BURDEKIN" 1 <u>PS</u> : "SAVORGMAN DE BRAZZA" 1 <u>A/S</u> : "WILCANNIA" 5 <u>ML</u> : 810, 813, 822, 823
Auxiliaries	12	:	"TULSA" (PG) "CHALLENGER" "MORESBY" (AGS) "MURZIM" "VENUS" (AK) "YUNNAN" "PYRO" (AE) "RESERVE" "POINT LOMA" "TALCRED" (AT) "MANUNDA" (AH) "BUNGAREE" (CM)
Merchantmen	20		
<u>Newcastle:</u>			
Escorts	2	:	1 <u>AMS</u> : "WARRNAMBOOL" 1 <u>A/S</u> : "KYBRA"
<u>Melbourne:</u>			
Escorts	2	:	1 <u>AMS</u> : "COWRA" 1 <u>A/S</u> : "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN"
Auxiliaries	2	:	"PLATYPUS" (AR) "GENERAL GEORGE M. RANDALL" (AP)
<u>Adelaide:</u>			
Escorts	1	:	1 <u>AMS</u> : "CASTLEMAINE"

NORTH WESTERN AREA

(a) At Sea to 1200/29:

- (1) "INVERELL" (AMS) escorting Convoy DT.71 ("EDNA") departed Darwin 0830/27 for Millingimbi RTA 1300/29 thence Thursday Is.
- (2) 17 submarines on patrol

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Escorts	6	:	1 <u>AMS</u> : "BOWEN" 5 <u>ML</u> : 429, 807, 814, 815, 809
Merchantmen	1		
<u>Snake Bay (Melville Is)</u>			
Escorts	1	:	1 <u>AMS</u> : "FREMANTLE"
Merchantmen	2		

5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(a) At Sea to 1200/29:

- (1) "MAUNGANUI" (AH) departed Fremantle 1820/26 for Wellington ETA 1200/6/3

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat Units	1 CL	:	"ADELAIDE"
	1 DD	:	"NAPIER"
Escorts	8	:	1 <u>PF</u> : "CORPUS CHRISTI" 2 <u>AMS</u> : "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" 1 <u>SC</u> : 729 2 <u>ML</u> : 824, 825 2 <u>EMS</u> : 11, 72
Auxiliaries	10	:	"GRIFFIN" "ORTON" (AS) "ISABEL" (PY) "CHILDS" "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ATHOS" (AP) 1 <u>ARD</u> 2 <u>YP</u> : 286, 288

Note: Merchant ship totals in port include all ships over 1,000 tons except tankers and commissioned ships.

(11) ENEMY FORCESA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. SOLOMONS - BISMARCKS

- (1) Bougainville - Night 26-27 July East coast of Bougainville was patrolled by 1 Mitchell. On 27 July probable enemy bivouac area at Ibu (on the trail from Torokina to Numa Numa) was bombed by 16 Ventures and sweeps around Bougainville were conducted by 12 Corsairs.
- (2) New Ireland - Night 26-27 July Kavieng was harassed by 2 Mitchells. On 27 July targets in the Kavieng area were bombed by 16 Corsairs.
- (3) Rabaul - Night 26-27 July Rabaul was harassed by 2 Mitchells. On 27 July the supply area North of Tobera was bombed by 30 Dauntless, 14 Corsairs, the jetty at Malagana was bombed by 18 Dauntless 10 Corsairs and general sweeps around Gazelle Peninsula were conducted by over 35 Corsairs.

2. NEW GUINEA

- (1) Wewak-Aitape - An enemy party, some 150 strong, was contacted by our patrols South of the Southern flank of the Driniumor River line early a.m. 27 July. This party was engaged during the afternoon but results are not yet reported. In other sectors of this area aggressive patrolling continues reporting minor enemy contacts. During 28 July coastal bridges in the Wewak area were bombed by 6 Bostons, troop concentrations in the Yakumul area were bombed by 17 Beauforts while concentrations in the Wewak area were also attacked by Thunderbolts and Aircobras.

A dawn patrol 28 July off the coast by 2 Beaufighters co-operating with PT boats reported contacting 3 barges near Muschu Island; the barges were apparently carrying fuel and 2 burst into flames as a result of strafing and the third was damaged.

- (2) Manokwari - During 28 July Manokwari aerodrome was bombed by 35 Liberators.
- (3) Western Geelvink Bay - Throughout 28 July the coastline from Manokwari southwards was patrolled by small flights of Kittyhawks which reported very little barge traffic; 1 barge in Mawi Bay was strafed and another large barge in Sarif Bay was seen.
- (4) Vogelkop Peninsula - p.m. 28 July small craft in the Cape Goodhope area was strafed by Aircobras. A small boat carrying 10-15 Japs was strafed and hit and a few unserviceable barges were also strafed.
- (5) Babo - On 28 July bivouac area near Babo was attacked by 24 Bostons.
- (6) Kaimana - On 28 July a lugger in Kaimana Bay was sunk by Bostons conducting a coastal sweep.

3. EAST INDIES

- (1) Aroe Islands - At 1215/28 a lugger off Debo was attacked by a reconnaissance Mitchell; strafing set the vessel on fire.
- (2) Dutch Timor - p.m. 28 July troop concentrations on the Koepang-Atambcea road were attacked by 4 flights of aircraft involving respectively - 2 Beaufighters, 3 Mitchells, 4 Mitchells and 8 Beauforts. The target area was well worked over.
- (3) Portuguese Timor - Early a.m. 28 July Lautem West aerodrome was bombed by 2 Catalinas.

At 1145/28 Cape Chater drome was bombed by 5 Liberators as alternative to Namlea.

- X (4) Ambon area - At 1200/28 Old Namlea drome was bombed by 4 Liberators. 6 aircraft were observed grounded on the Old Namlea drome, another 6 aircraft on Namlea Township drome and 1 flying boat off-shore; 1 small sea-truck was observed in Merasa Bay (near Namlea) and another 2 sea trucks off Manipa Island heading West towards Namlea.

Aircraft over Ambon 1735/27 sighted 3 merchant ships (1 medium, 2 small) in Ambon Bay.

a.m. 28 July a small convoy comprising 1 merchant ship and 2 escorts was observed by aircraft 20 miles N.E. of Namlea on course 290°.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA (Contd.)4. PHILIPPINES

- (1) Sulu Archipelago - Midnight 26-27 July a 9-ship convoy involving 3 merchant ships and 6 escorts was observed 50 miles S.E. of Jolo Island heading Westwards.

CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

- (1) Carolines - Woleai: Between 0950 and 1130/28 Woleai was attacked by 4 waves of Liberators involving a total of 23 aircraft. Explosions and fires were caused. Observations included 7 barges off the S.W. coast.

Nemoi Group: The remnants of the enemy convoy, which comprised originally 4 small ships and 1 escort attacked p.m. 26 July 25 miles S.W. of Satawan Island (when 1 ship was claimed as probably sunk and 3 left burning), were again attacked by 6 Venturas at 0910/27. The gunboat and a 1500 ton cargo vessel were found in Satawan Lagoon but interception by 4-6 enemy aircraft hampered the attack. 1 enemy aircraft was destroyed and the gun boat was probably damaged by near misses.

Ponape: On 25 July Ponape was attacked by 11 Mitchells.

Palau: Reconnaissance aircraft over Palau midday 26 July reported 1 possible "Hosho" class aircraft-carrier, 2 destroyers, 8 small freighters, 2 motor torpedo boats and a large number of small craft at Palau and 3 craft described as 2 destroyers and 1 submarine off Babelthusp Island, heading South.

Truk: Aircraft over Truk at 0025/28 reported a possible destroyer or light cruiser at Dublin Island.

(iii) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

1. Ship ping sightings Philippines, Palau and Ambon area.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
	<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	
<u>CA</u>	(2) AUSTRALIA SHROESHIRE	-	-
<u>CL</u>	(4) BOESE PHOENIX NASHVILLE * HOBART	* LEANDER	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(2) TANGIER WRIGHT	-	-
<u>XAV/EGVS</u>	(7) HALF MOON SAN PABLO HERON ORCA CHI NOCTEGAR SAN CARLOS COOS BAY	-	-
<u>DD</u>	(35) ANONPA WARRIMUNGA STUART VINDETTA AEMER READ ANDRE ANDERSON BAC HE BEALE DALY FLETCHER GILL ESPIE GRAYSON HOBBY HOPWELL HUGHES HUTCHINS JENKINS	LA VALLETTE 8 MORRIS MULLANY MUSTIN NICHOLAS NICHOLSON O'BANNON RADFORD RUSSELL STACK STEVENSON STOCKTON SWANSON TAYLOR TRATHEN WELLES WILKES	-
<u>EA</u>	(5) BLUEGILL BREAM CERO DACE DARTER	) ) ) on patrol))	-
	(2) GUAVINA SEA WOLF	) ) on passage	
	(3) BASHAW S.42 S.45	) ) at Seeadler)	
	(3) FLOUNDER FLYIN G FISH S.47	) ) at Brisbane)	
	(2) K.9 K.12	) ) at Sydney)	
		* non-effective	

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (contd)

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
	<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	
<u>PT</u>	Approx. 175	-	?
<u>APA</u> <u>AP</u> <u>APD</u>	(10) H.T. ALLIN (APA) KANIMBLA MANOORA WESTRALIA ALGORAB (AKA) WARD (APD) SCHILEY HERBERT CROSBY KILTY	4 APD	-
<u>ACC</u>	BLUE RIDGE	-	-
<u>AS</u>	(2) OTUS EURYALE	-	-
<u>AD</u>	(2) DOBBIN WHITNEY	-	-
<u>AR</u>	(4) RIGEL FLATYFUS AMYCUS MEDUSA	-	-

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CA</u>	-	(2) NACHI ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	-
<u>ED</u>	9	5
<u>EE</u>	10	Approx. 5

3. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CL</u>	TRENT ON	-
<u>ED</u>	9	-

4. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Philippines

Mandates - E. Indies Empire

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>BB</u>	(18) IOWA NEW JERSEY SOUTH DAKOTA INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS ALABAMA	NORTH CAROLINA WEST VIRGINIA WASHINGTON COLORADO CALIFORNIA PENNSYLVANIA	TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI IDAHO NEW MEXICO MARYLAND OKLAHOMA
			FUSO (8) YAMATO MUSASHI NAGATO KONGO YAMASHIRO ISE HYUGA * HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	(9) SARATOGA ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON HOWN ET	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL WASP	-
			(6) UNRYU TAIHO ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU)sunk HITAKA)2 pro HAYATAKA)sunk
<u>CV(L)</u>	(9) CABOT COWPENS BATAAN BELLEAU WOOD INDEPENDENCE	LANGLEY MONTEREY PRINCETON SAN JACINTO	(2) CHIYODA CHITOSE
			(2) RYUHO)2 dan. ZUIHO)poss. sunk
<u>CV(L)</u>	(33) FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MANILA BAY NATOMA BAY NEHUNTA BAY PETROF BAY OMMANEY BAY	HUDYERD BAY SARGENT BAY SHAMROCK BAY ALTAMAHA BARNES BRETON CASABLANCA CHENANGO COPAHNE CORAL SEA CO REGIDOR	LONG ISLAND LUNGA POINT MARCUS ISLAND MIDWAY NASSAU PRINCE WILLIAM SANGAMON SANTEE SAVO ISLAND SUWANNEE WHITE PLAINS
			(2) KAIYO JINYO
			(2) UNYO OTAKA
<u>CV(T)</u>			
<u>CA</u>	(13) BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND	(5) ATAGO TAKAO CHIKAI MYOKO HAGURO
			(6) TONE CHIKUMA SUZOYA KUMANO NOGAMI * MAYA
<u>CGA</u>			
<u>CL</u>	(17) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER MONTPELLIER ST LOUIS	BIRMINGHAM SANTA FE SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	(2) NATORI BOSHIRO
		BILOXI OAKLAND RENO VINCENNES MIAMI	(8) NAGARA OYEDO ISUZU TAMA, KISO * KITAGAMI * YAHAGI * ABUKUMA
<u>CL(T)</u>			
<u>AVE</u>	(4) CURTISS POCONOKE	CHANDELEUR BALLARD	KASHII AKITSUSHIMA * NOTORO
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 185		20
<u>SS</u>	" 30		35
	?		?
			35 (several repairing)
			Approx. 30
			2 (1 repairing)

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>		<u>Eastern Fleet Area</u>	<u>Malaya-Indian Ocean</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	(4) QUEEN ELIZABETH VALLIANT RENOWN RICHELIEU	-
<u>CV</u>	-	(3) VICTORIOUS ILLUSTRIOUS INDOMITABLE	-
<u>CV (B)</u>	-	(6) BATTLE AETHELING UNIC OFN BEGUM SHAH AMEER	-
<u>CA</u>	-	(3) CUMBERLAND LONDON SUFFOLK	AORA
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	(7) CEYLON NEWCASTLE KENYA TROMP GAMBIA PHOEBE NIGERIA	(2) KINU " OI
<u>AV/CVE</u>	(2) CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	-
<u>KCL</u>	-	(2) CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>DD</u>	-	Approx. 27	5
<u>SS</u>	(17) ANGLER FLASHER PARGO) ASPRO GUITARO FUFER) BONEFISH GURNAFD RASHER) on patrol CARRHILL A HOE RATON) COD LAPON ROBALO) CREVALLE SANDLACE)	" 16	12 (incl. 7 German)
	(4) BLUEFISH HADDLE) MING O K.14) on passage		
	(12) FLIER HAKE NAUT ILIS) HADDO GUNNEL NORWAL) HARDER JACK REDFIN) at Fremantle MIS KELLUNGE RAY K.15)		
<u>AS</u>	(2) ORION GRIFFIN		

ESTIMATE ENEMY SHORE-BASED AIR STRENGTH

	<u>Solomons Bismarcks</u>	<u>New Guinea</u>	<u>East Indies</u>	<u>Philippines</u>	<u>Mandates</u>
Fighters	2	3	240	209	131
L & M. Bombers	-	4	139	132	34
T & D. Bombers	-	-	4	60	54
Flying Boats	-	-	9	12	4
Seaplanes	10	3	59	27	20
Obsn. a/c	2	2	52	15	23
TOTAL	14	12	487	446	266

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Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle.

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PART I(1) ALLIED FORCESSOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NEW GUINEA - BISMARCKS(a) At Sea to 1200/30:

- (1) (i) Task Force 78 : 1 CA : "SHROPSHIRE"
2 CL : "BOISE" "PHOENIX"
8 DD : "AMMEN" "ARUNTA" "BACHE" "DEALE" "HUTCHINS"
"DALY" "TRATHEN" "AIDER READ"
- (ii) Task Force 77 : 15 DD : "FLETCHER" "HUGHES" "JENKINS" "SWANSON" "LA
VALLETTE" "MORRIS" "MUSTIN" "RADFORD" "RUSSELL"
"STEVENSON" "WELLES" "HOBBY" "GILLESPIE"
"ANDERSON" "STOCKTON"
2 FF : "EL PASO" "LONGBRACH"
4 PG : 1120, 1122, 1133, 1134
5 ASD : "WARD" "SCHLEY" "KILTY" "CROSBY" "HERBERT"
1 ATF : "VIREO"
- (iii) Miscellaneous : 1 PF : "SAN PEDRO"
3 PG : 477, 479, 1119
- (2) "NASHVILLE" (CL) ex Sydney was due China Strait 1530/29 en route Biak
- (3) "GOULBURN" "TOWNSVILLE" "CYMPIE" "BENDIGO" "SC.749" escorting Convoy EG.104
departed Langemak 1740/28. "SC.749" detaches to escort Aitape
section due 1730/30; remainder due Hollandia 0600/31.
- (4) "WAGGA" (AMS) escorting "INDUS" (AK) "POLLUX" (AKS) departed Manus 1200/29 for Madang.
ETA 1300/30. "INDUS" and "POLLUX" proceeding Langemak ETA 0500/
31.
- (5) "SC.746" escorting 3 MV departed Hollandia 28 July for Langemak ETA 30 July. 31.
- (6) "TEABERRY" (YN) departed Milne Bay 0850/28 for Finschhafen ETA 1850/30.
- (7) "GLADSTONE" "WHYALLA" (AMS) on Solomon Sea patrol
- (8) "RAIL" (AT) departed Humboldt Bay 26 July for Milne Bay ETA 2 August
- (9) "EC.476" departed Humboldt Bay 26 July for Milne Bay
- (10) "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) departed Port Moresby 1315/24 for survey duties Bramble Cay area.
- (11) "BALLARAT" was to depart Thursday Island p.m. 29 July for Merauke.
- (12) 5 submarines on patrol

(b) In Harbour:Biak Is-Woendi:

Combat Units
Escorts

62 FT
8

: 1 ES: "SWAN"
1 DE: "EICHENBERGER"
3 PE: "HUTCHINSON" "BUG ONE" "BELFAST"
3 ASB: "DELORAIN" "LATROBE" "KAFUNDA"
1 EC: 1124
4 YMS: 51, 73, 316, 393

Auxiliaries

16

: "WRIGHT" (AV) "ORCA" (AVP) "VICTORIA" (AO) "FORTUNUS"
"HILO" (AGP) "POYANG" (AE) "SPRIGHTLY" (AF) "BOOTES"
"TRIANGULUM" (AK) "MIZAR" (AF) "DERRICK" (YO)

Blak Is-Woendi (contd)

<u>Auxiliaries (contd)</u>		: "VILLALOBOS" (IX)
		2 <u>YD</u> 1 <u>ATR</u> 1 <u>YP</u> : 415
Merchantmen	11	
<u>Wakde:</u>		
Escorts	2	: 1 <u>PT</u> : "ORANGE"
		1 <u>YS</u> : 10
Merchantmen	13	
<u>Humboldt Bay:</u>		
Combat Units	5 DD	: "MULLANY" "STACK" "WILKES" "NICHOLSON" "GRAYSON"
Escorts	14	: 1 <u>DE</u> : "THOMASON"
		4 <u>PF</u> : "BISBEE" "GLENDALE" "VAN BUREN" "GALLUP"
		1 <u>ES</u> : "WARREGO"
		2 <u>SC</u> : 741, 743
		2 <u>AMS</u> : "LITHGOW" "GRELONG"
		3 <u>YMS</u> : 8, 46, 71
		1 <u>ML</u> : 817
Auxiliaries	12	: "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "PASQUOTANK"
		"SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "PANDA" (IX)
		"OGLALA" (ARG)
		4 <u>YP</u> : 236, 280, 415, 516 1 <u>AFD</u>
Merchantmen	32	
<u>Aitape:</u>		
Combat Units	26	PT with IST. 201 acting as AGP
Escorts	2	: 1 <u>SC</u> : 744
		1 <u>YS</u> : 334
Merchantmen	11	
<u>Amiralties:</u>		
Escorts	9	: 2 <u>DE</u> : "MARTIN" "EMERY"
		1 <u>PF</u> : "BARCOO"
		2 <u>FC</u> : 1123, 1138
		2 <u>SC</u> : 982, 1047
		1 <u>ML</u> : 827
		1 <u>YS</u> : 315
Auxiliaries	20	: "BURYALE" (AS) "TANGIER" (AV) "SAN PABLO" (AVP)
		"WHITNEY" (AD) "RIO GRANDE" (AOG) "MEDUSA" (AR)
		"ALABASTER" (PYC) "LEOPARD" "MINK" (IX) "CINNAMON"
		"SILVERBELL" (AN) "PATHFINDER" "BENALLA" (AGS) "ALBIRE"
		(AK) 1 <u>AFD</u> 1 <u>YP</u> : 585 2 <u>YRD</u> 1 <u>ABSD</u> 1 <u>YT</u>
Merchantmen	14	
<u>Alexishafen - Madang:</u>		
Escorts	15	: 2 <u>DE</u> : "J.E.CRAIG" "NEUENDORFF"
		2 <u>AMS</u> : "BUNEURY" "ARARAT"
		1 <u>PF</u> : "CORONADO"
		4 <u>SC</u> : 732, 738, 745, 981
		4 <u>ML</u> : 42, 806, 816, 818
		2 <u>YS</u> : 48, 336
Auxiliaries	11	: "OPUS" (AS) "DOBBIN" (AD) "KOOPA" (AGP) "ARAYAT" (IX)
		"PING WO" (ASIS) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) 2 <u>ARD</u> 1 <u>ATR</u> 2 <u>AFD</u>
Merchantmen	26	
<u>Cape Gloucester:</u>		
Merchantmen	1	
<u>Saidor:</u>		
Escorts	2	: 2 <u>ML</u> : 803, 819
<u>Lengemak:</u>		
Combat Units	1 DD	: "VENDETTA"
Escorts	13 PT	
	23	: 1 <u>DE</u> : "WHITEHURST"
		7 <u>AMS</u> : "STRAHAN" "COLAC" "KATOOMBA" "ECHUCA" "GLENELG"
		"BUNDABERG" "COFFAMUNDRA"
		8 <u>SC</u> : 637, 650, 735, 736, 737, 742, 748, 750
		5 <u>YS</u> : 47, 49, 70, 313, 314
		2 <u>ML</u> : 426, 430
Auxiliaries	13	: "SHEKONK" (AOG) "MOBJACK" (AGP) "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA"
		(APA) "TASMAN" "MAERSUYKER" (AH) "SANGAY" (AE)
		"AASE MAERSK" "PORCUPINE" (IX) "TRINITY" (AO) "RACE"
		POINT" "YUMA" (AT)
		1 <u>YP</u> : 504
Merchantmen	22	

Lae:
 Escorts 1 : 1 ML: 426
 Auxiliaries 1 : "SAKATONCHEE" (AGG)
 Merchantmen 9

Morobe:
 Escorts 1 : 1 SC: 703
 Auxiliaries 1 : 1 AFD
 Merchantmen 6

Buna-Oro Bay:
 Merchantmen 7
 Auxiliaries 1 : "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS)

Malne Bay:
 Escorts 11 : 1 DE: "LOVELACE"
 1 FT: "MUSKOGEE"
 1 AMS: "KIAMA"
 1 FC: 1131
 4 SC: 698, 731, 734, 739
 2 YMS: 50, 335
 1 ML: 431

Auxiliaries 33 : "SHASTA" (AE) "SONOMA" "WATG" (AT) "ORESTES" (AGP)
 "SCULPTOR" "ERIDANUS" (AK) "MONTEREY" (AP) "HERON"
 (AVP) "SHIKELLAMY" (AGG) "ELKHORN" (AGG) "CHEPICO" (AR)
 "CLYDE" "ANDREW DORLA" (IX) "TEAK" (AN) "LARK" (AM)
 "CABLE" (ARS) "MESQUITE" (CGG) "COMFORT" (AH)
 "SHAWNEE" (GAT)
 5 AFD 3 YT 5 YP: 233, 237, 240, 278, 449 2 AFD

Merchantmen 42

Port Moresby:
 Escorts 2 : 2 ML: 801, 802
 Auxiliaries 2 : "WINTER" (AGS) "CRUX" (AK)
 Merchantmen 1

2. SOLOMONS(a) At Sea to 1200/30:

- (1) "SC.747" escorting "PAWNEE" (AT) towing 1 YO proceeding Tulagi to Manus ETA not known
- (2) "YMS.97" escorting 1 APR towing 1 YOG proceeding Munda to Manus ETA 0600/1
- (3) "RABY" (DE) escorting "GEORGE W. JULIAN" proceeding Tulagi to Morobe crossing 159th. Meridian at 0900/27: "RABY" detaches and returns to Guadalcanal
- (4) "BOWERS" (DE) escorting "STRATFORD" (AP) en route Green Is. to Emirau ETA 0600/31.
- (5) "SC 518" escorting 1 MV from Emirau to Lunga ETA 1830/1 Aug.

(b) In Harbour:Emirau Is.:

Combat Units 20 PT
 Escorts 4 : 2 DE: "ENGLAND" "FOREMAN"
 1 SC: 1274
 1 FC: 589

Green Is.:

Combat Units 21 PT
 Escorts 3 : 1 DE: "STADTFELD"
 1 DM: "BREEZE"
 1 SC: 677
 Auxiliaries 3 : "SAN CARLOS" (AVP) "VAHUNA" (AGP) "PATAESCO" (AGG)

Torokina:

Escorts 11 : 3 DE: "WITTER" "DUFFY" "DIMESBY"
 6 FC: 584, 588, 1128, 1590, 1591
 1 SC: 723
 1 M/S: "KIWI"
 Auxiliaries 5 : "WESTRALIA" "HENRY T. ALLEN" (APA) "JAGUAR" "KANGAROO"
 (IX) "MERTAWEE" (AGG)

Merchantmen 6

Treasury Is.:

Combat Units 4 DD : "NICHOLAS" "TAYLOR" O'BANNON" "HOPEWELL"
 34 FW
 4 PGM
 Escorts 6 : 1 DE: "WILLMARTIN" 1 EV: "GALE"
 1 FC: 590
 2 SC: 628, 722
 1 YMS: 95
 Auxiliaries 2 : "CAMANGA" (AG)

Munda:

Escorts	5	: 2 <u>EC</u> : 596, 1229 1 <u>SC</u> : 514 2 <u>YMS</u> : 196, 259
Auxiliaries	2	: "MINTAKA" (AK) "CYGNUS" (AE)
Merchantmen	1	

3. EAST AND SOUTH EAST AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea to 1200/30:

- "HALF MOON" (AVP) departed Caloundra 1800/28 for Milne Bay ETA 4 Aug. via Mackay EPA 0600/30 for tow thence to Palm Is. ETA 1000/31 thence Samarai ETA 0800/3.
- "ARIADNE" (CMS) departed Caloundra 1200/29 for Cairns ETA 1500/2 Aug. visiting Cid and Magnetic Islands en route.
- "MERKUR" (AF) departed Brisbane 27 July for Milne Bay EPA 31 July thence Finschhafen Madang, Hollandia and Woendi.
- "OOTERARA" (IX) departed Sydney 1432/26 for Milne Bay ETA 0633/1 Aug.
- "LYNX" (AK) departed Milne Bay 1120/26 for Caloundra EPA 0700/31
- "STAWELL" (AMS) departed Milne Bay 1245/29 for Townsville ETA 0800/1 for onward routeing to Melbourne
- "ML.811" on A/S patrol in Grafton Passage
- "ML.825" departed Sydney 1123/28 for Brisbane, Townsville and Milne Bay ETA Caloundra 1000/30.
- "LOESER" "GREENWOOD" (DE) en route Sydney to Tulagi
- "GENERAL GEORGE M. RANDALL" (AP) was to depart Melbourne 1400/28 for Los Angeles
- "ML.808" with NAP "MERIDIAN" was to depart Gladstone 0600/28 for Urangan and Brisbane
- "MILDURA" (AMS) departed Gladstone 1130/29 for Brisbane ETA 1200/30
- "WARRNAMBOOL" (AMS) departed Sydney 1512/28 for A/S patrol to Smoky Cape and return
- "GASCOYNE" (PF) was to depart Sydney 29 July for Brisbane ETA 31 July
- "NAPIER" (DB) en route Fremantle to Melbourne ETA 0800/2 Aug.

(b) In Harbour:Thursday Is:

Escorts	4	: 5 <u>AMS</u> : "JUNEE" "PARKES" "KALGOORLIE" "PIRIE" 1 <u>ML</u> : 805
Auxiliaries	2	: "VIGILANT" (AGS) "BUTTON WOOD" (CGC)

Cairns:

Escorts	7	: 1 <u>PF</u> : "ROCKFORD" 2 <u>SC</u> : 648, 699 2 <u>ML</u> : 802, 804 2 <u>YMS</u> : 52, 53
Auxiliaries	4	: "FIRE ISLAND" "SOUTHWEST PASS" (AT) 1 <u>AFD</u> 1 <u>YT</u>

Townsville:

Auxiliaries	2	: "STELLA" "POLARIS" (AGS)
Merchantmen	5	

Bowen:

Auxiliaries	1	: "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (AFS)
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Brisbane:

Escorts	7	: 1 <u>AMS</u> : "BROOME" 3 <u>EC</u> : 848, 849, 850 1 <u>PF</u> : "OGDEN" 1 <u>EC</u> : 1121, 1 <u>ML</u> : 825
Auxiliaries	13	: "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "COUCAL" (ASR) "ALGORAB" (AKA) "KURUMBA" (AO) "ETOLIN" "GANYMEDE" "ST GILES" "CARONE- DOLET" (IX) "CAPE LEEUWIN" (AGS) "OCTANS" (AF) 3 <u>YP</u> : 283, 291, 421

Merchantmen	11	
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Sydney:

Combat Units	1 CA	: "AUSTRALIA"
	1 CL	: "HOBART" (Refitting)
	2 DD	: "STUART" "WARRAMUNGA"
Escorts	9	: 2 <u>PF</u> : "GASCOYNE" "BURDEKIN" 1 <u>AE</u> : "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA"

Sydney (contd)

<u>Esorts (contd)</u>	9	: 2 <u>A/S</u> : "WILCANNIA" "YANDRA"
		4 <u>ML</u> : 810, 813, 822, 823
<u>Auxiliaries</u>	19	: "TULSA" (PG) "CHALLENGER" "MORSEBY" (AGS) "COOS BAY" (AVP) "MURZIM" "VENUS" (AK) "YUNNAN" "PYRO" (AE) "RESERVE" "POINT LOMA" "TANCRED" (AT) "MANUNDA" (AH) "BUNGAREE" (CM)
<u>Merchantmen</u>	19	
<u>Newcastle:</u>		
<u>Esorts</u>	1	: 1 <u>A/S</u> : "KYBRA"
<u>Mourne:</u>		
<u>Esorts</u>	2	: 1 <u>AMS</u> : "COWRA"
		1 <u>A/S</u> : "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" " XXXXXXXXXX "
<u>Auxiliaries</u>	1	: "ELATYPUS" (AR)
<u>Adelaide:</u>		
<u>Esorts</u>	1	: 1 <u>AMS</u> : "CASTLEMAINE"

4. NORTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/30:

- (1) "INVERELL" (AMS) escorting Convoy DT.71 ("ELNA") departed Darwin 0830/27 for Millingimbi
ETA 1900/29 thence Thursday Is.
- (2) 17 submarines on patrol

(b) In Harbour:Darwin:

<u>Esorts</u>	6	: 1 <u>AMS</u> : "BOWEN"
		5 <u>ML</u> : 429, 807, 814, 815, 809
<u>Merchantmen</u>	1	
<u>Snake Bay (Melville Is)</u>		
<u>Esorts</u>	1	: 1 <u>AMS</u> : "FREMANTLE"
<u>Merchantmen</u>	2	

5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/30:

- (1) "MAUNGANUI" (AH) departed Fremantle 1820/26 for Wellington ETA 1200/5/8

(b) In Harbour:Fremantle:

<u>Combat Units</u>	1 CL	: "ADELAIDE"
<u>Esorts</u>	8	: 1 <u>PT</u> : "CORPUS CHRISTI"
		2 <u>AMS</u> : "HORSHAM" "DUBBO"
		1 <u>SC</u> : 729
		2 <u>ML</u> : 824, 825
		2 <u>YMS</u> : 11, 72
<u>Auxiliaries</u>	10	: "GRIFFIN" "ORION" (AS) "ISABEL" (PY) "CHILLS" "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) "CHANICLEER" (ASR) "ATHOS" (AP)
		1 <u>ARD</u> 2 <u>YP</u> : 286, 288

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Note: Merchant ship totals in port include all ships over 1,000 tons except tankers and commissioned ships.

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(11) ENEMY FORCESA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. SOLOMONS - BISMARCKS

- (1) Bougainville - Night July 27 and 28 our PT boats were again active around the Bougainville coast destroying a mine in Bougainville Strait and shelling Teop Island in association with a Catalina.

The customary air patrols were carried out during July 28 by Avengers and fighter aircraft.

Patrol activity continues by our ground troops in the Empress Augusta Bay area and further small enemy contacts have been reported.

- (2) New Ireland - Night 27 July our PT boats and LCI gunboats continued patrols this area: PT boats shelling Kiva and Kaut Bay and gunboats probably destroying 2 beached barges at Matakan.

Corsairs and Mitchells carried out strikes against enemy targets in the Kavieng area both day and night while other Corsairs attacked enemy targets in the East Cape area.

A patrol landed on the Feni Islands July 27 reported nil enemy contacts.

- (3) Rabaul - The usual air strikes were carried out in this area night July 27 and during July 28. 5 Mitchells operating during the night hours and several groups of Corsairs and Dauntless aircraft concentrated on the Gagelle Peninsula and Rabaul airfield areas during the day.

2. NEW GUINEA

- (1) Wewak-Aitape - Our ground troops continue to exert pressure along the Afua-Palauru trail supported by artillery fire. 50 enemy were killed during an attack a.m. July 27 and only scattered enemy resistance was encountered on July 28.

Night July 27 our PT boats operating with Beaufighters strafed a probable bivouac area and also attacked a possible barge hideout vicinity But airfield.

During July 29 Bostons and Thunderbolts attacked targets in the Wewak area including barges while Beaufighters strafed targets of opportunity Yakumul area and on Muschu Island. 38 Beauforts and 8 Aircobras were also involved in attacks on troop concentrations East of Yakumul.

- (2) Western Geslvinck Bay - During July 28 7 Liberators struck Moemi and 4 other bombed Aagan and Otawiri airfields while 4 Aircobras strafed the coastal area starting fires.
- (3) Sorong-Manokwari - a.m. today, July 30, our troops commenced landing operations vicinity Cape Sansapor (approx. 60 miles E.N.E. of Sorong) under surface and air support.

9 Mitchells made shipping sweeps around Vogelkop coast attacking a lugger off Sorong.

- (4) Maccluer Gulf - During July 29 4 Mitchells attacked enemy installations vicinity Cape Karakra destroying an oil derrick and buildings.
- (5) S.W. New Guinea - A force of Liberators struck Utarom dispersal area July 29 starting several large fires.

3. EAST INDIES

- (1) Ceram - July 28 10 Liberators struck Boela starting fires in dispersal areas and installations.

Night July 28 2 medium merchantmen and several smaller craft were reported in Piroe Bay (S.W. coast Ceram).

- (2) Boeroe - Photos of the Old Namlea airfield July 28 reveal all runways unserviceable and 7 serviceable T/E aircraft visible.

- (3) Halmaheras - July 28 4 Mitchells bombed and strafed villages along

3. EAST INDIES (Contd.)

- (3) Halmaheras (Contd.) - the East coast of Morotai Island. Photos Galela airfield July 27 reveal 27 serviceable aircraft and the runways serviceable but unsurfaced. July 28 1 cargo vessel with 2 escorts was reported off Obi Island (Southern Halmaheras).
- (4) Timor - During July 29 Mitchells again attacked Penfoel and Koepang while 1 Liberators bombed the Cape Chater area.

PHILIPPINES

- X (1) Southern Philippines - Night July 29 an enemy 3-stack light cruiser was reported off Cape San Augustin apparently heading into Davao Gulf.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

- (1) Marianas - Guam: Our ground forces have made considerable advances on Guam. A conservative estimate indicates our troops have killed 4700 enemy troops on the island. During July 27 carrier-based aircraft attacked the airfield near Agana town.
- Saipan: Allied casualties to July 26 total 587 killed, 2798 wounded and 191 missing.
- Saipan: Total enemy dead buried on Saipan number 21,036.
- Tinian: Considerable advances have also been made on Tinian and our troops now occupy approx. 2/3rds of the island and have captured the second airfield on Tinian, above Gurguan Point.
- Enemy coastal guns remaining on the island were shelled by our battleships on July 27.
- Allied casualties to July 26 total 159 killed, 441 wounded, 32 missing.
- Rota: During July 26 and 27 carrier-based aircraft attacked Rota airfield and installations. The airfield was reported unserviceable prior to these attacks.
- (2) Carolines - Nomoi: Afternoon July 28 9 Venturas searching for remnants of the convoy attacked on July 26 and 27 bombed installations on Satawan Island. The only shipping sighted was a small beached vessel in the Nomoi Islands.
- Woleai: a.m. July 29 24 Liberators again attacked this base. 1 small u/1 vessel and 6 barges were reported in the area.
- Palau: Early hours July 29 a Catalina reported sighting a small ship in Namai Bay.
- Truk: 25 Liberators attacked Truk night July 28 encountering interception by 5 enemy Zeros of which 2 were destroyed. 1 Liberator was lost.
- Night July 27 1 patrol Liberator scored 2 direct hits on a cargo vessel and attacked several small craft in Truk Lagoon.
- (3) Marshalls - Enemy-held bases in this group were again attacked by Cenpac aircraft during July 27.

C. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

- (1) Nauru - This base was again attacked by Venturas July 26 and 27.

(111) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

- Blue landing Cape Sansapor area.

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

CA

(2) AUSTRALIA
SHROPSHIRE

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CL

(4) BOISE
PHOENIX
NASHVILLE
* HOBART

* LEANDER

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AV/CVS

(2) TANTLER
WRIGHT

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XAV/XCVS

(7) HALF MOON
SAN PABLO
HERON
ORCA
CHINCOTEAGUE
SAN CARLOS
COCS BAY

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DD

(35) ARUNTA
WARRAMINGA
STUART
VENDETTA
AENER READ
AM MEN
ANDERSON
BACHE
BEALE
DALY
FLETCHER
GILLESPIE
GRAYSON
HOBBY
HOPEWELL
HUGHES
HUTCHINS
JENKINS

LA VALLETTE
MORRIS
MULLANY
MUSTIN
NICHOLAS
O'BANNON
NICHOLSON
RADFORD
RUSSELL
STACK
STEVENSON
STOCKTON
SWANSON
TAYLOR
TRATHEN
WELLES
WILKES

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(5) BLUEGILL
BREAM
CERO
DACE
DARTER

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) on patrol
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(2) GUAVINA
SEA WOLF

)
) on passage

(3) BASHAW
S.42
S.45

)
) at Seadler
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(3) FLOUNDER
FLYING FISH
S.47

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) at Brisbane
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(2) K.9
K.12

)
) at Sydney

* Non-effective

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
	<u>Southwest Pacific</u> <u>(Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	
<u>PT</u>	Approx. 175	-	?
<u>APA</u> <u>AKA</u> <u>AFD</u>	(10) H.T. ALLEN (APA) KANIMBLA MANCOORA WESTRALIA ALGORAB (AKA) WARD (AFD) SCHLEY HERBERT CROSBY KILTY	4 AFD	-
<u>AGC</u>	BLUE RIDGE	-	-
<u>E</u>	(2) OMS EURYALE	-	-
<u>AB</u>	(2) DOBBIN WHITNEY	-	-
<u>AR</u>	(4) RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS MEDUSA	-	-

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CA</u>	-		(2) NACHI ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	(3) DETR OIT RALEIGH RICHMOND		-
<u>DD</u>	9		5
<u>SS</u>	10		Approx. 5

3. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CL</u>	TRENT ON		-
<u>DD</u>	9		-

4. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Philippines
Mandates-E. Indies Empire

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>BB</u>	(18) IOWA NEW JERSEY SOUTH DAKOTA INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS ALABAMA	NORTH CAROLINA WEST VIRGINIA WASHINGTON COLORADO CALIFORNIA PENNSYLVANIA	TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI IDAHO NEW MEXICO MARYLAND OKLAHOMA
			FUSO (8) YAMATO MUSASHI NAGATO KONGO YAMASHIRO ISE) converted HY UGA) to carry * HARUNA a/e
<u>CV</u>	(9) SARATOGA ENTERPRISE LEXINGTON YORKTOWN HORNET	INTREPID ESSEX WASP BUNKER HILL	- (4) UNRYU TAIHO ZUIKAKU * HAYAKAWA) prob.) sunk
<u>CV(L)</u>	(9) CABOT COWPENS BATAAN BELLEREAU WOOD INDEPENDENCE	LANGLEY MONTEREY PRINCETON SAN JACINTO	(2) CHIYODA CHIPOSE (2) * ZUIHO * RYUHO) poss.) sunk
<u>CV(B)</u>	(33) FANSHAW BAY GAMBLER BAY HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MANILA BAY NATOMA BAY NEHINTA BAY PETROF BAY OMMANEY BAY	HUDYERD BAY SARGENT BAY SHAMROCK BAY ALTAMAHA BAFNES BRETON CASABELANCA OH ENANGO COPAHIEE CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR	LONG ISLAND LUNGA POINT MARCUS ISLAND MIDWAY NASSAU PRINCE WILLIAM SANGAMON SANTIE SAVO ISLAND SUWANNEE WHIT E PLAINS (3) UNYO OTAKA KAIYO
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	-	- HOSHO
<u>CA</u>	(13) BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND	(5) ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI MYOKO HAGURO (5) TONE CHIKUMA KUMANO MOGAMI * MAYA
<u>OCA</u>	-	-	- 6
<u>CL</u>	(17) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER MONTPELLIER HONOLULU ST LOUIS	BIRMINGHAM SANTA FE SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN MOBILE	(2) NAFOR I NOSHIO (8) NAGARA OYODO ISUZU TAMA KISO * KITAGAMI * YAHAGI * ABUKUMA
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	-	- KASHIMA
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(4) CURTISS POOCMOKE	CHANDELEUR BALLARD	AKIBUSHIMA * NOTORO
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 185		10 35 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u>	Approx. 30		35 Approx. 30
<u>AE</u>	?		? 2 (1 repairing)

* Noneffective

5. EAST INDIES & INDIAN OCEAN

Southwest Pacific
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

Malaya-Indian Ocean

<u>BB</u>		(4) QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOVA RICHELIEU	-
<u>OB</u>	-	(3) VICTORIOUS ILLUSTRIOUS INDOMITABLE	SHOKAKU
<u>OV(B)</u>	-	(6) BATTLESHIP UNICORN SHAH	ATHELING BEGUM AMEER JINYO
<u>OA</u>	-	(3) CUMBERLAND LONDON SUFFOLK	(2) AOBA SUZUYA
<u>OL</u>	ADELAIDE	(7) CEYLON KENYA GAMBIA NIGERIA	NEWCASTLE TROMP PHOEBE (2) KINU OI
<u>OLT</u>	-	-	KASH II
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(2) CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	-
<u>XCL</u>	-	(2) CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>DD</u>	-	Approx. 27	5
<u>SS</u>	(16) ANGLER ASPRO BONFISH CARRILLA CREVALLE	FLASHER GUITARO GUYNARD HOE LAPON	PARGO PUFFER RASHER RATON ROBALO SANDLACE
	(3) MINGO	PADDLE	K.14) on passage
	(2) BLUEFISH	OOD	) at Darwin
	(12) FLIER HADDO HARDER MUSKEELUNGE	HARE GUNNEL JACK RAY	NAUTILUS NORWAL REDFIN K.15) at Fremantle
<u>AS</u>	(2) ORION GRIFFIN		

ESTIMATE ENEMY SHORE-BASED AIR STRENGTH

	<u>Solomons</u> <u>Bismarcks</u>	<u>New Guinea</u>	<u>East Indies</u>	<u>Philippines</u>	<u>Mandates</u>
fighters	2	3	240	209	131
L & M. Bombers	-	4	139	132	34
T & D. Bombers	-	-	4	60	54
Flying Boats	-	-	9	12	4
Floatplanes	10	3	59	27	20
Obsn. a/c	2	2	52	15	23
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>487</u>	<u>446</u>	<u>266</u>

TOP SECRET

British — MOST SECRET

U.S. — SECRET

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle.

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Date 31 July 1944

PART I(1) ALLIED FORCESSOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NEW GUINEA - BISMARCKS(a) At Sea to 1200/31:

- (1) (1) Task Force 78 : 1 CA: "SHROPSHIRE"
2 CL: "BOISE" "PHOENIX"
8 DD: "AMMEN" "ARUNTA" "BACHE" "BEALE"
"HUTCHINS" "DALY" "TRATHEN" "ABNER READ"
(11) Task Force 77 : 15 DD: "FLETCHER" "HUGHES" "JENKINS" "SWANSON"
"LA VALLETTE" "MORRIS" "MUSTIN" "RADFORD"
"RUSSELL" "STEVENSON" "WELLES" "HOBBY"
"GILLESPIE" "ANDERSON" "STOCKTON"
2 PF: "EL PASO" "LONGBEACH"
4 FC: 1120, 1122, 1133, 1134
5 APD: "WARD" "SCHLEY" "KILTY" "CROSBY"
"HERBERT"
(111) Task Group 70.2 : 1 ATF: "VIREO"
2 PF: "BELFAST" "HUTCHINSON"
1 FC: 1123
2 AT: "SPRIGHTLY" "WHIPPOORWILL"
12 PT
(iv) Miscellaneous : 1 PF: "SAN PEDRO"
3 FC: 477, 479, 1119
- (2) "NASHVILLE" (CL) ex Sydney was due China Strait 1530/29 en route Biak
(3) "ALTAMAHA" (CVE) proceeding Espiritu Santo to Langemak ETA 1 August.
(4) "SC.732, 738" escorting Convoy NA.36A departed Langemak 1410/29 for
Seeadler ETA 1700/31.
(5) "WATO" (AT) towing "KOOPA" (AGP) departed Madang 1400/29 for Woendi
ETA 1000/3.
(6) "SAKATONCHEE" (AGG) departed Langemak 0800/29 for Humboldt Bay ETA
0600/1.
(7) "SC.703" departed Milne Bay 1100/30 for Langemak ETA 0600/1.
(8) "MESQUITE" (CGC) departed Milne Bay 15 00/30 for Langemak.
(9) "KIAMA" (AMS) departed Milne Bay 1200/30 for Madang via Oro Bay where
ETA 0600/31.
(10) "SHAWNEE" (GAT) departed Oro Bay 2200/28 ETA East Cape 0900/29.
(11) "ML.801" departed Port Moresby 0618/30 for Milne Bay ETA p.m. 1 August.
(12) "RAIL" (AT) departed Humboldt Bay 26 July for Milne Bay ETA 2 August.
(13) "GLADSTONE" "WHYALLA" (AMS) on Solomon Sea patrol.
(14) "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) departed Port Moresby 1315/24 for survey duties
Bramble Cay area.
(15) 5 submarines on patrol.

Biak Is-Woendi:
 Combat Units 50 PT
 Escorts 11 : 1 PS: "SWAN"
 1 DE: "EICHENBERGER"
 1 PF: "EUGENE"
 3 AMS: "DELORAINÉ" "LATROBE" "KAPUNDA"
 1 FC: 1124
 4 YMS: 51, 73, 316, 393

Auxiliaries 15 : "WRIGHT" (AV) "ORCA" (AVP) "VICTORIA" (AO)
 "PORTUNUS" "HILO" (AGP) "POYANG" (AS) "BOOTES"
 "TRIANGULUM" (AK) "MIZAR" (AF) "DERRICK" (YO)
 "VILLALOBOS" (IX)
 2 YFD 1 ATR 1 YP: 415

Merchantmen 11

Wakde:
 Combat Units 4 DD : "STACK" "WILKES" "NICHOLSON" "GRAYSON"
 Escorts 2 : 1 PF: "ORANGE"
 1 YMS: 10
 1 YP: 240

Auxiliaries 1
 Merchantmen 13

Humboldt/Bay:
 Combat Units 1 DD : "MULLANY"
 Escorts 19 : 1 DE: "THOMASON"
 5 PF: "BISBEE" "GLENDALE" "VAN BUREN" "GALLUP"
 "CORONADO"
 1 PS: "WARREGO"
 2 SC: 741, 743
 6 AMS: "LITHGOW" "GELLONG" "GOULBURN" "
 "TOWNSVILLE" "GYMPIE" "BENDIGO"
 3 YMS: 8, 46, 71
 1 ML: 817

Auxiliaries 11 : "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "BISHOPDALE" (AO)
 "PASQUOTANK" (AOG) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "PANDA" (IX)
 "OGLALA" 4 YP: 236, 820, 415, 516 1 AFD

Merchantmen 32

Aitape:
 Combat Units 26 PT with LST.201 acting as AGP
 Escorts 3 : 2 SC: 744, 749
 1 YMS: 334

Merchantmen 11

Admiralties:
 Escorts 8 : 2 DE: "MARTIN" "EMERY"
 1 PF: "BARCOO"
 1 FC: 1138
 2 SC: 982, 1047
 1 ML: 827
 1 YMS: 315

Auxiliaries 20 : "EURYALE" (AS) "TANGIER" (AV) "SAN PABLO" (AVP)
 "WHITNEY" (AD) "RIO GRANDE" (AOG) "MEDUSA" (AR)
 "ALABASTER" (PYC) "LEOPARD" "MINK" (IX)
 "CINNAMON" "SILVERBELL" (AN) "PATHFINDER"
 "BENALLA" (AGS) "ALBIREO" (AK)
 1 AFD 1 YP: 585 2 YRD 1 ABSD 1 YP

Merchantmen 14

Alexishafen-Madang:
 Escorts 12 : 2 DE: "J.E.CRAIG" "NEUENDORFF"
 4 AMS: "BUNBURY" "ARARAT" "WAGGA" "KATOOMBA"
 2 SC: 745, 981
 4 ML: 42, 806, 816, 818
 2 YMS: 48, 336

Auxiliaries 10 : "OTUS" (AS) "DOBBIN" (AD) "ARAYAT" (IX)
 "PING WO" (ASIS) "GOLDSTAR" (AG)
 2 ARD 1 ATR 2 AFD

Merchantmen 26

Cape Gloucester:
 Merchantmen 1

Saidor:
 Escorts 2 : 2 ML: 803, 819

Langemak:
 Combat Units 1 DD : "VENDETTA"
 13 PT

Langemak (Contd.)

<u>Escorts</u>	23	: 1 DE: "WHITEHURST" 6 AMS: "STRAHAN" "COLAC" "ECHUCA" "GLEBELG" "BUNDABERG" "COOTAMUNDRA" 9 SC: 637, 650, 735, 736, 737, 742, 746, 748 750. 5 YMS: 47, 49, 70, 313, 314 2 ML: 426, 430
Auxiliaries	15	: "SEEKONK" (AOG) "MOBJACK" (AGP) "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA" (APA) "TASMAN" "MAETSUCYKER" (AH) "SANGAY" (AE) "TEABERRY" (YN) "AASE MAERSK" "PORCUPINE" (IX) "TRINITY" (AO) "RACE POINT" (AT) "INDUS" (AK) "POLLUX" (AKS) 1 YP: 504
<u>Merchantmen</u>	22	
<u>Lae:</u>		
Escorts	1	: 1 ML: 426
Merchantmen	9	
<u>Morobe:</u>		
Auxiliaries	1	: 1 AFD
Merchantmen	6	
<u>Buna-Oro Bay:</u>		
Auxiliaries	1	: "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS)
Merchantmen	7	
<u>Milne Bay:</u>		
Escorts	8	: 1 DE: "LOVELACE" 1 PF: "MUSKOGEE" 2 PC: 479, 1131 2 SC: 731, 739 1 YMS: 50 1 ML: 431
Auxiliaries	31	: "SHASTA" (AE) "SONOMA" "YUMA" (AT) "ORESTES" (AGP) "SCULPTOR" "ERIDANUS" (AK) "MONTEREY" (AP) "HERON" (AVP) "SHIKELLAMY" "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG) "ELKHORN" (AOG) "GLYDE" "ANDREW DORIA" (IX) "TEAK" (AN) "LARK" (AM) "CABLE" (ARS) "COMFORT" (AH) 5 AFD 3 YP 4 YP: 233, 237, 278, 449 2 ARD
<u>Merchantmen</u>	42	
<u>Port Moresby:</u>		
Escorts	1	: 1 ML: 802
Auxiliaries	2	: "WINTER" (AGS) "CURX" (AK)
Merchantmen	1	

2. SOLOMONS(a) At Sea to 1200/31:

- (1) "SC.747" escorting "PAWNEE" (AT) towing 1 YO proceeding Tulagi to Manus
ETA not known.
- (2) "YMS.97" escorting 1 ATR towing 1 YOG proceeding Munda to Manus ETA
0600/1.
- (3) "STADFIELD" (DE) escorting "PATAPSCO" (AOG) proceeding Green Is. to
Tulagi ETA 0630/1.
- (4) "SC.518" escorting 1 MV to Lunga ETA 1830/1 Aug.
- (5) "CHETCO" (AT) towing dry dock proceeding Munda to Treasury Is. ETA 1300/31
- (6) "PC.588" "SC.628" escorting 5 LCI proceeding Treasury Is. to Lunga
ETA 0630/1.

(b) In Harbour:Rairau Is:

Combat Units	20 PT	
Escorts	5	: 3 DE: "ENGLAND" "FOREMAN" "BOWERS" 1 SC: 1274 1 PC: 589
Auxiliaries	1	: "STRATFORD" (AGP)
<u>Green Is:</u>		
Combat Units	21 PT	
Escorts	3	: 1 DM: "BREEZE" 1 PC: 584 1 SC: 677
Auxiliaries	2	: "SAN CARLOS" (AVP) "VARUNA" (AGP)
<u>Torokina:</u>		
Escorts	8	: 3 DE: "WITTER" "DUFFY" "DEMPSEY" 4 PC: 584, 1128, 1590, 1591 1 SC: 723

Torokina (Contd.)

<u>Auxiliaries</u>	5	:	"WESTRALIA" ("HENRY T. ALLEN" (APA) "JAGUAR" "KANGARRO" (IX) "AGAWAM" (AOG)
<u>Treasury Is:</u>			
<u>Combat Units</u>	4 DD	:	"NICHOLAS" "TAYLOR" "O'BANNON" "HOPEWELL"
	34 PT		
	4 PGM		
<u>Escorts</u>	6	:	1 DE: "WILLMARTH" 1 EV: "GALE" 1 PC: 590 1 W/S: "KIWI" 1 SC: 722 1 YMS: 95
<u>Auxiliaries</u>	2	:	"CAMANGA" (AG) "NETTAWEE" (AOG)
<u>anda:</u>			
<u>Escorts</u>	5	:	2 PC: 598, 1229 1 SC: 514 2 YMS: 196, 259
<u>Auxiliaries</u>	1	:	"CYCNU" (AE)

3. EAST AND SOUTH EAST AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea to 1200/31:

- (1) "HALF MOON" (AVP) departed Caloundra 1800/28 for Milne Bay ETA 4 Aug. via Mackay ETA 0600/30 for thence to Palm Is. ETA 1000/31 thence Samarai ETA 0800/3.
- (2) "ARIADNE" (CMS) departed Caloundra 1200/29 for Cairns ETA 1500/2 visiting Gid and Magnetic Islands en route.
- (3) "MERKUR" (AF) departed Brisbane 27 July for Milne Bay ETA 31 July thence Finschhafen, Madang, Hollandia and Woendi.
- (4) "OCTORARA" (IX) departed Sydney 1432/26 for Milne Bay ETA 0633/1.
- (5) "YMS: 335" "SC's. 698, 734" departed Milne Bay 1100/30 for Cairns ETA 1100/1.
- (6) "ML. 820" was to depart Cairns 1000/31 for Townsville ETA 0800/1 for onward tow to Brisbane.
- (7) "STAWELL" (AMS) departed Milne Bay 1245/29 for Townsville ETA 0800/1 for onward routing to Melbourne.
- (8) "ML. 811" on A/S patrol in Grafton Passage.
- (9) "ML. 825" departed Sydney 1123/28 for Brisbane, Townsville and Milne Bay ETA Caloundra 1000/30.
- (10) "LOESER" "GREENWOOD" (DE) en route Sydney to Tulagi.
- (11) "TOKEN" (AM) departed Sydney 1349/30 for Purvis ETA 4 Aug.
- (12) "GASCOYNE" (PF) departed Sydney 1359/29 for Brisbane and Milne Bay ETA 0400/31.
- (13) "GENERAL GEORGE H. RANDALL" (AP) was to depart Melbourne 1400/28 for Los Angeles.
- (14) "ML. 808" with NAP "MERIDIAN" was to depart Gladstone 0600/28 for Urangan and Brisbane.
- (15) "WARRNAMBOOL" (AMS) departed Sydney 1512/28 for A/S patrol to Smoky Cape and return.
- (16) "NAPIER" (DD) en route Fremantle to Melbourne ETA 0800/2 Aug.

(b) In Harbour:

<u>Merauke :</u>			
<u>Escorts</u>	2	:	2 AMS: "BALLARAT" "PARKES"
<u>Thursday Is:</u>			
<u>Escorts</u>	4	:	3 AMS: "JUNEE" "KALGOORLIE" "PIRIE" 1 ML: 805
<u>Auxiliaires</u>	2	:	"VIGILANT" (AGS) "BUTTON WOOD" (CGC)
<u>Cairns:</u>			
<u>Escorts</u>	7	:	1 PF: "ROCKFORD" 2 SC: 648, 699 2 ML: 802, 804, 2 YMS: 52, 53
<u>Auxiliaries</u>	4	:	"FIRE ISLAND" "SOUTHWEST PASS" (AT) 1 ARD 1 YT
<u>Townsville :</u>			
<u>Auxiliaries</u>	2	:	"STELLA" "POLARIS" (AGS)
<u>Merchantmen</u>	5		
<u>Bowen:</u>			
<u>Auxiliaries</u>	1	:	"CAMERIAN SALVOR" (ARS)
<u>Brisbane:</u>			
<u>Escorts</u>	8	:	2 AMS: "BROOME" "MILDURA" 1 PF: "OGDEN" 3 FCE: 848, 849, 850 1 PC: 1121 1 ML: 425
<u>Auxiliaries</u>	14	:	"OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "COUCAL" (ASR) " "ALGORAB" (AKA) "LYNX" (AK) "KURUMBA" (AO) "ETOLIN" "GANYMED" (AK) "ST. GILES" (AT)

(1) ALLIED FORCES (Contd.)Brisbane (Contd.)

<u>Auxiliaries (Contd.)</u>		:	"CARONDOLET" (IX) "CAPE LEEUWIN" (AGS)
		:	"OCTANS" (AF) 3 <u>YP</u> : 283, 291, 421
<u>Merchantmen</u>	11		
<u>Sydney:</u>			
<u>Combat Units</u>	1 CA	:	"AUSTRALIA"
	1 CL	:	"HOBART" (refitting)
	2 DD	:	"STUART" "WARRAMUNGA"
<u>Escorts</u>	8	:	1 <u>PF</u> : "BURDEKIN"
		:	1 <u>PS</u> : "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA"
		:	2 <u>A/S</u> : "WILCANNIA" "YANDRA"
		:	4 <u>ML</u> : 810, 813, 822, 823
<u>Auxiliaries</u>	13	:	"TULSA" (RG) "CHALLENGER" "MORESBY" (AGS)
		:	"COOS BAY" (AVP) "MURZIM" "VENUS" (AK)
		:	"YUNNAN" "PYRO" (AE) "RESERVE" "POINT LOMA"
		:	"TANCRED" (AT) "MANUNDA" (AH) "BUNGAREE" (CM)
<u>Merchantmen</u>	19		
<u>Newcastle:</u>			
<u>Escorts</u>	1	:	1 <u>A/S</u> : "KYBRA"
<u>Melbourne:</u>			
<u>Escorts</u>	2	:	1 <u>AMS</u> : "COWRA" 1 <u>A/S</u> : "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN"
<u>Auxiliaries</u>	1	:	"PLATYPUS" (AR)
<u>Adelaide:</u>			
<u>Escorts</u>	1	:	1 <u>AMS</u> : "CASTLEMAINE"

4. NORTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/31:

- (1) "INVERELL" (ARS) escorting Convoy DT.71 ("EDNA") departed Darwin 0830/29 for Millingimbi ETA 1300/29 thence Thursday Is.
- (2) 16 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:Darwin:

<u>Escorts</u>	6	:	1 <u>AMS</u> : "BOWEN"
		:	5 <u>ML</u> : 429, 807, 814, 815, 809
<u>Merchantmen</u>	1		
<u>Snake Bay (Melville Is)</u>			
<u>Escorts</u>	1	:	1 <u>AMS</u> : "FREMANTLE"
<u>Merchantmen</u>	2		

5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/31:

- (1) "MAUNGANUI" (AH) departed Fremantle 1820/26 for Wellington ETA 1200/5/8

(b) In Harbour:Fremantle:

<u>Combat Units</u>	1 CL	:	"ADELAIDE"
<u>Escorts</u>	8	:	1 <u>PF</u> : "CORPUS CHRISTI"
		:	2 <u>AMS</u> : "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" 1 <u>SC</u> : 729
		:	2 <u>ML</u> : 824, 825 2 <u>YMS</u> : 11, 72
<u>Auxiliaries</u>	10	:	"GRIFFIN" "ORION" (AS) "ISABEL" (PY)
		:	"CHILDS" "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) "CHANTICLEER"
		:	(ASR) "ATHOS" (AP) 1 <u>ARD</u> 2 <u>YP</u> : 286, 288

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Note: Merchant ship totals in port include all ships over 1,000 tons except tankers and commissioned ships.

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(11) ENEMY FORCESA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. SOLOMONS - BISMARCKS

- (1) Choiseul - On 29 July enemy installations on Choiseul Bay were attacked by 6 Mitchells.
- (2) Bougainville - On 29 July bridges, huts and villages were attacked by 2 Avengers and 48 Corsairs.
- (3) New Ireland - Night 28-29 July Kavieng was harassed by Mitchells. On 29 July the Kavieng area was attacked by 10 Corsairs, 7 Venturas attacking bridges and villages. Night 29-30 July plantation area between Namatanai and Borpop were strafed by PT boats.

Photos 30 July show Panapai runway serviceable but Kavieng still unserviceable.

- (4) Rabaul - Weather prevented the usual night raids over Rabaul 28-29 July and hampered operations during 29 July. During the day however, A/A positions at Praed Point were attacked by 30 Dauntless and the general Rabaul area was bombed by 6 Corsairs.

2. NEW GUINEA

- (1) Wewak-Aitape - Night 28-29 July the coastal patrol by PT boats co-operating with Beaufighters contacted no barges but 2 trucks on coastal road near Karawep were destroyed in a joint action. A barge hideout near Cape Djeruan was strafed and rocketed.

Next night, 29-30 July, similar patrols were again carried out. PT boats met no barges but Beaufighters are reported to have destroyed 3 barges.

During 30 July stores dumps and the jetty near Boiken were attacked by 6 Bostons, 1 Mitchell and 10 Thunderbolts, while troop concentrations in the Yakumul area were attacked by a few Beauforts and possible barge concentrations at Tjakombeli (near But) were attacked by 16 Aircobras.

Outpost skirmishes continue in the Afua area on the Southern flank of the Driniumor line with ground changing hands several times. In other sectors of the Aitape perimeter activity is limited to active patrolling. Enemy casualties to 29 July number 4,295 known killed and 54 captured; the total known Jap dead prior to the enemy assault on 11 July numbered 1,155 indicating that over 3,100 have been killed since the current activity commenced.

- (2) Maffin Bay area - Active patrolling continues along the whole Maffin Bay perimeter particularly in the Maffin-Sawar airstrips area. Known enemy casualties to 29 July total 3182 killed and 64 captured.
- (3) Biak - Mopping up on Biak continues, patrols reporting minor enemy contacts in various widely spread points over the island. Supporting these mopping up operations enemy concentrations at Saeri (near Easternmost extremity) were strafed by Kittyhawks. Known enemy dead to 29 July number 3,751; prisoners total 82.
- (4) Noemfoor - In/scattered contacts over the island on 28 and 29 July another 45 Japs were killed bringing the total known Jap dead to 907; in addition 65 Japs have been captured and 389 Formosans.
- (5) Western Geelvink Bay - During daylight 29 July a sweep along the Western shores of Geelvink Bay was conducted by 2 PT boats co-operating with Kittyhawks destroying a barge beached just South of Cape Masawoei.
During 30 July the coastal blockade was maintained by 12 Kittyhawks.
- (6) N.W. Vogelkop - At 0700/30 July U.S. forces landed at Cape Sansapor (55 miles E.N.E. Sorong) without opposition. At 0745/30 a landing was made on Middelburg Island and at 1308/30 a landing was effected on Amsterdam Island. These 2 islands area just off-shore close together approx. 10 miles N.E. of Cape Sansapor.

(11) ENEMY FORCESA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA (Contd.)2. NEW GUINEA (Contd.)

- (6) N.W. Vogelkop (Contd.) - The islands have apparently not been previously occupied by the enemy. At Cape Sansapor our forces reached their primary objectives without opposition although a small group of enemy approx. 6 miles East of Cape Sansapor were taken under fire by supporting naval units. The landing operations were covered throughout 30 July by 67 RAAF Kittyhawks.
- (7) Kaukenau - At 0930/30 Keaukwa area was bombed by 7 Beauforts with generally unobserved results.

3. EAST INDIES

- (1) Ceram - Details concerning the raid on Boela 28 July (reported in yesterday's Summary, No. 915) show that 4 aircraft were observed taking off Boela strip and another 3 seen airborne in the vicinity.
On 29 July the Boela oil centre was again attacked by 10 Liberators starting fires. The same target was attacked on 30 July for the third successive day but no details are yet available.
At 1048/30 a reconnaissance Liberator unsuccessfully attacked 3 sea trucks in Ingelas Bay (5 miles N.N.E. of Boela).
A delayed report relates that shipping around Ceram was attacked by Lightnings on 29 July and 3 vessels were all at least damaged: 1 medium merchant ship off Talaga (in Piroe Bay, S.W. Ceram) was strafed and damaged, a 2000/4500 ton merchant ship off eastern Ceram was left burning and a small sea truck off Ambon damaged.
- (2) S.E. Celebes - Night 29-30 July Catalinas over Boetoeng Island area observed 2 small sea trucks and 4 luggers off Boetoeng town and a schooner off the S.E. tip of Boetoeng Island, course 90°.
- (3) Talau Islands - At 1325/29 a small vessel in Beo Bay was attacked and sunk by a search Liberator.

4. PHILIPPINES

- (1) Central Philippines - p.m. 28 July a convoy comprising 11 cargo vessels (5 medium, 6 small) and 3 large escorts was observed in Bohol Strait, heading North.
- (2) Mindanao - At 1234/29 a submarine was observed approx. midway between Palau and Surigao Strait on course 260°.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

- (1) Carolines - Woleai: At 1035-1130/30 supply areas at Woleai were bombed by 12 Liberators. Observations included a few barges in the area.
Nomoi Group: During 29 July a small vessel in Satawan Lagoon was unsuccessfully attacked by a patrol Ventura. On the same day a fishing boat apparently abandoned was strafed by another Ventura 20 miles West of Satawan.
Truk: On 28 July Param airfield was bombed by 25 Cenpac Liberators. 6-8 enemy fighters intercepted of which 2 were shot down, another probably shot down and 2 damaged. 1 Liberator was lost.
Ponape: On 27 July Langar Island was attacked by 12 Mitchells and a.m. 29 July headquarters buildings on Ponape were bombed by 2 Cenpac aircraft.
- (2) Marshalls - On 28 July Wotje, Mille and Jaluit were attacked during daylight by Cenpac aircraft on a comparatively light scale.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA (Contd.)

(3) Marianas - Guam: By late afternoon 29 July all organized enemy resistance on Orote Peninsula had ceased and Apra Harbour was being patrolled by light fleet units to prevent few remaining Japs from escaping onto the mainland.

In other sectors of the perimeter substantial gains were made on 28 July including the occupation of several heights in the mountain foot hills.

A conservative estimate of enemy killed on Guam to 28 July numbers 4,700; 29 prisoners have been taken.

G. INDIAN OCEAN

(1) Survivors of British freighter "KING FREDERICK" (5,100 tons) have been recovered. Details of the manner, date and position of the sinking are not yet known but it is thought probable that the ship was sunk on about 19-20 July in the vicinity of Nine Degree Channel (between Laccadive and Maldiva Groups).

It is recalled that "TANDA" (British Transport 7,200 tons) was sunk off Mangalore night 15 July.

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(iii) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

1. Blue landing Cape Sansapor area - nil enemy reaction.
2. Enemy convoy movements in Central Philippines.

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1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

(10) H.T. ALLEN (AFD)
 KANIMBLA
 MANOORA
 WESTRALIA
 ALGORAB (AKA)
 WARD (AFD)
 SCHLEY
 HERBERT
 GROSEY
 KILBY
 BLUE RIDGE
 (2) OPUS
 EURYALE
 (2) DOBBIN
 WHITNEY
 (4) RIGEL
 PLATYPUS
 AMYCUS
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2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

(3) DETROIT
 RALEIGH
 RICHMOND
 9
 10

(2) NACHI
 ASHIGAR A
 ABUKUMA
 5
 Approx. 5

3. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

TRENTON
 9

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4. CENTRAL PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>Philippines</u> <u>Mandates-E. Indies</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u> <u>Empire</u>
<u>BE</u>	(18) IOWA NEW JERSEY SOUTH DAKOTA INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS ALABAMA	NORTH CAROLINA WEST VIRGINIA WASHINGTON COLORADO CALIFORNIA PENNSYLVANIA	TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI IDAHO NEW MEXICO MARYLAND * OKLAHOMA	FUSO (8) YAMATO MURASHI NAGATO KONGO YAMASHIRO ISE)converted HYUGA) to carry * HAFUNA A/C
<u>CV</u>	(9) SARATOGA ENTERPRISE LEXINGTON YORKTOWN HORNET	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL WASP	-	(4) UNRYU TAIHO ZUIKAKU * HAYATAKA)poss.)sunk
<u>CV(L)</u>	(9) CABOT COWPENS BATAAN BELLEAU WOOD INDEPENDENCE	LANGLEY MONTEREY PRINCETON SAN JACINTO	(2) CHIYODA CHITOSE	(2) * ZUIHO * HYUGO)poss.)sunk
<u>CV(L)</u>	(33) FANSHAW BAY GAMBLER BAY HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MANILA BAY MATOMA BAY MEHEHTA BAY OMMANEY BAY PETROF BAY	REDYERD BAY SARGENT BAY SHAMROCK BAY ALTAMAHA BARNES BRETON CASABLANCA CHENANGO COPAHEE CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR	LONG ISLAND LUNGA P OINT MARCUS ISLAND MIDWAY NASSAU PRINCE WILLIAM SANGAMON SANTEE SAVO ISLAND SUWANNEE WHITE PLAINS	(3) UNYO OTAKA KAIYO
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	-	HOSHO
<u>CA</u>	(13) BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND	(5) ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI MYOKO HAGURO	(4) TONE KUMANO MOGAMI * MAYA
<u>CCA</u>	-	-	-	6
<u>CL</u>	(17) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER MONTPELLIER HONOLULU ST LOUIS	BIRMINGHAM SANTA FE SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN MOBILE	(2) NATORI NOSHIRO	(7) NAGARA OYEDO ISUZU TAMA KIBO * KITAGAMI * YAHAGI KASHIMA * NOTORO
<u>CL(F)</u>	-	-	-	-
<u>AV/OVS</u>	(4) CURTISS POCOMOKE	CHANDELEUR BALLARD	AKITSUSHIMA	* NOTORO
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 185		10	35 (several repairing)
<u>SE</u>	Approx. 30		35	Approx. 30
<u>AS</u>	?		?	2 (1 repairing)

* Non-effective

