

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY

1/3/42

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) A.B.D.A. AREA

(1) British and Allied Forces

- (i) U.S. Cruiser "PHOENIX" escorting convoy MS5 on passage Fremantle-Bombay via Colombo was due to be relieved on 28/2 by H.M.S. "ENTERPRISE". "PHOENIX's" future movements are not known.
- (ii) H.M.A.S. "KATONKA" (damaged) is on passage Darwin to Brisbane.
- (iii) "SWAN" proceeding from Darwin to Brisbane for repairs E.T.A. 28/2
- (iv) U.S. Aircraft Tender "NERON" sailed from Broome 2253/25 (destination unknown)
- (v) U.S. Aircraft Tender "W.B. PRESTON" departed from Broome south-bound a.m. 25/2
- (vi) U.S. Destroyer "CHARLES F. HUGHES" arrived Broome 1130/26 and departed 2000/26/2. Destination unknown
- (vii) "WARREGO" departed Darwin at 0103/25/2 for Batavia via Sunda Strait
- (viii) Hospital ship "ORANJE" (E.T.A. Fremantle 4/3) has been ordered to proceed to Melbourne and Sydney. E.T.A. Sydney 11/3
- (ix) British, U.S. and Dutch submarines are operating in Bali - Anambas Is. - Northern Timor Waters with instructions to seize every opportunity to attack.
- (x) Two allied striking forces are operating against enemy convoys in east and west Java Sea (see Naval Incidents). The composition of these striking forces is -
 - (a) "DE BUYTER" (Flag) "EXETER" "PERTH" "ELECTRA" "JUPITER" "ENCOUNTER"
 - (b) "HOBART" "DRAGON" "DANAÉ" "SCOUT" "TENEDOS"

(2) Enemy Forces

Sightings of enemy convoys were reported by aircraft as follows :-
(See Naval Incidents)

- JAVA SEA (a) East - On 27/2 15 Destroyers, 43 Transports, 85 miles north of Madura Island
- (b) West - On 27/2 4 Cruisers, 3 Destroyers, 30 3000-4000 ton transports 55 miles south of Banka Island course 345 (possibly after engagement with "HOBART" striking force)
- (c) Three convoys approaching centre of North Java Coast.
- TIMOR (d) 12 Transports, 2 Destroyers, 3 small vessels at Keopang on 28/2.

B). ANZAC AREA

(1) British and Allied Forces

- (i) "WARSPITE" departed Sydney 26/2 for Fremantle en route to join Eastern Fleet.
- (ii) Two units of the Anzac Squadron H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) and U.S. Cruiser "CHICAGO" arrived Vila 1432/27.
- (iii) U.S. Destroyer "LAMSON" escorting fleet oiler "PALENFJELL" en route for Noumea from Suva.
- (iv) Task Force 11 including aircraft carrier "LEXINGTON" 8" Cruisers "INDIANAPOLIS" "MINNEAPOLIS" "SAN FRANCISCO" "PENSACOLA" and 11 Destroyers is in the Suva - Noumea area co-operating with Anzac Force.
- (v) "LE TRIOMPHANT" was due at Port Sandwich (New Hebrides) from Nauru 0600/26 - thence Ocean Is. E.T.A. night 28/2
- (vi) "HONOLULU" at Melbourne with seven ships ex convoy BT. 200
- (vii) "WESTRALIA" at Sydney
- (viii) "CAMBERNA" and "KANIBLA" at Sydney refitting
- (ix) "HONOWAI" departed Sydney for Noumea and Suva 1230 26/2 with survey gear and U.S. Naval personnel. E.T.A. Suva about 2/3. Later to proceed Auckland for convoy duty.
- (x) U.S. Aircraft Tender "TANGIER" departed Fiji at 1216/28/2 for Noumea to relieve U.S. Aircraft Tender "CURTISS". "CURTISS" when relieved by "TANGIER" is to proceed to Suva to carry out previous orders.
- (xi) H.M.S. "ATHENE" (auxiliary for transporting crated aircraft) departed Melbourne 0730/26 for Fremantle E.T.A. 0400/5/3;

thence Batavia E.T.A. 0500/9/3.

- (xii) U.S.S. "KINGFISHER" (640 tons) is at Suva mine-laying.
- (xiii) F.F. Sloop "CHEVREUIL" with "CAP DES PALMES" at Sydney
- (xiv) Merchant ship "MORINDA" is en route from Sydney to New Hebrides to evacuate civilians to Sydney E.T.A. Sydney 14/3.
- (xv) U.S. Destroyer "PERKINS" departed Suva 1340/27/2
- (xvi) U.S. Destroyers "EMGOLFORD" & "JARVIS" with remaining 4 ships of

(2) Enemy Forces (See Appendix) (Convoy BT200 at Brisbane)

C) AUSTRALIA STATION (not including ABDA AREA or ANZAC AREA)

(1) British and Allied Forces

- (i) Dutch Light Cruiser "TROMP" departed Fremantle 2000L/27/2 eastward for repairs. Destination Sydney.
- (ii) "ADELAIDE" escorting convoy SJ52 ex Batavia (4 merchant ships, 1 auxiliary towing "VENDETTA") to Fremantle is at least 3 days late. E.T.A. now 4/3. After fuelling she will proceed to Melbourne.
- (iii) U.S. Fleet Tanker "GEORGE HENRY" departed Fremantle 1500/28/2.
- (iv) Hospital ship "MAURUDA" with 300 cases (100 walking) has arrived Fremantle from Darwin. She is to sail when ready for Melbourne and Sydney.
- (v) Convoy SM1 (Dutch "BOISSEVAIRE") with evacuees from Batavia departed Fremantle 25/2 for Melbourne E.T.A. 28/2
- (vi) 2 U.S. destroyers, 2 U.S. submarines and U.S. Submarine Tender "HOLLAND" and U.S. auxiliary "BLACK HAWK" arrived at North West Cape at 1200/26/2. Vessels are presumed to have arrived from Thilatjap. One of the destroyers and the two submarines sailed P.M. 26/2. Destination unknown.
- (vii) A U.S. Convoy of 6 ships escorted by 8" Cruisers "NEW ORLEANS" is en route to Brisbane from the U.S. West Coast approximate E.T.A. 5/3.

(2) Enemy Forces

NEW IRELAND - Three destroyers were sighted anchored in Lanisso Bay, Cape Saint George (southern extremity New Ireland) at 1940/27/2.

D) MID PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC

(1) British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 17 believed to comprise U.S. aircraft carrier "YORKTOWN" 8" Cruisers "LOUISVILLE" and "ASTORIA" and 7 or 9 destroyers is operating in the area between Canton and Ellice Is.
- (ii) U.S. Cruiser "PORTLAND" (8") escorting 3 large transports (convoy 2034) from San Francisco to Brisbane has been directed to R.V. with relief cruisers (probably "LEANDER" and "ACHILLES") from Anzac Squadron approx. 800 miles S.E. of Suva at 1500/3/3. E.T.A. Brisbane p.m. 8/3.

(2) Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- JAVA (i) 3 U.S.A 24's (Douglas Divebombers) attacked the enemy force 85 miles north of Madura Island (already mentioned in A 1)(a) sinking one transport, while near misses were registered on others.
- (ii) A Hudson attacked the enemy convoy 55 miles South of Banka Island (mentioned in A1 (b)) registering a near miss on one transport. The attack took place at some time prior to 0800L/28/2 but the precise time of attack is not yet known.
- (iii) 2 U.S. B17's (Flying Fortresses) attacked the naval screen of one of the enemy convoys approaching the central coast of North Java. The attack forced one enemy cruiser to stop.
- (iv) Dutch motor vessel "ZAANDEBAAN" (10,700 tons) radioed at 1224L/28/2 that she was being attacked by 3 Japanese planes in a position 185 miles South West of Sourabaya, and 75 miles off the South Coast of Java. Further details are awaited.
- (v) JAVA SEA. No further information is to hand regarding the operations of the "DE RUYTER" and "ROBART" striking forces against the enemy convoys in the East Java and West Java Seas.

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- (v) A message received from H.E.I. C in C referring to survivors from the U.S. "LANGLEY" suggests that the "LANGLEY" sank as the result of the air attack on it on 27/E (see Daily Appreciation 28/2). Further details are awaited.

3. WENNY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Concerted attack on Java from both S. China Sea and Macassar Straits, and using air bases in Sumatra, S. Borneo, S. Celebes area and Bali.
- (ii) Occupation of further bases in South Flores Sea.
- (iii) Continued air attacks on Darwin by both shore-based and ship-borne aircraft possibly as a prelude to a direct attack.
- (iv) Move south from Truk - Rabaul area to cut Torres Strait reinforcement route including probable attack against Port Moresby and raids against NE. Australian bases including Townsville.
- (v) Raids on key islands in Mid Pacific including Canton, Kingway and Hawaii.

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1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. A.B.D.A. AREA

British and Allied Forces

2 8" Cruisers - HOUSTON
 EXETER
 7 6" Cruisers - HOBART
 PERTH
 DANAE
 DRAGON
 DE RUYTER
 JAVA
 PHOENIX

Escorting convoys and
 patrolling N.E.I. waters

Approx. 20 Destroyers
 31 Submarines
 Auxiliaries

Enemy Forces

(i) South China Sea - Sumatra Area
 Possibly 3 Battleships
 1 Aircraft Carrier
 11 8" Cruisers
 Several 5.5" Cruisers
 Several Destroyer Flotillas
 2 Submarine Squadrons (16)
 (C. in C. Southern Expeditionary
 Force).

Present strength uncertain.
 A number of units are known
 to have proceeded to the
 Southern Philippines -
 Borneo Northern N.E.I.
 waters

(ii) N.E.I. - Southern Philippines Area

2 Battleships
 4 Aircraft Carriers
 10 Cruisers (approx) including
 some 8"/Cruisers
 Several Destroyer Flotillas
 Several Seaplane Tenders
 (C. in C. Third Fleet)
 (C. in C. Second Fleet)
 At least 2 Submarine Squadrons

Palau - Truk - Bonins Area

Units of the Combined Fleet
 including probably 5 Battle-
 ships
 2 Aircraft Carriers

Java, Darwin, Indian Ocean Area

10 Submarines (including 3 in
 Penang Area)

B. ANZAC AREA.

British and Allied Forces

Battleship WARSPITE
 A/C/Carrier LEXINGTON
 A/C Tenders CURTISS
 TANGIER
 7 - 8" Cruisers AUSTRALIA
 CANBERRA
 MINNEAPOLIS
 INDIANAPOLIS
 CHICAGO
 SAN FRANCISCO
 PENSACOLA
 NEW ORLEANS

(Vide Daily Appreciation
 para. 1 (B)).

B. ANZAC AREA (Contd.)

British and Allied Forces (Contd.)

4 - 6" Cruisers	-	BEARDER	} Re- fit- ting
		ACHILLES	
		LE TRIOMPHANT	
		HONOLULU	
3 A.M.C.'s	-	MONOWAI	
		WESTRALIA	
		KANIMBLA	
Destroyers	-	STUART	
		VOYAGER	
		15 U.S.	

(Vide Daily Appreciation
Para 1. (B)).

Enemy Forces

Bismarck Archipelago Area

1 Seaplane Carrier
 4 Converted Seaplane Tenders
 At least 3 - 8" Cruisers
 5 - 5.5" Cruisers
 8 Destroyers
 Approx. 15 Transports
 1 Sub. Depot Ship
 1 Squadron Submarines
 C. in C. Mandates Fleet
 1 Gunboat Division
 At least 50 shorebased Aircraft
 including fighters and heavy
 bombers

Mandated Islands

Truk Area

1 possibly 2 A/C Carriers
 2 Seaplane Carriers (at least)
 Several 5.5" Cruisers
 Unknown number of destroyers
 At least 14 Chartered Merchant Ships
 Special Landing Party Force (Marines)
 3 or 4 Air Squadrons

Jaluit Area

1 Converted A/C Carrier
 At least 2 Submarine Squadrons (16)
 2 Naval Units (Air) (shorebased)
 comprising fighters, torpedo-
 bombers and reconnaissance air-
 craft
 Several merchant ships
 1 Seaplane Carrier
 Air Tenders and Minesweepers

C. AUSTRALIA STATION (excluding ABDA Area and ANZAC Area)

2 - 6" Cruisers - ADELAIDE
 TROMP (for repairs)

D. MID-PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC

British and Allied Forces

4 effective Battleships (plus 3
 which should now be ready)
 2 effective A/C Carriers
 6 - 8" Cruisers (all modern)

8 - 6" Cruisers (2 Modern - 6 Old)

51 Destroyers
 22 Submarines

1 in Canton-Ellice Is. Area
 1 Pearl Harbour, 2 Canton-
 Ellice Is. Area, 3 Central
 Pacific.
 4 West Coast - 3 Society
 Is.-Panama, 1 Canton -
 Ellice Is. Area.

D. MID-PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC (contd.)

British and Allied Forces (Contd.)

<u>BATTLESHIPS</u> - MISSISSIPPI - (12-14")	)	San Francisco
NEW MEXICO (12-14")	)	West Coast
IDAH0 (12-14")	)	West Coast
COLORADO (8-16")	)	West Coast
MARYLAND (8-16")	)	West Coast - should now be
TENNESSEE (12-14")	)	do do (ready
PENNSYLVANIA (12-14")	)	do do

AIRCRAFT CARRIERS

ENTERPRISE	)	At sea - Mid-Pacific
YORKTOWN	)	Canton Area

Enemy Forces

- 2 - 5.5" Cruisers (possibly)
- 4 Submarines between Midway Island and Vancouver
- 4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters

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2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

(1) JAVA

~~(ix)~~ Enemy landings took place 28/2 at the following points -

- (a) Banten Bay (approx 50 miles N.W. of Batavia)
(b) Tjilamaja (60 miles E. of Batavia)
(c) Indramajoe (80 miles E. of Batavia)
(d) 20 miles north of Kalidjati, (aerodrome north of Bandoeng).
(e) Rembang
(f) Bantjar and Kargan (15 and 25 miles E. of Rembang).

- (ii) JAVA SEA - The following details have been received of the action between the "DE RUYTER" Striking Force and a force of Japanese cruisers and destroyers.

Allied Losses - Cruisers "DE RUYTER" (Dutch) "JAVA" (Dutch) - both torpedoed

Destroyers - "JUPITER" (British)
"ELECTRA" (British)
"KORTENAER" (Dutch)

H.M.S. "EXETER" damaged but able to proceed.

Enemy Losses (witnessed by H.M.A.S. "PERTH")

One 8" Cruiser sunk
one 8" Cruiser damaged
one Destroyer sunk

Our Striking Force encountered only enemy combatant ships and no transports.

Japanese 8" Cruiser gunfire is stated to be extremely accurate at 28,000 yds. apparently R.D.F. control. Minute air co-operation is being carried out by the enemy whose aircraft are dropping calcium flares for illumination.

- (iii) The "HOBART" striking force failed to make contact with the enemy and it would appear that this force is now proceeding to Trincomalee.
(iv) The ABDACOM organisation ceases to exist. Admiral Helfrich, Commander in Chief of the N.E.I. Naval Forces has resigned his appointment as C in C of Allied Naval Forces in A.B.D.A. area. These forces have disbanded, the British and American forces excepting submarines are being withdrawn from Java, and Admiral Helfrich will endeavour to send the remaining Dutch Forces to Colombo.

All merchant ships have been ordered not to sail for Java, and all Pacific shipping destined for Java has been ordered to proceed to Australian and New Zealand ports.

- (vi) It has been confirmed that the U.S. Seaplane Carrier "LANGLEY" sank as a result of air bombing when approaching Tjilatjap 27/2.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Increased pressure on Java and consolidation of bases in the South Flores Sea including Timor.
- (ii) Increased submarine and probably surface raider activity in Bay of Bengal, Indian Ocean and S.W. Pacific areas with a view to cutting Colombo, Fremantle and S.E. Australian reinforcement routes.
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5 6" Cruisers	-	HOBART)	
		PERTH)	
		DANAE)	
		DRAGON)	
		PHOENIX)	

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B. ANZAC AREA.

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Battleship	-	WARSPITE)	(Vide Daily Appreciation para. 1 (B)).
A/C Carrier	-	LEXINGTON)	
A/C Tenders	-	CURTISS)	
		TANGIER)	
8 - 8" Cruisers	-	AUSTRALIA)	
		CANBERRA)	
		MINNEAPOLIS)	
		INDIANAPOLIS)	
		CHICAGO)	
		SAN FRANCISCO)	
		PENSACOLA)	
		NEW ORLEANS)	

MID-PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC (Contd.)

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"EXETER" "ENCOUNTER" and U.S. Destroyer "POPE" are making through Sunda Strait to Colombo.

"HOBART" "DANA" "DRAGON" are probably en route to Trincomalee.

U.S. Destroyers "FORD" "PAUL JONES" "EDWARDS" and "ALDEN" are attempting to pass through Bali or Lombok Strait to the southward.

Whereabouts of "PERTH" and "HOUSTON" unknown - last at Batavia 28/2. (For losses - See Appendix).

(ii) The following U.S. Naval units are operating off the N.W. coast of Australia - "HERON" "W.B. PRESTON" (Seaplane Tenders) "HOLLAND" (Submarine Tender) "BLACK HAWK" (auxiliary) and three destroyers.

(iii) U.S. Submarine Tender "OTIS" with four destroyers is proceeding from N.W. to Exmouth Gulf (E. of N.W. Cape - W.A.).

(iv) U.S. Cruiser "PHOENIX" after escorting MS5 to a point south of Colombo was relieved by "ENTERPRISE" on 28/2 but her present movements are unknown.

(v) Hospital ship "ORANJE" (E.T.A. Fremantle 4/3) has been ordered to proceed to Melbourne and Sydney E.T.A. Sydney 11/3.

(vi) "WARREGO" is en route to Batavia via Sunda Strait, from Darwin.

Enemy Forces

(1) The following enemy concentrations were reported 28/2 -

(a) At 0930Z/28 20 miles west of Bawen Island (Java Sea - North of Sourabaya); 3 cruisers, 14 destroyers, 45 transports.

(b) One convoy of 35 transports, several cruisers and a large number of destroyers sighted approaching Rambang.

(c) One convoy of 25 transports, at least 3 cruisers and some destroyers approaching Indramajoe (80 miles E. of Batavia)

(d) ~~xxxxxx~~ approaching ~~xxxxxx~~

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- (d) 20 miles north of Kalidjati, (aerodrome north of Bandoeng).
- (e) Rembang
- (f) Bantjar and Kargan (15 and 25 miles E. of Rembang).

- (ii) JAVA SEA - The following details have been received of the action between the "DE RUYTER" Striking Force and a force of Japanese cruisers and destroyers.

Allied Losses - Cruisers "DE RUYTER" (Dutch) "JAVA" (Dutch) -
both torpedoed

Destroyers - "JUPITER" (British)
"ELECTRA" (British)
"KORTENAER" (Dutch)

H.M.S. "EXETER" damaged but able to proceed.

Enemy Losses (witnessed by H.M.A.S. "PERTH")

One 8" Cruiser sunk
one 8" Cruiser damaged
one Destroyer sunk

Our Striking Force encountered only enemy combatant ships and no transports.

Japanese 8" Cruiser gunfire is stated to be extremely accurate at 28,000 yds. apparently R.D.F. control. Minute air co-operation is being carried out by the enemy whose aircraft are dropping calcium flares for illumination.

- (iii) The "HOBART" striking force failed to make contact with the enemy and it would appear that this force is now proceeding to Trincomalee.
- (iv) The ABDACOM organisation ceases to exist. Admiral Helfrich, Commander in Chief of the N.E.I. Naval Forces has resigned his appointment as C in C of Allied Naval Forces in A.B.D.A. area. These forces have disbanded, the British and American forces excepting submarines are being withdrawn from Java, and Admiral Helfrich will endeavour to send the remaining Dutch Forces to Colombo.

- (v) All merchant ships have been ordered not to sail for Java, and all Pacific shipping destined for Java has been ordered to proceed to Australian and New Zealand ports.
- (vi) It has been confirmed that the U.S. Seaplane Carrier "LANGLEY" sank as a result of air bombing when approaching Tjilatjap 27/2.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Increased pressure on Java and consolidation of bases in the South Flores Sea including Timor.
- (ii) Increased submarine and probably surface raider activity in Bay of Bengal, Indian Ocean and S.W. Pacific areas with a view to cutting Colombo, Fremantle and S.E. Australian reinforcement routes.
- (iii) Continued air attacks on Darwin from both shore-based and ship-borne aircraft possibly as a prelude to a direct attack.
- (iv) Southward move from Truk - Rabaul area to cut Torres Strait reinforcement route including probable attack against Port Moresby and raids against N.E. Australian bases including Townsville and possible attack on New Caledonia.
- (v) Raids on key islands in Mid Pacific including Canton, Midway and Hawaii.

APPENDIX

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY

2/3/42.

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES.

A. A.E.D.A. AREA.

British and Allied Forces

2 8" Cruisers - HOUSTON
 EXETER (damaged)
 4 6" Cruisers - HUBART
 PERTH
 DANAE
 DRAGON

Ceylon
 En route Colombo or Australia.

Approx. 17 Destroyers
 51 Submarines ?
 Auxiliaries

en route Australia or Ceylon

en route Ceylon or Australia

Enemy Forces

(I) South China Sea - Sumatra Area

Possibly 3 Battleships
 1 Aircraft Carrier
 11 8" Cruisers
 Several 5.5" Cruisers
 Several Destroyer Flotillas
 2 Submarine Squadrons (16)
 (C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Force).

Present strength uncertain.
 A number of units are known to have proceeded to the Southern Philippines - Borneo Northern N.E.I. waters.

(II) S.E.I. - Southern Philippines Area

2 Battleships
 4 Aircraft Carriers
 8 Cruisers (approx) including some 8" Cruisers
 Several Destroyer Flotillas
 Several Seaplane Tenders
 (C. in C. Third Fleet)
 (C. in C. Second Fleet)
 At least 2 Submarine Squadrons

Palau - ~~Java~~ - Bonins Area.

Units of the Combined Fleet including probably 3 Battleships
 2 Aircraft Carriers

Java, Darwin, ^{Bay of Bengal} Indian Ocean Area.

10 Submarines (including 3 in Penang Area)

Probably 4 squadrons (36) submarines.

B. ANZAC AREA.

British and Allied Forces

Battleship - WARSPITE
 A/C Carrier - LEXINGTON
 A/C Tenders - CURTISS
 TANGIER
 7 - 8" Cruisers - AUSTRALIA
 CANBERRA
 MINNEAPOLIS
 INDIANAPOLIS
 CHICAGO
 SAN FRANCISCO
 PENSACOLA
 NEW ORLEANS

(Vide Daily Appreciation para. 1 (B)).

B. ANZAC AREA (Contd.)

British and Allied Forces (Contd.)

- 4 - 6" Cruisers - LEANDER
ACHILLES
LE
TRIUMPHANT
HONOLOLU
- 3 A.N.C.'s - HONOWAI
WESTRALIA
KANIMBLA) Re-
- Destroyers - STUART (fit-)
VOYAGER (ting)
16 U.S.

(Vide Daily Appreciation Para. 1 (B)).

Enemy Forces

Bismarck Archipelago Area

- 1 Seaplane Carrier
- Converted Seaplane Tenders
- At least 3 - 6" Cruisers
- 5 - 5.5" Cruisers
- 8 Destroyers
- Approx. 15 Transports *mechanical ships including several Army transports*
- 1 Sub. Depot Ship
- 1 Squadron Submarines
- C. in C. Mandates Fleet *(6 in)*
- 1 Gun boat Division *in C. Mandates Air Force*
- At least 50 shorebased Aircraft including fighters and heavy bombers

6 unidentified naval-air units come of which are probably

Mandated Islands

Truk Area

- 1 possibly 2 A/C Carriers
- 2 Seaplane Carriers (at least)
- Several 5.5" Cruisers
- Unknown number of destroyers
- At least 10 Chartered Merchant ships
- Special Landing Party Force (Marines)
- 3 or 4 Air Squadrons

Jaluit Area

- 1 ~~Converted A/C Carrier~~ *from Fleet*
- At least 2 Submarine Squadrons
- 2 Naval Units (Air (shorebased) comprising fighters, torpedo-bombers and reconnaissance aircraft)
- 6 ~~unidentified~~ *naval-air units (some seaplane tenders)*
- 6 ~~unidentified~~ *merchant ships*
- 1 Seaplane Carrier
- Air Tenders and Minesweepers
- at least 33 Chartered Merchant Ships

C. AUSTRALIA STATION (excluding ABDA Area and ANZAC Area).

- 3 - 6" Cruisers - ADELAIDE
TROMP (for repairs)
Phoenix.

D. MID-PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC.

British and Allied Forces.

- 4 effective Battleships (plus 3 which should now be ready)
 - 2 effective A/C Carriers
 - 6 - 8" Cruisers (all modern)
 - 8 - 6" Cruisers (2 Modern - 6 Old)
 - 51 Destroyers
 - 22 Submarines
- 1 in Canton-Ellice Is. Area
 - 1 in Pearl Harbour, 2 Canton-Ellice Is. Area, 3 Central Pacific
 - 4 West Coast - 3 Society Is to Panama, 1 Canton-Ellice Is. Area.

D. MID-PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC (Contd.)

British and Allied Forces (contd.)

<u>BATTLESHIPS</u>	MISSISSIPPI	(12-14")	)	San Francisco
	NEW MEXICO	(12-14")	)	West Coast
	IDAHO	(12-14")	)	West Coast
	COLORADO	(8-16")	)	West Coast
	MARYLAND	(8-16")	)	West Coast - should now be ready.
	TENNESSEE	(12-14")	)	do do do
	PENNSYLVANIA	(12-14")	)	do do do

AIRCRAFT CARRIERS -

ENTERPRISE	)	At sea - Mid-Pacific
YORKTOWN	)	Canton Area.

~~3rd Cruisers (possibly)~~

4 Submarines Between Midway Island and Vancouver
 4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters.

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY

3/2/42
3/3/42 2/3/42 ?

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) A.B.D.A. AREA

British and Allied Forces

(1) Further details concerning the withdrawal of Allied naval forces (excluding submarines) from N.E.I. waters has been received as follows :-

(a) S.O. China Force reports the following H.M.A. Ships sailing from Tjilatjap for Fremantle -
1900/2 - "GOULBURN" "TOOWOOMBA"
2000/2 - "BURNIE" "MARYBOROUGH"
2000/2 - "BALLARAT" carrying evacuees including Consular Party.

"BURNIE" with S.O. China Force and Naval Retard Parties from Batavia.

"BENDIGO" was due to sail from Java waters on 1/3 for Fremantle with survivors from H.M.S. "JUPITER" and naval personnel.

(b) There is no further information concerning -

(1) "EXETER" "ENCOUNTER" and U.S. Destroyer "POPE" who were making through Sunda Strait for Colombo.

(2) "HOBART" "DANAK" "DRAGON" presumably en route Trincomalee.

(3) "PERTH" and "HOUSTON" (last reported Batavia 28/2.

(4) U.S. Destroyers "FORD" "PAUL JONES" "EDWARDS" and "ALDEN" who were to attempt to pass through Bali or Lombok Straits for Australia.

(ii) U.S. Submarine Tender "OTUS" with four destroyers is proceeding from the Java area to Exmouth Gulf (E. of N.W. Cape W.A).

(iii) The following U.S. Naval units are operating off the N.W. coast of Australia -

Seaplane Tenders "HERON" "W.B. PRESTON" "CHILDS"

Auxiliary "BLACK HAWK" and three destroyers.

Two submarines

(iv) There is no further information concerning "WARRIGO" en route Batavia from Darwin via Sunda Strait, but presumably diverted.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

B) ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces

(i) "WARSPITE" en route Fremantle from Sydney to join Eastern Fleet E.T.A. Fremantle 5/3.

(ii) Three units of Anzac Squadron "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "CHICAGO" and "LAMSON" departed Noumea 1945/1 for unknown R.V.

(iii) "LEANDER" and "ACHILLES" departed Suva 0812/2 presumably to R.V. with "PORTLAND" convoy S.E. of Suva today.

(iv) U.S. Destroyers "FERRENS" departed Suva 1430/27/2.

(v) U.S. 8" Cruiser "PORTLAND" escorting 3 large transports (convoy 2034) en route San Francisco to Brisbane is to R.V. with relief cruisers from Anzac Squadron (presumably "LEANDER" and "ACHILLES") in the Friendly Islands area at 1500 today. E.T.A. Brisbane p.m. 8/3.

(vi) Task Force 11 including aircraft carrier "LEXINGTON" 8" Cruisers "INDIANAPOLIS" "MINNEAPOLIS" "SAN FRANCISCO" "PENSACOLA" and 11 destroyers is in the Suva - Noumea area.

(vii) U.S. Convoy (6 merchant ships) escorted by U.S. 8" Cruiser "NEW ORLEANS" is en route Brisbane from U.S. West Coast approx E.T.A. 5/3. 1800/5/3

(viii) "LE TRIOMPHANT" was due Ocean Island night 28/2 to embark evacuees. E.T.A. Brisbane 0930/7.

(ix) "HONOLULU" at Melbourne with seven merchant ships ex convoy BT.200.

(x) U.S. Destroyers "MUGFORD" and "JARVIS" with remaining four ships of convoy BT.200 at Brisbane.

(xi) "CANBERRA" and "KANTIBLA" at Sydney refitting.

(xii) "WESTRALIA" en route Sydney to Brisbane E.T.A. today 3/3 thence to Melbourne on convoy duty.

- (xiii) "MONOWAI" arrived Noumea 0900/1 and transferred survey gear and U.S. Naval personnel to U.S. Seaplane Tender "CURTISS". "MONOWAI" later departed for Auckland E.T.A. 1200/4.
- (xiv) U.S. Aircraft Tender "TANGIER" departed Fiji 28/2 ~~xxx~~ for Noumea to relieve U.S. Aircraft Tender "CURTISS". "CURTISS" then to proceed Suva to carry out previous orders.
- (xv) H.M.S. "ATHENE" (transporting crated aircraft and ammunition) which departed Melbourne for Fremantle 28/2 has been ordered to return. E.T.A. Port Phillip 1900/4.
- (xvi) U.S. Oiler "PLATTE" escorted by U.S. Destroyer "ALWYN" en route Suva to Samoa.
- (xvii) U.S. Minesweeper layer "KINGFISHER" operating at Suva.
- (xviii) F.P. Sloop "CHEVREUIL" with "CAP DES PALMES" at Sydney.
- (xix) Merchant Vessel "BORINDA" en route New Hebrides from Noumea to evacuate civilians E.T.A. Sydney 14/3.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

RABOUL - 24 ships including not more than 6 destroyers were sighted Rabaul Harbour by air reconnaissance 1820/2.

C) AUSTRALIA STATION (not including ANDA AREA or ANZAC AREA)

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Dutch Light Cruiser "TROMP" departed Fremantle 27/2 for Sydney for repairs. *ETA 0900/4*.
- (ii) "ADELAIDE" escorting Convoy SJ3Z ex Batavia (4 merchant ships, 1 auxiliary towing "VENDETTA") due Fremantle dawn today. After fuelling "ADELAIDE" to proceed to Melbourne.
- (iii) U.S. Submarine Tender "HOLLAND" en route Fremantle from N.W. Cape W.A.
- (iv) "PHOENIX" is believed returning to Fremantle from N.V. with "ENTERPRISE" S.E. of Colombo. Approx E.T.A. Fremantle p.m. 5/3.
- (v) Hospital ship "ORANJE" eta Fremantle 4/3 has been ordered to proceed to Melbourne and Sydney E.T.A. Sydney 11/3.
- (vi) *Cornwall* "MANOORA" escorting convoy SUL (9 merchant ships) is departing East Indies Station for Fremantle E.T.A. 15/3.

D) MID PACIFIC and EAST PACIFIC

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 17 believed to comprise U.S. Aircraft Carrier "YORKTOWN" 8" Cruisers "LOUISVILLE" and "ASTORIA" and 7 or 9 destroyers is operating in the area between Canton and Ellice Islands.
- (ii) Task Force 11.6 (Oiler "NEOSMO" and destroyer "BRAYTON") departed Pearl Harbour 28/2 for Suva E.T.A. 8/3 to join Task Force 11.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) In view of the situation in Timor, the Portuguese Minister of Marine has ordered the Portuguese sloop "GONCALVES ZARCO", escorting "JOAO BELO" with troops to Dilli, to proceed instead to Colombo.
- (ii) Japanese Broadcast Intercept stated that Japanese Naval Air Force carried out surprise attack on Christmas Island on Sunday 1st March at 1600. Bombs demolished wireless station and establishment of Anglo-American combined Fleet and Army.
- (iii) Qantas Search Flying Boat reported sighting at 0407Z/2 position lat. x 13°10' South, Long. 115° 45' East (about 420 miles W.N.W. of Broome W.A) unidentified submarine on the surface steering South.
- (iv) C in C N.E.I. reported 0525Z/2 that Admiral Helfrich and Staff Officers (24 persons) arriving Colombo in 4 PBV Boats. First boat probably expected 3rd March.
- (v) At 1300Z/2 s.s. "BARBADA" (Indo-Pacific Shipping Co. Ltd.) (8988 tons) which left Fremantle p.m. 2nd reported having encountered a submarine in position 90 miles W.N.W. of Fremantle. After an exchange of shots "BARBADA" reported submarine submerged and that she was proceeding on her voyage at 1620Z/2.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Increased pressure on Java and consolidation of bases in the South Flores Sea including Timor.
- (ii) Increased submarine and probably surface raider activity in Bay of Bengal, Indian Ocean and S.W. Pacific areas with a view to cutting Colombo, Fremantle and S.E. Australian reinforcements.
- (iii) Continued air attacks on Darwin from both shore-based and ship-borne

- aircraft possibly as a prelude to a direct attack.
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APPENDIX

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY

3/3/42

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. A.B.D.A. AREA

British and Allied Forces

2 8" Cruisers -	HOUSTON)	En route Ceylon or Australia
	EXETER (damaged)		
4 6" Cruisers -	HOBART)	}
	PERTH		
	DANAE		
	DRAGON		

Approx. 17 Destroyers - en route Ceylon or Australia

31 Submarines

Auxiliaries - en route Ceylon or Australia

Enemy Forces

(I) South China Sea - Sumatra Area

Possibly 2 Battleships)	Present strength uncertain. A number of units are known to have proceeded to the Southern Philippines -Borneo Northern N.E.I. Waters.
1 Aircraft Carrier		
10 8" Cruisers		
Several 5.5" Cruisers		
Several Destroyer Flotillas		
2 Submarine Squadrons (16)		
(C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Force)		

(II) N.E.I. - Southern Philippines Area

2 Battleships
4 Aircraft Carriers
8 Cruisers (approx.) including
some 8" Cruisers
Several Destroyer Flotillas
Several Seaplane Tenders
(C. in C. Third Fleet)
(C. in C. Second Fleet)
At least 2 Submarine Squadrons

4 Battleships
5 A/C
10-12 8" cruisers
approx 8 5.5" cruisers
approx 40 Destroyers
2 B.A.N.

Palau - Saipan - Bonin Area

Units of the Combined Fleet
including probably 5 Battleships
2 Aircraft Carriers

Java, Darwin, Bay of Bengal

Indian Ocean Area
Probably 4 Squadrons (36)
Submarines

B. ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleship -	WARSPITE)	(Vide Daily Appreciation para. 1 (B)).
A/C Carrier -	LEXINGTON		
A/C Tenders -	CURTISS		
	TANGIER		
3 - 8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA		
	CANBERRA		
	MINNEAPOLIS		
	INDIANAPOLIS		
	CHICAGO		
	SAN FRANCISCO		
	PENSACOLA		
	NEW ORLEANS		

B. ANZAC AREA (CONTD.)

British and Allied Forces (Contd.)

- 4 - 6" Cruisers - LEANDER
- ACHILLES
- LE
- TRIONPHANT
- HONOLULU
- 3 - A.H.C.'s - MONOWAI
- WESTRALIA
- KANIMBLA) Re-
- Destroyers - STUART) fit-
- VOYAGER) ting
- 15 U.S.)

(Vide Daily Appreciation Para. 1 (B)).

Enemy Forces

Bismarck Archipelago Area

- 1 Seaplane Carrier
- 1 Aircraft Carrier (possibly)
- ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
- 6 Unidentified Naval Air Units, some of which are probably converted Seaplane Tenders
- At least 3-8" Cruisers
- 5 - 5.5" Cruisers
- 8 Destroyers
- Approx. 15 Merchant ships including several Army transports
- 1 Sub. Depot Ship
- 1 Squadron Submarines
- C. in C. Mandates Fleet (4th)
- C. in C. Mandates Air Force
- 1 Gunboat Division
- At least 50 shorebased Aircraft including fighters and heavy bombers

Mandates Islands

Truk Area

- 1 possibly 2 A/C Carriers
- 2 Seaplane Carriers (at least)
- Several 5.5" Cruisers
- Unknown number of destroyers
- At least 19 Chartered Merchant Ships
- Special Landing Party Force (Marines)
- 3 or 4 Air Squadrons

Jaluit Area

- ~~1 converted A/C Carrier~~
- At least 2 Submarine Squadrons from 6th Fleet
- 2 Naval Units - Air (shorebased) comprising fighters, torpedo-bombers and reconnaissance aircraft
- 6 Naval Air units (some probably seaplane tenders)
- 6 unidentified warships
- Air Tenders and Minesweepers
- At least 33 chartered Merchant Ships

C. AUSTRALIA STATION (excluding ABDA Area and ANZAC Area)

- 3 - 8" Cruisers - ADELAIDE
- TRUMP (for repairs)
- PHOENIX

D. MID-PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC

British and Allied Forces

- 4 effective Battleships (plus 3 which should now be ready)
- 2 effective A/C Carriers
- 6 - 8" Cruisers (all modern)

) 1 in Canton Ellice Is. area
) 1 in Pearl Harbour, 2 Canton-
) Ellice Is. area, 3 Central
) Pacific

also known

concord

D. MID-PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC (CONTD.)

British and Allied Forces (Contd.)

8 - 6" Cruisers (2 modern - 6 old)	)	4 West Coast - 3 Society
	)	Is. to Panama, 1 Canton-
	)	Ellice Is. Area
51 Destroyers)	
22 Submarines)	

BATTLESHIPS - MISSISSIPPI (12-14")	San Francisco
NEW MEXICO (12-14")	West Coast
IDAHO (12-14")	West Coast
COLORADO (8-16")	West Coast
MARYLAND (8-16")	West Coast - should now be ready.
TENNESSEE (12-14")	do. do.
PENNSYLVANIA (12-14")	do. do.

AIRCRAFT CARRIERS	
ENTERPRISE	) At sea - Mid-Pacific
YORKTOWN	) Canton area.

Enemy Forces

4 Submarines between Midway Island and Vancouver
 4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters.

Enemy Forces

REBAUL - Seaplane Carrier "KAMOI" with C in C Mandates Air Fleet and probably C in C Fourth Fleet aboard or in company, together with one other seaplane tender and units of a Flying Boat Squadron is now in the area S.E. of Rebaul. (W/T intelligence).

C) AUSTRALIA STATION (not including ABDA AREA or SWZAG AREA)

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "ADELAIDE" escorting convoy SJSZ ex Batavia (4 merchant ships, 1 auxiliary towing "VENDETTA") arrived Fremantle early this morning. After three days boiler cleaning "ADELAIDE" to proceed to Melbourne.
- (ii) U.S. Submarine Tender "HOLLAND" and three submarines en route Fremantle from H.W. Cape (W.A) area.
- (iii) "PHOENIX" is believed returning to Fremantle from R.V. with "ENTERPRISE" S.E. of Colombo. Approx E.T.A. Fremantle 8/3.
- (iv) "CORNWALL" and "MANOORA" escorting convoy SUI (11 merchant ships) is en route East India station to Fremantle E.T.A. 15/3.
- (v) Owing to submarine activity off the Fremantle area merchant ships are being held in Fremantle pending clarification of position.

Enemy Forces

At least one enemy submarine is operating off the S.W. Australian coast.

D) MID PACIFIC and EAST PACIFIC

British and Allied Forces

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Enemy Forces

There is continued evidence of enemy submarine, air and constructional activity in the Marshalls area.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) JAVA - Allied air attacks on 1/3 on enemy landings from 11 transports between Panamokean and Indramajoe and (from about 60 barges) between Tdeban and Rembang resulted in several barges being sunk and others set on fire while heavy losses were also inflicted on enemy forces disembarking from sampans and barges.
- (ii) Three Dutch merchant ships were attacked by Japanese aircraft on 1/3 (presumably in Java waters). One is known to be sunk. The fate of the other two is unknown.
- (iii) Further to Tokyo's claim of an attack on Christmas Is. on 1/3, Cocos Is. advised that they have been unable to contact Christmas Is. since 0500Z/ 3/3.
- (iv) U.S. Oiler "PEGOS" (carrying survivors from "LANGLEY") was reported sunk near Cocos Island on 1/3 as a result of attacks by dive bombers possibly carrier borne.
- (v) Cocos Island was shelled 2228/3. Cable Station received a direct hit. No casualties are reported. Contact was re-established at 1645/4.
- (vi) The pilot of a Hudson aircraft reported sighting a submarine in a position 85 miles N.W. of Fremantle at 1145/3. The pilot did not attack because of the possibility of the submarine being U.S.
- (vii) Merchant ship "TONGARIRO" (8,700 tons) was attacked by a submarine at 1524/3 in a position 160 miles S.W. of Fremantle. A running fight ensued as a result of which the "TONGARIRO" reported at 1500/3 that she believed the submarine had been sunk. The submarine may have been the same submarine which attacked the "NARBADA" at 2400/2/3 in a position 90 miles W.S.W. of Fremantle.
- (viii) "KOOLAMA" (4,000 tons) which reached Wyndham on 2/3 after being bombed and beached ~~xxxxxx~~ off Cape Londonderry on 20/2 sank ~~xxxxxx~~ at Wyndham at 1845/3.
- (ix) H.M.S. "ATHENE" reported sighting an aircraft at approx 1220/3/3 flying at about 24,000 ft. in a position about 75 miles W.S.W. of Kangaroo Island. Efforts to identify this aircraft have so far failed.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Increased pressure on Java and consolidation of bases in the South Flores ~~area~~ including Timor.
- (ii) Increased submarine and probably surface raider activity in Bay of Bengal, Indian Ocean and S.W. Pacific areas with a view to cutting Colombo, Fremantle and S.E. Australian reinforcements.
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A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY.
4/3/42.

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A. A.B.D.A. AREA.

British and Allied Forces.

2 8" Cruisers - HOUSTON) En route Ceylon or Australia
EXETER (Damaged)	
4 6" Cruisers - HOBART	
PERTH	
DANAE	
DRAGON)
Approx. 17 Destroyers -	En route Ceylon or Australia
31 Submarines	
Auxiliaries	- En route Ceylon or Australia

Enemy Forces

(i) South China Sea - Sumatra Area

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1 Aircraft Carrier	
10 - 8" Cruisers	
Several 5.5" Cruisers	
Several Destroyer Flotillas	
2 Submarine Squadrons (16)	
(C. in C. Southern Expedition- ary Force)	

(ii) N.E.I. - Southern Philippines Area.

2 Battleships)
4 Aircraft Carriers	
8 Cruisers (approx) including some 8" Cruisers	
Several Destroyer Flotillas	
Several Seaplane Tenders	
(C in C. Third Fleet)	
(C in C. Second Fleet)	
At least 2 Submarine Squadrons)	

Palau - Saipan - Bonins Area

Units of the Combined Fleet)
including probably 5 battle- ships	
2 Aircraft carriers)

Java, Darwin, Bay of Bengal, Indian Ocean Area

Probably 4 Squadrons (36)
Submarines.

B. ANZAC AREA.

British and Allied Forces

Battleship -) (Vide Daily appreciation para 1 (B)).
A/C Carrier - LEXINGTON	
A/C Tenders - CURTISS	
TANGIER	
8 - 8" Cruisers AUSTRALIA	
GAMBERRA	
MINNEAPOLIS	
INDIANAPOLIS	
CHICAGO	
SAN FRANCISCO	
PENSACOLA	
NEW ORLEANS	

Re *Ref*

ANZAC AREA (CONTD)

British and Allied Forces (Contd)

- 5 - 6" Cruisers - LEANDER
- ACHILLES
- LE TRIOMPHANT
- HONOLULU
- TROMP (for repairs)
- 3 - A.N.C.'s MONOWAI
- WESTRALIA
- KANIMELA)
- Destroyers STUART) Refitting
- VOYAGER)
- 15 U.S.)

Flotilla Leader

Flotilla Leader

(Vide Daily Appreciation para 1 (B)).

Enemy Forces

Hismarck Archipelago Area.

- 1 Seaplane Carrier
- 1 Aircraft Carrier (Possibly)
- 6 Unidentified Naval Air Units, some of which are probably converted Seaplane Tenders
- At least 3 - 8" Cruisers
- 5 - 5.5" Cruisers
- 8 Destroyers
- Approx. 15 Merchant ships including several Army Transports.
- 1 Sub.Depot Ship
- 1 Squadron Submarines
- C in C. Mandates Fleet (4th.)
- C in C. Mandates Air Force
- 1 Gunboat Division
- At least 70 shorebased Aircraft including fighters and heavy bombers. *and possibly torpedo bombers.*

Mandates Islands

Truk Area

- 1 possibly 2, A/C Carriers
- ~~2 Seaplane Carriers (at least)~~ *some units 4th Fleet*
- Several 5.5" Cruisers
- ~~Unknown number of destroyers~~
- At least 19 Chartered Merchant ships
- Special landing Party Force (Marines)
- 3 or 4 Air Squadrons

approx 12

Jaluit Area

- At least 2 Submarine Squadrons from 6th. Fleet
- 2 Naval Units - Air (shorebased) comprising fighters, torpedo-bombers and reconnaissance aircraft.
- 6 Naval Air Units (some probably seaplane tenders)
- 6 unidentified Warships
- Air Tenders and Minesweepers
- At least 33 Chartered Merchant Ships

C. AUSTRALIA STATION (excluding A.B.D.A. AREA AND ANZAC AREA)

- Battleships - WARSPITE
- 3 - 6" Cruisers - ADELAIDE
- PHOENIX

D. MID-PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC

British and Allied Forces

- 4 effective Battleships (plus 3 which should now be ready)
- 2 effective A/C Carriers
- 6 - 8" Cruisers (all modern)

) 1 in Canton Ellice Is. area

) 1 in Pearl Harbour, 2 Canton-

) Ellice Is. Area, 3 Central

) Pacific.

PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC (CONT'D)

British and Allied Forces (Cont'd)

8 - 8th Cruisers (2 modern - 6 old)

) 4 West Coast - 3 Society Is.
) to Panama, 1 Canton-Ellice Is.
) Area.

51 Destroyers

22 Submarines

BATTLESHIPS -

MISSISSIPPI (12-14")
NEW MEXICO (12-14")
IDaho (12-14")
COLORADO (8-10")
MARYLAND (8-10")
TENNESSEE (12-14")
PENNSYLVANIA (12-14")

San Francisco
West Coast
West Coast
West Coast
West Coast - should now be ready
do do
do do

AIRCRAFT CARRIERS

ENTERPRISE
YORKTOWN

) At sea - Mid-Pacific
) Canton area.

Enemy Forces

4 Submarines between Midway Island and Vancouver
4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters.

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY
5/3/421. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCESA) ANZAC AREABritish and Allied Forces

- (i) Three units of Anzac Squadron ("AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "CHICAGO" and "LAMSON" departed Noumea 1945/1 for unknown R.V.
- (ii) "LEANDER" and "ACHILLES" escorting convoy 2034 (3 large transports) en route Friendly Islands to Brisbane E.T.A. p.m. 8/3.
- (iii) Task Force 11 including Aircraft Carrier "LEXINGTON" 8" Cruisers "INDIANAPOLIS" "MINNEAPOLIS" "SAN FRANCISCO" "PENSACOLA" and 11 destroyers is in the Suva - Noumea area.
- (iv) U.S. Convoy 2033 (6 merchant ships) escorted by U.S. 8" ~~mm~~ Cruiser "NEW ORLEANS" is en route ~~to~~ Brisbane from U.S. West Coast E.T.A. today 5/3.
- (v) "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting "TRIENZA" departed Noumea 3/3 E.T.A. Brisbane 1000/7.
- (vi) "HONGKONG" at Melbourne with 7 merchant ships ex convoy BT.200.
- (vii) U.S. Destroyers "MUGFORD" and "JARVIS" with 2 merchant ships ex convoy BT.200 at Brisbane.
- (viii) "WESTRALIA" escorting 2 merchant ships ex convoy BT.200 en route Brisbane to Melbourne. Departed Brisbane 1030/4.
- (ix) "GAMBERRA" and "KANIMBLA" at Sydney refitting.
- (x) "MONOWAI" due Auckland yesterday 4/3, from Noumea.
- (xi) U.S. aircraft tender "TANGIER" arrived Noumea 1334/3 to relieve U.S. Aircraft Tender "CURTISS". "CURTISS" was then to proceed Suva to carry out previous orders.
- (xii) H.M.S. "ATHENE" (transporting crated aircraft and ammunition) returning to Melbourne entered Port Phillip 1712 yesterday 4/3.
- (xiii) U.S. Oiler "PLATTE" escorted by U.S. Destroyer "ALWYN" en route Suva to Samoa. "ALWYN" later to return Suva.
- (xiv) U.S. Minelayer "KINGFISHER" operating at Suva.
- (xv) Dutch Flotilla Leader "TROMP" arrived Sydney for repairs at 0930 yesterday 4/3.

(xvi)

Enemy Forces

RABAUL - Seaplane Carrier "KAMOI" with C in C Mandates Air Fleet and probably C in C Fourth Fleet aboard or in company together with units of a Flying Boat Squadron is now in the Rabaul area (W/T Intelligence).

B) AUSTRALIA STATION (not including ANZAC AREA)British and Allied Forces

- (i) "WARSPITE" en route Sydney to Fremantle to join Eastern Fleet has been ordered to proceed St. Vincent's Gulf to fuel. "WARSPITE" is later to R.V. with destroyers "FORTUNE" and "DECOY" in Indian Ocean at about 5°S on 13/3 thence proceed Trincomalee.
- (ii) "ADELAIDE" with convoy SJ32 (including "VENDETTA") at Fremantle. After three days boiler cleaning "ADELAIDE" to proceed Melbourne E.T.D. 7/3.
- (iii) U.S. Submarine Tender "HOLLAND" and 3 submarines at Fremantle.
- (iv) "PHOENIX" is believed returning Fremantle from R.V. with "ENTERPRISE" S.E. of Colombo. Approx E.T.A. Fremantle 5/3.
- (v) "CORNWALL" and "MANGORA" escorting convoy SUL (14 merchant ships) is en route Fremantle from East Indies Station. E.T.A. Fremantle 15/3. This convoy is being covered by other units including battleship "ROYAL SOVEREIGN" for portion of journey.
- (vi) The following A.M.S.'s are en route Tjilatjap to Fremantle - "GOULBURN" "TOCWOOMBA" "MARYBOROUGH" "BENDIGO" "BURNIE" (carrying S.C. China Force) "BALLARAT" (with evacuees including Consular Party). "BENDIGO" is also believed carrying survivors from H.M.S. "JUPITER".
- (vii) The following U.S. Naval units are operating off the N.W. Coast of Australia -
Seaplane Tenders "HERON" "W.B. PRESTON" "CHILDS"
Auxiliary "BLACK HAWK" and three destroyers
- (viii) U.S. Submarine Tender "OTUS" with 4 destroyers is proceeding from Java area to Exmouth Gulf (East of N.W. Cape W.A.).
- (ix) Owing to submarine activity off the Fremantle area merchant ships are being held in Fremantle pending clarification of the position.

Enemy Forces

- (i) At least 2 enemy submarines are operating off the S.W. Australian Coast.
- (ii) An enemy aircraft carrier with one destroyer escort was sighted at 0523/4 about 270 S.S.E. of Christmas Is. 600 miles N.W. of Onslow W.A. The vessels were sighted by U.S. reconnaissance aircraft who also reported sighting one aircraft being launched, from the carrier.

C) EAST INDIES - JAPAN AREA British and Allied Forces

- (i) Approx 25 submarines.

Enemy Forces

- (i) Apart from the forces set out in Appendix attached there are indications that 2 heavy ships possibly battle cruisers or heavy cruisers are operating south of Java.

D) INDIAN OCEAN British and Allied Forces

- (i) "HOBART" reports that the Western Striking Force less "DRAGON" (i.e. "DAKAE" "HOBART" and destroyers "TENEDOS" and "SCOUT") is due at Trincomalee at 1300 today 5/3. "HOBART" and "DAKAE" are carrying evacuees including women.
- (ii) There is still no news of -
 - (a) "EXETER" "ENCOUNTER" and U.S. Destroyerx POPE who were to make through Sunda Strait for Colombo.
 - (b) "PERTH" and "HOUSTON" last reported Batavia 28/2.
 - (c) "WARREGO" who departed Darwin for Batavia via Sunda Strait 25/2 but was presumably diverted.
 - (d) U.S. Destroyers "FORD" "PAUL JONES" "EDWARDS" and "ALDEN" who were to attempt to pass through Bali or Lombok Straits for Australia.

E) Mid Pacific and EAST PACIFIC

There is continued evidence of enemy submarine, air and constructional activity in the Marshalls area.

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 17 believed to comprise U.S. Aircraft Carrier "YORKTOWN" 8" Cruisers "LOUISVILLE" and "ASTORIA" and 7 or 9 destroyers is operating in the area between Canton and Ellice Is.
- (ii) Task Force 11.6 (oiler "NEOSHO" and destroyer "DRAYTON") departed Pearl Harbour 28/2 for Suva (E.T.A. 9/3) to join Task Force 11.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) U.S. Oiler ~~REEK~~ "PEGOS" reported yesterday as sunk near Cocos Is. 1/3 is now reported as actually being sunk near Christmas Is.
- (ii) Only slight damage was done to oil fuel installation at Port Moresby during 5th air raid 2/3.

(iii) Comsouwespac has set up H.Q. at Fremantle.

- (iv) Submarines were sighted off W.A. Coast on 3/3 as follows -
 - (a) one 11 miles N.W. of N.W. Cape
 - (b) one 300 miles S.S.E. of Fremantle
 - (c) one 170 miles W.N.W. of Fremantle.

A submarine was also sighted at 0112/4 about 200 miles N.W. of Fremantle and was later reported sunk by a Hudson aircraft.

Comment - There is evidence of at least 2 enemy submarines operating off the Western Australian Coast.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Increased pressure on Java and consolidation of bases in the South Flores including Timor.
- (ii) Increased submarine and probably surface raider activity in Bay of Bengal, Indian Ocean and S.W. Pacific areas with a view to cutting Colombo, Fremantle and S.E. Australian reinforcements.
- (iii) Continued air attacks on Darwin from both shore-based and ship-borne aircraft possibly as a prelude to a direct attack.
- (iv) Southward move from Truk - Rabaul area to cut Torres Strait reinforcement route including probable attack against Port Moresby and raids against N.E. Australian bases including Townsville and possible attack on New Caledonia.
- (v) Raids on key Is. in Mid Pacific including Canton, Wake, etc.

B) AUSTRALIA STATION (excluding ANZAC AREA)

Battleship	"WARSPITE"	})
2-3 Cruisers	ADELAIDE PHOENIX	
Destroyers	7	
Submarine Tenders	2	
Seaplane Tenders	2	
Submarines	3	
	including SKIPPACK SCULPIN SNAPPER STURGEON	
	} at Fremantle	

ENEMY FORCES

One Aircraft Carrier
Possibly two Heavy Units (battlecruisers or Heavy cruisers)

at least 2 submarines
1 destroyer

C) EAST INDIES AND JAPAN

British and Allied Forces
Approx 25 submarines

Enemy Forces

(i) SOUTH CHINA SEA - SUMATRA AREA

2 Battleships
1 Aircraft Carrier
10-8" Cruisers
Several 5.5" Cruisers
Several destroyer flotillas
2 submarine squadrons (16)
(C in C Southern Expeditionary Force)

) Present strength un
) certain. A number
) of units are known
) to have proceeded
) to S. Philippines -
) Borneo - Northern
) N.E.I. Waters.

(ii) N.E.I. - SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES AREA

2 Battleships
4 Aircraft Carriers
8 Cruisers (approx) including some 8" Cruisers
Several Destroyer Flotillas
(C in C Third Fleet)
(C in C Second Fleet)
At least 2 submarine squadrons

PALAU - SAIPAN - BONINS AREA

Units of the Combined Fleet including probably
5 Battleships
2 Aircraft Carriers

JAVA, DARWIN, BAY OF BENGAL, INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Probably 4 Squadrons (36) submarines

D) INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

Battleships	REVENGE	at Durban
	RAMILLES	at Colombo
	ROYAL SOVEREIGN	at Trincomalee
Aircraft Carriers	HERMES)	at Trincomalee
	INDOMITABLE)	

8" Cruisers	DERBYSHIRE	at Durban
	GIORGIOS AVEROFF (Grk)	At Bombay
	CORNWALL	en route Fremantle
	DORSETSHIRE	at Colombo
	EXETER (Damaged)	prob. en route Ceylon
	HOUSTON	last reported Batavia 28/2

6" Cruisers	MAURITIUS	at Durban
	EURYALUS)	
	CERES)	at Mombasa
	COLOMBO	at Aden
	CAPETOWN	at Bombay
	DURBAN)	
	GLASGOW)	at Colombo

INDIAN OCEAN (contd)

6 Cruisers

CALEDON
 EMERALD
 ENTERPRISE
 HO BART)
 DANAE)
 PERTH)
 DRAGON)
 BOISE)
 MARBLEHEAD) repairing
 SUMATRA) "

At Addu Atoll
 at Calcutta
 en route Colombo
 due Trincomalee 5/3

last reported Batavia
 28/2
 prob. en route Colombo
 repairing at Bombay
 at Trincomalee

31 Destroyers (including approx 10 ex N.E.I. waters whose present position unknown.)

E) MID PACIFIC and EAST PACIFIC
British and Allied Forces

4 effective battleships (plus 3 which should
 now be ready)
 2 effective A/C Carriers
 6-8" Cruisers (all modern)
 8-6" Cruisers (2 modern, 6 old)

) 1 in Canton - Ellice
) Is. area, ~~ixix~~
) 1 in Pearl Harbour
) 2 Canton-Ellice
) Is. area, 3 Cen. Pac.
) 4 W.Coast - 3 Soc. Is.
 to Panama, 1 Canton -
 Ellice Is. area

approx 50 Destroyers
22 submarines

Battleships

MISSISSIPPI (12-14")
 NEW MEXICO (12-14")
 IDAHO (12-14")
 COLORADO (8-16")
 MARYLAND (8-16")
 TENNESSEE (12-14")
 PENNSYLVANIA (12-14")

San Francisco
 West Coast
 " "
 " "
 " " shd now be
 " " ready
 " " do.

Aircraft Carriers

ENTERPRISE
YORKTOWN

At sea - Mid Pacific
Canton area.

Enemy Forces

4 submarines between Midway Is. and Vancouver
4 submarines in West Hawaiian Waters

Armed merchant Cruisers

Carthage at Colombo
 Hector " "
 Glenearn " "
 Chitral Aden to Colombo.
 Corfu Addu Atoll
 Ranchi Maldives area.
 Manora Trincomalee
 Alaunia Durban

APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY
6/3/42

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Three units of Anzac Squadron "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "CHICAGO" and "LAMSON" departed Noumea 1945/1 for unknown R.V.
- (ii) "LEANDER" and "ACHILLES" escorting convoy 2034 (3 large transports) is en route Friendly Islands to Brisbane E.T.A. p.m. 8/3.
- (iii) Task Force 11 including aircraft carrier "LEXINGTON" 8" Cruisers "INDIANAPOLIS" "MINNEAPOLIS" "SAN FRANCISCO" "PENSACOLA" and 11 destroyers is in the Suva - Noumea area.
- (iv) U.S. Convoy 2033 (6 merchant ships) escorted by U.S. 8" Cruiser "NEW ORLEANS" arrived Brisbane 1900/5 from U.S. West Coast.
- (v) Convoy ZK7 including seven U.S. merchant ships ex Convoy BT.200 and H.M.S. "ATHENE" are to leave Port Phillip at 0400/7 escorted by U.S. Cruiser "HONOLULU" for Noumea.
- (vi) U.S. Destroyer "JARVIS" is to be ready to depart Brisbane after 1200 today to join "HONOLULU" at sea.
The remaining two merchant ships ex convoy BT.200 at Brisbane will join Convoy ZK7 later when the convoy is further north.
- (vii) "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting "TRINZA" is en route Noumea to Brisbane E.T.A. Brisbane 1000/7.
- (viii) "WESTRALIA" escorting 2 merchant ships ex convoy BT.200 departed Brisbane 1030/4 for Melbourne. E.T.A. Melbourne 0430/8.
- (ix) U.S. Destroyer "MOGGER" at Brisbane to join "NEW ORLEANS" which arrived yesterday with Convoy 2033.
- (x) "CANNBERRA" and "KANIBELA" at Sydney refitting.
- (xi) "MONOWAI" was due Auckland 4/3 from Noumea.
- (xii) U.S. Aircraft Tender "TANGIER" arrived Noumea 1334/3 to relieve U.S. Aircraft Tender "CURTISS". "CURTISS" was then to proceed Suva to carry out previous orders.
- (xiii) U.S. Oiler "PLATTE" escorted by U.S. Destroyer "ALBYN" en route Suva to Samoa. "ALBYN" later to return Suva.
- (xiv) U.S. Minelayer "KINGFISHER" operating at Suva.
- (xv) Dutch Flotilla Leader "TROMP" (damaged) arrived ~~Nziahannxfx~~ Sydney for repairs, 4/3.

Enemy Forces

RABAUL - Approximately 30 ships (including 5 destroyers moving seawards and 3 large cruisers) were sighted in Rabaul Harbour at 1410/5 by reconnaissance aircraft.

B) AUSTRALIA STATION (not including ANZAC AREA)

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "WARSPITE" en route Sydney to Fremantle to join Eastern Fleet has been ordered to proceed St. Vincent's Gulf ^{to pass} E.T.A. 7/3.
Rear Admiral Pallisser R.N., his Secretary and possibly 2 Dutch officers, will join at St. Vincent's Gulf for onward passage.
"WARSPITE" is later to R.V. with Destroyers "FORTUNE" and "DECOY" in Indian Ocean at about 5° South on 13/3 thence proceed Trinsomalee.
- (ii) "ADELAIDE" is to leave Fremantle at 0800 today for Melbourne escorting "MT. VERNON", (U.S.A.T) as far as Kangaroo Island.
- (iii) "PHOENIX" arrived Fremantle 1525/5.
- (iv) "CORNWALL" and "MANGORA" escorting Convoy SUI (14 merchant ships) are en route Fremantle from East Indies Station. E.T.A. Fremantle 15/3. This convoy is being covered by other units including battleship "ROYAL SOVEREIGN" for portion of journey.
- (v) The following A.M.S.'s are en route Tjilatjap to Fremantle -
"GOULBURN" "TOOWOOMBA" "MARYBOROUGH" "BENDIGO" (with survivors H.M.S. "JUPITER") "BURNIE" (carrying S.C. China Force)
"BALLARAT" (with evacuees including Consular Party).
- (vi) U.S. Submarine Tender "HOLLAND" and four submarines at Fremantle.
- (vii) Two U.S. Destroyers at Fremantle. "EDWARDS" & "ALDEN" both damaged.
- (viii) The following U.S. Naval units are believed operating off the West Australian Coast -
Seaplane Tenders "HERON" "W.B. PRESTON" "CHILDS"
Auxiliary "BLACK HAWK" and 2 destroyers ("FORD" and "PAUL JONES")

7 U.S. Submarines

fixt U.S. Submarine Tender "OTUS" with four destroyers.

(x) Owing to submarine activity off the Fremantle area ~~xxxxx~~ merchant ships loaded and ready to sail for Darwin are to be sailed south about for Townsville.

Enemy Forces

- (i) At least 2 enemy submarines are operating off the S.W. Australian Coast.
- (ii) An unidentified cruiser (6,000-8,000 tons) was sighted by U.S. aircraft in a position approx 300 miles North of Exmouth Gulf (17035'S, ~~114~~¹¹⁴10'E) at 1215/5. Speed 20 knots - course unknown.
- (iii) There is no further information regarding the enemy aircraft carrier and destroyer sighted at 0523/4 600 miles N.W. of Onslow (W.A) by U.S. reconnaissance aircraft.
- (iv) There is no further information regarding report of 2 heavy ships possibly battle cruisers or heavy cruisers ~~sighted~~ operating south of Java 1/3.

C) EAST INDIES & JAPAN AREA
British and Allied Forces
 Approx 25 submarines.

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Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

D) INDIAN OCEAN
British and Allied Forces

- (i) HOBART "DANAE" "TENELOS" & "SCOUT" were due to arrive Trincomalee 1300/5/3. "HOBART" & "DANAE" are carrying evacuees including women.
- (ii) There is no further news of -
 - (a) "EXETER" "ENCOUNTER" & U.S. Destroyer "POPE" who were to make through Sunda Strait for Colombo approx 28/2;
 - (b) "DRAGON" who formed part of "HOBART" Striking Force;
 - (c) "HOUSTON" & "PERTH" last reported Batavia 28/2. Admiral Palisser instructed "PERTH" and small ships to proceed Fremantle.
 - (d) "WARRAGO" who departed Darwin for Batavia via Sunda Strait 25/2 but who was presumably diverted.

(e) "Yarra" who was due bombed in Sunda 28/2 + later instructed to proceed Fremantle instead of Tjilatjap.

E) MID PACIFIC & EAST PACIFIC
British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 17 believed to comprise U.S. Aircraft Carrier "YORKTOWN" 8 Cruisers "LOUISVILLE" and "ASTORIA" and 7 or 9 destroyers is operating in the area between Canton and Ellice Is.
- (ii) Task Force 11.6 (oiler "NEOSHO" and destroyer "DRAYTON") departed Pearl Harbour 28/2 for Suva (E.T.A. 9/3) to join Task Force 11.

Enemy Forces

- (i) There are indications that Carrier Division 5 ("ZUIKAKU" & "SHOKAKU") are associated with an operation which was to begin 5/3, probably from the Marshalls or Carolines area. Both these carriers were last reported in the Bonins - Japan area and one was believed to have embarked additional aircraft for the Marshalls or Carolines.
- (ii) There is evidence of new construction as well as repair activity in the Marshalls area.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) "DELORAINE" was attacked by a four-engined flying boat in a position 70 miles west of Darwin at 1537L/5 and again at 1608L/5. There were no casualties, but her anti-submarine gear was damaged by a near miss.
- (ii) The submarine attacked and reported sunk by a Hudson aircraft off Fremantle 4/3 has since been reported by D.N.O. W.A. as a U.S. submarine which was in sight of Fremantle (damaged) at 0931/5.
- (iii) Tokyo Broadcast at 1600/5 claiming that U.S. Gunboat "ANEXI" "ASHEVILLE" and British Destroyer "STRONGHOLD" were sunk on 2/3 and 3/3 off Tjilatjap.

3) ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Increased pressure on Java and consolidation of bases in the South Flores including Timor.
- (ii) Increased submarine and probably surface raider activity in Bay of Bengal, Indian Ocean and S.W. Pacific areas with a view to cutting Colombo, Fremantle and S.E. Australian reinforcements.
- (iii) Continued air attacks on the Darwin area from both shore-based and ship-borne aircraft possibly as a prelude to a direct attack.
- (iv) Southward move from Truk - Rabaul area to cut Torres Strait reinforcement route including probable attack against Port Moresby and raids against N.E. Australian bases including Townsville and possible attack on New Caledonia.
- (v) Raids on key Islands in Mid Pacific including Canton, Midway and Hawaii.

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY.

6/3/42.

(a) ANZAC AREA.
British and Allied Forces.

A/C Carrier	LEXINGTON
A/C Tenders	GURTISS TANGIER
8-8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA MINNEAPOLIS INDIANAPOLIS CHICAGO SAN FRANCISCO PENSACOLA NEW ORLEANS
3-6" Cruisers	CANBERRA (refitting) LEANDER ACHILLES HONOLULU
3 Flotilla Leaders	LE TRIOMPHANT TROMP (Damaged) STUART (Refitting)
3 A.M.C.'s	MONOWAI WESTRALIA KANIMBLA (refitting)
Destroyers	VOYAGER 15 U.S.

Enemy Forces.
Bismarek Archipelago Area.

1 Seaplane Carrier
1 Aircraft Carrier (possibly)
6 Unidentified Naval Air Units, some of which
are probably converted Seaplane tenders
At least 3-8" Cruisers
5-5.5" Cruisers
8 Destroyers 20
Approx. 15 Merchant ships including several
Army transports
1 Sub. Depot Ship
1 Squadron Submarines
C. in C. Mandates Fleet (4th)
C. in C. Mandates Air Force
1 Gunboat Division
At least 70 shorebased Aircraft including
fighters and heavy bombers, and possibly
torpedo bombers.

Mandated Islands.
Truk Area.

1 possibly 2 Aircraft Carriers
Several 5.5" Cruisers
Some units 4th Fleet
Approx. 12 Destroyers
At least 19 Chartered Merchant Ships
Special landing party force (Marines)
3 or 4 Air Squadrons

Jaluit Area.

At least 2 submarine squadrons from 6th Fleet
2 Naval Units - Air (shorebased), comprising
fighters, torpedo-bombers and reconnais-
sance aircraft
1 Seaplane Carrier
6 Naval Air Units (some probably seaplane
6 Unidentified warships (tenders)
Air Tenders and Minesweepers
At least 34 Chartered merchant ships including
one 17,000 ton ex passenger liner.

(b) AUSTRALIA STATION (excluding ANZAC AREA)
British and Allied Forces.

Battleship	WARSPITE	
2-6" Cruisers	ADELAIDE PHOENIX	
Destroyers	7	
Submarine Tenders	2	
Seaplane Tenders	2	
Submarines	11 including	SKIPJACK) SCULPIN) SHAPPER) at Fremantle) STURGEON)

Enemy Forces.

One Aircraft Carrier
Possibly two Heavy Units (battlecruisers or Heavy Cruisers)
At least 2 submarines
1 destroyer

(c) EAST INDIES AND JAPAN.
British and Allied Forces.

Approx. ¹⁵⁻²⁰ 26 submarines

Enemy Forces.

South China Sea - Sumatra Area.

2 Battleships
1 Aircraft Carrier
10-8" Cruisers
Several 5.5" Cruisers
Several destroyer flotillas
2 submarine squadrons (16)
(C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Force)

N.E.I. - Southern Philippines Area.

2 Battleships
4 Aircraft Carriers
8 Cruisers (approx) including some 8" Cruisers
Several Destroyer Flotillas
(C. in C. Third Fleet)
(C. in C. Second Fleet)
At least 2 submarine squadrons

Palau - Saipan - Bonins Area.

Units of the Combined Fleet including probably 5 Battleships
2 Aircraft Carriers

Java, Darwin, Bay of Bengal, Indian Ocean Area.

Probably 4 Squadrons (36) submarines

(d) INDIAN OCEAN.
British and Allied Forces.

Battleships	REVENGE	At Durban
	RAMILLES	At Colombo
	ROYAL SOVEREIGN	At Trincomalee
Aircraft Carriers	HERMES)	At Trincomalee
	INDOMITABLE)	
8" Cruisers	DERBYSHIRE	At Durban
	GIORGIOS AVEROFF (Grk)	At Bombay
	CORNWALL	en route Fremantle
	DORSETSHIRE	At Colombo
	EXETER (damaged)	prob. en route Ceylon
	HOUSTON	last reported Batavia 28/2

(d) INDIAN OCEAN (Continued)
British and Allied Forces. (Continued)

6" Cruisers	MAURITIUS	At Durban
	EURYALUS)	At Mombasa
	CERES)	
	COLOMBO	At Aden
	CAPETOWN	At Bombay
	DURBAN)	
	GLASGOW)	At Colombo
	CALEDON	At Addu Atoll
	EMERALD	At Calcutta
	ENTERPRISE	en route Colombo
	HOBART)	due Trincomalee 5/3
	DANAE)	
	PERTH	last reported Batavia 28/2
	DRAGON	prob. en route Colombo
BOISE	repairing at Bombay	
MARBLEHEAD)	" " Trincomalee	
SUMATRA)	"	

Armed Merchant Cruisers.

CARTHAGE	At Colombo
HECTOR	At Colombo
GLENEARN	At Colombo
CHITRAL	Aden to Colombo
CORFU	Addu Atoll
RANCHI	Maldiva Is. area.
MANGORA	Trincomalee
ALAUNIA	Durban

31 Destroyers (~~including approx 10 ex R.N.I. waters whose present position unknown~~).

(e) MID PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC.
British and Allied Forces.

4 effective battleships (plus 3 which should now be ready)	}	1 in Canton-Ellice Is. area, 1 in Pearl Harbour, 2 Canton-Ellice Is. area, 3 Cen. Pac.
2 effective A/C Carriers		4 W. Coast - 3 Sec. Is. to Panama, 1 Canton-Ellice Is. area.
6-8" Cruisers (all modern)		
8-6" Cruisers (2 modern, 6 old)		

approx 50 Destroyers
22 Submarines

Battleships	MISSISSIPPI (12-14")	San Francisco
	NEW MEXICO (12-14")	West Coast
	IDAHO (12-14")	" "
	COLORADO (8-16")	" "
	MARYLAND (8-16")	" " shd. now be ready
	TENNESSEE (12-14")	" " do.
	PENNSYLVANIA (12-14")	" " do.

Aircraft Carriers	ENTERPRISE	At sea - Mid Pacific
	YORETOWN	Canton area.

Enemy Forces.

4 Submarines between Midway Is. and Vancouver.
4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY

7/3/42

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCESA) ANZAC AREABritish and Allied Forces

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- (iii) U.S. Destroyer "PERKINS" departed Suva 1440/27/2 (probably to R.V. with Anzac Squadron).
- (iv) Task Force 11 including aircraft carrier "LEXINGTON" 8" Cruisers "INDIANAPOLIS" "MINNEAPOLIS" "SAN FRANCISCO" "PENSACOLA" and 11 destroyers is in the Suva - Noumea area.
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- (vi) Convoy ZK7 including 7 U.S. merchant ships ex Convoy BT.200 and H.M.S. "ATHENS" departed Port Phillip at 0610/7 escorted by U.S. Cruiser "HONOLULU" for Noumea.
- (vii) U.S. Destroyer "JARVIS" was ordered to be ready to depart Brisbane after 1200/3 to join "HONOLULU" at sea.
The remaining two merchant ships ex Convoy BT.200 at Brisbane will join convoy ZK7 later when the convoy is further north.
- (viii) "WESTRALIA" escorting 2 merchant ships ex Convoy BT.200 en route Melbourne from Brisbane E.T.A. Melbourne 0430/8.
- (ix) "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting "TRIENZA" en route Brisbane from Noumea E.T.A. Brisbane 1000 today 7/3.
- (x) "CANBERRA" & "KANIMBLA" at Sydney refitting.
- (xi) "MONOWAI" arrived Auckland at 0912/5/3.
- (xii) Dutch Flotilla Leader "TRONP" (damaged) at Sydney for repairs.
- (xiii) U.S. Aircraft Tender "FANGIER" arrived Noumea 1334/3 to relieve aircraft tender "CURTISS". "CURTISS" was then to proceed Suva to carry out previous orders, but the transfer of aircraft from "CURTISS" has been delayed by hurricane conditions.
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- (xv) U.S. Minesweeper "KINGFISHER" operating at Suva.

Enemy Forces

- (i) NEW BRITAIN AREA - Reconnaissance aircraft sighted 3 cruisers, 6 transports, 1 hospital ship and 4 Flying Boats in Rabaul Harbour at 1200/6; One transport at Lindenhaven (near Gasmata) at 1734/6; one cruiser proceeding towards Gasmata, and 7 medium sized transports at anchor off Gasmata.

B) AUSTRALIA STATION (not including ANZAC AREA)British and Allied Forces

- (i) "WARSPITE" en route from Sydney to Indian Ocean to join Eastern Fleet has been ordered to proceed St Vincent's Gulf to fuel E.T.A. today. Rear Admiral Pallisser R.N. his Secretary and possibly 2 Dutch officers will join at St. Vincent's Gulf for onward passage. "WARSPITE" is later to R.V. with Destroyers "FORTUNE" and "DECOY" in Indian Ocean on approx 18/3 thence proceed Trincomalee.
- (ii) "ADELAIDE" with U.S. Destroyers "BULMER" & "BARKER" escorting "MOUNT VERNON" (E.T.A.) departed Fremantle at 0800/6/3. "BARKER" & "BULMER" are to R.V. with U.S. Oiler "GOLDSTAR" S.E. of Albany at 1600/7 and escort her to Fremantle. "ADELAIDE" to escort "MOUNT VERNON" as far as Kangaroo Is. and herself to proceed Melbourne.
- (iii) "PHOENIX" at Fremantle to depart midday 8/3 to cover unescorted troopships in Indian Ocean.
- (iv) "CORNWALL" & "MANGORA" escorting Convoy SUI (14 merchant ships) are en route Fremantle from East Indies Station. E.T.A. Fremantle 15/3. Convoy is being covered by other units including battleship "ROYAL SOVEREIGN" for portion of journey.
- (v) "TOGWONBA" & "WOLLONGONG" arrived Exmouth Gulf at 1227/6/3 en route East Indies Station to Fremantle.
- (vi) "GOULBURN" & "BALLARAT" with evacuees ex Java including Consular

- Party departed Exmouth Gulf at 1630/8/3 en route Fremantle E.T.A. 8/3.
- (i) "MARYBOROUGH" & "BURNIE" (carrying S.O.China Force) en route Fremantle from Tjilatjap probable E.T.A. 8/3.
 - (viii) "BENDIGO" (with survivors H.M.S. "JUPITER") en route Tjilatjap to Fremantle approx E.T.A. 8/3.
 - (ix) Two U.S. Seaplane Tenders, one destroyer tender, one submarine tender, 9 destroyers, 6 submarines and one oiler have arrived Fremantle. One Seaplane Tender, one submarine tender, 10 submarines and one destroyer are believed en route Fremantle from Java Waters. (See Appendix)
 - (x) Included in above list is U.S. Destroyer "SHIPLEY" which carried survivors from U.S. Oiler "PECOS" & U.S. Seaplane Tender "LANOLEY".
 - (xi) "VENDETTA" at Fremantle is undergoing minor repairs necessary before towing can be continued. Repairs will probably be completed by 7/3.
 - (xii) Hospital ship "NAHUNDA" departed Fremantle 1840/5 E.T.A. Adelaide 0730/10.
 - (xiii) "ASCANIA" (A.M.C) en route Fremantle from Mauritius E.T.A. 0700/9/3.
 - (xiv) Hospital Ship "ORANJE" arrived Adelaide 1701/6.
 - (xv) "Warrego" en route Fremantle from Java ETA 1600/6. ✓

Enemy Forces

There is no definite evidence of more than one

- (i) Two enemy submarines ~~are~~ operating off S.W. Australian coast.
- (ii) Further information concerning the unidentified cruiser sighted by a U.S. aircraft north of Onslow at 1215/5 reveals that the course was south. The vessel was observed from a hgh height of 10,000 ft., she commenced zig-zagging violently on sighting the aircraft, was considered to have 3 funnels and was camouflaged and of a drab khaki colour.
- (iii) D/P bearings indicate that an unknown enemy unit was within approx 180 miles of the above position at 0700/4.
- (iv) There is no further information regarding the enemy aircraft carrier and destroyer sighted at 0523/4, 600 miles N.W. of Onslow W.A.

C) EAST INDIES - JAPAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Approximately ~~15 to~~ 20 submarines.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

D) INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "HOBART" "DANAE" "TEREDOS" & "SCOUT" were due to arrive Trincomalee 1300/5/3. "HOBART" & "DANAE" carrying evacuees including women.
- (ii) There is no further information concerning -
 - (a) "PERTH" - last reported Batavia 28/2; instructed to proceed Fremantle. "BURNIE" has been requested to inform A.C.N.B. latest information concerning "PERTH" when he considers he can break W/T silence.
 - (b) "HOUSTON" - last reported Batavia 28/2.
 - (c) "DRAGON" - last reported with "HOBART" Striking Force 27/2.
 - (d) "YANRA" - dive-bombed Sunda Strait 28/2 and later instructed to proceed Fremantle.
 - (e) ~~"WARREGO"~~ - last reported departing Darwin for Batavia via Sunda Strait 25/2, but probably diverted to Fremantle.
 - (f) "JUMNA" - dive-bombed Sunda Strait 28/2, later instructed to proceed Colombo.
 - (g) "KRETER" "ENCOUNTER" "~~SCOUT~~" - last reported Sourabaya 28/2 instructed to proceed Colombo via Sunda Strait.
 - (h) Minor war vessels "BRITISH JUDGE" "ANKING" "FRANCOL" dive-bombed Sunda Strait 28/2. "ANKING" and possibly other two later directed to proceed Fremantle.
 - (i) "STRONGHOLD" and "ASHEVILLE" - both claimed sunk off Tjilatjap by Tokyo Radio 2/3 and 3/3.
- (iii) Convoy MS5 (ex "PHOENIX") arrived Colombo 1320Z/4.

E) MID PACIFIC & EAST PACIFIC

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 17 believed to comprise U.S. aircraft carrier "YORKTOWN" 8 Cruisers "LOUISVILLE" & "ASTORIA" and 7 or 9 destroyers is operating in the area between Canton and Ellice Is.
- (ii) Task Force 11.6 (oiler "EGGSE" & Destroyer "DRAYTON") departed

Pearl Harbour 28/2 for Suva (E.T.A. 9/5) to join Task Force 11.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) "SYDNEY - Garden Island Port Radio and "KANIMBLA" reported intercepting at 1310/6 an RRRR signal from an unknown ship in an unspecified position, on an unspecified bearing. Garden Is. Port Radio intercept signals only up to 70 miles. Aircraft from Richmond conducted a search with negative results.
- (11) NOUMEA - Naval supply ship "MERKUR" (6,000 tons) which went aground off Port Noumea during a cyclone 2300Z/4 was refloated at 1201Z/6.
- (111) PORT HEDLAND - A report of large volumes of smoke being sighted off an island approx 50 miles south of Port Hedland at 2000/4 may have some connection with the report of an enemy cruiser off the same area 5/3.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of bases in the South Flores including Timor.
- (ii) Increased submarine and ~~pusaka~~ surface raider activity in Bay of Bengal, Indian Ocean and S.W. Pacific areas with a view to cutting Colombo, Fremantle ~~and~~ S.E. Australian reinforcements.
- (iii) Continued air attacks on the Darwin area from both shore-based and ship-borne aircraft possibly as a prelude to a direct attack.
- (iv) Southward move from Truk-Rabaul area to cut Torres Strait reinforcement route including probable attack against Port Moresby and raids against N.E. Australian bases including Townsville and possible attacks on New Caledonia.
- (v) Raids on key islands in Mid Pacific including Canton, Midway and Hawaii.

(iii) Carrier borne air attack on Fremantle.

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

7/3/42

(A) ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces

A/C Carrier	LEXINGTON
A/C Tenders	CURTISS
	TANGIER
8-8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA
	MINNEAPOLIS
	INDIANAPOLIS
	CHICAGO
	SAN FRANCISCO
	PENSACOLA
	NEW ORLEANS
3-8" Cruisers	CANTERA (refitting)
	LEANDER
	ACHILLES
	HONOLULU
3 Flotilla Leaders	LE TRIOMPHANT
	TROMP (Damaged)
	STUART (Refitting)
3 A.H.C.'s	HONOWAI
	WESTRALIA
	KANIMBLA (refitting)
Destroyers	VOYAGER
	15 U.S.

Enemy Forces

Misnorek Archipelago Area

1 Seaplane Carrier (*Kamoi*)
 1 Aircraft Carrier (*Hoko*)
 6 Unidentified Naval Air Units, some of which
 are probably converted Seaplane tenders
 At least 3-8" Cruisers
 5-5.5" Cruisers
 8 Destroyers
 Approx. 20 Merchant ships including several
 Army transports
 1 Sub. Depot Ship
 1 Squadron Submarines
 C. in C. Mandates Fleet (4th)
 C. in C. Mandates Air Force
 1 Gunboat Division
approx At least 70 shorebased Aircraft including
 fighters and heavy bombers, and possibly
 torpedo bombers

Mandated Islands

Truk Area

2 converted carriers (*Utsu Maru Higashimaru*)
 * possibly 2 Aircraft Carriers (*Zuihou Shohoku*)
 Several 5.5" Cruisers
 Some units 4th Fleet
 Approx. 12 Destroyers
 At least 19 Chartered Merchant Ships
 Special landing party force (Marines)
 3 or 4 Air Squadrons

*There may be
 proceeding New Britain
 area.*

Jakut Area

At least 2 submarine squadrons from 6th fleet
 2 Naval Units - Air (shorebased) comprising
 fighters, torpedo-bombers and reconnaissance
 aircraft

Jaluit Area (Contd.)

- 1 Seaplane Carrier
- 6 Naval Air Units (some probably seaplane tenders)
- 3 Unidentified warships
- Air Tenders and Minesweepers
- At least 34 Chartered merchant ships including one 17,000 ton ex passenger liner

(B) AUSTRALIA STATION (excluding ANZAC AREA)
British and Allied Forces

- | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Battleship | WARSPITE |
| 2-5" Cruisers | ADELAIDE
PHOENIX |
| Destroyers | 10 8 (excluding "VENDETTA" (damaged)) |
| Submarine Tenders | 2 |
| Seaplane Tenders | 3 |
| Submarines | 9 |

In addition, 8 other U.S. submarines are expected to arrive in Fremantle shortly.

The following U.S. Naval Units are at present in Fremantle -

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|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Cruiser | "PHOENIX" | |
| Seaplane Tenders | "W.B. PRESTON" | |
| Destroyers (7) | BERON | |
| | BARKER | |
| | BULMER | |
| | J.D. FORD | |
| | PAUL JONES | |
| | J.C. EDWARDS | |
| | WHIPPLE | |
| ALDEN | | |
| Destroyer Tender | BLACK HAWK | |
| Submarines (5) | SARGO | |
| | SEADRAGON | |
| | TARPON | |
| | SNAPPER | |
| | STURGEON | |
| | SCULPIN | |
| | SEAWOLF | |
| | S.41 | |
| | Submarine Tender | HOLLAND |
| | Oiler | GEORGE G. HENRY. |

Some of these units have been damaged. Full details are not yet available, but the damage is not considered to be serious.

The following U.S. Naval Units are expected at Fremantle shortly: ~~from~~ ^{en route} and expected shortly.

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|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Seaplane Tender | CHILDS |
| Submarine Tender | OTUS (with destroyer) |
| Submarines | SKIPJACK |
| | SHORFISH |
| | SEARAVEN |
| | S.37 S 40 |
| | S.38 S 41 |
| | S.39 |
| Destroyer | EDGEMO |
| Oiler | GOLDSTAR |

Enemy Forces

- One Aircraft Carrier
- Possibly two heavy Units (battle-cruisers or Heavy Cruisers)
- At least 8 submarines
- 1 destroyer

(C) EAST INDIES WATERS
British and Allied Forces

Approx. ¹⁷ submarines.

*incl 9 US
8 Dutch*

U.S.
*Seawolf
Perch
Porpoise
Tide*
Dickens
*Salmon
Seal
Sawry
Sculfish.*

Enemy Forces - East Indies Waters

- 4 Battleships
- 5 Aircraft Carriers
- 10-11 8" Cruisers
- 8 5.5" Cruisers
- approx. 45 Destroyers
- several Seaplane Carriers
- approx. 150 Transports
- C. IN C. 2nd Fleet
- C. IN C. 3rd Fleet
- C. IN C. Strm. Exped. Fleet

Palau - Saipan - Bonins Area

Units of the Combined Fleet including probably
5 Battleships
2 Aircraft Carriers (possibly 4)

Java, Darwin, Bay of Bengal, Indian Ocean Area.

Probably 4 Squadrons (36) submarines

(D) INDIAN OCEAN
British and Allied Forces

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	YORKTOWN	Canton area.

Enemy Forces

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6/3/42

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- (viii) "MONOWAI" en route Auckland to Napier E.T.A. 0400 today 8/3.
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Enemy Forces - New Guinea area

- (i) Air reconnaissance reported 6 enemy transports dispersed along the coast between ARAWE and GASMATA at 1015/7. An enemy convoy consisting of 1 cruiser, 4 destroyers, 6 transports, was sighted 56 miles N.E. of BUNA, NEW GUINEA, at 1515/7 course 219° speed slow.
- (ii) There are indications that Carrier Division 5 (ZUIKAKU and SHOKAKU) departed Japan 3/3 and may be proceeding Truk-New Britain area to support operations from this area.

B. AUSTRALIA STATION (not including ANZAC AREA)

British and Allied Forces

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E.T.A. Fremantle 15/3. ~~Convoy to be escorted by other units including battleship XXXXX for period of journey.~~

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B) AUSTRALIA STATION (not including ANZAC AREA) (Contd.)

British and Allied Forces (Contd.)

- (v) "TOOWOOMBA" and "WOLLONGONG" arrived Exmouth Gulf at 6/3 en route East Indies Station to Fremantle.
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- (xv) U.S. "ASHEVILLE" at Fremantle.

Enemy Forces

- (i) There is no definite evidence of more than one enemy submarine operating off S.W. Australian coast.
- (ii) There is no further information concerning :-
 - (a) The unidentified cruiser north of Onslow on 5/3.
 - (b) The unknown enemy unit N.E. of Northwest Cape on 4/3.
 - (c) Enemy aircraft carrier and destroyer 600 miles N.W. of Onslow on 4/3.

C) EAST INDIES - JAPAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Approximately 17 submarines.

Enemy Forces - See Appendix.

D) INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

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- (ii) H.M.A.S. "PERTH" and U.S. "HOUSTON" left Batavia about 1230Z/28/2 for Tjilatjap. At 1532Z/28/2 "PERTH" reported sighting an unidentified known destroyer near Sunda Strait. Later "PERTH" amended this report to one cruiser. At about 0230Z/1/3 "PERTH" and "HOUSTON" were ordered by W/T from Bandoeng to avoid Tjilatjap and pass position 15°S 113° E en route Fremantle. No further information regarding "PERTH" and "HOUSTON" has been received. An unknown cruiser 6000-8000 tons was sighted by U.S. aircraft at 0115Z/5/3 in a position 17° 35' S 114° 10', 300 miles N. of North West Cape, which may have been either "HOUSTON" or "PERTH" at reduced speed.
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 - (b) "DRAGON" last reported with "HOBART" Striking Force 27/2
 - (c) "YAKRA" dive-bombed Sunda Strait 28/2 and later instructed to proceed Fremantle.
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D) INDIAN OCEAN (CONTD.)

British and Allied Forces (Contd.)

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2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) Enemy convoy approaching Buna (N.W. New Guinea) - see Anzac area - Enemy Forces.
- (ii) U.S. Naval Intelligence states that C. in C. Japanese Fifth Fleet has reported that the Japanese base at Marcus Is. (N.W. of WAKE) was attacked at daylight 4/3 by a U.S. aircraft carrier, and two other vessels, and that these ships escaped. It is admitted that portion of the shore installations were put out of use. Tokyo claims that 7 out of 30 U.S. planes were shot down.
- (iii) "SHE KO MARU" was reported attacked by a submarine about 210 miles S.S.W. of Truk at 2210/4. There ~~xxxx~~ are two merchant vessels of this name, one of 600 tons and one of 5,500 tons.
- (iv) A radio intercept received by Aeradio, Cairns, states that a Japanese landing took place at Salamaua at 0722/6.

3
probably
Enemy must move

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

8/3/42

(A) ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces

A/C Carrier	LEXINGTON)
A/C Tenders	CURTISS)
	TANGIER)
8 - 8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA)
	MINNEAPOLIS)
	INDIANAPOLIS)
	CHICAGO)
	SAN FRANCISCO)
	PENSACOLA)
	NEW ORLEANS)
3 - 6" Cruisers	CANBERRA (refitting))
	LEANDER)
	ACHILLES)
	HONOLULU)
3 Flotilla Leaders	LE TRIOMPHANT)
	TROMP (Damaged))
	STUART (Refitting))
3 A.M.C.'s	MONOWAI)
	WESTRALIA)
	KANIMELA)
Destroyers	15 U.S.)
	VOYAGER (refitting))

Enemy Forces

Bismarck Archipelago Area

1 Seaplane Carrier (KAMOI))
1 Aircraft Carrier (HOSHO))
6 Unidentified Naval Air Units, some of which are probably converted Seaplane tenders)
At least 3 - 8" Cruisers)
5 - 5.5" Cruisers)
8 Destroyers)
Approx. 20 Merchant ships including several Army transports)
1 Sub. Depot Ship)
1 Squadron Submarines)
C. in C. Mandates Fleet (4th))
C. in C. Mandates Air Force)
1 Gunboat Division)
Approx. 70 shorebased Aircraft including fighters and heavy bombers, and possibly torpedo bombers)

Mandated Islands

Truk Area

2 Converted Carriers (NITTA MARU, FUJIKAWA MARU))
Possibly 2 Aircraft Carriers ZUIKAKU)
SHOKAKU)
Several 5.5" Cruisers)
Some units 4th Fleet)
Approx. 12 Destroyers)
At least 19 Chartered Merchant Ships)
Special landing party force (Marines))
3 or 4 Air Squadrons)

These may be proceeding New Britain Area

Jaluit Area

At least 2 submarine squadrons from 6th Fleet)
2 Naval units - Air (shorebased) comprising fighters, torpedo-bombers and reconnaissance aircraft)
1 Seaplane Carrier)
6 Naval Air Units (some probably seaplane tenders))

Jaluit Area (Cont)

- 6 Unidentified warships)
- Air Tenders and Minesweepers)
- At least 34 Chartered merchant ships includ-)
- ing one 17,000 ton ex passenger liner)

(B) AUSTRALIA STATION (excluding ANZAC AREA)

British and Allied Forces

- | | |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Battleship | WARSPITE |
| 2 - 6" Cruisers | ADELAIDE |
| | PHOENIX |
| Destroyers -10 | BARKER |
| | BULMER |
| | BALCH |
| | J.D.FORD |
| | PAUL JONES |
| | J.C.EDWARDS |
| | WHIPPLE |
| | ALDEN |
| | EDSALL |
| Seaplane Tenders - 2 | VENDETTA (Damaged) |
| | W.B.PRESTON |
| Destroyer Tender | HERON |
| Submarines - 6 | BLACK HAWK |
| | SARGO |
| | SEADRAGON |
| | TARPON |
| | SNAPPER |
| | STURGEON |
| Submarine Tender | SCULPIN |
| Oiler | HOLLAND |
| | GEORGE G. HENRY |

Some of these units have been damaged but full details are not yet available.

The following U.S.Naval units are en route Fremantle and expected shortly :-

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| Seaplane Tender | CHILDS |
| Submarine Tender | OTUS |
| Submarines | SKIPJACK |
| | SWORDFISH |
| | SEARAVEN |
| | STINGRAY |
| | SPEARFISH |
| | S.37 |
| | S.38 |
| | S.39 |
| | S.40 |
| | S.41 |
| Oiler | GOLDSTAR |

Enemy Forces

- One Aircraft Carrier
- Possibly two heavy Units (battle-cruisers or Heavy Cruisers)
- 1 Cruiser
- At least 1 submarine
- 1 Destroyer

(C) EAST INDIES WATERS

British and Allied Forces

Approx. 17 submarines including 9 U.S. and 8 Dutch

- U.S.
- SEAWOLF
- PERCH
- PORPOISE
- PIKE
- PICKEREL
- SALMON
- SEAL
- SAURY
- SAILFISH

Enemy Forces - East Indies Waters

- 4 Battleships
- 5 Aircraft Carriers
- 10 8" Cruisers
- 8 5.5" Cruisers
- Approx. 45 Destroyers
- Several Seaplane Carriers
- approx. 150 Transports
- C. IN C. 2nd Fleet
- C. IN C. 3rd Fleet
- C. IN C. Sthrn. Exped. Fleet

Palau - Saipan - Bonins Area

- Units of the Combined Fleet including probably
- 5 Battleships
- 2 Aircraft Carriers (possibly 4)

Java, Darwin, Bay of Bengal, Indian Ocean Area

Probably 4 Squadrons (36) submarines

(D) INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

Battle ships	REVENGE	At Durban
	RAMILLES	At Colombo
	ROYAL SOVEREIGN	
Aircraft Carriers	HERMES)	
	INDOMITABLE)	At Trincomalee
8" Cruisers	DERBYSHIRE	At Durban
	GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Grk)	At Bombay
	CORNWALL	en route FREMANTLE
	DORSETSHIRE	At Colombo
	EXETER (damaged)	prob. en route Ceylon
	HOUSTON	Last reported Batavia 28/2
6" Cruisers	MAURITIUS	At Durban
	EURYALUS)	
	CERES)	At Mombasa
	COLOMBO	At Aden
	CAPETOWN	At Bombay
	DURBAN)	
	GLASGOW)	At Colombo
	CALEDON	At Addu Atoll
	EMERALD	At Calcutta
	ENTERPRISE	en route Colombo
	HOBART)	
	DANAE)	due Trincomalee 5/3
	PERTH	Last reported BATAVIA 28/2
	DRAGON	Probably en route Colombo
		last reported with Hobart
		striking force
		repairing at Bombay
	BOISE	
	MARBLEHEAD)	
	SUMATRA)	repairing at Trincomalee

Armed Merchant Cruisers

CARTHAGE	At Colombo
HECTOR	At Colombo
GLENHEARN	At Colombo
CHITRAL	Aden to Colombo
CORFU	Addu Atoll
RANCHI	Maldiva Is. area
MANOORA	en route Fremantle
ASCANIA	do.

31 destroyers (including approx. 10 ex N.E.I. waters whose present position unknown)

(E) MID-PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC
British and Allied Forces

4 effective battleships (plus 3 which should now be ready)	)	1 in Canton-Ellice Is. area, 1 in Pearl Harbour, 2 Canton-Ellice Is. area, 3 Cen. Pac.
2 effective A/C Carriers	)	4 W.Coast - 3 Sec.Is. to Panama, 1 Canton-Ellice Is. area.
6 - 8" Cruisers (all modern))	
8 - 6" Cruisers (2 modern, 6 old))	

approx. 50 Destroyers
22 Submarines

Battleships	MISSISSIPPI (12-14")	San Francisco
	NEW MEXICO (12-14")	West Coast
	IDAHO (12-14")	"
	COLORADO (8-16")	"
	MARYLAND (8-16")	" shd. now be ready
	TENNESSEE (12-14")	" do.
	PENNSYLVANIA (12-14")	" do.

Aircraft Carriers	ENTERPRISE	At sea - Mid-Pacific
	YORKTOWN	Canton area.

Enemy Forces

4 Submarines between Midway Is. and Vancouver
4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY

9/3/42

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Units of Anzac Squadron "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "CHICAGO" "PERKINS" and "LAMSON" are operating in the Suva - Noumea area.
- (ii) Task Force 11 including aircraft carrier "LEXINGTON" 8" Cruisers "INDIANAPOLIS" "MINNEAPOLIS" "SAN FRANCISCO" "PENSACOLA" and 11 destroyers is operating in the Suva - Noumea area.
- (iii) "LEANDER" & "ACHILLES" escorting Convoy 2034 (3 large transports) arrived Brisbane early this morning.
- (iv) "HONOLULU" escorting Convoy ZK7 (5 U.S. merchant ships ex Convoy BT.200 and H.M.S. "ATHENE") departed Port Phillip 7/3 for Noumea. U.S. Destroyer "JARVIS" was ordered to be ready to depart with ~~the~~ Brisbane after 1200/3 to join "HONOLULU" at sea. Task Group 12.2 (U.S. 8" Cruiser "NEW ORLEANS" & Destroyer "MUGFORD") to escort 2 ships ex Convoy ~~2035~~ to R.V. in a position 178 miles E.S.E. of Cape Moreton with "HONOLULU" and convoy at 0800/10. After arrival, Noumea Task Group 12.2 to proceed Society Islands.
- (v) "WESTRALIA" escorting 2 merchant ships ex Convoy BT.200 arrived Melbourne from Brisbane 0700/8. "WESTRALIA" to escort "JOHN ERICKSON" to Noumea when latter repaired.
- (vi) "LE TRIOMPHANT" arrived Brisbane 2315/7/3.
- (vii) "CANBERRA" at Sydney refitting.
- (viii) Dutch Flotilla Leader "TROMP" at Sydney for repairs.
- (ix) "KANIMBLA" at Sydney completing refit.
- (x) U.S. Aircraft Tender "FANSIER" at Noumea.
- (xi) U.S. aircraft tender "CURTISS" with destroyer "WORDEN" in company departed Noumea 2126/7 for Suva to carry out previous orders. E.T.A. Suva 9/3.
- (xii) U.S. Oiler "PLATTE" escorted by U.S. Destroyer "ALWYN" should have arrived Samoa. "ALWYN" was then to return Suva.
- (xiii) U.S. Minelayer "KINGFISHER" operating at Suva.
- (xiv) "MILDURA" on passage from Sydney and "GKELONG" at Brisbane after R.V. will proceed 10/3 to Noumea for minesweeping duties ahead of convoy ZK7.

Enemy Forces

- (1) NEW GUINEA AREA - Details of Japanese landings in the Salamaua - Lae area have been reported by air reconnaissance as follows -
 - (a) 0600/8 - 50 long boats landing Salamaua from cruiser;
 - (b) 0900/8 - 11 ships Lae Harbour;
 - (c) 0625/8 - 4 cruisers, 4 transports anchored off Salamaua;
 - (d) 1020/8 - Lae and Salamaua reported to be in enemy hands;
 - (e) 1225/8 - 4 cruisers, 2 large transports, 2 small transports 50 miles S.E. Gasmata, course 60.

B) AUSTRALIA STATION (not including ANZAC AREA)

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "WARSPITE" en route Sydney to Indian Ocean was to fuel St. Vincent's Gulf 7/3 from oiler ~~WAR~~ "BRITISH CHEMIST". "WARSPITE" then to proceed to R.V. with destroyers "FORTUNE" & "DECOY" in Indian Ocean approx 18/3 thence proceed Trincomalee.
- (ii) "ADELAIDE" with U.S. destroyers "BULMER" & "BARKER" escorting "MOUNT VERNON" (U.S.A.S.) departed Fremantle 6/3. "BARKER" & "BULMER" were to R.V. with U.S. oiler "GOLDSTAR" S.E. of Albany at 1600/7 and escort her to Fremantle. "ADELAIDE" to escort "MOUNT VERNON" (due ~~Adelaide~~ Adelaide 9/3) as far as Kangaroo Island and herself to proceed Melbourne.
- (iii) "PHOENIX" departed Fremantle 1000/8/3 for escort duty in Indian Ocean.
- (iv) "CORNWALL" & "WANGORA" escorting Convoy SUI (14 merchant ships) are en route Fremantle from East Indies Station. E.T.A. Fremantle 15/3.
- (v) "TOOWOONEA" & "WOLLONGONG" en route Exmouth Gulf to Fremantle anchored Shark Bay at 2020/7.
- (vi) "GOULBURN" and "BALLARAT" with evacuees ex Java including Consular Party departed Exmouth Gulf 6/3 en route Fremantle E.T.A. yesterday 8/3.
- (vii) "MARYBOROUGH" en route Fremantle from Tjilatjap E.T.A. 1000/10/3.

- (vii) "BENDIGO" (with survivors H.M.S. "JUPITER") and "BURNIE" carrying S.O. China Force arrived Fremantle from Tjilatjap yesterday 8/3.
- (ix) "ASCANIA" (A.M.C) en route Fremantle from Mauritius E.T.A. 0700 this morning.
- (x) "VENDETTA" at Fremantle undergoing minor repairs before towing is continued.
- (xi) Two U.S. Seaplane Tenders, one destroyer tender, one gunboat, one submarine tender, 10 destroyers, 6 submarines and one oiler have arrived Fremantle.
One seaplane tender, one submarine tender, 10 submarines are believed en route Fremantle from Java waters.
- (xii) U.S. Destroyer "PARROTT" arrived Fremantle 1355/7.
- (xiii) U.S. Seaplane Tender "CHILDS" at Geraldton.
- (xiv) "WARREGG" at Fremantle.
- (xv) Hospital ship "MANUNDA" departed Fremantle 5/3 E.T.A. Adelaide 0730/10
- (xvi) Hospital ship "GRANJE" departed Melbourne 1345/8 E.T.A. Sydney 2000/9.

Enemy Forces

- (i) At least one enemy submarine operating off S.W. Australian Coast.
- (ii) There is no further information concerning -
(a) Unidentified cruiser north of Onslow 5/3;
(b) Enemy aircraft carrier and destroyer 600 miles N.W. of Onslow 4/3.
(c) Two unidentified heavy units reported south of Java 1/3.
- (iii) Hudson pilot reports sighting unidentified destroyer approx 320 miles NNW of Onslow at 0700/8/3. (Time of sighting is uncertain).

C) EAST INDIES - JAPAN AREA
British and Allied Forces
Approx 17 submarines

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

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2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) Lae and Salamaua were both shelled from seaward prior to enemy landing 8/3.

- (ii) One Hudson dropped four 250-lb and four 100-lb bombs on an 8,000 ton transport at Salamaua at 1425/8. Hits were scored on the forecastle by A/S bombs.
- (iii) RANGOON - H.M.I.S. "H INDUSTAN" on patrol mouth of Rangoon River contacted 8 hostile river craft moving west from mouth of Salween River. Captured one, remainder lost in shallows and landed their contents at Dedave (35 miles S.W. Rangoon).
- (iv) COLOMBO - Admiral Helfrich with Staff arrived Colombo by air 3/3. He plans to base the ~~xxxx~~ remnant ships of Netherlands Naval Force at Ceylon.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Increased submarine and surface raider activity in Bay of Bengal, Indian Ocean and S.W. Pacific area with a view to cutting Colombo Fremantle - S.E. Australian reinforcements.
- (ii) Continued air attacks on Darwin area from both shore-based and ship-borne aircraft possibly as a prelude to a direct attack.
- (iii) Carrier-borne air attack on Fremantle.
- (iv) Establishment air base Lae- Salamaua for fighter aircraft prior to direct attack against Port Moresby.
- (v) Possible attack on New Caledonia simultaneously with move against Port Moresby.
- (vi) Carrier-borne air raids against N.E. Australian air bases including Townsville.
- (vii) Raids on key islands in Mid Pacific including Canton, Midway and Hawaii.

APPENDIX

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

9:3:42

A. ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces

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Seaplane Tenders - 2	W.B.PRESTON HERON
Destroyer Tender	BLACK HAWK
Submarines - 6	SARGO SEADRAGON TARPOH SNAPPER STURGEON SCULPIE
Submarine Tender	HOLLAND
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22 Submarines.

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	NEW MEXICO (12-14")	West Coast
	IDAHO (12-14")	"
	COLORADO (8-16")	"
	MARYLAND (8-16")	" Should now be ready
	TENNESSEE (12-14")	" "
	PENNSYLVANIA (12-14")	" "

Aircraft Carriers ENTERPRISE
YORKTOWN

At sea - Mid-Pacific
Canton area.

Enemy Forces

4 Submarines between Midway Is. and Vancouver
4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters.

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY
10/3/42

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Units of Anzac Squadron "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "CHICAGO" & "PERKINS" are operating in the Suva-Noumea area.
- (ii) Task Force 11 including aircraft carrier "LEXINGTON" 8" Cruisers "INDIANAPOLIS" "MINNEAPOLIS" "SAN FRANCISCO" "PENSACOLA" and 11 destroyers is operating in the Suva-Noumea area.
- (iii) "LEANDER" and "ACHILLES" escorting Convoy 2034 (3 large transports) arrived Brisbane 1140/9/3.
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Task Group 12.2 (U.S. 8" Cruiser "NEW ORLEANS" and destroyer "MUGFORD") departed Brisbane 0930/9 to escort 2 ships ex convoy 2033 to R.V. in a position 178 miles E.S.E. of Cape Moreton with "HONOLULU" and convoy at 0800/10. After arrival Noumea Task Group 12.2 to proceed Society Islands.
- (v) "WESTRALIA" escorting "JOHN ERICKSON" to Noumea departed Melbourne 1531/9.
- (vi) "LE TRIOMPHANT" arrived Brisbane 2315/7/3.
- (vii) "CANBERRA" at Sydney refitting.
- (viii) Dutch Flotilla Leader "TROMP" at Sydney for repairs.
- (ix) "KANIMBLA" at Sydney.
- (x) U.S. Aircraft Tender "TANGIER" at Noumea.
- (xi) U.S. aircraft tender "CURTISS" with destroyer "WORDEN" in company departed Noumea 2126/7 for Suva to carry out previous orders. E.T.A. Suva 9/3.
- (xii) U.S. Oiler "PLATTE" escorted by U.S. destroyer "ALWYN" should have arrived Samoa. "ALWYN" was then to return Suva.
- (xiii) U.S. Minelayer "KINGFISHER" operating at Suva.
- (xiv) "MILDURA" which departed Sydney 1844/8 and "GEEBONG", which departed Brisbane 2250/8 will R.V. 10/3 and proceed to Noumea for mine-sweeping duties ahead of convoy ZK7. E.T.A. Bulari Passage 0800/12/3.
- (xv) U.S. Destroyer "LAMSON" and U.S. Oiler "KASKASKIA" arrived Wellington 1648/8.
- (xvi) "MONOWAI" departed Auckland for Napier 6/3 (E.T.A. 2730/7/3) and will return to Auckland (E.T.A. 15/3) for boiler and other repairs and to exchange guns.
- (xvii) "BUNGAREE" on passage Auckland from Melbourne E.T.A. 13/3.

ENEMY FORCES

- (i) RABAUL AREA - Air reconnaissance 9/3 disclosed 1 cruiser, 1 tanker and 6 transports in Rabaul Harbour, 1 transport moving out of the harbour near Matupi Island.
No shipping was seen at or near Gasmata.
- (ii) NEW GUINEA AREA
 - (a) There is no further information as to the enemy ships sighted on 8/3 at Salamaua and Lae.
 - (b) One destroyer was sighted proceeding southeasterly off the coast at Salamaua at 0800/9. One ship was seen stationed off Hanisch Hbr. (35 miles N.E. of Salamaua) at 0900/9.
- (iii) BRISBANE AREA - A U.S. merchant ship reported having sighted submarine (coloured brown) approx 183 miles S.E. of Brisbane at 1110/6. The submarine appeared to have two periscopes in front of the conning tower and quickly submerged. The report is graded B.2.

B) AUSTRALIA STATION (not including ANZAC AREA)

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "WARSPITE" en route Sydney to Indian Ocean departed St. Vincent's Gulf 0930/8/3 - proceed to R.V. with destroyers "FORTUNE" & "DECOY" in Indian Ocean approx 18/3 and thence proceed to Trincomalee.
- (ii) "ADELAIDE" escorting "MOUNT VERNON" (U.S.A.T) en route Fremantle to Melbourne. "MOUNT VERNON" was escorted as far as Kangaroo Is. and then proceeded Adelaide, where she arrived 0515/10. "ADELAIDE" E.T.A. Melbourne p.m. 10/3 or a.m. 11/3.

- (i) U.S. Destroyers "SULMER" & "BARKER" were to R.V. with U.S. auxiliary "GOLDSTAR" south of Albany at 1600/7 and escort her back to Fremantle.
- (iv) "PHOENIX" departed Fremantle 1000/8/3 to cover movements of troop-ships in Indian Ocean.
- (v) "CORNWALL" & "MANOCORA" escorting Convoy SUI (14 merchant ships) are en route Fremantle from East Indies Station E.T.A. Fremantle 15/3.
- (vi) The following A.M.S.'s have arrived Fremantle from Tjilatjap -
 "BENDIGO" (with survivors H.M.S. "JUPITER")
 "BURNIE" (carrying S.O. China Force)
 "GOULBURN"
 "BALLARAT" (with evacuees including Consular Party)
- (vii) "TOOWOOMBA" & "WOLLONGONG" en route Exmouth Gulf to Fremantle anchored off Carnarvon at 2020/7.
- (viii) "MARYBOROUGH" en route Fremantle direct from Tjilatjap E.T.A. 1000/10/3.
- (ix) "ASCANIA" (A.M.C) arrived Fremantle from Mauritius at 1800/8/3. Later to proceed N.Z. Station.
- (x) "VENDETTA" at Fremantle undergoing minor repairs before towing is continued.
- (xi) "WARREGO" at Fremantle with orders to proceed Sydney.
- (xii) "General Verstyck" partially manned by British and Australian personnel and carrying evacuees and survivors of H.M.S. "ELECTRA" is en route Fremantle from Tjilatjap E.T.A. 1700/10. Surplus Australian naval personnel are to be transferred to "ASCANIA" At Fremantle for passage.
- (xiii) U.S. seaplane tender "CHILDS" at Geraldton.
- (ix) U.S. submarine "SCANNAPPER" departed Fremantle 2000/6 for patrol.
- (x) U.S. aircraft tender "W.B. PRESTON" is to proceed from Fremantle to Melbourne for dry dock repairs E.T.D. a.m. 10/3. E.T.A. 16/3.
- (xi) Two U.S. seaplane tenders, one destroyer tender, one gunboat, one submarine tender, 10 destroyers, 7 submarines and one cargo auxiliary have arrived Fremantle. One seaplane tender, one submarine tender, 9 submarines are believed en route Fremantle from Java waters.
- (xii) Hospital ship "MANUEDA" departed Fremantle 5/3 E.T.A Adelaide 0730/10.
- (xiii) The following units are overdue Fremantle from Java Waters -
 - Cruisers "PERSE"
 - "HOUSTON"
 - Destroyers "STRONGHOLD"
 - "POPE"
 - "PILLSBURY"
 - Escort Vessel "YARRA"
 - Gunboat "TOLSA"
 - Auxiliaries "MEDUSA"
 - "CIRCE"
 - "FRANCOL"
 - "ANKING"
 - "SCOTT HARLEY"
 - "WOKWANG"
 - "LARK"
 - "WHIPPOORWILL"

Enemy Forces

- (1) At least one enemy submarine operating off S.W. Australian coast.
- (ii) There is no further information concerning -
 - (a) unidentified cruiser north of Onslow 5/3;
 - (b) enemy aircraft carrier and destroyer 600 miles N.W. of Onslow 4/3
 - (c) 2 unidentified heavy units reported south of Java 1/3;
 - (d) unidentified destroyer reported 320 NNW of Onslow on about 6/3 (time uncertain) - pilot to be interviewed on arrival today.

C) EAST INDIES - JAPAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Approx 10 submarines some of which may now be en route Fremantle or Colombo.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

D) INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "DANAE" "DRAGON" "TENEDOS" & "SCOUT" are at Colombo.
- (ii) "HOBART" departed Colombo for Fremantle 6/3 with H.M.S. "SHOREHAM" escorting SU2.
- (iii) The following units are overdue Ceylon from Java waters -
 - Cruiser "EXETER"
 - Destroyers "ENCOUNTER"
 - "JUNOA"
- (iv) N.E.I. submarines have been ordered to proceed Colombo.
- (v) All British and Dutch shipping was sailed from Tjilatjap on 1/3 and 2/3.

E) MID PACIFIC & EAST PACIFIC

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 17 believed to comprise U.S. aircraft carrier "YORKTOWN" 8" Cruisers "LOUISVILLE" & "ASTORIA" and 7 or 9 destroyers is operating in the area between Canton and Ellice Islands.
- (ii) Task Force 11.6 (Oiler "NEOSHO" and Destroyer "DRAYTON") departed Pearl Harbour 28/2 for Sava E.T.A. 9/3. To join Task Force 11.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) PORT KEMBLA - Auxiliary schooner "GERRARD" reports sighting the wake of a torpedo which appeared to pass in front of the ship's bows in a position half a mile west of Tom Thumb's Island (2 miles N.E. Port Kembla) at 2150/9.
- (ii) JAVA - "GEMAS" (cargo 297 tons) and "RAHMAN" (546 tons Brit. cargo) both unseaworthy, were scuttled at Tjilatjap and Priok respectively on 2/3. "CITY OF MANCHESTER" (British cargo ship 8,900 tons), "PROMINENT" (British cargo ship, 2,200 tons), "TOMOHON" (Dutch, 983 tons) were sunk by surface ships south of Tjilatjap prior to 2/3.
- (iii) INDIAN OCEAN - Dutch Freighter "SIANTAR" (8,700 tons) was shelled and then sunk by torpedo at 0030/4/3 in a position about 390 miles N.W. of Carnarvon (W.A.). The crew were machine gunned and survivors later rescued by Dutch vessel "VAN SPILSBERGEN". Enquiries are being made as to the type of enemy ship responsible.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Increased submarine and surface raider activity in Bay of Bengal, Indian Ocean and S.W. Pacific area with a view to cutting Colombo, Fremantle - S.E. Australian reinforcements.
- (ii) Continued air attacks on Darwin area from both shore-based and ship-borne aircraft possibly as a prelude to a direct attack.
- (iii) Carrier-borne air attack on Fremantle.
- (iv) Attack on Port Moresby from Lae - Salamaua area.
- (v) Possible attack on New Caledonia simultaneously with move against Port Moresby.
- (vi) Carrier-borne air raids against N.E. Australian air bases including Townsville.
- (vii) Raids on key islands in Mid Pacific including Canton, Midway and Hawaii.

A P P E N D I X.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

9:3:42.

A. ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces

A/e Carrier	LEXINGTON
<i>Seaplane tender.</i>	CURTISS
	TANGIER
8-8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA
	MINNEAPOLIS
	INDIANAPOLIS
	CHICAGO
	SAN FRANCISCO
	PENSACOLA
	NEW ORLEANS
	CANBERRA (refitting)
3-6" Cruisers	LEANDER
	ACHILLES
	HONOLULU
3 Flotilla Leaders	LE TRIOMPHANT
	TROMP (Damaged)
	STUART (Refitting)
3 A.M.C.'s	MONOWAI
	WESTRALIA
	KANIMBLA
Destroyers	15 U.S.
	VOYAGER (refitting)

Enemy Forces

Bismarck Archipelago Area

1 Seaplane Carrier (KAMOI)
 1 Aircraft Carrier (HOSHO)
 6 Unidentified Naval Air Units, some of which
 are probably converted Seaplane tenders
 At least 3-8" Cruisers
 5 - 5.5" Cruisers
 8 Destroyers
 Approx. 20 Merchant Ships including several
 army transports
 1 Sub. Depot ship
 1 Squadron Submarines
 C. in C. Mandates Fleet (4th)
 C. in C. Mandates Air Force
 1 Gunboat Division
 Approx. 70 shorebased Aircraft including
 possibly torpedo bombers
 C.O. 17th Air Squadron

Mandated Islands.

Truk Area.

2 Converted Carriers (NITTA MARU, FUJIKAWA
 MARU)

Several 5.5" Cruisers
 Some units 4th Fleet
 Approx. 12 Destroyers
 At least 19 Chartered Merchant Ships
 Special landing party force (Marines)
 3 or 4 Air Squadrons

) These may be proceeding
) New Britain area

Jaluit Area

At least 2 submarine squadrons from 6th Fleet)
 2 Naval units - Air (shorebased) comprising)
 fighters, torpedo-bombers and reconnaiss-)
 ance aircraft)
 1 Seaplane Carrier)
 6 Naval Air Units (some probably seaplane)
 tenders))
 6 Unidentified warships)
 Air Tenders and Minesweepers)
 At least 34 Chartered merchant ships includ-)
 ing one 17,000 ton ex passenger liner)

B. AUSTRALIA STATION (Excluding ANZAC AREA)

British and Allied Forces

Battleship	WARSPITE
3 - 6" Cruisers	ADELAIDE
2	PHOENIX
	SPENCER
Destroyers - 11	BARKER
	BULMER
	BALCH
	J.D. FORD
	PAUL JONES
	J.C. EDWARDS
	WHIPPLE
	ALDEN
	EDSALL
	PARROTT
	VENETTA (Damaged)
Seaplane Tenders-2	W.B. PRESTON
	HERON
Destroyer Tender	BLACK HAWK
Submarines - 7	SARGO
	SEADRAGON
	TARPON
	SNAPPER
	SPEARFISH
	STURGEON
	SCULPIN
Submarine Tender	HOLLAND
Cargo Auxiliary	GEORGE G. HENRY

Some of these units have been damaged but full details are not yet available.

The following U.S. Naval Units are en route Fremantle and expected shortly: -

Seaplane Tender	CHILDS
Submarine Tender	OTUS
Submarines	SKIPJACK
	SWORDFISH
	SEARAVEN
	STINGRAY
	S.37
	S.38
	S.39
	S.40
	S.41
Cargo Auxiliary	GOLDSTAR

Enemy Forces.

1 Aircraft Carrier
 Possibly two heavy Units (battle-cruisers
 or Heavy Cruisers)
 1 Cruiser
 At least 1 Submarine
 1 Destroyer

C. EAST INDIES WATERS.

British and Allied Forces

Approx. 10 submarines including 9
U. S. and 8 Dutch

U. S.

SEAWOLF
PERCH
PORPOISE
PIKE
PICKEREL
SALMON
SEAL
SAURY
SAILFISH

Enemy Forces - East Indies Waters

4 Battleships
5 (or possibly 6) aircraft carriers
10 8" Cruisers
8 5.5" Cruisers
Approx. 45 Destroyers
Several Seaplane Carriers
Approx. 150 Transports
C. in C. 2nd Fleet
C. in C. 3rd Fleet
C. in C. Sthrn. Exped. Fleet

Palau - Saipan - Bonins Area

Units of the Combined Fleet including
probably 5 Battleships
3 Aircraft Carriers (possibly 4)

Java, Darwin, Bay of Bengal, Indian Ocean Area

Probably 4 Squadrons (36) submarines

D. INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

Air Craft Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

REVENGE	At Durban
RAMILLES	At Trincomalee
ROYAL SOVEREIGN)
HERMES)
INDOMITABLE	) At Trincomalee
GIORGIOS	
AVEROFF	(Grk.) At Bombay
CORNWALL	En route Fremantle
DORSETSHIRE	At Trincomalee
EXETER	<i>last reported Surabaya 26/2</i> En route Ceylon
HOUSTON	Last reported Batavia 28/2
MAURITIUS	At Durban ?
EURYALUS	At Mombasa ?
CERES	At Aden
COLOMBO	Aden-Mombasa
CAPETOWN	At Bombay
DURBAN)
GLASGOW	) At Colombo
GALEDON	Andamans-Trincomalee
EMERALD	At Madras
ENTERPRISE	At Colombo
HOBART	En route Colombo to Fremantle
DANAE	At Colombo
PERTH	Last reported Batavia 28/2
DRAGON	At Colombo last -reported-with -Hobart-striking -force
BOISE	repairing at Bombay
MARBLEHEAD	En route Trincomalee Durban
SUMATRA	Repairing at Trincomalee

Armed Merchant Cruisers

DERBYSHIRE
CARTHAGE
HECTOR
GLENHEARN
CHITRAL
CORFU
RANCHI
MANORA
ASCANIA
ALAUNIA

At Durban
At Colombo?
At Colombo
At Colombo
Colombo-Bombay
At Bombay
At Colombo
En route Fremantle
At Fremantle
Durban-Bombay due 15/3.

30 destroyers (including approximately 9 ex N.E.I. waters whose present position unknown)

E. MID-PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC
British and Allied Forces.

4 effective battleships (plus 3 which should now be ready)

2 effective A/C Carriers

6-8" Cruisers (all modern)

8-6" Cruisers (2 modern, 6 old)

) West Coast

) 1 in Wake area, 1 in Canton-Ellice Is. area.

) 1 in Pearl Harbour, 2 Canton-Ellice Is. area, 2 Cen. Pacific

) Society Is-Fiji area

) 4 West Coast - 3 Society Is.

) to Panama, 1 Canton-Ellice

) Is. area

Approx. 50 Destroyers
22 Submarines

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COLORADO (8-16")
MARYLAND (8-16")

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- (v) U.S. 8" Cruiser "PORTLAND" arrived Suva 1553/9/3.
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- (xvii) "BUNGARKE" on passage Auckland from Melbourne E.T.A. 13/3.
- (xviii) Hospital ships "GRANJE" & "MAUNGANUI" at Sydney. "MAUNGANUI" to depart 0700 this morning 11/3.

Enemy Forces

- (i) SALAMUA - LAE - Enemy shipping in the Salamua - Lae area installed 2 cruisers, 4 destroyers, and 6 transports at 0800/10.
- (ii) SUVA - An unidentified aircraft thought to be possibly from an aircraft carrier was sighted over Suva at 2130/9. Extensive air searches failed to locate any enemy vessel.
- (iii) PASMAN SEA - An intercept of a signal from N.Z.N.B. indicates the possibility of an unknown Japanese unit being within 100 miles of position (275 Miles S.W. of Norfolk Island) at 2132Z/9.
Comment - This intelligence is presumably based on W/T intelligence.

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British and Allied Forces

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- (xviii) The following units are overdue Fremantle from Java waters -

Cruisers	PERTH
	HOUSTON
Destroyers	STRONGHOLD
	POPE
	PILLSBURY
Escort Vessel	YARRA
Gunboat	TULSA
Auxiliaries	MEDUSA
	CIRCE
	FRANCOL
	ANKING
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	WOKWANG
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C) EAST INDIAN OCEAN - JAPAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Approx 9 submarines some of which may now be en route Fremantle or Colombo.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

D) INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

(i) "HOBART" departed Colombo for Fremantle 6/3 with H.M.S. "SHOREHAM" escorting 302.

(ii) The following units are overdue Ceylon from Java waters -

Cruiser	EXETER
Destroyers	ENCOUNTER
	JUMBA

Enemy Forces

- (1) C.O.S. Colombo reports that Japanese light cruiser "HAGARA" (7-5.5") Flagship of 1st Base Force which is part of the Third Fleet, was near Christmas Island on 9/3.

Comment - This unit has been operating in N.E.I. waters and has previously been prominent with advanced operations of the Third Fleet.

- (11) The aircraft carrier "SHOKAKU" (15,000 tons - 48 aircraft) departed Japan 7/3 for Singapore.

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2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

(1) NEW GUINEA -

(a) The Coastwatcher at Finschafen (N.E. Coast New Guinea - 60 miles E.N.E. Salamau) reported at 1406/10 that a Japanese landing was about to take place. Nothing further has been received.

(b) An attack by U.S. B.17's ex Townsville on shipping in the Salamau - Lae area at 1300/10 resulted as follows -
2 near misses on one or two cruisers,
direct hits on 2 transports
4 near misses, two of which were near large warships
Two or three ships including one large transport were observed burning and one aground.

- (11) JAVA SEA - Washington has announced that during the week ending March 8th U.S. submarines sank one large destroyer leader, one naval tanker and definitely put out of action one aircraft carrier and three cruisers. One of the cruisers and the aircraft carrier each received two torpedo hits and the other cruisers one each.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Increased submarine and surface raider activity in Bay of Bengal, Indian Ocean and S.W. Pacific area with a view to cutting Colombo, Fremantle - S.E. Australian reinforcements.
- (11) Continued air attacks on Darwin area from both shore-based and ship-borne aircraft possibly as a prelude to a direct attack.
- (111) Carrier-borne air attack on Fremantle.
- (iv) Attack on Port Moresby from Lae - Salamau area.
- (v) Possible attack on New Caledonia simultaneously with move against Port Moresby.
- (vi) Carrier-borne air raids against N.E. Australian air bases including Townsville.
- (vii) Raids on key islands in Mid Pacific including Canton, Midway and Hawaii.

APPENDIX

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

11:3:42

A. ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces

A/C Carrier	LEXINGTON CURTISS TANGIER
8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA MINNEAPOLIS INDIANAPOLIS CHICAGO SAN FRANCISCO PENSACOLA NEW ORLEANS PORTLAND CANBERRA (refitting)
6" Cruisers	LEANDER ACHILLES HONOLULU ADELAIDE
Flotilla Leaders	LE TRIOMPHANT THOMP (Damaged) STUART (Refitting)
A.M.C.'s	NOROWAI WESTRALIA KANIMELA
Destroyers	15 U.S. VOYAGER (refitting)

Enemy Forces

Bismarck Archipelago Area

1 Seaplane Carrier (KAMOI)
1 Aircraft Carrier (MOGHO)
6 Unidentified Naval Air Units, some of which are probably converted Seaplane tenders
At least 3-6" Cruisers
5. 5.5" Cruisers
8 Destroyers
Approx. 20 Merchant Ships including several army transports
1 Sub. Depot ship
1 Squadron Submarines
C. in C. Mandates Fleet (4th)
C. in C. Mandates Air Force
1 Gunboat Division
Approx. 70 shorebased Aircraft including possibly torpedo bombers
C.O. 17th Air Squadron

Mandated Islands.

Truk Area

2 Converted Carriers (NITTA MARU, FUJIKAWA MARU)
Several 5.5" Cruisers
Some units 4th Fleet
Approx. 12 Destroyers
At least 19 Chartered Merchant Ships
Special landing party force (Marines)
3 or 4 Air Squadrons

These may be proceeding New Britain area

Jaluit Area

- At least 2 submarine squadrons from 6th Fleet)
- 2 Naval units - Air (shorebased) comprising fighters, torpedo-bombers and reconnaissance aircraft
- 1 Seaplane Carrier
- 6 Naval Air Units (some probably seaplane tenders)
- 6 Unidentified warships
- Air Tenders and Minesweepers
- At least 34 Chartered merchant ships including one 17,000 ton ex passenger liner

B. AUSTRALIA STATION (Excluding ANZAC AREA)

British and Allied Forces.

- Battleships WARSPITE
- 8" Cruiser CORNWALL
- 6" Cruisers PHOENIX
- A.M.C.'s NAHOOHA
- ASCANIA
- Destroyers - 11 BARKER
- BULMER
- BALCH
- J.B. FORD
- PAUL JONES
- J.C. EDWARDS
- WHIPPLE
- ALDEN
- EDSALL
- PARROTT
- VENETTA (Damaged)
- Seaplane Tenders-2 W.B. PRESTON
- BRON
- Destroyer Tender BLACK HAWK
- Submarines - 6 SARGO
- SEADRAGON
- TARPOW
- SNAPPER
- SPEARFISH
- STURGEON
- SCULPIN
- 1 UNNAMED
- Submarine Tender HOLLAND
- Cargo Auxiliaries GEORGE G. HENRY
- GOLDSTAR

Some of these units have been damaged but full details are not yet available.

The following U.S. Naval Units are en route Fremantle and expected shortly:

- Seaplane Tender CHILDS
- Submarine Tender OTUS
- Submarines SKIPPACK)
- SWORDFISH) 1 of these has arrived.
- SHARAVEN)
- STEERAY)
- S. 37)
- S. 38)
- S. 39)
- S. 40)
- S. 41)

Enemy Forces.

- 1 Aircraft Carrier
- Possibly two heavy units (battle-cruisers or Heavy Cruisers)
- 1 Cruiser
- At least 1 Submarine
- 1 Destroyer

C. EAST INDIES WATERS.

British and Allied Forces

Approx. 9 U.S. Submarines
some of which are probably
on route Fremantle

U.S.

- SEAWOLF
- PERCH
- PORPOISE
- PIKE
- PICKEREL
- SALMON
- SEAL
- SAUKY
- SAILFISH

Enemy Forces - East Indies Waters

- 4 Battleships
- 5 (or possibly 6) aircraft carriers
- 10 8" Cruisers
- 3 B.S. Cruisers
- Approx. 45 Destroyers
- Several Seaplane Carriers
- Approx. 150 Transports
- C. in C. 2nd Fleet
- C. in C. 3rd Fleet
- C. in C. Strm. Exped. Fleet

Palau - Saipan - Bonins Area

Units of the Combined Fleet including
probably 5 Battleships
3 Aircraft Carriers (possibly 4)

Java, Darwin, Bay of Bengal, Indian Ocean Area.

Probably 4 Squadrons (38) submarines.

D. INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| REVENGE | At Durban |
| RANILLES | } |
| ROYAL SOVEREIGN | |
| RENNES | } |
| INDOMITABLE | |
| GIORGIS | At Trincomalee |
| AVROFF | (Ork.) At Bombay |
| DORSETSHIRE | At Trincomalee |
| KETER | Last reported
Sourabaya 28/3. |
| HOUSTON | Last reported
Batavia 28/3. |
| MAURITIUS | At Durban ? |
| EUPHATUS | At Bombay ? |
| CHES | At Aden |
| COLOMBO | At Bombay |
| CAPE TOWN | At Durban |
| DURBAN | At Colombo |
| GLASGOW | At Trincomalee |
| GALDON | At Madras |
| EMERALD | At Colombo |
| ENTERPRISE | En route Colombo to
Fremantle |
| ROBART | At Colombo |
| DANAE | Last reported
Batavia 28/3 |
| FERTH | At Colombo |
| BRADON | Repairing at Bombay |
| BOISE | En route Trincomalee- |
| HARDLEHEAD | Durban - due 14/3. |
| SERATRA | Repairing at
Trincomalee |

Armed Merchant Cruisers

DERBYSHIRE	At Durban
CANTHAGE	At Colombo ?
WYOTON	At Bombay
GLENNHARVEY	At Colombo
CYTHAL	At Bombay
CONPU	At Bombay
RANCHI	At Colombo
ALABAMA	Durban-Bombay due 15/3
MINNESOTA	At Colombo

Flotilla Leader
ES Destroyers

B. MID-PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC

British and Allied Forces.

4 effective battleships (plus 3 which should not be ready)

2 effective A/C Carriers

5-6" Cruisers (all modern)

3-5" Cruisers (2 modern, 1 old)

Approx. 50 destroyers
22 submarines

Battleships

MISSISSIPPI	(12-14")
SEN NEVADO	(12-14")
IDaho	(12-14")
COLORADO	(8-16")
MARY AND	(8- 16")
TENNESSEE	(12-14")
PENNSYLVANIA	(12-14")

San Francisco
West Coast
West Coast
West Coast
West Coast
West Coast
West Coast

Aircraft Carriers

ENTERPRISE
YORKTOWN

At sea - Mid-Pacific
Canton area.

Essex Forces

4 Submarines between Midway Is. and Vancouver

4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters.

West Coast
1 in Wake area, 1 in Canton
Ellice Is. area.
1 in Pearl Harbour, 2
Canton-Ellice Is. area,
1 Cen. Pacific, 1 Society Is.
Fiji area
4 West Coast - 3 Society
Is. to Panama, 1 Canton-
Ellice Is. area

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Units of Anzac Squadron "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) & "CHICAGO" are operating in the Suva - Noumea area.
- (ii) Task Force 11 including aircraft carrier "LEXINGTON" 8" Cruisers "INDIANAPOLIS" "MINNEAPOLIS" "SAN FRANCISCO" "PENSACOLA" and 11 destroyers is operating in the Suva - Noumea area.
- (iii) U.S. Destroyer "PERKINS" ^{departed Suva} arrived Suva 10/3 and departed 1214/11/3 for an unknown destination. ^{with U.S. Oiler KASKASKIA.}
- (iv) U.S. Destroyer "LAMSON" & U.S. Oiler "KASKASKIA" arrived ^{Suva} Wellington 8/3.
- (v) "HONOLULU" "NEW ORLEANS" "MUGFORD" & "JARVIS" escorting Convoy ZK7 (6 merchant ships ex Convoy BT.200, 2 ships ex Convoy 2033 and E.S.S. "ATHENE") are en route Noumea E.T.A. a.m. today. After arrival Noumea "NEW ORLEANS" & "MUGFORD" to proceed Society Islands.
- (vi) "LEANDER" & "ACHILLES" at Brisbane. To sail for Noumea E.T.D. 1200/12/3.
- (vii) U.S. 8" Cruiser "PORTLAND" arrived Suva 1553/9/3. ^{Probably now en route Pearl Harbour}
- (viii) "WESTRALIA" escorting "JOHN ERICKSON" to Noumea departed Melbourne 9/3.
- (ix) "LE TRICORNIANT" at Sydney.
- (x) "CANTONERA" at Sydney refitting. — ^{see 1838/3}
- (xi) Dutch Flotilla Leader "TROMP" at Sydney for repairs.
- (xii) "MILDORA" & "GERLONG" proceeding Noumea for minesweeping duties ahead of convoy ZK7 E.T.A. Balari Passage 0800 today.
- (xiii) U.S. aircraft tender "TANGIER" at Noumea.
- (xiv) U.S. aircraft tender "CHRYSSIS" with destroyer "SORDEN" in company arrived ~~Noumea~~ 1302/9 to carry out previous orders. ^{now probably en route Pearl Harbour}
- (xv) U.S. Oiler "PLATTE" escorted by U.S. destroyer "ALBYN" should have arrived Samoa. "ALBYN" was then to proceed Suva.
- (xvi) "MOHOWAI" en route Suva E.T.A. 0800/12 will leave Suva p.m. 12/3 for Auckland E.T.A. 15/3.
- (xvii) "BUNGAREE" on passage from Auckland from Melbourne E.T.A. 13/3.
- (xviii) "KANIMBA" departed Sydney for Brisbane 0040/11/3 E.T.A. 1030/12/3.
- (xix) "ADELAIDE" at Melbourne.

Enemy Forces

- (i) SALAMAUA - LAE - Total enemy shipping sighted in this area 11/3 comprised - 2 cruisers, 2 destroyers, 4 transports and a possible aircraft tender.
- (ii) BUKA - Two three funnel, 2 two funnel and two 1 funnel cruisers together with two destroyers were sighted by a coastwatcher in Kessa Harbour from 9/3 to 10/3. An examination of the list of cruisers known to be in the area suggests that the above units include three 8" Cruisers and three 5.5" cruisers.
- (iii) FORRES STRAIT - An unidentified submarine was sighted by a Hudson aircraft approx 120 miles N.E. of Cape York at 1405/11. ^{reported}
- (iv) NEW BRITAIN - Senior Officer of Submarine Squadron arrived Rabaul 10/3. This confirms previous ~~indefinite~~ indications that a submarine base is being established in the New Britain area.

B) AUSTRALIA STATION (not including ANZAC AREA)

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "WANSPIER" en route to Indian Ocean departed St. Vincent's Gulf 0930/8/3 - proceed to R.V. with destroyers "FORTUNE" & "DECOY" in Indian Ocean approx 18/3 and thence proceed to Trincomalee.
- (ii) U.S. Destroyers "BULMER" & "BARKER" escorting auxiliary "GOLDSTAR" arrived Fremantle 1140/11/3.
- (iii) "PHOENIX" departed Fremantle 1000/8/3 to cover movements of troopships in Indian Ocean.
- (iv) "CORNWALL" & "MANGORA" escorting Convoy S01 (14 merchant ships) are en route Fremantle from East Indies Station E.T.A. Fremantle 15/3.
- (v) All seven A.S.S.'s have now arrived Fremantle from Java area. These include "RENEE" "SUNNIE" "GOULBURN" "BALLANAT" "TOOWOONBA" "WOLLONGONG". ^{may be}

Perhaps
4 Oiler
Kaskaskia
departed
Suva 11/3
for unknown
destination.

US Destroyer
Drayton
and
4 or 5 Oiler
arrived
Suva
from
Pearl Harbour

US Destroyer
Drayton
&
he/she
arrived
Suva 9/3

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"TOOWOONBA" & "WOLLONGONG" arrived Fremantle 1200/10/3. "MARYBOROUGH" arrived Fremantle 11/3.

- (vii) "GENERAAL VERSPIJCK" partially manned by British and Australian personnel and carrying evacuees and survivors of H.M.S. "ELECTRA" ~~arrived Fremantle 1544/10.~~ Surplus Australian naval personnel are to be transferred to "ASCANIA" at Fremantle for passage.
- (viii) "ASCANIA" at Fremantle. Later to proceed New Zealand Station.
- (ix) "PINGO" towing "VERNETTA" departed Fremantle for Melbourne 1100 10/3 E.T.A. 23/3.
- (x) "WARREGO" departed Fremantle for Sydney 1600/11/3 E.T.A. p.m. 22/3.
- (xi) U.S. seaplane tender "W.B. PRESTON" departed Fremantle 10/3 for Melbourne E.T.A. 16/3.
- (xii) U.S. seaplane tender "CHILDS" has arrived Fremantle from Geraldton.
- (xiii) U.S. submarine "SEAPPER" departed Fremantle 8/3 for patrol.
- (xiv) The following U.S. units previously reported overdue from Java have arrived Fremantle -

"TULSA" (gunboat)
 "LARK"
 "SHIPPOORWILL" (minesweepers)

(xv) The following units remain overdue Fremantle from Java waters -

Cruisers	PERTH
	HOUSTON
Destroyers	STRONGHOLD
	POPE
	PILLSBURY ← Edsall
Escort Vessel	YARRA
Auxiliaries	MEDUSA
	CIRCE
	FRANCOL
	ANKING
	SCOTT HARLEY
	WOKWANG

gunboat
whiffpoor ashville

Enemy Forces

- (i) At least one enemy submarine operating off S.W. Australian coast.
- (ii) There is no further information concerning -
 - (a) unidentified cruiser north of Onslow 5/3;
 - (b) enemy aircraft carrier and destroyer 600 miles N.W. of Onslow 4/3.
 - (c) 2 unidentified heavy units reported south of Java 1/3;
 - (d) unidentified destroyer reported 320 miles N.W. of Onslow on or about 6/3.

C) EAST INDIES - JAPAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Approx 10 submarines some of which may now be en route Fremantle or Colombo.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

D) INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "ROBART" departed Colombo for Fremantle 6/3 with H.M.S. "SHORNHAM" escorting SU2.
- (ii) The following units are overdue Ceylon from Java waters -

Cruiser	EXETER
Destroyers	ENCOUNTER
	JUNNA

E) MID PACIFIC & EAST PACIFIC

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 17 believed to comprise U.S. aircraft carrier "YORKTOWN" 8" Cruisers "LOUISVILLE" & "ASTORIA" and 7 or 8 destroyers 1 operating in the area between Canton and Ellice Islands.
- (ii) Task Force 11.6 (Oiler "NEOSHO" and destroyer "DRAYTON") arrived Suva from Pearl Harbour 1132/9, to join Task Force 11.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) An HRRR message was intercepted from the Norwegian vessel "TOULOUSE" en route Aden from Fremantle at 1631/9 in a position approx 220

NHW of Fremantle.

- (ii) Commodore J.A. Collins C.B. R.A.N. has been appointed temporarily as N.O.I.C. Fremantle and assumed duty as from 1200/9.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Increased submarine and surface raider activity in Bay of Bengal, Indian Ocean and S.W. Pacific area with a view to cutting Colombo, Fremantle - S.E. Australian reinforcements.
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12/3/42.

A. ANZAC AREA.

British and Allied Forces

A/C Carrier	LEXINGTON CURTISS
8 ⁿ Cruisers	TANGIER AUSTRALIA MINNEAPOLIS CHICAGO SAN FRANCISCO PENSACOLA NEW ORLEANS PORTLAND CANBERRA (refitting) INDIANAPOLIS
6 ⁿ Cruisers	LEANDER ACHILLES HONOLULU ADELAIDE
Flotilla Leaders	LE TRIOMPHANT TROMP (Damaged) STUART (Refitting)
A.M.C's	MONOWAI WESTRALIA KARIMBLA
Destroyers	15 U.S. VOYAGER (refitting)

(Probably en route Pearl Harbour!)

Enemy Forces

Bismarck Archipelago Area
 1 Seaplane Carrier (KAMOI)
 1 Aircraft Carrier (HOSHU)
 6 Unidentified Naval Air Units, some of which are probably converted Seaplane tenders
 At least 3-8ⁿ Cruisers
 5 S.Sⁿ Cruisers
 8 Destroyers
 Approx. 20 Merchant Ships including several army transports
 1 Sub. Depot ship
 1 Squadron Submarines
 C in C Mandates Fleet (4th)
 C in C Mandates Air Force
 1 Gunboat Division
 Approx. 70 shorebased Aircraft including possibly torpedo bombers
 C.O. 17th Air Squadron

Mandated Islands.

Truk Area

A 2 Converted Carriers ~~(MIRAMARU, FUJIKAWA MARU)~~
 Several S.Sⁿ Cruisers
 Some units 4th Fleet
 Approx. 12 Destroyers
 At least 19 Chartered Merchant Ships
 Special landing party force (Marines)
 3 or 4 Air Squadrons

with ~~these~~ ~~ships~~ ~~these~~ ~~may~~ ~~be~~ ~~proceeding~~ ~~New~~ ~~Britain~~ ~~area~~

Jaluit Area.

At least 2 submarine squadrons from 6th Fleet)
 2 Naval units - Air (shorebased) comprising)
 fighters, torpedo-bombers and reconnaiss-)
 ance aircraft)
 1 Seaplane Carrier)
 6 Naval Air units (some probably seaplane)
 tenders))
 6 Unidentified warships)
 Air Tenders and Minesweepers)
 At least 34 Chartered merchant ships includ-)
 ing one 17,000 ton ex passenger liner)

B. AUSTRALIA STATION (Excluding ABZAC AREA)

British and Allied Forces

Battleships	WARSPITE
3 rd Cruiser	CORNWALL
6 th Cruisers	PHOENIX
A.M.C.'s	MARCOORA
	ASCANIA
Destroyers - 24	BARKER ✓
	BULMER ✓
	
	J.D. FORD ✓
	PAUL JONES ✓
	J.C. EDWARDS ✓
	WHIFFLE ✓
	ALDEN ✓
	
	PARROTT ✓
	VENDETTA (Damaged)
Seaplane Tenders	W.B. PRESTON
	HERON
	CHILDS
Destroyer Tender	BLACK HAWK ✓
Submarine Tender	OTUS
Submarines - 15	SARGO ✓
	SEADRAGON
	TARPON
	SNAPPER
	SPEARFISH
	STURGEON
	SCHLPIR
	UNNAMED
Submarine Tender	HOLLAND
Coastal Auxiliaries	GEORGE G. HENRY
	GOLDSTAR
Minesweepers	LARK
	WHIPPORWILL
Patrol vessels	ISABEL
	TULSA

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Lanahai
Hawaii

Some of these units have been damaged but full details are not yet available.

The following U.S. Naval Units are en route Fremantle and expected shortly

Submarines

SKIPJACK
SWORDFISH
SEARAVEN
STINGRAY
S.37
S.38
S.39
S.40
S.41

4 of these have arrived.

Enemy Forces.

1 Aircraft Carrier
 Possibly two heavy Units (battle-cruisers
 or Heavy cruisers)
 1 Cruiser
 At least 1 Submarine
 1 Destroyer.

EAST INDIES WATERS.

British and Allied Forces

Approx. ~~12~~ U.S. Submarines
some of which are en
route Fremantle

*approx 10 submarine
includes 8 U.S. en patrol
on return from
Patrol.
Patrol*

SEAWOLF
PERCH
PORPOISE
PIKE
PICKEREL
SALMON
SEAL
SAURY
SAILFISH
~~SEALION~~

Enemy Forces - East Indies Waters.

- 4 Battleships
- 6 (or possibly 5) aircraft carriers
- 10 8" Cruisers
- 8 5.5" Cruisers
- Approx. 45 Destroyers
- Several Seaplane Carriers
- Approx. 150 Transports
- 6 in C 2nd. Fleet
- 6 in C 3rd. Fleet
- 6 in C Sthrn. Exped. Fleet

Palau - Saipan - Bonins Area.

Units of the Combined Fleet including
probably 5 Battleships
2 Aircraft Carriers (possibly 4)

Java - Darwin, Bay of Bengal, Indian Ocean Area.

Probably 4 Squadrons (35) submarines.

D. INDIAN OCEAN.

British and Allied Forces

Battleships	REVENGE	At Durban
	RAHILLES	}
	ROYAL SOVEREIGN	
Aircraft Carriers	HERMES	}
	INDOMITABLE	
8" Cruisers	GIORGIOS	At Trincomalee
	AVEROFF	(Grk) At Bombay
	DORSETSHIRE	At Trincomalee
	EXETER	Last reported Sourabaya 28/2
	HOUSTON	" " Batavia 28/2
6" Cruisers	MAURITIUS	At Durban ?
	EURYALUS	At Mombasa ?
	CERES	At Aden
	COLOMBO	At Mombasa
	CAPETOWN	At Bombay
	DURBAN	At Durban
	GLASGOW	At Colombo
	CALEDON	At Trincomalee
	EMERALD	At Madras
	ENTERPRISE	At Colombo
	ROBART	En route Colombo to Fremantle
	DANAÉ	At Colombo
	PERTH	Last reported Batavia 28/2
	DRAGON	At Colombo
	BOISE	Repairing At Bombay
	MARBLEHEAD	En route Trincomalee- Durban - due 14/3
	SUMATRA	Repairing at Trincomalee.

Armed Merchant Cruisers.

DERBYSHIRE	At Durban
CARTHAGE	At Colombo 7
HECTOR	At Bombay
GLENNEARN	At Colombo
CHITRAL	At Bombay
CORFU	At Bombay
RANGHI	At Colombo
ALAUNIA	Durban-Bombay due 15/3
HEEMSKERK	At Colombo

Flotilla Leader
28 Destroyers

E. MID-PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC.

British and Allied Forces.

4 effective battleships (plus 3 which should now be ready)

2 effective A/C Carriers

5 - 8" Cruisers (all modern)

8 - 6" Cruisers (2 modern, 6 old)

Approx. 30 destroyers
22 Submarines

West Coast
 1 in Wake area, 1 in Canton - Ellice Is. area.
 1 in Pearl Harbour, 2 Canton - Ellice Is. area. 1 Cen Pacific,
 1 Society Is. Fiji area.
 4 West Coast - 3 Society Is. to Panama, 1 Canton - Ellice Is. area.

Battleships

MISSISSIPPI	(12-14")	San Francisco
NEW MEXICO	(12-14")	West Coast
IDAHO	(12-14")	West Coast
COLORADO	(8-16")	West Coast
MARYLAND	(8-16")	West Coast
TENNESSEE	(12-14")	West Coast
PENNSYLVANIA	(12-14")	West Coast
Aircraft Carriers	ENTERPRISE	At sea - Mid-Pacific
	YORKTOWN	Canton area.

Enemy Forces.

4 submarines between Midway Is. and Vancouver
4 submarines in West Hawaiian Waters.

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APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

13/3/42

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- (vi) U.S. aircraft tender "CURTISS" & destroyer "WORDEN" departed Suva 18/11/11 to carry out previous orders.
- (vii) U.S. Cruiser "PORTLAND" with destroyer "LAMSON" and oiler "NEOSHO" departed Suva 17/04/9, ~~probably en route Pearl Harbour.~~
- (viii) "MONOWAI" escorting "RANGATIRA" arrived Suva 0759/12. "MONOWAI" to depart Suva p.m. 12/3 for Auckland E.T.A. 15/3.
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XXII *Buoyancy en passage Auckland from Melbourne E.T.A. 13/3*

Enemy Forces

- (i) SALAMUA-LAE - Total enemy shipping sighted 12/3 comprised -
Lae - 1 destroyer, 1 transport partially sunk
Salamua - 2 transports of 7,000 tons, 1 smaller transport, 1 cruiser (possibly "TIKUMA" 8-8")
- (ii) BUKA - The six cruisers and other units reported in Kessa Harbour on 9th and 10th departed evening of the 10th. The vague reference to an aircraft carrier being included with these units indicates the likelihood of the seaplane carrier "KAMOI" and possibly aircraft carrier "HOSHIO" being with these units. "KAMOI" is known to have been in the area for the past few days together with C in C Fourth Fleet, C in C Mandates Air Fleet and other units.
It is suggested that the departure of the force on the evening 10/3 may be connected with the heavy air raid on the Salamua - Lae area early that day.

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B) AUSTRALIA STATION (not including ANZAC AREA)

British and Allied Forces

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- (xv) The following units remain overdue Fremantle from Java waters -

Cruisers	- PERTH
	- HOUSTON
Destroyers	STRONGHOLD
	- POPE
	PILLSBURY
	EDSALL
Escort Vessel	YARRA
Patrol Vessel	ASHEVILLE
Auxiliaries	FRANGOL
	ANKING
	SCOTT HARLEY
	WOKWANG

Enemy Forces

- (1) There is no further information concerning -
 - (a) enemy submarine activity off S.W. Australian coast;
 - (b) Unidentified cruiser north of Onslow 5/3;
 - (c) enemy aircraft carrier and destroyer 600 miles N.W. of Onslow 4/3;
 - (d) 2 unidentified heavy units reported south of Java 1/3;
 - (e) unidentified destroyer reported 320 miles NNW of Onslow on or about 6/3.

C) EAST INDIES - JAPAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Approx 10 submarines some of which may now be en route Fremantle or Colombo.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

D) INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

(1) There is no further information concerning the following units overdue Ceylon from Java waters -

- Cruiser - EXETER
- Destroyers - ENCOUNTER
- ~~JUNA~~ due Colombo 7/3

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) It has now been established that our aircraft contacted the Norwegian vessel "TOULOUSE" at 1900/9/3, and that no other ship was insight at the time. "TOULOUSE" transmitted an MRRR at 1631/9/3.
- (ii) Two vessels believed to be either German or Portuguese were reported by 16th Naval District (Corregidor) to be in a position approx 500 miles south of Sunda Strait on 5/3 course 26°. It is possible these are "JOAO BELO" and "GONCALVES ZARCO" with

with Portuguese troops bound for Dilli. The Portuguese Government on 2/3 instructed these vessels to proceed Colombo but no advice of their arrival has been received.

- (iii) Further information from N.C.I.C. Fremantle concerning "PERTH" and "HOUSTON" reveals that at 2311/28 "PERTH" reported an unidentified cruiser at the northern entrance of Sunda Strait. Two hours later Dutch Destroyer "EVERTSEN" reported a sea battle in progress 50 miles west of Tanjong Priok. "PERTH" & "HOUSTON" would have been in this vicinity at that time. "EVERTSEN" later fought with two cruisers and was grounded off Sebuku (Sunda Strait).
- (iv) Tokyo Radio announced on 11/3 that a Japanese Cruiser Squadron had sunk the American cruiser "MARBLEHEAD" in the Indian Ocean west of Australia. It is possible the unit referred to is one of the three four funnelled destroyers which are still overdue Fremantle from Java waters, namely "POPE" "PILLSBURY" "EDSALL" which may have been reported by the Squadron as "MARBLEHEAD".
- (v) Tokyo also claims that Japanese warships attacked Christmas Is. at dawn on 7/3 and gravely damaged military objectives.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Increased submarine and surface raider activity in the Bay of Bengal, Eastern Indian Ocean and S.W. Pacific areas with a view to cutting the supply lines to Australia from both the west and the east.
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- (vii) Raids on key islands in Mid Pacific including Canton, Midway and Hawaii.

APPENDIX

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

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A. ANZAC AREA:

British & Allied Forces:

A/c Carrier	LEXINGTON	YORKTOWN
S/P <i>Judges</i>	YORKTOWN	LEXINGTON
8" Cruisers	TANCIER	
	AUSTRALIA	LOUISVILLE
	MINNEAPOLIS	ASTORIA
	CHICAGO	
	SAN FRANCISCO	
	PENSACOLA	
	NEW ORLEANS	
	INDIANAPOLIS	
	PORTLAND	

6" Cruisers	CANBERRA (refitting)	
	LEANDER	
	ACHILLES	
	HONOLULU	
	ADLAIDE	
Flotilla Leaders	LE TRIUMPHANT	
	TROMP (Damaged)	
	STUART (Refitting)	
A.K.C.'s	MONOWAI	
	WESTRALIA	
	KANIKULA	
Destroyers	22 US U.S. ?	
	VOYAGER (Refitting)	

Probably en route
PEARL HARBOUR

Enemy Forces:

Bismarck Archipelago Area:

1 Seaplane Carrier (KANOI)
 1 Aircraft Carrier (BOBBO)
 6 Unidentified Naval Air Units, some of which
 are probably converted Seaplane tenders
 At least 3-8" Cruisers
 5 5.5" Cruisers
 8 Destroyers
 Approx. 20 Merchant Ships including several
 army transports
 1 Sub. Depot Ship
 1 Squadron Submarines
 C. in C. Mandates Fleet (4th)
 C. in C. Mandates Air Force
 1 Gunboat Division
 Approx. 70 shorebased Aircraft including
 possibly torpedo bombers
 C.C. 17th Air Squadron

Mandated Islands:

Truk Area:

1 Converted Carrier (FUJIKAWA MARU)
 Several 5.5" Cruisers
 Some units 4th Fleet
 Approx. 12 Destroyers
 At least 19 Chartered Merchant Ships
 Special landing party force (Marines)
 3 or 4 Air Squadrons

May be proceeding NEW
BRITAIN area

Jaluit Area:

- At least 2 submarine squadrons from 6th Fleet
- 2 Naval units - Air (shorebased) comprising fighters, torpedo-bombers and reconnaissance aircraft
- 1 Seaplane Carrier
- 6 Naval Air units (some probably seaplane tenders)
- 6 unidentified warships
- Air tenders and Minesweepers
- At least 34 Chartered Merchant ships including one 17,000 ton ex passenger liner

B. AUSTRALIA STATION (Excluding ANZAC AREA)
British and Allied Forces

Battleships
 8" Cruiser
 6" Cruiser
 A.M.C.'s

WARSPITE
 CORNWALL
 PHOENIX
 MANOORA
 ASCANIA
 HULMER
 BANKER
 J.D. FORD
 PAUL JONES
 J.C. EDWARDS

Destroyers

WHIPPLE
 ALDEN
 PARNOTT
 VENDETTA (Damaged)

Seaplane Tenders

W.B. PRESTON } Damaged
 HERON }

Destroyer Tender
 Submarine Tender
 NS

CHILDS
 BLACK HAWK
 OTUS
 HOLLAND

Submarines

SARGO
 SEADRAGON
 TARPON
 SPEARFISH
 STURGEON
 SCULPIN

6 at Fremantle

SKIPJACK
 SWORDFISH
 SEARAVEN
 STINGRAY

5 at Fremantle

S37
 S38
 S39
 S40
 S41

7 en route Fremantle

1 (name not at present known)

8 on patrol N.E.I. Waters or proceeding to or returning from patrol.

SEAWOLF
 PERCH
 PORPOISE
 PIKE
 PICKEREL
 SALMON
 SEAL
 SAURY
 SAILFISH
 SNAPPER

Shark?
 Sealion?
 Permit?

Auxiliaries

GEORGE C. HENRY
 GOLDSTAR
 TRINITY
 LANAKAI

B. AUSTRALIA STATION (Excluding ANZAC AREA) -- CONTD.

British & Allied Forces:

Minesweepers	LARK	} 3 Dutch (units not yet known)
	WHIPPPOONWILL	
Patrol Vessel	ISABEL	
Gunboat	TULSA	

Some of these units have been damaged but full details are not yet available.

Enemy Forces:

1 Aircraft Carrier
Possibly 2 heavy Units (battle cruisers or heavy cruisers)
1 Cruiser
At least 1 Submarine
1 Destroyer

C. EAST INDIES WATERS:

British & Allied Forces:

Approximately 10 submarines including 8 U.S.) See list on previous page.

Enemy Forces:

4 Battleships
6 Aircraft Carriers
10 8" Cruisers
8 5.5" Cruisers
Approx. 45 Destroyers
Several Seaplane Carriers
Approx. 150 Transports
C. in C. 2nd Fleet
C. in C. 3rd Fleet
C. in C. Southern Exped. Fleet

Falau - Saipan - Boninsu Area:

Units of the Combined Fleet including probably 5 Battleships
3 Aircraft Carriers (possibly 4)

Java - Darwin, Bay of Bengal, Indian Ocean Area:

Probably 4 Squadrons (35) submarines

D. INDIAN OCEAN:

British & Allied Forces:

Battleships	REVENGE	} At DURBAN
	RAMILLES	
	ROYAL SOVEREIGN	
Aircraft Carriers	HERMES	} At TRINCOMALEE
	INDOMITABLE	
6" Cruisers	GIORGIOS <i>averoff</i>	} (Ork) At BOMBAY } At TRINCOMALEE } last reported SOURABAYA } 22/2 } BATAVIA 20/2
	WINDY	
	DORSETSHIRE	
	WESTER	
	ROSEBANK	
6" Cruisers	MAURITIUS	} At DURBAN ? } At NOMBASA ? } At ALEN } At NOMBASA } At BOMBAY } At DURBAN
	HURVALUS	
	CHEES	
	COLONBO	
	CAPETOWN	
	DURBAN	

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

14/3/43

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- (ii) Task Force 11 including aircraft carrier "LEXINGTON" 8" Cruisers "INDIANAPOLIS" "MINNEAPOLIS" "SAN FRANCISCO" "PENSACOLA" and 11 destroyers is operating in the Suva - Noumea area.
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Enemy Forces

- (i) KABOUL - Air reconnaissance 1950/13 reports one large transport beside the wharf and three large ships (probably cruisers) and ten small ships (probably destroyers) in the harbour. One destroyer was also reported as entering the harbour.

Comment - It is possible that these units include the 6 cruisers and 2 destroyers reported leaving Kessa Harbour p.m. 10/3. Three of these cruisers were small 5.5" vessels and may have been mistaken in this latest reconnaissance as destroyers.

(ii) SALAMUA-LAE

- (a) Coastwatcher reported no shipping at Salamua at 0900/13.

(b)

- (iii) GASMATA - One destroyer and one transport (8,000 - 10,000 tons) were sighted 55 miles south of Gasmata at 0900/13 course S.N.E.
- (iv) GENERAL - OPNAV (Washington) reported 2245Z/9 that a possibility exists that an enemy convoy is now en route Rabaul from West Luzon (Philippines) via Palau.

- (v) BRISBANE - A cargo vessel of approx 4,000 tons sighted by an aircraft at 1730/11 off Moreton Bay on a southerly course has not yet been identified.

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2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) INDIAN OCEAN - Survivors from H.M.S. "ANKING" & M.M.S.51 have arrived Fremantle and report that H.M.A.S. "YARRA" "ANKING" "FRANCOL" & M.M.S.51 were sunk by gunfire in a position approx 240 miles south of Tjilatjap at 1015/4/3 by a Japanese force of 3 cruisers (2 "NACHI" class - 10,000 tons - 10-8" and one similar vessel unclassified), and two destroyers (probably "HIBIKI" class - 1,700 tons - 6-5").
- (ii) JAVA WATERS - Further to reports of naval losses north of Java on 28/E it is now learned that "EXETER" encountered 3 enemy cruisers in the forenoon of 1/3. No signals were received afterwards. "EXETER" "POPE" & "ENCOUNTER" who were in company are all presumed lost.

The following allied naval units are now reported lost or presumed lost as a result of recent naval operations in and around Java waters -

<u>Cruisers</u>	EXETER	British
	PERTH	"
	DE RUYTER	-Dutch
	JAVA	"
	HOUSTON	- U.S.
<u>Destroyers</u>	ELECTRA	- British
	JUPITER	"
	ENCOUNTER	"
	STRONGHOLD	"
	KORTENAER	- Dutch
	EVERTSEN	"

Escort Vessel	WITTE DE WITH (Dutch)
In addition the following units are still overdue	BANCKERT "
Destroyers	PIRT HIEN "
	POPE (U.S.)
	YARRA (British)
	FILLSBURY (U.S.)
	EDSALL "
Submarine Patrol Vessel	ASHEVILLE

Destroyer "JUMNA" was due Colombo 9/3 from Sunda Strait but no advice of her arrival has yet been received.

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Enemy Forces

- (i) SALAMAU-LAE Coast Watcher reported large transport and 1 (possible) Destroyer approaching LAE from S.E. at 1115/14.

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- (ix) "PINGWO" towing "VENDETTA" en route Fremantle to Melbourne E.T.A. 23/3.
- (x) "BENDIGO" "BURBIE" "GOULBURN" "BALLARAT" "TOOWOOMBA" "WOLLONGONG" and "MARYBOROUGH" at Fremantle.
- (xi) Auxiliaries "MEDUSA" and "CIRCE" arrived Fremantle 2359/13
- (xii) from Geraldton. Dutch Submarine Eg arrived Geraldton 1835/12.
- (xiii) U.S. Army Transport "MOUNT VERNON" departed Adelaide 11/3 for Wellington E.T.A. 1530/15
- (xiv) Commander of Fourth Minesweeping Flotilla with three Dutch Minesweepers arrived Broome 11/3 from Java en route Fremantle.
- (xv) U.S. Naval units at present at Fremantle comprise - 8 destroyers 12 submarines 3 seaplane tenders 2 submarine tenders 1 destroyer tender.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

Moving

C) EAST INDIES - JAPAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Approx. 8 submarines some of which may now be en route Fremantle or Colombo.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) COMSOWESPAC proposed to move H.S. Submarine Tender "HOLLAND" about 5 submarines, Destroyer Tender "BLACK HAWK" and about 3 destroyers, one destroyer type of Seaplane Tender and two Minesweepers, from Fremantle to Albany during the week-end 14-15th March.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Increased submarine and surface raider activity in the Bay of Bengal, Eastern Indian Ocean and S.W. Pacific areas with a view to cutting the supply lines to Australia from both the west and the east.
- (ii) Continued air attacks on the Darwin area from both shore-based and ship-borne aircraft possibly as a prelude to a direct attack.
- (iii) Carrier-borne air attack on Fremantle.
- (iv) Attack on Port Moresby from Lae-Salamua area.
- (v) Carrier-borne air raids against N.E. Australian air bases including Townsville.
- (vi) Possible attack on New Caledonia.
- (vii) Raids on key islands in Mid-Pacific including Canton, Midway and Hawaii.

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

15.3.42

A. ANZAC AREA:

British & Allied Forces:

A/e Carrier	LEXINGTON YONKTON
S/P Tender	TANGIER
8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA MINNEAPOLIS CHICAGO SAN FRANCISCO PENSACOLA NEW ORLEANS INDIANAPOLIS PORTLAND LOUISVILLE ASTORIA CANBERRA (refitting) ADELAIDE
6" Cruisers	LEANDER ACHILLES HONOLULU
Flotilla Leaders	LE TRIOMPHANT TROMP (Damaged) STUART (Refitting)
A.M.C.'s	HONOWAI WESTRALIA KANIMBLA
Destroyers	22 U.S. ? VOYAGER (Refitting)

prob. en route Pearl Harbour

Enemy Forces:

Bismarck Archipelago Area

1 Seaplane Carrier (KAKOI)
1 Aircraft Carrier (HOSHU)
6 Unidentified Naval Air Units, some of which are probably converted Seaplane tenders
At least 3-8" Cruisers
5 5.5" Cruisers
8 Destroyers
Approx. 20 Merchant Ships including several army transports
1 Sub. Depot Ship
1 Squadron Submarines
C. in C. Mandates Fleet (4th)
C. in C. Mandates Air Force
1 Gunboat Division
Approx. 70 shorebased Aircraft including possibly torpedo bombers
C.O. 17th Air Squadron

Mandated Islands:

Truk Area:

1 Converted Carrier (FUJIKAWA MARU)
Several 5.5" Cruisers
Some units 4th Fleet
Approx. 12 Destroyers
At least 19 Chartered Merchant Ships
Special landing party force (Marines)
3 or 4 Air Squadrons

Taluit Area:

At least 2 submarine squadrons from 6th Fleet
 2 Naval Units - Air (shorebased) comprising fighters, torpedo-bombers and reconnaissance aircraft
 1 Seaplane Carrier
 6 Naval Air units (some probably seaplane tenders)
 6 unidentified warships
 Air tenders and Minesweepers
 at least 34 Chartered Merchant ships including one 17,000 ton ex passenger liner

B. AUSTRALIA STATION (Excluding ANZAC AREA)

British and Allied Forces

Battleships	WARSPITE	
6" Cruiser	CORNWALL	
6" Cruiser	PHOENIX	
A.M.C.'s	MANOORA	
	ASCANIA	
Destroyers	BULMER	
	BARKER	
	J.D. FORD	
	PAUL JONES	
	J.C. EDWARDS	
	WHIPPLE	
	ALDEN	
	PARROTT	
	VENDETTA (Damaged)	
Seaplane Tenders	CHILDS	
	W.B. PRESTON	
Destroyer Tender	ENRON (Damaged)	
Submarine Tender	BLACK HAWK	
	OTUS	
	HOLLAND	
Submarines	SARGO	11 at Fremantle
	SEADRAGON	
	TARPOON	
	SPEARFISH	
	STURGEON	
	SCULPIN	
	SKIPJACK	
	SWORDFISH	
	340	
	341	
	STINGRAY	
	337	1 at Fremantle
	338	
	339	
	SEA RAVEN	8 en route Fremantle
	SEA WOLF	
	PERCH	
	PORPOISE	
	PIKE	6 on patrol N.E.I. waters or proceeding to or returning from patrol
	PICKEREL	
	SALMON	
	SEAL	
	SAURY	
	SAILFISH	
	SHAPPER	
	K9	
Auxiliaries	GEORGE C. HENRY	
	GOLDSTAR	At Fremantle
	LANAKAI	

B. AUSTRALIA STATION (Excluding ANZAC AREA) - Contd.

British and Allied Forces:

Minesweepers	LARK)
	WHIPPOONWILL)
	3 DUTCH)
Patrol Vessel	ISABELL)
Gunboat	TULSA)

Some of these units have been damaged but full details are not yet available

Enemy Forces:

1 Aircraft Carrier)
3 Heavy Cruisers)
2 Destroyers)
At least one submarine)

C. EAST INDIES WATERS:

British and Allied Forces:

Approximately 3 Submarines some of which are en route Fremantle or Ceylon)
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See list on previous page

Enemy Forces:

4 Battleships)
6 Aircraft Carriers)
10 8" Cruisers)
8 5.5" Cruisers)
Approx. 45 Destroyers)
Several Seaplane Carriers)
Approx. 150 Transports)
C. in C. 2nd Fleet)
C. in C. 3rd Fleet)
C. in C. Southern Exped. Fleet)

Palau - Saipan - Bonins Area:

Units of the Combined Fleet including probably 5 Battleships)
3 Aircraft Carriers (possibly 4))

Java - Darwin, Bay of Bengal, Indian Ocean Area:

Probably 4 Squadrons (36) Submarines

D. INDIAN OCEAN:

British and Allied Forces:

Battleships	REVSFGE	)	At DURBAN
	RANILLIPS)	
	ROYAL SOVEREIGN)	
Aircraft Carriers	HERMES	)	At TRINCOMALEE
	INDOMITABLE)	
8" Cruisers	GIONGIOS)	
	AYEROFF	)	(Grk.) At BOMBAY
	DORSETSHIRE	)	At TRINCOMALEE
6" Cruisers	MAURITIUS	)	At DURBAN ?
	EUNYALUS	)	At MOMBASA ?
	CERES	)	At ADEN
	COLOMBO	)	At MOMBASA
	CAPETOWN	)	At BOMBAY
	DURBAN	)	At DURBAN
	GLASSON	)	At COLOMBO
	CALEDON	)	At TRINCOMALEE
	EMERALD	)	At MADRAS
	ENTERPRISE	)	At COLOMBO
	HOBART	)	En route COLOMBO to
		)	FREMANTLE
	DANAH	)	At COLOMBO
	DRAGON	)	At COLOMBO
	BOISE	)	Repairing at BOMBAY

D. INDIAN OCEAN - Contd.
British and Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers (Contd)	MARBLEHEAD	) En route TRINCOMALEE - DURBAN
		) due 15/3
	SUMATRA	) Repairing at TRINCOMALEE
A.M.C.'s	DERBYSHIRE	) At DURBAN
	CARTHAGE	) At COLOMBO ?
	HECTON	) At BOMBAY
	GLENHARN	) At COLOMBO
	GNITRAL	) At BOMBAY
	CORFU	) At BOMBAY
	RANCHI	) At COLOMBO
	ALUMIA	) DURBAN-BOMBAY due 15/3
Flotilla Leader	HEMSKERCK	) At COLOMBO
28 Destroyers)

E. MID PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC
British and Allied Forces

4 effective battleships (plus 3 which should now be ready)	) WEST COAST
1 effective A/C Carrier	) PEARL HARBOUR
3 - 8" Cruisers (all modern)	) PEARL HARBOUR
8 - 6" Cruisers (2 modern, 6 old)	) 4 WEST COAST, 3 SOCIETY
	) Is. to PANAMA
Approx. 30 Destroyers)
22 Submarines)

Battleships	MISSISSIPPI (12-14")	) WEST COAST
	NEW MEXICO (12-14")) " "
	IDAHO (12-14 ")) " "
	COLORADO (8-16")) " "
	MARYLAND (8-16")) " "
	TENNESSEE (12-14")) " "
	PENNSYLVANIA (12-14")) " "
Aircraft Carrier	ENTERPRISE	) PEARL HARBOUR

8" Cruisers	CHESTER
	SALT LAKE CITY
	NORTHAMPTON

6" Cruisers	ST. LOUIS
	HELENA
	CONCORD
	BALEIGH
	RICHMOND
	MILWAUKEE
	TRENTON
	DETROIT

Enemy Forces:

4 Submarines between MIDWAY IS. and VANCOUVER
4 Submarines in West HAWAIIAN Waters.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY
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1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) and "CHICAGO" are operating in the Suva - Noumea area.
- (ii) Task Force 11 including aircraft carrier "LEXINGTON" 8" Cruisers "INDIANAPOLIS" "MINNEAPOLIS" "SAN FRANCISCO" and 11 destroyers is operating in the Suva - Noumea area.
- (iii) Task Force 17 believed to comprise aircraft carrier "YORKTOWN" 8" Cruisers "LOUISVILLE" "ASTORIA" & "PENSACOLA" and 7 or 9 destroyers, is operating in the Suva-Noumea area.
- (iv) U.S. Destroyer "PERKINS" departed Suva 11/3 with Oiler "KASKASKIA" for unknown destination.
- (v) U.S. Cruiser "PORTLAND" with destroyer "LAMSON" and Oiler "NEOSHO" departed Suva 9/3. Destination unknown.
- (vi) "MONOWAI" with S.2.9 was due to arrive Auckland from Suva 1630/15.
- (vii) ~~"HONOLULU" "NEW ORLEANS" "MUGFORD" & "JARVIS"~~ with Convoy ZK7 (6 merchant ships ex Convoy BT.200, 2 ships ex Convoy 2033 and H.M.S. "ATHENE") at Noumea. ~~"NEW ORLEANS" & "MUGFORD"~~ to proceed Society Islands. *Yonkers departed 0400Z/15 for Samoa.*
- (viii) "MILDURA" & "GRELONG" in Noumea area. To proceed - "MILDURA" to Sydney; "GRELONG" to Brisbane.
- (ix) "LEANDER" & "ACHILLES" arrived Noumea 0810/15 from Brisbane.
- (x) "AUSTRALIA" escorting transport "JOHN ERICKSON" arrived Noumea from Melbourne 1045/15.
- (xi) U.S. Seaplane Tender "TANGIER" at Noumea.
- (xii) "LE TRIOMPHANT" at Sydney.
- (xiii) "CANBERRA" at Sydney refitting.
- (xiv) "TROMP" at Sydney for repairs.
- (xv) "KANIMBLA" departed Brisbane 2200/14 escorting "MONTEREY" (U.S.) to Melbourne. E.T.A. 0100/18. "ADELAIDE" will escort "MONTEREY" thence to Fremantle. "KANIMBLA" will escort "TAROONA" (carrying troops) from Melbourne to Capricorn Channel. *0100/18 572416*
- (xvi) "ADELAIDE" at Melbourne.
- (xvii) "COLAC" & H.M.S. "CESSNOCK" departed Port Moresby 1705/15 to carry out minesweeping duties.
- (xviii) "BUNGARKE" (Minelayer) due Auckland from Melbourne 13/3.
- (xix) Hospital ship "MAUNGANDUI" arrived Wellington from Sydney 0555/13.
- (xx) Hospital ship "WANGANELLA" departed Sydney 1905/13 for Colombo. E.T.A. 31/3.
- (xxi) "MERKUR" is at Noumea, slightly damaged. P.O.C.A.S. is to report on her condition with a view to towage to Sydney.
- (xxii) "CANBERRA" (carrying service personnel) arrived Thursday Island 1115/15/3. E.T.D. daylight 16/3.
- (xxiii) H.M.S. "BAN HONG LEONG" arrived Brisbane 2115/15.
- (xxiv) U.S. Seaplane Tender "W.B. PRESTON" due to arrive Melbourne today 16/3 from Fremantle.
- (xxv) U.S. Army Transport "MOUNT VERNON" due to arrive Wellington from Adelaide 1530/15.

Enemy Forces

- (1) BUKA - The 8 enemy units (believed to comprise 3-8" Cruisers, 3-3.5" cruisers and 2 destroyers) reported anchored in Kessa Harbour on 9th and 10th returned to Kessa again yesterday 15/3 and were reported there at 1245/15. It is suggested this force is probably the main covering force for enemy operations in the New Britain - New Guinea area and that Kessa is being used as its base.

B) AUSTRALIA STATION (not including ANZAC AREA)

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "WARSPITE" en route St. Vincent's Gulf to Trincomalee. To R.V. with destroyers "GRIFFIE" & "ARROW" in Indian Ocean approx 19/3.
- (ii) "PHOENIX" arrived Fremantle 1000/15. Later with U.S. destroyers "J.D. FORD" & "ALDEN" to R.V. with convoy SU2 (escorted by H.M.A.S. "HOBART") at 0700Z/17. "FORD" & "ALDEN" to join escort to Fremantle. *Phoenix to find way at 1100Z/17 joined*

- (i) "HOBART" & "SHOREHAM" escorting Convoy SU2 en route Fremantle from Colombo approx E.T.A. 20/3.
- (iv) "CORNWALL" escorting 8 merchant ships from Convoy SU1 arrived Fremantle 1421/15 to refuel. This section is named SU1B. "MANOORA" with the remaining four ships (SULA) is proceeding direct to Adelaide. "CORNWALL" with SU1B, after refuelling Fremantle, will proceed to a position approx 40 miles S.E. by East of Albany from where convoy will be dispersed.
- (v) "ASCANIA" departed Fremantle 11/3 for Melbourne to undergo repairs E.T.A. Port Phillip 0700/17.
- (vi) "WARREGO" en route Fremantle to Sydney E.T.A. 22/3.
- (vii) "PINGWO" towing "VENDETTA" en route Fremantle to Melbourne E.T.A. 23/3.
- (viii) Dutch submarine E8 arrived Geraldton 1835/12.
- (ix) Dutch submarine E9 at Fremantle.
- (x) Commander of Fourth Minesweeping Flotilla (Dutch) with three Dutch minesweepers arrived Broome 11/3 from Java en route Fremantle.
- (xi) U.S Naval units at present at Fremantle comprise - 8 destroyers, 12 submarines, 2 seaplane tenders, 2 submarine tenders, 1 destroyer tender.
- (xii) COMSOUWESPAC proposed moving submarine tender "HOLLAND" about 5 submarines, Destroyer Tender "BLACK HAWK" and about 3 destroyers, one converted destroyer seaplane tender and two minesweepers from Fremantle to Albany during the weekend 14-15 March.

K. 2 en route Fremantle, ETA Rotterdam 20/3

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

Naval Com Surabaya on board

C) EAST INDIES - JAPAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Approx 8 submarines some of which may now be en route Fremantle or Colombo.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

- (i) Reconnaissance over DILLI Harbour on 14/3 disclosed - one 6,000 ton ship and 2 small ships of 300-400 tons.
- (ii) Reconnaissance over KOEPANG 15/3 revealed - five 3 engine flying boats and one small ship N.W. corner Semaoe Strait, two 1,000 ton vessels and one 6,000 ton vessel anchored off Koepang wharf with some lighters.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) OPNAV (Washington) reports that Japanese aircraft carrier "KAGA" (27,000 tons - 60 aircraft) is en route to Sasebo (Japan). It would seem likely that "KAGA" is the carrier which received two torpedo hits from U.S. submarines in N.E.I. waters during the week ending 6/3.
- (ii) Japanese Fleet Oiler "ERIMO" (14,000 tons) has been torpedoed in East Indies Waters. (Opnav).
- (iii) OPNAV reports Japanese aircraft carrier "RYUJO" (7,000 tons - 40 aircraft) is probably south of Java.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Increased submarine and surface raider activity in the Bay of Bengal Eastern Indian Ocean and S.W. Pacific areas with a view to cutting the supply lines to Australia from both the west and east.
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A P P E N D I X

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A. ANZAC AREA

British & Allied Forces:

A/C Carriers

LEXINGTON

YORKTOWN

TANGIER

AUSTRALIA

MINNEAPOLIS

CHICAGO

SAN FRANCISCO

PENSACOLA

~~NEW ORLEANS~~

INDIANAPOLIS

PORTLAND -----

LOUISVILLE

ASTORIA

CANBERRA (refitting)

6" Cruisers

ADELAIDE

LEANDER

ACHILLES

HONOLULU

Flotilla Leaders

LE TRIOMPHANT

TROMP (Damaged)

STUART (Refitting)

A.M.C's

MOHOWAI

WESTRALIA

KAHIMBLA

Destroyers

22 U.S. ?

VOYAGER (Refitting)

) prob. en route Pearl
) Harbour

Enemy Forces

Bismarck Archipelago Area

1 Seaplane Carrbr (KAMOI)

1 Aircraft Carrier (HOSHO)

6 Unidentified Naval Air Units, some of
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tenders

At least 3- 8" Cruisers

5 - 5.5" Cruisers

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1 Squadron Submarines

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C. in C. Mandates Air Force

1 Gunboat Division

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C.O. 17th Air Squadron

Mandated Islands:

Truk Area:

1 Converted Carrier (FUJIKAWA MARU)

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Some units 4th Fleet

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Jaluit Area

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B. AUSTRALIA STATION (Excluding ANZAC AREA)

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

8" Cruiser

6" Cruiser

A.M.C.'s

Destroyers

Seaplane Tenders

Destroyer Tender

Submarine Tender

Submarines

(Dutch)

Auxiliaries

- WARSPITE
- CORNWALL
- PHOENIX
- MANOORA
- ASCANIA
- BULNER
- BARKER
- J.D.FORD
- PAUL JONES
- J.C. EDWARDS
- WHIPPLE
- ALDEN
- PARROTT
- VENETTA (Damaged)
- CHILDS
- W.B. PRESTON -----
- HERON (Damaged)
- BLACK HAWK
- OTUS
- HOLLAND
- SARGO
- SEADRAGON
- TARPOH
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- STURGEON
- SCULPIN
- SKIPJACK
- SWORDFISH
- S38
- S40
- S41
- STINGRAY
- S37
- S39
- SEA RAVEN
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- PERCH
- PORPOISE
- PIKE
- PICKEREL
- SALMON
- SEAL
- SAURY
- SAILFISH
- SNA PPER
- K 9
- K 8
- K 12
- GEORGE C. HENRY
- GOLDSTAR
- LANAKAI

due Melbourne today

11 at Fremantle

8 en route Fremantle

6 on patrol N.E.I. Waters or proceeding to or returning from Patrol

at Fremantle
at Geraldton

en route Fremantle.
at Fremantle

INDIAN OCEAN - Contd.
British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers (Contd)	MARBLEHEAD) En route TRINCOMALEE - DURBAN
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8" Cruisers
CHESTER
SALT LAKE CITY
NORTHAMPTON

6" Cruisers
ST. LOUIS
HELENA
CONCORD
RALEIGH
RICHMOND
MILWAUKEE
TRENTON
DETROIT

Honolulu

Enemy Forces

4 Submarines between MIDWAY IS. and VANCOUVER
4 Submarines in West HAWAIIAN Waters.

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British and Allied Forces

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	RAMILLIES)	At TRINCOMALEE
	ROYAL SOVEREIGN)	" "
Aircraft Carriers	HERMES)	At TRINCOMALEE
	INDOMITABLE)	
8" Cruisers	Giorgios AVEROFF)	(Grk) At BOMBAY
	DORSETSHIRE)	At TRINCOMALEE
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	EURYALUS)	At MOMBASA ?
	CERES)	At ADEN
	COLOMBO)	At MOMBASA
	CAPETOWN)	At BOMBAY
	DURBAN)	At DURBAN
	GLASGOW)	At COLOMBO
	CALEDON)	At TRINCOMALEE
	EMERALD)	At MADRAS
	ENTERPRISE)	At COLOMBO
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	DANAE)	At COLOMBO
	DRAGON)	At COLOMBO
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- (x) Commander of Fourth Minesweeping Flotilla (Dutch) with three Dutch minesweepers arrived Broome 11/3 from Java en route Fremantle.
- (xi) Submarine Tender "HOLLAND", Seaplane Tender "CHILDS", Destroyer "PARROTT" and 5 submarines departed Fremantle p.m. 15/3 for Albany. E.T.A. a.m. today 17/3. "LARK" & "WHIPPOORWILL" en route Albany from Fremantle.
- (xii) U.S. Naval units at present in the Fremantle-Albany area include - one 6" Cruiser, 8 destroyers, 12 submarines, 2 seaplane tenders, 2 submarine tenders, 1 destroyer tender. (See Appendix).

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

C) EAST INDIES - JAPAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Approx 6 submarines some of which may now be en route Fremantle or Colombo.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

D) INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

- (i) H.M.A.S. "JONNA" (who was dive-bombed in Sunda Strait 28/2 with H.M.A.S. "YARRA" and other minor war vessels) arrived Colombo safely and is now reported at Bombay.
- (ii) There are now five British battleships operating in the Indian Ocean, namely - "WARSPITE" "ROYAL SOVEREIGN" "RAMILLIES" "REVENGE" "RESOLUTION". (See Appendix)

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS -- Nil

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Increased submarine and surface raider activity in the Bay of Bengal, Eastern Indian Ocean and S.W. Pacific areas with a view to cutting the supply lines to Australia from both the west and east.
- (ii) Continued air attacks on the Darwin area from both shore-based and ship-borne aircraft possibly as a prelude to a direct attack.
- (iii) Carrier-borne air attack on Fremantle.
- (iv) Attack on Port Moresby from Lae-Salamaua area.
- (v) Carrier-borne air raids against N.E. Australian air bases including Townsville.
- (vi) Possible attack on New Caledonia.
- (vii) Raids on Key islands in Mid Pacific including Canton, Midway and Hawaii.

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

17:3:42

A. ANZAC AREA

British & Allied Forces:

A/c Carriers

LEXINGTON

YORKTOWN

S/P Tenders

TANGIER

W.B. PRESTON

8" Cruisers

AUSTRALIA

MINNEAPOLIS

CHICAGO

SAN FRANCISCO

PENSACOLA

INDIANAPOLIS

LOUISVILLE

ASTORIA

CANBERRA (refitting)

6" Cruisers

ADELAIDE

LEANDER

ACHILLES

Flotilla Leaders

LE TRIOMPHANT

THOMP (damaged)

STUART (refitting)

A.M.C.'s

HONOWAI

WESTRALIA

KANIMBLA

Destroyers

22 U.S. ?

VOYAGER (refitting)

Enemy Forces:

Bismarck Archipelago Area

1 Seaplane Carrier (KAMOY)

1 Aircraft Carrier (HOSHO)

6 Unidentified Naval Air Units, some of which are probably converted Seaplane tenders.

At least 3-8" Cruisers

5 - 6.5" Cruisers

8 Destroyers

Approx. 20 Merchant Ships including several army transports.

1 Sub. Depot Ship

1 Squadron Submarines

C. in C. Mandates Fleet (4th)

C. in C. Mandates Air Force

1 Gunboat Division

Approx. 70 shorebased Aircraft including possibly torpedo bombers.

C.O. 17th Air Squadron

Mandated Islands

Truk Area

1 Converted Carrier (~~POIKRAN KARS~~)

Several 5.5" Cruisers

Some units 4th Fleet

Approx. 12 Destroyers

At least 19 Chartered Merchant Ships

Special landing party force (Marines)

3 or 4 Air Squadrons

Jaluit Area

At least 2 submarine squadrons from 6th Fleet

2 Naval Units - Air (shorebased) comprising fighters, torpedo-bombers and reconnaissance aircraft

1 Seaplane Carrier

6 Naval Air Units (some probably seaplane tenders)

6 unidentified warships

Air tenders and minesweepers

At least 34 Chartered Merchant ships including one 17,000 ton ex passenger liner.

B. AUSTRALIA STATION (Excluding ANZAC AREA)
British & Allied Forces:

Battleships
8" Cruiser
6" Cruisers

A.M.C.'s

Destroyers

Seaplane Tenders

Destroyer Tender

Submarine Tenders

Submarines

WARSPITE
CORNWALL
PHOENIX
HOBART
MANOORA
ASCANIA
BULMER
BARKER
J.D. FORD
PAUL JONES
J.C. EDWARDS
WHIPPLE
ALDEN
PARROTT
VENDETTA (damaged)

CHILDS
HERON (damaged)

BLACK HAWK

OTUS

HOLLAND

SARGO

SEADRAGON

TARPON

SPEARFISH

STURGEON

SCULPIN

SKIPJACK

SWORDFISH

338

340

341

STINGRAY

337

339

SEA RAVEN

SEA WOLF

PERCH

PORPOISE

PIKE

PICKEREL

SALMON

SEAL

SAURY

SAILFISH

SHAPPER

(Dutch)

K9

KB

K12

GEORGE G. HENRY

GOLDSTAR

LARK

WHIPPOORWILL

3 DUTCH

ISABEL

TULSA

} 7 at Fremantle
5 en route Albany
8 en route Fremantle
6 on patrol N.E.I.
Waters or proceeding
to or returning from
Patrol

} at Fremantle
at Geraldton
en route Fremantle

} at Fremantle

Auxiliaries

Minesweepers

Patrol Vessel

Gunboat

Some of these units have been damaged but full details are not yet available.

Enemy Forces:

1 Aircraft Carrier

3 Heavy Cruisers

2 Destroyers

At least one Submarine

Possibly

G. EAST INDIES WATERS *Malayan Waters*
British & Allied Forces:

Approximately 8 Submarines some of which) See list on previous
are en route Fremantle or Seylon) page
may be en route Fremantle

Enemy Forces:

- 4 Battleships
- 5 A/c Carriers ~ (Amagi, Soryu, Kiryu, Ryujo)
- 10-8" Cruisers
- 8-5.5" Cruisers
- Approx. 45 Destroyers
- Several Seaplane Carriers
- Approx. 150 Transports
- C. in C. 2nd Fleet
- C. in C. 3rd Fleet
- C. in C. Southern Exped. Fleet

(NOTE: These forces being redistributed. Some units proceeding north for docking.)

Palau-Saipan-Bonins Area

Units of the Combined Fleet including probably 5 Battleships
3 Aircraft Carriers (possibly 4) *Kaga (proceeding Japan for repairs damaged),*
Zuikaku, Bonin. Expected to proceed later.
Shokaku, Bonin.

Java-Darwin-Bay of Bengal-Indian Ocean Area

Probably 4 Squadrons (38) Submarines

D. INDIAN OCEAN

British & Allied Forces:

Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

A.M.C.'s

WARSPITE	En route Trincomalee from Aden
RESOLUTION	En route Mauritius from
REVENGE	At Durban (Durban
RANILLIES	At Trincomalee
ROYAL SOVEREIGN	At Trincomalee area?
HERMES	" "
INDOMITABLE	Due Aden 16/3
GIORGIOS AVEROFF (Grk.)	at Bombay
DORSETSHIRE	At Trincomalee
MAURITIUS	At Durban ?
EURYALUS	At Mombasa ?
CERES	Due Mombasa 16/3
COLOMBO	At Mombasa
CAPETOWN	At Bombay
DURBAN	At Durban
GLASGOW	At Colombo
CALEDON	At Trincomalee
EMERALD	Due Madras 16/3
ENTERPRISE	Due Colombo 18/3
DANAÉ	At Colombo
DRAGON	At Colombo
BOISE	Repairing at Bombay
MARBLEHEAD	At Durban
SUMATRA	Repairing at Trincomalee
DERBYSHIRE	At Durban ?
CARTHAGE	At Colombo ?
HECTOR	At Bombay ?
GLENEARN	At Colombo ?
CHITRAL	At Bombay
CORFU	Due Aden 16/3
RANCHI	At Bombay
ALAUNIA	Due vicinity of Colombo 20/3
HEMSKERCK	At Colombo
<i>Coventry</i>	at Bombay

A/A Vents
Flotilla Leader

25 24 Destroyers
5 Submarines

Worcestershire Durban due 17/3

K. MID PACIFIC & EAST PACIFIC
British & Allied Forces:

4 effective battleships (plus 3 which should now be ready)	WEST COAST
1 effective A/c Carrier	PEARL HARBOR
5-8" Cruisers	1 WEST COAST, 2 PEARL HBR.
	1 EN ROUTE PEARL HBR.
	1 EN ROUTE SOCIETY IS.
8-6" Cruisers (2 modern, 6 old)	4 WEST COAST, 3 PANAMA
Approx. 30 Destroyers	
22 Submarines	

Battleships

MISSISSIPPI (12-14")	West Coast
NEW MEXICO (12-14")	" "
IDaho (12-14")	" "
COLORADO (8-16")	" "
MARYLAND (8-16")	" "
TENNESSEE (12-14")	" "
PENNSYLVANIA (12-14")	" "

Aircraft Carrier

ENTERPRISE Pearl Harbour

8" Cruisers

CHESTER
SALT LAKE CITY
NORTHAMPTON
NEW ORLEANS
PORTLAND

6" Cruisers

ST. LOUIS
HELENA
CONCORD
RALEIGH
RICHMOND
MILWAUKEE
TRENTON
DETROIT
HONOLULU

Enemy Forces:

4 Submarines between Midway Is. and Vancouver
4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY
18/3/42

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "CHICAGO" "LEANDER" "PERKINS" & "LAMSON" are operating in the Noumea area.
- (ii) Task Force 11 including aircraft carrier "LEXINGTON" 8" Cruisers "INDIANAPOLIS" "MINNEAPOLIS" "SAN FRANCISCO" and 11 destroyers is operating in the Suva - Noumea area.
- (iii) Task Force 17 believed to comprise aircraft carrier "YORKTOWN" 8" Cruisers "LOUISVILLE" "ASTORIA" & "PENSACOLA" and 7 or 9 destroyers is operating in the Suva - Noumea area.
- (iv) "ACHILLES" & "WESTRALIA" en route Noumea to Vila. E.T.A. 0600/18/3. "WESTRALIA" thence Suva, thence Townsville, "ACHILLES" thence to join F.O.C.A.S.
- (v) "HONOLULU" & "JARVIS" departed Noumea at 1500/15 for Samoa. E.T.A. 19/3.
- (vi) "NEW ORLEANS" & "HUSPORD" proceeding Society Is. from Noumea.
- (vii) Convoy ZK7 (7 merchant ships ex Convoy BT.200, 2 ships ex Convoy 2033 and H.M.S. "ATHENE") at Noumea.
- (viii) "MONOWAI" at Auckland. Will meet convoy BT.201 (5 troopships) as relief escort on 28/3 in vicinity of Tongatabu. Convoy to proceed Brisbane.
- (ix) "MILDURA" & "GEEKLONG" in Noumea area, later to be relieved by "HEROS" & "ST. GILES".
- (x) U.S. Seaplane Tender "TANGIER" at Noumea.
- (xi) "LE TRIOMPHANT" at Sydney.
- (xii) "CANBERRA" at Sydney refitting.
- (xiii) "TROMP" at Sydney for repairs.
- (xiv) "KANIMBLA" escorting "MONTEREY" (U.S) arrived Melbourne a.m. today 18/3. "ADELAIDE" to escort "MONTEREY" to Fremantle.
- (xv) "ADELAIDE" at Melbourne.
- (xvi) "ASCANIA" arrived Melbourne 1305/17/3 from Fremantle, for repairs.
- (xvii) "BUNGARKE" (Minelayer) arrived Auckland 1540/16/3.
- (xviii) Hospital ship "WANGANELLA" departed Sydney 1905/15 for Colombo. E.T.A. 31/3.
- (xix) S.S. "CANBERRA" (carrying service personnel) en route Thursday Island to Port Moresby. "COLAC" & H.M.S. "CESSNOCK" are operating in company.
- (xx) U.S. Seaplane Tender "W.B. PRESTON" arrived Williamstown 1405/17/3 from Fremantle.
- (xxi) U.S. Army Transport "MOUNT VERNON" due to depart Wellington 2030/16/3 for U.S.A.
- (xxii) U.S. Naval Auxiliary "TALAMANG" at Wellington.
- (xxiii) "TOWNSVILLE" escorting "HANYANG" departed Port Darwin for Thursday Island. E.T.A. 0800/19/3.
- (xxiv) "TARONGA" (carrying troops) departed Melbourne 2132/16 for Capricorn Channel.

Enemy Forces

- (1) KESSA (Buka) - A further report from the Coast Watcher states that the 8 enemy units (6 cruisers, 2 destroyers) in Kessa Harbour on 16/3 were anchored 15 miles off shore at 1910/17/3. An earlier report indicated that landing parties had foraged for fresh food and scrap iron but no move had been made to occupy the harbour permanently. One catapult aircraft carried out reconnaissance of the locality.
- (11) SAMARAI - A native source stated to be reliable reported three large ships at Doini Island (15 miles south of Samarai) at 1330/17.

B) AUSTRALIA STATION (not including ANZAC AREA)

British and Allied Forces

- (1) "HOBART" & "SHOREHAM" escorting Convoy SU2 (5 merchant ships) en route Fremantle from Colombo E.T.A. 20/3. "PHOENIX" with U.S. Destroyers "J.D.FORD" & "ALDEN" to R.V. with Convoy at 1500/18 and join escort to Fremantle.
- (11) "CORNWALL" with 8 merchant ships from Convoy SU1 at Fremantle refuelling. This section is named SULB. "MANGORA" with the remaining four ships (SULA) is proceeding

direct to Adelaide E.T.A. 1330/21.

"CORNWALL" with SUIB, after refuelling Fremantle, will proceed to a position approx 240 miles S.E. by East of Albany from where convoy will be dispersed. "CORNWALL" then to proceed Colombo.

- (iv) "WARREGO" en route Fremantle to Sydney E.T.A. 22/3.
- (v) "PINGWO" towing "VENDETTA" (en route Fremantle to Melbourne) arrived Albany 15/3, remaining at Albany until more suitable towing vessel can be provided.
- (vi) Dutch submarine K12 en route to Fremantle.
- (vii) Dutch submarines KB and K9 at Fremantle.
- (viii) Commander of Fourth Minesweeping Flotilla (Dutch) with three Dutch minesweepers arrived Broome 11/3 from Java en route Fremantle.
- (ix) Submarine Tender "HOLLAND", Seaplane Tender "CHILDS", Destroyer "PARROTT", "LARK" & "WHIPPOORWILL" and 5 submarines arrived Albany from Fremantle.
- (x) "WHIPPLE" "PAUL JONES" & "EDWARDS" (U.S. destroyers) to depart Fremantle today and escort convoy SUIB towards Adelaide. At position determined "WHIPPLE" & "EDWARDS" to proceed Melbourne and "PAUL JONES" to proceed Albany.
- (xi) U.S. submarine "SAURY" arrived Fremantle 0613/17/3.
- (xii) U.S. Transport "LANAKAI" arrived Fremantle from Java 16/3.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

C) EAST INDIES - JAPAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Approx 6 submarines some of which may now be en route Fremantle or Colombo.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

D) INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

- (1) "WARSPITE" en route Trincomalee from Australia. To R.V. with Destroyers "GRIFFIN" & Dutch "ISAAC SWEERS" in Indian Ocean approx 19/3.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) INDIAN OCEAN - A probable German raider, disguised as a Bank Line Vessel, was sighted by H.M.S. "CHESHIRE" at 2125L/14 on an easterly course in a position 320 miles south-east of Capetown.
- (11) N.E.I. WATERS - Cinepac reports continued redistribution of enemy forces in the East Indies area is in progress. Some units en route to dockyards in Formosa - Japan - Bonins area.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Increased submarine and surface raider activity in the Bay of Bengal, Eastern Indian Ocean and S.W. Pacific areas with a view to cutting the supply lines to Australia from both the west and east.
- (ii) Continued air attacks on the Darwin area from both shore-based and ship-borne aircraft possibly as a prelude to a direct attack.
- (iii) Carrier-borne air attack on Fremantle.
- (iv) Attack on Port Moresby from Lae - Salamaua area.
- (v) Carrier-borne air raids against N.E. Australian air bases including Townsville.
- (vi) Possible attack on New Caledonia.
- (vii) Raids on key islands in Mid Pacific including Canton, Midway and Hawaii.

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

18/3/42.

A. ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces.

A/C Carriers	LEXINGTON
	YORKTOWN
S/P Tenders	TANGIER
	W.B. PRESTON
8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA
	MINNEAPOLIS
	CHICAGO
	SAN FRANCISCO
	PENSACOLA
	INDIANAPOLIS
	LOUISVILLE
	ASTORIA
	CANBERRA (refitting)
6" Cruisers	ADELAIDE
	LEANDER
	ACHILLES
Flotilla Leaders	LE TRIOMPHANT
	TROMP (damaged)
	STUART (refitting)
A.M.C.'s	MONOWAI
	WESTRALIA ASCANIA
	KANIMBLA
Destroyers	22 U.S. ?
	VOYAGER (refitting)

Enemy Forces.

Bismarck Archipelago Area.

1 Aircraft Carrier (HOSHŌ)
 1 Seaplane Carrier (KAMOJ)
 6 Unidentified Naval Air Units, some of which are probably converted Seaplane tenders
 At least 3-8" Cruisers
 5 - 5.5" Cruisers
 8 Destroyers
 Approx. 20 Merchant ships including several army transports
 1 Sub. Depot ship
 1 Squadron Submarines
 C. in C. Mandates Fleet (4th)
 C. in C. Mandates Air Force
 1 Gunboat Division
 Approx. 70 shorebased Aircraft including possibly torpedo bombers.
~~C. in C. 17th Air Squadron~~

Mandated Islands

Truk Area

1 Converted Carrier
 Several 5.5" Cruisers
 Some units 4th Fleet
 Approx. 12 Destroyers
 At least 19 Chartered Merchant ships
 Special landing party force (Marines)
 3 or 4 Air Squadrons

Jaluit Area.

At least 2 submarine squadrons from 6th Fleet
 2 Naval Units - Air (shorebased) comprising fighters, torpedo-bombers and reconnaissance aircraft
 1 Seaplane Carrier
 6 Naval Air Units (some probably seaplane tenders)
 6 unidentified warships
 Air tenders and minesweepers
 At least 34 Chartered Merchant ships including one 17,000 tons ex passenger liner.

D. AUSTRALIA STATION (Excluding ANZAC AREA)
British and Allied Forces.

8" Cruiser	CORNWALL	
6" Cruisers	PHOENIX	
	HOBART	
A.M.C's.	MANOORA	
	ASCANIA	
Destroyers	BULMER	
	BARKER	
	J.D. FORD	
	PAUL JONES	
	J.C. EDWARDS	
	WHIPPLE	
	ALDEN	
	PARROTT	
	VENDETTA (damaged)	
Seaplane Tenders	CHILDS	
	HERON (damaged)	
Destroyer Tender	BLACK HAWK	
Submarine Tenders	OTUS	
	HOLLAND	
Submarines	SARGO)
	SEADRAGON)
	✓ TARPON	) 5 en route Albany
	✓ SPEARFISH)
	✓ STURGEON	) 5 at Fremantle repairing
	✓ SCULPIN)
	✓ SKIPJACK	) 6 en route Fremantle from
	✓ SWORDFISH	) patrol area
	S 38)
	S 40	) 4 on patrol N.E.I.
	S 41)
	STINGRAY	) 5 enroute patrol area
	S 37)
	S 39	) 1 on special mission
	✓ SEA RAVEN)
	SEA WOLF)
	PERCH)
	PORPOISE)
	PIKE)
	PICKEREL)
	SALMON)
	SEAL)
	SAURY)
	SAILFISH)
	SNAPPER)
(Dutch)	K 9	At Fremantle
	K 8	At Geraldton
	K 12	en route Fremantle
Auxiliaries	GEORGE G. HENRY)	
	GOLDSTAR	) - at Fremantle
Minesweepers	LARK	
	WHIPPOORWILL	
	3 Dutch	
Patrol Vessel	ISABEL	
Gunboat	TULSA	

Some of these units have been damaged but full details are not yet available.

Enemy Forces.

Possibly
3 Heavy Cruisers
2 Destroyers
At least one Submarine

C. EAST INDIES - MALAYAN WATERS

British and Allied Forces.

Approximately 6 submarines some of which) - see list on previous
may be en route Fremantle) page

C. EAST INDIES - MALAYAN WATERS (Continued)

Enemy Forces.

4 Battleships
4 A/C Carriers

AMAGI
SORYU
HIRYU
RYUJO

10-8" Cruisers
8 - 5.5" Cruisers
Approx. 45 Destroyers
Several Seaplane Carriers
Approx. 150 Transports
C. in C. 2nd Fleet
C. in C. 3rd Fleet
C. in C. Southern Exped. Fleet

(NOTE: These forces believed being redistributed. Some units proceeding North for docking).

Palau-Saipan-Bonins Area.

Units of the Combined Fleet including probably 5 Battleships
3 A/C Carriers
KAGA (proceeding Japan possibly damaged.
ZUIKAKU (Bonins expected to proceed Celebes shortly).
SHOKAKU (Bonins expected to proceed Celebes shortly).

Java-Darwin-Bay of Bengal-Indian Ocean Area.
Probably 4 Squadrons (36) Submarines

D. INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces.

Battleships

A/C Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

25 Destroyers
5 Submarines

WARSPITE	En route Trincomalee from -	/Australia.
RESOLUTION	En route Mauritius from -	
REVENGE	At Durban	/Durban
RAMILLIES	At Trincomalee	
ROYAL SOVEREIGN	Trincomalee area ?	
HERMES	At Trincomalee	
INDOMITABLE	Due Aden 16/3	
GIORGIOS AVEROFF	(Grk) at Bombay	
DORSETSHIRE	At Trincomalee	
MAURITIUS	At Durban ?	
EURYALUS	At Mombasa ?	
CERES	Due Mombasa 15/3	
COLOMBO	At Mombasa	
CAPETOWN	At Bombay	
DURBAN	At Durban	
GLASGOW	At Colombo	
CALEDON	At Trincomalee	
EMERALD	Due Madras 16/3	
ENTERPRISE	Due Colombo 18/3	
DANAE	At Colombo	
DRAGON	" "	
BOISE	Repairing at Bombay	
MARBLEHEAD	At Durban	
SUMATRA	Repairing at Trincomalee	
DERBYSHIRE	At Durban ?	
CARTHAGE	At Colombo ?	
HECTOR	At Bombay ?	
GLENEARN	At Colombo ?	
CHITRAL	At Bombay	
CORFU	Due Aden 16/3	
RANCHI	At Bombay	
ALAUNIA	Due vicinity Colombo 20/3	
WORCESTERSHIRE	Durban due 17/3	
HEEMSKERCK	At Colombo	
COVENTRY	At Bombay	

E. MID PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC

British and Allied Forces.

4 effective Battleships (~~plus 5 which should now be ready~~) WEST COAST
1 effective A/C Carrier PEARL HARBOUR
5-8" Cruisers 1 WEST COAST, 2 PEARL HARBOUR 1 EN ROUTE PEARL HARBOUR

8-6" Cruisers (2 modern, 5 old)

1 EN ROUTE SOCIETY IS.
4 WEST COAST, 3 PANAMA

Approx. 30 Destroyers
22 Submarines

BATTLESHIPS

MISSISSIPPI (12-14")
NEW MEXICO (12-14")
IDAHO (12-14")
COLORADO (8-16")
MARYLAND (8-16")
TENNESSEE (12-14")
PENNSYLVANIA (12-14")

WEST COAST
" "
" "
" "
" "
" "

**AIRCRAFT CARRIER
8" CRUISERS**

ENTERPRISE
CHESTER
SALT LAKE CITY
NORTHAMPTON
NEW ORLEANS
PORTLAND

PEARL HARBOUR
West Coast
Pearl
Pearl
Mid Pacific
Mid Pacific

6" CRUISERS

ST. LOUIS
HELENA (Damaged)
CONCORD (Damaged)
RALEIGH
RICHMOND
MILWAUKEE
TRENTON
DETROIT
HONOLULU

West Coast
West Coast
Mid Pacific Panama City
West Coast
Panama Area
Panama Area Mid Pacific
West Coast Mid Pacific

Approx 30 Destroyers
22 Submarines

Enemy Forces.

4 Submarines between Midway Island and Vancouver
4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

19/3/42

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "CHICAGO" "LEANDER" "PERKINS" & "LAMSON" are operating in the Noumea area.
- (ii) Task Force 11 including aircraft carrier "LEXINGTON" 8" Cruisers "INDIANAPOLIS" "MINNEAPOLIS" "SAN FRANCISCO" and 10 destroyers is operating in the Suva - Noumea area.
- (iii) Task Force 17 including aircraft carrier "YORKTOWN" 8" Cruisers "LOUISVILLE" "ASTORIA" "PENSACOLA" and 8 or 9 destroyers, is operating in the Suva - Noumea area.
- (iv) "ACHILLES" & "WESTRALIA" arrived Vila 0600/18. "WESTRALIA" after disembarking troops and equipment is to proceed to Suva to embark all personnel spares and equipment of B.17's landed from TANGIER, thence to proceed to Townsville. "ACHILLES" to join F.O.C.A.S.
- (v) U.S. Giler "TIPPECANOE" arrived Suva 1335/16.
- (vi) Convoy EK7 (4 merchant ships ex Convoy BT.200, 2 ships ex Convoy 2033 and H.M.S. "ATHENE") at Noumea.
- (vii) "MONOWAI" at Auckland. Later to meet convoy BT.201 (5 troop ships escorted by "NEW ORLEANS" & "MUGFORD") in vicinity of Tongatabu on 28/3. "MONOWAI" to take over and escort convoy to Brisbane.
- (viii) "MILDURA" & "GEEBONG" in Noumea area.
- (ix) U.S. Seaplane Tender "TANGIER" (at Noumea), and accompanying plane (designated as Task Force 9.6.2.) will continue to operate in Anzac Area.
- (x) "LE TRIOMPHANT" at Sydney.
- (xi) "CANBERRA" at Sydney refitting.
- (xii) "TROMP" at Sydney for repairs.
- (xiii) "KABIMELA" escorting "MONTREY" (U.S) arrived Melbourne 0811/18.
- (xiv) "ADELAIDE" escorting "MONTREY" to Fremantle, departed Melbourne 1936/18 E.T.A. 19001/22/3.
- (xv) "ASCANIA" arrived Melbourne 1305/17/3 from Fremantle for repairs.
- (xvi) "BUNGAREE" (Minelayer) at Auckland.
- (xvii) Hospital ship "WANGANILLA" departed en route Sydney to Colombo E.T.A. 31/3.
- (xviii) S.S. "CANBERRA" (carrying service personnel) arrived Port Moresby 1256/17 and departed 1900/17, (See Naval Incidents for air attack 18/3.)
- (xix) "COLAC" & H.M.S. "GESSHOCK" operating in Torres Strait area to proceed Port Moresby for refuelling E.T.A. 0700/21, thence to Thursday Island E.T.A. p.m. 22/3 to await arrival of "TARONA".
- (xx) "TARONA" (carrying troops) departed Melbourne 2132/16 for Capricorn Channel.
- (xxi) U.S. Seaplane Tender "W.B. PRESTON" at Williamstown. To depart for Sydney today 19/3 for repairs. E.T.A. 21/3.
- (xxii) "TOWNSVILLE" escorting "HANYANG" en route Thursday Island from Darwin. E.T.A. 0800/19/3.
- (xxiii) U.S. ~~aux~~ Store Ship "BRIDGE" Destroyer Tender "DOBBIN" & Hospital ship "SOLACE" in Samoa area.
- (xxiv) U.S. Army Transport "MOUNT VERNON" was due to depart Wellington 2030/16/3 for U.S.A.
- (xxv) U.S. Naval Auxiliary "TALAMANCA" at Wellington.

Enemy Forces

- (i) RABAU - ~~Three~~ ~~British~~ ~~tasked~~
Enemy shipping sighted by our aircraft at 0925/18/3 was:
1 heavy cruiser, 2 light cruisers, 1 destroyer,
3 transports (3 large, 5 small) 1 small unidenti-
fied craft.
- (ii) GASHAYA - No shipping observed 18/3.
- (iii) KESSA - The 6 cruisers, 2 destroyers sighted on 16/3 in Harbour of Kessa departed a.m. 17/3 heading for Nissan (30 miles NNW of Kessa). As "KAMOI" is known to have proceeded from Rabaul area to a position north of New Ireland 16/3, it is possible in view of the course of the above units that they are proceeding to K.V. in the same area.

B) AUSTRALIA STATION (not including ANZAC AREA)

British and allied Forces

- (i) "CORNWALL" with U.S. Destroyers "WHIPPLE" & "EDWARDS" was due to depart Fremantle at 1400/18 escorting convoy SU1B (8 merchant ships). "CORNWALL" to proceed to a position approx 240 miles S.E. by East of Albany from where convoy will be dispersed. "CORNWALL" to proceed Colombo. "WHIPPLE" & "EDWARDS" to proceed Melbourne. (4 merchant ships)
- (ii) "MANOORA" escorting Convoy SUIA/proceeding direct to Adelaide E.T.A. 1350/21.
- (iii) "ROBERT" & "SHOREHAM" escorting Convoy SU2 (5 merchant ships) en route Fremantle from Colombo E.T.A. 20/3. "PHOENIX" with U.S. destroyers "J.D.FORD" & "ALDEN" to R.V. with Convoy at 1500/18 and join escort to Fremantle.
- (iv) "J.D.FORD" & "ALDEN" (with Commander Destroyer Squadron 57) to depart Fremantle 23/3 escorting "GOLDSTAR" (carrying submarine and destroyer stores and ammunition) to long. 120°E whence "FORD" & "ALDEN" are to proceed Melbourne. "GOLDSTAR" to then proceed independently to Melbourne.
- Copy* (v) "WARREGO" en route Fremantle to Sydney E.T.A. 22/3.
- (vi) "PINGWO" towing "VENDETTA" (en route Fremantle to Melbourne) at Albany, where to remain until more suitable towing vessel can be provided.
- (vii) Dutch submarine K.12 en route Fremantle, from Java.
- (viii) Dutch submarines K.8 and K.9 at Fremantle.
- (ix) Commander Fourth Minesweeping Flotilla (Dutch) with three mine-sweepers arrived Broome 11/3 from Java en route Fremantle.

Enemy Forces

PORT HEDLAND - A small fast ship heading S.W. was sighted on morning of 17/3 and a large steamship on the same course at 1400/17/3 from a point 160 miles N.E. of Port Hedland. These units cannot be identified by N.O.I.C. Fremantle.

C) EAST INDIES - JAPAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Approx 6 submarines some of which may now be en route Fremantle or Colombo.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

D) INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

"WARSPITE" en route Trincomalee from Australia. To R.V. with Destroyers "GRIFFIN" & Dutch "ISAAC SWEEERS" in Indian Ocean approx 19/3.

E) PACIFIC OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "HONOLULU" and "JARVIS" are due to arrive Samoa from Noumea today 19/3.
- (ii) "NEW ORLEANS" & "MUGFORD" are en route Society Islands from Noumea to R.V. with Convoy BT.201.
- (iii) U.S. Oiler "PLATTE" en route Pearl Harbour to Noumea.
- (iv) Task Force 13 (advance service establishment) is expected to arrive Tongatabu 28/3.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) PORRIS STRAIT - S.S. "CANBERRA" while proceeding south from Port Moresby after disembarking troops on 17/3 was machine gunned by enemy aircraft at 1515/18 in a position 70 miles N.E. of Cape York. No further details have been received but "CANBERRA" is known to have passed Thursday Island at 2113/18 en route south.
- (ii) RABAUL - Three B.17's attacked enemy shipping in Rabaul Harbour between 0900 and 0925/18/3 scoring one direct hit on a heavy cruiser, and three near misses on two large ships.

(iii) SALAMAUA - LAE - A summary of the damage inflicted on enemy shipping in the Salamaua - Lae area by allied air attacks on 10/3 is as follows -

<u>Cruisers</u>	-/one 8" (KINUGASA" class)	sunk
	✓one 8" (MOGAMI class type)	sunk
	✓one 5.5" (NATORI or TENRYU class)	badly damaged perhaps sunk.
	✓one cruiser	near miss.
<u>Destroyers</u>	-/one	believed sunk.
	two	badly damaged.
		possibly sunk.
	one	near miss.
<u>Transports & Storeships</u>	- 5	sunk or completely destroyed by fire and beached.
	✓2	one direct hit each.
	1	Hit and observed burning.
	x 3	Near misses, seen to do damage.
<u>Minesweeper</u>	✓1	Burning probably sunk.
¹² <u>Seaplane Tender</u>	1	Seriously damaged
<u>Gunboats</u>	2	Both damaged, one burning possibly sunk.
<u>Seaplanes</u>	2	Destroyed.

Numerous small craft and landing craft boats beached and sunk. A.A. guns on shore and cruisers strafed and silenced.

Note: It is possible that some of the transports listed above have been reported twice as being sunk or damaged by successive attacking planes.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Increased submarine and surface raider activity in the Bay of Bengal, Eastern Indian Ocean and S.W. Pacific areas with a view to cutting the supply lines to Australia from both the west and east.
- (ii) Continued air attacks on the Darwin area from both shore-based and ship-borne aircraft possibly as a prelude to a direct attack.
- (iii) Carrier-borne air attack on Fremantle.
- (iv) Attack on Port Moresby from Lae - Salamaua area.
- (v) Carrier-borne air raids against N.E. Australian air bases including Townsville.
- (vi) Possible early occupation Tulagi.
- (vii) Raids on key islands in Mid Pacific including Canton, Midway and Hawaii.

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

19/3/42

A) ANZAC AREA.

British and Allied Forces

A/C Carriers	LEXINGTON	+
	YORKTOWN	
S/P Tenders	TANGIER	
	W.B. PRESTON	
8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA	+
	MINNEAPOLIS	
	CHICAGO	
	SAN FRANCISCO	+
	PENSACOLA	
	INDIANAPOLIS	+
	LOUISVILLE	
	ASTORIA	
6" Cruisers	CANBERRA (refitting)	
	ADELAIDE	
	LEANDER	
	ACHILLES	
Flotilla Leaders	IE TRIOMPHANT	
	TROMP (damaged)	
	STUART (refitting)	
A.M.C.'s	MONOWAI	
	WESTRALIA	
	KANIMBLA	
	ASCANIA	
Destroyers	10 29 U.S. ?	
	VOYAGER (refitting)	

Enemy Forces

Bismarck Archipelago Area.

1 Aircraft Carrier (HOSHO)
 1 Seaplane Carrier (KAMOJ)
 5 ~~6~~ Unidentified Naval Air Units, some of which are probably converted Seaplane Tenders
 3 ~~4~~ At least 3-8" Cruisers
 4 ~~5~~ - 5.5" Cruisers
 8 Destroyers
 Approx. 50 Merchant Ships including several Army Transports
 1 Sub. Depot Ship
 1 Squadron Submarines
 C. in C. Mandates Fleet (4th)
 C. in C. Mandates Air Force
 1 Gunboat Division
 Approx. 70 shorebased Aircraft including ~~possibly torpedo bombers.~~

Mandates Islands

Truk Area

1 Converted Carrier
 Several 5.5" Cruisers
 Some units 4th Fleet
 Approx. 12 Destroyers
 At least 19 Chartered Merchant Ships
 Special landing party force (Marines)
 3 or 4 Air Squadrons

Jaluit Area

At least 2 submarine squadrons from 6th Fleet
 2 Naval Units - Air (shorebased) comprising Fighters, Torpedo-bombers and Reconnaissance Aircraft.
 1 Seaplane Carrier
 5 Naval Air Units (some probably Seaplane Tenders)
 6 Unidentified warships
 Air Tenders and Minesweepers
 At least 34 Chartered Merchant Ships including one 17,000 tons ex passenger liner.

1 m/6 Florida

probably
 36 F. Fighters
 36 Heavy Bombers
 16 F/B.

3 possibly 4
off 6

B) AUSTRALIA STATION (Excluding ANZAC AREA)

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruiser	CORNWALL	
6" Cruisers	PHOENIX	
	HOBART	
A.M.C. & Destroyers	MANOORA	
	BULMER	
	BARKER	
	J.D.FORD	
	PAUL JONES	
	J.C.EDWARDS	
	WHIPPLE	
	ALDEN	
	PARROTT	
	VENDETTA (damaged)	
Seaplane Tenders	CHILDS	
	HERON (damaged)	
Destroyer Tender	BLACK HAWK	
Submarine Tenders	OTUS	
	HOLLAND	
Submarines	SARGO)
	SEADRAGON	) 5 en ^{AT} -route Albany
	TARPON)
	SPEARFISH	) 5 at Fremantle repairing
	STURGEON)
	SCULPIN	) 6 en route Fremantle
	SKIPJACK	) from patrol area
	SWORDFISH)
	S 38	) 4 on patrol N.E.I.
	S 40)
	S 41	) 5 en route patrol area
	STINGRAY)
	S 37	) 1 on special mission
	S 39)
	SEA RAVEN)
	SEA WOLF)
	PERCH)
	PORPOSE)
	PIKE)
	PICKEREL)
	SALMON)
	SEAL)
	SAURY)
	SAILFISH)
	SNAPPER)
	PERMIT)
(Dutch)	K 9	At Fremantle
	K 8	At Geraldton
	K 12	en route Fremantle
Auxiliaries	GEORGE G.HENRY)
	GOLDSTAR	) - at Fremantle
Minesweepers	LARK	) <small>LONNATHON</small>
	WHIPPOORWILL)
	3 Dutch)
Patrol Vessel	ISABEL)
Gunboat	TULSA)

Some of these units have been damaged but full details are not yet available.

Enemy Forces

Possibly 3 Heavy Cruisers
 " 2 Destroyers
 " (At least) 1 Submarine

C) EAST INDIES - MALAYAN WATERS

British and Allied Forces

Approximately 6 submarines some of which) see list on
 may be en route Fremantle) previous page.

C) EAST INDIES - MALAYAN WATERS (Contd.)

Enemy Forces

4 Battleships
 4 A/C Carriers

AKAGI
 SORYU
 HIRYU
 RYUJO

10-8" Cruisers
 8 - 5.5" Cruisers
 Approx. 45 Destroyers
 Several Seaplane Carriers
 Approx. 150 Transports
 C. in C. 2nd Fleet
 C. in C. 3rd Fleet
 C. in C. Southern Exped. Fleet

(NOTE: These forces believed being redistributed. Some units proceeding North for docking).

Palau-Saipan-Bonins Area

Units of the Combined Fleet including probably 5 Battleships
 3 A/C Carriers

KAGA (proceeding Japan, possibly damaged)
 ZUIKAKU (Bonins expected to proceed Celebes shortly) *en route Kendari*
 SHOKAKU (Bonins expected to proceed Celebes shortly) *en route Kendari*

Java-Darwin-Bay of Bengal - Indian Ocean area.
 Probably 4 Squadrons (36) Submarines.

D) INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

		Australia
Battleships	WARSPITE	En route Trincomalee from/
	RESOLUTION	En route Mauritius from Durban
	REVENGE	At Durban
	RAMILLIES	At Trincomalee
	ROYAL SOVEREIGN	Trincomalee area ?
A/C Carriers	HERMES	At Trincomalee
	INDOMITABLE	Due Aden 16/3
8" Cruisers	GIORGIOS AVEROFF	(Grk) at Bombay
	DORSETSHIRE	At Trincomalee
6" Cruisers	MAURITIUS	At Durban ?
	EURYALUS	At Mombasa ?
	CERES	Due Mombasa 15/3
	COLOMBO	At Mombasa
	CAPETOWN	At Bombay
	DURBAN	At Durban
	GLASGOW	At Colombo
	CALEDON	At Trincomalee
	EMERALD	Due Madras 16/3
	ENTERPRISE	Due Colombo 18/3
	DANAE	At Colombo
	DRAGON	" "
	BOISE	Repairing at Bombay
	MARBLEHEAD	At Durban
	SUMATHA	Repairing at Trincomalee
A.M.C.'s	DERBYSHIRE	At Durban ?
	Garthage	At Colombo ?
	HECTOR	At Bombay ?
	GLENEARN	At Colombo ?
	CHITRAL	At Bombay
	CORFU	Due Aden 16/3
	RANCHI	At Bombay
	ALAUNIA	Due vicinity Colombo 20/3
	WORCESTERSHIRE	Durban due 17/3
A.A.Vessels	HEEMSKERCK	At Colombo
	COVENTRY	At Bombay
25 Destroyers		
5 Submarines.		

E) MID-PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC

British and Allied Forces

<u>Battleships</u>	MISSISSIPPI (12-14")	West Coast
	NEW MEXICO (12-14")	"
	IDAHO (12-14")	"
	COLORADO (8-16")	"
	MARYLAND (8-16")	"
	TENNESSEE (12-14")	"
	PENNSYLVANIA (12-14")	"
<u>Aircraft Carrier</u>	ENTERPRISE	Pearl Harbour
<u>8" Cruisers</u>	CHESTER	West Coast
	SALT LAKE CITY	Pearl Harbour
	NORTHAMPTON	"
	NEW ORLEANS	Mid Pacific
	PORTLAND	"
<u>6" Cruisers</u>	ST. LOUIS	West Coast
	HONOLULU	Mid Pacific
	CONCORD	Panama Area
	RICHMOND	"
	MILWAUKEE	Mid Pacific
	TRENTON	"
	DETROIT	West Coast
	HELENA (damaged)	"
	RALEIGH "	"
	Approximately 30 DESTROYERS	
	22 SUBMARINES	

Enemy Forces

4 Submarines between Midway Island and Vancouver
 4 Submarines in WestHawaiian Waters.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY
20/3/42

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "CHICAGO" "LEANDER" "PERKINS" & "LAWSON" are operating in the Noumea area.
- (ii) Task Force 17 including aircraft carrier "YORKTOWN" 8 Cruisers "LOUISVILLE" "ASTORIA" "PENSACOLA" and 8 or 9 destroyers, is operating in the Suva - Noumea area.
- (iii) "ACHILLES" & "WESTRALIA" arrived Vila 18/3. "WESTRALIA" after disembarking troops and equipment to proceed to Suva to embark all personnel spares and equipment of B.17's landed from TANGIER, thence to proceed to Townsville. "ACHILLES" to join F.O.C.A.S.
- (iv) U.S. Oiler "TIPPECANOE" at Suva.
- (v) Convoy ZK7 (4 merchant ships ex Convoy BT.200, 2 ships ex Convoy 2033 and H.M.S. "ATHENE") at Noumea.
- (vi) "MONOWAI" at Auckland. Later to meet Convoy BT.201 (5 troopships escorted by "NEW ORLEANS" & "MUGFORD") in vicinity of Tongatabu on 28/3. "MONOWAI" to take over and escort convoy to Brisbane.
- (vii) "MILDURA" & "GEEKLONG" in Noumea area.
- (viii) U.S. Seaplane Tender "TANGIER" (at Noumea), and a accompanying plane designated as Task Force 9.6.2. will continue to operate in Anzac Area.
 - (ix) "LE TRIOMPHANT" at Sydney.
 - (x) "CANBERRA" at Sydney refitting.
 - (xi) "TROMP" at Sydney for repairs.
 - (xii) "KANINELA" at Melbourne. At 12 hours notice.
 - (xiii) "ASCANIA" at Melbourne for repairs.
 - (xiv) "BUNGAREE" (Minelayer) at Auckland.
 - (xv) Hospital ship "WANGANKELLA" en route Sydney to Colombo E.T.A. 31/3.
 - (xvi) "COLAC" & H.M.S. "CESSNOCK" operating in Torres Strait area to proceed Port Moresby for refuelling E.T.A. 0700/21, thence to Thursday Island E.T.A. p.m. 22/3 to await arrival of "TAROONA".
 - (xvii) "TAROONA" (carrying troops) departed Melbourne 16/3 for Townsville and Port Moresby.
 - (xviii) U.S. Seaplane Tender "W.B. PRESTON" departed Melbourne for Sydney 0900/19 for repairs. E.T.A. 0500/22.
 - (xix) "TOWNSVILLE" escorting "HANYANG" was due Thursday Island from Darwin 0800/19/3.
 - (xx) U.S. Store Ship "BRIDGE" Destroyer Tender "DOBBIN" & Hospital Ship "SOLACE" in Samoa area.
 - (xxi) U.S. Naval Auxiliary "TALAMANCA" at Wellington.
 - (xxii) U.S. Destroyer "DALE" (ex Task Force 17) escorting U.S. Tanker "KASKASKIA" arrived Suva 18/3.
 - (xxiii) "WARREGO" en route Fremantle to Sydney E.T.A. 22/3.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

- (1) Reconnaissance yesterday 19/3 reported no shipping at either Salamaua, Lee or Madang.

B) AUSTRALIA STATION (not including ANZAC AREA)

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "CORNWALL" "MARYBOROUGH" "BALLARAT" U.S. Destroyers "WHIPPLE" "EDWARDS" & "PAUL JONES" escorting Convoy SUIB (8 merchant ships) departed Fremantle 1600/18. After reaching a position approx 240 miles S.E. by East of Albany Convoy will disperse. "CORNWALL" to proceed Colombo. "WHIPPLE" & "EDWARDS" to proceed Melbourne (E.T.A. 1200/24) "PAUL JONES" to proceed Albany E.T.A. 21/3.
- (ii) "MANGORA" escorting Convoy SUIA (4 merchant ships) proceeding direct to Adelaide from Colombo E.T.A. 1330/21.
- (iii) "HOBART" "SHOREHAM" "PHOENIX" Destroyers "J.D. FORD" & "ALDEN" escorting convoy SUI2 (5 merchant ships) due to arrive Fremantle from Colombo today 20/3.
- (iv) "J.D. FORD" & "ALDEN" (with Commander Destroyer Squadron 57) to depart Fremantle 21/3 escorting "GOLDSTAR" (carrying submarine and destroyer stores and ammunition) to long. 120°E whence "FORD" & "ALDEN" are to proceed Melbourne. "GOLDSTAR" then to proceed independently to Melbourne.

- (v) "ADELAIDE" escorting "MONTESKEY" en route Melbourne to Fremantle E.T.A. 1900/22.
- (vi) "VENDETTA" and "PINGWO" (en route Fremantle to Melbourne) at Albany. S.S. "ISLANDER" will leave Fremantle p.m. today 20/3 to tow "VENDETTA" to Melbourne escorted by "PINGWO".
- (vii) Dutch submarine K.12 due to arrive Fremantle from Java today 20/3
- (viii) Dutch submarines K.8 and K.9 at Fremantle.
- (ix) Commander Fourth Minesweeping Flotilla (Dutch) with three mine-sweepers arrived Broome 11/3 from Java en route Fremantle.
- (x) For U.S. Naval Forces in Albany - Fremantle area see Appendix.
- (xi) U.S. Oiler "EARLING BORVIG" en route Fremantle E.T.A. 22/3.
- (xii) U.S. Destroyer "PARROTT", Seaplane Tender "CHILES" Submarine Tender "HOLLAND" minesweepers "LARK" & "WHIPPORWILL" and 5 large submarines at Albany.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

C) EAST INDIES - JAPAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Approx 6 submarines some of which may now be en route Fremantle or Colombo (See Appendix).

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

D) INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

(i) H.M. Transport "QUEEN MARY" departed Capetown 15/3 for Sydney E.T.A. Fremantle 23/3. E.T.A. Sydney Heads 1730/28/3.

E) PACIFIC OCEAN

- (i) "HONOLULU" & "JARVIS" were due to arrive Samoa from Noumea yesterday 19/3.
- (ii) "NEW ORLEANS" & "MORRORD" en route Society Islands from Noumea to R.V. with Convoy BT.201.
- (iii) U.S. Oiler "PLATTE" en route Pearl Harbour to Noumea.
- (iv) Task Force 13 (advance service establishment) is expected to arrive Tongatabu 28/3.
- (v) U.S. Aircraft Carrier "HORNET" 8" Cruiser "VINCENNES" and 6" Cruiser "NASHVILLE" are en route San Diego (West Coast) from the Atlantic. (These units are apparently en route to join Pacific Fleet).

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) INDIAN OCEAN - Further to the report of a probable German raider operating off Capetown on 13/3 it is now reported that a vessel was sunk probably by a mine off Capetown at 0030/16 which further confirms the view that the vessel reported on 13/3 was a German raider.

From the description of the vessel and the fact that it posed as a Bank Line vessel it is considered likely that the vessel is the "SPEYBANK" which was captured by the Germans in January 1941 and has probably since been converted to an armed merchant raider.

- (ii) TABAR ISLAND - (North of New Ireland) - A warship was sighted from Tabar Island close into Fissoa (E.Coast New Ireland, due west of Tabar) at 1000/19.
- (iii) CHATHAM ISLANDS (approx 475 miles S.E. Wellington - N.Z) - S.S. "PORT WAIKATO" (675 tons) reported at 0525/20 sighting a suspicious vessel 60 miles West of Chatham Island.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Increased submarine and surface raider activity in the Bay of Bengal, Eastern Indian Ocean and S.W. Pacific areas with a view to cutting the supply lines to Australia from both the west and east.
- (ii) Continued air attacks on the Darwin area from both shore-based and ship-borne aircraft possibly as a prelude to a direct attack.
- (iii) Carrier-borne air attack on Fremantle.
- (iv) Attack on Port Moresby from Lae - Salamaua area.
- (v) Carrier-borne air raids against N.E. Australian air bases including Townsville.

- (vi) Possible ~~xxxx~~ early occupation of Tulagi
- (vii) Possible attack on New Caledonia.
- (viii) Raids on key islands in Mid Pacific including Canton, Midway and Hawaii.

NAVAL INCIDENTS (Contd.)

TANIMBAR ISLANDS - (approx 250 miles N. of Darwin) - one unidentified probably enemy vessel approx 300 tons sighted by air reconnaissance in a Bay near the southern point of Tanimbar Islands 1700/19.

BROOME (W.A) - A Japanese Maru auxiliary was in a position approx 190 miles NNW of Broome at 1830/17. The vessel was transmitting messages by W/T.

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

20/3/42.

A. ANZAC AREA.

British and Allied Forces

A/C Carrier	YORRTOWN
S/P Tenders	TANGIER
	W.B. PRESTON
8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA
	CHICAGO
	PENSACOLA
	LOUISVILLE
	ASTORIA
6" Cruisers	CANERRA (refitting)
	XXXXXXXX
	LEANDER
	ACHILLES
Flotilla Leaders	LE TRIOMPHANT
	TROMP (Damaged)
	STUART (refitting)
A.M.C.'s	HONOWAI
	WESTRALIA
	KANIMBLA
	ASCANIA
Destroyers	10 U.S. ?
	VOYAGER (refitting)

Enemy Forces

Bismarck Archipelago Area.

1 Aircraft Carrier (HOSHO)
 1 Seaplane Carrier (KAKOI)
 5 Unidentified Naval Air Units, some of which are probably converted Seaplane Tenders
 3 possibly 4 8" Cruisers
 4 - 5.5" Cruisers
 Approx. 6 Destroyers
 Approx. 15 Merchant Ships including several Army Transports
 1 Sub. Depot Ship ?
 1 Squadron Submarines ?
 C in C Mandates Fleet (4th)
 C in C Mandates Air Force
 1 Gunboat Division
 Approx. 88 shorebased Aircraft including probably 36 fighters, 36 heavy bombers, 16 Flying Boats.

Mandates Islands.

Truk Area.

1 Converted Carrier
 Several 5.5" Cruisers
 Some units 4th Fleet
 Approx. 12 Destroyers
 At least 20 Chartered Merchant Ships
 Special landing party force (Marines)
 3 or 4 Air Squadrons

Jaluit Area

At least 2 submarine squadrons from 6th Fleet
 2 Naval Units - Air (shorebased) comprising Fighters, Torpedo-bombers and reconnaissance Aircraft.
 1 Seaplane Carrier
 1 M/S Flotilla
 8 Naval Air Units (some probably Seaplane tenders)
 6 Unidentified warships
 Air Tenders and Minesweepers
 At least 25 Chartered Merchant Ships including one 17,000 tons ex passenger liner.

B. AUSTRALIA STATION (Excluding ANZAC AREA)
British and Allied Forces

8" Cruiser	CORNWALL	
6" Cruisers	PHOENIX	ADELAIDE
	HOBART	
A.M.C.'s	MANGORA	
Destroyers	BULMER	
	BARKER	
	J.D. FORD	
	PAUL JONES	
	J.C. EDWARDS	
	WHIPPLE	
	ALDEN	
	PARROTT	
	VENDETTA (damaged)	
Seaplane Tenders	CHILDS	
	HERON (damaged)	
Destroyer Tender	BLACK HAWK	
Submarine Tenders	OTUS	
	HOLLAND	
Submarines	SANGO	} 5 At Albany
	SEADRAGON	
	TARPON	
	SPEARFISH	
	STURGEON	
	SCULPIN	
	SKIPJACK	
	SWORDFISH	
	S 38	
	S 40	
	S 41	
	STINGRAY	
	S 37	
	S 39	
	SEAHAVEN	} 5 at Fremantle (5 repairing) 3 en route Fremantle from patrol area
	SEA WOLF	
	FERCH	
	PORPOISE	
	PIKE	
	PICKEREL	
	SALMON	
	SEAL	
	SAUKY	
	SAILFISH	
	SNAPPER	} 5 on patrol N.E.I.
	PERMIT	
(Dutch)	K 9	At Fremantle
	K 8	At Geraldton
	K 12	en route Fremantle
Auxiliaries	GEORGE G. HENRY	} at Fremantle
	GOLDSTAR	
	LANAKAI	
Minesweepers	LARK	
	WHIPPOCWILL	
	3 Dutch	
PATROL VESSEL	ISABEL	
Gunboat	TULSA	

Some of these units have been damaged but full details are not yet available.

Enemy Forces

Possibly 3 Heavy Cruisers
 " 2 Destroyers
 " (At least) 1 Submarine

C. EAST INDIES - MALAYAN WATERS.

British and Allied Forces

Approximately 6 submarines some of which) see list on
may be en route Fremantle) previous page.

Enemy Forces.

4 Battleships
24 A/C Carriers

AKAGI
~~KORYU~~
~~MIYAMA~~
RYUJO

10-8" Cruisers
8 - 5.5" Cruisers
Approx. 45 Destroyers
Several Seaplane Carriers
Approx. 150 Transports
C. in C. 2nd Fleet
C. in C. 3rd Fleet
C. in C. Southern Exped. Fleet

(NOTE: These forces believed
being redistributed.
Some units proceeding
North for docking).

Palau-Saipan-Bonins Area

Units of the Combined Fleet including probably 5 Battleships
5 A/C Carriers *Souryuu* *Hiryu*
KAGA (proceeding Japan, possibly
damaged)
ZUIKAKU (en route Kendari - Celebes
area)
SHOKAKU (en route Kendari - Celebes
area).

Java-Darwin-Bay of Bengal - Indian Ocean area.
Probably 4 Squadrons (36) Submarines.

D. INDIAN OCEAN.

British and Allied Forces.

Battleships	WARSPITE	En route Trincomalee from Australia
	RESOLUTION	En route Mauritius from Durban
	REVENGE	At Durban
	HAMILINS	At Trincomalee
A/C Carriers	ROYAL SOVEREIGN	Trincomalee Area ?
	HURONS	At Trincomalee
8" Cruisers	INDOMITABLE	Due Aden 16/3
	GIORGIS AVEROFF	(Ork) at Bombay
6" Cruisers	DORSETSHIRE	At Trincomalee
	MAURITIUS	At Durban ?
	KURYALUS	At Mombasa ?
	CENES	Due Mombasa 15/3
	COLOMBO	At Mombasa
	CAPETOWN	At Bombay
	DURBAN	At Durban
	GLASGOW	At Colombo
	CALEDON	At Trincomalee
	EMERALD	Due Madras 18/3
	KENTENRISH	Due Colombo 18/3
	DANAE	At Colombo
	DRAGON	" "
	BOISE	(Repairing) at Bombay
	HANBLEHEAD	At Durban
	SUNATRA	Repairing at Trincomalee
A.M.C's	DERBYSHIRE	At Durban ?
	CARTHAGE	At Colombo ?
	HECTOR	At Bombay ?
	GLENEARNE	At Colombo ?
	CRITRAL	At Bombay
	CORFU	Due Aden 16/3
	RANCHI	At Bombay
	ALACONIA	Due vicinity Colombo 20/3
A.A. Vessels	WORCESTERSHIRE	Durban due 17/3
	REMSERCE	At Colombo
	COVENTRY	At Bombay
25 Destroyers		
5 Submarines.		

E. MID-PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC.
British and Allied Forces.

Battleships	MISSISSIPPI (12-14")	West Coast
	NEW MEXICO (12-14")	"
	IDAHO (12-14")	"
	COLORADO (8-16")	"
	MARYLAND (8-16")	"
	TENNESSEE (12-14")	"
	PENNSYLVANIA(12-14")	"
Aircraft Carriers	ENTERPRISE	Pearl Harbour
	LEXINGTON	en route Pearl Harbour
8" Cruisers	HONNET	en route San Diego
	CHESTER	West Coast
	SALT LAKE CITY	Pearl Harbour
	NORTHAMPTON	"
	NEW ORLEANS	Mid Pacific
	PORTLAND	"
	MINNEAPOLIS	en route Pearl Harbour
	INDIANAPOLIS	"
	SAN FRANCISCO	"
6" Cruisers	VINCENNES	en route San Diego
	ST. LOUIS	Pearl Harbour
	HONOLULU	Mid Pacific
	CONCORD	Tecapilla
	RICHMOND	East Pacific
	MILWAUKEE	Mid Pacific
	TRENTON	Panama area
	DETROIT	West Coast
	NASHVILLE	en route San Diego
	HELENA (damaged)	West Coast
	RALEIGH	"
	Approximately 40 DESTROYERS	
	22 SUBMARINES	

Enemy Forces

4 Submarines between Midway Island and Vancouver
4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters.

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

21/3/42

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCESA) ANZAC AREABritish and Allied Forces

- (i) "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "CHICAGO" "LEANDER" "ACHILLES" "PERKINS" & "LAMSON" at Noumea.
- (ii) Task Force 17 including aircraft carrier "YORKTOWN" 8" Cruisers "LOUISVILLE" "ASTORIA" "PENSACOLA" and 8 or 9 destroyers is operating in the Suva - Noumea area.
- (iii) "WESTRALIA" arrived Suva 1645/20/3. Will embark all personnel, spares, and equipment of B.17's landed from "TANGIER". Thence to proceed Townsville.
- (iv) U.S. Oiler "TIPPECANOE" departed Suva at 1955/19 to operate in Suva - Noumea area.
- (v) Convoy ZK7 (6 merchant ships and H.M.S. "ATHENE") at Noumea.
- (vi) "MONOWAI" at Auckland. Later with "LEANDER" to R.V. with Convoy BT.201 (5 troopships escorted by "NEW ORLEANS" & "MUGFORD") in a position south of Tongatabu at 0200Z/1/4.
- (vii) "LEANDER" & "ACHILLES" to arrive Suva 29/3. "LEANDER" to proceed to R.V. with Convoy BT.201 south of Tongatabu on 1/4 as indicated above. "LEANDER" to escort three ships to Brisbane. "MONOWAI" to escort remaining two ships to Melbourne.
"ACHILLES" later to R.V. with Convoy PW.2055 (3 large transports escorted by 8" Cruiser "CHESTER") S.W. of Samoa on 3/4. "ACHILLES" to escort Convoy to Sydney.
- (viii) "MILDURA" & "GRELONG" in Noumea area.
- (ix) Seaplane Tender "TANGIER" and accompanying aircraft designated as Task Force 9.6.2 at Noumea and to continue operating in Anzac Area.
- (x) "LE TRIOMPHANT" at Sydney.
- (xi) "CANBERRA" at Sydney refitting.
- (xii) "TROMP" at Sydney for repairs.
- (xiii) "KANIMBLA" at Melbourne. At 12 hours notice.
- (xiv) "ASCANIA" at Melbourne for repairs. To proceed Auckland in about 9 days time.
- (xv) "BUNGAREE" departed Auckland for Sydney E.T.A. 0400/26/3.
- (xvi) "COLAC" & H.M.S. "CESSNOCK" due to arrive Port Moresby for refuelling today. Thence to proceed Thursday Island E.T.A. p.m. 22/3 and await arrival of "TAROONA".
- (xvii) "TAROONA" (carrying troops) departed Melbourne 16/3 for Townsville and Port Moresby.
- (xviii) U.S. Seaplane Tender "W.B. PRESTON" en route Sydney from Melbourne for repairs E.T.A. 0500/22.
- (xix) U.S. Saux Store Ship "BRIDGE" Destroyer Tender "DOBBIN" and Hospital Ship "SOLACE" in Samoa area.
- (xx) U.S. Naval Auxiliary "TALAMANCA" en route Wellington to Melbourne E.T.A. 22/3.
- (xxi) U.S. Destroyer "DALE" escorting U.S. Oiler "KASKASKIA" sailed from Suva 0900/19/3 for Batea (Viti Levu).
- (xxii) "WARREGO" en route Fremantle to Sydney E.T.A. 22/3.
- (xxiii) "AUSONIA" (A.M.C.) was to depart Auckland 0900/20/3 for Sydney E.T.A. 0400/26/3.
- (xxiv) "TOWNSVILLE" due to arrive Port Moresby today 21/3. Later to proceed Thursday Island to escort two merchant ships to Darwin.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

- (i) Two cruisers, 4 destroyers and 8 transports were observed in Rabaul Harbour by our aircraft yesterday 20/3. (See Naval Incidents for air attack.)

B) AUSTRALIA STATION (not including ANZAC AREA)British and Allied Forces

- (i) "CORNWALL" "MARYBOROUGH" "BALLARAT" U.S. Destroyers "WHIPPLE" "EDWARDS" & "PAUL JONES" escorting Convoy SUIB (8 merchant ships) departed Fremantle 1600/18/3. Convoy was to disperse from position 240 miles S.E. by East of Albany. "CORNWALL" to proceed Colombo. "WHIPPLE" & "EDWARDS" to proceed Melbourne E.T.A. 1200/2/4. "PAUL JONES" to proceed Albany E.T.A. today 21/3.

- (ii) Convoy SULA (4 merchant ships) escorted by "MANOORA" was due to arrive Adelaide today from Colombo. "MANOORA" to leave convoy inside Backstairs Passage and proceed independently to Melbourne. Convoy's E.T.A. Adelaide 1200/21.
- (iii) "HOBART" "SHORHAM" "PHOENIX" "J.D.FORD" & "ALDEN" escorting Convoy SU2 (5 merchant ships) arrived Fremantle yesterday 20/3. Destroyers "J.D.FORD" & "ALDEN" (with Commander Destroyer Squadron 57) to depart Fremantle today 21/3 escorting "GOLDSTAR" (Carrying submarine and destroyer stores and ammunition) to long. 120°E whence "FORD" & "ALDEN" are to proceed Melbourne. "GOLDSTAR" then to proceed independently to Melbourne.
- (iv) "ADELAIDE" escorting "MONTEREY" en route Melbourne to Fremantle E.T.A. 1900/22.
- (v) "VENDETTA" & "PINGWO" (en route Fremantle to Melbourne) at Albany. S.S. "ISLANDER" en route Albany from Fremantle to tow "VENDETTA" to Melbourne escorted by "PINGWO".
- (vi) Dutch submarine K8, K9 and K12 at Fremantle.
- (vii) U.S. Destroyer "PARROTT" Seaplane Tender "CHILDS" Submarine Tender "HOLLAND" Minesweepers "LARK" & "WHIPPOORWILL" & 5 large submarines at Albany.
- (viii) Commander Fourth Minesweeping Flotilla (Dutch) with three minesweepers arrived Broome 11/3 from Java en route Fremantle.
- (ix) U.S. Oiler "EARLING BROVIG" en route Fremantle E.T.A. 22/3.
- (x) For U.S. Naval Forces Fremantle area - See Appendix.
- (xi) Hospital ship "WANGANELLA" en route Sydney - Colombo E.T.A. 31/3.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

C) EAST INDIES - JAPAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Approx 6 submarines some of which may now be en route Fremantle or Colombo. (See Appendix).

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

D) INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

(1) H.M. Transport "QUEEN MARY" en route Fremantle from Capetown E.T.A. Fremantle 23/3.

Enemy Forces

There are indications that a German merchant raider is operating in the S.W. Indian Ocean area.

E) PACIFIC OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

(1) Task Force 13 (advance Service Establishment) is expected to arrive Tongatabu 28/3.

(ii) U.S. Oiler "PLATTE" en route Pearl Harbour to Noumea.

(iii) "NEW ORLEANS" & "MUGFORD" en route Society Is. from Noumea to R.V. with Convoy BT.201.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

(1) RABOUL - Four B.17's attacked enemy shipping in Rabaul Harbour between 0945-1101/19/3. Reports indicate at least one cruiser hit and observed to be sinking.

~~(ii) SUVA AREA - Unidentified ship with air search results~~

(ii) SUVA AREA - C.W.R. Wellington reports unidentified single engined float plane was heard at Suva 19/3 and a native coastwatcher at Cape Washington (55 miles West of South of Suva) sighted an unidentified vessel probably cruiser or submarine 7 miles distant a.m. 19/3. Course N.W. An air search was carried out with negative results.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Increased submarine and surface raider activity in the Bay of Bengal, Eastern Indian Ocean and S.W. Pacific areas with a view to cutting the supply lines to Australia from both west and east.
- (ii) Continued air attacks on the Darwin area from both shore-based and ship-borne aircraft possibly as a prelude to a direct attack

- (iii) Carrier-borne air attack on Fremantle.
- (iv) Attack on Port Moresby from Lae - Salamua area.
- (v) Carrier-borne air raids against N.E. Australian air bases including Townsville.
- (vi) Possible early occupation of Tulagi.
- (vii) Possible attack on New Caledonia.
- (viii) Raids on key islands in Mid Pacific including Canton, Midway and Hawaii.

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

21/3/42.

A. ANZAC AREA.

British and Allied Forces

A/C Carrier	YORKTOWN
S/P Tenders	TANGIER
	W.S. PRESTON
8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA
	CHICAGO
	PENSACOLA
	LOUISVILLE
	ASTORIA
	CANBERRA (refitting)
6" Cruisers	LEANDER
	ACHILLES
Flotilla Leaders	LE TRIOMPHANT
	TROOP (Damaged)
	STUART (refitting)
A.M.C.'s	MONAWAI
	WESTRALIA
	KANINDLA
	ARGANIA
Destroyers	10 U.S. ?
	VOYAGER (refitting)

Enemy Forces

Bismarck Archipelago Area.

1 Aircraft Carrier (HOSHU)
 1 Seaplane Carrier (KAMOI)
 5 Unidentified Naval Air Units, some of which are probably converted Seaplane Tenders
 3 possibly 4 8" Cruisers) At least 2 of these units believed damaged
 4 - 5.5" Cruisers) including one possibly sunk.
 Approx. 6 Destroyers
 Approx. 15 Merchant Ships including several Army Transports
 1 Sub. Depot Ship ?
 1 Squadron Submarines ?
 6 in 6 Mandates Fleet (4th)
 6 in 6 Mandates Air Force
 Portion 1 Gunboat Division
 Approx. 88 shorebased Aircraft including probably 36 fighters. 36 heavy bombers, 16 Flying Boats.

Mandates Islands.

Truk Area.

1 Converted Carrier
 Several 5.5" Cruisers
 Some units 4th Fleet
 Approx. 12 Destroyers
 At least 20 Chartered Merchant Ships
 Special landing party force (Marines)
 3 or 4 Air Squadrons

Jaluit Area

At least 2 submarine squadrons from 6th Fleet.
 2 Naval Units - Air (shorebased) comprising Fighters, Torpedo-bombers and reconnaissance Aircraft.
 1 Seaplane Carrier
 1 M/S Flotilla
 6 Naval Air Units (some probably Seaplane tenders)
 6 Unidentified warships
 Air Tenders and Minesweepers
 At least 25 Chartered Merchant Ships including one 17,000 tons ex passenger liner.

N. AUSTRALIA STATION (Excluding ANZAC AREA).

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruiser	CORNWALL		
8" Cruisers	PHOENIX		
	ADELAIDE		
	ROHANT		
A.M.C's	MANOORA		
Destroyers	BULMER		
	HANKER		
	J.P. FORD		
	PAUL JONES		
	J.G. EDWARDS		
	WHIPPLE		
	ALISSA		
	PARROTT		
	VENDETIA (damaged)		
Seaplane Tenders	CHILD		
	HERON (damaged)		
Destroyer Tender	BLACK HAWK		
Submarine Tenders	OTUS		
	HOLLAND		
Submarines	SARGO) 5 At Albany	
	SEADRAGON		
	TARPO		
	SPEARFISH) 3 at Fremantle (5 repairing)
	STURGEON		
	SQUID) 3 en route Fremantle from patrol area
	SKIPJACK		
	SPYGLASS		
	S 33) 5 on patrol N.E.I.
	S 40		
	S 41		
	STINGRAY) 5 en route patrol area
	S 37		
	S 39		
	SEARAVEN		
	SEA WOLF		
	FRENCH		
	PORPOISE		
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Gunboat	TULSA		

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RYUJO

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Several Seaplane Carriers (NOTE: These forces believed
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C. in C. Southern Exped. Fleet

Palau-Saipan-Sonina Area

Units of the Combined Fleet including probably 5 Battleships
5 A/C Carriers KAGA (proceeding Japan, possibly damaged)
ZUIKAKU (en route Kendari - Celebes area)
SHOKAKU (en route Kendari - Celebes area)
SORYU - Palau Area
HIRYU - Palau Area.

Java-Darwin-Bay of Bengal - Indian Ocean area.

Probably 4 Squadrons (50) Submarines.

D. INDIAN OCEAN.

British and Allied Forces.

Battleships	WARSPITE	En route Trincomalee from Australia
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	GALLEDON	At Trincomalee
	EMERALD	Due Madras 16/3
	ENTERPRISE	Due Colombo 18/3
	PANAE	At Colombo
	DRAGON	" "
	BOISE	Repairing at Bombay
	HARLEHEAD	At Durban
	SUMATRA	(Repairing) at Trincomalee
A.M.C. :	DERBYSHIRE	At Durban ?
	CARTAGE	At Colombo ?
	HECTOR	At Bombay ?
	GLENGRANN	At Colombo?
	CENTRAL	At Bombay
	COFFU	Due Aden 15/3
	HANCHI	At Bombay
	ALANIA	Due vicinity Colombo 20/3
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	SALT LAKE CITY	Pearl Harbour
	NORTHAMPTON	"
	NEW ORLEANS	Mid Pacific
	PORTLAND	"
	MINNEAPOLIS	en route Pearl Harbour
	INDIANAPOLIS	"
	SAN FRANCISCO	"
6" Cruisers	VINCENNES	en route San Diego
	ST. LOUIS	Pearl Harbour
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	CONCORD	Tecopilla
	RICHMOND	East Pacific
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22/3/42.

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- (xvi) "COLAC" and H.M.S. "CESSNOCK" are to R.V. in a position 100 miles E. of S.E. of Port Moresby at daylight 24/3 with "TAROONA" (carrying troops) and escort her to Port Moresby to arrive not before 1738/25/3.
- (xvii) U.S. Seaplane Tender "W.B. PRESTON" due to arrive Sydney this morning 22/3.
- (xviii) U.S. Store Ship "BRIDGE" Destroyer Tender "DOBBIN" and Hospital Ship "SOLACE" in Samoa area.
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- (xxiii) R.A.A.F. Store ship "WANAKA" was due to arrive Wednesday Island 20/3, to unload motor boat and bomb barge, thence to proceed to Cairns.

Enemy Forces.

- (i) Seaplane Carrier "KAMOI" moved (20/3) from a position North of New Ireland to New Ireland waters. This may indicate "KAMOI" is proceeding to Rabaul. (W/T intelligence).

A) ANZAC AREA (Contd.)
Enemy Forces (contd.)

- (ii) An unknown naval unit probably connected with air proceeded from the Rabaul area to Cassata area 20/3 (W/T Intelligence)
 - (iii) A Japanese warship proceeded from Bougainville waters to a position South of Rabaul 20/3 (W/T Intelligence).
 - (iv) A Japanese merchant ship arrived in the New Britain area from the Truk area 20/3 (W/T Intelligence).
 - (v) Shipping sighted in Rabaul on 19/3 is now stated to be 3 cruisers, 1 destroyer, 9 transports, including one large transport.
- On 21/3 our aircraft sighted 17 ships in Rabaul Harbour.

B) AUSTRALIA SECTOR (not including ANZAC AREA)
British and Allied Forces.

- (i) H.M.S. "CORNWALL" en route Colombo from Albany area.
- (ii) U.S. Destroyers "WHIPPLE" (with Commander Destroyer Squadron 37) and "REWARDS" after escorting Convoy SUIB to a position 240 miles S.E. by E. of Albany, are en route to Melbourne. *ETA 1200/24/3 speed 15 knots*
- (iii) H.M.A.S. "MANTONBOROUGH" and "MALLABAT" en route from position 240 miles S.E. by E. of Albany (see above) - to Fremantle.
- (iv) Convoy SUIB en route Fremantle to Adelaide.
- (v) Convoy SUIA (4 merchant ships) escorted by "MANTON" is due to arrive Adelaide today from Colombo. "MANTON" to leave convoy inside Basketstair Passage and proceed independently to Melbourne. Convoy's E.T.A. Adelaide 1200 22/3.
- (vi) Convoy SUIE (Storeships), U.S. Storeship "GOLDSTAR" and Tanker "SEAWITCH" escorted by H.M.A.S.'s "HOBART" "BURNIE" "TOONGOMBA" and U.S. Destroyers "FORE" and "ALDEN", to depart Fremantle 1200 today (22/3). Speed of advance 10 knots. S.S. "ARONDA" (part of SUIE) to be detached 85 miles S.E. of Cape Leeuwin and proceed independently

B) AUSTRALIA STATION (not including ANZAC AREA) (Contd)
British and Allied Forces (contd)

to Albany. On arriving at a position 305 miles E. of S.E. of Albany, Convoy is to disperse and ships to proceed independently to their destinations.

- (viii) After dispersal of Convoy SUB (see above) "ROBART" to return to Fremantle unless otherwise ordered. "BUNKIE" and "TONGORUA" to return to Fremantle in company. "FORD" and "ALLEN" to proceed in company to Melbourne "GOLDSTAR" to proceed to Melbourne with "SEAWITCH".
- (ix) U.S. Destroyers "PARNETT" and "PAUL JONES" departed Albany 0730/21 to N.Y. with "ADELAIDE" (escorting "MONTEREY) (en route Fremantle) in a position (approximately 120 miles S. of Albany at 1600/21. "ADELAIDE'S" S.T.A. Fremantle 1900 on today (22/3).
- (x) "VENDETTA" and "PINGO" (en route Fremantle to Melbourne) at Albany. S.S. "ISLANDER" en route Albany from Fremantle to tow "VENDETTA" to Melbourne escorted by "PINGO".
- (xi) Dutch submarines KB, K9 and K12 at Fremantle.
- (xii) U.S. Destroyer "PARNETT" Seaplane Tender "CHILD" Submarine Tender "HOLLAND" Minesweepers "LARK" and "WHIPPOORWILL" and 5 large submarines at Albany.
- (xiii) U.S. Submarine S.37, S.38, "SAILFISH" and "FISHEREL" arrived Fremantle 0700/19/3.
- (xiv) U.S. Submarine "SEADRAGON" en route Fremantle to Albany.
- (xv) Dutch Minesweeper "CRIJ/JESSE" arrived Fremantle 0800/20/3.
- (xvi) U.S. Oiler "ERLING BREVIG" en route Fremantle S.T.A. today 22/3.
- (xvii) For U.S. Naval Forces Fremantle area - see appendix.
- (xviii) Hospital ship "SANDANILLA" en route Sydney - Colombo S.T.A. 31/3.
- Enemy Forces (See Appendix).

C) EAST INDIES - JAPAN AREA
British and Allied Forces.

Approx. 3 submarines some of which may now be en route Fremantle or Colombo (See Appendix.)

C) EAST INDIES - JAPAN AREA (contd)
British and Allied Forces (contd)

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

Keopang -

Reconnaissance over Keopang at 1815/21/3 disclosed 13 ships
(4 warships, remainder transports) in Keopang Harbour.

D) INDIAN OCEAN
British and Allied Forces

- (1) H.M. Transport "QUEEN MARY" en route Fremantle from Capetown
E.T.A. Fremantle 23/3.
- (11) U.S. Oiler "TRINITY" departed ABADAN 17/3 for Fremantle.
E.T.A. 17/4.

Enemy Forces.

There are indications that a German merchant raider is
operating in the S.W. Indian Ocean area.

E) PACIFIC OCEAN.
British and Allied Forces.

- (1) Task Force 13 (advance Service Establishment) is expected
to arrive Tongatabu 28/3.
- (11) U.S. Oiler "FLATTE" en route Pearl Harbour to Noumea.
- (111) "NEW ORLEANS" and "HOOFORD" en route Society Is. from
Noumea to N.F. with Convoy BT.201.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) "PORT WAIKATO" reports that the suspicious vessel sighted
by her 60 miles W. of Chatham Island on 20/3 was approximate-
ly 10,000 tons, 2 masts, 1 funnel amidships, Three Island
type. The ship apparently attempted to close with "PORT
WAIKATO" which evaded her. No ship of this description is
known to be in this area; Air searches on 20/3 proved
negative.
- (11) "SAN CIRILO" (British tanker, 4807 tons) reported being
attacked by a submarine in a position approximately 300
miles South of Colombo) at 0725Z/21/3.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Increased submarine and surface raider activity in the Bay
of Bengal, Eastern Indian Ocean and S.W. Pacific areas with
a view to cutting the supply lines to Australia from both
west and east.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE (Contd)

- (ii) Continued air attacks on the Darwin area from both shore-based and ship-borne aircraft possibly as a prelude to a direct attack.
- (iii) Carrier-borne air attack on Fremantle.
- (iv) Attack on Port Moresby from Lae - Salamaua area.
- (v) Carrier-borne air raids against N.W. Australian air bases including Townsville.
- (vi) Possible early occupation of Tulagi.
- (vii) Possible attack on New Caledonia.
- (viii) Raids on key islands in Mid Pacific including Canton, Hawaii and Midway.

APPENDIX

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

22/3/42.

A. ANEAG AREA.

British and Allied Forces.

A/C Carrier	TOWNHALL
S/P Tenders	TANCIER
	W.M. PRESTON
8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA
	CHICAGO
	PENSACOLA
	LOUISVILLE
	ASTORIA
	CANDERINA (refitting)
6" Cruisers	LEANDER
	ACHILLES
Flotilla Leaders	LE TRIOMPHANT
	THOMY (Damaged)
	STUART (refitting)
A.M.C.'s	MONOWAI
	WESTRALIA
	MAHIMBA
	ASANIA
Destroyers	10 U.S. ?
	VOYAGER (refitting)

Enemy Forces

Bismarck Archipelago Area.

1 Aircraft Carrier (ROBHO)
 1 Seaplane Carrier (KANGI)
 5 Unidentified Naval Air Units, some of which are probably converted Seaplane Tenders
 3 possibly 4 8" Cruisers) At least 2 of these units believed damaged
 4 - 5.5" Cruisers) including one possibly sunk.
 Approx. 6 Destroyers
 Approx. 15 Merchant Ships including several Army Transports
 1 Sub. Depot Ship ?
 1 Squadron Submarines ?
 C in C Mandates Fleet (4th)
 C in C Mandates Air Force
 Portion 1 Gunboat Division
 Approx. 88 shorebased Aircraft including probably 36 fighters, 36 heavy bombers, 16 Flying Boats.

Mandates Islands.

T.M. Area.

1 Converted Carrier
 Several 5.5" Cruisers
 Some units 4th Fleet
 Approx. 12 Destroyers
 At least 20 Chartered Merchant Ships
 Special landing party force (Marines)
 3 or 4 Air Squadrons

Jaluit Area.

At least 2 submarine squadrons from 6th Fleet.
 2 Naval Units - Air (shorebased) comprising Fighters, Torpedo-bombers and Reconnaissance Aircraft.
 1 Seaplane Carrier
 1 M/S Flotilla
 8 Naval Air Units (some probably Seaplane tenders)
 6 Unidentified Warships
 Air Tenders and Minesweepers
 At least 25 Chartered Merchant Ships including one 17,000 tons ex passenger liner.

B. AUSTRALIA STATION (Excluding ANZAC AREA).

British and Allied Forces.

6" Cruiser	CORNWALL	
8" Cruisers	PHOENIX	
	ADLAIDE	
	HOBART	
A.M.C.'s	MANOCHA	
Destroyers	BULMER	
	BANKER	
	J.D. FORD	
	PAUL JONES	
	J.C. EDWARDS	
	WHIPPLE	
	ALDICH	
	FARROTT	
	VENNETTA (damaged)	
Seaplane Tenders	CHILDS	
	HERON (damaged)	
Destroyer Tender	BLACK HAWK	
Submarine Tenders	OTUS	
	HOLLAND	
Submarines	SARGO	
	SEADRAGON	6 at Albany.
	TARPON	
	SPEARFISH	7 at Fremantle.
	STURGEON	(5 repairing)
	SOULFIN	3 en route Fremantle
	SKIPJACK	from patrol area.
	SWORDFISH	
	S 38	5 on patrol N.E.I.
	S 40	
	S 41	5 on route patrol area.
	STINGRAY	
	337	
	339	
	SEAHAVEN	
	SEA WOLF	
	FURCH	
	PORPOISE	
	PINE	
	PICKEREL	
	SALMON	
	SEAL	
	SAGEY	
	SAILFISH	
	SHAPESH	
	PERMIT	
(Dutch)	K 9	At Fremantle
	K 8	
	K 12	
Auxiliaries	GEORGE O. HENRY	At Fremantle
	GOLDSTAR	
	LANAI	
Minesweepers	LARK	At Albany
	WHISPOCKWILL	
	S DUTCH	At Fremantle
Patrol Vessel	ISABEL	At Fremantle
Gunboat	TULSA	

Some of these units have been damaged but full details are not yet available.

Enemy Forces

- Possibly 3 Heavy Cruisers
- Possibly 2 Destroyers
- Possibly (At least) 1 submarine

C. EAST INDIES - MALAYAN WATERS.

British and Allied Forces.

Approximately 5 submarines some of which) See list on
may be en route Fremantle) previous page

Enemy Forces

2 possibly 4 Battleships
2 A/C Carriers
AKAGI At Kendari
MUYO

4 B² Cruisers
4 S.S² Cruisers
Approx. 20 Destroyers
Several Seaplane Carriers
C. in C. 3rd Fleet
C. in C. Southern Exped. Fleet

Palau-Saipan-Ronins Area.

Units of the Combined Fleet including probably 3 Battleships
5 A/C Carriers
KAGA (Proceeding Japan, possibly damaged)
ZUIKAKU (En route Kendari - Celebes Area)
SHOKAKU (En route Kendari - Celebes Area)
MORYU - Palau Area
MIRYO - Palau Area.

5 B² Cruisers.

Java-Darwin-Bay of Bengal - Indian Ocean Area.

Probably 4 Squadrons (36) Submarines.

D. INDIAN OCEAN.

British and Allied Forces.

Battleships	WARSPITE	En route Trincomalee from Australia
	RESOLUTION	En route Mauritius from Durban.
	REVENGE	At Durban.
	RANILLIES	At Trincomalee.
	ROYAL SOVEREIGN	Trincomalee Area ?
A/C Carriers	HERMES	At Trincomalee
	INDOMITABLE	Was Due Aden 18/3
8 ² Cruisers	GEORGES AVRROFF	(Grk) At Bombay
	DORSETSHIRE	At Trincomalee
6 ² Cruisers	MAURITIUS	At Durban ?
	BURYALUS	At Bombay?
	GENES	Was Due Bombay 18/3
	COLOMBO	At Bombay
	CAPTOWN	At Durban
	DURBAN	At Durban
	GLASGOW	At Colombo
	CALEDON	At Trincomalee
	EMERALD	Was Due Madras 16/3
	ENTERPRISE	Was Due Colombo 19/3
	DANAE	At Colombo
	DRAGON	At Colombo
	BOISE	(Repairing) At Bombay
	SARBLEHEAD	(Repairing) At Durban
	SINATRA	(Repairing) At Trincomalee
A.H.C.'s	DERBYSHIRE	At Durban ?
	CANTHACK	At Colombo ?
	HECTOR	At Bombay ?
	OLENHAN	At Colombo ?
	CHITRAL	At Bombay
	CONPU	Was Due Aden 16/3
	HANCHI	At Bombay
	ALANIA	Was Due vicinity Colombo 20/3
	WORCHESTERSHIRE	Durban due 17/3
A.A. Vessels	NEWBERG	At Colombo
	COVENTRY	At Bombay

25 Destroyers
5 Submarines

B. MID-PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC.

British and Allied Forces.

Battleships	MISSISSIPPI (12-14")	West Coast
	NEW MEXICO (12-14")	"
	IDaho (12-14")	"
	COLORADO (8-10")	"
	MARYLAND (8-10")	"
	TENNESSEE (12-14")	"
	PENNSYLVANIA (12-14")	"
Aircraft Carriers	ENTERPRISE	Pearl Harbour
	LEXINGTON	En route Pearl Harbour
8" Cruisers	MONMOUTH	En route San Diego
	CHESTER	West Coast
	SALT LAKE CITY	Pearl Harbour
	NORTHAMPTON	"
	NEW ORLEANS	Mid Pacific
	PORTLAND	"
	MINNEAPOLIS	En route Pearl Harbour
	INDIANAPOLIS	"
	SAN FRANCISCO	"
6" Cruisers	VINCENNES	En route San Diego
	ST. LOUIS	Pearl Harbour
	HONOLULU	Mid Pacific
	CONCORD	Tocepilia
	RICHMOND	East Pacific
	MILWAUKEE	Mid Pacific
	THURSTON	Panama area
	DETROIT	West Coast
	NASHVILLE	En route San Diego
	HELENA (damaged)	West Coast
	RALEIGH	"
	Approximately 40 DESTROYERS	
	22 SUBMARINES	

Enemy Forces

- 4 Submarines between Midway Island and Vancouver.
- 4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

25/3/42

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "CHICAGO" "LEANDER" "ACHILLES" "PERKINS" and "LANSON" at Noumea.
- (ii) Task Force 17 including aircraft carrier "YORKTOWN" 8" Cruisers "LOUISVILLE" "ASTORIA" "PENSACOLA" and 8 or 9 destroyers is operating in the Suva - Noumea area.
- (iii) "WESTRALIA" carrying all personnel, spares and equipment of B.17's landed from "TANGIER" departed Suva 1200/22 E.T.A. Townsville 1700/27.
- (iv) U.S. Oiler "TIPPECANOE" operating in Suva - Noumea area.
- (v) H.M.S. "ATHENE" was to depart Noumea 0900/22 for Brisbane.
- (vi) "MONOWAI" at Auckland. Later with "LEANDER" to R.V. with Convoy BT.201 (5 troopships escorted by "NEW ORELANS" & "MUGFORD") in a position south of Tongatabu at 0200Z/1/4.
- (vii) "LEANDER" & "ACHILLES" to arrive Suva 29/3. "LEANDER" to proceed to R.V. with Convoy BT.201 south of Tongatabu on 1/4 as indicated above. "LEANDER" to escort three ships to Brisbane. "MONOWAI" to escort remaining two ships to Melbourne. "ACHILLES" to R.V. with Convoy PW.2055 (3 large transports escorted by 8" Cruiser "CHESTER") S.W. of Samoa on 3/4.
- (viii) "MILDURA" and "GRELONG" in Noumea area.
- (ix) Task Force 9.3.2. (Seaplane Tender "TANGIER" and accompanying aircraft) at Noumea.
- (x) "LE TRIOMPHANT" at Sydney.
- (xi) "TROMP" at Sydney for repairs.
- (xii) "CANBERRA" at Sydney refitting.
- (xiii) "KANIMBLA" at Melbourne. At 12 hours notice.
- (xiv) "MANOORA" due to arrive Melbourne 1130/23. (See Section B).
- (xv) "ASCANIA" at Melbourne for repairs. To proceed Auckland in about 7 days time.
- (xvi) "BUNGAREE" departed Auckland 0900/20/3 for Sydney. E.T.A. 0400/26/3.
- (xvii) "COLAC" & H.M.S. "GESSMOCK" arrived Thursday Island 1810/22 and are to R.V. in a position 100 miles E. of S.E. of Port Moresby at daylight 24/3 with "TAROONA" (carrying troops) and escort her to Port Moresby to arrive not before 1738/25/3.
- (xviii) U.S. Seaplane Tender "W.B. PRESTON" arrived Sydney 0820L/22/3.
- (xix) Task Force 19 (including U.S. Store Ship "BRIDGE", Destroyer Tender "DOBBIN" and Hospital Ship "SOLACE") in Samoa area. "BRIDGE" is to proceed Noumea, arriving forenoon 1/4, to provision Task Force 17.
- (xx) U.S. Naval Auxiliary "TALAMANCA" arrived Melbourne 22/3 from Wellington.
- (xxi) U.S. Destroyer "DALE" escorting U.S. Oiler "KASKASKIA" departed Viti Levu area 20/3.
- (xxii) "TOWNSVILLE" was due to arrive Port Moresby 21/3. Later to proceed Thursday Island to escort two merchant ships to Darwin.

Enemy Forces

- (i) NEW IRELAND AREA - Seaplane Carrier "KANOI" proceeded from New Ireland area to a position north of New Ireland 21/3. (W/T Intelligence).

B) AUSTRALIA STATION (not including ANZAC AREA)

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Convoy SUIA (4 merchant ships) arrived Adelaide yesterday 22/3 from Colombo. "MANOORA" left the convoy inside Backstairs Passage and proceeded independently to Melbourne. E.T.A. 1130 today 23/3.
- (ii) Convoy SUIB (8 merchant ships) proceeding independently from a position S.E. of Albany to Adelaide direct.
- (iii) H.M.S. "CORNWALL" en route Colombo from Albany area.
- (iv) U.S. Destroyers "WHIPPLE" (with Commander Destroyer Squadron 57) and "EDWARDS" en route Fremantle to Melbourne. E.T.A. 1400/24/3.
- (v) "MARYBOROUGH" & "BALLARAT" in Fremantle area.
- (vi) Convoy SU2 (5 troopships), U.S. Store Ship "GOLDSTAR" and tanker "SHAWITCH" escorted by "BOBART" "BURNIE" "TOOGOMBA" & U.S. Destroyers "FORD" & "ALDEN" departed Fremantle 1401/22/3.

- (viii) One vessel S.S. "ARONDA" to be detached 85 miles S.E. of Cape Leeuwin and proceed independently to Albany.
On arrival at a position 205 E. of S.E. of Albany, Convoy to disperse and ships to proceed independently to their destinations.
- (vii) After dispersal of Convoy SU2 (as set out above) "HOBART" to return to Fremantle unless otherwise ordered.
"BURNIE" & "TOOWOOMBA" to return Fremantle in company.
"FORD" & "ALDEN" to proceed in company to Melbourne.
"GOLDSTAR" to proceed Melbourne with "SEAWITCH".
- (viii) "ADELAIDE" U.S. Destroyers "PARROTT" & "PAUL JONES" escorting "MONTEREY" arrived Fremantle 2000/22.
- (ix) H.M. Transport "QUEEN MARY" due to arrive Fremantle today 23/3 from Capetown.
- (x) "VENDETTA" & "PINGWO" (en route Fremantle to Melbourne) at Albany. S.S. "ISLANDER" due Albany 0600/24 to tow "VENDETTA" to Melbourne escorted by "PINGWO".
- (xi) Dutch submarines K8, K9 and K12 at Fremantle.
- (xii) U.S. Seaplane Tender "CHILDS" Submarine Tender "HOLLAND" Minesweepers "LARK" & "WHIPPOORWILL" and 6 large submarines at Albany.
- (xiii) Hospital Ship "WANGANELLA" en route Sydney to Colombo E.T.A. 31/3.
- (xiv) For U.S. Naval Forces in Fremantle area - see Appendix.

Phoenix ?
Enemy Forces (See Appendix) *Phoenix*

C) EAST INDIES - JAPAN AREA
British and Allied Forces

Four submarines on patrol N.E.I. waters. Five submarines en route patrol area. Three submarines en route Fremantle from patrol area.

Enemy Forces

- (1) KOEPANG - Air reconnaissance at 1315/22 revealed one small cruiser off Mansisi, 8 transports in Koepang Harbour (3 - 10,000 tons, 5 - 5,000 tons).

D) INDIAN OCEAN
British and Allied Forces

- (1) U.S. Oiler "TRINITY" en route Persian Gulf to Fremantle E.T.A. 27/3.

Enemy Forces

German raider operating Capetown area 16/3.

E) PACIFIC OCEAN
British and Allied Forces

- (1) Task Force 13 (advance service establishment) is expected to arrive Tongatabu 26/3.
- (ii) U.S. Oiler "PLATTE" en route Pearl Harbour to Noumea.
- (iii) "NEW ORLEANS" & "MUSPORD" in Society Is. area with Convoy BT.201.
- (iv) "HONOLULU" & "JARVIS" arrived Samoa 20/3.
- (v) Convoy PW.2055 ("QUEEN ELIZABETH" "MARIPOSA" "PRESIDENT COOLIDGE") ~~depart~~ en route from San Francisco to Sydney escorted by 8" Cruiser "CHESTER". Approx E.T.A. 7/4.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) Thirteen survivors from H.M.A.S. "YARRA" who were rescued from rafts by Dutch submarine K.10 on 9/3 have arrived Colombo.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Continued air attacks on the Darwin area from both shore-based and ship-borne aircraft possibly as a prelude to a direct attack.
- (ii) Increased submarine and surface raider activity in the Bay of Bengal, Eastern Indian Ocean and S.W. Pacific areas with a view to cutting the supply lines to Australia from both west and east.
- (iii) Carrier-borne air attacks on Fremantle.
- (iv) Attack on Port Moresby from Lae - Salamaua area.
- (v) Carrier-borne air raids against N.E. Australian air bases including Horn Is., Townsville possibly from the Gulf of Carpentaria.
- (vi) Possible early occupation of Tulagi.
- (vii) Possible attack on New Caledonia.
- (viii) Raids on key islands in Mid Pacific including Canton, Hawaii and Midway.

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

23/3/42

A) ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces

A/C Carrier	YORKTOWN
S/P Tenders	TANGIER
	W.B. PRESTON
8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA
	CHICAGO
	PENSACOLA
	LOUISVILLE
	ASTORIA
	CANBERRA (refitting)
6" Cruisers	LEANDER
	ACHILLES
Flotilla Leaders	LE TRIOMPHANT
	TROMP (Damaged)
	STUART (refitting)
A.M.C.'s	MONOWAI
	WESTRALIA
	KANIMBLA
	ASCANIA
Destroyers	10 U.S. ?
	VOYAGER (refitting)

Enemy Forces

Bismarck Archipelago Area

1 Aircraft Carrier (HOSHIO)
 1 Seaplane Carrier (KAMJI)
 5 Unidentified Naval Air Units, some of which are probably converted Seaplane Tenders
 3 possibly 4 8" Cruisers) At least 2 of these units believed
 4 - 5.5" Cruisers) damaged including one possibly sunk.
 Approx. 6 Destroyers
 Approx. 15 Merchant Ships including several Army Transports
 1 Sub. Depot Ship ?
 1 Squadron Submarines ?
 C in C Mandates Fleet (4th)
 C in C Mandates Air Force
 Portion 1 Gunboat Division
 Approx. 88 shorebased Aircraft including probably ²⁰⁻²⁵ 33 Fighters,
 35 Heavy Bombers, 16 Flying Boats.
 25

Mandates Islands

Truk Area

1 Converted Carrier
 Several 5.5" Cruisers
 Some Units 4th Fleet
 Approx. 12 Destroyers
 At least 20 Chartered Merchant Ships
 Special landing party force (Marines)
 3 or 4 Air Squadrons.

Jaluit Area

At least 2 submarine squadrons from 6th Fleet.
 2 Naval Units - Air (shorebased) comprising Fighters, Torpedo-Bombers and Reconnaissance Aircraft.
 1 Seaplane Carrier
 1 M/S Flotilla
 8 Naval Air Units (some probably Seaplane Tenders)
 6 Unidentified Warships
 Air Tenders and Minesweepers
 At least 25 Chartered Merchant Ships including one 17,000 tons ex passenger liner.

B) AUSTRALIA STATION (excluding ANZAC AREA)

British and Allied Forces

8th Cruiser CORNWALL
 6th Cruisers PHOENIX
 ADELAIDE
 HOBART
 A.M.C. MANOORA
 Destroyer BULMER
 BARKER
 J.D.FORD
 PAUL JONES
 J.C.EDWARDS
 WHIPPLE
 ALDEN
 PARROTT
 VENDETTA (damaged)

Seaplane Tenders CHILDS
 HERON (damaged)

Destroyer Tender BLACK HAWK

Submarine Tenders OTUS

Submarines

HOLLAND
 BARGO ✓) 6 at Albany
 SEADRAGON ✓)
 TARPON ✓) 7 at Fremantle (5 repairing)
 SPEARFISH ✓)
 STINGRAY ✓) 3 en route Fremantle from
 SCULPIN ✓) patrol area.
 SKIPJACK ✓)
 SWORDFISH ✓) 4 on patrol N.E.I.
 S 38)
 S 40) 5 en route patrol area.
 S 41)
 STINGRAY ✓) 1 on patrol N.W.Coast Australia.
 S 37)
 S 39)
 SEARAVEN ✓)
 SEAWOLF ✓)
 PERCH ✓)
 PORPOISE ✓)
 PIKE ✓)
 PICKEREL ✓)
 SALMON ✓)
 SEAL ✓)
 SAUFY ✓)
 SAILFISH ✓)
 SNAPPER ✓)
 PERMIT ✓)

(Dutch) K 9)
 K 8) At Fremantle
 K12)

Auxiliaries GEORGE G. HENRY)
 GOLDSTAR)
 LANAKAI) At Fremantle
 ERLING BROVIG)

Minesweepers LARE)
 WHIPPOORWILL) At Albany
 S DUTCH) At Fremantle

Patrol Vessel ISABEL)
 Gunboat TULSA) At Fremantle.

Some of these units have been damaged but full details are not yet available.

Enemy Forces

Possibly 3 Heavy Cruisers
 Possibly 2 Destroyers
 Possibly (at least) 1 submarine

C) EAST INDIES - MALAYAN WATERSBritish and Allied Forces

Approximately 5 submarines some of which) See list on
may be en route Fremantle) previous page

Enemy Forces

2 possibly 4 Battleships AKAGI At Kendari
2 A/C Carriers RYUJO

4 8" Cruisers
4 5.5" Cruisers
Approx. 20 Destroyers
Several Seaplane Carriers
C. in C. 3rd Fleet
C. in C. Southern Exped. Fleet.

Palau-Saipan-Bonins Area

Units of the Combined Fleet including probably 3 Battleships
5 A/C Carriers KAGA (proceeding Japan, possibly damaged)
ZUIKAKU (en route Kendari - Celebes area)
SHOKAKU (en route Kendari - Celebes Area)
SORYU (Palau Area)
HIRYU (Palau Area)

5 8" Cruisers.

Java-Darwin-Bay of Bengal-Indian Ocean Area

Probably 4 Squadrons (36) Submarines.

D) INDIAN OCEANBritish and Allied Forces

Battleships	WARSPITE	At Trincomalee ?
	RESOLUTION	At Mauritius ?
	REVENGE	At Durban
	RAMILLIES	At Trincomalee
	ROYAL SOVEREIGN	Trincomalee Area ?
A/C Carriers	HERMES	At Trincomalee
	INDOMITABLE was	Due Aden 16/3
8" Cruisers	GEORGIOS AVIHOFF	(Grk) At Bombay
	DORSETSHIRE	At Trincomalee
6" Cruisers	MAURITIUS	At Durban ?
	HURVALUS	At Mombasa?
	CERES was	Due Mombasa 15/3
	COLOMBO	At Mombasa
	CAPETOWN	At Bombay
	DURBAN	At Durban
	GLASGOW	At Colombo
	CALEDON	At Trincomalee
	EMERALD was	Due Madras 16/3
	ENTERPRISE was	Due Colombo 19/3
	DANAE	At Colombo
	DRAGON	At Colombo
	BOISE	(Repairing) at Bombay
	HARBLEHEAD	(Repairing) at Durban
	SUNATRA	(Repairing) at Trincomalee
A.M.G.'s	DERBYSHIRE	At Durban ?
	CARTHAGE	At Colombo ?
	HECTOR	At Bombay
	CORFU was	Due Aden 16/3
	RANCHI	At Bombay
	ALAUHIA was	Due vicinity Colombo 20/3
	WORCESTERSHIRE	Durban due 17/3
A.A.Vessels	HEMSHE ROK	At Colombo
	COVENTRY	At Bombay
25 Destroyers		
5 Submarines		
A.M.G.'s	GLENEARN	At Colombo
(Contd.)	CHITRAL	At Bombay

E. MID-PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC.
British and Allied Forces.

Battleships	MISSISSIPPI (12-14")	West Coast
	NEW MEXICO (12-14")	"
	IDAHO (12-14")	"
	COLORADO (8-16")	"
	MARYLAND (8-16")	"
	TENNESSEE (12-14")	"
	PENNSYLVANIA (12-14")	"
Aircraft Carriers	ENTERPRISE	Pearl Harbour
	LEXINGTON	En route Pearl Harbour
	HORNET	En route San Diego
8" Cruisers	CHESTER	West Coast
	SALT LAKE CITY	Pearl Harbour
	NORTHAMPTON	"
	NEW ORLEANS	Mid Pacific
	PORTLAND	"
	MINNEAPOLIS	En route Pearl Harbour
	INDIANAPOLIS	"
	SAN FRANCISCO	"
6" Cruisers	VINCENNES	En route San Diego
	ST. LOUIS	Pearl Harbour
	HONOLULU	Mid Pacific
	CONCORD	Tocopilla
	RICHMOND	East Pacific
	MILWAUKEE	Mid Pacific
	TRENTON	Panama Area
	DETROIT	West Coast
	NASHVILLE	En route San Diego
	HELENA (damaged)	West Coast
	RALEIGH	"
	Approximately 40 DESTROYERS	
	22 SUBMARINES	

Enemy Forces:

4 Submarines between Midway Island and Vancouver
4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY
24/3/42

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "CHICAGO" "LEANDER" "ACHILLES" "PERKINS" and "LAMSON" at Noumea.
- (ii) Task Force 17 including aircraft carrier "YORKTOWN" 8" Cruisers "LOUISVILLE" "ASTORIA" "PENSACOLA" and 8 or 9 destroyers is operating in the Suva - Noumea area.
- (iii) "AUSTRALIA" carrying all personnel, spares and equipment of B.17's landed from "TANGIER" departed Suva 1200/22 E.T.A. Townsville 1700/27.
- (iv) U.S. Oiler "TIPPECANOE" operating in Suva - Noumea area.
- (v) H.M.S. "ATHENE" departed Noumea 0900/22 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1630/25/3.
- (vi) "MONOWAI" at Auckland. Later with "LEANDER" to R.V. with Convoy BT.201 (5 troopships escorted by "NEW ORLEANS" & "HUGFORD") in a position south of Tongatabu at 0200Z/1/4.
- (vii) "LEANDER" & "ACHILLES" to arrive Suva 29/3. "LEANDER" to proceed to R.V. with Convoy BT.201 south of Tongatabu on 1/4 as indicated above. "LEANDER" to escort three ships to Brisbane. "MONOWAI" to escort remaining two ships to Melbourne. "ACHILLES" to R.V. with Convoy FW.2055 (3 large transports escorted by 8" Cruiser "CHESTER") S.W. of Samoa on 3/4.
- (viii) "MILDURA" and "GKELONG" in Noumea area.
- (ix) Task Force 9.6.2. (Seaplane Tender "TANGIER" and accompanying aircraft) at Noumea.
- (x) "LE TRIOMPHANT" at Sydney.
- (xi) "THOMP" at Sydney for repairs.
- (xii) "CANBERRA" at Sydney refitting.
- (xiii) "KANIMBLA" at Melbourne. At 12 hours notice.
- (xiv) "MANGORA" arrived Melbourne 1541/23/3.
- (xv) "ASCANIA" at Melbourne for repairs. To proceed Auckland in about 7 days time.
- (xvi) "BURGARE" departed Auckland 0900/20/3 for Sydney. E.T.A. 0400/26/3.
- (xvii) "COLAC" & H.M.S. "GESSNOCK" departed Thursday Island 1739/23/3 for R.V. with "TARONGA" (carrying troops) in a position 100 miles E.S.E. of Port Moresby at daylight 24/3. "TARONGA" to be escorted to Port Moresby to arrive not before 1730/25/3.
- (xviii) U.S. Seaplane Tender "U.S. PRESTON" arrived Sydney 0820L/22/3.
- (xix) Task Force 19 (including U.S. Store Ship "BRIDGE", Destroyer Tender "DOBBIN" and Hospital Ship "SOLACE") in Samoa area. "BRIDGE" is to proceed Noumea, arriving forenoon 1/4, to provision Task Force 17.
- (xx) U.S. Naval Auxillary "TALAMANCA" arrived Melbourne 22/3 from Wellington.
- (xxi) U.S. Destroyer "DALE" escorting U.S. Oiler "KASKASKIA" departed Viti Levu area 20/3.
- (xxii) "TOWNSVILLE" to depart Thursday Island a.m. 24/3 escorting two merchant ships to Darwin.
- (xxiii) U.S. Destroyers "WHIPPLE" (Commander Destroyer Squadron 57) and "EDWARDS" arrived Melbourne 1531/23/3.

Enemy Forces

New Britain Area - A further converted seaplane tender "KAMIKAWA" MARU" (6,650 tons) is reported in the New Britain area, by C in C Pacific.

B) AUSTRALIA STATION (not including ANZAC AREA)

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Convoy SU1B (8 merchant ships) proceeding independently from a position S.E. of Albany to Adelaide direct.
- (ii) H.M.S. "CORNWALL" en route Colombo from Albany area.
- (iii) "MANYBOROUGH" & "BALLARAT" in Fremantle area.
- (iv) Convoy SU2 (5 troopships), U.S. Store Ship "GOLDSTAR" and tanker "SEAWITCH" escorted by "HOBART" "BURNIE" "TOSCORBA" & U.S. Destroyers "FORD" & "ALDEN" departed Fremantle 1401/22/3. One vessel H.M.S. "ARONDA" to be detached 85 miles S.E. of Cape Leeuwin and proceed independently to Albany. On arrival at a position 205 E. of S.E. of Albany, convoy to disperse and ships to proceed independently to their destination.

- (v) After dispersal of Convoy SU2 (as set out above) "HOBART" to return to Fremantle unless otherwise ordered.
 "BURNIE" & "TOOWOOMBA" to return Fremantle in company.
 "FORD" & "ALDEN" to proceed in company to Melbourne.
 "GOLDSTAR" to proceed Melbourne with U.S. Tanker "SEAWITCH".
- (vi) "MONTEREY" departed Fremantle 0725/23/3 for America.
- (vii) H.M. Transport "QUEEN MARY" arrived Fremantle 1125/23/3 from Capetown.
- (viii) "VENDETTA" & "PINGWO" (en route Fremantle to Melbourne) at Albany. S.S. "ISLANDER" due Albany 0600/24 to tow "VENDETTA" to Melbourne escorted by "PINGWO".
- (ix) Dutch submarines K8, K9 and K12 at Fremantle.
- (x) U.S. Seaplane Tender "CHILDS" Submarine Tender "HOLLAND", Mine-sweepers "LARK" & "WHIPPOORWILL" and 6 large submarines at Albany.
- (xi) Hospital Ship "WANGANELLA" en route Sydney to Colombo E.T.A. 31/3.
- (xii) For U.S. Naval Forces in Fremantle area - see Appendix.
- (xiii) "PHOENIX" at Fremantle.
- (xiv) H.M.S. "HERMES" to sail with "VAMPIRE" from Trincomalee p.m. 24/3 for Fremantle.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

C) EAST INDIES - JAPAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Five ~~Five~~ submarines on patrol N.E.I. waters. Five submarines en route patrol area. Three submarines en route Fremantle from patrol area.

Enemy Forces

(i) KOEPANG

Photographs from reconnaissance on 22/3 revealed -

- 1 probable seaplane tender off Hansisi (N. end of Semaee Strait)
- 6 small vessels
- 44 landing craft or large barges in Koepang Harbour
- 1 transport 10,000 tons)
- 1 transport 5,000 tons) at anchor close
- 1 probable tanker 4,000 tons) in shore
- 1 patrol boat)

(ii) CELEBES - The 5th Carrier Division ("ZUIKAKU" & "SHOKAKU") is due to arrive Kendari from Yokosuka with three other units today 24/3. There is now a concentration of Japan's five best available carriers "AKAGI" "SORYU" "HIRYU" "ZUIKAKU" & "SHOKAKU" in the general Celebes area together with one possibly two battlecruisers.

D) INDIAN OCEAN

Enemy Forces

German raider operating Capetown area 16/3.

E) PACIFIC OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 13 (advance service establishment) is expected to arrive Tongatabu 28/3.
- (ii) U.S. Oiler "PLATTE" en route Pearl Harbour to Noumea.
- (iii) "NEW ORLEANS" & "MUGFORD" in Society Is. area with Convoy BT.201.
- (iv) "HONOLULU" & "JARVIS" arrived Samoa 20/3.
- (v) Convoy FW.2055 ("QUEEN ELIZABETH" "MARIPOSA" "PRESIDENT COOLIDGE") en route from San Francisco to Sydney escorted by 8" Cruiser "CHESTER". Approx N.T.A. 7/4.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

It is now established that the "KAGA" (27,000 tons - 60 a/c) was the Aircraft Carrier which received two torpedo hits in N.E.I. waters early in March. The successful attack was made by the U.S. submarine "SAILFISH" on 2 /3. Valuable information relative to Japanese Asdic procedure was obtained during this attack.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Continued air attacks on the Darwin area from both shore-based and ship-borne aircraft possibly as a prelude to a direct attack.
- (ii) Increased submarine and surface raider activity in the Bay of Bengal, Eastern Indian Ocean and S.W. Pacific areas with a view to cutting

- the supply lines to Australia from both west and east.
- (iii) Carrier-borne air attack~~s~~ on Fremantle.
 - (iv) Attack on Port Moresby from Lae - Salamua area.
 - (v) Carrier-borne air raids against N.E. Australian air bases including Horn Island, Townsville possibly from the Gulf of Carpentaria.
 - (vi) Possible early occupation of Tulagi.
 - (vii) Possible attack on New Caledonia.
 - (viii) Raids on key islands in Mid Pacific including Canton, Hawaii and Midway.

A P P E N D I XDAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY24/3/42.A. ANZAC AREA.British and Allied Forces

A/C Carrier	YORKTOWN
S/P Tenders	TANGIER
	W.B. PRESTON
8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA
	CHICAGO
	PENSACOLA
	LOUISVILLE
	ASTORIA
6" Cruisers	CARRERA (refitting)
	LEANDER
	ACHILLES
Flotilla Leaders	LE TRIOMPHANT
	TROMP (damaged)
	STUART (refitting)
A.N.C's.	MONOWAI
	WESTRALIA
	KANINELA
	ASCANIA
	MANOORA
Destroyers	10 U.S. ?
	VOYAGER (refitting)

Enemy ForcesBismarck Archipelago Area.

1 Aircraft Carrier (HOSHO)
 1 Seaplane Carrier (KAMOI)
 1 Converted Seaplane tender KAMIGAWA MARU
 5 unidentified Naval Air Units, some of which are probably converted Seaplane Tenders
 3 - 8" Cruisers) At least 2 of these units believed
 4 - 5.5" Cruisers) damaged including one possibly sunk.
 Approx. 6 Destroyers
 Approx. 15 Merchant Ships including several Army Transports
 1 Sub.Depot Ship ?
 1 Squadron Submarines ?
 C in C Mandates Fleet (4th)
 C in C Mandates Air Force
 Portion 1 Gunboat Division
 Approx. 65 shorebased Aircraft including probably 20-25 Fighters,
 28 Heavy Bombers, 16 Flying Boats.

Mandates IslandsTruk Area.

1 converted Carrier
 Several 5.5" Cruisers
 Some Units 4th Fleet
 Approx. 12 Destroyers
 At least 20 Chartered Merchant Ships
 Special landing party force (Marines)
 3 or 4 Air Squadrons

Jaluit Area.

At least 2 submarine Squadrons from 6th Fleet.
 2 Naval Units - Air (shorebased) comprising Fighters, Torpedo-Bombers and Reconnaissance Aircraft.
 1 Seaplane Carrier
 1 M/S Flotilla
 3 Naval Air Units (some probably Seaplane Tenders)
 6 Unidentified Warships
 Air Tenders and Minesweepers
 At least 25 Chartered Merchant Ships including one 17,000 tons ex passenger liner.

B. AUSTRALIA STATION (excluding ANZAC AREA.)

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers
6" Cruisers

CORNWALL
PHOENIX
ADELAIDE
HOBART
BULMER
BARKER
J. D. FORD
PAUL JONES
J. C. EDWARDS
WHIPPLE
ALDEN
PARROTT
VENDETTA (damaged)

Destroyer

Seaplane Tenders

GILDS
HERON (damaged)

Destroyer Tender

BLACK HAWK

Submarine Tenders

OTUS

Submarines

HOLLAND

SARGO

) 6 at Albany

SEADRAGON

TARPON

SPEARFISH

STURGEON

) 3 en route Fremantle from
patrol area.

SCULPIN

SKIPJACK

SWORDFISH

S 38

S 40

S 41

SPINGRAY

) 1 on patrol N.W. coast Austral
ia

S 37

S 39

SEARAVEN

) 7 on patrol

SEAWOLF

FERCH

) 5 en route patrol area.

PORPOISE

PIKE

) 4 returning from patrol.

PICKEREL

SALMON

SEAL

SAURY

SAILFISH

SNAPPER

PERMIT

(Dutch)

K 9)

K 8)

At Fremantle

K 12)

Auxiliaries

GEORGE G. HENRY)

GOLDSTAR)

LAKAI)

At Fremantle

ERLING BROVIG)

Minesweepers

LARK))

WHIPPOORWILL)

At Albany

5 Dutch

At Fremantle

Patrol Vessel

ISABEL)

Gunboat

TULSA)

At Fremantle.

Some of these units have been damaged but full details are not yet available.

Enemy Forces.

Possibly 3 Heavy Cruisers

Possibly 2 Destroyers

Possibly (at least) 1 submarine

C. EAST INDIES .. MALAYAN WATERS.

British and Allied Forces.

Approximately 5 submarines some of which) See list on
may be en route Fremantle) previous page.

Enemy Forces

2 possibly 4 Battleships		
6 A/C Carriers	AKAGI	Celebes area (probably Kendari)
	ZUIKAKU	" (due Kendari 24/3)
	SHOKAKU	" "
	MIKYO	" "
	SORYU	" "
	RYUYO	Malayan area.

5 - 8" Cruisers
 4 5.5" Cruisers
 Approx 20 Destroyers
 Several Seaplane Carriers
 C in C 3rd. Fleet
 C in C Southern Exped. Fleet

Palau-Saipen-Bonins Area

Units of the Combined Fleet including probably 3 Battleships
 1 A/C Carrier KAGA (proceeding Japan,) damaged.
 5 - 8" Cruisers

Java-Darwin-Bay of Bengal-Indian Ocean Area.

Probably 4 Squadrons (36) Submarines

D. INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

Battleships	WARSPITE	At Trincomalee ?
	RESOLUTION	was due Addu Atoll 23/3
	REVENGE	was due Mauritius 23/3
	RAMILLIES	At Trincomalee
	ROYAL SOVEREIGN	At Colombo
A/C Carriers	HEMES	At Trincomalee
	INDOMITABLE	Due Addu Atoll 24/3
8" Cruisers	GIORGIS AVENOFF (Grk)	At Bombay
	DORSETSHIRE	At Trincomalee
	CORNWALL	Due Colombo 27/3
6" Cruisers	MAURITIUS	At Durban ?
	BURYALUS	At Mombasa ?
	CERES	was due Durban 21/3
	COLOMBO	At Mombasa
	CARPENTER	At Bombay
	DURBAN	At Durban
	GLASGOW	was due Durban 24/3
	CALEDON	At Trincomalee ^{COLOMBO}
	EMERALD	was due Trincomalee 21/3
	ENTERPRISE	At Colombo
	DANAE	Persian Gulf ?
	DRAGON	At Colombo
	BOISE	(Repairing) at Bombay
	MARBLEHEAD	(Repairing) at Durban
	SUMATRA	(Repairing) at Trincomalee
A.M.C.'s	DERBYSHIRE	At Durban ?
	CARTHAGE	At Colombo ?
	HECTOR	At Bombay ^{COLOMBO}
	CONFU	Due Colombo 25/3
	RANCHI	At Bombay
	ALANIA	Due Mombasa 25/3
	WORCESTERSHIRE	at Durban
A.A.Vessels	HEEMSKERCK	At Colombo
	COVENTRY	At Bombay
23 Destroyers		
5 Submarines		
A.M.C.'s	GLENEARN	At Colombo
(Contd)	CRITHAL	At Bombay

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British and Allied Forces.

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	NORTHAMPTON	"
	NEW ORLEANS	Society Is. Area.
	PORTLAND	Mid Pacific
	MINNEAPOLIS	en route Pearl Harbour
	INDIANAPOLIS	"
	SAN FRANCISCO	"
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	HONOLULU	Mid Pacific
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	RICHMOND	East Pacific
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	RALEIGH	"
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Enemy Forces.

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4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters.

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY
25/3/42

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- (v) H.M.S. "ATHENE" arrived Brisbane 24/3. After discharging personnel and stores at Brisbane, is to sail direct for Fremantle.
- (vi) "MONOWAI" at Auckland. Later with "LEANDER" to R.V. with Convoy BT.201 (5 troopships escorted by "NEW ORLEANS" & "MUGFORD") in a position south of Tongatabu at 1300/1/4.
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- (xviii) U.S. Seaplane Tender "W.B. PRESTON" at Sydney for repairs.
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- (xx) U.S. Naval Auxiliary "TALAMANCA" at Melbourne. Later to proceed Wellington en route San Francisco.
- (xxi) "TOWNSVILLE" at Thursday Island awaiting further instructions to escort two merchant ships to Darwin.
- (xxii) U.S. Destroyer "WHIPPLE" with Commander Destroyer Division 57 and "J.D. EDWARDS" are to depart Melbourne 1300 today 25/3 for Sydney E.T.A. 0800/27/3. Later with U.S. "FORD" and "ALIEN" to be based in Sydney for operations from that point.
- (xxiii) Task Force 13 including U.S. Destroyers "HENLEY" & "HELM", U.S. Oiler "CUYAMA" and two merchant ships proceeding Vila (Efate). E.T.A. 0600/29. To be covered by F.O.C.A.S. from a point west of Suva (see above).
- (xxiv) U.S.S. "LASSER" (ammunition ship) arrived Fiji 1232/24.
- (xxv) Hospital ship "ORANJE" departed Sydney for Melbourne 1442/24 E.T.A. 1945/25.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)B) AUSTRALIA STATION (not including ANZAC AREA)British and Allied Forces

- (i) Eight merchant ships of Convoy SU1B have arrived at Adelaide.
- (ii) "MARYBOROUGH" "GOULBURN" "BENDIGO" "WOLLONGONG" & "BALLARAT" at Fremantle.
- (iii) Four merchant ships ex Convoy SU2 proceeding independently

- to Adelaide from a position S.E. of Albany where convoy was dispersed at 1900/24.
- (iv) "HOBART" "BURNIE" "TOOWOOMBA" returning to Fremantle from Albany area. "HOBART'S" E.T.A. p.m. 25/3.
 - (v) U.S. Destroyers "FORD" & "ALDEN" in company with U.S. Oiler "GOLDSTAR" and U.S. Tanker "SEAWITCH" proceeding to Melbourne E.T.A. 2300/29. "FORD" & "ALDEN" later to proceed Sydney.
 - (vi) "PHOENIX" at Fremantle.
 - (vii) "ADELAIDE" & "MONTEREY" at Fremantle. "MONTEREY" (carrying troops to Melbourne) escorted by "ADELAIDE" is to depart Fremantle a.m. 27/3.
 - (viii) H.M. Transport "QUEEN MARY" arrived Fremantle from Capetown 23/3 accompanied by U.S. Destroyers "BANKER" & "BULMER". To proceed to Sydney, E.T.A. 1730/28.
 - (ix) Dutch submarines K8, K9 and K12 at Fremantle.
 - (x) U.S. Seaplane Tender "CHILDS" Submarine Tender "HOLLAND", Minesweepers "LARK" & "WHIPPOORWILL" and 6 large submarines at Albany.
 - (xi) Hospital ship "WANGANELLA" en route Sydney to Colombo E.T.A. 31/3.
 - (xii) "VENDETTA" towed by S.S. "ISLANDER" and escorted by "PINGWO" departed Albany 1821/24 for Melbourne E.T.A. 3/4.
 - (xiii) For U.S. Naval Forces in Fremantle area - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

C) EAST INDIES - JAPAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Five submarines en patrol N.E.I. waters. Two submarines en route patrol area. Four submarines en route Fremantle from patrol area. One shifting patrol station.

Enemy Forces

- (1) CELEBES - The Fifth Carrier Division ("ZUIKAKU" & "SHOKAKU") is now reported due to arrive Kendari 26/3.

D) INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

- (1) "CORNWALL" en route Colombo from Australia E.T.A. 27/3.
- (ii) U.S. Oiler "TRINITY" en route Abadan to Fremantle.

Enemy Forces

- (1) One cruiser, 1 large destroyer or cruiser, 2 transport and two other vessels possibly aircraft carriers reported by air reconnaissance as approaching Port Blair (Andaman Is.) p.m. 23/3.
- (ii) German raider operating Capetown area 14/3.

E) PACIFIC OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

- (1) Task Force 13 (advance service establishment) (see A(xxiii)) is expected to arrive Vila (Efate) 29/3.
- (ii) U.S. Oiler "PLATTE" en route Pearl Harbour to Noumea.
- (iii) Task Group 12.2 "NEW ORLEANS" & "MUGFORD" en route Society Is. area to Tongatabu area with Convoy BT.201.
- (iv) Task Group 12.1 "HONOLULU" & "JARVIS" arrived Samoa 20/3 en route Pearl Harbour.
- (v) Convoy PW 2055 ("QUEEN ELIZABETH" "MARIPOSA" "PRESIDENT COOLIDGE") en route from San Francisco to Sydney escorted by 8" Cruiser "CHESTER". Approx E.T.A. p.m. 8/4.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) CAPE MORETON - Two Wirraways sighted a submarine in a position 63 miles S.E. of Cape Moreton, on a southerly course, at 1810/24. Report graded B.1. One Wirraway dropped two 100-lb. A/S bombs which fell 150 yards astern of the submarine.
- (ii) ALBANY AREA - H.M.A.S. "TOOWOOMBA" (one of the escorts of Convoy SU2) reported sighting at 1725/23 a submarine in a position 180 miles

W.S.W. of Albany. Further details are not yet available.

Reconnaissance aircraft failed to sight the submarine.

- (111) PORT MACDONNELL (S.A) - Three civilians report sighting between 1630 and 1900/23/2 an object resembling a submarine 17 miles east of Port MacDonnell (18 miles South of Mt. Gambier - S.A).

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Continued air attacks on the Darwin area from both shore-based and ship-borne aircraft possibly as a prelude to a direct attack.
- (ii) Increased submarine and surface raider activity in the Bay of Bengal, Eastern Indian Ocean and S.W. Pacific areas with a view to cutting the supply lines to Australia from both west and east.
- (iii) Carrier-borne air attacks on Fremantle.
- (iv) Attack on Port Moresby from Lae - Salamaua area.
- (v) Carrier-borne air raids against N.E. Australian air bases including Horn Island, Townsville possibly from the Gulf of Carpentaria.
- (vi) Possible early occupation of Tulagi.
- (vii) Possible attack on New Caledonia.
- (viii) Raids on key islands in Mid Pacific including Canton, Hawaii and Midway.

APPENDIX

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

25/3/42

A. ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces

A/C Carrier	YORKTOWN
S/P Tenders	TANGIER
	W.B. PRESTON
8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA
	CHICAGO
	PENSACOLA
	LOUISVILLE
	ASTORIA
6" Cruisers	CANBERRA (refitting)
	LEANDER
	ACHILLES
Flotilla Leaders	LE TRIOMPHANT
	TRIONP (damaged)
	STUART (refitting)
A.M.C.'s.	HONOWAI
	WESTRALIA
	KANIMBLA
	ASCANIA
	MANOCRA
Destroyers	10 U.S. ?
	VOYAGER (refitting)

Enemy Forces

Bismarck Archipelago Area.

1 Aircraft Carrier (HOSHU)
 1 Seaplane Carrier (KAMOJ)
 1 Converted Seaplane tender KAMIKAWA HARU
 5 Unidentified Naval Air Units, some of which are probably converted Seaplane Tenders
 3 - 8" Cruisers) At least 2 of these units believed damaged
 4 - 5.5" Cruisers) including one possibly sunk.
 Approx. 6 Destroyers
 Approx. 15 Merchant Ships including several Army Transports.
 1 Sub.Depot Ship ?
 1 Squadron Submarines ?
 C in C Mandates Fleet (4th)
 C in C Mandates Air Force
 Portion 1 Gunboat Division
 Approx. 65 shorebased Aircraft including probably 20-25 Fighters,
 28 Heavy Bombers, 16 Flying Boats.

Mandates Islands

Truk Area.

1 converted Carrier
 Several 5.5" Cruisers
 Some Units 4th Fleet
 Approx. 12 Destroyers
 At least 20 Chartered Merchant Ships
 Special landing party force (Marines)
 3 or 4 Air squadrons.

Jaluit Area.

At least 2 submarine Squadrons from 6th Fleet.
 2 Naval Units - Air (shorebased) comprising Fighters, Torpedo-Bombers and Reconnaissance Aircraft.
 1 Seaplane Carrier
 1 M/S Flotilla
 8 Naval Air Units (some probably Seaplane Tenders)
 6 Unidentified Warships
 Air Tenders and Minesweepers
 At least 25 Chartered Merchant Ships including one 17,000 tons ex passenger liner.

B. AUSTRALIA STATION (including ANZAC AREA.)

British and Allied Forces

Cruisers

PROBIX
ADELAYDE
ESRANT
EULMER
BARKER
J.D. FORD
PAUL JONES
J.C. EDWARDS
WHIFFLE
ALDEN
PARROTT
VENDETTA (damaged)

Seaplane Tenders

CHILD
HUSH (damaged)

Destroyer Tender

BLACK HAWK

Submarine Tenders

OTUS

Submarines

HOLLAND
SARGO
SEADRAGON
TARPOW
SPANFISH
SPURGEON
SCULPIN
SKIPJACK
SHOONFISH
S 38
S 40
S 41
STINGRAY
S 37
S 39
SEARAYEN
SEAWOLF
PERCH
PORPOISE
PIKE
PICKREL
SALMON
SEAL
SAHRY
SAILFISH
SEA PPER
PENNY

}
} 6 at Albany
} 8 at Fremantle
} 1 shifting patrol station
} 5 on patrol
} 2 enroute patrol area.
} 4 returning from patrol.

(Dutch)

K 9)
K 8)
K 12)

At Fremantle

Auxiliaries

GEORGE O. HENRY At Fremantle
GOLDSTAR on route Melbourne
LANAKAI At Fremantle
KELING BROVIG At "

Minesweepers

LARK
WHIFFOCHWILL } At Albany
S Dutch } At Fremantle

Patrol Vessel

ISABEL)
TULSA) At Fremantle.

Gunboat

Some of these units have been damaged but full details are not yet available.

Enemy Forces

Possibly 3 Heavy Cruisers
Possibly 2 Destroyers
Possibly (at least) 1 submarine.

C. EAST INDIES ..MALAYAN WATERS.

British and Allied Forces

Approximately 5 submarines some of which) See List on
may be en route Fremantle) previous page.

Enemy Forces

2 possibly 4 Battleships
6 A/C Carriers

AKASH	Celebes area (probably Kendari)
ZUIKAKU	" (due Kendari 26/3)
SHOKAKU	" "
HIRYU	" "
SOBYU	" "
KYUJO	Malayan area.

5 - 8" Cruisers
4 5.5" Cruisers
Approx 20 Destroyers
Several Seaplane Carriers
C in C 3rd Fleet
C in C Southern Exped. Fleet

Palau-Saipan-Ronins Area

Units of the Combined Fleet including probably 5 Battleships
1 A/C Carrier KAGA (proceeding Japan) damaged.
5 - 8" Cruisers

Java-Batavia-Bay of Bengal-Indian Ocean Area.

Probably 4 Squadrons (35) Submarines

D. INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

Battleships	WARSPITE	Was due Trincomalee 22/3
	RESOLUTION	was due Addu Atoll 23/3
	REVENGE	was due Mauritius 23/3
	HAMILLINE	At Trincomalee
A/C Carriers	ROYAL SOVEREIGN	At Colombo
	HERMES	At Trincomalee
8" Cruisers	INDOMITABLE	was due Addu Atoll 24/3
	GIORGIOS AVENOFF	(Ork) At Bombay
	BORSETTISE	At Trincomalee
6" Cruisers	CORNWALL	Due Colombo 27/3
	MAURITIUS	At Durban ?
	EUNYALUS	At Mombasa ?
	CEHES	was due Durban 21/3
	COLOMBO	At Mombasa
	CAPETOWN	At Bombay
	DURBAN	At Durban ?
	GLASGOW	was due Durban 24/3
	CALEDON	At Colombo
	EMERALD	was due Trincomalee 21/3
	ENTERPRISE	At Colombo
	DANAE	Persian Gulf ?
	DRAGON	At Colombo
	BOISE	(Repairing) at Bombay
	MARBLEHEAD	(Repairing) at Durban
	SUMATRA	(Repairing) at Trincomalee
A.M.C.'s	DERBYSHIRE	At Durban ?
	CANTHAGE	At Colombo ?
	HECTOR	At Colombo
	CORFU	Due Colombo 25/3
	HANCHI	At Bombay
	ALANNIA	Due Mombasa 25/3
	WORCESTERSHIRE	at Durban
	GLENNHARN	at Colombo
	CHITRAL	at Bombay
A.A.Vessels	HERMSKERCK	at Colombo
	COVENTRY	at Bombay

Approx. 35 Destroyers
6 Submarines.

E. MID-PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC

British and Allied Forces.

Battleships

MISSISSIPPI	(12-14")	West Coast
NEW MEXICO	(12-14")	"
IDAHO	(12-14")	"
COLORADO	(8-10")	"
MARYLAND	(8-10")	"
TENNESSEE	(12-14")	"
PENNSYLVANIA	(12-14")	"

Aircraft Carriers

ENTERPRISE Pearl Harbour

LEXINGTON at Pearl Harbour

HORNET en route San Diego

CHESTER en route San Francisco -

SALT LAKE CITY Pearl Harbour Samoa Area

NOTHAMPTON "

NEW ORLEANS en route Society Is - Tongatabu

PORTLAND Mid Pacific

MINNEAPOLIS at Pearl Harbour ?

INDIANAPOLIS

SAN FRANCISCO

VINCENNES en route San Diego

ST. LOUIS Pearl Harbour

HONOLULU Mid Pacific

CONCORD Tacopilla

RICHMOND East Pacific

MILWAUKEE Mid "

TRENTON Panama Area

DETROIT West Coast

NASHEVILLE en route San Diego

HELENA (damaged) West Coast

RALEIGH "

Approximately 40 DESTROYERS

22 SUBMARINES.

Enemy Forces.

4 Submarines between Midway Islands and Vancouver

4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

26/3/42

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCESA) ANZAC AREABritish and Allied Forces

- (i) "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "CHICAGO" "LEANDER" "ACHILLES" "PERKINS" and "LAMSON" departed Noumea 1400/24 to R.V. with Task Force 13 in a position west of Suva 27th-28th and escort Task Force to Vila (Efate).
- (ii) Task Force 17 including aircraft carrier "YORKTOWN" 8" Cruisers "LOUISVILLE" "ASTORIA" "PENSACOLA" and 8 or 9 destroyers is operating in the Suva - Noumea area.
- (iii) "MONOWAI" at Auckland. Later with "LEANDER" to R.V. with Convoy BT.201 (5 troopships escorted by "NEW ORLEANS" & "MUGFORD") in a position south of Tongatabu at 1300/1/4.
- (iv) "LEANDER" & "ACHILLES" to arrive 0800/30/3 and 0800/1/4 respectively at Suva. "LEANDER" to proceed to R.V. with Convoy BT.201 south of Tongatabu on 1/4 as indicated above. "LEANDER" to escort three ships to Brisbane. "MONOWAI" to escort remaining two ships to Melbourne. "ACHILLES" to R.V. with Convoy PW.2055 (3 large transports escorted by 8" Cruiser "CHESTER") S.W. of Samoa on 3/4.
- (v) "AUSTRALIA" carrying all personnel, spares and equipment of B.17's landed from "TANGIER" en route Suva to Townsville E.T.A. 1700/27.
- (vi) U.S. Oiler "TIPPECANOE" operating in Suva - Noumea area.
- (vii) H.M.S. "ATHENE" arrived Brisbane 24/3. After discharging personnel and stores at Brisbane, is to sail direct for Fremantle.
- (viii) "MILDUNA" & "GKELONG" in Noumea area.
- (ix) Task Force 9.S.2. (seaplane tender "TANGIER" and accompanying aircraft) at Noumea.
- (x) "LE TRIOMPHANT" at Sydney.
- (xi) "THOMP" at Sydney for repairs.
- (xii) "CANNERRA" at Sydney refitting.
- (xiii) "KANIMBLA" at Melbourne. At 12 hours notice.
- (xiv) "MANGORA" at Melbourne. Approx 9 days upkeep.
- (xv) "ASCANIA" at Melbourne for repairs. To proceed Auckland in about 4 days time.
- (xvi) "BUNGAREE" arrived Sydney 1130/25/3.
- (xvii) "COLAC" & H.M.S. "GESSWOCK" escorting "TAROONA" to Port Moresby E.T.A. 1738/26/3.
- (xviii) U.S. Seaplane Tender "W.B. PRESTON" at Sydney for repairs.
- (xix) Task Force 19 (including Store ship "BRIDGE" Destroyer Tender "DOBBIN" and Hospital Ship "SOLACE") in Samoa area. "BRIDGE" is to proceed Noumea, arriving forenoon 1/4, to provision Task Force 17.
- (xx) U.S. Naval Auxiliary "TALAMANCA" at Melbourne. Expected to depart today for Wellington en route San Francisco.
- (xxi) "TOWNSVILLE" at Thursday Island awaiting further instructions. To escort two merchant ships to Darwin.
- (xxii) U.S. Destroyers "WHIPPLE" and "JOHN D. EDWARDS" to depart Melbourne 1600/26/3 to R.V. with H.M. Transport "QUEEN MARY" at 1200/27/3 and thence to proceed to Sydney E.T.A. 1700/28/3. Later with "FORD" & "ALDER" to be based in Sydney for operations from that point.
- (xxiii) Task Force 13 including U.S. Destroyers "HENLEY" & "HELM", U.S. Oiler "CUMAMA" and 2 merchant ships proceeding Vila (Efate). E.T.A. 0500/29. To be covered by F.O.C.A.S. from a point west of Suva (see above).
- (xxiv) U.S.S. "LASSEN" (ammunition ship) at Fiji.
- (xxv) Hospital Ship "GRANJE" arrived Melbourne 0612/25.
- (xxvi) "SWAN" at Brisbane refitting.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)B) AUSTRALIA STATION (not including ANZAC AREA)British and Allied Forces

- (1) "MARYBOROUGH" "GOULBURN" "BENDIGO" "WOLLONGONG" & "BALLARAT" at Fremantle.

- (ii) Four merchant ships ex Convoy 302 proceeding independently to Adelaide from a position S.E. of Albany where convoy was dispersed at 1900/24.
- (iii) "HOBART" "BURNIE" "TOOWOOMBA" returning to Fremantle from Albany area. "HOBART'S" E.T.A. p.m. 25/3.
- (iv) U.S. Destroyers "FORD" & "ALDEN" proceeding Melbourne from Fremantle E.T.A. 28/3. Later to proceed Sydney. ~~Kixixx28/3.~~
- (v) U.S. Oiler "GOLDSTAR" proceeding to Melbourne E.T.A. 30/3.
- (vi) "PHOENIX" at Fremantle.
- (vii) "ADELAIDE" & "MONTREY" at Fremantle. "MONTREY" (carrying troops to Melbourne) escorted by "ADELAIDE" is to depart Fremantle a.m. 27/3.
- (viii) H.M. Transport "QUEEN MARY" proceeding Fremantle to Sydney E.T.A. 1700/28. (See A(xxii)).
- (ix) Dutch submarines K8, K9 and K12 at Fremantle.
- (x) U.S. Seaplane Tender "CHILDS" Submarine Tender "HOLLAND", Minesweepers "LARK" & "WHIPPOORWILL" and 6 large submarines at Albany.
- (xi) Hospital Ship "WANGANELLA" en route Sydney to Colombo E.T.A. 31/3.
- (xii) "VENETA" towed by S.S. "ISLANDER" and escorted by "PINGWO" departed Albany 1821/24 for Melbourne E.T.A. 1920/3/4.
- (xiii) For U.S. Naval Forces in Fremantle area - see Appendix.
- (xiv) U.S. Submarines "SAILFISH" & "PICKEREL" departed Fremantle 1900/24/3 E.T.A. Albany dawn 26/3.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

C) EAST INDIES - JAPAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Nine submarines en route to or on patrol stations in China Sea or N.E.I. area.

Enemy Forces

CELEBES - The Fifth Carrier Division ("ZUIKAKU" & "SHOKAKU") is due to arrive Kendari today 26/3.

C in C Pacific reported 25/3 5 carriers (including above) in Celebes - Java area. One carrier in Singapore area.

D) INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "CORNWALL" en route Colombo from Australia E.T.A. 27/3.
- (ii) U.S. Oiler "TRINITY" en route Abadan to Fremantle E.T.A. 17/4.

Enemy Forces

- (i) One cruiser, 1 large destroyer or cruiser, 1 transport and two other vessels possibly aircraft carriers reported by air reconnaissance as approaching Port Blair (Andaman Is.) p.m. 23/3. Andaman Islands occupied 25/3.
- (ii) German raider operating Capetown area 14/3.

E) PACIFIC OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 13 (advance service establishment) (see A(xxiii)) is expected to arrive Vila (Efate) 29/3.
- (ii) U.S. Oiler "PLATTE" en route Pearl Harbour to Noumea E.T.A. 27th/28th.
- (iii) Task Group 12.2 "NEW ORLEANS" & "HUGFORD" en route Society Islands area to Tongatabu area with Convoy BT.201.
- (iv) Convoy PW.2055 ("QUEEN ELIZABETH" "MARIPOSA" "PRESIDENT COOLIDGE") en route from San Francisco to Sydney escorted by 8" Cruiser "CHESTER". Approx E.T.A. p.m. 7/4 (see A(iv)).

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) NOUMEA-BRISBANE AREA - An allied aircraft reports having sighted an unidentified submarine at 1105/25 on the surface 360 miles W.S.W. of Noumea. Observation from 1,000 feet. Submarine seen to crash dive. Graded B.2. An air search has been instituted.
- (ii) DARWIN AREA - Three unidentified ships (size or type not indicated) were reported in the vicinity of Cape Fourcroy at 0915/25. An air search was completed - result negative.

- (iii) CHATHAM IS. (N.Z) - The suspicious vessel reported west of Chatham Island on 20/3 thought to be possibly a raider, has now been identified as friendly.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Continued air attacks on the Darwin area and N.W. Coast from both shore-based and ship-borne aircraft possibly as a prelude to a direct attack.
- (ii) Increased submarine and surface raider activity in the Bay of Bengal, Eastern Indian Ocean and S.W. Pacific areas with a view to cutting the supply lines to Australia from both west and east.
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- (iv) Carrier-borne air attack on Fremantle.
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- (vi) Possible early occupation of Tulagi.
- (vii) Possible attack on New Caledonia.
- (viii) Raids on key islands in Mid Pacific including Canton, Hawaii and Midway.

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

25/3/42.

A. ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces.

A/C Carrier	YORKTOWN
S/P Tenders	TANGIER
	W.B. PRESTON
8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA
	CHICAGO
	PENSACOLA
	LOUISVILLE
	ASTORIA
	CANBERRA (refitting)
6" Cruisers	LEANDER
	ACHILLES
Flotilla Leaders	LE TRIOMPHANT
	TROMP (damaged)
	STUART (refitting)
A.M.C.'s	HONOWAI
	WESTRALIA
	KANIMELA
	ASCANIA
	MANOORA
Destroyers	12 U.S. (including "EDWARDS" and "WHIPPLE"
	VOYAGER (refitting)

Enemy Forces.

Bismarck Archipelago Area.

1 Seaplane Carrier (KAWOI)
~~1 Converted Seaplane Tender KAMIKAWA MARU~~
 5 Unidentified Naval Air Units, some of which are probably converted
 Seaplane Tenders
 3 - 8" Cruisers } At least 2 of these Units believed damaged
 4 - 5.5" Cruisers } including one possibly sunk.
 Approx. 6 Destroyers
 Approx. 15 Merchant ships including several Army Transports
 1 Sub. Depot Ship ?
 1 Squadron Submarines ?
 C. in C. Mandates Fleet (4th)
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 Portion 1 Gunboat Division
 Approx. 65 shorebased Aircraft including probably 20-25 fighters, 28
 Heavy bombers, 16 Flying Boats.

Mandates Islands.

Truk Area.

1 Aircraft Carrier (HOSHIO)
 1 Converted Carrier
 Several 5.5" Cruisers
 Some Units 4th Fleet
 Approx. 12 Destroyers
 At least 20 Chartered Merchant ships
 Special landing party force (Marines)
 3 or 4 Air Squadrons

Jaluit Area.

At least 2 submarine Squadrons from 6th Fleet
 2 Naval Units - Air (shore-based) comprising Fighters, Torpedo-Bombers,
 and Reconnaissance Aircraft
 1 Seaplane Carrier
 1 M/S Flotilla
 8 Naval Air Units (some probably Seaplane Tenders)
 6 Unidentified Warships
 Air Tenders and Minesweepers
 At least 25 Chartered Merchant Ships including one 17,000 tons ex
 passenger liner

B. AUSTRALIA STATION (excluding ANZAC AREA)
British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers	PHOENIX	
	ADLAIDE	
	HOBART	
Destroyers	BULMER	
	BARKER	
	J. D. FORD	
	PAUL JONES	
	ALDEN	
	PARROTT	
	VINDETTA (damaged)	
Seaplane Tenders	CHILDS	
	HERON (damaged)	
Destroyer Tender	BLACK HAWK	
Submarine Tenders	OTUS	
	HOLLAND	
Submarines	SARGO) 8 6 at Albany
	SEADRAGON	
	TARPON	
	SPEARFISH	
	STURGEON	
	SCULPIN	
	SKIPJACK	
	SWORDFISH	
	S.36	
	S.40	
	S.41) 6 at Fremantle
	STINGRAY	
	S.37	
	S.39	
	SEARAVEN	
	SEAWOLF	
	PERCH	
	PORPOISE	
	PICK	
	PICKWICK	
	SALMON) 9 on route to or on patrol stations in China Sea and N.E.I. area
	SEAL	
	SAURY	
	SAILFISH	
	SHAPPER	
	PERMIT	
	K.9	
	K.8	
	K.12	
(Dutch)			) 2 on patrol North-west coast of Australia
Auxiliaries	GEORGE G. HENRY	
	LAKAI	
	ERLING BROVIS) At Fremantle
	GOLDFEAR	
Minesweepers	LARK) en route Melbourne
	WHIPPOORWILL	
	5 Dutch) At Albany
Patrol Vessel	ISABEL	
(subbot)	TULSA) At Fremantle

Some of these Units have been damaged but full details are not yet available.

Enemy Forces.

Some Units from N.E.I. waters are possibly operating South of Java but there has been no recent Intelligence to confirm this.

C. EAST INDIES - MALAYAN WATERS
British and Allied Forces.

9 Submarines en route to or on patrol) See list on previous page
 stations in China Sea or W.E.I. Area)

Enemy Forces

2 possibly 4 Battleships
 6 A/C Carriers

AKAGI	Celebes area (probably Kendari)
ZUIKAKU	" (due Kendari 26/3)
SHOKAKU	" "
HIRYU	" "
SORYU	" "
RYUZO	Malayan area

5 - 8" Cruisers
 4 - 5.5" Cruisers
 Approx. 20 destroyers
 Several Seaplane Carriers
 C. in C. 3rd Fleet
 C. in C. Southern Exped. Fleet

Palau-Saipan-Bonins Area

Units of the Combined Fleet including probably 5 Battleships
 1 A/C Carrier KAGA (proceeding Sasebo Yards, Japan) damaged.
 5 - 8" Cruisers

Java-Darwin-Bay of Bengal-Indian Ocean Area.

Probably 4 Squadrons (36) Submarines

D. INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces.

Battleships

WARSPITE	Was due Trincomalee 22/3
RESOLUTION	Was due Addu Atoll 23/3
REVENGE	Was due Mauritius 23/3
RANILLIES	At Trincomalee
ROYAL SOVEREIGN	At Colombo

A/C Carriers

HERMES	At Trincomalee
INDOMITABLE	Was due Addu Atoll 24/3

8" Cruisers

GIORGIOS AVEROFF	(Grk) At Bombay
DORSETSHIRE	At Trincomalee
CORNWALL	Due Colombo 27/3

6" Cruisers

MAURITIUS	At Durban
CERES	"
DURBAN	"
GLASGOW	"
KURYALUS	At Mombasa
COLOMBO	"
CAPTOWN	At Bombay
BOISE	" (repairing)
CALEDON	At Colombo
ENTERPRISE	"
DRAGON	"
MARBLEHEAD	At Durban (repairing)
EMERALD	At Trincomalee
SUMATRA	" (repairing)

A.M.C.'s

DANAB	Persian Gulf
DERBYSHIRE	At Durban
WORCESTERSHIRE	"
CARTAGE	At Colombo
OLENEARN	"
HECTOR	"
CORFU	"
RANCHI	At Bombay
CHITRAL	"
ALANIA	At Mombasa
HEMSKERCK	At Colombo
COVENTRY	At Bombay

A.A. Vessels

Approx. 35 Destroyers
 6 submarines

Enemy Forces - At least 1 cruiser, 1 large destroyer or cruiser,
 1 transport, 2 possible aircraft carriers operating in the Bay
 of Bengal.

E. MID-PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC
British and Allied Forces.

Battleships	MISSISSIPPI (12-14")	West Coast
	NEW MEXICO (12-14")	"
	IDAHO (12-14")	"
	COLORADO (8-16")	"
	MARYLAND (8-16")	"
	TENNESSEE (12-14")	"
	PENNSYLVANIA (12-14")	"
A/C Carriers	ENTERPRISE	Pearl Harbour
	LEXINGTON	At Pearl Harbour ?
8" Cruisers	HORNET	San Diego ?
	CHESTER	en route San Francisco to
	SALT LAKE CITY	Pearl Harbour/Samoa Area
	NORTHAMPTON	"
	NEW ORLEANS	EN ROUTE Society Islands to
	PORTLAND	Mid Pacific /Tongatabu
	KINNEAPOLIS	At Pearl Harbour?
	INDIANAPOLIS	"
	SAN FRANCISCO	"
6" Cruisers	VINCENNES	San Diego ?
	ST. LOUIS	Pearl Harbour
	HONOLULU	Mid Pacific
	CONCORD	Tocepilla
	RICHMOND	East Pacific
	MILWAUKEE	Mid Pacific
	TRENTON	Panama Area
	DETROIT	West Coast
	NASHVILLE	San Diego ?
	HELENA (damaged)	West Coast
	HALSIGH "	"

Approx. 40 Destroyers
22 Submarines

Essay Forces.

- 4 Submarines between Midway Islands and Vancouver
- 4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

27/3/42

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCESA) ANZAC AREABritish and Allied Forces

- (i) "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "CHICAGO" "LEANDER" "ACHILLES" "PERKINS" and "LAMSON" departed Noumea 1400/24 to R.V. with Task Force 13 in a position west of Suva 27th-28th and escort Task Force to Vila (Efate).
- (ii) Task Force 17 including aircraft carrier "YORKTOWN" 8" Cruisers "LOUISVILLE" "ASTORIA" "PENSACOLA" and 8 or 9 destroyers is operating in the Suva - Noumea area.
- (iii) "MOKOWAI" at Auckland. Later with "LEANDER" to R.V. with Convoy BT.201 (5 troopships escorted by "NEW ORLEANS" & "MUGFORD") in a position south of Tongatabu at 1300/1/4.
- (iv) "LEANDER" & "ACHILLES" to arrive 0800/30/3 and 0800/1/4 respectively at Suva. "LEANDER" to proceed to R.V. with Convoy BT.201 south of Tongatabu on 1/4 as indicated above. "LEANDER" to escort three ships to Brisbane. "MOKOWAI" to escort remaining two ships to Melbourne. "ACHILLES" to R.V. with Convoy PW.2055 (3 large transports escorted by 8" Cruiser "CHESTER") S.W. of Samoa on 3/4.
- (v) "WESTRALIA" carrying all personnel, spares and equipment of B.17's landed from "TANGIER" en route Suva to Townsville E.T.A. 1700/27.
- (vi) U.S. Oiler "TIPPECANOE" operating in Suva - Noumea area. Probably en route Samoa to refuel from tanker "GULFWAY".
- (vii) H.M.S. "ATHENE" arrived Brisbane 24/3. After discharging personnel and stores at Brisbane intends to sail direct for Fremantle and then to Trincomalee.
- (viii) "MILDURA" & "GUELONG" in Noumea area.
- (ix) Task Force 9.6.2. (seaplane tender "TANGIER" and accompanying aircraft) at Noumea.
- (x) "LE TRIOMPHANT" at Sydney.
- (xi) "TROMP" at Sydney for repairs.
- (xii) "CANNERRA" at Sydney refitting. Proposes to dock 1/4.
- (xiii) "KANIMBLA" at Melbourne. Ready for sea by 4/4.
- (xiv) "MANOOKA" at Melbourne. Ready for sea by 30/3.
- (xv) "ASCANIA" at Melbourne, for repairs. To proceed Auckland in about 3 days time.
- (xvi) "BUNGAREE" at Sydney.
- (xvii) "COLAC" & H.M.S. "CESSNOCK" escorting "TARONGA" to Port Moresby were due 1730/26/3.
- (xviii) U.S. Seaplane Tender "W.B. PRESTON" at Sydney for repairs.
- (xix) Task Force 19 (including Store Ship "BRIDGE", Destroyer tender "DOBBSIE" and Hospital Ship "SOLACE") in Samoa area. "BRIDGE" is to proceed Noumea, arriving forenoon 1/4, to provision Task Force 17.
- (xx) U.S. Naval Auxiliary "TALAMANCA" at Melbourne. Expected to depart today for Wellington en route San Francisco.
- (xxi) "TOWNSVILLE" at Thursday Island awaiting further instructions. To escort two merchant ships to Darwin.
- (xxii) U.S. Destroyers "WHIPPLE" and "JOHN D. EDWARDS" departed Williamstown 1600/26/3 to R.V. with H.M. Transport "QUEEN MARY" at 1200/27/3 and thence to proceed to Sydney E.T.A. 1700/28/3. Later with "FORD" & "ALIEN" to be based in Sydney for operations from that point.
- (xxiii) Task Force 13 including U.S. Destroyers "HENLEY" & "HELM", U.S. Oiler "GUYANA" and 2 merchant ships proceeding Vila (Efate) E.T.A. 0600/29. To be covered by P.C.A.S. from a point west of Suva (see above).
- (xxiv) U.S.S. "LASSEN" (ammunition ship) at Fiji.
- (xxv) "SWAN" at Brisbane refitting.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)B) AUSTRALIA STATION (not including ANZAC AREA)British and Allied Forces

- (i) "MARYBOROUGH" & "WOLLONGONG" at Fremantle.
- (ii) "GOULBURN" & "BENDIGO" at Fremantle, later to proceed to Melbourne.

These vessels will join Anzac Forces.

- (iii) "BALLARAT" departed Fremantle 0930/26/3 for Melbourne E.T.A. 1700/2/4.
- (iv) Four merchant ships ex Convoy 302 are proceeding independently to Adelaide from a position S.E. of Albany where convoy was dispersed at 1900/24.
- (v) "BURNIE" & "POOWOOMBA" returning to Fremantle from Albany area.
- (vi) U.S. Destroyers "FORD" & "ALDEN" proceeding Melbourne from Fremantle E.T.A. a.m. 26/3. Later to proceed Sydney.
- (vii) U.S. Store Ship "GOLDSTAR" proceeding to Melbourne E.T.A. 30/3 (a.m.)
- (viii) "PHOENIX" at Fremantle.
- (ix) "ADELAIDE" departed Fremantle at 1915/26 escorting Transport "WEST POINT". "WEST POINT" to proceed Adelaide E.T.A. 0730/30. "ADELAIDE" to proceed Melbourne.
- (x) "HOBART" at Fremantle. Later to escort transport "MONTEREY" to Melbourne. "HOBART" to join Anzac Force.
- (xi) Dutch submarines K8, K9 and K12 at Fremantle.
- (xii) U.S. Seaplane Tender "CHILDS" Submarine Tender "HOLLAND", Minesweepers "LARK" & "SHIPPOORWILL" and 6 large submarines at Albany.
- (xiii) Hospital ship "SANGANELLA" en route Sydney to Colombo E.T.A. 31/3.
- (xiv) "VENDETTE" towed by S.S. "ISLANDER" and escorted by "PINGWO" departed Albany 1821/24 for Melbourne E.T.A. 1920/3/4.
- (xv) For U.S. Naval Forces in Fremantle area - see Appendix.
- (xvi) US. Submarines "SAILFISH" & "PICKEREL" arrived Albany from Fremantle 0930/26.
- (xvii) U.S. Submarines "TARPON" & "SWORDFISH" departed Albany 26/3 for Fremantle.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

C) EAST INDIES - JAPAN AREA
British and Allied Forces

Nine submarines en route to or on patrol stations in China Sea or N.E.I. area.

Enemy Forces

- (i) KOEPANG AREA - 12 merchant ships (totalling approx 55,000 tons) including one hospital ship were reported in Keppang area by air reconnaissance 26/3.
- (ii) CELEBES AREA - G in C Pacific reported 25/3 5 aircraft carriers in the Celebes - Java area. One carrier in the Singapore area.
- (iii) GENERAL - G in C 2nd Fleet operating from Singapore area. G in C Southern Expeditionary Fleet operating in Andaman Sea. G in C Third Fleet operating in Celebes area.
- (iv) PHILIPPINES AREA - Consowespac reports 11 enemy submarines were proceeding southward between Cuyo and Panay Islands into the Sulu Sea area at 0100Z/25/3.

D) INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "CORNWALL" en route Colombo from Australia E.T.A. 27/3.
- (ii) U.S. Oiler "TRINITY" en route Akh Abadan to Fremantle E.T.A. 17/4.

Enemy Forces

- (i) ANDAMANS - The enemy force in the Andamans area p.m. 24/3 is reported to include 3 cruisers, 6 destroyers, 5 transports of 5,000 tons each. Arundia suggests that the next most likely objective is Akyah, north of Bay of Bengal between Calcutta and Rangoon. Enemy occupation of Andamans confirmed by New Delhi 26/3.
- (ii) German raider operating Capetown area 14/3.

E) PACIFIC OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 13 (Advance Service Establishment) (see A(xxiii)) is expected to arrive Vila (Kfate) 29/3.
- (ii) U.S. Oiler "PLATTE" en route Pearl Harbour to Noumea E.T.A. 27/28th.
- (iii) Task Group 12.2 "NEW ORLEANS" & "MUGFORD" en route Society Islands area to Tongatabu area with Convoy BT.201.
- (iv) Convoy PW.2055 ("QUEEN ELIZABETH" "MARIPOSA" "PRESIDENT COOLIDGE") en route from San Francisco to Sydney escorted by S" Cruiser "CHESTER". Approx E.T.A. p.m. 7/4 (see A(iv)).

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

2. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Move against Allied territory in the Calcutta - Akyab area from Malaya with a view to isolating Allied forces in Burma.
- (ii) Continued air attacks on the Darwin and N.W. Coast areas from both shore-based and ship-borne aircraft as a prelude to a direct attack on that area.
- (iii) Increased submarine and surface raider activity in the Bay of Bengal, East Indian Ocean and S.W. Pacific areas with a view to cutting supply lines to Australia and Burma.
- (iv) Carrier-borne air raids against Fremantle, and against N.E. Australian air bases including Horn Island and Townsville, possibly from the Gulf of Carpentaria.
- (v) Attack on Port Moresby from the Lae - Salamua area and also possibly from Torres Strait area.
- (vi) Continued submarine activity in the Pacific generally with sporadic raids against key bases such as Canton, Midway, Hawaii.

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

27/3/42

A. ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces.

A/C Carrier	YORKTOWN
S/P Tenders	TANGIER
	W.B. PRESTON
8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA
	CHICAGO
	PENSACOLA
	LOUISVILLE
	ASTORIA
	CANBERRA (Refitting)
6" Cruisers	LEANDER
	ACHILLES
Flotilla Leaders	LE TRIOMPHANT
	TRUMP (Damaged)
	STUART (Refitting)
A.M.C.'s	HONOWAI
	WESTRALIA
	KANIMBLA
	ASCANIA
	MANORA
Destroyers	12 U.S. (including "EDWARDS" and "SHIP-LE")
	VOYAGER (Refitting)

Enemy Forces

Bismarck Archipelago Area.

1 Seaplane Carrier (KAMOI)
 5 Unidentified Naval Air Units, some of which are probably converted
 Seaplane Tenders
 3 - 8" Cruisers) At least 2 of these Units believed damaged
 4 - 5.5" Cruisers) including one possibly sunk
 Approx. 6 Destroyers
 Approx. 15 Merchant ships including several Army Transports
 1 Sub. Depot Ship ?
 1 Squadron Submarines ?
 C. in C. Mandates Fleet (4th)
 C. in C. Mandates Air Force
 Portion 1 Gunboat Division
 Approx. 85 shorebased Aircraft including probably ~~20-25~~ 25 fighters, 28
 Heavy bombers, 16 Flying Boats.

48

21

Mandates Islands.

Truk Area.

1 Aircraft Carrier (HOSH0)
 1 Converted Carrier
 Several 5.5" Cruisers
 Some Units 4th Fleet
 Approx. 12 Destroyers
 At least 20 Chartered Merchant ships
 Special landing party force (Marines)
 3 or 4 Air Squadrons
~~1 Squadron of Submarines (No. 7)~~

Jaluit Area

At least 2 submarine Squadrons from 6th Fleet
 2 Naval Units - Air (shorebased) comprising Fighters, Torpedo-Bombers
 and Reconnaissance Aircraft
 1 Seaplane Carrier
 1 M/S Flotilla
 8 Naval Air Units (some probably Seaplane Tenders)
 6 Unidentified Warships
 Air Tenders and Minesweepers
 At least 25 Chartered Merchant Ships including one 17,000 tons ex
 passenger liner

B. AUSTRALIA STATION (excluding ANZAC AREA)

British and Allied Forces

6 Cruisers

PHOENIX
ADELAIDE
HOBART
BULMER
BARKER

Destroyers

J.D. FORD
PAUL JONES
ALDEN
PARROTT

Seaplane Tenders

VENDETTA (damaged)

CHILDS

HERON (damaged)

Destroyer Tender

BLACK HAWK

Submarine Tenders

OTUS

Submarines

IN X

SARGO

6

IN X

SEADRAGON

8 at Albany

TARPON

2 en route Fremantle

SPEARFISH

6 at Fremantle

Ma X

STURGEON

KE X

SCULPIN

9 en route to or on patrol stations in China Sea and N.E.I. area

SKIPJACK

SWORDFISH

S.38

S.40

S.41

2 on patrol North-west Coast of Australia

en route (cl.) X

STINGRAY

S.37

S.39

So. X

SEARAVEN

SEAWOLF

Ba. X

PERCH

PORPOISE

PIKE

PICKEREL

SALMON

SEAL

SAURY

SAILFISH

Ta X

SNAPPER

PERMIT

K.9

(Dutch)

K.8

K.12

At Fremantle

Auxiliaries

GEORGE G. HENRY

At Fremantle

LANAKAI

At Fremantle

ERLING BROVIG

GOLDSTAR

en route Melbourne

Minesweepers

LARK

WHIPPOORWILL

At Albany

5 Dutch

At Fremantle

Patrol Vessel

ISABEL

Gunboat

TULSA

At Fremantle

located for Fremantle 20/7

Enemy Forces

Some Units from N.E.I. waters are possibly operating South of Java but there has been no recent Intelligence to confirm this.

c. EAST INDIES - MALAYAN WATERS
British and Allied Forces

9 Submarines en route to or on patrol) See list on previous page
stations in China Sea or N.E.I. area)

Enemy Forces

2 possibly 4 Battleships
6 A/C Carriers

AKAGI	Celebes Area (probably Kendari)
ZUIKAKU	" (due Kendari 26/3)
SHOKAKU	" "
HIHYU	" "
SONYU	" "
RYUJO	Malayan area

5 - 8" Cruisers
4 - 5.5" Cruisers
Approx. 20 Destroyers
Several Seaplane Carriers
C. in C. 3rd Fleet
C. in C. Southern Exped. Fleet

Palau-Saipan-Bonins Area

Units of the Combined Fleet including probably 5 Battleships
1 A/C Carrier KAGA (proceeding Sasebo Yards, Japan) damaged.
5 - 8" Cruisers

Java-Darwin-Bay of Bengal-Indian Ocean Area.

Probably 4 Squadrons (36) Submarines

D. INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

Battleships	WARSPITE	Was due at Trincomalee 22/3
	RESOLUTION	Was due Addu Atoll 23/3
	REVENGE	Was due Mauritius 23/3
	HAMILLIES	At Trincomalee
	ROYAL SOVEREIGN	At Colombo
A/C Carriers	HERMES	At Trincomalee
	INDOMITABLE	Was due Addu Atoll 24/3
8" Cruisers	GIORGIOS AVEROFF	(Grk) At Bombay
	DORSETSHIRE	At Trincomalee
	CORNWALL	Due Colombo 27/3
6" Cruisers	MAURITIUS	At Durban
	CERES	"
	DURBAN	"
	GLASGOW	"
	EURYALUS	At Mombasa
	COLOMBO	"
	CAPTOWN	At Bombay
	BOISE ✓	" (repairing)
	CALEDON	At Colombo
	ENTERPRISE	"
	DRAGON	"
	MARBLEHEAD ✓	At Durban (repairing)
	EMERALD	At Trincomalee
	SUMATRA	"
	DANAE	Persian Gulf
A.M.C's	DERBYSHIRE	At Durban
	WORCESTERSHIRE	"
	CARTAGE	At Colombo
	GLENEARN	"
	HECTOR	"
	CORFU	"
	RANCHI	At Bombay
	CHITRAL	"
	ALANIA	At Mombasa
A.A. Vessels	HEEMSKERCK	At Colombo
	COVENTRY	At Bombay

Approx. 35 Destroyers
6 Submarines

Enemy Forces - At least 1 cruiser, 1 large destroyer or cruiser, 1 transport, 2 possible aircraft carriers operating in the Bay of Bengal.

MID-PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC
British and Allied Forces

Battleships	MISSISSIPPI (12-14")	West Coast
	NEW MEXICO (12-14")	"
	IDAHO (12-14")	"
	COLORADO (8-16")	"
	MARYLAND (8-16")	"
	TENNESSEE (12-14")	"
	PENNSYLVANIA (12-14")	"
A/C Carriers	ENTERPRISE	Pearl Harbour
	LEXINGTON	Was due Pearl Harbour 25/3
	HORNET	At San Diego
8" Cruisers	CHESTER	En route San Francisco to
	SALT LAKE CITY	Pearl Harbour (Samoa Area
	NORTHAMPTON	"
	NEW ORLEANS	En route Society Islands
	PORTLAND	Mid Pacific
	MINNEAPOLIS	At Pearl Harbour
	INDIANAPOLIS	"
	SAN FRANCISCO	"
6" Cruisers	VINCENNES	At Mare Island
	ST. LOUIS	Was due San Francisco 25/3
	HONOLULU	Mid Pacific
	CONCORD	En route Topopilla to Balboa
	RICHMOND	Was due Society Is. 26/3
	MILWAUKEE	Mid Pacific
	TRENTON	At Balboa
	DETROIT	West Coast
	NASHVILLE	At San Diego
	HELENA (damaged)	West Coast
	RALEIGH	"

Approx. 40 Destroyers
22 Submarines

Enemy Forces

4 Submarines between Midway Islands and Vancouver
4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY
 28/3/42

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces

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- (ii) Task Force 17 including aircraft carrier "FORESTERN" 8" Cruisers "LOUISVILLE" "ASTORIA" "PENSACOLA" and 8 or 9 destroyers is operating in the Suva - Noumea area.
- (iii) "MONOWAI" was to depart Auckland about 27/3 to R.V. with "LEANDER" and with Convoy BT.201 (5 troopships escorted by "NEW ORLEANS" & "MUSPOND") in a position south of Tongatabu at 1300/1/4.
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- (v) "WESTRALIA" carrying all personnel spares and equipment landed from "TANGIER" for B.17's was en route Townsville from Suva E.T.A. 28th or 29th. To depart Townsville in time to arrive Brisbane 5/4 to escort S.S. "SANTA CLARA" and "SANTA LUCIA" to Townsville. Approx E.T.D. from Brisbane 8/4. On completion of escorting to proceed to Sydney.
- (vi) U.S. Oiler "TIPPECANOE" operating in Suva - Noumea area. Probably en route Samoa to refuel from Tanker "GULFWAY".
- (vii) H.M.S. "ATHENE" arrived Brisbane 24/3. After discharging personnel and stores at Brisbane to sail direct for Fremantle and then to Trincomalee.
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- (xii) "CANBERRA" at Sydney refitting. Proposes to dock 1/4.
- (xiii) "KANISOLA" at Melbourne. Expected to depart 4/4 for Brisbane to escort U.S. Transport "GENERAL PARKER" to Melbourne. Approx E.T.D. Brisbane 8/4.
- (xiv) "MANOORA" at Melbourne. Ready for sea about 9/4 to escort S.S. "SANTA PAULA" to Noumea via Brisbane.
- (xv) "ASCANIA" at Melbourne for repairs. To proceed Auckland in about 2 days time.
- (xvi) "COLAC" & H.M.S. "CRESSCOK" escorting H.T. "TAROONA" arrived Port Moresby 25/3.
- (xvii) U.S. Seaplane Tender "W.B. PRESTON" at Sydney for repairs.
- (xviii) Task Force 19 (including Store Ship "BRIDGE" Destroyer Tender "DOBBIN" and Hospital Ship "SOLACE") in Samoa area. "BRIDGE" is to proceed Noumea, arriving forenoon 1/4, to provision Task Force 17.
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- (xxii) Dutch submarine depot ship "JANSSEN" arrived Port Phillip 1943/27/3.
- (xxiii) U.S.S. "LASSEN" (ammunition ship) at Fiji.
- (xxiv) "WARREGO" at Sydney.
- (xxv) "SWAN" at Brisbane refitting.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

B) AUSTRALIA STATION (not including ANZAC AREA)

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "MARYBOROUGH" & "WOLLONGONG" "BURNIE" & "TOOWOOMBA" at Fremantle.
- (ii) "GOULBURN" & "BENDIGO" were to leave Fremantle at 1500/27/3 to sweep channel for "HOBART" & "MONTEREY" (departing Fremantle 27/3 - see below). "GOULBURN" & "BENDIGO" later to proceed Melbourne. These vessels will join Anzac Forces.
- (iii) "BALLARAT" en route Fremantle to Melbourne E.T.A. 1700/2/4.
- (iv) Four merchant ships ex Convoy SU2 have arrived Adelaide.
- (v) U.S. Store Ship "GOLDSTAR" proceeding to Melbourne E.T.A. 30/3 (a.m.)
- (vi) U.S. Cruiser "PHOENIX" and U.S. Destroyers "PAUL JONES" & "PARROTT" at Fremantle, upkeep until 30/3.
- (vii) "ADELAIDE" departed Fremantle at 1915/26 escorting transport "WEST POINT". "WEST POINT" to proceed Adelaide E.T.A. 0730/30. "ADELAIDE" to proceed Melbourne.
- (viii) "HOBART" escorting transport "MONTEREY" departed Fremantle yesterday 27/3 for Melbourne calling en route at Adelaide to disembark A.I.F. troops at Adelaide. Speed of advance 19 knots. E.T.A. 2030/31/3. "HOBART" later to join Comanzac Force.
- (ix) Dutch submarines K8, K9 and K12 at Fremantle.
- (x) U.S. Seaplane Tender "CHILDS", Submarine Tender "HOLLAND" Minesweepers "LARK" & "WHIPPOORWILL" and 6 large submarines at Albany.
- (xi) "VENDETTA" towed by S.S. "ISLANDER" and escorted by "PINGWO" en route from Albany to Melbourne E.T.A. 1920/3/4.
- (xii) For U.S. Naval Forces in Fremantle area - see Appendix.
- (xiii) U.S. Submarines "TARPOON" & "SWORDFISH" departed Albany 26/3 for Fremantle.
- (xiv) U.S. Patrol Vessel "TULSA" was to depart Fremantle for Albany 1600/26/3 E.T.A. a.m. today 26/3.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

C) EAST INDIES - JAPAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Eight submarines en route to or on patrol stations in China Sea or N.E.I. area (See Appendix).

Enemy Forces

- (i) KOEPANG AREA - 8 merchant ships were sighted in Keopang Harbour by allied aircraft p.m. 27/3 (see Naval Incidents).
- (ii) CELEBES AREA - C in C Pacific reported 27/3 five aircraft carriers "AKAGI" "SOBYU" "HIRYU" "ZUIKAKU" "SHOKAKU" still in Celebes area. C in C Third Fleet also operating in Celebes area.

D) INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

- (i) U.S. Oiler "TRINITY" en route Abadan to Fremantle E.T.A. 17/4.
- (ii) U.S. Cruiser "BOISE" repairing at Bombay will be ready for sea about 1/4.

Enemy Forces

- (i) ANDAMAN IS. - Air reconnaissance over Andaman Is. area 25/3 disclosed a force of 4 cruisers, 12 destroyers, 4 transports. Flagship of Southern Expeditionary Fleet is believed operating in Andamans area.
- (ii) German raider operating in Capetown area 14/3.
- (iii) GENERAL - C in C Pacific reports there are continued indications of offensive action by the enemy in the Indian Ocean area. Forces in this area are under the immediate control of the C in C 2nd Fleet and will be augmented shortly by cruisers and destroyers. Aircraft Carrier "RYUJO" at Singapore 26/3. C in C Combined Air Fleet at Noumea. His Chief of Staff at Bangkok. C.G.S. 25th Army at Singapore.

E) PACIFIC OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

- (i) U.S. Oiler "PLATTE" en route Pearl Harbour to Noumea E.T.A. 27/28th.
- (ii) Task Group 12.2 "NEW ORLEANS" & "MUGFORD" en route Society Islands

to Tongatabu area with Convoy BT.201.

- (iii) Convoy PW.2055 ("QUEEN ELIZABETH" "MARIPOSA" "PRESIDENT COOLIDGE") en route from San Francisco to Sydney escorted by 8" Cruiser "CRESTER". Approx E.T.A. p.m. 7/4 (see A(iv)).

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

NAVAL INCIDENTS

(3 Hudsons)

- (i) KOEPANG - Allied aircraft/attacked enemy shipping Keepang Harbour p.m. 27/3. 8 vessels were observed in harbour. A direct hit was scored on one (approx 7,000 tons) which was set on fire.
- (ii) JAPAN - C in C Pacific Fleet reports all Navy Yards and Bases in Japan are now engaged in docking, replenishing and repairing fleet units.

Comment - There have been indications over the past month of several units from the N.E.I. area proceeding back to Japan.

- (iii) INDIAN OCEAN - Admiral Sir James Somerville R.N. has assumed command of the Eastern Fleet as from 26/3 and has hoisted his flag in H.M.S. "WARSPITE".

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Move against Allied territory in the Calcutta - Akyab area from Malaya with a view to isolating Allied forces in Burma.
- (ii) Continued air attacks on the Darwin and N.W. Coast areas from both shore-based and ship-borne aircraft as a prelude to a direct attack on that area.
- (iii) Increased submarine and surface raider activity in the Bay of Bengal, East Indian Ocean and S.W. Pacific areas with a view to cutting supply lines to Australia and Burma.
- (iv) Carrier-borne air raids against Fremantle and against NE. Australian air bases including Horn Island and Townsville, possibly from the Gulf of Carpentaria.
- (v) Attack on Port Moresby from the Lae - Salamua area and also possibly from Torres Strait area.
- (vi) Continued submarine activity in the Pacific generally with sporadic raids against key bases such as Canton, Midway, Hawaii.

APPENDIX

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces

A/C Carrier	YONETOWN
S/P Tenders	TANGIER
	W.B. PRESTON (Repairing)
8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA
	CHICAGO
	PENSACOLA
	LOUISVILLE
	ASTORIA
	CANBERRA (Refitting)
6" Cruisers	LEANDER
	AGHILLES
Flotilla Leaders	LE TRIOMPHANT
	THOMP (Damaged)
	STUART (Refitting)
A.M.C.'s	MONOWAI
	WESTRALIA
	KANIMBLA
	ASCANIA
	HANOORA
Destroyers	14 U.S.
	VOYAGER (Refitting)

Enemy Forces

Bismarck Archipelago Area.

1 Seaplane Carrier (KANOI)
 5 Unidentified Naval Air Units, some of which are probably converted Seaplane Tenders
 3 - 8" Cruisers) At least 2 of these Units believed damaged
 4 - 5.5" Cruisers) including one possibly sunk
 Approx. 6 Destroyers
 Approx. 15 Merchant ships including several Army Transports
 1 Sub. Depot Ship ?
 1 Squadron Submarines ?
 C. in C. Mandates Fleet (4th)
 C. in C. Mandates Air Force
 Portion 1 Gunboat Division
 Approx. 85 shorebased Aircraft including probably 48 fighters, 21 Heavy Bombers, 16 Flying Boats

Mandates Islands.

Truk Area.

1 Aircraft Carrier (HOSHO)
 1 Converted Carrier
 Several 5.5" Cruisers
 Some Units 4th Fleet
 Approx. 12 Destroyers
 At least 20 Chartered Merchant Ships
 Special landing party force (Marines)
 3 or 4 Air Squadrons
 One Submarine tender

Jaluit Area

At least 2 submarine Squadrons from 6th Fleet
 2 Naval Units - Air (shorebased) comprising Fighters, Torpedo-Bombers and Reconnaissance aircraft
 1 Seaplane Carrier
 1 Converted Seaplane tender
 1 M/S Flotilla
 8 Naval Air Units (some probably Seaplane Tenders)
 6 Unidentified Warships
 Air Tenders and Minesweepers
 At least 25 Chartered Merchant ships including one 17,000 tons ex passenger liner.

B. AUSTRALIA STATION (Excluding ANZAC AREA)

British and Allied Forces

Cruisers

PROBIX
ADELAIDE
HOBART
BULMER
BARKER
PAUL JONES
PARROTT
VENDETTA (damaged)
CHILD'S
HERON (damaged)
BLACK HAWK
OTUS
HOLLAND

Destroyers

Seaplane Tenders

Destroyer Tender

Submarine Tenders

Submarines

S 37	FREMANTLE	} 6 at FREMANTLE
S 38	"	
S 39	"	
S 40	"	
S 41	"	

FICKEREL	ALBANY	} 6 at ALBANY
SAILFISH	"	
SEARAVEN	"	
SKIPJACK	"	
SPEARFISH	"	

SHORFISH)	En route	} 2 en route ALBANY to
TARPON)	ALBANY to FREMANTLE	

STINGRAY	En route patrol Celebes Sea	} 3 en route to or on patrol Stations in China Sea and H.E.I. Area
SARGO) SEADRAGON)	En route patrol off Indo-China Coast	

SCULPIN	off KENDARI
SHAPPER	off TARAKAN
SEAWOLF	3 approaches to SUNDA STRAIT
STURGEON	off MAKASSAR

FRENCH	} 1 on patrol Arafura Sea
PERMIT	
PIKE	
SALMON	

PORPOISE)	en route from	} 3 en route patrol station to FREMANTLE
SEAL)	patrol Timor Sea to Fremantle	

Dutch	K.9	} At FREMANTLE
	K.8	
	K.12	

Auxiliaries

GEORGE G. HENRY At FREMANTLE

Minesweepers

LANARAI)
KRLING BROVIG)... At FREMANTLE
LARK)
WHIPPOORWILL) At ALBANY

Patrol Vessel

5 Dutch At FREMANTLE
ISABEL At "
TULSA En route FREMANTLE
to ALBANY

B. AUSTRALIA STATION (Excluding ANZAC AREA) (Cont)

Enemy Forces

Some units from N.E.I. waters are possibly operating South of Java but there has been no recent intelligence to confirm this.

C. EAST INDIES - MALAYAN WATERS

British and Allied Forces

8 Submarines on route to or on patrol) See list on previous page
Stations in China Sea or N.E.I. area)

Enemy Forces

2 possibly 4 Battleships

6 A/C Carriers	AKAGI	Celebes Area (probably Kendari)
	ZUIKAKU	" (was due Kendari 26/3)
	SHOKAKU	"
	SHINYU	"
	SORYU	"
	KYUJO	Malayan Area

5 - 8" Cruisers
 4 - 5.5" Cruisers
 Approx. 20 Destroyers
 Several Seaplane Carriers
 C. in C. Third Fleet
 C. in C. 2nd Fleet

Palau-Saipan-Manina Area

Units of the Combined Fleet including probably 5 Battleships
 1 A/C Carrier KAGA (proceeding Sasebo Yards, Japan) damaged
 5 - 8" Cruisers

Java-Darwin-Bay of Bengal-Indian Ocean Area

Probably 4 Squadrons (36) Submarines

D. INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

Battleships	WARSPITE	Was due at Trincomalee 22/3
	RESOLUTION	Was due Addu Atoll 23/3
	REVENGE	Was due Mauritius 23/3
	RAMILLIES	At Trincomalee
	ROYAL SOVEREIGN	At Colombo
A/C Carriers	HERMES	At Trincomalee
	INDOMITABLE	Was due Addu Atoll 24/3
8" Cruisers	GEORGIOS AVEROFF	(Grk) At Bombay
	DORSETSHIRE	At Trincomalee
	CORNWALL	Was due Colombo 27/3
6" Cruisers	MAURITIUS	At Durban
	CERES	"
	DURBAN	"
	GLASGOW	"
	EURYALUS	At Mombasa
	COLOMBO	"
	CAPETOWN	At Bombay
	CALEDON	At Colombo
	ENTERPRISE	"
	DRAGON	"
	EMERALD	At Trincomalee
	DANAE	Persian Gulf
	BOISE	At Bombay (repairing ready)
	MARBLEHEAD	At Durban (repairing) 1/4)
	SUMATRA	At Trincomalee (")
A.H.C.'S	DORSETSHIRE	At Durban
	WORCESTERSHIRE	"
	CARTHAGE	At Colombo
	GLENNHORN	"
	HECTOR	"
	CORFU	"

D. INDIAN OCEAN (Cont)

British and Allied Forces

A.H.C's

RANCHI At Bombay

CHITRAL "

ALAUZIA At Mombasa

HEMWERCK At Colombo

COVENTRY At Bombay

A.A.Vessels

Approx. 35 Destroyers

6 Submarines

Enemy Forces

At least 4 cruisers, 12 destroyers, 4 transports and 4 other unknown naval units, together with C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet, operating in Andaman Islands - Bay of Bengal area.

E. MID-PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

MISSISSIPPI (12-14") West Coast

NEW MEXICO (12-14") "

IDAHO (12-14") "

COLORADO (8-10") "

MARYLAND (8-10") "

TENNESSEE (12-14") "

PENNSYLVANIA (12-14") "

A/C Carriers

KENTONPRIDE Pearl Harbour 25/3

LEXINGTON Was due Pearl Harbour

HORNET At San Diego

8" Cruisers

SAHAYOGA (Damaged) West Coast

CHESTER En route San Francisco

to Samoa Area

Pearl Harbour

"

En route Society Islands

Mid Pacific

At Pearl Harbour

"

"

At Mars Island 25/3

6" Cruisers

VINCENNES At Mars Island 25/3

ST. LOUIS Was due San Francisco

Mid Pacific

En route Tocopilla to

Balboa

Was due Society Is. 25/3

Mid Pacific

At Balboa

West Coast

At San Diego

West Coast

"

Approx. 40 Destroyers

22 Submarines

Enemy Forces

4 Submarines between Midway Islands and Vancouver

4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

29/3/42.

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "CHICAGO" "LEANDER" "ACHILLES" "PERKINS" and "LAWSON" departed Noumea 24/3 to R.V. with Task Force 13 (advance service establishment) in a position west of Suva 27th-28th and escort Task Force to Vila (Efate). Task Force 13 includes U.S. Destroyers "HENLEY" & "HELM", Oiler "CUYAMA" and 2 merchant ships. E.T.A. Vila 0800 today. 29th.
- (ii) Task Force 17 including aircraft carrier "YORKTOWN" 8th Cruisers "LOUISVILLE" "ASTORIA" "PENSACOLA" and 8 or 9 destroyers is
- (iii) operating in the Suva - Noumea area.
- "MONOWAI" was to depart Auckland about 27/3 to R.V. with "LEANDER" and with Convoy BT.201 (5 troopships escorted by "NEW ORLEANS" & "HUGFORD") in a position south of Tongatabu at 1300/1/4.
- (iv) "LEANDER" and "ACHILLES" to arrive 0800/30/3 and 0800/1/4 respectively at Suva. "LEANDER" to proceed to R.V. with Convoy BT.201 south of Tongatabu on 1/4 as indicated above.
- "LEANDER" to escort three ships to Brisbane.
- "MONOWAI" to escort remaining two ships to Melbourne.
- "ACHILLES" to R.V. with Convoy PW.2055 (3 large transports escorted by 8th Cruiser "CHESTER") S.W. of Samoa on 2/4.
- (v) Convoy PW. 2055 to R.V. with "ALDEN" & "FORD" at 0700/2/5/4. After the destroyers have joined, the "QUEEN ELIZABETH" with with the "ACHILLES" and the "ALDEN" are to take course direct for Sydney. E.T.A. 1200/5/4. Remainder of convoy, escorted by "FORD" to continue at 20 knots to Melbourne.
- (vi) "WESTRALIA" carrying all personnel spares and equipment landed from "TANGIER" for B.17's en route Townsville from Suva E.T.A. 28th or 29th. To depart Townsville in time to arrive Brisbane 5/4 to escort S.S. "SANTA CLARA" and "SANTA LUCIA" to Townsville Approx E.T.D. from Brisbane 8/4. On completion of escorting to proceed to Sydney.
- (vii) U.S.Oiler "TIPPECANOE" operating in Suva-Noumea area. Probably en route Samoa to refuel from Tanker "GULFWAY".
- (viii) H.M.S. "ATHENE" at Brisbane. After discharging personnel and stores at Brisbane to sail direct for Fremantle and then to Trincomalee.
- (xix) "MILDURA" & "GEELONG" in Noumea area.
- (x) Task Force 9.6.2. (Seaplane Tender "TANGIER" and accompanying aircraft at Noumea.
- (xi) "LE TRIOMPHANT" at Sydney.
- (xii) "TROMP" at Sydney for repairs.
- (xiii) "CANBERRA" at Sydney refitting. Prepares to dock 1/4.
- (xiv) "KAMIMELA" at Melbourne. Expected to depart 4/4 for Brisbane to escort U.S. Transport "GENERAL PARKER" to Melbourne. Approx E.T.D. Brisbane 8/4.
- (xv) "MARGORA" at Melbourne. Ready for sea about 9/4 to escort S.S. "SANTA PAULA" to Noumea via Brisbane.
- (xvi) "ASCANIA" at Melbourne for repairs. Expected to depart 0800/2/29/3. E.T.A. Auckland 200/2/3/4.
- (xvii) "COLAC" & H.M.S. "CRSSNOCK" and H.T. "TAROCNA" at Port Moresby.
- (xviii) U.S. Seaplane Tender "W.B. PRESTON" at Sydney for repairs.
- (xix) Task Force 19 ~~finishing~~ (including Store Ship "BRIDGE" Destroyer Tender "DOBBIE" and Hospital Ship "SOLACE") in Samoa area. "BRIDGE" was to proceed Noumea, arriving forenoon 1/4. to provision Task Force 17.
- (xx) U.S. Naval Auxiliary "TALAMANCA" departed Melbourne 27/3 for Wellington en route San Francisco. E.T.A. Wellington 1300/31.
- (xxi) "TOWNSVILLE" arrived Darwin escorting T.D.I. 1627/28/3
- (xxii) U.S. Destroyers "WHIFFLE" & "JOHN D. EDWARDS" departed Williamstown 1600/26/3 to R.V. with H.M. Transport "QUEEN MARY" at 1200/27/3 and thence to proceed to Sydney. Later with "FORD" & "ALDEN" to be based in Sydney for operations from that point. "FORD" & "ALDEN" from Fremantle yesterday 1255/28. To depart Melbourne about 1000/30/3. E.T.A. Sydney 0800/1/4.
- (xxiii) Dutch submarine depot ship "JANSEN" arrived Williamstown 0935/29/3.

A) ANZAC AREA.

British and Allied Forces (Contd).

- (xiv) U.S. S.S. "LASSEN" (ammunition ship at Fiji.
- "WARREGO" at Sydney.
- "SWAN" at Brisbane refitting.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

AUSTRALIA STATION (not including ANZAC AREA)

British and Allied Forces.

- (i) "MARYBOROUGH" & "W. OLLONGONG" "BURBIN" & "TOOWOMBA" at Fremantle.
- (ii) "GOULBURN" & "BENDIGO" were to leave Fremantle at 1500/27/3 to sweep channel for "HOBART" & "MONTEREY" (departing Fremantle 27/3 - see below). "GOULBURN" & "BENDIGO" later to proceed Melbourne. These vessels will join Anzac Forces.
- (iii) "BALLARAT" en route Fremantle to Melbourne E.T.A. 1700/2/4.
- (iv) U.S. Store Ship "GOLDSTAR" proceeding Melbourne E.T.A. 30/3 (a.m.)
- (v) U.S. Cruiser "PHOENIX" and U.S. Destroyers "PAUL JONES" & "PARROTT" at Fremantle upkeep until 30/3.
- (vi) "ADELAIDE", U.S. Destroyers "BARKER" & "BULMER" departed Fremantle at 1915/26 escorting transport "WEST POINT". "WESTPOINT" to proceed Adelaide E.T.A. 0730/30. "ADELAIDE" to proceed Melbourne E.T.A. a.m. 1/4. U.S. Destroyers "BARKER" & "BULMER" returning Fremantle.
- (vii) "HOBART" escorting transport "MONTEREY" departed Fremantle 1700/27/3 for Melbourne calling en route at Adelaide to disembark A.I.F. troops at Adelaide. Speed of advance 19 knots. E.T.A. Melbourne a.m. 1/4 "HOBART" later to join Anzac Force.
- (viii) Dutch submarines H8, K9 and K12 at Fremantle.
- (ix) U.S. Seaplane Tender "CHILDS", Submarine Tender "HOLLAND" Minesweepers "LARK" & "WHIPPOORWILL" and 6 large submarines at Albany.
- (x) "VENDETITA" towed by S.S. "ISLANDER" and escorted by "PINGWONG" en route from Albany to Melbourne E.T.A. 1920/3/4.
- (xi) For U.S. Naval Forces in Fremantle area - see Appendix.
- (xii) "GEORGE G. HENRY" is being sailed from Sydney via Melbourne on 29/3. "GOULBURN" & "BENDIGO" to escort to 120°01'E.
- (xiii) H.M.S. "QUEEN MARY" arrived Sydney 1755/28/3.

Enemy Forces.

HABSAUL: Air reconnaissance 28/3 reported that three destroyers were outside Habsaul Harbour, 25 transports were anchored inside the harbour and an additional 5 transports were at the docks.

see special note.

C) EAST INDIES - JAPAN AREA.

British and Allied Forces

Eight submarines en route to or on patrol stations in China Sea or H.E.I. area (See Appendix)

Enemy Forces.

- (1) CELEBES AREA. - C in C Pacific reported 27/3 five aircraft carriers "ARAGI" "SORYU" "HIRYU" "ZUIKAKU" "SHOKAKU" still in Celebes area. C in C Third Fleet also operating in Celebes Area.

D) INDIAN OCEAN.

British and Allied Forces.

- (1) U.S. Oiler "TRINITY" en route Abadan to Fremantle E.T.A. 17/4
- (ii) U.S. Cruiser "BOISE" repairing at Bombay will be ready for sea about 1/4.

Enemy Forces.

- (1) ANDAMAN IS. - Air reconnaissance over Andaman Is. area 25/3 disclosed a force of 4 cruisers, 12 destroyers, 4 transports. Flagship of Southern Expeditionary Fleet is believed operating in Andamans area. Air reconnaissance over the area on 26/3 revealed that one supply ship had arrived in the Andamans and that three destroyers and possibly one transport had left. The total force reported in the Andamans area 26/3, comprised 4 cruisers, 12 destroyers & transports.
- (ii) German raider operating in Capetown area 14/3.

E) PACIFIC OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

U.S. Oiler "PLATTE" was due at Noumea from Pearl Harbour 27/28th.
Task Group 12.2 "NEW ORLEANS" & "MUGFORD" en route Society Islands
to Tongatabu area with Convoy BT.201.

- (111) Convoy PW.2055 ("QUEEN ELIZABETH" "MARIPOSA" "PRESIDENT COOLIDGE")
en route from San Francisco to Sydney escorted by 8" Cruiser
"CHESTER". Approx E.T.A. p.m. 7/4 (see A(iv)).

Enemy Forces. (see Appendix)

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS.

- (1) INDIAN OCEAN - According to a radio intercept from Berlin at
1900/28/3 and Tokio at 2300/28/3, the British ship "SPONDILUS"
(7402 tons) has been sunk by a Japanese submarine in the Indian
Ocean. A signal advising the departure of "SPONDILUS" from
Colombe Feb. 3rd. ~~from~~ Fremantle Feb. 17th. was later cancelled
by S.O.I. Colombe. ^{for}
- (11) JAVA. - C in C. Dutch Naval Forces announces that the Dutch submarine
K10 was badly damaged whilst on patrol, N of Dadboa (?) and on
return to Sourabaya was destroyed. He also reports that nothing
is known of the movements or fate of the Minesweepers "PIETER de
BITTER" & "ELARD DUBOIS".

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE.

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possibly from Torres Strait area. in conjunction with a move against
the NW. Coast.
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Hawaii.

A P P E N D I X

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PARROTT
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HERON (damaged)
BLACK HAWK
OTUS
HOLLAND

Destroyers

Seaplane Tenders

Destroyer Tender

Submarine Tenders

Submarines

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S 39) "
S 40) "
S 41) "

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SKIPJACK) "

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TARFON) ALBANY to } 4 en route ALBANY
SAILFISH) FREMANTLE } to FREMANTLE
SPEARFISH)

STINGRAY) En route } 8 en route to or
patrol } on patrol
Celebes Sea } Stations in
SARGO) } China Sea and
SEADRAGON) En route } N.E.I.
patrol off } Area
Indo-China }
Coast }

SCULPIN) off KENDANI }
SNAPPER) off TARAKAN }
SEAWOLF) S approaches }
to SUNDA STRAIT }
STURGEON) off MAKASSAR }

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PINE)
SALMON)

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Fremantle }

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K.8) } At FREMANTLE
K.12) }

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LANAXAI) }
KELING BROVIG) } At FREMANTLE

Minesweepers

LARK) }
WHIPPORWILL) } At ALBANY

5 Dutch) } At FREMANTLE

Patrol Vessel

ISABEL) } At "

TULSA) } At ~~Due~~ ALBANY 28/5

AUSTRALIA STATION (Excluding ANZAC AREA) (Cont)

Enemy Forces

Some units from N.E.I. waters are possibly operating South of Java but there has been no recent intelligence to confirm this.

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British and Allied Forces

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DORSETSHIRE At Trincomalee

CORNWALL Was due Colombo 27/3

6" Cruisers

MAURITIUS At Durban

GENES "

DURBAN "

GLASGOW "

EMMALUS At Mombasa

COLOMBO "

CAPETOWN At Bombay

CALEDON At Colombo

ENTERPRISE "

DRAGON "

EMERALD At Trincomalee

DANAE Persian Gulf

BOISE At Bombay (repairing ready 1/4)

MABLEHEAD At Durban (repairing)

SUMATRA At Trincomalee (")

A.M.C's

DERBYSHIRE At Durban

WORCESTERSHIRE "

CARTHAGE At Colombo

GLENEARN "

HECTOR "

CONFU "

INDIAN OCEAN (Cont)

British and Allied Forces
A.M.C.'s

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PENNSYLVANIA (12-14")	"

A/G Carriers

ENTERPRISE	Pearl Harbour
LEXINGTON	Was due Pearl Harbour 25/3
HORNET	At San Diego
SARATOGA (Damaged)	West Coast
CHESTER	En route San Francisco to Samoa Area

8 " Cruisers

SALT LAKE CITY	Pearl Harbour
NORTHAMPTON	"
NEW ORLEANS	En route Society Islands
PORTLAND	Mid Pacific
MINNEAPOLIS	At Pearl Harbour
INDIANAPOLIS	"
SAN FRANCISCO	"

6" Cruisers

VINCENNES	At Mare Island
ST. LOUIS	Was due San Francisco 25/3
HONOLULU	Mid Pacific
CONCORD	En route Tocopilla to Balboa
RICHMOND	Was due Society Island 26/3
MILWAUKEE	Mid Pacific
TRENTON	At Balboa
DETROIT	West Coast
NASHVILLE	At San Diego
HELENA (Damaged)	West Coast
RALEIGH	"

Approx. 40 Destroyers
22 Submarines

Enemy Forces

4 Submarines between Midway Islands and Vancouver
4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

30/3/42

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "CHICAGO" "ACHILLES" "PERKINS" and "LANSON" were to arrive Vila area with Task Force 13 (Advance Service Establishment) yesterday morning 29/3. Task Force 13 includes U.S. Destroyers "HEWLEY" & "HELM", Oiler "CUYAMA" and two merchant ships.
- (ii) "LEANDER" is to arrive Suva at 0800 today 30/3 to refuel and then proceed to N.V. with "MONOWAI" and Convoy BT.201 (5 transports escorted by "NEW ORLEANS" & "MUGFORD") south of Tongatabu at 1300/1/4.
"LEANDER" to escort three ships to Brisbane.
"MONOWAI" to escort remaining two ships to Melbourne.
"NEW ORLEANS" & "MUGFORD" to proceed Tongatabu.
- (iii) "ACHILLES" is to arrive Suva at 0800/1/4 and later to N.V. with Convoy PW.2055 (3 large transports escorted by 8" Cruiser "CHESTER") S.W. of Samoa on 2/4. "ACHILLES" to escort Convoy towards Sydney.
- (iv) "ALDEN" & "FORD" to proceed from Sydney to N.V. with Convoy at 1800/5/4. After the destroyers have joined "ACHILLES", "ALDEN" escorting "QUEEN ELIZABETH" to proceed direct to Sydney E.T.A. 1200/6/4. Remainder of convoy escorted by "FORD" to proceed at 20 knots to Melbourne.
- (v) "WESTRALIA" carrying all personnel, spares and equipment landed from "TANGIER" for B.17's arrived Townsville from Suva 0931/28/3. To depart Townsville in time to arrive Brisbane 5/4 to escort S.S. "SANTA CLARA" and "SANTA LUCIA" to Townsville. Approx E.T.D. from Brisbane 8/4. On completion of escorting to proceed to Sydney.
- (vi) U.S. Oiler "TIPPECANOE" operating in Suva - Noumea area.
- (vii) H.M.S. "ATHENE" at Brisbane. After discharging personnel and stores at Brisbane to sail direct for Fremantle and then to Trincomalee.
- (viii) "MILDURA" & "GEELONG" in Noumea area.
- (ix) Task Force 9.6.2. (Seaplane Tender "TANGIER" and accompanying aircraft at Noumea.
- (x) "LE TRIOMPHANT" at Sydney.
- (xi) "TROMP" at Sydney for repairs.
- (xii) "CANBERRA" at Sydney refitting. Proposes to dock 1/4.
- (xiii) "KANIMBLA" at Melbourne. Expected to depart 4/4 for Brisbane to escort U.S. Transport "GENERAL PARKER" to Melbourne. Approx E.T.D. Brisbane 8/4.
- (xiv) "MANCORA" at Melbourne. Ready for sea about 9/4 to escort S.S. "SANTA PAULA" to Noumea via Brisbane.
- (xv) "ASCANIA" departed Melbourne 1330/29/3 for Auckland E.T.A. 0800/4/4.
- (xvi) "COLAC" & H.M.S. "CESSBROCK" and H.T. "TAROONA" at Port Moresby.
- (xvii) U.S. Seaplane Tender "W.B. PRESTON" at Sydney for repairs.
- (xviii) Task Force 19 (including Store Ship "BRIDGE", Destroyer Tender "DOBBIN", and Hospital Ship "SOLACE") in Samoa area. "BRIDGE" was to proceed Noumea, arriving forenoon 1/4 to provision Task Force 17.
- (xix) U.S. Naval Auxiliary "TALAMANCA" proceeding from Melbourne to Wellington en route San Francisco. E.T.A. Wellington 1300/31.
- (xx) U.S. Oiler "PLATTE" escorted by Destroyer "MORRIS" arrived Noumea 0340/29.
- (xxi) U.S. Destroyers "WHIPPLE" & "J.D. EDWARDS" arrived Sydney 0625/29.
- (xxii) U.S. Destroyers "FORD" & "ALDEN" arrived Melbourne from Fremantle 28/3. To depart Melbourne 1900 today 30/3 for Sydney E.T.A. 0800/1/4. "J.D. EDWARDS" "WHIPPLE" "FORD" & "ALDEN" are to be based in Sydney for operations from that point.
- (xxiii) U.S. Ammunition Ship "LASSEN" at Fiji.
- (xxiv) "WARREGO" at Sydney.
- (xxv) "SWAN" at Brisbane refitting.
- (xxvi) U.S. Store Ship "GOLDSTAR" arrived Port Phillip 1415/29/3.

Enemy Forces

- (i) KANAUU - Photographs obtained from air reconnaissance on 28/3 show the following forces:-

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) Cape Otway - An unidentified vessel was reported from S.S.S. Cape Otway at 1740/29/3 bearing 230°, steering east. At 1815/29 the same vessel was reported on a bearing 240° steering west. The vessel was on the horizon and no details were visible. She was under observation for three quarters of an hour and then disappeared over the horizon.
- (ii) GULF OF CARPENTARIA - Two unidentified vessels were reported as being a few miles outside the mouth of the river at Kakama Karumba (S.E. point of Gulf), at 1234/29/3. ~~Thaxxaxaxia~~ Aircraft detailed to investigate sighted only two vessels in that area which are considered to have been Dutch New Guinea Petroleum Co. ships.
- (iii) INNISFAIL (Queensland) - A submarine was reported to have been sighted 6 miles N.E. of Flying Fish Point (4 miles N.E. of Innisfail) at 1015/29/3. Aircraft carried out a search with negative results.
- (iv) GENERAL - There are further indications that ^{several} units of the Fourth Fleet including gunboats and destroyers are en route Japan. C.O.S. Colombo reports W/T traffic indicates the possibility of a large expedition leaving Japan shortly.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Move against Allied territory in the Calcutta - Akyab area from Malaya with a view to isolating Allied Forces in Burma.
- (ii) Possible attack on Ceylon.
- (iii) Continued air attacks on the Darwin and N.W. Coast areas from both shore-based and ship-borne aircraft as a prelude to a direct attack on that area.
- (iv) Increased submarine and surface raider activity in the Bay of Bengal, East Indian Ocean and S.W. Pacific areas with a view to cutting supply lines to Australia and Burma.
- (v) Carrier-borne air raids against Fremantle and against N.E. Australian air bases including Horn Island and Townsville, possibly from the Gulf of Carpentaria.
- (vi) Attack on Port Moresby from the Lae - Salamaua area and also possibly from Torres Strait area in conjunction with a move against the N.W. Coast.
- (vii) Continued submarine activity in the Pacific generally with sporadic raids against key bases such as Canton, Midway and Hawaii.

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

A. ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces.

A/C Carrier	YORKTOWN
S/P Tenders	TANGIER
	W.B. PRESTON (repairing)
8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA
	CHICAGO
	PENSACOLA
	LOUISVILLE
	ASTORIA
6" Cruisers	CANBERRA (Refitting)
	LEANDER
	ACHILLES
Flotilla Leaders	LE TRIOMPHANT
	THOMP (Damaged)
	STUART (Refitting)
A.M.C's	HONOWAI
A.M.C's	WESTRALIA
	KANIMBLA
	ASCANIA
	MANGORA
Destroyers	14 U.S.
	VOYAGER (Refitting)

Enemy Forces

Bismarck Archipelago area.

1 Seaplane Carrier (KANOI)
 5 Unidentified Naval Air Units, some of which are probably converted
 Seaplane Tenders.
 3 - 8" Cruisers)
 5 - 5.5" Cruisers)
 At least 20 Merchant ships including several Army Transports.
 1 Sub. Depot Ship ?
 1 Squadron Submarines ?
 C. in C. Mandates Fleet (4th)
 C. in C. Mandates Air Force
 Portion 1 Gunboat Division
 Approx. ¹²⁴ shorebased Aircraft including probably 48 fighters, ⁴⁰ ~~21~~
 Heavy bombers, 16 Flying Boats.
 Approx. 6 Destroyers

Mandates Islands.

Truk Area.

1 Aircraft Carrier (HOSHU)
 1 Converted Carrier
 Several 5.5" Cruisers
 Some Units 4th Fleet
 Approx. 12 Destroyers
 At least 20 Chartered Merchant Ships
 Special landing party force (Marines)
 3 or 4 Air Squadrons
 One Submarine tender.

Jaluit Area.

At least 2 submarine Squadrons from 6th Fleet.
 2 Naval Units - Air (shorebased) comprising Fighters, Torpedo-Bombers
 and Reconnaissance aircraft.
 1 Seaplane Carrier
 1 Converted Seaplane tender
 1 W/S Flotilla
 8 Naval Air Units (some probably Seaplane Tenders)
 6 Unidentified Warships
 Air Tenders and Minesweepers
 At least 25 Chartered Merchant ships including one 17,000 tons
 ex passenger liner

B. AUSTRALIA STATION (Excluding ANZAC AREA)

British and Allied Forces

6 th Cruisers	PHOENIX				
	ADLAIDE				
	HOBART				
Destroyers	BULMER				
	BARKER				
	PAUL JONES				
	PARROTT				
	VENDETTA (Damaged)				
Seaplane Tenders	CHILDS				
	HERON (damaged)				
Destroyer Tender	BLACK HAWK				
Submarine Tenders	OTUS				
	HOLLAND				
Submarines	S37	Being overhauled-	available	2/4	) 6 at Fremantle.
	S38	"	"	28/3	
	S39	"	"	2/4	
	S40	"	"	10/4	
	Sailfish	"	"	10/4	
	Saury	"	"	20/3	
	Pickrel	"	"	10/4	) 5 at Albany
	Searaven	"	"	28/3	
	Skipjack	"	"	8/4	
	Pike	"	"	Indefinite	
	Salmon	"	"	"	
	S41	En route to Albany then Melbourne			) 1 en route Melbourne
	Swordfish	En route Albany to Fremantle			) 2 en route Albany to Fremantle.
		departs on patrol 13/4			
	Spearfish	En route Albany to Fremantle			
	Tarpon	To depart on patrol 28/3			) 8 en route to or on patrol Stations in China Sea and N.E.I. Area.
	Stingray	On patrol off West Coast of Timor			
	Sargo	) En route patrol off Indo			
	Seadragon	) China coast			
	Sculpin	) Off Kendari			
	Snapper	) Off Tarakan			
	Seawolf	En route Sunda Straits to			
	Sturgeon	Off Makassar (Christmas Is.)			
	Perch	) En route to			
	Saxxon	) Fremantle			
Permit	Porpoise	) En route from Patrol Timor			) 1 returning from patrol Agafura Sea.
	Seal	) Seas to Fremantle			
					) 3 en route patrol station to Fremantle
	Dutch	K9	)		At Fremantle
		K8	)		Fremantle
		K12)		
Auxiliaries	GEORGE G. HENRY				At Fremantle
	LANAKAI		)		) At Fremantle
	ERLING BROVIG)		
Minesweepers	LARK		)		) At Albany
	WHIPPOORWILL)		
	8 DUTCH				At Fremantle
Patrol Vessel	ISABEL				At Fremantle
	TULSA				At Albany

Enemy Forces

Some units from N.E.I. waters are possibly operating South of Java but there has been no recent Intelligence to confirm this.

EAST INDIES - MALAYAN WATERS

British and Allied Forces.

8 Submarines en route to or on patrol) See list on previous page.
stations in China Sea or N.E.I. Area)

Enemy Forces

2 possibly 4 Battleships
6 A/C Carriers

AKAGI	Celebes Area (probably Kendari)
ZUIKAKU	" (was due Kendari 26/3)
SHOKAKU	"
SIRYU	"
SORYU	"
KYUJO	Malayan Area.

5 - 8" Cruisers
4 - 5.5" Cruisers
Approx. 20 Destroyers
Several Seaplane Carriers
C. in C. Third Fleet
C. in C. 2nd Fleet.

Palau-Saipan-Bonins Area.

Units of the Combined Fleet including probably 5 Battleships
1 A/C Carrier KAGA (At Sasebo Yards, Japan) damaged.
5 - 8" Cruisers

Java-Darwin-Bay of Bengal-Indian Ocean Area.

Probably 4 Squadrons (36) Submarines

D. INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces.

Battleships

WARSPITE	Was due at Trincomalee 22/3
RESOLUTION	Was due Addu Atoll 23/3
REVENGE	Was due Mauritius 23/3
RAMILLIES	At Trincomalee
ROYAL SOVEREIGN	At Colombo
HERMES	At Trincomalee
INDOMITABLE	Was due Addu Atoll 24/3
GIORGIS AVEROFF	(Grk) At Bombay
DORSETSHIRE	At Trincomalee
CORNWALL	Was due Colombo 27/3
MAURITIUS	At Durban
CHRES	"
DURBAN	"
GLASGOW	"
MURYALUS	At Mombasa
COLOMBO	"
CAMPETOWN	At Bombay
CALEDON	At Colombo
ENTERPRISE	"
DRAGON	"
EMERALD	At Trincomalee
DANAE	Persian Gulf
BOISE	At Bombay (repairing ready 1/4)/

A/c Carriers FORMIDABLE ?--

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

A.M.C'S

MARKLEHEAD	At Simonstown for Repairs.
SUMATRA	At Trincomalee (Repairs)
DERBYSHIRE	At Durban
WORCESTERSHIRE	"
CARPAGE	At Colombo
GLENEARN	"
HECTOR	"
CONFU	"

British and Allied Forces.

A.M.C's

RANCHI	At Bombay
CHITRAL	"
ALANIA	At Mombasa
HEMSKERCK	At Colombo
COVENTRY	At Bombay

A.A. Vessels

Approximately 35 Destroyers
6 Submarines

D. INDIAN OCEAN (Contd).
Enemy Forces.

At least 4 cruisers, 12 destroyers, 4 transports and 4 other unknown naval units, together with C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet, operating in Andaman Islands - Bay of Bengal area.

E. MID-PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC.
British and Allied Forces

Battleships	MISSISSIPPI (12-14")	West Coast
	NEW MEXICO (12-14")	"
	IDAHO (12-14")	"
	COLORADO (8-16")	"
	MARYLAND (8-16")	"
	TENNESSEE (12-14")	"
	PENNSYLVANIA (12-14")	"
A/C Carriers	ENTERPRISE	Pearl Harbour
	LEXINGTON	Was due Pearl Harbour 25/3
	HORNET	At San Diego
8" Cruisers	SARATOGA (Damaged)	West Coast
	CHESTER	En route San Francisco to Samoa Area
	SALT LAKE CITY	Pearl Harbour
	NORTHAMPTON	"
	NEW ORLEANS	En route Society Is.
	PORTLAND	Mid Pacific
	MINNEAPOLIS	At Pearl Harbour
	INDIANAPOLIS	"
	SAN FRANCISCO	"
6" Cruisers	VINCENNES	At Ware Island
	ST. LOUIS	Was due San Francisco 25/3
	HONOLULU	Mid Pacific
	CONCORD	En route Teopilla to Balboa
	RICHMOND	Was due Society Island 25/3
	MILWAUKEE	Mid Pacific
	TRENTON	At Balboa
	DETROIT	West Coast
	NASHVILLE	At San Diego
	HELENA (Damaged)	West Coast
	RALEIGH	"

Approximately 40
Destroyers
22 Submarines

Enemy Forces

4 Submarines between Midway Islands and Vancouver
4 submarines in West Hawaiian Waters

ILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

31/3/42

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & NEEMY NAVAL FORCES

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British and Allied Forces

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- (ii) Task Force 17 including aircraft carrier "YORKTOWN", 8" Cruisers "LOUISVILLE" "ASTORIA" "PENSACOLA" and 6 or 9 destroyers is operating in the Suva - Noumea area.
- (iii) "LEANDER" arrived Suva at 0745 yesterday 30/3. After refuelling, to proceed to R.V. with "MONOWAI" and Convoy BT.201 (3 ships) escorted by "NEW ORLEANS" & "MURFORD" south of Tongatabu at 1300 tomorrow 1/4. "LEANDER" & "MONOWAI" to escort convoy to a position south of Lord Howe Island. "NEW ORLEANS" & "MURFORD" to proceed to Tongatabu.
- (iv) U.S. Destroyers "WHIPPLE" & "EDWARDS" at Sydney. Will depart Sydney 0500/4/4 to R.V. with Convoy BT.201 in a position south of Lord Howe Island at 1001/5/4. First section of Convoy (3 ships) under escort of "LEANDER" & "WHIPPLE" to proceed Brisbane. Section section of Convoy (2 ships) under escort of "MONOWAI" & "EDWARDS" to proceed Melbourne.
- (v) "ACHILLES" arrives Suva at 0745/30 to refuel. Is to R.V. with Convoy PW.2055 ("QUEEN ELIZABETH" "MARIPOSA" "PRESIDENT GOOLIDGE" escorted by 8" Cruiser "CHESTER") S.W. of Samoa on 2/4. "ACHILLES" to escort convoy towards Sydney.
- (vi) U.S. Destroyers "FORD" & "ALDEN" departed Melbourne 1313/30 for Sydney E.T.A. 0800/1/4. Will depart Sydney at 1800/5/4 to R.V. with Convoy PW.2055. After "FORD" & "ALDEN" have joined the convoy "ACHILLES" & "ALDEN" escorting "QUEEN ELIZABETH" are to proceed direct to Sydney E.T.A. 1200/8/4. Remainder of convoy escorted by "FORD" to proceed at 20 knots to Melbourne.
- (vii) "WESTRALIA" at Townsville. To depart in time to arrive Brisbane 5/4 to escort "SANTA CLARA" & "SANTA LUCIA" ex Convoy BT.201 to Townsville. Approx E.T.D. from Brisbane 8/4. On completion of escorting to proceed to Sydney.
- (viii) "ADELAIDE" en route Fremantle to Melbourne E.T.A. 1100 today 31/3.
- ~~(ix) "HESBERT" en route Fremantle to Melbourne E.T.A. 1230/31/3~~
- (x) U.S. Oiler "TIPPECANOE" operating in Suva - Noumea area. Probably proceeding Samoa to refuel from "GULF QUEEN".
- (xi) H.M.S. "ATHENE" at Brisbane. After discharging personnel and stores at Brisbane to sail direct for Fremantle and then to Trincomalee.
- (xii) "MILDURA" & "GERLONG" in Noumea area.
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- (xv) "TROMP" at Sydney for repairs.
- (xvi) "CANBERRA" at Sydney refitting. Proposes to dock tomorrow 1/4.
- (xvii) "KANTIBLA" at Melbourne. Expected to depart 4/4 for Brisbane to escort U.S. Transport "GENERAL PARKER" to Melbourne. Approx E.T.D. Brisbane 8/4.
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- (xix) "ASCANIA" en route Melbourne to Auckland E.T.A. 0800/4/4.
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- (xxii) Task Force 19 (including Store Ship "BRIDGE", Destroyer Tender "DOBBIN", and Hospital Ship "SOLACE") in Samoa area. "BRIDGE" was to proceed Noumea, arriving forenoon tomorrow 1/4 to provision Task Force 17.
- (xxiii) U.S. Oiler "PLATTE" and Destroyer "MORRIS" at Noumea.
- (xxiv) U.S. Ammunition Ship "LASSEN" at Fiji.
- (xxv) "SARREGO" at Sydney.
- (xxvi) "SWAN" at Brisbane refitting ready 8/4.
- (xxvii) ~~Store Ship~~ Store Ship "GOLDSTAR" at Melbourne.

To depart 31/3 for Sydney E.T.A. 3/4 to discharge destroyer torpedoes, ammunition, spares and fuel as required. Thence to Brisbane to land sub. torpedoes and spares. Pick up freight for Comsowspa, and return Melbourne, thence Fremantle.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

- (1) SOLOMON IS. - At least 17 unidentified vessels were reported in the Buka - Choiseul area yesterday 30/3 of which three, possible five, were cruisers. From the description available the cruisers would appear to be possibly the three remaining 8" Cruisers, comprising Cruiser Division 6 known to be in the area. The sightings are as follows -
- From KESSA - 29/3 - 2 Cruisers, 1 destroyer sighted heading towards Buka Passage;
30/3 - 8 ships reported.
- From BUIH (S. Tip of Bougainville)
30/3 - 2 small ships at 0600/30 and several large ships at 0645/30 sighted by Coastwatchers to be approx 20 miles off Buih heading towards Faisi Island (E. of Shortland Is.)
- From Air Reconnaissance
- (a) 2 cruisers of about 8,500 tons, 2 raking funnels - were observed stationary in a position 1 mile East of Faisi at 1220/30.
- (b) 1 cruiser observed stationary 10 miles south of Faisi at approx same time.
- (c) 1 merchant ship observed 7 miles N.W. of Faisi course 310°. Merchant ship opened fire on aircraft which challenged warship.
2 cruisers then opened fire also.
- (d) 9 warships observed in line, possibly cruisers, steaming N.E. from Fauro between Shortlands and Choiseul Is. at 1730/30. Vessels passed 7 miles N. of Choiseul disappearing northward. Large white smoke cloud was observed at intervals from one vessel.

B) AUSTRALIA STATION (not including ANZAC AREA)

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "MARYBOROUGH" "WOLLONGONG" "BURNIE" & "TOONGOMBA" at Fremantle.
- (ii) "BENDIGO" & "GOULBURN" escorting U.S. Tanker "GEORGE G. HENRY" departed Fremantle 29/3. On arrival at a position 155 miles S.E. from Albany "GEORGE G. HENRY" was to proceed independently to Melbourne (E.T.A. p.m. 8/4). "BENDIGO" & "GOULBURN" to proceed in company to Hobart (E.T.A. 7/4).
- (iii) "BALLARAT" en route Fremantle to Melbourne E.T.A. 1700/2/4.
- (iv) U.S. Cruiser "PHOENIX" and U.S. Destroyers "PAUL JONES" "PARROTT" "BARKER" & "BULMER" at Fremantle.
- (v) U.S. Transport "WEST POINT" due to arrive Adelaide 0730 today 31/3 from Fremantle.
- (vi) "HOBART" escorting "MONTERRAY" en route from Fremantle to Melbourne to call Adelaide today to embark A.I.F. troops. "HOBART" later to join Anzac Forces.
- (vii) Dutch submarines K8, K9 and K12 at Fremantle.
- (viii) U.S. Seaplane Tender "CHILDS" Submarine Tender "HOLLAND" Minesweepers "LARK" & "WHIPPOORWILL" and 4 large submarines at Albany.
- (ix) "PINGWO" on account of bad weather, was unable to maintain escort of "VENDETTA" which is being towed by "ISLANDER" from Albany to Melbourne (E.T.A. 1920/3/4). "PINGWO" unable to contact "ISLANDER" by W/T intends to proceed alone towards Coffin Bay.
- (x) "MENABOE" "HINDJANI" "SMEROE", 4th Division Netherland M/S arrived Fremantle 28/3.
- (xi) "TOWNSVILLE" at Darwin.
- (xii) U.S. Submarines will be called for Melbourne as follows -
(a) S.38 with "TULSA" from Albany 31/3;
(b) S.39 & S.41 in company from Albany 4/4;
(c) S.37 & S.40 in company from Fremantle 5/4.
- (xiii) For U.S. Naval Forces in Fremantle area - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

C) WEST INDIES - JAPAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Nine submarines en route to or on patrol stations in China Sea or N.E.I. area (See Appendix).

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

CELEBES AREA - C in C Pacific reported 27/3 five aircraft carriers "AKAGI" "SORUYU" "HIRYU" "ZUIKAKU" "SHOKAKU" in Celebes area. C in C Third Fleet also operating in Celebes area.

D) INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces (See Appendix)

- (i) U.S. Oiler "TRINITY" en route Abadan to Fremantle E.T.A. 17/4.
- (ii) U.S. Cruiser "BOISE" repairing at Bombay will be ready for sea about 1/4.

Enemy Forces

- (i) ANDAMAN'S AREA - An enemy force consisting of at least 4 cruisers, 12 destroyers, 4 transports was operating in the Andaman Sea 28/3 together with the flagship of the Southern Expeditionary Fleet.
- (ii) German raider operating in Capetown area 14/3.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) GULF OF CARPENTARIA - The two vessels sighted off Karumba (S.E. point of Gulf) at 1234/29/3 have now been identified as Dutch tanker "MINJAN TANAR" and Dutch cargo ship "SJEBOE".
- (ii) BUKA-BOUGAINVILLE AREA - Two enemy cruisers and a merchant ship, opened fire on our aircraft off Faisi (Shortland Is.) at about 1220K/30/3, without result. (See A - Enemy Forces).
- (iii) GENERAL - C in C Pacific reported 29/3 there are indications that one or more carriers will return to Japan shortly.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

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- (iv) Increased submarine and surface raider activity in the Bay of Bengal, West Indian Ocean and S.W. Pacific areas with a view to cutting supply lines to Australia and Burma.
- (v) Carrier-borne air raids against Fremantle and against N.E. Australian air bases including Horn Is. and Townsville, possibly from the Gulf of Carpentaria.
- (vi) Attack on Port Moresby from the Lae - Salamua area and also possibly from Torres Strait area in conjunction with a move against the N.W. Coast.
- (vii) ~~Occupation of strategic points in Solomon Islands.~~
- (viii) Continued submarine activity in the Pacific generally with sporadic raids against key bases such as Canton, Midway and Hawaii.

APPENDIX

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

31/3/42

A. ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces.

A/C Carrier	YORKTOWN
S/P Tenders	TANGIER W.B. PRESTON (repairing)
8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA CHESTER (en route San Francisco-Samoa area) CHICAGO PENSACOLA LOUISVILLE ASTORIA
6" Cruisers	CANBERRA (refitting) LEANDER ACHILLES ADELAIDE
Flotilla Leaders	LE TRIOMPHANT TROMP (Damaged) STUART (Refitting)
A.M.C.'s	HONOLULU WESTRALIA KAHIMBLA ASCANIA MANGORA
Destroyers	At least 17 U.S. VOYAGER (Refitting)

Enemy Forces

Bismarck Archipelago Area.

1 Seaplane Carrier (KAROI)
5 unidentified Naval Air Units, some of which are probably converted
Seaplane Tenders.
2 possibly 3 - 8" Cruisers
4 possibly 5 - 5.5" Cruisers
Approx. 6 Destroyers
At least 20 Merchant ships including several Army Transports.
1 Sub. Depot Ship?
1 Squadron Submarines ?
C. in C. Mandates Fleet (4th)
C. in C. Mandates Air Force
Portion 1 Gunboat Division
Approx. 100 shorebased Aircraft including probably 48 fighters, 35-40
Heavy bombers, 18 Flying Boats.

Mandates Islands.

Truk Area.

1 Aircraft Carrier (HOSHU)
1 Converted Carrier
Several 5.5" Cruisers
Some Units 4th Fleet
Approx. 12 Destroyers
At least 20 Chartered Merchant Ships
Special landing party force (Marines)
3 or 4 Air Squadrons
One Submarine tender.

Jaluit Area.

At least 2 submarine Squadrons from 6th Fleet.
2 Naval Units - Air (shorebased) comprising Fighters, Torpedo-Bombers
and Reconnaissance aircraft.
1 Seaplane Carrier
1 Converted Seaplane tender
1 M/S Flotilla
8 Naval Air Units (some probably Seaplane Tenders)
6 Unidentified Warships
Air Tenders and Minesweepers
At least 25 Chartered Merchant ships including one 17,000 tons
ex passenger liner

B. AUSTRALIA STATION (Excluding ANZAC AREA)British and Allied Forces6" Cruisers

PHOENIX

HOBART ✓

Destroyers

BULMER

BARKER

PAUL JONES

PARROTT

VENDETTA (Damaged)

Seaplane Tenders

CHILDS

HERON (Damaged)

Destroyer Tender

BLACK HAWK

Submarine Tenders

OTUS

HOLLARD

Submarines

S37

At Fremantle - ready for sea 2/4 } 5 at

S39

" " - ready for sea 2/4 }

S40

" " - ready for sea 10/4 } Fremantle

SAURY

" " - ready for sea 20/4 }

SWORDFISH

" " - departs on patrol }
13/4 }

S38

At Albany - ready for sea } 5 at

S41

" " en route Fremantle to } Albany
Melbourne }

PICKEREL

" " - ready for sea 10/4 }

SAILFISH

" " - ready for sea 10/4 }

SKIPJACK

" " - ready for sea 8/4 }

SEAHAVEN

En route Fremantle from Albany } 1 en route
Albany-
Fremantle }

PERCH

En route from patrol to Fremantle } 4 en route

PERMIT

" " " " " " }

PORPOISE

" " " " " " } Fremantle

SEAL

En route patrolling Timor-Broome }
to Fremantle } from patrol

SEAWOLF

On patrol off Christmas Island } 7 on patrol

SNAPPER

" " " Tarakan } NRI-China

SCULPIN

" " " Kendari } Sea Waters

SARGO

En route patrol off Indo-China }

SEADRAGON

" " " " " " coast }

SPINGRAY

On patrol off W.Coast of Timor }

STURGEON

" " " Makassar Straits }

~~SEAL~~~~On patrol Timor-Broome then to }
Fremantle }~~

TARPON

En route patrol Arafura Sea } 2 en route

SPEARFISH

Departed Fremantle 29/3 en route } to patrol
patrol Timor area } stations

SALMON

Indefinite } 2

PIKE

Indefinite } indefinite

Dutch K9

} At

K8

}

K12

} Fremantle

Auxiliaries

GEORGE G. HENRY

En route Melbourne

LANAKAI

) At Fremantle

Minesweepers

ERLING BROVIG

)

LARK

) At Albany

WHIPPOORWILL

)

Patrol Vessel

S DUTCH

At Fremantle

ISABEL

At Fremantle

TULSA

At Albany

Enemy Forces

Some units from N.E.I. Waters are possibly operating South of Java but there has been no recent Intelligence to confirm this.

C. EAST INDIES - MALAYAN WATERS

British and Allied Forces.

9 Submarines en route to or on patrol) See list on previous page
stations in China Sea or N.E.I. Area)

Enemy Forces

2 possibly 4 Battleships

6 A/C Carriers

AKAGI	Celebes Area (probably Kendari)
ZUIKAKU	" (Was due Kendari 26/3)
SHOKAKU	"
HIRYU	"
SORYU	Malayan Area.
RYUJO	

5 - 8" Cruisers

4 - 5.5" Cruisers

Approx. 20 Destroyers

Several Seaplane Carriers

C. in C. Third Fleet

C. in C. 2nd Fleet

Palau-Saipan-Bonins Area.

Units of the Combined Fleet including probably 5 Battleships

1 A/C Carrier

KAGA (At Sasebo Yards, Japan) damaged.

5 - 8" Cruisers

Java-Darwin-Bay of Bengal-Indian Ocean Area.

Probably 4 Squadrons (36) Submarines

D. INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces.

Battleships

WARSPITE	Trincomalee-Colombo
RESOLUTION	Addu Atoll
REVENGE	Addu Atoll
HAMILLIES	Addu Atoll
ROYAL SOVEREIGN	At Addu Atoll

A/C Carriers

HUMES	At Trincomalee
FORMIDABLE	At Colombo
INDOMITABLE	At Addu Atoll

8" Cruisers

DORSETSHIRE	At Colombo
CORNWALL	At Colombo

6" Cruisers

GIORGIOS AVEROFF	(Grk) at Bombay?
MAURITIUS	At Durban ?
CERES	At Capetown
DURBAN	At Durban ?
GLASGOW	En route Durban-Mombasa due 2/4
HURVALUS	At Mombasa?
COLOMBO	At Mombasa
CAPETOWN	At Bombay ?
CALEDON	At Colombo
ENTERPRISE	At Colombo
DRAGON	At Colombo
EMERALD	At Trincomalee
NEWCASTLE	At Durban
DANAE	Persian Gulf ?
BOISE	At Bombay (repairing ready 1/4)
MARBLEHEAD	At Simonstown for repairs.
SUMATRA	At Trincomalee (repairs)

A.M.C.'s

DERBYSHIRE	At Durban ?
WORCESTERSHIRE	En route Durban-Bombay Due 8/4
CARTHAGE	At Colombo?
GLENEARN	At Colombo?
HECTOR	At Colombo
CORFU	At Colombo
RANCHI	Bombay-Seychelles
CHITRAL	At Bombay?
ALABIA	At Mombasa

A.A. Vessels

HEMSKERCK	At Colombo?
COVENTRY	At Bombay?

Approximately 35 Destroyers

6 Submarines

D. INDIAN OCEAN (Contd)
Enemy Forces.

At least 4 Cruisers, 12 Destroyers, 4 transports and 4 other unknown naval units, together with C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet, operating in Andaman Islands - Bay of Bengal area.

E. MID-PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC
British and Allied Forces

Battleships	MISSISSIPPI (12-14")	West Coast
	NEW MEXICO (12-14")	"
	IDAH0 (12-14")	"
	COLORADO (8-16")	"
	MARYLAND (8-16")	"
	TENNESSEE (12-14")	"
	PENNSYLVANIA (12-14")	"
A/C Carriers	ENTERPRISE	Pearl Harbour
	LEXINGTON	Was due Pearl Harbour 25/3
	HORNET	At San Diego
	SARATOGA	(Damaged) West Coast
8" Cruisers	SALT LAKE CITY	Pearl Harbour
	NORTHAMPTON	Pearl Harbour
	NEW ORLEANS	En route Society Is.
	PORTLAND	Mid Pacific
	MINNEAPOLIS	At Pearl Harbour
	INDIANAPOLIS	At Pearl Harbour
	SAN FRANCISCO	At Pearl Harbour
6" Cruisers	VINCENNES	At Mare Island
	ST. LOUIS	Was due San Francisco 25/3
	HONOLULU	Mid Pacific
	CONCORD	En route Tocopilla to Balboa
	RICHMOND	Was due Society Island 26/3
	MILWAUKEE	Mid Pacific
	TRENTON	At Balboa
	DETROIT	West Coast
	NASHVILLE	At San Diego
	HELENA (Damaged)	West Coast
	RALEIGH "	West Coast

Approximately 40 Destroyers

32 Submarines

Enemy Forces

4 Submarines between Midway Islands and Vancouver
4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters.