

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

1st March, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/1:

- (1) "BENDIGO" escorting "BONTEKOE" departed Milne Bay 1400/28 for Oro Bay ETA 1800/1.
- (2) "BROOME" escorting "VIRGINIAN" departed Port Moresby 1717/27 for Townsville ETA 2000/1.
- (3) "BOWEN" escorting "KURUMBA" departed Port Moresby 1917/27 ETA "BOWEN" Cairns 1130/2, "KURUMBA" Townsville 2200/2.
- (4) "ECHUCA" escorting Convoy NT4 ("MANGOLA" "ADMIRAL CHASE" for Cairns, "BOTH" for Townsville) was to depart Port Moresby 0700/1 ETA Cairns 1900/3, Townsville 1200/4.
- (5) "KALGOORLIE" departed Thursday Island 0730/28 for Maryborough ETA 0830/5.
- (6) "SWAN" departed Milne Bay 0652/28 for Townsville ETA 0600/2.
- (7) "SC.744" departed Cairns 1035/27 for Brisbane for repairs ETA 1200/3.
- (8) "GEELONG" escorting Convoy TS17 ("HENRY DEARBORN" "DAVID BUSHNELL" "CLEVELAND ABBE" "BISHOPDALE") was due Brisbane 1000/1.
- (9) "ARUNTA" escorting Convoy TN43 ("DUNTROON" "CHARON") departed Townsville 1912/27 for Port Moresby ETA 1700/1.
- (10) "WARRAMUNGA" "KAPUNDA" escorting Convoy TN42 ("WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" "JASON LEE" "S.JACOB" "YCHOW") to Port Moresby ETA 1700/1.
- (11) YP's 233, 236, 291 en route Noumea to Brisbane were due 1000/1.
- (12) "PATTERSON" departed Brisbane 1712/28 to RV with and escort "JAMES O'HARA" to Brisbane ETA 1700/1.
- (13) 8 submarines on patrol.
- (14) "MUGFORD" dep. Brisbane 1818/28 to RV with & escort "FRED.FUNSTAN" to Brisbane ETA 0600/2.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "BALLARAT"
	Merchant Vessels: "KARSIK"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "GLENELG" "WHYALLA" "HILO"
	16 PT's
	Merchant Vessels: "MASAYA" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD"
	"YARRA" "BAN HONG LIONG" "PAINE WINGATE"
	"VAN HEEMSKERK"
	Small Craft - Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Small Craft - Approx 20
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" "PIRIE" "TULSA"
	"PLATYPUS" 11 PT's (2 refitting)
Challenger Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "SELFRIDGE" "RALPH"
	"TALBOT" "MERKUR" "VICTORIA"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA" "KATOOMBA" "AASE MAERSK"
	"YUNNAN" (A.S.I.S)
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "PHOENIX" "FULTON" "GOULBURN"
	"GYMPIE" SC.746 SC.748 "POYANG" (A.S.I.S.)
	YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)
(Repairing)	"LITHGOW"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "MUSTIN" "HUGHES" to depart Noumea approx 1300/1 for Sydney ETA daylight 4/3.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Russell Is. - Two unidentified aircraft were seen over Russell Is. 0700/28.
- (2) New Georgia - An enemy observation post was reported 27/2 at Viru Harbour (centre SW coast New Georgia Is.). 4 barges were seen off-shore in Viru Harbour 27/2.
Vila Plantation area was attacked 0745/28 by 15 dive bombers escorted by 16 fighters: this was an alternative target to the transport in convoy sighted and struck p.m. 27/2.
Munda airfield was bombed by a Hudson early a.m. 28/2.
- (3) Shortlands - Shipping at Buin was attacked early a.m. 28/2 by torpedo bombers (see Naval Incidents). Kahili and Ballale aerodromes were bombed in a co-ordinated attack by 7 Liberators. Two reconnaissances a.m. 28/2 both reported 5 cargo vessels in the Buin - Faisi area.
- (4) Buka - The existence of radar on Buka is confirmed by Comsoupac. Native sources report 28/2 that 5 tanks or tractors, lorries and other gear were moving from Buka Passage apparently southwards possibly to Numa Numa or Kieta. It is further reported that new troops are arriving at Buka Passage.
- (5) Solomons-Aircraft - Simultaneous photographs 27/2 show the following:-
- | | |
|--------|--------------------------|
| Munda | - 5 fighters, 3 bombers |
| Kahili | - 60 fighters, 5 bombers |
| Buka | - 15 fighters |
| Vila | - Nil. |
- (6) Gasmata - Photographs 28/2 show continued constructional work on dispersal areas and blast bays. The visual report stated that the runway appeared serviceable.
- (7) Cape Gloucester - Photographs 28/2 reveal doubtful serviceability of the runway, one dummy aircraft and one possibly serviceable fighter in blast pens.
- (8) Wewak - Photographs 28/2 show one destroyer, one minelayer "SHIMUSHU" class one small vessel
30 landing barges
2 fighters and 5 bombers are visible on the aerodrome.
- (9) Finschhafen - Photos 28/2 show the runway to be definitely unserviceable.
- (10) Salamaua - At approx 2230/28 a small unidentified vessel was sighted stationary approximately 38 miles east of Salamaua.
- (11) Mubo Area - Patrol clashes are reported 25/2 in the Waipali area resulting in 30 enemy killed while during 26-27/2 a further 24 were killed in this area.
Our forward elements are now established in positions about a mile from Guadagasal.
- (12) Milne Bay - 3 or 4 enemy bombers plus probably one Zero were over Milne Bay at about 0430/28. Bombs were dropped wide of any target causing no damage or casualties.
- (13) Coral Sea - Indications of enemy submarines 27/2:-
one 220 miles ENE Cairns
one 300 miles ENE Cairns
- (14) Buna-Mambare Area - During the month ending 24/2 a total of 660 Japanese were killed and 73 taken prisoner in this area.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/1:

- (1) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting Convoy TD12 ("WANAKA" "BURWAH") departed Thursday Is. 1950/24 for Darwin, was due 1330/28.
- (2) "WARREGO" escorting "KHOEN HOEA" was due Merauke a.m. 1/3.
- (3) 4 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL" "WILCANNIA"
Merchant Vessels: "ALAGNA" "BABINDA"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Merauke - One enemy floatplane dropped 2 bombs over Merauke shortly before noon on 28/2. No damage or casualties are reported.
- (2) Timor - Penfoel aerodrome (Koepong) was attacked 0715/28 by 8 Beaufighters. Four bombers and 9 fighters were destroyed on the ground while 1 bomber and 8 fighters were considered damaged. In addition 10-13 bombers plus 13 fighters were seen on the aerodrome. Buildings were also strafed and one was left burning and two A.A. positions were silenced.
- (3) Kai - Toeal was bombed and strafed by 5 Hudsons at 1000/28.
- (4) Darwin - One or possibly two enemy aircraft were located over Darwin - Cape Fourcroy area between 1049 and 1115/28.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(1) (b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN GALEN" "TRINITY"
"DUBBO" "GOLDSTAR" "PELIAS" "W.B. PRESTON"
"ISABEL"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "LARK" "CHILDS" "WHIPPOORWILL"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/1:

- (1) "MILDURA" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy PG36 departed Caloundra 0832/27 ETA Sydney 1732/1.
- (2) "COLAC" escorting H.T. "KATOOMBA" departed Caloundra 2305/28 for Sydney ETA 1300/2.
- (3) "STUART" escorting "BANFAM" was to depart Caloundra 0700/1 for Sydney. "BISHOPDALE" to join convoy at outer end Brisbane swept channel.
- (4) "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Convoy C075.
- (5) "BUNDABERG" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy OC74 for Port Kembla, Sydney and Newcastle.
- (6) "AUSTRALIA" "HELM" "HENLEY" "BAGLEY" were to depart Sydney 1000/1. At 1300/2 when in vicinity Cape Moreton "HELM" "HENLEY" to be detached and proceed Melbourne. "AUSTRALIA" "BAGLEY" to anchor off Brisbane 1600/2.
- (7) "WAGGA" escorting "SUMNER" was to depart Sydney 0900/28 for Brisbane ETA 1700/2.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "VAN HEEMSKERK" "LE TRIOMPHANT"
"MORESBY" "BUNBURY" "DELORAINÉ" "BUNGAREE" YDG.2
(Repairing) "NEW ORLEANS" "ALHENA"
(In Reserve) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TJERK HIDDÉS"
"WARRNAMBOOL" "SPRINGDALE" "DOOMBA" "KYBRA"
"OTUS"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - BALLARD (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) NASHVILLE HONOLULU HELENA
ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO (CL) LAMSON MEADE LA VALETTE GRIDLEY

CHEVALIER JENKINS TAYLOR STRONG FARENHOLT MORRIS
ANDERSON RUSSELL ELLETT (DD) CURTISS MACKINAC TANGIER
WRIGHT (CVS) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) BREESE (DM)
ALCHIBA ALDEBARAN CARINA (AK) ARCTIC (AF) GEORGE CLYMER (AP)
NEOSHO WHIPSTOCK PATUXENT (AO) NAVAJO (AT) VIREO
SKYLARK (AM) YP.290 YP.516 YP.517 YP.518

- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA (BB) SARATOGA (CV)
SAN JUAN (CL) MURPHY SMITH READ DUNLAP BALCH FANNING
AULICK CUMMINGS PERKINS (DD) MONTGOMERY (DM) PROMETHEUS (AR)
ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) TALAMANCA (AP) NEVILLE
MERCURY FOMALHAUT ALGORAB ARIDED CASTOR (AK) ATHENE (AVG)
TRYON (APH) SONOMA (AT) SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) ADROIT
KINGFISHER (AM) ARD.2 YP.239 YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48
- (4) At Suva - POCOMOKE (CVS) CATALPA ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (5) At Nandi - MAHAN LANG (DD) KANKAKEE (AO)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN)
WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA TUI (A/S Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR)
MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER
(AG)
- (7) At Vila - NEW MEXICO MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) SANGAMON
CHENANGO (ACV) GANSEVOORT FRAZIER AARON WARD EDWARDS (DD)
TRACY (DM) JOHN PENN H.T.ALLEN (AP) LIBRA (AK) THORNTON (AVD)
LACKAWANNA NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER PC.476 PC.477
PC.479 KITTYHAWK (APV)
- (8) At Auckland - LEANDER (CL) EBONY (YN) ANTARES (AK) MOUNT VERNON (AP)
SOLACE (AH)
Refitting - ACHILLES (CL)
- (9) At Wellington - GRAYSON (DD) SHELDRAKE (AM) PRES. JACKSON
PRES. ADAMS PRES. HAYES CRESCENT CITY (AP)
- (10) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (Sloop)

C. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

"KANIMBLA" due Fremantle 0600/6 after escort duty.

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

Buin - Shipping at Buin was attacked before dawn 28/2 by 8
Avenger torpedo bombers co-ordinated with 9 Liberators
which bombed Kahili and Ballale aerodromes and also
dropped flares. Only one Avenger located shipping and
dropped 4 x 500-lb bombs from 5-7000 ft. on the largest
cargo vessel which appeared to blow up.

The other aircraft dropped their bombs on Kahili
area.

III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A.
particularly Central and Northern Solomons -
North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New
Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Possible offensive against eastern New Guinea
area.
- (3) Possible attempt to occupy Merauke.
- (4) Increased offensive submarine activity.



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A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruisers
6" Cruisers

AUSTRALIA
HOBART
PHOENIX
ADELAIDE
VAN HEEMSKERK

NEW ORLEANS

Armed Merchant Cruisers

MANOORA)
WESTRALIA) On Reserve

~~Destroyers~~ *Fletcher*

ARUNTA
WARRAMUNGA
LE TRI OMPHANT
SELEFRIDGE
HELM
HENLEY
PATTERSON
RALPH TALBOT
BAGLEY
MUGFORD
STUART
VENDETTA

Destroyer

Submarines

TJERK HIDDES
GATO)
CROWLER)
GUARDFISH)
NAUTILUS)
TUNA)
ALBACORE)
AMBERJACK)
GRAMPUS)
GRAYBACK)
GREENLING)
GROUPEL)
SNAPPER)
TRITON)

At Brisbane

On Patrol

Submarine Tender
Destroyer Tender
Gunboats

K.9
FULTON
DOBBIN
TULSA
HILO
AASE MAERSK
BISHOPDALE
KURUMBA
VICTORIA

At Sydney

Oilers

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

CinC Combined Fleet
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)
3-4 Battleships (BB)

YAMATO
MUSASHI
MUTSU
NAGATO
ZUIKAKU
ZUIHO
UNYO

OTAKA

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)
2 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)

6 heavy cruisers (CA)	ATAGO TAKAO NACHI HAGURO KUMANO AOBA	MOGAMI (bel. sunk 14/11) MYOKO) poss. sunk SUZUYA) 13-14/11
6 light cruisers (CL)	ISUZU KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA OI KITAGAMI	
5-6 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)		
Approx 27 Submarines (SS)		
Approx 40 Destroyers (DD)		
2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA	
5-6 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)		
Several Submarine Tenders		
Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)		
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft		
Approx 378 shore-based aircraft incl. 178 F, 118 B, 22 F/B, 42 F/P, 18 Obsn. or transport aircraft.		

WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

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

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

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

1 heavy cruiser (CA)	A SHIGARA	
3 light cruisers (CL)	KASHII	NATORI (damaged 21/1)
	KUMA	

Approx 16 Destroyers (DD)
 Approx 7 Submarines (SS)
 1 Seaplane Carrier (CVS)

Approx 206 shore-based aircraft incl. 87 F, 76 B, 3 F/B, 24 F/P,
 16 transport aircraft.

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Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
← MARYLAND

Aircraft Carriers

COLORADO
NEW MEXICO
ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

CHENANGO
SANGAMON
SUWANNEE

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE
WICHITA

6" Cruisers

HELENA
HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE
COLUMBIA
CLEVELAND
MONTPELLIER
DENVER

ACHILLES

5" Cruisers

LEANDER
SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN

Destroyers

50 (approx)

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

IDAHO
MISSISSIPPI
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA

WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carrier
Auxiliary A/C Carriers

LONG ISLAND
HASSAU
ALTAMAHA

8" Cruisers

COPAHEE
PORTLAND
MINNEAPOLIS

SALT LAKE CITY
SAN FRANCISCO
PENSACOLA

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

CinC 1st Fleet
6-7 Battleships (BB)

ISE
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA
HARUNA
KONGO

SHOKAKU

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)
2 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

HAYATAKA
HITAKA

1 Auxiliary A/C Carrier (ACV)
3 Heavy Cruisers (CA)

CHUYO
TONE
TIKUMA

2 light cruisers (CL)

CHOKAI
ABUKUMA
SENDAI

1 Armed Merchant Cruiser (XCL)
2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)

NISSHIN
KAMO I

1-2 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)
Approx 30 Destroyers & Gunboats (DD & PG)
Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

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	"GOULBURN" "GEELONG" SC.746 SC.748 "POYANG" (ASIS)
	YP.233 YP.236 YP.291 YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50
	"MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship) "JAMES O'HARA" (AP)
(Repairing)	"LITHGOW" "GYMPIE"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "VENDETTA" escorting Convoy TS18 ("KURUMBA" "AASE MAERSK") to depart Townsville 0700/3 southbound. "GEELONG" escorting "TAROONA" to depart Brisbane p.m. 2/3 northbound. On meeting, "VENDETTA" to leave Convoy TS18 and escort "TAROONA" to Townsville. "GOULBURN" to escort Convoy TS18 to Brisbane.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) New Georgia - A ground observer reports that at 0900/1 6 fighters and one bomber were circling over Munda.
At 1715/1 Munda airfield was attacked by 17 dive bombers escorted by 9 fighters.
- (2) Shortlands - Before dawn 1/3 Ballale and Kahili aerodromes were each bombed by 2 Liberators. Co-ordinated with these attacks, 10 torpedo bombers attacked the same targets as they were unable to locate shipping which was their priority target.
Reconnaissance a.m. 1/3 reported 10 vessels in the Buin-Faisi area comprised of 3 destroyers and 7 cargo vessels.
- (3) Kieta - Reconnaissance a.m. 1/3 sighted a very large cargo vessel apparently unloading into barges in the vicinity of Kieta.
- (4) Solomons-Enemy Aircraft - Simultaneous photographs 28/2 show -
Buka - 2 fighters, 3 bombers
Kahili - 72 fighters, 4 bombers
Ballale - 8 fighters, 1 bomber
Faisi - 4 Zero floatplanes (Partial coverage)
Munda was not covered and photos show 14 dummy aircraft at Buka in addition to those mentioned above.
Simultaneous photographs 1/3 show -
Buka - 5 fighters, 3 bombers
Kahili - 33 fighters, 3 bombers
Ballale - 6 fighters, 1 bomber
Faisi - 17 Zero floatplanes (1 four-engine F/B)
Munda - 1 bomber (partial coverage only)
Vila - nil.
- (5) North Coast New Britain - At 1600/1 the following vessels were reported approximately 40 miles NW Ubili course 270° -
6 destroyers
2 medium cargo vessels
6 small unidentified vessels (1500-2500 tons)
Three Zero's were over the convoy. 4½ hours later the same convoy was reported in a position approximately 25 miles S.W. of the previous position after which contact was lost.
At 0825/2 presumably the same convoy totalling 14 vessels including 3 cruisers and 4 destroyers was sighted 25 miles NNE of Cape Gloucester, course 300°.
- (6) Wewak - Photographs at noon 1/3 reveal -
1 minelayer (same as previously reported)
2 merchant vessels (400 tons each)
57 landing barges.
Supplies are visible piled on the wharf. The aerodrome was not visible.
- (7) Mubo - Patrols report 28/2 that there are no Japanese in the Waipali - Guadagasal Saddle area nor on the ridge running south to the Saddle. It appears that they have withdrawn N.W. towards Mubo.
a.m. 1/3 tracks in the Guadagasal Saddle - Mubo area and to Salamaua were bombed and strafed by 3 Bostons.
- (8) Morobe - A patrol reports that four large enemy barges were smashed in the Waria River Mouth area p.m. 1/3.

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4 submarines on patrol.

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"BURWAH"

Merauke - Warships & Aux. - "WARREGO"
Merchant Vessels: "KHOEN HOEA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Soemba - Reconnaissance p.m. 1/3 sighted -
1 small destroyer
1 merchant vessel (8-10,000 tons)
1 merchant ship (6-8,000 tons)
Bombs were dropped but nil hits claimed.
- (2) Darwin - The report of a possible enemy aircraft over the
Cape Fourcroy area has now been discounted.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN GALEN" "TRINITY"
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Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "LARK" "CHILDS" "WHIPPOORWILL"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

A possible enemy submarine was located at 1625/1 approximately
20 miles W.N.W. Fremantle.

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/2:

- (1) "STUART" escorting "BANTAM" "BISHOPDALE" to Sydney.
(2) "COLAC" escorting H.T. "KATOOMBA" departed Caloundra 2305/28
for Sydney ETA 1300/2.
(3) "KYBRA" departed Melbourne 1559/1 for Sydney ETA 2300/4.
(4) "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting Convoy OC75 departed Port Phillip
2333/1 to RV in Wilson's Promontory area with
"ROCKHAMPTON" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting
Convoy CO75.
(5) "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy OC74 was due Newcastle.
(6) "AUSTRALIA" "HELM" "HENLEY" "BAGLEY" departed Sydney 1039/1.
At 1300/2 when in vicinity Cape Moreton "HELM"
"HENLEY" to be detached and proceed Melbourne.
"AUSTRALIA" "BAGLEY" to anchor off Brisbane 1600/2.
(7) "WAGGA" escorting "SUMNER" en route Sydney to Brisbane
ETA 1700/2.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "VAN HEEMSKERK" "LE TRIOMPHANT"
"SHEPPARTON" "MILDURA" "YANDRA" "BUNDABERG"
"MORESBY" "BUNBURY" "DELORAINÉ" "BUNGAREE"
YDG.2
(Repairing) "NEW ORLEANS" "ALHENA"
(In Reserve) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TJERK HIDDÉS"
"SPRINGDALE" "DOOMBA" "OTUS"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "YANDRA" to sail for Newcastle as convenient to pick up
Convoy CO76 off Nobby's Head at 0700/3. "BUNDABERG"
to sail from Sydney 1400/3 with Sydney section to
join main convoy.
(2) "MILDURA" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy GP37 to depart Sydney
1000/3.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - BALLARD (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) NASHVILLE HONOLULU HELENA
ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO (CL) LAMSON SMITH MEADE LA VALETTE
GRIDLEY CHEVALIER JENKINS TAYLOR STRONG FARENHOLT
MORRIS ANDERSON RUSSELL ELLETT (DD) CURTISS MACKINAC
TANGIER WRIGHT (CVS) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR)
BREESE (DM) ALCHIBA ALDEBARAN CARINA (AK) ARCTIC (AF)
GEORGE CLYMER (AP) NEOSHO WHIPSTOCK PATUXENT (AO)
NAVAJO (AT) VIREO SKYLARK (AM) YP.290 YP.516 YP.517
YP.518
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA (BB) SARATOGA (CV)
SAN JUAN (CL) MURPHY READ DUNLAP BALCH FANNING CUMMINGS
PERKINS (DD) MONTGOMERY (DM) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS)
LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) TALAMANCA (AP) NEVILLE MERCURY
FOMALHAUT ALGORAB ARIDED CASTOR (AK) TRYON (APH)
SONOMA (AT) SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) ADROIT KINGFISHER (AM)
ARD.2 YP.239 YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48
- (4) At Suva - POCOMOKE (CVS) CATALPA ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (5) At Nandi - MAHAN LANG (DD) KANKAKEE (AO)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN)
WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA TUI (A/S Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR)
MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO) STRATFORD (AP)
PATHFINDER (AG)
- (7) At Vila - NEW MEXICO MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) SANGAMON
CHENANGO (ACV) GANSEVOORT FRAZIER AARON WARD EDWARDS (DD)
TRACY (DM) JOHN PENN H.T. ALLEN (AP) LIBRA (AK) THORNTON (AVD)
LACKAWANNA NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER PC.476 PC.477
PC.479 KITTYHAWK (APV)
- (8) At Auckland - LEANDER (CL) EBONY (YN) ANTARES (AK) MOUNT VERNON (AP)
SOLACE (AH)
Refitting - ACHILLES (CL)
- (9) At Wellington - GRAYSON (DD) SHELDRAKE (AM) PRES. JACKSON
PRES. ADAMS PRES. HAYES CRESCENT CITY (AP)
- (10) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (Sloop)

C. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

"KANIMBLA" due Fremantle 0600/6 after escort duty.

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

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III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A.
particularly Central and Northern Solomons -
North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New
Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Possible offensive against eastern New Guinea
area.
- (3) Possible attempt to occupy Merauke.
- (4) Increased offensive submarine activity.


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2/3/43

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA	NEW ORLEANS
6" Cruisers	HOBART PHOENIX ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK	
Armed Merchant Cruisers		MANOCRA) WESTRALIA) On Reserve
Destroyers	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT SELFRIDGE HELM HENLEY PATTERSON RALPH TALBOT BAGLEY MUGFORD STUART VENDETTA TJERK HIDDIES	
Submarines	GATO) GROWLER) GUARDFISH) At Brisbane NAUTILUS) TUNA) ALBACORE) ANBERJACK) GRAMPUS) GRAYBACK) On Patrol GREENLING) GROUPEE) SNAPPER) TRITON) K.9) At Sydney	
Submarine Tender	FULTON	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboats	TULSA HILO	
Oilers	AASE MAERSK BISHOPDALE KURUMBA VICTORIA	

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

CinC Combined Fleet		
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)		
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)		
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)		
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)		
3-4 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO MUSASHI MUTSU NEGATO	
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	ZUIKAKU	
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)	ZUIHO	
2 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	UNYO	OTAKA

6 heavy cruisers (CA)	ATAGO	MOGAMI (bel.sunk 14/11)
	TAKAO	MYOKO) poss. sunk
	NACHI	SUZUYA) 13-14/11
	HAGURO	
	KUMANO	
	AOBA	
6 light cruisers (CL)	ISUZU	
	KA TORI	
	KASHIMA	
	NAGARA	
	OI	
	KITAGAMI	
5-6 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)		
Approx 27 Submarines (SS)		
Approx 40 Destroyers (DD)		
2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)	CHIHOSE	
	AKITSUSHIMA	
5-6 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)		
Several Submarine Tenders		
Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)		
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft		
Approx 377 shore-based aircraft incl. 177 F, 118 B, 22 F/B, 42 F/P,		
18 Obsn. or transport aircraft.		

2. WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

Flotilla Leader	TROMP	
Armed Merchant Cruiser	KAN INBLA	
Destroyers	VAN GALEN	
S/P Tenders	HERON	
	W. B. PRESTON	
	CHILDS	
Submarine Tender	PELIAS	
Submarines	TAMBOR)
	TAUTOG)
	THRESHER	) On Patrol
	GAR)
	K.12)
	GRAYLING)
	GRENADIER	) At Fremantle
	GUDGEON)
	TROUT)

EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

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

1 heavy cruiser (CA)	ASHIGARA	
3 light cruisers (CL)	KASHII	WATOH (damaged 21/1)
	KUMA	
Approx 16 Destroyers (DD)		
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)		
1 Seaplane Carrier (CVS)		NOTORO
Approx 213 shore-based aircraft incl. 98 F, 72 B, 3 F/B, 24 F/P,		
16 transport aircraft.		

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battle ships	INDIANA WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA MARYLAND COLORADO NEW MEXICO	
Aircraft Carriers	ENTERPRISE SARATOGA	
Auxiliary A/C Carriers	CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE	
8" Cruisers	LOUISVILLE WICHITA	
6" Cruisers	HELENA HONOLULU ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER LEANDER	ACHILLES
5" Cruisers	SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	
Destroyers	50 (approx)	

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA	WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE
Converted A/C Carrier Auxiliary A/C Carriers	LONG ISLAND NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	
8" Cruisers	PORTLAND MINNEAPOLIS	SALT LAKE CITY SAN FRANCISCO PENSACOLA

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

CinC 1st Fleet 6-7 Battle ships (BB)	ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA HARUNA KONGO	
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)		SHOKAKU
2 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	HAYATAKA HITAKA	
1 Auxiliary A/C Carrier (ACV)	CHUYO	
3 Heavy Cruisers (CA)	TONE TIKUMA CHOKAI	
2 light cruisers (CL)	ABUKUMA SENDAI	
1 Armed Merchant Cruiser (XCL)		
2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)	NISSHIN KAI OI	
1-2 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)		
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)		
Approx 30 Destroyers & Gunboats (DD & PG)		
Approx 27 Submarines (SS)		

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser
6" Cruisers
10 Destroyers
10 Submarines

INDIANAPOLIS
DETROIT
RALEIGH

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

CinC 5th Fleet
2 light cruifers (CL)
2-3 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)
Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

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E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships
Aircraft Carrier
Seaplane Carrier
8" Cruisers
7.5" Cruisers
6" Cruisers

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
* RAMILLIES
REVENGE
* ROYAL SOVEREIGN
* ILLUSTRIOUS
ALBATROSS
DEVONSHIRE
* GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
HAWKINS
FROBISHER
MAURTIUS * G I A S G O W
GAMBIA * EMERALD
BIRMINGHAM * D A N A E
ENTERPRISE DURBAN
LIVERPOOL CERES
ARETHUSA CARADOC
DAUNTLESS
* DRAGON
CAPETOWN
* CALEDON
* SUMATRA (Dutch)
ALAU N I A
CARTHAGE
* CORFU
CHITRA
RAN PURA
RANCHI
WORCESTERSHIRE
* CARLISLE

Armed Merchant Cruisers

A.A. Ship
Approx 27 Destroyers
Approx 9 Submarines

~~***~~ * Note: No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

3rd March, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/3:

- (1) "WARRAMUNGA" escorting "PAINE WINGATE" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "YARRA" departed Milne Bay 1811/1 for Port Moresby, was due 0600/3.
- (2) "WHYALLA" on survey duty.
- (3) "ECHUCA" escorting Convoy NT4 ("MANGOLA" "ADMIRAL CHASE" "BOTH") en route from Port Moresby. After proceeding through Grafton Passage "BOTH" to proceed independently to Townsville. "ECHUCA" to escort "MANGOLA" "ADMIRAL CHASE" to Cairns.
- (4) "KALGOORLIE" departed Thursday Island 0730/28 for Maryborough ETA 0830/5.
- (5) "VENDETTA" escorting Convoy TS18 ("KURUMBA" "AASE MAERSK") was to depart Townsville 0700/3 southbound. "GOULBURN" escorting "TAROONA" departed Brisbane 2115/2 northbound. On meeting, "VENDETTA" to leave Convoy TS18 and escort "TAROONA" to Townsville; "GOULBURN" to escort Convoy TS18 to Brisbane.
- (6) "SC.744" departed Cairns 1035/27 for Brisbane for repairs, was due 1200/3.
- (7) "SWAN" "KATOOMBA" escorting Convoy TN44 ("PORTMAR" "STAGEN" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK" "TIME") were to depart Townsville 1200/4 for Port Moresby ETA 1600/7.
- (8) "AUSTRALIA" "BAGLEY" were to depart Brisbane 0700/3 for Dunk Island ETA 1200/5.
- (9) "PHOENIX" "PATTERSON" "MUGFORD" departed Brisbane 1417/2 for Dunk Island.
- (10) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "BENDIGO"
	Merchant Vessels: "BONTEKOE"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "GLENELG" "BALLARAT" "KAPUNDA"
	"HILO" 16 PT's
	Merchant Vessels: "MASAYA" "BAN HONG LIONG"
	"VAN HEEMSKERK" "KARSIK" "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER"
	"JASON LEE" "S. JACOB" "YOCROW"
	Small Craft - Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "ARUNTA"
	Merchant Vessels: "DUNTROON" "CHARON"
	Small Craft - Approx 20
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" "PIRIE" "BOWEN" "TULSA"
	"PLATYPUS" 11 PT's (2 refitting)
Challenger Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "SELFRIDGE" "RALPH"
	"TALBOT" "VICTORIA"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "BROOME" "MERKUR" "YUNNAN" (A.S.I.S.)
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "FULTON" "GEEELONG" SC.746 SC.748
	"POYANG" (A.S.I.S.) "WAGGA" "SUMNER" YP.233
	YP.236 YP.291 YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50
	"MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship) "FREDERICK FUNSTON" (AP)
(Repairing)	"LITHGOW" "GYMPIE"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "BALLARAT" escorting "VAN HEEMSKERK" to depart Milne Bay 1300/3 for Oro Bay.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Buka - 3 bombers, 5 fighters were sighted on the aerodrome 0830/1.
- (2) Bougainville Island - 1 light cruiser was sighted p.m. 2/3 E. of Kieta Peninsula course SE. On the approach of the aircraft the course was changed to 315°.
- (3) Buin - 7 vessels reported a.m. 2/3.
- (4) Munda - 17 Dauntless escorted by Wildcats attacked Munda 1715/1. Fires started and heavy explosions observed. Hudson attacked early hours 2/3. Results not observed.
- (5) Wide Bay - A Liberator destroyed a small vessel at a jetty off Brown Island 1100/2.
- (6) North New Guinea Coast - The convoy of 14 vessels, apparently comprising 7 warships and 7 merchant vessels which was sighted at 0825/2, 25 miles NNE Cape Gloucester was successfully attacked by three forces of Fortresses and Liberators off Cape Gloucester during the morning. ^(RESULTS NOT YET ASSESSED) A covering force of 30 to 40 enemy fighters unsuccessfully intercepted the attacking aircraft. At 1600/2, the convoy, then reported to comprise 15 vessels was sighted 70 miles WNW of Cape Gloucester course 280°. This indicates that the convoy was apparently joined by several additional units in the area to the north of Rooke Is. following the morning air attack. Later sightings before dusk indicate that the convoy then headed towards Vitiaz Strait with two of the warships preceding the then 13 vessels. At dawn this morning a minimum of 10 vessels were sighted 65 miles E. of Lae, and at 0835 6 ships were reported 38 miles E. of Salamaua apparently heading towards Lae.
- (7) Lae - A reconnaissance Fortress reported sighting a cargo vessel described as of 6-7000 tons off Hamisch Harbour (35 miles E. of Lae) course west at 0730/2.
- (8) Wewak - Reconnaissance 1/3 reported that the aircraft located on the aerodrome 28/2 were not visible. On 28/2, 5 bombers, 21 fighters were photographed.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/3:

4 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL" "WILCANNIA"
"CASTLEMAINE"
Merchant Vessels: "ALAGNA" "BABINDA" "WANAKA"
"BURWAH"
Merauke - Warships & Aux. - "WARREGO"
Merchant Ships - "KHOEN HOEA"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Soembawa Is. - Photos 1/3 reveal a well surface runway 1100 yards long. Visual recce also reported intensive cultivation and two large radio towers at Bima.
- (2) Soemba Is. - Reconnaissance 1/3 revealed 5 bombers on the aerodrome at Waingapoe.
- (3) Darwin - 12 fighters and 3 unidentified aircraft attacked Coomallie Strip early afternoon 2/3. A recce aircraft was over Darwin an hour later.
- (4) Roper River - An unidentified aircraft was sighted near the mouth of the Roper River 1107/2.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/3:

- (1) "TRINITY" departed Fremantle 1200/1 for Bahrein ETA 26/3;
"HORSHAM" returning to Fremantle after having
provided local A/S escort.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN GALEN" "DUBBO"
"GOLDSTAR" "PELIAS" "W.B. PRESTON"
"ISABEL" "WALLAROO"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "LARK" "CHILDS" "WHIPPOORWILL"

(1i) Enemy Forces

Fremantle - The report of a possible submarine in the Fremantle
area 1/3 is now discounted.

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/3:

- (1) "STUART" escorting "BANTAM" "BISHOPDALE" to Sydney.
(2) "HELM" en route Cape Moreton to Melbourne. "HENLEY" en route
Sydney to escort "JAMES O'HARA" to Brisbane.
(Note: "JAMES O'HARA" was to RV with "PATTERSON"
which was to escort her to Brisbane.
"JAMES O'HARA" failed to RV and arrived
Sydney.)
(3) "MUSTIN" "HUGHES" en route Noumea to Sydney ETA 4/3.
(4) "YANDRA" was to pick up Convoy C076 off Nobby's Head at 0700/3.
"TOWNSVILLE" to sail from Sydney 1400/3 with Sydney
section to join main convoy. "COLAC" to sail from
Sydney to Melbourne providing additional escort for
Convoy C076.
(5) "KYBRA" departed Melbourne 1559/1 for Sydney ETA 2300/4.
(6) "ROCKHAMPTON" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy OC75.
(7) "MILDURA" "BUNDABERG" escorting Convoy GP37 were to depart
Sydney 1000/3 ETA Caloundra 0300/6.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "VAN HEEMSKERK" "LE TRIOMPHANT"
"SHEPPARTON" "COLAC" "TOWNSVILLE" "MORESBY"
"BUNBURY" "DELORAIN" "BUNGAREE" Y DG.2
(Repairing) "NEW ORLEANS" "ALHENA"
(In Reserve) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TJERK HIDDIS"
"DOOMBA" "WARRNAMBOOL" "OTUS" "SPRINGDALE"

C. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - BALLARD (AVD)
(2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) NASHVILLE HELENA ST. LOUIS
SAN DIEGO (CL) LAMSON SMITH MEADE LA VALETTE GRIDLEY
CHEVALIER JENKINS TAYLOR STRONG FARENHOLT MAHAN
MORRIS ANDERSON HUSSELL ELLETT (DD) TRACY (DM) CURTISS
MACKINAC TANGIER WRIGHT (CVS) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE)
VESTAL (AR) BREESE (DM) ALCHIBA ALDEBARAN (AK) ARCTIC (AF)
PLATTE WHIPSTOCK PATUXENT (AO) NAWAJO (AT) VIREO
SKYLARK (AM) YP.290 YP.516 YP.517 YP.518

- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA (BB) SARATOGA (CV)
 SAN JUAN HONOLULU COLUMBIA (CL) MURPHY READ DUNLAP
 BALCH FANNING CUMMINGS PERKINS (DD) SUWANNEE (ACV)
 MONTGOMERY (DM) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE)
 WHITNEY (AD) TALAMANCA (AP) NEVILLE MERCURY FOMALHAUT
 ALGORAB ARIDED CASTOR (AK) TRYON (APH) SONOMA (AT)
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 MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO) STRATFORD (AP)
 PATHFINDER (AG)
- (7) At Vila - NEW MEXICO MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) SAN GAMON
 CHENANGO (ACV) GANSEVOORT AARON WARD (DD) H.T.ALLEN (AP)
 LIBRA (AK) THORNTON (AVD) LACKAWANNA NESCHES (AO)
 RIGEL (AR) ROAMER PC.476 PC.477 PC.479 KITTYHAWK (APV)
- (8) At Auckland - LEANDER (CL) EBONY (YN) ANTARES (AK) MOUNT VERNON (AP)
 SOLACE (AH)
 Refitting - ACHILLES (CL)
- (9) At Wellington - GRAYSON (DD) SHELDRAKE (AM) PRES. JACKSON
 PRES. ADAMS PRES. HAYES CRESCENT CITY (AP)
- (10) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (Sloop)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES:

Suva - An allied vessel was probably sunk by an enemy
 submarine 340 miles SW by S of Suva at 1700/1.

C. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

"KANIMBLA" due Fremantle 0600/6 after escort duty.

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

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III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W. P.A. particularly Central and Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
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- (4) Increased offensive submarine activity.

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3/3/43

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

W. H. F. ROSE
Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA	NEW ORLEANS
6" Cruisers	HOBART	
	PHOENIX	
	ADELAIDE	
	VAN HEEMSKERK	
Armed Merchant Cruisers		MANOORA) WESTRALIA) On Reserve
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA	
	WARRAMUNGA	
	LE TRIOMPHANT	
	SELF RIDGE	
Destroyers	HELM	
	HENLEY	
	PATTERSON	
	RALPH TABOT	
	BAGLEY	
	MUGFORD	
	STUART	
	VENDETTA	
	TJERK HIDDES	
Submarines	GATO)	
	GROWLER)	
	GUARD FISH)	At Brisbane
	NAUTILUS)	
	TUNA)	
	ALBACORE)	
	AMBERJACK)	
	GRAMPUS)	
	GRAYBACK)	On Patrol
	GREENLING)	
	GROUPEUR)	
	SHAPPER)	
	TRITON)	
	K.9	At Sydney
Submarine Tender	FULTON	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboats	TULSA	
	HILO	
Oilers	AASE MAERSK	
	BISHOPDALE	
	KURUMBA	
	VICTORIA	

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Truk-Jä uit-Bismarcks-Solomons)

CinC Combined Fleet	
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)	
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)	
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)	
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)	
3-4 Battle ships (BB)	YAMATO
	MUSASHI
	MUTSU
	NAGATO
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	ZUIKAKU
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)	ZUIHO
2 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	UNYO
	OTAKA

6 heavy cruisers (CA)	ATAGO TAKAO NACHI HAGURO KUMANO AOBA	MOGAMI (bel. sunk 14/11) MYOKO) poss. sunk SUZUYA) 13-14/11
6 light cruisers (CL)	ISUZU KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA OI KITAGAMI	
5-6 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)		
Approx 27 Submarines (SS)		
Approx 40 Destroyers (DD)		
2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA	
5-6 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)		
Several Submarine Tenders		
Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)		
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft		
Approx 377 shore-based aircraft incl. 177 F, 118 B, 22 F/B, 42 F/P, 18 Obsn. or transport aircraft.		

2. WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

Flotilla Leader	TROMP	
Armed Merchant Cruiser	KANIMBLA	
Destroyer	a VAN GALEN	
S/P Tenders	HERON	
	W.B. PRESTON	
	CHILDS	&
Submarine Tender	ELIAS	
Submarines	TAMBOR)	
	TAUTOG)	On Patrol
	THRESHER)	
	GAR)	
	K.12)	
	GRAYLING)	
	GRENADIER)	At Fremantle
	GUDGEON)	
	TROUT)	

EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

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

1 heavy cruiser (CA)	ASHIGARA	
3 light cruisers (CL)	KA SHII	NATORI (damaged 21/1)
	KUMA	

Approx 16 Destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane Carrier (CVS)

Approx 214 shore-based aircraft incl. 100 F, 71 B, 3 F/B, 24 F/P,
16 transport aircraft.

NOTORO

SOUTHERN
B. WESTERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	INDIANA WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA MARYLAND COLORADO NEW MEXICO	
Aircraft Carriers	ENTERPRISE SARATOGA	
Auxiliary A/C Carriers	CHEMANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE	
8" Cruisers	LOUISVILLE WICHITA	
6" Cruisers	HELENA HONOLULU ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER LEANDER	ACHILLES
5" Cruisers	SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	
Destroyers	50 (approx)	

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA	WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE
Converted A/C Carrier	LONG ISLAND	
Auxiliary A/C Carriers	NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	
8" Cruisers	PORTLAND MINNEAPOLIS	SALT LAKE CITY SAN FRANCISCO PENSACOLA

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

CinC 1st Fleet		
6-7 Battleships (BB)	ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA HARUNA KONGO	
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)		SHOKAKU
2 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	HAYATAKA HITAKA	
1 Auxiliary A/C Carrier (ACV)	CHUYO	
3 Heavy Cruisers (CA)	TONE TIKUMA CHOKAI	
2 light cruisers (CL)	ABUKUMA SENDAI	
1 Armed Merchant Cruiser (XCL)		
2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)	NISSHIN KAMOJ	
1-2 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)		
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)		
Approx 30 Destroyers & Gunboats (DD& PG)		
Approx 27 Submarines (SS)		

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser INDIANAPOLIS
6" Cruisers DETROIT
RALEIGH

10 Destroyers
10 Submarines

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

CinC 5th Fleet
2 light cruisers (CL) TAMA
KISO

2-3 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)
Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION

* RAMILLIES
REVENGE
* ROYAL SOVEREIGN

Aircraft Carrier
Seaplane Carrier

* ILLUSTRIOUS
ALBATROSS
DEVONSHIRE

8" Cruisers

* GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)

7.5" Cruisers

HAWKINS
FROBISHER

6" Cruisers

MAURITIUS
GAMBIA

* GLASGOW
* EMERALD

BIRMINGHAM
ENTERPRISE

* DANAE
DURBAN

LIVERPOOL
ARETHUSA

CERES
CARADOC

DAUNTLESS

* DRAGON
CAPETOWN

* CALEDON
* SUMATRA (Dutch)

Armed Merchant Cruisers

ALAUNIA
CARTHAGE

* CORFU

CHITRAL

RANPURA

PANCHI

WORCESTERSHIRE

* CARLISIE

A.A. Ship

Approx 27 Destroyers

Approx 9 Submarines

* Note: No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

4th March, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/4:

- X (1) "AUSTRALIA" "BAGLEY" departed Brisbane 0700/3 for Dunk Is. ETA 1200/5.
- X (2) "PHOENIX" "PATTERSON" "MUGFORD" were due Dunk Is. 0915/4 from Brisbane.
- X (3) Task Group 44.5 ("HOBART" "SELFIDGE" "RALPH TALBOT") were due Dunk Island 1200/4 from Palm Island. "VICTORIA" due Dunk Island 1400/4, "MERKUR" due Dunk Island 1500/4.
- (4) "WHYALLA" on survey duty.
- (5) "NOORA" dep. Milne Bay 1258/3 for Porlock Harbour ETA 1200/4 and Oro Bay.
- (6) "BALLARAT" escorting "VAN HEEMSKERK" departed Milne Bay 1307/3 for Oro Bay ETA 1800/4.
- (7) "KAPUNDA" escorting "MULCIA" "MAIWARA" departed Milne Bay 0800/3 for Goodenough Island.
- (8) "WARRAMUNGA" escorting "DUNTRON" dep. Port Moresby 1855/3 for Townsville to Grafton Passage thence independently. "WARRAMUNGA" ETA 1500/5, "DUNTRON" ETA 2100/5.
- (9) "ARUNTA" dep. Port Moresby 1835/3 for Thursday Island ETA 1400/5.
- (10) "SWAN" "KATOOMBA" escorting Convoy TN44 ("PORTMAR" "STAGEN" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK" "TIME") were to depart Townsville 1200/4 for Port Moresby ETA 1600/7.
- (11) "ECHUCA" escorting Convoy NT4 ("MANGOLA" "ADMIRAL CHASE" "BOTH") en route from Port Moresby. After proceeding through Grafton Passage "BOTH" to proceed independently to Townsville ETA 0600/5. "ECHUCA" to escort "MANGOLA" "ADMIRAL CHASE" to Cairns ETA 1300/4.
- (12) "KALGOORLIE" departed Thursday Island 0730/28 for Maryborough ETA 0830/5.
- (13) "VENDETTA" escorting Convoy TS18 ("KURUMBA" "AASE MAERSK") dep. Townsville 0746/3 southbound. To RV with "GOULBURN" escorting "TAROONA" which departed Brisbane 2115/2 northbound. "VENDETTA" to escort "TAROONA" to Townsville "GOULBURN" to escort Convoy TS18 to Brisbane.
- (14) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. -	"BENDIGO"
	Merchant Vessels:	"BONTEKOE"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. -	"GLENELG" "HILO" 16 PT's
	Merchant Vessels:	"MASAYA" "BAN HONG LIONG"
		"KARSIK" "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER"
		"JASON LEE" "S. JACOB" "YOCROW"
	Small Craft	- Approx 50
Port Moresby	--Warships & Aux.	
	Merchant Vessels:	"DUNTRON" "CHARON" "PAINE WINGATE" "YARRA" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD"
	Small Craft	- Approx 20
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. -	"LATROBE" "PIRIE" "BOWEN" "TULSA"
		"PLATYPUS" "11 PT's (2 refitting)"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. -	"BROOME" "YUNNAN" (A.S.I.S.)
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. -	"FULTON" "GEELONG" SC.744
	SC.746 SC.748	"POYANG" (A.S.I.S.) "WAGGA"

Brisbane (Contd) - "SUMNER" YP.233 YP.236 YP.291 YMS.9
YMS.49 YMS.50 "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)
"FREDERICK FUNSTON" (AP)
(Repairing) - "LITHGOW" "GYMPIE" SC.744

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "PIRIE" "TULSA" to escort TN45 ("EMPIRE HAMBLE" towing 3 PT) from Cairns ETD 1500/4 to Milne Bay ETA 1300/7.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) New Georgia - At 0950/2, 6 fighters and one bomber patrolled over the Munda airfield and departed to the SW at 1045/2. At 1030/3, Munda airfield was attacked by 10 dive-bombers escorted by 16 fighters. 2 enemy aircraft were seen on the aerodrome. Vila Plantation was attacked before dawn 3/3 by two Liberators.
- (2) Shortlands - Before dawn 3/3 Kahili aerodrome was attacked by 4 Liberators and Ballale by 1 Liberator as alternative targets to shipping. Reconnaissance 1445/3 sighted 7 vessels as follows -
2 destroyers
1 corvette
4 cargo vessels
Photos 2/3 show one fighter on Ballale aerodrome and 11 floatplanes at the Faisi seaplane base.
- (3) Buka - Photos 2/3 reveal 7 bombers (4 probably damaged), 2 damaged fighters on the aerodrome.
- (4) Vitiaz Straits - The convoy approaching Lae through Vitiaz Straits was successfully attacked throughout 2-3/3 by our aircraft. As reported yesterday 3/3 the convoy originally consisted of 14 vessels (apparently 7 warships, 7 merchant vessels) and it appears that 5 or 6 additional units joined the convoy in the area N. of Rooke Is. a.m. 2/3. Cdr. Advanced Echelon 5th Air Force reports that at dark 3/3 the following vessels remained afloat about 40 miles off Lae -
3 destroyers
1 gunboat
2 cargo vessels
Both cargo ships were burning, one destroyer was stationary with an oil slick behind and another destroyer had a large hole in its side. None of the ships was making any headway.
- (5) Finschhafen - Fortresses attacking the Vitiaz Straits convoy a.m. 2/3 reported sighting 2 single engined aircraft on Finschhafen aerodrome. Finschhafen waterfront was bombed by a Liberator a.m. 2/3.
- (6) Lae - Several reports of enemy aircraft on or over Lae aerodrome 2/3 have been received. The latest at 1722/2 reported 13 aircraft on the aerodrome. Early a.m. 3/3 the aerodrome was bombed from a low level by 3 Bostons and at about noon 14 Kittyhawks covered by 9 Lightnings dive-bombed the waterfront and aerodrome. At least 9 Zero's were encountered by the Kittyhawks and 4 were destroyed and 3 probable.
- (7) Mubo - Contact was made with the enemy at Waipali 2-3/3.
- (8) Morobe Harbour - Aircraft reported 2 submarines 5 miles N. of Mambare River Mouth p.m. 3/3.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to EDO/4:

- (1) "WILCANNIA" escorting "ALAGNA" departed Darwin 1041/3 for Thursday Island ETA 1030/8.
(2) 4 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL" "CASTLEMAINE"
Merchant Vessels: "BABINDA" "ANAKA" "BURWAH"
Merauke - Warships & Aux. - "WARREGO"
Merchant Vessels: "KHOEN HOEA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Dobo - The township and other buildings in the vicinity of Dobo were bombed and strafed by 6 Hudsons at about 1000/3.
- (2) Roper River - The unidentified aircraft reported over the Roper River Mouth 1107/2 has been identified as friendly.
- (3) Darwin - Further to the reported attack on Coomallie Strip p.m. 2/3 it is now stated that the attacking aircraft comprised 12 Zero's and 3 torpedo bombers. Three enemy fighters were destroyed and three others damaged by our intercepting fighters.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "VAN GALEN" "DUBBO" "GOLDSTAR"
"PELIAS" "W.B. PRESTON" "ISABEL"
"WALLAROO"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "LARK" "CHILDS" "WHIPPOORWILL"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/4:

- (1) "BUNDABERG" "MILDURA" dep. Sydney 1045/3 escorting GP37 - 10 ships (incl. special ships "ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "HENRY D. THOREAU" "CARLISLE" "WEST CACTUS") of which one from Newcastle for Bowen, 3 from Sydney for Townsville and 4 from Sydney, 2 from Newcastle for Brisbane ETA Caloundra 0345/6.
- (2) "HENLEY" escorting "JAMES O'HARA" ~~was~~ was to clear Sydney Heads at 0630/4 for Brisbane.
- (3) "MUSTIN" "HUGHES" en route Noumea to Sydney ETA 4/3.
- (4) "HELM" en route Cape Moreton to Melbourne.
- (5) "YANDRA" "TOWNSVILLE" "COLAC" escorting Convoy C076 ("CARADALE" "CORIO") dep. Sydney 1607/3 for Melbourne.
- (6) "ROCKHAMPTON" "ABRAHAM CRYNSSEN" escorting Convoy OC75 for Port Kembla, Sydney and Newcastle.
- (7) "WESTPOINT" was due Melbourne 1200/4 from Wellington.
- (8) "KYBRA" departed Melbourne 1559/1 for Sydney ETA 2300/4.
- (9) "ADELAIDE" escorting "OTUS" was to depart Melbourne 1145/4 for Fremantle.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "VAN HEEMSKERK" "LE TRIOMPHANT"
"STUART" "SHEPPARTON" "MORESBY" "BUNBURY"
"DELORAIN" "BUNGAREE" YDG.2
(Repairing) "NEW ORLEANS" "ALHENA"
(In Reserve) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - ~~ARRK~~ "TJERK HIDDIS" "DOOMBA"
"WARRNAMBOOL" "SPRINGDALE"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - BALLARD (AVD)
(2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) SAN DIEGO (CL) LAMSON SMITH
MEADE LA VALETTE GRIDLEY TAYLOR FARENHOLT MAHAN
LANDSDOWNE AULICK ANDERSON ELLETT (DD) TRACY (DM)
CURTISS MACKINAC TANGIER WRIGHT (CVS) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE)
ATHENE (AO) VESTAL (AR) BREESE (DM) ALCHIBA ALDEBARAN (AK)
ARCTIC (AF) PLATTE WHIPSTOCK PATUXENT (AO) NAVAJO (AT)
SKYLARK (AM) YP.290 YP.516 YP.517 YP.518
X (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS (BB)
SARATOGA (CV) HELENA SAN JUAN COLUMBIA (CL) MURPHY READ
DUNLAP PHILIP EATON RENSHAW FANNING CUMMINGS PERKINS (DD)
SUWANNEE (ACV) MONTGOMERY (DM) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS)
WHITNEY (AD) TALAMANCA (AP) NEVILLE MERCURY FOMALHAUT
ALGORAB ARIDED CASTOR (AK) TRYON (APH) SONOMA (AT)
SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) ADROIT KINGFISHER (AM) ARD.2
YP.239 YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48
(4) At Suva - POCOMOKE (CVS) CATALPA ROSEWOOD (YN)
(5) At Nandi - LANG (DD) KANKAKEE (AO)
(6) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) LOCUST
BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA TUI (A/S Vessels)
ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO)
STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AG) VIREO (AM)
(7) At Vila - NEW MEXICO MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) SANGAMON
CHENANGO (ACV) GANSEVOORT AARON WARD (DD) H.T.ALLEN (AP)
LIBRA (AK) THORNTON (AVD) LACKAWANNA NESCHES (AO)
RIGEL (AR) ROAMER PC.476 PC.477 EC.479 KITTYHAWK (APV)
(8) At Auckland - LEANDER (CL) EBONY (YN) ANTARES (AK) MOUNT VERNON (AP)
SOLACE (AH)
Refitting - ACHILLES (CL)
(9) At Wellington - GRAYSON (DD) SHELDRAKE (AM) PRES. JACKSON
PRES. HAYES PRES. ADAMS CRESCENT CITY (AP)
(10) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (Sloop)

C. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) "KANIMBLA" due Fremantle 0600/6 after escort duty.
(2) "TRINITY" departed Fremantle 1200/1 for Bahrain ETA 26/3;
"HORSHAM" returning to Fremantle after having
provided local A/S escort.
(3) "QUEEN OF BERMUDA" escorting "MORMAC DOVE" dep. Fremantle
0400/3 for RV with HMS "WORCESTERSHIRE" at approx
1800/7. "TROMP" will conduct A/S patrol until
2200/4 and then return Fremantle.

II.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

Vitiaz Straits - The enemy convoy, consisting originally of
14 vessels (apparently 7 warships and 7 merchant ships)
which was probably joined by another 5 or 6 ships NW of
Rooke Is. p.m. 2/3 was very successfully attacked through-
out 2/3 and 3/3 by our aircraft. Results are not yet
fully assessed, but a tentative summary up to noon 2/3 is
set out hereunder of results of attacks by 25 Fortresses,
2 Liberators escorted by 16 Lightnings -

- 1 4-6000 ton cargo vessel sunk
- 1 4-6000 ton vessel received 2 direct hits and 2
near misses, considered sunk.
- 1 7-9000 ton transport received 5 direct hits with
1000-lb bombs, last seen listing, with bow awash
and in sinking condition.
- 1 500-1000 ton vessel set on fire and possibly sunk
- 1 destroyer damaged.

Preliminary estimates indicate that five enemy fighters were definitely shot down over the convoy by our attacking aircraft and another 8 probably.

III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central and Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Possible offensive against eastern New Guinea area.
- (3) Possible attempt to occupy Merauke.
- (4) Increased offensive submarine activity.

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

4/3/43

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

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

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

CinC Combined Fleet		
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)		
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)		
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)		
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)		
3-4 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO MUSASHI MUTSU NAGATO ZUIKAKU	
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	ZUIHO	
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)	UNYO	OTAKA
2 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)		

6 heavy cruisers (CA)

ATAGO
TAKAO
NACHI
HAGURO
KUMANO
AOBA
ISUZU
KATORI
KASHIMA
NAGARA
OI
KITAGAMI

MOGAMI (bel. sunk 14/11)
MYOKO) poss. sunk
SUZUYA) 13-14/11

6 light cruisers (CL)

5-6 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)

Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

Approx 40 Destroyers (DD)

2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)

CHITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA

5-6 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)

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

Approx 377 shore-based aircraft incl. 177 F, 118 B, 22 F/B, 42 F/P,
18 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

Flotilla Leader

Armed Merchant Cruiser

Destroyer

S/P Tenders

TROMP
KANIMBIA
VAN G ALEN
HERON
W.B. PRESTON
CHILDS

Submarine Tender

Submarines

PELIAS
TAMBOR)
TAUTOG) On Patrol
THRESHER)
GAR)
K.12)
GRAYLING)
GRENADIER) At Fremantle
GUDGEON)
TROUT)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

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

1 heavy cruiser (CA)

ASHIGARA

3 light cruisers (CL)

KASHII

NATORI (damaged 21/1)

KUMA

Approx 16 Destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane Carrier (CVS)

NOTORO

Approx 214 shore-based aircraft incl. 100 F, 71 B, 3 F/B, 24 F/P,
16 transport aircraft.

B. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
MASSACHUSETTS
MARYLAND
COLORADO

Aircraft Carriers

NEW MEXICO
ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

CHENANGO
SANGAMON
SUWANNEE

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE

6" Cruisers

WICHITA
HELENA
HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE
COLUMBIA
CLEVELAND
MONTPELLIER
DENVER

ACHILLES

5" Cruisers

LEANDER
SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN

Destroyers

50 (approx)

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

IDAHO
MISSISSIPPI
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA

WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carrier
Auxiliary A/C Carriers

LONG ISLAND
NASSAU
ALTAMAHA
COPAHEE

8" Cruisers

PORTLAND
MINNEAPOLIS

SALT LAKE CITY
SAN FRANCISCO
PENSACOLA

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

CinC 1st Fleet

6-7 Battleships (BB)

ISE
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA
HARUNA
KONGO

SHOKAKU

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)

2 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

HAYATAKA
HITAKA

1 Auxiliary A/C Carrier (ACV)

3 Heavy Cruisers (CA)

CHUYO
TONE
TIKUMA

2 light cruisers (CL)

CHOKAI
ABUKUMA
SENDAI

1 Armed Merchant Cruiser (XCL)

2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)

NISSHIN
KAMOI

1-2 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 30 Destroyers & Gunboats (DD & PG)

Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser	INDIANAPOLIS
6" Cruisers	DETROIT
	RALEIGH
10 Destroyers	
10 Submarines	

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

CinC 5th Fleet	
2 light cruisers (CL)	TAMA
	KISO
2-3 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)	
Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)	
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)	

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers	CONCORD
	TRENTON
	RICHMOND

INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

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

* Note: No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

5th March, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 12 00/5:

- (1) "AUSTRALIA" "BAGLEY" departed Brisbane 0700/3 for Dunk Is. was due 1200/5.
- (2) "BENDIGO" escorting "BONTEKOE" was due Port Moresby 1000/5 from Oro Bay.
- (3) "WHYALLA" "STELLA" on survey duty.
- (4) "KALGOORLIE" departed Thursday Island 0730/28 for Maryborough, was due 0830/5.
- (5) "WARRAMUNGA" escorting "DUNTROON" departed Port Moresby 1855/3. "DUNTROON" to proceed independently from Grafton Passage. "WARRAMUNGA" to proceed Townsville ETA 1500/5.
- (6) "GLENELG" escorting Convoy FC2 ("WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" "JASON LEE" for Port Moresby, "BAN HONG LIONG" for Cairns, "YOCHOW" for Townsville) was to depart Milne Bay 1200/5.
- (7) "WARREGO" departed Thursday Island 1154/4 for Townsville ETA 2100/6.
- (8) "GOULBURN" escorting Convoy TS18 ("KURUMBA" "AASE MAERSK") to Brisbane.
- (9) "HELENA" en route Noumea to Sydney ETA 1630/6. Escort to be provided.
- (10) YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 en route Noumea to Brisbane ETA 1800/6.
- (11) "LATROBE" departed Cairns 1650/4 for Thursday Island ETA 2000/6.
- (12) "SWAN" "KATOOMBA" escorting Convoy TN44 ("PORTMAR" "STAGEN" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK" "TIME") dep. Townsville 1200/4 for Port Moresby ETA 1600/7.
- (13) "PIRIE" "TULSA" escorting Convoy TN45 ("EMPIRE HAMBLE" escorting 3 PT's) dep. Cairns 1645/4 for Milne Bay ETA 1300/7.
- (14) "VENDETTA" escorting "TAROONA" to Townsville.
- (15) "GEELONG" "WAGGA" departed Caloundra 1751/4 to exercise with submarines to seaward of Cape Moreton.
- (16) 10 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "BALLARAT"
	Merchant Vessels: "VAN HEEMSKERK"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "KAPUNDA" "HILO" 16 PT's
	Merchant Vessels: "KARSIK" "S.JACOB"
	Small Craft - Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Merchant Vessels: "PAINE WINGATE" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD"
	Small Craft - Approx 20
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "ARUNTA"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA" "BOWEN" "PLATYPUS"
	8 PT's (2 refitting)
Dunk Island	- Warships & Aux. - "PHOENIX" "HOBART" "SELFRIDGE"
	"PATTERSON" "MUGFORD" "RALPH TALBOT" "VICTORIA"
	"MERKUR"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "BROOME" "YUNNAN" (A.S.I.S.)
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "FULTON" "GYMPIE" "LITHGOW"
	SC.746 SC.748 "POYANG" (A.S.I.S) "SUMNER"
	YP.233 YP.236 YP.291 YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50
	"MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship) "FRED.FUNSTON" (AP)
(Repairing)	"SC.744"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "SELFRIDGE" to RV with "W.A.HOLBROOK" in position 27°8'S, 157°20'E at 0600/7 and escort to Brisbane.
- (2) "GYMPIE" escorting "SWARTENHONDT" to depart Brisbane 2000/5 for Townsville.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Guadalcanal - 2 enemy bombers attacked Guadalcanal 2220-2305/3 causing neither damage or casualties.
- (2) Ysabel - 3 enemy launches were reported at Suavanu Plantation (Rekata Bay) at 1830/3.
- (3) New Georgia - At 2200/2 8 barges left Viru Harbour: 4 or 5 hours later 5 barges arrived and landed stores.
Munda airfield was attacked 0720/4 by 12 dive bombers escorted by 15 fighters. The location where enemy barges were reported at Viru Harbour was also strafed by the escorting fighters.
- (4) Shortlands - Kahili and Ballale were bombed before dawn 4/3 by 4 and 2 Liberators respectively.
Reconnaissance a.m. 4/3 sighted the following vessels in the Buin-Faisi area -
7 cargo vessels dispersed
2 destroyers of which one under way course 60°
Total 9
- (5) Solomons-Enemy Aircraft - Photos a.m. 3/3 show -
Kahili - 49 fighters, 4 bombers
Ballale - 3 fighters
Munda - 5 fighters, 3 bombers
Vila - Nil
Reconnaissance 4/3 reported:
Kahili - 23 fighters, 4 bombers
Faisi - 7 Float Zero's
Vila - Nil.
- (6) Kavieng - At about 1030/4 the following shipping was sighted in the area south of Kavieng -
(a) 1 destroyer)
1 minelayer or MV) 30 miles S.Kavieng course 300°
4 merchant vessels)
(2 of 10,000 tons, 2 of 6000 tons)
(b) 1 destroyer) in Gazelle Channel,
1 small cargo vessel) course 130°
Possibly another vessel on course 90° was seen in the same vicinity but the report has not been confirmed.
- (7) Gasmata - Reconnaissance 1033/4 sighted 4 Zero's taking off Gasmata runway and probably more ready to take off. Possibly a complete squadron of Zero's was on the aerodrome.
- (8) Huon Gulf - Latest reports indicate that practically the complete Japanese convoy of 20-22 vessels attempting to reinforce Lae was destroyed while the rest, severely damaged, probably sank. Reconnaissance and attacking aircraft yesterday 4/3 reported no ships in Lae, Salamaua, Finschhafen area with the exception of a few barges (see Naval Incidents).
- (9) Lae - Grounded aircraft on Malahang aerodrome were successfully bombed and strafed at about noon 4/3 by 11 Beaufighters and 12 Bostons with fighter cover of 12 Lightnings and 8 Kittyhawks.
- (10) Mubo - No further report yet received concerning contact with the enemy at Waipali.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/5:

- (1) "WILCANNIA" escorting "ALAGNA" departed Darwin 1041/3 for Thursday Island ETA 1030/8.
- (2) 4 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL" "CASTLEMAINE"
Merchant Vessels: "BABINDA" "WANAKA" "BURWAH"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Darwin - One enemy light bomber reconnoitred the Darwin area at about noon 4/3.
- (2) Tanimbar - Saumlaki township and Matkus Island were attacked 1030/4 by 3 Hudsons.
- (3) Kai - Toeal town area was attacked by 9 B.25's 1055-1105/3.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/5:

- (1) "PRESTON" departed Fremantle 1000/4 for Exmouth Gulf.
- (2) "TROMP" returning Fremantle after escort duty.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "VAN GALEN" "DUBBO" "GOLDSTAR"
"PELIAS" "ISABEL" "WALLAROO"
"HORSHAM"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "IARK" "CHILDS" "WHIPPOORWILL"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/5:

- (1) "BUNDABERG" "MILDURA" dep. Sydney 1045/3 escorting GP37 - 10 ships (incl. Special Ships "ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "HENRY D. THOREAU" "CARLISLE" "WEST CACTUS") of which one from Newcastle for Bowen, 3 from Sydney for Townsville and 4 from Sydney, 2 from Newcastle for Brisbane ETA Caloundra 0345/6.
- (2) "HELM" en route Cape Moreton to Melbourne.
- (3) "YANDRA" "COLAC" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy C076.
- (4) "ADELAIDE" escorting "OTUS" was to depart Melbourne 1145/4 for Fremantle ETA 1200/9.
- (5) "KYBRA" departed Melbourne 1559/1 for Sydney was due 2300/4.
- (6) "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Newcastle portion Convoy OC75 to Newcastle.

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(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "VAN HEEMSKERK" "LE TRIOMPHANT"
"HENLEY" "MUSTIN" "HUGHES" "STUART" "SHEPPARTON"
"MORESBY" "BUNBURY" "ROCKHAMPTON" "DELORAINÉ"
"BUNGAREE" YDG.2 "JAMES O'HARA"
(Repairing) "NEW ORLEANS" "ALHENA"
(In Reserve) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "TJERK HIDDEN" "DOOMBA"
"WARRNAMBOOL" "SPRINGDALE" "WEST POINT"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "BUNDABERG" "MILDURA" "LITHGOW" escorting Convoy PG37 (9 MV) to depart Caloundra 0900/6.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - BALLARD (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) SAN DIEGO (CL) LAMSON SMITH
MEADE LA VALETTE GRIDLEY TAYLOR FARENHOLT MAHAN
LANDSDOWNE AULICK ANDERSON ELLETT (DD) TRACY (DM)
CURTISS MACKINAC TANGIER WRIGHT (CVS) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE)
VESTAL (AR) BREESE (DM) ALCHIBA ALDEBARAN (AK) ARCTIC (AF)
NEOSHO ATHENE PLATTE WHIPSTOCK PATUXENT (AO) NAVAJO (AT)
SKYLARK (AM) YP.290 YP.516 YP.517 YP.518
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS (BB)
SARATOGA (CV) SAN JUAN COLUMBIA (CL) MURPHY READ DUNLAP
PHILIP EATON RENSHAW CUMMINGS PERKINS (DD) SUWANNEE (ACV)
JAMESTOWN (PG) MONTGOMERY (DM) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS)
WHITNEY (AD) TALAMANCA (AP) NEVILLE MERCURY FOMALHAUT
ALGORAB ARIDED CASTOR (AK) TRYON (APH) SONOMA PAWNEE (AT)
SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) ADROIT KINGFISH ER (AM) ARD.2
YP.239
- (4) At Suva - POCOMOKE (CVS) BALCH FANNING (DD) CATALPA ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (5) At Nandi - LANG (DD) KANKAKEE (AO)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN)
WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA TUI (A/S Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR)
MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO) STRATFORD (AP)
PATHFINDER (AG) VIREO (AM)
- (7) At Vila - NEW MEXICO MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) LOUISVILLE
WICHITA (CA) SANGAMON CHENANGO (ACV) FRAZIER EDWARDS
GANSEVOORT AARON WARD (DD) H.T.ALLEN (AP) LIBRA (AK)
THORNTON (AVD) LACKAWANNA NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER
PC.476 PC.477 PC.479 KITTYHAWK (APV)
- (8) At Auckland - LEANDER (CL) EBONY (YN) ANTARES (AK) MOUNT VERNON
(AP) SOLACE (AH)
Refitting - ACHILLES (CL)
- (9) At Wellington - GRAYSON (DD) SHELDRAKE (AM) PRES.JACKSON
PRES.HAYES PRES.ADAMS CRESCENT CITY (AP)
- (10) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (Sloop)

C. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) "KANIMBLA" due Fremantle 0600/6 after escort duty.

II.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

Huon Gulf - Final assessment of the results of the attempt by the Japanese to run a convoy to Lae is that none of the vessels reached their destination while one damaged destroyer may have escaped.

Apparently early a.m. 2/3 a convoy of 14 ships (prob. 7 destroyers, 7 cargo vessels) assembled in the Open Bay area N. of New Britain and using a fairly heavy weather front proceeded westward at 9-10 knots. As previously reported Fortresses and Liberators attacked the convoy, still consisting of 14 ships, in the area north of Cape Gloucester a.m. 2/3 when 2 ships (4-6000 tons) were sunk and another (7-9000 tons) left in a sinking condition plus two others damaged. At 1820/2 the convoy, reported to consist of 16 vessels including 6 destroyers and 10 cargo ships was again attacked by Fortresses NW of Cape Gloucester, one 5-6000 ton cargo ship was sunk and others damaged and set on fire. It is believed that 4 merchant ships totalling approx 20-25,000 tons were sunk on 2/3 while several others were damaged.

The convoy, probably 15 ships moving south through Vitiaz Strait was shadowed throughout the night 2-3 March by Catalinas, and attacked again in the morning when in the Huon Gulf heading towards Lae. At 1000/3, the main onslaught was launched and during the following half hour, 17 Fortresses, 20 B.25's with top cover of 16 Lightnings bombed ships in the convoy from medium height (3-10,000 ft) while 12 B.25's and 12 Bostons came down to mast-head height to inflict terrific damage. Out of 53 x 500-lb bombs dropped by these 24 aircraft, 26 direct hits were registered; many additional hits were scored by the other aircraft while during the same period 13 Beaufighters heavily strafed the ships.

The remnants of the convoy, probably 6 or 7 ships including 2 destroyers, were subjected to another co-ordinated attack by 13 Fortresses and 5 B.25's from medium height with Lightnings as top cover while 5 Bostons and another 7 B.25's attacked from minimum height.

At dusk 6 ships (2 burning cargo vessels and 4 damaged destroyers) were the only vessels to be seen in the area. At 1919/3, the reconnaissance aircraft watching any movements carefully could only find 1 cargo ship, still burning, and 1 destroyer.

The burning cargo vessel was located ^{and} sunk at 2327/3 by motor torpedo boats while the destroyer was finally sunk by B.25's p.m. 4/3.


Reconnaissance and strike aircraft on 4/3 searched from Cape Ward Hunt to Finschhafen and, apart from the destroyer located and sunk, the only surface craft reported were:-

- 30 or more life rafts or boats and much debris spread over 20 miles in the area E. and SE of Salamaua;
- 5 landing barges off Finschhafen which apparently made Tame Is. p.m. 4/2;
- 1 motor launch anchored on reef South of Umboi Is.
- Life boats off Cape Gloucester

Reports received to date confirm that at least 45 enemy fighters were shot down, plus 23 probably, during the attacks on the convoy, compared to our losses of one Fortress and three Lightnings.

III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions
S.W.P.A. particularly Central and
Northern Solomons - North coast New
Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea -
Timor/Aradura Sea Islands.
- (2) Possible attempt to occupy Merauke.
- (3) Increased offensive submarine activity.


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5/3/43

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA	NEW ORLEANS
6" Cruisers	HOBART PHOENIX ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK	
Armed Merchant Cruisers		MANOORA) WESTRALIA) On Reserve
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT SELFRIDGE	
Destroyers	HELM HENLEY PATTERSON RALPH TALBOT BAGLEY MUGFORD STUART VENDETTA TJERK HIDDUS GATO) GROWLER) At Brisbane GUARDFISH)	
Submarines	ALBACORE) AMBERJACK) GRAMPUS) GRAYBACK) GREENLING) On Patrol GROUPER) NAUTILUS) SNAPPER) TRITON) TUNA)	
Submarine Tender	K.9	At Sydney
Destroyer Tender	FULTON	
Gunboats	DOBBIN TULSA HILO	
Oilers	AASE MAERSK BISHOPDALE KURUMBA VICTORIA	

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

CinC Combined Fleet		
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)		
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)		
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)		
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)		
3-4 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO MUSASHI MUTSU NAGATO ZUIKAKU	
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	ZUIHO	
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)	UNYO	OTAKA
3 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	1 unknown	

6 heavy cruisers (CA)	ATAGO TAKAO NACHI HAGURO KUMANO AOBA	MOGAMI (bel. sunk 14/11) MYOKO) poss. sunk SUZUYA) 13-14/11
6 light cruisers (CL)	ISUZU KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA OI KITAGAMI	
5-6 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)		
Approx 27 Submarines (SS)		
Approx 40 Destroyers (DD)		
2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA	
5-6 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)		
Several Submarine Tenders		
Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)		
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft		
Approx 331 shore-based aircraft incl. 131 F, 118 B, 22 F/B, 42 F/P, 18 Obsn. or transport aircraft.		

WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces

Flotilla Leader	TROMP	
Armed Merchant Cruiser	KANIMBIA	
Destroyer	VAN GALEN	
S/P Tenders	HERON W.B. PRESTON CHILDS	
Submarine Tender	PELIAS	
Submarines	TAMBOR) TAUTOG) THRESHER) GAR) K.12) GRAYLING) GRENADIER) GUDGEON) TRO UT)	On Patrol At Frematle

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

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

1 heavy cruiser (CA)	ASHIGARA	
3 light cruisers (CL)	KASHII KUMA	NATORI (Damaged 21/1)

Approx 16 destroyers (DD)
Approx 7 submarines (SS)
1 Seaplane Carrier (CVS)

Approx 211 shore-based aircraft incl. 97 F, 71 B, 3 F/B, 24 F/P,
16 transport aircraft.

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B. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
MASSACHUSETTS
MARYLAND
COLORADO
NEW MEXICO

Aircraft Carriers

ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

CHENANGO
SANGAMON
SUWANNEE

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE
WICHITA

6" Cruisers

HELENA
HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE
COLUMBIA
CLEVELAND
MONTPELLIER
DENVER
LEANDER

ACHILLES

5" Cruisers

SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN

Destroyers

50 (approx)

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battle ships

IDAHO
MISSISSIPPI
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA

WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carrier
Auxiliary A.C Carriers

LONG ISLAND
NASSAU
ALTAMAHA
COPAHEE

8" Cruisers

PORTLAND
MINNEAPOLIS

SALT LAKE CITY
SAN FRANCISCO
PENSACOLA

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

CinC 1st Fleet

6-7 Battleships (BB)

ISE
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA
HARUNA
KONGO

SHOKAKU

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)

2 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

HAYATAKA
HITAKA

1 Auxiliary A/C Carrier (ACV)

3 Heavy Cruisers (CA)

CHUYO
TONE
TIKUMA
CHOKAI

2 light cruisers (CL)

ABUKUMA
SENDAI

1 Armed Merchant Cruiser (XCL)

2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)

NISSHIN
KAMO I

1-2 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 30 Destroyers & Gunboats (DD & PG)

Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

2^{1/2} Cruisers
6" Cruisers

INDIANAPOLIS
DETROIT
RALEIGH

10 Destroyers
10 Submarines

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

CinC 5th Fleet
2 light cruisers (CL)

TAMA
KISO

2-3 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)
Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
* RAMILLIES
REVENGE

Aircraft Carrier
Seaplane Carrier
8" Cruisers

* ROYAL SOVEREIGN
* ILLUSTRIOUS
ALBATROSS
DEVONSHIRE
* GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)

7.5" Cruisers

HAWKINS
PROBISHER

6" Cruisers

MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
BIRMINGHAM
ENTERPRISE
LIVERPOOL
ARETHUSA
DUNLEISS
* GLASGOW
* EMERALD
* DANAE
DURBAN
CERES
CARADOC

Armed Merchant Cruisers

* DRAGON
CAPE TOWN
* CALEDON
* SUMATRA (Dutch)
ALAUNIA
CARTHAGE
* CORFU
CHITRAL
RANPURA
RANCHI
WORCESTERSHIRE
* CARLISLE

A.A. Ship
Approx 27 Destroyers
Approx 9 Submarines

* Note: No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

6th March, 1943

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A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA.

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA.

(1) ALLIED FORCES.

(a) At Sea to 1200/6:

- (1) "WHYALLA" "STELLA" on survey duty.
- (2) "WILCANNIA" escorting "ALAGNA" departed Darwin 1041/3 for Thursday Island E.T.A. 1030/8.
- (3) "GLENELG" escorting CONVOY FC2 ("WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" "JASON LEE" "BAN HONG LIONG" "YOCROW" to R.V. with "BENDIGO" escorting "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" in position 9°37' S. 147°4' E. at 1400/6. "BENDIGO" to escort "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" "JASON LEE" to Port Moresby "GLENELG" to escort "YOCROW" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" to Townsville "BAN HONG LIONG" proceeding independently to Cairns from Grafton Passage
- (4) "WARREGO" departed Thursday Island 1154/4 for Townsville E.T.A. 2100/6.
- (5) "ARUNTA" departed Thursday Island 0753/5 for Cairns ETA 1800/6
- (6) YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 en route Noumea to Brisbane ETA 1800/6.
- (7) "LATROBE" departed Cairns 1650/4 for Thursday Island ETA 2000/6.
- (8) "PIRIE" "TULSA" escorting Convoy TN45 ("EMPIRE HAMBLE" escorting 3 PT's) dep. Cairns 1645/4 for Milne Bay ETA 1300/7.
- (9) "SWAN" "KATOOMBA" escorting Convoy TN 44 ("PORTMAR" "STAGEN" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK" "TIME") dep. Townsville 1200/4 for Port Moresby ETA 1600/7.
- (10) "VENDETTA" escorting Convoy TN46 ("TAROONA" "MAETSUYCKER") departed Townsville 2125/5 for Port Moresby ETA 1400/7.
- (11) "GOULBURN" proceeding to RV with U.S. Transport "CAPE FLATTERY" in position 159° E. and escort to Brisbane ETA. 8/3.
- (12) 10 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "BALLARAT"
	Merchant Vessels: "VAN HEEMSKERK"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. : "KAPUNDA" "HILO" 16 PT's
	Merchant vessels: "KARSIK" "S. JACOB"
	Small craft : Approx. 50
Port Moresby	- Merchant Vessels: "PAINE WINGATE" "BONTEKOE"
	Small Craft : Approx 20.
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. : "ECHUCA" "BOWEN" "PLATYPUS"
	8 PT's (2 refitting)
Dunk Island	- Warships & Aux. : "AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "HOBART"
	"SELFRIDGE" "PATTERSON" "MUGFORD" "RALPH TALBOT" "BAGLEY"
	"VICTORIA" "MERKUR".
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. : "BROOME" "WARRAMUNGA" "YUNNAN"
	(A.S.I.S.)
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux. : "KALGOORLIE"
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. : "FULTON" "LITHGOW" "GEE LONG"
	"WAGGA" SC.746. SC.748 "POYANG" (A.S.I.S.)
	"SUMNER" "AASE MAERSK" YP.233 YMS.9 YMS.49
	YMS.50 "MUNDA" (Hospital Ship) "FRED.
	FUNSTON" (AP)
(Repairing)	"SC.744)

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "KA PUNDA" escorting "KARSIK" to depart Milne Bay 1400/6 for Oro Bay ETA 1400/7
- (2) "GEELONG" escorting Convoy BT41 to depart Caloundra 1500/6 for Townsville
- (3) "SELFRIDGE" to RV with "W.A. HOLBROOK" in position 27°8' S. 157°20' E. at 0600/7 and escort to Brisbane.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) New Georgia - The 5 barges previously reported at Viru Harbour unloaded on the N. shore at about 1800/3 and departed to the North at 1830. The vicinity of activities was bombed early a.m. 5/3.
Before dawn 5/3 lights were seen off N.E. coast of Vella Lavella which appeared to come from four vessels moving slowly towards the North.
At about 2100/5 two warships, probably large destroyers, were seen by aircraft off W. coast of Vella Lavella course 110°, speed 30 knots. These are probably the units sighted leaving Buin earlier. (See next paragraph).
- (2) Shortlands - The air strike for shipping in the Shortlands area dawn 5/3 was unable to locate the target although five Liberators dropped flares illuminating the area from Kahili westwards to Moila Point. Two other Liberators bombed Ballale as an alternative target.
Reconnaissance a.m. 5/3 sighted the following shipping:-
2 probably large destroyers
7 cargo vessels
5 vessels

The two warships were underway and it was reported that at 1910, two probable large destroyers departed Faisi on a S. course at high speed.
- (3) Cape St. George - Reconnaissance at 1120/5 sighted one 3,000 ton cargo vessel 25 miles S. by E. of Cape St. George, course 12.
- (4) Gasmata - Photographs 4/3 and 5/3 of the aerodrome show work continuing on blast bays and dispersal lanes.
Reconnaissance aircraft sighted a possible submarine 30 miles W.S.W. of Gasmata, course 230 at 0825/5 and at 0920, sighted four submarines about 40 miles E. of Gasmata course 270.
It is possible these units are enroute to the scene of the Lae convoy disaster to effect rescue work.
- (4) Wewak - Reconnaissance at 1100/5 sighted in Wewak harbour one destroyer or minelayer, one medium cargo vessel. In addition nine aircraft were sighted on the aerodrome in approximately the same position as shown by the photographs previously. Photographs 5/3 show a new landing strip nearing completion, about 2 miles E. of Wewak.
- (5) Alexishafen - Photographs 5/3 show work continuing on a dispersal lane at the aerodrome
- (7) Lae - On 4/3 ground observers reported 31 ZEROS on Lae aerodrome and an unknown number on Malahang aerodrome. At daybreak and soon after 5/3, 5 Beaufighters shot up Malahang aerodrome while 9 Bostons attacked Lae aerodrome. Photographs p.m. 5/3 show 8 serviceable fighters on Lae aerodrome.
- (8) Morobe - At 0720/5 a large enemy submarine was sighted and attacked by P.T. boat 6 miles N.E. of Morobe Harbour.
Three boats with 200 Japanese were located in the vicinity of and all are thought to have been liquidated by the machine guns and depth charges.
- (9) Cape Ward Hunt Area - Numerous life boats, rafts and barges were located in the area E. of Cape Ward Hunt during 5/3 mostly filled with Japanese and supplies. All are believed to have been destroyed by air attacks.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/5:

- (1) 4 submarines on patrol.
- (2) "INVERELL" escorting "WANAKA" departed Darwin 1243/5 for Thursday Island

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE"
Merchant Vessels : "BABINDA" "BURWAH"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Timor-Tanimbar - Reconnaissance a.m. 5/3 sighted no shipping at Saumlaki nor at Koepang.

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/5:

- (1) "RESTON" departed Fremantle 1000/4 for Exmouth Gulf.
(2) "LARK" departed Exmouth Gulf 1500/4 for Fremantle ETA 1300/7
(3) "TROMP" returning Fremantle after escort duty.
(4) "KANIMBLA" was due Fremantle 0600/6 from escort duty.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. "VAN GALEN" "DUBBO" "GOLDSTAR"
"PELIAS" "ISABEL" "WALLAROO"
"HORSHAM"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. "CHILDS" "WHIPPOORWILL"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/5:

- (1) "BUNDABERG" "MILDURA" escorting Convoy PG37 (8 MV) departing Caloundra 6/3 for Newcastle and Sydney.
(2) "ROCKHAMPTON" was to depart Sydney so as to pick up Convoy C077 off Nobby's Head at 0900/6 "ABRAHAM CRYNSSSEN" to sail with Sydney section (including "BUNGAREE" at 1700/6 to join main convoy.
(3) "HENLEY" departed Sydney 1849/5 to RV with "HELENA" in position 33°59'S. 155° E. at 0600/6 and escort to Sydney ETA 1630/6
(4) "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting Convoy OC 76 was to depart Port Phillip 0100/6 to RV with "YANDRA" "TOWNSVILLE" "COLAC" escorting Convoy CO 76 in Wilsons Promontory area.
(5) "GYMPIE" was to RV with "Bundaberg" "Mildura" escorting Convoy GP37 at 0130/6 and provide additional escort ETA Caloundra 0900/6.
(6) "ADELAIDE" escorting "OTUS" departed Melbourne 1145/4 for Fremantle ETA 1200/9.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "VAN HEEMSKERK" "LE TROMPHANT"
"STUART" "SHEPPARTON" "ABRAHAM CRYNSSSEN"
"KYBRA" "MCRESBY" "BUNBURY" "DELORAINE"
"BUNGAREE" YDG.2 "JAMES O'HARA"
(Repairing) "NEW ORLEANS" "ALHENA" "MUSTIN" "HUGHES"
(In Reserve) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. "TJERK HIDDEN" "HELM" "SPRINGDALE" "WEST POINT".

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "WAGGA" escorting Convoy PG37A ("VIRGINIAN" "FRANCIS LEWIS" "KURUMBA") to depart Brisbane 1300/6 for Sydney.
(2) "WEST POINT" to depart Port Phillip 1500/6 for Bombay. "DOOMBA" was to depart Port Phillip 1200/6 to carry out A/S sweep ahead until dusk.
(3) "HELM" escorting "NIEUW AMSTERDAM" to depart Port Phillip 1600/6 for Wellington

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) North East Coast Australia - About midnight 4/3 there were indications of a submarine in the vicinity of position 180 miles N.E. of Cooktown. At 1923/5 an allied vessel obtained contact with the submarine approximately 93 miles N.E. of Brisbane but contact however was subsequently lost.
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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - BALLERD (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) SAN DIEGO (CL) LAMSON SMITH MEADE LA VALETTE TAYLOR FARENHOLT MAHAN LANDSDOWNE AULICK ANDERSON ELLETT (DD) TRACK (DM) CURTISS MACKINAC TANGIER DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) BREESE (DM) ALCHIBA ALDEBARAN (AK) ARCTIC (AF) NEOSHO ATHENE PLATTE WHIPSTOCK PATUXENT (AO) NAVAJO (AT) SKYLARK (AM) YP.290 YP.516 YP.517 YP.518.
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (CV) SAN JUAN COLUMBIA (CL) MURPHY READ DUNLAP CUMMINGS PERKINS (DD) JAMESTOWN (PG) MONTGOMERY (DM) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) WHITNEY (AD) TALAMANCA MAJABA (AP) NEVILLE MERCURY FOMALHAUT CELEMO ALGORAB ARIDED CASTOR (AK) TRYON (APH) SONOMA PAWNEE (AT) SUAMICO CIMARON (AO) ADROIT) KINGFISHER (AM) ARD.2 YP.239 KIWI (A/S)
- (4) At Suva - POCOMOKE (CVS) BALCH FANNING (DD) CATALPA ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (5) At Nandi - LANG (DD) KANKAKEE (AO)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLING (AM) LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA GALE TUI (A/S vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AG) VIREO (AM)
- (7) At Vila - NEW MEXICO MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) LOUISVILLE WICHITA (CA) SANGAMON CHENANGO (ACV) FRAZIER EDWARDS GANSEVOORT AARON WARD (DD) H.T. ALLEN (AP) LIBRA (AK) THORNTON (AVD) LACKAWANNA NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER PC.476 PC.477 PC.479 KITTYHAWK (APV)
- (8) At Auckland - LEANDER (CL) EBONY (YN) ANTARES (AK) MOUNT VERNON (AP) SOLACE (AH)
- (9) Refitting - ACHILLES (CL)
At Wellington - SHELDRAKE (AM) PRES. JACKSON PRES. HAYES PRES. ADAMS CRESCENT CITY (AP)
- (10) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (Sloop)

III. ENEMY PROBABLE NEXT MOVE.

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central and Northern Solomons - North Coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Possible attempt to occupy Merauke.
- (3) Increased Offensive submarine activity.

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6/3/43.

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

EASTERN SECTION

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA	NEW ORLEANS
6" Cruisers	HOBART	
	PHOENIX	
	ADELAIDE	
	VAN HEEMSKERK	
Armed Merchant Cruisers		MANOORA) WESTRALIA) On Reserve
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA	
	WARRAMUNGA	
	LE TRIOMPHANT	
	SELFRIDGE	
Destroyers	HELM	
	HENLEY	
	PATTERSON	
	RALPH TALBOT	
	BAGLEY	
	MUGFORD	
	STUART	
	VENDETTA	
Submarines	TJERK HIDDES	
	GATO)	
	GROWLER) At Brisbane	
	GUARDFISH)	
	ALBACORE)	
	AMBERJACK)	
	GRAMPUS)	
	GRAYBACK)	
	GREENLING)	
	GROUPEL) On Patrol	
	NAUTILUS)	
	SNAPPER)	
	TRITON)	
	TUNA)	
	K.9) At Sydney	
Submarine Tender	FULTON	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboats	TULSA	
	HILO	
Oilers	AASE MAERSK	
	BISHOPDALE	
	KURUMBA	
	VICTORIA	

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

CinC Combined Fleet		
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)		
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)		
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)		
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)		
3-4 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO	
	MUSASHI	
	MUTSU	
	NAGATO	
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	ZUIKAKU	
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)	ZUIHO	
3 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	UNYO	OTAKA
	1 unknown	

6 heavy cruisers (CA)

ATAGO
TAKAO
NACHI
HAGURO
KUMANO
AOBA
ISUZU
KATORI
KASHIMA
NAGARA
OI
KITAGAMI

MOGAMI (bel. sunk 14/11)
MYOKO) poss. sunk
SUZUYA) 13-14/11

6 light cruisers (CL)

5-6 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)

Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

Approx 40 Destroyers (DD)

2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)

CHITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA

5-6 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)

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

Approx 313 shore-based aircraft incl. 113 F, 118 B, 22 F/B, 42 F/P,
18 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

Flotilla Leader

Armed Merchant Cruiser

Destroyer

S/P Tenders

TROMP
KANIMBLA
VAN GALEN
HERON
W.B. PRESTON

Submarine Tender

Submarines

CHILDS
PELIAS
TAMBOR)
TAUPOG)
THRESHER) On Patrol
GAR)
K.12)
GRAYLING)
GRENADIER) At Fremantle
GUDGEON)
TROUT)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

C's in C last, 2nd and 3rd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)

ASHIGARA

3 light cruisers (CL)

KASHII

NATORI (damaged 21/1)

KUMA

Approx 16 destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane Carrier (CVS)

NOTORO

Approx 211 shore-based aircraft incl. 97 F, 71 B, 3 F/B, 24 F/P,
16 transport aircraft.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
MASSACHUSETTS

Aircraft Carriers

MARYLAND
COLORADO
NEW MEXICO
ENTERPRISE

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

SARATOGA
CHENANGO
SANGAMON
SUWANNEE

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE
WICHITA

6" Cruisers

HELENA *
HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE
COLUMBIA *
CLEVELAND
MONTPELLIER

ACHILLES #

5" Cruisers

DENVER
LEANDER
SAN DIEGO *
SAN JUAN *

Destroyers

50 (approx)

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

IDAHO
MISSISSIPPI
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA

WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carrier
Auxiliary A/C Carriers

LONG ISLAND
NASSAU
ALTAMAHA
COPAHEE

8" Cruisers

SALT LAKE CITY

MINNEAPOLIS
PORTLAND
SAN FRANCISCO
PENSACOLA

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

CinC 1st Fleet
6-7 Battleships (BB)

ISE
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA
HARUNA
KONGO

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)
2 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

HAYATAKA
HITAKA

SHOKAKU

1 Auxiliary A/C Carrier (ACV)
3 Heavy Cruisers (CA)

CHUYO
TONE

2 Light Cruisers (CL)

TIKUMA
CHOKAI
ABUKUMA
SENDAI

1 Armed Merchant Cruiser (XCL)
2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)

NISSHIN
KAMO I

1-2 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)
Approx 30 Destroyers & Gunboats (DD & PG)
Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces

8" Cruiser INDIANAPOLIS
6" Cruisers DETROIT
RALEIGH
10 Destroyers
10 Submarines

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

CinC 5th Fleet
2 light cruisers (CL) TAMA
KISO
2-3 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)
Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
* RAMILLIES
REVENGE
* ROYAL SOVEREIGN
* ILLUSTRIOUS
Aircraft Carrier ALBATROSS
Seaplane Carrier DEVONSHIRE
8" Cruisers * GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
7.5" Cruisers HAWKINS
FROBISHER
6" Cruisers MAURITIUS * GLASGOW
GAMBIA * EMERALD
BIRMINGHAM * DANAE
ENTERPRISE DURBAN
LIVER POOL CARADOC
ARETHUSA
CERES
DAUNTLESS
* DRAGON
CAPETOWN
* CALEDON
* SUMATRA (Dutch)
Armed Merchant Cruisers ALAUNIA
CARTHAGE
* CORFU
CHITRAL
RANPURA
RANCHI
WORCESTERSHIRE
* CARLISLE
A.A. Ship
Approx 27 Destroyers
Approx 9 Submarines

* Note: No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

7th March, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/7:

- (1) "BENDIGO" departed Port Moresby 1626/6 to RV with "S.JACOB" in position 10°24'S, 150°45'E at 1600/7 and escort to Oro Bay ETA 1400/8.
- (2) "KAPUNDA" escorting "KARSIK" departed Milne Bay 1310/6 for Oro Bay ETA 1400/7.
- (3) "LATROBE" which was due 1400/6 at Thursday Island was to depart Thursday Island 0800/7 escorting "DARVEL" for Darwin ETA 1630/10.
- (4) "WILCANNIA" escorting "ALAGNA" departed Darwin 1041/3 for Thursday Island ETA 1030/8.
- (5) "BALLARAT" escorting "VAN HEEMSKERK" was to depart Milne Bay 1455/6 for Townsville ETA 0700/10.
- (6) "GLENELG" escorting Convoy FC2 ("YOCROW" for Townsville, "BAN HONG LIONG" for Cairns).
- (7) "SELFBRIDGE" escorting "W.A.HOLBROOK" to Brisbane.
- (8) YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 due Brisbane 1400/6 from Noumea.
- (9) "PIRIE" "TULSA" escorting Convoy TN45 ("EMPIRE HAMBLE" escorting 3 PT's) dep. Cairns 1645/4 for Milne Bay ETA 1300/7.
- (10) "SWAN" "KATOOMBA" escorting Convoy TN44 ("PORTMAR" "STAGEN" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK" "TIME") dep. Townsville 1200/4 for Port Moresby ETA 1600/7.
- (11) "VENDETTA" escorting Convoy TN46 ("TAROONA" "MAETSUYCKER") departed Townsville 2125/5 for Port Moresby ETA 1400/7.
- (12) "GOULBURN" proceeding to RV with U.S. Transport "CAPE FLATTERY" and escort to Brisbane ETA 8/3.
- (13) "SUMNER" "SC.746" departed Brisbane 1610/6 for Townsville ETA 1115/9.
- (14) "GEELONG" escorting Convoy BT41 was to depart Caloundra 2330/6 for Townsville.
- (15) "LITHGOW" escorting Convoy BT42 ("CARLISLE" "WEST CACTUS" "KOOLIGA") was to depart Caloundra 2330/6.
- (16) "GYMPIE" escorting "SWARTENHONDT" departed Brisbane 1918/6 for Townsville ETA 1930/9.
- (17) 10 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux.	
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux.	- "WHYALLIA" "HILO" 16 PT's
	Small Craft	- Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Merchant Vessels:	"PAINE WINGATE" "BONTEKOE"
		"ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "JASON LEE" "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER"
	Small Craft	- Approx 20
Cairns	- Warships & Aux.	- "ARUNTA" "ECHUCA" "BOWEN"
		"PLATYPUS" 8 PT's (2 refitti
Dunk Island	- Warships & Aux.	- "AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "HOBART"
		"PATTERSON" "MUGFORD" "RALPH TALBOT" "BAGLEY"
		"VICTORIA" "MERKUR"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux.	- "WARRAMUNGA" "WARREGO" "BROOM"
		"YUNNAN" (A.S.I.S)
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux.	- "KALGOORLIE"
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux.	- "FULTON" "SC.748" "POYANG" (1
		"AASE MAERSK" YP.233 YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50
		"MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship) "FRED.FUNSTON" (1
(Repairing)		"SC.744"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Tulagi - During night 5-6/3 enemy aircraft raided Tulagi killing 2 and wounding 11.
- (2) New Georgia - Continued enemy barge activity is reported 5-6/3 thus:-
Japs and supplies landed from 2 barges Egelo (Rendova Is.) 5/3;
Barge hidden Joroveto (E.coast Vella Lavella) dawn 5/3;
Barge burnt Vella Gulf a.m. 5/3;
Barge located Lambu Lambu Cove (E.coast Vella Lavella) 6/3.
Munda airfield and Vila Plantation area were heavily bombarded by Soupac surface units and aircraft before and after dawn 6/3 resulting in large fires at Vila and absolute unserviceability of the Munda airfield.
The two warships, described as light cruisers reported yesterday 6/3 to be west of Vella Lavella proceeding SE, were intercepted by surface units after midnight 5-6/3 in Kula Gulf and sunk. (See Naval Incidents)
- (3) Shortlands - A special search 5/3 reported the following vessels in Buin - Faisi area -
2 large cruisers
6 cargo vessels (including 1 small)
8
Reconnaissance a.m. 6/3 sighted the following ships in the area -
2 destroyers
7 cargo vessels (1 large, 3 medium 3 small)
Total 9
Kahili and Ballale were heavily bombed by Liberators co-ordinated with the surface attack on Vila and Munda reported in previous Para.
- (4) Solomons Aircraft - Photos 5/3 show -
Kahili - 14 fighters, 2 bombers
Ballale - Nil.
Faisi - 5 Zero F/P, (coverage incomplete)
Munda - 2 fighters, 1 bomber
Vila - -
Buka - 3 fighters, 3 bombers
24 " 6 "
Photos 6/3 show -
Kahili 54 fighters, 2 bombers
Ballale 6 fighters
Faisi 9 Zero F/Ps
Munda 5 fighters, 2 bombers
Vila -
Buka 74 fighters 4 bombers
Buka apparently not covered.
- (5) Kieta - A cargo vessel was sighted at Kieta a.m. 6/3.
- (6) Lorengau - Reconnaissance at noon 6/3 reported 2 small 100 ft. vessels only, one in Lorengau Harbour and one off Manus Is. No aircraft were reported on the aerodrome.
Photos 6/3 show the runway as probably serviceable.
- (7) Mubo - Patrols contacted 3/3 an enemy force estimated to be at 40-50 between Guadagasal and the Saddle. Guadagasal - Mubo area was bombed and strafed p.m. 6/3.
- (8) Morobe - The Waria River Mouth area was bombed and strafed by Bostons a.m. 6/3.
- (9) Goodenough Island - Enemy aircraft, probably one medium bomber, dropped 6 bombs in the area off Vivigani (inland from east coast near Watutu Point) at 1030/5.
- (10) Solomon Sea - Aircraft reported three enemy submarines sighted shortly before or after noon 6/3 in the Gasmata - Cape Ward Hunt area.
- (11) Submarine Activity - Indications 5-6/3 show the following -
3 in Bismarck Sea (2 in the W. and 1 in the E. section)
4-5, all in W. Solomons Sea area
2 in the Milne Bay area and/or S. of Louisiade Archipelago.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/7:

- (1) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "BABINDA" dep. Darwin 0800/6 for Wyndham ETA p.m. 7/3.
- (2) "INVERELL" escorting "WANAKA" departed Darwin 1243/5 for Thursday Island.
- (3) 4 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Merchant Vessels: "BURWAH"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Darwin - An enemy reconnaissance aircraft was over the Darwin area a.m. 6/3.
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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/7:

- (1) "LARK" departed Exmouth Gulf 1500/4 for Fremantle ETA 1300/7.
- (2) "CHILDS" departed Exmouth Gulf 1655/6 for Fremantle.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "KANIMBLA" "VAN GALEN"
"DUBBO" "GOLDSTAR" "PELIAS" "ISABEL" "WALLARO"
"HORSHAM"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "PRESON" "WHIPPOORWILL"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/7:

- (1) "BUNDABERG" "MILDURA" escorting Convoy PG37 departed Caloundra 1225/6 for Newcastle ETA 2359/8 and Sydney ETA 0400/9.
- (2) "WAGGA" escorting Convoy PG37A ("VIRGINIAN" "FRANCIS LEWIS" "KURUMBA") was to depart Brisbane 1700/6 for Sydney.
- (3) "ROCKHAMPTON" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy C077 (including "BUNGAREE").
- (4) "LE TRIOMPHANT" "HENLEY" escorting "NEW ORLEANS" were to depart Sydney 0700/7. To provide escort for two days. On completion, "HENLEY" to proceed Brisbane; "LE TRIOMPHANT" to return Sydney. "NEW ORLEANS" en route U.S.
- (5) "HELM" escorting "NIEUW AMSTERDAM" departed Melbourne 1315/6. To RV with "GRAYSON" in position 39°34'S, 159°E at 0800/8. "GRAYSON" to escort "NIEUW AMSTERDAM" from this position to Wellington ETA 0700/10. After being relieved, "HELM" to proceed Palm Island ETA 0700/12.
- (6) "YANDRA" "TOWNSVILLE" "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting Convoy OC76 for Port Kembla, Sydney and Newcastle.
- (7) "STUART" escorting "JAMES O'HARA" was to depart Sydney 0930/7 for Brisbane.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "VAN HEEMSKERK" "SHEPPARTON"
"KYBRA" "MORESBY" "BUNBURY" "DELORAINÉ" YDG.2
(Repairing) "HELENA" "ALHENA" "MUSTIN" "HUGHES"
(In Reserve) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "TJERK HIDDES" "SPRINGDALE"
"DOOMBA" "COLAC"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - THORNTON (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) SAN DIEGO (CL) LAMSON SMITH
MEADE LA VALETTE TAYLOR FARENHOLT LANSDOWNE AULICK
ANDERSON ELLETT (DD) TRACK BREESE (DM) CURTISS
TANGIER (CVS) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) ALCHIBA
ALDEBARAN (AK) ARCTIC (AF) NEOSHO ATHENE PLATTE
WHIPSTOCK PATUXENT (AO) NAVAJO (AT) SKYLARK (AM) YP.290
YP.516 YP.517 YP.518
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS (BB)
SARATOGA (CV) SAN JUAN COLUMBIA (CL) MURPHY READ DUNLAP
CUMMINGS PERKINS (DD) JAMESTOWN (PG) MONTGOMERY (DM)
PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) WHITNEY (AD) TALAMANCA
MAJABA (AP) NEVILLE MERCURY FOMALHAUT ALGORAB ARIDED
CASTOR (AK) TRYON (APH) SONOMA PAWNEE (AT) SUAMICO
CIMARRON (AO) ADROIT KINGFISHER (AM) ARD.2 YP.239
KIWI (A/S Vessel)
- (4) At Suva - POCOMOKE (CVS) BALCH FANNING (DD) ROSEWOOD CATALPA (YN)
- (5) At Nandi - "LANG (DD) KANKAKEE (AO)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK VIREO (AM) LOCUST
BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA GALE TUI (A/S
Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO)
STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AG)
- (7) At Vila - NEW MEXICO MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) LOUISVILLE
WICHITA (CA) CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV) FRAZIER
EDWARDS GANSEVOORT AARON WARD RENSHAW EATON PHILIP (DD)
H.T.ALLEN (AP) LIBRA (AK) LACKAWANNA NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR)
ROAMER PC.476 PC.477 PC.479 KITTYHAWK (APV)
- (8) At Auckland - LEANDER (CL) EBONY (YN) ANTARES (AK) MOUNT VERNON (AP)
SOLACE (AH)
Refitting - ACHILLES (CL)
- (9) At Wellington - SHELDRAKE (AM) PRES.JACKSON PRES.HAYES
PRES.ADAMS CRESCENT CITY (AP)
- (10) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (Sloop)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Enemy high level bombers unsuccessfully attacked two allied vessels en route Guadalcanal to Noumea at noon 5/3.

II.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

Vila-Munda - Shortly after midnight 5-6/3, a Soupac Task Force en route to bombard enemy positions at Vila Plantation area and Munda airfield, intercepted and sank in Kula Gulf the two warships (light cruisers or more probably large destroyers of "TERUTSUKI" class) reported to have left Faisi at 1910/5 and sighted west of Vella Lavella course 110° at about 2100/5. One of the enemy warships was sunk within 3 minutes. The other was set on fire within 20 minutes and left in such a condition that it is believed to have sunk.

One group of the Task Force consisting of three "MONTPELLIER" class light cruisers with 3 destroyers proceeded to shell Vila airfield aided by a spotting Catalina. A large fire was started and guns were silenced. The other group, of 4 destroyers, shelled the Munda airfield.

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
	(i) <u>Allied Forces:</u>	
8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA NEW ORLEANS	
6" Cruisers	HOBART PHOENIX VAN HEEMSKERK	HELENA
Armed Merchant Cruisers		MAN OORA) WESTRALIA) On Reserve
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT SELFRIDGE	MUSTIN HUGHES
Destroyers	HELM HENLEY PATTERSON RALPH TALBOT BAGLEY MUGFORD STUART VENDETTA TJERK HIDDIS	
Submarines	GATO) GROWLER) At Brisbane GUARDFISH) AL BACORE) AMBERJACK) GRAMPUS) GRAYBACK) GREENLING) On Patrol GHOUPER) NAUTILUS) SNAPPER) TRITON) TUNA) K.9) At Sydney	
Submarine Tender	FULTON	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboats	TULSA HILO	
Oilers	AASE MAERSK BISHOPDALE KURUMBA VICTORIA	

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

CinC Combined Fleet		
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)		
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)		
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)		
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)		
3-4 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO MUSASHI MUTSU NAGATO	
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	ZUIKAKU	
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)	ZUIHO	
3 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	UNYO	OTAKA
	1 unknown	

6 heavy cruisers (CA)

ATAGO
TAKAO
NACHI
HAGURO
KUMANO
AOBA
ISUZU
KATORI
KASHIMA
NAGARA
OI
KITAGAMI

MOGAMI (Bel.sunk 14/11)
MYOKO) Poss. sunk
SUZUYA) 13-14/11

6 light cruisers (CL)

5-6 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)

Approx. 27 submarines (SS)

Approx 40 Destroyers (DD)

2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)

CHITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA

5-6 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)

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

Approx. 310 shore-based aircraft incl. 110 F, 118 B, 22 F/B, 42 F/P,
18 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser
Flotilla Leader
Armed Merchant Cruiser
Destroyer
S/P Tenders

ADELAIDE
TRO MP
KANIMBLA
VAN GALEN
HERON
S.B. PRESTON
CHILDS
PELIAS
TAMBOR)
TAUTOG) On Patrol
THRESHER)
GAR)
K.12)
GRAYLING)
GRENADIER) At Fremantle
GUDGEON)
TRO UT)

Submarine Tender
Submarines

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

C's in C last, 2nd and 3rd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)

ASHIGARA

3 light cruisers (CL)

KASHII

NATORI (damaged 21/1)

KUMA

Approx 16 destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane Carrier (CVS)

NOTORO

Approx. 211 shore-based aircraft incl. 97 F, 71 B, 3 F/B, 24 F/P,
16 transport aircraft.

6 heavy cruisers (CA)

ATAGO
TAKAO
NACHI
HAGURO
KUMANO
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WESTERN SECTION

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6" Cruiser
Flotilla Leader
Armed Merchant Cruiser
Destroyer
S/P Tenders

ADELAIDE
TROMP
KANIMBLA
VAN GALEN
HERON
S.B. PRESTON
CHILDS
PELIAS
TAMBOR)
TAUTOG) On Patrol
THRESHER)
GAR)
K.12)
GRAYLING)
GRENADIER) At Fremantle
GUDGEON)
TROUT)

Submarine Tender
Submarines

3 EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(1) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

C's in C last, 2nd and 3rd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)

ASHIGARA

3 light cruisers (CL)

KASHII

NATORI (damaged 21/1)

KUMA

Approx 18 destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane Carrier (CVS)

NOTORO

Approx. 211 shore-based aircraft incl. 97 F, 71 B, 3 F/B, 24 F/P,
16 transport aircraft.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(1) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
MASSACHUSETTS
MARYLAND
COLORADO
NEW MEXICO

Aircraft Carriers

ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

CHEMANGO
SANGAMON
SUWANNEE

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE
WICHITA

6" Cruisers

~~MISSOURI~~
HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE
COLUMBIA
CLEVELAND
MONTPELLIER
DENVER
LEANDER

ACHILLES

5" Cruisers

SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN

Destroyers

50 (approx)

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

(1) Allied Forces:

Battleships

IDAHO
MISSISSIPPI
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA

WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carrier
Auxiliary A/C Carriers

LONG ISLAND
NASSAU
ALTAMAHA
COPAHEE

8" Cruisers

SALT LAKE CITY

MINNEAPOLIS
PORTLAND
SAN FRANCISCO
PENSACOLA

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

CinC 1st Fleet
6-7 Battleships (BB)

ISE
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA
HARUNA
KONGO

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)
2 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

HAYATAKA
HITAKA
CHUYO
TONE
TIKUMA
CHOKAI
ABUKUMA
SENDAI

SHOKAKU

1 Auxiliary A/C Carrier (ACV)
3 Heavy Cruisers (CA)

2 Light Cruisers (CL)

1 Armed Merchant Cruiser (XCL)
2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)

NISSHIN
KAMO I

1-2 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)
Approx. 30 Destroyers and Gunboats (DD & PG)
Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruisers
6" Cruisers

INDIANAPOLIS
DETROIT
RALEIGH

10 Destroyers
10 Submarines

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

CinC 5th Fleet
2 light cruisers (CL)

TAMA
KISO

2-3 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)
Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION

Aircraft Carrier
Seaplane Carrier
8" Cruisers

* RAMILLIES
REVENGE
* ROYAL SOVEREIGN
* ILLUSTRIOUS
ALBATROSS
DEVONSHIRE
* GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)

7.5" Cruisers

HAWKINS
FROBISHER

6" Cruisers

MAURITIUS * GLASGOW
GAMBIA * EMERALD
BIRMINGHAM * DANAE
ENTERPRISE DURBAN
LIVERPOOL CARADOC

Armed Merchant Cruisers

ARETHUSA
CERES
DAUNTLESS
* DRAGON
CAPE TOWN
* CALEDON
* SUMATRA (Dutch)
ALAUNIA
CARTHAGE
* CORFU
CHITRAL
RAMPURA
RANCHI
WORCESTERSHIRE
* CARLISLE

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

* Note: No recent intelligence.
Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx. 3 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY8th March, 1943I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCESA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/8:

- (1) "BENDIGO" escorting "S. JACOB" to Oro Bay ETA 1400/8.
- (2) "LATROBE" escorting "DARVEL" departed Thursday Island 0932/7 for Darwin ETA 1630/10.
- (3) "INVERELL" escorting "WANAKA" dep. Darwin 1243/5 for Thursday Island.
- (4) "WILCANNIA" escorting "ALAGNA" departed Darwin 1041/3 for Thursday Is. was due 1030/8.
- (5) "BALLARAT" escorting "VAN HEEMSKERK" from Milne Bay to Grafton Passage. "BALLARAT" to proceed Cairns for boiler cleaning ETA p.m. 9/3. "VAN HEEMSKERK" to proceed independently to Townsville.
- (6) "GLENELG" escorting Convoy FC2 ("YOCHOW" for Townsville, "BAN HONG LIONG" for Cairns) to Grafton Passage ETA 1500/8. After clearing Grafton Passage "GLENELG" to proceed Cairns for boiler cleaning. Convoy to proceed independently.
- (7) "ARUNTA" was due Townsville 0700/8 from Cairns.
- (8) "MERKUR" was due Cairns a.m. 8/3 from Dunk Island.
- (9) "SELFRIE" escorting "W.A. HOLBROOK" to Brisbane.
- (10) "PATTERSON" (CTF44) to depart Dunk Island 2200/8. Due Lowry Passage p.m. 9/3.
- (11) "SUMNER" "SC. 746" departed Brisbane 1610/6 for Townsville ETA 1115/9.
- (12) "GOULBURN" proceeding to RV with U.S. Transport "CAPE FLATTERY" and escort to Brisbane.
- (13) "GEELONG" escorting Convoy BT41 ("HENRY DEARBORN" "DAVID BUSHNELL" "HENRY D. THOREAU" for Townsville) departed Caloundra 1133/7. "GEELONG" to part company at Whitsunday Passage.
- (14) "LITHGOW" escorting Convoy BT42 ("CARLISLE" "WEST ACTUS" for Townsville, "KOOLIGA" for Bowen) dep. Caloundra 1059/7. "LITHGOW" to part company at Whitsunday Passage.
- (15) "GYMPIE" escorting "SWARTENHONDT" departed Caloundra 1045/7. "GYMPIE" to part company at Whitsunday Passage.
- (16) 10 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "KAPUNDA"
	Merchant Vessels: "KARSIK"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "WHYALLA" "PIRIE" "TULSA"
	"HILO" 19 PT's
	Merchant Vessels: "EMPIRE HAMBLE"
	Small Craft - Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA" "SWAN" "KATOOMBA"
	Merchant Vessels: "PAINE WINGATE" "BONTEKOE"
	"JASON LEE" "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" "TIME"
	"STAGEN" "PORTMAR" "MAETSUYCKER" "TAROONA"
	"GENERAL VERSPIJCK"
	Small Craft - Approx 20
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA" "BOWEN" "PLATYPUS"
	8 PT's (2 refitting)
Dunk Island	- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "HOBART"
	"PATTERSON" "MUGFORD" "RALPH TALBOT" "BAGLEY"
	"VICTORIA"

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "WARRAMUNGA" "WARREGO" "BROOME"
 "YUNNAN" (A.S.I.S)
 Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "FULTON" "SC.748" "AASE MAERSK"
 "FREDERICK FUNSTON" "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)
 "POYANG" (A.S.I.S) YP.233, YMS.8 YMS.9 YMS.46
 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.49 YMS.50
 (Repairing) "SC.744"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "KATOOMBA" escorting "PAINE WINGATE" to depart Port Moresby 8/3. "PAINE WINGATE" to proceed to Portland Road escorted by "KATOOMBA" until 2200/8 when "KATOOMBA" is to return Port Moresby.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Russell Is. - The enemy made their first raid on U.S. positions on Russell Is. at 1347/6 with 12 dive-bombers escorted by 25 Zero's. One man was killed and 12 injured and light material damage effected. A small fighter patrol shot down 4 enemy dive-bombers plus probably one more. Two of our patrol aircraft encountered some of the Zero's and shot one down.
 (2) Rekata Bay - At 1925/7 4 aircraft and 4 launches were seen in Rekata Bay.
 (3) New Georgia - Enemy barge activity continues connected with observation posts and foraging parties.
 (4) Shortlands - No shipping could be found by air strike before dawn 7/3 and as alternative targets Kahili and Ballale were bombed.

Reconnaissance a.m. 7/3 sighted the following vessels in the Buin - Faisi area -
 2 destroyers
 5 cargo vessels

- (5) Kieta - The cargo vessel at Kieta sighted 6/3 was attacked before dawn 7/3 by a Liberator with unobserved results. Reconnaissance a.m. 7/3 reported the vessel still at Kieta.
 (6) Buka - A ground observer reports that 4 destroyers arrived at Buka Passage 5/3 from the SE via the E. coast Bougainville. The fact that these vessels have not been reported by aerial reconnaissance indicates that they did not stay long.
 Reconnaissance a.m. 7/3 reported a small cargo vessel in Buka Passage.
 (7) Rabaul - Reconnaissance at about noon 7/3 sighted approximately 70 vessels in Rabaul Harbour. In addition, 4 unclassified vessels were seen approximately 20 miles north of Rabaul course 330° probably heading for Kavieng.

Photos of the above reconnaissance show -

Shipping
 9 destroyers
 2 probable destroyer tenders
 1 minelayer
 13 large merchant vessels
 33 medium merchant vessels
 5 small merchant vessels

Total 63

Numerous small harbour craft are also visible.

No actual estimate of tonnage has been received but it is thought that the total tonnage of merchant vessels would probably be in the neighbourhood of and perhaps slightly less than 300,000 tons.

Aircraft:
 Lakunai - 63 fighters, 15 bombers
 Vunakanau - 6 fighters, 42 bombers
 In Harbour - 2 floatplanes

Work continues on dispersal areas at Lakunai and on the aerodrome generally at Vunakanau.

- (8) Wewak - A ground patrol reports 5/3 extensive work on an aerodrome at But (30 miles WNW Wewak), a road being built from Wewak to But. Another new aerodrome at Dajur (21½ miles NW Wewak).
 (9) Bogia (75 miles NW Madang) - Reconnaissance at 1050/7 sighted and unsuccessfully attacked an 8,000 ton cargo vessel in Stephan Strait (between mainland and Vulcan Is.) on course 90°.

- (10) Madang - Reconnaissance 7/3 sighted 5-7 small boats in Madang Harbour.
- (11) Finschhafen - Reconnaissance 0845/7 reported that bomb craters on the runway had not been filled in.
- (12) Lae-Finschhafen Coast - A reconnaissance report p.m. 7/3 indicates that villages on this coastal strip have been moved $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to a mile inland.
- (13) Mubo - Enemy positions in the Guadagasal Saddle area were attacked a.m. 7/3 by 6 Bostons.
- (14) Goodenough Island - An enemy aircraft, probably on reconnaissance, was shot down off Goodenough Is. a.m. 6/3.

At 1515/6, 9 enemy bombers escorted by 15 Zero's attacked Vivigani area without inflicting damage or casualties.

At 2030/7, an enemy landing is reported to have been made on the north coast of Goodenough Island in the vicinity of the potential landing strip at Wataluma. Reports to date are very vague and no assessment of the size of the landing party has been made although native sources report that Japanese landed from one large ship.

The possibility exists that a large barge or launch, a survivor of the unsuccessful Lae Convoy, has taken advantage of prevailing winds and running on a SE course, has landed on Goodenough Island.

- (15) Submarine Activity - On 6/3 only 2 submarines were indicated in the Central and Western Solomon Sea. One was located 6-7/3 in the vicinity of China Strait with possibly another further to the SE. One was located 6/3 south of the Louisiades and another in the vicinity of Osprey Reef.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/8:

- (1) 4 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin	- Merchant Vessels:	"BURWAH"
Wyndham	- Warships & Aux. -	"CASTLEMAINE"
	Merchant Vessels:	"BABINDA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Merauke - One enemy floatplane dropped a bomb at Merauke at 1035/7. The aircraft approached from the NW and departed in the same direction.
- (2) Kai Is. - a.m. 7/3 Toeal was bombed and strafed by 3 Hudsons and 5 B.25's. No shipping or aircraft was sighted.
- (3) Darwin - At 1125/7 an enemy reconnaissance aircraft was shot down into the sea off Darwin.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/8:

- (1) "CHILDS" departed Exmouth Gulf 1655/6 for Fremantle.
- (2) "VAN GALEN" escorting "GOLD STAR" departed Fremantle 0939/7. "VAN GALEN" to provide escort until approx 1200/8. "GOLD STAR" to proceed Melbourne.
- (3) "ADELAIDE" escorting "OTUS" from Sydney to Fremantle ETA 1200/9.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle	- Warships & Aux. -	"TROMP" "KANIMBLA" "DUBBO" "PELIAS"
		"ISABEL" "WALLAROO" "HORSHAM" "LARK"
Exmouth Gulf	- Warships & Aux. -	"PRESTON" "WHIPPOORWILL"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/8:

- (1) "BUNDABERG" "MILDURA" escorting Convoy PG37 departed Caloundra 1225/6 for Newcastle and Sydney.
- (2) "WAGGA" escorting Convoy PG37A ("VIRGINIAN" "FRANCIS LEWIS" "KURUMBA") departed Caloundra 0820/7 for Sydney ETA 0400/9.
- (3) "ROCKHAMPTON" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy C077 (including "BUNGAREE").
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- (5) "DELORAINÉ" "BUNBURY" were ordered to proceed Broken Bay at 1501/7.
(Note: "DELORAINÉ" "BUNBURY" were despatched to carry out A/S sweep and if possible locate "ZANE GREY" and escort to Sydney. At 1501/7 "ZANE GREY" was arriving at Sydney Heads and "DELORAINÉ" "BUNBURY" were ordered to proceed Broken Bay.)
- (6) "HELM" escorting "NIEUW AMSTERDAM" departed Melbourne 1315/6. Was to RV with "GRAYSON" in position 39°34'S, 159°E at 0800/8. "GRAYSON" to escort "NIEUW AMSTERDAM" from this position to Wellington ETA 0700/10. On relief, "HELM" to proceed Palm Island ETA 0700/12.
- (7) "YANDRA" "TOWNSVILLE" "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting Convoy OC76 for Port Kembla, Sydney and Newcastle.
- (8) "STUART" escorting "JAMES O'HARA" dep. Sydney 0947/7 for Brisbane. ETA Caloundra 0400/9.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "VAN HEEMSKERK" "SHEPPARTON"
"KYBRA" "MORESBY" YDG.2
(Repairing) "HELENA" "ALHENA" "MUSTIN" "HUGHES"
(In Reserve) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "TJERK HIDDEN" "SPRINGDALE"
"DOOMBA"
(Repairing) "COLAC"

SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) SAN DIEGO (CL) LAMSON SMITH MEADE LA VALETTE TAYLOR FARENHOLT LANDSDOWNE AULICK ANDERSON ELLETT (DD) BREESE (DM) CURTISS TANGIER (CVS) ATHENE (ACV) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) ALCHIBA ALDEBARAN (AK) ARCTIC (AF) NEOSHO PLATTE WHIPSTOCK PATUXENT (AO) NAVAJO (AT) SKYLARK (AM) YP.290 YP.516 YP.517 YP.518
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (CV) SAN JUAN COLUMBIA (CL) MURPHY DUNLAP CUMMINGS PERKINS (DD) JAMESTOWN (PG) MONTGOMERY (DM) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) WHITNEY (AD) TALAMANCA MAJABA (AP) NEVILLE MERCURY FOMALHAUT ALGORAB ARIDED CASTOR (AK) TRYON (APH) SONOMA PAWNEE (AT) SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) ADROIT KINGFISHER (AM) ARD.2 YP.239 KIWI (A/S Vessel)
- (4) At Suva - POCOMOKE (CVS) BALCH (DD) ROSEWOOD CATALPA (YN)
- (5) At Nandi - LANG (DD) KANKAKEE (AO)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK (VIREO (AM) LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA GALE TUI (A/S Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AG)

- (7) At Vila - NEW MEXICO MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) LOUISVILLE
WICHITA (CA) CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV) FRAZIER
EDWARDS GANSEVOORT AARON WARD RENSHAW EATON PHILIP (DD)
LACKAWANNA NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER PC.476 PG.477
PC.479 KITTYHAWK (APV)
- (8) At Auckland - LEANDER (CL) EBONY (YN) ANTARES (AK) MOUNT VERNON (AP)
SOLACE (AH)
Refitting - ACHILLES (CL)
- (9) At Wellington - SHELDRAKE (AM) PRES. JACKSON PRES. HAYES
PRES. ADAMS CRESCENT CITY (AP)
- (10) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (Sloop)

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

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III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions
S.W.P.A. particularly Central & Northern
Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W.
coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura
Sea Islands.
- (2) Possible attempt to occupy Merauke.
- (3) Increased offensive submarine activity.



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8/3/43

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

EASTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA	
	NEW ORLEANS	
6" Cruisers	HOBART	
	PHOENIX	HELENA
	VAN HEEMSKERK	
Armed Merchant Cruisers		MANOORA)
		WESTRALIA) On Reserve
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA	
	WAR RAMUNGA	
	LE TRIOMPHANT	
	SELF RIDGE	
Destroyers	HELM	
	HENEY	
	PATTERSON	
	RALPH TALBOT	
	BAGLEY	
	MUGFORD	
	STUART	
	VENDETTA	
	TJERK HIDDES	
Submarines	GATO)	
	GROWLER)	At Brisbane
	GUARD FISH)	
	ALBACORE)	
	AMBERJACK)	
	GRAMPUS)	
	GRAYBACK)	
	GREENLING)	On Patrol
	GROUPEL)	
	NAUTILUS)	
	SNAPPER)	
	TRITON)	
	TUNA)	
	K.9)	At Sydney
Submarine Tender	FULTON	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboats	TULSA	
	HILO	
Oilers	AASE MAERSK	
	BISHOPDALE	
	KURUMBA	
	VICTORIA	

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

CinC Combined Fleet		
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)		
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)		
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)		
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)		
3-4 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO	
	MUSASHI	
	MUTSU	
	NAGATO	
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	ZUIKAKU	
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)	ZUIHO	
3 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	UNYO	OTKA
	1 unknown	

6 heavy cruisers (CA)

ATAGO
TAKAO
NACHI
HAGURO
KUMANO
AOBA
ISUZU
KATORI
KASHIMA
NAGARA
OI
KITAGAMI

MOGAMI (bel. sunk 14/11)
MYOKO) poss. sunk
SUZUYA) 13-14/11

6 light cruisers (CL)

5-6 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)
Approx 27 submarines (SS)
Approx 40 destroyers (DD)
2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)

CHITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA

5-6 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)

Several Submarine Tenders
Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub. Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft
Approx 328 shore-based aircraft incl. 128 F, 118 B, 22 F/B, 42 F/P,
18 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser
Flotilla Leader
Armed Merchant Cruiser
Destroyer
S/P Tenders

ADELAIDE
TROMP
KANIMELA
VAN G ALEN
HERON
W. B. PRESTON

Submarine Tender
Submarines

C HILDS
PELIAS
TAMBOR)
TAUFOG)
THRESHER) On Patrol
GAR)
K.12)
GRAYLING)
GRENADIER) At Fremantle
GUDGEON)
TROUT)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

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

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

ASHIGARA
KASHII
KUMA

NATORI (damaged 21/1)

Approx 16 destroyers (DD)
Approx 7 submarines (SS)
1 Seaplane Carrier (CVS)

Approx 211 shore-based aircraft incl. 97 F, 71 B, 3 F/B, 24 F/P,
16 transport aircraft.

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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
MASSACHUSETTS
MARYLAND
COLORADO

Aircraft Carriers

NEW MEXICO
ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

CHENANGO
SANGAMON
SUWANNEE

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE
WICHITA

6" Cruisers

HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE
COLUMBIA
CLEVELAND
MONTPELLIER
DENVER

ACHILLES

5" Cruisers

LEANDER
SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN

Destroyers

50 (approx)

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

IDAHO
MISSISSIPPI
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA

WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carrier
Auxiliary A/C Carriers

LONG ISLAND
NASSAU
ALTAMAHA
COPAHEE

8" Cruisers

SALT LAKE CITY

MINNEAPOLIS
PENSACOLA
PORTLAND
SAN FRANCISCO

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

CinC 1st Fleet

6-7 Battleships (BB)

ISE
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA
HARUN A
KONGO

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)

SHOKAKU

2 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

HAYATAKA
HITAKA

1 Auxiliary A/C Carrier (ACV)

CHUYO

3 Heavy Cruisers (CA)

TONE
TIKUMA
CHOKAI
ABUKUMA
SENDAI

2 Light Cruisers (CL)

1 Armed Merchant Cruiser (XCL)

2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)

NISSHIN
KAMOI

1-2 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 30 Destroyers and Gunboats (DD & PG)

Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser	INDIANAPOLIS
6" Cruisers	DETROIT
	RALEIGH
10 Destroyers	
10 Submarines	

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

CinC 5th Fleet	
2 light cruisers (CL)	TAMA
	KISO
2-3 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)	
Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)	
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)	

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers	CONCORD
	TRENTON
	RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

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

* Note: No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 submarines.

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

9th March, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/9:

- (1) "BENDIGO" was ordered 1416/8 to recover all survivors from "S' JACOB" and return Milne Bay.
- (2) "WHYALLA" departed Milne Bay 1616/8 for Goodenough Is.
- (3) "KAPUNDA" escorting "KARSIK" en route Milne Bay from Oro Bay.
- (4) "VENDETTA" escorting Convoy NT5 ("TAROONA" for Cairns, "MAETSUYCKER" for Townsville) was to depart Port Moresby 0730/9.
- (5) "TULSA" departed Milne Bay 1500/8 for Cairns ETA 1000/10.
- (6) "BALLARAT" escorting "VAN HEEMSKERK" from Milne Bay to Grafton Passage. "BALLARAT" to proceed Cairns for boiler cleaning ETA p.m. 9/3. "VAN HEEMSKERK" to proceed independently to Townsville.
- (7) "PATTERSON" (CTF.44) due Lowry Passage p.m. 9/3 from Dunk Is.
- (8) Convoy TN47 - "BROOME" escorting "DUNTRON" "GORGON" dep. Townsville 0436/9. "WARRAMUNGA" departed Townsville 0710/8 to RV with convoy (including "GEORGE McCRARY" ex Cairns) at Fitzroy Is. Convoy to proceed to Port Moresby ETA 0800/11.
- (9) "SUMNER" "SC.746" departed Brisbane 1610/6 for Townsville, were due 1115/9.
- (10) "GEELONG" escorting Convoy BT41 ("HENRY DEARBORN" "DAVID BUSHNELL" "HENRY D. THOREAU" for Townsville) dep. Caloundra 1133/7. "GEELONG" to part company at Whitsunday Passage.
- (11) "LITHGOW" escorting Convoy BT42 ("CARLISLE" "WEST CACTUS" for Townsville, "KOOLIGA" for Bowen) departed Caloundra 1059/7. "LITHGOW" to part company at Percy Is. Convoy to proceed independently. "LITHGOW" to return Brisbane.
- (12) "GYMPIE" escorting "SWARTENHONDT" departed Caloundra 1045/7. "GYMPIE" to part company at Whitsunday Passage.
- (13) "MANUNDA" departed Brisbane 1205/8 for Port Moresby ETA 0830/12.
- (14) YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 departed Brisbane 1703/8 for Townsville ETA 12/3.
- (15) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE" "HILO" 19 PT's
	Merchant Vessels: "EMPIRE HAMBLE"
	Small Craft - Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "SWAN" "KATOOMBA"
	Merchant Vessels: "BONTEKOE" "JASON LEE"
	"WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" "TIME" "STAGEN" "PORTMAR"
	"GENERAL VERSPIJCK"
	Small Craft - Approx 20
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL" "WILCANNIA"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "GLENELG" "ECHUCA" "BOWEN" "MERKUR"
	"PLATYPUS" 8 PT's (2 refitting)
Dunk Island	- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "HOBART"
	"MUGFORD" "RALPH TALBOT" "BAGLEY" "VICTORIA"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "ARUNTA" "WARREGO" "YUNNAN" (ASIS)
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"

Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "FULTON" "SC.748" "AASE MAERSK"
 "GOULBURN" "W.A.HOLBROOK" "FREDERICK FUNSTON"
 "POYANG" (A.S.I.S) YP.233, YMS.8 YMS.46
 YMS.47 YMS.48
 (Repairing) SC.744

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "HOBART" "MUGFORD" "RALPH TALBOT"
 "BAGLEY" to depart Dunk Island 9/3 for Palm Is.
- (2) "SWAN" escorting Convoy NT6 ("WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" for
 Townsville, "JASON LEE" for Cairns) to depart Port
 Moresby 1830/9.
- (3) "STUART" escorting "FREDERICK FUNSTON" to depart Brisbane
 1400/9. To escort to 159°E. "STUART" to return
 Sydney.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Guadalcanal - One enemy aircraft ineffectively attacked
 Guadalcanal 2012-2121/7.
- (2) Shortlands - Two reconnaissances a.m. 8/3 reported the
 following vessels in the Buin - Faisi area -
 1 large cruiser
 3 or 4 destroyers
 5 cargo vessels
 Total 9 or 10 vessels
- (3) Buka - Reconnaissance a.m. 8/3 sighted 2 small cargo vessels
 in Buka Passage.
 A ground observer reported that 2 medium cargo vessels
 were anchored near Teop Harbour (NE Bougainville - 20 miles
 E. Buka).
- (4) Solomons Aircraft - Photos a.m. 7/3 show -
 Kahili - 35 fighters, 1 bomber
 Ballale - 5 fighters
 Faisi - 5 Zero F/B, 1 four-engined F/B
 (incomplete coverage)
 Munda - 5 fighters, 2 bombers
 Buka - 3 fighters, 4 bombers
- (5) Wewak - Photos a.m. 8/3 show -
 1 patrol craft and 2 small vessels in harbour
 25 barges at or near jetty
 4 serviceable fighters on aerodrome.
- (6) Alexishafen - Photos a.m. 8/3 reveal that the runway is
 serviceable and construction continues on dispersal lane.
- (7) Madang - Photos a.m. 8/3 reveal that the runway is serviceable
 and 18 blast pens have been constructed.
- (8) Dyke Acland Bay - Enemy aircraft attacked shipping in the area
 and shore positions at Oro Bay about noon 8/3 (see Naval
 Incidents).
- (9) Goodenough Is. - Our patrols have contacted the enemy in the
 vicinity of Wataluma (N.coast). 42 Japanese were encountered
 of whom 34 were killed, 3 captured and 5 escaped.
 The above is the latest intelligence concerning the
 alleged landing on Goodenough Island and would appear to
 confirm the view that the landing was in fact from a large
 barge - a remnant of the Lae Convoy.
- (10) Submarine Activity - Indications of enemy submarines on 7/3
 were as follows -
 3 in Central and Western Solomon Sea incl. 1 close to Salamaua
 1 in the vicinity of China Strait
 1 in Gulf of Papua.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/9:

- (1) "LATROBE" escorting "DARVEL" departed Thursday Island 0932/7 for Darwin ETA 1630/10.
- (2) 4 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Merchant Vessels: "BURWAH"
Wyndham - Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE"
Merchant Vessels: "BABINDA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- X (1) Babo - Reconnaissance a.m. 8/3 sighted 2 merchant vessels (one of 5,000 tons and one of 7,000 tons) at Babo.
- (2) Timor - Fuiloro airfield area was successfully strafed by two Beaufighters a.m. 8/3.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/9:

- (1) "KANIMBLA" escorting "FAIRISLE" "CAPE CHARLES" dep. Fremantle 0830/8. To escort "FAIRISLE" to Colombo ETA 19/3 and "CAPE CHARLES" to position 006 11'N, 77°32'E; "CAPE CHARLES" to proceed Persian Gulf. "TROMP" "DUBBO" providing local A/S escort returning Fremantle 9/3.
- (2) "GOLD STAR" en route Fremantle to Melbourne. "VAN GALEN" returning to Fremantle after escort duty with "GOLD STAR".
- (3) "ADELAIDE" escorting "OTUS" from Sydney to Fremantle was due 1200/9.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "PELIAS" "CHILDS" "ISABEL"
"WALLAROO" "HORSHAM" "LARK"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "PRESTON" "WHIPPOORWILL"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- X Geraldton - Contact was made with a possible enemy submarine at 2330/7 approximately 60 miles WSW Geraldton. Aerial reconnaissance sighted a possible submarine at 1300/8, 140 miles NW Geraldton. An unidentified aircraft was over Perth at 0119/8.

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/9:

- (1) "BUNDABERG" "MILDURA" escorting Convoy PG37 departed Caloundra 1225/6 for Newcastle and Sydney.
- (2) "WAGGA" escorting Convoy PG37A ("VIRGINIAN" "FRANCIS LEWIS" "KURUMBA") departed Caloundra 0820/7 for Sydney, was due 0400/9.
- (3) "SELFRIDGE" departed Brisbane 1138/8 for Sydney. Was due 1200/9.

- (4) "HELM" en route Palm Island after escort duty with "NIEUW AMSTERDAM" ETA 0700/12.
- (5) "LE TRIOMPHANT" proceeding Sydney, "HENLEY" proceeding Brisbane after escort duty with "NEW ORLEANS".
- (6) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC77 departed Port Phillip 2117/8 to RV in Wilson's Promontory area with "ROCKHAMPTON" "ABRAHAM CRYNSSSEN" escorting Convoy CO77 (including "BUNGAREE").
- (7) "YANDRA" "TOWNSVILLE" "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting Convoy OC76 for Port Kembla, Sydney and Newcastle.
- (8) "STUART" escorting "JAMES O'HARA" dep. Sydney 0947/7 for Brisbane. Was due Caloundra 0400/9.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "VAN HEEMSKERK" "SHEPPARTON"
 "BUNBURY" "DELORAINÉ" "KYBRA" "MORESEY" YDG.2
 (Repairing) "HELENA" "ALHENA" "MUSTIN" "HUGHES"
 (In Reserve) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"
 Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "TJERK HIDDÉS" "SPRINGDALE"
 (Repairing) "COLAC"

(c) Proposed Movements:---

- (1) "BUNDABERG" "WARRNAMBOOL" "WAGGA" escorting Convoy GP38 to depart Sydney 1000/10 for Brisbane.
- (2) "DELORAINÉ" "MORESEY" to escort Convoy CO78. To take over escort from "TOWNSVILLE" at RV off Sydney p.m. 10/3.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) SAN DIEGO (CL) LAMSON SMITH
 BUCHANAN WOODWORTH LARDNER TAYLOR FARENHOLT LANSDOWNE
 AULICK ANDERSON ELLETT (DD) BREESE (DM) CURTISS
 TANGIER (CVS) THORNTON (AVD) ATHENE (ACV) DIXIE (AD)
 PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) ALCHIBA ALDEBARAN (AK) ARCTIC (AF)
 NEOSHO PLATTE WHIPSTOCK PATUXENT (AO) NAVAJO (AT)
 SKYLARK (AM) YP.290 YP.516 YP.517 YP.518
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS (BB)
 SARATOGA (CV) SAN JUAN COLUMBIA (CL) MURPHY DUNLAP BALCH
 CONYNGHAM CUMMINGS PERKINS (DD) JAMESTOWN (PG)
 PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) WHITNEY (AD)
 TALAMANCA MAJABA GEORGE CYLMER JOHN PENN McCAWLEY
 AMERICAN LEGION HUNTER LIGGETT FULLER (AP) NEVILLE
 MERCURY FOMALHAUT ALGORAB ARIDED TITANIA CASTOR (AK)
 TRYON (APH) SONOMA PAWNEE (AT) SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO)
 ADROIT KINGFISHER (AM) ARD.2 YP.239 KIWI (A/S Vessel)
- (4) At Suva - POCOMOKE (CVS) ROSEWOOD CATALPA (YN)
- (5) At Nandi - LANG (DD) KANKAKEE (AO)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK (VIREO (AM) LOCUST
 BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA GALE TUI (A/S
 Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO)
 STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AG)
- (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) LOUISVILLE WICHITA (CA)
 CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV) PRAZIER EDWARDS
 GANSEVOORT AARON WARD RENSHAW EATON PHILIP (DD)
 KANAWHA LACKAWANNA NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER
 PC.476 PC.477 PC.479 KITTYHAWK (APV)
- (8) At Auckland - LEANDER (CL) EBONY (YN) ANTARES (AK) MOUNT VERNON (AP)
 SOLACE (AH)
 Refitting - ACHILLES (CL)
- (9) At Wellington - SHELDRAKE (AM) PRES. JACKSON PRES. HAYES
 PRES. ADAMS CRESCENT CITY (AP)
- (10) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (Sloop)

II.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

Dyke Acland Bay - At 1256/8, HMAS "KAPUNDA" escorting "KARSIK" from Oro Bay to Milne Bay, reported being attacked by 8 unidentified aircraft escorted by 12 fighters, in a position approx 7 miles NE of Porlock Harbour. No damage was reported.

At 1259/8, H.M.A.S. "BENDIGO" escorting s.s. "S'JACOB" (Dutch M.V. - 1907 - 2,800 tons) to Oro Bay ETA 1400/8, was attacked but not damaged in position approx 5 miles north of Porlock Harbour. Six minutes later "S'JACOB" was attacked by 9 bombers and was set on fire. "BENDIGO" stood by to render all possible aid but at about 1350/8 "S'JACOB" sank.

No further details are available yet, but apparently the Oro Bay area was ineffectively bombed at 1330/8 by 9 bombers, presumably the same as those which attacked "S'JACOB".

III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central & Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Possible attempt to occupy Merauke.
- (3) Increased offensive submarine activity.

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

9/3/43

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
MASSACHUSETTS
MARYLAND
COLORADO

Aircraft Carriers

NEW MEXICO
ENTERPRISE

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

SARATOGA
CHENANGO

8" Cruisers

SAN GABON
SUWANNEE

6" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE
WICHITA

ACHILLES

HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE
COLUMBIA
CLEVELAND
MONTPELLIER
DENVER
LEANDER

5" Cruisers

SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN

Destroyers

50 (approx)

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

IDAHO
MISSISSIPPI
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA

WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carrier
Auxiliary A/C Carriers

LONG ISLAND
NASSAU

8" Cruisers

ALTAMAHA
COPAHEE
SALT LAKE CITY

MINNEAPOLIS
PENSACOLA
PORTLAND
SAN FRANCISCO

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

CinC 1st Fleet
6-7 Battleships (BB)

ISE
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA
HARUNA
KONGO

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)
2 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

HAYATAKA
HITAKA

SHOKAKU

1 Auxiliary A/C Carrier (ACV)
3 Heavy Cruisers (CA)

CHUYO
TONE
TIKUMA

2 Light Cruisers (CL)

CHOKAI
ABUKUMA
SENDAI

1 Armed Merchant Cruiser (XCL)
2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)

NISSHIN
KAMO I

1-2 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 30 Destroyers and Gunboats (DD & PG)

Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Cruiser
6" Cruisers

INDIANAPOLIS
DETROIT
RALEIGH

10 Destroyers
10 Submarines

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

CinC 5th Fleet
2 light cruisers (CL)

TAMA
KISO

2-3 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)
Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION

* RAMILLIES
REVENGE

Aircraft Carrier
Seaplane Carrier
8" Cruisers

* ROAL SOVEREIGN
* ILLUSTRIOUS

ALBATROSS
DEVONSHIRE

7.5" Cruisers

* GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)

HAWKINS

6" Cruisers

PROBISHER

MAURITIUS

* GLASGOW

GAMBIA

* EMERALD

BIRMINGHAM

* DANAE

ENTERPRISE

DURBAN

LIVERPOOL

CARADOC

ARETHUSA

CERES

DAUNTLESS

* DRAGON

CAPETOWN

* CALEDON

* SUMATRA (Dutch)

Armed Merchant Cruisers

ALAUNIA

CARTHAGE

* CORFU

CHITRAL

RANPURA

RANCHI

WORCESTERSHIRE

* CARLISLE

A.A. Ship

Approx 27 Destroyers

Approx 9 Submarines

* Note: No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

10th March, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/10:

- (1) "KATOOMBA" escorting "BONTEKOE" departed Port Moresby 1331/9. "PIRIE" to RV in position 10°48'S, 150°20'E at 1230/10 and take over escort of "BONTEKOE" to Oro Bay. "KATOOMBA" to proceed Milne Bay.
- (2) "WHYALLA" on survey duty Goodenough Island area.
- (3) "VENDETTA" escorting Convoy NT5 ("TAROONA" for Cairns, "MAETSUYCKER" for Townsville) dep. Port Moresby 0730/9.
- (4) "KAPUNDA" escorting "KARSIK" departed Milne Bay 1530/9 for Townsville ETA 1530/11.
- (5) "TULSA" departed Milne Bay 1500/8 for Cairns was due 1000/10.
- (6) "PATTERSON" (CTP44) due Cairns 1600/10.
- (7) "MERKUR" departed Cairns 1230/9 for Townsville via Challenger Bay ETA Challenger Bay 0600/10, Townsville 1400/10.
- (8) "WARRAMUNGA" "BROOME" escorting Convoy TN47 ("DUNTROON" "GORGON" "GEORGE McCRARY") to Port Moresby ETA 0800/11.
- (9) "GEEELONG" en route Brisbane after escort duty.
- (10) "LITHGOW" en route Brisbane after escort duty.
- (11) "GOULBURN" escorting "KATOOMBA" was to depart Brisbane 1200/10 for Townsville.
- (12) "GYMPIE" escorting "SWARTENHONDT" departed Caloundra 1045/7. "GYMPIE" to part company at Whitsunday Passage.
- (13) "MANUNDA" departed Brisbane 1205/8 for Port Moresby ETA 0830/12.
- (14) "YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 departed Caloundra 0851/9 for Townsville ETA 12/3.
- (15) "HELM" en route Palm Island after escort duty with "NIEUW AMSTERDAM" ETA 0700/12.
- (16) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "BENDIGO" "HILO" 19 PT's
	Merchant Vessels: "EMPIRE HAMBLE"
	Small Craft - Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "SWAN"
	Merchant Vessels: "JASON LEE" "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER"
	"TIME" "STAGEN" "PORTMAR" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK"
	Small Craft - Approx 20
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL" "WILCANNIA"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "GLENELG" "ECHUCA" "BOWEN"
	"BALLARAT" "PLATYPUS" 8 PT's (2 refitting)
Palm Island	- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "HOBART"
	"MUGFORD" "RALPH TALBOT" "BAGLEY" "VICTORIA"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "ARUNTA" "WARREGO" "SUMNER"
	SC.746 "YUNNAN" (A.S.I.S)
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. "FULTON" "SC.748" "AASE MAERSK"
	"JAMES O'HARA" "W.A.HOLBROOK" "POYANG" (A.S.I.S)
	YP.233 YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48
(Repairing)	"SC.744"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "SWAN" escorting Convoy NT6 ("WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" for Townsville, "JASON LEE" for Cairns) to depart Port Moresby 1830/10.
- (2) "INVERELL" escorting "MULIAMA" "ISLANDER" to depart Thursday Island 1800/10 for Darwin ETA 0100/15.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) New Georgia - Enemy barge activity continues particularly in connection with Rendova Is. and Vella Lavella.
Munda airfield was attacked 1010/9 by 18 dive-bombers and 11 torpedo bombers escorted by 31 fighters. All A.A. positions seen to be firing at our aircraft were reported to have been hit by bombs.
- (2) Rekata Bay - Two enemy aircraft landed at Rekata Bay 0755/8.
- (3) Shortlands - Reconnaissance a.m. 9/3 sighted 8 cargo vessels in the Buin-Faisi area. One cargo ship, possibly one of the 8 reported above, was apparently burning.
- (4) Numa Numa (NE coast Bougainville - midway between Kieta and Buka) - Japanese patrols were reported again 9/3 at Numa Numa.
- (5) Buka - The two medium merchant vessels reported at Teop Harbour a.m. 8/3 departed on a northerly course at 0730/9.
Reconnaissance a.m. 9/3 sighted 2 small cargo vessels at the SW end of Buka Passage.
- (6) Solomons Aircraft - Photos 8/3 show -

Kahili	- 47 fighters,	2 bombers
Ballale	- 4	"
Munda	- 1	"
Faisi	- 9 Zero F/Ps	1 four-engine F/B
Buka	- 3 fighters,	3 bombers

Photos 9/3 show:-

Kahili	- 51 fighters,	2 bombers
Faisi	- 9 Zero F/Ps	
Buka	- 3 fighters,	3 bombers

Other areas were not covered.
- (7) Lorengau - Photos 1130/9 show one small 70' vessel in Harbour. Continued clearing and construction work on the aerodrome is in progress.
- (8) Gasmata - Reconnaissance p.m. 8/3 sighted a large submarine off Gasmata and photographs show that work is continuing on dispersal lanes on the aerodrome.
The reconnaissance Fortress was intercepted over Gasmata by 9 Zero's of which 4 were shot down and one more probably.
- (9) Wewak - Reconnaissance 1000/9 sighted one large destroyer and 2 cargo vessels (4-5,000 tons) anchored in Wewak Harbour, Also 7 small loaded launches in the area.
- (10) Lae - Photos 0930/9 show:-

7 Zero's on Malahang aerodrome
11 barges in the Harbour

Constructional work in the Malahang aerodrome area.
- (11) Wau - At 1225/9 26 bombers escorted by 21 fighters attacked Wau aerodrome. The aerodrome was rendered temporarily unserviceable and some casualties were suffered.
- (12) Dyke Acland Bay - During the enemy air raid on our shipping 8/3 one bomber and one fighter were shot down by our intercepting fighters.
- (13) Lae Convoy Remnants - In addition to the 42 Japanese landed at Goodenough Island 7/3 a further party apparently landed in the same area after midnight 8-9/3 while other small parties have drifted ashore at Porlock Harbour and Tufi. Practically all have been accounted for. PT boats collected 16 prisoners during the night 8-9/3 off Tufi and killed those whom they were unable to pick up.
- (14) Port Moresby - A possible submarine was sighted by an allied vessel approximately 58 miles NW Port Moresby at 0745/9.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/10:

- (1) "LATROBE" escorting "DARVEL" departed Thursday Island 0932/7 for Darwin ETA 1630/10.
- (2) 4 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Merchant Vessels: "BURWAH"
Drysdale - Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE"
Merchant Vessels: "BABINDA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Babo - Photographs of the reconnaissance conducted a.m. 8/3 show that the two vessels sighted were -
 - 1 converted tanker 9,000 tons probably an aircraft transport;
 - 1 cargo vessel 4,000 tons similar to that at Babo 24/2.
- (2) Kai Is. - Photographs taken 8/3 show a new runway approximately 2 miles SSW of Toeal.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/10:

- (1) "GOLDSTAR" en route Fremantle to Melbourne. "VAN GALEN" returning to Fremantle after escort duty with "GOLD STAR".

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "VAN GALEN"
"PELIAS" "CHILDS" "ISABEL" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO"
"HORSHAM" "LARK" "OTUS"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "PRESTON" "WHIPPOORWILL"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/10:

- (1) "STUART" escorting "FREDERICK FUNSTON" departed Caloundra 0143/10. To escort to 159°E. "STUART" to proceed Sydney.
- (2) "LE TRIOMPHANT" proceeding Sydney, "HENLEY" proceeding Brisbane after escort duty with "NEW ORLEANS".
- (3) "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy C078 was to depart Newcastle a.m. 10/3. "DELORAINÉ" "MORESEY" to take over escort from "TOWNSVILLE" at RV off Sydney p.m. 10/3.
- (4) "ROCKHAMPTON" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy OC77.
- (5) "BUNDABERG" "WARRNAMBOOL" "WAGGA" escorting Convoy GP38 (including "BISHOPDALE" for Townsville) were to depart Sydney 1000/10 for Brisbane.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "VAN HEEMSKERK" "SHEPPARTON"
"ANDRA" "MILDURA" "BUNBURY" "DELORAINÉ" "KYBRA"
"MORESEY" "KURUMBA" YDG.2
(Repairing) "HELENA" "ALHENA" "MUSTIN" "HUGHES" "SELFRIDGE"
(In Reserve) "MANCOORA" "WESTRALIA"

Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "TJERK HIDDEN" "DOOMBA"
(Repairing) "SPRINGDALE" "CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship)
"COLAC"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) SAN DIEGO (CL) LAMSON SMITH
MAHAN BUCHANAN WOODWORTH LARDNER TAYLOR FARENHOLT
LANSDOWNE AULICK ANDERSON ELLETT (DD) BREESE (DM)
CURTISS TANGIER (CVS) THORNTON (AVD) ATHENE (ACV)
DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) ALCHIBA ALDEBARAN (AK)
ARCTIC (AF) SABINE NEOSHO PLATTE WHIPSTOCK PATUXENT (AO)
NAVAJO (AT) SKYLARK (AM) NAUTILUS (SS) YP.290 YP.516
YP.517 YP.518
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS (BB)
SARATOGA (CV) SAN JUAN COLUMBIA (CL) MURPHY DUNLAP BALCH
FANNING CONYNGHAM CUMMINGS PERKINS (DD) JAMESTOWN (PG)
MONTGOMERY (DM) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) WHITNEY (AD)
TALAMANCA MAJABA GEORGE CLYMER JOHN PENN McCAWLEY
AMERICAN LEGION HUNTER LIGGETT FULLER (AP) NEVILLE
MERCURY POMALHAUT ALGORAB ARIDED TITANIA CASTOR (AK)
TRYON (APH) SONOMA PAWNEE (AT) SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO)
ADROIT KINGFISHER (AM) ARD.2 YP.239 KIWI (A/S Vessel)
- (4) At Suva - POCOMOKE (CVS) ROSEWOOD CATALPA (YN)
- (5) At Nandi - LANG (DD) KANKAKEE (AO)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK VIREO (AM) LOCUST
BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA GALE TUI (A/S
Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO)
STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AG)
- (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) LOUISVILLE WICHITA (CA)
CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV) FRAZIER EDWARDS
GANSEVOORT AARON WARD RENSHAW EATON PHILIP (DD)
KANAWHA LACKAWANNA NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER
PC.476 PC.477 PC.479 KITTYHAWK (APV)
- (8) At Auckland - LEANDER (CL) EBONY (YN) ANTARES (AK) MOUNT VERNON (AP)
SOLACE (AH)
Refitting - ACHILLES (CL)
- (9) At Wellington - SHELDRAKE (AM) PRES. JACKSON PRES. HAYES
PRES. ADAMS CRESCENT CITY (AP)
- (10) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (Sloop)

INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

"KANIMBLA" escorting "FAIRISLE" "CAPE CHARLES" dep. Fremantle
0830/8. To escort "FAIRISLE" to Colombo ETA 19/3 and
"CAPE CHARLES" to position 006°11'N, 77°32'E; "CAPE
CHARLES" to proceed Persian Gulf.

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

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III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A.
particularly Central & Northern Solomons - North coast
New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura
Sea Islands.
- (2) Possible offensive activity from East Indies area including
further infiltration to the eastward along south coast
Dutch New Guinea.
- (3) Increased offensive submarine activity.

For *Lawson*
DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
	(1) <u>Allied Forces:</u>	
8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA	
6" Cruisers	HOBART	HELENA
	PHOENIX	
	VAN HEEMSKERK	
Armed Merchant Cruisers		MANOORA) WESTRALIA) On Reserve
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA	
	WARRAMUNGA	
	LE TRIOMPHANT	SELFRIDGE
Destroyers	HELM	
	HENLEY	
	PATTERSON	
	RALPH TALBOT	
	BAGLEY	
	MUGFORD	
	STUART	
	VENDETTA	
	TJERK HUIDES	
Submarines	GATO)	
	GROWLER)	At Brisbane
	GUARDFISH)	
	PETO)	
	ALBACORE)	
	AMBERJACK)	
	GRAMPUS)	
	GRAYBACK)	On Patrol
	GREENLING)	
	GROUPEL)	
	TRITON)	
	TUNA)	
	K.9	At Sydney
Submarine Tender	FULTON	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboats	TULSA	
	HILO	
Oilers	AASE MAERSK	
	BISHOPDALE	
	KURUMBA	
	VICTORIA	

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

CinC Combined Fleet		
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)		
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)		
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)		
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)		
3-4 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO	
	MUSASHI	
	MUTSU	
	NAGATO	
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	ZUIKAKU	
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)	ZUIHO	
3 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	UNYO	OTAKA
	1 unknown	

6 heavy cruisers (CA)

ATAGO
TAKAO
NACHI
HAGURO
KUMANO
AOBA
ISUZU
KATORI
KASHIMA
NAGARA
OI
KITAGAMI

MOGAMI (bel. sunk 14/11)
MYOKO) poss. sunk
SUZUYA) 13-14/11

6 light cruisers (CL)

5-6 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)

Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

Approx 40 Destroyers (DD)

2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)

CHITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA

5-6 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)

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

Approx 386 shore-based aircraft incl. 159 F, 145 B, 22 F/B, 42 F/P,

18 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser
Flotilla Leader
Armed Merchant Cruiser
Destroyer
S/P Tenders

ADELAIDE
TROMP
KANIMBLA
VAN GALEN
HERON
W.B. PRESTON

Submarine Tender
Submarines

CHILDS
PELIAS
TAMBOR)
TAUTOG) On Patrol
THRESHER)
GAR)
GRAYLING)
GRENADIER)
GUDGEON) At Fremantle
TROUT)
K.12)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

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

1 heavy cruiser (CA)

A SHIGARA

3 light cruisers (CL)

KASHII

NATORI (Damaged 21/1)

KUMA

Approx 16 destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane Carrier (CVS)

NOTORO

Approx 209 shore-based aircraft incl. 96 F, 70 B, 3 F/B, 24 F/P,

16 transport aircraft.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
MASSACHUSETTS
MARYLAND
COLORADO

Aircraft Carriers

NEW MEXICO
ENTERPRISE

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

SARATOGA
CHENANGO

8" Cruisers

SANGAMON
SUWANNEE

6" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE
NEW ORLEANS

ACHILLES

WICHITA
HONOLULU

5" Cruisers

ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE

Destroyers

COLUMBIA
CLEVELAND

MONTPELLIER
DENVER

LEANDER
SAN DIEGO

SAN JUAN
50 (approx)

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

IDAHO
MISSISSIPPI
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA

WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carrier
Auxiliary A/C Carriers

LONG ISLAND
NASSAU

8" Cruisers

ALTAMAHA
COPAHEE
SALT LAKE CITY

MINNEAPOLIS
PENSACOLA
PORTLAND
SAN FRANCISCO

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

CinC 1st Fleet
6-7 Battleships (BB)

ISE
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA
HARUNA
KONGO

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)
2 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

HAYATAKA
HITAKA

SHOKAKU

1 Auxiliary A/C Carrier (ACV)
3 Heavy Cruisers (CA)

CHUYO
TONE

2 Light Cruisers (CL)

TIKUMA
CHOKAI
ABUKUMA
SENDAI

1 Armed Merchant Cruiser (XCL)
2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)

NISSHIN
KAMOI

1-2 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)
6 Old Armored Cruisers (OCA)
Approx 30 Destroyers and Gunboats (DD & PG)
Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser INDIANAPOLIS
6" Cruisers DETROIT
RALEIGH
10 Destroyers
10 Submarines

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

CinC 5th Fleet
2 light cruisers (CL) TAMA
KISO
2-3 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)
Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
* RAMILLIES
REVENGE
* ROYAL SOVEREIGN
* ILLUSTRIOUS
Aircraft Carrier ALBATROSS
Seaplane Carrier DEVONSHIRE
8" Cruisers * GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
7.5" Cruisers HAWKINS
PROBISHER
6" Cruisers MAURITIUS * GLASGOW
GAMBIA * EMERALD
BIRMINGHAM * DANAE
ENTERPRISE DURBAN
LIVERPOOL CARADOC
ARETHUSA
CERES
DAUNTLESS
* DRAGON
CAPETOWN
* CALEDON
* SUMATRA (Dutch)
ALAINIA
CARTHAGE
* CORFU
CHITRAL
RANPURA
RANCHI
WORCESTERSHIRE
* CARLISLE
A.A. Ship
Approx 27 Destroyers
Approx 9 Submarines

* Note: No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

11th March, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/11:

- (1) "BENDIGO" departed Milne Bay 1303/10 for Port Moresby.
- (2) "PIRIE" escorting "BONTEKOE" to Oro Bay ETA 1300/11.
- (3) "WHYALLA" was to depart Milne Bay a.m. 11/3 for Cairns
ETA 1500/13.
- (4) "SWAN" escorting "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" departed Port Moresby
1625/10. "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" to proceed Cairns
ETA 1200/12. "SWAN" to proceed Townsville.
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Thursday Island 1906/10 for Darwin ETA 0100/15.
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ETA 1530/11.
- (9) YP.280 YP.286 YP.288 en route Noumea to Brisbane ETA 1200/14.
- (10) "GYMPIE" returning Brisbane after escort duty.
- (11) "WARRAMUNGA" "BROOME" escorting Convoy TN47 ("DUNTROON"
"GORGON" "GEORGE McCRAHY") to Port Moresby. Were
due 0800/11.
- (12) "SUMNER" "SC.746" departed Townsville 1430/10 for Deboyne Is.
- (13) "GOULBURN" escorting "KATOOMBA" dep. Brisbane 1440/10.
"GOULBURN" to part company at High Peak and return
Brisbane.
- (14) "MANUNDA" departed Brisbane 1205/8 for Port Moresby ETA 0830/12.
- (15) "YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 departed Caloundra 0851/9 for Townsville
ETA 12/3.
- (16) "HELM" en route Palm Island after escort duty with "NIEUW
AMSTERDAM" ETA 0700/12.
- (17) "HENLEY" departed Brisbane 1418/10 to carry out exercises
with submarine to seaward of Cape Moresby.
- (18) 9 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "KATOOMBA" "HILO" 17 PT's
	Merchant Vessels: "EMPIRE HAMBLE"
	Small Craft - Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Merchant Vessels: "JASON LEE" "TIME" "STAGEN"
	"PORTMAR" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK"
	Small Craft - Approx 20
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "WILCANNIA"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "GLENELG" "ECHUCA" "BOWEN"
	"BALLARAT" "PLATYPUS" 10 PT's (2 refitting)
Palm Island	- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "HOBART"
	"MUGFORD" "RALPH TALBOT" "BAGLEY" "VICTORIA"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "ARUNTA" "VENDETTA" "WARREGO"
	"YUNNAN" (A.S.I.S) "MERKUR"
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "FULTON" "SC.748" "AASE MA ERSK"
	"JAMES O'HARA" "W.A.HOLBROOK" "POYANG" (A.S.I.S)
	YP.233 YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48
(Repairing)	"SC.744" "GEELONG"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) Convoy TN49 - "WEST CACTUS" "CARLISLE" to depart Townsville 1800/11. "ECHUCA" to RV off Fitzroy Island at 1030/12 and escort to Milne Bay ETA 1600/14.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) New Georgia - Vila Plantation and airfield area were attacked at 0745/10 by 18 dive bombers, 12 torpedo bombers escorted by 31 fighters.
- (2) Shortlands - A night reconnaissance aircraft saw 3 naval vessels 30 miles south of Shortlands firing at least 100 rounds from 0147-0435/10.
Reconnaissance a.m. 10/3 sighted one light cruiser or destroyer, 7 cargo vessels (of which 3 small) in the Buin-Faisi area.
Reconnaissance 1600/10 saw the following shipping in the Buin-Faisi area -
7 destroyers incl. 4 large or poss. light cruisers
7 cargo vessels
Total 14
- (3) Kieta - Reconnaissance a.m. 10/3 sighted power barges and small boats in the Kieta area.
- (4) Buka - Native sources report 9/3 20 enemy bombers being repaired on Buka aerodrome. Also that ammunition is being made at Buka.
At 0700/10, 2 destroyers were seen 8 miles off Teop headed towards Buka.
- (5) Solomons Aircraft - Photos 10/3 show :-
Kahili - 60 fighters, 5 bombers
Ballale - 6 "
Faisi - 19 Zero F/Ps,
Munda - 1 fighter
Vila - Nil
Buka - 4 fighters, 4 bombers
90 fighters, 9 bombers
- (6) Gasmata - Reconnaissance 0905/10 sighted 2 bombers and one Zero on Gasmata runway which appeared serviceable.
- (7) Cape Gloucester - Reconnaissance 0918/10 sighted 2 fighters on the aerodrome which appeared serviceable. The aerodrome was bombed in the afternoon by one Liberator.
- (8) Wewak - Shipping at Wewak was attacked at or before dawn 10/3 by 4 B.17's. Three unidentified vessels, probably the destroyer and 2 cargo vessels sighted a.m. 9/3, were seen around the jetty. Near misses were obtained on the vessels. The runway and water-front were also bombed.
Photographs from reconnaissance later in the morning show two ~~400~~ 400 ton vessels, possibly luggers, and one barge off-shore. No aircraft were visible on the aerodrome and no material change was apparent.
- (9) Mubo - Our forward elements are still in contact with the enemy on Guadagasal Ridge.
- (10) Mambare River Area - Our patrol having passed the Mambare River Mouth reports the area at the mouth of Gira River (about 6 miles up the coast from Mambare River Mouth) clear of enemy, also up the river for some 15 miles.
- (11) Lae Convoy Remnants - Further remnants have drifted ashore during 9-10/3 at Kiriwina Is. and Goodenough Is.
- (12) Submarine Activity - Indications 9/3 show enemy submarines operating as follows -
1 approximately 30 miles SSW Port Moresby
1 approximately 300 miles E. Mackay.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/11:

4 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE"
Merchant Vessels: "BURWAH" "DARVEL"
Drysdale - Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE"
Merchant Vessels: "BABINDA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Tanimbar - Enemy positions in the vicinity of Saumlaki were attacked a.m. 10/3 by 3 Hudsons. No shipping was sighted at Saumlaki.
- (2) Ambon-Banda Sea - Reconnaissances a.m. 10/3 sighted 3 groups of 2 ships each as follows -
- (a) 2 cargo vessels 130 miles south of Buru Is. course 45° at 0955/10;
 - (b) 2 merchant ships (approx 7000 tons each) 20 miles WNW Buru Is. course 225° at 1145/10;
 - (c) 2 merchant vessels (approx 3-4000 tons & 6-7000 tons) 20 miles south of Buton Is. course 225° at 1230/10.

The last group was bombed and the larger vessel was last seen burning fiercely.

a.m. 8/3 2 vessels (one cargo ship 4000 tons and one converted tanker 9000 tons) were seen at Babo. These vessels could be either those in (b) or (c) above, more likely (c) from the description of tonnage.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "VAN G ALEN"
"PELIAS" "CHILDS" "ISABEL" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO"
"HORSHAM" "LARK" "OTUS"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "PRESTON" "WHIPPOORWILL"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/11:

- (1) "STUART" due Sydney 0900/12 after escort duty with "FREDERICK FUNSTON".
- (2) "DELORAIN" "MORESBY" escorting Convoy C078.
- (3) "GOLD STAR" en route Fremantle to Melbourne.
- (4) "ROCKHAMPTON" "ABRAHAM CRYNSSEN" escorting Convoy OC77.
- (5) "BUNDABERG" "WARRNAMBOOL" "WAGGA" escorting Convoy GP38 (including "BISHOPDALE" for Townsville) departed Sydney 1047/10 ETA Caloundra 0400/13.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "VAN HEEMSKERK" "LE TRIOMPHANT"
"SHEPPARTON" "TOWNSVILLE" "YANDRA" "MILDURA"
"BUNBURY" "KYBRA" "KURUMBA" YDG.2
(Repairing) "HELENA" "AL HENA" "MUSTIN" "HUGHES" "SELFRIDGE"
(In Reserve) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"

Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "TJERK HIDDEN" "DOOMBA"
 "SPRINGDALE" "CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship)
 (Repairing) "COLAC"
 Geelong - Warships & Aux. - "BUNGAREE"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
 (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) SAN DIEGO (CL) LAMSON SMITH
 McCALLA MAHAN BUCHANAN WOODWORTH LARDNER TAYLOR
 FARENHOLT IANSDOWNE AULICK ELLETT (DD) BREESE (DM)
 CURTISS TANGIER (CVS) THORNTON (AVD) ATHENE (ACV)
 DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) ALCHIBA ALDEBARAN (AK)
 ARCTIC (AF) SABINE NEOSHO PLATTE WHIPSTOCK PATUXENT (AO)
 NAVAJO (AT) SKYLARK (AM) NAUTILUS (SS) YP.290 YP.516
 YP.517 YP.518
 (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS (BB)
 SARATOGA (CV) SAN JUAN COLUMBIA (CL) MURPHY DUNLAP BALCH
 FANNING CONYNGHAM CUMMINGS PERKINS (DD) JAMESTOWN (PG)
 PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) WHITNEY (AD) TALAMANCA MAJABA
 GEORGE CLYMER JOHN PENN McCAWLEY AMERICAN LEGION
 HUNTER LIGGETT FULLER (AP) NEVILLE MERCURY ALGORAB
 ARIDED TITANIA CASTOR (AK) TRYON (APH) SONOMA PAWNEE (AT)
 SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) ADROIT KINGFISHER (AM) ARD.2
 YP.239 PC.1119 PC.1121 YMS.10 YMS.70 SC.738 SC.740
 SC.749 SC.750 KIWI (A/S Vessel)
 (4) At Suva - POCOMOKE (CVS) ROSEWOOD CATALPA (YN)
 (5) At Nandi - LANG (DD) KANKAKEE (AO)
 (6) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK VIREO (AM) LOCUST
 BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA GALE TUI (A/S
 Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO)
 STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AG)
 (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) LOUISVILLE WICHITA (CA)
 CLEVELAND DENVER MONTPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SANGAMON
 SUWANNEE (ACV) FRAZIER EDWARDS CONWAY CONY WALLER
 GANSEVOORT AARON WARD RENSHAW EATON PHILIP (DD)
 KANAWHA LACKAWANNA NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER
 PC.476 PC.477 PC.479 KITTYHAWK (APV)
 (8) At Auckland - LEANDER (CL) EBONY (YN) ANTARES (AK) MOUNT VERNON (AP)
 SOLACE (AH)
 Refitting - ACHILLES (CL)
 (9) At Wellington - GRAYSON (DD) TRACY (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM) PRES. JACKSON
 PRES. HAYES PRES. ADAMS H.T. ALLEN CRESCENT CITY (AP)
 LIBRA (AK)
 (10) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (Sloop)

C. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

"KANIMBLA" escorting "FAIRISLE" "CAPE CHARLES" dep. Fremantle
 0830/8. To escort "FAIRISLE" to Colombo ETA 19/3
 and "CAPE CHARLES" to position 006°11'N, 77°32'E;
 "CAPE CHARLES" to proceed Persian Gulf.

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

Further to the report of the sinking of "S'JACOB"
 it is now reported that four men were killed. Survivors
 were picked up by "BENDIGO".

III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions
S.W.P.A. particularly Central & Northern
Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W.
coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura
Sea Islands.
- (2) Possible offensive activity from East Indies
area including further infiltration to the
eastward along south coast Dutch New Guinea.
- (3) Increased offensive submarine activity.

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

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A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A? SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1 EASTERN SECTION

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
	<u>(i) Allied Forces:</u>	
8" Cruiser	AUSTRALIA	
6" Cruisers	HOBART PHOENIX VAN HEEMSKERK	HELENA
Armed Merchant Cruisers		MANOORA) WESTRALIA) On Reserve
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT	SELFRIDGE
Destroyers	HELM HENLEY PATTERSON RALPH TALBOT BAGLEY MUGFORD STUART VENDETTA TJERK HIDDES	
Submarines	GATO) GROWLER) At Brisbane PETO) ALBACORE) AMBERJACK) GRAMPUS) GRAY BACK) GREENLING) On Patrol GROUPEL) GUARD FISH) TRITON) TUNA)	
Submarine Tender	K.9	At Sydney
Destroyer Tender	FULTON	
Gunboats	DOBBIN TULSA HILO	
Oilers	AASE MAERSK BISHOPDALE KURUMBA VICTORIA	

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

CinC Combined Fleet		
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)		
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)		
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)		
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)		
3-4 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO MUSASHI MUTSU NAGATO ZUIKAKU	
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	ZUIHO	
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)	UNYO	OTAKA
3 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	1 unknown	

6 heavy cruisers (CA)

ATAGO
TAKAO
NACHI
HAGURO
KUMANO
AOBA
JINTSU
KATORI
KASHIMA
NAGARA

MOGAMI (bel. sunk 14/11)
MYOKO) poss. sunk
SUZUYA) 13-14/11

4 light cruisers (CL)

5-6 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)

Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

Approx 35-40 destroyers (DD)

2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)

CHITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA

5-6 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)

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

Approx 392 shore-based aircraft incl. 166 F, 144 B, 22 F/B, 42 F/P,
18 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser
Flotilla Leader
Armed Merchant Cruiser
Destroyer
S/P Tenders

ADELAIDE
TROMP
KANIMBLA
VAN GALEN
HERON
W.B. PRESTON

Submarine Tender
Submarines

CHILDS
PELIAS
TAMBOR)
TAUTOG) On Patrol
THRESHER)
GAR)
GRAYLING)
GRENADIER)
GUDGEON) At Fremantle
TROUT)
K.12)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

C's in C b t, 2nd and 3rd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)

ASHIGARA

6 light cruisers (CL)

KASHII

NATORI (damaged 21/1)

KUMA

ISUZU

OI

KITAGAMI

Approx 16-20 destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane Carrier (CVS)

Approx 209 shore-based aircraft incl. 96 F, 70 B, 3 F/B, 24 F/P,

NOTORO

16 transport aircraft.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
MASSACHUSETTS
MARYLAND
COLORADO
NEW MEXICO

Aircraft Carriers

ENTERPRISE

~~2~~ Auxiliary A/C Carriers

SARATOGA
CHENANGO
SANGAMON
SUWANNEE

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE
NEW ORLEANS

6" Cruisers

WICHITA
HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE
COLUMBIA
CLEVELAND
MONTPELLIER
DENVER

ACHILLES

5" Cruisers

LEANDER
SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN

Destroyers

50 (approx)

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

IDAHO
MISSISSIPPI
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA

WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carrier
Auxiliary A/C Carriers

LONG ISLAND
NASSAU
ALFAMAHA
COPAHEE

8" Cruisers

SALT LAKE CITY

MINNEAPOLIS
PENSACOLA
PORTLAND
SAN FRANCISCO

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

CinC Is t Fleet

6-7 Battleships (BB)

ISE
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA
HARUNA
KONGO

SHOKAKU

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)

2 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

HAYATAKA
HITAKA

1 Auxiliary A/C Carrier (ACV)

3 Heavy Cruisers (CA)

CHUYO
TONE
TIKUMA

2 Light Cruisers (CL)

CHOKAI
ABUKUMA
SENDAI

1 Armed Merchant Cruiser (XCL)

2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)

NISSHIN
KAMOI

1-2 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 30 Destroyers and Gunboats (DD & PG)

Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser INDIANAPOLIS
6" Cruisers DETROIT
RALEIGH

10 Destroyers
10 Submarines

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

CinC 5th Fleet
2 light cruisers (CL) TAMA
KISO

2-3 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)
Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	WARSPITE	
	RESOLUTION	
	* RAMILLIES	
	REVENGE	
	* ROYAL SOVEREIGN	
Aircraft Carrier	* ILLUSTRIOUS	
Seaplane Carrier	ALBATROSS	
8" Cruisers	DEVONSHIRE	
	* GEORGIOS AVIHOFF (Greek)	
7.5" Cruisers	HAWKINS	
	FROBISHER	
6" Cruisers	MAURITIUS	* GLASGOW
	GAMBIA	* EMERALD
	BIRMINGHAM	* DANAE
	ENTERPRISE	DURBAN
	LIVERPOOL	CARADOC
	ARETHUSA	
	CERES	
	DAUNTLESS	
	* DRAGON	
	CAPETOWN	
	* CALEDON	
	* SUMATRA (Dutch)	
Armed Merchant Cruisers	ALAUNIA	
	CARTHAGE	
	* CORFU	
	CHITRAL	
	RANPURA	
	RANCHI	
	WORCESTERSHIRE	
	* CARLISLE	

A.A. Ship
Approx 27 Destroyers
Approx 9 Submarines

* Note: No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 Submarines

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- (6) YP.280 YP.286 YP.288 en route Noumea to Brisbane ETA 1200/14.
- (7) "GYMPIE" returning Brisbane after escort duty.
- (8) YP.291 departed Cairns 0701/11 for Milne Bay ETA 1101/13.
- (9) "BOWEN" was to RV off Fitzroy Island with Convoy TN49 ("WEST CACTUS" "CARLISLE") at 1030/12 and escort to Milne Bay ETA 1600/14.
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- (11) "GOULBURN" escorting "KATOOMBA" dep. Brisbane 1440/10. "GOULBURN" to part company at High Peak and return Brisbane.
- (12) "MANUNDA" departed Brisbane 1205/8 for Port Moresby, was due 0830/12.
- (13) "YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 departed Caloundra 0851/9 for Townsville ETA 12/3.
- (14) "LITHGOW" departed Brisbane 2044/11 to RV with Cable Repair Ship "CABLE ENTERPRISE" in position 85° Fingal Head 24.5 miles at 0600/12. "LITHGOW" to provide A/S protection during repair operations and on return of "CABLE ENTERPRISE" to Brisbane.
- (15) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE"
	Merchant Vessels: "BONTEKOE"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "KATOOMBA" "HILO" 17 PT's
	Merchant Vessels: "EMPIRE HAMBLE"
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	Merchant Vessels: "JASON LEE" "TIME" "STAGEN"
	"GEORGE McCRARY" "DUNTROON" "GORGON" "PORTMAR"
	"GENERAL VERSPIJCK"
	Small Craft - Approx 20
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "WILCANNIA"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "GIE NELG" "ECHUCA" "BALLARAT"
	"PLATYPUS" 10 PT's (2 refitting)
Palm Island	- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "HOBART"
	"PATTERSON" "HELM" "MUGFORD" "RALPH TALBOT"
	"BAGLEY" "VICTORIA"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "ARUNTA" "VENDETTA" "WARREGO"
	"YUNNAN" (A.S.I.S) "MERKUR"
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "HENLEY" "FULTON" "SC.748"
	"AASE MAERSK" "JAMES O'HARA" "W.A.HOLBROOK"
	"POYANG (A.S.I.S) YP.233 YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47
	YMS.48
(Repairing)	"SC.744" "GEELONG"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Russell Is. - At 1310/10, 10 enemy dive-bombers escorted by 12 fighters attempted an attack on our positions on the Russell Islands. Fighters intercepted and apparently prevented any attack shooting down 3 Zero's and one dive bomber without loss to themselves.
At 2020/10 radar contact was made with 7 unidentified ships north of Baisen Is. (northernmost of the Russells).
- (2) New Georgia - An enemy foraging party was on Rendova Is. p.m. 10/3 and a.m. 11/3.
Native sources report 5 steamships anchored off Vila Plantation at midnight 8/3 departing at 0300/9.
- (3) Shortlands - Local reports state that the Japanese are short of food at Buin.
Reconnaissance a.m. 11/3 reported the following shipping in the Buin-Faisi area -
1 heavy cruiser
3 light cruisers
6 cargo vessels
Total 10
In addition, one destroyer was sighted in Bougainville Strait on patrol or coming into the area.
- (4) Kieta - Reconnaissance a.m. 11/3 sighted off Kieta one cargo vessel, possibly the same unit reported there since 8/3.
- (5) Solomons Aircraft - Photos a.m. 11/3 show -
Kahili - 29 fighters, 4 bombers
Ballale - 3 " (partial coverage)
Faisi - 14 Zero F/Ps, 1 four-engine F/B
Munda - 1 fighter -
Buka - 4 " -
51 fighters, 5 bombers
This total compares with 90 fighters and 9 bombers shown by photos 10/3 covering the same areas with the exception of Vila where there were no aircraft.
- (6) Kavieng - Reconnaissance approximately 1000/11 sighted the following shipping in the Kavieng area -
1 heavy cruiser
1 possible battle-cruiser (Prob HEAVY CRUISER)
1 destroyer
8 cargo vessels (none over 3,500 tons)
The warships and 3 cargo vessels were anchored in Silver Sound and Ribnitz Harbour at the western entrance to Balgai Bay. Two other cargo vessels were anchored off North Cape (northern jaw of Balgai Bay). The other three cargo vessels were all under way heading for Kavieng or Balgai Bay.
8 bombers were seen, 3 airborne, 3 in blast pens and 2 landing, while photographs show 19 bombers dispersed on the aerodrome. Additional dispersal lanes and 18 new dispersal bays under construction are visible in the photos.
- (7) Lorengau - Reconnaissance 0945/11 sighted a 100 ft. vessel at Lorengau jetty, also 2 Zero's landing on the runway.
Two convoys each of 5 or more vessels with escorts were sighted at noon 11/3 approximately 105 miles NE of Manus Is. course 310°.
- (8) Rabaul - Lakunai aerodrome was attacked before dawn 11/3 by Liberators. Complete reports have not yet been received.
- (9) Wewak - Reconnaissance 1120/11 sighted at Wewak 2 destroyers of which one appeared partially submerged. No cargo vessels were visible. Six Zero's were seen taking off Wewak aerodrome.
- (10) Wau - At 1950/11, 2 enemy bombers ineffectively bombed Wau.
- (11) Mubo - Enemy positions in the Guadagasal Ridge area were bombed and strafed shortly before noon 11/3 by 3 Bostons.
- (12) Dobodura - At 1011/11 24 enemy bombers escorted by 16 fighters attacked a strip in the vicinity of Dobodura destroying two P.38's and causing slight casualties. 12 P.40's and 12 P.38's intercepted and shot down 9 Zero's plus probably 3 more Zero's and 2 bombers. One P.38 was lost in combat. Dobodura Strip was also attacked by enemy bombers at 2000/11.
No attack was made on our shipping heading for Oro Bay.

- (13) Lae Convoy Remnants - Further remnants drifted ashore at Simlindon Island (28 miles NW Kiriwina) 11/3.
- (14) Port Moresby - Aircraft reported a probable submarine 10 miles south of Port Moresby 1315/11. Subsequent air search proved negative.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/12:

3 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE"
Merchant Vessels: "BURWAH"

Drysdale - Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE"
Merchant Vessels: "BABINDA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Ambon-Banda Sea - Photos of enemy shipping 10/3 show -
- (a) At Ambon 1 merchant vessel (5000 tons)
2 merchant vessels (2000 tons each)
1 possible small tanker
- No visual report was received concerning these vessels.
- (b) The 2 vessels sighted WNW Buru Island at 1145/10 were two 6,350 ton merchant vessels.
- (c) The vessel bombed and hit south of Buton Island 1230/10 was a 2,500 ton tanker.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "VAN GALEN"
"PELIAS" "CHILDS" "ISABEL" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO"
"HORSHAM" "LARK" "OTUS"

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

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/12:

- (1) "STUART" was due Sydney 0900/12 after escort duty with "FREDERICK FUNSTON".
- (2) "DELORAIN" "MORESBY" escorting Convoy C078.
- (3) "GOLD STAR" en route Fremantle to Melbourne.
- (4) "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy OC77 to Newcastle.
- (5) "BUNDABERG" "WARRNAMBOOL" "WAGGA" escorting Convoy GP38 (including "BISHOPDALE" for Townsville) departed Sydney 1047/10 ETA Caloundra 0400/13.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "VAN HEEMSKERK" "LE TRIOMPHANT"
"ROCKHAMPTON" "SHEPPARTON" "TOWNSVILLE" "YANDRA"
"MILDURA" "BUNBURY" "KYBRA" "KURUMBA" YDG.2
(Repairing) "HELENA" "ALHENA" "MUSTIN" "HUGHES" "SELFRIDGE"
(In Reserve) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"

Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "TJERK HIDDES" "DOOMBA"
 (Repairing) "SPRINGDALE" "CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship)
 Geelong "COLAC"
 - Warships & Aux. - "BUNGAREE"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
 (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) SAN DIEGO (CL) LAMSON SMITH
 McCALLA MAHAN BUCHANAN WOODWORTH LARDNER TAYLOR
 FARENHOLT LANSDOWNE AULICK ELLETT (DD) BREESE (DM)
 CURTISS TANGIER (CVS) THORNTON (AVD) ATHENE (ACV)
 DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) ALCHIBA ALDEBARAN (AK)
 ARCTIC (AF) SABINE NEOSHO PLATTE WHIPSTOCK PATUXENT (AO)
 NAVAJO (AT) SKYLARK (AM) NAUTILUS (SS) YP.290 YP.516
 YP.517 YP.518
 (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS (BB)
 SARATOGA (CV) SAN JUAN COLUMBIA (CL) MURPHY DUNLAP BALCH
 FANNING CONYNGHAM CUMMINGS PERKINS (DD) JAMESTOWN (PG)
 PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) WHITNEY (AD) TALAMANCA MAJABA
 GEORGE CLYMER JOHN PENN McCAWLEY AMERICAN LEGION
 HUNTER LIGGETT FULLER (AP) NEVILLE MERCURY ALGORAB
 ARIDED TITANIA CASTOR (AK) TRYON (APH) SONOMA PAWNEE (AT)
 SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) ADROIT KINGFISHER (AM) ARD.2
 YP.239 PC.1119 PC.1121 YMS.10 YMS.70 SC.738 SC.740
 SC.749 SC.750 KIWI (A/S Vessel)
 (4) At Suva - POCOMOKE (CVS) ROSEWOOD CATALPA (YN)
 (5) At Nandi - LANG (DD) KANKAKEE (AO)
 (6) Guadal canal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK VIREO (AM) LOCUST
 BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA GALE TUI (A/S
 Vessels) ORPOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO)
 STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AG)
 (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) LOUISVILLE WICHITA (CA)
 CLEVELAND DENVER MONTEPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SANGAMON
 SUWANNEE (ACV) FRAZIER EDWARDS CONWAY CONY WALLER
 GANSEVOORT AARON WARD RENSHAW EATON PHILIP (DD)
 KANAWHA LACKAWANNA NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER
 PC.476 PC.477 PC.479 KITTYHAWK (APV)
 (8) At Auckland - LEANDER (CL) EBONY (YN) ANTARES (AK) MOUNT VERNON (AP)
 SOLACE (AH)
 Refitting - ACHILLES (CL)
 (9) At Wellington - GRAYSON (DD) TRACY (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM) PRES. JACKSON
 PRES. HAYES PRES. ADAMS H.T. ALLEN CRESCENT CITY (AP)
 LIBRA (AK)
 (10) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (Sloop)

C. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

"KANIMBLA" escorting "FAIRISLE" "CAPE CHARLES" dep. Fremantle
 0830/8. To escort "FAIRISLE" to Colombo ETA 19/3
 and "CAPE CHARLES" to position 006°11'N, 77°32'E;
 "CAPE CHARLES" to proceed Persian Gulf.

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

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III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions
S.W.P.A. particularly Central & Northern
Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W.
coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura
Sea Islands.
- (2) Possible offensive activity from East Indies
area including further infiltration to the
eastward along south coast Dutch New Guinea.
- (3) Increased offensive submarine activity.

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

12/3/43

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

EASTERN SECTION

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser	AUSTRALIA	
6" Cruisers	HOBART	
	PHOENIX	HELENA
	VAN HEEMSKERK	
Armed Merchant Cruisers		MAN OORA)
		WESTRALIA) On Reserve
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA	
	WARRAMUNGA	SELFRIDGE
	LE TRIOMPHANT	
Destroyers	HELM	
	HENLEY	
	PATTERSON	
	RALPH TALBOT	
	BAGLEY	
	MUGFORD	
	STUART	
	VENDETTA	
	TJERK HIDDES	
Submarines	ALBACORE)	
	GATO)	At Brisbane
	GROWLER)	
	PETO)	
	AMBERJACK)	
	GRAMPUS)	
	GRAYBACK)	
	GREENLING)	On Patrol
	GROUPEL)	
	GUARDFISH)	
	TRITON)	
	TUNA)	
	K.9	At Sydney
Submarine Tender	FULTON	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboats	TULSA	
	HILO	
Oilers	AASE MAERSK	
	BISHOPDALE	
	KRUMBA	
	VICTORIA	

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

CinC Combined Fleet		
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)		
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)		
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)		
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)		
3-4 Battle ships (BB)	YAMA TO	
	MUSASHI	
	MUTSU	
	NAGATO	
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	ZUIKAKU	
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)	ZI IHO	
3 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	UNYO	OTAKA
	1 unknown	

6 heavy cruisers (CA)

ATAGO
TAKAO
NACHI
HAGURO
KUMANO
AOBA
JINTSU
KATORI
KASHIMA
NAGARA

MOGAMI (bel. sunk 14/11)
MYOKO) poss. sunk
SUZUYA) 13-14/11

4 light cruisers (CL)

5-6 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)

Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

Approx 35-40 Destroyers (DD)

2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)

CHITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA

5-6 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)

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

Approx 392 shore-based aircraft incl. 166 F, 144 B, 22 F/B, 42 F/P,
18 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser

Flotilla Leader

Armed Merchant Cruiser

Destroyer

S/P Tenders

ADELAIDE

TROMP

KANIMBLA

VAN GALLEN

HERON

W.B. PRESTON

CHILDS

Submarine Tender

PELIAS

~~W.B. PRESTON~~

Submarines

TAMBOR)

TAUTOG) On Patrol

GAR)

GRAYLING)

GRENADIER)

GUDGEON) At Fremantle

THRESHER)

TROUT)

K.12)

EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

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

1 heavy cruiser (CA)

ASHIGARA

6 light cruisers (CL)

KASHII

NATORI (damaged 21/1)

KUMA

ISUZU

OI

KITAGAMI

Approx 16-20 Destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane Carrier (CVS)

NOTORO

Approx 209 shore-based aircraft incl. 96 F, 70 B, 3 F/B, 24 F/P,
16 transport aircraft.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	INDIANA WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO NEW MEXICO	
Aircraft Carriers	ENTERPRISE SARATOGA	
Auxiliary A/C carriers	CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE	
8" Cruisers	LOUISVILLE NEW ORLEANS WICHITA	
6" Cruisers	HONOLULU ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER LEANDER	ACHILLES
5" Cruisers	SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	
Destroyers	50 (approx)	

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA	WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE
Converted A/C Carrier Auxiliary A/C Carriers	LONG ISLAND NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	
8" Cruisers	SALT LAKE CITY	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA PORTLAND SAN FRANCISCO

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

CinC 1st Fleet 6-7 Battleships (BB)	ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA HARUNA KONGO	
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)		SHOKAKU
2 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	HAYATAKA HITAKA	
1 Auxiliary A/C Carrier (ACV)	CHUYO	
3 Heavy Cruisers (CA)	TONE TIKUMA CHOKAI ABUKUMA SENDAI	
2 Light Cruisers (CL)		
1 Armed Merchant Cruiser (XCL)		
2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)	NISSHIN KAMO I	
1-2 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)		
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)		
Approx 30 Destroyers and Gunboats (DD & PG)		
Approx 27 Submarines (SS)		

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

13th March, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/13:

- (1) "KATOOMBA" escorting "EMPIRE HAMBLE" departed Milne Bay 0803/12 for Port Moresby ETA 1800/13.
- (2) "WHYALLA" departed Milne Bay 0700/11 for Cairns ETA 1500/13.
- (3) "TULSA" en route Milne Bay to Brisbane. Was due 0800/13.
- (4) "MANUNDA" departed Port Moresby 1530/12 for Brisbane ETA 1300/16.
- (5) "WARRAMUNGA" escorting "DUNTROON" departed Port Moresby 0800/12. To escort to Fitzroy Island. "WARRAMUNGA" to proceed Cairns.
- (6) "SWAN" en route Townsville after escort duty with "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER".
- (7) YP.280 YP.286 YP.288 en route Noumea to Brisbane ETA 1200/14.
- (8) YP.291 departed Cairns 0701/11 for Milne Bay was due 1101/13.
- (9) "VENDETTA" escorting Convoy TN50 ("TAROONA") departed Townsville 2322/12 for Milne Bay ETA 1800/14.
- (10) "BOWEN" escorting Convoy TN49 ("WEST CACTUS" "CARLISLE") to Milne Bay ETA 1600/14.
- (11) "SUMNER" "SC.746" departed Townsville 1430/10 for Deboyne Is.
- (12) "LITHGOW" departed Brisbane 2044/11 to RV with Cable Repair Ship "CABLE ENTERPRISE" in position 85° Fingal Head 24.5 miles at 0600/12. "LITHGOW" to provide A/S protection during repair operations and on return of "CABLE ENTERPRISE" to Brisbane.
- (13) "BUNDABERG" "WARRNAMBOOL" "WAGGA" escorting Convoy GP38 were due Caloundra 0900/13. "GYMPIE" departed Brisbane 1950/12 to RV at outer end of searched channel with GP38 and escort "BANTAM" "BISHOPDALE" and "CAROLA" (all for Townsville) northbound. "GYMPIE" to part company at Capricorn Channel and return Caloundra. "WAGGA" escorting "DUNDULA" (for Bowen) "VAN OUTHOORN" (for Townsville) to detach at outer end of searched channel and proceed northbound.
- (14) "JAMES O'HARA" was to depart Brisbane 0800/13 for Panama ETA 2/4.
- (15) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE"
	Merchant Vessels: "BOPEKOE"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "HILO" 17 PT's
	Small Craft - Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "BROOME" "BENDIGO"
	Merchant Vessels: "JASON LEE" "TIME" "STAGEN"
	"GEORGE McCRARY" "GORGON" "PORTMAR"
	"GENERAL VERSPIJCK"
	Small Craft - Approx 20
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "WILCANNIA"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "GLENELG" "ECHUCA" "BALLARAT"
	"PLATYPUS" YP.236 10 PT's (2 refitting)
Palm Island	-- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "HOBART"
	"PATTERSON" "HELM" "MUGFORD" RALPH TALBOT"
	"BAGLEY" "VICTORIA" "MERKUR"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "ARUNTA" "WARREGO" " XXXXXXXX "

Townsville (Contd.)

Maryborough - KAPUNDA" "YUNNAN" (A.S.I.S) YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50
Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"
Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "HENLEY" "GOUBURN" "FULTON"
"SC.748" "AASE MAERSK" "W.A.HOLBROOK"
"POYANG" (A.S.I.S) YP.233 YMS.8 YMS.46
YMS.47 YMS.48
(Repairing) "SC.744" "GEEELONG"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Shortlands-Munda - One Liberator reported no shipping visible by the light of flares in the Buin - Shortland Harbour area early morning 12/3. Another sighted two vessels SE of Shortland Island course West. One destroyer escorting one large cargo vessel was sighted 2 miles SE of Pupukina Point, course 310° and one cargo vessel anchored near Kahili in morning reconnaissance 12/3. Sightings 11/3 accounted for 10 ships in the area.
3 Liberators attacked Munda, Ballale and Kahili strips early morning 12th. 21 Avengers attacked Munda late 12/3 starting two fires. One Avenger missing.
- (2) Solomons Aircraft - Photos 12/3 show -
Vila - 3 fighters in revetments
Buka - 4 fighters, 2 bombers (partial coverage)
Munda - 5 fighters, 1 bomber (all inoperative)
Reconnaissance aircraft over Buka a.m. 12/3 sighted 12 fighters, two of which unsuccessfully attempted interception.
- (3) Bougainville Is. - The Japanese administrative officer Toshio is at Numa Numa according to a report 12/3. Natives are reported to be flocking to Numa Numa as labourers for the Japanese who are there in strength.
- (4) Rabaul - Partial photographs of the Rabaul area 1110/12 revealed 60 vessels :-
6 destroyers
3 submarines
3 patrol craft
1 submarine tender
2 destroyer tenders
1 minesweeper
36 merchant vessels (totalling 153,000 tons)
8 tankers
60
- Aircraft:
Lakunai - 83 fighters, 6 dive-bombers, 4 med.bombers
Malaguna - 1 F/B, 6 F/P
Rapopo - 41 medium bombers
Vunakanau - 17 medium bombers (only small portion of aerodrome photographed)
- (5) Wewak - Three unidentified vessels were sighted in Wewak Harbour 1250/12.
- (6) Lae Convoy Remnants - Further small parties landing on Goodenough Island 11/3 were killed or captured. A report timed 1015/12 states that groups of Japanese with beached lifeboats were sighted on Nauria Island. A raft with 12 Japanese was strafed 43 miles WNW Woodlark Island, and another with 8 Japanese 74 miles NNW Kiriwina Island 11/3.
- (7) Milne Bay - One reconnaissance aircraft was over the area at 0844/12

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/13:

- (1) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "BABINDA" was to depart for Rouson Island 1130/13.
(2) "INVERELL" escorting Convoy TD13 ("ISLANDER" "MULIAMA") dep. Thursday Island 1906/10 for Darwin ETA 0100/15.
(3) 3 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE"
Merchant Vessels: "BURWAH"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Ambon - A 6-7000 ton ship was hit by 3 B.24's during an attack on shipping and wharf installations at Ambon 1100-1130/12.
- (2) Fulloro - 8 fighters were sighted on the aerodrome 0817/12.
- (3) Lautem - A 1500 ton coastal type vessel with funnel aft and two tall masts was sighted stationary at Lautem a.m. 12/3.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "VAN GALEN"
"PELIAS" "CHILDS" "ISABEL" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO"
"HORSHAM" "LARK" "OTUS"
Exmouth Gulf- Warships & Aux. - "PRESTON" "WHIPPOORWILL"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/13:

- (1) "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy C079 was to depart Newcastle 13/3. "ROCKHAMPTON" "YANDRA" to RV off Sydney p.m. 13/3 and take over escort.
- (2) "GOLD STAR" en route Fremantle to Melbourne.
- (3) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC78 (including "BUNGAREE") dep. Port Phillip 2159/12 to RV in Wilson's Promontory area with "DELORAIN" "MORESBY" escorting Convoy C078, ETA Convoy OC78 Port Kembla 1900/15, Sydney 0100/16, Newcastle 0700/16.
- (4) "CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship) departed Melbourne 1903/12 for Sydney ETA 2359/14.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "VAN HEEMSKERK"
"LE TRIOMPHANT" "ROCKHAMPTON" "SHEPPARTON"
"TOWNSVILLE" "YANDRA" "MILDURA" "BUNBURY"
"KYBRA" "KURUMBA" YDG.2
(Repairing) "HELENA" "ALHENA" "MUSTIN" "HUGHES" "SELFRIDGE"
(In Reserve) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "TJERK HIDDIS" "SPRINGDALE"
(Repairing) "COLAC"

(c) Proposed Movements:

"BUNDABERG" "WARRENAMBOOL" escorting Convoy PG38 (5 MV) to depart Caloundra 1800/13 for Newcastle and Sydney.

5. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) SAN DIEGO (CL) LAMSON SMITH
McCALLA MAHAN TAYLOR FARENHOLT LANSDOWNE (DD) BREESE (DM)
SOUTHARD (DMS) CURTISS TANGIER (CVS) THORNTON (AVD)
ATHENE (ACV) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) ALCHIBA

ALDEBARAN PINCKNER CELENO (AK) ARCTIC (AF) SABINE
NEOSHO PLATTE WHIPSTOCK PATUXENT (AO) NAVAJO (AT)
SKYLARK (AM) NAUTILUS (SS) YP.290 YP.516 YP.517
YP.518

- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS (BB)
SARATOGA (CV) SAN JUAN COLUMBIA (CL) MURPHY DUNLAP BALCH
FANNING AULICK CONYNGHAM CUMMINGS PERKINS (DD) JAMESTOWN
(PG) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) WHITNEY (AD) TALAMANCA
MAJABA GEORGE CLYMER JOHN PENN McCAWLEY (AP) NEVILLE
MERCURY ALGORAB ARIDED TITANIA CASTOR (AK) TRYON (APH)
SONOMA PAWNEE (AT) SUANICO CIMARRON (AO) ADROIT
KINGFISHER (AM) ARD.2 YP.239 E.1119 FC.1121 YMS.10
YMS.70 SC.738 SC.740 SC.749 SC.750 KIWI (A/S Vessel)
- (4) At Suva - POCOMOKE (CVS) ROSEWOOD CATALPA (YN)
- (5) At Nandi - LANG (DD) KANKAKEE (AO)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK VIREO (AM) LOCUST
BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA GALE TUI (A/S
Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO)
STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AG)
- (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) LOUISVILLE WICHITA (CA)
CLEVELAND DENVER MONTPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SANGAMON
SUWANNEE (ACV) FRAZIER EDWARDS CONWAY CONY WALLER
GANSEVOORT AARON WARD RENSHAW EATON PHILIP (DD)
KANAWHA LACKAWANNA NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER
PC.476 PC.477 PC.479 KITTYHAWK (APV)
- (8) At Auckland - LEANDER (CL) EBONY (YN) ANTARES (AK) MOUNT VERNON (AP)
SOLACE (AH)
Refitting - ACHILLES (CL)
- (9) At Wellington - GRAYSON (DD) TRACY (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM) PRES. JACKSON
PRES. HAYES PRES. ADAMS R. T. ALLEN CRESCENT CITY (AP)
LIBRA (AK)
- (10) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (Sloop)

C. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

"KANIMBLA" escorting "FAIRISLE" "CAPE CHARLES" dep. Fremantle
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II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

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III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly
Central & Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W.
coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
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New Guinea.
- (3) Increased offensive submarine activity.

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DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser	AUSTRALIA	
6" Cruisers	HOBART	
	PHOENIX	HELENA
	VAN HEEMSKERK	
Armed Merchant Cruisers		MANOORA)
		WESTRALIA) On Reserve
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA	
	WARRAMUNGA	
	LE TRIOMPHANT	
Destroyers	HELM	
	HENLEY	
	PATTERSON	
	RALPH TALBOT	
	BAGLEY	
	MUGFORD	
	STUART	
	VENDETTA	
	TJERK HIDDIES	
Submarines	ALBACORE)	
	GATO)	
	GROWLER) At Brisbane	
	PETO)	
	AMBERJACK)	
	GRAMPUS)	
	GRAYBACK)	
	GREENLING)	
	GROUPEL) On Patrol	
	GUARDFISH)	
	TRITON)	
	TUNA)	
	K.9	At Sydney
Submarine Tender	FULTON	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboats	TULSA	
	HILO	
Oilers	AASE MAERSK	
	BISHOPDALE	
	KURUMBA	
	VICTORIA	

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

CinC Combined Fleet		
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)		
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)		
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)		
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)		
3-4 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO	
	MUSASHI	
	MUTSU	
	NAGATO	
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	ZUIKAKU	
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)	ZUIHO	
3 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	UNYO	OTAKA
	1 unknown	

6 heavy cruisers (CA)

ATAGO
TAKAO
NACHI
HAGURO
KUMANO
AOBA
JINTSU
KATORI
KASHIMA
NAGARA

MOGAMI (bel. sunk 14/11)
MYOKO) poss. sunk
SUZUYA) 13-14/11

4 light cruisers (CL)

5-6 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)

Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

Approx 35-40 destroyers (DD)

2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)

CHITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA

5-6 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)

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

Approx 378 shore-based aircraft incl. 154 F, 142 B, 22 F/B, 42 F/P,

18 Obs or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser

Flotilla Leader

Armed Merchant Cruiser

Destroyer

S/P Tenders

ADELAIDE
TROMP
KANIMELA
VAN GALEN
HERON
W.B. PRESTON

Submarine Tender

Submarines

CHILDS
PELIAS
TAMBOR)
TAUTOG) On Patrol
GAR)
GRAYLING)
GRENADIER)
GUDGEON) At Fremantle
THRESHER)
TROUT)
K.12)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

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

1 heavy cruiser (CA)

6 light cruisers (CL)

ASHIGARA
KASHII
KUMA
ISUZU
OI
KITAGAMI

NATORI (damaged 21/1)

Approx 16-20 Destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane Carrier (CVS)

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Approx 209 shore-based aircraft incl. 96 F, 70 B, 3 F/B, 24 F/P,

16 transport aircraft.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
MASSACHUSETTS
MARYLAND
COLORADO

Aircraft Carriers

NEW MEXICO
ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

CHENANGO
SANGAMON

8" Cruisers

SUNANNEE
LOUISVILLE
WICHITA

6" Cruisers

HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE
COLUMBIA
CLEVELAND
MONTPELLIER
DENVER
LEANDER

ACHILLES

5" Cruisers

SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN

Destroyers

50 (approx)

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

IDAHO
MISSISSIPPI
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA

WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carrier
Auxiliary A/C Carriers

LONG ISLAND
NASSAU
ALTA MAHA
COPAHEE

8" Cruisers

SALT LAKE CITY
NEW ORLEANS

MINNEAPOLIS
PENSACOLA
PORTLAND
SAN FRANCISCO

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

CinC 1st Fleet
6-7 Battleships (BB)

ISE
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA
HARUNA
KONGO

SHOKAKU

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)
2 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

HAYATAKA
HITAKA

1 Auxiliary A/C Carrier (ACV)
3 Heavy Cruisers (CA)

CHUYO
TONE

2 Light Cruisers (CL)

TIKUMA
CHOKAI
ABUKUMA
SENDAI

1 Armed Merchant Cruiser (XCL)
2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)

NISSHIN
KAMO I

1-2 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)
Approx 30 Destroyers and Gunboats (DD & PG)
Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces

8" Cruiser	INDIANAPOLIS
6" Cruisers	DETROIT
	RALEIGH
10 Destroyers	
10 Submarines	

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

CinC 5th Fleet	
2 light cruisers (CL)	TAMA
	KISO
2-3 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)	
Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)	
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)	

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers	CONCORD
	TRENTON
	RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	WARSPITE	
	RESOLUTION	
	* RAMILLIES	
	REVENGE	
	* ROYAL SOVEREIGN	
Aircraft Carrier	* ILLUSTRIOUS	
Seaplane Carrier	ALBATROSS	
8" Cruisers	DEVONSHIRE	
	* GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)	
7.5" Cruisers	HAWKINS	
	PROBISHER	
6" Cruisers	MAURITIUS	* GLASGOW
	GAMBIA	* EMERALD
	BIRMINGHAM	* DANAE
	ENTERPRISE	DURBAN
	LIVERPOOL	CARADOC
	ARETHUSA	
	CERES	
	DAUNTLESS	
	* DRAGON	
	CAPE TOWN	
	* CALEDON	
	* SUMATRA (Dutch)	
Armed Merchant Cruisers	ALANIA	
	CARTHAGE	
	* CORFU	
	C HITRAL	
	RAN PURA	
	RANCHI	
	WORCESTERSHIRE	
A.A. Ship	* CARL ISLE	
Approx 27 Destroyers		
Approx 9 Submarines		

* Note: No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

14th March, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/14:

- (1) "BENDIGO" escorting "JASON LEE" departed Port Moresby 1657/13 for Townsville ETA 0700/16.
- (2) "MANUNDA" departed Port Moresby 1530/12 for Brisbane ETA 1300/16.
- (3) YP.280 YP.286 YP.288 en route Noumea to Brisbane, were due 1200/14.
- (4) "MERKUR" departed Townsville 2 30/13 for Brisbane ETA 0600/17.
- (5) "BOWEN" escorting Convoy TN49 ("WEST CACTUS" "CARLISLE") to Milne Bay ETA 1600/14.
- (6) "VENDETTA" escorting Convoy TN50 ("TAROOMA") departed Townsville 2322/12 for Milne Bay ETA 1800/14.
- (7) "SUMNER" "SC.746" departed Townsville 1430/10 for Deboyne Is.
- (8) "ARUNTA" escorting Convoy TN48 ("DAVID BUSHNELL" "H.D.THOREAU" "H.DEARBORN") departed Townsville 0850/13 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/15.
- (9) "SWAN" was due Cairns 0700/14 from Townsville.
- (10) "HENLEY" departed Brisbane 0937/13 for Palm Island.
- (11) "GYMPIE" escorting "BANTAM" "CAROLA" "BISHOPDALE" (all for Townsville) from Caloundra. "GYMPIE" to part company at Capricorn Channel and return Caloundra.
- (12) "WAGGA" escorting "DUNDULA" (for Bowen) "VAN OUTHOORN" (for Townsville) from Caloundra.
- (13) "WILLARD A.HOLBROOK" was to depart Brisbane 0800/16 for Noumea.
- (14) "LITHGOW" departed Brisbane 2044/11 to RV with Cable Repair Ship "CABLE ENTERPRISE" in position 85° Fingal Head 24.5 miles at 0600/12. "LITHGOW" to provide A/S protection during repair operations and on return of "CABLE ENTERPRISE" to Brisbane.
- (15) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE"
	Merchant Vessels: "BONTEKOE"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "HILO" 17 PT's YP.291
	Small Craft - Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "BROOME" "KATOOMBA"
	Merchant Vessels: "TIME" "STAGEN" "GEORGE McCRARY"
	"GORGON" "PORTMAR" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK"
	Small Craft - Approx 20
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "WILCANNIA"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "WARRAMUNGA" "GLENELG" "ECHUCA"
	"BALLARAT" "WHYALLA" "KAPUNDA" "PLATYPUS"
	YP.236 10 PT's (2 refitting)
Palm Island	- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "HOBART"
	"PATTERSON" "HELM" "MUGFORD" "RALPH TALBOT"
	"BAGLEY" "VICTORIA"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "WARREGO" "YUNNAN" (A.S.I.S)
	YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "GOULBURN" "TULSA" "FULTON"
	"SC.748" "AASE MAERSK" "POYANG" (A.S.I.S.)
	YP.233 YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48
(Repairing)	SC.744 "GEELONG"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "GOULBURN" escorting Convoy BT43 ("CREMER" "JANSSENS" "CHARON") to depart Brisbane 2000/14.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Guadalcanal - Enemy aircraft dropped 7 bombs on Guadalcanal during the night 11-12/3 causing no damage or casualties.
- (2) New Georgia - Munda aerodrome was attacked 2008/12 by 12 torpedo bombers.
A small enemy vessel was reported off Rendova at dawn 12/3. The vessel was subsequently strafed by fighters and seen to burn and explode.
Vila dumps and bivouac area were attacked 1020/13 by 18 dive-bombers escorted by 23 fighters.
- (3) Shortlands - Kahili and Ballale were harassed throughout the night 12-13/3 by 4 Liberators. Flares were dropped but no shipping was seen.
Two reconnaissances a.m. 13/3 saw 4 cargo vessels in the Buin-Tonolei area.
- (4) Solomons Aircraft - Photos 13/3 show -
- | | | |
|---------|------------------|--------------------|
| Kahili | - 30 fighters, | 2 bombers |
| Ballale | - 13 fighters | |
| Faisi | - 24 Zero F/Ps, | 1 four-engined F/B |
| Vila | - Nil | |
| Munda | - None operative | |
- Buka was apparently not covered.
- (5) Admiralty Is. - Photographs 13/3 show that the runway at Lorengau is still unserviceable.
Reconnaissance 1008/13 sighted 3 destroyers approximately 50 miles west of Manus Is. course 110°.
- (6) Wewak - Blurred photographs noon 12/3 show 4 probable aircraft on the aerodrome and in the harbour one probable patrol craft and two 400 ton vessels.
At 1230/13 a convoy of 8 vessels was sighted approximately 28 miles N.E. of Wewak course 270° speed 12 knots. Photos show the composition of the convoy probably to be - 3 destroyers and 5 merchant vessels.
The convoy was shadowed and the latest report received gives its position 40 miles N.W. Wewak at 2045/13.
Air strikes were despatched but results are not yet to hand.
In addition, one destroyer and 2 cargo vessels were reported in Wewak Harbour.
- (7) Komiatum - Enemy positions Komiatum area were strafed a.m. 13/3 by three Beaufighters.
- (8) Mubo - Our patrols report 12/3 enemy activity between Guadagasal and the Saddle.
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2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/14:

- (1) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "BABINDA" was to depart Port Keats 1130/13 for Peron Is.
- (2) "LATROBE" escorting "BURWAH" "DARVEL" departed Darwin 0722/13 for Thursday Island ETA 2030/16.
- (3) "INVEREIL" escorting Convoy TD13 ("ISLANDER" "MULIAMA") dep. Thursday Island 1906/10 for Darwin ETA 0100/15.
- (4) 3 submarines on patrol.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Ambon - Photos of Ambon 1130/12 show -
6 merchant vessels (2-5,000 tons)
6 small merchant vessels
Total 12 aggregating 25,000 tons.
The Harbour was partially obscured by clouds and other vessels may have been present.

(2) S.W.Coast Dutch New Guinea - Reconnaissance a.m. 13/3 reported the following shipping -

Babo - 1 merchant vessel (8-10,000 tons)
Bentoni Bay - (across MacCluer Gulf from Babo) - 1 merchant vessel (4-6,000 tons)
Raaf Bay (3°45'S, 133°55'E) - 4 merchant vessels (approx 4,000 tons each)
Namaripi (4°30'S, 135°15'E) - 5 small vessels
Oemara (15 miles E. of Namaripi) - 4 small cargo ships
Maimawa (4°02'S, 135°18'E) - a river ferry

The unusual shipping activity in this area together with the increased shipping at Ambon conforms with other recent intelligence indicating increased enemy activity generally in this area.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/14:

"TROMP" escorting "EXTAVIA" departed Fremantle 1259/13.
"TROMP" was to escort until dark.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN GALEN" "PELIAS"
"CHILDS" "ISABEL" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO" "HORSHAM"
"LARK" "OTUS"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "PRESTON" "WHIPPOORWILL"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/14:

- (1) "BUNDABERG" "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting Convoy PG38 (5 MV) dep. Caloundra 1814/13 for Newcastle ETA 2300/15 and Sydney ETA 0430/16.
- (2) "ROCKHAMPTON" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy C079.
- (3) "GOLD STAR" en route Fremantle to Melbourne.
- (4) "CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship) departed Melbourne 1903/12 for Sydney ETA 2359/14.
- (5) "DELORAI NE" "MORESEY" escorting Convoy OC78 (including "BUNGAREE") ETA Port Kembla 1900/15, Sydney 0100/16, Newcastle 0700/16.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "VAN HEEMSKERK"
"LE TRIOMPHANT" "SHEPPARTON" "ABRAHAM CRYNSSEN"
"TOWNSVILLE" "MILDURA" "KYBRA" "KURUMBA" YDG.2
(Repairing) "HELENA" "ALHENA" "MUSTIN" "HUGHES" "SELFRIDGE"
(In Reserve) "MANCOORA" "WESTRALIA"
Jervis Bay - Warships & Aux. - "BUNBURY"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "TJERK HIDDEN" "SPRINGDALE"
"DOOMBA"
(Repairing) "COLAC"

5. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) SAN DIEGO (CL) LAMSON McCALLA MAHAN FARENHOLT LANSLOWNE (DD) BREESE (DM) SOUTHARD (DMS) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) THORNTON (AVD) ATHENE (ACV) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) ALCHIBA ALDEBARAN PINCKNEY CELENO(AK)

- SABINE NEOSHO PLATTE WHIPSTOCK PATUXENT (AO) NAVAJO (AT)
 SKYLARK (AM) NAUTILUS (SS) ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS (BB)
 SARATOGA (CV) SAN JUAN COLUMBIA (CL) DUNLAP BALCH FANNING
 AULICK CONYNGHAM CUMMINGS PERKINS (DD) JAMESTOWN (PG)
 PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AG) WHITNEY (AD) GEORGE CLYMER
 JOHN PENN McCAWLEY (AP) MAJABA TALAMANCA MERCURY
 ALGORAB TITANIA GASTOR (AK) TRYON (APH) SONOMA PAWNEE (AT)
 SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) ADROIT KINGFISHER (AM) ARD.2
 PC.1119 PC.1121 YMS.10 YMS.70 SC.738 SC.740 SC.749
 SC.750 KIWI (A/S Vessel)
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN)
 (5) At Nandi - LANG (DD) KANKAKEE (AO)
 (6) At Samoa - NEW MEXICO (BB) ANDERSON LAVALETTE (DD) MONTGOMERY (DM)
 (7) At Bora Bora - PECOS (AO)
 (8) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK VIREO (AM) LOCUST
 BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA GALE TUI (A/S
 Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO)
 STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)
 (9) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (EB) LOUISVILLE WICHITA (CA)
 CLEVELAND DENVER MONTEPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SANGAMON
 SUWANNEE (ACV) FRAZIER EDWARDS CONWAY CONY WALLER
 GANSEVOORT AARON WARD RENSHAW EATON PHILIP (DD)
 KANAWHA LACKAWANNA NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER
 RC.476 PC.477 PC.479
 (10) At Auckland - LEANDER (CL) EBONY (YN) ANTARES (AK) SOLACE (AH)
 Refitting - ACHILLES (CL)
 (11) At Wellington - GRAYSON (DD) TRACY (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM) PRES.HAYES
 PRES.JACKSON PRES.ADAMS H.T.ALLEN CRESCENT CITY (AP)
 LIBRA (AK)
 (12) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (Sloop)

C. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

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III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

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 Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
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 along south coast Dutch New Guinea.
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14/3/43

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Effective.

Non-Effective.

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser.	AUSTRALIA	
6" cruisers.	HOBART	
	PHOENIX	HELENA
	VAN HEEMSKERK	
Armed Merchant Cruisers		MANOORA } On
		WESTRALIA } reserve.
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA	
	WARRAMUNGA	SELFRIDGE
	LE TRIOMPHANT	
Destroyers	HELM	
	HENLEY	
	PATTERSON	
	RALPH TALBOT	
	BAGLEY	
	MUGFORD	
	STUART	
	VENDETTA	
Submarines	TJERK HIDDES	
	ALBACORE	} At Brisbane
	GATO	
	GROWLER	} At Brisbane
	PETO	
	AMBERJACK	} On patrol
	GRAMPUS	
	GRAYBACK	
	GREENLING	
	GROUPE	
	GUARDFISH	
	TRITON	} At Sydney
	TUNA	
	K.9	At Sydney
Submarine tender	FULTON	
Destroyer tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboats	TULSA	
	HILO	
Oilers	AASE MAERSK	
	BISHOPDALE	
	KURUMBA	
	VICTORIA	

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

CinC Combined Fleet	
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)	
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)	
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)	
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)	
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	MUSASHI
	MUTSU
	NAGATO
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	ZUIKAKU
1 Converted A/c. Carrier (XCV)	ZUIHO
3 Auxiliary A/c. Carriers (ACV)	UNYO
	OTAKA
	1 Unknown

6 heavy cruisers (CA)

TAKAO
NACHI
HAGURO
KUMANO
AOBA
JINTSU
KATORI
KASHIMA
NAGARA

MYOKO }
SUZUYA } poss. sunk
13-14/11.

4 light cruisers (CL)

5-6 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)

Approx. 27 submarines (SS)
Approx. 35-40 destroyers (DD)
2 Seaplane carriers (CVS)

CHITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA

5-6 Converted S/P.tenders (XCVS)

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx. 50 merchant ships (over 3,000 tons)

Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTBS, Gunboats, Patrol craft.

Approx. 442 shore-based aircraft incl. 197 F, 163 B, 22 F/B, 42 F/P.
18 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN SECTION.

(i) Allied Forces:

6" cruiser
Flotilla leader
Armed Merchant Cruiser
Destroyer
S/P. Tenders

ADELAIDE
TROMP
KAMIMBLA
VAN CALEN
HERON
W.B. PRESTON

Submarine tender
Submarines

CHILDS
PELIAS
TAMBOR }
TAUTOG } On patrol.
GAR }
GRAYLING }
GRENADIER }
GUDGEON }
THRESHER }
TROUT }
K.12 } At Fremantle.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.

(i) Allied Forces.

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

(ii) Enemy Forces.

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

1 heavy cruiser (CA)
6 Light cruisers (CL)

ASEIGARA
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KUMA
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KITAGAMI

NATORI (damaged
21/1.)

Approx. 16-20 destroyers (DD)

Approx. 7 submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane carrier (CVS)

Approx. 206 shore-based aircraft incl. 93 F, 70 B, 3 F/B, 24 F/P.
16 transport aircraft.

NOTORO

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Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
MASSACHUSETTS
MARYLAND
COLORADO

Aircraft Carriers

NEW MEXICO
ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

CHENANGO
SANGAMON
SUWANNEE

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE
WICHITA

6" Cruisers

HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE
COLUMBIA
CLEVELAND
MONTPELLIER
DENVER

ACHILLES

5" Cruisers

LEANDER
SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN

Destroyers

50 (approx)

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

IDAHO
MISSISSIPPI
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA

WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carrier
Auxiliary A/C Carriers

LONG ISLAND
NASSAU
ALTAMAHA
COPAHEE

8" Cruisers

SALT LAKE CITY
NEW ORLEANS

MINNEAPOLIS
PENSACOLA
PORTLAND
SAN FRANCISCO

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

CinC 1st Fleet
6-7 Battleships (BB)

ISE
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA
HARUNA
KONGO

SHOKAKU

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)
2 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)
1 Auxiliary A/C Carrier (ACV)
3 Heavy Cruisers (CA)

HAYATAKA
HITAKA
CHUYO
TONE
TIKUMA
CHOKAI
ABUKUMA
SENDAI

2 Light Cruisers (CL)

1 Armed Merchant Cruiser (XCL)
2 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

NISSHIN
KAMOI

1-2 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)
Approx 30 Destroyers and Gunboats (DD & PG)
Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser	INDIANAPOLIS
6" Cruisers	DETROIT
	RALEIGH
10 Destroyers	
10 Submarines	

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

CinC 5th Fleet	
2 light cruisers (CL)	TAMA
	KISO
2-3 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)	
Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)	
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)	

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers	CONCORD
	TRENTON
	RICHMOND

INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces

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

* Note: No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

15th March, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

- (1) "SUMNER" "SC.746" on ^{SURVEY} escort duty Deboyne Island area.
- (2) "LATROBE" escorting "BURWAH" "DARVEL" dep. Darwin 0722/13 for Thursday Island ETA 2030/16.
- (3) "BROOME" escorting "LAKEKAMU" "WONGAWILL" "PILGANBAR" dep. Port Moresby 1814/14 for Thursday Island ETA 1000/15.
- (4) "BENDIGO" escorting "JASON LEE" dep. Port Moresby 1657/13 for Townsville ETA 0700/16.
- (5) "MANUNDA" departed Port Moresby 1530/12 for Brisbane ETA 1300/16.
- (6) "PIRIE" escorting "BONTEKOE" departed Milne Bay 1021/14 for Townsville ETA 0630/17.
- (7) "MERKUR" departed Townsville 2130/13 for Brisbane ETA 0600/17.
- (8) "BOWEN" escorting Convoy TN49 ("WEST CACTUS" "CARLISLE") was due Milne Bay 1600/14.
- (9) "ARUNTA" escorting Convoy TN49 ("DAVID BUSHMELL" "H.D.THOREAU" "H.DEARBORN") departed Townsville 0850/13 for Port Moresby was due 0800/15.
- (10) "SWAN" departed Cairns 1617/14 to RV with Convoy TN51 ("KATOOMBA") off Fitzroy Island at 1800/14. To escort to Port Moresby ETA 0800/16.
- (11) "GLENELG" to RV with "YOCHOW" off Fitzroy Island at 1400/15 and escort to Milne Bay ETA 1700/17.
- (12) "GYMPIE" escorting "BANTAM" "CAROLA" "BISHOPDALE" (all for Townsville) from Caloundra. "GYMPIE" to part company at Capricorn Channel and return Caloundra.
- (13) "WAGGA" escorting "DUNDULA" (for Bowen) "VAN OUTHOORN" (for Townsville) from Caloundra.
- (14) "GOULBURN" escorting Convoy BT43 ("CREMER" "JANSSENS" "CHARON" - all for Townsville) departed Caloundra 2245/14. "GOULBURN" to part company at Whitsunday Passage ETA 0600/17.
- (15) "LITHGOW" departed Brisbane 2044/11 to RV with Cable Repair Ship "CABLE ENTERPRISE" in position 85° Fingal Head 24.5 miles at 0600/12. "LITHGOW" to provide A/S protection during repair operations and on return of "CABLE ENTERPRISE" to Brisbane.
- (16) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA" "HILO" YP.291 17 PT's
	Merchant Vessels: "TAROONA"
	Small Craft - Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "KATOOMBA"
	Merchant Vessels: "STAGEN" "GEORGE McCRARY" "GORGON"
	"PORTMAR" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK"
	Small Craft - Approx 20
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "WILCANNIA"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA" "BALLARAT" "WHYALLA"
	"KAPUNDA" "PLATYPUS" YP.236 10 PE's (2 refitting)
Palm Island	-- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "HOBART"
	"PATTERSON" "HELM" "HENLEY" "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY"
	"RALPH TALBOT" "VICTORIA"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "WARRAMUNGA" "WARREGO" "YUNNAN (ASS
	YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50

Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" "FULTON" "SC.748"
 "AASE MAERSK" "POYANG" (A.S.I.S) YP.233
 YP.280 YP.286 YP.288 YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47
 YMS.48
 (Repairing) SC.744 "GEELONG"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) New Georgia - Vila and Munda were harassed by aircraft throughout the night 13-14/3.
 Photos 13/3 show 2 fighters (not nil as previously reported) on Vila aerodrome.
- (2) Buka - A enemy patrol of 50-100 men moved from Buka 13/3 believed bound for Tinputz Bay - Teop area.
 Buka aerodrome was attacked by 3 Catalinas 2256/13-0400/14.
- (3) Kimbe Bay - Reconnaissance 1100/14 sighted 100 ton vessel about 30 miles east of Talasea course 280°.
- (4) Gasmata - Reconnaissance aircraft shortly after noon 14/3 sighted 3 submarines 20-30 miles S. to SW Gasmata.
- (5) Lorengau - Photos 0948/14 show that the runway is still unserviceable and work is continuing on dispersal bays.
- (6) Wewak - Photos 0950/14 show 5 floatplanes at Kairiru Is. (20 miles N. by W. of Wewak) also 2 luggers and a barge.
 The enemy convoy of 8 vessels reported yesterday 14/3 to be approaching Wewak at 1230/13 was attacked after dark that evening (see Naval Incidents). The composition of the convoy is believed to have been -
 2 destroyers
 6 merchant vessels (incl. 1 transport of 8000 tons,
 4 cargo vessels 3-4000 tons
 1 tanker 3-4000 tons)
 Reconnaissance 0955/14 reported -
 2 merchant vessels in harbour
 1 destroyer)
 1 gunboat) 15 miles N. of the Harbour
 1 cargo vessel 3,000 tons)
 1 possible gunboat) in Mushu Strait,
) course 290°
 Photographs taken 2 hours later show 6 vessels including 2 medium merchantmen in the Harbour and 54 barges.
 Reconnaissances over the previous days have consistently reported 3 vessels in Wewak Harbour - probably 1 patrol craft or minelayer and 2 small merchantmen - and it would appear possible that 2 or 3 vessels of the new convoy were also in Wewak Harbour a.m. 14/3. One of the cargo vessels with escort may have put into some point, possibly Kairiru Is., But or Aitape, further up the coast.
 Photographs 1155/14 show 28 fighters on the aerodrome but possibly more were present.
- (7) Nubia (midway between Madang and Wewak) - 4 small vessels were sighted anchored in Nubia Harbour at approximately 2100/13.
- (8) Madang - Photos a.m. 13/3 show 10 fighters and 1 light bomber on Madang aerodrome. 30 blast bays have been constructed.
 The runway was bombed by a Liberator 0700/14.
- (9) Lae - Photos 1115/13 show no changes on Lae or Malahang aerodromes. Seven barges are visible in the Harbour, also evidence of a possible submarine.
- (10) Waria River - Little enemy activity is reported 14/3 at the Waria River Mouth.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

- (1) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "BABINDA" was to depart Port Keats 1130/13 for Peron Island. Due Darwin 0830/16.
- (2) 3 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin ↳ Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL"
 Merchant Vessels: "ISLANDER" "MULIAMA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) S.W.Coast Dutch New Guinea - Photographs of shipping at Raaf Bay 13/3 show that the 5 vessels were all of approximately 500 tons each. It is thought that all the shipping seen in this area were small vessels of a similar type with the exception of the 8-10,000 ton merchant vessel at Babo and possibly the other vessel also in MacCluer Gulf.
Photographs 1400/13 of Timika (11 miles E. of Kaukenau) show that the runway has been further levelled and extended to 1500 yards. No aircraft are visible.
Photographs of Kaimana show the possible preparation of a runway at Utarom (4 miles west of Kaimana).
- (2) Timor - Reconnaissance a.m. 14/3 sighted no shipping in the Koepang area nor in Dilli Harbour.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

"CHILDS" departed Fremantle 2025/14 for Exmouth Gulf
ETA p.m. 16/3.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "VAN GALEN"
"PELIAS" "ISABEL" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO" "LARK"
"OTUS"
Geraldton - Warships & Aux. - "HORSHAM"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "PRESTON" "WHIPPOORWILL"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

- (1) "BUNDABERG" "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting Convoy PG38 (5 MV) dep. Caloundra 1814/13 for Newcastle ETA 2300/15 and Sydney ETA 0430/16.
(2) "ROCKHAMPTON" "ABRAHAM CRYNSSSEN" escorting Convoy C079.
(Note: "YANDRA" escorting with "ROCKHAMPTON" experienced serious engine trouble, and "ABRAHAM CRYNSSSEN" was despatched from Sydney 2330/13.)
(3) "MUSTIN" "HUGHES" departed Sydney 1741/14 for Noumea.
(4) "MANOORA" was to proceed for gun trials off Sydney 0930/15 and to return Sydney.
(5) "GOLD STAR" en route Fremantle to Melbourne.
(6) "DELORAIN" "MORESBY" escorting Convoy OC78 (including "BUNGAREE") ETA Port Kembla 1900/15, Sydney 0100/16, Newcastle 0700/16.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "VAN HEEMSKERK"
"LE TRIOMPHANT" "SHEPPARTON" "YANDRA" "MILDURA"
"TOWNSVILLE" "KYBRA" "KURUMBA" "CENTAUR" (Hospital
Ship) YDG.2
(Repairing) "HELENA" "ALHENA" "SELFRIDGE"
(In Reserve) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"
Jervis Bay - Warships & Aux. - "BUNBURY"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "TJERK HIDDES" "SPRINGDALE"
"DOOMBA"
(Repairing) "COLAC"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "BUNBURY" to depart Jervis Bay 2200/15 for Sydney carrying out A/S sweep en route.
- (2) "MANOORA" to depart Sydney 0700/16 for Port Stephens ETA 1730/16.

SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) SAN DIEGO (CL) LAMSON McCALLA MAHAN FARENHOLT LANSDOWNE SMITH WOODWORTH BUCHANAN LARDNER (DD) BREESE (DM) SOUTHARD (DMS) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) THORNTON (AVD) ATHENE (ACV) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) AMERICAN LEGION HUNTER LIGGETT FULLER (AP) ALCHIBA ALDEBARAN PINCKNEY CELENO (AK) SABINE NEOSHO PLATTE WHIPSTOCK PATUXENT (AO) NAVAJO (AT) SKYLARK (AM) NAUTILUS (SS) ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (CV) SAN JUAN COLUMBIA (CL) DUNLAP BALCH FANNING GRIDLEY AULICK CONYNGHAM CUMMINGS PERKINS (DD) JAMESTOWN (PG) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AG) WHITNEY (AD) GEORGE CLYMER JOHN PENN McCAWLEY (AP) MAJABA TALAMANCA MERCURY ALGORAB TITANIA CASTOR (AK) TRYON (APH) SONOMA PAWNEE (AT) SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) ADROIT KINGFISHER (AM) ARD.2 PC.1119 PC.1121 YMS.10 YMS.70 SC.738 SC.740 SC.749 SC.750 KIWI (A/S Vessel)
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN)
- (5) At Nandi - LANG (DD) KANKAKEE (AO)
- (6) At Samoa - NEW MEXICO (BB) ANDERSON LAVALETTE (DD) MONTGOMERY (DM)
- (7) At Bora Bora - PECOS (AO)
- (8) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK VIREO (AM) LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA GALE TUI (A/S Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)
- (9) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) LOUISVILLE WICHITA (CA) CLEVELAND DENVER MONTEPELLIER (CL) CHEMANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV) FRAZIER EDWARDS CONWAY CONY WAILER GANSEVOORT AARON WARD RENSHAW EATON PHILIP (DD) BALLARD (AV) KANAWHA LACKAWANNA NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER PC.476 PC.477 PC.479
- (10) At Auckland - LEANDER (CL) EBONY (YN) ANTARES (AK) SOLACE (AH) Refitting - ACHILLES (CL)
- (11) At Wellington - GRAYSON (DD) TRACY (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM) PRES.HAYES PRES.JACKSON PRES.ADAMS CRESCENT CITY (AP) LIBRA (AK)
- (12) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (Sloop)

C. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

"KANIMBLA" escorting "FAIRISLE" "CAPE CHARLES" dep. Fremantle 0830/8. To escort "FAIRISLE" to Colombo ETA 19/3 and "CAPE CHARLES" to position 006°11'N, 77°32'E; "CAPE CHARLES" to proceed Persian Gulf.

II.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

Wewak - The enemy convoy sighted approaching Wewak at 1230/13 was shadowed until the striking force of 6 Fortresses arrived. At 1800/13 in a position 25 miles N. by E. of Wewak, the shadowing aircraft reported the composition of the convoy to be -

- 2 destroyers
- 1 transport (8,000 tons)
- 4 cargo vessels (3-4,000 tons)
- 1 tanker (3-4,000 tons)

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
	<u>(i) Allied Forces:</u>	
8" Cruiser	AUSTRALIA	
6" Cruisers	HOBART PHOENIX VAN HEEMSKERK	HELENA
Armed Merchant Cruisers		MANOORA } WESTRALIA } On Reserve
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT	SELFRIDGE
Destroyers	HELM HENLEY PATTERSON RALPH TALBOT BAGLEY MUGFORD STUART VENDETTA TJERK HIDDIES	
Submarines	ALBACORE) GATO) GROWLER) At Brisbane PETO) AMBERJACK) GRAMPUS) GRAYBACK) GREENLING) GROUPEL) On Patrol GUARDFISH) TRITON) TUNA) K.9) At Sydney	
Submarine Tender	FULTON	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboats	TULSA HILO	
Oilers	AASE MAERSK BISHOPDALE KURUMBA VICTORIA	

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

CinC Combined Fleet		
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)		
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)		
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)		
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)		
3-4 Battle ships (BB)	YAMATO MUSASHI MUTSU NAGATO	
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	ZUIKAKU	
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)	ZUIHO	
3 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	UNYO	OTAKA
	1 unknown	

6 heavy cruisers (CA)

ATAGO
TAKAO
NACHI
HAGURO
KUMANO
AOBA
JINTSU
KATORI
KASHIMA
NAGARA

MOGAMI (bel.sunk 14/11)
MYOKO) poss. sunk
SUZUYA) 13-14/11

4 light cruisers (CL)

5-6 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)

Approx 27 submarines (SS)

Approx 35-40 destroyers (DD)

2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)

CHITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA

5-6 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)

Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTBs, Gunboats, Patrol Craft

Approx 442 shore-based aircraft incl. 197 F, 163 B, 22 F/B, 42 F/P,
18 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser

Flotilla Leader

Armed Merchant Cruiser

Destroyer

S/P Tenders

ADELAIDE
TROMP
KANIMELA
VAN GALEN
HERON
W.E. PRESTON

Submarine Tender

Submarines

CHILDS
PELIAS
TAMBOR)
TAUTOG) On Patrol
GAR)
GRAYLING)
GRENADIER)
GUDCEON) At Fremantle
THRESHER)
TROUT)
K.12)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

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

1 heavy cruiser (CA)

6 light cruisers (CL)

ASHIGARA
KASHII
KUMA
ISUZU
OI
KITAGAMI

NATORI (damaged 21/1)

Approx 16-20 destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane Carrier (CVS)

Approx 206 shore-based aircraft incl. 93 F, 70 B, 3 F/B, 24 F/P,
16 transport aircraft.

NOTORO

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
MASSACHUSETTS
MARYLAND
COLORADO
NEW MEXICO

Aircraft Carriers

ENTERPRISE

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

SARATOGA
CHENANGO
SANGAMON

8" Cruisers

SUWANNEE
LOUISVILLE
WICHITA

6" Cruisers

HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE
COLUMBIA
CLEVELAND
MONTPELLIER
DENVER

ACHILLES

5" Cruisers

LEANDER
SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN

Destroyers

50 (approx)

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

IDAHO
MISSISSIPPI
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA

WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carrier

LONG ISLAND

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

NASSAU
ALTAMAHA
COPAHEE

8" Cruisers

SALT LAKE CITY
NEW ORLEANS

MINNEAPOLIS
PENSACOLA
PORTLAND
SAN FRANCISCO

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

CinC 1st Fleet

6-7 Battleships (BB)

ISE
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA
HARUNA
KONGO

SHOKAKU

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2 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

HAYATAKA
HITAKA

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3 Heavy Cruisers (CA)

CHUYO
TONE
TIKUMA
CHOKA I
ABUKUMA
SENDAI

2 Light Cruisers (CL)

1 Armed Merchant Cruiser (XCL)

2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)

NISSHIN
KAMO I

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16th March, 1943

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SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

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(1) ALLIED FORCES

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- (5) "MANUNDA" departed Port Moresby 1530/12 for Brisbane ETA 1300/16.
- (6) "PIRIE" escorting "BONTEKOE" departed Milne Bay 1021/14 for Townsville ETA 0630/17.
- (7) "BROOME" escorting "LAKEKAMU" "WONGAWILL" "PILGARBAR" was due Thursday Island 1000/15.
- (8) PC.1119 PC.1121 YMS.10 YMS.70 SC.738 SC.740 SC.749 SC.750 en route Noumea to Brisbane ETA 1300/18.
- (9) "MERKUR" dep. Townsville 2130/13 for Brisbane ETA 0600/17.
- (10) "GLENELG" escorting "YOCHOW" from Fitzroy Island RV to Milne Bay ETA 1700/17.
- (11) "WARREGO" escorting Convoy TN53 ("SWARTENHONDT" "MONTORO" "CAROLA") was to depart Townsville 1200/16 for Port Moresby ETA 1600/19.
- (12) "SWAN" escorting Convoy TN51 ("KATOOMBA") was due Port Moresby 0800/16.
- (13) YP.236 departed Cairns 0817/15 for Milne Bay ETA 2000/17.
- (14) "WAGGA" escorting "VAN OUTHOORN" to Townsville ETA 1900/16.
- (15) "GOULBURN" escorting Convoy BT43 ("CREMER" "JANSSENS" "CHARON" - all for Townsville) departed Caloundra 2245/14. "GOULBURN" to part company at Whitsunday Passage ETA 0600/17.
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- (17) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "BOWEN" "HILO" YP.291 17 PT's Merchant Vessels: "CARLISLE" "WEST CACTUS" Small Craft - Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "ARUNTA" "KATOOMBA" Merchant Vessels: "STAGEN" "GEORGE McCRARY" "GORGON" "H.DEARBORN" "H.D.THOREAU" "DAVID BUSHNELL" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK" Small Craft - Approx 20
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "WILCANNIA"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA" "BALLARAT" "WHYALLA" "KAPUNDA" "PLATYPUS" "10 PT's (2 refitting)
Palm Island	- Warships & Aux. - "AU STRALIA" "PHOENIX" "HOBART" "PATTERSON" "HELM" "HENLEY" "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "RALPH TALBOT" "VICTORIA"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "WARRAMUNGA" "YUNNAN" (A.S.I.S) YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"

Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "GYMPIE" "TULSA" "FULTON"
 "SC.748" "AASE MAERSK" "POYANG" (A.S.I.S)
 YP.233 YP.280 YP.286 YP.288 YMS.8 YMS.46
 YMS.47 YMS.48
 (Repairing) SC.744 "GEELONG"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "GYMPIE" escorting Convoy BT44 ("EDWARD R. SILL" "CHARLES S. JONES" "JOSEPH HOLT") to depart Brisbane 1800/16.
- (2) "SC.748" escorting Convoy BT45 ("AASE MAERSK" "VAN DER LIJN") to depart Brisbane 1900/16.
- (3) "WARRAMUNGA" escorting Convoy TN54 ("DUNTROON" "WANAKA") to depart Townsville 0500/17 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/19.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Shortlands - 2 small cargo vessels were sighted NW of Pupukina Point headed towards the shore a.m. 15/3. Last recce a.m. 13/3 revealed four vessels in the area.
- (2) Munda-Vila - 12 Dauntless escorted by 25 Wildcats attacked Munda 1710/15. 12 Dauntless escorted by 4 Wildcats attacked Vila 1735/15.
- (3) Lorengau - Photos noon 15th reveal rapid progress in construction of dispersal lanes. The aerodrome remains unserviceable.
- (4) Wewak - Photos of Wewak Harbour at midday 15th revealed six vessels including three medium merchant vessels in addition to the patrol craft and two small merchant vessels which have been consistently reported present in the harbour over the past week. Two destroyers were also sighted moving towards the harbour from the sea. These two warships are probably the two vessels, described previously as a possible gunboat and a 3,000 ton cargo vessel, which were sighted in Mushu Strait at 0955/14 and which were apparently carrying out an A/S patrol to cover the shipping in Wewak Harbour.

These sightings support the view that of the original convoy of eight vessels sighted approaching Wewak during 13/3 two merchant vessels sank as a result of the night attack 13/3 and the destroyer which was also hit was either sunk or forced to retire to Rabaul. It would appear that only three merchant vessels of 7,000, 6,000 and 2,000 tons respectively entered Wewak. 43 barges were also photographed in the Harbour.

Other photos showed several new buildings in the township area, and two bombers and 14 fighters in the small portion of the old aerodrome photographed. At Cape Boram work continues on the strip. Photos of But aerodrome (30 miles WNW Wewak) reveal the strip serviceable with dispersal lane and blast pens complete.

- (5) Eitel Frederick Harbour - 2 small boats were sighted in Eitel Frederick Harbour off Ulingan at 1128/15.
- (6) Mubo - It was reported 1800/13 that Guadagasal and an area 500 yards north was clear of the enemy.
- (7) Dona - The strip at Dona was reported more than three parts cleared at 1700/14.
- (8) Oro Bay - 15 enemy aircraft attacked 1940/14 damaging wharves and dock installations. No casualties.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/16:

4 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

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

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Kaimana - 2 cargo vessels of approx 3,000 tons were sighted in Bitsjaroe Bay (5 miles NNE of Kaimana) at 1242/15. They were unsuccessfully attacked. One 1,500 ton cargo vessel was sighted two miles S. by W. of Kaimana at 1302/15.
- (2) Aroe Islands - 3 cargo vessels were sighted off N.W. coast Warilace Island stationary at 1230/15. Two merchant vessels with one escort, possibly a destroyer, were sighted 37 miles N. by W. of Warilace on course 230° at 1245/15. The three merchant vessels were attacked by 3 Hudsons at 1800/15 22 miles north of Dobo. Two direct hits were scored. A further attack was made by 3 B.25's 41 miles NW of Dobo, but no hits were scored.
- (3) Buton Island - A recce Liberator sighted a 6-7,000 ton tanker gutted and on a reef off Cape Landolla at 1107/14. This is reported to be the same vessel as that attacked and hit in the allied attack 10/3. A sloop was also sighted off Cape Landolla.
- (4) Timor - A merchant vessel (approx 1000 tons) was sighted off Cape Fatucama (4 miles NE of Dilli) at 0745/14. The recce aircraft was intercepted by two fighters over Failoro and one is believed to have been destroyed.
- (5) Darwin - 24 bombers escorted by 20 fighters attacked the Darwin area during the forenoon 15th. Results not yet assessed.
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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/16:

- (1) "CHILDS" departed Fremantle 2025/14 for Exmouth Gulf
ETA p.m. 16/3.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "VAN GALEN"
"PELIAS" "ISABEL" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO" "LARK"
"OTUS"

Geraldton - Warships & Aux. - "HORSHAM"

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

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/16:

- (1) "BUNDABERG" "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting Convoy PG38 were due Sydney.
- (2) "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting "ILE DE FRANCE" was to depart Sydney 0630/16. "LE TRIOMPHANT" to provide escort until 0700/17. "MILDURA" "KYBRA" "YANDRA" were to depart Sydney 0230/16 and carry out A/S search until 0600/16 and then return Sydney, ETA "ILE DE FRANCE" Fremantle 0430/22.
- (3) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC79 (including "GOLD STAR") dep. Port Phillip 2159/15 to RV in Wilson's Promontory area with "ROCKHAMPTON" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy C079.
- (4) "BUNBURY" was to depart Jervis Bay 2200/15 for Sydney carrying out A/S sweep en route.
- (5) "MANOORA" was to depart Sydney 0700/16 for Port Stephens ETA 1730/16.
- (6) "DELORAIN" escorting Convoy OC78 was due Newcastle.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "VAN HEEMSKERK"
"SHEPPARTON" "BUNGAREE"
"MORESEBY" "TOWNSVILLE" "KURUMBA" "CENTAUR"
(Hospital Ship) YDG.2
(Repairing) "HELENA" "ALHENA" "SELFRIDGE"
(In Reserve) "WESTRALIA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "SPRINGDALE"
(Repairing) "TJERK HIDDEN" "COLAC"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "MORESEBY" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy GP39 to depart Sydney
1030/17.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
(2) At Espiritu Santo - EN TERPRISE (CV) SAN DIEGO (CL) LAMSON
McCALLA MAHAN FARENHOLT LANSDOWNE SMITH WOODWORTH
BUCHANAN LARDNER (DD) BREESE (DM) SOUTHARD (DMS)
CURTISS TANGIER (AV) THORNTON (AVD) ATHENE (ACV) DIXIE (AD)
PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) AMERICAN LEGION HUNTER LIGGETT
FULLER (AP) ALCHIBA ALDEBARAN PINCKNEY CELENO (AK)
SABINE NEOSHO PLATTE WHIPSTOCK PATUXENT (AO)
NAVAJO (AT) SKYLARK (AM) NAUTILUS (SS) ROSEWOOD (YN)
(3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS (BB)
SARATOGA (CV) SAN JUAN COLUMBIA (CL) DUNLAP BALCH FANNING
GRIDLEY AULICK CONYNGHAM CUMMINGS PERKINS (DD)
JAMESTOWN (PG) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AG) WHITNEY (AD)
GEORGE CLYMER JOHN PENN McCAWLEY (AP) MAJABA TALAMANCA
MERCURY ALGORAB TITANIA CASTOR (AK) TRYON (APH) SONOMA
PAWNEE (AT) SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) ADROIT KINGFISHER (AM)
ARD.2 KIWI (A/S Vessel)
(4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN)
(5) At Nandi - LANG (DD)
(6) At Samoa - NEW MEXICO (BB) ANDERSON LAVALETTE (DD) MONTGOMERY (DM)
(7) At Bora Bora - PECOS (AO)
(8) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK VIREO (AM) LOCUST
BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA GALE TUI (A/S
Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO)
SPRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)
(9) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) LOUISVILLE WICHITA (CA)
CLEVELAND DENVER MONTPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SANGAMON
SUWANNEE (ACV) FRAZIER EDWARDS CONWAY WALLER GANSEVOORT
AARON WARD RENSHAW EATON PHILIP (DD) BALLARD (AV)
KANAWHA LACKAWANNA NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER
PC.476 PC.477 PC.479
(10) At Auckland - LEANDER (CL) EBONY (YN) ANTARES (AK) SOLACE (AH)
Refitting - ACHILLES (CL)
(11) At Wellington - GRAYSON (DD) TRACY (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM) PRES. HAYES
PRES. JACKSON PRES. ADAMS CRESCENT CITY (AP) LIBRA (AK)
(12) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (Sloop)

C. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

"KANIMBLA" escorting "FAIRISLE" "CAPE CHARLES" dep. Fremantle
0830/8. To escort "FAIRISLE" to Colombo ETA 19/3
and "CAPE CHARLES" to position 006°11'N, 77°32'E;
"CAPE CHARLES" to proceed Persian Gulf.

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

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III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central and Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Possible offensive activity from East Indies area including further infiltration to the eastward along south coast Dutch New Guinea.
- (3) Possible offensive activity in N.W. Pacific.
- (4) Increased offensive submarine activity.



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16/3/43

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser	AUSTRALIA	
6" Cruisers	HOBART	
	PHOENIX	HELENA
	VAN HEEMSKERK	
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA	
	VARRAMUNGA	SELFRIDGE
	LE TRIOMPHANT	
Destroyers	HELM	
	HENLEY	
	PATTERSON	
	RALPH TALBOT	
	BAGLEY	
	MUGFORD	
	STUART	
	VENDETTA	
	TJERK HIDDES	
Submarines	ALBACORE)	
	GATO)	At Brisbane
	GROWLER)	
	PETO)	
	AMBERJACK)	
	GRAMPUS)	
	GRAYBACK)	
	GREENLING)	On Patrol
	GROUPEL)	
	GUARDFISH)	
	TRITON)	
	TUNA)	
	K.9	At Sydney
Submarine Tender	FULTON	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboats	TULSA	
	HILO	
Combat Loaded Transports	MANOORA	WESTRALIA (On Reserve)
Oilers	AASE MAERSK	
	BISHOPDALE	
	KURUMBA	
	VICTORIA	

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

CinC Combined Fleet		
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)		
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)		
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)		
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)		
3-4 Battle ships (BB)	YAMATO	
	MUSASHI	
	MUTSU	
	NAGATO	
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	ZUIKAKU	
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)	ZUIHO	
3 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	UNYO	OTAKA
	1 unknown	

6 Heavy cruisers (CA)	ATAGO TAKAO NACHI HAGURO KUMANO AOEA	MOGAMI (bel. sunk 14/11) MYOKO) poss. sunk SUZUYA) 13-14/11
4 light cruisers (CL)	JINTSU KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA	
5-6 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)		
Approx 27 Submarines (SS)		
Approx 35-40 Destroyers (DD)		
2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)	C HITOSE AKITSUSHIMA	
5-6 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)		
Several Submarine Tenders		
Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)		
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub. Chasers, MTBs, Gunboats, Patrol Craft		
Approx 460 shore-based aircraft incl. 215 F, 163 B, 22 F/B, 42 F/P, 18 Obsn. or transport aircraft.		

2. WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

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

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

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

1 heavy cruiser (CA)	ASHIGARA	
6 light cruisers (CL)	KASHII	NATORI (damaged 21/1)
	KUMA	
	ISUZU	
	OI	
	KITAGAMI	

Approx 16-20 Destroyers (DD)
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)
1 Seaplane Carrier (CVS)

Approx 205 shore-based aircraft incl. 92 F, 70 B, 3 F/B, 24 F/P,
16 transport aircraft.

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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
MASSACHUSETTS
MARYLAND
COLORADO

Aircraft Carriers

NEW MEXICO
ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

CHENANGO
SANGAMON
SUWANNEE

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE

6" Cruisers

WICHITA
HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE
COLUMBIA
CLEVELAND
MONTPELLIER
DENVER

ACHILLES

5" Cruisers

LEANDER
SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN

Destroyers

50 (approx)

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

IDAHO
MISSISSIPPI
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA

WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carrier

LONG ISLAND

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

NASSAU
ALTAMAHA
COPAHEE

8" Cruisers

SALT LAKE CITY
NEW ORLEANS

MINNEAPOLIS
PENSACOLA
PORTLAND
SAN FRANCISCO

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

CinC 1st Fleet

6-7 Battle ships (BB)

ISE
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA
HARUNA
KONGO

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)

SHOKAKU

~~SHOKAKU~~

2 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

HAYATAKA

HITAKA

1 Auxiliary A/C Carrier (ACV)

CHUYO

3 Heavy Cruisers (CA)

TONE

TIKUMA

2 Light Cruisers (CL)

CHOKAI

ABUKUMA

SENDAI

1 Armed Merchant Cruiser (XCL)

2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)

NISSHIN

KAMO I

1-2 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 30 Destroyers and Gunboats (DD & PG)

Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(1) Allied Forces:

8" Cruisers	INDIANAPOLIS
6" Cruisers	DETROIT
	RALEIGH
10 Destroyers	
10 Submarines	

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

CinC 5th Fleet	
2 light cruisers (CL)	TAMA
	KISO
2-3 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)	
Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)	
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)	

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(1) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers	CONCORD
	TRENTON
	RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(1) Allied Forces:

Battle ships	WARSPITE	
	RESOLUTION	
	* RAMILLIES	
	REVENGE	
	* ROYAL SOVEREIGN	
Aircraft Carrier	* ILLUSTRIOUS	
Seaplane Carrier	ALBATROSS	
8" Cruisers	DEVONSHIRE	
	* GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)	
7.5" Cruisers	HAWKINS	
	FROBISHER	
6" Cruisers	MAURITIUS	* GLASGOW
	GAMBIA	* EMERALD
	BIRMINGHAM	* DANAE
	ENTERPRISE	DURBAN
	LIVERPOOL	CARADOC
	ARETHUSA	
	CERES	
	DAUNTLESS	
	* DRAGON	
	CAPETOWN	
	* CALEDON	
	* SUMATRA (Dutch)	
Armed Merchant Cruisers	ALAUNIA	
	CARTHAGE	
	* CORFU	
	CHITRAL	
	RANPURA	
	RANCHI	
	WORCESTERSHIRE	
	* CARLISLE	

A.A. Ship
 Approx 27 Destroyers
 Approx 9 Submarines

* Note: No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

17th March, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES.

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/17:

- X (1) Task Force 74 ("AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "HOBART" "PATTERSON" "HELM" "HENLEY" "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY") depart Palm Is. 17/3. To carry out day and night exercises locally and arrive and base Dunk Island 18/3.
- (2) "KATOOMBA" escorting "HENRY D. THOREAU" dep. Port Moresby 1315/16 for Milne Bay ETA 1600/17.
- (3) "SUMNER" "SC.746" on survey duty Deboyne Island area.
- (4) "RALPH TALBOT" proceeding to RV with "BUCHANAN" escorting "POELAU LAUT" in position 36°57'S, 160°25'E. "RALPH TALBOT" to relieve "BUCHANAN" at 1500/19 and escort "POELAU LAUT" to Melbourne ETA Port Phillip 0700/21.
- (5) "PIRIE" escorting "BONTEKOE" departed Milne Bay 1021/14 for Townsville, was due 0630/17.
- (6) "ARUNTA" escorting "GORGON" departed Port Moresby 1130/16. "GORGON" for Cairns ETA 2300/17. "ARUNTA" ETA Townsville 0700/18.
- (7) PC.1119 PC.1121 YMS.10 YMS.70 SC.738 SC.740 SC.749 SC.750 en route Noumea to Brisbane ETA 1300/18.
- (8) "MERKUR" dep. Townsville 2130/13 for Brisbane was due 0600/17.
- (9) "GLENELG" escorting "YOCROW" from Fitzroy Island RV to Milne Bay ETA 1700/17.
- (10) "WARREGO" escorting Convoy TN53 ("SWARTENHONDT" "MONTORO" "CAROLA") dep. Townsville 1837/16 for Port Moresby.
- (11) YP.236 departed Cairns 0817/15 for Milne Bay ETA 2000/17.
- (12) "WAGGA" departed Townsville 1830/16 for Cairns.
- (13) "WARRAMUNGA" escorting Convoy TN54 ("DUNTROON" "WANAKA") was to depart Townsville 0500/17 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/19.
- (14) "GOULBURN" to RV with "JASON LEE" which departed Townsville 1925/16 and escort towards Brisbane.
- (15) "GYMPIE" escorting Convoy BT44 ("CHARLES S. JONES" "JOSEPH HOLT" for Townsville) dep. Brisbane 0015/17. "GYMPIE" to part company so as to arrive Caloundra 1700/19.
- (16) SC.748 escorting Convoy BT45 ("AASE MAERSK" "VAN DER LIJN") dep. Caloundra 0113/17 for Townsville ETA 1500/20.
- (17) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "BOWEN" "HILO" YP.291 17 PT's
	Merchant Vessels: "CARLISLE" "WEST CACTUS"
	Small Craft - Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "SWAN"
	Merchant Vessels: "STAGEN" "GEORGE McCRARY"
	"KATOOMBA" "H. DEARBORN" "DAVID BUSHNELL"
	"EMPIRE HAMBLE" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK"
	Small Craft - Approx 20
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "WILCANNIA" "BROOME" "LATROBE"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA" "BALLARAT" "WHYALLA"
	"KAPUNDA" "PLATYPUS" 10 PT's (2 refitting)
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA" "BENDIGO" "BISHOPDALE"
	"YUNNAN" (A.S.I.S) YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"

Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "LITHGOW" "TULSA" "FULTON"
 "POYANG" (A.S.I.S) YP.233 YP.280 YP.286
 YP.288 YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48
 "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)
 (Repairing) SC.744 "GEELONG"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "LITHGOW" escorting Convoy BT46 ("EDWARD R. SILL" "KEY PITTMAN") to depart Brisbane 1600/17.
- (2) "WILCANNIA" escorting "KOOLIGA" "SIBIGO" to depart Thursday Is. 1400/17 for Darwin ETA 1330/22.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- X (1) New Georgia - Munda and Vila were bombarded by surface craft during the night 15-16/3 but the full report is not yet in. The raids by dive-bombers at dusk 15/3 (reported yesterday) on the two airfields were preliminaries to the bombardment. After dawn 16/3, 19 dive-bombers escorted by 20 fighters raided Vila.
 Reconnaissance a.m. 16/3 reported the airfields at Munda and Vila to be "in terrible shape".
- (2) Kavieng - Reconnaissance approximately 1000/16 sighted the following shipping in the Kavieng area -

1 heavy cruiser (confirmed by photos))	
1 merchant vessel (2,000 tons)	)	in Harbour
1 transport (8,000 tons)	)	west of Djaul Is.
1 possible destroyer	)	course N. to N.W.
2 medium cargo vessels)	
1 medium cargo vessel outside Balgai Bay		course 350°.

 Photos from above reconnaissance show 25 bombers including 3 damaged and 22 fighters on the aerodrome.
- X (3) Admiralty Is. - At 0100/16 the following vessels were sighted approximately 160 miles N.W. of Manus Island course 190°, speed 2 knots -

2 small destroyers	
2 cargo vessels of which one damaged being towed alongside other cargo vessel.	
- (4) Finschhafen - Reconnaissance 0945/16 sighted one 100 ton vessel and a barge in a lagoon near Finschhafen.
- (5) Lae-Salamaua - The townships were successfully attacked at about 0900/16 by 6 B.25's and 7 Bostons respectively with 18 Lightnings acting as cover. Photos show large fuel fires at Salamaua resulting from attack by the Bostons.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/17:

4 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

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

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Aru Islands - It would now appear that the shipping previously reported off N.W. of Aru Islands after noon 15/3 consisted of one convoy of three 500 ton merchant vessels. Between noon and 1815 the convoy was attacked by 9 Hudsons, 3 B.25's and 4 Beaufighters. Strafing Beaufighters saw troops packed on the decks and high explosive shells bursting on the vessels as a result of strafing.
 6 Hudsons and 6 Beaufighters attacked Dobo 0715-0900/16 but no shipping was reported except for luggers in Dobo Harbour area.
 Reconnaissance reported at 1115/16 3 small merchant

vessels, probably the same three that were attacked previous evening, 18 miles west of Cape van den Bosch course west at 12 knots.

- (2) Sourabaya - Photographs taken on long range reconnaissance 13/3 covered the whole harbour area and show a total of 85,000 tons of merchant shipping comprising 23 vessels of which 8 are of 5,000 tons and over. Five floating docks are visible in use or serviceable.

Six vessels are visible sunk in the area.

The following aircraft are also visible at Tandjoeng Perak - 1 fighter

5 possible torpedo or dive bombers

13 twin engine bombers

1 transport type.

There are two runways - one of 1,500 yards and one of 1,600 yards.

- (3) Darwin - One ^{enemy} aircraft was over the Darwin - Batchelor area before noon 16/3.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/17:

- (1) "HORSHAM" escorting "JOTUN F. JELL" departed Geraldton 0900/16 for Fremantle ETA 0800/18.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "VAN GALEN"
"PELIAS" "ISABEL" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO" "LARK"
"OTUS"

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

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/17:

- (1) "DELORAINIE" escorting Convoy C080 was to depart Newcastle 0700/17. "BUNDABERG" "MILDURA" to sail with Sydney portion and take over escort at RV off Sydney p.m. 17/3.
- (2) "STUART" departed Sydney 0343/16 to RV with "H.T. ALLEN" in position 35°30'S, 156°46'E at 1200/17 and escort to Sydney.
- (3) "ROCKHAMPTON" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy OC79 (including "GOLD STAR") for Port Kembla, Sydney and Newcastle.
- (4) "LE TRIOMPHANT" en route Sydney after escort duty with "ILE DE FRANCE" ETA 0700/18.
- (5) "MORESEY" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy GP39 (including "KURUMBA" for Darwin, "BUNGAREE" for Brisbane) were to depart Sydney 1030/17 ETA Caloundra 0330/20.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA"
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "VAN HEEMSKERK" "BUNBURY"
"SHEPPARTON" "MILDURA" "BUNDABERG" "KYBRA"
"WARRNAMBOOL" "TOWNSVILLE" "CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship) YDG.2
(Repairing) "HELENA" "ALHENA" "SELFRIIDGE"
(In Reserve) "WESTRALIA"

Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "SPRINGDALE" "DOOMBA"
(Repairing) "TJERK HIDDEN" "COLAC"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
(2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) LEANDER SAN DIEGO (CL)
LAMSON McCALLA MAHAN FARENHOLT LANSDOWNE SMITH
WOODWORTH LARDNER (DD) BREESE (DM) CURTISS TANGIER (AV)
THORNTON (AVD) ATHENE (ACV) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR)
AMERICAN LEGION HUNTER LIGGETT FULLER (AP) ALCHIBA
ALDEBARAN PINCKNEY CELENO (AK) SABINE NEOSHO PLATTE
PATUXENT WHIPSTOCK (AO) NAVAJO (AT) SKYLARK (AM)
NAUTILUS (SS) ROSEWOOD (YN)
(3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS (BB)
COLUMBIA (CL) BALCH BUCHANAN AULICK CONYNGHAM PERKINS (DD)
JAMESTOWN (PG) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AG) WHITNEY (AD)
GEORGE CLYMER JOHN PENN McCAWLEY (AP) MAJABA TALAMANCA
MERCURY ALGORAB TITANIA CASTOR (AK) TRYON (APH) SONOMA
PAWNEE (AT) SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) ADROIT KINGFISHER (AM)
ARD.2 KIWI (A/S Vessel)
(4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN)
(5) At Nandi - LANG (DD)
(6) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM)
(7) At Bora Bora - PECOS (AO)
(8) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK VIREO (AM) LOCUST
BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA GALE TUI (A/S
Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO)
STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)
(9) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) LOUISVILLE WICHITA (CA)
CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV) FRAZIER EDWARDS
GANSEVOORT AARON WARD (DD) BALLARD (AV) KANAWHA
LACKAWANNA NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER PC.476
PC.477 PC.479
(10) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) ANTARES (AK) SOLACE (AH)
(11) At Wellington - GRAYSON (DD) TRACY (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM) PRES. HAYES
PRES. JACKSON PRES. ADAMS CRESCENT CITY (AP) LIBRA (AK)
(12) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (Sloop)

C. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

"KANIMBLA" escorting "FAIRISLE" "CAPE CHARLES" dep. Fremantle
0830/8. To escort "FAIRISLE" to Colombo ETA 19/3.

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

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III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly
Central and Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W.
coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
(2) Possible offensive activity from East Indies area including
further infiltration to the eastward along south coast Dutch
New Guinea.
(3) Possible offensive activity in N.W. Pacific.
(4) Increased offensive submarine activity.

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

17/3/43

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

EASTERN SECTION

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser	AUSTRALIA	
6" Cruisers	HOBART	
	PHOENIX	HELENA
	VAN HEEMSKERK	
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA	
	WARRAMUNGA	SELFIDGE
	LE TRIOMPHANT	
Destroyers	HELM	
	HENLEY	
	PATTERSON	
	RALPH TALBOT	
	BAGLEY	
	MUGFORD	
	STUART	
	VENDETTA	
	TJERK HIDDES	
Submarines	ALBACORE)	
	GATO)	
	GROWLER)	At Brisbane
	PETO)	
	AMBERJACK)	
	GRAMPUS)	
	GRAYBACK)	
	GREENLING)	
	GROUPEL)	On Patrol
	GUARDFISH)	
	TRITON)	
	TUNA)	
	K.9	At Sydney
Submarine Tender	FULTON	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboats	TULSA	
	HILO	
Combat Loaded Transports	MANOORA	WESTRALIA (on Reserve)
Oilers	AASE MAERSK	
	BISHOPDALE	
	KURUMBA	
	VICTORIA	

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

CinC Combined Fleet	
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)	
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)	
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)	
3-4 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO
	MUSASHI
	MUTSU
	NAGATO
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	ZUIKAKU
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)	ZUIHO
2 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	UNYO
	1 unknown

6 heavy cruisers (CA)

ATAGO
TAKAO
NACHI
HAGURO
KUMANO
AOBA
JINTSU
KATORI
KASHIMA
NAGARA

MOGAMI (bel.sunk 14/11)
MYOKO) poss. sunk
SUZUYA) 13-14/11

4 light cruisers (CL)

5-6 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)

Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

Approx 35-40 Destroyers (DD)

2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)

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AKITSUSHIMA

5-6 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)

Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTBs, Gunboats, Patrol Craft,

Approx 460 shore-based aircraft incl. 215 F, 163 B, 22 F/B, 42 F/P,

18 Obs. or transport aircraft.

WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser
Flotilla Leader
Armed Merchant Cruiser
Destroyer
S/P Tenders

ADELAIDE
TROMP
KANIMBLA
VAN GALEN
HERON
W.B. PRESTON
CHILDS

Submarine Tender
Submarines

PELIAS
GAR)
GUDGEON) On Patrol
TAMBOR)
TAUTOG)
GRAYLING)
GRENADIER)
THRESHER) At Fremantle
TROUT)
K.12)

EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

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

1 heavy cruiser (CA)

6 light cruisers (CL)

ASHIGARA
KASHII
KUMA
ISUZU
OI
KITAGAMI

NATORI (damaged 21/1)

Approx 16-20 Destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane Carrier (CVS)

Approx 198 shore-based aircraft incl. 86 F, 69 B, 3 F/B, 24 F/P,

16 transport aircraft.

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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(1) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
MASSACHUSETTS
MARYLAND
COLORADO

Aircraft Carriers

NEW MEXICO
ENTERPRISE

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

SARATOGA

8" Cruisers

CHENANGO

6" Cruisers

SANGAMON

SUWANNEE

LOUISVILLE

WICHITA

HONOLULU

ACHILLES

ST. LOUIS

NASHVILLE

COLUMBIA

CLEVELAND

MONTPELLIER

DENVER

LEANDER

5" Cruisers

SAN DIEGO

SAN JUAN

Destroyers

50 (approx)

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

(1) Allied Forces:

Battle ships

IDAHO
MISSISSIPPI
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA

WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carrier
Auxiliary A/C Carriers

LONG ISLAND

NASSAU

ALTAMAHA

COPAHEE

8" Cruisers

SALT LAKE CITY

NEW ORLEANS

MINNEAPOLIS
PENSACOLA
PORTLAND
SAN FRANCISCO

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

CinC 1st Fleet

6-7 Battleships (BB)

ISE
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA
HARUNA
KONGO

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)

SHOKAKU

2 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

HAYATAKA

HITAKA

2 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)

CHUYO

OTAKA

3 Heavy Cruisers (CA)

TONE

TIKUMA

2 Light Cruisers (CL)

CHOKAI

ABUKUMA

SENDAI

1 Armed Merchant Cruiser (XCL)

2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)

NISSHIN

KAMO I

1-2 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 30 Destroyers and Gunboats (DD & PG)

Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser INDIANA POLIS
6" Cruisers DETROIT
RALEIGH
10 Destroyers
10 Submarines

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

CinC 5th Fleet
2 light cruisers (CL) TAMA
KISO
2-3 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)
Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
* RAMILLIES
REVENGE
* ROYAL SOVEREIGN
* ILLUSTRIOUS
ALBATROSS
DEVONSHIRE
* GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
HAWKINS
PROBISHER
MAURITIUS * GLASGOW
GAMBIA * EMERALD
BIRMINGHAM * DANAE
ENTERPRISE DURBAN
LIVERPOOL CARADOC
ARETHUSA
CERES
DAUNTLESS
* DRAGON
CAPETOWN
* CALEDON
* SUMATRA (Dutch)
ALAUNIA
CARTHAGE
* CORFU
CHITRAL
RANPURA
RANCHI
WORCESTERSHIRE
* CARLISLE

Aircraft Carrier
Seaplane Carrier
8" Cruisers
7.5" Cruisers
6" Cruisers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

A.A. Ship
Approx 27 Destroyers
Approx 9 Submarines

* Note: No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

18th March, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/18:

- (1) "SUMNER" "SC.746" on survey duty Deboyne Island area.
- (2) "SWAN" escorting Convoy NT6 ("KATOOMBA" "GEORGE McCRARY") dep. Port Moresby 1800/17 for Townsville ETA 2130/19.
- (3) "BROOME" escorting Convoy NT7 ("STAGEN" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK") was to depart Port Moresby 0800/18 for Townsville ETA 2300/21.
- (4) YP.291 departed Milne Bay 1522/17 for Townsville ETA 1200/20.
- (5) "WILCANNIA" escorting "KOOLIGA" "SIBIGO" was to depart Thursday Island 1400/17 for Darwin ETA 1330/22.
- (6) PC.1119 PC.1121 YMS.10 YMS.70 SC.738 SC.740 SC.749 SC.750 en route Noumea to Brisbane ETA 1300/18.
- (7) "GLENELG" escorting "YOCHOW" was due Milne Bay 1700/17.
- (8) "WARREGO" escorting Convoy TN53 ("SWARTENHONDT" "MONTORO" "CAROLA") to Port Moresby ETA 1600/20.
- (9) "BALLARAT" departed Cairns 1710/17 to RV with Convoy TN55 ("ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "DUNDULA" "BANTAM") off Fitzroy Island and escort to Milne Bay ETA 1730/20.
- (10) "WARRAMUNGA" escorting Convoy TN54 ("DUNTROON" "WANAKA") dep. Townsville 0920/17 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/19.
- (11) "GOULBURN" escorting "JASON LEE" southbound was to RV with "GYMPIE" escorting Convoy BT44 ("CHARLES S. JONES" "JOSEPH HOLT" for Townsville) at 0800 /18. "GYMPIE" to escort "JASON LEE" to Caloundra; "GOULBURN" to escort Convoy BT44 leaving convoy to arrive Gladstone a.m. 19/3.
- (12) SC.748 escorting Convoy BT45 ("AASE MAERSK" "VAN DER LIJN") dep. Caloundra 0113/17 for Townsville ETA 1500/20.
- (13) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux.	- "KATOOMBA" "BOWEN" "HILO" YP.236 17 PT's
	Merchant Vessels:	"CARLISLE" "WEST CACTUS" "H.D. THOREAU"
	Small Craft	- Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Merchant Vessels:	"H. DEARBORN" "DAVID BUSHNELL" "EMPIRE HAMBLE"
	Small Craft	- Approx 20
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux.	- "LATROBE"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux.	- "ECHUCA" "WHYALLA" "WAGGA" "KAPUNDA" "PLATYPUS" 10 PT's (2 refitting)
Dunk Island	- Warships & Aux.	- "AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "HOBART" "PATTERSON" "HELM" "HENLEY" "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux.	- "VENDETTA" "PIRIE" "BENDIGO" "BISHOPDALE" "YUNNAN" (A.S.I.S) YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux.	- "KALGOORLIE"
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux.	- "LITHGOW" "TULSA" "FULTON" "POYANG" (A.S.I.S) YP.233 YP.280 YP.286 YP.288 YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 "MERKUR"
(Repairing)		"SC.744" "GEELONG"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) New Georgia - Four barges arrived at Viru Harbour 2040/16 probably in connection with the known enemy observation post there.
The area was strafed later by Lightnings.
Vila and Munda were harassed as usual during the night 16-17/3 by Liberators.
- (2) Gizo - A party of about 50 Japanese is reported 16/3 on Gizo Island.
- (3) Shortlands - Kahili and Ballae were harassed during the night 16-17/3 by Liberators.
At 1825/16 2 unidentified vessels arrived at Faisi probably from Treasury Is.
Reconnaissance a.m. 17/3 sighted 10 vessels in the area thus -
1 heavy cruiser off Cape Friendship, moving south.
3 destroyers, 6 cargo vessels (one large, 4 medium, 1 small) all in the Buin-Tonolei Harbour area.
The above represents a marked increase from the last reports; a.m. 13/3 4 cargo vessels were in the area and a.m. 15/3 only 2 small cargo vessels.
- (4) Rabaul - Rapopo aerodrome was attacked 2135-2325/16 by 7 Fortresses. Fires were started, believed to have been from aircraft burning in dispersal bays.
40 to 45 aircraft were seen in dispersal bays.
- (5) Talasea - 3 landing barges were sighted by reconnaissance 1110/17 along the coast of Willaumez Peninsula, just north of Talasea.
- (6) Lorengau - Photos 1100/17 show the runway to be still unserviceable and work continuing on blast bays and dispersal lanes.
- (7) Wewak - Reconnaissance 1050/17 showed one small vessel in Wewak Harbour and another vessel on a reef indicating that ships from the recent convoy had all departed.
- (8) Mubo - a.m. 15/3 our patrols moving up the track from Guadagasal Saddle found the area clear of enemy for 1400 yards. A small group of enemy was reported 17/3 approximately 350 yards south of Mubo.
- (9) Morobe - 6 Japanese barges with crews only were encountered and destroyed by our PT boats off Mai-ama, (see Naval Incidents).
- (10) Waria River-Mambare - The enemy has vacated the Waria River Mouth area and no enemy have been encountered by our patrols in the Mambare area. Elaborate perimeter defence positions were found in the latter area.
- (11) Cape Moreton - An enemy submarine unsuccessfully attacked with torpedoes a small convoy approximately 80 miles north of Cape Moreton at 1510/17 (see Naval Incidents).

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/18:

4 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

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

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Merauke - One enemy floatplane ineffectively dropped bombs over Merauke town area at 1100/17.
- (2) South Coast Dutch New Guinea - Reconnaissance at approximately 1230/17 of this area reported shipping as follows:-
2 1,000 ton vessels at Babo
2 3-4,000 tons coastal steamers) all stationary at the
1 1,000 ton vessel) entrance to MacCluer Gulf
Nil shipping at Kaimana.

(3) Aroe Islands - Reconnaissance of the area at approximately 0845/17 reported only 2 luggers near Wokam Island.

(4) Kai Islands - The aerodrome at Langgoer (on Klein Kai, approximately opposite Toeal) was attacked 0800/17 by 5 B.25's and 3 Hudsons.

No shipping was seen over the whole area except for 2 luggers off the southern tip of Kaidoela Island on which Toeal is located.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/18:

(1) "HORSHAM" escorting "JOTUN F. JELL" departed Geraldton 0900/16 for Fremantle, was due 0800/18.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "VAN GALEN"
"PELIAS" "ISABEL" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO" "LARK"
"OTUS"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "PRESTON" "CHILDS"
"WHIPPOORWILL"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/18:

(1) "MANUNDA" dep. Brisbane 1848/17 for Sydney ETA 0500/19.

(2) "BUNDABERG" "MILDURA" escorting Convoy C080.

(3) "RALPH TALBOT" proceeding to RV with "BUCHANAN" escorting "POELAU LAUT" in position 36°57'S 160°25'E. "RALPH TALBOT" to relieve "BUCHANAN" at 1500/19 and escort "POELAU LAUT" to Melbourne ETA Port Phillip 0700/21.

(4) "STUART" escorting "H.T. ALLEN" to Sydney.

(5) "ROCKHAMPTON" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy OC79 (including "GOLD STAR") for Port Kembla, Sydney and Newcastle.

(6) "LE TRIOMPHANT" en route Sydney after escort duty with "ILE DE FRANCE" was due 0700/18.

(7) "MORESEY" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy GP39 (including "KURUMBA" for Darwin, "BUNGAREE" for Brisbane) departed Sydney 1330/17 ETA Caloundra 0330/20.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA"
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "VAN HEEMSKERK" "BUNBURY"
"DELORAIN" "SHEPPARTON" "KYBRA" "WARRNAMBOOL"
"TOWNSVILLE" "CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship) YDG.2
(Repairing) "HELENA" "ALHENA" "SELFRIDGE"
(In Reserve) "WESTRALIA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "SPRINGDALE" "DOOMBA"
(Repairing) "TJERK HIDDES" "COLAC"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - EMERPRISE (CV) LEANDER SAN DIEGO (CL)
LAMSON McCALLA MAHAN FARENHOLT LANSDOWNE SMITH
WOODWORTH LARDNER (DD) BREESE (DM) CURTISS TANGIER (AV)
THORNTON (AVD) ATHENE (ACV) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR)
AMERICAN LEGION HUNTER LIGGETT FULLER (AP) ALCHIBA
ALDEBARAN PINCKNEY CELENO (AK) SABINE NEOSHO PLATTE
PATUXENT WHIPSTOCK (AO) NAVAJO (AT) SKYLARK (AM) NATILUS (SS)
ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS (BB)
COLUMBIA (CL) BALCH BUCHANAN AULICK CONYNGHAM PERKINS (DD)
JAMESTOWN (PG) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AG) WHITNEY (AD)
GEORGE CLYMER JOHN PENN McCAWLEY (AP) MAJABA TALAMANCA
MERCURY ALGORAB TITANIA CASTOR (AK) TRYON (APH) SONOMA
PAWNEE (AT) SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) ADROIT KINGFISHER (AM)
ARD.2 KIWI (A/S Vessel)
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN)
- (5) At Nandi - LANG (DD)
- (6) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM)
- (7) At Bora Bora - PECOS (AO)
- (8) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK VIREO (AM) LOCUST
BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA GALE TUI (A/S
Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR) MEMOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO)
STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)
- (9) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) LOUISVILLE WICHITA (CA)
CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV) FRAZIER EDWARDS
GANSEVOORT AARON WARD (DD) BALLARD (AV) KANAWHA
LACKAWANNA NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER PC.476
PC.477 PC.479
- (10) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) ANTARES (AK) SOLACE (AH)
- (11) At Wellington - GRAYSON (DD) TRACY (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM) PRES.HAYES
PRES.JACKSON PRES.ADAMS CRESCENT CITY (AP) LIBRA (AK)
- (12) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (Sloop)

C. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

"KANIMBLA" escorting "FAIRISLE" "CAPE CHARLES" dep. Fremantle
0830/8. To escort "FAIRISLE" to Colombo ETA 19/3.

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) Morobe Harbour - Two of our motor torpedo boats on patrol
outside Morobe Harbour encountered 6 enemy barges off
Mageri Point, at mouth of Mai-ama River at 0100/17. The
barges contained crews only and were apparently making
rendezvous for supplies with an enemy submarine, for which
they mistook the torpedo boats. The barges came right
alongside and were all destroyed including the crews. One
member of the motor torpedo boats crew was seriously wounded.
- (2) Cape Moreton - Convoy BT44 (H.M.A.S. "GYMPIE" escorting "CHARLES
S. JONES" & "JOSEPH HOLT" - departed Brisbane 0015/17 for
Townsville) was attacked by an enemy submarine at 1510/17 in
position 25°41'S 153°51'E (approx 80 miles N. by E. of Cape
Moreton). Two or three torpedoes were fired at "CHARLES S.
JONES" but passed 20 yards astern.
"GYMPIE" ran along the approximate torpedo track in
the direction of the submarine but dropped no depth charges.
Aircraft on A/S patrol noticed an oil patch and possible
periscope feather and dropped one 250-lb A/S bomb with no
apparent result.
Further immediate search proved negative but sea
markers were dropped.

III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central & Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Possible offensive activity from East Indies area including further infiltration to the eastward along south coast Dutch New Guinea.
- (3) Possible offensive activity in N.W. Pacific.
- (4) Increased offensive submarine activity.

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18/3/43

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser	AUSTRALIA	
6" Cruisers	HOBART	
	PHOENIX	HELENA
	VAN HEEMSKERK	
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA	
	WARRAMUNGA	SELFRIDGE
	LE TRIOMPHANT	
Destroyers	HELM	
	HENLEY	
	PATTERSON	
	RALPH TALBOT	
	BAGLEY	
	MURFORD	
	STUART	
	VENDETTA	
	TJERK HIDDES	
Submarines	ALBACORE)	
	GAO)	
	GROWLER)	At Brisbane
	PETO)	
	AMBERJACK)	
	GRAMPUS)	
	GRAYBACK)	
	GREENLING)	On Patrol
	GROUPEL)	
	GUARDFISH)	
	TRITON)	
	TUNA)	
	K.9	At Sydney
Submarine Tender	FULTON	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboats	TULSA	
	HILO	
Combat Loaded Transports	MANOORA	WESTRALIA (on Reserve)
Oilers	AASE MAERSK	
	BISHOPDALE	
	KURUMBA	
	VICTORIA	

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

CinC Combined Fleet	
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)	
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)	
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)	
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)	
3-4 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO
	MUSASHI
	MUTSU
	NAGATO
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	ZUIKAKU
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)	ZUIHO
2 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	UNYO
	1 unknown

6 heavy cruisers (CA)

ATAGO
TAKAO
NACHI
HAGURO
KUMANO
AOBA
JINTSU
KATORI
KASHIMA
NAGARA

MOGAMI (bel. sunk 14/11)
MYOKO) poss. sunk
SUZUYA) 13-14/11

4 light cruisers (CL)

5-6 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)

Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

Approx 35-40 Destroyers (DD)

2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)

CHITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA

5-6 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)

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

Approx 451 shore-based aircraft incl. 233 F, 143 B, 16 F/B, 42 F/P,

17 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser

Flotilla Leader

Armed Merchant Cruiser

Destroyer

S/P Tenders

ADELAIDE

TROMP

KANIMBIA

VAN GALEN

HERON

W.B. PRESTON

CHILDS

ELIAS

GAR

JUDGEON

TAMBOR

TAU TOG

GRAYLING

GRENADIER

THRESHER

TROUT

K.12

) On Patrol

) At Fremantle

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

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

1 heavy cruiser (CA)

ASHIGARA

6 light cruisers (CL)

KASHII

NATORI (damaged 21/1)

KUMA

ISUZU

OI

KITAGAMI

Approx 16-20 Destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane Carrier (CVS)

NOTORO

Approx 198 shore-based aircraft incl. 86 F, 69 B, 3 F/B, 24 F/P,

16 transport aircraft.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	INDIANA WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO NEW MEXICO
Aircraft Carriers	ENTERPRISE SARATOGA
Auxiliary A/C Carriers	CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE
8" Cruisers	LOUISVILLE WICHITA
6" Cruisers	HONOLULU ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER LEANDER ACHILLES
5" Cruisers	SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN
Destroyers	50 (approx)

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA	WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE
Converted A/C Carrier Auxiliary A/C Carriers	LONG ISLAND NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	
8" Cruisers	SALT LAKE CITY NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA PORTLAND SAN FRANCISCO

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

CinC 1st Fleet 6-7 Battleships (BB)	ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA HARUNA KONGO
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	S HOKAKU
2 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	HAYATAKA HITAKA
2 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	OTAKA CHUYO
3 Heavy Cruisers (CA)	TORE TIKUMA CHOKAI
2 Light Cruisers (CL)	ABUKUMA SENDAI
1 Armed Merchant Cruiser (XCL)	
2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)	NISSEIN KAMOI
1-2 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)	
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)	
Approx 30 Destroyers and Gunboats (DD & PG)	
Approx 27 Submarines (SS)	

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser	INDIANAPOLIS
6" Cruisers	DETROIT
	RALEIGH
10 Destroyers	
10 Submarines	

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

CinC 5th Fleet	
2 light cruisers (CL)	TAMA
	KISO
2-3 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)	
Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)	
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)	

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers	CONCORD
	TRENTON
	RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	WARSPITE	
	RESOLUTION	
	* RAMILLIES	
	REVENGE	
	* ROYAL SOVEREIGN	
Aircraft Carrier	* ILLUSTRIOUS	
Seaplane Carrier	ALBATROSS	
8" Cruisers	DEVONSHIRE	
	* GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)	
7.5" Cruisers	HAWKINS	
	PROBISHER	
6" Cruisers	MAURITIUS	* GLASGOW
	GAMBIA	* EMERALD
	BIRMINGHAM	* DANAE
	ENTERPRISE	DURBAN
	LIVERPOOL	CARADOC
	ARETHUSA	
	CERES	
	DAUNTIE SS	
	* DRAGON	
	CAPE TOWN	
	* CALEDON	
	* SUMATRA (Dutch)	
Armed Merchant Cruisers	ALAUNIA	
	CARTHAGE	
	* CORFU	
	CHITRA	
	RAN PURA	
	RANCHI	
	WORCESTERSHIRE	
A.A. Ship	* CARLISLE	

* Note: No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

19th March, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/19:

- (1) "GLENELG" escorting "YOCHOW" departed Milne Bay 1259/18 for Oro Bay 1600/19.
- (2) "BOWEN" escorting Convoy FC3 ("CARLISLE" "WEST CACTUS") departed Milne Bay 1000/18. "CARLISLE" to be detached and proceed independently to Cairns. "BOWEN" escorting "WEST CACTUS" to proceed Port Moresby ETA 1800/19.
- (3) "SUMNER" "SC.746" on survey duty Deboyne Island area.
- (4) "SWAN" escorting Convoy NT6 ("KATOOMBA" "GEORGE McCRARY") dep. Port Moresby 1800/17 for Townsville, ETA 2130/19.
- (5) "BROOME" escorting Convoy NT7 ("STAGEN" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK") departed Port Moresby 0800/18 for Townsville 0600/21.
- (6) YP.291 departed Milne Bay 1522/17 for Townsville ETA 1200/20.
- (7) "PATTERSON" was to depart Dunk Island 1000/19 to RV in position 25°40'S, 159°E at 1545/21 with "PRES.GRANT" "PRES.JACKSON" and escort to Brisbane ETA 1600/22.
- (8) "WARREGO" escorting Convoy TN53 ("SWARTENHONDT" "MONTORO" "CAROLA") to Port Moresby ETA 1600/20.
- (9) "BALLARAT" departed Cairns 1710/17 to RV with Convoy TN55 ("ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "DUNDULA" "BANTAM") off Fitzroy Island and escort to Milne Bay ETA 1730/20.
- (10) "WARRAMUNGA" escorting Convoy TN54 ("DUNTROON" "WANAKA") dep. Townsville 0920/17 for Port Moresby was due 0800/19.
- (11) "GOULBURN" escorting "JASON LEE" Southbound was to RV with "GYMPIE" escorting Convoy BT44 ("CHARLES S. JONES" "JOSEPH HOLT" for Townsville) at 0800/18. "GYMPIE" was to escort "JASON LEE" to Caloundra, "GOULBURN" was to escort Convoy BT44 leaving convoy to arrive Gladstone a.m. 19/3. N.O.I.C. Brisbane signal 1613/18 stated that "GYMPIE" had not complied with these instructions; and that if "GYMPIE" and "GOULBURN" had not met, "GOULBURN" was to escort "JASON LEE" to Brisbane and "GYMPIE" was to leave convoy so as to arrive Gladstone a.m. 19/3 and after fuelling escort "MAETSUYCKER" to Whitsunday Passage.
- (12) SC.748 escorting Convoy BT45 ("AASE MAERSK" "VAN DER LIJN") dep. Caloundra 0113/17 for Townsville ETA 1500/20.
- (13) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "KATOOMBA" "HILO" YP.236 17 PT's Merchant Vessels: "H.D.THOREAU" Small Craft - Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Merchant Vessels: "H.DEARBORN" "DAVID BUSHNELL" Small Craft - Approx 20
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA" "WHYALLA" "WAGGA" "KAPUNDA" "PLATYPUS" 10 PT's (2 refitting)
Dunk Island	- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "HOBART" "HELM" "HENLEY" "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "ARUNTA" "VENDETTA" "PIRIE" "BENDIGO" "BISHOPDALE" "YUNNAN" (A.S.I.S) YMS.9. YMS.49 YMS.50

Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "LITHGOW" "TULSA" "FULTON"
 "POYANG" (A.S.I.S) YP.233 YP.280 YP.286
 YP.288 YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 "MERKUR"
~~(repairing)~~ ~~PC.1121 SC.738 SC.740 SC.749 SC.750~~
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 "LITHGOW" SC.744

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "SWAN" escorting Convoy TS19 ("KATOOMBA" "PORTMAR" "WANDANA") to depart Townsville 1200/20 for Brisbane ETA 0800/24.
- (2) "VENDETTA" escorting Convoy TN56 ("TARBOONA") to depart Townsville 2000/19 for Milne Bay.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Enemy Aircraft - Photographs 17 & 18/3 show aircraft on the main enemy aerodromes in the New Guinea - Bismarcks - Solomons as set out hereunder:-

(F - Fighters; F/P - Floatplanes; L/B - light bombers; M/B - medium bombers; F/B - flying boats.)

	F	F/P	L/B	M/B	F/B
<u>17/3</u>					
Kahili	48	2	-	4	-
Ballale	4	-	-	-	-
Vila	1	-	-	-	-
Faisi (25% coverage)		5 +			
Munda ?					
Buka ?					
<u>18/3</u>					
Kavieng	13	-	-	26	-
Lakunai	73	-	32	4	-
Vunakanau	28	-	20	23	-
Rapopo	-	-	-	53	-
Malaguna	-	4	-	-	-
Wewak (incomplete)	3 +	-	-	-	-
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>-</u>

- (2) New Georgia - Local reports state that the ships intercepted in Kula Gulf by our Task Force during the night 5/3 carried 500 troops. There were only 3 survivors who were picked up by native patrols.
 The same sources state that no shipping has been at Vila since the 5 steamers reported by natives midnight-03 00/9. As a result of the shelling by destroyers during the night 15-16/3 all barges at Vila were set on fire.
 p.m. 16/3 a cargo vessel and barge or barges were seen in Karaka Bay (N. of Kundurumbangara Bay - Vella Lavella). Natives also report 17/3 that a small party of armed Japanese landed by barge in this same vicinity.
- (3) Shortlands - Two reconnaissances reported on shipping at Buin-Faisi a.m. 18/3. The combined reports show probably 4 cargo vessels only (one large, one medium, 2 small), although one aircraft reported a possible heavy cruiser or large cargo vessel.
- (4) Kieta - 3 barges with a large number of troops and natives left Numa Numa 0930/18 heading for Kieta. It is recalled that on 12/3 a Japanese administrative officer was at Numa Numa apparently recruiting labour.
- (5) Buka - 2210/17-0350/18 Buka Passage aerodrome was bombed by 3 Catalinas. Blast bays and A.A. positions were also strafed.
- (6) Kavieng - Reconnaissance 1000/18 sighted 6 vessels in the Harbour area including a heavy cruiser, a destroyer and a large cargo vessel. Photographs show oil surfacing in progress on the runway. Aircraft visible are shown in the summary above.

(7) Rabaul - Reconnaissance 1100/18 reported the usual shipping in Rabaul Harbour. Photographs covering the northern half of Simpsons Harbour reveal -

3 destroyers
4 submarines
2 subchasers
5 tankers (1 medium, 4 small)
19 merchant vessels (totalling 90,000 tons)

Total 33 vessels

In addition, 2 merchant vessels of approximately 5,000 tons each are visible off Kokopo.

The pilot's report that the "usual shipping" was visible indicates that the photos cover in fact only about half of the total shipping in the area. Aircraft visible on the aerodromes are shown in the summary above.

(8) Open Bay - One small barge was seen in Powell Harbour (S.E. shore of Open Bay) at 1530/18.

(9) Cape Gloucester - Reconnaissance a.m. 18/3 reported nothing on Cape Gloucester runway which appeared in good shape: patrol or oil drum revetments were observed.

Reconnaissance 1300/18 sighted one serviceable fighter and 2 trucks on the side of the runway.

Reconnaissance 1740/18 sighted 2 large and well camouflaged barges tied together and loaded with drums along the shore 5 miles N.E. of Cape Gloucester aerodrome.

(10) Dampier Strait - At 0940/18 a small 500 ton vessel was seen in a position approximately 15 miles SE of Rooke Island headed thereto.

(11) Aitape (75 miles NW Wewak) - Reconnaissance 1340/18 sighted 3 small and one larger aircraft on an unnamed island N.E. of Aitape.

(12) Wewak - Photographs of Wewak 1412/18 show -

1 probable destroyer) poss. same 3 as observed
2 small cargo vessels) prior to recent Wewak convoy.
2 merchant vessels (1 large, 1 medium)
1 large tanker-type vessel

In addition a large cargo vessel was seen half submerged at Kairiru Island.

(13) Madang - Madang township, aerodrome and harbour area were heavily attacked 0915-0940/18 by 12 Liberators and 9 Beaufighters covered by 16 Lightnings. The entire town ~~area~~ was left a mass of black smoke while the Beaufighters worked over the aerodrome area thoroughly.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At sea to 1200/19:

- (1) "WILCANNIA" escorting "KOOLIGA" "SIBIGO" departed Thursday Island 1453/17 for Darwin ETA 1330/22.
- (2) "INVEREIL" escorting "MULIAMA" "ISLANDER" departed Darwin 0718/18 for Thursday Island ETA Tucker Point 2230/21.
- (3) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "BABINDA" departed Darwin 0910/18 for Millingimbi ETA p.m. 19/3.
- (4) 4 submarines on patrol.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Timor - Penfoei aerodrome was bombed by 3 Hudsons at 2200/17.
~~(2) Timor~~

3. SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/19:

- (1) "W.B. PRESTON" departed Exmouth Gulf 0900/17 for Fremantle, was due 1000/19.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "VAN GALEN"
"PELIAS" "ISABEL" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO" "HORSEHAM"
"LARK" "OTUS"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" "WHIPPOORWILL"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/19:

- (1) "MANUNDA" dep. Brisbane 1848/17 for Sydney was due 0500/19.
(2) YP.286 YP.288 departed Brisbane 1318/18 for Sydney ETA 0600/21.
(3) "BUNDABERG" "MILDURA" escorting Convoy CO80.
(4) "RALPH TALBOT" proceeding to RV with "BUCHANAN" escorting "POELAU LAUT" in position 36°57'S, 160°25'E. "RALPH TALBOT" to relieve "BUCHANAN" at 1500/19 and escort "POELAU LAUT" to Melbourne ETA Port Phillip 0700/21.
(5) "MORESBY" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy GP39 (including "KURUMBA" for Darwin, "BUNGAREE" for Brisbane) departed Sydney 1330/17 ETA ~~Sydney~~ Caloundra 0330/20.

(b) In Harbour:

Newcastle - Warships & Aux. - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN"
Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "MANCOORA"
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "VAN HEEMSKERK" "STUART"
"LE TRIOMPHANT" "BUNBURY" "ROCKHAMPTON"
"DELORAIN" "SHEPPARTON" "KYBRA" "WARRNAMBOOL"
"TOWNSVILLE" "CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship) YDG.2
"GOLD STAR" "H.T. ALLEN"
(Repairing) "HELENA" "ALHENA" "SELFRIDGE"
(In Reserve) "WESTRALIA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "SPRINGDALE" "DOOMBA"
(Repairing) "TJERK HIDDEN" "COLAC"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "DELORAIN" "ROCKHAMPTON" to escort Convoy CO81. To take over convoy from "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" at RV off Sydney p.m. 20/3.
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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
(2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) LEANDER SAN DIEGO (CL)
LAMSON McALLA MAHAN PARENHOLT LANSDOWNE SMITH
WOODWORTH LARDNER (DD) BREESE (DM) CURTISS TANGIER (AV)
THORNTON (AVD) ATHENE (ACV) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR)
AMERICAN LEGION HUNTER LIGGETT FULLER (AP) ALCHIBA
ALDEBARAN PINCKNEY CELENO (AK) SABINE NEOSHO PLATTE
PATUXENT WHIPSTOCK (AO) NAVAJO (AT) SKYLARK (AM)
NAUTILUS (SS) ROSEWOOD (YN)

- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS(BB)
 COLUMBIA (CL) BALCH BUCHANAN AULICK CONYNGHAM PERKINS(DD)
 JAMESTOWN (PG) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AG) WHITNEY (AD)
 GEORGE CLYMER JOHN PENN McCAWLEY (AP) MAJABA TALAMANCA
 MERCURY ALGORAB TITANIA CASTOR (AK) TRYON (APH) SONOMA
 PAWNEE (AT) SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) ADROIT KINGFISHER (AM)
 ARD.2 KIWI (A/S Vessel)
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN)
- (5) At Nandi - LANG (DD)
- (6) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM)
- (7) At Bora Bora - PECOS (AO)
- (8) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK VIREO (AM) LOCUST
 BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA GALE TUI (A/S
 V essels) ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO)
 STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)
- (9) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) LOUISVILLE WICHITA (CA)
 CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV) FRAZIER EDWARDS
 GANSEVOORT AARON WARD (DD) BALLARD (AV) KANAWHA
 LACKAWANNA NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER PC.476
 PC.477 PC.479
- (10) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) ANTARES (AK) SOLACE (AH)
- (11) At Wellington - GRAYSON (DD) TRACY (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM) PRES.HAYES
 PRES.JACKSON PRES.ADAMS CRESCENT CITY (AP) LIBRA (AK)
- (12) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (Sloop)

II.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

N I L.

III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central & Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Possible offensive activity from East Indies area including further infiltration to the eastward along south coast Dutch New Guinea.
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- (4) Increased offensive submarine activity.

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19/3/43

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
	<u>(1) Allied Forces:</u>	
8" Cruiser	AUSTRALIA	
6" Cruisers	HOBART	
	PHOENIX	HELENA
	VAN HELMSKERK	
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA	
	WARRAMUNGA	SELFRIDGE
	LE TRIOMPHANT	
Destroyers	HELM	
	HENLEY	
	PATTERSON	
	RALPH TALBOT	TJERK HIDDIS
	BAGLEY	
	MUGFORD	
	STUART	
	VENDETTA	
Submarines	ALBACORE)	
	GATO)	
	GROWLER) At Brisbane	
	PETO)	
	AMBERJACK)	
	GRAMPUS)	
	GRAYBACK)	
	GREENLING) On Patrol	
	GROUPEL)	
	GUARDFISH)	
	TRITON)	
	TUNA)	
	K.9	At Sydney
Submarine Tender	FULTON	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboats	TULSA	
	HILO	
Combat Loaded Transports	MANOORA	WESTRALIA (On Reserve)
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	BISHOPDALE	
	KURUMBA	
	VICTORIA	

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CinC Combined Fleet	
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CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)	
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)	
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)	
3-4 Battle ships (BB)	YAMATO
	MUSASHI
	MUTSU
	NAGATO
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	ZUIKAKU
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)	ZUIHO
2 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	UNYO
	1 unknown

6 heavy cruisers (CA)

ATAGO
TAKAO
NACHI
HAGURO
KUMANO
AOBA
JINTSU
KATORI
KASHIMA
NAGARA

MOGAMI (bel. sunk 14/11)
MYOKO) poss. sunk
SUZUYA) 13-14/11

● light cruisers (CL)

5-6 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)

Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

Approx 35-40 Destroyers (DD)

2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)

CHITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA

5-6 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)

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

Approx 451 shore-based aircraft incl. 233 F, 143 B, 16 F/B, 42 F/P,

17 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser

Flotilla Leader

Armed Merchant Cruiser

Destroyer

S/P Tenders

ADELAIDE

TROMP

KANIMBLA

VAN GALEN

HERON

W.B. PRESTON

CHILDS

PELIAS

GAR)

GUDGEON)

TAMBOR)

TAUTOG)

GRAYLING)

GRENADIER)

THRESHER)

TROUT)

K.12)

On Patrol

At Fremantle

Submarine Tender

Submarines

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

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

1 heavy cruiser (CA)

ASHIGARA

6 light cruisers (CL)

KASHII

NATORI (damaged 21/1)

KUMA

ISUZU

OI

KITAGAMI

Approx 16-20 Destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane Carrier (CVS)

Approx 198 shore-based aircraft incl. 86 F, 69 B, 3 F/B, 24 F/P,

16 transport aircraft.

NOTORO

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	INDIANA WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO NEW MEXICO
Aircraft Carriers	ENTERPRISE SARATOGA
Auxiliary A/C Carriers	CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE
8" Cruisers	LOUISVILLE WICHITA
6" Cruisers	HONOLULU ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER LEANDER ACHILLES
5" Cruisers	SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN
Destroyers	50 (approx)

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA	WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE
Converted A/C Carrier	LONG ISLAND	
Auxiliary A/C Carriers	NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	
8" Cruisers	SALT LAKE CITY NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA PORTLAND SAN FRANCISCO

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

CinC Is t Fleet	
6-7 Battleships (BB)	ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA HARUNA KONGO
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	SHOKAKU
2 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	HAYATAKA HITAKA
2 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	OTAKA CHUYO
3 Heavy Cruisers (CA)	TONE TIKUMA CHOKAI
2 Light Cruisers (CL)	ABUKUMA SENDAI
1 Armed Merchant Cruiser (XCL)	
2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS) ^{on A/C}	NISSHIN KAMOI
1-2 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)	
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)	
Approx 30 Destroyers and Gunboats (DD & EG)	
Approx 27 Submarines (SS)	

NORTHERN PACIFIC AREAEffectiveNon-effective(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser
6" Cruisers
10 Destroyers
10 Submarines

INDIANA POLIS
DETROIT
RALEIGH

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

CinC 5th Fleet
2 light cruisers (CL)

TAMA
KISO

2-3 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)
Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

I. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

II. INDIAN OCEAN AREA(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION

* RAMILLIES
REVENGE

* ROYAL SOVEREIGN
* ILLUSTRIOUS

Aircraft Carrier
Seaplane Carrier
8" Cruisers

ALBATROSS
DEVONSHIRE

* GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)

7.5" Cruisers

HAWKINS
FROBISHER

6" Cruisers

MAURITIUS
GAMBIA

* GLASGOW

* EMERALD

BIRMINGHAM
ENTERPRISE

* DANAE

LIVERPOOL
ARETHUSA

DURBAN

CARADOC

CERES
DAUNTE SS

* DRAGON
CAPE TOWN

* CALEDON

* SUMATRA (Dutch)

Armed Merchant Cruisers

ALAUNIA
CARTHAGE

* CORFU

CHITRAL

RAMPURA

RANCHI

WORCESTERSHIRE

* CARLISLE

A.A. Ship

Approx 27 Destroyers
Approx 9 Submarines

* Note; No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

20th March, 1943.

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/19:

- (1) "KATOOMBA" escorting "HENRY D. THOREAU" was to depart Milne Bay 1000/20 for Port Moresby ETA 1500/21.
- (2) "SUMNER" "SC.746" on survey duty Deboyne Island area.
- (3) "SWAN" escorting Convoy NT6 ("KATOOMBA" "GEORGE McGRARY" dep. Port Moresby 1800/17 for Townsville, was due 2130/19.
- (4) "SWAN" escorting Convoy TS19 ("KATOOMBA" "PORTMAR" "WANDANA") was to depart Townsville 1200/20 for Brisbane ETA 0800/24
- (5) "BROOME" escorting Convoy NT7 ("STAGEN" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK") departed Port Moresby 0800/18 for Townsville 0600/21.
- (6) YP.291 departed Milne Bay 1522/17 for Townsville was due 1200/20.
- (7) "PATTERSON" departed Dunk Island 1000/19 to RV in position 25°40' S. 159°E at 1545/21 with "PRES. GRANT" "PRES. JACKSON" and escort to Brisbane ETA 1600/22.
- (8) "ECHUCA" escorting "BARALABA" was to depart Thursday Island 2200/19 for Merauke ETA 1600/21.
- (9) "VENDETTA" escorting Convoy TN56 ("TAROONA") departed Townsville 2044/19 for Milne Bay.
- (10) Convoy TN57(a) "ARUNTA" "KAPUNDA" HDML1161 escorting "CHARON" "BISHOPDALE" "CREMER" "VALLSEMOSA".
- (b) "PIRIE" escorting "VAN OUTHOORN" "VAN SPILBERGEN". Convoy was to depart Townsville 1200/20 and proceed to position 11°50'S. 147°55' E. ETA 2100/22 where convoy to split. Portion (a) to proceed Port Moresby ETA 1400/23. Portion (b) to proceed Milne Bay ETA 2100/23. "KAPUNDA" to RV with Convoy off Fitzroy Island at 0600/21.
- (11) "WARREGO" escorting Convoy TN53 ("SWARTENHONDT" "MONTORO" "CAROLA") to Port Moresby ETA 1600/20.
- (12) "BALLARAT" departed Cairns 1710/17 to RV with Convoy TN55 ("ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "DUNDULA" "BANTAM") off Fitzroy Island and escort to Milne Bay ETA 1730/20.
- (13) "GOULBURN" escorting "MAETSUYCKER" departed Gladstone 1300/19 ETA Whitsunday Passage 1200/20. On completion "GOULBURN" to return Brisbane.
- (14) SC.748 escorting Convoy BT45 ("AASE MAERSK" "VAN DER LIJN") dep. Caloundra 0113/17 for Townsville ETA 1500/20.
- (15) "LITHGOW" escorting Convoy BT46 "KEY PITTMAN" "EDWARD R. SILL" "KURUMBA" were to depart from Caloundra 0600/20. "LITHGOW" to escort to Whitsunday Passage and return Brisbane.
- (16) "GYMPIE" departed Brisbane 1757/19 to carry out exercises with submarine to seaward of Cape Moreton.
- (17) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux.	- "GLENELG"
	Merchant Vessels	- "YOCHOW"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux.	- "HILO" YP.236
		17 PT's. Small Craft - approx 50.
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux.	- "WARRAMUNGA" "BOWEN"
	Merchant vessels	- "H. DEARBORN" "DAVID BUSHNELL"
		"WEST CACTUS" "DUNTRON" "WANAKA"
	Small Craft	- approx. 20.
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux.	- "LATROBE"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux.	- "WHYALLA" "WAGGA" "PLATYPUS"
		10 PT's (2 refitting)

Dunk Island - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "HOBART"
 "HELM" "HENLEY" "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY"
 Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "BENDIGO" "YUNNAN" (A.S.I.S.)
 YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50
 Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" "FULTON" "POYANG"
 (A.S.I.S.) YP.233 YP.280 YP.286 YP.288
 YMS.8 YMS.10 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.70
 PC.1119 PC.1121 SC.738 SC.740 SC.744
 SC.749 SC.750 "MERKUR" "BUNGAREE".

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) SC.740 SC.744 escorting Convoy BT47 (including "BUNGAREE") to depart Caloundra p.m. 20/3.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Tulagi - Enemy aircraft was over TULAGI on the night 18/3. No damage is reported.
- (2) New Georgia - Vila Bivouac area was attacked 1645/18 by ten dive bombers with fighter escort.
 There was no aerial activity at Munda on 18/3 up to 1830 hrs. Reconnaissance a.m. 19/3 sighted 15 to 20 aircraft on the ground but subsequent fighter sweep encountered no aircraft in the air and saw only damaged aircraft on the ground.
 A barge was seen carrying supplies to Rendova Island 16-17/3. a.m. 17/3, a party of 30 Japanese with a machine gun landed on North East coast of Vella Lavella, North of Kundurumbangara Point.
- (3) Choiseul, New Guinea - Reconnaissance p.m. 19/3 observed three enemy camps in the vicinity of Bambatana approximately centre South West coast Choiseul Island.
- (4) Shortlands - Reconnaissance a.m. 19/3 sighted the following shipping in the Buin-Faisi area:-
 5 cargo vessels, including one large
 2 auxiliaries
- Total 7
- (5) Arawe - Barges were seen by reconnaissance 19/3 at Arawe and the aircraft dropped bombs on and machine gunned the vessels.
- (6) Cape Gloucester - Two reconnaissance aircraft strafed four or five barges seen close in shore or beached just East of Cape Gloucester.
- (7) Lorengau - A small cargo vessel, 3-500 tons, was seen by reconnaissance at about noon 19/3.
- (8) Wewak - A further study of photographs of Wewak 1412/18 shows that the shipping present was:-
 1 submarine chaser
 5 small merchant vessels, all 1000 tons or under.
- (9) Lae - At 1955/19 a submarine was seen in Lae Harbour with eight barges plying between the ship and the shore. An air strike was dispatched and a preliminary report indicates that four direct hits and several near misses were scored on the submarine which is believed to have been destroyed.
- (10) Mubo - Our forward elements are in contact with the enemy between Garrison Hill and Observation Hill, North West of Mubo. Enemy troops were seen moving 18/3 in a dry creek bed $\frac{1}{2}$ mile North East of the Mubo strip. This area was attacked 1145/19 by three Bostons.
- (11) Porlock Harbour - Eighteen enemy bombers, escorted by 32 Zeros, attacked Porlock Harbour at 1300/19. The wharf was cut in half, and a launch was badly damaged.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA.

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At sea to 1200/19:

- (1) "WILCANNIA" escorting "KOOLIGA" "SIBIGO" departed Thursday Island 1453/17 for Darwin ETA 1330/22.
- (2) "INVERELL" escorting "MULIAMA" "ISLANDER" departed Darwin 0718/18 for Thursday Island ETA Tucker Point 2230/21.
- (3) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "BABINDA" departed Darwin 0910/18 for Millingimbi was due p.m. 19/3.
- (4) 4 submarines on patrol.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Kaukenau - Photographs 18/3 of the new airfield at Timika (East of Kaukenau) show that the runway has been levelled for over 1000 yards
- (2) Kai Islands - Photographs 18/3 of the airfield at Langgoer show that the runway has been cleared to at least 600 yards.
- (3) Ambon - Reconnaissance a.m. 18/3 reported twelve cargo vessels in Ambon Bay and another small 200 ton vessel ten miles South of Ambon Island.

Photographs of Ambon Bay, at the above time, show only eleven vessel as follows:-

- 1 vessel 6-8,000 tons
 - 4 vessels 4-7,000 tons
 - 2 vessels 2-4,000 tons
 - 4 vessels below 1,000 tons.
- (4) Koepang - Penfoei aerodrome was attacked at about 2230/18 by three Hudsons.
 - (5) Broome - An unidentified aircraft was over the Broome-Derby area, noon, 19/3.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "VAN GALEN"
"PRESTON" "PELIAS" "ISABEL" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO"
"HORSHAM" "LARK" "OTUS"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" "WHIPPOORWILL"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/19:

- (1) YP. 286 YP.288 departed Brisbane 1318/18 for Sydney ETA 0600/21.
- (2) "MORESEY" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy PG.39 (7MV) were to depart Caloundra 1300/20.
- (3) "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy CO.81 was to depart Newcastle 0900/20. "ROCKHAMPTON" "DELORAINIE" to RV off Sydney p.m.20/3 and take over escort.
- (4) "LE TRIOMPHANT" departed Sydney 1854/19 for patrol.
- (5) "WARRNAMBOOL" was to depart Sydney 0915/20 for Broken Bay for working up exercises. To return Sydney 0900/27.
- (6) "RALPH TALBOT" escorting "POELAU LAUT" from RV position (36°57'S. 160°25' E.) to Melbourne ETA Port Phillip 0700/21.
- (7) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC.80 departed Port Phillip 2229/19 to RV in Wilson's Promontory area with "Bundaberg" "Mildura" escorting Convoy CO.80.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA"
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "VAN HEEMSKERK" "STUART" "BUNBURY"
"ROCKHAMPTON" "DELORAIN" "SHEPPARTON" "KYBRA"
"TOWNSVILLE" "CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship) YDG.2
"GOLD STAR" "H.T.ALLEN"
(Repairing) "HELENA" "ALHENA" "SELFRIDGE" "MANUNDA" (Hospital
ship)
(In Reserve) "WESTRALIA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "SPRINGDALE"
(Repairing) "TJERK HIDDES" "COLAC"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
(2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) LEANDER SAN DIEGO (CL)
LAMSON McCALLA MAHAN FARENHOLT LANSDOWNE SMITH WOODWORTH
LARDNER (DD) BREESE (DM) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) THORNTON (AVD)
ATHENE (ACV) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) AMERICAN LEGION
HUNTER LIGGETT FULLER (AP) ALCHIBA ALDEBARAN PINCKNEY CELENO
(AK) SABINE NEOSHO PLATTE PATUXENT WHIPSTOCK (AO) NAVAJO (AT)
SKYLARK (AM) NAUTILUS (SS) ROSEWOOD (YN)
X (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS (BB)
SAN FRANCISCO (CA) COLUMBIA (CL) BALCH BUCHANAN AULICK
CONYNGHAM MUSTIN PENKINS (DD) JAMESTOWN (PG) PROMETHEUS (AR)
ARGONNE (AG) WHITNEY (AD) GEORGE CLYMER JOHN PENN McCAWLEY (AP)
MAJABA TALAMANCA MERCURY ALGORAB TITANIA (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD)
TRYON (APH) SONOMA PAWNEE (AT) SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) ADROIT
KINGFISHER (AM) ARD.2 KIWI (A/S Vessel)
(4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN)
(5) At Nandi - LANG (DD)
(6) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM)
(7) At Bora Bora - PECOS (AO)
(8) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK VIREO (AM) LOCUST
BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA GALE TUI (A/S Vessels)
ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO) STRATFORD (AP)
PATHFINDER (AGS)
(9) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) LOUISVILLE WICHITA (CA)
CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV) FRAZIER EDWARDS GANSEVOORT
AARON WARD (DD) BALLARD (AV) KANAWHA LACKAWANNA NESCHES (AO)
RIGEL (AR) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER PC.476 PC.477 PC.479
{10} At Auckland - EBONY (YN) ANTARES (AK) SOLACE (AH)
(11) At Wellington - GRAYSON (DD) TRACY (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM) PRES. HAYES
PRES. JACKSON PRES. ADAMS CRESCENT CITY (AP) LIBRA (AK)
(12) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (Sloop)

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

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III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly
Central & Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W.
coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/ Arafura Sea Islands.
(2) Possible offensive activity from East Indies area including
further infiltration to the eastward along south coast
Cutch New Guinea.
(3) Possible offensive activity in N.W. Pacific.
(4) Increased offensive submarine activity.

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For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

G.H.Q., S.W.P.A. 20/3/43

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

<u>EASTERN SECTION</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
	(i) <u>Allied Forces:</u>	
8" Cruiser	AUSTRALIA	.
6" Cruisers	HOBART	
	PHOENIX	HELENA
	VAN HEEMSKERK	
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA	
	WARRAMUNGA	SELFRIDGE
	LE TRIOMPHANT	
Destroyers	HELM	
	HENLEY	
	PATTERSON	
	RALPH TALBOT	TJERK HIDDES
	BAGLEY	
	MUGFORD	
	STUART	
	VENDETTA	
Submarines	ALBACORE)	
	GATO)	
	GROUPEL)	At Brisbane
	GROWLER)	
	PETO)	
	AMBERJACK)	
	GRAMPUS)	
	GRAYBACK)	
	GREENLING)	On Patrol
	GUARDFISH)	
	TRITON)	
	TUNA)	
	K.9	At Sydney
Submarine Tender	FULTON	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboats	TULSA	
	HILO	
Combat Loaded Transports	MANOORA	WESTRALIA (on reserve)
Oilers	AASE MAERSK	
	BISHOPDALE	
	KURUMBA	
	VICTORIA	

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

CinC Combined Fleet	
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)	
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)	
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)	
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)	
3-4 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO
	MUSASHI
	MUTSU
	NAGATO
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	ZUIKAKU
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)	ZUIHO
2 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	UNYO
	1 unknown

6 heavy cruisers (CA)

ATAGO
TAKAO
NACHI
HAGURO
KUMANO
AOBA
JINTSU
KATORI
KASHIMA
NAGARA

MOGAMI (bel. sunk 14/11)
MOKO) poss. sunk
SUZUYA) 13-14/11

4 light cruisers (CL)

5-6 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)

Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

Approx 35-40 Destroyers (DD)

2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)

C HITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA

5-6 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)

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

Approx 438 shore-based aircraft incl. 195 F, 168 B, 16 F/B, 42 F/P,

17 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser
Flotilla Leader
Armed Merchant Cruiser
Destroyer
S/P Tenders

ADELAIDE
TROMP
KANIMBLA
VAN GALEN
HERON
W.B. PRESTON

Submarine Tender
Submarines

CHILDS
PELIAS
GAR)
GUDGEON) On Patrol
TAMBOR)
TAUTOG)
GRAYLING)
GRENADIER)
THRESHER) At Fremantle
TROUT)
K.12)

EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

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

1 heavy cruiser (CA)

A SHIGARA

6 light cruisers (CL)

KASHII

NATORI (damaged 21/1)

KUMA

ISUZU

OI

KITAGAMI

Approx 16-20 Destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane Carrier (CVS)

NOTORO

Approx 198 shore-based aircraft incl. 86 F, 69 B, 3 F/B, 24 F/P,

16 transport aircraft.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
MASSACHUSETTS
MARYLAND
COLORADO

Aircraft Carriers

NEW MEXICO
ENTERPRISE

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

SARATOGA
CHENANGO
SANGAMON
SUWANNEE

X 8" Cruisers

SAN FRANCISCO

LOUISVILLE

6" Cruisers

WICHITA

HONOLULU

ST. LOUIS

NASHVILLE

COLUMBIA

CLEVELAND

MONTPELLIER

DENVER

LEANDER

ACHILLES

5" Cruisers

SAN DIEGO

SAN JUAN

Destroyers

50 (approx)

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

IDAHO
MISSISSIPPI
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA

WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carrier
Auxiliary A/C Carriers

LONG ISLAND

NASSAU

ALTAMAH

COPAHEE

8" Cruisers

SALT LAKE CITY

NEW ORLEANS

MINNEAPOLIS

PENSACOLA

PORTLAND

SAN FRANCISCO

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

Cinc 1st Fleet

6-7 Battleships (BB)

ISE
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA
HARUNA
KONGO

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)

SHOKAKU

2 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

HAYATAKA

HITAKA

~~3~~ 2 Aux. A/C Carriers (ACV)

OTAKA

CHUYO

3 Heavy Cruisers (CA)

TONE

TIKUMA

CHOKAI

2 Light Cruisers (CL)

ABUKUMA

SENDAI

1 Armed Merchant Cruiser (XCL)

2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)

NISSHIN

KAMO I

1-2 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 30 Destroyers and Gunboats (DD & PG)

Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser	INDIANAPOLIS
6" Cruisers	DETROIT
	RALEIGH
10 Destroyers	
10 Submarines	

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

CinC 5th Fleet	
2 light cruisers (CL)	TAMA
	KISO
2-3 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)	
Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)	
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)	

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers	CONCORD
	TRENTON
	RICHMOND

INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battle ships	WARSPITE	
	RESOLUTION	
	* RAMILLIES	
	REVENGE	
	* ROYAL SOVEREIGN	
Aircraft Carrier	* ILLUSTRIOUS	
Seaplane Carrier	ALBATROSS	
8" Cruisers	DEVONSHIRE	
	* GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)	
7.5" Cruisers	HAWKINS	
	PROBISHER	
6" Cruisers	MAURITIUS	* GLASGOW
	GAMBIA	* EMERALD
	BIRMINGHAM	* DANAE
	ENTERPRISE	DURBAN
	LIVERPOOL	CARADOC
	ARETHUSA	
	CERES	
	DAUNTLESS	
	* DRAGON	
	CAPTOWN	
	* CALEDON	
	* SUMATRA (Dutch)	
Armed Merchant Cruisers	ALAUNIA	
	CARTHAGE	
	* CORFU	
	CHITRAL	
	RANPURA	
	RANCHI	
	WORCESTERSHIRE	
A.A. Ship	* CARLISLE	
Approx 27 Destroyers		
Approx 9 Submarines		

* Note: No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 submarines

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser	INDIANAPOLIS
6" Cruisers	DETROIT
	RALEIGH
10 Destroyers	
10 Submarines	

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

CinC 5th Fleet	
2 light cruisers (CL)	TAMA
	KISO
2-3 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)	
Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)	
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)	

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers	CONCORD
	TRENTON
	RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	WARSPITE	
	RESOLUTION	
	* RAMILLIES	
	REVENGE	
	* ROYAL SOVEREIGN	
Aircraft Carrier	* ILLUSTRIOUS	
Seaplane Carrier	ALBATROSS	
8" Cruisers	DEVONSHIRE	
	* GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)	
7.5" Cruisers	HAWKINS	
	PROBISHER	
6" Cruisers	MAURITIUS	* GLASGOW
	GAMBIA	* EMERALD
	BIRMINGHAM	* DANAE
	ENTERPRISE	DURBAN
	LIVERPOOL	CERES
	DAUNTIE SS	CARADOC
	* DRAGON	
	CAPETOWN	
	* CALEDON	
	* SUMATRA (Dutch)	
Armed Merchant Cruisers	ALANIA	
	CARTHAGE	
	* CORFU	
	CHITRAL	
	RANPURA	
	RANCHI	
	WORCESTERSHIRE	
A.A. Ship	* CARLISLE	
Approx 27 Destroyers		
Approx 9 Submarines		

* Note: No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY21st March, 1943I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCESA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

- (1) "KATOOMBA" escorting "HENRY D. THOREAU" was to depart Milne Bay 1000/20 for Port Moresby ETA 1500/21.
- (2) "BOWEN" departed Port Moresby 0926/20 for Milne Bay was due 1130/21.
- (3) "SUMNER" "SC.746" on survey duty Deboyne Island area.
- (4) "INVERELL" escorting "MULIAMA" "ISLANDER" departed Darwin 0718/18 for Thursday Island ETA Tucker Point 2230/21.
- (5) "WARRAMUNGA" escorting "DUNTROON" (for Townsville) departed Port Moresby 0800/20. "WARRAMUNGA" to escort to Fitzroy Island.
- (6) "BROOME" escorting Convoy NT7 ("STAGEN" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK") departed Port Moresby 0800/18 for Townsville ETA 0600/21.
- (7) "HOBART" departed Dunk Island 0730/21 for Sydney ETA 0730/24.
- (8) "GOULBURN" en route from Whitsunday Passage to Brisbane.
- (9) "SWAN" escorting Convoy TS19 ("KATOOMBA" "PORTMAR" "GEORGE McCRAKY" "WANDANA") departed Townsville 1432/20 for Brisbane ETA 0800/24.
- (10) "PATTERSON" departed Dunk Island 1000/19 to RV in position 25°40'S 159°E at 1545/21 with "PRES. GRANT" "PRES. JACKSON" and escort to Brisbane ETA 1600/22.
- (11) "ECHUCA" escorting "BARALABA" departed Thursday Island 2200/19 for Merauke ETA 1600/21.
- (12) "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy TN55 ("ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "DUNDULA" "BANTAM") was due Milne Bay 1730/20.
- (13) "VENDETTA" escorting Convoy TN56 ("TAROONA") departed Townsville 2044/19 for Milne Bay.
- (14) Convoy TN57 -
 - (a) "ARUNTA" "KAPUNDA" HDML1161 escorting "CHARON" "BISHOPDALE" "CREMER" "VALLSEMOSA".
 - (b) "PIRIE" escorting "VAN OUTHOORN" "VAN SPILBERGEN". Convoy dep. Townsville 1200/20. To proceed to position 11°50'S 147°55'E ETA 2100/22 where convoy to split. Portion (a) to proceed Port Moresby ETA 1400/23. Portion (b) to proceed Milne Bay ETA 2100/23. "KAPUNDA" was to RV with Convoy off Fitzroy Island at 0600/21.
- (15) "LITHGOW" escorting Convoy BT46 ("KEY PITTMAN" "EDWARD R. SILL" "KURUMBA" all for Townsville) dep. Caloundra 1135/20. "LITHGOW" to escort to Whitsunday Passage and return Brisbane.
- (16) SC.744 escorting Convoy BT47 ("BUNGAREE" "HANYANG" for Townsville, "STORANGER" for Gladstone) dep. Caloundra 2132/20. On arrival Whitsunday Passage SC.744 to proceed independently to Townsville ETA 1400/23.
- (17) SC.740 escorting Convoy BT47A ("VAN HEEMSKERK" for Gladstone, "BALIKPAPAN" for Townsville, "ARKABA" for Mackay) dep. Caloundra 0051/21. SC.740 to part company at Percy Is. and return Brisbane.
- (18) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux.	- "GLENELG"
	Merchant Vessels:	"YOCHOW"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux.	- "HILO" YP.236 17 PT's
	Small Craft	- Approx 50

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "WARREGO"
 Merchant Vessels: "H.DEARBORN" "DAVID BUSHNELL"
 "SWARTENHONDT" "MONTORO" "CAROLA" "WEST CACTUS"
 "WANAKA"
 Small Craft - Approx 20

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE"
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "WHYALLA" "WAGGA" "PLATYPUS"
 10 PT's (2 refitting)

Dunk Island - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "HELM"
 "HENLEY" "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY"

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "BENDIGO" "YUNNAN" (A.S.I.S)
 YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 YP.291 SC.748
 "AASE MAERSK"

Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" "FULTON" "POYANG" (A.S.I.S)
 YP.233 YP.280 YP.286 YP.288 YMS.8 YMS.10
 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.70 PC.1119 PC.1121
 SC.738 SC.749 SC.750 "MERKUR"

(Repairing) "GYMPIE"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "LATROBE" escorting "TULAGI" to depart Thursday Island
 0900/22 for Darwin ETA 1630/25.
- (2) "WARREGO" escorting "WANAKA" to depart Port Moresby 1900/21
 for Townsville.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Tulagi - 2 enemy submarines were sighted by aircraft at 1825/20
 approximately 25 miles WSW Tulagi headed thereto.
- (2) New Georgia - Local observers report that a 250 ton vessel was
 at Vila Plantation unloading for about 4 hours from 2200-2300/16.
 This is the first ship reported at Vila since 11/3 when five
 steamers were seen there.

Vila was attacked at 1650/19 by 6 dive-bombers escorted
 by 16 fighters and again at the same time the following night
 by a similar force of aircraft. Munda was attacked at 1700/20
 by another 6 dive-bombers with 14 fighters as escort.

A party of about 15 Japanese arrived at Rendova Plantation
 on Rendova Island by barge at 0700/19 and 2 more barges with
 another 24 Japanese arrived at 1740/19.

- (3) Shortlands - Kahili and Ballale were harassed during the night
 19/20/3 by 2 Fortresses.

Reconnaissance a.m. 20/3 sighted the following shipping
 in the area -

1 light cruiser
 3 destroyers
 2 corvettes
 9 cargo vessels

Total 15

This indicates an increase of 4 cargo vessels and 4 warships
 since 20/3.

- (4) Solomons Aircraft - Photographs 0700/19 show -
 Kahili - 33 fighters, 3 bombers
 Ballale - 2 fighters, 1 bomber (60% coverage)
 Vila - 1 "
 Munda - nil undamaged a/c
 Faisi - nil (20% coverage)

36 fighters, 4 bombers

Buka was not covered.

Photos 0845/20 show -

Kahili - 45 fighters, 3 bombers
 Vila - 1 "
 Munda - nil operational a/c
 Faisi - 17 Zero F/P, 2 four-engined F/Bs

63 fighters, 5 bombers

- (5) Gazelle Peninsula - Reconnaissance 0930/20 sighted a convoy as
 detailed below approximately 15 miles north of Cape Pomas
 (N.W. extremity Gazelle Peninsula) course 90°, speed 10 knots -

	2	6,000 ton cargo vessels
	2	2,000 ton cargo vessels
	1	600 ton cargo vessel
	2	3,000 ton tankers
	1	gunboat
Total	8	vessels

Photos confirm 5 merchant vessels and one tanker with probably 2 escort vessels.

- (6) Wide Bay - Photographs of a submarine sighted in Wide Bay 1137/E show it to be 140-180 ft. long resembling the German 250-500 ton submarine. It is suggested that the submarine is probably the new RO.100 class.
- (7) Wewak - Reconnaissance at noon 20/3 sighted nil shipping in the Harbour ~~in~~ ^{under} perfect visibility conditions.
- (8) Southern Caroline Waters - At 1600/20 an unescorted convoy of 4 ships ~~is~~ was seen approximately midway between Palau and Kavieng heading SE at 10 knots.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

- (1) "WILCANNIA" escorting "KOOLIGA" "SIBIGO" DEPARTED Thursday Is. 1453/17 for Darwin ETA 1330/22.
- (2) 5 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Millingimbi - Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE"
Merchant Vessels: "BABINDA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- X (1) South Coast Dutch New Guinea - At 0940/20 a large destroyer and two 9-10,000 ton merchant vessels were sighted by recce approximately 25 miles E. of Cape van den Bosch course 70° speed 11-12 knots. An air strike was despatched and reported attacking the destroyer and two merchant vessels stationary in Kaimana Bay 1915-2000/20. Details of the attack are not yet available.
- (2) Kai Islands - Langgoer township was attacked by 2 B.25's a.m. 20/3.
- (3) Ambon - Ambon township was attacked 2230/19 by 5 Liberators. Priority target was shipping but despite use of flares and search around island for dispersal, no shipping could be located.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

- (1) "ADELAIDE" escorting Convoy OW3 departed Fremantle 0800/20. To return Fremantle 1200/28. "VAN GALEN" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO" providing local escort returning Fremantle 22/3.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "PRESTON" "PELIAS"
"ISABEL" "HORSHAM" "LARK" "OTUS"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" "WHIPPOORWILL"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

- (1) YP.286 YP.288 departed Brisbane 1318/18 for Sydney, were due 0600/21.
- (2) "MORESEBY" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy PG39 (7 MV) dep. Caloundra 1245/20 ETA Newcastle 0900/22, Sydney 1600/22.
- (3) "WARRNAMBOOL" working up in Broken Bay. To return Sydney 0900/27.
- (4) "KYBRA" dep. Sydney 1917/20 for patrol. Was to return Sydney 0800/21.
- (5) "RALPH TALBOT" escorting "POELAU LAUT" from RV position (36°57'S 160°25'E) to Melbourne, was due Port Phillip 0700/21.
- (6) "ROCKHAMPTON" "DELORAIN" escorting Convoy C081.
- (7) "BUNDABERG" "MILDURA" escorting Convoy OC80 for Port Kembla ETA 1800/22, Sydney ETA 2359/22 and Newcastle ETA 0600/23.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA"
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "VAN HEEMSKERK" "LE TRIOMPHANT"
"STUART" "BUNBURY" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN"
"SHEPPARTON" "TOWNSVILLE" "CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship) YDG.2 "GOLD STAR" "H.T.ALLEN"
(Repairing) "HELENA" "ALHENA" "SELFIDGE" "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)
(In Reserve) "WESTRALIA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "SPRINGDALE" "DOOMBA"
(Repairing) "TJERK HIDDEN" "COLAC"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) LEANDER (CL) LAMSON FLUSSER McCALLA MAHAN FARENHOLT LANSLOWNE SMITH WOODWORTH LARDNER (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) THORNTON (AVD) ATHENE (ACV) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) AMERICAN LEGION JOHN PENN HUNTER LIGGETT FULLER GEORGE CLYMER (AP) ALCHIBA ALDEBARAN ALGORAB PINCKNEY CELENO (AK) SABINE NEOSHO PLATTE PATUX NT WHIPSTOCK (AO) SKYLARK (AM) NAUTILUS (SS) ROSEWOOD(X)
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (CV) SAN FRANCISCO (CA) COLUMBIA SAN JUAN (CL) BALCH BUCHANAN GRIDLEY DUNLAP FANNINGx CASE CUMMINGS CONYNGHAM MUSTIN PERKINS (DD) JAMESTOWN (PG) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AG) WHITNEY (AD) McCAWLEY (AP) MAJABA TALAMANCA MERCURY TITANIA (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD) TRYON (APH) SUAMICO CIMARRON (AG) ADROIT KINGFISHER (AM) ARD.2 KIWI (A/S Vessel) "ENGADINE (ACV)
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN)
- (5) At Nandi - LANG (DD)
- (6) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM)
- (7) At Bora Bora - PECOS (AO)
- (8) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK VIREO (AM) LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA GALE TUI (A/S Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)
- (9) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) WICHITA (CA) CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV) CONY AARON WARD (DD) BALLARD (AV) KANAWHA LACKAWANNA KANKAKEE NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER PC.476 PC.477 PC.479 RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)
- (10) At Auckland - SAN DIEGO (CL) EBONY (YN) ANTARES (AK) SOLACE (AH)
- (11) At Wellington - GRAYSON (DD) LOUISVILLE (CA) TRACY (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM) PRES.HAYES PRES.JACKSON PRES.ADAMS CRESCENT CITY (AP) LIBRA (AK)
- (12) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (Sloop)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

San Cristobal - One enemy bomber unsuccessfully dropped bombs on an allied convoy at 1125/20 approximately 60 miles E.N.E. of San Cristobal.

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

Lae - The enemy submarine attacked at Lae after dark 19/3 was sighted the previous night shortly before midnight by a reconnaissance Catalina. The submarine was then about 100 miles east of Lae on course 270° and was described as a large ocean-going submarine.

Ground observers reported a submarine in Lae Harbour at dusk 20/3 with 8 barges plying between ship and shore.

An air strike of 5 B.25's was despatched and the submarine was sighted at about 1950/20 approx 250 yards S.W. of Voco Point. The submarine was described as about 350 ft. long with large square conning tower, raised bow and small mast-like structure forward of conning tower. Four direct hits with another four near misses were claimed with 500-lb 5 second delay bombs from 75 feet. A terrific explosion occurred, much heavier than the explosion of the bombs, and the submarine appeared to be blown to pieces.

The crew of one aircraft believed that they saw another submarine halfway between the attacked vessel and the shore but this sighting was not confirmed.

III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central & Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Possible offensive activity from East Indies area including further infiltration to the eastward along south coast Dutch New Guinea.
- (3) Possible offensive activity in N.W. Pacific.
- (4) Increased offensive submarine activity.


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

21/3/43

A P P E N D I X.

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
	<u>(i) Allied Forces:</u>	
8" Cruiser	AUSTRALIA	
6" Cruisers	HOBART	
	PHOENIX	HELENA
	VAN HEEMSKERK	
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA	
	WARRAMUNGA	SELFRIDGE
	LE TRIUMPHANT	
Destroyers	HELM	
	HENLEY	
	PATTERSON	
	RALPH TALBOT	TJERK HIDNES
	BAGLEY	
	MUGFORD	
	STUART	
	VENDETTA	
Submarines	ALBACORE)	
	GROUPEL)	At Brisbane
	GROWLER)	
	PETO)	
	AMBERJACK)	
	GATO)	On Patrol
	GRAMPUS)	
	GRAYBACK)	
	GREENLING)	
	GUARDFISH)	
	TRITON)	
	TUNA)	
	K.9	At Sydney
Submarine Tender	FULTON	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboats	TULSA	
	HILO	
Combat Loaded Transports	MANOORA	WESTRALIA (on reserve)
Oilers	AASE MAERSK	
	BISHOPDALE	
	KURUMBA	
	VICTORIA	

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

CinC Combined Fleet	
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)	
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)	
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)	
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)	
3-4 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO
	MUSASHI
	MUTSU
	NAGATO
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	ZUIKAKU
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)	ZUIHO
2 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	UNYO
	1 unknown

6 heavy cruisers (CA)

ATAGO
TAKAO
HAGURO
KUMANO
SUZUYA
JINTSU
KATORI
KASHIMA
NAGARA

MOGAMI (bel.sunk 14/11)
YOKO)poss.sunk
)13-14/11

AOBA

4 light cruisers (CL)

5-6 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)

Approx. 25-30 submarines (SS)

Approx 30 Destroyers (DD)

2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)

CHITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA

5-6 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)

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

Approx 438 shore-based aircraft incl. 195 F, 168 B, 16 F/B, 42 F/P,
17 Obsn. or transport aircraft

2. WESTERN SECTION

6"

Cruiser

Flotilla Leader

Armed Merchant Cruiser

Destroyer

S/P Tenders

(i) Allied Forces:

ADELAIDE
TROMP
KANIMBLA
VAN GALEN
HERON
W.B. PRESTON

Submarine Tender

Submarines

CHILDS
PELIAS
GAR)
GUDGEON) On Patrol
TAMBOR)
TAUTOG)
GRAYLING)
GRENADIER)
THRESHER) At Fremantle
TROUT)
K.12)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

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

1 heavy cruiser (CA)

6 light cruisers (CL)

ASHIGARA
KASHII NATORI (damaged 21/1)
KUMA
ISUZU
OI
KITAGAMI

Approx 16 Destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane Carrier (CVS)

Approx 196 shore-based aircraft incl. 84 F, 69 B, 3 F/B, 24 F/P,
16 transport aircraft.

NOTORO

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non Effective.

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
MASSACHUSETTS

Aircraft Carriers

MARYLAND
COLORADO
NEW MEXICO
ENTERPRISE

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

SARATOGA
CHENANGO
SANGAMON
SUWANNEE

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE
SAN FRANCISCO
WICHITA

6" Cruisers

HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE

5" Cruisers

COLUMBIA
CLEVELAND
MONTPELLIER

Destroyers

DENVER
LEANDER
ACHILLES
SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN
50 (approx)

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

IDAHO
MISSISSIPPI
PENNSYLVANIA
NEVADA

WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carrier
Auxiliary A/C Carriers

LONG ISLAND
NASSAU
ALTAMAHA

8" Cruisers

COPAHEE
SALT LAKE CITY
NEW ORLEANS

MINNEAPOLIS
PENSACOLA
PORTLAND

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

CinC 1st Fleet

6-7 Battleships (BB)

ISE
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA
HARUNA

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)
2 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

KONGO
SHOKAKU
HAYATAKA

2 Aux. A/C Carriers (ACV)

HITAKA
OTAKA
CHUYO

3 heavy Cruisers (CA)

TONE
TIKUMA
CHOKAI
ABUKUMA
SENDAI

2 light cruisers (CL)

1 Armed Merchant Cruiser (XCL)
2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)

NISSHIN
KAMO I

1-2 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx. 20 Destroyers (DD)

Approx. 30 Submarines (SS)

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

8" Cruiser
6" Cruisers

10 Destroyers
10 Submarines

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
(i) <u>Allied Forces:</u>	INDIANAPOLIS DETROIT RALEIGH	
(ii) <u>Enemy Forces:</u> (N. HONSHU-KURILES-ALEUTIANS)		

CinC 5th Fleet
1 Heavy Cruiser
2 light Cruisers (6L)

2-3 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)
Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)
Approx 10 Submarines (SS)

NACHI
TAMA
KISO

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

6" Cruisers

(i) Allied Forces:

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Battleships

Aircraft Carrier
Seaplane Carrier
8" Cruisers
7.5 Cruisers

6" Cruisers

(i) Allied Forces:

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
REVENGE
= ILLUSTRIOUS
ALBATROSS
DEVONSHIRE
HAWKINS
FROBISHER
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
BIRMINGHAM
ENTERPRISE
LIVERPOOL
ARETHUSA

DURBAN
CARADOC

Armed Merchant Cruisers

CERES
DAUNTLESS
CAPETOWN
ALAUNIA
CARTHAGE
CHITRAL
RANPURA
RANCHI
WORCESTERSHIRE

Approx. 27 Destroyers
Approx. 9 submarines

= Note: No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY22nd March, 1943I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCESSOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/22:

- (1) "GLENELG" escorting "YOCHOW" en route from Oro Bay. "YOCHOW" to be detached and proceed to Townsville. "GLENELG" to proceed Port Moresby.
- (2) "BALLARAT" departed Milne Bay 1400/21 for Port Moresby ETA 1900/22.
- (3) "BOWEN" escorting "BANTAM" was to depart Milne Bay p.m. 21/3 for Oro Bay.
- (4) "SUMNER" "SC.746" on survey duty Deboyne Island area.
- (5) "INVERELL" escorting "MULIAMA" "ISLANDER" departed Darwin 0718/18 for Thursday Is. was due Tucker Point 2230/21.
- (6) "LATROBE" escorting "TULAGI" was to depart Thursday Island 0900/22 for Darwin ETA 1630/25.
- (7) "BROOME" escorting Convoy NT7 ("STAGEN" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK") departed Port Moresby 0800/18 for Townsville was due 0600/21.
- (8) "VENDETTA" escorting "TAROONA" was to depart Milne Bay 0700/21 for Townsville.
- (9) "WARREGO" escorting "WANAKA" (for Townsville) departed Port Moresby 1905/21. "WARREGO" to escort to Fitzroy Is.
- (10) "HOBART" departed Dunk Island 0730/21 for Sydney ETA 0730/24.
- (11) "PATTERSON" escorting "PRESIDENT GRANT" "PRESIDENT JACKSON" to Brisbane ETA 1600/22.
- (12) "BENDIGO" departed Townsville 1500/21 ETA Caloundra 1200/24.
- (13) "YP.291" departed Townsville 1530/21 for Brisbane ETA Caloundra 0500/26.
- (14) "VICTORIA" departed Dunk Island 2300/21 for Cairns. Was due 0800/22.
- (15) "GOULBURN" en route from Whitsunday Passage to Brisbane.
- (16) "SWAN" escorting Convoy TS19 ("KATOOMBA" "PORTMAR" "GEORGE McCRARY" "WANDANA") departed Townsville 1432/20 for Brisbane ETA 0800/24.
- (17) "ARUNTA" "KAPUNDA" "PIRIE" HDML.1161 escorting Convoy TN57 ("BISHOPDALE" "CHARON" "CREMER" "VALLSEMOSA" "VAN OUTHOORN" "VAN SPILBERGEN"). On arrival position 11°50'S 147°55'E ETA 2100/22, Convoy to split. "ARUNTA" "KAPUNDA" HDML 1161 escorting "BISHOPDALE" "CHARON" "CREMER" to proceed Port Moresby ETA 1400/23. "PIRIE" escorting "VAN OUTHOORN" "VAN SPILBERGEN" to proceed Milne Bay ETA 2100/23.
- (18) "LITHGOW" escorting Convoy BT46 ("KEY PITTMAN" "EDWARD R. SILL" "KURUMBA" all for Townsville) dep. Caloundra 1135/20. "LITHGOW" to escort to Whitsunday Passage and return Brisbane.
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- (21) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay - Warships & Aux.
Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "HILO" YP.236 15 PT's
Merchant Vessels: "ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "DUNDULA"
"BANTAM"
Small Craft - Approx 50
Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "KATOOMBA"
Merchant Vessels: "H.DEARBORN" "DAVID BUSHNELL"
"SWARTENHONDT" "MONTORO" "CAROLA" "WEST CACTUS"
"WANAKA" "H.D.THOREAU"
Small Craft - Approx 20
Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "WHYALLA" "WAGGA" "PLATYPUS"
10 PT's (2 refitting)
Dunk Island - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "HELM"
"HENLEY" "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY"
Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "WARRAMUNGA" "YUNNAN" (A.S.I.S)
YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 SC.748 "AASE MAERSK"
Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"
Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" "FULTON" "POYANG" (A.S.I.S)
YP.233 YP.280 YP.286 YP.288 YMS.8 YMS.10
YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.70 PC.1119 PC.1121
SC.738 SC.749 SC.750 "MERKUR"
(Repairing) "GYMPIE"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "WARRAMUNGA" escorting Convoy TN58 ("DUNTROON") to depart
Townsville 1930/23 for Port Moresby ETA 1430/25.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) New Georgia - Enemy barge activity continued 20 and 21/3 at
Rendova probably in connection with supplies.
- (2) Shortlands - Timber and galvanised iron were seen being
transported from Choiseul Bay (N.W. extremity Choiseul Is.)
to Buin during the night 20-21/3.
Reconnaissance a.m. 21/3 sighted one light cruiser,
one destroyer and 6 cargo vessels indicating that 2 destroyers,
2 corvettes and 3 cargo vessels had departed since the previous
day.
- (3) Kieta - A small cargo ship was seen at Kieta by reconnaissance
a.m. 21/3.
- (4) Gasmata - The aerodrome at Gasmata was bombed and strafed by
a Catalina on armed night reconnaissance 20-21/3.
At 2215/21 a vessel described as a large destroyer
was sighted and attacked by a Catalina on armed night
reconnaissance south of Gasmata, course east. Heavy accurate
A.A. fire was encountered from the vessel which was, however,
damaged by 2 bombs and was last seen at 2326/21 20 miles S.
of Gasmata on course 10°, speed 10 knots and trailing a large
oil slick.
- (5) Cape Gloucester - At 1125/21 a 500 ton cargo ship was sighted by
reconnaissance in Borgen Bay. The ship was well camouflaged
with trees, grass and foliage and 4 landing barges, also
camouflaged, were sighted in the vicinity. A direct hit was
scored on the ship which was left listing.
- (6) Wewak - A ground observer reports 21/3 a 4,000 ton vessel anchored
off Kairiru Is. This may be the partially submerged vessel
reported by reconnaissance a few days ago.
The same source reports 21/3 that natives in the area
are working as scouts for the Japanese.
- (7) Kumusi - At 1500/21 a submarine was sighted 5 miles east of
Kumusi River mouth course 124°.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/22:

- (1) "WILCANNIA" escorting "KOOLIGA" "SIBIGO" departed Thursday
Is. 1453/17 for Darwin ETA 1330/22/
(2) 5 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Millingimbi - Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE"
Merchant Vessels: "BABINDA"
Merauke - Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA"
Merchant Vessels: "BARALABA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) South Coast Dutch New Guinea - The destroyer and 2 merchant vessels reported in Kaimana Bay p.m. 20/3 apparently departed Kaimana early a.m. 21/3 and were seen at 1010/21, 12 miles S.S.E. of Cape van den Bosch course 270/280°. At 1512/21 probably the same 3 vessels were sighted again 38 miles N.W. Cape van den Bosch course 300° (see Naval Incidents)
Reconnaissance p.m. 21/3 sighted 3 merchant vessels of approximately 1,000 tons each off Oemari (approx midway between Kaukenau and Kaimana) course N.W. No previous report has been received concerning these vessels which may be returning from Kaukenau.
- (2) Kai Islands - Langgoer township was attacked at dusk 20/3. 8 luggers were seen in the Strait between Toeal and Langgoer and also several small craft at Toeal.
- (3) Timor - A possible destroyer or sloop was sighted at Koepang 0750/21.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/22:

- (1) "ADELAIDE" escorting Convoy OW3 departed Fremantle 0800/20. To return Fremantle 1200/28. "VAN GALEN" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO" providing local escort returning Fremantle 22/3.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "PRESTON" "PELIAS"
"ISABEL" "HORSHAM" "LARK" "OTUS"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" "WHIPPOORWILL"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/22:

- (1) "MORESBY" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy PG39 (7 MV) dep. Caloundra 1245/20 ETA Newcastle 1400/22, Sydney 2100/22.
- (2) "LE TRIOMPHANT" "BINGERA" "BUNBURY" "SHEPPARTON" "KYBRA" dep. Sydney 0046/22 on A/S patrol.
- (3) "WARRNAMBOOL" working up in Broken Bay. To return Sydney 0900/27.
- (4) "RALPH TALBOT" escorting "POELAU LAUT" was due Port Phillip 0700/22.
- (5) "ROCKHAMPTON" "DELORAINIE" escorting Convoy C081.
- (6) "BUNDA BERG" "MILDURA" escorting Convoy OC80 for Port Kembla ETA 1800/22, Sydney ETA 2359/22 and Newcastle ETA 0600/23.
- (7) "CENTAUR" dep. Sydney 1117/21 for Brisbane ETA 1000/23.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "MANCOORA"
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "ABRAHAM CRYNSSEN"
"KYBRA" "TOWNSVILLE" "GOLD STAR" "H.T.ALLEN"
YDG.2 YP.286 YP.288
(Repairing) "HELENA" "ALHENA" "SELFRIDGE" "BUCHANAN"
"VAN HEEMSKERK" "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)
(On Reserve) "WESTRALIA"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- X
- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
 - (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) HONOLULU ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE
LEANDER (CL) LAMSON FLUSSER McCALLA MAHAN FARENHOLT
LANSDOWNE SMITH WOODWORTH LARDNER NICHOLAS O'BANNON
CHEVALIER STRONG TAYLOR FLETCHER RADFORD JENKINS (DD)
CURTISS TANGIER (AV) THORNTON (AVD) ATHENE (ACV) DIXIE (AD)
PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) AMERICAN LEGION JOHN PENN FULLER
HUNTER LIGGETT GEORGE CLYMER (AP) ALCHIBA ALDEBARAN
ALGORAB PINCKNEY CELENO (AK) SABINE NEOSHO PLATTE
PATUXENT WHIPSTOCK (AO) SKYLARK (AM) NAUTILUS (SS)
ROSEWOOD (YN)
 - (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (CV)
SAN FRANCISCO (CA) COLUMBIA SAN JUAN (CL) BALCH BUCHANAN
GRIDLEY DUNLAP FANNING CASE CUMMINGS CONYNGHAM READ
RUSSELL MUSTIN PERKINS (DD) ENGADINE (ACV) JAMESTOWN (PG)
PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AG) WHITNEY (AD) McCAWLEY (AP)
MAJABA TALAMANCA MERCURY TITANIA (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD)
TRYON (APH) PECOS SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) ADROIT
KINGFISHER (AM) ARD.2 KIWI (A/S Vessel)
 - (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN)
 - (5) At Nandi - LANG (DD)
 - (6) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM)
 - (7) At Bora Bora -
 - (8) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK VIREO (AM) LOCUST
BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA GALE TUI (A/S
Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO)
STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)
 - (9) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) WICHITA (CA) CHENANGO SANGAMON
SUWANNEE (ACV) CONY AARON WARD (DD) BAILLARD (AV) KANAWHA
LACKAWANNA KANKAKEE NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER PC.476
PC.477 PC.479 RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)
 - (10) At Auckland - SAN DIEGO (CL) EBONY (YN) ANTARES (AK) SOLACE (AH)
 - (11) At Wellington - GRAYSON (DD) LOUISVILLE (CA) TRACY (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM)
PRES. HAYES PRES. ADAMS CRESCENT CITY (AP) LIBRA (AK)
 - (12) At Papeete -

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

X

Kaimana - At 0940/20, a destroyer or smaller escort vessel and two medium-sized merchantmen were seen at the N.E. entrance to Nautilus Strait heading for Kaimana. The reconnaissance B.25 scored a probable hit and near miss on one of the merchantmen.

An air strike of 3 Hudsons attacked these vessels at about 1915/20 anchored in Kaimana Bay while the merchant vessels were apparently unloading. Results were not observed but fire was seen possibly on one of the merchant vessels.

The convoy apparently stayed at Kaimana for about 10 hours and 2 B.25's despatched to attack the ships again, located the convoy at 1015/21, 12 miles S.S.E. of Cape van den Bosch, course 270° to 280°. No hits were scored.

The convoy was last sighted at 1512/21 approx 38 miles N.W. of Cape van den Bosch course 300°.

III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central & Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Possible offensive activity from East Indies area including further infiltration to the eastward along south coast Dutch New Guinea.

Enemy's Probable Next Move (Contd.)

- (3) Possible offensive activity in N.W. Pacific.
- (4) Increased offensive submarine activity.

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G.H.Q., S.W.P.A.

22/3/43

A P P E N D I X.

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser
6" Cruisers

AUSTRALIA
HOBART
PHOENIX
VAN HEEMSKERK ———— ?
HELENA

Flotilla Leaders

ARUNTA
WARRAMUNGA
SELFRIDGE

Destroyers

LE TRIOMPHANT
HELM
HENLEY
PATTERSON
RALPH TALBOT
TJERK HIDDÉS

Submarines

BAGLEY
MUGFORD
STUART
VENDETTA
ALBACORE)
GROUPEr)
GROWLER) At Brisbane
PETO)
AMBERJACK)
GATO)
GRAMPUS)
GRAYBACK)
GREENLING) On Patrol
GUARDFISH)
TRITON)
TUNA)
K.9 At Sydney

Submarine Tender
Destroyer Tender
Gunboats

FULTON
DOBBIN
TULSA
HILO
MANOORA

Combat Loaded Transports

WESTRALIA (on reserve)

Oilers

AASE MAERSK
BISHOPDALE
KURUMBA
VICTORIA

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

CinC Combined Fleet
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)
3-4 Battleships (BB)

YAMATO
MUSASHI
MUTSU
NAGATO
ZUIKAKU
ZUIHO
UNYO
1 unknown

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)
2 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)

6 heavy cruisers (CA)

ATAGO
TAKAO

MOGAMI (bel. sunk 14/11
MYOKO) poss. sunk 13-
14/11

HAGURO
KUMANO
SUZUYA
JINTSU
KATORI
KASHIMA
NAGARA

AOBA

4 light cruisers (CL)

5-6 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)
Approx. 25-30 submarines (SS)
Approx 30 Destroyers (DD)
2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)

CHITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA

5-6 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)
Several Submarine Tenders
Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft
Approx 438 shore-based aircraft incl. 195 F, 168 B, 16 F/B, 42 F/P,
17 Obsn. or transport aircraft

2. WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser
Flotilla Leader
Armed Merchant Cruiser
Destroyer
S/P Tenders

ADELAIDE
TROMP
KANIMELA
VAN GALEN
HERON
W.B. PRESTON

Submarine Tender
Submarines

CHILDS
PELIAS
GAR)
GRAYLING)
GUDGEON) On Patrol
TAMBOR)
TAUTOG)
GRENADIER)
THRESHER } At Fremantle
TROUT }
K.12)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

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

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

ASHIGARA
KASHII NATORI (damaged 21/1)
KUMA
ISUZU
OI
KITAGAMI

Approx 16 Destroyers (DD)
Approx 7 submarines (SS)
1 Seaplane Carrier (CVS)

Approx 196 shore-based aircraft incl. 84 F, 69 B, 3 F/B, 24 F/P,
16 transport aircraft.

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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA.

Effective

Non Effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
MASSACHUSETTS

Aircraft Carriers

MARYLAND
COLORADO
ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

CHENANGO
SANGAMON
SUWANNEE

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE
SAN FRANCISCO
WICHITA

6" Cruisers

HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE
COLUMBIA
CLEVELAND
MONTPELLIER

5" Cruisers

DENVER
LEANDER
SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN

Destroyers

50 (approx)

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

IDAHO
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
PENNSYLVANIA

WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carrier
Auxiliary A/C Carriers

NEVADA
LONG ISLAND
NASSAU
ALTAMAHA

8" Cruisers

COPAHEE
SALT LAKE CITY
NEW ORLEANS
MINNEAPOLIS
PENSACOLA
PORTLAND

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

CinC 1st Fleet
6-7 Battleships (BB)

ISE
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA
HARUNA
KONGO
SHOKAKU
HAYATAKA
HITAKA
OTAKA
CHUYO
TONE
TIKUMA
CHOKAI
ABUKUMA
SENDAI

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)
2 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

2 Aux. A/C Carriers (ACV)

3 heavy Cruisers (CA)

2 light cruisers (CL)

1 Armed Merchant Cruiser (XCL)
2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)

1-2 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)
6 old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)
Approx. 20 Destroyers (DD)
Approx. 30 Submarines (SS)

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser
6" Cruisers
10 Destroyers
10 Submarines

INDIANAPOLIS
DETROIT
RALEIGH

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

CinC 5th Fleet
1 Heavy Cruiser
2 light Cruisers (CL)
2-3 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)
Approx 4 destroyers (DD)
Approx. 10 Submarines (SS)

NACHI
TAMA
KISO

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

Aircraft Carrier
Seaplane Carrier
8" Cruisers
7.5 Cruisers

6" Cruisers

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
REVENGE
= ILLUSTRIOUS
ALBATROSS
DEVONSHIRE
HAWKINS
FROBISHER
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
BIRMINGHAM
ENTERPRISE
LIVERPOOL
ARETHUSA
CERES
DAUNTLESS
CAPETOWN
ALAUNIA
CARTHAGE
CHITRAL
RANPURA
RANCHI
WORCESTERSHIRE

DURBAN
CARADOC

Armed Merchant Cruisers

Approx. 27 Destroyers
Approx. 9 submarines

= Note: No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

23rd March, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/23:

- (1) Task Force 74 ("AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "HELM" "HENLEY" "BAGLEY" "MUGFORD") moves from Dunk Island to Palm Island 23/3.
- (2) "GLENELG" escorting "YOCHOW" en route from Oro Bay. "YOCHOW" to be detached and proceed to Townsville. "GLENELG" to proceed Port Moresby.
- (3) "SUMNER" "SC.746" on survey duty Deboyne Island area.
- (4) "INVERELL" escorting "MULIAMA" "ISLANDER" departed Darwin 0718/18 for Thursday Is. was due Tucker Point 2230/21.
- (5) "LATROBE" escorting Convoy TD15 ("TULAGI" "ALAGNA" "SEEKA") dep. Thursday Island 1828/22 for Darwin ETA 1730/27.
- (6) "VENDETTA" escorting "TAROONA" departed Milne Bay 0956/22 for Townsville ETA 0600/24.
- (7) "WARREGO" escorting "WANAKA" (for Townsville) departed Port Moresby 1905/21. "WARREGO" to escort to Fitzroy Is.
- (8) "LITHGOW" en route Gladstone from Whitsunday Passage.
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- (17) PC.1119 PC.1121 departed Brisbane 1431/22 to arrive position 27°03'S, 155°25'E at 0600/23. On arrival to conduct search for Dutch troop ship "SOMMELSDICK" and escort to Brisbane.
- (18) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux.	
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux.	- "HILO" "BOWEN" 15 PT's
	Merchant Vessels:	"ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "DUNDULA" "BANTAM"
	Small Craft	- Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux.	- "KATOOMBA" "BALLARAT"
	Merchant Vessels:	"H.DEARBORN" "DAVID BUSHNELL" "SWARTENHONDT" "MONTORO" "CAROLA" "WEST CACTUS" "H.D.THOREAU"
	Small Craft	- Approx 20
Cairns	- Warships & Aux.	- "WHYAILA" "WAGGA" "PLATYPUS" "VICTORIA" YP.236 10 PT's (2 refitting)
Townsville	- Warships & Aux.	- "WARRAMUNGA" "BROOME" "YUNNAN" "ASIS" YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 SC.748 "AASE MAERSK"
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux.	- "KALGOORLIE"

Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "PATTERSON" "GOULBURN" "TULSA"
 "FULTON" "POYANG" (A.S.I.S) YP.233 YP.280
 YP.286 YP.288 YMS.8 YMS.10 YMS.46 YMS.47
 YMS.48 YMS.70 SC.738 SC.749 SC.750 "MERKUR"
 "PRESIDENT GRANT" "PRESIDENT JOHNSON"
 (Repairing) "GYMPIE"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "KATOOMBA" escorting "DAVID BUSHNELL" to depart Port Moresby 1830/23 for Townsville.
- (2) SC.748 escorting Convoy TN59 ("EDWARD R.SILL" "VAN DER LIJN") to depart Townsville 1400/24. "WAGGA" to RV off Fitzroy Island at 0700/25 and provide additional escort. Convoy to proceed Port Moresby ETA 1000/27.
- (3) "WARRAMUNGA" escorting Convoy TN58 ("DUNTROON") to depart Townsville 1930/23 for Port Moresby ETA 1430/25.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Munda-Vila - Six and five Dauntless dive-bombers respectively escorted by 15 Wildcats attacked Munda and Vila afternoon 21/3. Explosions observed in dump area at Munda.
- (2) Solomons Aircraft - Photos a.m. 21/3 reveal the following aircraft:-

	<u>Fighters</u>	<u>Bombers</u>
Kahili	27	2
Buka	3	2 (only 75% coverage)
Vila	1	-
Munda	- nil serviceable	

 Ballale and Faisi were not covered.
- (3) Lorengau - An old sailing schooner, probably used as a wireless ship was unsuccessfully attacked by a Liberator in harbour 1056/22. The runway was reported serviceable, though a large crater was sighted, and no activity was observed.
- (4) Gasmata - A search of the shipping lanes off the south coast of New Britain between Wide Bay and Gasmata a.m. and p.m. 22/3 failed to reveal any sighting of the destroyer attacked south of Gasmata night 21/3.
- (5) Wewak - A Liberator reports sighting two small cargo ships in the harbour and one small cargo vessel near Raboin Island. (4 miles NW of Wewak) at 0940/22.
- (6) New Britain-NewGuinea-Aerodrome Intelligence
 - (a) Gasmata - Photos taken after the air attacks a.m. 22/3 by 4 Liberators, 9 Beaufighters and one Fortress showed many bomb craters in the runway and the aerodrome area, also one wrecked bomber set on fire. Recce p.m. 22/3 reported that the aerodrome appeared serviceable.
 - (b) Cape Gloucester - Two recces 22/3 reported the strip serviceable though no activity was observed.
 - (c) Alexishafen - Strip reported unserviceable and no activity observed p.m. 22/3.
 - (d) Madang - Two craters on strip, but serviceable p.m. 22/3. Nil activity.
 - (e) Finschhafen - Runway serviceable p.m. 22/3. No activity observed.
 - (f) Lae - 2 bombers sighted on runway p.m. 22/3. No activity.
- (7) Milne Bay - An unknown number of enemy aircraft attacked Turnbull Strip early hours 22/3. Two army officers killed and damage not assessed. One enemy bomber believed damaged.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/23:

- (1) "WILCANNIA" escorting "KOOLIGA" "SIBIGO" departed Thursday Is. 1453/17 for Darwin ETA 1330/22.
- (2) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Millingimbi - Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE"
Merchant Vessels: "BABINDA"
Merauke - Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA"
Merchant Vessels: "BARALABA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

South Coast Dutch New Guinea - Photos of the convoy which departed Kaimana a.m. 21/3 reveal -
1 escort vessel - minelayer type (230 feet long)
2 merchant vessels (3000 and 3500 tons)

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN GALEN" "PRESTON"
"PELIAS" "ISABEL" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO"
"LARK" "OTUS"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" "WHIPPOORWILL"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/23:

- (1) "HOBART" departed Dunk Island 0730/21 for Sydney ETA 0730/24.
- (2) "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting "AQUITANIA" was to depart Sydney 1000/23. "LE TRIOMPHANT" to provide escort until 0700/24. "AQUITANIA" to proceed Fremantle and thence Capetown.
- (3) "WARRNAMBOOL" working up in Broken Bay. To return Sydney 0900/27.
- (4) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy 0081 departed Port Phillip 2327/22 to RV in Wilson's Promontory area with "ROCKHAMPTON" "DELORAIN" escorting Convoy 0081.
- (5) "CENTAUR" dep. Sydney 1117/21 for Brisbane was due 1000/23.

(b) In Harbour:

Newcastle - Warships & Aux. - "MILDURA"
Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA"
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN"
"BUNBURY" "KYBRA" "MORESEY" "YANDRA" "BUNDA BERG"
"SHEPPARTON" "BINGERA" "TOWNSVILLE" "GOLD STAR"
"H.T.ALLEN" "YDG.2 YP.286 YP.288
(Repairing) "HELENA" "SELFRIDGE" "BUCHANAN" "VAN HEEMSKERK"
"MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship) "AL HENA"
A (On Reserve) "WESTRALIA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "RALPH TALBOT" "SPRINGDALE"
(Repairing) "TJERK HIDDEN" "COLAC"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "MILDURA" escorting Convoy 0082 to depart Newcastle a.m. 24/3. "MORESEY" "YANDRA" to take over escort at RV off Sydney p.m. 24/3.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Middleton Reef - There were fair indications of an enemy submarine in position 29°S 158°E (63 miles WNW of Middleton Reef) at 2220/21.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) HONOLULU ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE
LEANDER (CL) McCALLA FARENHOLT LANSDOWNE SMITH WOODWORTH
LARDNER NICHOLAS O'BANNON CHEVALIER STRONG TAYLOR
FLETCHER RADFORD JENKINS (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV)
THORNTON (AVD) ATHENE (ACV) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR)
AMERICAN LEGION FULLER HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) ALCHIBA
ALDEBARAN PINCKNEY CELENO (AK) SABINE NEOSHO PLATTE
PATUXENT WHIPSTOCK (AO) SKYLARK (AM) NAUTILUS (SS)
ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (CV)
SAN FRANCISCO (CA) COLUMBIA SAN JUAN (CL) BALCH ~~EVESHAM~~
GRIDLEY DUNLAP FANNING CASE CUMMINGS CONYNGHAM READ
MAHAN MUSTIN PERKINS (DD) ENGADINE (ACV) JAMESTOWN (PG)
PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AG) WHITNEY (AD) McCAWLEY (AP)
MAJABA TALAMANCA MERCURY TITANIA (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD)
TRYON (APH) PEGOS SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) ADROIT
KINGFISHER (AM) ARD.2 KIWI (A/S Vessel)
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN)
- (5) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK VIREO (AM) LOCUST
BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA GALE TUI (A/S
Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO)
STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)
- (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) WICHITA (CA) CHENANGO
SUWANNEE (ACV) SAUFLEY AARON WARD (DD) BALLARD (AV)
KANAWHA LACKAWANNA KANKAKEE NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR)
ROAMER PC.476 PC.477 PC.479 RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)
- (8) At Auckland - SAN DIEGO (CL) EBONY (YN) ANTARES (AK) SOLACE (AH)
- (9) At Wellington - GRAYSON (DD) LOUISVILLE (CA) TRACY (DM)
SHELDRAKE (AM) PRES. HAYES PRES. ADAMS CRESCENT CITY (AP)
LIBRA (AK)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Noumea - An allied aircraft reported having sighted and depth-
charged an enemy submarine 51 miles SW of Noumea at 1100/22.

C. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES


"ADELAIDE" due Fremantle 1200/28 after escort duty.

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

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III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A.
particularly Central & Northern Solomons - North
coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea -
Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Possible offensive activity from East Indies area
including further infiltration to the eastward along
south coast Dutch New Guinea.
- (3) Possible offensive activity in N.W. Pacific.
- (4) Increased offensive submarine activity.


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A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser	AUSTRALIA	
6" Cruisers	HOBART	HELENA
	PHOENIX	VAN HEEMSKERK
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA	
	WARRAMUNGA	SELFRIDGE
	LE TRIOMPHANT	BUCHANAN
Destroyers	HELM	
	HENLEY	
	PATTERSON	TJERK HIDDUS
	RALPH TALBOT	
	BAGLEY	
	MUGFORD	
	STUART	
	VENDETTA	
Submarines	ALBACORE)	
	GROUPEL)	
	GROWLER)	At Brisbane
	PETO)	
	AMBERJACK)	
	GATO)	
	GRAMPUS)	
	GRAYBACK)	On Patrol
	GREENLING)	
	GUARDFISH)	
	TRITON)	
	TUNA)	
	K.9	At Sydney
Submarine Tender	FULTON	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboats	TULSA	
	HILO	
Combat Loaded Transports	MANOORA	WESTRALIA (On Reserve)
Oilers	AASE MAERSK	
	BISHOPDALE	
	KURUMBA	
	VICTORIA	

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

CinC Combined Fleet	
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)	
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)	
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)	
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)	
3-4 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO
	MUSASHI
	MUTSU
	NAGATO
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	ZUIKAKU
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)	ZUIHO
2 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	UNYO
	1 unknown

6 heavy cruisers (CA)	ATAGO TAKAO HAGURO KUMANO SUZUYA	MOGAMI (bel. sunk 14/11 MYOKO (poss. sunk 13-14/11
4 light cruisers (CL)	JINTSU KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA	AOBA
5-6 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)		
Approx 25-30 submarines (SS)		
Approx 30 Destroyers (DD)		
2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)	C HITOSE AKITSUSHIMA	
5-6 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)		
Several Submarine Tenders		
Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)		
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft		
Approx 438 shore-based aircraft incl. 195 F, 168 B, 16 F/B, 42 F/P, 17 Obsn. or transport aircraft.		

2. WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

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

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

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

1 heavy cruiser (CA)	ASHIGARA	
6 light cruisers (CL)	KASHII KUMA ISUZU OI KITAGAMI	NATORI (damaged 21/1)

Approx 16 destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane Carrier (CVS)

Approx 196 shore-based aircraft incl. 84 F, 69 B, 3 F/B, 24 F/P,
16 transport aircraft.

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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	INDIANA WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO
Aircraft Carriers	ENTERPRISE SARATOGA
Auxiliary A/C Carriers	CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE
8" Cruisers	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA
6" Cruisers	HONOLULU ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA MONTPELLIER DENVER LEANDER
5" Cruisers	SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN
Destroyers	50 (approx)

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO NEVADA	WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE
Converted A/C Carrier	LONG ISLAND	
Auxiliary A/C Carriers	NASSAU ALTAHAMA COPAHEE	
8" Cruisers	SALT LAKE CITY NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA PORTLAND

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

CinC 1st Fleet	
6-7 Battleships (BB)	ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA HARUNA KONGO
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	SHOKAKU
2 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	HAYATAKA HITAKA
2 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	OTAKA CHUYO
3 Heavy Cruisers (CA)	TONE TIKUMA CHOKAI
2 Light Cruisers (CL)	ABUKUMA SENDAI
1 Armed Merchant Cruiser (XCL)	
2 Seaplane Carriers (XCVS) (CVS)	NISSHIN KAMO I
1-2 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)	
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)	
Approx 20 Destroyers (DD)	
Approx 30 Submarines (SS)	

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser INDIANAPOLIS
6" Cruisers DETROIT
RALEIGH
10 Destroyers
10 Submarines

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

CinC 5th Fleet
1 heavy cruiser (CA) NACHI
2 light cruisers (CL) TAMA
KISO
2-3 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)
Approx 4 destroyers (DD)
Approx 10 submarines (SS)

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battle ships WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
REVENGE
Aircraft Carrier * ILLUSTRIOUS
Seaplane Carrier ALBATROSS
8" Cruiser DEVONSHIRE
7.5" Cruisers HAWKINS
FROBISHER
6" Cruisers MAURITIUS
GAMBIA DURBAN
BIRMINGHAM CARADOC
ENTERPRISE
LIVERPOOL
ARETHUSA
CERES
DAUNTLESS
CAPETOWN
Armed Merchant Cruisers ALAUNIA
CARTHAGE
CHITRAL
RANPURA
RANCHI
WORCESTERSHIRE

Approx 27 Destroyers
Approx 9 submarines

* Note: No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

24th March, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/24:

- (1) "SUMNER" "SC.746" on survey duty Deboyne Island area.
- (2) "GLENELG" escorting "ASPASIA NOMIKOS" departed Milne Bay 0957/23 for Port Moresby. Was due 0800/24.
- (3) "BALLARAT" departed Port Moresby 1436/23 for Stephens Is. to RV with "KHOEN HOEA" "PAINE WINGATE" and escort to Port Moresby.
- (4) "LATROBE" escorting Convoy TD15 ("TULAGI" "ALAGNA" "SEEKA") dep. Thursday Island 1828/22 for Darwin ETA 1730/27.
- (5) "VENDETTA" escorting "TAROONA" departed Milne Bay 0956/22 for Townsville, was due 0600/24.
- (6) "WARREGO" escorting "WANAKA" (for Townsville) departed Port Moresby 1905/21. "WARREGO" to escort to Fitzroy Is.
- (7) "KATOOMBA" escorting "DAVID BUSHNELL" was to depart Port Moresby 1830/23 for Townsville.
- (8) "VICTORIA" departed Cairns 0941/23 for Townsville.
- (9) "BENDIGO" departed Townsville 1500/21 ETA Caloundra 1200/24.
- (10) "YP.291" departed Townsville 1530/21 for Brisbane ETA Caloundra 0500/26.
- (11) "SC.740" en route Brisbane from Percy Island.
- (12) "SWAN" escorting Convoy TS19 ("KATOOMBA" "PORTMAR" "GEORGE McCRARY" "WANDANA") departed Townsville 1432/20. Was due Brisbane 0800/24. "SWAN" to escort "PRES. GRANT" ETD wharf 1130/24 ETD Caloundra 1700/14 to Percy Islands and return Brisbane on completion.
- (13) "YP.236" departed Cairns 1307/23 for Brisbane ETA 0800/26.
- (14) "WARRAMUNGA" escorting Convoy TN58 ("DUNTROON") was to depart Townsville 1930/23 for Port Moresby ETA 1430/25.
- (15) "KURUMBA" departed Townsville 1545/23 ETA Thursday Is. 1100/26.
- (16) SC.744 escorting Convoy BT47 ("BUNGAREE" "HANYANG" for Townsville dep. Caloundra 2132/20. On arrival Whitsunday Passage SC.744 to proceed independently to Townsville, was due 1400/23.
- (17) PC.1119 PC.1121 departed Brisbane 1431/22 to arrive position 27°03'S, 155°25'E at 0600/23. On arrival to conduct search for Dutch troopship "SOMMELSDICK" and escort to Brisbane.
- (18) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Milne Bay	-- Warships & Aux. - "HILO" "BOWEN" 15 PT's
	Merchant Vessels: "DUNDULA" "BANTAM"
	Small Craft - Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "ARUNTA" "KAPUNDA" HDML.1161
	Merchant Vessels: "H.DEARBORN" "BISHOPDALE" "CHARON"
	"CREMER" "VALLSEMOSA" "SWARTENHONDT" "MONTORO"
	"CAROLA" "WEST CACTUS" "H.D.T HOREAU"
	Small Craft - Approx 20
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "WHYALLA" "WAGGA" "PLATYPUS"
	10 PT's (2 refitting)
Palm Island	- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "HELM"
	"HENLEY" "BAGLEY" "MUGFORD" "AASE MA ERSK"
	"YUNNAN"

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "BROOME" YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50
 SC.748
 Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"
 Gladstone - Warships & Aux. - "LITHGOW"
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "PATTERSON" "GOULBURN" "GLADSTONE"
 "TULSA" "FULTON" "POYANG" (A.S.I.S) YP.233
 YP.280 YP.286 YP.288 YMS.8 YMS.10 YMS.46
 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.70 SC.738 SC.749 SC.750
 "MERKUR" "PRES. JOHNSON" "CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship)
 (Repairing) "GYMPIE" "GEELONG"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) SC.748 escorting Convoy TN59 ("EDWARD R. SILL" "VAN DER LIJN") to depart Townsville 1400/24. "WAGGA" to RV off Fitzroy Island at 0700/25 and provide additional escort. Convoy to proceed Port Moresby ETA 1000/27.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Shortlands - Reconnaissance a.m. 23/3 sighted the following vessels in the Buin-Faisi area -
 1 auxiliary minesweeper
 1 transport
 2 small cargo vessels
- (2) Kieta - Reconnaissance a.m. 23/3 sighted a cargo vessel at Kieta.
- (3) Rabaul - Aerodromes at Rabaul, Lakunai, Vunakanau and Rapopo, were attacked in the early hours of 23/3 by 27 Fortresses. They dropped approximately 48 tons of bombs including delayed action, instantaneous demolition and advanced fuse bombs up to 2,000-lbs.
 Many ships were seen in Simpsons Harbour, Blanche Bay and St. George's Channel and Talili Bay. In addition a medium transport and 2 medium cargo vessels were seen 3 miles north of Cape Gazelle course 290° and two possible cargo vessels on the western shore of Ataliklikan Bay. The transport north of Cape Gazelle was strafed and a small fire started.
- (4) Ubili - Reconnaissance at noon 23/3 sighted one Zero on Ubili strip.
- (5) Gasmata - The aerodrome was bombed before dawn 23/3 by a Catalina. Reconnaissances 23/3 reported Gasmata runway unserviceable with several large craters apparently the result of the previous day's raid.
- (6) Cape Gloucester - The 500 ft. vessel hit with a bomb in Borgen Bay a.m. 21/3 was reported by reconnaissance 0845/23 to be sunk.
- (7) Vitiaz Strait - At 0215/23 ASV indications were obtained of a vessel probably a submarine 50 miles east of Finschhafen.
- (8) Lorengau - A 100 ft. schooner was seen 1050/23 in Lorengau Harbour.
 One Zero was seen to take off from Lorengau Strip, but did not attempt interception.
- (9) Bogia (midway between Madang and Wewak) - Photos 1135/23 show a 500 ton vessel and 8 small boats in Bogia Harbour.
- (10) Lae - Our patrols encountered no enemy on the track between Nadzab area and Gabanzis (approx 17 miles W. of Lae) nor further south. Natives report that the enemy have returned to Labu.
 Barges in Labu Lagoon (approx 7 miles SW of Lae) were heavily strafed a.m. 23/3 by 6 B.25's. 8-10 barges were seen in the Lagoon and a large landing barge east of the Markham River Mouth.
- (11) Salamaua - Natives report 22/3 that no Japanese have been seen in the Hote area 5 miles west of Salamaua and that no movement has been seen in the Francisco River area up to Bobdubi (approximately 3 miles SW Salamaua).
 Salamaua proper is reported to be held in strength with perimeter defences including Kela Village (1 mile W. Salamaua) and the aerodrome.
 At dawn 23/3 buildings on Salamaua Isthmus were attacked by 3 Bostons. Photographs taken 1110/23 show 8 buildings destroyed and others damaged.

- (12) Mubo - Enemy positions in the Mubo area were bombed and strafed in 2 waves at 1025 and 1100/23 by 6 Bostons and 4 Beaufighters respectively.
- (13) Waria River - Ground observers report 23/3 that there have been no recent signs of any enemy barges or troops in the area.
- (14) Kumusi - The report of the submarine sighted off Kumusi River mouth at 1500/21 is now discounted.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/24:

- (1) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "BABINDA" due Darwin 1830/24 from Millingimbi.
- (2) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin	- Warships & Aux. - "WILCANNIA"
	Merchant Vessels: "KOOLIGA" "SIBIGO"
Merauke	- Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA"
	Merchant Vessels: "BARALABA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Tanimbar - Saumlaki was bombed 0900/23 by 2 Hudsons.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

In Harbour:

Fremantle	- Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN GALEN" "PRESTON"
	"PELIAS" "ISABEL" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO"
	"LARK" "OTUS"
Exmouth Gulf	- Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" "WHIPPOORWILL"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES:

(a) At Sea to 1200/24:

- (1) "MANOORA" was to depart Port Stephens 0800/24 for Sydney. "SHEPPARTON" was to RV with "MANOORA" at entrance Port Stephens and escort to Sydney. On completion "SHEPPARTON" to proceed Broken Bay for working up programme.
- (2) "HOBART" departed Dunk Island 0730/21 for Sydney was due 0730/24.
- (3) "MILDURA" escorting Convoy C082 was to depart Newcastle 1000/24. "MORESBY" "YANDRA" to take over escort at RV off Sydney p.m. 24/3.
- (4) "BUNBURY" "KYBRA" departed Sydney 2359/22 for patrol.
- (5) "LE TRIOMPHANT" returning Sydney after escort duty with "AQUITANIA".
- (6) "WARRNAMBOOL" working up in Broken Bay. To return Sydney 0900/27.
- (7) "RALPH TALBOT" departed Melbourne 1151/23 for Sydney ETA 0700/25.
- (8) "ROCKHAMPTON" "DELORAIN" escorting Convoy OCS1 for Port Kembla, Sydney and Newcastle.
- (9) "BUNDABERG" "ABRAHAM CRYNSSEN" escorting Convoy GP40 were to depart Sydney 1030/24.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "MORESEBY" "YANDRA"
"TOWNSVILLE" "GOLD STAR" "H.T.ALLEN" YDG.2
YP.286 YP.288
(Repairing) "HELENA" "SELFRIDGE" "BUCHANAN" "VAN HEEMSKERK".
"RUSSELL" "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship) "ALHENA"
(On Reserve) "WESTRALIA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "SPRINGDALE" "DOOMBA"
(Repairing) "TJERK HIDDES" "COLAC"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) HONOLULU ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE
LEANDER (CL) McCALLA FARENHOLT LANSDOWNE SMITH WOODWORTH
LARDNER NICHOLAS O'BANNON CHEVALIER STRONG TAYLOR
FLETCHER RADFORD JENKINS (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV)
THORNTON (AVD) ATHENE (ACV) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR)
AMERICAN LEGION FULLER HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) ALCHIBA
ALDEBARAN PINCKNEY CELENO (AK) SABINE NEOSHO PLATTE
PATUXENT WHIPSTOCK (AO) SKYLARK (AM) NAUTILUS (SS)
ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (CV)
SAN FRANCISCO (CA) COLUMBIA SAN JUAN (CL) BALCH GRIDLEY
DUNLAP FANNING CASE CUMMINGS CONYNGHAM READ MAHAN
MUSTIN PERKINS (DD) ENGADINE (ACV) JAMESTOWN (PG)
PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AG) WHITNEY (AD) McCAWLEY (AP)
MAJABA TALAMANCA MERCURY TITANIA (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD)
TRYON (APH) PECOS SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) ADROIT
KINGFISHER (AM) ARD.2 KIWI (A/S Vessel)
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN)
- (5) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK VIREO (AM) LOCUST
BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA GALE TUI (A/S
Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO)
STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)
- (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) WICHITA (CA) CHENANGO
SUWANNEE (ACV) SAUFLEY AARON WARD (DD) BALLARD (AV)
KANAWHA LACKAWANNA KANKAKEE NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR)
ROAMER PC.476 PC.477 PC.479 RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)
- (8) At Auckland - SAN DIEGO (CL) EBONY (YN) ANTARES (AK) SOLACE (AH)
- (9) At Wellington - GRAYSON (DD) LOUISVILLE (CA) TRACY (DM)
SHELDRAKE (AM) PRES. HAYES PRES. JACKSON PRES. ADAMS
CRESCENT CITY (AP) LIBRA (AK)

C. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

"ADELAIDE" due Fremantle 1200/28 after escort duty.

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

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III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly
Central & Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W.
coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Possible offensive activity from East Indies area including
further infiltration to the eastward along south coast
Dutch New Guinea.
- (3) Possible offensive activity in N.W. Pacific.
- (4) Increased offensive submarine activity.

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DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA.

EASTERN SECTION.

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser	AUSTRALIA	
6" Cruisers	HOBART	HELENA
	PHOENIX	VAN HEEMSKERK
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA	
	WARRAMUNGA	SELFRIDGE
	LE TRIOMPHANT	
Destroyers	HELM	
	HENLEY	
	PATTERSON	TJERK HIDDES
	RALPH TALBOT	BUCHANAN
	BAGLEY	RUSSELL
	MUGFORD	
	STUART	
	VENDETTA	
Submarines	ALBACORE)	
	GROUPER)	
	GROWLER)	At Brisbane
	PETO)	
	AMBERJACK)	
	GATO)	
	GRAMPUS)	
	GRAYBACK)	
	GREENLING)	On Patrol
	GUARDFISH)	
	TRITON)	
	TUNA)	
	K.9)	At Sydney
Submarine Tender	FULTON	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboats	TULSA	
	HILO	
Combat Loaded Transports	MANOORA	WESTRALIA (on Reserve)
Oilers	AASE MAERSK	
	BISHOPDALE	
	KURUMBA	
	VICTORIA	

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

CinC Combined Fleet	
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)	
CinC 3rd Fleet (aircraft Carriers)	
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)	
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)	
3-4 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO
	MUSASHI
	MUTSU
	NAGATO
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	ZUIKAKU
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)	ZUIHO
2 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	UNYO
	1 unknown

6 heavy cruisers (CA)	ATAGO TAKAO HAGURO KUMANO SUZUYA	MOGAMI (bel. sunk 14/11) MYOKO (Poss. sunk 13-14/1)
4 light cruisers (CL)	JINTSU KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA	AOBA
5-6 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)		
Approx. 25-30 submarines (SS)		
Approx. 30 destroyers (DD)		
2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA	
5-6 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)		
Several Submarine Tenders		
Approx. 50 Merchant ships (over 3,000 tons)		
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub. Chasers, MTB's Gunboats, Patrol Craft		
Approx. 438 shore-based aircraft incl. 195 F, 168 B, 16 F/B, 42 F/P, 17 Obsn. or transport aircraft.		

2. WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

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

3. EAST INDIES -PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

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

1 heavy cruiser (CA)	ASHIGARA	
6 light cruisers (CL)	KASHII	NATORI (Damaged 21/1)
	KUMA	
	ISUZU	
	OI	
	KITAGAMI	

Approx. 16 destroyers (DD)
 Approx. 7 submarines (SS)
 1 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)
 Approx. 196 shore-based aircraft incl. 84 F, 69 B, 3 F/B, 24 F/P,
 16 transport aircraft.

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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	INDIANA WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO
Aircraft Carriers	ENTERPRISE SARATOGA
Auxiliary A/C Carriers	CHENANANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE
8" Cruisers	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO
6" Cruisers	WICHITA HONOLULU ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA MONTPELLIER
5" Cruisers	DENVER LEANDER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN
Destroyers	50 (approx)

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO NEVADA LONG ISLAND	WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE
Converted A/C Carrier Auxiliary A/C Carriers	NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	
8" Cruisers	SALT LAKE CITY NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA PORTLAND

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

CinC 1st Fleet 6-7 Battleships (BB)	ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA HARUNA KONGO
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	SHOKAKU
2 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	HAYATAKA HITAKA
2 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	OTAKA CHUYO
3 Heavy Cruisers (CA)	TONE TIKUMA CHOKAI ABUKUMA SENDAI
2 Light Cruisers (CL)	
1 Armed Merchant Cruiser (XCL)	
2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)	NISSHIN KAMOI
1-2 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)	
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)	
Approx. 20 Destroyers (DD)	
Approx 30 Submarines (SS)	

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Effective
(i) Allied Forces:

Non-effective

8" Cruiser
6" Cruisers
10 Destroyers
10 Submarines

INDIANAPOLIS
DETROIT
RALEIGH

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

CinC 5th Fleet
1 heavy cruiser (CA)
2 light cruisers (CL)

NACHI
TAMA
KISO

2-3 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)
Approx. 4 destroyers (DD)
Approx 10 submarines (SS)

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
REVENGE

Aircraft Carrier
Seaplane Carrier
8" Cruiser
7.5" Cruisers

* ILLUSTRIOUS
ALBATROSS
DEVONSHIRE
HAWKINS

6" Cruisers

FROBISHER
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
BIRMINGHAM
ENTERPRISE
LIVERPOOL
ARETHUSA
CERES

DURBAN
CARADOC

Armed Merchant Cruisers

DAUNTLESS
CAPETOWN
ALAUNIA
CARTHAGE
CHITRAL
RANPURA
RANCHI
WORCESTERSHIRE

Approx 27 Destroyers
Approx 9 submarines

* Note: No recent intelligence.
Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx. 3 submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

25th March, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/25:

- (1) "GLENELG" escorting Convoy MBL ("HENRY DEARBORN" "MULCRA") was to depart Port Moresby 0730/25 for Milne Bay ETA 1800/26.
- (2) "SUMNER" "SC.746" on survey duty Deboyne Island area.
- (3) "BAILARAT" departed Port Moresby 1436/23 for Stephens Is. to RV with "KHOEN HOEA" "PAINE WINGATE" and escort to Port Moresby.
- (4) "KATOOMBA" escorting "DAVID BUSHNELL" was to depart Port Moresby 1830/23 for Townsville.
- (5) "YP.236" departed Cairns 1307/23 for Brisbane ETA 0800/26.
- (6) "WARRAMUNGA" escorting Convoy TN58 ("DUNTRON") departed Townsville 1930/23 for Port Moresby ETA 1430/25.
- (7) "KURUMBA" departed Townsville 1545/23 ETA Thursday Is. 1100/26.
- (8) SC.744 departed Townsville 1830/24. Was due Cairns 0730/25. To proceed Deboyne Island ETA 1200/27.
- (9) SC.748 escorting Convoy TN59 ("EDWARD R.SILL" "VAN DER LIJN") departed Townsville 1400/24. "WAGGA" was to RV off Fitzroy Is. 0700/25 and provide additional escort. Convoy to proceed Port Moresby ETA 1000/27.
- (10) YP.280 was to depart Brisbane 1200/25 for Cairns ETA 0900/30.
- (11) "SWAN" escorting "PRESIDENT GRANT" (for Port Moresby) departed Caloundra 1610/24. "SWAN" to part company vicinity Percy Islands and return Brisbane when relieved by destroyer from T.F.74 ETA Brisbane 1300/27.
- (12) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE" "BOWEN" "HILO" 15 PT's Merchant Vessels: "DUNDULA" "BANTAM" "VAN OUTHOORN" "VAN SPILBERGEN"
Port Moresby	Small Craft - Approx 50 - Warships & Aux. - "ARUNTA" "KAPUNDA" "BISHOPDALE" HDML.1161 Merchant Vessels: "ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "CHARON" "BOTH" "CREMER" "VALLDEMOSA" "MONTORO" "CAROLA" "WEST CACTUS" "H.D.THOREAU"
Thursday Is.	Small Craft - Approx 20 - Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL" "ECHUCA"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA" "WHYALLA" "PLATYPUS" 10 PT's (2 refitting)
Palm Island	- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "HELM" "HENLEY" "BAGLEY" "MUGFORD" "AASE MAERSK" "YUNNAN"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "WARREGO" "BROOME" YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 SC.748 "VICTORIA"
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"
Gladstone	- Warships & Aux. - "LITHGOW"
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "GOULBURN" "GLADSTONE" "FREMANTLE" "TULSA" "FULTON" "POYANG" (A.S.I.S) YP.233 YP.286 YP.288 YMS.8 YMS.10 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.70 SC.738 SC.740 SC.749 SC.750 PC.1119 PC.1121 "MERKUR" "PRES.JOHNSON" "CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship) "GYMPIE" "GEELONG"

(Repairing)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Solomons Aircraft - Photos 23/3 show -
- | | <u>Fighters</u> | <u>Bombers</u> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Kahili (not covered) | 1 | |
| Ballale (30% coverage) | 11 Zero F/P | |
| Faisi | 1 | |
| Vila | | |
| Munda (nil operational a/c) | | |
- Photos 24/3 show -
- | | |
|---------|-------------------------------------|
| Kahili | 35 fighters, 15 dive bombers, 2 M/B |
| Ballale | 13 " |
| Faisi | 14 Zero F/Ps, |
| Vila | 1 fighter |
- Munda (coverage 50%) - nil operational aircraft.
- (2) Shortlands - Reconnaissance a.m. 24/3 reported the following shipping in the Buin-Faisi area -
- 1 destroyer or light cruiser
 - 3 cargo vessels (including 1 large)
- Total 4
- Kahili aerodrome was attacked by 3 Fortresses and 18 torpedo bombers at 2035/24.
- (3) Kieta - Reconnaissance a.m. 24/3 reported 2 cargo vessels leaving Kieta, 1 on a northerly course and the other on course 100°.
- (4) Buka - The aerodrome was bombed 0150-0345/24 by 2 Catalinas.
- (5) Lorengau - Photographs 1000/24 show 20 completed revetments and surfacing of taxi-ing and revetment areas with coral. The runway is unserviceable.
- (6) Wewak - Reconnaissance 1350/24 reported 5 vessels in Wewak area thus:-
- 1 destroyer apparently patrolling Mushu Passage
 - 1 small cargo vessel possibly also in Mushu Passage course 275° speed 8 knots
 - 3 medium cargo vessels in Harbour unloading into barges.
- The reconnaissance aircraft was intercepted by 3 Zero's of which one was shot down and one other possibly destroyed.
- (7) Markham Valley - Our patrols report 23/3 a party of about 100 Japanese bivouaced 2 miles SSW of Bwarie (3 miles SE of Nadzab).
- (8) Mubo - Enemy troop concentrations and camps in the Mubo area were strafed by 4 Beaufighters 1100/24 followed by further bombing and strafing by 5 Bostons.
- (9) Waria River - It is reliably reported 24/3 that all enemy have left the Waria River Mouth area.
- (10) Oro Bay - A single enemy bomber ineffectually bombed Oro Bay 0400/24.
- (11) Milne Bay - Two flights of 3 enemy bombers ineffectually bombed the aerodrome and Rabi Mission area at 0100-0115/24.
- (12) Queensland Coast - There were indications 23/3 of an enemy submarine operating in the vicinity of Capricorn Channel. At 1630/24 a loud explosion accompanied by a large upward displacement of water was reported about 8 miles N.E. Caloundra.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/25:

- (1) "LATROBE" escorting Convoy TD15 ("TULAGI" "ALAGNA") departed Thursday Island 1828/22 for Darwin ETA 1730/27.
- (2) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "WILCANNIA" "CASTLEMAINE"
Merchant Vessels: "KOOLIGA" "SIBIGO" "BABINDA"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) South Coast Dutch New Guinea - At 0945/24 2 merchant vessels of approximately 500 and 800 tons were sighted 12 miles S. of Kaimana course North. These vessels were reported to be entering Kaimana Bay at 1030/24.
At 1025 a 4-5,000 ton merchant vessel was sighted stationary off Kaimana wharf. Bombs were dropped and one grazed the ship's side.
Three Zero's intercepted our aircraft over Kaimana and one was damaged.
- (2) Kai Islands - Buildings at Langgoer and villages in the area were successfully attacked by 2 waves of 4 B.25's and 5 Hudsons respectively between 0930 and 1000/24.
- (3) Timor - At 0730/24 2 unclassified vessels were reported at anchor off Kisar Is. (off NE extremity Timor).
- (4) Java Sea - At noon 23/3 2 tankers with 3 small escort vessels were sighted off the southern tip of Borneo course 5° speed 12 knots possibly en route Balikpapan.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN CALEN" "PRESTON"
"FELIAS" "ISABEL" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO"
"LARK" "OPUS"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" "WHIPPOORWILL"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES:

(a) At Sea to 1200/25:

- (1) "PATTERSON" departed Brisbane 1016/24 for Sydney.
(2) "BENDIGO" escorting "KATOOMBA" departed Caloundra 1531/24 for Sydney ETA 0600/26.
(3) "MORESEY" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy C082.
(4) "WARRNAMBOOL" "SHEPPARTON" working up in Broken Bay.
(5) "LE TRIOMPHANT" due Sydney after escort duty with "AQUITANIA".
(6) "RALPH TALBOT" departed Melbourne 1151/23 for Sydney was due 0700/25.
(7) "ROCKHAMPTON" "DELORAINIE" escorting Convoy OC81 for Port Kembla, Sydney and Newcastle.
(8) "BUNDABERG" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy GP40 departed Sydney 1030/24 ETA Caloundra 0700/27.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "KYERA" "BUNBURY"
"MILDURA" "TOWNSVILLE" "GOLD STAR" "H.T.ALLEN"
(Repairing) "MANOORA" YDG.2 YP.286 YP.288 YP.291
"HELENA" "HOBART" "SELFRIDGE" "BUCHANAN"
"VAN HEEMSKERK" "RUSSELL" "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship) "ALHENA"
(On Reserve) "WESTRALIA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "SPRINGDALE" "DOOMBA"
(Repairing) "TJERK HIDDEN" "COLAC"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "SELFRIDGE" escorting "HELENA" to depart Sydney 1115/26.
"SELFRIDGE" to provide escort to 159°E and proceed Brisbane.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) HONOLULU ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE
LEANDER (CL) McCALLA FARENHOLT LANSDOWNE SMITH WOODWORTH
LARDNER NICHOLAS O'BANNON CHEVALIER STRONG TAYLOR
FLETCHER RADFORD JENKINS (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV)
THORNTON (AVD) ATHENE (ACV) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR)
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ROSEWOOD (YN)
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DUNLAP FANNING CASE CUMMINGS CONYNGHAM READ MAHAN
MUSTIN PERKINS (DD) ENGADINE (ACV) JAMESTOWN (PG)
PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGOMNE (AG) WHITNEY (AD) McCAWLEY (AP)
MAJABA TALAMANCA MERCURY TITANIA (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD)
TRYON (APH) PECOS SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) ADROIT
KINGFISHER (AM) ARD.2 KIWI (A/S Vessel)
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN)
- (5) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK VIREO (AM) LOCUST
BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA GALE TUI (A/S
Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO)
STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)
- (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) WICHITA (CA) CHENANGO
SUWANNEE (ACV) SAUFLEY AARON WARD (DD) BALLARD (AV)
KANAWHA LACKAWANNA KANKAKEE NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR)
ROAMER PC.476 PC.477 PC.479 RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)
- (8) At Auckland - SAN DIEGO (CL) EBONY (YN) ANTARES (AK) SOLACE (AH)
- (9) At Wellington - GRAYSON (DD) LOUISVILLE (CA) TRACY (DM)
SHELDRAKE (AM) PRES. HAYES PRES. JACKSON PRES. ADAMS
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C. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

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

25/3/43

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser	AUSTRALIA	
6" Cruisers	HOBERT	HELENA ^{HOBERT}
	PHOENIX	VAN HEEMSKERK
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA	
	WARRAMUNGA	SELFRIDGE
	LE TRIOMPHANT	
Destroyers	HELM	
	HENLEY	
	PATTERSON	
	RALPH TALBOT	TJERK HIDDES
	BAGLEY	BUCHANAN
	MUGFORD	RUSSELL
	STUART	
	VENDETTA	
Submarines	ALBACORE)	
	GROUPEL)	At Brisbane
	GROWLER)	
	PETO))	
	AMBERJACK)	
	GATO)	
	GRAMPUS)	
	GRAYBACK)	On Patrol
	GREENLING)	
	GUARDFISH)	
	TRIFON)	
	TUNA)	
	K.9	At Sydney
Submarine Tender	FULTON	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboats	TULSA	
	HILO	
Combat Loaded Transports	MANOORA	WESTRALIA (on reserve)
Oilers	AASE MAERSK	
	BISHOPDALE	
	KURUMBA	
	VICTORIA	

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

CinC Combined Fleet	
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)	
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)	
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)	
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)	
3-4 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO
	MUSASHI
	MUTSU
	NAGATO
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	1 unknown

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Approx 25-30 Submarines (SS)		
Approx 30 Destroyers (DD)		
2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA	
5-6 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)		
Several Submarine Tenders		
Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)		
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft		
Approx 438 shore-based aircraft incl. 195 F, 168 B, 16 F/B, 42 F/P, 17 Obs. or transport aircraft.		

WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

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

EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

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

1 heavy cruiser (CA)	ASHIGARA	
6 light cruisers (CL)	KASHII KUMA ISUZU OI KITAGAMI	NATORI (damaged 21/1)

Approx 16 destroyers (DD)
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)
1 Seaplane Carrier (CVS) NOTORO
Approx 196 shore-based aircraft incl. 84 F, 69 B, 3 F/B, 24 F/P,
16 transport aircraft.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	INDIANA WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO
Aircraft Carriers	ENTERPRISE
Auxiliary A/C Carriers	S ARATOGA CHENANGO SANGAMON
8" Cruisers	S UWANNEE LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO
6" Cruisers	WICHITA HONOLULU ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA MONTPELLIER DENVER
5" Cruisers	LEANDER SAN DIEGO
Destroyers	SAN JUAN 50 (approx)

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battle ships	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO NEVADA	WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE
Converted A/C Carrier	LONG ISLAND	
Auxiliary A/C Carriers	NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	
8" Cruisers	SALT LAKE CITY NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA PORTLAND

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

CinC 1st Fleet	
6-7 Battleships (BB)	ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA HARUNA KONGO
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	SHOKAKU
2 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	HAYATAKA HITAKA
2 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	OTAKA CHUYO
4 Heavy Cruisers (CA)	TONE TIKUMA CHOKAI 1 unknown
2 Light Cruisers (CL)	ABUKUMA SENDAI
1 Armed Merchant Cruiser (XCL)	
2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)	NISSHIN KAMOI
1-2 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)	
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)	
Approx 20 Destroyers (DD)	
Approx 30 Submarines (SS)	

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser	INDIANAPOLIS	
6" Cruisers	DETROIT	
	RALEIGH	
10 Destroyers		
10 Submarines		

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

CinC 5th Fleet		
1 heavy cruiser (CA)	NACHI	
2 light cruisers (CL)	TAMA	
	KISO	
2-3 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)		
Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)		
Approx 10 Submarines (SS)		

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers	CONCORD	
	TRENTON	
	RICHMOND	

INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces

Battleships	WARSPITE	
	RESOLUTION	
	REVENGE	
Aircraft Carrier	* ILLUSTRIOUS	
Seaplane Carrier	ALBATROSS	
8" Cruiser	DEVONSHIRE	
7.5" Cruisers	HAWKINS	
	PROBISHER	
6" Cruisers	MAURITIUS	
	GAMBIA	
	BIRMINGHAM	DURBAN
	ENTERPRISE	CARADOC
	LIVERPOOL	
	ARETHUSA	
	CERES	
	DAUNTLESS	
	CAPETOWN	
Armed Merchant Cruisers	ALANIA	
	CARTHAGE	
	CHITRAL	
	RANPURA	
	RANCHI	
	WORCESTERSHIRE	

Approx 27 Destroyers
Approx 9 Submarines

* Note: No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

26th March, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/26:

- (1) "GLENELG" escorting Convoy MBI ("HENRY DEARBORN" "MULGRA") dep. Port Moresby 0830/25 for Milne Bay ETA 1800/26.
- (2) "BOWEN" escorting "BANTAM" dep. Milne Bay 1357/25 for Oro Bay ETA 1600/26.
- (3) "SUMNER" "SC.746" on survey duty Deboyne Is. area.
- (4) "BALLARAT" dep. Port Moresby 1436/23 for Stephens Is. to RV with "KHOEN HOEA" "PAINE WINGATE" and escort to Port Moresby.
- (5) "ARUNTA" escorting "BISHOPDALE" dep. Port Moresby 1530/25. "ARUNTA" to provide escort to Fitzroy Is. ETA "BISHOPDALE" Townsville 1700/27.
- (6) "YP.236" departed Cairns 1307/23 for Brisbane ETA 0800/26.
- (7) "SC.745" "SC.747" en route Noumea to Brisbane.
- (8) "KURUMBA" departed Townsville 1545/23 was due Thursday Is. 1100/26.
- (9) "BROOME" departed Townsville 0122/26 for Cairns ETA 1500/26.
- (10) "SC.744" departed Cairns 1215/25 for Deboyne Islands ETA 1200/27.
- (11) "WAGGA" "SC.748" escorting Convoy TN59 ("EDWARD R.SILL" "VAN DER LIJN") to Port Moresby ETA 1000/27.
- (12) "BAGLEY" dep. Palm Is. 1400/25. Was to be waiting in position 21°25'S, 150°25'E from 0800/26 until "SWAN" escorting "PRESIDENT GRANT" is met. After RV "BAGLEY" to escort "PRESIDENT GRANT" to Port Moresby. "SWAN" to return Brisbane.
- (13) "LITHGOW" escorting Convoy GT7 ("VAN HEEMSKERK" "BONTEKOE") dep. Gladstone 1900/25 for Townsville ETA 1700/27.
- (14) "YP.280" dep. Brisbane 1335/25 for Cairns ETA 0700/30.
- (15) "GOULBURN" dep. Brisbane 0500/25 to carry out search in connection with explosion near Caloundra.
- (16) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE" "HILO" 15 PT's Merchant Vessels: "DUNDULA" "VAN OUTHOORN" "VAN SPILBERGEN"
	Small Craft - Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "WARRAMUNGA" "KAPUNDA" HDML.1161 Merchant Vessels: "ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "CHARON" "BOTH" "CREMER" "VALLSEMOSA" "MONTORO" "CAROLA" "WEST CACTUS" "H.D.THOREAU" "DUNTROON"
	Small Craft - Approx 20
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL" "ECHUCA"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA" "WHYALLA" "PLATYPUS" "BUNGAREE" 10 PT's (2 refitting)
Palm Island	- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "HELM" "HENLEY" "MUGFORD" "AASE MAERSK" "YUNNAN"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "WARREGO" "KATOOMBA" YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 SC.748 "VICTORIA"
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "GLADSTONE" "FREMANTLE" "TULSA" "FULTON" "POYANG" (A.S.I.S) YP.233 YP.286 YP.288 YMS.8 YMS.10 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.70 SC.738 SC.740 SC.749 SC.750 PC.1119 "MERKUR" "PRES. JOHNSON" "CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship)

Brisbane (Contd.) Warships & Aux:
(Repairing) "GYMPIE" "GEELONG"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "WARRAMUNGA" escorting Convoy NTS ("CREMER" for Townsville ETA 0400/29; "VALLSEMOSA" for Townsville ETA 0900/29; "DUNTROON" for Cairns ETA 1800/28) to depart Port Moresby 1300/26. To escort to Fitzroy Island.
- (2) "KATOOMBA" escorting Convoy TS20 ("VICTORIA" "CARLISLE" "DAVID BUSHNELL") to depart Townsville 1600/26 for Brisbane ETA 1800/30.
- (3) "BROOME" escorting Convoy TN60 ("KARSIK") to depart Cairns 1500/26 for Milne Bay.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES:

- (1) New Georgia - At 2115/24 a barge was at Bethlehem Is. (5 miles east of Munda Point). The barge was strafed and hit by Soupac fighters 1300/25.
- (2) Choiseul - Reconnaissance 0830/25 reported 10-12 possible Zero floatplanes on the water between the southern tip of Choiseul Is. and Rob Roy Island.
- (3) Shortlands - Reconnaissance a.m. 25/3 sighted in the Buin - Tonolei area:-

1 destroyer
5 cargo vessels (of which one arrived from the East earlier.

Another destroyer and a 10,000 ton transport or cargo vessel arrived at about noon from the N.E. These are probably two of the three ships seen in the Kieta area at 0900/25 (see next Para.) all of which may have proceeded to the Buin base making a total there of two destroyers, one 10,000 ton transport or cargo vessel, 6 cargo vessels.

- (4) Kieta - Reconnaissance 0900/25 sighted one large transport, one medium cargo vessel and one destroyer off Kieta course 180°. These vessels probably proceeded to Buin (see previous Para.).
- (5) Numa Numa (N.E. coast Bougainville midway between Kieta and Buka) - Continued activity was reported 24/3 at Numa Numa.
- (6) Rabaul - Rabaul township was bombed by 8 Liberators before dawn 25/3. Reconnaissance 1130/25 saw smoke rising to 3,000 feet from the waterfront.

The attacking Liberators reported possibly 20 vessels dispersed around the Blanche Bay area.

Photographs 1130/25, although not covering the whole Harbour, are considered to show the larger amount of shipping present, thus:-

7 destroyers
1 destroyer tender
4 submarines
1 submarine tender
1 mine-sweeper
3 tanker-type vessels
29 merchant vessels totalling approx 145,000 tons
2 other unidentified vessels

Total 48

The last complete photographs of Rabaul were on 11/2 when the highest recorded tonnage of shipping was present, i.e. 61 merchant vessels totalling approximately 300,000 tons.

Photographs of the aerodromes at the same time are far from complete and show only -

Vunakanau - 13 medium bombers, 53 single engine a/c prob. incl. fighters, light bombers & dive-bombers.

Lakunai - 15 fighters.

- (7) Wewak - Photographs of Wewak aerodrome 1350/24 show 7 serviceable and 6 unserviceable fighters. Continued development of new A.A. positions is visible also great activity over the entire area.

Reconnaissance 1320/25 sighted in the harbour -

1 destroyer
1 medium cargo vessel
1 small cargo vessel - Total 3

The larger cargo vessel was being unloaded into boats of 100-200 tons, probably lighters.

The same reconnaissance sighted 6 Zero's taking off and 7 other Zero's on the runway.

- (8) Bogia - Reconnaissance 1350/25 sighted a 6,000 ton cargo vessel in the Harbour being unloaded into two probable lighters.
- (9) Madang - Reconnaissance 1258/25 sighted 3 medium bombers on Madang aerodrome one of which was taxi-ing.
- (10) Lae - Photographs 1130/25 show 11 barges in the Harbour.
- (11) Salamaua - Chinatown was attacked at dawn 25/3 by 5 Bostons.
- (12) Dyke Acland Bay - An enemy medium bomber probably on reconnaissance was intercepted by 2 Lightnings at 1120/25 and shot down over Dyke Acland Bay.
- (13) East & N.E. Coast Australia - On 24/3 there were indications of the following enemy submarines -
 - one in the vicinity of Lord Howe Is.
 - one 200 miles S. to SE of Louisiade ArchipelagoThese may be additional to the one indicated 23/3 in the vicinity of Capricorn Channel.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/26:

- (1) "LATROBE" escorting Convoy TD15 ("TULAGI" "ALAGNA") departed Thursday Is. 1828/22 for Darwin ETA 1730/27.
- (2) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "WILCANNIA" "CASTLEMAINE"
Merchant Vessels: "KOOLIGA" "SIBIGO" "BABINDA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Ambon - Shipping at Ambon and the wharf area were attacked p.m. 25/3 by 6 Liberators. Preliminary reports indicate that one medium merchant vessel and one medium or small merchant vessel were hit. In addition there were 5 or 6 smaller vessels in the Bay.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

In Harbour:

Fremantle -- Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN GALEN" "PRESTON"
"PELIAS" "ISABEL" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO"
"LARK" "OTUS"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" "WHIPPOORWILL"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/26:

- (1) "BENDIGO" escorting "KATOOMBA" departed Caloundra 1531/24 for Sydney, was due 0600/26.
- (2) "MORESBY" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy C082.
- (3) "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting "H.T.ALLEN" "MANOORA" was to depart Sydney 0900/26 for Melbourne.
- (4) "WARRNAMBOOL" "SHEPPARTON" working up in Broken Bay.
- (5) "BUNDABERG" "ABRAHAM CRYNSSEN" escorting Convoy GP40 dep. Sydney 1030/24 ETA Caloundra 0700/27.

- (6) "SELFRIDGE" escorting "HELENA" was to depart Sydney 1115/26.
 "SELFRIDGE" to provide escort to 159°E and proceed
 Brisbane.
- (7) "BUNBURY" was to depart Sydney 0930/26 for Brisbane.

(b) In Harbour:

Newcastle	- Warships & Aux. -	"ROCKHAMPTON"
Sydney	- Warships & Aux. -	"RALPH TALBOT" "KYBRA" "DELORAINÉ"
		"MILDURA" "TOWNSVILLE" "GOLD STAR" YDG.2
		YP.286 YP.288 YP.291
(Repairing)		"HOBART" "STUART" "BUCHANAN" "PATTERSON"
		"VAN HEEMSKEERK" "RUSSELL" "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship) "ALHENA"
(On Reserve)		"WESTRALIA"
Melbourne	- Warships & Aux. -	"SPRINGDALE" "DOOMBA"
(Repairing)		"TJERK HIDDEN" "COLAC"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) HONOLULU ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE
 LEANDER (CL) McCALLA FARENHOLT LANSDOWNE SMITH WOODWORTH
 LARDNER NICHOLAS O'BANNON CHEVALIER STRONG TAYLOR
 FLETCHER RADFORD JENKINS (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV)
 THORNTON (AVD) ATHENE (ACV) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR)
 AMERICAN LEGION FULLER HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) ALCHIBA
 ALDEBARAN PINCKNEY CELENO (AK) SABINE NEOSHO PLATTE
 PATUXENT WHIPSTOCK (AO) SKYLARK CONSTANT (AM) NAUTILUS (SS)
 CHANTLEER (ASR) ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (CV)
 COLUMBIA SAN JUAN (CL) BALCH GRIDLEY HUGHES DUNLAP
 FANNING CASE CUMMINGS CONYNGHAM READ MAHAN MUSTIN
 PERKINS (DD) ENGADINE (ACV) JAMESTOWN (PG) PROMETHEUS (AR)
 ARGONNE (AG) WHITNEY (AD) McCAWLEY MOUNT VERNON (AP)
 MAJABA TALAMANCA MERCURY TITANIA (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD)
 TRYON (APH) PECOS SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) KINGFISHER
 ADROIT (AM) ARD.2 KIWI (A/S Vessel)
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
- (5) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK VIREO (AM) LOCUST
 BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA GALE TUI (A/S
 Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO)
 STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)
- (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) WICHITA (CA) CHENANGO
 SUWANNEE (ACV) SAUFLEY AARON WARD (DD) BALLARD (AV)
 KANAWHA LACKAWANNA KANKAKEE NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR)
 ROAMER PC.476 PC.477 PC.479 RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)
- (8) At Auckland - SAN DIEGO (CL) EBONY (YN) ANTARES FOMALHAUT (AK)
 SOLACE (AH)
- (9) At Wellington - GRAYSON (DD) LOUISVILLE (CA) TRACY (DM)
 SHELDRAKE (AM) PRES. HAYES PRES. JACKSON PRES. ADAMS
 CRESCENT CITY (AP) LIBRA (AK)

C. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) "ADELAIDE" due Fremantle 1200/28 after escort duty.
- (2) "QUIBERON" en route Diego Garcia to Fremantle ETA 1200/29.
- (3) "NEPAL" en route Mauritius to Fremantle ETA a.m. April 2.
- (4) "KANIMBLA" en route Colombo to Sydney ETA 1130/3 April.

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

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III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central & Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Possible offensive activity from East Indies area including further infiltration to the eastward along south coast Dutch New Guinea.
- (3) Possible offensive activity in N.W. Pacific.
- (4) Increased offensive submarine activity.

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26/3/43

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser	AUSTRALIA	
6" Cruisers	HELENA	HOBART
	PHOENIX	VAN HEEMSKERK
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA	
	WARRAMUNGA	
	LE TRIOMPHANT	
	SELFRIDGE	
Destroyers	HELM	
	HENLEY	
	PATTERSON	
	RALPH TALBOT	TJERK HIDDES
	BAGLEY	BUCHANAN
	MUGFORD	RUSSELL
	STUART	
Submarines	VENDETTA	
	ALBACORE)	
	GROUPEL)	At Brisbane
	GROWLER)	
	PETO)	
	AMBERJACK)	
	GATO)	
	GRAMPUS)	
	GRAYBACK)	On Patrol
	GREENLING)	
	GUARDFISH)	
	TRITON)	
	TUNA)	
	K.9	At Sydney
Submarine Tender	FULTON	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboats	TULSA	
	HILO	
Combat Loaded Transports	MANDORA	WESTRALIA (On Reserve)
Oilers	AASE MAERSK	
	BISHOPDALE	
	KURUMBA	
	VICTORIA	

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

CinC Combined Fleet	
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)	
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)	
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)	
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)	
3-4 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO
	MUSASHI
	MUTSU
	NAGATO
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	ZUIKAKU
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)	ZUIHO
2 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	UNYO
	RYUHO

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
6 heavy cruisers (CA)	ATAGO TAKAO AOBA HAGURO KUMANO SUZUYA	MOGAMI (bel.sunk 14/11) MYOKO (poss.sunk 13-14/11)
5 light cruisers (CL)	JINTSU SENDAI KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA	
2 or 3 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)		
Approx 25-30 Submarines (SS)		
Approx 30 Destroyers (DD)		
2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA	
5-6 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)		
Several Submarine Tenders		
Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)		
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft		
Approx 442 shore-based aircraft incl. 185 F, 142 M/B, 40 L/B, 16 F/B, 42 F/P, 17 Obsn. or transport aircraft.		

2. WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser	ADELAIDE	
Flotilla Leader	TROMP	
Armed Merchant Cruiser	KANIMELA	
Destroyer	VAN GALEN	
S/P Tenders	HERON W.B.PRESTON	
	CHILDS	
Submarine Tender	PELIAS	
Submarines	GAR)
	GRAYLING)
	GRENADIER)
	GUDGEON)
	TAMBOR	) On Patrol
	TAUPOG)
	THRESHER)
	TROUT)
	K.12	At Fremantle

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

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

1 heavy cruiser (CA)	ASHIGARA	
6 light cruisers (CL)	KASHII	NATORI (damaged 21/1)
	KUMA	
	ISUZU	
	OI	
	KITAGAMI	

1 Armed Merchant Cruiser (XCL)

Approx 16 destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane Carrier (CVS)

Approx 196 shore-based aircraft incl. 82 F, 69 B, 3 F/B, 24 F/P,
16 transport aircraft.

NOTORO

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	INDIANA WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO
Aircraft Carriers	ENTERPRISE
Auxiliary A/C Carriers	SARATOGA CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE
8" Cruisers	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO
6" Cruisers	WICHITA HONOLULU ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA MONTPELLIER DENVER LEANDER
5" Cruisers	SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN
Destroyers	50 (approx)

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO NEVADA	WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE
Converted A/C Carrier	LONG ISLAND	
Auxiliary A/C Carriers	NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	
8" Cruisers	SALT LAKE CITY NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA PORTLAND

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

CinC 1st Fleet	
6-7 Battleships (BB)	ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA HARUNA KONGO
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	SHOKAKU
2 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	HAYATAKA HITAKA
2 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	OTAKA CHUYO
4 Heavy Cruisers (CA)	TONE TIKUMA CHOKAI 1 unknown ABUKUMA
1 Light Cruiser (CL)	
2 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)	
2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)	NISSHIN KAMOI
1-2 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)	
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)	
Approx 20 Destroyers (DD)	
Approx 30 Destroyers (SS)	

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser	INDIANAPOLIS
6" Cruisers	DETROIT
	RALEIGH
10 Destroyers	
10 Submarines	

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

CinC 5th Fleet	
1 heavy cruiser (CA)	NACHI
2 light cruisers (CL)	TAMA
	KISO
1 or 2 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)	
Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)	
Approx 10 Submarines (SS)	

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers	CONCORD
	TRENTON
	RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	WARSPITE	
	RESOLUTION	
	REVENGE	
Aircraft Carrier	* ILLUSTRIOUS	
Seaplane Carrier	ALBATROSS	
8" Cruiser	DEVONSHIRE	
7.5" Cruisers	HAWKINS	
	PROBISHER	
6" Cruisers	MAURITIUS	
	GAMBIA	DURBAN
	BIRMINGHAM	CARADOC
	ENTERPRISE	
	LIVERPOOL	
	ARETHUSA	
	CERES	
	DAUNTLESS	
	CAPETOWN	
Armed Merchant Cruisers	ALAUNIA	
	CARTHAGE	
	CHITRAL	
	RANPURA	
	RANCHI	
	WORCESTERSHIRE	

Approx 27 Destroyers
Approx 9 Submarines

* Note: No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

27th March, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/27:

- (1) "SUMNER" "SC.746" on survey duty Deboyne Is. area.
- (2) "ARUNTA" escorting "BISHOPDALE" dep. Port Moresby 1530/25.
"ARUNTA" to provide escort to Fitzroy Is. ETA
"BISHOPDALE" Townsville 1700/27.
- (3) "SC.747" en route Noumea to Brisbane.
- (4) "WARRAMUNGA" escorting Convoy NT8 ("DUNTROON" for Cairns
"VALLSEMOSA" for Townsville) dep. Port Moresby 1300/26.
- (5) "KATOOMBA" escorting Convoy TS20 ("VICTORIA" "DAVID BUSHNELL"
(for Brisbane) "CARLISLE" (for Melbourne) "YOCHOW" for
Sydney) departed Townsville 1600/26. ETA Brisbane 1800/30.
- (6) "SWAN" returning Brisbane after escort duty with "PRESIDENT GRANT"
- (7) "SC.744" departed Cairns 1215/25 for Deboyne Islands ETA
1200/27.
- (8) "WAGGA" "SC.748" escorting Convoy TN59 ("EDWARD R.SILL" "VAN DER
LIJN") to Port Moresby was due 1000/27.
- (9) "BROOME" escorting Convoy TN60 ("KARSIK") was to depart Cairns
0700/27 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/29.
- (10) "BAGLEY" escorting "PRESIDENT GRANT" to Port Moresby.
- (11) "LITHGOW" escorting Convoy GT7 ("VAN HEEMSKERK" "BONTEKOE") dep.
Gladstone 1900/25 for Townsville ETA 1700/27.
- (12) "YP.280" dep. Brisbane 1333/25 for Cairns ETA 0700/30.
- (13) "GYMPIE" escorting "MERKUR" "MANGOLA" "ARCONA" was to depart
Caloundra 0700/27 for Townsville.
- (14) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. "BOWEN" Merchant Vessels "BANTAM"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. "GLENELG" "PIRIE" "HILO" 15 PT's Merchant Vessels "DUNDULA" "VAN OUTHOORN" "MULCRA" "HENRY DEARBORN" "VAN SPILBERGEN" Small Craft - Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. "KAPUNDA" "BALLARAT" HDML.1161 Merchant Vessels: "ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "CHARON" "BOTH" "PAINE WINGATE" "KHOEN HOEA" "MONTORO" "CAROLA" "WEST CACTUS" "H.D.THOREAU" Small Craft - Approx. 20
Thursday Is. Cairns	- Warships & Aux. "INVERELL" "ECHUCA" "KURUMBA" - Warships & Aux. "VENDETTA" "WHYALLA" "PLATYPUS" 10 PT's (2 refitting)
Palm Island	- Warships & Aux. "AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "HELM" "HENLEY" "MUGFORD" "AASE MAERSK" "YUNNAN"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. "WARREGO" YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 SC.748
Maryborough Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. "KALCOORLIE" - Warships & Aux. "GOULBURN" "GEELONG" "TULSA" "FULTON" "POYANG" (A.S.I.S.) YP.233 YP.286 YP.288 YMS.8 YMS.10 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.70 SC.738 SC.740 SC.749 SC.750 PC.1119 "PRES. JOHNSON" "CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship)
	Repairing, Trials Etc. "GLADSTONE" "FREMANTLE"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "GEEELONG" escorting Convoy BT 48 ("PAN SCANDIA" "S.B.ELKINS") to depart Caloundra 1600/27. "GEEELONG" to part company at Percy Islands and return Brisbane.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES:

- (1) Central Solomons, - Known number of Observation Posts in this area 25/3 are as follows :-
Wickham Anchorage (S.E.Vangunu Is. NewGeorgia)
Viru Harbour. South coast New Georgia.
Ugeli, Rendova Island.
Buko Buko, N.E. New Georgia.
Masi, N.W. New Georgia.
Iringila, N.W. Vella Lavella
Malavague, N.Choiseul Is.

- (2) New Georgia:- The aerodrome at Munda was reported quiet pm.25/3.

- (3) Shortlands - Photographs 0930/25 show the following aircraft :-
Kahili - 29 Fighters, 13 divebombers, 3 medium bombers
Ballale- 11 Fighters
Faisi - 14 Zero floatplanes
No other areas were covered.

Reconnaissances a.m.26/3 sighted the following shipping in the Buin-Faisi area :-

- 4 destroyers
- 1 corvette
- 6 cargo vessels

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- (4) Kavieng: - Reconnaissance 1200/26 reported the following shipping:
1 8000 ton vessel with continuous deck, no stacks or superstructure, described as possible small aircraft carrier in Kavieng Harbour.
2 Destroyers, of which 1 large.
1 medium cargo vessel
2 small motor boats, all stationary in vicinity of Portland Is, 20 miles west of New Hanover Is

Photographs taken at the same time show 32 Fighters on the old Kavieng aerodrome and 18 larger aircraft, possibly bombers, of which 9 were damaged. The new aerodrome at Ponapei, which is on the Namatanai Road, about 4000 yards S.E. of the old aerodrome, appears about 95% completed with dispersal lanes and revetments under construction. No aircraft are visible.

- (5) Rabaul:- Photographs taken 1115/26 covering practically the whole Harbour show :-

- 8 Destroyers
- 2 Destroyer Tenders
- 7 Submarines
- 1 Submarine Tender
- 1 Minesweeper
- 3 Submarine chasers
- 2 Tankers
- 4 Tanker type vessels
- 38 Merchant vessels totalling approximately 200,000 tons.

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No detail is visible on Vunakanau aerodrome, while on Lakunai 78 probable Zeros and 10 medium bombers are visible.

- (6) Lorengau:- Photos 1025/26 show the runway to be still unserviceable and work continuing on the dispersal lanes and revetments.

- (7) Wewak:- Photos from the reconnaissance 1320/25 show one 700 ton merchant vessel, 2 coasters, approximately 30 barges in Wewak Harbour. This compares with the report of visual sightings of 1 destroyer, 1 medium cargo vessel and 1 small cargo vessel.

Wewak (Contd) Shipping and the town area were attacked during the early hours of 26/3 by 9 Fortresses and one of the ships was probably badly damaged.

Photos 1215/26 show 2 merchant vessels 1000 tons each,
1 submarine chaser
1 launch

34 landing barges, in harbour.

On the old aerodrome 8 unserviceable Zeros and 1 probably damaged aircraft are visible. Work continues on the runway of the new strip at Boram, 2 miles east of Wewak.

- (8) Bogia:- Photos 1350/25 show that the merchant vessel there was 1000 tons. Report from visual sighting gave it as 6000 tons.
- (9) Saidor:- (50 miles S.E. Madang) Saidor was reported to be occupied by the enemy 1100/26.
- (10) Lae: - Reconnaissance 0811/26 sighted a possible large transport apparently towing 3 barges approximately 55 miles E.S.E. of Lae, course 270°. The vessel was well camouflaged and had the appearance of a floating island. At about the same time a submarine was sighted on the surface approximately 50 miles E.S.E. of Lae, course 270°. The submarine submerged.
Jacobsen's Plantation area was attacked just before dawn by 5 Bostons. ^{26/3}
- (11) Salamaua: - Kela village was attacked before dawn by 11 Beauforts carrying bombs. ^{26/3}
- (12) Mubo: - Kitchen Creek area was bombed and strafed shortly after noon 26/3 by 3 Bostons.
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2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/27:

- (1) "LATROBE" escorting Convoy TD15 ("TULAGI" "ALAGNA") departed Thursday Is. 1828/22 for Darwin ETA 1730/27.
- (2) "WILCANNIA" escorting "SIBIGO" departed Darwin 0502/26 for Thursday Is. ETA 2000/29.
- (3) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. "CASTLEMAINE"
Merchant Vessels: "KOOLIGA" "BABINDA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Ambon - Photographs of Ambon Bay 1800/25 taken during the attack by 6 Liberators (reported yesterday 26/3) show 1 3000 ton transport probably damaged by bombs, 3 vessels of 1000 tons or under, 1 minelayer. In addition 3 smaller vessels were reported in the Bay, but not covered in the photographs.

Timor - 3 vessels were reported still off shore at Lauten on the evening of 25/3. These are probably the vessels reported at anchor off Kisar Island 0730/24.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) "ADELAIDE" due Fremantle 1200/28 after escort duty Indian In Harbour: (Ocean Area.)

Fremantle -- Warships & Aux. "TROMP" "VAN GALEN" "PRESTON"
"PELIAS" "ISABEL" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO"
"WALLAROO" "LARK" "OTUS"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" "WHIPPOORWILL"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/27:

- (1) "BUNDABERG" "ABRAHAM CRYNSSEN" escorting Convoy GP40 were due Caloundra 0700/27. On arrival "BUNDABERG" "ABRAHAM CRYNSSEN" to escort Convoy PG40 to Sydney.
- (2) "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Convoy C083 was to depart Newcastle a.m. 27/3
- (3) "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting "H.T.ALLEN" "MANOORA" departed Sydney 1021/26 for Melbourne.
- (4) "SHEPPARTON" working up in Broken Bay.
- (5) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC82 departed Port Phillip 2317/26 to RV in Wilson's Promontory area with "MORESEY" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy C082.
- (6) "SELFRIDGE" escorting "HELENA" departed Sydney 1045/26. "SELFRIDGE" to provide escort to 159°E and proceed Brisbane.
- (7) "BUNBURY" departed Sydney 1025/26 for Brisbane. E.T.A.0830/28.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "RALPH TALBOT" "KYBRA"
"DELORAINE" "BENDIGO" "WARRNAMBOOL"
(Repairing) "MILDURA" "TOWNSVILLE" "GOLD STAR" YDG.2
"HOBART" "STUART" "BUCHANAN" "PATTERSON"
(On Reserve) "VAN HEEMSKERK" "RUSSELL" "MANUNDA"
(Hospital Ship) "ALHENA"
"WESTRALIA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "SPRINGDALE" "~~TJERK HIDDERS~~"
(Repairing) "COLAC" "TJERK HIDDERS"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "TJERK HIDDERS" to depart Melbourne when ready p.m.27/3 for Fremantle.
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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) HONOLULU ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE LEANDER (CL) McCALLA FARENHOLT LANDSDOWNE SMITH WOODWORTH LARDNER NICHOLAS O'BANNON CHEVALIER STRONG TAYLOR FLETCHER RADFORD JENKINS (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) THORNTON (AVD) ATHENE (ACV) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) AMERICAN LEGION FULLER HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) ALCHIBA ALDEBARAN PINCKNEY CELENO (AK) SABINE NEOSHO PLATTE PATUXENT WHIPSTOCK (AO) SKYLARK CONSTANT (AM) NAUTILUS(SS) CHANTLEER (ASR) ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (CV) COLUMBIA SAN JUAN (CL) BALCH GRIDLEY HUGHES DUNLAP FANNING CASE CUMMINGS CONYNGHAM READ MAHAN MUSTIN PERKINS (DD) ENGADINE (ACV) JAMESTOWN (PG) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AG) WHITNEY (AD) McCAWLEY MOUNT VERNON (AP) MAJABA TALAMANCA MERCURY TITANIA (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD) TRYON (APH) PECOS SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) KINGFISHER ADROIT (AM) ARD.2 KIWI (A/S Vessel)
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
- (5) At Samoa $\frac{3}{4}$ MONTGOMERY (DM)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK VIREO (AM) LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA GALE TUI (A/S Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)
- (7) At Vila $\frac{3}{4}$ MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) WICHITA (CA) CHENANGO SUWANNEE (ACV) SAUFLEY AARON WARD (DD) BALLARD (AV) KANAWHA LACKAWANNA KANKAKEE NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER PC.476 PC.477 PC.479 RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)
- (8) At Auckland - SAN DIEGO (CL) EBONY (YN) ANTARES FOMALHAUT (AK) SOLACE (AH)
- (9) At Wellington - GRAYSON (DD) LOUISVILLE (CA) TRACY (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM) PRES.HAYES PRES.JACKSON PRES.ADAMS

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DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser	AUSTRALIA	
6" Cruisers	HELENA	HOBART
	PHOENIX	VAN HEEMSKEERK
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA	
	WARRAMUNGA	
	LE TRIOMPHANT	
	SELFREDGE	
Destroyers	HELM	
	H ENLEY	PATTERSON
	RALPH TALBOT	TJERK HIDDES
	BAGLEY	BUCHANAN
	MUGFORD	RUSSELL
	VENDETTA	STUART
Submarines	ALBACORE)	
	GROUPEL)	
	GROWLER)	At Brisbane
	PETO)	
	AMBERJACK)	
	GATO)	
	GRAMPUS)	
	GRAYBACK)	
	GREENLING)	On Patrol
	GUARDFISH)	
	TRITON)	
	TUNA)	
	K.9	At Sydney
Submarine Tender	FULTON	
Destroyer Tender	BOBBIN	
Gunboats	TULSA	
	HILO	
Combat Loaded Transports	MANOORA	WESTRALIA (On Reserve)
Oilers	AASE MAERSK	
	BISHOPDALE	
	KURUMBA	
	VICTORIA	

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

CinC Combined Fleet	
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)	
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)	
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)	
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)	
3-4 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO
	MUSASHI
	MUTSU
	NAGATO
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	ZUIKAKU
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)	ZUIHO
2 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	UNYO
	RYUHO

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
6 heavy cruisers (CA)	ATAGO TAKAO AOBA HAGURO KUMANO SUZUYA	MOGAMI (bel.sunk 14/11) MYOKO (poss.sunk 13-14/11)
5 light cruisers (CL)	JINTSU SENDAI KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA	
2 or 3 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)		
Approx 25-30 Submarines (SS)		
Approx 30 Destroyers (DD)		
2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA	
5-6 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)		
Several Submarine Tenders		
Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)		
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft		
Approx 461 shore-based aircraft incl. 196 F, 141 M/B, 40 L/B, 16 F/B, 51 F/P, 17 Obsn. or transport aircraft.		

WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

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

EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

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

1 heavy cruiser (CA)	ASHIGARA	
6 light cruisers (CL)	KASHII KUMA ISUZU OI KITAGAMI	NATORI (damaged 21/1)

1 Armed Merchant Cruiser (XCL)

Approx 16 destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane Carrier (CVS)

Approx 196 shore-based aircraft incl. 84 F, 69 B, 3 F/B, 24 F/P,
16 transport aircraft.

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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	INDIANA WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO
Aircraft Carriers	ENTERPRISE S ARATOGA
Auxiliary A/C Carriers	CHENANGO SANGAMON
8" Cruisers	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO
6" Cruisers	WICHITA HONOLULU ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA MONTPELLIER
5" Cruisers	DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN
Destroyers	50 (approx)

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO NEVADA	WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE
Converted A/C Carrier	LONG ISLAND	
Auxiliary A/C Carriers	NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	
8" Cruisers	SALT LAKE CITY NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA PORTLAND

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

CinC 1st Fleet	
6-7 Battleships (BB)	ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA HARUNA KONGO
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	SHOKAKU
2 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	HAYATAKA HITAKA
2 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	OTAKA CHUYO
4 Heavy Cruisers (CA)	TONE TIKUMA C HOKAI 1 unknown
1 Light Cruiser (CL)	ABUKUMA
2 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)	
2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)	NISSHIN KAMOI
1-2 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)	
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)	
Approx 20 Destroyers (DD)	
Approx 30 Submarines (SS)	

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser INDIANAPOLIS
6" Cruisers DETROIT
RAL EIGH

10 Destroyers
10 Submarines

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

CinC 5th Fleet
1 heavy cruiser (CA) NACHI
2 light cruisers (CL) TAMA
KISO
1 or 2 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)
Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)
Approx 10 Submarines (SS)

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
REVENGE

Aircraft Carrier
Seaplane Carrier
8" Cruiser
7.5" Cruisers

* ILLUSTRIOUS
ALBATROSS
DEVONSHIRE
HAWKINS
PROBISHER
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
BIRMINGHAM
ENTERPRISE
LIVERPOOL
ARETHUSA
CERES
DAUNTLESS
CAPETOWN
ALAUNIA
CARTHAGE
CHITRAL
RANPURA
RANCHI
WORCESTERSHIRE

6" Cruisers

DURBAN
CARADOC

Armed Merchant Cruisers

Approx 27 Destroyers
Approx 9 Submarines

* Note: No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 Submarines

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28th March, 1943

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(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

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- (3) "INVERELL" escorting "KURUMBA" "DARVEL" was to depart Thursday Island 0700/28 for Darwin ETA 1430/31.
- (4) "BALLARAT" escorting "MONTORO" (for Cairns) departed Port Moresby 1835/27. "BALLARAT" to provide escort to Fitzroy Island.
- (5) "PIRIE" escorting "DUNDULA" departed Milne Bay 1024/27 for Cairns ETA 1800/29.
- (6) "WARRAMUNGA" escorting Convoy NT8 ("DUNTROON" for Cairns "VALLSEMOSA" for Townsville) dep. Port Moresby 1300/26.
- (7) "SC.745" "SC.747" en route Noumea to Brisbane.
- (8) "BUNGAREE" departed Cairns 1745/26 on mining operation.
- (9) "KATOOMBA" escorting Convoy TS20 ("VICTORIA" "DAVID BUSHNELL" for Brisbane) "CARLISLE" (for Melbourne) "YOCHOW" for Sydney) dep. Townsville 1600/26 ETA Brisbane 1800/30.
- (10) "LITHGOW" returning Brisbane after escort duty.
- (11) "BROOME" escorting Convoy TN60 ("KARSIK") dep. Cairns 0715/27 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/29.
- (12) "BAGLEY" escorting "PRESIDENT GRANT" to Port Moresby.
- (13) "YP.280" dep. Brisbane 1333/25 for Cairns ETA 0700/30.
- (14) "GYMPIE" escorting "MERKUR" "MANGOLA" "AROONA" dep. Caloundra 0700/27 for Townsville ETA 0700/31.
- (15) "GEELONG" escorting Convoy BT48 ("S.B.ELKINS for Cairns; "PAN SCANDIA for Gladstone) dep. Brisbane 1510/27. "GEELONG" to part company at Percy Islands ETA 2000/29.
- (16) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "BOWEN"
	Merchant Vessels: "BANTAM"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "GLENELG" "HILO" 15 PT's
	Merchant Vessels: "VAN OUTHOORN" "HENRY DEARBORN"
	"VAN SPILBERGEN"
	Small Craft - Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "KAPUNDA" "WAGGA" "SC.748"
	HDML.1161
	Merchant Vessels: "ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "CHARON" "BOTH"
	"VAN DER LIJN" "EDWARD R.SILL" "PAINE WINGATE"
	"KHOEN HOEA" "CAROLA" "WEST CACTUS" "H.D.THOREAU"
	Small Craft - Approx 20
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA" "WHYALLA" "PLATYPUS"
	10 PT's (2 refitting)
Palm Island	- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "HELM"
	"HENLEY" "MUGFORD" "AASE MAERSK" "YUNNAN"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "ARUNTA" "WARREGO" YMS.9 YMS.49
	YMS.50 SC.748 "BISHOPDALE"
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "GEELONG" "TULSA" "FULTON"
	"POYANG" (A.S.I.S) YP.233 YP.236 YP.286
	YP.288 YP.291 YMS.8 YMS.10 YMS.46 YMS.47
	YMS.48 YMS.70 SC.738 SC.740 SC.749 SC.750
	PC.1119 PC.1121 "PRES.JOHNSON" "CENTAUR"
	(Hospital Ship)

Brisbane (Contd). Warships & Aux.
(Repairing, Trials etc.) "SWAN" "GOULBURN" "GLADSTONE" "FREMANTLE"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "WARREGO" escorting Convoy TN61 ("TAROONA") to depart Townsville 0400/29 for Milne Bay ETA 1100/31.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) New Georgia - Munda airfield was attacked 1312/27 by 9 torpedo bombers escorted by 12 fighters. A dump was blown up north of the strip.
Vila was attacked 1317/27 by 9 torpedo bombers escorted by 6 fighters.
The observation post at Ugeli (Rendova Is.) was bombed and strafed 1530/27 by 6 dive-bombers and 7 Grummans.
- (2) Choiseul - A ground observer reports that no Japanese had been at Bambatana during the week preceding 22/3. It will be recalled that 3 enemy camps were reported in this area by reconnaissance 19/3.
- (3) Shortlands - Reconnaissance a.m. 27/3 reported 4 cargo vessels only in the Buin - Faisi area indicating a decrease of 4 destroyers, 2 corvette and 2 cargo vessels since a.m. 26/3. It is possible that some of these units were absent on a supply mission to Vila and/or Munda.
- (4) Numa Numa - A small cargo vessel of 1,000 tons visited Arigua and Tenakau in the Numa Numa area and departed for Buka 1430/26.
- (5) Solomons Aircraft - Photographs 26/3 show -
Kahili - 29 fighters, 10 dive bombers, 1 med.bomber
Ballale - 9 "
Faisi - 24 Zero F/Ps,
Buka - 3 fighters, 1 bomber
Munda & Vila were not effectively covered.
Photos a.m. 27/3 show -
Kahili - 24 fighters, 6 dive-bombers, 3 med.bombers
Ballale - 4 "
Faisi - 20 Zero F/Ps,
Munda - nil operational aircraft
Vila - 1 fighter
Buka - 4 fighters, 6 medium bombers
- (6) Kavieng - Shipping sighted 1200/26 (reported yesterday 27/3) as 2 destroyers, 1 medium cargo vessel, 2 motor boats in the vicinity of Portland Is. was in fact in Silver Sound (W. entrance Balgai Bay) and photos show these vessels to be -
2 heavy cruisers
1 merchant vessel
1 small unidentified vessel
The vessel described as a possible aircraft carrier in Kavieng Harbour was not covered in the photographs.
- (7) Bogia - A 1,000 ton merchant vessel was shown by photographs in Bogia Harbour 1000/27 with 7 barges nearby. This is probably the same vessel reported there 25/3.
- (8) Lae - A negative search was made p.m. 26/3 by 6 Bostons with Lightnings as escort for the camouflaged transport sighted 0811/26 in Huon Gulf heading for Lae. Photographs of Lae Harbour 1530/26 show 7 barges.
Jacobsen's Plantation was bombed at dawn 27/3 by 4 Bostons.
- (9) Morobe Harbour - Kobo area (southern bank of Waria River mouth) was reported clear of the enemy 25/3. On the northern bank - Ainsi, Dona village and landing ground, and Zaka were reported clear on 26/3.
- (10) Buna - One enemy aircraft was over the Buna area 1145/26 and jettisoned bombs in the sea.
- (11) Oro Bay - One enemy aircraft dropped 4 bombs on Oro Bay at 0210/26 without causing damage or casualties.
- (12) Milne Bay - One enemy reconnaissance aircraft was over Milne Bay aerodrome area at 1234/26.
- (13) Saidor (50 miles SE Madang) - Villages in the immediate vicinity of Saidor have been occupied by the Japanese in addition to Saidor itself. The enemy appears to be concentrating at

Willwillan (1½ miles ESE of Saidor).

No inland penetration by the enemy was reported up to a.m. 27/3.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE" "LATROBE"
Merchant Vessels: "KOOLIGA" "BABINDA" "TULAGI"
"ALAGNA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Merauke - 7 enemy medium bombers dropped about 40 bombs and strafed building and camp area at Merauke at 1207/26. Some damage was suffered.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

- (1) "ADELAIDE" due Fremantle 1200/28 after escort duty Indian Ocean area.
- (2) "KANIMBLA" en route Colombo to Sydney ETA 1130/3 April.
- (3) "QUIHERON" due Fremantle 1200/28.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN GALEN" "PRESTON"
"PELIAS" "ISABEL" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO"
"LARK" "OTUS"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" "WHIPPOORWILL"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

- (1) "BUNDABERG" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy PG40 (7 MV) dep. Caloundra 0910/27 for Newcastle ETA 1020/29 and Sydney ETA 1420/29.
- (2) "DELORAIN" "MILDURA" escorting Convoy C083.
- (3) "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting "H.T.ALLEN" "MANOORA" departed Sydney 1021/26 for Melbourne, were due 0700/28.
- (4) "SHEPPARTON" working up in Broken Bay.
- (5) "TJERK HIDDIS" departed Melbourne 1601/27 for Fremantle ETA 0700/1 April.
- (6) "MORESEBY" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy OC82.
- (7) "SELFRIDGE" en route Brisbane after escort duty with "HELENA".
- (8) "BUNBURY" departed Sydney 1025/26 for Brisbane, was due 0930/28.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "RALPH TALBOT" "KYBRA" "BENDIGO"
"ROCKHAMPTON" "WARRENAMBOOL" "TOWNSVILLE"
"GOLD STAR" YDG.2
(Repairing) "HOBART" "STUART" "BUCHANAN" "PATTERSON" "VAN
HEEMSKERK" "RUSSELL" "MANUNDA (Hospital Ship)
"ALHENA" - 3 -

Sydney (Contd.) Warships & Aux.
(On Reserve) "WESTRALIA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "SPRINGDALE" "DOOMBA"
(Repairing) "COLAC"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "TJERK HIDDIS" to depart Melbourne when ready p.m. 27/3 for Fremantle.
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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
(2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) HONOLULU ST. LOUIS LEANDER (CL)
McCALLA FARENHOLT LANSDOWNE SMITH WOODWORTH LARNDER
NICHOLAS O'BANNON CHEVALIER STRONG TAYLOR FLETCHER
RADFORD JENKINS (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) THORNTON (AVD)
ATHENE (ACV) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) AMERICAN LEGION
FULLER HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) ALCHIBA ALDEBARAN PINCKNEY
CELENO (AK) SABINE NEOSHO PLATTE PATUXENT WHIPSTOCK (AO)
SKYLARK CONSTANT (AM) NAUTILUS (SS) CHANTLEER (ASR)
ROSEWOOD (YN)
(3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (CV)
COLUMBIA SAN JUAN (CL) BALCH GRIDLEY HUGHES DUNIA P
FANNING CASE CUMMINGS CONYNGHAM READ MAHAN MUSTIN
PERKINS (DD) ENGADINE (ACV) JAMESTOWN (PG) PROMETHEUS (AR)
ARGONNE (AG) WHITNEY (AD) McCAWLEY (AP) MAJABA TALAMANCA
MERCURY TITANIA (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD) TRYON (APH)
PECOS SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) KINGFISHER ADROIT (AM) ARD.2
KIWI (A/S Vessel)
(4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
(5) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM)
(6) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK VIREO (AM) LOCUST
BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA GALE TUI (A/S
Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO)
STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)
(7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) WICHITA (CA) CHENANGO SUWANNEE
(ACV) SAUFLEY AARON WARD (DD) BALLARD (AV) KANAWHA
LACKAWANNA KANKAKEE NESCHES ~~XXXX~~ (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER
PC.476 PC.477 PC.479 RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)
(8) At Auckland - SAN DIEGO (CL) EBONY (YN) ANTARES FOMALHAUT (AK)
SOLACE (AH)
(9) At Wellington - LOUISVILLE (CA) GRAYSON (DD) TRACY (DM)
SHELDRAKE (AM) PRES. HAYES PRES. JACKSON PRES. ADAMS
CRESCENT CITY (AP) LIBRA (AK)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

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Nauru - The runway, officers quarters and wharf area were
hit by bombs during an attack early a.m. 26/3 by 6 Catalinas
followed at 0556/26 by 5 Liberators.
Photos a.m. 27/3 show 8 fighters and 8 bombers on the
aerodrome. After the photos were taken, 5 Zero's took off but
failed to intercept.

C. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

"NEPAL" en route Mauritius to Fremantle ETA a.m. April 2nd.

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

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III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central & Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Possible offensive activity from East Indies area including further infiltration to the eastward along south coast Dutch New Guinea.
- (3) Possible offensive activity in N.W. Pacific.
- (4) Increased offensive submarine activity.

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28/3/43

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
	(i) <u>Allied Forces:</u>	
8" Cruiser	AUSTRALIA	
6" Cruisers	PHOENIX	HOBART
Flotilla Leaders		VAN HEEMSKERK
	ARUNTA	
	WARRAMUNGA	
	LE TRI OMPHANT	
	SELFRIDGE	
Destroyers	HELM	
	HENLEY	PATTERSON
	RALPH TALBOT	BUCHANAN
	BAGLEY	RUSSELL
	MUGFORD	
	TJERK HIDDES	
	STUART	
	VENDETTA	
Submarines	ALBACORE)	
	GROUPEL)	At Brisbane
	GROWLER)	
	PETO)	
	AMBERJACK)	
	GATO)	
	GRAMPUS)	
	GRAYBACK)	
	GREENLING)	On Patrol
	GUARDFISH)	
	TRI TON)	
	TUNA)	
	K.9	At Sydney
Submarine Tender	FULTON	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboats	TULSA	
	HILO	
Combat Loaded Transports	MANOORA	WESTRALIA (On reserve)
Oilers	AASE MAERSK	
	BISHOPDALE	
	KURUMBA	
	VICTORIA	

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

CinC Combined Fleet		
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)		
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)		
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)		
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)		
3-4 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO	
	MUSASHI	
	MUTSU	
	NAGATO	
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	ZUIKAKU	
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)	ZUIHO	
2 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	UNYO	
	RYUHO	
6 heavy cruisers (CA)	ATAGO	MOGAMI (bel.sunk 14/11)
	TAKAO	MYOKO (poss.sunk 13 ² /14/11)
	AOBA	
	HAGURO	
	KUMANO	
	SUZUYA	

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
5 light cruisers (CL)	JINTSU SENDAI KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA	
2 or 3 armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)		
Approx. 25-30 submarines (SS)		
Approx. 30 destroyers (DD)		
2 seaplane Carriers (CVS)	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA	
5-6 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)		
Several Submarine Tenders		
Approx. 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)		
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft		
Approx. 479 shore-based aircraft incl. 214 F, 141 M/B, 40 L/B, 16 F/B, 51 F/P, 17 Obsn. or transport aircraft.		

2. WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

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

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) ALLIED FORCES:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

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

1 heavy cruiser (CA)	ASHIGARA	
6 light cruisers (CL)	KASHII	NATORI (damaged 2/1)
	KUMA	
	ISUZU	
	OI	
	KITAGAMI	

1 Armed Merchant Cruiser (XCL)		
Approx. 16 destroyers (DD)		
Approx. 7 submarines (SS)		
1 Seaplane Carrier (CVS)		NOTORO
Approx. 216 shore-based aircraft incl. 93 F, 78B, 3 F/B, 26 F/P 16 transport aircraft.		

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Non-Effective

Battleships	INDIANA WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO
Aircraft Carriers	ENTERPRISE SARATOGA
Auxiliary A/C Carriers	CHENANGO SANGAMON
8" Cruisers	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
6" Cruisers	HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA MONTPELLIER DENVER	
5" Cruisers	SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	
Destroyers	50 (approx)	

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces

Battleships	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO NEVADA	WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE
Converted A/C Carrier Auxiliary A/C Carriers	LONG ISLAND NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	
8" Cruisers	SALT LAKE CITY NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA PORTLAND

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

CinC 1st Fleet 6-7 Battleships (BB)	ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA HARUNA KONGO
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	SHOKAKU
2 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	HAYATAKA HITAKA
2 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	OTAKA CHUYO
4 heavy cruisers (CA)	TONE TIKUMA CHOKAI 1 unknown
1 Light Cruiser (CL)	ABUKUMA
2 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)	
2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)	NISSHIN KAMOJ
1-2 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)	
6 old armoured Cruisers (OCA)	
Approx. 20 destroyers (DD)	
Approx. 30 submarines (SS)	

D. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser	INDIANAPOLIS
6" Cruiser	DETROIT RALEIGH
10 Destroyers	
10 Submarines	

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

CinC 5th Fleet	
1 heavy cruiser (CA)	NACHI
2 light cruisers (CL)	TAMA KISO
1 or 2 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)	
Approx. 4 Destroyers (DD)	
Approx. 10 Submarines (SS)	

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA Effective Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers	CONCORD TRENTON RICHMOND
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F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	
Aircraft Carrier	* ILLUSTRIOUS	
Seaplane Carrier	ALBATROSS	
8" Cruiser	DEVONSHIRE	
7.5" Cruisers	HAWKINS FROBISHER	
6" Cruisers	MAURITIUS GAMBIA BIRMINGHAM ENTERPRISE LIVERPOOL ARETHUSA CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN	DURBAN CARADOC
Armed Merchant Cruisers	ALAUNIA CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA RANCHI WORCESTERSHIRE	

Approx 27 destroyers
Approx. 9 submarines

* Note: No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx. 3 submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

29th March, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/29:

- (1) "SUMNER" "SC.744" "SC.746" on survey duty Deboyne Islands area.
- (2) "GLENELG" escorting "VAN OUTHOORN" "MULCRA" departed Milne Bay 1137/28 for Oro Bay ETA 1600/29.
- (3) "KAPUNDA" escorting "KHOEN HOEA" departed Port Moresby 0610/28 for Milne Bay.
- (4) "WILCANNIA" escorting "SIBIGO" departed Darwin 0502/26 for Thursday Island ETA 2000/29.
- (5) "INVERELL" escorting Convoy TD16 ("KURUMBA" "DARVEL") departed Thursday Island 0730/28 for Darwin ETA 1430/31.
- (6) "ECHUCA" escorting "LADY ISOBEL" departed Thursday Island 0630/28 for Port Moresby ETA 0700/30.
- (7) "BALLARAT" escorting "MONTORO" (for Cairns) departed Port Moresby 1835/27. "BALLARAT" to provide escort to Fitzroy Island.
- (8) "PIRIE" escorting "DUNDULA" departed Milne Bay 1024/27 for Cairns ETA 1800/29.
- (9) "BUNGAREE" departed Cairns 1745/26 on mining operation.
- (10) "KATOOMBA" escorting Convoy TS20 ("VICTORIA" "DAVID BUSHNELL" for Brisbane; "CARLISLE" for Melbourne; "YOCHOW" for Sydney) dep. Townsville 1600/26 ETA Brisbane 1700/29.
- (11) "LITHGOW" was due Brisbane 0600/29.
- (12) "BROOME" escorting Convoy TN60 ("KARSIK") dep. Cairns 0715/27 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/29.
- (13) "BAGLEY" escorting "PRESIDENT GRANT" to Port Moresby.
- (14) "WARREGO" escorting Convoy TN61 ("TAROONA") was to depart Townsville 0400/29 for Milne Bay ETA 1100/31.
- (15) "YP.280" dep. Brisbane 1333/25 for Cairns ETA 0700/30.
- (16) "GYMPIE" escorting "MERKUR" "MANGOLA" "AROONA" dep. Caloundra 0700/27 for Townsville ETA 0700/31.
- (17) "GEELONG" escorting Convoy BT48 ("S.B.ELKINS" for Cairns; "PAN SCANDIA" for Gladstone) departed Brisbane 1510/27. "GEELONG" to part company and RV with "BISHOPDALE" which departed Townsville 0907/28 and will be in position 22°29'S, 151°07'E at 1400/29. "GEELONG" to escort "BISHOPDALE" to Brisbane.
- (18) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "HILD" 15 PT's
	Merchant Vessels: "HENRY DEARBORN" "VAN SPILBERGEN"
	Small Craft - Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "WAGGA" "SC.748" HDML.1161
	Merchant Vessels: "ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "CHARON"
	"VAN DER LIJN" "EDWARD R.SILL" "PAINE WINGATE"
	"CAROLA" "WEST CACTUS" "H.D.THOREAU"
	Small Craft - Approx 20
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. -
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA" "WHYALLA" "PLATYPUS"
	10 PT's (2 refitting)
Palm Island	- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "HELM"
	"HENLEY" "MUGFORD" "AASE MAERSK" "YUNNAN"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" YMS.9
	YMS.49 YMS.50 SC.748
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"

Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "BUNBURY" "TULSA" "FULTON"
 "POYANG" (A.S.I.S) YP.233 YP.236 YP.286
 YP.288 YP.291 YMS.8 YMS.10 YMS.46 YMS.47
 YMS.48 YMS.70 SC.738 SC.740 SC.745 SC.747
 SC.749 SC.750 PC.1119 PC.1121 "PRES. JOHNSON"
 "CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship)
 (Repairing, Trials etc.) "SWAN" "GOULBURN" "GLADSTONE" "FREMANTLE"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "ARUNTA" escorting Convoy TN62 ("JANSSENS" "MAETSUYCKER"
 "HANYANG") to depart Townsville 1600/30 for Milne Bay ETA
 1100/2 April.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Guadalcanal - Between 0305-0516/27 7 enemy aircraft were over
 Guadalcanal in five different raids.
- (2) Tulagi - Early a.m. 27/3 an enemy aircraft ^{was} over Port Purvis
 and dropped what may have been a mine.
- (3) New Georgia - Barge activity probably connected with supplies
 for observation posts was reported at Rendova Is. 27/3. Timber
 and iron were brought from Gizo to Vila by barge during the
 night 25/3.
 Natives report a vessel SW of Ganongga Is. on a SE course
 p.m. 26/3 possibly en route Munda or Vila.
 An enemy party was on N.E. Vella Lavella 23-26/3
 apparently collecting timber and roofing iron.
- (4) Shortlands - Reconnaissance a.m. 28/3 sighted 3 destroyers, 4
 cargo ships of which one was large, in the Buin - Faisi area.
 10-15 floatplanes were also sighted at Faisi seaplane base.
 Reconnaissance 27/3 reported only 4 cargo vessels in the area.
 At 1750/28 a small ship was reported in Bougainville
 Strait course SW.
- (5) Buka - At 1217/28 a small cargo vessel arrived at Teop Harbour.
- (6) Kavieng Area - 3 groups of shipping were sighted by reconnaissance
 in the area immediately W. or SW of St. Mathias Group, thus:-
 (a) 0822/28 - 1 cargo vessel 2-4,000 tons course 320°
 at 8-10 knots.
 (b) 0925/28 - 5 ship convoy course 310° at 10-12 knots.
 Photos show this convoy to consist of:-
 1 destroyer
 1 probable destroyer
 1 tanker
 2 probable merchant vessels
 (c) 0950/28 - one cargo ship (10-12,000 tons) accompanied
 by one small gunboat, with a destroyer patrolling in
 the neighbourhood, course 200° at 8-10 knots.
 The first single ship may be en route Mussau Is. and the
 5 ship convoy has probably departed Rabaul or Kavieng en route
 Palau. The third group may be a loaded cargo ship or possibly
 a tanker en route Rabaul although the course reported was 200°.
- (7) Wewak - Reconnaissance at 1130/28 reported 2 cargo vessels in
 Wewak Harbour. One of these vessels departed 1300/28 on a
 Northerly course.
 Photos from reconnaissance at 1430/28 show 1 merchant
 vessel (1,000 tons) and 34 landing barges in Wewak Harbour
 while another small cargo vessel was sighted stationary off
 Kairiru Is.
 No serviceable aircraft are visible in photos of the
 Wewak aerodrome. Rapid progress is being made on dispersal
 lanes at the new Bora airfield.
- (8) Finschhafen - 2 loaded motor barges were seen by reconnaissance
 1320/28 approximately 22 miles NNW Finschhafen. Both barges
 were strafed and hit and one was set on fire.
- (9) Ioma - At 0300/27 probably 2 enemy bombers were over Kurireda
 Village (2½ miles S. of Ioma). Bombs were dropped but no damage
 has been reported.
- (10) Oro Bay - At 1145/28 25 enemy medium bombers and 10-15 dive-bombers
 escorted by a strong formation of fighters attacked shipping and
 wharf installations at Oro Bay (see Naval Incidents).

(11) N.E. Papua - A number of unidentified aircraft were sighted over Makaua Mission (E. extremity Collingwood Bay) at 0716/28.

An unidentified aircraft probably enemy reconnaissance was over the Milne Bay area at 0718/28 and at 1810/28 another unidentified aircraft was sighted in the area to the south of Milne Bay.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/29:

7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE" "LATROBE"
Merchant Vessels: "KOOLIGA" "BABINDA" "TULAGI"
"ALAGNA"

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/29:

- (1) "W.B. PRESTON" departed Fremantle 0835/28 for Exmouth Gulf.
- (2) "KANIMBLA" en route Colombo to Sydney ETA 1130/3 April.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "QUIBERON"
"VAN GALEN" "PELIAS" "ISABEL" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO"
"WALLAROO" "LARK" "OTUS"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" "WHIPPOORWILL"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

A possible enemy submarine was reported 0935/28 by MV "KOTA INTEN" approximately 75 miles south by east of Cape Leeuwin. A possible torpedo track was also seen.

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/29:

- (1) "BUNDABERG" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy PG40 (7 MV) dep. Caloundra 0910/27 for Newcastle ETA 1020/29 and Sydney ETA 1420/29.
- (2) "DELORAINE" "MILDURA" escorting Convoy C083.
- (3) "STUART" departed Sydney 1000/28 to RV with "TWEEDBANK" in position 35°20'S, 154°02'E and escort to Sydney ETA 0800/29.
- (4) "TJERK HIDDEN" dep. Melbourne 1601/27 for Fremantle ETA 0700/1 April.
- (5) "MORESBY" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy C082.
- (6) "SELFRIDGE" en route Brisbane after escort duty with "HELENA".

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "KYBRA" "BENDIGO" "SHEPPARTON"
"WARRNAMBOOL" "TOWNSVILLE" "GOLD STAR" YDG.2
(Repairing) "HOBART" "RALPH TALBOT" "BUCHANAN" "PATTERSON"
"VAN HEEMSKERK" "RUSSELL" "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship) "ALHENA"
(On Reserve) "WESTRALIA"

Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "LE TRIOMPHANT" "SPRINGDALE"
(Repairing) "DOOMBA" "H.T.ALLEN" "MANOORA"
"COLAC"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

H.M.A.S. "GYMPIE" reported contact with a possible submarine at 1720/28 in position 24°01'S 152°09'E approximately 40 miles east of Bustard Head.

A possible submarine was reported by aircraft at 1825/28 in position 24°20'S 152°02'E approximately 48 miles S.E. of Bustard Head. Two shots were believed to have been fired at the aircraft.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) HONOLULU ST. LOUIS LEANDER (CL) McCALLA FARENHOLT LANSDOWNE SMITH WOODWORTH LARDNER NICHOLAS O'BANNON CHEVALIER STRONG TAYLOR FLETCHER RADFORD JENKINS (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) THORNTON (AVD) ATHENE (ACV) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) AMERICAN LEGION FULLER HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) ALCHIBA ALDEBARAN PINCKNEY CELENO (AK) SABINE NEOSHO PLATTE PATUXENT WHIPSTOCK (AO) SKYLARK CONSTANT (AM) NAUTILUS (SS) CHANTLEER (ASR) ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (CV) COLUMBIA SAN JUAN (CL) BALCH GRIDLEY HUGHES DUNLAP FANNING CASE CUMMINGS CONYNGHAM READ MAHAN MUSTIN PERKINS (DD) ENGADINE (ACV) JAMESTOWN (PG) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AG) WHITNEY (AD) McCAWLEY (AP) MAJABA TALAMANCA MERCURY TITANIA (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD) TRYON (APH) PECOS SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) KINGFISHER ADROIT (AM) ARD.2 KIWI (A/S Vessel) SC.739
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
- (5) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK VIREO (AM) LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA GALE TUI (A/S Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)
- (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) WICHITA SAN FRANCISCO (CA) CHENANGO SUWANNEE (ACV) SAUFLEY AARON WARD (DD) BALLARD (AV) KANAWHA KANKAKEE LACKAWANNA NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER PC.476 PC.477 PC.479 RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)
- (8) At Auckland - SAN DIEGO (CL) EBONY (YN) ANTRAKES FOMALHAUT (AK) SOLACE (AH)
- (9) At Wellington - LOUISVILLE (CA) GRAYSON (DD) TRACY (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM) PRES. HAYES PRES. JACKSON PRES. ADAMS CRESCENT CITY (AP) LIBRA (AK)

C. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

"NEPAL" en route Mauritius to Fremantle ETA a.m. April 2nd.

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

Oro Bay - Shipping and wharf area at Oro Bay were attacked at 1145/28 by 25 medium bombers and 10 to 15 dive bombers escorted by a strong formation of fighters. Apart from a number of launches, 3 ships were apparently at Oro Bay at the time of the attack:-
H.M.A.S. "BOWEN", M.V. "BANTAM" & "MASAYA" (old U.S. destroyer converted).

Of these three ships M.V. "BANTAM" (Dutch - 3,300 ton freighter) suffered three direct hits from dive bombers while unloading:

she was badly holed and set on fire. "BANTAM" was beached but may be a total loss. European crew are all safe but native crew are not yet completely accounted for.

"MASAYA" (old U.S. converted destroyer - 1170 tons) also received a direct hit when she was 5 miles outside Oro Bay. She sank within an hour.

A direct hit was suffered on the new wharf and a preliminary report states that both pontoons were destroyed.


Known casualties reported to date number six, probably all from "MASAYA".

Enemy aircraft were first located at 1115/28, and 8 Lightnings and 8 Kittyhawks on patrol attacked the raiders. A further 8 Lightnings and 7 Kittyhawks were despatched to supplement our patrol fighters.

The Kittyhawks destroyed 5 Zero's and 2 dive bombers plus probably another 6 Zero's and 4 dive bombers. Lightnings destroyed 6 Zero's and probably another 2 making a total of 11 Zero's and 2 dive-bombers certain plus 8 Zero's and 4 dive bombers probably. One Kittyhawk only is missing.

III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A particularly Central & Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Possible offensive activity from East Indies area including further infiltration to the eastward along south coast Dutch New Guinea.
- (3) Possible offensive activity in N.W. Pacific.
- (4) Increased offensive submarine activity.


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

29/3/43

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser	AUSTRALIA	
6" Cruisers	PHOENIX	HOBART VAN HEEMSKERK
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT SELFRIDGE	
Destroyers	HELM HENLEY RALPH TALBOT BAGLEY MUGFORD TJERK HIDDERS STUART VENDETTA	PATTERSON BUCHANAN RUSSELL
Submarines	ALBACORE) GROUPEL) GROWLER) PETO) AMBERJACK) GATO) GRAM PUS) GRAYBACK) GREENLING) GUARDFISH) TRITON) TUNA))	At Brisbane On Patrol At Sydney
Submarine Tender	FULTON	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBS	
Gunboats	TULSA HILO	
Combat Loaded Transports	MANOORA	WESTRALIA (On Reserve)
Oilers	AASE MAERSK BISHOPDALE KURUMBA VICTORIA	

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

CinC Combined Fleet		
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)		
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)		
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)		
3-4 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO MUSASHI MUTSU NAGATO	
2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)	HOSHO ZUIKAKU)	Poss. Empire Waters
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)	ZUIHO)	
2 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	UNYO RYUHO	
6 heavy cruisers (CA)	ATAGO TAKAO AOBA HAGURO KUMANO SUZUYA	MOGAMI (bel.sunk 14/11) MYOKO (poss.sunk 13-14/11)

EffectiveNon-effective

5 light cruisers (CL)

JINTSU
SENDAI
KATORI
KASHIMA
NAGARA

2 or 3 armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)

Approx 25-30 Submarines (SS)

Approx 30 Destroyers (DD)

2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)

CHITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA

5-6 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)

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

Approx 479 shore based aircraft incl. 214 F, 141 M/B, 40 L/B, 16 F/B,

51 F/P, 17 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN SECTION(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser

ADELAIDE

Flotilla Leader

TROMP

Armed Merchant Cruiser

KANIMBLA

Destroyer

VAN GALEN

S/P Tenders

HERON

W.B. PRESTON

CHILDS

Submarine Tender

PELIAS

Submarines

GAR)

GRAYLING)

GRENADIER)

GUDGEON)

TAMBOR)

TAUTOG)

TROUT)

THRESHER)

K.12)

On Patrol

At Fremantle

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES AREA(i) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

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

1 heavy cruiser (CA)

ASHIGARA

6 light cruisers (CL)

KASHII

NATORI (damaged 21/1)

KUMA

ISUZU

OI

KITAGAMI

1 Armed Merchant Cruiser (XCL)

Approx 16 destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane Carrier (CVS)

NOTORO

Approx 216 shore-based aircraft incl. 93 F, 78 B, 3 F/B, 26 F/P,

16 transport aircraft.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA

WASHINGTON

NORTH CAROLINA

MASSACHUSETTS

MARYLAND

COLORADO

Aircraft Carriers

ENTERPRISE

SARATOGA

Converted A/C Carriers

CHENANGO

SANGAMON

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE

SAN FRANCISCO

WICHITA

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
6" Cruisers	HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA MONTPELLIER DENVER	
5" Cruisers	SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	
Destroyers	50 (approx)	

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships (BB)	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO NEVADA	WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE
Converted A/C Carrier Auxiliary A/C Carriers	LONG ISLAND NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHIE	
8" Cruisers	SALT LAKE CITY NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA PORTLAND

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

CinC 1st Fleet	
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)	
6-7 Battleships (BB)	ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA HARUNA KONGO
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	SHOKAKU
2 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	HAYATAKA HITAKA
2 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	OTAKA CHUYO
4 heavy cruisers (CA)	TONE TIKUMA CHOKAI one unknown
1 light cruiser (CL)	ABUKUMA
2 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)	
2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)	NISSHIN KAMO I
1-2 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)	
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)	
Approx 20 Destroyers (DD)	
Approx 30 Submarines (SS)	

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser	INDIANAPOLIS
6" Cruisers	DETROIT RALBIGH
10 Destroyers	
10 Submarines	

(ii) Enemy Forces: (N. Hon shu-Kuriles-Aleutians)

CinC 5th Fleet	
1 heavy cruiser (CA)	NACHI
2 light cruisers (CL)	TAMA KISO
1 or 2 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)	
Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)	
Approx 10 Submarines (SS)	

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
REVENGE

Aircraft Carrier

* ILLUSTRIOUS

Seaplane Carrier

ALBATROSS

8" Cruiser

DEVONSHIRE

7.5" Cruisers

HAWKINS

6" Cruisers

PROBISHER

MAURITIUS

DURBAN

GAMBIA

CARADOC

BIRMINGHAM

ENTERPRISE

LIVERPOOL

ARETHUSA

CERES

DAUNTLESS

CAPETOWN

Armed Merchant Cruisers

ALAUNIA

CARTHAGE

CHITRAL

RANPURA

RANCHI

Worcestershire

Approx 27 Destroyers

Approx 9 Submarines

* No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY30th March, 1943I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCESSOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/30:

- (1) "SUMNER" "SC.744" "SC.746" on survey duty Deboyne Islands area.
- (2) "KAPUNDA" escorting "KHOEN HOEA" departed Port Moresby 0610/28 for Milne Bay.
- (3) "WILCANNIA" escorting "SIBIGO" departed Darwin 0502/26 for Thursday Island, was due 2000/29.
- (4) "ECHUCA" escorting "LADY ISOBEL" departed Thursday Island 0630/28 for Port Moresby, was due 0700/30.
- (5) "BALLARAT" escorting "MONTORO" (for Cairns) departed Port Moresby 1835/27. "BALLARAT" to provide escort to Fitzroy Island.
- (6) "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" were to depart Townsville 1400/29 for exercises and to proceed to Challenger Bay ETA 0800/30.
- (7) "BUNGAREE" en route Caloundra ETA 2200/1 April and Sydney 0200/4 April.
- (8) "GEELONG" escorting "BISHOPDALE" to Brisbane.
- (9) "WARREGO" escorting Convoy TN61 ("TAROONA") departed Townsville 0400/29 for Milne Bay ETA 1100/31.
- (10) "GYMPIE" escorting "MERKUR" "MANGOLA" "AROONA" for Townsville departed Caloundra 0700/27. On arrival Dent Island convoy to proceed independently and "GYMPIE" return Brisbane.
- (11) "LITHGOW" escorting "PRESIDENT JOHNSON" departed Brisbane 1800/29. "PRESIDENT JOHNSON" en route San Francisco ETA 17/4.
- (12) "SELFRIDGE" operating with submarine to seaward of Cape Moreton.
- (13) "YP.291" departed Brisbane 2328/28 to exercise to seaward of Cape Moreton.
- (14) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "GLENELG"
	Merchant Vessels: "VAN OUTHOORN" "MULCRA"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "BOWEN" "BROOME" "HILO" 15 PT's
	Merchant Vessels: "HENRY DEARBORN" "VAN SPILBERGEN"
	"KARSIK"
	Small Craft - Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "BAGLEY" "WAGGA" "PRES. GRANT"
	SC.748 HDML.1161
	Merchant Vessels: "ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "CHARON"
	"VAN DER LIJN" "EDWARD R. SILL" "PAINE WINGATE"
	"CAROLA" "WEST CACTUS" "H.D. THOREAU"
	Small Craft - Approx 20
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux.
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA" "WHYALLA" "PIRIE"
	"PLATYPUS" "YP.280" 10 PT's (2 refitting)
Palm Island	- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "HELM"
	"HENLEY" "MUGFORD" "AASE MAERSK" "YUNNAN"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 SC.748"
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "KATOOMBA" "BUNBURY" "TULSA"
	"FULTON" "POYANG" (A.S.I.S) YP.233 YP.236 YMS.8
	YMS.10 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.70 SC.738
	SC.740 SC.745 SC.747 SC.749 SC.750 PC.1119
	PC.1121 "VICTORIA" "CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship)
	(Repairing, Trials etc.) "SWAN" "GOULBURN" "GLADSTONE" "PREMANTLE"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Solomons-Barge Activity - Barge activity was reported at Rendova Island and Kolombangara Island on night 27-28th, and on 28/3 at Rendova, and in the early morning 29/3 at Kolombangara. A barge was sighted off Wickham Island morning 29/3.
- (2) Ysabel - One vessel (size not stated) was reported in Rekata Bay morning 29/3. The last reports of shipping in this area were of 2 small cargo vessels loaded with deck cargo in Rekata Bay on 25th October last and one small vessel, possibly a corvette anchored near a small island off Rekata Bay on 28th December.
- Three aircraft landed at Rekata Bay evening 28/3 and an unspecified number landed early morning 29/3. Six aircraft took off an hour later.
- (3) Choiseul Island - Two destroyers were sighted 10 miles east of Nanango Point (34 miles SE by E of Cape Alexander) on course 3200 29/3. These destroyers were probably engaged on routine patrol activity.
- (4) Shortlands - 6 cargo vessels (including one very large) were reported in the area 29/3. Photographs of this area 28/3 and 29/3 reveal the following aircraft -
- | | 28/3 | 29/3 |
|---------|-------------|----------------------------------|
| Kahili | Fighters 58 | Fighters 43 |
| | Bombers 2 | Bombers 3 |
| Faisi | 27 F/P | 14 F/P (of which 4 were damaged) |
| Ballale | 2 u/i a/c | 3 fighters |
- (partial coverage)
- (5) New Hanover Area - One 8000 ton transport was sighted 5 miles S.W. of Cape Matanalem on northerly course at approx 0946/29. Approx one hour later this vessel was sighted 30 miles north of Cape Matanalem on course 005° speed 20 knots.
- A convoy comprising 2 destroyers
2 transports (6,000 tons)
3 cargo vessels (6-8000 tons)
1 3,000 ton vessel
- was sighted 30 miles south by east Cape Matanalem on course 300° at 1100/29. This force appears to be en route from Rabaul probably to Palau.
- (6) Bismarck Sea - The aircraft responsible for the above sightings also reported sighting four vessels 50 miles SW of Kavieng heading SW. No time was given for this sighting, but it would appear to have been made during morning 29/3. This morning 30/3 at 0735, a force, probably comprising four destroyers, was sighted 65 miles north of Cape Gloucester on course 80° and again at 0900 further on this course with fighter cover. It would seem likely that this force has been engaged in running supplies during the night hours to some Japanese position on the north New Guinea coast, possibly Finschhafen, following the same technique as was adopted by the "Tokyo Express" in ferrying supplies between the Shortlands and Guadalcanal.
- (7) Gasmata - Photos noon 29/3 revealed one effective dive bomber on the runway which is serviceable.
- (8) Wewak - One 400 ton vessel and two small boats were sighted in harbour noon 29/3.
- (9) Monumbo Harbour - 3 barges were sighted in Monumbo Harbour (5 miles N.W. Bogia Harbour) at 0900/29.
- (10) Bieng Island Area - An unspecified number of aircraft, described as fighters were sighted on a small island N.W. of Bieng Island at 1910/29.
- (11) Dobodura - An enemy recon aircraft over Dobodura was intercepted midday 29th and destroyed by allied aircraft.
- (12) Oro Bay - 6 bombers made a further attack at 0400/29 in which the wharf was further damaged and a fuel dump hit. A recon aircraft over Oro Bay was shot down at 1100/29. N.O.I.C. Oro Bay reports that he can still receive big ships, and "GLENELG" escorting "VAN OUTHOORN" & "MULCRA" arrived p.m. 29/3.
- (13) Shortlands - A further report states that 7 Fortresses, 5 Liberators attacked Kahili runway early morning 29/3 scoring hits. One

Corsair and 5 Lightnings strafed the Faisi seaplane base setting fire to five to seven planes. On their return these aircraft strafed a destroyer 10 miles SE of Faisi which was left smoking.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/30:

- (1) "INVERELL" escorting Convoy TD16 ("KURUMBA" "DARVEL") dep. Thursday Island 0730/28 for Darwin ETA 1430/31.
(2) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE" "LATROBE"
Merchant Vessels: "KOOLIGA" "BABINDA" "TULAGI"
"ALAGNA"

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/30:

- (1) "W.B. PRESTON" departed Fremantle 0835/28 for Exmouth Gulf.
(2) "LARK" departed Fremantle 1612/29 for Exmouth Gulf ETA 1200/1 April.
(3) "TJERK HIDDEN" departed Melbourne 1601/27 for Fremantle ETA 0700/1 April.
(4) "KANIMBLA" en route Colombo to Sydney ETA 1130/3 April.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "QUIBERON"
"VAN GALEN" "PELIAS" "ISABEL" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO"
"WALLAROO" "OTUS"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" "WHIPPOORWILL"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/30:

- X (1) "MOUNT VERNON" en route Noumea to Melbourne ETA 0700/31.
(2) "NASHVILLE" "CRAVEN" en route Espiritu Santo to Sydney ETA approx 31/3.
(3) "MORESEBY" en route Sydney after escorting Convoy OC82 to Newcastle.
(4) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC83 departed Port Phillip 2259/29 to RV in Wilson's Promontory area with "DELORAINÉ" "MILDURA" escorting Convoy C083 ETA Convoy OC83 Port Kembla 1800/1 April, Sydney 2359/1 April, Newcastle 0600/2 April.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "KYBRA" "BENDIGO"
"SHEPPARTON" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "BUNDABERG"
"YANDRA" "WARRNAMBOOL" "TOWNSVILLE" "GOLD STAR"
YDG.2 YP.286 YP.288

Sydney (Contd.) Warships & Aux.
 (Repairing) "HOBART" "RALPH TALBOT" "BUCHANAN" "PATTERSON"
 "VAN HEEMSKERK" "RUSSELL" "MANUNDA" (Hospital
 Ship) "ALHENA"
 (On Reserve) "WESTRALIA"
 Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "LE TRIOMPHANT" "SPRINGDALE"
 "H.T.ALLEN" "MANOORA"
 (Repairing) "COLAC"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) LEANDER (CL) McCALLA SMITH
 FARENHOLT LANSDOWNE WOODWORTH LARDNER O'BANNON TAYLOR
 CHEVALIER FLETCHER (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) THORNTON (AVD)
 ATHENE (ACV) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) AMERICAN LEGION
 FULLER HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) ALCHIBA ALDEBARAN CELENO (AK)
 SABINE NEOSHO PLATTE PATUXENT WHIPSTOCK (AO) SKYLARK
 CONSTANT (AM) NAUTILUS (SS) CHANTLEER (ASR) ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (CV)
 COLUMBIA SAN JUAN (CL) BALCH GRIDLEY HUGHES DUNIA P
 FANNING CASE CUMMINGS CONYNGHAM READ MAHAN MUSTIN
 PERKINS (DD) ENGADINE (ACV) JAMESTOWN (PG) PROMETHEUS (AR)
 ARGONNE (AG) WHITNEY (AD) McCAWLEY (AP) MAJABA TALAMANCA
 MERCURY TITANIA (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD) TRYON (APH)
 PECOS SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) KINGFISHER ADROIT (AM)
 ARD.2 KIWI (A/S Vessel) SC.739
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
- (5) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK VIREO (AM) LOCUST
 BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA GALE TUI (A/S
 Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO)
 STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)
- (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) WICHITA SAN FRANCISCO (CA)
 SANGAMON CHENANGO SUWANNEE (ACV) SAUFLEY AARON WARD
 LANG CONY (DD) BALLARD (AV) KANAWHA KANKAKEE LACKAWANNA
 NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER PC.476 PC.477 PC.479
 RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)
- (8) At Auckland - SAN DIEGO (CL) EBONY (YN) ANTARES FOMALHAUT
 PINCKNEY (AK) SOLACE (AH)
- (9) At Wellington - LOUISVILLE (CA) GRAYSON (DD) TRACY (DM)
 SHELDRAKE (AM) PRES.HAYES PRES.JACKSON PRES.ADA'S
 CRESCENT CITY (AP) LIBRA (AK)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) New Hebrides - A native report states that an enemy submarine
 was sighted SW of Malekula Island at 1100/24 proceeding on a
 southerly course.
- (2) Funafuti Is. - Two allied aircraft intercepted four enemy bombers
 30 miles NW of Funafuti Island shooting down one and dispersing
 the others at 1054/28.

C. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

"NEPAL" en route Mauritius to Fremantle ETA a.m. April 2nd.

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

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III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central & Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
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30/3/43

A P P E N D I X.

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA.

1. EASTERN SECTION

Effective Non-effective

(1) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser	AUSTRALIA	
6" Cruisers	PHOENIX	HOBART VAN HEEMSKERK
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT SELFRIDGE	
Destroyers	HELM HENLEY BAGLEY MUGFORD TJERK HIBDES STUART VENDETTA ALBACORE) GROUPE) GROWLER) At Brisbane PETO) AMBERJACK) GATO) GRAMPUS) GRAYBACK) GREENLING) GUARDFISH) On Patrol TRITON) TUNA) K.9 At Sydney	PATTERSON BUCHANAN RUSSELL RALPH TALBOT
Submarines		
Submarine Tender	FULTON	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboats	TULSA HILO	
Combat Loaded Transports	MANOORA	WESTRALIA (on reserve)
Oilers	AASE MAERSK BISHOPDALE KURUMBA VICTORIA	

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

CinC Combined Fleet	YAMATO	
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)	MUSASHI	
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)	MUTSU	
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)	NAGATO	
3-4 Battleships (BB)	HOSHO	
	ZUIKAKU)	
2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)	ZUIHO) Poss. Empire Waters	
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)	UNYO	
2 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	RYUHO	
	ATAGO	MOGAMI (bel.sunk 14/11)
6 heavy cruisers (CA)	TAKAO	MYOKO (poss.sunk 13-14/11)
	AOBA	
	HAGURO	
	KUMANO	
	SUZUYA	

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
5 light cruisers (CL)	JINTSU SENDAI KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA	
2 or 3 armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)		
Approx 25-30 Submarines (SS)		
Approx 30 Destroyers (DD)		
2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA	
5-6 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)		
Several Submarine Tenders		
Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)		
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft		
Approx. 466 shore based aircraft incl. 203 F, 141 M/B, 38 SE/B, 16 F/B, 51 F/P, 17 Obsn. or transport aircraft		

2. WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

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

3. EAST INDIES-PHILIPPINES AREA.

(i) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

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

1 heavy cruiser (CA)	ASHIGARA	
6 light cruisers (CL)	KASHII	NATORI (damaged 21/1)
	KUMA	
	ISUZU	
	OI	
	KITAGAMI	

1 Armed Merchant Cruiser (XCL)		
Approx 16 destroyers (DD)		
Approx 7 submarines (SS)		
1 Seaplane Carrier (CVS)		NOTORO
Approx 216 shore-based aircraft incl. 93 F, 78 M/B, 3 F/B, 26 F/P. 16 transport aircraft.		

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	INDIANA WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO
Aircraft Carriers	ENTERPRISE SARATOGA
Converted A/C Carriers	CHENANGO SANGAMON

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective.</u>
8" Cruisers	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO	
6" Cruisers	WICHITA HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA MONTPELLIER DENVER	
5" Cruisers	SAN DIEGO	
Destroyers	SAN JUAN 50 (approx)	

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships (BB)	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO NEVADA LONG ISLAND NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE
Converted A/C Carrier Auxiliary A/C Carriers		
8" Cruisers	SALT LAKE CITY NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA PORTLAND

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

CinC 1st Fleet	
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)	
6-7 Battleships (BB)	ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA HARUNA KONGO SHOKAKU HAYATAKA HITAKA OTAKA CHUYO TONE TIKUMA CHOKAI One unknown ABUKUMA
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	
2 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	
2 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	
4 heavy cruisers (CA)	
1 light cruiser (CL)	
2 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)	
2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)	NISSHIN KAMOI
1-2 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)	
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)	
Approx 20 Destroyers (DD)	
Approx 30 Submarines (SS)	

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser	INDIANAPOLIS
6" Cruisers	DETROIT RALEIGH
10 Destroyers	
10 Submarines	

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

CinC 5th Fleet	
1 heavy cruiser (CA)	NACHI
2 light cruisers (CL)	TAMA KISO
1 or 2 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)	
Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)	
Approx. 10 Submarines (SS)	

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
REVENGE

Aircraft Carrier

* ILLUSTRIOUS

Seaplane Carrier

ALBATROSS

8" Cruiser

DEVONSHIRE

7.5" Cruisers

HAWKINS

6" Cruisers

FROBISHER

DURBAN

MAURITIUS

CARADOC

GAMBIA

BIRMINGHAM

ENTERPRISE

LIVERPOOL

ARETHUSA

CERES

DAUNTLESS

CAPETOWN

Armed Merchant Cruisers

ALAUNIA

CARTHAGE

CHITRAL

RANPURA

RANCHI

WORCESTERSHIRE

Approx 27 destroyers

Approx 9 submarines

* No recent intelligence.
Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

31st March, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/31:

- (1) "SUMNER" "SC.744" "SC.746" on survey duty Deboyne Islands area.
- (2) "ECHUCA" escorting "LADY ISOBEL" departed Thursday Island 0630/28 for Port Moresby.
- (3) "BAGLEY" escorting "PAINE WINGATE" (for Townsville) departed Port Moresby 1503/30. "BAGLEY" to escort to Fitzroy Island ETA 1300/1 April. "BAGLEY" to rejoin Task Force 74.
- (4) "BOWEN" escorting "HENRY DEARBORN" departed Milne Bay 0957/30 for Townsville ETA 0600/2 April.
- (5) "BUNGAREE" en route Caloundra ETA 2200/1 April and Sydney 0200/4 April.
- (6) "GYMPIE" returning Brisbane after escort duty.
- (7) "MUGFORD" en route from Cape Cleveland to Brisbane ETA Cape Moreton 0900/1 April.
- (8) "WARREGO" escorting Convoy TN61 ("TAROONA") departed Townsville 0400/29 for Milne Bay, was due 1100/31.
- (9) "ARUNTA" was to RV with Convoy TN62 ("MAETSUYCKER" "JANSSENS" "HANYANG") off Fitzroy Island at 0700/31 and escort to Milne Bay.
- (10) "BALLARAT" towing ML.815 "ROCKLEA" was to depart Townsville 0600/31. ML.815 to be detached at Ince Point. "BALLARAT" to tow "ROCKLEA" to Port Moresby.
- (11) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "GLENELG"
	Merchant Vessels: "VAN OUTHOORN" "MULGRA"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "KAPUNDA" "BROOME" "HILO" 15 PT's
	Merchant Vessels: "VAN SPILBERGEN" "KARSIK"
	"KHOEN HOEA"
	Small Craft - Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "WAGGA" "PRES. GRANT" SC.748
	HDML.1161
	Merchant Vessels: "ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "CHARON"
	"VAN DER LIJN" "EDWARD R. STILL" "CAROLA"
	"WEST CACTUS" "H.D. THOREAU"
	Small Craft - Approx 20
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "WILCANNIA"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA" "WHYALLA" "PIRIE"
	"PLATYPUS" YP.280 10 PT's (2 refitting)
Palm Island	- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "WARRAMUNGA"
	"HELM" "HENLEY" "AASE MAERSK"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 SC.748
	"MERKUR" "YUNNAN"
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "SELFRIDGE" "GEELONG" "LITHGOW"
	"KATOOMBA" "BUNBURY" "TULSA" "FULTON" "POYANG (ASIS)
	YP.233 YP.236 YP.291 YMS.8 YMS.10 YMS.46
	YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.70 SC.738 SC.740 SC.745
	SC.747 SC.749 SC.750 PC.1119 PG.1121
	"BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA" "CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship)
	(Repairing, Trials etc) "SWAN" "GOULBURN" "GLADSTONE" "FREMANTLE"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Rekata Bay - A floatplane landed at Rekata Bay 1900/29.
- (2) Shortlands - Photographs a.m. 29/3 show a wrecked coastal steamer. Com. 3rd Fleet suggests that it may have struck a mine.
- Kahili was harassed during the night 29-30/3 by a Fortress.
- (3) Open Bay - A camouflaged vessel of about 100 feet was sighted and unsuccessfully bombed at Ulo (6 miles S.W. Ubili).
- (4) Gasmata - Gasmata aerodrome was attacked by 5 Liberators 1336/30 as an alternative target to the enemy convoy north of New Britain which was not located.
- (5) Cape Gloucester - A 70 ft. schooner was sighted anchored off Kakassi (13 miles E. Cape Gloucester) 1200/30.
- (6) Wewak - At 0745/30 2 small vessels were sighted in Wewak Harbour.
- (7) Eitel Friedrich Harbour (45 miles N.W. Madang) - Five beached barges were seen 0700/30 at Ulingan. The barges were apparently laden with supplies.
- (8) Bogia - At 0900/30 one probable landing barge was seen in Bogia Harbour.
- (9) Saidor - The enemy party or a part thereof which was reported 27/3 to have occupied Saidor and villages in the immediate vicinity departed towards the S.E. during the night of the 28th. This party returned to Saidor 29/3 and on 30/3 was reported camping at various villages in the vicinity.
- (10) Finschhafen - A Catalina on night patrol reported nil enemy shipping in the Finschhafen area up to 0220/30. A Fortress, however, over the area from 0230 onwards reported having sighted a definite five ship convoy 8,000 yards off-shore from Nugidu Peninsula (near the entrance to Finsch Harbour). The vessels were stationary when first seen and one was believed to have been positively identified as a large destroyer which was hit by a bomb. Four ships of the convoy were seen shortly before 0300/30 departing from the area on course 300° speed 25-30 knots.
- In view of the sighting 29/3 of 4 ships headed towards this goal it would appear that a fifth ship, possibly one of the small vessels which have been seen repeatedly further up the New Guinea coast, may have joined the 4 destroyers and gone into Finschhafen with them. This vessel may have remained behind as only 4 destroyers were sighted later 30/3 departing on a course towards Kavieng.
- The town area and waterfront were attacked from 0530-1345/30 by Beaufighters, Bostons, B.25's, Liberators and Fortresses.
- (11) Morobe - The area from the Waria River through Sappa Village up to Morobe (southern jaw of Morobe Harbour) was reported 29/3 to be clear of the enemy.
- (12) Oro Bay - An enemy air raid probably by 3 aircraft was made on Oro Bay at 0400/30. The majority of bombs fell in the Bay and little damage was suffered.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/31:

- (1) "INVERELL" escorting Convoy TD16 ("KURUMBA" "DARVEL") dep. Thursday Island 0730/28 for Darwin ETA 1430/31.
- (2) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE" "LATROBE"
Merchant Vessels: "KOOLIGA" "BABINDA" "TULAGI"
"ALAGNA"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Gulf of Carpentaria - H.M.A.S. "INVERELL" reported contact with a submarine in position 11°37'S, 139°39'E at 2151/28.
- (2) Kaimana - Six small vessels were sighted in Kaimana Bay at 1225/30.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/31:

- (1) "W.B. PRESTON" departed Fremantle 0835/28 for Exmouth Gulf.
- (2) "LARK" departed Fremantle 1612/29 for Exmouth Gulf ETA 1200/1 April.
- (3) "TJERK HIDDES" departed Melbourne 1601/27 for Fremantle ETA 0700/1 April.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "QUIBERON"
"VAN GALEN" "PELIAS" "ISABEL" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO"
"WALLAROO" "OTUS"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" "WHIPPOORWILL"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/31:

- (1) "MOUNT VERNON" en route Noumea to Melbourne ETA 0700/31.
- (2) "NASHVILLE" "CRAVEN" en route Espiritu Santo to Sydney ETA approx 31/3.
- (3) "STUART" sailing as convenient 31/3 to RV with "MIZAR" at 0530/1 April and escort to Sydney.
- (4) "BENDIGO" departed Sydney 2250/30 to RV with Convoy C084 off Nobby's Head, "MCRESEBY" providing additional escort from Sydney.
- (5) "KANIMBLA" en route Colombo to Sydney ETA 1030/3 April.
- (6) "DELORAIN" "MILDURA" escorting Convoy OC83 ETA Port Kembla 1800/1 April, Sydney 2359/1 April, Newcastle 0600/2 April.
- (7) "ROCKHAMPTON" "YANDRA" "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting Convoy GP41 was to depart Sydney 0900/31 ETA Caloundra 0600/3 April.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "KYBRA" "SHEPPARTON" "ABRAHAM
CRYNSEN" "BUNDABERG" "TOWNSVILLE" "GOLD STAR"
YDG.2 YP.286 YP.288
(Repairing) "HOBART" "RALPH TALBOT" "BUCHANAN" "PATTERSON"
"VAN HEEMSKERK" "RUSSELL" "MANUNDA" (Hospital
Ship) "ALHENA"
(On Reserve) "WESTRALIA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "LE TRIOMPHANT" "SPRINGDALE"
"DOOMBA" "H.T. ALLEN" "MANOORA"
(Repairing) "COLAC"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
(2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) HELENA LEANDER (CL) McCALLA SMITH FARENHOLT LANSDOWNE WOODWORTH LARDNER O'BANNON TAYLOR CHEVALIER FLETCHER MANLEY HOPKINS TREVER (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) THORNTON (AVD) ATHENE (ACV) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) AMERICAN LEGION FULLER HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) ALCHIBA ALDEBARAN CELENO (AK) SABINE NEOSHO PLATTE PATUXENT WHIPSTOCK (AO) SKYLARK CONSTANT (AM) NAUTILUS (SS) ROSEWOOD (YN)
~~(3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (CV) COLUMBIA SAN JUAN (CL) BALCH GRIDLEY HUGHES DUNLAP FANNING CASE CUMMINGS CONYNGHAM READ MAHAN MUSTIN PERKINS (DD) ENGADINE (ACV) JAMESTOWN (PG) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AG) WHITNEY (AD) McCAWLEY (AP) MAJABA TALAMANCA MERCURY TITANIA (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD) TRYON (AP H) PECOS SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) KINGFISHER ADROIT (AM) ARD.2 KIWI (A/S Vessel) SC.739 CHANTICLEER (ASR)~~
(4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
(5) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM)
(6) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK VIREO (AM) LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA GALE TUI (A/S Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)
(7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) WICHITA SAN FRANCISCO (CA) CLEVELAND MONTELLIER DENVER (CL) SANGAMON CHENANGO SUWANNEE (ACV) SAUFLEY AARON WARD EATON CONWAY WALLER RENSHAW PHILLIP (DD) LANG CONY (DD) BALLARD (AV) KANAWHA LACKAWANNA KANKAKEE NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER PC.476 PC.477 PC.479 RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)
(8) At Auckland - SAN DIEGO (CL) EBONY (YN) ANTAIRES FOMALHAUT PINCKNEY (AK) SOLACE (AH)
(9) At Wellington - LOUISVILLE (CA) GRAYSON (DD) TRACY (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM) PRES.HAYES PRES.JACKSON PRES.ADAMS CRESCENT CITY (AP) LIBRA (AK)

C. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

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31/3/43

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Submarines	ALBACORE) AMBERJACK) GROUPEL) At Brisbane GROWLER) PETO) GATO) GRAMPUS) GRAYBACK) GREENLING) On Patrol GUARDFISH) TRITON) TUNA) K.9) At Sydney	
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2 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	H NYO RYUHO

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
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Oiler		

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5" Cruisers	SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN
Destroyers	50 (approx)

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	NORTH CAROLINA IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO NEVADA	WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE
Converted A/C Carrier Auxiliary A/C Carriers	LONG ISLAND NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	
8" Cruisers	SALT LAKE CITY NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA PORTLAND

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

CinC 1st Fleet	
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)	
6-7 Battleships (BB)	ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA HARUNA KONGO
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	SHOKAKU
2 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	HAYATAKA HITAKA
2 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	OTAKA CHUYO
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(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser	INDIANAPOLIS
6" Cruisers	DETROIT
	RALEIGH
10 Destroyers	
10 Submarines	

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

CinC 5th Fleet	
1 heavy cruiser (CA)	NACHI
2 light cruisers (CL)	TAMA
	KISO
1 or 2 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)	
Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)	
Approx 10 Submarines (SS)	

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers	CONCORD
	TRENTON
	RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces

Battleships	WARSPITE	
	RESOLUTION	
	REVENGE	
Aircraft Carrier	* ILLUSTRIOUS	
Seaplane Carrier	ALBATROSS	
8" Cruiser	DEVONSHIRE	
7.5" Cruisers	HAWKINS	
	PROBISHER	
6" Cruisers	MAURITIUS	DURBAN
	GAMBIA	CARADOC
	BIRMINGHAM	
	ENTERPRISE	
	LIVERPOOL	
	ARETHUSA	
	CERES	
	DAUNTLESS	
	CAPETOWN	
Armed Merchant Cruisers	ALAUNIA	
	CARTHAGE	
	CHITRAL	
	RANPURA	
	RANCHI	
	WORCESTERSHIRE	
Approx 27 Destroyers		
Approx 9 Submarines		

* Note: No recent intelligence.
Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 Submarines

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser	INDIANAPOLIS
6" Cruisers	DETROIT
	RALEIGH
10 Destroyers	
10 Submarines	

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

CinC 5th Fleet	
2 light cruisers (CL)	TAMA
	XXXX KISO
2-3 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)	
Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)	
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)	

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers	CONCORD
	TRENTON
	RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	WARSPITE	
	RESOLUTION	
	* RAMILLIES	
	REVENGE	
	* ROYAL SOVEREIGN	
Aircraft Carrier	* ILLUSTRIOUS	
Seaplane Carrier	ALBATROSS	
8" Cruisers	DEVONSHIRE	
	* GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)	
7.5" Cruisers	HAWKINS	
	PROBISHER	
6" Cruisers	MAURITIUS	* GLASGOW
	CAMBIA	* EMERALD
	BIRMINGHAM	* DANAE
	ENTERPRISE	DURBAN
	LIVERPOOL	CARADOC
	ARETHUSA	
	CERES	
	DAUNTLESS	
	* DRAGON	
	CAPTOWN	
	* CALEDON	
	* SUMATRA (Dutch)	
Armed Merchant Cruisers	ALAUZIA	
	CARTHAGE	
	* CORFU	
	CHITRAL	
	RANPURA	
	RANCHI	
	WORCESTERSHIRE	
A.A. Ship	* CARLISLE	

* Note: No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 Submarines