GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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

No. 763

Date 1 March, 1944

PART I.

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/1:

"SC'S 732, 748" departed Milne Bay 1400/29 for Langemak ETA \$700/2.
"YMS 334" departed Milne Bay 1500/29 for Lae ETA 1300/1.
"GASCOYNE" (PF) "PC.1121" maintaining A/S patrol vicinity of
"PRESIDENT GRANT", aground on S.W. corner of Uluma
Reef. Practically all personnel disembarked except ship's complement; one ship standing by to disembark remaining personnel if required; discharge of valuable cargo proceeding; salvage operations in progress with diving party; "RESERVE" "SONOMA" (AT) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) standing by to assist.

(5)

"GLENELG" (AMS) conducting A/S patrol China Strait.

"BALLARAT" departed Cairns 0420/29 to RV at 0600/29 with Convoy

TN.223 ("OZARK") ex Townsville, off Fitzroy Is. whence

"BALLARAT" escorts to Fort Moresby ETA 1100/2.

"BROOME" escorting Convoy TN.224 (2 MV) departed Townsville 1600/28.

"CASTLEMAINE" "SC744" (ex Cairns) to RV off Fitzroy Is. (6)

at 0900/29 whence convoy proceeds Milne Bay ETA 1600/2.

"WESTRALIA" (APA) departed Sydney 1100/26 for Milne Bay ETA 1600/2.

"STUART" (DD) escorting Convoy MV.70 ("SEA SNIPE" "CAPE NEDDICK")

0500/2; "SEA SNIPE" 1800/3.

"BUNDABERG" "BENDIGO" "PIRIE" escorting Convoy MV.69 departed Milne

Bay 0600/29 for Townsville ETA 1500/3.

"MA DINDA" (AMS) departed Milne Bay 1430/29 for Grefton Passage ETA (8)

(9)

"KAPUNDA" (AMS) departed Milne Bay 1430/29 for Grafton Passage ETA (10) 0500/2.

"BOWEN" (AMS) departed Thursday Is. 1042/29 for Egret Reef ETA 1700/1 thence Cairns; to render any assistance and investigate and report position of "OMAHA" aground on (11)S. point Egret Reef.

(12)

"KATOOMBA" on outer A/S patrol Grafton Passage area.
"BUNGAREE" (CM) departed Brisbane 1050/27 for Townsville due 1200/1.
"SC.745" was to depart Caloundra 2100/27 to relieve "WHYALLA" on

Sandy Cape patrol, returning Brisbane 1200/2. "WHYAILA" 15)

(16)

returns Brisbane on relief.

"GRISWOLD" (DE) proceeding Sydney ETA 1 March.

"GILMER" (AFD) departed Sydney 1826/28 for Milne Bay ETA 2000/2.

"SC.731" to RV at 1800/28 at Calcundra with 3 LCM. and 3 picket
boats (for Cairns ETA 0800/8) and accompany to Wide Bay
Bar whence "SC.731" proceeds Townsville ETA 1800/2 for (17)onward routeing to Thursday Is. for escort duty between Merauke and Thursday Is

"DELORAINE" departed Sydney 0920/29 on A/S patrol to Smoky Cape (18)and return.

"RANEE" (CVE) proceeding Fremantle via Bass Strait using Barren Rocks (19)

as gunnery target a.m. 1 March.

(20) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

"COWRA" intended to depart Brisbane 2 March, after boiler cleaning, (1)

for Milne Bay.

"CALAMARES" (AF) to depart Sydney 2 March for Milne Bay.

"SC.749" to sail as necessary to arrive Sandy Cape patrol area at 1200/2, carrying out A/S patrol until relieved by "WHYALLA" at 1200/5, returning thence to Brisbane. (2) (3)

In Harbour:

Tuam Is:				
Escorts	1	AMS	:	"SHEPPARTON"
Saidor:				
Merchantmen	3		:	"R.P.WARNER" "COMARA"
Finschhafen:				
Combat Units	41	PT		
Escorts	2	PC	:	1131, 1133
	6	SC	:	650, 734, 735, 737, 746, 750
	6	YMS		53, 73, 313, 314, 315, 335
		ML	:	428, 801, 803, 806
Auxiliaries	5			428, 801, 803, 806 "PORTUNUS" "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "OCTANS"
				(AF) "VICTORIA" (AO) YP.283
Merchantmen	23			"BARBARA C." "F.P.BLAIR" "BORGFRED" "BOTH"
Mer Olan Onoli	20		•	"RAMO" "MACTAN" "YOCHOW" "B.T.OSBORNE" "J. DEERE" "J.ROLPH" "J.NICOLET" "W.B. ALLISON" "G.V.L.MEYER" "W.ATWATER" "CAPE FLATTERY" "CAPE PERPETUA" "KLIPFONTEIN" "A.THOMAS" "R.P.WARNER" "CAPE CLEARE" "C.DARROW" "M.FULLER" "J.EARL"
Lae:				
Escorts	2	ML	2	425, 431
Merchantmen	12		:	"M.DALY" "J.B.KENDRICK" "H.T.RAINEY" "J.W.
				MELDRUM" "M.M.STEWART" "J.H.RUSK" "WICHITA" FAILS" "F.BILLINGS" "STAGEN" "PONCE" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "VAN OUTHORN"
Buna:				
Escorts	1	PS	:	"MORESBY"
	1	AMS		"BENALLA"
•	3	SC	1	"BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "SUSQUEHANNA" "TRINITY" (AO) "MERKUR" "MIZAR" "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "PINGWO" "POYANG" (ASIS) 2 YP: 278, 280
Merchantmen	4		:	"A.D.WHITE" "J.ALDEN" "ETAMIN" "DUNHAM WRIGHT"
Oro Bay:				Harmon H (and Harmon H (ma)
Auxiliaries	2		:	"RIGEL" (AR) "TULSA" (PG)
Merchantmen	11		:	"W.SHARON" "G.R.HEBARD" "CAPE LOOKOUT" "S.G. PORTER" "W.BEAUMONT" "K.D.WIGGINS" "F.A.WARDELL" "MANA" "J.BURROUGHS" "D. CROCKETT" "J.P.BRADLEY"
Kiriwina:				A STORY AND A STORY OF THE STOR
Combat Units		bili		
Escorts		ML	*	819
Auxiliaries	1		:	"HILO" (PG)
Merchan tmen	1		1	"VAN SWOLL"
Woodlark Is:				
Escorts	1	YMS	:	50
Goodenough Is:	-			
Merchan tmen	5		:	"W.C.CLAIRBORNE" "M.GRIFFITH" "N.E.MACK" "ORIZABA" "VAN DER LIJN"

#Milne Bay: "SHROPSHIRE" Combat Units 1 CA : "NASHVILLE" "PHOENIX" 2 CL : "STOCKTON" "STEVENSON" "HUTCHINS" "DALY" 28 DD "BACHE" "AMMEN" "BEALE" "BUSH" "WILKES" "HOBBY" "KALK" "BULLANY" "GILLESPIE" "WELLES" "REID" "FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "SMITH" "MAHAH" "CONYNGHAM" "DRAYTON" "SWAN SON"
"NICHOLSON" "WARRAMUNGA" "VENDETTA" "THORNE"
"ABNER READ" "ARUNTA" 23 PT * Note: Special operational movements forward of Milne Bay not shown "ARARAT" Escorts AMS 476, 479, 1119, 1122, 1124, 1133, 1134 698, 699, 735, 738, 742, 747, 750, 981 11, 49, 52, 70, 71, 316, 336 424, 430, 802, 816, 818 "HUMPEREYS" "SANDS" "BROOKS" (AFD) PC SC 8 7 YMS 5 ML Auxiliaries: 16 "HAMILTON" "LONG" (DMS) "SAN PABLO" "AVP) "DOBBIN" (AD) "AASE HAERSK"

"BISHCPDALE" (AO) "COUCAL" (ASR) "OTUS"

"FULTCH" (AS) "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "KOOPA"

(AGP) "AMYCUS" (AFL) "YUNNAN" (ASIS)

"H.L.AEBOTT" "ALCIBIADES" "ALCOA PEGASUS"

"ALCOA PATRIOT" "E.D.BAKER" "J.BARBARA"

"S.K.EARLOW" "R.S.BEAN" "S.BOLIVAR" Merchantmen 68 "S.BRANNON" "J.CAERILLO" "CAPE BON" "CAPE GREIG" "CEFALU" "T.M.COOLEY" "J.COOK"
"P.C.DODD" "P.T.LODDRIDGE" "DON MARQUIS" "S.EGERTON" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "ESSO BAYONNE"
"EMPIRE SILVER" "ESSO HARRISBURG" "ESSO PITTSBURG" "L.FAIRCHILD" "M.FLINDERS" "HANYANG" "D. HEWES" "D.E. HUGHES""B.F. IRVIEE" "ISOLATOR" "JANSSENS" "L.S.KELLY"
"O.KELLY"MCKERR" "LAKE ORMAC" "W.S.LADD"
"J.LIND" "W.MCLENNAN" "GEO.LUKS" "B. MATTHENS" "MCRMACDALE" "Z.LYKES" "GEO. LUKS" "B.MATTHEWS" "MCRMACDALE" "Z.LYKES" "MEXICO" "MIDWEST FARMER" "NANCY HANKS" "MORNACSEA" "JAMES D. PHALAN" "POINT SAN PEDRO" "REIJNST" "PAUL REVERE" "A.
ROBINSON" "ROSEVILLE" "J.ROSS" "J.ROSSITER" "SEA DEVIL" "SIBIGO" "N.J.SINNOTT"

"O.SKINNER" "C.SPRECKERS" "THUNDERER"

"TRIANGULUM" "S.T.WHITE" "VAN DER LIJN"

"VILLALOBOS" "M.WALKER" "WEST TEXAS" Port Moresby: 741 1 SC 1 MI. 426 Escorts : "POLARIS" (AGS) "KURUMBA" (AO)
"MULIAMA" "W.J.SUBJETT" "S.C.PAYME"
"S.BRANNON" "JACKSON VIILE" "H.V.WHITE" Auxiliaries Merchantmen "TARCONA" Thursday Is: Escorts : "INVERELL" 1 AMS Cairns: 2 PF : "LONGBEACH" "GLENDALE" Escorts "ARARAT" "KALGOORLIE" "MILDURA" 5 AMS "ROCKHAMPTON" "STAWELL" : 703, 743, 982 4 ML: 804, 805, 811, 820 : 477, 1120, 1132 6 YMS: 8, 46, 47, 48, 50, 393 3 SC 3 PC "PLATYPUS" (AR) "KANIMBIA" "MANOORA" (APA)
"CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) Auxiliaries 4 Townsville: : "TOWNSVILLE" "WAGGA" "LATROBE" Escorts 3 AMS 817 1 ML: Palm Island: : "HALF MOON" (AVP) YP. 291 Auxiliaries 2 Mackay: Auxiliaries "HERON" (AVP) 1

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Brisbane: 1 PS "SWAN" Escorts "BUNEURY" "COWRA" "GOULBURN" "GYMPIE" 5 AMS "WHYALLA" 749 2 YMS: 9, 10 3 ML: 808, 821, 827 "MAETSUYCKER" (AH) "PYRO" (AE) "ALGORAB" 1 SC Auxiliaries (AKS) "SHIKELLAMY" (AO) 1 YP: Sydney: "AUSTRALIA" (Refitting) Combat Units 1 CA : "BOISE" 2 CL "HOBART" "HOBART"
"BARCOO" 3 ML: 812, 822, 823
"WILCANNIA" "EYCHUCA" "KIAMA" "COLAC"
"WARRNAMBOOL" "GLADSTONE" Escorts 1 PE * 6 AMS 9 4 A/S "KYBRA" "YANDRA" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "DOCMBA" "CALAMARES" (AF) "WANGANELLA" (AH) (Refitting) "MAN UNDAH" (AH) Auxiliaries 3 Melbourne: Escorts 1 AMS : "LITHGOW" 2 ML: 824, 826 Auxiliaries "GANYMEDE" (AK) 2 Adelaide: Escorts 1 AMS "GEELONG" (Refitting) (11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Buin Base: Photos 28-29 Feb show Kahili runway serviceable for 3200 x 80 feet. Nil aircraft.

(2) S.W. Bougainville: During the night 28 - 29 Feb., three southbound enerry barges were bombed and strafed by a Catalina off Altara Mission. PT Boats then engaged and LCM shelled the area getting li direct hit. Accurate shore fire was encountered.

A further 11 - 16 Norbound barges were sighted close inshore in the same area; also 7 beached barges which were shelled by LCM. Our Pis closed to attack but were driven off by shore batteries and an attack by an enemy floatplane.

This represents considerably increased barge activity in this area.

(5) N.B. New Ireland: At 1145/29, a large cargo vessel was sighted by aircraft close inshore 30 miles N.W. of Namatanai.

(4) Rabaul: Rabaul was again attacked by all types of bombers on 28 Feb. Once again no interception was encountered. Details of the attacks are as follows:

At 1050/29, 14 Corsairs carried out a fighter sweep over Rabaul, unsuccessfully pursuing two aircraft to Open Bay. Two barges were strafed at Wide Bay one being set on fire.

At 1055/29, 4 Corsairs experimentally dropped quarter

ton bombs on Pando Point.
At 1655/29, Vunapope was attacked by 48 Dauntless, 24
Avengers with 16 Warhawks, 11 Corsairs, 8 Hellcats
escorting. 48 tons were dropped on the telephone exchange building, warehouse area, labour quarters. Fighters reported the whole Vunapope coast burning and smoking.

Lakunai, the primary target, was not reached.
A medium cargo vessel was sighted standing into Rabaul.

At 1111/29, the North east part of Rabaul town was bombed through clouds by 22 Mitchells dropping 3 half tonners each. Results were obscured by clouds but 15 escorting Corsairs saw 3 fires.

At 1122/29, Rabaul town was bombed through clouds by 11

Liberators, dropping 43 tens of bombs.

Rapopo was bombed by 6 Liberators as alternative target; scoring numerous hits onthe runway and dispersal areas, where one medium bomber was destroyed.

Ten escorting Corsairs made no contacts. At 1126/29, Rabaul town was bombed by 12 Lightnings, dropping 12 x 1000 lb. bombs in a gliding approach from 26000 to 6000 feet.

Adler Bay: At 1400/29, the radar station at Adler Bay (W. Coast of St. George's Channel) was bombed by New Zealand (Soupac) aircraft, scoring six direct hits. (5)

(6) Open Bay: On the night of 27 - 28 Feb., a possible submarine was sighted by aircraft 4 miles West of the Torin River (N.E.

of Open Bay).
Admiralty Islands: Between 1235 - 1253/28, personnel and supply (7) areas at Lorengau and Momote were bombed and strafed by 21 Mitchells.

> On the morning of 29 Feb., after naval and air bombardment, a surprise landing from destroyers was effected on the Admiralty Is. By 0950/29, the Momete airfield was captured. Enemy resistance is being rapidly overcome.

Details of the supporting air attacks by Mitchells are

not yet complete. (8) Hollandia: Photographs taken at 1240/26, show a strong concentration of aircraft on the three Hollandia airfields:

	F	L/B	M/B
Hollandia Sentani Cyclops	46 1 71	54 35 1	75
Total 277 A/c. whereof	112F	90L/B	75M/B

Between 0310 and 0432/29, Hollandia was attacked by a of Liberators. Reports are not yet complete.

force of Liberators. Reports are not yet complete.
At 0220/29, a 5 ship convey was sighted, by sireraft
40 miles East of Hollandia heading Northwest. A preliminary report indicates that at 0320/29 the sircraft attacked the convoy, then reported 20 miles W. of Hollandia, scored a hit

and sank one vessel. Early a.m. 29 Feb. airfields in the Wewak area were attacked (9) Wewak: by some of the Liberators returning from Hollandia or unable

to reach the target. Fires were started.
At 0124/1, a subchaser was reported by aircraft 55 miles NW x W of Wewak; and at 0400/1, a possible destroyer 40 miles NNW of Wewak.

Hansa Bay: 1235 - 1316/28, a final report reveals that stores, personnel areas and A/A positions at Hansa Bay were bombed (10)

and strafed by 22 Liberators and 39 Bostons, starting fires.
- Alexishafen: At 0953 - 1058/28, strips at Alexishafen and targets of opportunity in the area were bombed and strafed by 23 Vengeance and 29 Kittyhawks (both RAAF), while Madang (11)Madang

strip was bombed and strafed by 9 Vengeances.
At 1150/29, the Gogol River barge hideout was bombed and strafed by 31 Vengeances while at 1200 - 1245/29, personnel and supplies at Madang were bombed and strafed by

13 Kittyhawks.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/1:
"WARREGO" (PS) escorting "DUNTROOM" departed Darwin 1351/29 for
Thursday Is. ETA 2330/2.
"GOOTAMUNDRA" (AMS) escorting "W. PROUSE" departed Thursday Is.
1800/27 for Darwin ETA 1530/1. (1)

(2)

(3) 18 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour: "FREMANTLE" 1 AMS 3 ML: 429, 809, 815 "COOLEBAR" "KAILUA" "MILDURA" 34 Merchantmen Groote Eylandt: Merchantmen "BABINDA" 1 Melville Bay: Merchantmen 1 "SUVA"

NIL

SOUTHWESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/1: (1) "SUSSEX" (CA) departed Fremantle 25 Feb. for escort duties Indian

Ocean. (2) "YUMA" (AT) towing 1 ARD departed Melbourne 1740/20 for Fremantle ETA 0900/2 March.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat Units "ADELAIDE" 1 CL 0

"DUBBO" "HORSHAM" 1 SC:739 Escorts 2 AMS

"CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK"
"WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "PELIAS" "ORION" Auxiliaries 6

(AS) 1 YP: 288

Exmouth Gulf: Auxiliaries 2 "CHILDS" (AV) "W.B.PRESTON" (AVD) 2 1 YP: 286

SOUTH PACIFIC

At 0935/29, a possible enemy submarine was reported (1) New Hebrides: at Meli Bay, Efate Is.
At 2309/28, a possible submarine was sighted 200 miles N.E. of Espiritu Santo.

New Zealand: At 0115/1, an allied vessel ("RANGATIRA") reported an (2) attack by an enemy submatine, 100 miles N.E. of Christchurch. One torpedo was reported to have passed

across the stern.
At 0705/1, "PETER TRIMBLE ROWE" reported sighting a (3) Noumea: submarine 280 miles 3, W. of Noumea.

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC

(1) Marshalls: On 26 - 27 Feb., attacks involving up to 12 Mitchells or Dauntless, were carried out on Taroa, Wotji, Jaluit and Mille.

A small vessel was strafed at Mille on 27 Feb. (2) Carolines: On 29 Feb., two cargo vessels (2000 tons) were sighted by aircraft at Ponape. One of these vessels attempting to leave harbour was strafed and turned back.

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

(1) Increased naval and air strength Malayan theatre.

(2) Withdrawal of forward positions in Bismarcks.

Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North coast New (3) Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.

(4) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.

Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive patrol (5) activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

	ALLIED FORCES	ENEMY FORCES		
	AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PARTY OF			
	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines
BB		•		MUSASHI
CA	AUSTRALIA SHRO PSHIRE	•	. •	ATAGO TAKAO GHOKAI HAGURO MYOKO
<u>CL</u>	BOISE NASHVILLE PHCENIX HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER HONOLULU ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO MOBILE BIRMINGHAM DENVER LEANDER		NAKA OYODO NOSHIRO
CL(T)	•	-	-	KASHIMA) Poss. KATORI) sunk
AV/CVS	•	WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	-	AKITSUSHIMA
XAV/XCVS	HERON HALF MOON SAN PABLO	BALLARD	•	3
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRANUNGA STUART VENDETTA MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER CONYNGHAM REID SMITH AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHIES HOBEY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES NICHOLSON WILKES STOCKTON STEVENSON THORN ABNER READ	Approx 40	5	20 (some repairing)

	thwest Pacific stern Section)		Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines
	BALAO)		15	25
4	BA SHAW		-	
	CERO)	On Patrol		
	FLOUNDER)			
	GATO)			
	Peto)	•		
	DACE)			
	SCAMP)	At Milne Bay		
	BLACKFISH)	At Brisbane		
	DARTER)			
	K.9	At Sydney		
T	62	Approx 80	?	9
A/APD/AKA	H. T. ALLEN	10 APA		
and the second second second	KANINBLA	5 APD		
5	WESTRALIA	5 AKA		
	ALGORAB			
	GILMER			
	SANDS			
	HUMPHREYS BROOKS			
AGC .	BLUE RIDGE			
AS	OTUS		9	?
	FULTON			
<u>ID</u>	DOBBIN		1	1
AR.	RIGEL	PROMET HEUS		
-	PLATYPUS			
	AMYCUS			
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3. CENTRAL PACIFIC-EMPIRE

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

AJ	BELED FUNCES		EMEMIL POROES
BB	INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON CALIFORNIA MASSACHUSETTS SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA	COLORADO MARYLAND TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO IDAHO ALABAMA PENNSYLVANIA ** OKLAHOMA	MUTSU (prob. sunk) l or more poss. ex- Malaya
CV	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON SARATOGA INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL		ZUIKAKU
(L)	COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY * INDEPENDENCE	HITAKA HAYATAKA RYUHO TAIHO ZUIHO
CV(T)	•		HOSHO
CV (E)	SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO CORAL SEA BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND MISSION BAY NASSAU	COPAHEE CORREGIDOR ALTAMAHA WHITE PLAINS BRE TON RANEE MIDWAY PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY	CHIYODA CHITOSE JINYO KAIYO MOTAKA MUNYO
<u>CA</u>	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT KAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE		MOGAMI ASHIGARA (en route) M MAYA
OCA	-		3
<u>CL</u>	M RENO M CONCORD		YAHAGI KISO M NAGARA M NATCRI M ISUZU
(T)	-		R KASHII
AUTON	<u> </u>		_

M Non-effective

Approx 20 Approx 25 2 (one repairing)

Approx 30

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DD

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	5.	5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN							
	Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines						
BB	-	QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN	NAGATO (poss.Garolin KONGO HARUNA or ISE)1/more HYUGA) poss. FUSO) returned YAMASHIRO) Japan						
CA	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	SHOKAKU						
CA (E)	-	BATTLER UNICORN SHAH							
<u>QA</u>	SUSSEX	SUFFOLK HAWKINS FROBISHER	AOBA KUMANO SUZUYA TONE CHIKUMA						
CL	ADELA IDE	CEYLON KE NYA NEWCASTLE DANAE TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK EMERALD	YUBARI TATSUTA KINU KUMA ** KITAGAMI OI (prob. sunk)						
AV/CVS	CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	* KAMOI						
XCL	-	CANTON CHITRAL	•						
XAV/XCVS	•	8	1						
	ANGLER LAPON—BILL FISH POMPOM BONEFISH PUFFER NORWHAL CABRILLA RASHER COD RATON FLASHER RAY GUNNEL—ROBALO HOE K.15	}	17 (incl. 6 German)						
	K.12 BOWFIN CREVALLE HADDO HAKE REDFIN PELIAS ORION	At Fremantle							
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(a) At Sea to 1200/2:

- V(1) "LAMSON" "CONYEGHAM" (DD) departed Milne Bay 1130/28 proceeding out of S.W.P.A.

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 (2) "GILMER" (APD) departed Sydney 1826/28 for Milne Bay ETA 2000/2.

 (3) "PC.1133" "SC.747" departed Milne Bay 0600/1 for Langemak ETA 1600/2.

 (4) "GASCOYNE" (PF) departed Milne Bay 1700/1 to RV with "BASHAW" at 0700/2 and escort to Milne Bay.

 (5) "BENDIGO" departed Milne Bay 0900/1 to stand by "PRESIDENT GRANT", aground on S.W. corner of Uluma Reef, then taking over A/S patrol focal area outside China Strait. Salvage operations in progress with diving party; "RESERVE" "SONOMA" (AT) "GAMERIAN SALVOR" (ARS) standing by to assist.

 (6) "BALLARAT" departed Cairns 0420/29 to RV at 0600/29 with Convoy TN.233 ("OZARK")ex Townsville, off Fitzroy Is. whence "BALLARAT" escorts to Port Moresby due 1100/2.

 - escorts to Port More sby due 1100/2.

 (7) "BROOME" escorting Convoy TN.224 (2 MV) departed Townsville 1600/28.

 "CASTLEMAINE" "SC.744" (ex Cairns) to RV off Fitzroy Is.
 - at 0900/29 whence convoy proceeds Milne Bay ETA 1600/2.

 (e) "BUNDABERG" "PIRIE" escerting Convoy MV.69 (3 MV) departed Milne Bay 0600/29 for Townsville ETA 1500/3.

 (9) "KAPUNDA" (AMS) departed Milne Bay 1430/29 for Grafton Passage ETA
 - 0500/2.
- (10) "BOWEN" (AMS) departed Thursday Is. 1042/29 for Egret Reef ETA 1700/1
- (11)
- 12)
- thence Cairns; to render any assi stance and investigate and report position of "OMAHA" aground on S. point Egret Reef.

 "CALEDON IAN SALVOR" (ARS) assisting "OMAHA" aground on Egret Reef.

 "YP.291" was to depart Cairns 0700/2 for Thursday Is. ETA 1100/6.

 "KATOOMBA" on outer A/S patrol Grafton Passage area.

 "SG.731" to RV at 1800/28 at Calcundra with 3 LCM. and 3 picket boats (for Cairns ETA 0800/8) and accompany to Wide Bay Bar whence "SC.731" proceeds Townsville ETA 1800/2 for onward routeing to Thursday Island for except duty between Mersuke and to Thursday Island for escort duty between Merauke and
- Thursday Island.
 5) "SC.749" departed Brisbane 2011/1 to relieve "SC.745" on Sandy Cape Patrol area, carrying out A/S patrol untilrelieved by "WHYAILA"
- at 1200/5, returning thence to Brisbane.

 "CALAMARES" (AF) was to depart Sydney 0900/2 for Port Moresby.

 "ROE" (DD) escorting "EURYALE" (AS) proceeding Brisbane ETA 1000/5.

 "RANEE" (CV(E)) proceeding Fremantle via Bass Strait ETA not known. (18) (19) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

(1) "COWRA" intended to depart Brisbane 2 March, after boiler cleaning, for Milne Bay.

"KIAMA" to be sailed for Brisbane to complete working up about 15 March.

(3) "PREMANTLE" to be sailed to a rrive Melbourne for refit by 31 March.
(4) "GOULBURN" to depart Sydney p.m. 4 March for Brisbane.
(5) "BUNBURY" to sail at 0600/3 to carry out full calibre practice; on completion to depart Calcundra 1400/3 for Milne Bay ETA 1800/7.

(c) In Harbor:

M Note:

Tuam Is:		4		e annum	tomas #
Escorts	1	AMS	-	"SHEPP	ARTON"
Saidor:	2			no o w	ARNER" "COMARA"
Mer chamimen	-		*	"Me Feve	ARREN "COMARA"
Finschhafen: Combat Units	41	PT			
Escorts		PC		1131,	1133
Made of		SC	2	650, 7	732, 734, 735, 748, 750
		YMS		53, 73	
		ML		428, 8	301, 803, 806
Auxiliaries	5		2	"PORTU	mus" "Oyster Bay" (agp) "Octans" (af) Ria" (ao) 1 yp: 283
Merchantmen	18		3	"F.P.B	MAIR" "BORGFRED" "BOTH" "RAMO" "MACTAN" W" "J.DEERE" "J.ROLPH" "N.FULLER" "CAPE
				CLEARE	" "J.NICOLET" "W.B.AILISON" "G.V.L.MEYER"
				WTA. WE	MATER" "CAPE FLATTERY" "KLIPFONTEIN" MAS" "C.DARROW"
Lae:					
Escorts		EMY		334	
		ML	-	425, 4	31
Merchantmen	7		\$	"J.B.N "STAGE	TEMBRICK" "H.T.RAINEY" "F.BILLINGS" IN" "PONCE" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "VAN OUTHORN
Buna:					
Escorts		PS	2	"MORES	SEY" 3 YMS: 73, 313, 315
		AMS	1	BENAL	LA" 1 HDML: 1129
		SC	3	637, 6	848, 736, 737, 746 1 ML: 427 RIDGE" (AGC) "SUSQUEHANNA" "TRINITY" (AG)
Auxiliaries	9			"MIZAR	" (AF) "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "PING WO" "G" (ASIS) 2 YP: 278, 280
Merchamtmen	9		:	"A.D.W	WEITE" "ETAMIN" "DUNHAM WRIGHT" "M.C.KERR"
Oro Bay:					
Auxiliaries	2		3	RIGEL	L" (AR) "TULSA" (PG)
Merchantmen	12		*	"W. SHA	HON" "G.R. HEBARD" "CAPE LOOKOUT" "S.G.
				"J.BUR	" "W.BEAUMONT" "K.D.WIGGINS" "MANA" ROUGHS" "J. P. BRADLEY" "GEO.LUKS" "J.ALDEN" THEWS"
Kiriwina:					
Compat Units	6	PT			
Escorts	1	-		819	
Auxiliaries	1			San	
Merchantmen	1		2	"VAN S	WOLL"
Woodlark Is:	9				
Escerts	1	YMS		50	
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Merchantmen	*		*		CLAIRBORNE" "M.GRIFFITH" "N.E.MACK" DER LIJN"
milne Bay:	-	44		Hampar	PSHIRE"
Compat Units		CA		The Standard of the last	IILE" "PHOENIX"
		77			TILE "PHOENIA" "HUTCHINS" "DALY" "BACHE!
	20	DD	2	"AMMEN "MULLA "SMITH	"BEALE" "BUSH" "WILKES" "HOBBY" "KALK" NY" "GILLESPIE" "WEILES" "REID" "FLUSSER" "MAFAN" "DRAYTON" "SWANSON" "NICHOLSON"
				WARRA	INUNGA" "VENDETTA" "THORNE" "ABNER READ"

Special operational movements forward of Milne Bay not shown.

"ARUNTA"

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2 AMS : "ARARAT" "GLENELG"

7 PC : 476, 479, 1119, 1121, 1122, 1124, 1134

8 SC : 698, 699, 735, 738, 742, 743, 750, 981

9 YMS : 11, 49, 52, 70, 71, 314, 335, 336

5 ML : 424, 430, 802, 816, 818

18 "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "BROOKS" (APD) "HAMILTON"

"LONG" (DM) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "DOBBIN" (AD)

"ASB MAERSK" "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "COUCAL" (ASR)

"OTUS" "FULTON" (AS) "H.T.ALLEN" "WESTRALIA"

(APA) "MERKUR" (AF) "KOOPA" (AGP) "AMYCUS"

(ARL) "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "

"ALCIBIADES" "ALCOA PEGASUS" "ALGOA PATRIOT"

"ARANSAS PASS" "E.D.BAKER" "W.B.AYER"
Milne Bay (Contd.) -
      Escorts
      Auxiliaries
                                    18
      Merchan tmen
                                    79
                                                         "ARANSAS PASS" "E.D.BAKER" "W.B.AXER"

"J.BARBARA" "BARBARA C." "S.K.BARLOW" "R.S.
BEAN" "D.BELASCO" "S.BOLIVAR" "S.BRAWNON"
                                                         "J.CABRILLO" "CAPE BON" "CEFALJ" "T.M.GOOLEY"
"J.GOOK" "D.GROCKETT" "G.L.CUREY" "CAPE SAN
ANTONIO" "CAPE PERFETUA" "M.DALY" "J.W.DAVIS"
                                                          "F.H.DODD" "DON MARQUIS" "J.EARL" "S.EGERTON"
                                                          "ESSO BAYONNE" "EMPIRE SILVER" "ESSO
                                                         HARR ISBURO" "ESSO PITTSBURG" "L.FAIRCHILD"
"M.FLINDERS" "HANYANG" "D.HENES" "B.F.IRVINE"
"ISOLA TOR" "JANSSENS" "L.S.KEILY" "O.KEILY"
"LAKE ORMAC" "W.S.LADD" "J.LIND" "J.S.
                                                         MAN SFIELD" "WMCLENNAN" "GEO. LUKS" "B.MATTHWS"
"MORMACDAER" "Z.LYKES" "I.MCGOY" "MEXICO" "
                                                         "MIDWEST FARMER" "NANCY HANKS" "B.T.OSBORNE"
"MORMAC SEA" "CRIZABA" "JAMES D.PHALAN" "PAUL
REVERE" "PCILUX" "A.ROBINSON" "ROSEVIALE"
"J.ROSS" "J.ROSSITER" "SEA DEVIL" "SIBIGO"
"N.J.SINN OTT" "O.SKINNER" "C.SPRECKERS"
                                                         "M.M. STEWART" "THUNDERER" "TRIANGULUM" "S.M. WHITE" "VAN DER LIJN" "VILLALCBOS" "M. WALKER"
                                                         "F.A. WARDELL" "EST TEXAS" "WICHITA FALLS"
Port Moresby:
                                                 : 741 1 M.: 426
: "POLARIS" (AGS) "KURUMBA" (AO)
: "MULIAMA" "W.J.SUBJETTE" "S.BRAN NON" "H.V.
                                      1 50
      Escorts
      Auxiliaries
                                      2
      Merchantmen
                                      6
                                                         WHITE" "JACKSONVILLE" "TAROONA"
Thursday Is:
                                                      : "INVEREIL"
                                      1 AMS
     Escor ts
Cairbs:
      Combat Units
                                                      : "STUART"
                                      1 DD
                                                      "LONGBEACH" "GLENDALE"
"ARARAT" "KALGOORLIE" "MILDURA" "ROCKHAMPTON"
     Escorts
                                      2 PF
                                      5 AMS
                                                         "STAWELL"
                                                      : 703, 982 4 ML: 804, 805, 811, 820
: 477, 1120, 1132 6 YMS: 8, 46, 47, 48, 50,
                                      2 30
                                      3 PC
                                                      "PLATYPUS" (AR) "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA" (APA)
     Auxiliaries
                                      3
Townsville:
                                                     : "TOWNSVILLE" "WAGGA" "LATROBE" 1 ML: 817
     Escorts
                                      3 AMS
                                                     * "BUNGAREE" (CM)
* "HALF MOON" (AVP)
     Auxiliaries
Palm Island:
     Auxiliaries
Mackay;
                                                     : "HERON" (AVP)
     Auxiliaries
Brisbane:
                                                      "SWAN"
     Escorts
                                      1 PS
                                                      : "BUNBURY" "COWRA" "GOULBURN" "GYMPIE"
                                      5 AMS
                                                        "WHYALLA" 1 SC: 745 2 YMS: 9,10
808, 821, 827
"MAETSUYÜKER" (AH) "PYRO" (AE) "ALGORAB" (AKS)
                                      3 MI.
     Auxiliaries
                                                         "MESQUITE" (CGC) "SHIKELLAMY" (AO) "BOOTES"
                                                         (AE) 1 MP: 236
Sydney:
                                                     : "AUSTRALIA" (Refitting)
     Combat Units
                                      1 CA
                                      2 CL
                                                     : "GRISWOLD"
                                      1 DE
     Escorts
                                                     "BARGOO" 3 ML: 812, 822, 823
"WILCANNIA" "ECHUCA" "KIAMA" "COLAC"
"WARNAMBOOL" "GLADSTONE" "DELORAINE"
                                      1 PF
                                      7 AMS
                                      4 A/S
                                                      : "KYBRA" "YANDRA" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "DOOMBA"
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Sydney (Contd.)
Auxiliaries : "WAHGANELLA" (AH) "(Refitting) "MANUNDA" (AH Melbourne: Escorts : "LITHGOW" 2 MJ: 824, 826 1 YMS : "GANYMEDE" (AF) Auxiliaries Adelaide: 1 AMS : "GEELONG" (Refitting) Escorts (11) ENEMY FORCES (1) Guadalcanal - At 1045/1, a submarine was signted by aircraft 30 miles W. of Cape Esperance.

(2) Empress Augusta Bay - At 0140/28 Feb., one Jap plane ineffectively bombed PT boats off Matsunkai (S.W. Bougainville). Ground forces report intensified patrols in all sectors of the perimeter. (3) Southern New Ireland - During the night 29 Feb. - 1 March, Cape St. George, Borpop River and Namatanai (last-named after daybreak) were bombarded by U.S. destroyers. Spotting aircraft reported fires started at Namatanai where a shore battery was silenced. (4) Admiralty Islands - At 0400/1, an enemy counter attack on our positions on Los Negros Island was repulsed and about 60 Japs killed. Our forces are reported in contact with the enemy around the heachhead perimeter. At 2015/1, enemy aircraft (probably about 4) were reported in the vicinity of Momote. This is the only report received to date of enemy counter air activity.

(5) Hollandia - The night raid on Hollandia 28-29 Feb. referred to in Summary No. 763, was conducted by 13 Liberators between 0310 and 0510/29. Several small fires, not incendiaries, were seen burning as a result of the raid. (6) Tadji - At 1325/29, 7 enemy fighters attacked 2 photographic Lightnings over Tadji. One Lightning is missing. (7) Wewak - At 1810/29, an enemy bomber which had just landed on Wewak drome was caught and destroyed by 2 Lightnings on a sweep. At 1320/29, 3 naval vessels possibly including destroyers were observed by a Lightning 60 miles N.W. of Wewak heading At 0230/1, a Navy Catalina reported a 5-ship group including one or more escort vessels 43 miles N.W. of Wewak on a westerly or northerly course. (8) Hansa Ray - At 1600-1615/29, Nubia and Condor airfields were bombed by 17 Liberators escorted by 11 Kittyhawks. At 1140-1155/1 March, supply and camp areas also airfield: were attacked by 38 Liberators, 24 Mitchells escorted by Kittyhawks. The target areas were well covered. (9) Madang-Alexishafen - At approx 1400/1, both airfields at Alexishafen and the airfield at Madang were bombed by 21 Vengeances escorted by 12 Kittyhawks.

(10) Cape Ward Hunt -At 1500/29, a possible submarine was reported by aircraft off Cape Ward Hunt heading N.W. 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA (1) ALLIED FORCES (a) At Sea to 1200/2: (1) "WARREGO" (PS) escorting "DUNTROON" departed Darwin 1351/29 for Thursday Island ETA 2330/2, and Townsville. (2) 18 submarines on patrol. (b) In Harbour: Darwin: 2 AMS : "COOTANUNDRA" "FREMANTLE" 3 ML 429,809./
4 "COOLEBAR" "KAILUA" "MILDURA" "W. PROUSE" Escorts Merchantmen

* "BABINDA"

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: "SUVA"

Groote Eylandt: Merchantmen

Merchantmen

Meltille Bay:

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/2:

(1) "SUSSEX" (CA) departed Fremantle 25 Feb. forescort duties Indian Osean.

(2) "GAMBIA" (CL) proceeding Fremantle ETA 1530/2.

(3) "YUMA" (AT) towing 1 ARD departed Melbourne 1740/20 for Fremantle ETA 0900/2 March.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat Units 1 CL 2 AMS

Escorts

: "ADELAIDE"
: "DUBBO" "HORSHAM" 1 SC: 739
: "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK"
"WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "PELIAS" "ORION" (AS) Auxiliaries 6

1 YP: 288

Exmouth Gulf:

: "CHILDS" (AV) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) 1 YP:286 Auxiliaries 2

SOUTH PACIFIC

ENEMY FORCES

New Caledonia - At 0705/1, an enemy submarine was reported by surface craft 260 miles S.W. of Noumea.

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ENEMY FORCES

Carolines - At 1035/28, Ponape was bombed by 20 Liberators. Two small cargo vessels were observed in the Harbour.

Marshalls - On 28 and 29 Feb. moderate allied air raids were conducted on Taroa, Jaluit, Wotje and Mille while light raids were made on Rongelap and Utirik.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

N.W. New Guinea - On 22 Feb. a U.S. submarine reported sinking a 5,800 ton cargo vessel in the approaches to the N. coast ports of N.W. New Guinea. In the same area, two cargo ships aggregating about 11,000 tons were sunk on 29 Feb. and another of 3000 tons believed carrying ammunition was probably sunk.

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

(1) Increased naval and air strength Malayan theatre.

(2) Withdrawd of forward positions in Bismarcks.

(3) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.

(4) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.

(5) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive patrol activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Gceans.

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE 1. SOUTH & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

<u>F</u>	LLIED FORCES	ENEMY PORCES		
	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines
BB	-	•	•	MUSASHI
CA	AUSTRALIA SEROPSHIRE	•	-	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI HAGURO MYOKO
	BOISE NASHVILLE PHCENIX HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONT PELLIER HONOLULU ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO MOBILE BIRMINGMAN DENVER LEANDER		
		and any and a second of		SEA CHERRICA \ The Co.
CL(T)	•	1 7	•	KASHIMA) Poss. KATORI) sunk
AV/CVS	•	WRIGHT CHANDELEUR		AKITSUSHIMA
EAV/XCV	S HERON HALF MOON SAN PABLO	BALLARD	-	3
DD	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA MAHAN DRAYTON FLUS SER COHYNGHAM REID SMITH AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH	Approx 40	5	20 (some repairing)
•	DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS HOBBY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES NICHOLSON WILKES STOCKTON STEVENSON THORN ABNER READ			

	Southwest Paci (Eastern Secti		Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines
•	BALAC BASHAW CERO FLOUNDER GATO PETO)))))	15	23
	DACE SCAMP	At Milne Bay		
	BLACKFISH DARTER) At Brisbane		
25.	K.9	At Sydney		
PT	62	Approx 80	?	?
A/APD/AKA	H.T.ALLEN KANIMBLA WESTRALIA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 5 APD 5 AKA		
AGC	BLUE RIDGE			
AS	otus Fulton		•	P
AD	DOBBIN		1	1
AR	RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS	PROMETHEUS		
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SE/Bombers Flying Boat Floatplanes Obsn. a/c	ALLIED FORCES DETROIT RALEIGE	25 22	NACHI ABUKUMA	PROES .
SE/Bombers Flying Boat Floatplanes Obsn. a/c	ALLIED FORCES DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	25 22	NACHI ABUKUMA TAMA	DRCES

Approx 20 Approx 25

(one repairing)

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC-EMPIRE ALLIED FORCES ENEMY FORCES 18 Z H YAMATO INDIANA COLORADO BB MUTSU (prob. sunk) NORTH CAROLINA MARYLAND IOWA TENNESSEE NEW JERSEY MISSISSIPPI WASHINGTON NEW MEXICO CALIFORNIA IDAHO ALABAMA MASSACHUSETTS SOUTH DAKOTA PENNSYLVAN IA WEST VIRGINIA # OKLAHOMA ENTER PRISE CA ZUIKAKW (en route Malayan YORKTOWN LEXINGTON area) SARATOGA INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL HITAKA COWPENS CABOT BELLEAU WOOD LANGLEY HAYATAKA MONTEREY INDEFENDENCE RYUHO PRINCETON TATHO R ZUIHO CV(T) HOSHO CV(E) SANGAMON COPAREE CHIYODA SUWANNEE CORREGIDOR CHITOSE ALTAMAHA CHENANGO JINYO CORAL SEA WHITE PLAINS KATYO BARNES BRETON R OTAKA PRINCE WILLIAM PANTE # UNYO LONG ISLAND MIDWAY MISSION DAY PATROLLER NASSAU FANSHAW BAY CASABLANCA NATOMA BAY MOGAMI CA BALTIMORE MANILA BAY BOSTON ASHIGARA CHESTER MAYA KALININ BAY CANBERRA WICHITA SANTEE NEW ORLEANS KITKUN BAY MINNEAPOLIS BAY GAMBIA PENSACOLA NEHENTA BAY INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO HOGGATT RA SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE BILOXI SANTA FE 3 SAN DIEGO OAKLAND YAHAGI SAN JUAN KISO M RENO MOBILE M NAGARA M NATORI BIRMINGHAM R ISUZU M KASHII

AV/CVS
DD
SS
AS

Approx 30

* Non-effective

4. SOUTH PASTERN PACIFIC

TRENTON

		5. EAST INDIES-INDIA	N OCEAN
	uthwest Paci estern Secti		ea East Indies-Philippines
BB	-	QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN	NAGATO (poss. Carolines KONGO HARUNA ISE HYUGA FUSO YAWASHIRO
GA	•	ILLUSTRIOUS	SHCKAKU
CY(E)	RANEE	Battler Unicorn Shah	
<u>CA</u>	SUSSEX	SUFFOLK HAWKINS FROBISHER	AOBA KUMANO SUZUYA TONE CHIKUMA
CL.	X GAMBIA	CEYLON KENYA NEWCASTLE DANAE TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	YUBARI TATSUTA KINU KUMA ** KITAGAMI OI (prob. sunk)
AV/cvs	CHILDS W.B. PRESTO	EMERALD ALBATROSS	* KAMOI
XOF	-	CAN TON CHITRAL	•
L.V/cvs	-	?	2-15
<u>DD</u>	-	Approx 27	17 (incl. 6 German)
38	ANGLER BILLFISH BONEFISH BLUEFISH BONFIN CABRILLA COD GUNNEL HOE	LAPON) POMPOM) PUFFER) NORWHAL) RASHER) RATON) RAY) ROBALO	
•	JACK K.12 CREVALLE FLASHER HADDO HAKE REDFIN K.15 PELIAS	At Fremantle	
AIRCRAFT (N Fighters (1 Light & M/B	ORION .W.Area Only ncl. 27 twin ombers	-eng.) 112 F	IRCRAFT (W.W.Area Only) (contd. lying Boats 3 loatplanes 61 bsn. A/c 26

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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

No.765

Date 3rd March, 1944.

PART

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA.

1. EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/3:

(1) "VENDETTA" (DD) was to depart Milne Bay 2nd March for Sydney.
(2) "BENDIGO" departed Milne Bay 0900/1 to stand by "PRESIDENT GRANT" aground on S.W. corner of Uluma Reef, then taking over
A/S patrol focal area outside China Strait. Salvage operations
in progress with diving party; "RESERVE" "SONOMA" (AT)
"CAMERIAN SALVOR" (ARS) standing by to assist.

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(5) "YP.291" departed Cairns 0700/2 for Thursday Is. ETA 1100/6.
(6) "BUNGAREE" (CM) and "LATROBE" (AMS) departed Townsville in company at 1800/2, "BUNGAREE" for Normandy Sound and "LATROBE" for Thursday Is. ETA 0930/5. "LATROBE" for instruction and

onward routeing to Darwin.

"KATOOMBA" on outer A/S patrol Grafton Passage area.

"MAETSUYCKER" (AH) departed Brisbane 1555/2 ETA Port Moreaby 0700/6. "BUNBURY" (AMS) was to depart Brisbane at 0600/3 to carry out full calibre practice; on completion to depart Caloundra 1400/3 for Milne Bay ETA 1800/7.

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Townsville ETA Townsville 1600/7.

(13) "ROE" (DD) escorting "EURYALE" (AS) proceeding Brisbane ETA 1000/5.

(14) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" (AIS) departed Sydney 0909/2 on A/S patrol to

Smoky Cape and return. (15)submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "COWRA" intended to depart Brisbane after 2 March, after boiler cleaning for Milne Bay.
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Tuam Is:
                                       "SHEPPARTON"
                       1 AMS
  Escorts
Saidor:
                                       "R.P.WARNER" "COMARA"
  Merchantmen
Finschhafen:
  Combat Units
                      41 PT
                                       1131, 1133
650, 732, 734, 735, 747, 750
                          PC
                                       650, 73
                        6 SC
                                   :
                                       53,
                        2 YMS
                                       428, 801, 803, 806
"PORTUNUS" "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "OCTANS" (AF)
                        4 ML
   Auxiliaries
                        5
                                      "VICTORIA" (AO) 1 YP: 283
"F.P.BLAIR" "BORGFRED" "RAMO" "MAGTAN" "YOCHOW"
                      19
  Merchantmen
                                      "J. DEERE" "J. ROLPH" "N. FULLER" "CAPE CLEAR"
                                      "J. NICOLET" "W. B. ALLISON" "G. V. L. MEYER"
                                      "W.ATWATER" "CAPE FLATTERY" "KLIPFONTEIN"
"A.THOMAS" "C.DARROW" "H.C.PAYNE" "A.D.WHITE".
Lae:
                        1 YMS
                                      334
   Escorts
                        2 ML
                                      425, 431
                                  2
                                      "J.B. KENDRICK" "H. T. RAINEY" "F. BILLINGS"
  Merchantmen
                                      "STAGEN" "PONCE" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "VAN
                                      OUTHORN"
Buna:
                                                       3 YMS: 73, 313, 315
1 HDML: 1129
                                      "MORESEY"
                        1 PS
   Escorts
                                      "ERNALLA"
                        1 AMS
                                      637, 648, 736, 737, 746, 748, 1 ML: 427
"LUE RIDGE" (AGC) "TRINITY" (AO) "GOLDSTAR"
(AG) "MIZAR" (AF) "CARTER HALL" (LSD)
                        6 SC
   Auxiliaries
                        9
                                      "FING WO" "POYANG" (ASIS) 2 YP: 278, 280
"ETAMIN" "DUNHAM WRIGHT" "M.C.KERR"
 Merchantmen
                                      "D.E.HUGHES" "H.L.ABBOT" "P.T.DODDRIDGE"
"ESSO BAYONNE" "SIBIGO"
Oro Bay:
Auxiliaries
                                      "RIGEL" (AR) "TULSA" (PG)
"W.SHARON" "G.R.HEBARD" "CAPE LOOKOUT"
"W.BEAUMONT" "K.D.WIGGINS" "MANA"
                        2
                                      "J. BURROUGHSW "J. P. BRADLEY" "GEO.LUKS"
                                      "J. ALDEN" "B. MATTHEWS"
Kiriwina:
    Combat Units
                        6 PT
    Escorts
                        1 ML
                                      "HILO" (PG)
    Auxiliaries
                                      "N. DALY"
    Merchantmen
Woodlark Is:
    Escorts
                        1 YMS
                                      "VANDER LIJN"
    Merchantmen
Goodenough Is:
                                      "W.C.CLAIRBORNE" "M.GRIFFITH" "N.E.MACK"
    Merchantmen
                                      WAN SHOLL"
Milne Bay:
Combat Units
                                      "SHROPSHIRE"
                        1 CA
                                      "MASHVILLE" "PHOENIX"
                        2 CL
                                      "STOCKTON" "STEVENSON" "HUTCHINS" "DALY"
"BACHE" "AMMEN" "BEALE" "BUSH" "WILKES"
"HOBBY" "KALK" "MULLANY" "GILLESPIE" "WELLES"
                       25 DD
                                      "REID" "FLUSSER" "SMITH" "MAHAN" "DRAYTON"
"SWANSON" "NICHOLSON" "WARRAMUNGA" "THORNE"
"AENER READ" "ARUNTA"
                       23 PT
x Note: Special operational movements forward of Milne Bay not shown.
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Milne Bay (Contd.) 1 PF : "GASCOYNE"

4 AMS : "ARARAT" GLENELG" "BROOME" "CASTLEMAINE"

7 PC : 476 479 1119 1121 1122 1124 1134
8 SC : 698 699, 735, 738, 742, 743, 750, 981

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Milne Bay (contd).
                                                      11, 49, 52, 70, 71, 314, 335, 356
424, 430, 802, 816, 818
"HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "BROOKS"/(APD)
       Escorts.
                                    8 YMS
                                    5 ML
                                  20
       Auxiliaries
                                                      "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "BROOKS"/(APD)
"HAMILTON" "LONG" (DM) "SAN PALLO" (AVP)
"DOBBIN" (AD) "AASE MAERSK" "BISHIPDALE"
"SUSQUEHANNA" (AO) "COUCAL" (ASR) "OTUS"
"FULTON" (AS) "H.T.ALLEN" "WESTRALIA" (APA)
"MERKUR" (AF) "KOOPA" (AGP) "AMYGUS" (ARL)
                                                      "YUNNAN" (ASIS)
"ALCIBIADES" "ALCOA PEGASUS" "ALCOA PATRIOT"
"E.G.ACHESON" "ARANSAS PASS" "E.D.BAKER"
"W.B.AYER" "J.EARBARA" "BARBARA G."
"S.K.BARLOW" "R.S.EEAN" "D.BELASCO"
     Merchantmen
                                  79
                                                      "S. BOLIVAR" "BONTEKOE" "S. BRANNON" "BOOTH"
                                                      "J.COOK" "D.CROCKETT" "G.L.CURRY" "CAPE
SAN ANTONIO" "CAPE PERPETUA" "J.W.DAVIS"
                                                      "F.H.DODD" "DON MARQUIS" "J.EARL"
"S.EGERTOK" "EMPIRE SLIVER" "ESSO HARRIS)
BURG" "ESSO PITTSBURG" "L.FAIRCHILD"
"M.FLINDERS" "HANYANG" "D.HEWES"
                                                      "B.F. IRVINE" "ISOLATOR" "JANSSENS""L.S. KELLY
                                                      "O.KELLY" "LAKE ORMAC" "W.S.LADD" "J.LIND"
                                                      "MAETSON" J.S. MANSFIELD" "W. MCLEUNAN" "GEO.LUKS" "B. MATTHEWS" "MORMACDALE"
                                                      "Z.LYKES" "I.McCOY" "MEXICO" "MIDWEST FARMER
"CRIZABA" "JAMES D.PHALAN" "PAUL REVERE"
"POLLUX" "A.ROBINSON" "ROSEVILLE" "J.ROSS"
"J.ROSSITER" "SEA DEVIL" "N.J.SIENOTT"
                                                       "O. SKINNER" "C. SPRECKERS" "M.M. STEWART"
                                                    "THUNDERER" "TRIANGULUM" "S.M.WHITE"
"VAN DEN BOSCH" "VAN DER LIJN" "VILLALOBOS"
"M.WALKER" "F.A.WARDELL" "WEST TEXAS" "
"WICHITA FALLS"
Port Moresby:
     Escorts
                                                      "BALLARAT"
                                    1 AMS
                                                      741 1 ML: 426
"POLARIS" (AGS) "KURUMBA" (AO)
"W.J.SUBJETTE" "S.BRANNON" "H.V.WHITE"
"JACKSONVILLE" "TAROONA" "S.G.PORTER"
                                    1 SC
     Auxiliaries
     Mer chan tmen
                                                      "OZARK"
Thursday Is:
                                                      "INVERELL"
     Escorts
                                    1 AMS :
                                        SC
                                                      731
Cairns:
                                                      STUART
     Combat Units
                                    1 DD
                                               :
                                                      "LONGBEACH" "GLENDALE"
"ARARAT" "KALGOORLIE" "MILDURA"
                                    2 PF
     Escorts
                                       AMS :
                                                      "ROCKHAM FTON" "STAWELL" "BUNDABERG"
703, 982 4ML: 804, 805, 811, 820
477, 1120, 1132, 6 YMS:8, 46, 47, 48, 50,
                                    2 SC
                                               2
                                       PC
                                               2
                                                      393
                                                      "FLATYPUS" (AR) "EANIMELA" "MANOORA" (APA)
     Auxiliaries
                                    3
Townsville:
                                                      "KAPUNDA" "TOWNSVILLE" "WAGGA" 1 ML:817
     Escorts
                                    3 AMS :
                                                      "HALF MOON" (AVP)
     Auxiliaries
Palm Island:
     Auxiliaries
Mackay:
     Auxiliaries
                                                      "HERON" (AVP)
                                    1
                                               1
Brisbane:
                                    1 PS
                                                      "SWAN"
     Escorts
                                               2
                                                      "COWRA" "GOULBURN" "GYMPIE" "WHYALLA"
                                    4 AMS :
                                                      1 SC: 745 2 YMS: 9,10
                                                      8C8, 821, 827
"FYRO" (AE) "ALCORAB" (AKS) "MESQUITE"
(CGC) "SHIKELLAMY" (AC) 1 YP: 236
                                    3 MIL
     Auxiliaries
Sydney:
                                                      "AUSTRALIA" (Refitting)
   Combat Units
                                    1 CA
                                       CL
                                               .
                                                      "GRISWOLD"
                                    1 DE
                                                      "EARCOO" 3 ML: 812, 822, 823
"ECHUCA" "KIAWA" "COLAC" "WARRNAMBOOL"
                                    1 PF
                                    6 AMS :
                                                      "GLADSTONE" DELORAINE"
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3 A/S :

Sydney (contd). "WANGANELLA" (AH) (Refitting) "MANUNDA" (AB) Auxiliaries Melbourne: 1 YMS : "LITHGOW" 2 ML:824, 826 Escorts Adelaide: 1 AMS : "GEELONG" (Refitting) Escorts Buin Base - At 1120/1 Kahili was bombed by 21 Liberators and at 1140/1 Ballale was bombed by 12 Lightnings. These targets were alternative to Rabaul which could not be reached due bad weather. (2) Empress August Bay - At 1115-1355/29 enemy ground positions on the central and southern shores of Empress August Bay were bombed by 90 Dauntless and 45 Avengers. P.M. 1 March, Jap troop concentrations outside the N.E. Sector of the Torokina permeter were bombed by 110 Dauntless and 71 Avengers in eight waves.
At 1730/1 the Monoitu Mission (on the supply road midway between Buin and Marawaka) was bombed and strafed by 12 Aircobras.

(3) Buka - At 1700/l aircraft reported a possible gunboat in Queen Carola Harbour. (4) S. New Ireland - A.m. 29 Feb. Corsairs and Hellcats made four barge sweeps around the East and West coast of Southern New Ireland, damaging or destroying five barges and three small craft. One large barge carrying an estimated 80 troops was strafed off Halis Flantation and apprex. 30 personnel were thought killed. (5) Rabaul -Light and medium bomber strikes on Rabaul 29 February were cancelled due to weather but 23 Mitchells, 12 Lightnings with 8 Corsairs covering bombed the waterfron and the Eastern shore of Simpson Harbour. Large fires resulted.

(6) Gasmata - At 1210 - 1225/1, Gasmata strip was bombed and strafed by 6 Kittyhawks. An unserviceable fighter on the ground was further damaged by a near miss. (7) Arawe Area - On 29 Feb. our advanced elements reached the West bank of the Pulie River (approx 5 miles N.E. of Arawe airfield). Next day, following artillery bombardment a fresh landing was made by our troops 3 miles East of the Pulie River mouth near Murien without opposition. Westward progress of this unit was delayed by mines but the enemy had apparently vacated prepared positions. (8) Admiralty Islands - A.m. 1 March, Lorengau township and other designated targets on Manus and Los Negros Islands were attacked by 10 Liberators and 24 Mitchells (escorted).
The same targets were again attacked approx. 1800/1 by another 6 Mitchells. Preliminary reports also indicate that enemy positions West of Momo te airfield were also bombarded by naval units 1 March. Further details concerning the enemy counter attack at 0400/1 state that 100 Japs were killed and not approximately 60 as previously reported. During the following night, two enemy attacks were repulsed also another daylight attack prior to 0900/2 at which time our perimeter was still intact.

Despite intermittent mortar fire further allied reinforcements were landed and unloaded a.m. 2 March. Our losses are reported moderate. At 1500/2, preliminary reports indicate that the entire Momo te airfield area is in the control of our ground forces, following a ground assault p.m. 2 March supported by 8 Squadrons of escorted Mitchells. Some enemy air opposition was apparently encountered. (9) Hollandia - At 0900/2, an enemy convoy comprising 6-7 ships including two tankers and two or three escorts was reported approx. 180 miles North of Manokwari on course 1400, possibly bound for Hollandia (see Naval Incidents). (ko) Mindjim Valley - Supporting our ground troops enemy positions at Saipa No.2 were divebombed and strafed by 16 Aircobras at 1040-1100/1. 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA (1) ALLIED FORCES (a) At Sea to 1200/3: (1) "WARREGO" (PS) escorting "DUNTROON" departed Darwin 1351/29 for Thursday Is. ETA 2330/2 and Townsville. (2) 18 submarines on patrol. - 4 -

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Escorts "COOLEBAR" "KAILUA" "MILDURA" "W. PROUSE" 2 AMS : Merchantmen

Groote Eylandt:

Merchantmen "BABINDA"

Melville Bay:

Merchantmen "SUVA"

SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/3:
(1) "RANEE" (CVE) proceeding Fremantle ETA not known.
(2) "YP 286" departed Exmouth Gulf 2045/2 for Fremantle ETA 6 March. (b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat Units 2 CL "ADELAIDE" "GAMBIA" 1

Escorts 2 AMS 2

"DUBBO" "HORSHAM" 1 SC: 739
"CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ATREUS" (CM)"LARK"
"WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "PELIAS" "ORION" (AS)
1 YP: 288 1 AT: "YUMA" 1 ARD. Auxiliaries 9 *

Exmouth Gulf: . Auxiliaries "CHILDS" (AV) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) 2

NAVAL INCIDENTS

(1) Carclines - New Guinea: On 2nd., Feb., a U.S. submarine attacked a 6 or 7 ship convoy approximately 180 miles north of Manolewari on course 140°. The convoy included two tankers but other units were unidentified. Two or probably three torpedo hits were claimed but no sinkings resulted.

(2) Malaya Area - Admiralty has announced that a British submarine recently sank a 7,000 ton aircraft carrier in the Malacca straits (between Malay and Sumatra). Several torpedo hits were scored including one hit amidships. A terrific explosion followed after which the carrier heeled over and sank. Another submarine torpedoed an enemy cruiser in the same area, with unobserved results, besudes sinking a sur ship and a small coastal craft.

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES.

(1) Increased naval and air strength Malayan theatre.

(2) Withrawal of forward positions in Bismarcks. (3) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.

(4) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.

(5) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive patrol activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

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DATLY NAVAL SUMMARY PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific	a 11 a 101	Bismarcks	Gomel i mag
	(Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Solomons	Carolines
BB		•	-	MUSASHI
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHRCPSHIRE	-	•	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI HAGURO MYOKO
<u>CL</u>	BOISE NASHVILLE FHOENIX HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER HONOLULU ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO MOBILE BIRMINGHAM DENVER LEANDER		NAKA OYODO NOSHIRO
CL(T)	-	⊕ 0:	-	KASHIMA) Poss. KATORI) sunk
AV/CVS	•	WRIGHT CHANDELEUR		AKITSUSHIMA
xav/xcvs	HERON HALF MOON SAN PABLO	BALLARD	•	3
	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER CONYNGHAM REID SMITH AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS HOBBY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES NICHOLSON WILKES STOCKTON STEVENSON THOEN ABNER READ	Approx 40	5	20 (some repairing)

* Non-effective

	Southwest Pa (Eastern Se		South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines
	BALAO BLACKFISH FLCUNDER GATO PETO	on Pa	atrol	15	25
	BASHAW DACE SCAMP)) At 1	Wilne Bay		3
	CERO DARTER K.9		Brisbane Sydney		
PT	62		Approx 80	8	?
APA/APD/AKA	H.T.AILEN KANIMBLA WESTRALIA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS		10 APA 5 APD 5 AKA		
AGC	BLUE RIDGE				
AS	OTUS FULTON			?	?
AD	DOBBIN			1	1
AR	RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS		PROMETHEUS		
Fighters (in	E.Area Only nel. 5 twin-combers B - D bombers	eng.)	161 136 7 1 25 22		

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES			ENEMY FORCES	
CA	-		NACHI	
CL	DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND		ABUKUMA TAMA	
<u>DD</u>	22		5	
SS	10		Approx 4	
AS	•		1	

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC-EMPIRE

PENNSYLVANIA

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

INDIANA				
NORTH	CAROLINA			
IOWA				
-	THE PERSON NAMED IN			

SOUTH DAKOTA

COLORADO MARYLAND TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON NEW MEXICO CALIFORN IA IDAHO MASSACHUSETTS ALABAMA .

KONGO HAR UNA M YAMATO MUTSU (prob. sunk)

WEST VIRGINIA # OKLAHOMA CV

ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON SARATOGA INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL

ZUIKAKU

W(L)

COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY

CABOT LANGLEY HITAKA HAYATAKA RYUHO

PRINCETON

* INDEPENDENCE

TATHO * ZUIHO

HOSHO

CV (T)

CV(E)

CA

SANGAMON

COPAHEE

CHIYODA CHITOSE JINYO

SUWANNEE CHENANGO CORAL SEA PRINCE WILLIAM

ALTAMAHA WHITE PLAINS MIDWAY PATROLLER

CORREGIDOR

KAIYO M OTAKA

LONG ISLAND NASSAU

FANSHAW BAY

* UNYO

MISSION BAY

BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA

INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY

PORTLAND LOUISVILLE

MOGAMI ASHIGARA A MAYA

OCA

CL

CAKLAND

* RENO R CONCORD 3

YAHAGI KISO M NAGARA

R NATORI M ISUZU

* KASHII

L(T) AV/CVS DD 35

9 Approx 30

3 Approx 20 Approx 25 2 (one repairing)

m Non-effective

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

CL

TRENTON

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	No.	ST INDIES-INDIAN OCE	AN
<u>8</u>	Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
BB	- -	QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN	NAGATO (poss.Garolines) ISE HYUGA FUSO YAMASHIRO
GA		ILLUSTRIOUS	SHOKAKU
CV(E)	RANEE	BAT TLER UNIC ORN SHAH	•
<u>CA</u>	SUSSEX	SUFFOLK HAWKINS FROBISHER	AOBA KUMANO SUZUYA TONE CHIKUMA
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE CAMBIA	CEYLON KENYA NEWCASTLE EMERALD DANAE TROMP	YUBARI TATSUTA KINU OI ** KITAGAMI
AV/CVS	CHILDS	VAN HEEMSKERK ALBATROSS	m KAMOI
	W.B. PRESTON		
XCL		CANTON CHITRAL	-
XAV/XCV	<u>s</u> -	?	1
DD	-	Approx 27	25
BB	NGLER ILAPON ILLFISH POMPOM ONEFISH PUFFER LUEFISH NORWHAL OWFIN RASHER ABRILLA RATON OD RAY UNNEL ROBALO OE ACK	? n Patrol	17 (incl. 6 German)
CA PI HA HA RE	12 REVALLE) ASHER) ADDO) At Freman ARE) DFIN)	ntle	
Fighters Light & SE/Bombe		39 57	
Flying B Floatpla	oats	3 61	*
Obsn. A/	G	26	

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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

766 No.

Date 4th March, 1944

PART I.

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

.EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/4:

(1) "HILO" (AGP) departed Milne Bay 1500/2 for Buna ETA 1100/5.
(2) "GLENELG" departed Milne Bay 1700/3 to RV with a U.S. submarine

and escert to Milne Bay.

(3) "BENDIGO" departed Milne Bay 0900/1 to stand by "PRESIDENT GRANT" aground on S.W. corner of Uluma Reef, then taking over A/S patrol focal area outside China Strait. Salvage operations in progress with diving party; "RESERVE" "SONOMA" (AT) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) standing by to assist.

(4) "GASTLEMAINE" escorting "WICHITA FALLS" departed Milne Bay 0515/3 for Townsville ETA 0500/6.

(5) "BROOME" (?) (AMS) escorting "EMPIRE SILVER" was to depart Milne Bay 1000/4 for Townsville.

(6) "VENDETTA" (DD) escorting "CAFE PERPETUA" en route Milne Bay to

Brisbane and Sydney.

(7) "BOWEN" (AMS) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) assisting "OMAHA" aground on Egret Reef.

"YP.291" departed Cairns 0700/2 for Thursday Is. ETA 1100/6.

(9) "KALGOORLIE" departed Cairns 1403/13 to relieve "K ATOOMBA" on outer A/S patrol Grafton Passage.
(10) "MAETSUYCKER" (AH) departed Brisbane 1555/2 ETA Port Moresby 0700/6.

(11) "PIRIE" escorting Convoy TN.225 (4 MV) departed Townsville 0026/4.
"BUNDABERG" (ex Cairns), "KALGOORLIE" RV off Fitzroy Is. as additional escort to Milne Bay ETA 1100/8.

(12) "INVERELL" escorting Convoy TD.45 (3 MV) departed Thursday Is. 1623/3 for Darwin.

(13) "SC.731" departed Townsville 1600/3 for Thursday Is.
(14) "BUNBURY" (AMS) en route Brisbane to Milne Bay ETA 1800/7.
(15) "SC.749" departed Brisbane 2011/1 to relieve "SC.745" on Sandy Cape

patrol area, carrying out A/S patrol until relieved by
"WHYALIA" at 1200/5 returning thence to Brisbane.

(16) "CALAMARES" (AF) departed Sydney 1359/2 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/8.

(17) "WILCANNIA" (AMS) departed Sydney 1725/2 for Thursday Is. via

Townsville ETA Townsville 1600/7.

(18) "ROE" (DD) escorting "EURYALE" (AS) proceeding Brisbane ETA 1000/5.

(19) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" (ASIS) departed Sydney 0909/2 on A/S patrol to Smoky Cape and return.

(20) 5 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "COWRA" intended to depart Brisbane after 2 March, after boiler cleaning for Milne Bay.
- (2) "KIAMA" to be sailed for Brisbane to complete working up about 15 Mar.

(4) "GOULBURN" to depart Sydney p.m. 4 March for Brisbane.
(5) "PYRO" (AE) to depart Brisbane 1400/4 for Townsville ETA 0700/7, for onward routeing and escort to Milne Bay.
(6) "LONGBEACH" "GLENDALE" (PF) escorting "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA" (APA) to depart Gairns 1800/4 for Milne Bay.

(c) In Harbour:

Tuam Is: Auxiliaries	1	* "SHEPPARTOR" (AGS)
Saidor: Merchantmen	2	"R.F.WARNER" "COMARA"
Fins chhafen:	40 707	
Combat Units	40 PT	1101 1100
Escorts	2 PC 6 SC	: 1131, 1133
	5 YMS	: 650, 732, 734, 735, 747, 750 : 50, 53, 72, 73, 334
	4 ML	: 428, 801, 803, 806
Auxiliaries	6	: "PORTUNUS" "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "COUCAL" (ASR)
Aunitium 100	0	"HALF MOON" (AVP) "VICTORIA" (AO) 1 YP: 283
Merchantmen	18	: "F.P.BLAIR" "BORGFRED" "RAMO" "MACTAN"
21202 022022 022022		"YCCHOW" "J.DEERE" "J.ROLPH" "M.FULLER" "CAPE
		CLEAR" "J. NICOLET" "W.B. ALLISON" "G.V.L. MEYER"
		"W.ATWATER" "CAPE FLATTERY" "A.THOMAS"
		"C.DARROW" "H.C. PAYNE" "AD.WHITE"
Lae:		
Escorts	9 ML	: 425, 431
Merchantmen	4	: "J.B.KENDRICK" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "PONCE"
		"STAGEN"
Buna:		
Escorts	10	: "BENALLA" (AMS) 2 PC: 479, 1134 1 ML: 427 6 SC: 637, 748, 736, 737, 746, 748 : "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "TRINITY" (AC) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "SUSQUEHANNA" (AC) "OCTANS" (AF) "CARTER
		6 80: 637, 748, 736, 737, 746, 748
Auxiliaries	10	: "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "TRINITY" (AC) "GOLDSTAR"
		(AG) "SUSQUEHANNA" (AO) "OCTANS" (AF) "CARTER
		HALL" (LSD) "MORESBY" (AGS) "POYANG" (ASIS)
	2.2	2 YP: 278, 280
Merchantmen	10	: "J.ALDEN" "CAPE BON" "ETAMIN" "DUNHAM WRIGHT"
		"M.C.KERR" "D.E.HUGHES" "H.L.ABBOTT" "SIBIGO"
C		"P.T.DODERIDGE" "ESSO BAYONNE"
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		"W. BEAUMONT" "K.D. WIGGINS" "MANA" "GEO.LUKS" "J. BURKC UGES" "J. P. BRADLEY" "H. T. RAINEY"
		"B. MAT THEWS" "VAN SWOLL"
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Escorts	1	: ML.819
Merchantmen	ī	"M. DALY"
Goodenough Is:	-	
Merchantmen	3	: "W.C.CLAIRBORNE" "M.GRIFFITH" "N.E.MACK"
Milne Bay:	-	
Combat Units	1 CA	: "SHROPSHIRE"
	2 CL	: "NASHVILLE" "PHOENIX"
	25 DD	: "STOCKTON" "STEVENSON" "HUTCHINS" "DALY" "BACE
		"AMMEN" "BEALE" "BUSH" "WILKES" "HOBBEY" "KALK
0		"MULLANY" "GILLESPIE" "WELLES" "REID" "FLUSSER
		"SMITH" "MAHAN" "DRAYTON" "SWANSON"
		"NICHOLSON" "WARRAMUNGA" "THORNE" "ABNER READ"
	70 mm	"ARUNTA"
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Escorts	1 PF	: "GASCOYNE"
	1 AMS	: "ARARAT"
	5 PC	: 476, 1119, 1121, 1122, 1124
	8 SC	: 698, 699, 735, 738, 742, 743, 750, 981
	10 YMS	: 11, 49, 52, 70, 71, 313, 314, 315, 335, 336
Auxiliaries	5 ML	: 424, 430, 802, 816, 818
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		"HAMILTON" (DMS) "SAN PABLO" "HALF MOON" (AVP) "DOBBIN" (AD) "AASE NAERSE" "BISHOPDALE" (AO)
		"OTUS" "FULTON" (AS) "H.T.ALLEN" "WESTRALIA"
		(APA) "MIZAR" "MERKUR" (AF) "KOOPA" (AGP)
		"AMYCUS" (ARL) "YUNNAN" (ASIS)
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"S. DERRION" "ESSO HARTSBURG" "ESSO FITTSBURG" "L. PAIROHID" "N. FINDERS" "J. HANKSGE" D. HEWES" "B.F. INVINE" "ISOLATOR" "JACKSCHYLLE" "AMSSERS" "L. S. KELLY" "O. KELLY" "L. HENDERS" "L. PAIRON "W. S. LADD" "J. LIND" "MARTSON" "L. S. MAN STIELD" "W. MALENAMN" "B. MATTSON" "L. S. MAN STIELD" "W. MALENAMN" "B. MATTSON" "SCHAACDALE" "Z. LYKESE" "IN MECKY" "EXACTIVE "SEA DEVIL" "W. L. "SIDMEST PARREE" "HOLLING" "A. HOELINGU" "ROSEVILLE "PAUL REVERE" "POLLINE" "A. HOELINGU" "ROSEVILLE "ALLIANT "THE BOSCH" "VAN DER LIDM" VAN OUTHOORN" "THE BOSCH" "WAN DER LIDM" "A. WOTHOORN" "THE BOSCH" "WAN DER LIDM" "A. WHITE" "ARROONA" "S. G. PORTER" "OZARK" Cairns: Combat Units 1 DD : "STUART" "STUART" "STUART" "ARROONA" "S. G. PORTER" "OZARK" Cairns: Combat Units 2 : "JONDEACH" "GLENDALE" (FP) "ARRARAT" "MILDURA" "ROOKHAMPTON" "STAWELL" "BUNDAGERER" (AMS) 2 SC: 705, 982 4 ML: SO4, 805, 811, 520 3 FD: 477, 1120,113 6 YES: 8, 46, 47, 48, 50, 395 AUXILIARISE 5 : "FATTYPUS" (AR) "KAPUNDA" "TOWNSVILLE" "PIRIE "MACKEY! MACKEY! MACKEY: AUXILIARIES 5 : "BEACHAM "GOULBURN" "GYMPTE" "HERON" (ANS) 1 ML: 817 DAUXILIARIES 6 : "SNAR" (PS) "COURA" "GOULBURN" "GYMPTE" "HERON" (ANS) 1 ML: 817 DAUXILIARIES 6 : "SNAR" (PS) "COURA" "GOULBURN" "GYMPTE" "HERON" (ANS) 1 ML: 822, 823 6 AMS : "STAMELLA" (ANS) 1 SC: 7485 2 YMS: 9,10 SAL: 808, 821, 825 6 AMS : "SCHOOL" "MI SLEEVILLAR" "GOULBURN" "GYMPTE" "HERON" (ANS) 2 ML: 824, 826 AUXILIARIES 2 : "ABROOC" "MI SLEEVILLAR" "GOULBURN" "GYMPTE" "HERON" "ALGORRE" "DELORATE" "DELORATE" "HERON" "ALGORRE" "DELORATE" "DELORATE" "HERON" "ALGORRE" "DELORATE" "HERON" "ALGORRE" "DELORATE" "HERON" "ALG			
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Puriata River mouth were contacted by PT boats. One was complete. ly destroyed, another left on fire and sinking but the third apparently escaped to the south.

During 2 Mar. enemy positions in the Mosiga area were

bombarded by 2 destroyers.

(2) Kavieng - Photos 1015/2 show 6 barges in the Harbour. Coverage of Kavieng and Panapai airfields shows the former possibly serviceable for 2700 ft. with 4 fighters, 2 medium bombers present and the latter unserviceable with no aircraft present. (3) Adler Bay (E. Coast New Britain) - At 1630/2, the radar station at Adler Bay was attacked by 12 Dauntless, 6 Avengers led in Photos show 5 hits in the radar clearing by a Ventura. but the installation was apparently still standing.

(4) Rabaul - During the night 29 Feb.-1 Mar. PT boats operating off
Rabaul badly damaged or possibly sank 3 barges of a 6 barge
convoy: 2 of the barges were noticed to be carrying troops. The barges were apparently unarmed. On 2 March, the air offensive against Rabaul was At 1030/2, shipping and installations in N.W. Keravia Bay were attacked by 47 Dauntless, 24 Avengers escorted by 39 Warhawks and Corsairs. Hits were scored on an A/A position, amongst some 30 barges, on 2 small carge ships and in addition 16 rocket hits were reported on a small escort vessel. At 1040-1050/2, Rabaul town was hit with 96 tons of bombs from 20 Liberators, 12 Mitchells, while Rapopo was bombed by 11 other Mitchells, 5 Corsairs; 8 Helicats escorted. At 1100/2, Rabaul town was again hit with 62 tons bombs from 14 Lightnings. Photographs at 1215/2, show a total of 136 hits N.E. Rabaul area, 50 buildings destroyed and Chinatown area gutted with large fires still burning. Photos 0915-0935/2 show: Aircraft & Airfields: Lakumai 11 F. (10 poss.unserviceable) Vunakanau: 22 D/B. 2 M/B Serviceable 26 F. Tobera 2 1 D/B 1 M/B Rapopo N11 Keravat Unserviceable Harbour: 2 submarines 2 subchasers 12 small freighters (100-175 feet) Approx 400 barges

9 floatplanes

1 flying boat

At 1100-1115/2, roads in the Gasmata area were bombed by 18 Beauforts and 12 Kittyhawks. (5) Gasmata .

(6) Admiralty Islands - Further details concerning the enemy air opposition to our attacking Mitchells and Bostons (respectively 40 and 16 aircraft) approx 15 enemy fighters were seen and of these the Thunderbolts escorting shot down 7 and probably shot down another 4. In addition, the Mitchells shot down one fighter and a supply-dropping Fortress destroyed one more.

Enemy installations on Los Negros and Manus Islands were apparently also bombarded 2 March by allied destroyers.

Incomplete reports indicate that p.m. 3 March, enemy positions in the area were again attacked by Bostons and

Mitchells while destroyers also bombarded.

Latest reports late p.m. 3 March, indicate that the perimeter position is unchanged and that there had been no enemy air activity.

(7) Hansa Bay - At midday 2 March, aerodromes at Hansa Bay were attacked by 32 Liberators escorted by Kittyhawks and Thunderbolts. 6-8 enemy fighters were encountered and one was destroyed and another damaged.

At 1330/3, incomplete reports relate that A/A positions at Hansa Bay were again attacked by a substantial formation

of Liberators.
(8) Madang-Alexishafen - At 1050/2, Kurum Mission on Karkar Island was attacked by 24 Vengeances escorted by 12 Kittyhawks.

At 1130/2, A/A positions at Alexishafen No. 2 strlp were bombed by 6 Liberators.

(9) Pommern Bay - At 1115/3, Mindiri Village and Mission and Herwarth Pt. were bombed and strafed by 24 Vengeances and 13 Kittyhawks.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/4:

(1) 18 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:		
Escorts	5	: "COOTAMUNDRA" "FREMANTLE" (AMS)
		3 ML: 429, 809, 816
Merchantmen	4	: "COOLEBAR" "KAILUA" "MILDURA" "W. PROUSE"
Groote Eylandt:	0	
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Melville Bay:		The state of the s
Merchantmen	1.	: "SUVA"

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/4:

(1) "RANEE" (CV(E)) proceeding Fremantle ETA p.m. 6 March.
(2) "YP.286" departed Exmouth Gulf 2045/2 for Fremantle ETA 6 March.

(b) In Harbour:

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Fremantle:		
Combat Units	2 CL	: "ADELA IDE" "GAMBIA"
Escorts	3	: "DUBEO" "HORSHAM" (AMS) 1 SC: 739
Auxiliaries	9	: "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK"
		"WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "PELIAS" "ORION" (AS)
		"YUMA" (AT) 1 YP: 288 1 ARD.
Exmouth Gulf:		Makes Agrees
Auxiliaries	2	: "CHILDS" (AV) "W.B.PRESTON" (AVD)

B. INDIAN OCEAN

ENEMY FORCES

Night 3 Mar. a British merchant ship reported being torpedoed approx 340 miles S.S.W. of Colombo.

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ENEMY FORCES

Marshalls - On 1 March, Wotje was raided by 10 Liberators, Taroa by 7 Liberators and Mille by 5 Liberators, 2 Mitchells. Slight A/A was encountered at Mille but none over Taroa and Wotje.

Wake Island - Midday 29 Feb. Wake Island was raided by aircraft and complete surprise effected to the extent that gun covers were still on when the aircraft passed over the target. Six planes were seen on the ground and all were strafed and possibly destroyed.

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

- (1) Increased naval and air strength Malayan theatre.
- (2) Withdrawal of forward positions in Bismarcks. (3) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.
 - (4) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation
 - runs to forward areas.
 (5) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offe naive patrol activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY PART II ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)		Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines
BB CA	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-		MUSASHI ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI HAGURO MYOKO
<u>CL</u>	BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX HOEART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER HONOLULU ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO MOBILE BIRNINGHAM DENVER LEANDER	•	NAKA OYODO NOSHIRO
CL(T)	-	-		KASHIMA) Poss. KATORI) sunk
AV/CVS	-	WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	-	AKITSUSHIMA
xav/xcvs	HERON HALF MOON SAN PABLO	BALLARD	-	3
	ARUNTA WAERAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER REID SMITH AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS HOBEY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES NICHOLSON WILKES STOCKTON STEVEN SON THOEN ABMER READ	Approx 40	5	20(some repairing)

wy Non-effective

The Man again the San	Southwest (Eastern :	Section) South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines	
SS	BALAO BLACKFISH FLOUNDER GATO PETO	On Patrol	15	25	
	BASHAW DACE SCAMP	At Milne Bay			
	CERO DARTER K•9	At Brisbane At Sydney			
PT	70	Approx 80 -	?	?	
APA/APD/A	KA H.T.ALLEN KANIMBLA WESTRALIA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHAEYS BROOKS	10 APA 5 APD 5 AKA			
AGC	BLUE RIDGE				
AS	OTUS FUL TON		?	?	
AD	DOBBIN		1	1	
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CL	DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND		ABU	KUMA A	
DP	85			5	
SS	10		App	rox 4	
AS	•			1	

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC-EMPIRE

	ALLIED FORCES		ENEMY FORCES
BB	INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON CALIFORNIA MASSACHUSETTS SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA	COLORADO MARYLAND TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO IDAHC ALABAMA PENNSYLVANIA OKLAHOMA	HARUNA MUTSU (prob. sunk)
<u>cv</u>	ENTER PRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON SARATOGA INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL		ZUIKAKU
Y(L)	COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY INDEPENDENCE	HITAKA HAYATAKA RYUHO TAIHO MZUIHO
CV(T)	V.		нозно
CV(E)	SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO CORAL SEA LONG ISLAND PRINCE WILLIAM NASSAU WISSION BAY	COPAHEE CORREGIDOR ALTAMAHA WHITE PLANS MIDWAY PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY	CHIYODA CHITOSE JINYO KAIYO MOTAKA MUNYO
CA	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY POSTLAND LOUISVILLE		MOGAMI ASHIGARA MAYA
OCA	•		3
<u>CL</u>	OAKLAND RENO CONCORD	(4)	YAHAGI KISO M HAGARA M MATORI M ISUZU
(T)	-		m KASHII
AV/CVS	•		3
DD 33 A3	Approx 30		Approx 20 Approx 25 2 (one repairing)

TRENTON

DD

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		March	AST INDIES-INDIAN OCE	EAN
	Southwest Pa (Western See		Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
BB	•		QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN	NAGATO (poss.Carolines) ISE HYUGA FUSO YAMASHIRO
CA			ILLUSTRIOUS	SHOKAKU
CV(E)	RANEE		BATTLER UNICORN SHAH	•
•	SUSSEX		SUPFOLK HAWKINS FROBISHER	ACBA KUMA NO SUZUYA TONE CEIKUMA
CL	ADELATE GAMBIA)E	CEYLON KENYA NEWCASTLE EMERALD DANAE TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	YUBARI TATSUTA KINU OI KITAGAMI
AV/CVS	CHILDS W.B. PRE	STON	ALBATROSS	* KAMOI
KCL	•		CANTON CHITRAL	•
XAV/XCV	<u>s</u> -		?	1
	ANGLER BILLFISH BONEFISH BUUEFISH COD GUNNEL HADDO	HOE JACK LAPON POMPOM PUFFER NORWHAL RASHER RATON	Approx 27 Approx 15 On Patrol	25 17 (incl. 6 German)
	CABRILLA CREVALLE FLASHER HAKE REDFIN K.12 K.15	RAY ROBALO	an tle	
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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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

No. 767

Date 5th March, 1944

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/5:

- (1) "LONGBEACH" "GLENDALE" (PF) escorting "KANIMBLA" "MANOGRA" (APA)
 departed Cairns 1800/4 for Milne Bay.

 (2) "BENDIGO" departed Milne Bay 0900/1 to stand by "PRESIDENT GRANT"
 aground on S.W. corner of Uluma Reef, then taking over A/S patrol focal area outside China Strait. Salvage operations in progress with diving party; "RESERVE" "SONOMA" (AT) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) standing by to assist.
 - (3) "BUNDABERG" "KALGOORLIE" "PIRIE" escorting Convey TN . 225 (4 MV) to
 - Milne Bay ETA 1100/8.

 (4) "SC.744" escorting "BOTH" departed Milne Bay 0700/4 for Port Moresby ETA 1400/5.

 (5) "BALLARAT" escorting "KURUMBA" (A0) departed Port Moresby 1915/4 for Cairns ETA 1915/6.

 - (6) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "WICHITA FALLS" departed Milne Bay 0515/3 for Townsville ETA 0500/6.
 - (7) "BROOME" (AMS) escorting "EMPIRE SILVER" departed Milne Bay 1210/4 for Townsville ETA Grafton Passage 0900/6.
 - "KATOOMBA" was to depart Townsville 0800/5 for Sydney ETA 2200/9. 8) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (AMS) essisting "OMAHA" aground on Egret Reef. (9)
 - "YP.291" departed Cairns 0700/2 for Thursday Is. ETA 1100/6.

 "MAETSUYCKER" (AH) departed Brisbane 1555/2 ETA Port Moresby 0700/6.

 "TOWN SVILLE" (ex Townsville) conducting A/S patrol outer Grafton 10)
 - Passage. (13) "BUNBURY" (AMS) en route Brisbane to Townsville ETA 0900/6.
 - (14) "SC.749" departed Brisbane 2011/1 to relieve "SC.745" on Sandy Cape
 - patrol area, carrying out A/S patrol untilrelieved by "WHYALLA" at 1200/5, returning thence to Brisbane.

 (15) "WHYALLA" was to depart Brisbane 2100/4 to relieve "SC.749" on A/S patrol Sandy Cape area. "SC.749" to return Brisbane.
- (16) "COLAC" (AMS) departed Sydney 0910/4 for A/S patrol to Sandy Cape and
- return.

 (17) "CALAMARES" (AF) departed Sydney 1359/2 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/8.

 (18) "GOULBURN" was to depart Sydney for Milne Bay at 1600/4.

 (19) "WILCANNIA" (AMS) departed Sydney 1725/2 for Thursday Is. via Townsville ETA Townsville 1600/7.
- (20) "ML's 824, 812, 826" en route Fremantle departed Adelaide 2035/3.
- (21) 5 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "COWRA" intended to depart Brisbane after 2 March, after boiler cleaning for Milne Bay.
- (2) "KIAMA" to be sailed for Brisbane to complete working up about 15 March.
 (3) "FREMANTLE" to be sailed to arrive Melbourne for refit by 31 March.

(e) In Harbour:

Man w To .		
Tuam Is:	1	: "SHEFPARTON" (AGS)
Saidor:		
Escorts	2	: 1 SC:748 1 PC:1119
Merchan tmen	3	"R.F. WAR NER" "COMARA" "WATCHER"
nschhafen:		
Combat Units	40 PT	
Escorts	17	: 2 PC:1131, 1133 3 YMS: 50, 53, 72
	777	8 80: 650, 732, 734, 735, 737, 746, 747, 750
		4 MI: 423, 801, 803, 806
Auxiliaries	7	· "PARTUNES" "OYSPER BAY" (AGP) "OCTANS" (AF)
AUNTILATION		"COUCAL" (ASR) "HALF MOON" (AVP) "VICTORIA"
		(AO) 1 YP:283
	20	: "J.ALDEN" "BORGFRED" "RAMO" "MACTAN" "YOCHOW"
Merchantmen	18	"J.ALEER" BURGERED RANG MACIAN IOCHON
		"J.DEERE" "J.RCLPH" "M.FULLER" "CAPE CLEARE"
		"J. NICOLET" "W.B. ALL ISON" "G.V.L. MEYER"
		"W.ATWATER" "CAPE FLATTERY" "A.THOMAS"
		"C.DARROW" "H.C. PAYNE" "A.D. WHITE"
Lae:		
Escorts	1	: ML-425
Merchantmen	3	"J.B.KENDRICK" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "SIBIGO"
auna:		
Escerts	8	: "BENALLA" (AMS) 2 PC: 479, 1132 2 YMS:73,334
Bagoros		3 SC: 637, 736, 748
Auxiliaries	10	: "ELUE RIDGE" (AGC) "DOBBIN" (AD) "HILO" (AGP)
Auxiliaries	10	"TRINITY" (AO) "SUSQUEHANNA" (AO) "CARTER HALL
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		(LSD) "MORESBY" (AGS) "POYANG" (ASIS)
		2 YF: 278, 280
Merchantmen	9	: "CAFE BON" "ETAMIN" "DUNHAM WRIGHT" "M.C.KERR"
		"D.E. HUGHES" "H.L. AEBOTT" "P.T. DODDRIDGE"
		"ESSO BAYONNE" "ALCIBIADES"
Oro Bay:		
Auxiliaries	2	: "RIGEL" (AR) "TULSA" (PG)
Merchan tmen	12	"W. SHARON" "G.R. HEBARD" "CAPE LOOKOUT" "MANA"
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		"J.EURHOUGHS" "J.F.ERADLEY" "H.T.RAINEY"
		"B. MA TTHEWS"
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Merchan tmen	1	"VAN DER LIJN"
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Kiriwina:	-	. NT 610
Escorts	1	: MI.819
Merchantmen	2	: "M.DALY" "N.E. MACK"
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Merchantmen	2	: "W.C.CLAIRBORNE" "M.GRIFETH"
* Milne Bay:		
Combat Units	1 CA	: "SHROPSHIRE"
	2 CL	: "NASHVILLE" "PHOENIX"
	25 DD	"STOCKTON" "STEVEN SON" "HUTCHINS" "DALY"
		"BACHE" "AMMEN" "BEALE" "BUSH" "WILKES"
		"HOBBEY" "KALK" "MULLANY" "GILLESPIE" "WELLES"
		"REID" "FLUSSER" "SMITH" "MAHAN" "DRAYFON"
		"SWANSON" "NICHOLSON" "WARRAMUNGA" "THORNE"
		"ABNER READ" "ARUNIA"
	36 PT	ADADI INCO ANORIA
Westerner		: "GASCOYNE"
Escorts	1 PF	: "ARARAT" "GLENELG"
	2 AMS	The state of the s
	4 PC	: 476, 1121, 1122, 1124
	8 SC	: 698, 699, 735, 738, 742, 743, 750, 981 : 11, 49, 52, 70, 71, 313, 314, 315, 335, 336
	10 YMS	1 11, 49, 52, 70, 71, 513, 514, 515, 555, 556
	7 ML	: 424, 427, 430, 431, 802, 816, 818 "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "BROOKS" "GILMER" (APD)
Auxiliaries	18	"HEMPEREYS" "SANDS" "BROOKS" "GILMER" (APD)
4		"LONG" "HAMILTON" (DMS) "SAN PABLO" "HALF MOON
		(AVP) "AASE MAERSK" "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "OTUS"
		(AVP) "AASE MAERSK" "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "OTUS" "FULTON" (AS) "H.T.ALLEN" "WESTRALIA" (APA) "KOOPA" (AGP) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "YUNNAN" (ASIS)
		"KOOPA" (AGP) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "YUNNAN" (ASIS)
		"GOLD STAR" (AF)

^{*} Note: Special operational movements forward of Wilne Bay not shown.

Milne Bay (Cont	:d.)
Merchantmen	72

"ALCOA PEGASUS" "ALCOA PATRIOT" "E.G.ACHESON"
"ARANSAS PASS" "E.D.BAKER" "W.B.AYER"
"J.BARBARA" "BARBARA C." "S.K.BARLOW" "R.S.
BEAN" "F.BILLINGS" "F.P.BLAIR" "S.BOLIVAR"
"BONTEKGE" "S.BRANNON" "J.COOK" "D.CROCKETT"
"G.L.CUERY" "CAPE SAN ANTONIO" "J.W.DAVIS"
"F.H.DODD" "DON MARQUIS" "J.BARL" "ESSO
HARRISBURG" "ESSO PITTSBURG" "L.FAIRCHILD"
"M.FLINDERS" "HAMYANG" "D.HEWES" "B.F.IRVINE"
"ISOLATOR" "JACKSONVILLE" "JANSSENS" "L.S.
KELLY" "C.KELLY" "KLIPFONTEIN" "LAKE ORMAC"
"W.S.LADD" "J.LIED" "Z.LYKES" "MAETSON"
"J.S.MANSFIELD" "W.MCLEMNAN" "B.MATTHEWS"
"MORMACDALE" "I.MCCOY" "MEXICO" "JIDWEST
FARMER" "MULIAMA" "JAMES D.PHALAN" "PAUL
REVERE" "POLLUX" "PONCE" "A.ROBINSON"
"ROSEVILLE" "J.ROSS" "J.ROSSITER" "SEA DEVIL"
"N.J.SINNOTT" "O.SKINNER" "C.SPRECKERS" "M.M.
STEWART" "THUNDERER" "TRIANGULUM" "S.M.WHITE"
"VAN DEN BOSCH" "VAN OUTHOORN" "VAN SWOIL"
"VILLALOBOS" "M.WALKER" "F.A.WARDELL"

				"WEST TEXAS"
Port Moresby:				
Escorts	2		:	1 SC:741 1 ML:426
Auxiliaries	1		2	"POLARIS" (AGS)
Merchantmen	6		1	"W.B.SUBJETTE" "S.BRANNON" "H.V.WHITE"
			-	"S.G. PORTER" "OZARK" "ORMISTON"
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Combat Units	1	DD		"STUART"
Escorts	21		:	"ARARAT" "BOWEN" "MILDURA" "ROCKHAM PTON"
				"STAWELL" (AMS) 3 SC: 703, 731, 982
				4 ML:804, 805, 811, 820
				3 PC:477, 1120, 1132
				6 YMS: 8, 46, 47, 48, 50, 393
Auxiliaries	1		2	6 YMS: 8, 46, 47, 48, 50, 393 "PLATYPUS" (AR)
Townsville:				
Combat Units	1	DD		"VENDETTA"
Escorts	4		:	"WARREGO" (PS) "KAPUNDA" "WAGGA" (AMS)
				1 ML: 817
Mackay:				
Auxiliaries	1			"HERON" (AVP)
Brisbane:				
Combat Units	1	DD		"ROE"
Escorts	9			"SWAN" (PS) "COWRA" "GYMPIE" (AMS) 1 SC: 745
				2 YMS: 9,10 5 ML: 808, 821, 827
Auxiliaries	6			"EURYALE" (AS) "PYRO" (AE) "ALGCRAB" (AKS)
				"MESQUITE" (CGC) "SHIKELLAMY" (AO) 1 YP: 236
Sydney:				
Combat Units	1	CA	2	"AUSTRALIA" (Refitting)
		CL		"HOBARI" (") "BOISE"
		DE	*	"GRISWALD"
Escorts	12		\$	"BARCOO" (PF) "ECHUCA" "KIAMA" "WARR NAMBOOL"
				"GLADSTONE" "DELORAINE" (AMS) 2 ML: 822, 823
				"KYBRA" "YANDRA" "DOOMBA" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN"
				(A/S)
Auxiliaries	3		2	"WANGANELLA" (AH) (Refitting) "MANUNDA" (AH)
				"GANYMEDE" (AK)
Melbourne:				the server our W
Escorts	1	AMS	\$	"LITHGOW"
Adelaide:	-	4350		HOTELT ON A II /Da Of this and
Escorts	1	AMS	3	"GEELONG" (Refitting)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Selemens-Eastern Bismarcks - It is estimated that on 4 March, 6-7

Japanese submarines were operating in and around SolomonsEastern Bismarcks. All these units appear to be engaged on
transportation missions with the exception probably of one,
which may be patrolling off the New Georgia area. In addition,
one or more units are estimated to be engaged on supply runs
direct from Truk to the Buin area.

(2) Rabaul - Weather hampered scheduled air strikes on Rabaul 3 March but at 1025/3, Simpson Harbour area was bembed by 48 Dauntless, 24 Avengers with 36 fighters escorting. The Harbour area was again bombed at 1058/5 by 24 Mitchells and at 1103/3 by 20 Liberators. All results were unobserved. 36 Corseirs, Helleats conducted barge sweeps around the Rebaul and Southern New Ireland coast a.m. 3 March. Four launches were strafed. (3) Admiralty Islands - During the night 3-4 March and a.m. 4 March, the enemy continued vigorous attacks against our Momote perimeter but at 1800/4, the perimeter was still intact. A total of 700 enemy dead have been counted: our casualties to date total 61 killed, 244 wounded. During 4 March, enemy aircraft dropped 2 bombs in the Momote air strip area without inflicting damage. Supporting our ground forces, assigned enemy targets on Los Negros Island were attacked 1200-1300/4 by 12 Mitchells, 16 Bostons. In addition, enemy coastal guns in the area were bombarded by our destroyers. (4) Hollandia - At 0001-0315/4, Cyclops, Sentani and Hollandia airfields were bombed by 19 Liberators with satisfactory coverage of targets. Preliminary reports from aircraft in flight 2000-2230/4 indicate some shipping in the Humbeldt Bay area, but details are incomplete. The total number of ships involved would appear to be about six. a delayed report relates that approx 1800/1, 3 enemy bombers (5) Tadji and 5 fighters were intercepted over facji by 2 Lightnings. Two enemy bombers and one fighter were shot down. At 0300/4, a small sea truck was reported by aircraft Sissano Lagoon (20 miles W. of Tadji) on course 350°. At 1145-1200/4, But aerodrome was bombed by 22 Liberators (6) Wewak ascorted by Kittyhawks. The strip was rendered temporily unserviceable by bombing and the dispersal and dump area were well covered. Preliminary estimates indicate 8-10 aircraft destroyed or damaged on the ground. Two enemy fighters intercepted although some 20 were seen airborne in the area. One enemy fighter was damaged.

(7) Hansa Bay - A delayed report relates that at 1010/1, an enemy reconnaissance plane was attacked by 4 Thunderbolts over Manam Island and was destroyed. Details concerning the Liberator strike on A/A positions at Hansa Bay at approx 1530/3 show that 17 Liberators participated scoring many hits around gun positions. (8) Bogadjim Area - At 1000-1340/3, gun positions near Erima jetty were bombed and strafed by 22 Bostons with excellent coverage of the target.

(9) Bogadjim Road - At 1020/3, supply dumps at Mabelubu (in the Yaula area)

were bombed and strafed by 9 Aircobras, led in by one Boomerang. (10) Pommern Bay - At 0950-1025/4, suspected enemy positions at Mindiri Plantation and Herwath Point were bombed and strafed by 33 Vengeances and 12 Kittyhawks. (11) Carolines-New Guinea - Ships probably from the enemy convoy of 2 tankers, 2 or 3 escorts and 4 u/i merchant ships reported at 0900/2 180 miles N. of Manokwari southbound (refer Summary No.755) were attacked 3 and 4 March by submarines at the mouth of Hageelvink Bay (see Naval Incidents).

2.NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALL TED FORCES

(a)At Sea to 1200/5:

(1) "INVERELL" (AMS) esserting Convoy TD.45 (3 MV) departed Thursday Is. 1623/3 for Darwin.

(2) 18 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Escorts 5

: "COCIAMUNDRA" "FREMANTLE" (AMS)
5 ML: 4291 809, 816
: "COCLEBAR" "KAILUA" "MILDURA" "W. PROUSE" 4 Mer chan tmen

roote Eylandt: * "BABINDA" Merchantmen

Melville Bay: : "SUVA" Merchantmen 1

(11) ENEMY FORCES

South China Sea - A.m. 3 March, an enemy convoy of 9 merchant ships and 3 escerts was reported 350 miles S.E. by E. of Saigon on course 2120.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/5:

(1) "RANEE" (CV(E)) proceeding Fremantle ETA p.m. 6 March.
(2) "YP.286" departed Exmouth Gulf 2045/2 for Fremantle ETA 6 March.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle: Combat Units : 2 CL : "ADELAIDE" "GAMBIA"

Escorts 3

"DUBBO" "HORSHAM" (AMS) 1 SC: 739
"CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK"
"WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "PELIAS" "ORION" (AS) Auxiliaries 9

"YUMA" (AT) 1 YP: 288 1 ARD.

Exmouth Gulf :

: "CHILDS" (AV) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) . 2 Auxiliaries

NAVAL INCIDENTS

Carolines-New Guinea - At 1120/3, a U.S. submarine unsuccessfully attacked a southbound convoy(previously reported in this Summary) off Cape D'Urville (N.E. jaw Hageelvink Bay. At 0130/4, a U.S. submarine sank a 6000 ton cargo vessel reported as carrying ammunition 45 miles E. of Cape D'Urville.

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

(1) Increased naval and air strength Malayan theatre.

(2) Withdrawal of forward positions in Bismarcks.

(3) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North coast New Guinea,

East Indies, Valayan areas.
(4) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation

runs to forward areas.

(5) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive patrol activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1.SOUTH & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

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CV(E)				_	-		CHIYODA		
<u>GA</u>	(2)	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE		•	•	(5)	TAKAO ATAGO CHOKAI HAGURO MYOKO	*	
CL		BOISE NASHVILLE FHOENIX HOBART		COLUMEIA CEEVELAND MONTPELLIER HONOLULU ST. LOUIS DENVER LEANDER	•	(3)	NAKA OYODO NOSHIRO		
CL(T)		-		-	-	(2)	KASHIMA)	Poss	
AV/CVS		-	(2)	WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	-		AKITSUSHI	MA	
XAV/XCVS	(3)	HERON HALF MOON SAN PARLO		BALLARD	•		3		
	(26)	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER REID SMITH AMMEN BACHE BEALE FUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS EOBBY KALK GILLESPIE WEILES NICHOLSON WILKES STOCKTON STEVENSON TEORN ABNER READ		Approx 45			20 (some repai	ring)	

-		hwest Facific tern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Marianas Carolines
<u>ss</u>	(6)	BALAC) BLACKFISH) FLOUNDER) GATO) PETO) SCAMP)	On Patrol	15	25
	(2)	DACE)	At Milne Bay		-
	(2)	CERO) DARTER)	At Brisbane At Sydney		51
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APA/APD	(8)	H.T.AILEN KANIMBLA WESTRALIA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 10 APD 5 AKA		
AGC		BLUE RIDGE			
AS	(2)	OTUS FULTON		?	?
AD		DOBBIN		•	1
AR AR	(3)	RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS	PROMETHEUS		
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		3.	CENTRAL PACIFIC-E	PIRE	our march,	T 2 4.2
	A	LLIED FORCES			ENEMY FORCES	
<u>BB</u>	(18)	INDIANA WORTH CAROLINA IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON CALIFORNIA MASSACHUSETTS SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA	COLORADO MA HYLAND TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO IDAHO ALABAMA PEN NSYLVAN IA OKLAHOMA	(3-4)	KONGO HARUNA YAMATO MUTSU (prob.	sunk)
CA	(7)	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON SARATOGA	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL		ZUIKAKU	
GA (T)	(7)	COMPENS BEILEAU WOOD NCHTEREY PHINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY INDEPENDENCE	(4)	HITAKA HAYATAKA TAIHO ZUIHO	
C.T)			*		HOSHO	
CV (E)	(25)	SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO CORAL SEA BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU SANTEE CASABLANCA COPAHEE CORREGIDOR ALTAMAHA	WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY GAMBIA BAY HOGGATT BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MANILA BAY NATOMA BAY NEHENTA BAY	36	CHITOSE JINYO KAIYO OTAKA UNYO	, N
<u>CA</u>	(13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CAN BERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE		MOGAMI ASHIGARA MAYA	
OGA		-			6	
<u>CL</u>	34 34	CAKLAND RENO CONCORD BILOXI	SANTA FE SAN DIEGO MOBILE BIRMINGHAM	*	YAHAGI KISO NAGARA NATORI ISUZU	
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AV/CVS		•			3	

M Non-effective

Approx 25 Approx 25

2 (one repairing)

Approx 85 Approx 30

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4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

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	(Western Section)	Eas	tern Fleet Area	East I	ndies-Ph	nilippines
BB		(3)	QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN		NAGATO ISE HYUGA FUSO YAMASHIF	(poss. Garolines
CV	-		ILLUSTRIOUS		SHOKAKU	(poss. Carolines
CV(E)	RANEE	(3)	EATTLER UNICORN SHAH		•	•
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CL	(2) ADELAIDE GAMBIA	(7)	CEYLON KENYA MEWCASTLE EMERALD DANAE TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK		YUBARI TATSUTA KINU OI KITAGAMI	I
AV/CVS	(2) CHILDS W.B.PRESTON		ALBATROSS	H	KAMOI	
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(1	8) ANGLER LAPON BILLFISH POMPOM BONEFISH PUFFER BLUEFISH NORWHAL BOWFIN RASHER COD RATON GUNNEL RAY HADDO ROBALO HOE JACK))))	Approx 15 Patrol			cl. 6 German)
	7) CABRILLA REDFIN CREVALLE K.12 FLASHER K.15 HAKE)) At	Fremantle			
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A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA.

PART 1.

EASTERN AREA.

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/6:

(1) "LONGBEACH" "GLENDALE" (PF) escorting "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA" (APA)

departed Cairns 1800/4 for Milne Bay.

(2) "SC 750" YMS's 313, 314 "ML 816" escorting convoy BG 52 ("D. HEWES"

"LAKE ORMAC" for Langemak) departed Milne Bay 0700/5 ETA Langemak 0900/7.

(3) "ML 802" departed Milne Bay 1500/5 for Buna ETA 0700/6 and has

ETA 1800/6

(4) "MORESBY" (AGS) departed Buna 1800/5 for Cairns ETA 1300/8.

(5) "BENDIGO" departed Milne Bay 0900/1 to stand by "PRESIDENT GRANT aground on S.W. corner of Uluma Reef, then taking over A/S patrol focal area outside China Strait. Salvage operations in progress with diving party; "RESERVE" "SONOMA" (AT) "CAMBRIAN SAL OR" (ARS) standing by to assist.

(6) "BUNDABERG" "KALGOORLIE" "PIRIE" escorting Convoy TN.225 (4MV) to Milne Bay ETA 1100/8. "PIRIE" to detach at Bryer Island and proceed Port Moresby for escort duty with "BOTH" to "KALGOORLIE" proceeding also to Port Moresby ETA 0800/6 to escort "CRMISTON" to Townsville.

(7)"BALLARAT" escorting "KURUMBA" (A0) departed Port Moresby 1915/4 for Cairns ETA 1915/6.

(8) "BROOME" (AMS) escorting "EMPIRE SILVER" departed Milne Bay 1210/4

for Townsville ETA Grafton Passage 0900/6.

(9) "KATOOMBA" departed Townsville 0800/5 for Sydney ETA 2200/9.

(10) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (AHS) assisting "OMAHA" aground on Egret Reef.

(11) "YMS's 47, 48, 51" were to depart Cairns 0700/6 for Brisbane ETA 0800/9.

(12) "LATROBE" (AMS) proceeding to Wyborn Reed ETA 1030/6 to assist

"CITY OF HOUSTON".

(13) "MIZAR" (AF) was to depart Grafton Passage 1500/5 for Brisbane

ETA 1600/7.

(14) "VENDETTA" (DD) was to depart Townsville 0730/5 for Sydney ETA 0700/8.

(15) "TOWNSVILLE" (ex Townsville) conducting A/S patrol outer Grafton

(16) "WHYALLA" was to depart Brisbane 2100/4 to relieve "SG.749" on A/S
Patrol Sandy Cape Area. "SC.749" to return Brisbane.

(17) "PYRO" (AE) departed Brisbane 0855/5 for Townsville ETA 1800/7.

(18) "COLAC" (AMS) departed Sydney 0910/4 for A/S patrol to Sandy Cape

and return.

(19) "GOULBURN" departed Sydney 1422/5 for Brisbane ETA 1630/7 and

Milne Bay. (21) "WILCANNIA" (AMS) departed Sydney 1725/2 for Thursday Is. via

Townsville ETA Townsville 1600/7.

(22) 6 CLI's departed "ydney 1124/5 for Noumea ETA 0700/9.

(23) "ML's 824, 812, 826" en route Fremantle departed Adelaide 2035/3.

(24) "CASTLEMAINE" "BOWEN" "MILDURA" "ML's 804, 811" on search for submarine contacted at 0304/6 by "ML 805" Grafton Passage area.

(25) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

"COWRA" intended to depart Brisbane after 2 March, after boiler cleaning for Milne Bay.
"KIAMA" to be sailed for Brisbane to complete working up about (1)

15 March.

"FREMANTLE" to be sailed to arrive Melbourne for refit by 31 March. "MESQUITE" (CGC) to depart Caloundra 2000/6 for Townsville ETA (3) (4)1600/9.

"STUART" (DD) to depart Cairns 1500/6 for Townsville ETA 0300/7 (5)

for onward routeing to Sydney.

"GASCOYNE" (PF) escorting "KLIPFONTEIN" to depart Milne Bay 1400/6
for Brisbane ETA 2200/9. "GASCOYNE" escorts for 200 miles. (6)

for	Brisbane	ETA 2200/9. "GASCOYNE" escorts for 200 miles.
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Cape Gloucester	TOOKE	
Escorts		
Auxiliaries	2	: 1 PC:1131 1 SC: 732.
HUALITATIES	1	: "SHEPPARTON" (AGS)
Saidor:		
Merchantmen	2	* "R.P.WARNER" "WATCHER"
Finschhafen:	-	· MATCHER
Combat Units	4 OPT	• 3 Pc • 1110 1100 1200 5 5 5 5
Escorts	17	: 3 PC: 1119, 1122, 1135 3 YMS: 50, 53, 72
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Auxiliaries	6	T MUI 760. 801. 805. 806
numiliar 168	O	: "PORTUNUS" "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "COUCAL" (ASR)
Merchantmen	16	"HALF MOON" (AVP) "VICTORIA" (AO) 1 MP:283
		"J. ALDEN" "BORGFRED" "RAMO" "MACTAN" "YOCHOW" "J. ROLPH" "M. FULLER" "CAPE CLEARE" "J. NICOLET"
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		"A. THOMAS" "C. DARROW" "H.C. PAYNE" "A.D. WHITE"
		A.D. WHITE
Lae:		
Escorts	, 1	B ML. 425
Merchantmen	4	: "J.B.KENDRICK" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "SIBIGO"
	~	"G.V.L.MEYER"
Buna:		G. V. L. MAIKA.
Escorts	8	· UDITERT TAN (ASSET)
	U	: "BEBALLA" (AMS) 2 PC: 479, 1132 2 YMS:73,334
Auxiliaries	9	0 004 001. 730. 748
200		"BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "DOBBIN" (AD) "HILO" (AGP)
Merchantmen	11	2 YP: 278, 280 "CAPE BON" "ETAMIN" DUNHAM WRIGHT" "M.C.KERR" "D.E.HIGHES" "H.L.ABROTTE" "P. T. DODDE DOD"
and Charlenell	TT	"CAFE BON" "ETAMIN" DUNHAM WRIGHT" "M.C. KERR"
		"D.E. HIGHES" "H.L. ABBOTT" "P.T. DODDRIDGE"
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Oro Bay:		"W. BEAUMONT"
Auxiliaries	2	"RIGEL" (AR) "TULSA" (PG)
Merchantmen	11 :	"W. SHARON" "G. R. HERARD" "CARE TOOKOTTE "
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Wa a 23 1		"BONTEKOE"
Woodlark Is:		
Merchantmen	1 :	"VAN DER LIJN"
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Escorts	1 :	ML.819
Merchantmen		"M. DALY" "N.E. MACK" "M. GRIFFITH"
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Merchantmen	2 :	"W.C.CLAIRBORNE" "J. BARL"
w Milne Bay:		d. BARL"
Combat Units	1 CA :	"SHROPSHIRE"
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		"MASHVILLE" "PHOENIX"
	TO DE	"STOCKTON" "STEVENSON" "HUTCHINS" "DALY" "BACKE"
		DEALE MINE TELEVISION BUTTOTTE BELLEVISION
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		VILL LE WADAN "INCAVIONI HOUR AND CONTRACTOR OF THE SECONDARY
		"NICHOLSON" "WARRAMUNGA" "THORNE" "ABNER READ"

36 PT

Escorts 1 PF : "GASCOYNE"

* Note: Special operational movements forward of Milne Bay not shown.

"ARUNTA"

"NICHOLSON" "WARRANUNGA" "THORNE" "ABNER READ"

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Milne Bay (contd)
                                                     2 AMS : "ARARAT" "GLENELG"
      Escorts (contd).
                                                                  : 476, 1121, 1124
: 698, 699, 735, 737, 738, 741, 742, 743, 746, 981
                                                      3 PC
                                                    10 SC
                                                     743, 746, 981

8 YMS: 11, 49, 52, 70, 71, 315, 335, 336,

5 ML: 424, 427, 430, 431, 818

19 "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "BROOKS" "GILMER"

(APD) "LONG" "HAMILTON" (DMS) "SAN PABLO"

"HALF MOON" (AVP) "AASE MAERSK" "BISHOPDA"

(AD) "OTUS" "FULTON" (AS) "H.T.ALLEN"

"WESTRALIA" (APA) "KOOPA" (AGP)

"AMVOUS" (ARL) "YUNNAN" (ASIS)
       Auxiliaries
                                                    19
                                                                       "AMYCUS" (ARL) "YUNNAN" (ASIS)
"GOLD STAR" (AG) "OCTANS" (AF).
"ALCOA PEGASUS" "ALCOA PATRIOT"
      Merchantmen
                                                    69
                                                                       "E.G.ACHESON" "ARANSAS PASS" "E.D.BAKER"
"W.B.AYER" "J.BARBARA" "BARBARAC".
"S.K.BARLOW" "R.S.BEAN" "F.BILLINGS"
                                                                      "S.K.BARLOW" "R.S.BEAN" "F.BILLINGS"
"F.P.BLAIR" "S.BOLIVAR" "S.BRANNON"
"J.COOK" "G.L.CURRY" "CAPE SAN ANTONIO"
"J.W.DAVIS" "J.DEERE" "F.H.DODD" "DON
MARQUIS" "ESSO HARRISBURG"
"ESSO PITTSBURG" "L.FAIRCHILD"
"M.FLINDERS" "HANYANG" "B.F.IRVINE"
"ISOLATOR" "JACKSONVILLE" "L.S.KELLY"
                                                                       "O.KELLY" "KLIPFONTEIN" ".W.S.LADD"
"J.LIND" "Z.LYKES" "MAETSON"
"J.S.MAN SFIELD" "W.MCLENNAN"
"B.MATTHEWS" "MORMACDALE" "I.MCCOY"
                                                                      "MEXICO" "MIDWEST FARMER" "MULIAMA"
"JOHN I. NOLAN" "JAMES D.PHALAN"
"PAUL REVERE" "POLLUX" "PONCE" "RING
LARDNER" "A.ROBINSON" "ROSEVILLE"
                                                                       "J.ROSS" "J.ROSSITER" SEA DEVIL"
                                                                       "N.J.SINMOTT" "C.SPRECKERS" "M.M.STEWART"
"THUEDERER" "TRIANGULUM" "S.M.WHITE"
"GEO. VANCOUVER" "VAN DEN BOSCH"
"VAN OUTHOORN" "VAN SWOLL" "VILLALOBOS"
"M.WALKER" "F.A.WARDELL" "WEST TEXAS"
Port Moresby:
                                                                  : 1 SC: 744 1 ML: 426
: "POLARIS" (AGS) "MAETSUYCKER" (AH)
: "H.V.WHITE" "S.G.PORTER" "OZARK"
"ORMISTOR" "BOTH"
      Escorts
      Auxiliaries
      Merchantmen
Thursday Island.
Auxiliaries
                                                                   : "BUNGAREE" (CM) 1 YP:291
                                                       2
Cairns:
                                                      1 DD & "STUART"
      Combat Units
                                                                      "ARARAT" "ROCKHAMPTON" "STAWELL" (AMS)
      Escorts
                                                                       3 80: 703, 731, 982
                                                                           ML: 820
                                                                     3 FC: 477, 1120, 1132
4 YMS: 8, 46, 50, 393
""PLATYPUS" (AR) "BOOTES" (AK)
                                                       2
      Auxiliaries
Townsville:
                                                                   : "WARREGO" (PS) "BUNBURY" "KAPUNDA" "WAGGA"
      Escorts
                                                                       (AMS)
                                                                       1 ML: 817
Mackay:
      Auxiliaries
                                                                   : "HERON" (AVP)
                                                       1
Brisbane:
                                                       1 DD & "ROE"
      Combat Units
                                                                   : "SWAN" (PS) "COWRA" "GYMPIE" (AMS)
      Escorts
                                                                  l SC:745, 749.
2 YMS: 9,10 3 ML: 808, 821, 827
: "EURYALE" (AS) "ALGORAB" (AKS)
"MESQUITE" (CGC) "SHIKELLAMY" (AO)
      Auxiliaries
                                                       5
                                                                       1 YP: 236
Sydney:
                                                       1 CA : "AUSTRALIA" (Refitting)
    Combat Units
                                                       2 CL B "HOBART"
                                                                                                                      ) "BOISE"
                                                       1 DE : "GRISWOLD"
                                                                   : "BARCOO" (PF) "ECHUCA" "KIAMA" WARRNAMBOOL
    Escorts
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Sydney (contd)
Escorts (contd)

"GLADSTONE" "DELORAINE" (AMS) 2 ML: 822, 823
"KYABRA" "YANDRA" "DOOMBA" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN"
(A/S)

Auxiliaries

3: "WANGANELLA" (AH) (Refitting) "MANUNDA" (AH)
"GANYMEDE" (AK)

Melbourne:

1 AMS: "LITHGOW"

Adelaide: Escorts

1 AMS: "GEELONG" (REFITTING)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

S.W. Bougainville. During the night 2-3 Mar 3 enemy barges off shore were attacked by PT boats, accompanied by a Verbura, and were driven ashore at Aitara Mission. One enemy floatplane apparently escorting the barges ineffectually attacked the PT boats.

Empress Augusta Bay. On 3 Mar enemy positions E. of Saua River (northern Empress Augusta Bay) were twic bombed and strafed by 12 Avengers.

Feni - Lihir Is. Area. Enemy submarine sightings in this area have been reported as follows:-

(a) Approx. 0900/5, 1 submarine 8 miles N.N.E. of Babase Is. (northeastern Is. of Feni Group) course 60°.

(b) 1351/5, 1 submarine 21 miles N.E. of Babase Is.

(c) Ollo/6, I probable submarine south of Lihir Is.
The above reports indicate possible an enemy submarine
northbound from a transportation mission to the Solomons perhaps
direct to Truk.

Cape Saint George. At 1135/3 the radar station at Cape Saint George was attacked by 5 Lightnings. Hits were scored within the area.

Rabaul. Photos 1300/4 of the airfields gave an incomplete count of aircraft but Tobera Vunakanau and Rapopo were serviceable, Keravat was unserviceable and Lakunai was cloud covered.

1 submarine (330 ft) 12 small freighters (100 - 175 ft.) barges normal (probably about 400) although Keravia Bay was 50% cloud covered.

Open Bay. Local observers report 5 Mar that the garrison at Ulamona was reinforced during the previous week by some 500 troops.

Cape Hoskins. At 1920 - 1945/4, the strip was effectively bombed by 10 Beauforts.

At 2210/5, 7 enemy barges were attacked by aircraft off Cape Hoskins.

Talasea. At 1925 - 1945/4, Talasea airfield and buildings in the area were bombed by 17 Beauforts. Results were unobserved due cloud.

Gasmata Area. At 1907/4, 4 barges were seen by aircraft leading E. between Baronga Is. (10 miles E. Gasmata) and the mainland.

W. New Britain. On 4 Mar the area between Itni River and Pulie River (in the Arawe Area) was reported clear of the enemy.

Our forward elements are firmly established at Iboki Plantation (Rein Bay) 5 Mar and report no enemy air or ground action.

Admiralty Is. It is estimated that the enemy attack launched on 4 Mar involved 3 battalions including several machine gun companies, light artillery units, 3-inch mortars and several tanks.

Latbour troops are reported to be in action in the front lines, using pikes.

Admiralty Is. (contd.)

A large number of Japanese are reported at Salami Plantation and this area was shelled by allied destroyers 4 Mar.

During the night 4-5 Mar enemy activity was limited to occasional sniper fire.

After a successful air strike on enmy positions on Los Negros Island at approx. 1100/5 (involving 17 Mitchells, although 4 squadrons of Liberators and 2 of Bostons failed to reach the target due to bad weather), the enemy launched an attach S. and S.W. of Momote strip. The attack was repulsed by 1300/5 when the situation was under control.

Late afternoon 5 Mar our forces established a bridgehead N. of Native Skidway (a causeway 700 yards N. of Momote airfield on W. shore of Hyane Harbour).

Hollandia Area.

(a) At 0250/5, one ship was seen by a Catalina in Hollandia Harbour, apparently the only ship in the Harbour.
(b) At 2000/4 a U.S. submarine reported a 4,000 ton freighter (no additional ship reported) 270 miles N. of Cape D'Urville on course 320 speed 9 knots. 2 dud torpedo hits were claimed.

Wewak Area. At 0230/6, 1 ship with 3 escorts was reported by aircraft southbound 40 miles N.W. by W. of Wewak.

Alexishafen. At 1045/5, No.2 strip was bombed and strafed by 23 Vengeance, 12 Kittyhawks.

Pommern Bay. At 1425/4, Mindiri Plantation area was bombed and strafed by 21 Vengeance, 12 Kitthawks.

Yalau Plantation. (midway between Saidor and Bogadjim) co-ordinated with a destroyer bombardment and air strike involving 4 Bostons, 3 Mitchells at 0700 - 0730/5 allied troops landed unopposed at Yalau Plantation. Cape Rigni, 8 miles further West was bombed and strafed by 4-5 Mitchells at 09(5 - 0920/5.

Lae Area. At 1915/4, indications of a submarine received 12 miles east of Lae. There is no confirmation of this report.

Grafton Passage. At 0340/6, an ML reported contact with a very probable submarine 7 miles N.W. of Grafton Passage (refer Allied Forces at sea p.z. this summary). There is no other evidence to support the likelihood of an enemy submarine in this area, although a possible submarine was reported by aircraft 12 miles S. of Port Moresby on course 250° at 0945/3.

Horn Is. At 0145/3, a probable enemy aircraft was located west of Horn Island.

At 1145/4 an unidentified aircraft was again reported over Goode Island (10 miles W. of Horn Is.)

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1)ALLIED FORCES (a) At Sea to 1200/6:

- (1) "INVERELL" (AMS) escorting Convoy TD.45 (3 MV) departed Thursday Is. 1623/3 for Darwin.
- 17 submarines on patrol. (2) In Harbour: (b)

Darwin:

: "COOTAMUNDRA" "FREMANTLE" (AMS) Escorts

3 ML: 4291, 809, 816 "COOLEBAR" "KAILUA" "MILDURA" "W. PROUSE" Merchantmen 4

Groote Eylandt:

-Merchantmen 1 : "BABINDA"

(b) In Harbour (contd)

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Melville Bay: Merchantmen 1

"SUVA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Arafura Sea. At 1010/5 an enemy floatplane was sighted, by aircraft, 125 miles N.W. of Wessel Island.

Derby Area. At 0911/5 a probable enemy aircraft was located in the Derby area.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA.

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/6:

(1) "RANEE" (CV(E) proceeding Fremantle ETA p.m. 6 March.
(2) "YP.286" departed Exmouth Gulf 2045/2 for Fremantle ETA 6 March. (3) "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) departed Fremantle 1900/5 for Melbourne ETA 1000/13 thence Brisbane.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat Units

Escorts Auxiliaries

: 2 CL : "ADELAIDE" "GAMBIA"

3 "DUBBO" "HORSHAM" (AMS) 1 SC: 739

8 : "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK"

"PELIAS" "ORION" (AS) YUMA" (AT) 1 WP: 1 ARD.

Exmouth Gulf:

Auxiliaries : "CHILDS" (AV) "W.B.PRESTON" (AVD) 2

CENPAC

Carolines. Photos show the following damage inflicted on Pnnape up to 5 Mar: Over half the town destroyed including one third of dock area, and radio station seaplane hangar and workshop at Langar Is. destroyed, ramp and apron and other buildings damaged. 2 buildings on Japutik Is. estroyed. Ponape was again attacked 0510/3 by 5 Liberators.

Marshalls. On 2-3 March, light air raids were conducted on Wotje, Taroa, Jaluit and Mille.

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES.

Increased naval and air strength Malayan theatre. (1)(2)

Withdrawal of forward positions in Bismarchs. Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North coast New (3) Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.

Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation (4) runs to forward areas.

Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive (5) patrol activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE 1.SOUTH & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

	ALLI	ED FORCES				ENEMY	FORCES	
		Pacif ic Section)	Sou	th Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons		Marianas Caroline	
ВВ		-			-		MUSASEI	
CV(L)		-		-	-		RYUHO	
CV(E)		-		•	-		CHIYODA	
<u>CA</u>	(2)	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE			-	(5)	TAKAO ATAGO CHOKAI HAGURO MYOKO	
CL		BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX · HOBART	34	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER HONOLULU ST. LOUIS DENVER LEANDER		(3)	NAKA OYODO NOSHIRO	
CL(T)		-		7.	-	(2)	KASHIMA KATORI)Poss.)sunk
AV/CVS		•	(5)	WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	-		AKITSUS	AMIH
XAV/XCVS	(2)	HALF MOON SAN PABLO		BALLARD	-		3	
	(27)	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER REID SMITH AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY HUILANY HUTCHINS HOBBEY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES NICHOLSON WILKES STOCKTON STEVENSON THORN ABNER READ ROE		Approx 45			20 (some repo	airing)

* Non-effective

		est Pacific rn Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Marianas Carolines
<u>28</u>	(6)	BALAO) BLACKFISH) FLOUNDER) O GATO) PETO) SCAMP)	n Patrol	15	25
	(2)	BASHAW) A	t Milne Bay		
	(2)	CERO)) DARTER) A	t Brisbane		
		K.9 A	t Sydney		
PT		Approx 75	Approx 110	?	?
APA/AF	(8)	H.T.ALLEN KANIMBLA WESTRALIA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 10 APD 5 AKA		
AGC		BLUE RIDGE			
AS	(3)	OTUS FULTON EURYALE		?	?
AD		DOBBIN		-	
AR	(3)	RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS	PROMET HEUS		
Fighte Light Torped	& M/Bom & M/Bom lo and D, Boats lanes	Area Only) 1. 5 twin-eng. bers Bombers) 165 120 24 1 23 22		
			2. NORTHERN H	PACIFIC	
	1	ALLIED FORCES		ENE	MY FORCES
CA		_		NA	CHI
<u>CA</u> <u>L</u>	(3)	DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND		(S) AB	
DD		9			5
SS		10		App	prox 4

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC - EMPIRE

	ALLIED FORCES			ENEMY FORCES
BB	(1.8) INDIANA NORTH CAROLI IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON CALIFORNIA MASSACHUSETTE SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA	NEW MEXICO IDAHO S ALABAMA PENNSYLVANIA		KONGO HARUNA YAMATO HYUGA MUTSU (prob. sunk)
CV	(7) ENTER PRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON SARATOGA	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL		ZUIKAKU
V(L)	(7) COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD HOWTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY * INDEPENDENCE		HITAKA HAYATAKA TAIHO (en route Wala; ZUIHO
CV(T)	-	-		HOSHO
CV(E)	(25) SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO CORAL SEA BARNES PRINCE WILLIA LONG ISLAND NASSAU SANTEE CASABLANCA COPAHEE CORREGIDOR ALTAMAHA	WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY MGAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MANILA BAY MATOMA BAY ETHENTA BAY	K	CHITOSE JINYO KAIYO OTAKA UNYO
	(13) BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WIGHTTA NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLA D LOUISVILLE	H	MOGAMI ASHIGARA MAYA
OCA	€ 6-			6
CL	(8) OAKLAND # REN O # CONCORD BILOXI	SANTA FE SAN DIEGO MOBILE #-BIRMINGHAM	X	YAHAGI KISO NAGARA NATORI ISUZU
CL(T)	-		R	KASHII
A / OVS	-			3
DD	Aporox 85		1	Approx 25
SS	Approx 30		1	Approx 25
AS	?		:	2 (one repairing)

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

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	design to the same of the				INDIES-INDIAN OC	JEAN .	
-		Southwest (Western	t Pacific Section)		stern Flaet Area	East	Indies-Philippines
<u>BB</u>		-		(3)	QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN	(4)	NAGATO (poss. ISE Carolines FUSO YANASHIRO
CV					TLLUSTRIOUS		SHOKAKU (poss.
CV (E)		RANE	<mark>CE</mark>	(3)	BATTLER UNICORN SHAH		Carolines
CA		-		(4)	SUSSEX SUFFOLK HAWKINS FROBISHER	(5)	AOBA KUMANO SUZUYA TONE CHIKUMA
<u>CL</u>		(2) ADEI GAME		(7)	CEYLON KEN YA NEWCASTLE EMERALD DANAE TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK		YUBARI TATSUTA KINU OI KITAGAMI
AV/CV	S	(2) CHII W.B.	DS PRESTON		AL BATROSS	Ж	KA MOI
XCL		-		(2)	CANTON CHITRAL		-
W/X	cvs	-			?		-
DD					Approx 27		25
<u>88</u>		BILLFISH BONEFISH BLUEFISH BOWFIN GUNNEL HADDO	PUFFER)	On .	Approx 15 Patrol		17 (mcl. 6 German)
		COD		At :	Darwin		
•		CABRILLA CREVALLE FLASHER HAKE		At	Fremantle		
AS		PELI					
Fight	ers (& M/ g Boa plane	N.W.Area incl. 27 Bombers ts	Only)	.)	111 57 3 61 26		

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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

No. 769

7 March, 1944 Date

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/7:

(1) "MANCORA" "KANIMBLA" (APA) returning to Gladstone ETA 0800/8.
(2) "PC.1124" standing by "PRESIDENT GRANT" aground on S.W. corner of Uluma Reef. Salvage operations in progress with diving party; "RESERVE" "SONOMA" (AT) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) standing by

(3) "MORESBY" (AGS) departed Buna 1800/5 for Cairns ETA 1300/8.

(4) "SC.744" departed Port Moresby 0833/6 to overtake "OZARK" and escort to Milne Bay.

(5) "BUNDABERG" (AMS) escorting Convoy MV.71 ("BISHOPDALE" (AO)) departed Milne Bay 1730/6 ETA Grafton Passage 2200/8 whence "BISHOPDALE"

proceeds Sydney ETA 0600/14.

(6) "GASCOYNE" (PF) escorting "KLIPFONTEIN" departed Milne Bay 1407/6 for

(6) "GASCOYNE" (PF) escorting "KLIPFONTEIN" departed Milne Bay 1407/6 for Brisbane ETA 2200/9. "GASCOYNE" escorts for 200 miles.

(7) "WAGGA" escorting Convoy TN.226 (2 MV, 2 LCI, 1 APC) departed Townsville 1800/6. "MILDURA" "BROOME" to RV with Convoy off Fitzroy Is. at 0900/7 whence convoy proceeds Milne Bay ETA 1100/9.

(8) "KATOOMBA" departed Townsville 0800/5 for Sydney ETA 2200/9.

(9) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) assisting "OMAHA" aground on Egret Reef.

(10) "YMS's 47, 48, 51" were to depart Cairns 0700/6 for Brisbane ETA 0800/9.

(11) "BALLARAT" "BOWEN" "ARARAT" "TOWN SVILLE" "ML's 804, 811" on search for submarine contacted at 0304/6 by "ML.805" North West of Fitzroy Island.

Fitzroy Island.

(12) "CALAMARES" (AF) departed Sydney 1359/2 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/8.
(13) "WILCANNIA" (AMS) departed Sydney 1725/2 for Thursday Is. via Townsville ETA Townsville 1600/17.

(14) "MESQUITE" (CGC) was to depart Caloundra 2000/6 for Townsville ETA 1600/9.

(15) "GOULBURN" departed Sydney 1422/5 for Brisbane ETA 1630/7 and Milne Bay. (16) "WHYAILA" was to depart Brisbane 2100/4 to relieve "SC.749" on A/S patrol Sandy Cape area. "SC.749" to return Brisbane. (17) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" (A/S) departed Sydney 0906/6 on A/S patrol to

Smoky Cape and return. "COPAHEE" (CV(E)) proceeding Brisbane ETA 11 March. 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

"ROE" (DD) to depart Caloundra 1200/7 for Milne Bay ETA 1600/9.
"ROCKHAMPTON" to RV at 0100/8 with Convey TN.227 (1 MV) off Fitzrey Is.
and escort to Port Moresby ETA 1300/10.

(3)

"EURYALE" (AS) to be sailed from Brisbane 12 March for Milne Bay.
"YMS.8, 46" to depart Cairns 1400/7 for Milne Bay ETA 1500/9.
"COWRA" to depart Brisbane 1500/7 for Milne Bay ETA 1400/11. (5) "KIAMA" to be sailed for Brisbane to complete working up about 15 March.

100	(c) in hard	Jour :	
Can	e Gloucester:		
	Escorts	2	: 1 PC: 1131 1 SC: 732
	Auxiliaries	ī	"SHEPPARTON" (AGS)
7	dor:	_	
	Merchantmen	2	"R.P.WARNER" "WATCHER"
	schhafen:		The state of the s
	Combat Units	40 PT	314
Tion.	Escorts	19	: 2 PC: 1119, 1133 6 YMS: 50, 53, 73, 313,/334
C. C.			6 SC: 650, 734, 735, 747, 749, 750
3-	a contract of		5 ML: 428, 801, 803, 806, 816
(alas)	Auxiliaries	6	: "PORTUNUS" (OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "COUCAL" (ASR)
2			"HALF MOON" (AVP) "VICTORIA" (AO) 1 YP: 283
	Merchantmen	18	: "J.ALDER" "BORGFRED" "RAHO" "MACTAN" "YOCHOW"
Mark!			"M.FULLER" "J.NICOLET" "W.B.ALLISON" "W.ATWATER"
-15.77 B			"CAPE FLATTERY" "A.THOMAS" "C.DARROW" "H.C.PAYNE
			"A.D.WHITE" "CAPE BOR" "WM.BEAUMONT" "D.HEWES"
Lae			LAKE URMAU
Andreas	Escorts	0	- 3IT to 000 405
	Merchantmen	5	: ML's 802, 425
Bun			: "J.B.KENDRICK" "SIBIGO" "G.V.L.MEYER"
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= /**			"BENALLA" (AMS) 3 PC: 479, 1122, 1132 3 SC:637, 736, 748
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1			"TRINITY" "SUSQUEHANNA" (AC) "CARTER HALL" (LSD)
in Year			"POYANG" "YUNNAN" (ASIS) 2 YP: 278, 280
F- 10	Merchan tmen	10	"ETAMIN" "DUNHAM WRIGHT" "M.C.KERR" "D.E.HUGHES"
			"H.L.ABBOTT" "P.T.DODDRIDGE" "ESSO BAYONNE"
1			"ALCIBIADES" "W.B. SUBJETTE" "HANYANG"
	Bay:		
	Auxiliaries	2	: "RIGEL" (AR) "TULSA" (PG)
	Merchantmen	11	: "W. SHARON" "G.R. HEBAFD" "CAPE LOOKOUT" "MANA"
D. A.			"K.D.WIGGINS" "GEO.LUKS" "J.BURRO UGHS" "J.P.
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	Merchantmen	2	: "W.C.CLAIRBORNE" "J.RARL"
	ne Bay:	E.	. B.U. OLIA INDUANE. J. BANL.
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114		77	"AMMEN" "BEALE" "BUSH" "WILKES" "HORBEY" "KALK"
AND THE PERSON NAMED IN			"MULLANY" "GILLESPIE" "WEILES" "REID" "FLUSSER"
Elek			"SMITH" "MAHAN" "DRAYTON" "SWANSON" "NICHOLSON"
			"WARRAMUNGA" "THORNE" "ABNER READ" "ARUNTA"
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編成 -]	Escorts	2 PF	: "LONGBEACH" "GLENDALE"
新		2 AMS	: "GLENEIG" "BENDIGO"
W. C.		2 PC	: 476, 1121
		10 80	: 698, 699, 735, 737, 738, 741, 742, 743, 746, 981
		9 YMS	: 11, 49, 52,70, 71, 72, 315, 335, 336
	Anna I dans -	5 ML	: 424, 427, 430, 431, 818
	Auxiliaries	18	: "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "BROCKS" "GILMER" (APD)
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			(AVP) "AASE MAERSK" "BISEOPDALE" (AO) "OTUS"
W. W.			"FULTON" (AS) "H.T.AILEN" "WESTRALIA" (APA)
Pan .			"KOOPA" (AGP) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "GOLD STAR" (AG)
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		10	"ALCOA PEGASUS" "ALCOA PATRIOT" "ADMIRAL
			"E.D.BAKER" "W.B.AYER" "J.BARBARA" "BARBARA C."
			"S.K.BAELOW" "R.S.BEAN" "F.BILLINGS" "F.P.BLAIR"
			"S.BOLIVAR" "S.BRANNON" "CAPE CLEARE" "J.COOK"
			"G.L.CUERY" "CAPE SAM ANTONIO" "J.W.DAVIS"
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1			HARRISBURG "ESSO PIFTSBURG" "L.FAIRCHILD"
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Milne Bay: "M.FLINDERS" "B.F.IRVINE" "ISOIA TOR"
"JACKSONVILLE" "JAPARA" "L.S.KELLY" "O.KELLY" Merchantmen (Contd.) "KATOOMBA" "M.E.KINNEY" "W.S.LADD" "J.LIND" "Z.LYKES" "MAETSON" "J.S. MANSFIELD" "W. MCLENNAN"B. MATTHEWS" "MORNACDALE" "I. MCCOY" "MEXICO" "MIDWEST FARMER" "MULIAMA" "JOHN I. NOLAN" "JAMES D. PHALAN" "PAUL REVERE" "POLLUX" "PONCE"
"RING LARDNER" "A. ROBINSON" "J. ROLPH" "ROSEVILLE" "J. ROSS" "J. ROSSITER" "SEA DEVIL" "N.J. SIENOTT" "C. SPRECKERS" "STAGEN" "M.M. STEWART" "THUNDERER" "TRIANGULUM" "S.M.WHITE" "GEO. VANCOUVER" "VAN DEN BOSCH" "VAN OUTHOORN"
"VAN SWOIL" "VILLALOBOS" "M. WALKER" "R. J.
WALKER" "F. A. WARDELL" "WEST TEXAS" Port Moresby: * "KALGOORLIE" "PIRIE" (AMS) 1 ML:426

"POLARIS" (AGS) "MAETSUYCKER" (AH)

"H.V.WHITE" "S.G.PORTER" "ORMISTON" "BOTH" Escorts Auxiliaries Merchantmen Thursday Is: : "LATROBE" (AMS) : "BUNGAREE" (CM) Escorts Auxiliaries 1 YP:291 Cairns: : "CASTLEMAINE" "STAWEIL" "ROCKHAMPTON" (AMS) Escorts 14 3 SC: 703, 731, 982 1 ML:820 3 FC: 477, 1120, 1132 4 YMS:8, 46, 50, 393 : "PLATYPUS" (AR) "BOOTES" (AK) "KURUMBA" (AO Auxiliaries 1 ARD? Townsville: : "STUART" Combat Units 1 DD : "WARREGO" (PS) "BUNBURY" "KAPUNDA" (AMS) Escorts 1 ML:817 "PYRO" (AE) Auxiliaries Mackay: Auxiliaries : "HERON" (AVP) 1 Brisbanes Combat Units : "ROE" 1 DD : "SWAH" (PS) "COWRA" "GYMPIE" (AMS) 1 SC:745
2 YMS:9,10 3 ML: 808, 821, 827
: "EURYALE" (AS) "ALGORAB" (AKS) "MIZAR" (AF) Escorts Auxiliaries 5 "SHIKELLAMY" (AO) 1 YP: 236 Sydney: : "AUSTRALIA" (Refitting)
: "HOBART" ("BOISE" Combat Units 1 CA CL : "VENDETTA" 1 DD 1 DE : "GRISWOLD" "BARCOO" (PF) "COLAC" "ECHUCA" "KIAMA"
"WARRNAMBOOL" "GLADSTONE" "DELORAINE" (AMS) Escorts 2 ML:822, 823 "KYBRA" "YANDRA" "DOOMBA" (A/S) : "WANGAN ELIA" (AH) -Refitting "MANUNDA" (AH) Auxiliaries 3 "GANYMEDE" (AK) Melbourne: Escorts 1 AMS : "LITHGOW" Agelaide: Escorts 1 AMS : "GEELONG" (Refitting) (11) ENEMY FORCES (1) Choiseul - On 4 March, enemy embarkation points in the N.W. portion of Choiseul Island were bombed by 2 Squadrons of Catalinas, Liberators, Venturas and Dauntless, dropping 105 tons of bombs and also heaving strafing the area.

24 S.W. Bougainville - On 4 March, Monoitu Mission was bombed and strafed. by 12 Aircobras. (3) Feni Islands - A.m. 6 March, 4 enemy barges including one already damaged hidden under the trees in Anir Harbour were all destroyed by PT boats. No return fire was encountered.

(4) St. George's Channel - At 1515/4, a submarine headed South off Cape Gazelle was strafed by Corsiars.

the other heading S.W.

At 1715/4, 2 submarines were sighted by Corsairs in

St. George's Channel; one was heading towards Rabaul and

(5) Rabaul - At 0100-0300/4, Rabaul was harassed by one Liberator. At 1100/4, A/A positions on a ridge East of Rabaul were bombed by 48 Dauntless, 24 Avengers with 27 fighters covering.
At 1115/4, Rabaul town particularly the wharf area was
bombed by 24 Mitchells with 12 Corsairs escorting. At 1121/4, the Harbour area was again bembed by 23 Liberators with 11 Corsairs escorting. At 1135/4, Rabaul town was bombed by 12 Lightnings. At 1115/4, a small cargo ship in Blanche Bay was bombed by 3 Avengers with unobserved results: 8 Corsairs escorted. Also during a.m. 4 March, 4 small cargo vessels and a few small craft in Atiliklikum Bay were strafed by 28 Corsairs. At 1600/4, 4 small freighters in Atiliklikun Bay were bombed by 9 Avengers with 25 Corsairs escorting: 2 were sunk. Some bombs were also dropped on the "ATAGO MARU" hulk in Simpson Harbour. No enemy interception was met during all these operations. On 5 March, 3 camouflaged barges at anchor in Atiliklikun Bay were bombed and strafed by Venturas: One was sunk, another damaged and listing. (6) Cape Hoskins - At 1840-1850/5, Hoskins strip and Gavuvu village were bombed by 16 Beauforts.

At 2300/5, two barges were sunk and 5 heavily damaged by a Catalina off Cape Hoskins (These 7 barges were reported in yesterday's Summary No. 768). At 0907/6, Cape Hoskins strip was bombed by 8 Beauforts. (7) Willaumez Peninsula - At 1000/6, only slight enemy opposition was encountered by U.S. Marines landing in the vicinity of Volupsi Plantation (West coast - approx. 5 miles N.W. of Talasea). At 0918/6, Talasea village was bombed by 9 Beauforts. (8) Gasmata - At 1908/5, a dump area North of Gasmata was bombed by 10 Beauforts. (9) Admiralty Islands - A.m. 4 March, enemy gun positions on the islands each side of the entrance to Seadler Harbour were bombarded by a cruiser/destroyer task force. By 1215/6, the road junction 1 miles N.N.E. of the native skidway had been reached by allied troops and by 1400/6, Porlake as well as the landing beach on the West coast of Salami Plantation had been occupied, after a supporting air strike by 16 Witchells. dead
Up to 6 March, 1008 Japs/had been counted on Los Negros
Island. At approx 2100/5, there was an air raid alert on Los Negros but no bombs were dropped. A/m. 5 March, an allied destroyer draw fire from 2 guns on Hauwei Island (entrance to Seadler Harbour) after closing to 850 yards. The guns were estimated to be 4" and both were reported destroyed. (10) Wewak - Further reports concerning the air strike on But aerodrome about noon 4 March (refer Summary No. 767) relate that an additional 14 Liberators participated making a total of 36. Our fighter cover met 4 enemy fighters in the Wewak area and destroyed one while 3 more enemy fighters were seen South of Bogadjim during the return journey and two were destroyed. At 1710/5, three enemy bombers and one fighter were encountered by 3 Thunderbolts on a sweep over Wewak and all 4 enemy sircraft were shot down. In addition, one enemy fighter was seen landing at Dagua and 8 taking off the same field. One Thunderbolt is missing. (11) Hansa Bay - At 0142-0220/6, Nubis and Awar serodromes were effectively bombed by 3 Liberators. One Liberator is missing. Incomplete reports relate that at 1332/6, Awar aerodrome was bombed by 13 Liberators which dropped a good pattern across the strip. (12) Uligan Area - During the night 3-4 March, one barge and one large landing craft were sunk by PT boats about 13 miles S.E. of Uligan. (13) Yalau Plantation - The Yalau landing a.m. 5 March was supported by 7 rocket-firing PT boats, not destroyers as previously reported. Shore fire by 3" batteries was returned. On 5 March, our patrols reached Bigi (32 miles W. of Yalau) and Dumum (22 miles S. of Yalau) without enemy contact. (14) Merauke - A.m. 5 March, probably two enemy aircraft were over Kameam (105 miles W.W.W. of Merauke). At noon 6 Mar. a probable enemy reconnaissance plane was located in the Merauke-Cape Valsch

2.NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/7:

- (1) "INVERELL" (AMS) escorting Convoy TD.45 (3 MV) departed Thursday Is.
 1623/3 for Darwin.
 (2) "FREMANTLE" (AMS) escorting "KAILUA" "MILDURA" departed Darwin 0813/6
- for Thursday Is. ETA 0800/9. "MILDURA" detaches off Cape Wessel and proceeds independently to Melville Bay ETA 1000/8.
- (3) 17 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Barwin:

: "COOLEBAR" "W. PROUSE" 129, 809, 816 4 Escorts

Merchamtmen 2

Groote Eylandt:

: "BABINDA" Merchantmen 1

Melville Bay: : "SUVA" Merchan tmen

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Kai Islands - P.m. 6 March, Toeal was bombed by 7 Mitchells with unobserved results.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/7:

(1) "ML's 824, 812, 826" departed Ceduna for Albany 1915/6.
(2) "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) departed Fremantle 1900/5 for Melbourne ETA 1100/13 thence Brisbane.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

2 CV (E): "RANEE"

CL : "ADELAIDE" "GAMBIA" Combat Units

: "DUBBO" "HORSHAM" (AMS) 1 SC: 739 Escorts 3

"CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK"
"PELIAS" "ORION" (AS) "YUMA" (AT) Auxiliaries 9

2 MP:286, 288 1 ARD.

Exmouth Gulf: : "CHILDS" AW. B. PRESTON" (AVD) Aux: liaries 2

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ENEMY FORCES

Marshalls-Carolines - During 4 March, light air strikes were conducted against Kusaie, Jaluit, Mille, Ponape, Tarca and Wotje by land-based aircraft.

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

(1) Increased naval and air strength Malayan theatre.

(2) Withdrawal of forward positions in Bismarcks.

(3) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.

(4) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.

(5) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive patrol activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

	ALLIED FORCES	1. BOOTH & BOOTH		ENEM	Y FORCES
Sou (Ea	thwest Pacific stern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	acceptation of the control	Marianas Carolines
3B	•	-	-		MUSASHI
V(L)		•	-		RYUHO
T(E)	-	-	-		CHIYODA
A	(2) AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	+	-	(5)	TAKAO ATAGO CHOKAI HAGURO MYOKO
•	(4) BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX HOBART	(7) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER HONOLULU ST. LOUIS M DENVER LEANDER		(3)	NAKA CYODO NOSHIRO
EL(T)	}	24.	-	(2)	KASHIMA)Poss. KATORI)sunk
w/cvs	•	(2) WRIGHT	•		AKITSUSHIMA
AV/XC	VS (2) HALF MOON SAN PABLO	CHANDELEUR BALLARD	•		3
	(27) ARUNTA WARBAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER REID SMITH AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS HOBBEY	Approx 45			20 (some repairing
•	RALK GILLESPIE WEILLES MICHOLSON WILKES STOCKTON STEVENSON THORN ABNER READ ROE				

And the second s		uthwest Pac stern Secti		Bismarcks Solomons	Marianas Carolines
SS	(4)	BALAD GATO PETO SCAMP	On Patrol	15	25
	(4)	BASHAW BLACKFISH DACE FLOUNDER	At Milne Bay		
6 8	(2)	CERO DARTER	At Brisbane		
		K.9	At Sydney	. *	
PT		Approx 85	Approx 110	?	?
APA/AFI	(8)	H.T.ALLEN KANIMBLA WESTRALIA ALGORAS GILMER SANDS SUMPEREYS BROOKS	10 APA 10 APD 5 AKA		
AGO		BLUE RIDGE			
AS	(3)	OTUS FULTON EURYALE		?	?
AD		DOBBIN		-	•
AR	(3)	RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS	PROMETHEUS	,	
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2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

	ALLIED FORCES		ENEMY FORCES		
CA	•	£		NACHI	
CL	(3) DETROIT RICHMOND RALEIGH		(3)	ABUKUMA TAMA KISO	
DD	9			5	
33	10			Approx 4	
AS	-			1	

3.	CENTRAL	PACIFIC	- EMPIRE

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	A	ILIED FORCES				ENEMY FORCES
BB	(18)	INDIANA NORTH CARCLINA IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON CALIFORNIA MASSACHUSETTS SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA		COLORADO MARYLAND TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO IDAHO ALABAMA PENNSYLVANIA OKLAHOMA	(3-4) **	KONGO HARUNA YAMATO MUTSU (prob.sunk)
<u>cv</u>		EN TER PRI SE YORKTOWN LEXI NGTON SARATOGA		INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL		ZUIKAKU
GV(L)	(7)	COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	1	CABOT LANGLEY INDEFENDENCE		HITAKA HAYATAKA TAIHO (en route Malaya ZUIHO
(T)		•		-		HOSHO
CV(E)	(2)	SAMGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO CORAL SEA BARNES PRINCE WILLIAN LONG ISLAND NASSAU SANTEE CASABLANCA COPAHEE CORREGIDOR ALTAMAHA	M	WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY PATROLLER FAN SHAW BAY GAMBER BAY HOGGATT BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MAN ILA BAY NATOMA BAY MEHENTA BAY	ж	CHITOSE JINYO KAIYO OTAKA -UNYO
<u>CA</u>	(13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS		MIN NEA POLIS PEN SAGOLA INDIAN APOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE	×	MOGAMI ASHIGARA MAYA
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OL.	36	OAKLAND RENO CONCORD BILOXI	x o	SANTA FE SAN DIEGO MOBILE MBIRMINGHAM	A A	
CL(T)		-			H	KASHII
AV/CVS	3	-				3
DD		Approx 85				Approx 25
SS		Approx 30				Approx Z
AS		?				2 (one repairing)

4. SOUTH EASTERN . PACIFIC

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		west Factorn Sect		East	ern Fleet Area	East In	ndies-Philippines
BE		•		(3)	QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN	(5)	NAGATO ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA (poss. Japan)
CV		-			IILUSTRIOUS		SHOKAKU (poss.
GV(E()		RANEE		(3)	BATTLER UNICORN SHAH		Carolines)
CA		•		(4)	SUSSEX SUFFOLK HAWKINS FROBISHER	(5)	ABBA KUMANO SUZUYA TONE CHIKUMA
<u>CL</u>		ADELAII GAMBIA		(7)	CEYLON KENYA NEWCASTLE EMERALD DANAE TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK		YUBARI TATSUTA OI KINU KITAGAMI
AV/CVS	(2)	CHILDS W.B.PRE	STON		ALBATROSS	×	KAMOI
XCL		•		(2)	CANTON CHITRAL		-
XAV/XCV	S	-			?		
DD		-			Approx 27		25
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(8	CRI		REDFIN K.12 K.15)	At Fremantle		
AS	(2)	PELIAS ORION					-
AIRCRAFT Fighters Light & Medium a Flying F Floatpla Obsn. A/	s (incl M/Bomb and D/B Boats anes	pers	nly) in-eng.)		111 57 61 26 26		

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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

No. 770

Date 8 March, 1944

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

.EASTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/8:

- (1) "PC.1121" departed Milne Bay 1830/7 to RV with "OREGON TRAIL" and escort to Milne Bay.
- (2) "PC.1124" standing by "PRESIDENT GRANT" aground on S.W. corner of Uluma Reef. Savage operations in progress with diving party: "RESERVE" "SONOMA" (AT) "CAMERIAN SALVOR" (ARS) standing by to assist.
- (3) "MORESBY" (AGS) departed Buna 1800/5 for Cairns ETA 1300/8.
 (4) "BUNDAHERG" (AMS) escorting Convoy MV.71 ("BISHOPDALE" (AO)) departed Milne Bay 1730/6 ETA Grafton Passage 2200/8 whence
- "BISHOFDALE" proceeds Sydney ETA 0600/14.

 (5) "YP.291" departed Thursday Is.0600/7 for Cairns ETA 1100/10.

 (6) "WAGGA" escorting Convoy TN.226 (2 MV, 2 EI, 1 APC) departed Townsville 1800/6. "MILDURA" "BROOME" to RV with Convoy off Fitzroy Is.
- at 0900/7 whence convoy proceeds Milne Bay ETA 1100/9.

 (7) "ROCKHAMPTON" (AMS) proceeding to RV at 0100/8 with Convoy TN.227

 ("EDNA") off Fitzroy Is. and escort to Port Moresby ETA 1300/10.
- (8) "YMS's 8, 46" departed Cairns 1400/7 for Milne Bay ETA 1500/9.
 (9) "KALGOORLIE" proceeding Port Moresby to Grafton Passage was due 2300/7.

- (10) "SPUART" (DD) departed Townsville 1000/7 for Sydney ETA 0500/10.
 (11) "KATOOMBA" departed Townsville 0800/5 for Sydney ETA 2200/9.
 (12) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) assisting "OMAHA" aground on Egret Reef.
 (13) "YMS's 47, 48, 51" were to depart Cairns 0700/6 for Brisbane ETA
 0800/9.
- (14) "ARARAT" "TOWNSVILLE" "ML's 804, 805" on search for submarine contacted at 0304/6 by "ML.805" north west of Fitzroy Is. If search
- negative by 0700/8, normal patrol to be resumed.

 (15) "ROE" (DD) was to depart Brisbane 1200/7 for Milne Bay ETA 1600/9.

 (16) "GCOWRA" (AMS) was to depart Brisbane 1500/7 for Milne Bay ETA 1400/11.

 (17) "MESQUITE" (CGC) was to depart Calcundra 2000/6 for Townsville ETA
- 1600/9. (18) "WHYALLA" was to depart Brisbane 2100/4 to relieve "SC.749" on A/S patrol Sandy Cape area. "SC.749" returns Brisbane.

 (19) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" (A/S) departed Sydney 0906/6 on A/S patrol to
- Smoky Cape and return.
- "DELORAINE" was to depart Sydney 0900/8 northbound. (20)
- "YANDRA" exercising between Sydney and Newcastle.
 "COPAHEE" (CV(E)) proceeding Brisbane ETA 11 March.
 "ML.807" on A/S patrol Coff's Harbour area. 22
- 4 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

(1) "BARCOO" (PF) to depart Sydney so as to arrive Brisbane 11 March: then to escort "EURYALE" to Milne Bay. On arrival Milne Bay, "BARCOO" to be transferred to operational and administrative control of N.O.I.C., New Guinea.

(2) "GOULBURN" (AMS) to depart Brisbane 1500/8 for Milne Bay ETA 0900/14,

carrying out A/A practice off Cape Moreton.

(3) "EURYALE" (AS) to be sailed from Brisbane 12 March for Milne Bay.

(4) "KIAMA" to be sailed for Brisbane to complete working up about 15 March.

(5) "FREM ANTLE" to be sailed to arrive Melbourne for refit by 31 March.

(c) In Harbour:

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Ca	pe Gloucester:			0 DO 3377 3377 3 00 NEO
	Escorts	3	3	2 PC:1131, 1133 1 SC:732
~-	Auxiliaries	1		"SHEPPARTON" (AGS)
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	Merchantmen	2	-	"R. P. WARNER" "H.C. PAYNEW
Fi	nschhafen:	4 4 4 5		The state of the s
	Combat Units	40 PT	2	a substance of the control of the co
	Escorts	17		1 PC:1119 4 YMS:50, 58, 313, 314 7 SC: 650, 734, 735, 747, 748, 749, 750 5 MC: 428, 801, 803, 806, 816
	Auxiliaries	5		5 ML: 428, 801, 803, 806, 816 "PORTUNUS" "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "COUCAL" (ASR) "HALF MOON" (AVP) "VICTORIA" (AO)
	Merchantmen	15	3	"J.ALDEN" "BORGFRED" "RAMO" "MACTAN" "YOCHOW"
				"J.NICHOLET" "W.B.ALBISON" "W.ATWATER" "CAPE FLATTERY" "A.THOMAS" "C.DARROW" "CAPE BON"
				"WM. BEAUMONT" "D. HEWES" "LAKE ORNAC"
La				W
	Escorts	2		ML's 802, 425
	Merchantmen	2	2	"J.B.KENDRICK" "SIBIGO"
Bu	na:	-		
	Escorts	10	*	"BENALLA" (AMS) 3 FC: 479, 1122, 1132 3 SC: 537, 736, 741 3 YMS: 73, 334, 335
	Auxiliaries	10	*	"BENALLA" (AMS) S PC: 479, 1122, 1132 3 SC: 537, 736, 741 3 YMS: 73, 334, 335 "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "DOBBIN" (AD) "HILO" (AGP) "TRINITY" "SUSQUEHANNA" (AO) "CARTER HALL" (LSD) POYANG" "YUUNAN" (ASIS) 2 YP: 278, 280 "ETAMIN" "DUNHAM WRIGHT" "M.C.KERR" "D.E.HUGHES"
	Merchan twen	15	2	"ETAMIN" "DUNHAM WRIGHT" "M.C.KERR" "D.E.HUGHES" "H.L.ABBOTT" "P.T.DODDRIDGE" "ESSO BAYONNE" "ALCIBIADES" "W.B.SUBJETTE" "HANYANG" "M.WALKER" "VAN DER LIJN" "J.COOK" "A.ROBINSON" "MULIAWA"
Or	o Bay:			VALUE DE LE DE COURT REMODELLE DON MODELLE
	Auxiliaries	2		"RIGEL" (AR) "TULSA" (PG)
	Merchantmen	11		"W. SHARON" "G.R. HEBARD" "CAPE LOOKOUT" "MANA" "B. MATTHEWS" "K.D. WIGGINS" "GEO. LUKS" "BONETKOE" "J. BURR OUGHS" "J. P. BRADLEY" "H. T. RAINEY"
Wo	odlark Is:			VIDOIGI VVIIID VII IZEMDZINI MILITANIA
No. of Lot	Merchantmen riwina :	1		"T.M.COOLEY"
TIT	Escerts	9		307 010
	Merchantmen	1 2		ML.819 "N.E.MACK" "M.GRIFFITH"
Ca	odenough Is:	6	*	N .E . ERGA B. GRIFFITH
UU	Merchantmen	3		"W.C.CLAIRBORNE" "J.EARL" "ANHUI"
e Mi	lne Bay:	3		W.C. CLAIRDORNE. "D. EARL" "ABRUI"
	Combat Units	1 CA	2	"SHROPSHIRE"
		2 CL		"NASHVILLE" "PHOENIX"
		25 DD		"STOCKTON" "STEVENSON" "HUTCHINS" "DALY" "BACHE"
			•	"AMMEN" "BEALE" "BUSH" "WILKES" "HOBBEY" "KALK"
•				"MULLANY" "GILLESPIE" "WEELES" "REID" "FLUSSER" "SMITH" "MAEAN" "DRAYTON" "SWANSON" "NICHOLSON"
	4			"WARRAMUNGA" "THORNE" "ABNER READ" "ARUNTA"
		36 PT		
Es	corts	3 PF		"LONGBEACH" "GLEEDALE" "GASCOYNE"
	V	2 AMS	-	"BENDIGO" "GLENEIG"
		1 PC		476
		10 50	:	698, 699, 735, 737, 738, 742, 743, 744, 746, 981
		8 YMS	-	11, 49, 52, 70, 71, 72, 315, 336
		5 ML	2	424, 427, 430, 431, 818

^{*} Note: Special operational movements forward of Milne Bay not shown.

Milne Bay (Contd.))		
Auxiliaries	20	:	"HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "BROOKS" "GILMER" (APD) "LONG" "HAMILTON" (DMS) "SAN PABLO" "HALF MOON"
*			(AVP) "AASE MAERSE" "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "OTUS" "FULTON" (AS) "H.T.ALLEN" "WESTRALIA" (APA) "KOOPA" "(AGP) "AMEGUS" (ARL) "GOLD STAR" (AG)
Merchan tmen	77	2	"OCTANS" (AF) "MAETSUYCKER" (AH) 1 MP:283 "ALCOA PEGASUS" "ALCOA PATRICT" "ADMIRAL"
			HALSTEAD" "E.G.ACHESCN" "ARANSAS PASS" "E.D. BAKER" "W.B.AYER" "J.BARBARA" "BARBARA G."
			"S.K.BARLON" "R.S.BEAN" "F.BILLINGS" "F.F.BLAIR "S.BOLIVAR" "S.BRANN ON" "CAPE CLEARE"
			"G.L.CURRY" "CAPE SAN ANTONIC" "M.DALY" "J.W. DAVIS" "J.DEERE" "F.H.DODD" "DON MARQUIS" "HARRINGON EMERSON" "ESSO HARRISBURG" "ESSO PITTSBURG" "L.FAIRCHILD" "M.FLINDERS" "M. FULLER" "B.F.IRVINE" "ISOLATOR" "JACKSONVILLE"
			"M.E.KINNEY" "S.S.LADD" "J.LIND" "Z.LYKES"
	Ť		"B.MATTHEWS" "MCRMACDALE" "I.MCCOY" "MEXICO" "GEO.V.L.MEYER" "MIDNEST FARMER" "JOHN I.NOLAN"
			"OZARK" "JAMES D. PHALAN" "PAUL REVERE" "POLLUX" "PONCE" "RING LARDNER" "J.ROLPH" "ROSEVILLE"
			"J.ROSS" "J.ROSSITER" "SEA DEVIL" "N.J.SINNOTT" "C.SPRECKERS" "STAGEN" ".M.M.STEWART" " "THUNDERER" "TRIANGULUM""S.M.WHITE" "GEO. VANCOUVER" "VAN DEN BOSCH" "VAN OUTHOORN"
			"VAN SWOLL" "VILLALOBOS" "R. J. WALKER" "F.A. WARDELL" "WEST TEXAS" "A.D. WHITE"
Port Moresby:			
Escorts	2	:	"FIRIE" (AMS) 1 ML:426
Auxiliaries Merchantman	2	1	"POLARIS" (AGS) "CALAMARES" (AF)
Merchan tmen Thursday Is:	4	2	"H. V. WHITE" "S.G. PORTER" "ORMISTON" "BOTH"
Escorts	1		BY A MOONTHE LANCOL
Auxiliaries	i		"LATROB" (AMS) "BUNGAREE" (CM)
Cairns:	-		BUNGAREA" (CM)
Escorts	11		"CASTLEMAINE" "STAWELL" (AMS) 3 SC:703,731,982 1 ML:820 3 PG: 477, 1120, 1132 2 YMS:50.393
Auxiliaries	4	*	"PIATYPUS" (AR) "BOOTES" (AK) "KURUMBA" (AO)
Townsville:			
Escorts	5		"WARREGO" (PS) "BUNEURY" "KAPUNDA" "WILCANNIA" (AMS) 1 ML:817
Auxiliaries Gladstone:	1		"PYRO" (AE)
Auxiliaries Mackay:			"MANOORA" "KANIMELA" (APA)
Auxiliaries Brisbane:	1		"HERON" (AVP)
Eleorts	9		"SWAN" (PS) "GOULBURN" "GYMPIE" (AMS) 1 SC:745
Auxiliaries	5	1	2 YMS: 808, 821, 827 "EURYALE" (AS) "ALGORAB" (AKS) "MIZAR" (AF) "SHIKELLAMY" (AO) 1 YP: 236
Sydney			
Combat Units	1 CA	2	"AUSTRALIA" (Refitting)
	2 CL	2	"HOBART" (") "BOISE"
	1 DD		"VENDETTA"
Escorts	1 DE	2	"GRISWOLD"
25002 65	10		"BARCOO" (PF) "COLAC" "EUHUCA" "KIAMA" "WARRNAMBOOL" "GLADSTONE" (AMS) 2 ML:822, 823 "KYBRA" "DOOMBA" (A/S)
Auxiliaries	3	1	"WANGANELLA" (AH) (Refitting) "MAUNDA" (AH) "GANYMEDE" (AK)
Melbourne:			CARLE (ALL)
Escorts	1 AMS	:	"LITHGOW"
Adelaide:			
Escorts	1 AMS	:	"GEELONG" (Refitting)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Buin Base - At 0633/6, a huge explosion and geyser were seen in the West Shortlands area near an allied minefield. Com. 3rd Fleet suggests the possibility that a Japanese submarine may have struck a mine.

Empress Augusta Bay - During 5 March, enemy positions around Torokina perimeter were attacked by 193 aircraft including 118 Dauntless, 72 Avengers and 3 Liberators.

At 1745/5. the Monoity Bridge was bombed and strafed by

sixteen Aircobras. One Aircobra was shot down by ack ack. At 1000/7, a submarine heading on course 300° was sighted on the surface by aircraft 25 miles W.N.W. of Cape

Moltke. (3) Buka Island - At 0741/7, a submarine on course 1700, was sighted by aircraft 60 miles North East of Cape Henpan and at 2008/7, a submarine was sighted by another aircraft 15 miles E.N.E. of Cape Henpan.

These sightings are still further evidence of submarine supply and transportation missions to the Solomons, possibly

direct from Truk.

(4) Rabaul -

During the night of, 4-5 March, Rabaul was harassed by a single Liberator. At 1058/5, the wharf areas N.W. of Simpson Harbour were bombed by 22 Mitchells with 17 escorting Corseirs. Fire and damage resulted from the attack. At 1125/5, Rabaul township was bombed by 9 Liberators while Tobers revetments were bombed by 13 other Liberators. Photos confirm 5 aircraft burning in revetments: one Liberator was shot down but three

of the crew were rescued. 19 Corsairs escorted. At 0845/5, the two remaining small merchantmen in Atiliklikun Bay were attacked by 6 Avengers with 8 escorting Corsairs. The two vessels were left beached as a result of

the attack.

At 1715/5, no submarines were sighted in Rabaul Harbour by 3 Avengers with 9 escorting Corsairs but the "ATAGO MARU" hulk was again bombed. The Corsairs carried out a thorough reconmissance of all Rabaul airfields sighting 16 single/ engined aircraft on Lakunai and none elsewhere.

At 0905/6, photographs show the following: Aircraft: F. D/B. M/B. Topera 23 Yunakar au 2 2 Hapopo 1 1 Lakunai 7 1 Simpson Harbour

(Counting complete) 30 F. 4 D/B. 3 M/B. 4 F/P. 1 F/B

Airfields:

Tobers : Serviceable.

Vunakanau : Eastern coral strip unserviceable: remaining

strips serviceable.

Rapopo : Centre strip serviceable for 2600 feet: Western

strip serviceable for 2000 feet but rough.

Shipping:

2 small cargo ships

25 large barges 235 small to medium barges.

In Keravia Bay, there are no undamaged ships and barges are not counted.

Borpop - At 1117/5, Borpop was bombed by 11 Lightnings unable to reach Rabaul.

(6) Jacquinot Bay - Native reports on 6 March indicate the reinforcement and consolidation of defences in the Jacquinot Bay area. Troops are transported nightly by two submarines from Rabaul to Palmalmal (S. coast Jacquinot Bay) whence they are transshipped by small vessels to Kamalagan and Aniho (7k miles N. The natives were told this area will be the new Rabaul.

(7) Cape Hoskins - During 3 March, 10 barges and a two masted schooner we strafed by 3 night-fighter Bostons. Between 1830 and 1930/6 3 barges were strafed East of the Hoskins strip by 3 similar

aircraft.

(8) Willaumez Peninsula - On 6 March, 12 Japs were killed during our landing operations West of Talasea. At 2210/6, our forces at Volupai Plantation were meeting stiff enemy opposition. Air reports late on 6 March report fighting on the beachhead line and strong enemy fire from heavy weapons near Laipo (1 mile S.E. of Volupai).

(9) Admiralty Islands - Between 1145 and 1203/5, personnel areas on Los Negros Island were attacked by 18 Liberators and 16

Mitchells, in support of our ground forces.

On 7 March, Papitalai Point was occupied by allied forces while other units later landed at Papitalai Mission and are holding out against strong enemy opposition. Aircraft are now using Momote strip. An enemy attempt at landing on the captured Salami beachhead was repulsed and our artillery sank one barge killing five of the enemy.

On 7 March, Hauwei and Ndrilo Islands, gwarding the entrance to Seeadler Harbour were bombed by 8 Liberators.

(10) Humboldt Bay - Early a.m. 5 March, the wakes of 5-6 ships were sighted by aircraft heading into Hollandia, also several small craft

approaching the convoy from Hollandia.

(11) Wewak - At 0915/4, nine enemy bombers were seen taking off from Dagua by 2 Thunderbolts, who attacked one of the bombers on taking off. The bomber relanded and was then strafed by the Thunderbolts. Six enemy fighters then intercepted and no casualties were inflicted or suffered. At 1145/4, 4 enemy fighters were intercepted by the Thunderbolts 50 miles S. of Wewak and one fighter was shot down,

(12) Bogia Harbour - During the night 5-6 March, our PT boats destroyed two luggers in Bogia Harbour and strafed personnel and installations on the beach destroying a fuel and ammunition

(13) Bogadjim Area - At 1015-1035/6, personnel areas at Tayaw (8 miles S.W. of Bogadjim) were strafed by 11 Aircobras, led in by one Boomerang.

(14) Yalau Plantation - On 6 March, patrols to the west of the bridgehead reached Kumisangger (6 miles W.) and the Yaganon River (6 miles E.) of the bridgehead. A large quantity of medical supplies was captured at Mindiri and no opposition was encountered throughout the patrols.

(15) Upper Ramu Valley - At 1220/4, three enemy fighters heading north 18 miles South of Bogadjin were intercepted by 16 Thunderbolts which shot down 2 of the enemy fighters.

Between 1230 and 1240/4, four enemy fighters attacked dispersal areas at Gusap dropping two "dud"bombs and making one straffing run. No damage or casualties have been reported

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/8:

(1) "INVERELL" (ANS) escorting Convey TD.45 (3 MV) departed Thursday Is.
1623/3 for Darwin.
(2) "FREMANTLE" (ANS) escorting "KAILUA" "MILDURA" departed Darwin 0813/6

for Thursday Is. ETA 0800/9. "NILDURA" detaches off Cape Wessel and proceeds independently to Melville Bay ETA 1000/8.

(3) 16 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

: "COOTAM UNDRA" (AMS) 3 ML: 429, 809, 816 : "COOLEBAR" "W. PROUSE" Escorts

Merchan tmen

Groote Eylandt:

: "BABINDA" Merchantmen

Melville Bay:

B "SUVA" Merchan tmen

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Frederik Hendrik Island - Between 0755-0905/7, an enemy aircraft was reported over Princess Marianne Strait.

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/8:

(1) "SUSSEX" (CA) proceeding Fremantle ETA 1315/9.
(2) "RANEE" (CVE) was to depart Fremantle 1230/7. "GAMBIA" (CL) to RV off Rottnest Island at 1400/7 and escort westwards.

(3) "DUBBO" (AMS) was to depart Framantle 1200/7 for Albany.
(4) "ML's 824, 812, 836" departed Ceduna for Albany 1915/6.
(5) WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) departed Framantle 1900/5 for Melbourne ETA 1100/13 thence Brisbane.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat Units 1 CL : "ADELAIDE"

Escorts

"HORSHAN" (AMS) 1 SC: 739
"CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK"
(AM) "PELIAS" "ORION" (AS) "YUMA" (AT) Auxiliaries 9

2 YP: 286, 288 1 ARD.

Exmouth Gulf: : "CHILDS" (AV) "ARESTON" (AVD) Auxiliaries 2

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

Noumea - At 1600/7, a possible submarine was sighted 35 riles S.W. of Noumea.

C.CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

Marshalls - On 5 March, light air strikes were continued against Taroa, Wotje, Mille and Jaluit.
The Japanese continue to repair the runways at Wotje and Taroa and usually manage to keep one strip serviceable at each place.

INDIAN OCEAN AREA

ENEMY FORCES

Enemy Symmarine Activity - CinC Eastern Fleet reports continued enemy offensive submarine activity in the Indian Ocean:

(1) 28-29 Feb: "ASUA" (?) torpedced and sunk 800 miles E. of Diego Suarez.

(2) 1058/29: "British Fusilier" unsuccessfully attacked 240

miles S. of Colombo.
(3) 2030/29: "PALMA" (Brit., 5419 tons) sunk 70 miles S. of

Colombo.
(4) 2150/3: "FORT MACLEOD" (Brit., 7127 tons) sunk 240 miles S.W. Colombo.

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

(1) Increased naval and air strength Malayan theatre. !! (2) Withdrawal of forward positions in Bismarcks.

(3) Corsolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.

(4) Use of barges, submarines, and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.

(5) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive patrol activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

		ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER		
•	ALLIED FORCES	1. SOUTH & SOUTH WEST	PACIFIC	ENEMY FORCES
-	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section		Bismarcks Solomons	Marianas Carolines
BB	**	• =		MUSASHI
CA(T)	10 th the state of	•		RYUHO
CV(E)	COPAHEE	•	-	CHIYODA
CA	(2) AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-		(5) TAKAO ATAGO CHOKAI HAGURO MYCKO
CL	(4) BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX HOBART	(7) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER HONOLULU ST.LOUIS DENVER M-LEANDER		(3) NAKA OYCDO NOSHIRO
CL(T)		•	-	(2) KASHIMA) Poss. KATORI) sunk
AV/CVS	•	(2) WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	•	AKITSUSHIMA
XAV/XC	VS(2) HALF MOON SAN PABLO	BAILARD	•	3
DD	(27) ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER REID SMITH AMMEN BACHE BEALE	Approx 45		20 (some repairing)
	BUSH			

m Non-effective

DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS HOBBEY KALK

GILLESPIE
WEILES
NICHOLSON
WILKES
STOCKTON
STEVENSON
THORN

ABNER READ

ROE

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)		Bismarcks Solomons	Marianas Carolines
SS	(4) BALAO) GATO) PETO) SCAMP	On Patrol	15	25
	(4) BASHAW) BLACKFISH) DACE) FLOUNDER)	At Milne Bay		
u.	(2) CERO)	At Brisbane		
	K.9	At Sydney		
PT	Approx 85	Approx 110	?	?
APA/AP	O/AKA			
	(8) H.F.AILEN KANIMBLA WESTRALIA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 10 APD 5 AKA	141	
AGC	BLUE RIDGE			
AS	(3) OTUS FULTON EURYALE		?	?
AD	DOBBIN		_	
AR	(3) RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS	PROMETHEUS		
Fighter Light 3	anes	162 118 24 1 23 21		
		2. NORTHERN PACI	FIC	
	ALLIED FORCES		ENEMY FO	RCES
CA	-		NACHI	
	(3) DETROIT RICHMOND RALEIGH		(3) ABUKUM TAMA KISO	1
DD	9		5	
SS	10	- 2	Approx	4
AS			1	

2 (one repairing)

3. CENTRAL FACIFIC-EMPIRE

	ALLIED FORCES	CENTRAL FACIFIC-E	MPIRE ENEMY FORCES
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<u>BB</u>	(18) INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON CALIFORNIA MASSACHUSETTS SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA	COLORADO MARYLAND TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO IDAHO ALABAMA PENNSYLVANIA OKLAHOMA	(3-4) KONGO HARUNA H YAMATO MUTSU (prob. sunk)
CV	(7) ENTER PRISE YOUKTOWN LEXINGTON SAHATOGA	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER EILL	ZUIKAKU
CV(L)	(7) COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY R INDEPENDENCE	(4) HITAKA HAYATAKA TAIHO (en route Malaya ZUIHO
CV (T)	-	-	нозно
CV(E)	(24) SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO CORAL SEA BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU SANTEE CASABLANCA CORREGIDOR ALTAMAHA	WHITE PLAINS BRETON HIDWAY PATROILER FANSHAW BAY CAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MANILA BAY MATOMA BAY MEHENTA BAY	(5) CHITOSE JINYO KAIYO M OTAKA M UNYO
<u>CA</u>	(13) BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS	MINNEA POLIS PENSACOLA INDIANA POLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE	(3) MOGAMI ASHIGARA (poss. N. Paci
OCA	10 m		6
CL	(8) OAKLAND ** RENO ** CONCORD BILOXI	SANTA FE SAN DIEGO MOBILE MEIRMINGHAM	(4) YAHAGI ** NAGARA ** NATORI ** ISUZU
CL(T)			* KASHII
AV/CVS			3
DD	Approx 85		Approx 25
	Approx 30		Approx 25

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4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

TRENTON

DD

	-	T INDIES-INDIAN OC	EAN
Southwest Pa (Western Se	acific ction) E	astern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
<u>BB</u> -	(3)	QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN	(5) NAGATO ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA (poss. Japan)
CV -		ILLUSTRIOUS	SHOKAKU
CV(E) RANEE	(3)	BATTLER UNICORN SHAH	•
•	(4)	SUSSEX SUFFOLK HAWKINS FROBISHER	(5) AGBA KUMANO SUZUYA TONE CHIKUMA
CL (2) ADELAIDE GAMBIA	(7)	BEYLON KENYA EMERALD NEWCASTLE DANAE TROMP VAN BEEMSKERK	(5) YUBARI TATSUTA OI KINU KITAGAMI
AV/CVS (2) CHILDS W.B. PREST	ON	ALBATORSS	* KAMOI
XCL -	(2)	CANTON CHITRAL	•
XAV/XCVS -		?	•
		Approx 27	25
BILLFISH PO	PON) MPON) FFER)	Approx 15	17 (incl. 6 German)
BONEFISH NOI COD RAG GUNNEL RAG HADDO RAG	RWHAL) On SHER) TON)	Patrol	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *
BOWFIN	At	Darwin	
	DFIN) 12) At	Fremantle	oper fire.
PELIAS ORION			
AIRCRAFT (N.W.Area On: Fighters (incl. 27 twi Light & M/Bombers Torpedo and D/Bombers	in-eng.)	117	
Flying Boats Floatplanes Obsn. A/c		3 61 26	

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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

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PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/9:

- (1) "GASCOYNE" (PF) escorting "JACKSONVILLE" (departing S.W.P.A.) departed Milne Bay 1500/8. "GASCOYNE" escorts for 200 miles thence proceeding to RV with "WEST POINT" and escert to Milne Bay. (2) "PC.1121" departed Milne Bay 1830/7 to RV with "OREGON TRAIL" and
 - escert to Milne Bay.
- (3) "PC.1124" standing by "PRESIDENT GRANT" aground on S.W. corner of Uluma Reef. Salvage operations in progress with diving party; "RESERVE" "SONOMA" (AT) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS)
- standing by to assist.
 (4) "OCTANS" (AF) departed Milne Bay 1740/7 ETA Brisbane 0500/12.
- (5) "BUNDABERG" (AMS) escorting Convoy MY.71 ("BISHOPDALE" (AO)) departed Milne Bay 1730/6 ETA Grafton Passage 2200/8 whence
- "BISHOPDALE" proceeds Sydney ETA 0600/14.
 (6) "PIRIE" (AMS) escorting "BOTH" departed Port Moresby 1240/8 for Grafton Passage whence "FIRIE" proceeds Cairns ETA 1730/10, "BOTH" to Townsville ETA 0930/11 for onward routeing to Brisbane.
- "LATROBE" escorting Convoy TD.46 (2 MV) was to depart Thursday Is.
 0400/9 for Darwin.
- (8) "YP.291" departed Thursday Is. 0600/7 for Cairns ETA 1100/10.
 (9) "ROCKHAM PTON" (AMS) proceeding to RV at 0100/8 with Convoy TN.227("EDNA" off Fitzroy Is. and escort to Port Moresby ETA 1300/10.
- (10) "WILCANNIA" (AMS) departed Townsville 0910/8 for Thursday Is. ETA 1200/11, for onward routeing to Darwin.
- (11)
- (12)
- 13)
- "SC.731" departed Cairns 1605/8 for Thursday Island ETA 1700/10.
 "BALLARAT" departed Cairns 1741/8 for RV with "PYRO" (AE) off Fitzroy Is.
 "YMS. 8, 46" departed Cairns 1400/7 for Milne Bay ETA 1500/9.
 "STUART" (DD) departed Townsville 1000/7 for Sydney ETA 0500/10.
 "KURUMBA" (AO) proceeding Gladstone ETA noon 10 March, thence proceeding (15)to Brisbane.
- (16)
- "KATOOMBA" departed Townsville 0800/5 for Sydney ETA 2200/9.
 "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) assisting "CMAHA" aground on Egret Reef. "YMS's 47, 48, 51" were to depart Cairns 0700/6 for Brisbane were due 0800/9.
- "ROE" (DD) was to depart Brisbane 1200/7 for Milne Bay ETA 1600/9. "COWRA" (AMS) departed Brisbane 1500/7 for Milne Bay ETA 1400/12.
- (21) "GOULBURN" (AMS) was to depart Brisbane 1500/8 for Milne Bay ETA

 0900/14, carrying out A/A practice off Cape Moreton.

 (22) "ARARAT" "TOWNSVILLE" "ML's 804, 805" on search for submarine contacted at 0304/6 by "ML.805" north west of Fitzroy Is. If search negative by 0700/8, normal patrol to be resumed.

 (23) "WHYALLA" departed Brisbane 2100/4 on A/S patrol Sandy Cape area.
- 24) "MESQUITE" (CGC) was to depart Calcundra 2000/6 for Townsville ETA 1600/9.

(25) "DELORAINE" departed Sydney 0900/8 on A/S patrol to Smoky Cape and return. "YANDRA" exercising between Sydney and Newcastle. (26) "COPAHEE" (CV(E) proceeding Brisbane ETA 11 March. "ML.807" on A/S patrol Coff's Harbour area. 27) (28) (29) 4 submarines on patrol. (b) Proposed Movements: "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA" (APA) to depart Gladstone 2000/9 ETA Fitzrey Is. 1900/11, ETA Finschhafen 0700/14, returning thence (2) "BARCOO" (PF) to depart Sydney so as to RV with "EURYALE" (AS) off Caloundra Head at 1900/10 and escort to Milne Eay. arrival Milne Bay "BARCOO" to be transferred to operational and administrative control of N.O.I.C. New Guinea.
(3) "GYMPIE" (AMS) to depart Caloundra 1300/9 for Townsville ETA 0900/12 for onward routeing to Cairns. (4) "SHIKEILAMY" (AO) to depart Caloundra 1200/9 for Townsville ETA 0800/12 for onward routeing and escort to Port Moresby. "YMS.10" to be sailed to Cairns earliest practicable. (6) "KIAMA" to be sailed for Brisbane to complete working up about 15 March "FREMANTIE" to be sailed to arrive Melbourne for refit by 31 March. (c) In Harbour: Cape Gloucester: "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) Auxiliaries 1 Saidor: : PC.1123 1 Escorts "R. P. WARNER" "H.C. PAYNE" "ETAMIN" Merchantmen Finschhafen: Combat Units 40 PT : 5 PC: 479, 1119, 1122, 1131, 1133 3 YMS: 50, 53,514 3 ML: 428, 803, 806 7 SC: 650, 732, 734, 735, 747, 748, 749 : "PORTUNUS" "OYSTER BAY" "HILO" (AGP) "COUCAL 18 Escorts 6 Auxiliaries (ASR) "HALF MOON" (AVP) "VICTORIA" (AO)
"J.ALDEN" "BORGFRED" "RAMO" "MACTAN" 15 Merchantmen "YOCHOW" "J. NICOLET" "W.B.ALLISON" "CAPE BON" "W.ATWATER" "CAPE FLATTERY" "A. THOMAS"
"C.DARROY" "WM. HEAUMONT" "D. HEWES" "LAKE ORMAC" Lae: : ML's 802, 425 2 Escorts : "J.B.KENDRICK" "SIBIGO" "W.B.SUBJETTE" 3 Merchantmen Buna: * "BENALLA" (AMS) 1 PC: 1132 1 ML:816 4 SC: 637, 736, 741, 750 4 YMS:73,313,334 Escorts 11 "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "DOBBIN" (AD) "TRINITY"
"SUSQUEHANNA" (AO) "CARTER HALL" (LSD) 9 Auxiliaries "POYANG" "YUNNAN" (ASIS) 2 YP: 233, 278
"DUNHAM WRIGHT" "M.C.KERR" "KATOOMBA" 20 Merchan tmen "H.L.ABBOTT" "P.T.DODDRIDGE" "ESSO BAYONNE" "ALCIBIADES" "H.T.RAINEY" "HANYANG"
"M.WALKER" "J.BURROUGHS" "VAR DERLIJN" "J.COOK" "A.RCBINSON" "MULIAMA" "K.D. WIGGINS "TRIANGULUM" "W.C.CLAIRBORNE" BONTEKOE" "GEO. LUKS" Auxiliaries "RIGEL" (AR) "TULSA" (PG)
"W.SHARON" "G.R.HEBARD" "CAPE LOCKOUT" 2 Merchan tmen "MANA" "B. MATTERWS" "J. P. BRADLEY" "GEO. V.L. MEYER" "S. BRANNON" "D.E. HUGHES" Woodlark Is: : "T.M. COOLEY" 1 Merchantmen Kiriwina: : ML.819 YMS.315 Escorts "M. GRIFFITH" 1 Merchantmen Goodenough Is:

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Merchantmen

Combat Units	1 CA	: "SHROPSHIRE"
	2 CL 25 DD	"NASHVILLE" "PHOENIX" "STOCKTON" "STEVENSOR" "HUTCHINS" "DALY" "BACHE" "AMMEN" "BEALE" "BUSH" "WILKES" "HOBBEY" "KALK" "MULLANY" "GILLESPIE"
		"WELLES" "REID" "FLUSSER" "SMITH" "MAHAN" "DRAYTON" "SWANSON" "NICHOLSON" "THORNE" "WARRAMUNGA" "ABNER BEAD" "ARUNTA"
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Escorts	2 PF 5 AMS	"LOEGBEACH" "GLENDALE" "BEEDIGO" "GLENELG" "WAGGA" "KILDURA" "BROOME"
	10 SC	: 476 : 698, 699, 735, 737, 738, 742, 743, 744,746 981
	7 YMS 6 ML	: 11, 49, 52, 70, 71, 72, 336 : 424, 427, 430, 431, 801, 818
Auxiliaries	"LONG"	"HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "BROOKS" "GILMER" (APD) "HAMILTON" (DMS) "SAN PABLO" "HALF MOON" (AVP "AA SE MAERSK" "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "OTUS" "FULTON" (AS) "H.T.ALLEN" "WESTRALIA" (APA) "KOGPA" (AGP) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "GOLD STAR"
Merchantmen	76	(AG) "NAETSUYCKER" (AH) 2 IP: 283, 280 "ALCOA PEGASUS" "ALCOA PATRIOF" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "E.G.ACHESON" "ARANSAS PASS" "E.D.BAKER" "W.B.AYER" "J.BARBARA" "BARBARA C." "S.K.BARLOW" "R.S.BEAN" "F.BILLINGS"
		"F.P.BLAIR" "S.K.BOLIVAR" "CAPE CLEARE" "G.L.CURRY" "M.DALY" "J.W.DAVIS" "J.DEERE" "F.H.DODD" "DON MARQUIS" "HARRINGTON EMERSON" "ESSO HARRISBURG" "ESSO PITTSBURG"
		"L.FAIRCHILD" "M.FLINDERS" "M.FULLER" "A.HILL" "B.F.IRVINE" "ISOLATOR" "JAPARA" "E.JOHNSON" "L.S.KELLY" "O.KELLY" "M.E. KINHEY" "W.S.LADD" "J.LIND" "Z.LYKES" "MAETSON" "J.S.MANSFIELD" "W.NCLENNAN" "N.E.MACK" "B.MATTHEWS" "MORMACDALE" "MEXIC
<u> </u>		"I.WOCOY" "MIDWEST FARMER" "JOHN I.WOLAN" "OZARK" "JAMES D. PHALAN" "PAUL REVERE" "POLLUX" "PONCE" "A.REHAN" "RING LARDNER"
		"J.ROLPH" "ROSEVILLE" "J.ROSS" "J.ROSSITER" "SEA DEVIL" "N.J.SINFOTT" "C.SPRECKERS" "ST "STAGEN" "M.M.STEWART" "THUNDERER" "S.M. WHITE" "GEO.VANCOUVER" "VAN DEN BOSCH"
		"R.J.WALKER" "F.A.WARDEIL" "ED.N.WESTCOTT" "WEST TEXAS" "A.D.WHITE"
ort Moresby:		WEST TEARS A.D. WHITE
Escerts Auxiliaries Merchantmen	1 2 2	: ML: 426 "POLARIS" (AGS) "CALAMARES" (AF) "H.V.WHITE" "S.G.PORTER"
hursday Island: Escorts		
Auxiliaries	1	BUNGAREE" (CM)
Escorts	11	: "CASTLEMAINE" "KALGOORLIE" "STAWELL" (AMS) 2 SC:703, 982 2 ML:811, 820 1 YMS:393
Auxiliaries	4	3 PC:477, 1120, 1132 : "PLATYPUS" (AR) "BOOTES" (AK) "MORESBY" (AGS 1 ARD.
ownsville: Escorts	4	: "WARREGO" (PS) "BUNBURY" "KAPUNDA" (AMS) 1 ML: 817
laastone:	2	: "MANOORA" "KANIMBLA" (APA)
Auxiliaries Brisbane:	1	: "HERON" (AVP)
Escorts	9	: "SWAN" (PS) "GUMPIE" (ANS) 2 2: 745, 749
Auxiliaries	5	2 YMS: 9,10 3 ML: 808, 821, 827 : "EURYALE" (AS) "LAGORAB" (AES) "MIZAR" (AF) "SHIKELLAMY" (AO) 1 YP: 236

Sydney: : 1 CA : "AUSTRALIA" (Refitting) Combat Units 2 CL : "HOBART" "BOISE" : "VENDETTA" 1 DD : "GRISWOLD" 1 DE "BARCOO" (PF) "COLAC" "ECHUCA" "KIAMA"
"WARRNAMBOOL" "GLADSTONE" (AMS)
2 ML: 822, 823 "AB.CRIJNSSEN" "KYBRA" 11 Escorts 2 ML: 822, 823 "AB.CRIJNSSEN" "KYBRA"
"DOOMBA" (A/S)
: "WANGANELLA" (AH) (Refitting) "MANUNDA" (AH) Auxiliaries "GANYMEDE" (AK) Melbourne: Escorts 1 AMS "LITHGOW" Adelaide: Escorts 1 AMS : "GEELONG" (Refitting) (11) ENEMY FORCES (1) Buin Base - On 7 March, Piano Mission (inland from Buin) was bombed by 10 Aircobras. (2) Empress Augusta Bay - On 6 March, Monoitu Mission and huts near Mibe River were bombed and strafed by 16 Aircobras while enemy positions on the Eastern shore of the Saua River mouth were bombed by 8 Dauntless. During the night 6-7 March, a single enemy floatplane ineffectively attacked PT boats operating off S.W. Bougainville and shore gunfire was also encountered. Two barges and apossible dredge or floating crane at the Puriata River mouth were engaged and the latter craft destroyed. Throughout 7 March, enemy positions along the Empress Augusta Bay shores were bombed and strafed by 12 Dauntless, 6 Avengers, 2 Liberators and 46 Aircobras. Commencing at 0548/8, heavy enemy artillery fire was put up from N.E. of the Torokina perimeter centred on Piva airfield. Some damage was suffered to aircraft and a few minor casualties were reported. No damage, however, was inflicted on Piva or Torokina strips. (3) Numa Numa - At 2125/8, a submarine was sighted by aircraft 22 miles N.E. of Numa Numa, possibly on a southerly course.

(4) Kavieng - At 1310/6, Kavieng and Panapai airfields were attacked by 24 Liberators escorted by 12 Lightnings. Photos show four direct hits on revetments at Kavieng aerodrome and 12 hits on the runway which was left unserviceable. A 200 ft. pier at Kavieng was shown on fire.

At 1258/7, Panapai was bombed by 24 Liberators with 14 Lightnings escorting. Subsequent photographs show the runway

to be unserviceable.

(5) Rabaul - During the night 5-6 March, Rabaul was harassed by a single Liberator. One enemy night fighter ineffectually intercepted.

At 1225/6, Lakunai was attacked by 48 Dayntless, 24 Avengers with 37 fighters escorting, but results were unobserved due cloud. At 1235/6, Tobera was bombed by 24 Mitchells - 22 fighters escorted. Fires were started in revetments, of which some were believed to be burning aircraft. Also during 6 March, 6 barges in Massaba Bay and one barge off Wotam Island were strafed by 14 Corsairs (0820-0920/6). Fighters patrolling the Rabaul bomber strikes effectively strafed two small craft in the area. At 1235/6, 2 small ships (100 feet) and 10-15 barges were strafed by Corsairs.

During the night 6-7 March, Rabaul was again harassed

by a single Liberator.
At 0900/7, Lakunai, A/A positions and installations in the vicinity were bombed and strafed by 47 Dauntless, 24 Avengers with 26 fighters covering. Several grounded aircraft were destroyed or damaged: the "ATAGO MARU" hulk was hit and left settling and several hits were scored or machine gun positions. At 0906/7, Tobera was bombed by 24 Mitchells escorted by 14 Corsairs. At 1105/7, targets in the town area were bombed by 18 Warhawks. Also a.m. 7 March, some 20 barges and small craft in the Harbour area and also in Atiliklikan Bay area were all strafed by 16 Corsairs.

(5) Rabaul (Contd.) -At 1707/7, 5 small ships at Malaguna were attacked by 3 Avengers covered by 10 Corsairs. One ships was sunk and another hit and last seen low in the water. Photos 1330/7 show: Mainly unservice/ Tobera 19 F. Vunakanau 2 D/B Serviceable 2 Lakunai 6 F. 1 D/B Rapopo Total 30 a/c whereof 25 F. 4 D/B 1 M/B (6) Cape Hoskins - At 1600-1815/7, 8-10 barges which were apparently not present the previous day were strafed near Cape Hokins. (7) Talasea - On 7 March, heavy enemy opposition was holding up our advance in the Volupai Plantation. 55 Jap dead had been accounted for up to this date.
At 1700/7, targets in the Talassa area were bombed by 11 Beauforts. (8) Garove Island - During the night 5-6 March, a barge off John Albert Hr. was strafed and rendered unserviceable by PT boats. (9) Admiralty Islands - Counted enemy dead up to 1200/7 total 1231. Many others have not yet been counted. At 2150/7, enemy aircraft dropped 8 bombs on our positions on Los Megros Island. No damage has been reported.

On 7 March, enemy gun positions at Hauwei and Ndrili were shelled by 3 destroyers. No return fire was encountered. (10) Hollandia - At 0210/8, 3 small sea trucks towing barges were reported by a Catalina 40 miles down the coast from Hollandia heading S. At 0215/9, the six cargo ships including one of 2-5000 tons, remainder small, were reported by aircraft in flight in Humboldt Bay. (11) Altape (a) During the night 7-8 March, a Catalina reported 3 small unidentif. ied ships in Sissano Lagoon (12 miles S.E. of Aitape. (b) At 0105/9, a small enemy merchant vessel was attacked by a Catalina 10 miles S. of Aitape. (12) Wewak - Midnight 7-8 March, Wewak area was bombed by 6 Liberators, starting several fires. One enemy night fighter ineffectively attempted interception. (13) Hansa Bay - During the night 5-6 March, a lugger in Hansa Bay was attacked by PT boats and many hits registered.

At 1300/8, Nubia airfield was bombed by 6 Liberators. Several aircraft were seen on the ground and one or more reported destroyed or damaged. (14) Uligan Harbour - At 0930-1000/8, three loaded barges and 2 empty barges all in Uligan Harbour were thoroughly strafed by a Boston. (15) Alexishafen - At 1145/8, Rempi village and mission (approx 4 miles N. of Alexishafen) were bombed and strafed by 36 Avengers escorted by 12 Kittyhawks.
(16) Rai Coast - Reports continue (7 March) of groups of enemy stragglers passing along the escape trail over the mountains South of Saidor. On 7 March, allied patrols reached Cape Rigny (16 miles E. of Bogadjim) killing 2 Japs and capturing a light machine gun they were manning. 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA (1) ALLIED FORCES (a) At Sea to 1200/9: (1) "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS) escorting "W. PROUSE" departed Darwin 0638/8 for West Bay ETA 2030/9. (2) "INVERELL" (AMS) escorting Convoy TD.45 (3 MV) departed Thursday Is.
1623/3 for Darwin.
(3) "FREMANTIE" (AMS) escorting "KAILUA" "MILDURA" departed Darwin 0813/6

(4) 16 submarines on patrol.

for Thursday Isl.ETA 0800/9. "MILDURA" detaches off Cape

Wessel and proceeds independently to M elville Bay ETA 1000/8.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin: 3 : ML's 429, 809, 816 1 : COOLEBAR" Escorts

Merchan tmen

Groote Eylandt: BAEINDA" Merchan tmen

Melville Bay: "SUVA" 1 Merchan tmen

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Tanimbar Islands - Assigned targets at Saumlaki were bombed and strafed by 6 Beaufighters on 8 March. Results were unobserved.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/9:

(1) "SUSSEX" (CA) proceeding Fremantle ETA 1315/9.
(2) "RANEE" (CV(E)) was to depart Fremantle 1230/7. "GAMBIA" (CL) to RV

off Rottnest Island at 1400/7 and escort westwards.

(3) "DUEBO" (AMS) was to depart Fremantle 1400/7 for Albany.

(4) "ML's 824, 812, 826" departed Geduna for Albany 1915/6.

(5) "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) departed Fremantle 1900/6 for Melbourne ETA 1100/13 thence Brisbane.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

1 CL : "ADELA IDE" Combat Units

"HORSHAM" (AMS) 1 SC: 739
"CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK"
(AM) "PELIAS" "ORION" (AS) "YUMA" (AT) Escorts 9 Auxiliaries

2 YP: 286, 288 1 ARD.

Exmouth Gulf: : "CHILDS" (AV) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) 2 Auxiliaries

3. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

(1) Espiritu Santo - A possible enemy submarine was contacted at 1255/8 60 miles S.W. of Espiritu Santo.

(2) Mauru - Am light air strike was conducted on Nauru 6 March.

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

(1) Truk - P.m. 7 March, a convoy comprising one destroyer, 3 escort vessels and 4 cargo vessels were sighted leaving Truk for the N.W.

(2) Carolines - Ponape aerodrome and the dock area were bombed at T035/6 by 13 Liberators. A light raid was also carried out on Kusaie 6 March.

(3) Marshalls - During 6 March, light sir strikes were carried out on Mille, Jaluit, Taroa and Wotje.

D. INDIAN OCEAN

ENEMY FORCES

Submarine Activity -It is estimated that there are at least 5 and possibly as many as 9 enemy submarines including at least 2 German, operating in the Indian Ocean thus:(a) 1 German unit in area East of Socotra as fixed by D/F night 5 March.

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D. INDIAN OCEAN (Contd.)

(b) 1 Japanese unit in area of northern approaches of Mozambique Channel as shown by a poor D/F fix night 7 March. In this are, a submarine was attacked by aircraft off Diego Suarez at about dawn 6 March.

(c) 1 unit possibly still in area Bombay-Cochin-Lacadive Is, although there has been no evidence since latter half of February when a Japanese submarine was believed

in the area.

(d) I unit possibly still in the coastal belt Calcutta to M. Ceylon although no evidence since a Jap unit was fixed by D/F 22 Feb. in the area.

(e) 2-3 Jap units and 1 German unit operating in Maldive Is .-E. coast Ceylong-Chagos Archipelago area. A Jap sub. was fixed by D/F between Maldive Island and Chagos Archipelago a.m. 5 March.

(e) Possibly 1 more unit (Japanese) south of Chagos Archipelage

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

(1) Increased naval and air strength Malayan theatre.

(2) Withdrawal of forward positions in Bismarcks.

(3) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.

(4) Use of barges, submarines, and destroyers for night transportation

runs to forward areas.

(5) Continued use of submarines for recommaissance and offensive patrol activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

KILIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

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ENEMY FORCES

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	Southw (Easte	est Facific rn Section)	Sou	th Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons		Marianas Carolines	
BB		-		•	-		MUSASHI	
CV(L)		•		-	•		RYUHO	
CV(E)		COPAHEE			•		CHIYODA	
<u>CA</u>	(2)	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE		•	-	(5)	TAKAO ATAGO CHOKAI HAGURO MYOKO	
<u>CL</u>		BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX HOBART		COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER HONOLULU ST. LOUIS DENVER LEANDER	•	(3)	MAKA OYODO NOSHIRO	
CL(T)		-		•	-	(2)	KASHIMA) Poss. KATORI) sunk	
AV/CVS		-	(2)	WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	-		AKITSUSHIMA	
XAV/XCV	<u>s</u> (2)	HALF MOON SAN PABLO		BALLARD .	-		3	
DD	(27)	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER REID SMITH AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS HOBBEY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES STOCKTON		Approx 45			20 (some repairing)	
		NICHOLSON WILKES STEVENSON THORN ABNER READ ROE						
				* Non-effect	tive			

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SS	(4)	BALAO -)) GATO PETO SCAMP	On	Patrol	15	25	
	(4)	BASHAW BLACKFISH) DACE FLOUNDER)	At	Milne Bay			
	(2)	CERO) DARTER)	At	Brisbane			
		K.9	At	Sydney			
PT		Approx 85		Approx 110	. ?	?	
APA/AI	PD/AKA (8)	H.T.ALLEN KAN IMBLA WESTRALIA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS		10 APA 10 APD 5 AKA			
AGC		BLUE RIDGE					
AS	(3)	OTUS FULTON EURYALE			?	?	
AD		DOBBIN				-	
AR	(3)	FIGEL FLATYPUS AMYCUS		PROMETHEUS.			
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	A	IL IED FORCES			ENEMY F	ORCES	
CA				1341	NACHI		

(3) ABUKUMA TAMA KISO

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Approx 4

(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHNOND

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3. CENTRAL PACIFIC -EMPIRE

	ALLIED FORCES	CENTRAL PACIFIC-EM	PIRE	ENEMY FORCES
BB ·	(18) INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON CALIFORNIA MASSACHUSETTS SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA	COLORADO MARYLAND TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO IDAHO ALABAMA PENN SYLVANIA CKLAHOMA	(3-4) #	KONGO) en route HARUNA) South YAMATO MUTSU (prob. sunk)
GA	(7) ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON SARATOGA	INTREFID ESSEX BUNKER HILL		ZUIKAKU (en route South
CV (L)	(7) COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY FRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY INDEFENDENCE		HITAKA HAYATAKA TAIHO ZUIHO
(T)	-	-		HOSHO
CV(E)	(24) SAN GAM ON SUW ANNEE CHENANGO CORAL SEA EARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU SANTEE CASABLANCA CORREGIOOR ALTAMAHA	WHITE FLAINS ERETCH MIDWAY PATRCLLER FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY NANILA BAY NATONA BAY NEHENTA BAY	æ	CHITOSE JINYO KAIYO OTAKA UNYO
<u>CA</u>	(13) BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAFOLIS PENSACCLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE		MOGAMI (en route South) ASHIGARA (poss.N. Pacific MAYA
OCA	-			6
<u>CL</u>	(8) OAKLAND RENO CONCORD BILOXI	SANTA PE SAN DIEGO MOBILE BIRMINGHAM	R	YAHAGI NAGARA NATORI ISUZU
CL(T)	•		H	KASHII
AV/cvs	•			3
DD	Approx 85			Approx 3
SS	Approx 30			Approx 25
AS	?			2 (one repairing)
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4. SCUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

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		EAST	INDIES-INDIAN OC	EAN	
	Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	Ea	stern Fleet Area	Eas	st Indies-Philippines
BB	•	(3)	QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN	(5)	NAGATO ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA (poss, Japan)
CV	-		ILLUSTRIOUS		SHOKAKU
CV(E)	RANGE	(3)	BATTLER UNICORN SHAH		•
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<u>CL</u>	(2) ADELAIDE GAMBIA	(7)	CEYLON KENYA EMERALD NEWCASTLE DANAE TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	(5)	YUBARI TATSUTA OI KINU . KITAGAMI
AV/GVS	(2) CHILDS W.B.PRESTON		ALBATROSS	H	KAMOI
XCL	-	(2)	CANTON CHITRAL		-
XAV/XCVS	-		?		•
and the same of th	•		Approx 27		25
<u>ss</u> (16)	ANGLER LAPON BILLFISH POMPON BLUEFISH PUFFER BONEFISH NORWHAL COD RASHER GUNNEL RATON HADDO RAY JACK ROBALO		Approx 15 On Patrol		17 (incl. 6 German)
	BOWFIN	4	At Darwin		
(8)	CABRILLA HOE CREVALLE REDFIN FLASHER K.12 HAKE K.15	}	At Fremantle		
	PELIAS ORION				
Fighters Light & 1	(N.W.Area Only) (incl. 27 twin-engal/Bombers and D/Bombers eats	g.)	111 57 3 61 26		

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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

No. 772

10 March, 1944 Date

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1.EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/10:

- (1) "YMS's 334.73" escorting Convoy GB.53 ("CAPE FLATTERY" "R.P.WARNER")
 departed Finschhafen 1200/9 for Milne Bay ETA 1100/11.
 (2) "GASCOYNE" (PF) was to RV with "WEST POINT" and escort to Milne Bay
- due 1015/10.
- (3) "PC.1121" departed Milne Bay 1800/9 to RV with "PANDA" and escort to Milne Bay.
- (4) "PC.1124" standing by "PRESIDENT GRANT" aground on S.W. corner of Uluma Reef. Salvage operations in progress with diving party; "RESERVE" "SONOMA" (AT) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) standing by to assist.

- (5) "OCTANS" (AF) departed Milne Bay 1740/7 ETA Brisbane 0500/12.

 (6) "MAETSUYCKER" (AH) departed Milne Bay 1516/8 for Brisbane ETA 1700/11.

 (7) "PIRIE" (AMS) escorting "BOTH" departed Port Moresby 1240/8 for Grafton Passage whence "PIRIE" proceeds Cairns ETA 1730/10.

 "BOTH" to Townsville ETA 0930/11 for onward routeing to Brisbane.
- (8) "ROCKHAMPTON" (AMS) proceeding to RV at 0100/8 with Convoy TN.227 ("EDNA") off Fitzroy Is. and escort to Port Moresby ETA 1300/10.
 - (9) "WILCANNIA" (AMS) departed Townsville 0910/8 for Thursday Island ETA 1200/11, for onward routeing to Darwin.
 (10) "SC.731" departed Cairns 1605/8 for Thursday Is. ETA 1700/10.

- (11) "BOWEN" on A/S patrol outer area Grafton Passage.
 (12) "BISHOPDALE" (AO) (ex Convoy MV.71) proceeding independently to
 Sydney ETA 0600/14.
 (13) "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA" (APA) were to depart Gladstone 2000/9. ETA Fitzroy Is.1900/11, ETA Finschhafen 0700/14, returning thence Gladstone by 18 March.
- (AMS) was to depart Calcundra 1300/9 for Townsville ETA 0900/12 for onward routeing to Cairns. (14) "GYMPIE"
- (15) "SHIKELLAMY" (AO) was to depart Calcundra 1200/9 for Townsville ETA 0800/12, for onward routeing and escort to Port Moresby.
- (16) "KURUMBA" (A0) proceeding Gladstone ETA noon 10 March, thence
- proceeding to Brisbane.

 "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) assisting "OMAHA" aground on Egret Reef.

 "COWRA" (AMS) departed Brisbane 1500/7 for Milne Bay ETA 1400/12.
- (18)
- (19) "GOULBURN" (AMS) was to depart Brisbane 1500/8 for Milne Bay ETA
 0900/14, carrying out A/A practice off Cape Moreston.
 (20) "WHYALLA" departed Brisbane 2100/4 on A/S patrol Sandy Cape area.
 (21) "DELORAINE" departed Sydney 0900/8 on A/S patrol to Smoky Cape and return.
- "MIZAR" (AF) was to depart Calcundra 2359/9 for Melbourne ETA 0630/12. "COPAHEE" (CV(E)) proceeding Brisbane ETA 11 March. 22)
- (24) "BARGOO" (PF) departed Sydney 1332/9 for Calcundra to RV at 1900/10 with "EURYALE" (AS) and escort to Milne Bay ETA 1500/13. On arrival Milne Bay, "BARGOO" to be transferred to operational control of N.O.I.C. New Guinea.

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(25) "YANDRA" (A/S) was to depart Sydney 0900/10 northbound.
(26) "GRISWOLD" (DE) departed Sydney 1237/9 for Espiritu Santo.
(27) "ML.807" on A/S patrol Coff's Harbour area.
(28) 4 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

(1) "YMS.10" to be sailed to Cairns earliest practicable.
(2) "KIAMA" to be sailed for Brisbane to complete working up about 15 Mar.
(3) "FREMANTIE" to be sailed to arrive Melbourne for refit by 31 Mar.

(c) In Harbour:

Tag Norman Tag		
Los Negros Is:	1	: SC.738
Merchan tmen	1	: "LAKE ORMAC"
Cape Gloucester:		
Auxiliaries Saider:	1	: "SHEPPARTON" (AGS)
Merchantmen Finschhafen:	2	: "H.C. PAYNE" "ETAMIN"
Combat Units	40 PT	
Escorts	20	: 5 PC: 479, 1119, 1123, 1131, 1133 3 TMS: 50, 53, 314; 3 ML: 428, 803, 806 9 SC: 650, 732, 734, 735, 743, 747, 748, 749 981
Auxiliaries	6	: "PORTUNUS" "CYSTER BAY" "HILO" (AGP) "COUCAL" (ASR) "HALF MOON" (AVP) "VICTORIA" (AO)
Merchantmen	20	"J.ALDEN" "BORGFRED" "RAMO" "MACTAN" "YOCHOW" "W.B.ALLISON" "J.NICOLET" "CAPE BON" "A.ROBINSON" "W.ATWATER" "A.THGMAS" "D.HEWES" "C.DARROW" "WM.BEAUMONT" "HANYANG" "K.D.WIGGINS" "VAN DER LIJN" "M.T.HERRICK" #GEO.LUKS" "VAN DEN BOSCH"
Lae:		
Escorts	2	: ML's 802, 425
Merchantmen	6	"BONTEKOE" "J. BURFO UGHS" "H. T. RAINEY"
Buna:		
Escorts	10	: "BENALLA" (AMS) 1 PC: 1132 1 NL: 816 5 SC: 837, 735, 736, 741, 750 2 YMS: 313,335
Auxiliaries	10	"BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "DOBBIN" (AD) "TRINITY" "SUSQUEHAN NA" (AC) "CARTER HALL" (LSD) 1 ARD "POYANG" "YUNNAN" (ASIS) 2 YP:233, 278
Merchan tmen	15	"H.L.ABBOTT" "P.T.DODDRIDGE" "ESSO BAYONNE" "ALCIBIADES" "M.WALKER" "J.COOK" "MULIAMA" "TRIANGULUM" "W.C.CLAIRBORNE" "MANA" "W.SHARRON" "D.E.HUGHES"
Oro Bay:	_	Howard & (Am) House GAR (Do)
Auxiliaries Merchantmen	7	"RIGEL" (AR) "TULSA" (PG) "G.R. HEBARD" "CAPE LOOKOUT" "B. MATTHEWS" "J.P. BRADLEY" "GEO.V.L. MEYER" "S. ERANNON" "T. CRAWFORD"
Woodlark Is: Merchantmen	2	"T.M.CCOLEY" "ANHUI"
Kiriwina:		
Escorts	2	: ML. 819 YMS. 315
Goodenough Is:	1	: "ED.N.WESTCOIT"
ilne Bay:		Harris Barrens P
Combat Units	1 CA	: "SHRO PSHIRE"
	2 CL	: "MASHVILLE" *PHOENIX" : "STOCKTON" *STEVENSON" "HUTCEINS" "DALY"
	26 DD	"BACHE" "AMMEN" "BEALE" "BUSH" "WILKES" "HOBBEY" "KALK" "MUILANY" "GILLES PIE" "WELLES" "REID" "FLUSSER" "SNITH" "MAHAN" "DRAYTON" "SWANSON" "NICHOLSON" "THORNE" "WARRAMUNGA" "ABNER READ" "ARUNTA" "ROE"
	36 PT	THE PERSON NAMED AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON NAMED AND ADDRESS O

^{*} Note: Special operational movements forward of Milne Bay not s hown.

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Milne Bay (Contd.)
                                                       : "LONGBEACH" "GLENDALE"
                                          2 PF
                                                       : "BENDIGO" "GLENELG" "WAGGA" "MIEDURA" "BROOME"
                                          5 AMS
                                          2 PC
                                                        : 476, 1122
                                                       : 698, 699, 737, 742, 744, 746
: 8, 11, 46, 49, 52, 53, 70, 72, 536
: 424, 427, 430, 431, 801, 818
: "HUMPEREYS" "SANDS" "EROOKS" "GILMER" (APD)
"LONG" "HAMILTON" (DMS) "SAN PABLO" "HALF
                                          6 SC
                                        10 YMS
                                          6 ML
       Auxiliaries
                                        19
                                                          MOON" (AVP) "AA SERMAER SK" "BISHOPDALE" (AD)
"OTUS" "FULTON" (AS) "H.T.ALLEN" "WESTRALIA"
(APA) "KOOPA" (AGP) "ANYCUS" (ARL) "GOLD STAR"
(AG) 2 YP: 283,280
"ALCOA PEGASUS" "ALCOA PATRIOT" "E.G.ACHESON"
"ARANSAS PASS" "E.D.BAKER" "W.B.AYER"
"I BARBABA" "BARBARA C." "R.K.BARLOW""R.S.BEAN
       Merchan tmen
                                        74
                                                          "ARANSAS PASS" "E.D.BAKER" "W.B.AYER"

"J.BARBARA" "BARBARA C." "S.K.BARLOW""R.S.BEAN"

"F.BILLINGS" "F.P.BLAIR" "S.K.BOLIVAR"

"G.L.CURRY" "M.DALY" "J.W.DAVIS" "J.DEERE"

"F.H.DODD" "DON MARQUIS" "HARRIEGTON EMERSON"

"ESSO HARRISBURG" "ESSO FITTSBURG" "L.FAIRCHILD

"M.FLINDERS" "M.FULLER" "M.GRIFFITH" "A.HILL"

"B.F.IRVINE" "ISOLATOR" "JAPARA" "E.JOHNSON"

"L.S.KEILY" "O.KELLY" "M.E.KINNEY" "W.S.LADD"

"J.LIND" "Z.LYKES" "MAETSON" "J.S.MANSFIELD"

"W.MCLENNAN" "N.E.MACK" "B.MATTHEES"
                                                          "W.MCLENNAN" "N.E.MACK" "B.MATTHEWS"
"MORMACDALE" "MEXICO" "I.MCGOY" "MIDWEST
                                                          FARMER" "JOHN I. NOLAN" "OREGON TRAIL" "OZARK"
"JAMES D. PHALAN" "PAUL REVERE" "POLLUX" "PONCE"
                                                          "A.REHAN" "RING LARDNER" "J. ROLPH" "ROSEVILLE"
                                                          "N.ROSS" "J.ROSSITER" "SEA DEVIL" "N.J.SINNOFT"
                                                          "C. SPRECKERS" "STAGEN" "M.M. STEWART"
                                                          "THUNDERER" "S.M. WHITE" "GEO. VANCOUVER"
"VAN OUTHOORN" "VAN SWOIL" "VILLALOBOS"
                                                          "R.J. WALKER" "F.A. WARDELL" "WEST TEXAS"
                                                          A.D. WHITE"
 Port Moresby:
                                                     : ML: 426
: "POLARIS" (AGS) "CALAMARES" (AF)
: "H.V.WHITE" "S.G.PORTER" "TAROO HA"
      Escorts
      Auxiliaires
                                        2
      Merchantmen
                                        3
 Thursday Island:
                                                     : "FREMANTLE" (AMS)
: "BUNGAREE" (CM) 1 YF: 291
      Escorts
      Auxiliaries
                                        2
Cairns:
                                                     "ARARAT" "CASTLEMAINE" "KALGOORLIE" "STAWELL"
"TOWNSVILLE" (AMS) 2 SC:703, 982 1 YMS: 393
4 ML: 804, 805, 811, 820 3 PC: 477, 1120, 1132
"PLATYPUS" (AR) "BOOTES" (AK) "NORESBY" (AGS)
      Escorts
                                      15
      Auxiliaries
                                        4
                                                         1 ARD.
Town sville:
                                                     : "WARREGO" (PS) "BUNBURY" "BUNDABERG" "KA PUNDA"
     Escorts
                                        5
                                                         (AMS) 1 ML: 817
Mackay:
     Auxiliaries
                                       1
                                                    HHERON" (AVP)
Gladstone:
     Escorts
                                                     : "CORONADO" "SAN PEDRO" (PF)
                                       2
Brisbane:
                                                     : "SWAN" (PS) 2 SC: 745, 749 3 ML: 808, 821, 827
5 YMS: 9, 10, 47, 48, 51
: "EURYALE" (AS) "ALGORAB" (AKS) "MERKUR" (AF)
     Escorts
                                     11
      Auxiliaries
                                                         1 YP: 236
Sydney:
                                                     : "AUSTRALIA" (Refitting)
     Combat Units
                                        1 CA
                                        2 CL
                                                                                                   "BOISE"
                                                      : "VENDETTA" "STUART"
                                        2 DD
                                                         "COLAC" "ECHUCA" "KIAMA" "KATOOMBA" "WARRNAMBOO
     Escorts
                                      11
                                                         "GLADSTONE" (AMS) 2 ML: 822, 823 "KYBRA"
"AB.CRIJNSSEN" "DOOMBA" (A/S)
                                                     : "WANGANELLA" (AH) (Refitting) "MANUNDA" (AH)
      Auxiliaries
                                       3
                                                         "GANYMEDE" (AK)
Melbourne:
      Escorts
                                       1 AMS
                                                   : "LITHGOW"
Adelaide:
                                       1 AMS : "GEELONG" (Refitting)
     Escorts
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(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Solomons Airfields - Photos 8 March show Kahili, Kara, Ballale, Buka and Bonis airfields alk unserviceable and no aircraft present.

(2) Empress Augusta Bay - A.m. 7 March, enemy positions E. of Torokina

Hiver were bombarded by U.S. destroyers.

The enemy artillery fire ranged on Piva airfield 8 Mar. (as reported in Summany 771), was returned by allied artillery which silenced some positions. During the night 8-9 Mar. some 40 more shells were centred in the area just N.E. of Piva and again slight damage was caused to aircraft and minor casualties and damage to installations.

During 8 Mar. enemy gun positions around Torokina

perimeter were attacked by:

1110/8 - 24 Dauntless, 12 Avengers on hill positions.

a.m. - 3 Aircobras on coastal positions.

1615-1730/8 - 54 Dauntless, 28 Avengers on hill positions. 1645/8 - Avengers (turned back from Rabaul) 5 tons on perimeter positions.

In addition, enemy camp areas were bombed and strafed by 8 Dauntless, 4 Corsairs and some Aircobras. Cdr. 3rd Fleet reports indications of enemy preparations for a general ground attack in the area.

(3) N.E. Bougainville - At 0835/9, an enemy submarine was sighted by

aircraft 37 miles N. by W. of Kieta. (4) Namatanai - Photos 1212/8 show no aircraft present on Namatanai airfield

but the strip is serviceable for 2700 feet.
During the night 7-8 March, Rabaul was harassed by a single (5) Rabaul -Liberator.

> At 1052/8, the wharf area on eastern shores of Simpsons Harbour were bombed by 23 unescerted Liberators: Photos show 131 hits destroying at least 27 buildings. Between 1200 and 1305/8, the same area was bombed by 46 Warhawks and Aircobras. At 1317/8, the town area was bombed by 23 unescorted Mitchells causing large explosions and fires. All our sircraft returned except 1 Mitchell which waterlanded: crewrescued.

Photos of the Harbour a.m. 8 March show 2 small freighters (under 1000 tons), 1 probable "flak" ship and approx 400 barges.

ns - At 1330/8, a small freighter was reported by aircraft off Cape Hoskins. Although the ship was reported as (6) Cape Hoskins apparently serviceable it is considered possibly to have been the wreck known to be in the area.

At 1010/9, Cape Hoskins strip was bombed by 8 Beauforts.

(7) Talasea - After overcoming stiff opposition on the N. side of Little

Mount Worri on 7 March, Marines advanced overland and during the following night reached Bitokara (2 miles from Talasea airfield). The airfield was occupied 8 March and advanced elements continued to 1 mile S. of the strip. Total enemy casualties to 8 Mar. are 83 counted dead: our losses are 13 killed and 80 wounded.

Supporting ground forces, Waru Village was bombed at 0815-0855/8 by 8 Kittyhawks. The Village, which is 1 miles

W. of the airstrip was subsequently occupied.

(8) Gasmata - At 2200/8, 3 westbound barges were seen off Lindenhafen Plantation by a Catalina in addition to 3 barges and one fishing boat easthound.

At 0955/9, dumps were bombed by 6 Beauforts. (9) Admiralty Islands - On 8 March, Mokerang Plantation (northern end of Los Negros Island) was reported clear of the enemy, but there are still enemy on the southern end of the Island.

At 1030/8, a landing was effected at Lombrum Point (on Los Negros Island - Southern shores of Seeadler Harbour) by our troops from 7 LCV's brought in by destroyers and minesweepers. Lombrum Point area was occupied by 1500/8 apparently without opposition.

The landing operation in Secador Harbour on 8 March was

supported by about 10 Liberators and a few Mitchells.

Shortly before noon 8 March, one enemy aircraft strafed Momote airfield without effect.
At 1000/9 Bear Point (on Manus Island - In Seeadler Hr.)

was beabed by 11 Mitchells.

(10) Hollandia - At 0230/10, two freighters (2-5000 tons) were reported by aircraft in Hollandia.

During the night 7-8 March, 2 ships, possibly a (11) Vanimo destroyer or submarine, and a gunboat, were reported by aircraft 25 miles N.H. of Vanimo heading N.W.

At 0220/10, a tug was attacked by aircraft 20 miles
S.E. of Vanimo and left sinking.
At 1130-1230/8, aircraft reported 3 luggers and 3 barges
at Aitape. One lugger was strafed and left on fire.
Afternoon reports indicate some shipping, possibly the (12) Aitape same six or part thereof, in Aitape area.

At 0130/10, one sea truck was reported by aircraft 25 miles E.S.E. of Aitape, course 500°.

Following the night raid on Wewak 7-8 March, by 6 Liberators (refer Summary 771), a strong force of heavy (13) Wewak and attack bombers was despatched to attack Dagua airfield. Very heavy weather was encountered and only 5 Liberators reached the target bombing on estimated position. Other aircraft unable to locate targets at Wewak bombed various objectives down the coast, mainly Hansa Bay. Approx 40 enemy fighters attacked our heavy bombers at various stages and of these 17 were shot down definitely (including one by the fighter cover) and 10 more probably shot down.

(14) Yalau Area - Advanced allied ground elements reached Bau Plantation (24 miles S.W. Of Cape Rigny) on 8 March encountering only

slight opposition.

(15) Saidor - At about midnight 8-9 March, one enemy bomber attacked the Saidor area causing a few casualties.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALI IED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/10:

(1) "COOTAMUNDRA" (ANS) was due escorting "W. PROUSE" departed Darwin 0638/8 for West Bay was due 2030/9.

(2) "LATROBE" (AMS) escorting Convoy TD.46 ("ADMIRAL CHASE") departed Thursday Is. 0619/9 for Darwin ETA 1600/13.

(3) 15 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin: : "INVERELL" (AMS) 3 ML: 429, 809, 816 : "COGLEBAR" "F.A. EILERS" "SCHWEDAGON" "DILGA" Escorts Merchantmen

Groote Eylandt: : "BABINDA" Merchantmen 1

Melville Bay: : "SUVA" "MILDURA" 2 Merchantmen

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Babo: During the night 7-8 March, Babo airfield was bombed by 4 Catalines starting fires.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/10:

(1) "RANEE" (CV(E)) was to depart Fremantle 1230/7. "GAMBIA" (CL) to RV off Rettnest Island at 1400/7 and escert westwards.

Destination "GAMBIA": Volombe; destination "RANEE":Cochin.

(2) ML's 824, 812, 826" departed Ceduna for Albany 1915/6.

(3) "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) departed Fremantle 1900/6 for Melbourne ETA 1100/13 thence Brisbane.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle: : "SUSSEX" 1 CA Combat Units : "ADELAIDE" 1 CL "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739
"CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK"
(AM) "PELIAS" "ORION" (AS) "YUMA" (AT) 3 Escorts 9 Auxiliaries 2 YP: 286, 288 1 ARD. Exmouth Gulf: : "CHILDS" (AV) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) Auxiliaries 2

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

Nauru - Five aircraft were reported 7 March on Nauru strip by recommaissance aircraft, in addition to 5 barges in the boat basin.

C.CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

Marshalls - On 7 March, light air strikes were conducted against Wotje, Mille and Teroa. At 0825/8, fires were started at Jaluit by a strike involving 18 Dauntless and 11 Hellcats. Rongelap was also bombed 8 March.

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

(1) Increased naval and air strength Malayan theatre.

(2) Withdrawal of forward positions in Bismarcks.

(3) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Melayan areas.

(4) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.

(5) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive patrol activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	B ismar cks Solomons	Carolines Marianas
BB	-		-	MUSASHI
CV (L)	•	•	-	RYUHO
DV (E)	COPAHEE	gas	-	CHIYODA
<u>CA</u>	(2) AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	40	•	(5) TAKAO ATAGO CHOKAI HAGURO MYOKO
<u>CL</u>	(4) BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX ** HOBART	(7) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER HONOLULU ST. LOUIS DENVER LEANDER	•	(3) NAKA OYODO NOSHIRO
CL(T)	-	~	-	(2) KASHIMA)Poss. KATORI) sunk
AV/CVS	•	(2) WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	•	AKITSUSHIMA
XAV/XCV	(2) HALF MOON SAN PABLO	BALLARD		3
	WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER REID SMITH AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS HOBBEY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES STOCKTON NICHOLSON WILKES STEVENSON THORN ABNER READ	Approx 45		20 (some repairing)

-	Sou (Es	athwest Pacific estern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marianas
83	(4)	BALAC GATO PETO SCAMP	On Patrol	15	25
	(4)	BASHAW BLACKFISH) DACE FLOUNDER)	At Milne Bay		
	(2)	CERO)	At Brisbane		
		K.9	At Sydney		
PT		Approx 85	Approx 110	?	?
APA/AP					
-	(8)	H.T.ALLEN KANIMBLA WESTRALIA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 10 APD 5 AKA		
AGC		BLUE RIDGE			
AS	(3)	OTUS FULTON EURYALE		?	?
AD		DOBBIN	*		•
AR	(3)	RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS	PROMETHEUS		
Light &	M/Bon and I Boats anes	E.Area Only) cl. 18 twin-eng nbers D/Bombers	.) 165 122 2 1 19 20	Ī	

	ALLIED FORCES	ENEMY FORCES
CA	-	NACHI
CL	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	(3) ABUKUMA TAMA KISO
DD	9	5
SS	10	Approx 4
AS	-	1

3.CENTRAL PACIFIC-EMPIRE

	ALLIED FORCES		and the second s	ENEMY FORCES
	(18) INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA IOWA WASHINGTON NEW JERSEY MASSACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA	COLORADO MARYLAND TENNESSEE NEW MEXICO MISSISSIFPI IDAHO ALABAMA PENN SYLVANIA ** OKLAHOMA		KONGO) en route HARUNA) South YAMATO MUTSU (prob. sunk)
<u>cv</u>	(7) ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON SARATOGA	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL		ZUIKAKU (en route South
OV(L)	(7) GOW PENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY INDEPENDENCE	1000	HTTAKA HAYATAKA TAIHO ZUIHO
CV(T)	-	-		HOSHO
CV(E)	(24) SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO CORAL SEA BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU SANTEE CASABLANCA CORREGIDOR ALTAMAHA	WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY PATROILER FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN EAY MANILA BAY NATOMA BAY MEHENTA BAY	R	CHITOSE JINYO KAIYO OTAKA UNYO
CA	(13) BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE		MOGAMI (en route South) ASHIGARA (poss.N. Pacific MAYA
OCA	-			6
CL	(8) OAKLAND ** RENO CONCORD IXOLIB	SANTA FE SAM DIEGO MOBILE M BIRMINGHAM	H	YAHAGI NAGARA NATORI ISUZU
CL(T)	***		R	KASHII
AV/CVS	•			3
DD	Apprex 85			Approx 25
SS	Approx 30			Approx 25
AS	?			2 (one repairing)

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

CL

TRENTON

DD

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			-	T INDIES-INDIAN O	CEAN	
	Sout! (Wes	hwest Paci tern Secti	fic on) Ea	stern Fleet Area	East 1	Indies-Philippines
BB		•	(3)	QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT REPOYN	(5)	NAGATO ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA (poss. Japan)
CV		-		ILLUSTRIOUS		SHOKAKU
CV(E)		RANGE	(3)	BATTLER UNICORN SHAH		•
CA		SUSSEX	(3)	SUFFOLK HAWKINS FROBISHER	(5)	AOBA KUMANO SUZUYA TONE CHIKUMA
CL	(2)	ADELAIDE GAMBIA	(7)	CEYLON KENYA EMERALD NEWCASTLE DANAE TROMP VAN HEFMSKERK		YUBARI TATSUTA CI KINU KITAGAMI
AV/CVS	(2)	CHILDS W.B.PREST	ON	ALEATROSS	麗	KAMOI
XCL		-	(2)	CANTON		
XAV/XCV	S	•		9		•
DD		-		Approx 27		25
88	(15)	ANGLER BILLFISH ELUEFISH EONEFISH COD GUNWEL HADDO JACK	LA PON POMPON PUFFER NOWHAL RASHER RATON RAY	}		17 (incl. 6 German)
		BOWFIN-		At Darwin		
	(9)	CABRILLA CREVALLE FLASHER HAKE	HOE ROBALO REDFIN K.12 K.15		- 1 -	
AS		PELIAS ORION				
Fighters Light &	M/Bon and I Boats	V.Area Onl		111 57 3 61 26		

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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

No. 773

Date 11 March, 1944

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/11:

- (1) "YMS's 334, 73" escorting Convoy GB.53 ("CAPE FLATTERY" "R.P.WARNER") departed Finschhafen 1200/9 for Milne Bay ETA 1100/11.
- (2) "SC.737" departed Milne Bay 1000/10 escorting 1 LCT for Kipiwina thence
- to Buna.
 (3) "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA" (APA), departed Gladstone approx 2000/9 ETA Fitzroy Is. 1900/11, ETA Finschhafen 0700/14, returning thence Gladstone by 18 March.
- (4) "COWRA" (AMS) departed Brishane 1500/7 for Milne Bay ETA 1400/12.
 (5) "BARCOO" (PF) escorting "EURYALE" (AS) from Calcundra to Milne Bay ETA 1500/13.
 (6) "GOULBURN" (AMS) was to depart Brisbane 1500/8 for Milne Bay ETA
- 0900/14. (7) "KALGOORLIE" "KAPUNDA" "BOWEN" "PC.1120" "YMS.393" escorting Convoy TN.228 (6 MV including "MESQUITE" (IX): 1 MV for Port Moresby, 5 others for Milne Bay) departed Fitzroy Is. area approx 1100/11 ETA Port Moresby portion with "BOWEN" escorting 1000/13, ETA Milne Bay portion with remainder of escorts 1100/13.
- (8) "PC.1121" departed Milne Bay 1800/9 to RV with "PANDA" and escort to Milne Bay.
- (9) "PC.1124" standing by "PRESIDENT GRANT" aground on S.W. corner of Uluma Reef. Salvage operations in progress with diving party; "RESERVE" "SONOMA" (AT) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) standing by
- to assist.
 (10) "WAGGA" "MILDURA" "YMS.72" escorting "WEST TEXAS" (for Sydney ETA 17 Merch) departed Milne Bay 1650/9. Escorts detach at Grafton Passage.
- (11) "BAILARAT" (AMS) departed Milne Bay 1800/10 for Grafton Passage ETA 1100/12.
- (12) "GOLD STAR" (AG) departed Milne Bay 0700/10 for Sydney.
 (13) "WILCANNIA" (AMS) departed Townsville 0910/8 for Thursday Is. ETA
- 1200/11, for onward routeing to Darwin.
 "FREMANTLE" (AMS) departed Thursday Is. 1515/10 for air-sea rescue mission 150 miles W.S.W. Horn Island.
 (15) "H.T.ALLEN" "WESTRALIA" (APA) departed Cairns 1500/10 for Gladstone
- ETA 0800/12.
- (16) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) in company with "WANAKA" under tow departed Cairns 1119/10 for Sydney.

 (17) "OCTANS" (AF) departed Milne Bay 1740/7 ETA Brisbane 0500/12.

 (18) "MAETSUYCKER" (AH) departed Milne Bay 1516/8 ETA Brisbane 1700/11.
- (19) "GYMPIE" (AMS) was to depart Calcundra 1300/9 for Townsville ETA 0900/12
- for onward routeing to Cairns.
 (20) "SHIKELLAMY" (A0) was to depart Caloundra 1200/9 for Townsville ETA 0800/12, for onward routeing and escort to Port Moresby.

(21) "COPAREE" (CV(E)) proceeding Brisbane ETA 11 March.
(22) "AUSTRALIA" (CA) was to depart Sydney 1200/11 for Milne Bay.
(23) "MIZAR" (AF) was to depart Calcundra 2359/9 for Melbourne ETA 0630/12. (22) "YANDRA" (A/S) departed Sydney 0900/10 on A/S patrol to Smoky Cape (24) and return.
(25) "ML.807" on A/S patrol Coff's Harbour area. 5) 5 submarines on patrol. (b) Proposed Movements: /(1) "BOISE" (CL) to depart Sydney 1430/11 for Cape Moreton. "YMS.10" to be sailed to Cairns earliest Possible. (3) "KIAMA" to be sailed for Brisbane to complete working up about 15 Mar. (4) "FREMANTLE" to be sailed to arrive Melbourne for refit by 31 March. (c) In Harbour: Los Negros Is: Escorts : SC.738 : "LAKE ORMAC" Merchantmen Cape Gloucester: : "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) Auxiliaries 1 Saidor: Combat Units 11 PT : SC's 732, 748 : "H.C.PAYNE" "ETAMIN" "K.D.WIGGIN" Escorts Merchantmen 3 Finschhafen: Combat Units 50 PT : 5 PC: 479, 1119, 1123, 1131, 1133 4 YMS: 50, 53, 314, 335 3 ML: 428, 803, 806 8 SC: 650, 734, 735, 741, 743, 747, 749, 981 "PORTUNUS" "CYSTER BAY" "HILO" (AGP) "COUCAL" (ASR) "HALF MOON" (AVP) "VICTORIA" (AO) 20 Auxiliaries 6 "J.ALDEN" "BORGFRED" "RAMO" "MACTAN" "YOCHOW" 23 Merchantmen "W.B.ALLISON" "J.WICOLET" "CAPE BON" "J.WIGOLET" "A.ROBINSON" "W.ATWATER" "A.THOMAS" "D.HEWES" "C.DARROW" "W. BEAUMONT" "HANYANG" "VAN DER LIJN" "M.T. HERRICK" "GEO.LUKS" "VAN DEN BOSCH"
"MULIAMA" "J.COOK" "D.E. HUGHES" "W. SHARRON" Lae: : ML.802 Escorts "J.B.KENDRICK" "W.B.SUBJETTE" "BONTEKOE"
"J.BURROUGHS" "H.T.RAINEY" "KATOOMBA" "MANA" Merchantmen na: : "BENAILA" (AMS) 1 PC:1132 L ML: 816
4 SC: 637, 735, 736, 750 1 YMS: 313
: "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "DOBBIN" (AD) "TIRNITY"
"SUSQUEHANNA" (AO) "CARTER HALL" (LSD) 1 ARD:
"POYANG" "YUNNAN" (ASIS) 2 YP: 233, 278
: "M.C.KERR" "F.BIHLINGS" "H.L.ABBOTT" "P.T. Escorts 8 Auxiliaries 10 Merchantmen 13 "M.C.KERR" "F.BILLINGS" "H.L.ABBOTT" "P.T.
DODDRIDGE" "G.L.CURRY" "ALCIBIADES" "POLLUX"
"M.WALKER" "TRIANGULUM" "W.C.CLAIRBORNE"
"ESSO PITTSBURG" "R.J.WALKER" "J.W.DAVIS" Oro Bay: Auxiliaries : "RIGEL" (AR) "TULSA" (PG) 2 "G.R. HEBARD" " CAPE LOCKOUT" "B. MATTHEWS"
"J.F. BRADLEY" "GEC.V.L. MEYER" "S. BRANNON" Merchantmen 9 "T.CRAWFORD" "RING LARDNER" "J.I.NOLAN" Woodlark Is: Merchantmen : "T.M.COOLEY" "ANHUT" riwina: Escorts 1 : ML.819 Goodenough Is: Merchantmen : "ED.N.WESTCOTT" Milne Bay: Combat Units "SHROPSHIRE" 1 CA 2 "NASHVILLE" "PHOENIX" 2 CL 12 "STOCKTON" "STEVENSON" "HUTCHINS" "DALY" 26 DD "BACHE" "AMMEN" "BEALE" "BUSH" "WILKES" "KALK" "HOBBEY" "MULLANY" "GILLESPIE" "WEILES" "REID"
"FLUSSER" "SMITH" "MAHAN" "DRAYTON" "SWANSON"
"NIGHOLSON" "THORNE" "WARRAMUNGA" "ABNER READ" "ARUNTA" "ROE" 16 PT

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milne Bay (Contd.)
                                                : "LONGBEACH" "GLENDALE" "GASCOYNE"
       Escorts
                                        PF
                                                : "BENDIGO" "GLENELG" "BROOME"
                                       AMS
                                                : 476, 1122
                                     2
                                        PC
                                       SC
                                                : 698, 699, 742, 744, 746
                                     5
                                                8. 11, 46, 49, 52, 53, 70, 315, 336

: 424, 425, 427, 430, 431, 801, 818

"HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "BROOKS" "GILMER" (APD)

"LONG" "HAMILTON" (DMS) "SAN PABLO" (HALF
                                     9 YMS
                                     7 ML
       Auxiliaries
                                   16
                                                   MOCH" (AVP) "AASE MAERSK" (AO) "OTUS"
"FULTON" (AS) "KOOPA" (AGP) "AMYCUS" (ARL)
2 YP: 283, 280 "CALAMARES" (AF)
                                                   "ALCOA PEGASUS" "ALCOA PATRIOT" "E.G. ACHESON"
                                   70
       Merchantmen
                                                   "ARANSAS PASS" "W.B.AYER" "J.BARBARA"
"BARBARA C." "S.K.BARLOW" "R.S.BEAN" "F.P.
BLAIR" "S.K.BOLIVAR" "M.DALY" "J.DEERE"
"F.H.DODD" "DON MARQUIS" "J.DOTY" "EMERSON"
                                                   "ESSO HARRISBURG" "ESSO BAYONNE" "L.FAIRCHILD"
"E.PLINDERS" "M.GRIFFITH" "A.HILL" "B.F.IRVINE"
"ISOLATOR" "JAPARA" "E.JOHNSON" "L.S.KELLY"
"O.KELLY" "M.E.KINNEY" "W.S.LADD" "J.LIND"
                                                   "Z.LYKES" "MAETSON" "J.S. MANSFIELD" "N.E. MACK"
                                                   "W.McLENNAN" "B.MATTHEWS" "MORMACDALE"
"MEXICO" "I.MCCOY" "MIDWEST FARMER" "OREGON
                                                   TRAIL" "OZARK" "JAMES D. PHALAN" "PAUL REVERE"
"POBCE" "A. REHAN" "J. ROLPH" "ROSEVILLE"
"J. ROSS" "J. ROSSITER" "SEA DEVIL" "SIBIGO"
                                                   "N.J.SINNOTT" "C.SPRECKERS" "STAGEN" "S.M. WHITE" "THUNDERER" "GEO.VANCOUVER" "VAN
                                                   OUTHOORN" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "VAN SWOLL"
                                                   "VILLALOBOS" "F.A.WARDELL" "WEST CACTUS"
"WEST POINT" "A.D.WHITE" "D.WRIGHT!
   Port Moresby:
                                               : "ROCKHAMPTON" (AMS) 1 ML:426
       Escorts
                                    2
                                               : "POLARIS" (AGS)
        Auxiliaries
                                     1
       Merchantmen
                                                : "S.G. PORTER" "EDNA" "TAROONA"
   Thursday Is:
                                     1
                                                : SC.731
        Auxiliaries
                                     1
                                                : "BUNGAREE" (CM)
   Cairns:
                                                   "ARARAT" "CASTLEMAINE" "STAWELL" "PIRIE"
"TOWNSVILLE" (AMS) 2 SC: 703, 982
                                   13
       Escorts
                                                                                  2 50: 703, 982
                                                4 ML: 804, 805, 811, 820 2 PC: 477, 1132
: "PLATYPUS" (AR) "BOOTES" (AK) "MORESBY" (AGS)
      Auxiliaries
                                     4
                                                   1 ARD.
   Townsville:
                                                 : "WARREGO" (PS) "BUNBURY" "BUNDABERG" (AMS)
        Escorts
                                                    1 ML: 817
   Mackay:
       Auxiliaries
                                     1
                                               : "HERON" (AVP)
   Gladstone:
                                                 : "CORONADO" "SAN PEDRO" (PF)
                                     2
        Escorts
                                                 : "KURUMBA" (AO)
        Auxiliaries
                                     7
   Brisbane:
                                                : "SWAN" (PS) "WHYALLA" (AMS) 2 SC: 745, 749
3 ML: 808, 821, 827 5 YMS: 9,10,47,48, 51
: "ALGORAB" (AKS) "MERKUR" (AF) 1 YP: 236
                                   12
                                     3
        Auxiliaries
   Sydney:
                                             : "HOBART" (Refitting) "BOISE"
: "VENDETTA" "STUART"
        Combat Units
                                     2 CL
                                     2 DD
                                                 : "COLAC" "DELORAINE" "ECHUCA" "KIAMA" "KATOOMBA'
       Escorts
                                   12
                                                   "WARRNAMBOOL" "GLADSTONE" (AMS) 2 ML:822,823
"KYBRA" "AB.CRIJNSSEN" "DOOMBA" (A/S)
"WANGANELLA" (AH) "Refitting) "MANUNDA" (AH)
                                                "GANYMEDE" (AK)
       Auxiliaries
                                     3
   Melbourne:
                                  1 AMS & "LITHGOW"
        Escorts
   Adelaide:
        Escorts
                                     1 AMS
                                                : "GEELONG" (Refitting)
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^{*} Note: Special operational movements forward of Milne Bay not shown.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Choiseul Island - On March 10, it is reliably reported enemy troops in the Choiseul Bay area, estimated to number 500, were being evacuated to Buin-Faisi at night by means of barges.

At 2145/10, an enemy submarine was attacked by a light

surface unit 7 miles W. of Choiseul Bay and some debris was observed following the attack. This submarine may also have been engaged transporting supplies and/or personnel in this area.

(2) S.Bougainville - Eight barges were reported in photos of anchorages in this area March 9.

(3) Empress Augusta Bay - Our ground troops around the Torokina perimeter report patrol contacts. During the night March 8-9, the enemy made a shallow penetration into our eastern perimeter but this perimeter was re-established the following day. 100 enemy dead were counted while our casualties on 8 March were 5 killed and 93 wounded.

P.m. March 9, one U.S. destroyer bombarded enemy positions

East of the Torokina perimeter.

Throughout March 9 and 10 slight intermittent enemy artillery fire was continued to be directed at the air strips in this area. Eearly hours March 9, a single enemy aircraft approached the Torokina strip area, but our night fighters failed to make contact,

During night March 9-10, our PT boats operating in this area were twice shelled by heavy calibre batteries at Mosiga and Lakuruai but apparently not hit. They were also unsuccessfully attacked by one enemy floatplane which dropped two flares and one bomb before our night fighters intercepted. Other PT boats were shelled by an enemy battery at Motupena Point which was later silenced by U.S. destroyer gunfire.

During March 9, further strong forces of Dauntless and Avengers heavily attacked enemy ground positions in the Empress

Augusta perimeter. One Avenger was damaged.

(4) Buka - Photos this area reveal only two barges on March 9. P.m. March 8, nine Kittyhawks failing to reach Rabaul dropped 9 x 1000 lb. bombs on Buka strip scoring 3 hits on the runway.

Islands - Wight March 9-10, Soupac PT boats destroyed a large (5) Feni

enemy barge off Babase Island.

(6) Rabaul - Noon March 9, the dock area, Simpson's Harbour and Talili Bay were attacked by 25 Soupac Mitchells, while the Rabaul town area was attacked by 19 Soupac Liberators.

At 1700/9, four Soupac Avengers attacked 15 enemy barges or

small coastal schooners in Keravia Bay sinking three and

damaging two.

(7) Greenwich Island - Afternoon March 9, a Soupac Liberator destroyed a small enemy auxiliary 35 miles S. of Greenwich Island and later attacked a small cargo vessel at Greenwich Island leaving the vessel burning and listing.

(8) Gazelle Peninsula - It is reliably reported on March 10 that enemy outposts cover all tracks from Wide Bay to Open Bay.

(9) Cape Orford - During March 9, Navy Catalina strafed and damaged two

enemy westbound barges in the Cape Orford area.

(10) Willaumez Peninsula - During night March 8-9, E.S. PT boats destroyed three enemy barges loaded with troops and severely damaged another three in the Cape Hollman area. Rifle fire was encountered from the barges.

On March 9, Talasea village was occupied by Marine troops and the enemy was reported retreating towards Mumundo (15 miles

S.E. of Talasea).

On March 10, off Northern tip of Willaumez Peninsula, a LCM. transporting a light tank to Garua, destroyed with 37 mm.fire a large enemy barge carrying 75 Japs. Personnel were also strafed by the tank's machine guns.

(11) Gasmata - Night March 7-8, U.S. PT boats destroyed a small enemy 175 ft. cargo vessel off the Eastern entrance to Lindenhafen while heading S.W.

A.m. March 9, 14 R.A.A.F. Beauforts were engaged in attacks on enemy positions this area, while a.m. the following day, 10 five Liberators attacked the Ring Ring Plantation area.

(12) Arawe - On March 9, Moewe Harbour was reported to be occupied by our troops.

(13) Admiralty Islands - During March 9, enemy minefields in Seeadler Hr. were reported being cleared by our surface craft.

P.m. same day, our ground troops were engaged in mopping up operations on Los Negros Is. P.m. March 10, 11 Liberators attacked Lorengau aerodrome and bivouac area.

4) Hollandia - Night March 9-10, Navy Catalinas attacked two medium sized enemy freighters and one sea truck type vessel in Humboldt Bay scoring a direct hit on the latter vessel which was believed destroyed and also a direct hit on one of the freighters causing a huge fire and heavy smoke.

freighter was later observed to be possibly beached.
(15) Vanimo - During night March 9-10, a Navy Catalina attacked a small enemy vessel described as a tug-boat which was abandoned by the crew and beached 15 miles E.S.E. of Vanimo. Three lifeboats launched from the vessel were also sunk.

(16) Aitape - Early hours March 10, two Liberators were involved in attacks against a small enemy coastal freighter heading towards Tadji.

(17) Hansa Bay-Uligan - A.m. March 9, 4 barges were observed in Hansa Bay area and 5 stationary in Uligan Harbour.

(18) Madang-Alexishafen - Night March 8-9, U.S. PT boats bombarded Madang, Cape Juno and Alexishafen.

19) Rai Coast - Preliminary report dates March 8 indicates possibility 300 enemy made hasty evacuation from the Mindiri village

leaving medical supplies, shore batteries and barges.
Night March 8-9, further reports indicate that 3 enemy aircraft bombed Saidor causing nil damage. Our A/A (20) Saidor -

battery claims destroying one aircraft.
Night March 9-10, two enemy medium bombers attacked this

area without effect.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/11:

(1) "LATROBE" (AMS) escorting Convoy TD.46 ("ADMIRAL CHASE") departed Thursday Is. 0619/9 for Darwin BTA 1600/13.

(2) 24 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin: Escorts

: "COOTAMUNDRA" "INVERELL" (AMS) 5

3 ML: 429, 809, 816 "COOLEBAR" "F.A.EILERS" "SCHWEDAGON" "DILGA" Merchantmen "W. PROUSE"

Groote Eylandt: Merchan tmen : "BABINDA"

Melville Bay: : "SUVA" "MILDURA" 2 Merchantmen

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Merauke - Early a.m. March 10, enemy reconnaissance aircraft was reported in this area. Our fighters failed to make contact.

S. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/11:

(1) "YP.288" departed Fremantle 1544/10 for Exmouth Gulf.

(2) "ML's 824, 812, 826" departed Ceduna for Albany 1915/6.
(3) "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) departed Fremantle 1900/6 for Melbourne ETA 1100/13, thence Brisbane.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:		
Combat Units	1 CA	: "SUSSEX"
	1 CL	: "ADELAIDE"
Escorts	3	: "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SG: 739
Auxiliaries	6	: "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" (AM) "YUMA" (AT) 2 YP: 286 1 ARD.
Exmouth Gulf:		Bridge Buildings
Auxiliaries	2	: "CHILDS" (AV) "W.B.PRESTON" (AVD)
Albany:		
Auxiliaries	3	: "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR)

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

(1) Palau - At 0900/9, an enemy force comprising two "NACHI" Class heavy cruisers and 3 destroyers were reported departing Palau on a S.W. course.

(2) Marshalls-Carolines - Night 8 March, Engebi Island in Eniwetok Atoll was twice bombed by an estimated number of 8 enemy bombers. 24 x 500 lb. bombs are thought to have been dropped causing a few casualties and some damage to installations and aircraft but not to the airfield.

Light air strikes were conducted 8 March on Mille, Taroa, Jaluit, Wotje and Kusaie.

C. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

ENEMY FORCES

A further allied merchantment has been reported sunk by an enemy on March 9, the British freighter "BRITISH LOYALTY" was torpedeed in Addu Atoll Harbour, making the second victim reported this month.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

South China Sea - Evening 8 March, a U.S. submarine attacked an enemy convoy comprising 4 cargo vessels, 1 tanker, 3 gunboats, 230 miles S.S.E. of Hongkong on course 240 one cargo vessel is claimed as sunk and the tanker as probably sunk.

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

(1) Increased naval and air strength Malayan theatre.

(2) Withdrawal of forward positions in Bismarcks. (3) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, Morth coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.

(4) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.

5) Continued use of submarines, for reconnaissance and offensive patrol activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

	ALLIEI	FORCES			-	ENEMY	FORCES
	Sout!	nwest Pacific tern Section)	So	uth Pacific	Bismarcks Selomons		Carolines Marianas
BB		-		•	•		MUSASHI
CA(T)				-	•		RYUHO
CV(E)		COPAHEE			•		CHIYODA
<u>CA</u>	(2) R	AUSTRALIA SEROPSHIRE		•	•	(5)	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI HAGURO MYOKO
	(4)	BOISE NASHVILLE FROENIX HOBART		COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPEIL IER HONOLULU ST.LOUIS DENVER LEANDER	,•\	(3)	NAKA OYODO NOSHIRO
CL(T)		-		-	•	(2)	KASHIMA) Poss. KATORI) sunk
AV/CVS		-	(2)	WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	-		AKITSUSHIMA
XAV/XC	<u>vs</u> (2)	EALF MOON SAN PABLO		BAILARD	-		3
<u>DD</u>	(27)	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER REID SMITH AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY		Approx 45		17	20 (some repairing)
		MULLANY HUTCHINS HOBEEY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES STOCKTON NICHOLSON WILKES					
, and		STEVENSON THORN ABNER READ ROE					

	Southwest Pa (Eastern Sec	cific tion)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marianas
ss	(5) BALAO GATO PETO SCAMF) on	Patrol	15	25
	S.47	On	Passage	*	
	(4) BASHAW BLACKFIS DACE FLOUNDER)	Milne Bay		
	(2) CERO DARTER	At	Brisbane		
	K.9	At	Sydne y		
EL	Approx 8	5	Approx 110	?	P
APA/APD/	AKA (8) H.T.ALLE KANIMBLA WESTRALI ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREY BROOKS	A	10 APA 10 APD 5 AKA		
AGC	BLUE RID	GE			
AS	(3) OTUS FULTON EURYALE			?	۶
AD	DOBBIN			-	•
AR	(3) RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS		PROME THEUS		
Fighters Light &	nes	n-eng.) 152 116 2 1 19 20		
	ALLIED FO	RCES	2. NORTHERN P		MY FORCES
CA	•	•		NAC	HI
CL	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND			(3) ABI	A
DD SS	9			5	
SS	10			App	orox 4
AS				1	

•		3. CH	ENTRAL PACIFIC-EMPI	RE	II Wal oll 1044
	ALL	IED FORCES			ENEMY FORCES
BB ·	(18)	INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA IOWA WASHINGTON NEW JERSEY MASSACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA	GOLORADO MAHYLAND TENNESSEE NEW MEXICO MISSISSIPPI IDAHO ALABAMA PENNSYLVANIA ** OKLAHOMA	1	KONGO) en route HARUNA) South YAMATO MUTSU (prob. sunk)
CV	(7)	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON SARATOGA	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL		ZUIKAKU (en route South)
CV(L)	(7)	COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY MINDEPENDENCE		HITAKA HAYATAKA ZUIHO
(T) V5		•			HOSHO
CV (E)	(24)	SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO CORAL SEA BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU SANTEE CASABLANCA CORREGIDOR ALTAMAHA	WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MANILA BAY NATOMA BAY MEHENTA BAY	X	CHITOSE JINYO KAIYO OTAKA UNYO
<u>CA</u>	(13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANA POLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE		MOGAMI (en route Sout ASHIGARA (poss. N. Pac. MAYA
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4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

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CV	-			ILLUSTRIOUS		SHOKAKU
CV(L)	-			-		TAIHO
CV(E)	•		(4)	BATTLER UNICORN SHAH RANEE		-
SA	SUSSEX		(5)	SUFFOLK HAWKINS FROBISHER LONDON CUMBERLAND	(5)	ACBA KUMANO SUZUYA TONE CHIKUMA
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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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

No. 774

Date 12 March, 1944

PART I.

A.SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1.NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/12:

- (1) "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA" (APA) departed Gladstone approx 2000/9 ETA Fitzroy Is. 1900/11, ETA Finschhafen 0700/14, returning thence to Gladstone by 18 March. "ARARAT" "TOWNSVILLE" to RV off Fitzroy Is. for escort.

 "COWRA" (AMS) departed Brisbane 1500/7 for Milne Bay ETA 1400/12.
- (3) "BARCOO" (PF) escorting "EURYALE" (AS) from Calcundra to Milne Bay ETA 0730/14.
- (4) "GOULBURN" (AMS) was to depart Brisbane 1500/8 for Milne Bay ETA 0900/14.
- (5) "PC.1124" proceeding to RV with "J.W.VAN DYKE" and escort to Milne Bay ETA China Stratt 0900/12.
- (6) "WARREGO" (PS) was to depart Townsville 0800/12 for Milne Bay ETA 130024.
- (7) "YMS.11" departed Milne Bay 1200/11 for Cairns ETA Grafton Passage 1200/13.
- (8) "KALGOORLIE" "KAPUNDA" "BOWEN" "PC.1120" "YMS.393" escorting Convoy TN.228 (6 MV including "MESQUITE" (IX): 1 MV for Port Moresby, 5 others for Milne Bay) departed Fitzroy Is. area approx 1100/11 ETA Port Moresby portion with "BOWEN" escorting 1000/13, ETA Milne Bay portion with remainder of escorts
 - (9) "GLENELG" standing by "PRESIDENT GRANT" aground on S.W. corner of Uluma Reef. Salvage operations in progress with diving party; "RESERVE" "SONOMA" (AT) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) standing by
- to assist.
 (10) "BALLARAT" (AMS) departed Milne Bay 1800/10 for Grafton Passage was due 1100/12.
- "GOLD STAR" (AB) departed Milne Bay 0700/10 for Sydney.
- (12) "ROCKHAMPTON" (AMS) departed Port Moresby 0841/11 for Cairns ETA 2301/12.
- (13) "YP.291" departed Cairns 0700/11 for Brisbane, calling at Palm Island. ETA Caloundra 1400/15.
- (14) "FREMANTLE" (AMS) departed Thursday Is. 1515/10 for air-sea rescue mission 150 miles W.S.W. Horn Island.
 (15) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) in company with "WANAKA" under tow departed
- Cairns 1119/10 for Sydney.
- (16) "AUSTRALIA" (CA) departed Sydney 1200/11 for Moreton Bay ETA 1900/12.
- (17) "BOISE" (CL) departed Sydney 1349/11 for Milne Bay ETA 1100/15, carrying out battle practice off Cape Moreton from 1430/12.
- (18) "YAMDRA" (A/S) departed Sydney 0900/10 on A/S patrol to Smoky Cape
- and return.
 (19) "ML.807" on A/S patrol Coff's Harbour area.
- (20) 5 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

(1) "AUSTRALIA" (CA) to carry out firing practice off Cape Moreton at 1780/13 and 0750/14.

(2) "SC.749" to depart Brisbane 1200/12 on Sandy Cape A/S patrol departing patrol area 1600/16 for Brisbane.

(3) "YMS.10" to be sailed to Cairns earliest possible.

(4) "KIAMA" to be sailed for Brisbane to complete working up about 15 Mar.

(5) "FREMANTLE" to be sailed to arrive Melbourne for refit by 31 Mar.

(c) In Harbour:

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Los Negros Is:	2 5 7970	
Combat Units	15 PT	The state of the s
Escorts	1	: SC.738
Auxiliaries	1	: "OYSTER BAY" (AGP)
Merchantmen	1	: "LAKE ORMAC"
Cape Cloucester:		
Auxiliaries	1	: "SHEPPARTON" (AGS)
Saidor:		
Combat Units	11 PT	
Merchantmen	11 PT	* "H.C. PAYNE" "ETAMIN" "K.D. WIGGIN"
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		1133 4 YMS: 50, 53, 314, 335
		4 NL: 428, 802, 803, 806
		9 50: 732, 734, 735, 741, 743, 747, 748,749,
	400	981
Auxiliaries	5	: "PORTUNUS" "HILO" (AGP) "COUCAL" (ASR)
		"HALF MOON" (AVP) "VICTORIA" (AO)
Merchantmen	23	: "J.ALDEN" "BORGFRED" "RAMO" "MACTAN" "YOCHOW!
		"W.B.ALLISON" "J.NICOLET" "CAPE BON"
		"A.ROBINSON" "W.ATWATER" "A.THOMAS" "D. HEWES"
		"C.DARROW" "W.BEAUMONT" "HANYANG" "VAN DER
		LIJN" "M.T. HERRICK" "GEO.LUKS" "VAN DEN BOSCE
		"MULIAMA" "J.COOK" "D.E.HUGHES" "KATOOMBA"
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Merchantmen	7	: "J.B.KENDRICK" "W.B.SUBJETTE" "BOMTEKOE"
		"J. BURROUGHS" "H.T. RAINEY" "MAHA" "W. SHARRON"
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		"SUSQUEHANNA" (AO) "CARTER HALL" (LSD)
		"PING WO" "POYARG" "YUNNAN" (ASIS) 1 ARD.
Merchantmen	3 17	2 YP: 233, 278
Merchanen	17	"H.C.KERR" "F.BILLINGS" "H.L.ABBOTT" "P.T.
		DODDRIDGE" "G.L.CURRY" "ALCIBIADES" "POLLUX"
		"E.WALKER" "TRIANGULUM" "W.C.CLAIRBORNE"
		"H.V.WHITE" "R.J.WALKER" "J.W.DAVIS" "N.E.
7		MACK" "ISOLATOR" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "L.KEILY"
Oro Bay:		
Auxiliaries	2	: "RIGEL" (AR) "TULSA" (PG)
Merchantmen	10	"G.R.HEBARD" "CAPE LOOKOUT" "B.MATTHEWS"
		"J.F. BRADLEY" "GEO.V.L. MEYER" "S. BRANNON"
		"T. CRAWFORD" "RING LARDNER" "J. I. NOLAN"
		"WEST CACTUS"
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Merchantmen	2	: "T.M. GOOLEY" "ANHUI"
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Escorts	2	: ML. 819 YMS.315
Merchantmen	2	"VAN OUTHORN" "VAN SWOIL"
Goodenough Is:		TAN MIVAL
Merchantmen	1	: "ED.N.WESTCOTT"
m Milne Bay:		
Combat Units	1 CA	: "SHROPSHIRE"
	2 CL	"NASHVILLE" "PHOENIX"
	26 DD	: "STOCKTON" "STEVENSON" "HUTCHINS" "DALY"
		"BACHE" "AMMEN" BEALE" "BUSH" "WILKES"
		WATER READERS DEALE BUSH "WILKES"
		"XALK" "HOBBEY" "MULLANY" "GILLESPIE" "WELLES"
		"REID" "FLUSSER" "SMITH" "MAHAN" "DRAYTON"
		"SWANSON" "NICHOLSON" "THORNE" "WARRAMUNGA"
	16 PT	"ABNER READ" "ARUNTA" "ROE"

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m Milne Bay (Contd.)
                                                        "LONGBEACH" "GLENDALE" "GASGOYNE!"
"BENDIGO" "BROOME"
         Escorts
                                         3 PF
                                         2 AMS
                                                       476, 1121, 1122, 1132
650, 598, 699, 742, 744, 746
8, 46, 49, 52, 53, 70, 336
424, 425, 427, 430, 431, 801, 818
"HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "BROOKS" "GILMER" (AFD)
                                         4 PC
                                         6 SC
                                         7
                                            YMS
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          Auxiliaries
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                                                        "LONG" "HAMILTON" (DMS) "SAN PABLO" ("HALF
                                                     MOON" (AVP) "AASE MAERSK" (AO) "OTUS"
"FULTON" (AS) "KOOPA" (APG) "AMYGUS" (ARL)
" CALAMARES" (AF) 2 YP: 280, 283
: "ALCOA PEGASUS" "ALGOA PATRIOT" "E.G.ACHESON"
        Merchantmen
                                       68
                                                        "ARANSAS PASS" "AUN" "W.B.AYER" "J.BARBARA"
                                                        "BARBARA C." "S.K.BOLIVAR" "S.K.BARLOW"
"R.S.BEAN" "BOOTES" "CAPE FLATTERY" "CITY OF
HOUSTON" "M.DALY" "J.DEERE" "F.H.DODD" "DON
                                                        MARQUIS" "J.DOTY" "ESSO HARRISBURG" "ESSO
                                                        EAYONNE" "ESSO PITTSBURG" "M.FLINDERS"
"M.GRIFFITH" "A.HILL" "B.F.IRVINE" "JAPARA"
"E.JOHNSOE" "O.KELLY" "M.E.KINNEY" "W.S.LADD"
                                                       "J.LIND" "Z.LYKES" "MAETSON" "J.S.MANSFIELD"
"W.MCLENNAN" "B.MATTHEWS" "MORMACDALE"
"MEXICO" "I.MCCDY" "W. MCCRACKEN" "MIDWEST
FARMER" "OREGON"TRAIL" "OZARK" "JAMES D.PHALAN
"PAUL REVERE" "PONCE" "A.REHAN" "W.G.ROGER"
                                                        "J.ROLPH" "ROSEVILLE" "J.ROSS" "J.ROSSITER"
                                                       "SEA DEVIL" "SHAWNEE" "SIBIGO" "J.SINGER"
"N.J.SINNOTT" "C.SPRECKERS" "STAGEN" "S.M.
WHITE" "THUNDERER" "GEO.VANCOUVER" "VILLALOBOS"
"F.A.WARDELL" "WEST POINT" "A.D.WHITE"
                                                        "D.WRIGHT"
    Port Moresby:
         Escorts
                                        1
                                                    : 唯.426
         Auxiliaries
                                                     : "POLARIS" (AGS)
                                        1
                                                    "S.G. PORTER" "EDNA" "TAROCNA" "ORMISTON"
        Merchantmen
                                                        "MICHAEL THWAITES"
    Thursday Island:
         Escorts
                                        2
                                                    : 80.731
                                                                      "WILCANVIA" (AMS)
                                                    : "BUNGAREE" (CM)
         Auxiliaries
                                        1
    Cairns:
                                                     : "CASTLEMAINE" "WAGGA" "MILDURA" "STAWELL"
        Escorts
                                       13
                                                    "PIRIE" (AMS) 2 SC: 703, 982 1 YMS: 72
4 ML: 804, 805, 811, 820 1 PC: 477
: "PIATYPUS" (AR) "MORESBY" (AGS) 1 ARD.
      Auxiliaries
                                        3
    Townsville:
                                                    : "BUNBURY" "BUNDABERG" "GYMPIE" (AMS) 1 ML:817
        Escorts
                                        4
        Auxiliaries
                                                    : "SHIKELLAMY" (AO)
                                        1
    Mackay:
        Auxiliaries
                                        1
                                                    : "HERON" (AVP)
    Gladstone:
        Escorts
                                                    : "CORONADO" "SAN PEDRO" (PF)
                                       2
                                                    : "H.T.ALLEN" "WESTRALIA" (APA)
         Auxiliaries
    Brisbane:
        Combat Units
                                        1 CVE : "GOPAHEE"
                                                    : "SWAN" (PS) "WHYALLA" (AMS) 2 SC: 745, 749
3 ML: 808, 821, 827 5 YMS: 9,10, 47, 48, 51
: "ALGORAB" (AKS) "MERKUR" "OCTANS" (AF)
"KURUMEA" (AO) "NAETSUYCKER" (AH) 1 YP: 236
        Escorts
                                      12
        Auxiliaries
                                      6
    Sydney:
                                                   : "HOBART" (Refitting)
: "VENDETTA" "STUART"
        Combat Units
                                        1 CL
                                        2 DD
                                                    "COLAC" "DELORAINE" "ECHUCA" "KIAMA"
"KATOOMBA" "WARR NAMBOOL" "GLADSTONE" (AMS)
"KYBRA" "AB.CRIJNSSEN" "DOOMBA" (A/S)
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        Escorts
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: "WANGANELLA" (AH) (Refitting) "MANUNDA" (AH)
        Auxiliaries
                                       3
                                                       "GANYMEDE" (AK)
   Melbourne:
                                       I AMS & "LITHGOW"
        Escorts
        Auxiliaries
                                                   : "MIZAR" (AF)
   Adelaide:
       Escorts
                                       1 AMS : "GEELONG" (Refitting)
m Note: Special operational movements forward of Milne Bay not shown.
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(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Buin Area - At 0955/11, a submarine was sighted by Sopac aircraft 3 miles N.W. of Treasury Island.

(2) Empress Augusta Bay - Enemy shelling of the Piva airfield was intensified for a short spell at about 0845/10. Damage to the runway was quickly repaired. Contacts are reported by patrols around the perimeter.

> Enemy casualties during 9 Mar., when the perimeter positions were restored, are reported as considerable: allied losses were 20 killed and 136 wounded.

Between 0730 and 1600/10, enemy gun positions around the perimeter were subjected to 160 aircraft sorties

involving 48 Mitchells, 84 Dauntless, 28 Avengers.
(3) Rabaul - At 1715/9, wharf area E. of Simpson Hr. was bombed by 43 Warhawks and Corsairs. During the night 9-10 Mar. Rabaul was harassed by a single Liberator. At 1055/10, Vunapope was bombed by 22 Warhawks: 8 enemy fighters were seen but no interception encountered. At 1105/10, the town was bombed by 19 Liberators escorted by 11 Lightnings. At 1710/10, small ships in Keravia Bay were attacked by 6 Avengers with 8 Corsairs escorting, sinking 1-90 ft. barges Two Zeros ineffectively intercepted.

(4) Wide Bay-Jacquinot Bay Area - At 0100-0200/11, a Navy Catalina strafed 4 parges in Rondahl Harbour and another 4 off Cape Jacquinot. One of the latter group burned fiercely, thought to have been carrying petrol. In addition, a high speed boat was observed off Cape Orford. A single enemy floatplane was also seen apparently patrolling the Wide Bay area.

(5) Gasmata Area - At 1935/10, the supply area north of Bertha Channel was

bombed by 9 Beauforts.
(6) Cape Hoskins - At 1920/10, the dump area at Gavuvu was effectively bombed by 17 Beauforts.

(7) Talasea - Patrols from Talasea reached Bola (2 miles 5. of the village) on 11 March. At 1130/11, the escape trails near Dagi River (E. of Tala sea) were bombed and strafed by 6 Beaufighters.

(8) Witu Islands - During the night 10-11 Mar. an enemy armoured craft heading for Garove Island from the direction of Unea Island was forced ashore on Garove Island by PT boats. It was heavily strafed and believed destroyed.

(9) Admiralty Islands - Up to 2000/8, enemy known dead since the landing on

Los Negros Island total 1579.

Strong enemy resistance was encountered 10 Mar. on the high ground west of Papitalai and intermittent artillery fire was centred on this area the following night. The northwestern extremity of Los Negros Island (through Mokerang Plantation) was patrolled 11 Mar. with only minor 7 prisoners were apparently taken on enemy contacts. 10-11 Mar.

Small boat activity was reported at Pityilu Is. on

At 1143-1548/10, Lorengau aerodrome and positions along N. coast Manus Island were bombed and strafed by 19 Liberators, and 12 Mitchells. The same targets were again attacked 11 Mar. by 12 Mitchells and 2 squadrons of Liberators.

At 2130/10, enemy aircraft raided Los Negros Island,

but no details are yet available.

O) Hollandia - Subsequent reports indicate that in addition to the 3 small freighters in Hollandia Bay early a.m. 10 Mar. a 7-10,000 ton tanker was also present.

A Catalina over the area at 0200/11 reported one sea truck on a reef (further damaged by a near miss), approx 20 barges and several boats in the Bay indicating departure of remaining sizeable shipping since the previous night.

(11) Tadji - At 0300/11, 2 small sea trucks with one escort vessel were observed by a Catalina close in-shore 5 miles S.E. of Tadji, course West.

(12) Wewak - Between 1210 and 1350/11, Boram airfield was heavily attacked in four waves involving 18 Liberators, 19 Mitchells, 46 Bostons with fighter escort, preceded by a fighter sweep at about 1030/11. Results are not yet assessed, but considerable damage and destruction was caused on the ground (including some serviceable aircraft), while enemy fighters in great strength intercepted our formations from the first fighter sweep. Preliminary combat reports indicate 26 enemy fighters destroyed and 6 probably destroyed: our losses amounted to 1 fighter.

(13) Sepik River - P.m. 10 Mar. 3 luggers were seen by aircraft in the Sepik River mouth area.

(14) Ramu Valley - On 10 Mar. supply dumps at Atemble were attacked by

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/12:

(1) "LATROBE" (AMS) escorting Convoy TD.46 ("ADMIRAL CHASE") departed Thursday Is. 0619/9 for Darwin ETA 1600/13.

(2) 24 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin: : "COOTAMUNDRA" "INVERELL" (AMS) Escorts 5 3 ML: 429, 809, 816
"COOLEBAR" "F.A.ETLERS" "SCHWEDAGON" "DILGA" 4 Merchantmen "W . PROUSE" Groote Eylandt: Merchantmen : "BABINDA" Melville Bay: Merchantmen 2 : "SUVA" "MILDURA"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Nabire -At 1257/11, a possible freighter of 1000-1500 tons was seen off Nabire.
- (2) Japen Island At 1209/11, a possible sea truck was seen at a jetty at Seroei (Central S. coast).

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/12:

"ADELAIDE" (CL) departed Fremantle for Albany ETA 1800/12. (1)

(2) "DUBBO" (AMS) departed Fremantle 1631/11 for Albany ETA 1300/13.
(3) "YP.288" departed Fremantle 1544/10 for Exmouth Gulf.

(4) "ML's 824, 812, 826" departed Geduna for Albany 1915/6.
(5) "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) departed Fremantle 1900/6 for Melbourne ETA 1100/13 thence Brisbane.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:		Towards the
Combat Units	1 CA	: "SUSSEX"
Escorts	2	: "HORSHAM" (AMS) 1 SC: 739
Auxiliaries	6	: "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" (AM) "YUMA" (AT) 2 YP: 286 1 ARD.
Exmouth Gulf:		NOVEM RESERVED
Auxiliaries	2	: "CHILDS" (AV) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)
Albany:		
Auxiliaries	3	: "ORICH" "PELIAS" (AS) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR)

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

(1) Marshalls-Carolines - On 9 Mar. light air strikes were conducted against Mille, Kusaie, Wotje, Ponape, Jaluit and Taroa.
At Kusaie, 1 large and 2 small ships and 1 floatplane were observed in harbour. Subsequent detail concerning the enemy raid on Enimetok

9 Mar. relates that the Japs use counter radar strips.

C. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

ENEMY FORCES

(1) Burma - During the daily air raids on enemy-held territory, Arakan and Shwebo airfields were raided 8 Mar. by 23 Mustangs and 32 enemy aircraft are claimed destroyed on the ground in addition to one in combat plus 2 probables and 2 damaged.

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES.

(1) Increased naval and air strength Malayan theatre. (2) Withdrawal of forward positions in Bismarcks.

(3) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.

(4) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.

(5) Continued use of submarines, for recommaissance and offensive patrol activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

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	ALLIED FORCES	1.SOUTH & SOUTH WE	The state of the s	E	NEMY FORCES
	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons		Carolines Marianas
BB	→ 97	~	-		MUSASHI
CV(L)	<u>\$</u>		**		купно
CV(E)	COPAHEE	-	-		CHIYODA
<u>CA</u>	(2) AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	•	(5)	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI HAGURO MYOKO
<u>ल</u>	(4) BOISE NASHVILLE PHOEN IX NOBART	(7) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER HONOLULU ST. LOUIS DENVER LEANBER	•	(3)	WAKA OYODO NOSHIRO
CL(T)	-	-	•	(2)	KASHIMA) poss KATORI) sunk
AV/CV	3	(2) WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	_		AKITSUSHIMA
XAV/XC	VS(2)HALF MOON SAN PABLO	BALLARD	-		3
<u>DD</u>	WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER REID SMITH AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS HOBBEY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES STOCKTON NICHOLSON WILKES STEVENSON THORN ABNER READ ROE	Approx 45			15

	Scuthwest Pa (Eastern Sec		Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marianas
(5)	BASHAW BLACKFISH GATO PETO SCAMP))) On Patrol)	15	25
(3)	S. 47 S. 42) On Passage		
(4)	DACE FLOUNDER	At Milno Bay		
(2)	CERO DARTER) At Brisbane		
	K.9	At Sydney		
T	Approx 85	Approx 110	8	?
PA/APD/				
(8)	H.T.ALLEN KANIMBLA WESTRALIA ALGORAB GILMER SAMDS	10 APA 10 APD 5 AKA		
	HUMPHREYS BROOKS			
30	BLUE RIDGE			
<u>s</u> (3)	OTUS FULTON EURYALE		?	?
2	DOBBIN		-	-
(3)	RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYOUS	PROMETHEUS		
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(3)	DETROIT RAL EIGH RICHMOND		(3) ABUKU TAM A KISO	
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3. CENTRAL PACIFIC-EMPIRE

	ALLIED FORCES	Control of the second s	ENEMY FORCES
<u>38</u>	(18) INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA IOWA WASHINGTON NEW JERSEY MASSACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA	COLORADO MARYLAND TENNESSEE NEW MEXICO MISSISSIPPI IDAHO ALABAMA PENNSYLVANIA OKLAHOMA	YAMASHIRO YAMATO MUTSU (prob. sunk)
CV	(7) EN TERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON SARATOGA	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL	
CV(L)	(7) COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY INDEPENDENCE	(3) HITAKA HAYATAKA M ZJIHO
CYPT)	•		HOSHO
CA CA	SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO CORAL SEA BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU SANTHE CASAELANCA CORREGIDOR ALTAWAHA (13) BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS	WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY NATOMA BAY NATOMA BAY MEHENTA BAY MINNEAPOLIS PEN SACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE	JINYO KAIYO W OTAKA W UNYO
OGA	-		6
CL	(8) OAKLAND ** RENO ** CONCORD	SANTA FE SAN DIEGO MOBILE	(5) YUBARI ** NAGARA ** NATORI ** ISUZU
CL(T)	•		x KASHII
AV/CVS	-		3
DD	Approx 85		20 - 25 (approx. 15 repairing)
3.	Approx 30		Approx 25
AS	3		2 one repairing

* Non-effective.

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

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	Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	EastIndies-Philippines
BB	•	(3) QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RELIOWN	(6) NAGATO ISE FUSO KONGO HARUNA HYUGA
<u>CA</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	ZUIKAKU SHCKAKU
CV(L)	-		TAIHO
CH(E)	•	(4) BATTLER UNICORN SHAH RANSE	
<u>CA</u>	SUSSEX	(5) SUFFOLK HAWKINS FROBISHER LONDON CUMBERLAND	(6) ACBA KUMANO SUZUYA TONE CHIKUMA
		(8) CEYLON KENYA GAMBIA EMERALD NEWCASTLE DANAE TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	MOGAMI (5) TATSUTA YAHAGI OI KINU KITAGAMI
CAR (S)	CHILDS W. B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	* KAMOI
CCL	-	(2) CANTON CHITRAL	•
AV/XCVS	ANGLER JACK BILLFISH HOE BLUEFISH LAPO BONEFISH POMF	ON)	25 17 (incl.6German)
	BOWFIN PUFF GABRILLA NORW COD RASH FLASHER RATO GUNNEL RAY HADDO REDF HAKE ROBA K.12 K.15	PHAL) On Patrol ER) ON) PIN) LO)	
<u>us</u>	CREVALLE PELIAS ORION	At Fremantle	
	D/Bombers	12 15	
Obsn. A/c		42 23 152 _ 4	



GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 775

13 March, 1944.

PART 1.

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/13:

(1)"KANIMBLA" "MANOORA" (APA departed Gladstone approx 2000/9 ETA Fitzroy Is. 1900/11, ETA Finschhafen 0700/14, returning thence to Gladstone by 18 March. "ARARAT" "TOWNSVILLE" to KV off Fitzroy Is. for escort.

(2)"SC 744" "YMS's 53, 336" "ML 424" escorting Convoy BG 57 (4 MV) departed Milne Bay 1020/12 for Buna FTA 0900/13, Lae FTA 0200/14, Langemak FTA 0900/14.

(3) PC 1132" departed Milne Bay 1700/12 to RV with "ALCOA POLARIS" and

(4) "PC:1124" proceeding to RV with "J.W.VAN DYRE" and escort to Milne Bay was due China Strait 0900/12.

(5) "BARCOO" (FF) escorting "EURYALE" (AS) from Caloundra to Milne Bay ETA 0730/14.

(6) "GOULBURN" (AMS) was to depart Brisbane 1500/8 for Mine Bay ETA 0900/14.
(7) "WARREGO" (PS) departed Townsville 0800/12 for Mine Bay ETA 1500/14.
(8) "MI 426" escorting "S.G. PORTER" departed Port Moresby 1645/12. "MI 426" escorts to China Straits returning thence to Port Moresby ETA 0830/14; "S.G. PORTER" proceeds independently to Buna ETA 0730/14.

(9) "YMS 11) departed Hilne Bay 1200/11 for Cairns ETA Grafton Passage 1200/13.

0) "GLENELG" standing by "PRESIDENT GRANT" aground on S.W. corner of Uluma Reef. Salvage operations in progress with diving party; "RESERVE" "SCHOLA" (AT) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) standing by to assist.

(11)"SC 731" escorting "GORGON" departed Thursday Island 2123/12 for Merauke ETA 1400/13.

(12) "WILCARMA" (AMS) escerting Convoy D.47 ("BOMBO" "EANCALON" "CORIO")
departed Thursday Island 2046/12 for Darwin ETA 1700/17.

(13) "GOLD STAR" (AG) departed Milne Bay 0700/10 for Sydney. (14) "BOISE" (CL) departed Sydney 1349/11 for Milne Bay BTA 1100/15. carrying out battle practice off Cape Moreton from 1430/12.

[] "VP.291" departed Cairns 0700/11 for Brisbane, calling at Palm Island.

ETA Caoundra 1400/15.

CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) in company with "WANAKA" under tow departed

Cairns 1119/10 for Sydney.

(17) "AUSTRALIA" (CA) exercising off Cape Moreton from a.m. 13 March to p.m.
15 March, departing thence for Milne Bay.

(18) "SC 749" was to depart Brisbane 1700/12 on Sandy Cape A/S patrol, departing patrol area 1600/16 for Brisbane.

(19) "DB ORAT NE" (AMS) departed Sydney 0927/12 on A/S patrol to Smoky Cape

(20)"HI 807" on A/S patrol Coff's Harbour area.

(21) "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) departed Fremantle 1900/6 for Melbourne; was due 1100/13; thence proceeding Brisbane.

(22) 5 submarines on patrol.

Proposed Movements:

"COPAHEE" (CVE) to depart Brisbane 1300/13 proceeding out of SNPA.
"YMS's 51, 10, 47, 48" to depart Calcundra 1600/13 for Cairns ETA

0400/17 "APC 14" accompanies, ETA Townsville 1200/16.

"KIAMA" to be sailed for Brisbans to complete working up about 15 Mar.

"FREMANTLE" to be sailed to arrive Melbourne for refit by 31 Mar.

(c) In Harbour:

(c) In Harbour	E. :	
Los Negros Is: Combat Units Escorts Auxiliaries Merchantmen	15 PT 1 1	SC.738 "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "LAKE ORMAC"
Cape Gloucester:	1	: "SHEPPARTON" (AGS)
Saidor: Combat Units Merchantmen	11 PT 3	: "H.C. PAYNE" "ETAMIN" "K.D. WIGGIN"
Finschhafen: Combat Units Corts	35 PT 23	* "BENALLA" (AMS) 5 PC:479, 1119, 1123, 1131, 1133 4-YMS: 50, 53, 314, 335. 4 ML:428, 802, 803, 806 10SC:732, 734, 735, 741, 743, 746, 747, 748, 4
Auxiliaries	5	: "PORTUNUS" "HILC" (AGP) "COUCAL" (ASK)
Merchantmen	23	"HALF MOCH" (AVF) VICTORIA" "MACTAN" "YOCHOW" "J.ALDEN" "BORGFRED" "RAMO" "MACTAN" "YOCHOW" "W.E.ALLISON" "J.NICOLET" "A.ROBINSON" "W.ATWATER" "A.THOMAS" "D.HEWES" "C.DAFROW" "W.EEAUHONT" "HANYANG" "VAN DER LIJN" "W.EEAUHONT" "HANYANG" "VAN DER LIJN" "M.I.HERRICK" "GEO.LUKS" "MULIAMA" "J.COOK" "J.W.DAVIS" "G.L.CURRY" "W.SHARRON" "H.L.ABBOTT"
Lae: Merchantmen	9	"J.B.KENDRICK""W.B.SUBJETTE" BONTEKOE" "J.BURROUGHS" H.T.RAINEY" MANA" VAN DEN BOSCE "R.J.WALKER" F.BILLINGS"
Buna: Escorts	8	: 40 SC: 637, 736, 737, 750 1 ME: 816 3 TMS: 73, 313, 334.
Auxiliaries	12	"SUSQUEHANNA" (AO) "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "CALAMARES" (AF) "PING WO" "POYANG" (ASIS) "PYRO" (AE)1 ARD.
Merchantmen	13	"M.C.KERR" "P.T.DODDRIDGE" "ALCIBIADES" "POLLUX" "M.WALKER" "TRIANGULUM" "W.C. CLAINBORNE" "H.V.WHITE" "N.E.MACK" "ISOLATOR" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "L.EELLY" "KATOOMBA"
Oro Bay: Auxiliaries Merchantmen	2 12	"RIGEL" (AR) "TULSA) (PG) G.R.HEBARD" "CAPE LOOKOUT" "B.MATTHEWS" "J.F.BRALLEY" "GEO.V.L.MEYER" "S.BRANNON" "T.CRAWFORD" "RING LARDNER" "J.I.NOLAN" "WEST CACTUS" "D.E.HUGHES" "J.ROSSITER"
Woodlark Is:	2	"T.M.COOLEY" "ANHUI"
Merchantment Goodenough Is:	2	"VAN OUTHORN" "VAN SWOLL"
Merchantmen	1	"ED.W.WESTCOTT"
Combat Units	1 CA 2 CL 26 DD	"SHROPSHIRE" "NASHVILLE" "PHOENIX" "STOCKTON" "STEVENSON" "HUTCHINS" "DALY" "BACHE" "AMMEN" "BEALE" "BUSH" "WILKES"
		"REID" "FLUSSER" "SMITH" "MAHAN" "DRAYTON" "SEANSOE" "NICHOLSON" "THORNE" "WARRAMUNGA"
	16 PT	"ABNER READ" "ARUNTA" "ROE"

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Milne Bay (Contd)
                                        "LONGBEACH" "GLENDALE" "CASCOYNE"
"BENDIGO" "BROOME" "COWRA"
   Escorts
                           3 PF
                           3 AMS
                                      4 476, 1121, 1132
                           3 PC
                           4 SC : 650, 698, 699, 742
6 YMS : 8, 46, 49, 52, 70, 336
6 ML : 425, 427, 430, 431, 801, 818
20 : "RUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "BROCKS" "GILMER" "KANE"

"SCHLEY" (APD)"LONG" "HAMILTON" (DMS) "SAN PABLO"

"HALF MOCN" (AVP) "AASE MAERSK" "SUSQUEHANNA" (AO)

"OTUS" "FULTON" (AS) "KOOPA" (APG) "AMYGUS" (ARL)
   Auxiliaries
                          20
                                      "YUNNAN" (ASIS) 3 YP:233, 280, 283
"ALANO" "ALCOA "PEGASUS" "ALCOA PATRIOT" "E.G.ACHESON
   Merchantmen 65
                                         "ALANO" "ALCOA "PEGASUS" "ALCOA PATRIOT" "E.G.ACHES
"ARANSAS PASS" "W.B.AYER" "J.BARBARA" "BARBARA C."
"S.K.BOLIVAR" "S.K.BARLOW" "BCOTES" "BRASTAGI"
"CAPE BOW" "J.DEERE" "F.H.DODD" "DONMARQUIS"
"J.DOTY" "ESSO HARRISBURG" "ESSO BAYONNE" "ESSO
PITTSBURG" "ETOLIN" "DD FIELD" M.FLINDERS"
                                          "M.GRIFFITE" "A.S.HEWITT" "A.HILL" "B.F.IRVINE"
"JAPARA" "E.JOHNSON" "M.E.KINNEY" "W.S.LADD"
                                          "J.LIND" "Z.LYKES" "MAETSON" "J.S.MANSFIELD"
                                          "W.McLEYFAN" "B.MATTHEWS" MORMACDALE" "MEXICO"
                                         "I.McCOY" "W.McCRACKEN" "MIDWEST FARMER" "OREGON"
"FRAIL" "OZARK" "JAMES D.PHALAN" "PAUL REVERE"
"PONCE" "W.G.ROGER" "J.ROLPH" "ROSEVILLE" "J.ROSS"
"SEA DEVIL" "SHAWHEE" "SIBIGO" "J.SINGER"
"B.J.SINHOTT" "C.SPRECKERS" "STAGER" "SWARTENHONDT"
"S.M.WEITE" "THUNDERER" "GEC. VAN COUVER"
                                          "VILLALOBOS" "F.A. WARDELL" "WEST POINT"
Port Moresby:
                                          "BOWEN" (AMS)
                                      2
   Escorts
                           1
                                          "POLARIS" (AGS)
"ORMISTON" "A. REHAN" "CANBERRA"
                           1
   Auxiliaries
                                      .
                           4
   Merchantmen
Thursday Island: 1 (exorts) "FREMANTLE" (AMS)
                                      : "BUNGAREE" (CM)
   Auxiliaries
Cairns:
                                      : "BALLARAT" "CASTLEMAINE" "CORONADO" "SAN PEDRO" (PF) "MAGGA" MILDURA" "STAWELL""PIRIE"
   Escorts
                          17
                                      "ROCKHAMPTON" (AMS) 2 SC: 703, 982 1 YMS: 72
4 ML: 804, 805, 811, 820 1 PC: 477
: "PLATYPES" (AR) "MORESEY" (AGS) 1 ARD.
                            3
   Auxiliaries
Townsville:
                                      : "BUNBURY" "BUNDABERG" "GYMPIE" "(AMS) 1 ML: 817
   Escorts
                                      : "SHIKELLAMY" (AO)
   Auxiliaries
 Mackay:
                                      : "HERON" (AVP)
   Auxiliaries
 ladstone:
  Escorts
                                       : "H.T.ALLEN" "WESTRALIA" (APA)
   Auxiliaries
Brisbane:
                           1 GVE : "COPAREE"
   Combat Units
                                       "SWAN" (PS) "WHYALLA" (A S) 1 SC: 745,
   Escorts
                                       3 ML: 808, 821, 827 5 YMS: 9,10,47,48, 51
"ALGORAB" (AKS) "MERKUR" "OCTANS" (AF)
"KURUMBA" (AO) "MAETSUYCKER" (AH) 1 YP:236
   Auxiliaries
                            6
Sydney:
                                      "HOBART" (Refitting)
"VENDETTA" "STUART"
"COLAC "ECHUCA" "KIAMA" "KATOOMBA" "WARRNAMBOOL"
    Combat Units
                            1 CL
                            2 DD
                          12
   Escorts
                                          "GLADSTONE" (AMS) "KYBRA" "AB. CRIJNSSEN" . "DOOMBA"
                                          "YANDRA" (A/s)
                                          2 ML: 822, 823
"WANGANELLA" (AH) (Refitting) "MANUNDA" (AH)
    Auxiliaries
                            3
                                          "GANYMEDE" (AK)
 delbourne:
                            1 AMS : "LIBHGOW"
   Escorts
                                       : "HIZAR" (AF)
    Auxiliaries
 Adelaide:
                            1 AMS : GEEL ONG" (Refitting)
    Escosts
Mote: Special operational-mayements forward of Milne Bay not shown.
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1. Choiseul - Early a.m. 12 Mar. the barge centre at Moli Point (10 miles S.E. Choiseul Bay) was shelled by 2 U.S. Destroyers.

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2. Empress Augusta Bay - At 1645/10 enemy artillery again bombarded Piva airstrip, some 15 shells scoring hits. Torokina airstrip was not shelled. At 0630/11 a few shells again landed at Piva airfield. No damage or casualties were suffered at Piva. Allied artillery is continuing counter fire with believed good results.

P.m. 10 Mar. enemy positions east of the Torokina perimeter were bombarded and shelled by 2 destroyers.

During the day 1500/10 - 1500/11 approximately 250 Japs were contacted by our ground forces on the eastern sector of the perimeter. Early a.m. 11 Mar. the enemy attacked in force, but our counter attack restored the position resulting in many enemy casualties. Allied casualties 10 Mar. number 14 killed, 118 wounded.

During 11 Mar. enemy positions including gun emplacements around the perimeter were attacked by 103 Dauntless, 57 Avengers. The Monoitu Mission was also attacked by 4 Liberators and Mosigetta by 3 Kittyhawks.

- 3. North East Bougainville On 9 Mar. 3 barges beached in the Timputs area were strafed by 8 Corsairs and on 11 Mar. 1 barge in the same area was strafed by 8 Corsairs.
- were shown by photographs 10 11 Mar. to be unserviceable with no aircraft present. One possibly serviceable floatplane was shown 11 Mar. at Euka Passage.
- 5. St. George's Channel At approximately 1720/10 2 loaded enemy barges were seen by aircraft off the west coast of New Ireland, 30 miles above Cape St. George.
- 6. Southern New Ireland Photos p.m. 11 Mar. showed Borpop runway unserviceable and Namatanai runway serviceable for 2,700 feet.

 No aircraft were present on either airdrome.
- 7 Pabar Islands On 12 Mar. a single enemy plane ineffectually bombed P.T. boats operating near Tatau (central Tabar Group).
- 8. New Hanover At 1400/12 an enemy submarine was reported by aircraft 10 miles south of New Hanover heading east.
- 9. Rabaul At 1030 1100/11 Rabaul town was bombed by 24 Mitchells and 20 Liberators escorted by 24 Lightnings, and Vunapope by 20 Warhawks. Large fires were started in the Vunapope area, and photos show large fires blazing in the town area. 6 possible enemy fighters were seen airborne but no interception was effected.

Small craft in Keravia Bay were strafed a.m. 11 Mar. by 12 Hellcats and Corsairs and again at 1700/11 by 6 Avengers, escorted by 10 Hellcats, Corsairs. The latter formation scored direct hits on 4 vessels while strafing covered many small craft.

- and barges on the east coast of Gazelle Peninsula immediately south of Cape Gazelle were attacked by P.T. boats supported by a Catalina. 6 8 barges and small craft were mett; one was sunk and at least 3 were damaged or possibly sunk.

 One enemy floatplane in the area was shot down.
 - 10. Jacquinot Bay At 1900 1940/11 suspected enemy concentrations and hideouts around the all Bay were bombed by 26 Beauforts.

1Cape Hoskins Area - At 1100 - 1130/11 escape trails between Willaumez Peninsula and Cape Hoskins were bombed and strafed by 5 Beaufighters. lasea Area - On 11 Mar. allied patrols reached Bola (12 miles south of Talasea Village) without enemy contact. miralty Islands - On 11 Mar. a light enemy counter attack on our positions on the high ground west of Papitalai Mission was repulsed. On 11 Mar. allied forces landed and occupied Butjolno Island (north coast Manus Is. 3 miles east of Lorengau) without opposition. On 12 Mar. enemy gun petions at Hauwei and Pityilu Islands were bombarded by allied destroyers. unobserved.

Hollandia - At 0030/12 one merchant ship (1500 tons) and 2 gun boats were attacked by a Catalina in Hollandia Bay. Results were

> Preliminary aircraft reports 0230 - 0250/13 indicate a convoy comprising three 800 ton freighters 40 miles W.N.W. of Humboldt Bay, heading east and possibly an additional 7 ships (6 of 500 - 1000 tons and 1 of 2000 tons) with 9 bargesapproximately 30 miles WNW. Humboldt Bay, course E.S.E.

Further reports concerning the air strike at Boram airfield midday 11 Mar. indicates that enemy opposition involved Wewak midday 11 Mar. indicates that them, 1 most heavily 35 - 40 fighters and A/A fire was the most heavily as a small concentrated of any yet encountered in this area. freighter was the only ship reported observed in the area.

> Boram airfield was again heavily attacked 1030 - 1200/12 by escorted Liberators, Mitchells and Bostons, but results are not yet completed.

- 16. Nightingale Bay. (16 miles E.S.E. Wewak). At 1249/11,1 500 ton freighter was seen by a/c anchored in Nightingale Bay.
- 1 Coast .- On 11 Mar. Kambara River (15 miles east of Bogadjim) was reached by forward allied elements. Light enemy fire was encountered from the west bank of the river.

2 air raid alerts were sounded at Saigon 10 - 11 Mar. but no enemy a/c were seen.

8. Finchhafen - There were indications of an enemy submarine 15 miles south of Finchhafen at 1840/11.

NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/12:

1) "LATROBE" (AMS) escorting Convoy TD.46 ("ADMIRAL CHASE") departed Thursday Is. 0619/9 for Darwin ETA 1600/13. 24 submarines on patrol.

In Harbour: (b)

)arwin: Escorts

5 : "COOTAMUNDRA" "INVERELL" (AMS)

3 ML: 429, 809, 816 ""COOLEBAR" "F.A.EILERS" "SCHWEDAGON" "DILGA" W. PROUSE"

roote Eylandt: Merchantmen

: "BABINDA" 1

elville Bay: Merchantmen

Merchantment

2 . WALLIAM HATTERS

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(11) ENEMY FORGES.

At 1230/11 a U.S. Submarine reported an enemy Philippines force comprising 2 battleships, 1 heavy cruiser, 1 a/c carrier and several destroyers, 20 miles north of Luzon on course 2250

SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At sea to 1200/13:

"DUBBO" (AMS) departed Fremantle 1631/11 for Albany ETA 1300/13. "YP.288" departed Fremantle 1544/10 for Exmouth Gulf.

(3) "ML's 324, 812, 826" departed Ceduna for Albany 1915/6.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

1 CA : "SUSSEX" Combat Units

Escorts 2

: "HORSHAM" (AMS) 1 SC: 739 : "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" (AM) "YUMA" (AT) Auxiliaries 6

2 YF: 286 1 ARD.

Exmouth Gulf:

Auxiliaries : "CHILDS" (AV) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) 2

lbany:

1 CL : "ADELAIDE" Combat units

: "ORION" PELIAS" (AS) "CHANFICLEER" (ASR) Auxiliaries

CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

ENEMY FORCES

- Palau at 1200/10 2 medium sized tankers were reported 60 miles S.E. of Palau, course N.W. 1.
- 2. Marshalls - Carolines - At 1000/10 small craft and wharf installatio at Kusale were bombed by 5 Liberators and 3 Mitchells.

At 1000/10 A/A batteries at Ponape were bombed by fifteen Liberators.

Other light and medium air strikes were contatcted 10 Mar. at Taroa, Wotje and Jaluit by 9 Mitchells 5 Venturas and 10 Dauntless respectively.

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES.

(1) Increased naval and air strength Malayan theatre.

(2) Withdrawal of forward positions in Bismarchs.

Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North coast New (3) Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.

(4) Use of Barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.

Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive (5) patrol activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

DAILY NAVAL SUBMARY

PART II

ALLIEN & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1.3 CUTH & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ATT	det.	100	TIME	CES	
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ENEMY PORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Biamarcks Solomons	Carolines Marianas
BB	-		-	MUSASHI
CV(I.)	-	-	-	RYUHO
CV(E)	COPAHER	-	-	CHIYODA
<u>CA</u>	(2) AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	•	-	(5) ATAGO TARAG CHOKAI HAGURO
<u>CL</u>	(4) BOISE HASHVILLE PHOENIX MEDBART	(7) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONT PELLIER HONOLULU ST.LOUIS MONTER LEANDER	-	(3) NAKA OYODO NOSHIRO
CL(T)	-	•	•	(2) KASHIMA) Poss. KATORI) sunk
AV/CVS		(2) WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	-	ARITSUSHIMA
XXV/XC	VS (2) HALF MOON SAN PABLO	BALLARD	-	3
D.	(27) ARUNTA WARRANUMGA STUART VENDETTA MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER REID SMITH AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH	Approx 45		15
	DALY WULLANY HUTCHINS HOBBEY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES STOCKTON NICHOLSON WILKES STEVENSON THORN ABNER READ ROE			

		hwest Facific term Section)		South Pacific	Biamaro Solomor		lines anas	
SS	(5)	BASHAW BLACKFISH SATO PETO SCAMP	On	Patrol	15		25	
	(2)	S.47)	on	Passage				
	(章)	BACE }	At	Milne Bay				
	(2)	CERO DARTER	At	Brisbane				
		R.9	At	Sydney				
		Approx 85		Approx 110	?		*	
REA/AFD/A	(B)	H.T.ALLEN KAKIMELA WESTRALIA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HURPHREYS BROOKS		10 APA 10 APD 5 AKA				
AGC		BLUE RIDGE						
AS	(3)	OTUS FULTON EURYALE			?		?	
<u>an</u>		DOSEIN			-		-	
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3. CENTRAL PACIFIC-EMPIRE

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ENEMY FORCES

(18)	INDIANA
	NORTH CAROLINA
	IOWA
	WASHINGTON
	NEW JERSEY
	MASSACHUSETTS
	CALIFORNIA
	SOUTH DAKOTA
	WEST VIRGINIA

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(24) SANGAMON SUMANNEE

> CORAL SEA BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU SANTEE

CASABLANCA CURREGIDOR ALTAMAHA

WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY PATROLLER FANSEAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MANILA BAY NATOMA BAY

HEHENTA BAY

HOSHO (5) CHITOSE JINYO KAIYO M OTAKA

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(13) BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS

MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN PRANCISCO SALT LARE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE

R MAYA

(8) OAKLAND M-RENO

M COMCORD R BIRMINGHAM SANTA PE SAN DIEGO MOBILE BILOXI

(6) YUBARI TATSUTA * NAGARA M MATORI

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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

No. 776

Date 14 March, 1944

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

EASTERN AREA

(1) ALL TED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/4:

- (1) "H.T.ALLEN" "WESTRALIA" (APA) were to depart Gladstone 1300/13 for Cape Sudest ETA 0600/18 passing via Fitzroy Is. ETA 0600/15 and Milne Bay ETA 2200/16. Escort to be provided by N.O.I.C.
- Townsville and N.O.I.C. New Guinea.
 (2) "PC.1132" departed Milne Bay 1700/12 to RV with "ALCOA POLARIS" and escort to Milne Bay.
- (3) "PC.1124" escorting "ESSO PITTSBURG" departed Milne Bay 1425/12 was to be relieved p.m. 13 March by "HAMILTON" "LONG" (DMS). On relief "PC.1124" to proceed to "PRESIDENT GRANT".
- (4) "KALGOORLIE" escorting Convoy MV.72 departed Milne Bay 1600/13 ETA Townsville 2200/16.
- (5) "WARREGO" (PS) departed Townsville 0800/12 for Milne Bay ETA 1300/14.
- (6) "STAWELL" (AMS) departed Cairns 1731/13 for Milne Bay.
 (7) "GLENELG" standing by "PRESIDENT GRANT" aground on S.W. corner of Uluma Reef. Salvage operations in progress with diving party; "RESERVE" "SONOMA" (AT) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) standing by to assist.
- "MILDURA" "CASTLEMAINE" "BUNBURY" "SC.982" "ML.817" "GYMPIE" proceeding to RV at 0800/14 eff Fitzroy Is., escorting thence Convoy TN.229 (5 MV, 1LST, 1 APC for Milne Bay; "SHIKELLAMY" (AO) for Port Moresby). "GYMPIE" escorts Port Moresby portion; remaining escorts detailed for Milne Bay portion: ETA both portions 1300/16.
- (9) "WANGANELLA" (AH) departed Port Moresby 1845/13 for Townsville ETA
- 1215/15. (10) "BOISE" (CL) departed Sydney 1349/11 for Milne Bay ETA 1100/15, carrying out battle practice off Cape Moreton from 1430/12.
- (11) "AUSTRALIA" (CA) exercising off Cape Moreton from A.M. 13 March to p.m.

- 15 March, departing thence for Milne Bay.

 (12) "YMS's 51, 10, 47, 48" were to depart Calcundra 2200/13 for Cairns ETA 0400/17. "APC.14" accompanies, ETA Townsville 1200/16.

 (13) "GOLD STAR" (AG) departed Milne Bay 0700/10 for Sydney.

 (14) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) in company with "WANAKA" under tow departed Cairns 1119/10 for Sydney.

 (15) "YP.291" departed Cairns 0700/11 for Brisbane, calling at Palm Island.
- ETA Caloundra 1400/15.
- (16) "COPAREE" (CVE) departed Brisbane 1300/13 proceeding out of S.W.P.A. (17) "OCTANS" (AF) departed Calcundra 1700/13 for Sydney ETA 0600/15. (18) "SC.749" was to depart Brisbane 1700/12 on Sandy Cape A/S patrol,
- departing patrol area 1600/16 for Brisbane.
 (19) "DELORAINE" (AMS) departed Sydney 0927/12 on A/S patrol to Smoky Cape
- (20) "ML.807" on A/S patrol Coff's Harbour area.
- (21) 5 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

(1) "KIAMA" to be sailed for Brisbane to complete working up about 15 Mar. (2) "FREMANTLE" to be sailed to arrive Melbourne for refit by 31 Mar.

(c) In Harbour:

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Los Negros Is:		
Combat Units	15 PT	
Escorts	2	: 1 SC:738 1 NL:425
Auxiliaries	ĩ	"OYSTER BAY" (AGP)
Merchantmen	2	: "LAKE ORMAC" "SEA LARK"
Cape Gloucester:		and the same of th
Escorts	2	: 1 PC:1154 1 SC:747
Auxiliaries	ĩ	"SHEPPARTON" (AGS)
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Combat Units	11 PT	
Escorts	2	: 2 PC: 479, 1131
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Compat Units	35 PT	1135
Escorts	25	: "ARARAT" "BENALLA" (AMS) 4 PC:476,1119,1123/
125001.03	20	5 YMS: 50, 53, 314, 335, 336
		5 ML: 424, 428, 802, 803, 806 991
		9 30: 732, 734, 735, 741, 743, 744, 748, 749/
Auxiliaries	7	: "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA" (APA) "PORTUNUS" "HILO"
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		"VICTORIA" (AO)
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Merchan tmen	23	: "J.ALDEN" "RAMO" "MACTAN" "YOCHOW" "N.E.MACK"
		"W.B.ALLISON" "J.NICCLET" "A.ROBINSON"
		"W.ATWATER" "A.THOMAS" "D. HEWES" "W. BEAUMONT"
		"HANYANG" "VAN DER LIJ N" "L.S.KELLY" "M.DALY"
		"M.T. HERRICK" "GEO.LUKS" "MULIAMA" "J. GOOK"
		"J.W.DAVIS" "G.L.GURRY" "H.L.ABBOTT"
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		"J.BURROUGHS" "H.T.RAINEY" "MANA" "VAN DEN
		BOSCH" "R. J. WALKER" "F. BILLINGS" "H. V. WHITE"
****		"C.DARROW"
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Escorts	11	: 2 FF: "LONGBEACH" "GLENDALE"
		5 SG: 637, 736, 737, 746, 750 1 ML: 816
•	20	3 YMS: 73, 315, 334
Auxiliaries	12	: "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "DOBBIN" (AD) "TRINITY"
		"SUSQUEHANNA" (AO) "CARTER HALL" (LSD)
		"CALAMARES" (AF) "PING WO" "POYANG" "(ASIS)
250000200000000000000000000000000000000	70	"PYRO" (AE) "MINK" (IX) 1 ARD. 1 YP: 278
Merchen tmen	12	: "W.C.KERR" "P.T.DODDRIDGE" "FOLLUK" "BRASTAGI"
		"M. WALKER" "TRIANGULUM" "S.C. CLAIRBORNE"
		"ISOLATOR" "VAN SFILBERGEN" "KATOOMBA"
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Auxiliaries	2	: "RIGEL" (AR) "TULSA" (PG)
Merchantmen	13	: "G.R. HEBARD" "B. MATTHEWS" "J.F. BRADLEY"
		"GEO.V.I.MEYER" "S. BRANN ON". "T. CRAWFORD" "RING LARDNER" "J.I. NOLAN" "WEST CACTUS"
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		"D.E. HUGHES" "J.ROSSITER" "JACK SINGER"
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Combat Units	1 CA	: "SHROPSHIRE"
	2 CL	: "NASHVILLE" "PHOENIX"
	26 DD	: "STOCKTON" "STEVENSON" "HUTCHINS" "DALY"BACHE"
	19	"AMMEN" "BEALE" "BUSH" "WILKES" "KALK" "HOBBEY"
	4	"MULLANY" "GILLESPIE" "WELLES" "REID" "FLUSSER"
÷ .		"SMITH" "MAHAN" "DRAYTON" "SWANSON" "THORNE"
		"NICHOLSON" "WARRAMUNGA" "ABNER READ" CARUNTA"
	16 PT	"ROE"

Milne Bay (Contd.)			
Escorts		,	"BARCOO" "GASCOYNE"
			"BENDIGO" "BROOME" "COWRA" "TOWNSVILLE"
			"KAPUNDA" "GOULBURN" 3 PC: 1120, 1121, 112
	4 SC		650, 698, 699, 742
	5 ML	io :	8, 46, 49, 52, 70, 336, 393 427, 430, 431, 801, 818
Auxiliaries	18		"HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "BROOKS" "GILMER" "KANE
			"SCHLEY" (APD) "SAN PABLO" "HALP MOON" (AVE "AASE MAERSK" (AO) "OTUS" "EURYALE" "FULTON (AS) "KOOPA" (APG) "AMYGUS" (ARL) "YUNNAN" (ASIS) 3 YP: 233, 280, 283
Merchantmen	64		"ALAMO" "ALCIBIADES" "ALCOA PEGASUS" "ALCOA PATRIOT" "E.G.ACHESON" "ARANSAS PASS" "W.B. AYER" "J.BARBARA" "BARBARA C." "S.K.BOLIVAR "S.K.BARLOW" "BODTES" "CAPE BON" "CAPE BLANCO" "J.DEERE" "F.H.DODD" "DON MARQUIS" "J.DOTY" "ESSO HARRISBURG" "M.FLINDERS" "W.GRENFELL" "M.GRIFFITH" "A.S.HEWITT" "A. HILL" "B.F.IRVINE" "JAPARA" "E.JOHNSON" "J.B.KENDRICK" "M.E.KINNEY" "W.S.LADD" "S.LANGASTER" "J.LIND" "Z.LYKES" "MAETSON" "J.S.MANSFIELD" "W.MCLENNAN" "B.MATTHEWS" "MORMACDALE" "MIXICO" "I.MCCOY" "W.MCCRACKE "MIDWEST FARMER" "CZARK" "JAMES D.PHALAN" "A.REHAN" "PAUL REVERE" "PONCE" "W.G.ROGER" "J.ROLPH" "ROSEVILLE" "J.ROSS" "SEA DEVIL" "SHAWNEE" "SIBIGO" "N.J.SINNOTT" "C.SPRECKE
*			ER" "J.W. VAN DYKE" "VILLALOBOS" "WEST POINT
Port Moresby:			
Escorts	2	3	"BOWEN" (AMS) 1 ML: 426
Auxiliaries	1	:	"POLARIS" (AGS)
Merchantmen Thursday Is:	5	2	"ORMISTON" "GAMBERRA" "OREGON TRAIL"
Escorts	1		"FREMANTIE" (AMS)
Auxiliaries	1		"BUNGAREE" (CH)
Cairns:	-		Do Harriso (On)
Escorts	14	:	"CORONADO" "SAN PEDRO" (PF) "WAGGA" "PIRIE" "BALLARAT" "ROCKHAM PTON" (AMS) 1 SC:703 2 YMS: 11, 72 4 ML: 804, 805, 811, 820
Auxiliaries	3	*	1 PC: 477 "PLATYPUS " (AR) "MORESBY" (AGS) 1 ARD.
Founsville: Escorts	1		"BUNDABERG" (AMS)
Wackay: Auxiliaries	1	:	"HERON" (AVP)
Brisbane: Escorts	7	:	"SWAN" (PS) "WHYALLA" (AMS) 1 SC:745
Auxiliaries	5	2	3 ML: 808, 821, 827 1 YMS: 9 "ALGORAB" (AKS) "MERKUR" (AF) "KURUMBA" (AO) "MAETSUYCKER" (AH) 1 YP: 236
Sydney:			TE SOO
Combat Units	1 CL 2 DD		"HOBART" (Refitting) "VENDET TA" "STUART"
Escorts	12	*	"COLAC" "ECHUCA" "KIANA" "KATOOMBA" "GLADSTO "WARRNAMBOOL" (AMS) "KYBRA" "A.B.CRIJMSSEN" "DOOMBA" "YANDRA" (A/S) 2 ML: 822, 823
Auxiliaries	2		"MANUNDA" (AH) "BISHOPDALE" (AO)
Melbourne: Escorts	7 425		
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Auxiliaries Adelaide:	2	\$	"MIZAR" (AF) "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM)

* Note: Special operational move ments forward of Milne Bay not shown.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Empress Augusta Bay - During 12 March, enemy gun positions N.E. of the Torokina perimeter were bombed by 159 Dauntless and Avengers. Intermittent enemy shelling of the airfields in the area is reported, causing some damage to A/a and installations and minor casualties.

(2) Nissan Island - At 0500/12, two enemy aircraft ineffectively bombed Nissan Island. (3) New Ireland - Airfields - Photographs 12 Mar. show Kavieng, Panapai and Borpop runways all unserviceable: Namatanai is serviceable for 2700 feet. No operative aircraft are present on any of the airdromes. Rabaul - During the night 11-12 Mar. Rapopo was bombed by one harassing Liberator. At 1055/12, the waterfront area northern Simpson Harbour was bombed by 22 Mitchells escorted by 11 Corsairs.
At 1107/12, the town area was bombed by 18 Liberators escorted by 11 Corsairs. Some fighters were seen scrambling from Tobera but there was no interception of either formation. Simultaneously with these two strikes, Atiliklikun Bay was swept by 8 Corsairs. 7 Zeros were met and one shot down. Between 1100 and 1200/12, the same area was swept by another 8 Corsairs, strafing and setting fire to two 100 ft. craft and an 80 ft. tug. Six Zeros were encountered over Tobera and three were shot down, a fourth probably shot down. At 1130-1245/12, Rabaultown was bombed by 64 Warhawks, Aircobras and Lightnings causing explosions and fires including one probable oil dump. At 1645/12, the general Rabaul area was reconncitred by 8 Corsairs. No enemy aircraft were seen airborne but five were seen grounded at Lakunai, one of which was destroyed by strafing. One Aircobra is missing and one Corssir water landed: otherwise all planes returned. Photos 12 Mar. show 2 small freighters (under 1000 tons) and approx 350 barges in Rabaul Harbour, indicating a reduction of some 50 barges within the last week or so, possibly as a result of recent air strikes against small craft or dispersal. ot Bay - During the night 12-13 Mar. an enemy floatplane attacking our PT boats operating off Jacquinot Bay, was shot down by the PT's. (5) Jacquinot (6) Talasea Area - On 13 Mar. our patrols reported nil enemy contact at Kumeraki Nos. 1 and 2 (respectively 4 miles West and 5 miles S.W. of Talasea Village). An enemy outpost is reported at Grilli (on the coastal trail 5 miles S.S.E. of Talasea Village). (7) Eleanora Bay • On 11 Mar. an allied party landed at Linga Linga Plantation (Southern shores Eleanora Bay). During the operation, 23 enemy were killed and two prisoners taken. (8) Admiralty Islands - Delayed reports indicate that at 1155/11, Lorengau was bombed by 8 Liberators. During the night 11-12 Mar. enemy sircraft dropped four bombs in the sea off Momote. During the same night, an enemy barge was sunk by PT boats at the S.E. end of Los Negros Island.
On 12 March, supported by naval, air and artillery
combardments, our forces landed at Hauwei Island, overcoming
entrenched and well-equipped enemy elements. By 1 500/12, the Western half of Hauwei Island was occupied and a late report p.m. 13 Mar. states that Hauwei Island is now completely in our possession. Air units utilized in this operation involved 12 Mitchells. Enemy elements are reported 13 Mar. still active in the area West of Papitalai on Los Negros Island. Enemy dead counted to 12 Mar. number 1432/ During the night 12-13 Mar. enemy aircraft dropped 3 bombs near Momote strip without effect. (9) Hollandia - Further details concerning the shipping sighted by Catalinas early a.m. 13 Mar. confirm the presence of apparently two convoys. one of three 800 ton cargo ships and the other of 7 small freighters and 9 barges heading towards Hollandia from the West. In addition, one possible small freighter and a gunboat were observed in Humboldt Bay.

(10) Vanimo - At 0025/13, two small fishing boats were strafed by a Catalina 3 miles E.S.E. of Vanimo. (11) Wewak - The air strike on A/A positions in Boram area 12 Mar. (reported in Summary 775) involved approx 26 Liberators, 36 Mitchells, 42 Bostons with substantial Thunderbolt escort. 170-175 tons of bombs were dropped and the Bostons severely strafed the area. Reports indicate that 30-40 enemy fighters attempted interception, although apparently very few penetrated the fighter screen.

(11) Wewak (Contd.) -At 1100-1200/13, Wewak Point and Brandi Plantation (5 miles Eastwards from Wewak) were again heavily attacked by escorted aircraft. A preliminary report states that about 120 bombers of which reports from 38 Liberstors, 40 Mitchells and 25 Bostons have been received, were involved dropping over 210 tons of bombs. Some 30 enemy fighters intercepted and

8 were shot down and another probably shot down. (12) Rai Coast - At about midday 12 Mar. gun positions at Marakum (on Melanoa Harbour) were effectively bombed and strafed by 12

At 0003/12, two enemy bombers dropped 4 bombs near the Namkina River mouth (at Saidor). At 0407/13, one enemy

bomber again ineffectively raided the Saidor airfield area. (13) Cape Ward Hunt - At 2000/12, there were indications of an enemy submarine 40 miles N.E. of Cape Ward Hunt. It is recalled that at 1840/11, an enemy submarine was indicated 15 miles S. of Fins chhafen.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/14:

(1) "LATROBE" (AMS) escorting Convoy TD.46 ("ADMIRAL CHASE") departed
Thursday Is. 0619/9 for Darwin ETA 16 0 0/13.
(2) "WILCANNIA" (AMS) escorting Convoy TDZ47 ("BOMBO" "BANGALOW" "CORTO")
departed Thursday Island 2046/12 for Darwin ETA 1700/17.

(3) 24 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

: "COOTAMUNDRA" "INVERELL" (AMS) Escorts

3 ML: 429, 809, 816 : "COOLEBAR" "F.A.EILERS" "SCHWEDAGON" "DILGA" Merchantmen

"W. PROUSE"

Groote Eylandt:

Merchantmen : "BABINDA! 1

Melville Bay:

Merchantmen : "SUVA" "MILDURA" 2

Merauke:

Escorts : SC. 731 Merchantmen : "GORGON" 7

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Scemba Island - Reconnaissance 1200/12, reported a convoy shown by photographs as a cargo vessel of 3500 tons, 1 sub-chaser and one mine-layer, 10 miles East of Soemba Island on course 350. Four or five enemy fighters prevented the recommaissance Liberator from approaching close to the convoy.

Photographs at time show 3 small cargo vessels (1000 tons or less) and 15 barges at Waingapoe.

SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/14:

(1) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) proceeding Fremantle from Exmouth Gulf ETA 1800/14. "YP. 288" departed Fremantle 1544/10 for Exmouth Gulf. (2)

(3) "ML's 824, 812, 826" were to depart Albany 0800/14 for Fremantle.

(b) Proposed Movements:

(1) "ADELAIDE" (CL) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) escorting "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS) to depart Albany 1830/14 for Fremantle ETA a.m. 16 Mar.

(c) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat Units 1CA

: "SUSSEX" : "HOR SHAM" (AMS) 1 SC: 739 Escorts 2

: "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" (AM) "YUMA" (AT) Auxiliaries 6

2 YP: 286 1 ARD.

Exmouth Gulf:

: "CHILDS" (AV) Auxiliaries 2

Albany:

1 CL : "ADELAIDE" Combat Units : "DUBBO" (AMS) Escorts 1

: "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) Auxiliaries 3

CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

Marshalls: Light air strikes were conducted 11 Mar. against Mille. Jaluit, Taroa and Wotje.

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

(1) Increased naval and air strength Malayan theatre.

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 (4) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.
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ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

	ALLIED FORCES	MANAGE MANAGE			E	NEMY FORCES
	Southwest Pacific (eastern Section)	So	uth Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons		Carolines Marianas
BB	-		•	-		MUSASHI
OV(L)			-	-		RYUHO
CV(E)	COPAREE	-		-		CHIYODA
<u>GA</u>	(2) AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE		→	-	(5)	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI HAGURO MYOKO
<u>CL</u>	(4) BCISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX HOBART	(7)	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER HONOLULU ST.LCUIS DENVER LEANDER	•	(2)	OYODO NOSHIRO
CL(T)	•			-		KASHIMA
AV/CVS		(2)	WRIGHT	V.		AKITSUSHIMA
XAV/XC	SAN PABLO		CHANDELEUR BALLART	•		3
•	(27) ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA MAHAN		Approx 45	-		15
	DRAYTON FLUSSER REID SMITH AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY HULLANY HUTCHINS					
•	HOBBEY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES STOCKTON NICHOLSON WILKES STEVENSON THORN ABNER READ ROE					

-		st Pacific n Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marianas	
•	(5)	BASHAW BLACKFISH GATO PETO SCAMP))) On Patrol)	15	25	
	(3)	S.47 S.42 FLUEGILL) On Passage			
	(2)	D AC E FLOUNDER) At Milne Bay			
	(2)	CERO DARTER) At Brisbane			
		K.9	At Sydney			
		Approx 85	Approx 110	9	8	
.PA/AF	PD/AKA (8)	H.T.A.LEN KANIMBLA WESTRALIA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 10 APD 5 AKA			
1GC		BLUE RIDGE				
AS	(3)	OTUS FULTON EURYALE		?	9	
RD		DOBBIN		-	-	
AR A	(3)	RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYOUS Area Cnly)	PROMETHEUS			
Fighte Light Forped	rs (inc. & M/Bomi o and D, Boats lanes	1.18 twin-en	g.) 152 116 2 1 19 20			
Car	Sandra Carriera	ALLIED FORCE	2. NORTHERN P.	ACIFIC ENEMY	FORCES	
CA		•		(2) NACHI		
CL	(3	RALEIGH RICHNOND		(3) ABUKU TAMA KISO	π A	
DD		9		7		
SS		10		Approx	4	

		*	COMPLET DISTRICT	-	14th March, 1944.
	ALI	JIED FORCES	CENTRAL PACIFIC-EMP	IRE	ENEMY FORCES
BB	(18)	INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA IOWA WASHINGTON NEW JERSEY MASSACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA:	TENNESSEE NEW MEXICO MISSISSIPPI IDAHO ALABAMA PENNSYLVANIA		YAMASHIRO YAMATO MUTSU (prob. sunk)
CV	(7)	EN TERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXIN OTON SARATOGA	INTREPID ESSEX BUDKER HILL		-
CV(L)	(7)	BELLEAU WOOD	CAB OT LANGLEY INDEPENDENCE	(4)	HITAKA RAYATAKA ZUIHO TAIHO
CV(T)		•			EOSEO
CV(E)	(24)	SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHEEANGO CORAL SEA BARKES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU SANTEE CASABLANCA CORRECIDOR ALTAMAHA	WHITE FLAINS BREZON MIDWAY PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MANILA BAY NATOMA BAY NEHENTA BAY	200	CHITOSE JINYO KATYO OTAKA UWYO
<u>CA</u>	(13)BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICEITA NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS PETSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE	X	MAYA
OCA		•			6
CL	N N)OAKLAND RENO CONCORD BIREINGHAM	SANTA FE SAN DIEGO MOBILE BILOXI		YUBARI TATSUTA MAGARA MATORIA MISUZU
CL(T)		-			KASHII
AV/CVS		-			3
I		Approx 85		(ap	20-25 prox. 15 repairing)

* Non-effective.

Approx 25

2 (one repairing)

Approx 30

?

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

TRENTON

7	200

2

DD	2					
	Southwest ! (Western Se		East	tern Fleet Area	East I	ndies-Philippines
BB	•	((3)	QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN	(6)	NAGATO KONGO HARUNA ISE PUSO HYUGA
CV	-			ILLUSTRIOUS		ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
CV(E)	-	((4)	BATTLER UNICORN SHAH RANEE		-
CA	SUSSEX	. ((5)	SUFFOLK HAWKINS FROBISHER LONDON CUMBERLAND	(6)	AOBA KUMANO SUZUYA TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI
CE	ADELAI	DE (CEYLON KENYA GAMBIA EMERALD NEWCASTLE DANAE TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK		YAHAGI OI KENU KITAGAMI
AV/CVS	(2) CHILDS			ALBATROSS	H	KAMOI
	-	(CAN TON CHITRAL		
MAV/XCVS	- ?			?		-
	-			Approx 27		25
\$5 (25	BILLFISH BLUEFISH BONEFISH BOWFIN CABRILLA COD FLASHER GUNNEL HADDO HAKE JACK HOE	MINGO) LAPON) POMPON) PUFFER) NORWHAL) RASHER) RATON) RAY) REDFIN) ROBALO) K.12)		Approx 15		17 (incl.6 German)
	CREVAL	LE	A	t Premantle		
	PELIAS					
Fighters Light &	nes	win-eng.)		72 15 - 42 27		

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A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

- (1) "H.T.ALLEN" "WESTRALIA" (APA) were to depart Gladstone 1300/13 for Cape Sudest ETA 0600/18, passing via Fitzroy Is. ETA 1200/15 and Milne Bay ETA 2200/16/ "EROOME" "BAILARAT" to RV off
- Fitzroy Is. and escort to Milne Bay.

 (2) "WEST POINT" (AP) departed Milne Bay 1220/14 proceeding out of S.W.P.A.

 (3) "PC.1122" departed Milne Bay 0400/14 to RV with "E.J.HENRY" and escort to Milne Bay.
 - (4) "PC.1131" escorting 2 LCT. departed Langemak 1700/13 for Massawe (?)
 - was due 0700/14.

 (5) "KALGOORLIE" "KAPUNDA" escorting Convoy IV.72 (2 MV) departed Milne Bay 1600/13 ETA Townsville 2200/16.
 - (6) "PC.1124" standing by "RESIDENT GRANT" aground on S.W. corner of Uluma Reef. Salvage operations in progress with diving party; "RESERVE" "SONORA" (AT) "CAUBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) standing by to assist.
 - "STAWELL" (AMS) departed Cairns 1731/13 for Milne Bay ETA 1500/15.
 "MILDURA" "CASTLEMAINE" "BUNBURY" "SC.982" "ML.817" "GYMPIE" proceeding to RV at 0800/14 off Fitzroy Is., escorting thence

 Gonvoy TN.229 (5 MV, 1 LST, 1 APC for Milne Bay; "SHIKELLAMY"

 (AO) for Port Moresby). "GYMPIE" escorts Port Moresby portion; remaining escorts detailed for Milne Bay portion:
 - ETA both portions 1300/16. (9) "WANGALUELLA" (AH) departed Port Moresby 1845/13 for Townsville ETA
- 1215/15. (10) "BOWER" (AMS) escorting Convoy NT.74 ("CANBERRA" "ORMISTON") departed Port More sby 1745/14 for Townsville ETA Grafton Passage
- (11) "YMS.9" was to depart Calcumdra 2200/14 for Cairns ETA 0600/18, for onward routeing to Milne Bay.
- (12) "AUSTRALIA" (CA) exercising off Cape Moreton from a.m. 13 March to p.m.
- 15 Merch, departing thence for Hilne Bay.

 (13) "YMS's 51, 10, 47, 48" were to depart Caloundra 2200/13 for Cairns ETA

 0400/17. "APC.14" accompanies, ETA Townsville 1200/16.

 (14) "GRAYSON" (DD) escorting "TANGIER" (AV) proceeding Brisbane ETA 1300/6.
- "GOLD STAR" (AG) departed Milne Bay 0700/10 for Sydney.
 "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) in company with "WANAKA" under tow departed
- Gairns 1119/10 for Sydney. (17) "YP.291" departed Cairns 0700/11 for Brisbane, calling at Palm Island.
- (18) "SC.749" was to depart Brisbane 1700/12 on Sandy Cape A/S patrol, departing patrol area 1600/16 for Brisbane.

 (19) "YAHDRA" (A/S) departed Sydney 0911/14 for Smoky Cape and return on A/S patrol.
- (20) "ML.807" on A/S patrol Coff's Harbour area.
- (21) "GEBLONG" (AMS) was to depart Adelaide a.m. 15 March for Sydney.
- (22) 5 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

(1) "KIAMA" to be sailed for Brisbane to complete working up by about 15 Mar.
(2) "FREMANTLE" to be sailed to arrive Melbourne for refit by 31 Mar.
(3) "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) to depart Port Phillip 1300/15 for Calcumdra ETA 0900/20.

(c) In Harbour:

Auxiliaries Merchantmen	3	: "ETOLIN" (AKS) : "ED.N.WESTCOTT" "D.D.FIELD" "SWARTENOHNDT"
Goodenough Is:		
Merchan tmen	3	: 1 ML: 819 1 YMS: 315 1 SC: 737 : "VAN OUTHORN" "VAN SWOLL"
Escorts Merchantmen Kiriwina:	1 2	: 1 YMS:50 : "T.M.GOOLEY" "ANHUI"
Woodlark Is:		"WEST CACTUS" "D.E.HUGHES" "J.SINGER" "A.REHAN" "P.T.DODDRIDGE"
Auxiliaries Merchantmen	2	"RIGEL" (AR) "TULSA" (PG) "B.MATTHENS" "J.F.BRADLEY" "GEO.V.L.MEYER" "T.CRAWFORD" "RING LARDNER" "J.I.NOLAN"
Merchantmen	13	"BRASTAGI" "N. WALKER" "S.C. CLAIRBORNE" "J. DOTY" "ISOLATOR" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "BORGFRED" "L. STEWART" "S.G. PORTER" "J. ROSSITER" "G.R. HEBARD" "S. BRANNON" "Z. LYKE S"
		"SUSQUEHAUNA" (AO) "POLLUX" "TRIANGULUM" (AKS) "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "CALAMARES" (AF) "PING WO" "POYANG" (ASIS) "PYRO" (AE) "MINK" (IX) 1 ARD. 1 YP: 278
Auxiliaries	14	7 SC: 637, 735, 736, 741, 746, 748, 750 4 YMS: 73, 313, 334, 335 : "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "DOBBIN" (AD) "TRINITY"
Escorts	14	: 2 PF: "LONGBEACH" "GLENDALE" 1 ML: 816
Merchantmen	11	"W.B.SUBJETTE" "BONTEKOE" "R.S.BEAN" ".O.KELL) "H.T.RAINEY" "MANA" "VAN DEN BOSCH" "R.J.WALKER" "F.BILLINGS" "H.V.WHITE" "C.DARROW"
Lae:		"W. ATWATER" "A. THOMAS" "D. HENES" "W. BEAUMONT" "HANYANG" "VAN DER LIJN" "L.S. KELLY" "M. DALY" "M. T. HERRICK" "GEO.LUKS" "J. COOK" "J.W. DAVIS" "G.L. CURRY" "H.L. ABBOTT"
Merchantmen	21	"VICTORIA" (AO) : "J.ALDEN" "RAMO" "MACTAN" "N.E.MACK" "W.B.ALLISON" "J.NICOLET" "A.ROBINSON"
Auxiliaries	7	6 SC: 732, 734, 743, 744, 749, 981 "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA" (APA) "PORTUNUS" "HILO" (AGP) "COUCAL" (ASR) "HALF MOON" (AVP)
Combat Units Escorts	35 PT 19	: "ARARAT" "BENALLA" (AMS) 3 PC: 476, 1119,113 3 YMS: 53, 314, 336 5 ML: 424, 428,802,803,80
Merchantmen	3	"H.C. PAYNE" "K.D. WIGGIN" "W. SHARRON"
Escorts Auxiliaries	1	: 1 PC: 479 : "ETANIN" (AKS)
Saidor: Combat Units	11 Pr	- 1 DC - 470
Auxiliaries Merchan tmen	1	: "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) : "YOCHOW"
Cape Gloucester:	3	; 2 PC: 1123, 1134 1 SC: 747
Auxiliaries Merchantmen	1	"OYSTER BAY" (AGP)
Escorts	4	: 1 SC: 738 1 ML: 425 2 YMS: 8, 46
Los Negros Is: Combat Whits	15 PT	

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Milne Bay:
Combat Units
                                                   "SHROPSHIRE"
                                        1 CA
                                                    "NASHVILLE" "PHOENIX" "BOISE"
                                        3 CL
                                                    "STOCKTON" "STEVENSON" "HUTCHINS" "DALY"
                                       26 DD
                                                    "BACHE" "AMMEN" "BEALE" "BUSH" "WILKES"
                                                     "KALK" "HOBBEY" "MULLANY" "GILLESPIE"
                                                     "WELLES" "REID" "FLUSSER" "SMITH" "MAHAM"
                                                    "DRAYTON" "SWAN SON" "THORNE" "NICHOLSON"
                                                    "WARRAMUNGA" "ABNER READ" "ARUNI'A" "ROE"
                                      16 PT
                                        2 PF
                                                    "BARCOO" "GASCOYNE"
        Escorts
                                                h "WARREGO"
                                        1 PS
                                                    "BENDIGO" "COWRA" "GLENEIG" "TOWNSVILLE"
                                        5 AMS :
                                                    "GOULBURN"
                                        19
        Auxiliaries
                                                 "SCHLEY" (APD) "SAN PABLO" "HALF MOON" (AVP)
"AASE MAERSK" (AO) "OTUS" "FULTON" "EURYALE"
(AS) "BOOTES" (AKS) "KOOPA" (APG) "AMYCUS"
(ARL) "YUNNAN" (ASIS) 3 YP: 233, 280, 283
: "ALAMO" "ALCIBIADES" "ALCOA PEGASUS" "ALCOA
        Merchantmen
                                      60
                                                    PATRIOT" "ALCOA POLARIS" "E.G.ACHESON"
"ARARSAS PASS" "W.B.AYER" "J.BARBARA"
"BARBARA C." "S.K.BOLIVAR" "S.K.BARLOW"
                                                    "BARBARA C." "S.K.BOLIVAR" "S.K.BARLOW"

"J.BURROUGHS" "CAPE BLANCO" "J.DEERE" "F.H.

DODD" "DON MARQUIS" "ESSO HARRISBURG"

"M.FLINDERS" "W.GRENFELL" "M.GRIFFITH"

"A.S.HEWITT" "B.F.IRVINE" "JAPARA" "E.JOHNSON

"KATOOMBA" "J.B.KENDRICK" "M.C.KERR"

"M.E.KINNEY" "W.S.LADD" "S.LANCASTER"

"J.LIND" "MAETSON" "J.S.MAN SFIELD"

"W.NCLENN AN" "B.MATTHEWS" "MORMACDALE"

"MEXICO" "I.MCGCY" "W.MCCRACKEN" "MIDWEST

FARMER" "MULIAMA" "JAMES D.PHALAN" "PAUL

REVERE" "PONCE" "W.GROCER" "J.ROLPH"
                                                    REVERE" "PONCE" "W.G.ROGER" "J.ROLPH"
                                                     "ROSEVILLE" "J.ROSS" "SEA DEVIL" "SHAWNEE"
                                                    "N.J. SINNOTT" "C. SPRECKERS" "STAGEN"
                                                    "J.W.VAN DYKE" "S.N.WHITE" "THUNDERER"
"GEO.VANCOUVER" "VILLALOBOS" "F.A.WARDELL"
   Port Moresby:
                                                : 1 ML: 426 1 PC: 1121
: "POLARIS" (AGS)
        Escorts
                                       2
        Auxiliaries
                                        1
                                                 : "OREGON TRAIL"
        Merchan tmen
      Escorts
                                                 : "FREMANTLE" (AMS) 1 SC: 731
                                       2
                                                 : "BUNGAREE" (CM)
        Auxiliaries
   Cairns:
                                                   "CORONADO" "SAN PEDRO" (PF) "WAGGA" "PIRIE"
                                      13
        Escorts
                                                    "ROCEHAMPTON" (AMS) 1 SC: 703 1 PC: 477 2 YMS: 11, 72 4 ML: 804, 805, 811, 820 "PLATYPUS" (AR) "MORESBY" (AGS) 1 ARD.
        Auxiliaries
                                      3
   Town sville:
                                                 : "BUNDABERG" (AMS)
        Escorts
                                        1
   Mackay:
                                                : "HERON" (AVP)
       Auxiliaries
                                       1
   Brisbane:
                                                : "SWAN" (PS) "WHYALLA" (AMS) 1 SC: 745
       Escorts
                                       6
                                                3 MI: 808, 821, 827
: "ALGORAB" "(AKS) " MERKUR" (AF) "KURUMBA" (AO)
       Auxiliaries
                                       5
                                                   "MAETSUYCKER" (AH) I YP: 236
     dney:
                                               : "HOBART" (Refitting)
: "VENDETTA" "STUART"
       Combat Units
                                   · 1 CL
                                       2 DD
                                                 : "COLAC" "DELORAINE" "ECHUCA" "GLADSTONE"
       Escorts
                                      12
                                                   "KIANA" "KATOOMBA" "WARRNAMBOOL" (AMS)
                                                   "KYBRA""AB.CRIJNSSEN" "DOOMBA" (A/S)
                                                2 ML: 822, 823
: "MANUNDA" (AH) "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "OCTANS" (AF)
       Auxiliaries
                                       3
  Melbourne:
                                       1 AMS : "LIGHGOW"
2 : "MIZAR" (AF) "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM)
       Escorts
                                       2
       Auxiliaries
 *-Tote: Special operational movements forward of Milne Bay not shown.
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(1) Buin Base - Photographs 13 Mar. show Kahili runways unserviceable but under repair while an emergency landing could be made on the western side of Kara runway. 10 barges are shown in the general Ballale-Shortlands area.

Empress Augusta Bay -Reports to 1500/12 reveal that pillboxes and 350 Japs were liquidated inside our perimeter. Three major attacks East of our perimeter were repulsed: the enemy however made a slight gain. A conservative estimate of enemy killed during the 3 days to 12 March totals 1000.

(3) New Ireland - Photographs 13 Mar. show all New Ireland airfields unserviceable except Namatanai and nil aircraft save one fighter

and 2 medium bombers on Kavieng.

(4) Cape St. George - During the night 11-12 Mar. two enemy aircraft attacked our PT boats East of Cape St. George. One floatplane was shot down by the PT's.

(5) Rabaul Area - Native reports on 13 Mar. sate our sustained air attacks on Rabaul have had a demoralising effect on the garrison causing a dispersal of troops to Warangoi (12 miles S. by W. of Cape Gazella) and also causing a shortage of food.

(6) Adler Bay - During the night 11-12 Mar. empty barges were strafed by

aircraft 5 miles North of Adler Bay.

Jacquinot Bay - At 1839-1917/13, suspected enemy concentrations at Kamalgaman were bombed by 26 R.A.A.F. Beauforts causing fires.

Bangula Bay - At 1140-1155/13, suspected enemy concentrations 7 miles South of Bangula Bay were bombed and strafed by 3 Aircobras. A report on 12 Mar, stated there were approx 200 Japs in the area.

(9) Eleanora Bay -To 13 Mar. enemy casualties during the Linga Linga operation were 55 killed and 12 prisoners. On 14 Mar. a further

5 Japs were killed and 9 captured.

(10) Gasmata - A report to 14 Mar., as yet unconfirmed, states the main enemy force travelling light has departed Gasmata overland with 35 days of rice supply.

(11) Admiralty Islands - Enemy casualties in the occupation of Hauwei Island totalled 42 killed.

Enemy resistance is reported to be increasing in the area West of Papitalai. On 13 Mar. estimated maximum effective combat strength of the enemy was 2831.

(12) Aitape Area -At 0450/14, a large unidentified merchant vessel 80 miles N. by E. of Aitape was attacked by aircraft. No further details are to hand.

At 0340/15, an enemy hospital ship (5000 tons) was reported

by sircraft 30 miles W. N.W. of Aitape on course 2800.

Tadji - A preliminary report indicates that Tadji aerodrome was

bombed by several squadrons of Liberators at 1052/14. Reports from 17 Liberators have been received.

(14) Wewak - Between 1100 and 1200/14, A/A positions at Boram and Brandi Plantation were again attacked in strength by heavy, medium and attack bombers. Incomplete reports reveal that 27 Liberators, 18 Mitchells and 37 Bostons participated, causing widespread

destruction.
(15) Hansa Bay - During the night 12-13 Mar. an enemy barge was destroyed off Manam Island by PT boats. At 1015/14, three small cargo vessels were sighted by

aircraft in Hansa Bay.
(16) Cape Rigny - On 13 Mar. Saga Saga (6 miles S. of Cape Rigny) was occupied by an allied patrol following an air strike on the village by 16 Aircobras led in by one Bocmerang.

NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

(1) "INVERELL" (ANS) escorting Convoy DT.44 (2 MV) departed Darwin 0630/14 for Thursday Is. ETA 1600/17.

(2) "LATROBE" (AMS) escorting Convey TD.46 ("ADMIRAL CHASE") departed Thursday Is. C619/9 for Darwin ETA 1600/13.

(3) "WILCANNIA" (AMS) escerting Convoy TD.47 ("BOMBO" "BANGALO""CORIO") departed Thursday Is. 2046/12 for Darwin ETA 1700/17.

(4) 24 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin: : "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS) 3 ML: 429, 809, 816 : "COOLEBAR" "DILGA" "W. PROUSE" 1. Escorts

4 Merchan tmen

roote Eylandt: : "BABINDA" 1 Merchantmen

elville Bay: : "SUVA" "MILDURA" Merchantmen 2

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

(1) "ADELAIDE" (CL) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) escorting "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS)
were to depart Albany 1830/14 for Fremantle ETA a.m. 16 Mar.
(2) "YP.288" departed Fremantle 1544/10 for Exmouth Gulf.
(3) "DUBBO" (AMS) "ML's 824, 812,826" were to depart Albany 0800/15 for

Fremantle .

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat Units

Escorts

1 CA : "SUSSEX"
2 : "HORSHAM" (AMS) 1 SC:739
7 : "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" (AM) "YUMA" (AT)
"W.B.PRESTON" (AVD) 2 YP: 286 1 ARD. Auxiliaries

Exmouth Gulf: Auxiliaries 1 : "CHILDS" (AV)

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

Nauru - At 1350/12, Nauru was bombed by 5 Liberators dropping 11 tons of bombs.

C. CENTRAL PACTFIC AREA

EMEMY PORCES

Marshalls -On 12 Mar. allied parties landed on Lib Island (30 miles S.W. of Kwajalein) and Ujae Island (70 miles W. of Kwajalein). No enemy were encountered on Lib Island and only 6 on Ujae of which 5 committed Marakiri and one was captured. On 12 and 13 Mar. light attacks were carried out on Taroa

and Wotje.

Wake Island - At 1150/12, Wake Island was bombed by 22 Liberators dropping 51 tons of bombs and starting large fires.

D. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

ENEMY FORCES

Cocos Island - Between 1140 and 1200/14, Cocos Island was reconncitred by an enemy twin/engined bomber.

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ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

		st Pacific n Section)	Son	uth Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons		Carolines Marianas
BB		•		•	-		MUSASHI
CV(E)		COPAHEE		-	•		CHIYODA
CA	(8)	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	-	•	(3)	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI
		BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX HOBART	H	COLUMBIA CIEVELAND MONTPELLIER HONOLULU ST. LOUIS DENVER LEANDER	•	(2)	OYODO NOSHIRO
OL(T)		-		-	-		KASHIMA
AV/CVS		-	(8)	WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	-		AKITSUSHIMA
xav/xovs	(2)	HALF MOON SAN PABLO		BALLARD	•		3
	(27)	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER REID SMITH ANMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS HOBBEY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES STOCKTON NICHOLSON WILKES STEVENSON THORN ABNER READ ROE		Approx 45			15

		est Pacific rn Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marianas
	(5)	BASHAW BLACEFISH GATO PETO SCAMP)) On Patrol)	15	25
	(3)	S.47 S.42 BLUEGILL) On Passage		
	(3)	DACE FLOUNDER)) At Milne Bay		
	(2)	CERO DARTER) At Sydney		
bli		Approx 85	Approx 110	9	?
A/APD/	(8)	H.T.ALLEN KANIMBLA WESTHALIA ALGOHAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 10 APD 5 AKA		
IGC		BLUE RIDGE			
18	(3)	OTUS FULTON EURYALE		9	9
D		DOBBIN		•	-
R		RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS	PROMETHEUS		
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			2. NORTHERN P.	ACIFIC	
	A	LL IED FORCES		ENEMY	FORCES
<u>A</u>		-		(2) NACH	II GARA
	I	DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND		(3) ABUK TAMA KISO	
2		9		7	
3		10			

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC -EMPIRE

	ALLIE.	D FORCES				ENEMY FORCES	
	(18)	INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA IOWA WASHINGTON NEW JERSEY MASSACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA		COLORADO MARYLAND TENNESSEE NEW MEXICO MISSISSIPPI IDAHO ALABAMA PENNSYLVANIA OKLAHOMA	(5)3	YAMATO MUTSU (prob.sunk)
CV	(7)	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON SARATOGA		INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL			
A(I:)	(7)	COMPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	H	CABOT LANGLEY INDEPENDENCE	(5)	HITAKA HAYATAKA ZUIHO RYUHO TAIHO	
CV(T)		-				HOSHO	
CV(E)	(24)	SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO CORAL SEA BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU SANTEE CASABLANCA CORREGIDOR ALTAMAHA		WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MANILA BAY NATOMA BAY NEHENTA BAY	E	CHITOSE JINYO KAIYO OTAKA UNYO	
●A ●	(13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW O RLEANS		MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIAHAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE	*	МАХА	
OCA		-				6	
CL	26	OAKLAND RENC CONCORD BIRM IN GHAM		SANTA FE SAN DIEGO MOBILE BILOXI	R	YUBARI TATSUTA RAGARA NATORI ESUZU	
CL(T)		-				KASHII	
AV/CVS		•				3	
DD		Approx 85			(appr	20-25 ox. 15 repairing)	
SS		Approx 30				Approx 25	
AS		9				2(One repairing)	

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

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2 Southwest Pacific (Western Section) Eastern Fleet Area East Indies-Philippines (3) QUEEN ELIZABETH BB (7) NAGATO VALIANT KONGO RENOWN HARUNA ISE HYUGA FUSO YAMASHIRO CV ILLUSTRIOUS ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU CV(E) (4) BATTLER UNICORN SHAH RANGE SUSSEX (5) SUFFOLK (8) AOBA CHIKUMA HAWKINS KUMA NO MOGAMI FROBISHER SUZUYA MYOKO LONDON TONE HAGURO GUMBERLAND CL ADELATDE (9) CARADOC NEWCASTLE (4) YAHAGI KINU CEYLON DANAE OI * KITAGAMI KENYA TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK GAMBIA EMERALD AV/CV3 (2) CHILDS ALBATROSS * KAMOI W.B. PRESTON KCL (2) CANTON CHITRAL MOVS ? Approx 27 25 (24) ANGLER DEMIN Approx 15 17 (incl,6 German) BILLFISH LAPON BLUEFISH POMPON BONEFISH PUFFER NORWHAL BOWFIN On Patrol CABRILLA RASHER FLASHER RATON GUMNEL, RAY HADDO REDFIN HAKE ROBALO JACK K.12 HOE K.15 COD At Fremanth GREVALLE PELIAS ORION AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area only) Fighters (incl.12 twin-eng.) Light & M/Bombers 63 15 Torpedo and D/Bombers Flying Boats Floatplanes 42 Obsn/ A/c 23

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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

No.

16 March, 1944 Date

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/16:

X(1) "PC's 476, 479" escorting "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA" (APA) were to depart

Megum Island 1530/14 for Gladstone, ETA 1050/18.

X(2) "H.T.ALLEN" "WESTRALIA" (APA) were to depart Gladstone 1300/13 for

Cape Sudest ETA 0600/18, passing via Fitzroy Is. ETA 1200/15 and Milne Bay ETA 2200/16. "EROOME" "BALLARAT" to RV off Fitzroy Is. and escort to Milne Bay.

(3) "AUSTRALIA" (CA) was to depart Cape Moreton area 2030/15 for Milne Bay.

(4) "PC.1122" departed Milne Bay 0400/14 to RV with "E.J.HENRY" and escort to Milne Bay.

(5) "PC.1132" departed Milne Bay 1700/14 to RV with "CAPE HENLOPEN" and escort to Milne Bay.

(6) "BENDIGO" (AMS) departed Milne Bay 0500/15 to RV with "ESSO BAYWAY" and escort to Milne Bay.

(7) "KALGOORLIE" "KAPUNDA" escorting Convoy MV.72 (2 MV) departed Milne Bay
1600/13 ETA Townsville 2200/16.

(8) "PC.1124" standing by "PRESIDENT GRANT" aground on S.W. corner of Uluma Reef. Salvage operations in progress with diving perty; "RESERVE" "SONOMA" (AT) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) standing by to assist.

"BOWEN" (AMS) escorting Convoy NF.74 ("CANBERRA" "ORMISTON") departed Port Moresby 1745/14 for Townsville ETA Grafton Passage 0700/16.

(10) "WANGAMELLA" (AH) departed Townsville 1850/15 for Brisbane ETA 1800/16.

(11) "WAGGA" (AMS) departed Cairns 0829/15 for outer A/S patrol Grafton Passage area. (12) "YMS.9" was to depart Caloundra 2200/14 for Cairns ETA 0600/18, for

onward routeing to Milne Bay.

(13) "YMS's 51, 10, 47, 48" were to depart Calcundra 2200/13 for Cairns ETA

0400/17. "APC.14" accompanies, ETA Townsville 1200/16.

(14) "GRAYSON" (DD) escorting "TANGIR" (AV) proceeding Brisbane ETA 1300/16.

(15) "GOLD STAR" (AG) departed Milne Bay 0700/10 for Sydney.
(16) "CALED ONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) in company with "WANAKA" under tow departed

Cairns 1119/10 for Sydney. "SC.749" was to depart Brisbane 1700/12 on Sandy Cape A/S patrol,

departing patrol area 1600/16 for Brisbane. "WHYALLA" (AMS) was to depart Brisbane 16 March, carry out A/A firings Moreton Bay and proceed on Sandy Cape A/S patrol till

16,00/22, then returning Brisbane. (19) "YANDRA" (A/S) departed Sydney 0911/14 for Smoky Cape and return on A/S patrol.
(20) "GANYMEDE" (AKS) was to depart Newcastle Mar.16 for Caloundra ETA

1300/18.

(21) "M. 807" on A/S patrol Coff's Harbour area.

(22) "GEELONG" (AMS) departed Adelaide 0955/15 for Sydney ETA 0900/19.
(23) "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) was to depart Port Phillip 1300/15 for Calcumdra ETA 0900/20.

(24) 5 submarines on patrol.

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(b) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "KIAMA" (AMS) to depart Sydney for Milne Bay via Brisbane p.m. 16 Mar. On arrival to transfer to control of N.O.I.C. New Guinea.

 (2) "FREMANTLE" to be sailed to arrive Melbourne for refit by 31 Mar.

(c) In Harbour:

	1-	
Los Negros Is: Combat Units	15 PT	
Escorts	4	: 1 SC: 738 1 ML: 425 2 YMS: 8, 46
Auxiliaries	1	"OYSTER BAY" (AGP)
Merchantmen	ĩ	: "LAKE ORMAC"
Cape Gloucester:		
Escorts	1	: PC.1134
Auxiliaries	1	: "SHEPPARTON" (AGS)
Merchantmen	1	"YOCHON"
Saider:	24 35	
Combat Units	11 PT	
Escorts	•	Harrison with the said
Auxiliaries	1	: "ETAMIN" (AKS)
Merchantmen	3	"H.G. PAYNE" "K.D. WIGGIN" "W. SHARRON"
Finschhafen:	ac pm	
Combat Units Escorts	35 PT 23	. NADADADN HODERTTAN (ANNO) O VERO. EZ ZZG
ESCOLCS	20	"ARARAT" "BEWALLA" (AMS) 2 YMS: 53, 356 4 PC: 1119, 1123, 1131, 1132
		5 111 424, 428, 802, 803, 804
. —		10 50: 732, 734, 741, 743, 746, 747, 748,
		749, 981
Auxiliaries	6	""PORTUNUS" "HILO" (AGP) "COUCAL" (ASR)
		"HALF MOON" (AVP) "VICTORIA" (AO)
		"CALAMARES" (AF)
Merchantmen	20	: "J.ALDEN" "MACTAN" "N.E. MACK" "W.B.ALLISON"
		"J.NICOLET" "A.ROBINSON" "W.ATWATER"
		"A.THOMAS" "D. HEWES" "W. BEAUMONT" "HANYANG"
		"L.S.KELLY" "M.DALY" "M.T.HERRICK" "J.GOOK"
		"GEO.LUKS" "J.W.DAVIS" "G.L.CURRY"
		"H.L.ABBOTT" "G.Von L. MEYER"
Lae:		
Merchantmen	11	: "W.B.SUBJETTE" "BOMTEKOE" "R.S.BEAN"
		"O. RELLY" "H.T. RAINEY" "MANA" "VAN DEN
		BOSCH" "R.J.WALKER" "F.BILLINGS" "H.V.
-		WHITE" "C.DARROW"
Buna:		0
Escorts	12	: 2 PF: "LONGBEACH" "GLENDALE" 1 ML: 816
		4 SC: 637, 736, 737, 750
Auxiliaries	13	5 YMS: 73, 313, 314, 334, 335
MOVITIGITOS	10	"BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "DOBBIN" (AD) "TRINITY" "SUSQUEHANNA" (AC) "POILUX" "TRIANGULUM"
		(AKS) "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "PING WO"
		"POYANG" (ASIS) "PYRO" (AE) "MINK" (IX)
		1 ARD. 1 YP: 278
Merchantmen	14	: "BRASTAGI" "M. WALKER" "S.C. CLAIRBORNE"
		"J.DOTY" "ISOLATOR" "VAN SPILBERGEN"
		"BORGFRED" "L.STEWART" "S.G.PORTER" "RANO"
		"J.ROSSITER" "G.R. HEBARD" "S. BRANNON"
		"Z.LYKES"
Oro Bay:	de	
Auxiliaries	3	: "RIGEL" (AR) "TULSA" (PG)
Merchan tmen	10	: "B.MATTHEWS" "J.F.BRADLEY" "T.CRAWFORD"
		"RING LARDNER" "J.I. NOLAN" "WEST CACTUS"
		"D.E. HUGHES" "J. SINGER" "A.REHAN"
Mood lewls To		"P.T.DODDRIDGE"
Woodlark Is:		5000 m.
Escorts	1	: YMS. 50
Merchantmen Kiriwina:	2	: "ANHUI" "T.M.COOLEY"
Escorts	1	767 070
Merchantmen	1	: ML. 819 : "VAN SWOLL"
Goodenough Is:	7	S VAL DWOLLD
Escorts	1	. VMC 215
Auxiliaries	1	: YMS. 315
Merchantmen		: "ETOLIN" (AKS)
mo remain ome n	4	"ED.N.WESTCOTT" "D.D.FIELD" "SWARTENHONDT"
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milne Bay:
          Combat Units
                                                       : "SHROPSHIRE"
                                            1 CA
                                                          "NASHVILLE" "PHOENIX" "BOISE"
"STOCKTON" "STEVENSON" "HUTCHINS" "DALY"
"BACHE" "AMMEN" "BEALE" "BUSH" "WILKES"
"KALK" "HOBBEY" "MULLANY" "GILLESPIE"
                                             3 CL
                                                           "WEILES" "REID" "FLUSSER" "SMITH" "MAHAN"
"DRAYTON" "SWANSON" "THORNE" "NICHOLSON"
                                                           "WARRAHUNGA" "ABNER READ" "ARUNGA" "ROE"
                                           16 PT
                                                       : "BARCOO" "GASCOYNE"
         Escorts
                                            2 PF
                                                       : "WAFREGO"
                                            1 PS
                                                        : 650, 698, 699, 735, 742, 982
: "COWRA" "GLENELG" "TOWNSVILLE" "GOULBURN"
                                            6 80
                                            8 AMS
                                                           "BUMBURY" "CASTLEMAINE" "MILDURA"
                                                           "STAWELL"
                                                       : 1120, 1121
: 49, 52, 70, 336, 393
: 427, 431, 801, 817, 818
: "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "BROOKS" "GILMER"
                                            2 PC
                                             5 YMS
                                            6 MI.
         Auxiliaries
                                           19
                                                          "KANE" "SCHLEY" (APD) "SAN PABLO" "HALF
MOON" (AVP) "AASE MAERSK" "(AO) "OTUS".
"FULTON" "EURYALE" (AS) "BOOTES" (AKS)
                                                       "ROOPA" (AGP) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "YUNNAN" (ASIS) 3 YP: 233, 280, 283
: "ALAMO" "ALCIBIADES" "ALGOA FEGASUS"
"ALCOA PATRIOT" "ALGOA POLARIS" "E.G.
         Merchantmen
                                           68
                                                          ACHESON" "ARANSAS PASS" "W.B.AYER"
"J.BARBARA" "BARBARA C." "S.K.BOLIVAR"
                                                          "S.K.BARLOW" "J.BURROUGHS" "CAPE BLANCO"
"CAPE PERPETUA" "J.DEERE" "F.H.DODD"
                                                          "DON MARQUIS" "ESSO HARRISBURG" "G.E.K. FITCH" "M.FLINDERS" "W.GRENFELL"
                                                           "M. GRIFFITH" "A.S. HEWITT" "B.F. IRVINE"
                                                          "JANSSENS" "JAPARA" "E. JOHNSON" "KATOOMBA"
                                                          "J.B.KENDRICK" "M.C.KERR" "M.E.KINNEY"
                                                          "W.S.LADD" "S.LANCASTER" "J.LIND" "MAETSON"
                                                          "J. S. MANSFIELD" "W. MOLENNAN" "B. MATTHEWS"
                                                          "L. MERRITT" "MORMACDALE" "MEXICO" "I. MCCOY"
"MIDWEST FARMER" "W. MCCRACKEN" "MULIAMA"
                                                          "JAMES D. PHALAN" "PAUL REVERE" "PONCE"
                                                          "W.J.ROGER" "J.ROLPH" "ROSEVILLE" "J.ROSS"
"SAN ANTONIO" "SEA DEVIL" "SEA MARLIN"
                                                          "SHAWNEE" "M.J.SINNOTT" "C.L.SMITH" "C.
SPRECKERS" "STAGEN" "THUNDERER" "J.W. VAN
DYKE" "S.M.WHITE" "GEO.VANCOUVER" "VAN DER
                                                          LIJN" "VILLABOBOS" "F.A.WARDELL"
      ort Moresby:
                                                      : 1 AMS: "GYMPIE" 1 ML: 426
         Escorts
                                                      : "POLARIS" (AGS) "SHIKELLAMY" (AO)
         Auxiliaries
         Merchantmen
                                                      " OREGON TRAIL"
    Thursday Is:
                                                :: "FREMANTLE" (AMS) 1 SC: 731
         Escorts
                                           2
                                                       : "BUNGAREE" (CM)
         Auxiliaries
                                           1
    Cairns:
                                                         "CORONADO" "SAN PEDRO" (PF) "PIRIE"
"ROCKHAMPTON" (AMS) 1 SC: 703 1 PC: 477
2 YMS: 11, 72 4 ML: 804, 805, 811, 820
"PLATYPUS" (AR) "MORESBY" (AGS) 1 ARD.
        Escorts
                                          12
        Auxiliaries
                                           3
    Townsville:
        Escorts
                                           1
                                                      : "BUNDABERG" (AMS)
       ckay:
Auxiliaries
                                                      : "HERON" (AVP)
                                           1
   Brisbane:
                                                     : "SWAN" (PS) 1 SC: 745 3 EL:808, 821, 827

: "ALGORAB" (AKS) "MERKUR" (AF) "KURUMBA" (AC

"MAETSUYCKER" (AH) 2 YP: 236, 291

"LEOPARD" (IX)
       Escorts
                                           5
        Auxiliaries
   Sydney:
                                                     : "HOBART" (Refitting)
: "VENDETTA" "STUART"
: "GOLAG" "DELORAINE" "ECHUCA" "GLADSTONE"
        Combat Units
                                         1 CL
                                          2 DD
       Escorts
                                         12
                                                        "KIAMA" "KATOOMBA" "WARRNAMBOOL" (AMS)
                                                         "KYBRA" "AB.CRIJNSSEN" "DOOMBA" (A/S)
Auxiliaries 2 : MANUNDA" (AH) "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "OCTANS" (AT
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Melbourne: 1 AMS : "LITHGOW" Escorts "MOUNT VERNON" (AP) "MIZAR" (AF) Auxiliaries (11) ENEMY FORCES 1) Empress Augusta Bay - A strong enemy assault on the northern sector of the Torokina perimeter was repulsed during the day ended 1500/13. Three counter-attacks using tanks restored the original positions. 209 Japs were killed in these attacks and many more during mopping up. During the same day enemy gun positions were attacked by 131 Dauntless and 95 Avengers. During the following day up to 1200/14 enemy gun positions around Torokina perimeter were again attacked by 118 Dauntless and 54 Avengers. Enemy shelling in the Torokina airfield area was reported to have diminished sharply up to early a.m. 15 Mar. but was resumed again at 0600/15 with some damage to the Piva strip and installations. No aviation casualties or damage is reported. (2) Rabaul - At 1125/13, Tobera was strafed by 16 Hellcats. Between 1125 and 1300/13, Rabaul town and harbour and Vunapope supply area were bombed and strafed by 22 escorted Liberators, and 27 Aircobras, Warhawks and Lightnings. At 0925/14, Vunapope was bombed by 22 Warhawks and Aircobras. Later during the morning the harbour front was bombed by 23 Liberators, 22 Mitchells, 24 Dauntless and 18 Avengers with fighter cover. Fires were started and two naval 4.7" guns demolished. At 1700/14, Tobera-Rapope area was reconncitred by 4 Hellcats but no enemy were encountered. (3) Admiralty Islands - Supported by bombing and strafing by escorted Mitchells (27 reported to date) and naval bombardment involving 4 destroyers, substantial U.S. forces landed in the Lugon Mission (approx 2 miles West of Lorengau aerodrome) at 0945/15. The preliminary bombardment left little uncleared By 1300/15, our advanced elements had reached opposition. a position a mile West of Lorengau airfield. Enemy opposition continues in the area West of Papitalai on Los Negros Island. Total enemy killed on Hauwei Island since the occupation and up to 14 Mar. numbered 75. (4) Altape - The merchant vessel seen at 0450/15, 80 miles N. by E. of Altape (reported yesterday's Summary No. 777) was on course 60°, indicating probably that the vessel was departing from the New Guinea area. At 1100/14, aircraft reported one possible destroyer and two merchant vessels in addition to another unidentified type vessel in or near Sissane Lagoon. The air offensive against Wewak was continued 15 Mar. when at 1020-1145/15, A/A positions and installations in the Wewak area and targets at Kairiru Island were attacked by escorted light, (5) Wewak . medium and heavy bombers. Reports received show that 25 Liberators, 28 Mitchells and 24 Bostons were involved. Fires were started visible from 75 miles away. Ehemy fighter opposition was apparently met and some planes destroyed but results are not yet complete. (6) Ramy River Mouth - During the night 14-15 Mar. 8 barges westbound off Broken Water Bay were strafed by a Catalina and driven ashore. (7) Saidor - At 0408/15, enemy aircraft dropped 6 bombs on the Saidor supply area causing some material damage. 2. MORTH WESTERN AREA (1) ALLIED FORCES (a) At Sea to 1200/16: (1) "INVEREIL" (AMS) escorting Convoy DT-44 (2 MV) departed Darwin 0630/14 for Thursday Is. ETA 1600/17. (2) "WILCANNIA" (AMS) escerting Convoy TD.47 ("BOMBO" "BANGALOW" "CORIO") departed Thursday Is. 2046/12 for Darwin ETA 1700/17.

(3) 24 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

5	: "COOTAMUNDRA" "LATROBE" (AMS)
	3 ML: 429, 809, 816
4	: "COOLEBAR" "DILGA" "W. PROUSE" "ADMIRAL
	CHASE"
1	: "BABINDA"
2	: "SUVA" "MILDURA"
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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/16:

(1) "DUBBO" (AMS) "ML's 824, 812, 826" departed Albany 1100/15 for Fremantle ETA 1100/17.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:	2 04	Harragery II
Combat Units	1 CA	: "SUSSEX"
	1 CL	3 "ADELAIDE"
Escorts	2	: "HORSHAM" (AMS) 1 SC:739
Auxiliaries	9	: "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" (AMS) "YUMA" (AT)
24 11 11 11 11 11 11 11		"W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS)
		II have been been been been been been been be
12 - 11 11 12 12 12 13		"CHANTICLEER" (ASR) 1 YP: 286 1 ARD.
Exmouth Gulf:		Name of the latest the
Auxiliaries	2	: "CHILDS" (AV) 1 YP: 288
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B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

ENEMY FORCES

Marshalls-Carolines - During 13 Mar. light air strikes were conducted against Kusaie, Mille, Wotje, Jaluit and Taroa.

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

(1) Increased naval and air strength Malayan theatre.

(2) Withdrawal of forward positions in Bismarcks.
(3) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.

(4) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation

runs to forward areas.
(5) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive patrol activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

DAILY HAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

	ALC IE	D FCROES	14			ENEMY	PORCES
		est Pacific rn Section)	Sou	th Pacific	Bismar Solomo		Carolines Marianas
BB		-					MUSASHI
OV(E)		COPAREE					CHIYODA
GA	(2)	AUSTRALIA SHROFSHIRE		-	-	(3)	ATAGO TAKAO
4		dillicabund					CHOKAI
•		BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX HOBART	ж	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONT PELLIER HONOLULU ST.LOUIS DENVER LEANDER	-	(2)	OYODO NOSHIRO
CL(T)				_			KASHIMA
AV/CVS		TANGIER	(2)	WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	-		AKITSUSHIMA
XAV/XOVS	(2)	HALF MOON SAN PABLO		BALLARD	-		3
		ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA MAEAN DRAYTON FLUSSER REID SMITH ALMEN BACHE BEALE DUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS HOBBEY KALK GILLESPIE WEILES STOCKTON NICHOLSON WILKES STEVENSON THORW ABNER READ ROE		Approx 45			15

GRAYSON

		west Pacific ern Se cti on)		South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marianas
SS	(5)	BASHAW) BLACKFISH) GATO) PETO) SCAMP)	On	Patrol	15	25
	(3)	S.47) S.42) BLUEGILL)	on	Passage		*
	(2)	DACE) FLOUNDER)	At	Milne Bay		
	(2)	CERO)	At	Sydney	2	
PT		Approx 85		Approx 110	?	3
YA/APD/	AKA (8)	H.T.ALLEN KANIMBLA WESTRALIA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	i	10 APA 10 APD 5 AKA		
AGC		BLUE RIDGE				
AS	(3)	OTUS FULTON EURYALE			?	?
AD		DOBBIN			•	
AR	(3)	RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS		PROMETHEUS		
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DD .		9			7	

2 (one repairing)

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC-EMPIRE

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	ALLI	ED FORCES		1	SMEMY FORCE	3
BB	(18)	INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA IOWA WASHINGTON NEW JERSEY MASSACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA	COLORADO MARYLAND TENNESSEE NEW MEXICO MISSISSIPPI IDAHO ALABAMA PENN SYLVANIA OKLAHOMA	(2)	YAMATO MUTSU (pro	ob.sunk)
CV	(7)	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON SARATOGA	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL		•	
OV(L)	(7)	COWPENS BELIEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY INDEPENDENCE	(5)	HITAKA HAYATAKA ZUIHO RYUHO TAIHO	
CV(T)		-			HOSHO	
CV (E)	(24)	SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO CORAL SEA BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU SANTEE CASABLANCA CORREGIOOR ALTAMAHA	WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY PATROILER FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KALINUN BAY KITKUN BAY MANILA BAY NATOMA BAY	я	CHITOSE JINYO KAIYO OTAKA UNYO	
CA	(13)	BALTIMERE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE	ж	MAYA	
OCA		•			6	
CL		OAKLAND MRENO MCONCORD M BIHMINGHAM	SANTA FE SAN DIEGO MOBILE BILOXI	H. H.	YUBARI TATSUTA NAGARA NATORI ISUZU	
CL(T)		•			KASHII	
AV/CV3		ew.			3	
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4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

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TRENTON

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	Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	E	astern Flee	t Area	E	ast Indies	-Philippines
BB	60	(3)	QUEEN ELIZ VALIANT RENOWN	ABETH	(7)	NAGATO KONGO HARUNA ISE	HYUGA FUSO YAMASHIRO
CV	•		TLLUSTRIO	JS		ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU	
CV(E)	•	(4)	BATTLER UNICORN SHAH RANEE			•	
	SUSSEX	(5)	SUFFOLK HAWKINS PROBISHER LONDON CUMBERLAN		(8)	AOBA KUMANO SUZUYA TONE	CHIKUMA MOGAMI MYOKO HAGURO
CL	ADELAIDE	(9)	CARADOC CEYLON KENYA GAMBIA EMERALD	NEWCASTLE DANAE TROMP VAN HEEMS!		YAHAGI OI KINU KITAGAMI	
AV/CVS	(2) CHILDS N.B. PRESTON		ALBATROSS		H	KAMOI	
XOL	-	(2)	CANTON CHITRAL			-	
XAV/XCVS	_		9				
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	BONEFISH PUFFER BOWFIN NORWHAL CABRILLA RASHER FLASHER RATON GUNNEL RAY HADDO REDFIN HAKE ROBALO JACK K.12 HOE K.15	on)	Patrol				
	COD CREVALLE)) At	Fremantle				
AS	PELIAS ORION						
Fighters	(N.W.Area Only) (Incl. 12 twin-en M/Bombers and D/Bombers	g.)	63 15				
Floatpla Obsn. A/	nes		42 23				

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No.779

Date 17 March. 1944.

PART 1.

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/17:

- (CA) was to depart Cape Moreton area 2030/15 for Milne Bay. "AUSTRALIA" "H.T.ALLEN" "WESTRALIA" (APA) were to depart Gladstone 1300/13 for Cape Sudest ETA 0600/18, passing via Fitzroy Is.ETA 1200/15 and Milne Bay ETA 2200/16.
- "FLUSSER" "SMITH" (DD) escorting "FULTON" (AS) were to depart Milne Bay (3)
- 16 March proceeding out of S.W.P.A. (AMS) departed Milne Bay 0500/15 to RV with "ESSO BAYWAY" (4) "BENDIGO" and escort to Milne Bay.
- standing by "PRESIDENT CRANT" aground on S.W. corner of Uluma Reef. Salvage operations in progress with diving party; "RESERVE" "SONOMA" (AT) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) (5) "PC.1124" standing by to assist.
- JOHN" (AT) towing 1 AFD proceeding Milne Bay ETA 18 March. "MANOGRA" (APA) departed Megum Island 1530/14 for Gladstone "BAYOU ST. ETA 1050/18.
- (AMS) departed Cairns 0829/15 for outer A/S patrol Grafton "WAG GA" passage area.
- was to depart Calcumdra 2200/14 for Cairns ETA 0600/18 for "YMS.9" onward routeing to Milne Bay. (AMS) departed Brisbane 1623/16 to carry out A/A firings
- (10) "WHYALLA" Moreton Bay and proceed on Sandy Cape A/S patrol till 1600/22, then returning Brisbane.
- (11) "DELORATNE" (AMS) departed Sydney 0907/16 on A/S patrol to Smoky Cape and return.
- (AMS) departed Sydney 1729/16 for Brisbane ETA 1100/18.
 (AKS) departed Newcastle 1500/16 for Caloundra ETA 0500/18.
 on A/S patrol Coff's Harbour area.
 SALVOR" (ARS) in company with "WANAKA" under tow departed 12) "KIAMA" "GANYMEDE" (13) "ML.807" (14)
- (15) "CALEDONIAN Cairns 1119/10 for Sydney.
- (16) "GEELONG" (AMS) departed Adelaide 0955/15 for Sydney ETA 0900/19. (17) "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) was to depart Port Phillip 1300/15 for Caloundra
- ETA 0900/20. "MOUNT VERNON" (AP) was to depart Port Phillip 0930/17 for Fremantle. 19) 5 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

(1) "MAHAN" "DRAYTON" (DD) to depart Milne Bay 22 March proceeding out of

S.W. P.A.

S.W. P.A.

(2) "FREMANTLE" to be sailed on completion boiler cleaning to arrived Melbourne for refit by 31 Mar.

(e) In Harbour:

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Combat Units		PT	1 1 405 0 VIII 9 46
Escorts	3		: 1 ML: 425 2 YMS: 8, 46
Auxiliaries	1		"OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "LAKE ORMAC" "M. DALY"
Mer chan tmen	2		: "LAKIS URHAU" M.JAMI
Cape Gloucester:			mrs 9 4 77 8
Escorts	1		PC.1134 "SHEPPARTON" (AGS)
Auxiliaries			
Merchantmen	1		: "YOCHOW"
Saidor:		and the second	
Combat Units	11		2 22 2
Escorts	2		: 1 PO:1131 1 SC:744
Auxiliaries	1		"ETAMIN" (AKS)
Merchantmen	3		"H.C. PAYNE" "W. SHARRON" "J. H. ROSSETER"
Firschhafen:			
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Escorts	22		: "ARARAT" "BENALLA" (AMS) 5 YMS:53, 73,316
			335, 336,
			: 3 PO:1119, 1123, 1132
			: 5 MI:424, 428, 802, 803, 804
			7 30:732, 734, 737, 743, 747, 748, 981.
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			(LO) WCATAMARES" (AF)
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			"S. BRAN MON" "LYMAN STEWART" "A. THOMAS"
			"D BEWES" "W. BEAUMONT" "HANYANG"
		-7	"C P WERARD" "L.S.KELLY" "M.T. HERRICK"
			"I GOOK" "G.R. HEBARD""GEO.LUKS""J.W.DAVIS"
			"G.L.CURRY" "ISOLATOR" "AUN" "H.L.ABBOTT"
			"G. Von L. MEYER" "E. JOHNSON"
			"VAN SPILBERGEN" "K.D. WIGGIN" "J.DOTY"
			"Z.LYKES"
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Auxiliaries			"W.B.SUBJETTE" "BONTEKOE" "R.S.BEAN"
erchan tmen	1.	L	"O KELLY" H.T. RAI NEY" MANA" VAN DEN BOSCH
			"R.J.WALKER" "F.BILLINGS""H.V.WHITE"
			"C.DARROW"
Buna:			: 2 PF: "LONGBEACH" "GLENDALE" 1 ML:816
Escorts	1:	L	5 80: 637, 736, 741, 746, 750
			5 501 657, 756, 784, 780, 100
1.8 11 1224 12.4 12.1			3 YME:313, 314, 334. "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "DOBRIN" (AD)
Auxiliaries		9	"TRIBITY" (AC) "POILUX" "TRIANGULUM" (AKS)
			TRIETTY (AC) "POLLUA" TRIANGUION (ALLO)
			"CARTER HALL" (LSD) "POYANG" (ASIS)
			"FYRO" (AE) 1 ARD.
Merchantmen		7	"M. WALKER" "S.C. CLAIRBORNE" "BORGFRED"
			"S.G. PORTER" "RAMO" "C.L. SMITH"
			"CAPE PERPETUA"
oro Bay:			Maria Maria Maria California
Auxiliaries		2	"RIGEL" (AR) "TULSA" (PG)
Merchantmen	1	3	"B. HATTHEWS" "J.F. BRADLEY" "T. CRAWFORD"
			"RING LARDNER" "J.I.NOLAH" "WEST CACTUS"
			"D.E. HUGHES" "J. SINGER" "A. REHAN"
			"ALCOA POLARIS" "P.T.DODDRIDGE"
			"SAN ANTONIO" "CAPE SPENCER"
Woodlark Is:			
Escorts		1	YMS.50
Merchantmen		1	"T.M.COOLEY"
Auxiliaries		1	YP:278
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(e) In Harbour (contd). Goodenough Is: 1 Escorts : YMS:315 Auxiliaries * "ED. N.WESTCOTT" "D.D.FIELD" SWARTENHONDT"
"VAN OUTHOCRN" "ANHUI" 5 Merchan tmen Milne Bay: 1 CA: "SHROPSHIRE" Combat Units 3 CL: "NASHVILLE" "PHOENIX" "BOISE"
24 DD: "STOCKTON" "STEVENSON" "HUTCHIKS" "DALY" "BACHE" "AMMEN" "BEALE" "BUSH" "WILKES" "KALK" "HOBBY" "MULLANY" "GILLESPIE" "WELLES" "REID" "MAHAN" "DRAYTON" "SWANSON" "THORNE" "NIC HOLSON" "WARRAMUNGA" "ABNER READ" 16 PT 2 PF: "BARCCO" "GASCOYNE"
1 PS: "WARREGO" Escorts 7 SC: 650, 698, 699, 735, 738, 742, 982 9 AMS "COWRA" "GLENELG" "GOUBLURN" "BUNBURY" "CASTLEMAINE" "MILDURA" "STAWELL" "BROOME" "BALLARAT" 5 PC: 476, 479, 1120, 1122, 1132 5 YMS: 49, 52, 70, 336, 393 5 ML: 427, 431, 801, 817, 818 9 "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "BROOKS" "GILMER" "KANE" 19 "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "BROOKS" GILMER" "KANE"

"SCHLEY" (APD) "SAN PABLO" "HALF MOON" (AVP)

"AASE MAERSK" (AO) "OTUS" "EURYALE" (AS)

"BOOTES" (AKS) "KOOPA" (AGP) "AMYCUS" (ARL)

"YURNAN" "PING WO" (ASIS) 3 YP:233, 280, 283

"ALAMO" "ALCIBIADES" "ALCOA PEGASUS" "ALCOA

PATRIOT" "E.G.ACHESON" "J.ALDEN" "ARANSAB

PASS" "W.B.AYER" "J.BARBARA" "BARBARA C."

"S.K.BARLOE" "S.K.BOLTVAR" "T. BURDOUGUS" Auxiliaries 70 Merchan tmen "S.K.BARLOW" "S.K.BOLIVAR" "J.BURROUGHS"
"CAPE BLANGO" "CAPE HENLOPEN" "CAPE ST. GEORGE" "CEFALU" "J.DEERE" "F.H.DODD"
"DON MARQUIS" "ESSO HARRISBURG" "G.E.K.FITCH"
"M.FLINDERS" "W.GRENFELL" "M.GRIFFITH" "E.J. HENRY" "A.S. FEWITT". B.F. IRVINE" "JANSSENS"
"JAPARA" "KATOOMBA" "M.C. KERR" "M.E. KINNEY"
"W.S. LADD" "S. LANCASTER" "J. LIND" "MAETSON"
"J.S. MANSFIELD" "W. MCLENHAN" "W.G. MCCRACKIN" "B. MATTHEWS" "L.MERRITT" "MORMACDALE" "MEXICO" "I.McCOY" "MIDWEST FARMER"
"MULIAMA" "JAMES D. PHALAH" "PAUL REVERE"
"PONCE" "W.G.ROGER" "J.ROLPH" "ROSEVILLE" "J.ROSS" "SEA DEVIL" "SEA MARLIN" "SHAWNEE"
"N.J.SINNOTT" "C.SPRECKERS" "STAGEN" "TAROONA"
"THUNDERER" "J.W.VAN LIJU" "VILLABOBOS" "F.A. WARDELL" Port Moresby: 1 AMS: "GYMPIE" 1 ML: 426 1 PC: 1121 "POLARIS" (AGS) "SHIKELLAMY" (AO) 3: Escorts Auxiliaries 2: "OREGON TRAIL" "GORGON" Merchantmen 2: Thursday Is: "FREMANTLE" (ALS) 1 SC: 731 Escorts 2: "BUNGARSE" (CM) Auxiliaires 1: Cairns: "CORONADO" "SAN PEDRO" (PF) "KALGOORLIE" "KAPUNDA" "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWN SVILLE" (AMS) Escorts 19: 1 SC: 703 1 PC:477 6 YMS: 10,11, 47,48,51 4 ML:804, 805, 811, 820 "PLATYPUS" (AR) "MORESBY" (AGS) 1 ARD. Auxiliaries 3 : Townsville: "BUNDABERG" "BOWEN" (AMS) Escorts 2: Mackay: "HERON" (AVP) Auxiliaries 1: Brisbane: Combat Units 1 DD: "GRAY SON" "SWAN" (PS) 2 SC: 745,749 3 ML:808, 821, 827
"TANGIER" (AV) "ALGORAB" (AKS) "MERKUR" (AF)
"KURUMBA" (AO) "MAETSUYCKER" (AH) 2 YP:236,291

"LEOPARD" (IX) "WANGANELLA" (AH)

Escorts Auxiliaries northern sector of the perimeter had been completely reestablished and wired. Total Jap dead counted to 13 Mar. during the recent actions numbered 1173 excluding those outside visual range from within our lines.

Enemy gun positions around the Torokina perimeter were attacked p.m. 14 Mar. by 12 Dauntless and during the night 14-15 Mar. by 15 Avengers. At least 3 guns received direct hits. During the 24 hours ended 0930/16 the only enemy artillery fire received in the area was 3 shells on the Piva airfield.

During the night 15-16 Mar. 3 barges off Jaba diver were attacked by PT boats co-operating with a destroyer and a Catalina. All 3 barges were hit and beached,

at least 2 being burned. St. Georges Channel - At 1250 - 1600/15 the approaches to Rabaul and southern New Ireland coast were swept by 25 Hellcats. 6 barges and 1 boat were strafed and destroyed or damaged and the Cape St. George radar station left burning briskly following an explosion.

Kavieng - Reconnaissance 14 Mar. reported 2 small patrol vessels only

Rabaul

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in the Kavieng anchorage.
- Between 1055/15 and 1130/15 Lakunai, Tobera and Rapopo airfields and Vunapope supply area were attacked by 24 escorted Liberators, 22 unescorted Liberators, 8 escorted Mitchells 36 Dauntless 25 Avengers with escort, and 31 Lightnings, Aircobras, Warhawks. The runways at all 3 airfields were rendered unserviceable and fires started including some probably burning a rcraft and large fires also started at Vunapope.

At dusk 15 Mar. Rebaul coastline was again swept by 16 Corsairs in 2 flights. A burning ship was seen in Koravia Bay and a floatplane taking off Nabuto Bay (Namatanai).

Photographic coverage 15 Mar. reveals :-Lakunai 2 M. 2 DB. Unserviceable Vunakanau 2 MB. SFRVILEABLE. Pobera 3 F. Unserviceable Aircraft 3 F. Airfields Tobera M11 Rapopo Keravat nil nil

Total 11 a/c whereof 5 F. 4 DB. 2 MB.

Harbour: 2 freighters (approx. 750 tons each) 1 "flak" ship, barge count incomplete. 3 Fleatplanes, 1 flying boat. - P.m. 15 Mar. 6-8 barges in Open Bay were strafed by 4 Open Bay -Aircobras. At least 2 were sunk but other results were unobserved.

7. Ubili and Ulamona - were attacked 0100/16 by 17 Beauforts covering targets satisfactorily.

Talesea - On 15 Mar, our forward elements were in contact with the 8. enomy between Patanga and Kilu (9 miles S.S.M. of Talasea).

9. Eleonora Bay - On 15 Mar. 21 Japs were killed by our patrols near the Kavilapo River mouth. 10. Admiralty Is. - During the night 13 - 14 Mar. one enemy barge was destroyed by PT boats off Mataan (south coast Los Begros Is.) and another captured intact. On 15 Mar. enemy resistance was maintained in the dense terrain west of Papitalai. Total enemy dead up to 15 Mar. numbered 1446. Enemy effective strength in the entire Admiralty Is. is estimated at 2000. 11. Vitu Islands - During the night 13 - 14 Mar. 3 enemy barges were encountered by PT boats off Carove Is. but the barges escaped. 12. Hollandia - At approx. 2100/15 a convoy described as 3 freighter transports of 2-4,500 tons each with 5 escorts including 1 destroyer type, was reported by Catalinas 70 - 100 miles N.N.W. of Hollandia on course 1760. The ships were attacked but results have not yet been assessed. 13. Wewak - Final details of the air strike 15 Mar. shows that 47 Liberators effectively combed assigned targets in the Wewak Mission area with approx. 175 tons of 1000 lb. and 2000 lb. bombs. Kairuru Is. floatplane base and installations were attacked by 35 Bostons and 35 Mitchells heavily strafing the area in addition to dropping over 60 tons of 500 lb. and 250 lb. bombs. Weak enemy air interception was attempted and 5 fighters were shot down and another probably shot down by escorting Lightnings. Two Lightnings are missing but 1 pilot was rescued. The offensive was maintained 16 Mar. (1025 - 1100/16) when 31 Liberators attacked Wewak with 103 tons of 250 lb. and 300 lb. bombs destroying the Army Headquarters. The supply area at Brandi Plantation was effectively bombed and strafed by 10 Mitchells and 35 Bostsons. There was no interception. The only shipping reported in the Wewak area 15 Mar. a normal concentration of barges. 14. Hansa Bay - A.m. 16 Mar. stores and personnel at Nubia plantation were attacked by 19 Mitchells. There was no interception. 15. Hansa Bay - Bunabun - Reconnaissance p.m. 16 Mar reported at least 100 barges along the shore between Mansa Bay and Bunabun. Apparently an additional 30 - 40 barges including 1 vessel resembling an LST were seen in Uligan Harbour. 16. Bogadjim Road . Our forward elements were in contact with the enemy 1000 yars N.N.W. of Daumoina on 15 Mar. 17. Dumpu - On 15 Mar. 2 Gnemy bombers ineffectually raided Dumpu sirfield: 1 bomber was shot down by A/A. 18. Huon Gulf - At 2210/15 a submarine was indicated 35 miles E.S.E. of Salamaua. NORTH WESTERN AREA (1) ALLIED FORCES (a) At Sea to 1200/17:
"INVERBLA" (AMS) escorting Convoy DT.44 92 MV) departed Darwin 0630/14 for Thursday Is. ETA 1600/17. (2) "WILCANNIA" (AMS) Escorting Convoy TD.47("BOMBO" "BANGALOW" "CORIO") departed Thursday Is. 2046/12 for Darwin ETA 1700/17. 17 submarines on patrol (b) In Harbour: Darwin: Escorts : "COOTAMUNDRA" "LATROBE" (AMS) 3 ML: 429, 809, 816 : "COCLEBAR" "DILGA" "W. PROUSE" "ADMIRAL CHASE" 建 Groote Eylandt: Merchantmen 1 : "BABINDA" lville Bay: Merchantmen : "SUVA" "MILDURA" (ii) ENEMY FORCES Sourabaya -At midnight 15 - 16 Mar. the naval docks and factory area at Sourabaya were bombed by 9 Liberators. Clouds prevented observation of results and of any shipping in the harbour. One enemy night fighter was seen airborne but no interception was effected. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

At Sea to 1200/17:

(b) in Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat Units 1 CA : "SUSSEX"

1 CL : "ADELAIDE"

Escorts 6 : "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739

3 ML: 812, 824, 826 "ATREUS (CM) "LARK" (AMS) "YUMA" (AT) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) 1 YP:286 1 AMD.

Auxiliaries 2 : "CHILDS" (AV) 1 YP: 288.

SOUTH PACIFIC ENEMY FORCES.

New Caledonia - At 0210/15 a possible submarine was contacted 105 miles

CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

Auxiliaries

ENEMY FURGES

Carolines - Marshalls - On 14 Mar, a U.S. Submarine reported warships at Woleai but no details could be given. Aircraft were also reported operation on or off the island.

INDIAN CCEAR -

ENEMY FORCES.

Cocos Island - At 1230/16 an enemy flying boat reconnoitred Cocos Island.

Killindini Area - An unidentified aircraft was reported approaching

Killindini during the night 13 - 14 Mar. considered probably
from a Japanese submarine located within 150 miles to
southward. At 1800/15 a submarine was attacked by "LULWOATH"

(PS) in a position 150 miles of Mombara.

Submarine Activity. 2 submarines were fixed by D/F during the night

14 - 15 Mar. to the S.E. of Mauritius, and the following night,
15 - 16 Mar. a German submarine was fixed by D/F in the area
east of Chagos Archipelago - south of Ceylon.

maider Activity. At approx. 0900/9 Mar. (local time) the British merchantman "BEHAR" (6100 tons) made a distress signal from a position 780 miles S.W. by S. of Cocas reporting being attacked and shelled by an enemy warship. No further message was received. In addition the British freighter "SUTLET" (5189 tons) which is estimated to have been in the same area on March 3rd, is now reported 5 days overdue at Fremantle suggesting she may also have been a victim to the enemy force.

This is the first evidence of enemy surface raider activity in the Indian Ocean since June 1943 and there is no evidence to suggest any German surface raiders operating in this area at the present time.

It is possible that a Japanese raiding force (possibly cruisers) may have proceeded south from N.E.I. waters and be operating in the Indian Ocean.

ESTIMATE OF ELEMY'S CAPABILITIES.

(1) Increased nenval and air strength Malayan theatre.

Withdrawal of forward positions in Bismarcks.
Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North coast New Guinea,
East Indies, alayan areas.

(4) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.

(5) Continued use of submarines for recommaissance and offensive patrol activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

NO AMERICAN CONTRACTOR AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY OF THE PA		thwest Pacific estern Section)	S	outh Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons		Carolines Marianas
BB							MUSASHI
CV(E)		-		-	•		CHIYODA
CA	(2)	AUSTRALIA SEROPSHIRE		•	-	(3)	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI
<u>CL</u>		BOISE NASHVILE PHCENIX HOEART	34	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONT PELL IER HONOLULU ST.LOUIS DENVER LEANDER	•	(2)	OYODO NOSHIRO
OL(T)		•		-			KASHIMA
AV/ovs		TANGIER	(2)	WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	-		AKIT SUSHIMA
MAV/XCVS	(5)	HALF MOON SAN PABLO		BALLARD	-		3
		ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER REID SMITH AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS HOBBEY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES STOCKTON NICHOLSON WILKES STEVENSON		Approx 45			15
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ENEMY FORCES

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CA	(7)	ENTER PRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON SARATOGA		INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL		•
OV(L)	(7)	COMPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON		CABOT LANGLEY INDEPENDENCE	(5)	HITAKA HAYATAKA ZUIHO RYUHO TAIHO
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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/18:

- (1) "AUSTRALIA" (CA) departed Cape Moreton area 2030/15 was due Milne Bay 0935/18.
- (2) "H.T.ALLEN" "WESTRALIA" (APA) on route Gladstone to Cape Sudest were
- due 0600/18.
 (3) "BENDIGO" "BUNBURY" "STAWELL" "GLENELG" (AMS) departed Milne Bay 0700/17
- for Finschhafen ETA 1700/18.

 (4) "YMS.335" "SC.757" escerting Convoy GB.59 (4 MV, including "SUSQUEHANNA") departed Finschhafen 1115/16 for Milne Bay ETA 1100/18.
- (5) "BAYOU ST. JOHN" (AT) towing 1 ARD proceeding Milne Bay ETA 18 March.
 (6) "GASCOYNE" (PF) escorting "TAROONA" departed Milne Bay 1345/17 was due
- Port Moresby 1000/18.
- (7) "BROOME" "BALLARAT" (AMS) departed Milne Bay 1430/17 for Cairns ETA 1300/19.
- (8) "MILDURA" "CASTLEMAINE" (AMS) escorting Convey MV.73 (4 MV) departed Milne Bay 1640/16 for Townsville ETA 0600/19. Escorts proceed Cairns ETA 1700/18.
- "YP.238" departed Milne Bay 0830/15 for Brisbane ETA 21 March.
 (10) "PC.1124" standing by "PRESIDENT GRANT" aground on S.W. corner of Uluma Reef. Salvage operations in progress with diving party; "RESERVE" "SONOMA" (AT) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) standing by
- to assist.
 (11) "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA" (APA) departed Megum Island 1530/14 for Gladstone
- ETA 1050/18.
- (12) "PIRIE" (AMS) was to depart Cairns 1100/18 for Thursday Is. ETA 1400/20. (13) "YMS.9" en route Calcundra to Cairns was due 0600/18 for onward routeing to Milne Bay.
- (14) "BUNDABERG" escerting Convoy TN.230 (4 MV) en route Townsville to Fitzro:
 Is. to RV with "KALGOORLIE" "KAPUNDA" "TOWNSVILLE" and 1 MV
- ex Cairns at approx 1600/18 for onward escorting to Port
 Moresby (1 ship) and Milne Bay (4 ships).

 (15) "WAGGA" (AMS) conducting outer A/S patrol Grafton Passage area.

 (16) "MIZAR" (AF) departed Port Phillip Heads 1500/17 for Brisbane.

 (17) "WHYALLA" returning Sydney from A/S patrol Sandy Cape area on relief by
 "DELORAINE" departed Sydney 0907/16. "WARRNAMBOOL" was to
 depart Sydney 0900/18 to relieve "DELORAINE".
- (18) "ML.807" on A/S patrol Coff's Harbour area.
- 19)
- "KIAMA" (AMS) departed Sydney 1729/16 for Brisbane ETA 1100/18.
 "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) in company with "WANAKA" under tow departed
- Gairns 1119/10 for Sydney.

 "GEELONG!" (AMS) departed Adelaide 0955/15 for Sydney ETA 0900/19.

 "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) departed Port Phillip 1300/15 for Caloundra ETA (22) "WHIPPOORWILL"
- 0900/20. (23) "MOUNT VERNON" (AP) departed Port Phillip 0930/17 for Frementle.
- (24) 5 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "GYMPIE" escorting "GORGON" to depart Port Moresby p.m. 18 Mar. for
- Townsville.

 12) "MAHAN" "DRAYTON" (DD) to depart Milne Bay 22 Mar. proceeding out of
- S.W.P.A.

 (3) "FREMANTLE" to be sailed on completion boiler cleaning to arrive Melbourne for refit by 31 Mar.

(c) In Harbour:

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Los Negros Island:				
Combat Units		PT		
Escorts	3		2	1 ML: 425 2 YMS: 8, 46
Auxiliaries	I		2	"OYSTER BAY" (AGP)
Merchantmen	2			"LAKE ORHAC" "M. DALY"
Cape Gloucester:	-		•	STREET TAY DESCRIPTION TO SECURE AND SECURE
Escorts	2		6	PC's 1133, 1134
Auxiliaries	ĩ			"SHEPPARTON" (AGS)
	2			"YOCHOW " "MELIEGA"
Merchantmen		COMPANY.	ā	TOCHON SELLECA
Saidor: Combat Units		PT		
Escorts	3			1 PC:1131 2 SC: 744, 748
Auxiliaries	1			"ETAMIN" (AKS)
Merchantmen	3		8	"H.C. PAYEE" "W.SHARRON" "J. H.ROSSITER"
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Combat Units	35	PT		
Escorts	20		**	"ARARAT" "BENALLA" (AMS) 4 YMS:53,73,316,33
				3 PC: 1119, 1123, 1132 4 ML: 424, 428, 803, 804
	-			7 80: 637, 648, 732, 734, 743, 747, 981
Auxiliaries	7		2	"PORTUNUS" "HILO" (AGP) "COUCAL" (ASR)
				"HALF MOON" (AVP) "VICTORIA" (AO) "GALAMARES
				(AF) "TRIANGULUM" (AKS)
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				"CITY OF HOUSTON" "A.ROBINSON" "W.ATWATER" "S.BRANNON" "LYMAN STEWART" "A.THOMAS"
				"D. HEWES" "W. BEAUMONT" "HANYANG" "G.R. HEBARI
				"L.S.KELLY" "M.T.HERRICK" "J.GOOK"
				"GEO.LUKS" "J.W.DAVIS" "G.L.CURRY" "AUN"
				"ISOLATOR" "H.L.ABBOTT" "G.V.L.MEYER"
				"E. JOHNSON" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "J. DOTY"
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le:				
Merchantmen	8		4	"R.S. BEAN" "O. KELLY" "H.T. RAINEY" "VAN DEN
				BOSCH" "R.J.WALKER" "F.BILLINGS" "H.V.
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	2000			4 SC: 736, 741, 746, 750 3 YMS:313,314,334 "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "DOEBIN" (AD) "TRINITY" (AO) "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "POYANG" (ASIS)
Auxiliaries	7			"BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "DOBBIN" (AD) "TRINITY"
				(AO) "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "POYANG" (ASIS)
				1 ARD. "MINK" (IX)
Mer chan tmen	6		9	"M.WALKER" "S.C.CLAIRBORNE" "BORGFRED"
				"S.G. PORTER" "C.L. SMITH" "CAPE PERPETUA"
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			*	"RIGEL" (AR) "TULSA" (PG)
Merchantmen	13			"B.MATTHEWS" "J.F.BRADLEY" "T.CRAWFORD" "RING LARDNER" "J.I.NOLAN" "WEST CACTUS"
				"RING LARDNER" "J.I. NOLAN" "WEST CACTUS"
-				"D.E. HUGHES" "J. SINGER" "A. REHAN" "ALCOA
				POLARIS" "P.T. DODDRIDGE" "SAN ANTONIO"
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Escorts	1			YMS:50
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Escorts	1			ML: 819
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Merchantmen	4		9	
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				"YAN OUTHORN"
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"SHROPSHIRE"
        Combat Units
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                                                                           : "NASHVILLE" "PHOENIX" "BOISE"
                                                        3 CL
                                                                               "STOCKTON" "STEVENSON" "HUTCHINS" "DALY"
"BACHE" "AMMEN" "BEALE" "BUSH" "WILKES"
                                                      24 DD
                                                                               "KALK" "HOBEEY" "MULLANY" "GILLESPIE"
"WELLES" "REID" "MAHAN" "DRAYTON" "SWANSON"
                                                                              "THORNE" "NICHOLSON" "WARRAMUNGA" "ABNER
READ" "ARUNTA" "ROE"
                                                     16 PT
* Note: Special Operational Movements forward of Milne Bay not shown.
                                                                           : "BARCOO"
           Escorts
                                                        1 PF
                                                                           : "WARREGO"
                                                        1 PS
                                                                          : 650, 698, 699,735, 738, 742, 982
: "COWRA" "GOULBURN"
                                                        7 SC
                                                        2 AMS
                                                                          "COWRA" "GOULBURN"

476, 479, 1120, 1122

49, 52, 70, 336, 393

427, 431, 801, 802, 817, 813

"HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "BROOKS" "GILMER" "KANE"

"HERBERT" "SCHLEY" (APD) "SAN PABLC" "HALF

MOON" (AVP) "AASE MAERSK" (AO) "OTUS"

"EURYALE" (AS) "PYRO" (AE) "BOOTES" "POLLUX"

(AKS) "KOOPA" (AGP) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "YUNNAN"

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PATRIOT" "E.G.ACHESON" "J.ALDEN" "ARANSAS

PASS" "W.B.AYER" "J.BARBARA" "BARBARA C."
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           Auxiliaries
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           Merchantmen
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PASS" "W.B.AYER" "J.BARBARA" "BARBARA C."
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"CAPE BLANCO" "CAPE HENLOPEN" "CAPE ST.
GEORGE" "CEFALU" "J.DEERE" "F.H.DODD"
"DON MARQUIS" "ESSO BAYWAY" "ESSO HARRISBURG'
                                                                               "G.E.K.FITCH" "H.FLINDERS" "W.GRENFELL"
"M.GRIFFITH" "E.J.HENRY" "A.S.HEWITT"
                                                                               "B.F. IRVINE" "JANSSENS" "JAPARA" "M.E. KINNEY"
"W.S. LADD" "J.LIND" "MAETSON" "J.S. MANSFIELD"
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"W.McLENNAN" "W.G.MCCRACKIN" "B.MATTHEWS"
"L.MERRITT" "MORMACDALE" "MEXICO" "I.MCCOY"
"MIDWEST FARMER" "JAMES D.FHALAN" "PAUL
REVERE" "PONCE" "RAMO" "W.G.ROGER" "J.ROLPH"
"ROSEVILLE" "J.ROSS" "SEA DEVIL" "SEA MARLIN"
"SHAWNEE" "S.M.WHITE" "N.J.SINNOTT"
"C.SPRECKERS" "STAGEN" "THUNDERER" "J.W.
                                                                              VAN LIJN" "J.W. VAN DYKE" "GEO. VANCOUVER"
                                                                               "VILLALOBOS"
    Port Moresby:
                                                                         : 1 AMS: "GYMPIE" 1 ML: 426 1 P.
: "POLARIS" (AGS) "SHIKELLAMY" (AO)
: "OREGON TRAIL" "CORGON"
          Escorts
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           Auxiliaries
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          Escorts
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                                                                          : "BUNGAREE" (CM)
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           Auxiliaries
    Cairnst
                                                                          "COROHADO" "SAN PEDRO" (PF) "KALGOORLIE" "KAPUNDA" "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" (AMS)
          Escorts
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                                                                          1 SC: 703 1 PC: 477 4 ML: 804, 805,811,820 6 YMS: 10, 11, 47, 48, 51 : "PLATYPUS" (AR) "MORESBY" (AGS) 1 ARD.
          Auxiliaries
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    Townsville:
          Escorts
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          kay:
          Auxiliaries
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                                                                          : "HERON" (AVP)
    Brisbane:
          Combat Units
                                                       1 DD
                                                                          : "GRAYSON"
                                                                          "SWAN" (PS) 2 SG: 745, 749 3 MI:808,821,82.
"TANGIER" (AV) "ALGORAB" (AKS) "GANYMEDE"
(AKS) "MERKUR" (AF) "KURUMBA" (AO)
"MAETSUYCKE R" (AH) 2 YP: 236, 291
"LEOPARD" (IX) "WANGANEILA" (AH)
          Escorts
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          Auxiliaries
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m Milne Bay:

Sydney: : "HOMART" (Refitting) : "VENDETTA" "STUART" 1 CL Combat Units 2 DD : "COLAC" "EUCHUCA" "GLADSTONE" "KATOOMBA" Escorts "KYBRA" "AB.CRIJNSSEN" "DOOMBA" (AMS) (A/S) 2 ML: 822, 823 "MANUNDA" (AH) "GOLD STAR" (AG) Auxiliaries "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "OCTANS" (AF) Melbourne: B "LITHGOW" 1 AMS Escorts (11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Empress Augusta Bay - On Mar. 15 and during 24 hours ending 0800/17, enemy artillery shelled the Piva air strip intermittently causing slight damage which was quickly repaired.

At 0400/15, enemy troops attacked our perimeter making a slight penetration on the Eastern flank. Our troops restored the position by a tank-supported counter-attack. On Mar. 15, our patrols reported the enemy entrenching in the N.E. sector

of the perimeter.

Sopac Avengers, Dauntless, Liberators and fighter aircraft have been making both day and night attacks against enemy positions in this area, while our PT boats have also been

active around the coast.
(2) Cape St. George - On Mar. 17, a Sopac fighter reported observing pillboxes and shore fortifications in the area approx 30 miles N.E. of Cape St. George.

At 1320/17, a possible submarine was reported off this

(3) New Ireland - Photos of Borpop on 16 Mar. reveal nil aircraft and the runway unserviceable.

On Mar.16, Sopac Dauntless and Avengers scored hits on coastal guns, A/A positions and ammunition dumps at North Cape and Kavieng. One enemy fighter was observed airborne and intense A/A fire was encountered. A 200 ft. cargo vessel with 2 barges was reported N. of Nusa Island and was apparently the only shipping observed during the attack.
Photos of Kavieng Mar.16 reveal Kavieng runway service-

able with 3 aircraft and Panapai unserviceable with nilaircraft visible. Mine barges were observed in Kavieng Harbour and two 4-gun and one 3-gun batteries in the Kavieng-Nusa Island

area.

(4) Rabaul - Photos of Rabaul area Mar. 16 reveal:-

F. D/B. F/P. F/B. Airfields: Vunakanau * Tobera 3 * Rapopo Nil. Lakunai 4 N11. Keravat * Duke of York . Simpson Hr.

Serviceable Unserviceable Serviceable Unserviceable No change.

Total 14 a/c 7 F. 5 D/B 1 F/P 1 F/B.

Shipping: 2 small coasters 299 barges.

On Mar.16, Sopac aircraft attacked Rabaul supply and bivouac areas. 23 Liberators, 25 Mitchells, 17 Lightnings and 11 Kittyhawks were involved in these attacks.

On Mar, 17 an allied patrol was landed by PT boats at (5) Gasmata -Gasmata Island and reported observing no Japs and several destroyed guns. Matives report the enemy evacuates this area

two days previously.

(6) New Britain - On Mar. 16, Beaufighters strafed enemy positions Wide Bay,

Ubili and Jacquinot Bay areas.

On Mar. 17, natives report Japs had abandoned Palmalmal (Jacquinot Bay) but some still remained at Kalmalgaman.

(7) Cape Hoskins - On Mar. 17, natives report Japs were assembling a large number of carriers at Cape Hoskins in preparation for a move to Bialla (15 miles N.E. of Bangula Bay).

(8) Admiralty Islands - On Mar. 16, our troops moving South from Lorengau air strip encountered strong enemy pillboxes S. and W. of the strip. Mortar and tank fire enabled our troops to continue their advance on the Lorengau township. Total enemy dead now number 1585 while of the estimated 1876 enemy effective troops remaining, approx 300 are on Western Los Negros Island, the remainder on Manus and outlying islands. On Mar. 16, strong enemy resistance continued in the area W. of Papitalai. During Mar. 16 our PT boats operating

in the Manus Island area were also responsible for killing

several enemy troops and capturing four.
On Mar.18, our destroyers and shore batteries continued their bombardment of remaining enemy position.

(9) Gerove Island . On Mar. 17, 7 Kittyhawks attacked this area destroying (10) Hollandia - Results of the air attacks on the enemy convoy N.W. of

Hollandia early a.m. 16 Mar. are shown in Naval Incidents in this Summary.

> Preliminary reports indicate further successful attacks on a convoy in the area N. of Hollandia early a.m. 18 Mar. The convoy is described as comprising 7-8 ships including 2 merchant ships of 5-8000 tons, probably heading north about 40-70 miles N. to N.E. of Hollandia.

(11) Wewak - A.m. Mar. 17, 21 Bostons, 6 Mitchells and 6 Liberators attacked · personnel and supply areas and A/A positions.

(12) Rai Coast - On Mar. 16, allied positions on the East bank of Kambara River received heavy mortar fire from enemy positions on the West bank.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (a) At Sea to 1200/18:
- (1) 17 submarines on patrol.
 - (b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

: "COOTAMUNDRA" "LATROBE" "WILCANNIA" (AMS) Escorts 6

3 ML: 429, 809, 816 : "COOLEBAR" "DILGA" "W. PROUSE" "ADMIRAL Merchan tmen 5 CHASE" "CORIO"

(11) ENERY FORCES

Merauke: A.m. Mar. 17, an enemy reconnaissance aircraft was over this area.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/18:

Nil.

- (b) Proposed Movements:
- (1) "SUSSEX" (CA) to depart Fremantle 1600/19 to RV with "MOUNT VERNON" in position 35°11'S 114°59'E at 0800/20 and escort to Fremantle.
 - (c) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat Units

: "SUSSEX" 1 CA : "ADELA IDE" 1 CL

6. SOUTH WESTERN AREA (Contd.)

(e) In Harbour:

Fremantle: Escorts	6	"HORBHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739
Auxiliaries	9	"ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" (AMS) "YUMA" (AT) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) "BRION" PELIAS" (AS) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) 1 YP: 286 1 ARD.
Exmouth Gulf: Auxiliaries	2	: "CHILDS" (AV) 1 YP: 288

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

(1) Carolines - Night Mar.15-16, Central Pacific Liberators attacked
Truk, dropping 16th tons of bombs on airfield installations,
fuel dumps and ammunition stores on Eten and Dublon Islands.
Heavy A/A fire was encountered from ships in Harbour but
only one possible fighter was reported airborne.

On Mar.14, 15 Liberators attacked Ponape, while on Mar.16 11 Liberators attacked the same target and also Oroluk Is.

(2) Marshalls - At least 2 enemy submarines were indicated in the Mille-Jaluit area Mar. 15, indicating probable supply runs to these remaining bases.

Mille was attacked by Mitchells and Venturas on Mar. 13 and 14, Wotje by Dauntless and Hellcats Mar. 14, Jaluit and Wotje by Dauntless and Mitchells on Mer. 15.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

Hollandia - Reference the convoy comprising 3 freighter transports
(2-5000 tons each) and 5 escorts which was attacked N.W. of
Hollandia early a.m. 16 Mar. (reported in Summary 779), hits
were scored on 2 merchant ships by Catalinas. Shortly
afterwards Liberators attacked again and also claimed hits
on 2 ships. The Liberators reported that prior to their attack,
one freighter and 1 escort vessel were already smoking.

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

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(1) Increased naval and air strength Malayan theatre.

(2) Withdrawal of forward positions in Bismarcks.

(3) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North coast New Guinea, East Indies. Malayan areas.

(4) Use of barges, submarines, destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.

(5) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive patrol activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

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18th March, 1944.

DATLY MAVAL SUMMARY

PART 11

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ATTIED COOKES

EMEMY FORCES

		st Pacific n Section)	Sout	h acific	Bismarcks Solomons		Carolines Marianas
BB				-	-		MUSACHI
CV(E)		•		•	-		CHIYODA
CA	(2)	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHINE		-	•	(3)	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI
L	(♠) ¥	BOISE NASBVILLE PROFINIX HOEART	(7) ¥	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLISK HONOLULU ST.LOVIS DENVER LUANDER		(2)	OYODO NOSHINO YUBARI(en route)
CL(T)		-		-	-		KASHIMA
AV/CVS		TAGICR	(2)	WRIGHT CHANDELBUR	-		AKITSUSHTGA
XAV/XCVS	5 (2)HALP GOON SAL PABLO		BAILARD	-		3
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	(3)S.47 S.42 BLUECILL	On Passage				
	(3)DACE FLOUNDER	At Milne Bay				
	(2)CERO DARTER) At Brisbane				
	K.9	At Wilne Bay				
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AS	(2) OTUS EURYALE			?	\$	
AD	DOBBIN			•	-	
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		CHENANGO	PATROLLER	X	OTAKA
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CA	(13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA	N	MAYA
		CHESTER	ILDIANA POLIS		
		CAN BERRA	SAM FRANCISOO		
		WICHITA	SALT LAKE CITY		
		NEW ORLEANS	PORTLAND LOUISVILLE		

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BB	•	(3)	QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN	(6) NAGATO HYUGA KONGO ISE HARUNA FUSO
CA	• * 3		ILLUSTRIOUS	(2) ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

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I. PART

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AREA

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(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/19:

- (1) "YMS's 334, 75" escorting Convoy GB.60 (3 MV, 1 YF) departed Langemak 1310/17 for Buna, Oro Bay and Milne Bay ETA 1300/19.

 (2) "WARREGO" (PS) departed Milne Bay 0930/18 for Townsville ETA 0800/21.

 (3) "PC.1132" departed Milne Bay 1100/18, escorting "J.W.VAN DYKE" for
- 200 miles from China Strait.

- (4) "PC.1121" escorting Convoy MF.17 ("SHIKELLAMY" (AO) "OREGON TRAIL")
 departed Port Moresby 1430/18 for Milne Bay ETA 1700/19.

 (5) "GASCOYNE" (PF) departed Port Moresby 0036/19 for Milne Bay ETA 1900/19.

 (6) "GYMPIE" (AMS) departed Port Moresby 1903/18 for Cairns ETA 1400/21.

 (7) "BROOME" "BALLARAT" (AMS) departed Milne Bay 1430/17 for Cairns ETA
- 1300/19.
 (8) "YP.233" departed Milne Bay 0830/15 for Brisbane ETA 21 March.
 (9) "PG.1124" standing by "PRESIDENT GRANT" aground on S.W. corner of Uluma Reef. Salvage operations in progress with diving perty; "RESERVE" "SONOMA" (AT) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) standing by to assist.
- O) "PIRIE" (AMS) departed Cairns 1100/18 for Thursday Is. ETA 1420/20.

 1) "BUNDABERG" escorting Convoy TN.230 (4 MV) en route Townsville to
 Fitzroy Is. to RV with "KALGOORLIE" "TOWNSVILLE" and 1 MV ex Cairns at approx 1600/18 for onward escorting to Port Moresby (1 ship) and Milne Bay (4 ships).
- (12) "KAPUNDA" (AMS) towing 1 APC (ex Convoy TN.230) to Fitzroy Is.
- (13) "SC.703" departed Cairns 0831/18 for Milne Bay.
- (14) "INVEREIL" (AMS) escorting Convoy TD.48 ("DARVEL" "ALAGNA") departed Thursday Is. 1800/18 for Darwin ETA 1700/23.
 (15) "FREMANELE" (AMS) departed Thursday Is. 0955/18 for Townsville ETA
- 0800/21.
- (16) "WAGGA" (AMS) conducting outer A/S patrol Grafton Passage area.
 (17) "MIZAR" (AF) departed Port Phillip Heads 1500/17 for Brisbane ETA 1500/20.
- (18) "TASMAN" (AH) departed Brisbane 0200/19 for Milne Bay ETA 1400/22.
- (19) "WANGANELLA" (AH) departed Brisbane 1645/18 for Sydney ETA 0600/19. (20) "WARRNAMBOOL" (AMS) departed Sydney 1015/18 for A/S patrol to Smoky Cape and return.
- "ML.807" on A/S patrol Coff's Harbour area. (21)
- (22) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) in company with "WANAKA" under tow departed
- Cairns 1119/10 for Sydney.

 (23) "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) departed Port Phillip 1300/15 for Calcumdra ETA 0900/20.
- (24) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "GRAYSON" (DD) to depart Brisbane 1430/19 for Milne Bay ETA 0900/22.
 (2) "MAHAN" "DRAYTON" (DD) to depart Milne Bay 22 Mar. proceeding out of S.W.P.A.

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(e) In Harbour:

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Combat Units	15 PI	
Escorts	3	: 1 M.: 425 2 YMS: 8, 46
Auxiliaries .	2	: "OYSTER BAY" (AGF) : "LAKE ORMAC" "M.DALY"
Merchantmen	2	: "LAKE UNMAG" M. DALY
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Escorts	3	: 1 PC: 1131 2 SC: 744, 748
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Merchantmen	3	: "H.C. PAYNE" "W. SHARRON" "J. H. ROSSITER"
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Escorts	26	: "BENALLA" "BENDIGO" "BUNBURY" "GLENELG"
		"STAWELL" (AMS) 4 YMS: 53, 73, 316, 336
		2 PC: 1119, 1123 4 ML: 424, 428, 803, 804
		11 30: 637, 648, 732, 734, 735, 741, 743,
		746, 747, 981, 982
Auxiliaries	7	: "PORTUNUS" "HILO" (AP) "GOUCAL" (ASR) "HALF
		MOON" (AVP) "VICTORIA" (AO) "CALAMARES" (AF
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Merchantmen	27	: "BRASTAGI" "MACTAN" "W.E.MACK" "W.B.AILISON
		"CITY OF HOUSTON" "W.ATWATER" "S.BRANNON"
		"LYMAN STEWART" "A.THOMAS" "D.HEWES"
		"W. BEAUMONT" "HANYANG" "G.R. HEBARD" "L.S.
		KELLY" "J.GOOK" "GEO.LUKS" "J.W.DAVIS"
		"G.L.CURRY" "AUN" "ISOLATOR" "H.L.ABBOTT"
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		(APA) "DOBBIN" (AD) "TRINITY" (AO)
		"CARTER HALL" (LSD) "POYANG" (ASIS) 1 ARD
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Merchantmen	9	: "M.WALKER" "JEAN NICOLET" "W.L.SUBJETTE"
		"S.G. PORTER" "STAGEN" "W.S.LADD" "ALAMO"
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	2	"RIGEL" (AR) "TULSA" (PG)
Merchantmen	16	: "B.MATTHEWS" "J.F.BRADLEY" "T.CRAWFORD"
		"RING LARDNER" "J.I. NOLAN" "WEST CACTUS"
		"D.E.HUGHES" "J.SINGER" "A.REHAN" "ALCOA
		POLARIS" "P.T. DODDRIDGE" "SAN ANTONIO"
		"CAPE SPENCER" "CEFALU" "M.T. HERRICK"
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Escorts	1	: 1 ML: 819
Merchantman	1	: "VAN SNOTL"
Goodenough Is:	- 2	
Escorts	1	: 1 YMS: 315
Merchantmen	4	"ED.N.WESTCOTT" "D.D.FIELD" "ANHUI"
		"VAN OUTHOORN"
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X Milne Bay: Combat Units : "SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA" 2 CA "NASHVILLE" "PHOENIX" "BOISE"
"STOCKTON" "STEVENSON" "HUTCHINS" "DALY" 3 CL 24 DD "AMMEN" "BEALE" "BUSH" "WILKES" "BACHE" "KALK" "HOBBEY" "MULLANY" "GILLESPIE"
"WELLES" "REID" "MAHAN" "DRAYTON" "SWANSON" "THORNE" "NICHOLSON" "WARRAMUNGA" "ABNER READ" "ARUNTA" "ROE" 16 PT * Note: Special operational movements forward of Milne Bay not shown. "BAR GOO" 1 PF Escorts : 650, 698, 699, 737, 738, 742 6 30 "GOWRA" 1 AMS : 4 PC : 476, 479, 1120, 1122 6 YMS : 49, 52, 70, 335, 336, 395 6 ML : 427, 431, 801, 802, 817, 818 3 : "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "BROOKS" "GILMER" "KANE" 23 Auxiliaries "HERBERT" "SCHLEY" (APD) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "AASE MAERSK" ("SUSQUEHANNA" (AO) "OTUS"
"EURYALE" (AS) "PYRO" (AE) "BOOTES" "POLLUX"
(AKS) "KOOPA" (AGP) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "YUNNAN"
"PING WO" (ASIS) "BAYOU ST. JOHN" (AT) "PING WO" (ASIS) "1 ARD. 2 YP: 280, 283

"ALCOA PATRIOT" "E.G.ACHESON" "J.ALDEN"
"ARANSAS PASS" "W.B.AYER" "J.BARBARA"
"BARBARA C." "S.K.BARLON" "S.K.BOLIVAR"
"J.BURROUGHS" "CAPE BLANCO" "CAPE RENLOPEN"
"CAPE ST.GEORGE" "J.DEERE" "F.H.DODD" 61 Werchantmen "DON MARQUIS" "ESSO BAYWAY" "ESSO HARRISBURG" "G.E.K.FITCH" "M.FLINDERS" "W.GRENFEIL" "M. GRIFFITH" "E. J. HENRY" "A. S. HEWITT" "B.F. IEVINE" "JANSSENS" "JAPARA" "M.E.KIMNEY" "J.LIND" "A.LYKES" "MAETSON" "MANA" "J.S.MANSFIELD" "W.MCLENNAN" "W.G.MCCRACKEN" "B.MANSFIELD" "W.MCLENNAN" "W.G.MCGRACKEN"
"B.MATTHEWS" "L.MERRITT" "MORMACDALE" "MEXICO"
"I.MCCOY" "MIDWEST FARMER" "NARVIK" "JAMES
D.PHALAN" "PONCE" "RAMO" "M.ROBERTSON"
"W.G.ROGER" "J.ROLPH" "J.ROSS" "SEA DEVIL"
"SEA MARLIN" "SHAWNEE" "S.M.WHITE" "N.J. SINNOTT" "C. SPRECKERS" "THUNDERER" "VAN DER LIJN" "GEO. VANCOUVER" "VILLALOBOS" "K.D. WIGGIN" "E. YOUNG" Port Moresby: : 1 ML:426 : "POLARIS" (AGS) : "MULIAMA" "TAROONA" Escorts 1 1 Auxiliaries 2 Merchantmen Thursday Is: : 1 SC: 731 1 Escorts "BUNGAREE" (CM) 1 Auxiliaries Cairns: : "CORONADO" "SAN PEDRO" (PF) "CASTLEMAINE"
"MILDURA" "ROCKHAMPTON" (AMS) 1 PC: 477 18 Escorts 4 ML: 804, 805, 811, 820 6 YMS: 9, 10, 11, 47, 48, 51 : "PLATYPUS" (AR) "MORESBY" (AGS) 1 ARD. Auxiliaries Townsville: : "BOWEN" (AMS) 1 Escorts ckay: : "HEROK" (AVP) Auxiliaries 1 Gladstone: : "KABINBLA" "MANOORA" (APA) Auxiliaries Brisbane Combat Units 1 DD : "GRAYSON" : "SWAN" (PS) "KIAMA" (AMS) 2 SC: 745, 749 Escorts S ML: 808, 821, 823 "TANGIER" (AV) "ALGORAB" (AKS) "GANYMEDE" (AKS) "MERKUH" (AF) "KURUMBA" (AO) "MAETSUYCKER" (AH) 2 YP: 236, 291 "LEOPARD" (IX) 9 Auxiliaries

Sydney: 1 CL : "HOBART" (Refitting) 2 DD : "VENDETTA" "STUART" Combat Units : "COLAC" "DELORAINE" "ECHUCA" "GEELONG" 12 Escorts "GLADSTONE" "KATOOMBA" "WHYALLA" (AMS)
"KYBRA" AB.CRIJNSSEN" "DOOMBA" (A/S) 2 MI: 822, 823 "MANUNDA" (AH) "GOLD STAR" (AG) Auxiliaries "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "OCTANS" (AF) Melbourne: 1 AMS : "LITHGOW" Escorts

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Empress Augusta Bay - Between 1310/15 and 1335/17, enemy gun positions around Torokina perimeter were attacked by 31 Avengers and 116 Dauntless.

At noon 15 Mar. an enemy assault on the N. sector of the perimeter was repulsed with 125 Japs killed. At 0300/17, the enemy launched an attack in force effecting slight penetration but our counter-attack restored the position. As a result of this action 195 Jap dead were found inside our wire with 52 - around one pill-box and many more inside. Total Jap dead counted since 8 Mar. now number over 1500.

During the night 17-18 Mar., 2 enemy barges northbound off Jaba River mouth were driven ashore by PT boats and a co-operating destroyer then engaged, demolishing one barge and rendering the other unserviceable.

(2) Wamatanai - At 1250/17, the airfield at Namatanai was attacked by 23 Liberators escorted by 16 Corsairs. Subsequent photos show the runway to be unserviceable due bomb craters and 2 heavy

A/A guns probably destroyed.

- During the night 16-17 Mar. Rabaul was harassed by one
Liberator. At 0800-0900/17, Vunapope supply area was bombed (3) Rabaul by 11 Lightnings and 10 Aircobras. Raluana was bombed by 22 Mitchells at 1020/17 and by 10 Warhawks at 1210/17. Vunapope

was bombed by 9 Mitchells at 1035/17.

(4) Wide Bay -At 1620-0725/17, Kalai Plantation (central Wide Bay shores)
was attacked by 24 Beauforts.

(5) Ubili - At 1100-1130/17, 6 barges loaded with large cans were strafed by 2 Aircobras off Ubili. Two barges were sunk and at least one more damaged.

6) Admiralty Is. - Enemy resistance continues on Los Negros Island, west of Papatalai, but our forces captured a hill strong-point in

this area p.m. 17 Mar.
On Manus Is. Lorengau township was taken on 18 Mar. and the Japs pushed into the hills to the South although some fighting is still in progress to the N. and E. of Lorengau. Suspected gun positions on Pityilu Is. were bombarded 18 Mar. by a destroyer.

(7) Hollandia-Wewak - Further detail concerning the convoy sighted and attacked by aircraft early a.m. 18 Mar. (refer Summary 780) indicates that the ships, originally comprising probably 1 freighter transport (4-6000 tons), 3 freighter transports (2-4000 tons), 4 possible escort vessels, departed Hollandia before midnight 17-18 Mar. for Wewak. After being forced to take evasive tactics by our aircraft, the convoy proceeded towards Wewak and at 0815/18 was reported 70 miles E. by S. of Humboldt Bay on course 95°, speed 10 knots. Composition at this time was described as 2 cargo vessels, 4 destroyers.

By 1800/18, the convoy had reached the area between Valif Is. and Kairiru Is. heading for Wewak, and had possibly been joined by another escort vessel which had been seen and attacked proceeding from Wewak towards the convoy early a.m.

The air attacks on the convoy met with some success, but results have not yet been fully assessed. During the night 18-19 Mar. Wewak and shipping in the vicinity was bombarded by 5 allied destroyers, but final results are not yet to hand.

In addition to the above, aircraft over Hollandia at 1030/18, reported 3 merchant ships and 1 lage escort of cruiser or destroyer type in Humboldt Bay.

(8) Wewak . Final details of the air strike a.m. 17 Mar. show that 36 Liberators bombed Boram sirfield and the surroundings while 22 Mitchells, 30 Bostons bombed and strafed Cape Moem area. Fighters escorted our bombers. Much damage and a number of casualties are believed to have been inflicted. There was no interception and all our planes returned.

The attack was resumed at approx 1000-1100/18 and reports received cover 20 Liberators attacking A/A positions and 13 Mitchells, 12 Bostons attacking the supply area at Cape

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Aircraft attacking Wewak 17 Mar, reported a number of barges in the area, and in addition possibly 3 possible sea trucks and 2 small possible escort vessels.

(9) Alexishafen - At 1315/17, No. 2 strip at Alexishafen was bombed and strafed by 9 Mitchells,

(10) Rai Coast - Our forces were still held up on the E. bank of Kambara R. 18 Mar.

(11) Saidor - Early a.m. 18 Mar. 3 enemy aircraft ineffectually raided Saidor.

(12) Finschhafen -At 1744/17, a probable enemy reconnaissance aircraft was over Finschhafen.

NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (a) At Sea to 1200/19:
- (1) 15 submarines on patrol.
 - (b) In Har bour:

Darwin: Escorts

: "COUTAMUNDRA" "LATROBE" "WILCANNIA" (AMS) 6

Merchantmen

3 ML: 429, 809, 816 : "COOLEBAR" "DILGA" "W. PROUSE" "ADMIRAL CHASE" "CORIO"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Sourabaya Area - At 2350/17-0205/18, the Naval Base and factory area were bombed by 12 Liberators but clouds obscured observation. A landing strip on Java coast about 110 miles E.S.H. of Sourabaya was bombed by one additional Liberator at 0010/18. Three aircraft were seen taking off this strip.

A lighted ship with a barge alongside was observed off Prantjak (S.W. tip of Bali).

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/19)

Mil.

(b) Proposec Movements:

"SUSSEX" (CA) to depart Fremantle 1600/19 to RV at 0800/20 in position 35°11'S 114°59'E with "MOUNT VERNON" (AP) (departed Melbourne 0930/17) and escort to Fremantle.

(c) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat Units 1 CA : "SUSSEX"

1 CL : "ADELATDE"

: "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739 Escorts

5 ML: 812, 824, 826 : "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" (AMS) "YUMA" (AT) Auxiliaries 9 "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) 1 YP: 286 1 ARD.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA (Contd.)

(c) In Harbour (Contd.):

Exmouth Gulf : Auxidiaries

2 : "CHILDS" (AV) 1 MP: 288

B. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

ENEMY FORCES

Bnemy submarines are reported active again off the Hoogli River mouth 16 Mar. and N.E. Arabian Sea 13 Mar. (see Naval Incidents).

NAVAL INCIDENTS

Indian Ocean - On 13 Mar. "H.D.COLLIER" (prob. Liberty ship) was torpedoed approx 220 miles S.S.W. of Karachi and afternoon 16 Mar. "ELMADINA" (Br. 4000 tons) was torpedoed and sunk off the Hoogli River mouth.

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

(1) Increased naval and air strength Malayan theatre.

(2) Withdrawal of forward positions in Bismarcks.
(3) Consolidation of defences Carelines, Marianas, North coast New

Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.
(4) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.

(5) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive submarine activity in alied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

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19th March, 1944.

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART 11

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

		west Pacific ern Section)	Sou	th Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons		Carolines Warianas
BB CV(L)	-						NUSASHI RYUHU ZUIHO
CA	(2.)	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE		-	•	(3)	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI
CL	(4) ×	BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX HOBART	x	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER HONOLULU ST.LOUIS DENVER LEANDER		(2)	OYODO YUBARI
CL(T)				•	-		KASHIMA
AV/CV	S	TANGIER	(2)	WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	•		AKITSUSHIMA
XAV/X	<u> </u>	2)HALF MOON SAN PABLO		BALLARD	-		3
	(2	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA MAHAN DRAYTON REID AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLARY HUTCHINS HOBBY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES STOCKTON NICHOLSON WILKES STEVENSON THORN ABVER READ ROE GRAYSON		Approx 45			20

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3. CENTRAL PACIFIC-EMPIRE

ALLIED FORCES

ENERY FORCES

(18)	INDIANA
	NORTH CAROLINA
	IOWA
	WASHINGTON
	NEW JERSEN
	MASSACHUSETTS
	CALIFORNIA
	SOUTH DAKOTA
	WEST VIKCINIA

COLORADO (3) YAMASRIKO MARYLAND X YAMATO TENNESSEE NEW NEXICO MISSISSIPPI IDAHO ALABAMA PENNSYLVANIA K OKLAHOMA

MUTSU (prob. sunk)

(7) ENTERPAISE CV YOUKTOWN LEXINGTON BALLATOGA

INTERPID ESSEX BUNKUR HILL

V(L)(7) COMPLETS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY

CABOT LANGLEY * INDEPENDENCE

(3) HITAKA HAYATAKA TAIHO

PRINCETON

CV(T)

HOSHO

CV(E) (25)COPAHEE SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHE'NA GO CORAL SEA BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND

WHITE PLAINS (5) CHITOSE BRETON JINYO MIDWAY PATROLLIR PAN SHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KALINUN BAY KITKUN BAY MANILA BAY WATOWA BAY MEHENTA BAY

JINYO KATYO W OTAKA M UNYO

(13) BALTIMORE BOSTON OHESTER GAN BETTA WICHITA NEW ORL BANS

NASSAU SANTE

ALTAMAHA

CASABLATOA

COREGIDOR

HINNEAPOLIS . X MAYA PIN SACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE GITY POHTLAND LOUISVILLE

COA

(8) GATLAND X RENO M CONCORD

BIRMINGHA

SANTA FE DAN DIEGO MOBILE BILOXI

(4) COSEIRO * WAGARA M NATORIA R ISUZU

GL(T)

KASHII

6

CVS

3

DD Approx 85

20 (Several repairing)

SS Approx 30

Approx 25

AS 47

2 (one repairing)

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<u>cv</u>		(4)	BATTLER UNICORN SHAH RAVEE		CHIYODA	
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OV	•		DINSTRIOUS	(5)	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
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CA	SUSSEX	(5)	SUFFCLK HAWKINS PROBISHER LONDON GUNE FRLAND	(8)	AOBA CHIKUMA KUMANO MOGAMI LOZUYA MYOKO TOME HAGURO
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PELIAS AS ORION

AIRCRAFT (N.W.Area Only)
Fighters (incl.12 twin-eng.) 63
Light & M/Bombers 15
Torpedo and D/Bombers Flying Boats Floathlanes

GUNNEL RAY

HADDO MINGO

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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

No. 782

Date 20th March, 1944.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA.

EASTLEN AREA. (1) ALL IED FORCES.

"YMS's 313, 514, 595, 71" "ML 428" escorting Convoy BG 63 ("PANDA")(IX)
for Lae ETA 0200/2; "GEO.GANCOUVER" for Langemak departed Milne Bay 1030/19 ETA Langemak 0900/21.

"GOULBURN" (AMS) escorting "T.M.COOLEY" departed Woddlark 1500/19 for Goodenough Is. ETA 1500/20. (2)

"GRAYSON" (DD) departed Brisbane 1430/19 for Milne Bay ETA 0900/22. "SAN ANTONIO" aground off Cape Nelson, was proceeding Milne Bay to Oro Bay.

PART 1.

"WARREGO" (PS) departed Milne Bay 0930/18 for Townsville ETA 0800/21.
"GYMPIE" (AMS) departed Port Moresby 1903/18 for Cairns ETA 1400/21.
"PC.1124" standing by "PRESIDENT GRANT" aground on S.W. corner of Uluma Reef. Salvage operations in progress with diving party; "RESERVE" "SONOMA" (AT) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) standing by

"PERIE" (AMS) departed Cairns 1100/18 for Thursday Is. ETA 1420/20. (8) (9) "BUNDABERG" escorting Convoy TN.230 (4 MV) en route Townsville to Fitzroy Is. to RV with "KALGOORLIE" "TOWNSVILLE" and 1 MV ex Cairns at approx 1600/18 for onward escorting to Port Moresby (1 ship) and Milne Bay (4 ships).

(10) "KAPUNDA" (AMS) towing 1 AFC (ex Convoy TN.230) returning to Cairns ETA 1200/20.

(11) "SCOTCH CAP" towing 1 YDG and 1 AFD proceeding Cairns ETA not known.

(12) "SC.703" departed Cairns 0831/18 for Films Bay.

departed Cairns 0831/18 for Tilne Bay. 13) "YP.233"

departed Milne Bay 0830/15 for Brisbane ETA 21 March. (14) "FREMANTLE" (AMS) departed Thursday Is. 0955/18 for Townsville ETA

(15) "WAGGA" (AMS) conducting outer A/S patrol Grafton Passage area.
(16) "TASMAN" (AH) departed Brisbane 0200/19 for Milne Bay ETA 1400/22.
(17) "WARRNAMBOOL" (AMS) departed Sydney 1015/18 for A/S patrol to Smoky Cape (18) "ML.807" on A/S patrol Coff's Harbour area.
(19) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ANS) in company with "WANAKA" under tow departed

Cairns 1119/10 for Sydney. (20) 7 submarines on patrol

(1) Y"MAHAN" "DRAYTON" (DD) to depart Milne Bay 22 Mar. proceeding out of

KIAMA" (AMS) to depart Caloundra 1200/20 for Milne Bay ETA 1600/24.

(c) In Harbour:

Los Negros Is:	15 PT	No.
Escorts	3	: 1 ML: 425 2 YMS: 8,46
Auxiliaries	1	· "OVSTER BAY" (AGP)
Merchantmen	4	"LAKE ORWAC" "M. DALY" "N.E. WACK" W. BEAUMONT"
Cape Gloucester:	-	
scorts	1	: 1 PC: 1134
Auxiliaries	ī	"SFEPPARTON" (AGS)
Merchantmen	2	"YOCHOW" "MELINGA"
Saidor: Combat Units	9 PT	
	9 11	: 2 SC: 744, 748
Escorts	2	"ETAMIN" (AK)
Auxiliaries	3	"H.C. PAYNE" "W. SHARRON" "J.H. HOSSITER"
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Escorts	24	"GLENELG" "STAWELL" (AMS) 3 YMS: 53,316,336 3 PC: 1123,1132,1122 3 ML: 424, 803, 804 9 SC: 637, 648, 732, 734, 735, 743,747, 981, 982
4	6	"PORTUNUS" "HILO" (AGP) "COUCAL" (ASH) "HALF
Auxiliaries		MOON" (AVP) "VICTORIA" (AO) "CALAMARES" (AF)
Merchantmen	24	"BRASTAGI" NACTAN " "W . B . ALL ISON" "CITY OF
		HOUSTON" "W.ATWATER" "S.BRANN ON" "LYMAN
		STEWART" "A. THOMAS" "D. HEWES" "HAN YANG"
		"G.R. HEBARD" "L.S. KELLY" "J.COOK" "GEO.LUKS"
		"J.W.DAVIS" "G.L.CURRY" "AUN" "ISOLATOR"
		"H.L.ABBOTT" "G.V.L.MEYER" "E.JOHNSON"
		"VAN SPILBERGEN" "J.DOTY" "CAPE PERPETUA"
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		"F.BILLINGS" "C.DARROW" "H.V.WHITE" "G.L.SMEE
Buna:		#
Escorts	10	: 2 PF:"LONGBEACH" "GLENDALE" 1 PC: 1119
		1 ME:816 4 SC:736, 741, 746, 750
		2 YMS:73,334
Auxiliaries	11	: "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "H.T.ALLEN" "WESTRALIA"
		(APA) "DOBBIN" (AD) "TRINITY (AO)
		"SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG) "CARTER HALL" (LSD)
		"POYANG" (ASIS) 1 ARD "MINK" (IX)
		uppranches (AKS)
Merchantmen	9	. "W. WAT WER" "JEAN NICOLET" "W.L. SUBJETTE"
Mat. Offering 17		"S.G. PORTER" "STAGEN" "W.S. LADD" "ALAMO"
		"TAB INTA" "ALCIBIADES"
Oro Bay:		
Auxiliaries	2	: "RIGEL" (AR) "TULSA" (PG)
	17	"B. MATTHEWS" "J.F. BRADLEY" "T. CRAWFORD"
Merchantmen	£ ("RING LARDNER" "J.I. NOLAN" "WEST CACTUS"
144		"D.E. HUGHES" "J. SINGERS" "A. REHAR" "ALCOA
		POLARIS" "P.T. DODDRIDGE" "CAPE SPENCER"
		"CEFALU" "M.T. HERRICK" "BORGFRED" "CAPE
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Milne Bay:
                                                     * "SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"
* "NASHVILLE" "PROENIX" "BOISE"
     Combat Units
                                           2 CA
                                           3. CL
                                                           "STOOKFOR" "STEVELSOR" "BUTCHING" "DALY"
                                          24 DD
                                                           " AC E" "ALLEN" "BLALE" "BUSE" "WILKIS"
                                                           "HALK" "HOBLEY" "AULIANY" "OIL ESPIE" "WELLES"
"REID" "MAHAN" "DRAYFOR" "SWARSON" THOLDE"
                                                           "MIGHOLSON" " AREABUGGA" "AFFIR RUAD" "ARUNTA"
                                         14 PT
       Note: Special operational movements forward of Milne Bya not shown.
                                                      : "BARCOO" "GASCOYUE"
     Escorts
                                                          650, 698, 699, 737, 738, 742
                                               30
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                                           6 PC : 476, 479, 1120, 1122, 1131, 1132
6 YMS : 49, 52, 70, 315, 335, 336
6 MG : 427, 431, 801, 802, 817, 818
24 : "HUSPHEEYS" "SAIDS" "BROOKS" "GILTE" "KALE"
     Auxiliai res
                                         24
                                                          "HERBERT" "SCHLEY" (APL) "SAN PABLO" (AVP)
"AASE MARKSA" (AO) "STIRELLA Y" (AOG) "OPUS"
"FURYALE" (AS) "FYRO" (AE) "BOOTES" "POLLUX"
(AKS) "KODTA" (AGC) "ALYCUS" (ARL) "YUHLAR"
"PIPO WO" (ASIS) "BAYOU ST. JOHN" "CHADCO"
                                                             (AT)
                                                          1 ARD: 2 YP:280, 283
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     herchan then
                                                          "AMALSAS PASS" "W. S. AYER" "J. BARSARA"
                                                          "BARBARA G." "S.K.BARLON" "S.K.BOLIVAR"

"J.DURRUUUHS" "CAPE BLANCO" "W.C.CLAIRBORNE"

"J.DURRU" "V.H.DODD" "DOE HARRUIS"

"A.B.BURAY" "ESBO BAYVAY" "ESBO HARRISBURG"

"G.E.K.FITGE "W.FLINDERS" "W.GREDFELK"

"H.GRIFFITE" "E.J.BERRY" "A.S.BEVITE"
                                                          "B.F.IRVINE" "JALSELS" "JAPAGA" ".S.KIRMEY"
"A.LYKES" "Z.LYKES" "AARTSON" "JAHA"
"J.S.SANSVIELD" "J. C CLEAT" "F.SCLETKAT" "W.G
MCCRACKER" "B.SANTELNS" "L.PRARIET"
"W.V.MCOMY" "PORLACDALE" "LEXICO "EIL/EST
PARIER" "VALVIK" "ORLEGOV TRAIL" "JAMES D.
PHALAU" "PONCE" "RATO" "B.RCBENTSON"
                                                          "A.AOSIWSO:" "N.C.RODER" "J.ROLPH" "J.ROSS"
"SEA DAVIL" "SEA LARLIN" "SHARWEE" "SW. WRITE"
"E.J.SINDOTT" "C.SPRCKERS" "T.W.SYMORS"
"THUIDERER" "VAR DEE LIJH" "VAN OUTHORN"
"VAN DEE BOSOF" "FILLALOSOS" "K.D.RIGGIN"
                                                          "E. YOUNG"
 Port Novesby:
                                                     : 1 EL: 426
:"POLARIS" (ACS)
: "MULIABA" "VAROUPA"
   Escorts
   Auxiliaires
  Merchantmen
 Thursday Is:
  Escorts
                                                       : 1 SO: 731
   Auxiliaries
                                                       : "BONGARES" (OU)
 Calrns:
                                                         "COROLADO" "SAN PEGRO" (PF) "BROOME" "BALLARAT"
"CASTLE AIRE" "RILDUGA" "ROOKFASPIOH" (A.S)
   secorts
                                        18
                                                      1 PC:477 4 LL: 804, 805, 811, 820
6 Y 8:9, 10, 11, 47, 48, 51
: "PLATYPUS" (AR) "LORESEY" (AGS) 1 ARD.
  Auxiliaries
Townsville:
                                                  : "SOLAR" (A IS)
                                          1
  Escorts
   lokay:
Juniliaries
                                                      * "HUROR" (AVP)
                                          1
Gladstone:
                                                      : "FA INCLA" "FA DOLA" (APA)
  Auxiliaries
                                          3
 Brisbane:
                                                      : "SHAN" (PS) "KIAHA" (AHS) 2 SC: 745, 749
  Escor ts
                                          7
                                                      3 LL: 808, 821, 823
"TATGLER" (AV) "WHITPOORVILL" (AN) "ALGORAB"
  Auxiliaries
                                        11
                                                          (AK) "GANY HOE" (AK) "FERKUR" (AF) "KURUMLA"
                                                          (AO) "MAGTSUYOKAR" (AH) "MIZAR (AF)
                                                          2 YP: 256, 291, "LEOPARD" (IX)
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Sydney: 1 CL : "HOBART" (Refitting) Combat Units 2 DD : "VENDETTA" "STUART"
2 : "CCLAC" "DELORAINE" "ECHUCA" "GEELONG" 12 Escorts "GLADSTONE" "KATOOMBA" "WHYALLA" (AMS) "KYBRA" AB. CRIJMSSEN" "DOOMBA" (A/S) 2 ML: 822, 823
"MANUNDA" "WANGANELLA" (AH) "GOLD STAR (AG)
"BISHOPDALE" (AO) "OCTANS" (AF) 5 uxiliaries Melbourne: 1 AMS: "LITHGOW" Escorts (11) ENEMY FORCES Choiseul - Enemy positions and concentrations at Choiseul Bay were bombed and strafed 18/3 by 24 Dauntless and 10 N.Z. Venturas. Empress Augusta Bay - 6 enemy aircraft approached Torokina perimeter 0300 - 0431/18 but only 1 dropped bombs. The remainder may possibly have dropped supplies. During 18 Mar enemy gun positions and pill boxes were bombed by Dauntless and Avengers in moderate strength. During the night 18-19 Mar very slight shelling was received on Torokina and Piva strips but heavier activity was experienced shortly after 0600/19. Piva strip was rendered unserviceable for a short period. At 1015/19 a submarine was seen by aircraft south of Motupina Point probably on a transportation mission. Wissan Island - At 0530/19, 4 enemy aircraft approached Nissan Island but turned off when 7 miles away. Rabaul . On 16 Mar aircraft reported 4 strings of yellow truncated cone shaped mines between Duke of York Island and Cape Gazelle. Between 1050 - 1200/18 fuel stores at Keravia Bay were bombed by 12 Warhawks 12 Aircobras, an ammunition dump at Tarvui Point by 13 Lightnings and A/A positions, wharf and town area by 24 Liberators, 33 Mitchells, 32 Daintless and 24 Avengers. 15 Corsairs gave fighter cover which saw only 1 Zero airborne. One Lightning was lost p.m. 18/3. Massava Bay dock was destroyed by 2 Venturas dropping 12 depth charges: Barges in Ataliklikun Bay and Keravia Bay were also strafed by 8 Hellcats, 6 Corsairs. (5) Gasmata Area - During daylight 18 Mar a tug-type lugger was driven ashore by PT. boats at Baronga Island (off Lindenhafen
Plantation), a storage tank and pill-boxes on the mainland we have
No enemy were seen during the operation. Admiralty Island - At 1140/18, 1 enemy aircraft approached from the West but dropped no bombs. During the capture of Lorengau township 18 Mar considerable equipment was captured including anti-tank mines, a 16.5 M.M. LMG. and 3 heavy M.G. 350 Japs were killed. Remaining enemy forces are arranged more or less in an arc S. and S.W. of the Enemy known dead in the Admiralties number 2002 plus an estimated 500 leaving an estimated effective strength of just over 1500 of which probably 600 are combat troops. Hollandia - Wewak - The results of attacks on the shipping of the Mollandia - Wewak coast early a.m. 18 Mar are given in Naval incidents. The destroyer sweep (involving 5 units) at about midnight 18 - 19 Mar covering the coast from But to Dagua, Kaiuiu and Muschu Island also from Wewak Point to Dabiap (about 10 miles eastward) failed to locate the convoy meeting only one small freighter or large barge off Wewak: The barge was sunk, also many small craft. Muschu Harbour and Kairiru float plane base were bombarded, also the Wewak area. Some enemy shore gunfire was encountered and 4 enemy aircraft attacked the destroyers all without effect. The convoy was however located by aircraft at about 1005/19 approx. 35 miles N - N.W. of Wewak on northerly course apparently awaiting an opportunity to get into Wewak. convoy at this time was described as comprising 2 merchant ships 3 escort vessels. The convoy was attacked twice during the day, involving 40 Liberators, 62 Mitchells and Bostons with escort, with complete success but full details are not yet available.

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- (7) Hollandia Wewak (contd.) Co-ordinated with the strong air strikes on the convoy off Wewak 19/3, Wewak, Boram, But, Dagua and Tadji airfields were attacked by 6 Liberators and approximately 100 Mitchells and Bostons plus escorting flighters. In all, 3 of our attack bombers were lost: 2 enemy fighters were shot down.
- (8) Bogadjim Area On 17 Mar an allied patrol landed at Melamu Plantation (8 miles E of Bogadjim) and made contact with an inland patrol at Barum some 5 miles to the S.W. on 18 Mar some 30 Japs were encountered in the Barum - Nangapo area by these patrols

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA (1) ALLIED FORCES

At Sea to 1200/19: (a)

"INVERELL" (AMS) escorting Convoy TD48 ("DARVEL" "ALAGNA") departed

Thursday Island 1800/18 for Darwin ETA 1700/23.
"WIICANNIA" (AMS) escorting Convoy DT45 (2 MV) departed Darwin 1003/19 for Thursday Island, ETA 0900/23.

15 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

: "GOUTAMUNDRA" "LATROBE" (AMS) Escorts

3 ML: 429, 809, 816 "COOLEBAR" "W. PROUSE" "CORIO" Merchantmen 3

(11) ENEMY FORCES.

Merauke . At Opol/19 a probable enemy reconnaissance plane was over Merauke.

Manokwari - Might 18 - 19 Mar the following shipping was observed off Monokwari :-

2 merchant ships (2 - 3000 tons each)
1 small U/i ship
1 medium U/i ship (300 ft)

1 probable gunboat.

Babo - At 0237 - 0337/19 Babo was bombed by 3 Liberators causing fires and explosions.

Makassar Strait - At 1300/18 a U.S. submarine sighted an auxiliary sireraft carrier escorted by 2 destroyers in the north entrance to Makassar Strait on course 2250.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA.

(a) At Sea to 1200/20: ALLIED FORCES

(1) "SUSSEX" (CA) was to depart Fremantle 1600/19 to RV at 0800/20 in position 35°11'S 114°59'E with "MOUNT VERNON" (AP) (departed Melbourne 0930/17) and escort to Fremantle.

(b) In Harbour:

remantle: Combat Units Escorts

1 CL: "ADELAIDE"

"HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739 6

3 ML: 812, 824, 826 Auxiliaries 9

"ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" (AM) "YUMA" (AT) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) 1 YP: 286 1 ARD.

Exmouth Gulf: Auxiliaries

"CHILDS" (AV) 1 YP: 288

4. SOUTH PACIFIC (11) ENEMY FORCES

New Caledonia - At 0755/18 a submarine was reported 120 miles N.N.E. of Noumea on course 106

GENTRAL PACIFIC

ENEMY FORCES

Marshalls - Carolines - On 16 Mar light air strikes were conducted against Oroluk, Pingelaps Tarva, Notje and Mille.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

Hollandia - Wewak - Liberators attacking the convoy described as comprising 1 medium 3 small freighter transports and 4 escort vessels off Hollandia early a.m. 18 Mar sank one of the smaller merchant ships and damaged another. A destroyer or escort vessel proceeding out of Wewak to the N.W. was also hit and damaged.

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES.

Increased naval and air strength Malayan theatre.

Withdrawal of forward positions in Bismarcks.

Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North coast

New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas. Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation (4) runs to forward areas.

Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive sub-(5) marine activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PARTT II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)		Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marianas
B	-	-	•	MUSASHI
V(L)	-	•	•	RYUHO ZUIHO
ZA	(2) AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	-	(3) ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI
	(4) BOISE NASHVILLE FHOENIX HOBART	(7) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER HONOLULU ST.LOUIS DENVER LEANDER	•	(2) OYODO YUBARI
L(T)	-	•	-	KASHIMA
v/cvs	TANGIER	(2) WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	•	AKIT SUSHIMA
AV/XCVS	(2) HALF MOON SAN PABLO	BALLARD	-	3
	VARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA MAHAN DRAYTON REID AMMEN BACHE BEALE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS HOBBEY KALK GILLES PIE WELLES STOCKTON NICHOLSON WILKES STEVENSON	Approx 45		20

	Southwest Paci (Eastern Secti		South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marianas
35 (7	BASHAW BLACKFISH DACE			15	25
·	DARTER FLOUNDER GATO SCAMP	On	Patrol		
(2) S.42 BLUEGILL	On	Passage		
	8,47	At	Milne Bay		
	CERO	At	Brisbane		
	K. 9	At	Milne Bay		
bda	Approx 85		Approx 110	?	?
29A/APD/AK	TH.T.AILEN KANIMBLA WE STRALIA ALGORAB GILMER		10 APA 10 APD 5 AKA		
	KAME SANDS SCHLEY HUMPHREYS BROOKS HERBERT			-	
<u>cc</u>	BLUE RIDGE				
(2) OTUS EURYALE			?	?
	DOBBIN			-	
R (3	PLATYPUS AMYGUS		PROMETHEUS		
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sn. A/c	8		20		
		and the second	2. NORTHERN PACE	IFIC	er en
	ALLIED FORCE	S		ENEMY	FORCES
A	•			(2) NACHI ASHIGARA)) Poss. Japan
L (3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND			(3) ABUKUM TAMA KISO	ľ Δ
DD .	9			10	
S	10			Approx	A

3.	CENTRAL	PACIFIC	-EMPIRE

	AL	LIED FORCES	O. ORNIKAL TAGIFIO-DEIL.	CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF THE	ENEMY FORCES
BB	(18)	INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA IOWA WASHINGTON NEW JERSEY MASSACHUSETTS GALLFORNIA SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA	COLORADO MARYLAND TENNESSEE NEW MEXICO MISSISSIPPI IDAHO ALABAMA PENNSYLVANIA OKLAHOMA	(4)	ISE YAMASHIRO YAMATO MUTSU (prob. sunk)
pagene	(7)	EWTER PRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON SARATOGA	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL		•
CA(T)	(7)	COWPENS BELLEAU WO OD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY M INCEPENDENCE	(3)	HITAKA HAYATAKA TAIHO
OV(T)		•			HOSHO
CV(E)	(25)	COPAREE SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO CORAL SEA BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU SANTEE CASABLANCA CORREGIOOR ALTAMAHA	WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MANILA BAY MATOMA BAY MERRYA BAY	M	CHITOSE JINYO KAIYO OTAKA UNYO
CA	(13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE	×	MAYA
OCA		•	HF 500		6
OL	H	OAKLAND RENO CONCORD BIRMINGHAM	SANTA FE SAN DIEGO MOBILE BILOXI	雅	NOSHIRO NAGARA NATORI ISUZU
CL(T)		•			KASHII
AV/CVS		•			3
DI		Approx 85			20 (several repairing)
SS.		Approx 30			Approx 25
AS		?			2 (one repairing)

4. SOUTH E ASTERN PACIFIC

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			-	T INDIES-I	NDIAN OC	EAN		
	Southwest (图estern			astern Fle	et Area	East	Indies-Phi	ilippines
BB	•		(3)	QUEEN ELI VALIANT RENOWN	ZABETH	(6)	NAGATO KONGO HARUNA	HYUGA FUSO
OV	•			ILLUSTRIC	US	(2)	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU	
CV(E)	-		(4)	BATTLER UNICORN SHAH RANEE			CHIYODA	
	SUSSEX		(5)	SUFFOLK HAWKINS FROBISHER LONDON CUMBERLAN	D	(8)	AOBA KUMANO SUZUYA TONE	CHIKUMA MOGAMI MYOKO HAGURO
<u>OL</u>	ADELAI	DE	(9)	CARADOC CEYLON KENYA GAMBIA VAN HEEMS	DANAE TROMP EMERALI		YAHAGI OI . KINU KITAGAMI	
AV/CVS	(2) CHILDS			ALBATROSS		×	KAMOI	
La	-		(2)	GANTON CHITRAL			•	
AV/XCVS	-			?			-	
	ANGLER BILLFISH BLUEFISH BOWFIN CAERILLA GUNNEL HADDO MINGO LAPON	POMPOM PUFFER NORWHAL RASHER RATON RAY)	Approx 27 Approx 15 On Patrol			25 17 (incl	• 6 German)
	BONEFISH COD CREVALLE FLASHER HAKE JACK	HOE REDFIN ROBALO K.12 K.15)	At Fremant	cle			
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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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

No. 783 Date 21 Merch, 1944

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

(1) "YP.283" departed Milne Bay 1340/20 for Langemak ETA 1600/22.
(2) "GRAYSON" (DD) departed Brisbane 1430/19 for Milne Bay ETA 0900/22.
(3) "KANIMBLA" "MANODRA" (APA) departed Gladstone 1900/20 ETA Fitzroy

Is. 1800/22, ETA Finschhafen 0700/25.

(4) "BAYOU ST.JOHN" (AT) departed Milne Bay 0700/20 to render assistance to "SAN ANTONIO" aground off Cape Nelson.

(5) "PC.1124" standing by "PRESIDENT GRANT" aground on S.W. corner of Uluma Reef. Salvage operations in progress with diving party; "RESERVE" "SONOMA" (AT) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS)

standing by to assist. (6) "BUNDABERG" escorting Convey TN.230 (4 MV) en route Townsville to Fitzroy Is. to RV with "KALGOORLIE" "TOWNSVILLE" and 1 MV

ex Cairns at approx 1600/18 for onward escorting to Port
Moresby (1 ship) and Milne Bay (4 ships).

(7) "MAETSUYCKER" (AH) departed Port Moresby 1330/20 for Brisbane ETA

0700/24. "SCOTCH CAP" towing 1 YDG and 1 ARD proceeding Cairns ETA not known. "SC. 703" departed Cairns 0831/18 for Milne Bay. (9)

(10)

"MILDURA" (AMS) on A/S patrol outer area Grafton Passage.
"TASMAN" (AH) departed Brisbane 0200/19 for Milne Bay ETA 1400/22.
"KIAMA" (AMS) departed Caloundra 1200/20 for Milne Bay ETA 1600/24.
"DOOMBA" (A/S) departed Sydney 0855/20 on A/S patrol to Smoky Cape 11) and return.

(14) "ML.807" on A/S patrol Coff's Harbour area.
(15) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) in company with "WANAKA" under tow departed Cairns 1119/10 fer Sydney.

(16) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

(1) "MAHAN" "DRAYTON" (DD) to depart Milne Bay 22 Mar. proceeding out of S.W. P.A.

(2) "SC. 749" to depart Calcumdra 2100/21 to relieve "WHYALLA" on Sandy Cape patrol, leaving patrol area 1200/25 to return to Brisbane.

. v(c) Convoy Procedure:

(1) MV. TN and MT Convoys are to be discontinued after the sailing, on Friday 24 March, of Convoys TN.232 and NT.77.

(2) All ships, except those mentioned below, may be sailed independently North and South between Grafton Passage and Milne Bay or Port Moresby, save when enemy submarines are known or strongly

suspected to be operating near shipping routes.

(3) Escort is however to be arranged by N.O.I.C. New Guinea for the following types of vessels when within 200 miles of Milne Bay if Westward of 150 E, and North of 14 S., if to Eastward of 150 E.

(i) Combat Units from cruisers upwards. (ii) Troop ships.

(iii) Naval auxiliaries over 2000 tons.

(iv) Tankers.

Air escort will also be provided for these vessels when ships are within 100 miles of mainland of Australia and when ships are within 200 miles of Milne Bay.

(4) The following AMS's are to be transferred to operational and administrative control of N.O.I.C. New Guinea:"BOWEN" "BUNDABERG" "CASTLEMAINE" "GYMPIE" "KAPUNDA" "WAGGA".

(d) In Harbour:

Los Negros Is:

LOS NEGIOS 18:	CO 100 OFFICERS	
Combat Units	15 PT	
Escorts	3	: 1 ML: 425 2 YMS: 8, 46
Auxiliaries	1	: "OYSTER BAY" (AGP)
Merchantmen	4	: "LAKE ORMAC" "M.DALY" "N.E.MACK" "W. BEAUMONT"
Cape Gloucester:		
Escorts	1	: 1 PC: 1134
Auxiliaries	1	: "SHEPPARTON" (AGS)
Merchantmen	2	1 "YOCHOW" "MELINGA"
Saidor:		
Combat Units	9 PT	A A CONTRACT AND A CO
Escorts	3	: "ARARAT" (AMS) 2 SC: 744, 748
Auxiliaries	1	: "ETAMIN" (AK)
Merchantmen	4	"H.C. PAYNE" "W. SHARRON" "J. H. ROSSITER" "TIMOSHENKO"
Finschhafen:		T Tail O Parish Tanko
Compat Units	38 PT	
Escorts	30	"BENALLA" "BENDIGO" "BUNBURY" "GLENELG"
ESCOT US	00	"STAWELL" (AMS) "WARREGO" (PS)
		9 YMS: 53, 71, 73, 313, 314, 316, 334,336
		3 PC: 1123, 1122, 1132 3 ML: 424, 803,804
		9 SC: 637, 648, 732, 734, 735, 743, 747, 981, 982
Auxiliaries	8	"H.T.ALLEN" "WESTRALIA" (APA) "PORTUNUS"
Maria a Test 700		"HILO" (AGP) "COUCAL" (ASR) "TRIANGULUM"
		(AK) "HALF MOON" (AVP) "VICTORIA" (AO)
Merchantmen	27	: "BRASTAGI" "MACTAN" "W.B.ALLISON" "CITY OF
Mer Giran Chen	6	HOUSTON" "W.ATWATER" "LYMAN STEWART"
		"A. THOMAS" "HANYANG" "G.R. HEBARD" "L.S.
		KELLY" "J.COOK" "GEO.LUKS" "GEO.VANCOUVER"
		HTW DAUGH HOT GEOLUAN HATTHE HTGOTA HOD!
		"J.W.DAVIS" "G.I.CURRY" "AUN" "ISOLATOR"
		"H.L.ABBOTT" "G.V.L.MEYER" "E.JOHNSON"
		"J.DOTY" "CAPE PERPETUA" "ALAMO" "TABINTA"
•		"H.T.RAINEY" "JOHN I.NOLAN" "T.CRAWFORD"
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Escorts	1	: 1 ML: 428
Auxiliaries	1	: "PANDA" (IX)
Merchamtmen	7	: "O.KEILY" "R.J.WALKER" "F.BIILINGS"
		"C.DARROW" "H.V.WHITE" "G.L.SMITH"
		"S.BRANNON"
Buna:		
Escorts	7	: 2 PF: "LONGBEACH" "GLENDALE" 1 PG: 1119
		1 ML: 816 3 SC: 736, 741, 746
Auxiliaries	8	: "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "DOBBIN" (AD) "TRINITY"
		"SUSQUEHAMNA" (AO) "GARTER HALL" (LED)
		"POYANG" (AE) "MINK" (IK) "PING WO" (ASIS)
		1 ARD.
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Buna: (Contd.)
                                               : "M. WALKER" "JEAN NICOLET" "S.G. PORTER"
                                     6
       Merchantmen
                                                  "STAGEN" "W.S.LADD" "ALCIBIADES"
  Oro Bay:
Auxiliaries
                                               : "RIGEL" (AR) "TULSA" (PG)
                                     2
                                               "B.MATTHEWS" "J.F.BRADLEY" "RING LARDNER"
"WEST CACTUS" "D.E.HUGHES" "J.SINGER"
                                    14
       Merchantmen
                                                  "A.REHAN" "ALCOA POLARIS" "P.T.DODDRIDGE"
                                                  "CAPE SPENCER" "CEFALU" "M.T. HERRICK"
                                                  "CAPE HENLOPEN" "R.S. BEAN"
  Woodlark Is:
                                               : 1 YMS: 50
: 1 YP: 278
       Escorts
                                     1
                                     1
       Auxiliaries
  Kiriwina:
       Escorts
                                     8
                                               : 1 ML: 819
                                                                    1 SC: 750
                                               1 1-XP+-278
       Auxiliaries
      Merchantmen
   Goodenough Is:
                                               : "GOULEUR N" (AMS)
: "ED.N.WESTCOTT" "D.D.FIELD" "ANHUI"
                                     1
       Escorts
       Merchantmen
                                                  "VAN SWOLL" "M. THWAITES" "BORGFRED"
                                                  "T.W.CODLEY"
* Milne Bay:
       Combat Units
                                     2 CA
                                               : "SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"
                                              : "NASHVILLE" "PHOENIX" "BOTSE"
                                     3 CL
                                               : "STOCKTON" "STEVENSON" "HUTCHINS" "DALY"
"BACHE" "AMMEN" "BEALE" "BUSH" "VILKES"
                                    24 DD
                                                  "KALK" "HOBBEY" "MULLANY" "GILLESPIE"
                                                  "WELLES" "REID" "MAHAN" "DRAYTON" "SWANSON
                                                  "THORNE" "NICHOLSON" "WARRAMUNGA" "ABNER
                                                  READ" "ARUNTA" "ROE"
                                    14 PT
m Note: Special operational movements forward of Milne Bay not shown.
                                               : "BARCOO" "GASCOYNE"
                                     2 PF
       Escorts
                                     6 SC
                                               : 650, 698, 699, 737, 738, 742
                                     1 AMS : "CONRA"
                                              : 476, 479, 1120, 1122, 1131, 1132
: 49, 52, 70, 315, 335, 336
                                     6 PC
                                     6 YMS
                                                  427, 431, 801, 802, 817, 818
"HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "BROOKS" "GILMER"
"KANE" "HERBERT" "SCHLEY" (APD) "SAN PABLO"
                                     6 ML
       Auxiliaries
                                    21
                                                  (AVP) "AASE MAERSK" (AO) "SHIKEILAMY" (AOG)
                                                  "OTUS" "EURYALE" (AS) "PYRO" (AE) "BOOTES" (AK) "POLLUX" (AKS) "KOOPA" (AGP) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "YUNNAN" (AE) "CHETCO" (AT) "VILLALOBOS" (IX) "CALAMARES" (AF)
                                              1 ARD. 1 YP: 280
"ALCOA PATRIOT" "E.G.ACHESON" "J.ALDEN"
                                    67
       Merchantmen
                                                  "ARANSAS PASS" "W.B.AYER" "J.BARBARA"
                                                  "BARBARA C." "S.K.BARLOW" "SK. BOLIVAR"
                                                  "J.BURROUGHS" "W.N.BYERS" "CAPE BLANCO"
                                                  "W.C.CLAIRBORNE" "J.DEERE" "F.H.DODD"
                                                  "DON MARQUIS" "A.B.DUNWAY" "ESSO BAYWAY"
"ESSO HARRISBURG" "G.E.K.FITCH" "M.FLINDERS"
"W.GRENFELL" "M.GRIFFITH" "E.J.HENRY"
"A.S.HEWITT" "D.HEWES" "B.F.IRVINE"
                                                  "JANSSENS" "JAPARA" "KATOOMBA" "M.E.KINNEY!
                                                  "A.LYKES" "Z.LYKES" "MAETSON" "J.S.
MANSFIELD" "J.McLEAN" "W.McLENNAN"
"W.G.MCCRACKEN" "B.MATTHEWS" "L.MERRITT"
                                                  "W.V.MOODY" "MEXICO" "MIDWEST FARMER"
                                                  "NARVIK" "OREGON TRAIL" "JAMES D. PHALAN"
                                                  "PONCE" "RAMO" "M.ROBERTSON" "A.ROBINSON"
"W.G.ROGER" "J.ROLPH" "J.ROSS" "SEA DEVIL"
"SEA MARLIN" "SHAWNEE" "S.M.WHITE" "N.J.
                                                  SINFOTT" "C.SPRECKERS" "W.H.SUBJETTE"
"T.W.SYMONS" "THUNDERER" "VAN DER LIJN"
"VAN DEN BOSCH" "VAN SPILBERGEN"
                                                  "K.D.WIGGIN" "E.YOUNG"
  Port Moresby:
      Escorts
                                              : 1 111: 426
                                              "POLARIS" (AGS)
      Auxiliaries
                                               : "MULIAMA" "TAROONA" "ORMISTOE" "CHARON"
  Merchantmen
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Thursday Is:	1	and the second s
Escorts	2	: "PIRIE" (AMS) 1 SC:731
Auxiliaries	1	: "BUNGARER" (OM)
Cairns:		
Escorts	18	"CORONADO" "SAN PEDRO" (PF) "GYMPIE" "CASTLEMAINE" "KAPUNDA" "ROCKHAMPTON" "WAGGA" (AMS) 1 PC: 477 4 NL: 804, 805, 8II, 820 6 YMS: 9, 10, 11, 47, 48, 51
Auxiliaries	3	"PLATY PUS" (AR) "MORESBY" (AGS) 1 ARD.
Pownsville:		мыний акстр
Escorts	4	* "BOWEN" "BROOME" "BALLARAT" "FREMANTLE" (ANS)
Mackay:		
Auxiliaries	1	: "HERON" (AVP)
ladstone:		
Auxiliaries	-	
Brisbane:		
Escorts	7	: "SWAN" (PS) "KIAMA" (AMS) 2 SC:745, 749 3 ML: 808, 821, 823
Auxiliaries	11	3 ML: 808, 821, 823 "TANGIER" (AV) "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "ALGORAB" "GANYMEDE" (AK) "MERKUR" (AF) "KURUMBA" (AO) "MIZAR" (AF) 3 YP: 233, 236, 291 "LEOPARD" (IX)
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	S DD	"VENDETTA" "STUART"
Escorts	12	"GLAC" "DELORAINE" "ECHUCA" "GEELONG" "GLADSTONE" KATOOOMBA" "WARRNANBOOL" "WHYALLA" (AMS) "KYBRA" "AB.CRIJNSSEN"
Auxiliaries	24	(A/S) 2 ML: 822, 823
WINT TTOUTES	5	"MANUNDA" WANGANELIA" (AH) "GOLD STAR" (AB
felbourne:		"BISHOPDALE" (AO) "OCTANS" (AF)
ESCOPUS	1 AMS	: "LITHGOW" (AMS)
2300103	T AMO	: "Lilingow" (AMS)
	(11)	ENEMY PORCES

the other 2 forced ashore and destroyed. Some shore fire was

(2) Kavieng-Mussau Island - Preliminary reports indicate that a successful allied landing was made on Emirau Island at 0830/00 opposition. The island of Elomusao was seized after overcoming slight opposition, but no allied casualties are reported. Co-ordinated with the landing, Kavieng was bombarded by heavy naval units over a period of 32 hours (see Naval Incidents). Enemy shore fire was ineffective during the approach of our task force and nonexistent after the bombardment except for occasional A/A. Large fires and explosions were caused: Chinatown was levelled and only a few buildings left standing in Kavieng. There was no shipping present.

(3) Admiralty Islands - During the night 18-19 Mar. enemy positions at Lankau (S.W. shore of Rambutyo Island - S.E. of group) were

strafed and shelled by PT boats.

On Los Negros Island, strong enemy resistance was still being encountered 19 Mar. in the area W. of Papitalai. Enemy positions in the hills in this sector were shelled by destroyers expending 600 x 5" shells on 20 Mar.

Enemy activity on 19 and 20 Mar. around Lorengau was limited to sniping and stubborn defence of bunkers, except for one suicidal assault by a small party of Japs on 19 Mar.

Estimated enemy strength 19 War. in the Admiralties is as follows:

Lorengau vicinity 315 S.W. Los Megros Is. 620 Off-lying Islands 10 Unlocated 500 1445

(4) Open Bay -At dawn 19 Mar. Pondo Plantation (W.coast Gazelle Peninsula) was bombed and strafed by 30 Beauforts and 2 Beaufighters. Pondo Plantation was thought possibly to be a staging point for troop movement.

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(5) Jacquinot Bay - Natives report 19 Mar. that submarine transportation apparently is continuing to Jacquinot Bay arriving at Palmalmal at about dusk.

(6) Central New Britain . A patrol ki reconnoitring Lindenhafen 19 Mar. killed 3 Japs. The patrol returned to base 20 Mar. having found no enemy installations and no further personnel.

Contact was lost with the enemy 19 Mar. by patrols in

the Numumdo Plantation (15% miles S.S.E. Talasea).

(7) Garove Island - At 1515/19, A/A positions and camp area on Garove Is. were bombed and strafed by 12 Kittyhawks. Direct hits were scored on gun positions and in the camp.

(8) Hollandia - At 1030/19, one freighter (estimated 5000 tons) was observed by aircraft in Hollandia Bay.

At 0300/20, 2 merchant ships (one small, one medium) and 2 escort vessels were attacked by reconnaissance Liberator 12 miles N.N.W. Hollandia. The ships were attacked with some success but results are not yet assessed. The course of the convoy was not reported but evidence suggests that it was in-bound to Hollandia.

At 1015/20, reconnaissance aircraft observed 2 freighters

and 5 barges in Hollandia Bay.

(9) Hollandia-Wewak - Results of the attack on the convoy off Wewak 19 Mar. are given in Waval Incidents.

Preliminary reports from aircraft in flight indicate probably 3 small groups of shipping along the coast Hollandia-Wewak during the night 20-21 Mar. -

(a) Probably 3 small ships were apparently in the area N. N. N. of Sissano (85 miles S.E. of Hollandia), course undetermined, between 0100-0300/21.

(b) One small freighter, 1-2 escort vessels, W-bound 15-20 miles

E. of Tadji, 2300/20-0120/21.

(c) 2 barges, 1 escort vessel off Nightingale Bay at 2200/20-0210/21 (10) Tadji - At approx 1045/20, Tadji sirfields were attacked by 38
Liberators dropping 152 tons of bombs. The south strip was rendered unservicable and damage inflicted includes several grounded aircraft destroyed.

(11) Sepik River -At 1115/20, 7-8 barges were observed by aircraft heading

up the Sepik River.

(12) Bogadjim Area - At 1015/19, enemy positions N.E. of Daumoina were bombed and strafed by 5 Aircobras led in by 2 Boomerangs and on 20 Mar. a bridge in the Daumoina area was bombed by 14 Aircobras

(13) Saidor - During the night 17-18 Mar. 2 enemy bombers raided camp area at Saidor causing insignificant casualties and damage.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

(1) "INVERELL" (AMS) escorting Convoy TD. 48 ("DARVEL" "ALAGNA") departed Thursday Island 1800/18 for Darwin ETA 1700/23.

(2) "WILCANNIA" (AMS) escorting Convoy DT.45 (2 MV) departed Darwin 1003/19 for Thursday Island, ETA 0900/23.

(3) 15 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

arwin:

Escorts : "COOTAMUNDRA" "LATROBE" (AMS) 5

3 ML: 429, 809, 816 "W. PROUSE" "CORIO" Merchantmen 3

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

(1) "SUSSEX" (CA) was to depart Fremantle 1600/19 to RV at 0800/20 in position 35011'S 114059'E with "MOUNT VERNON" (AF) (departed Melbourne 0930/17) and escort to Fremantle.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat Units 1 CL : "ADELAIDE"
Escorts 6 : "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739

Auxiliaries 9 "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK"

3 ML: 812, 824, 826 "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" (AM) "YUMA" (AT) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) 1 YP: 286

L ARD.

Exmouth Gulf: Auxiliaries

2 : "CHILDS" (AV) 1 YP: 288

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

New Hebrides - At 0715/20, a submarine was sighted off Northern tip

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

Marshalls-Carolines - On 17 and 18 Mar. light to moderate air strikes were conducted against Ponape, Kusaie, Wotje (twice), Maloelap (twice), Jaluit (twice) and Mille.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

(1) Kavieng-Mussau Island - During the bombardment of Kavieng, a task force including battleships, expended 1080 x 14" and 12,275 x 5" shells. As reported earlier in this Summary, ineffective enemy fire was encountered during the approach but gun positions were silenced except for odd A/A. The bombardment was entirely successful. The only damage and casualties to our ships resulted from premature explosions.

Trom premature explosions.

The convoy described as comprising 3 escort vessels (probably gunboats), one freighter transport of 6000 tons and one freighter transport of 4000 tons (reported in yesterday's Summary No. 782) was attacked off Wewak in 2 full-scale air strikes at approx 1045/20 and 1500-1600/20, involving in total 40 Liberators, 62 attack bombers (Mitchells and Bostons) plus fighters. All 5 ships were sunk: the largest merchant vessel being credited to the Liberators and the others to the attack bombers. Approx 4-500 Jap troops were seen in the water and a similar number is estimated to have gone down with one of the ships.

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

(1) Increased mayal and air strength Malayan theatre.

(2) Withdrawal of forward positions in Bismarcks.

(3) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.

4) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.

(5) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive submarine activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

21st March, 1944.

DAILY NAVAL SUM ARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

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CL(T)		-		-	-		KASHIMA
AV/CVS		TANGIER	(2)	WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	•		AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO
DD		HALF MOON SAW PABLO ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA MAHAN DRAYTON REID AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLAL V HUTCHINS HOBBEY TALK GILLESPIE NELLES STOCKTON NICHOLSCN		Approx 45			3 20
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(2) 5.42 BLUEGILL) On Passage		
	3.47	At Milne Bay		
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	K.9	At Milne Bay		
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		2. NORTHERN PACIFI	C	
	ALLIED FORCES		ENEMY FO	RCES
CA	-		(2) NACHI ASHIGAR	A) Poss. Japan
	B) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND		(3) ABUKUMA TAMA KISO	
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3. CENTRAL PACIFIC-FM PIRE

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CV (7) ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON SARATOGA	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL	•
CV(L) (7)COMPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY INDEPENDENCE	(5) HITAKA HAYATAKA TAIKO RYUHO ZUIHO
CV(T)		HOSEO
CV(E) (25)COPAHEE SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO COPAL SEA BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU SANTEE CASABLANCA CORREGIOOR ALTAMARA	KALININ BAY KITKUM BAY MANILA BAY NATOMA BAY MEHENTA BAY	(5) CHITOSE JINYO KAIYO W OTAKA W UNYO
CA (13) BALTIMORE BCSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WIGHITA NEW ORLEANS	MINWEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE	* MAYA
OCA -		6
CL (8) CAKLAMD RENO CONCORD BIRTINGHAM	SANTA FE SAN DIEGO MOBILE BILOXI	(4) NOSHIRO MAGARA MATORI SUZU
CL(T)		KASHII
ATT CVS		3
DD Approx 85		20 (several repairing
SS Approx 30		Approx 25
AS ?		2 (one repairing)

20th March, 1944.

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

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			EAST INDIES-	INDIAN	OCEAN	
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BB	-	(3)	QUEEN ELIZABETI VALIANT RENOWN		NAGATO KONGO HARUNA	HYUGA FUSO (poss.Palau area)
CV	•	~	ILLUSTRIOUS	(2)	ZU IKAKU SHOKAKU	
CV(E)	-	(4)	BATTLER UNICORN SHAH		CHIYODA	
Les .	4		RANZE			
CA	SUSSEX	(5)	SUFFOLK HAWKINS FROBISHER LONDON	(6)	AOBA KUMANO SUZUYA TONE	CHIKUMA
CL	ADELA IDE	(9)	CUMBERLAND CARADOC NEWC CEYLON DANA KENYA TROM GAMBIA EMER VAN HEEMSKERK	E P	(4) YAHAG OI KINU KITAG	
AV/CVS (2	CHILDS W.B. PRESTON		ALBATROSS		* KAMOI	
KCL	•	(2)	CANTON CHITRAL		•	
XAV/XCVS			?		<u></u>	
(15)	ANGLER POMPO BILLFISH PUFF BLUEFISH NORW BOWFIN RASH GABRILLA RATO GUNNEL RAY HADDO HAKE MINGO LAPON	ER) HAL) ER)	Approx 27 Approx 15 On Patrol		25	
(11)	BONEFISH HOE COD RED CREVALLE ROB FLASHER K.13 JACK K.13	S)	At Fremantle			
AS	PELIAS ORION					
Fighters Light & M	nd D/Bombers) eng.)	63 15 42 23			

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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

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Date 22 March, 1944

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

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(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/22:

- (1) "SC.737" "YMS.336" departed Milne Bay 1630/21 for Buna ETA 1400/22.
 (2) "YP.283" departed Milne Bay 1340/20 for Langemak ETA 1600/22.
 (3) "KANIMBLA" "MANOGRA" (APA) departed Gladstone 1900/20 ETA Fitzroy Is.
 1800/22, ETA Finschhafen 0700/25.
 (4) "BAYOU ST.JOHN" (AT) departed Milne Bay 0700/20 to render assistance
 to "SAN ANTONIO" aground off Cape Nelson.
 (5) "HARMON" (DE) escorting "CELENO" (AK) proceeding Milne Bay ETA 0800/22.
 (6) "FC.1124" departed Milne Bay 1900/21 to EV with "CAPE DOUGLAS" and

- escort to Milne Bay.

 (7) "FRESIDENT GRANT" aground on S.W. corner of Uluma Reef. Salvage operations in progress with diving party; "RESERVE" "SONOMA" (AT) "CAMERIAN SALVOR" (ARS) standing by to assist.
- (8) "TOWNSVILLE" (AMS) escorting Convoy MV.74 (2 MV) departed Milne Bay 1700/21 for Townsville ETA 0200/26.

 (9) "CASTLEMAINE" "RAPUNDA" "WAGGA" departed Cairns 0600/21 to join Convoy TN.231 (1 MV for Port Moresby; 3 MV, 3 LCI for Milne Bay).
- "MAETBUYCKER" (AH) departed Port Moresby 1330/20 for Brisbane ETA 0700/24.
- (11) "BUNDABERG" (AMS) escorting "ORMISTON" departed Port Moresby 1630/21 for Townsville ETA 1830/23. "BUNDABERG" detaches off Fitzroy Is. ETA Cairns 0730/23.
- (12) "KALGOORLIE" on A/S patrol outer area Grafton Passage.
 (13) "SCOTCH CAP" towing 1 YDG and 1 ARD proceeding Cairns ETA not known.
 (14) "FREMANTLE" (AMS) departed Townsville 0830/22 for Sydney ETA 0700/26,
- thence Melbourne for refit. (15) "YMS's 11, 72" departed Cairns 0800/22 for Fremantle via Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Albany. ETA Brisbane 1800/25.
- (16)(17)
- (18)
- "TASMAN" (AH) departed Brisbane 0200/19 for Milne Bay ETA 1400/22.

 "KIAMA" (AMS) departed Calcundra 1200/20 for Milne Bay ETA 1600/24.

 "MIZAR" (AF) departed Calcundra 0001/22 for Milne Bay ETA 0900/25.

 "SC.749" departed Calcundra 2100/21 for Sandy Cape A/S patrol: to depart patrol area 1200/25 and return to Brisbane.
- "DOOMBA" (A/S) departed Sydney 0855/20 on A/S patrol to Smoky Cape and return.
- (21) "ML.807" on A/S patrol Coff's Harbour area.
- (22) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) in company with "WANAKA" under tow departed Cairns 1119/10 for Sydney/
- (23) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "MAHAN" "DRAYTON" (DD) to depart Milne Bay 1700/22 proceeding out of S.W. P.A.
- (2) "MERKUR" (AF) to depart Caloundra 1700/22 for Milne Bay ETA 0900/29.

- (3) "TANGIER" (AV) to depart Brisbane 1300/22 for Palm Island ETA 1000/24;
- departing thence 1600/24 for Milne Bay ETA 1000/26.
 (4) "GEELONG" (AMS) to depart Sydney 23 March for Brisbane.

(c) Convoy Procedure:

My, IN and NT Convoys are to be discontinued after the sailing, on Friday 24 March, of Convoys TN.232 and NT.77.

(2) All ships, except those mentioned below, may be sailed independently North and South between Grafton Passage and Milne Bay or Port Moresby, save when enemy submarines are known or strongly suspected to be operating near shipping routes.

(3) Escort is however to be arranged by N.O.I.C. New Guinea for the following types of vessels when within 200 miles of Milne Bay if Westward of 150°E, and North of 14 S., if to Eastward of 150°E.

(i) Combat Units from cruisers upwards.

(ii) Troop ships.

(iii) Naval auxiliaries over 2000 tons.

(iv) Tankers.

Air escort will also be provided for these vessels when ships are within 100 miles of mainland of Australia and when ships are within 200 miles of Milne Bay.

(4) The following AMS's are to be transferred to operational and administrative control of N.O.I.C. New Guinea: .

"BOXEN" "BUNDABERG" "CASTLEMAINE" "GYMPIE" "KAPUNDA" "WAGGA".

(d) In Harbour:

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Los Negros Is:	55	Live State Co.	
Combat Units		PT	
Escorts	3		: 1 ML: 425 1 YMS: 8
Auxiliaries	3		: "OYSTER BAY" (AGP)
Merchantmen	3		: "LAKE ORMAC" "M. DALY" "W. BEAUMONT"
Cape Gloucester:			
Escorts	8		: 1 PC:1134 "WARREGO" (PS)
Auxiliaries	1		: "SHEPPARTON" (AGS)
Merchantman	8		: "YOCHOW " "MELINGA"
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Combat Units		PT	
Escorts	3		: "ARARAT" "BUNBURY" (AMS) 1 SC:744
Auxiliaries	3		: "ETAMIN" (AK)
Merchantmen	3		: "H.C. PAYNE" "J.H.ROSSITER" "TIMOSHEMKO"
Langemak:			The state of the s
Gombat Units	38	PT	
Escorts	24		: "BENALLA" "BENDIGO" "GLENELG" "STAWELL" (AMS)
			7 YMS: 53, 71, 313, 314, 316, 336, 393
141			2 RC: 1122, 1132 3 ML: 424, 803, 804
			8 SC: 637, 648, 734, 735, 743, 747, 981, 982 "H.T.ALLEN" "WESTRALIA" (APA) "PORTUNUS"
Auxiliaries	10		"H.T. ALLEN" WESTRALIA" (AFA) "PORTUNOS"
			"HILO" (AGP) "COUCAL" (ASR) "TRIANGULUM" (AK)
			"MINK" (IX) "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG) "HALF MOON"
Charles and Alexander			(AVP) "VICTORIA" (AC)
Merchantmen	28		: "BRASTAGI" "MACTAN" "CITY OF HOUSTON" "AUN"
			"W. ATWATER" "LYMAN STEWART" "A. THOMAS"
	i.		"HANYANG" "G.R. HEBARD" "L.S. KELLY" "J.COOK"
			"GEO.LUKS" "GEO.VANCOUVER" "J.W.DAVIS"
			"ISOLATOR" "H.L.ABBOTT" "G.V.L.MEYER" "ALAMO"
			"E.JOHNSON" "J.DOTY" "CAPE PERPETUA" "STAGEN"
			"TABINTA" "H.T.RAINEY" "JOHN I.NOLAN"
			"T. CRAWFORD" "W. SHARRON" "N.E. MACK"
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Escorts	1		: 1 ML: 428
Auxiliaries	7		: "PANDA " (IX) : "O.KELLY" "R.J.WALEER" "F.EILLINGS" "H.V.WHITE
Merchantmen	1		"G.L.SMITH" "S.BRANNON" "S.G.PORTER"
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Escorts	10		: 2 PF: "LONGBEACH" "GLENDALE" 2 YMS: 73, 334
			1 ML: 816 2 PC: 1119, 1123 3 SC: 736,741,746
Auxiliaries	7		: "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "DOBBIN" (AD) "TRINITY" (AO
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"ALCOA PATRIOT" "C.SPRECKERS"
           Merchantmen
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    Orc Bay:
Auxiliaries
                                                                   : "RIGEL" (AR) "TULSA" (PG)
: "B.MATTHEWS" "J.F.BRADLEY" "RING LARDNER"
"WEST CACTUS" "D.E.HUGHES" "J.SINGER"
                                                   2
           Merchantmen
                                                 14
                                                                       "A.REHAN" "P.T. DODDREDGE" "CAPE SPENCER"
                                                                        "CEFALU" "M.T. HERRICK" "R.S. BEAN"
                                                                       "ED. N. WESTCOTT" "A.LYKES"
    Woodlark Is:
                                                                   : 1 YMS: 50
          Escorts
                                                                   : 1 YP: 278
           Auxiliaries
                                                   1
    Kiriwina:
                                                                  : 1 ML: 319 1 30: 750
                                                   2
           Escorts
           Merchantmen
    Goodenough Is:
                                                                  : 1 YMS: 335
: "D.D.FIELD" "VAN SWOLL" "M.THWATTES"
          Escorts
                                                   1
           Merchantmen
                                                                       "BORGFRED" "T.W.COOLEY"
Milne Bay:
Combat Units
                                                   2 CA
                                                                   : "SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"
                                                                  "NASHVILLE" "PHOENIX" "BOISE"
"STOCKTON" "BTEVENSON" "HUTCHINS" "DALY"
"BACHE" "ANMEN" "BEALE" "BUSH" "WILKES"
                                                   3 CL
                                                 25 DD
                                                                       "KALK" "HOBBEY" "MULLANY" "GILLESPIR"
"WELLES" "REID" "MAHAN" "DRAYTON" "SWANSON"
                                                                       "THORNE" "NICHOLSON" "WARRAMUNGA" MABNER
                                                                      REID" "ARUNTA" "ROE" "GRAYSON"
                                                 14 PT
* Note: Special operational movements forward of Milne Bay not shown.
                                                                  : "BARCOO" "GASCOYNE"
: 650, 699, 703, 738, 742,748, 732
: "COWRA" "GOULBURN"
          Escorts
                                                   2 PF
                                                   8 SC
                                                                "COWRA" "GOULBURN"

476, 479, 1120, 1122, 1131, 1132

9, 10, 46, 48, 49, 51, 52, 70, 315

427, 431, 801, 802, 817, 818

"HUMPEREYS" "SANDS" "EROOKS" "GILMER" "KANE"
"HER BERT" "SCHLEY" (APD) "SAN PABLO" (AVP)
"AASE MAERSK" (AO) "SHIKELLANY" (AOG) "OTUS"
"EURYALE" (AS) "FYRO" (AE) "BOOTES" (AK)
"POLLUK" (AKS) "KOOPA" (AGP) "AMYCUS" (ARL).
"YUNNAN" (AE) "CHETCO" (AT) "VILLALOBOS" (IX)
"CALAMARES" (AF) 1 ARD, 1 YP; 280

"E.G. ACHESON" "J.ALDEN" "W.B.ALLISON"
"ARANSAS PASS" "W.B.AYER" "J.BARBARA" "BARBARA
C." "S.K.BARLON" "S.K.BOLIVAR" "J.BURROUGHS"
"W.N.EYERS" "CAPE BLANCO" "W.C.CLAIRBORNE"
"G.L.CURRY" "C.DARROW" "J.DEERE" "F.H.DODD"
"DON MARQUIS" "A.B.DUNWAY" "ESSO BAYWAY"
"ESSO HAR RISBURG" "ESSO MANHATTAN" "JOHN
EVANS" "G.E.K.FITCH" "M.FLINDERS" "W.GRENFELL"
"M.GRIFFITH" "E.J.HENRY" "A.S.HEWITT" "D.
                                                   2 AMS
                                                   6 PC
                                                   9 YMS
                                                   6 ML
          Auxiliaries
                                                 21
          Merchantmen
                                                 70
                                                                     "M.GRIFFITH" "E.J.HENRY" "A.S.HEWITT" "D.HEWES" "B.F.IRVINE" "JANSSENS" "JAPARA" "KATOOMBA" "M.E.KINNEY" "Z.LYKES" "MAETSON" "J.S.WANSFIELD" "J.MCLEAN" "W.MCLENNAN"
                                                                     "S.G. MCCRACKEN" "B. MATTHEWS" "L. MERRITT"
"W.V. MODDY" "MEXICO" "MIDWEST FARMER" "NARVIK"
"JEAN NICOLET" "OREGON TRAIL" "JAMES.D.
                                                                     PHALAN" "POINT SAN PEDRO" "RAMO" "REIJNST"
"M.ROEERTSON" "A.ROBINSON" "W.G.ROGER"
"J.ROLPH" "J.ROSS" "SEA MARLIN" "SHAWNEE"
                                                                      "S. M. WHITE" "N. J. SIANOTT" "W. H. SUBJETTE"
                                                                     "T.W.SIMONS" "M. THORNTON" "THUNDERER" "VAN
DER LIJN" "VAN DEN BOSCH" "K.D. WIGGIN"
                                                                     "E.YOUNG"
   Port Moresby:
                                                             : 1 ML: 426
         Escorts
                                                  1
                                                                "POLARIS" (AGS)
         Auxiliaries
                                                  1
                                                                 : "MULIANA" "CHARON" "EMPIRE SILVER"
         Merchan tmen
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Thursday Is: : "PIRIE" (AMS) 1 SC: 731 2 Escorts : "BUNGAREE" (CM) Auxiliaries Cairns: : "CORONADO" "SAN PEDRO" (PF) "GYMPIE" "MILDURA" 12 Escorts "ROCKHAMPTON" (AMS) 1 PC:477
4 MI: 804, 805, 811, 820 2 YMS: 47, 5:
"PLATYPUS" (AR) "MORESBY" (AGS) 1 ARD. 2 YMS: 47, 51 Auxiliaries Townsville: "BONEN" "BROOME" "BALLARAT" (AMS) Escorts Mackay: : "HER ON" (AVP) 1 Auxiliaries Brisbane: : "SWAN" (PS) "KIAMA" (AMS) 1 SC:745 6 Escorts 3 ML: 808k 821, 823 "TANGIER" (AV) "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "ALGORAB" "GANYMEDE" (AK) "MERKUR" (AF) "KURUMBA" (AB) 10 Auxiliaries 3 YP: 233, 236, 291 "LEOPARD" (IX) Sydney: : "HOBART" (Refitting)
: "VENDETTA" "STUART"
: "CCLAC" "DELORAINE" "ECHUCA" "GEELONG"
"GLADSTONE" "KATOOMBA" "WARRNAMBOOL" "WHYALLA"
(AMS) "KYBRA" "AB.CRIJNSSEN" (A/S) Combat Units 1 CL 2 DD 12 Escorts 2 ML: 822, 823 : "MANUNDA" "WANGANELLA" (AH) "GOLD STAR" (AS) Auxiliaries "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "OCTANS" (AF) Melbourne: 1 AMS : "LITHGOW" (Refitting) Escorts (11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Kieta Area - On 20 Mar. the Numa Numa trailand A/A positions were bombed by 8 Kittyhawks, while coastal area around Muma Numa was bombed and strafed by 4 Aircobras.

(2) Empress Augusta Bay . Between 8 and 19 Mar. 12 enemy guns near the Torokina perimeter were destroyed by air and surface bombardment. On 19 Mar. perimeter targets were bombed by 21 Dauntless and 6 Avengers, and on 20 Mar. the Japanese supply area was bombed by 19 Dauntless and 6 Avengers. P.m. 20 Mar. enemy perimeter positions in the Torokina area were bombed by 24 Dauntless and 6 Avengers spotting for artillery. Between 2339/20 and 0015/21, an enemy aircraft was indicated in the Torokina area but no contact was made.

) Feni Islands - Photographs 0930/20 show 6 barges in the area.

Cape St. George - Onl9 Mar. the Cape St. George radar station was bombed by 6 Dauntless. Accompanying Avengers reported one hit on the radar station and a column of smoke and also stated that the radar screen was missing.

(5) St. George's Channel - At 1150/21, a submarine on course 300° was observed to crash-dive in St. George's Channel.

During 21 Mar. 5 rust-coloured spherical mines were sighted by aircraft between Cape Gazelle and Duke of York Island.

(6) Rabaul - Between Cloc and 0345/19, Rabaul was harassed by a single Liberator. Between 1105 and 1140/19, Vunapope was attacked by 24 Dauntless, 18 Avengers, 16 escorting Corsairs and 32 Mitchells starting numerous fires. Between 1117 and 1134/19, the Tawui Point ammunition dump was bombed by 12 Kittyhawks, 12 Aircobras and 10 Lightnings. During the afternoon, a possible fuel dump fire was started on the shore of Keravia Bay by 8 Corsairs.

Between 0950 and 1135/20, the Rataval supply area was bombed by 12 Lightnings and 12 Aircobras covered by 16 Corsairs. Between 1125 and 1135/20, Lakunai was bombed by 31 Mitchells.
Between 1115 and 1155/20, Vunakanau airfield and A/A positions were bombed by 24 Dauntless, 17 Avengers and 25 Liberators, scoring several direct hits on gun positions. One 165 mm. gun is shown by photographs as destroyed by a direct hit. During the afternoon 20 Mar. barges in Kabaira Bay and Keravia Bay were strafed by 28 Sopac fighters.

At 1200/20, a submarine was sighted by aircraft in Matupi Hr.

(7) Panapai - At 1127/19, Panapai runways and revetments were bombed by 24 Liberators covered by 16 Corsairs. The strip was left heavily

hit and ploughed up and a probable fuel dump was fired.

(8) Admiralty Islands - On 19 Mar. Loniu Village on the S.W. coast of
Los Megros Island was raided by an allied patrol which reported that the village was apparently a naval headquarters and captured important documents, destroyed food, ammunition and stores and burnt 25 huts and 30 canoes.

On 20 March, destroyers expended 600 rounds of 5" shells in support of ground forces in a bombardment of enemy positions in the hills West of Papitalai. One ammunition dump was destroyed. Another destroyer expended 177 rounds of 5" shells in bombarding the S.E. tip of Manus Island.

To 20 Mar. enemy casualties in the Admiralty Is. to date

Known dead 2076 Estimated 600 2676

(9) Jacquinot Bay - Between 0650 and 0716/21, Palmalmal was bombed and strafed by 8 Beauforts.

(10) Western New Britain - On 20 Mar. total enemy casualties sustained in the following areas were reported as follows:

Cape Gloucester-Rein Bay	<u>Killed</u> 3686	P.W.
Eleanora Bay Talasea	149 151	38
	3986	124

(11) Aitape Area - At 2359/20, three merchant ships of 3-4000 tons were sighted by aircraft 35 miles W.N.W. of Aitape, course 2900. At 0250/21, an unidentified ship, course unknown, was sighted in the same area.

- Between 2258/20 and 0207/21, a destroyer was attacked by 2 Liberators 22 miles E. by S. of Tadji (see Naval Incidents).

 (12) Wewak Area At 1000/21, Brandi Plantation was bombed and strafed by a substantial force of Bostons and Kairiru Island stores and personnel areas were bombed and strafed by Michells and Liberators. Reports are not yet complete but those to hand cover 26 Bostons, 18 Mitchells and 10 Liberators. Up to 50 barges were observed by these aircraft in the Wewak-Muschu-Kairiru Is.
- Murik Lagoon At 1535/21, 11 Mitchells unable to reach Kairiru, the primary target, bembed and strafed the Murik Lagoon area (about 30 miles down the coast from Wewak).

 (14) Cape Ward Hunt At 1000/21, a submarine was reported off Cape Ward

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2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALL TED FORGES

(a) At Sea to 1200/22:

(1) "INVEREIL" (AMS) escorting Convey TD.48 ("DARVEL" "ALAGNA") departed Thursday Is. 1800/18 for Darwin ETA 1700/23.

(2) "WILCANNIA" (AMS) escorting Convoy DT.45 (2 MV) departed Darwin 1003/19 for Thursday Island, ETA 0900/23.

i) 15 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Escorts : "COOTAMUNDRA" "LATROBE" (AMS) 5

3 ML: 429, 809, 816 : "W.PROUSE" "CORIO" Merchantmen

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

- (a) At Sea to 1200/22: (i) ALLIED FORCES
- (1) "SUSSEX" (CA) to depart Fremantle 1600/19 to RV at 0800/20 in position 35°11'S, 114°59'E with "MOUNT VERNON" (AP) (departed Melbourne 0930/17) and escort to Fremantle.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat Units : "ADELAIDE" 1 CL

: "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739 Escorts

Auxiliaries 9

3 ML: 812, 824, 826
"ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" (AM) "YUMA" (AT)
"W.B.PRESTON" (AVD) "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS)
"CHANTICLEER" (ASR) 1 YP: 286 1 ARD.

Exmouth Gulf: Auxiliaries 2 : "CHILDS" (AV) 1 YP: 288

SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

New Hebrides - At 1130/15, an allied vessel struck a mine off the R. coast of Espiritu Santo. The vessel reached port safely.

C. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

ENEMY FORCES

Recent evidence indicates probably 6 enemy submarines, including possibly one German unit, operating in the Indian Ocean in addition to probably 3 German blockade running submarines in passage. The locations are summarised: .

> (i) One Jap unit off Hoogli River mouths fixed by D/F a.m. 19 Mar. and seen by aircraft p.m. 17 Mar. This is probably the unit that sank "ELANDINA" on 16 Mar. as previously reported.

(ii) One unit probably Jap in the area W. of Maldive Is: "ITTERSUM" (Dutch-5,200 tons) reported being shelled by a probable submarine S.W. of Eight Degrees Channel night

17-18 Mar. (iii) One unit, could be either Jap or German, off West coast India between Karachi and Bombay. "H.D.COLLIER" was torpedoed 220 miles SS.W. Karachi p.m. 16 Mar.

(iv) One Jap unit fixed by D/F p.m. 17 Mar.N.E. of Socotra. (v) One Jap unit N.E. of Seychelles where an unsuccessful

torpedo attack was made p.m. 19 Mar.

(vi) One prob. Jap unit in the N. approaches Mozambique Channel. E.S.E. of Mombasa, where an aircraft contacted a submarine a.m. 18 Mar.

The 3 German probable blockade running units were located by D/F in the area S. Central Indian Ocean 300-33 S, 65 -730 E: Two were in this area night 14 Mar. and another night 19 Mar.

ORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

Kuriles - On 19 Mar. Paramushiro Island was bombed by Cenpac Venturas, starting several fires.

NAVA L INCIDENTS

Altape Area - The destroyer attacked 20 miles E. of Tadji between 2258/20 and 0207/21, received 2 direct hits with 1000 lb. bombs and two direct hits with 500 lb. bombs. Explosions occurred and dense black smoke was seen while the ship slowly settled.

Aitape Area (Contd) - The vessel was claimed as sunk. The attack was observed by a Navy Catalina who confirmed three hits and reported at 0400/21, the vessel appeared dead in the water.

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

(1) Increased naval and air strength Malayan theatre.

(2) Withdrawal of forward positions in Bismarcks.

(3) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North coast New Guimea, East Indies, Malayan areas.

(4) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.

(5) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive submarine activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALL TED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

	ALLIED FORCES	ENEMY FORCES			
	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marianas	
BB	•	(4) IDAHO NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA TENNESSEE	•	MUSASHI	
<u>GA</u> ●	(2) AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	•	•	(5) ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI MYOKO HAGURO	
<u>CL</u>	(4) BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX HOBART	(8) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONT PELLIER DENVER HONOLULU ST.LOUIS BIRMINGHAM LEANDER	•	(2) OYODO YUBARI	
CL(T)	-	-	•	KASHIMA	
AV/CVS	TANGIER	(2) WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	· -	(2) AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO	
XAV/XCV	SAN PABLO	BALLARD	-	3	
3	WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA MAHAN DRAYTON REID AMMEN EACHE HEALE HUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS HOBBEY EALK GILLESPIE WELLES STOCKTON NICHOLSON WILKEX STEVENSON TEORN ABNER READ ROE GRAYSON	Apprex 45		20	

		est Pacific ern Section)	Sou	th Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Zarolines Marianas
		BASHAW BLACKFISH DACE DARTER FLOUNDER SCAMP		Patrol	15	25
		BLUEGILL	on	Passage		
	(2)	S.42 S.47	At	Milne Bay		
		CERO	At	Brisbane		
		K.9	At	Sydney		-11
PT		Approx 85		Approx 110	?	ę
APA/API	(II)	H.T.ALLEN KANIMBLA WESTRALIA ALGORAB GILMER KANE SANDS SCHLEY HUMPHREYS BROOKS HERBERT	1 =	10 APA 10 APD 5 AKA		
AGC		BLUE RIDGE				
AS	(2)	otus Euryale			8	?
42		DOBBIN			-	•
	(3)	RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS		FROME THEUS		
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Torped Flying Floatp Obsn.	o and : Boats lanes	D/Bombers		1 14 20		
C. CORPORATION OF THE PARTY OF		ALLIED FORCES	2.	NORTHERN PACIFI	C ENEMY FO	RCES
Ą		24			(2) NACHI ASHIGAR	A) Poss. Japan
CL		DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND			(3) ABUKUMA TAMA KISO	
DD		9			10	
SS	2	10			Approx	4

Approx 25

2 (one repairing)

3. CENTRAL FACIFIC-EMPIRE ENEMY FORCES ALLIED FORCES SOUTH DAKOTA (4) ISE (14) INDIANA WEST VIRGINIA YAMASHIRO NORTH CAROLINA COLORADO H YAMATO TOWA WASHINGTON MARYLAND MUTSU (prob.sunk) NEW JERSEY MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA MASSACHUSETTS AMOHAJNO & CALIFORNIA (7) ENTERPRISE INTREPID YORKTOWN ESSEX LEXINGTON BUNKER HILL SARATOGA (7) COWPENS (5) HITAKA CV(L) CABOT LANGLEY BELLEAU WOOD HAYATAKA MONTEREY * INDEFENDENCE TATHO PRINCETON RYUHO CHIUZ V(T) HOSHO CV(E) (25) COPAHEE WHITE PLAINS (5) CHITOSE BRETON SANGAMON JINYO SUWANNEE MIDWAY KAIYO PATROLLER CHENANGO M OTAKA CORAL SEA FANSHAW BAY M UNYO GAMBIER BAY BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM HOGGATT BAY KALININ BAY LONG ISLAND NASSAU KITKUN BAY SANTEE MANILA BAY CASABLANCA NATOMA BAY CORREGIDOR MEHENTA BAY ALTAMAKA (13) BALTIMORE MINNEAPOLIS MAYA BOSTON PENSACOLA CHESTER INDIANA POLIS CANBERRA SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA SALT LAKE CITY NEW ORLEANS PORTLAND LOUISVILLE OCA 6 CL (7) SANTA FE OAKLAND (4) NOSHIRO SAN DIEGO RENO H NAGARA MOBILE M CONCORD M NATORI BILOXI m ISUZU CL(T) KASHII AV/CVS 20 (several repairir

m Non-effective

Approx 85

Approx 30

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4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

CL

TRENTON

DD

		5.	EAS	INDIE:	3 -	INDIAN	OCEAN			
	uthwest Pac estern Sec		E	astern 1	Flee	t Area	East	Ind	ies-Philip	pines
BB	•		(3)	QUEEN I VALIANT RENOWN		ABETH		(5)	NAGATO KONGO HARUNA	HYUGA FUSO
CV				ILLUST	RIOU	S		(2)	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU	*
CA(E)	-			BATTLER UNICCRI SHAH RANEE					CHIYODA	
<u>OA</u>	SUSSEX		(5)	SUFFOLI HAWKINS FROBISI LONDON CUMBERI	BHER			(6)	AOBA KUMANO SUZUYA	CHIKUM <mark>A</mark> MOGAMI TONE
<u>CL</u>	ADELAI	DE	(9)	CARADOO CEYLON KENYA GAMBIA VAN HER		newcast Danae Tromp Emerali Erk		(4)	YAHAGI OI KINU KITAGAMI	
AV/CVS	(2) CHILDS W.B.PR			ALBATRO	oss			H	KAMOI	
XCL			(2)	CANTON CHITRAI					-	*
XAY/XCVS	•			8					•	
D	-			Approx	27				25	
<u>88</u> (16)	ANGLER BILLFISH BLUEFISH BOWFIN CABRILLA GUNNEL HADDC HAKE	MINGO LAPON POMPON PUFFER NORWHAI RASHER RATON RAY)	Approx On Patr					17 (incl	.6 German
(10)	BONEFISH COD CREVAILE FLASHER JACK	HOE REDFIN ROBALO K.12 K.15	2000	At Frem	ant]	la			9	
A	PELIAS ORION									•
Fighters (Light & M/ Torpedo an	d D/Bomber	twin-eng	g.)	63				544		
Flying Boa Floatplane Obsn. A/c				42 23						

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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

No. 785 Date 23 March, 1944

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLI D FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/23:

- (1) "MAHAN" "DEAYTON" (DD) departed Milne Bay 1700/22 proceeding out of
- S.W.P.A.
 (2) "SAN FEDRO" (PF) "ROCKHAM PTON" (AMS) escorting "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA" (APA) departed Fitzroy Island area 1800/22, ETA Finschhafen 0700/25
- (3) "BAYOU ST. JOHN" (AT) departed Milne Bay 0700/20 to render assistance to "SAN ANTONIO" aground off Cape Welson.
- (4) "PC.1124" departed Milne Bay 1900/21 to RV with "CAPE DOUGLAS" and escort to Milne Bay.
- (5) "PRESIDENT GRANT" aground on S.W. corner of Uluma Reef. Salvage operations in progress with diving party; "RESERVE" "SONOMA" (AT) standing
- by to assist.

 (6) "CALAMARES" (AF) de arted Milne Bay 1440/22 for Gladstone ETA 0200/26.

 (7) "TOWNSVILLE" (ANS) escorting Convoy MV.74 (2 MV) departed Milne Bay
- 1700/21
 (8) "MILDURA" "CASTLEMAINE" "KAPUNDA" "WAGGA" escorting Convoy TN231
 (4 MV, 3LC1) "MILDURA" escorts 1 MV to Port oresby; remaining

- escorts escort 3 MV 3 LCl to Milne Bay.

 (9) "MORESBY" (AGS) proceeding Milne Bay ETA 23 March.

 (10) "MAETSUYCKER" (AM) departed fort Moresby 1330/20 for Brisbane ETA 0700/24

 (11) "BUNDABERG" (AMS) escorting "ORMISTON" departed Port Moresby 1630/21

 for Townsville TA 1830/23. "BUNDABERG" detaches off Fitzroy Is. due Cairns 0730/23.
- (12) "PIRIE" (AMS) escorting "J.W.TROY" departed Thursday Is. 1835/21 for Darwin ETA 1400/24
 (13) "KALGOORLIE" on A/S patrol outer area Grafton Passage
- (14) "FREMANTLE" (AMS) departed Townsville 0830/22 for Sydney ETA 0800/26 thence Melbourne for refit.
- (15) "YMS's 11,72" departed Cairns 0800/22 for Fremantle via Brisbane, Sydney, selbourne, Adelaide and Albany. ETA Brisbane 1800/25
- (16) "KIAMA" (AMS) departed Calcundra 1200/20 for Milne Bay ETA 1600/24 (17) "MIZAR" (AF) departed Calcundra 0001/22 for Milne Bay ETA 0900/25 (18) "TANGIER" (AY) departed Brisbane 1300/22 for Palm Island ETA 1000/24;
 - departing thence 1600/24 for Milne Bay ETA 1000/26.
 (19) "MERKUR" (AF) departed Calcumdra 1700/22 for Milne Bay ETA 0900/29
 (20) "SC.749" departed Calcumdra 2100/21 for Sandy Cape A/S patrol: to

- depart patrol area 1200/25 and return to Brisbane
 (21) "GELLONG" (AMS) departed Sydney 1416/22 for Calcundra ETA 0700/24.
 (22) "YAMDRA" (A/S) departed Sydney 0800/22 on A/S patrol to Smoky Cape and return
- (23) 7 Submarines on patrol.

. (b) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "GASCONNE" (PF) to sail as escort for Convoy MV75 ETA Grafton Passage 26 March, "GASCOYNE" will then be available for repairs and boiler cleaning.
- (2) "YP291" to depart Calcundra 1500/25 for Palm Island ETA 1000/26 thence Cairns ETA 1800/27.

(c) Convoy Procedure:

- (1) MV, TN and NT Convoys are to be discontinued after the sailing, on
- Friday 24 March, of Convoys TN.232 and ET.77.

 (2) All ships, except those mentioned below, may be sailed independently North and South between Grafton Passage and Milne Bay or Port Coresby, save when enemy submarines are known or strongly suspected to be operating near shipping routes.
- Port Moresby, save when enemy submarines are known or strongly suspected to be operating near shipping routes.

 (3) Escort is however to be arranged by N.O.I.C. New Guinea for the following types of vessels when within 200 miles of Filne Bay if Westward of 100°E, and North of 14°S., if to Eastward of 150°E.
 - (i) Combat Units from cruisers upwards.
 - (ii) Troop ships.
 - (111) Naval auxiliaries over 2000 tons
 - (iv) Tankers.

Air escort will also be provided for these vessels when ships are within 100 miles of mainland of Australia and when ships are within 200 miles of Tilne hay.

(4) The following AMS's are to be transferred to operational and administrative control of N.O.I.C. New Guinea:-

"BOWER" "BUNDADENG" "CASTLEBALME" "GYMPIE" "KAPUNDA" "WAGGA".

(d) In Harbour:

Admiralties:		
Combat Units	15 PF	
Escorts	4	: 1 ML: 425 1 YMS: 8,46 "BENALLA" (AMS)
Auxilia ries	2	: "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "ETAMID" (AK)
Merchan tmen	3	"LAKE ORLOC" "M. DAL " "W. BEAUMONT"
Cape Gloucester:		· white our co is the head once i
Escorts	2	: 1 PC:1134 "WARREGO" (PS)
Auxiliaries	1	: "SHEPPARTON" (AGS)
Merchan tmen	3	"YOCHOW" "MELINGA" "H.T.RAINE."
Saidor:		* TACTION ENDINGERY IN TOTAL TRUE
Combat Units	9 PT	
Escorts	3	2 "BUNBUR Y""STAWELL" (AMS) 1 SO:744
Auxiliaries		· Notions areason / Sand) w man
Merchan tmen	3	: "H.C. PAYNE" "J.H. ROBSITE!" "PIMOSHENKO"
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Combat Units	38 PT	
Escorts	23	: "ARARAT" "BENDIGO" "GLENELG" (AMS) 7 YMS:
	14.5	53, 71, 313, 314, 316, 336, 393 2 PC: 1122, 1132 3 ML: 424, 803, 804 8 SC: 637, 648, 734, 735, 743, 747, 981, 982
Auxiliaries	11	"H.T.ALLEN" "WESTRALIA" (APA) "PORTUNUS" "HILO" (AGP) "COUCAL" (ASR) "TRIANGULUM" (AR) "MINK" (IX) "SUSQUEHANNA" (AGG) "HALF MOON" (AVP) "VICTORIA" (AG) YP283
Merchantmen	28	: "BRASTAGI" "ACTAL" "CITY OF HOUSTON" "AUN"
		"W.ATWATER" "LYMAN"STEWARD" "A. THOMAS"
•		"HANYANG" ".G.R. HEBARD" "L.S. KELLY" "J. COOK
**		"ISOLATOR" "H.L.ABBOTT" "G.V.T. MEVER"
		"ALANO" "E. JOHNSON" "J. DOTY" "CAPE PERPETTA
		"STAGEN" "TABINTA" "JOHN I. HOLAN"
		"T. CRAWFORD" "W. SPARRON" "N.E. MACK"
Las:		
Escorts	1	: 1 ML: 428
Auxiliaries	1	* "PATDA" (IK)
Merchan tmen	7	"H.V.WHITE" "G.L.STITH" "S.BRANDON"
		W.S. C. DOST GRADE W

"S.G. PORTER"

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Escorts	12	: 2 PF: "LONGBEACH" "GLENDALE" 3 YMS: 73, 334, 336 1 WL : 816 2 PC: 1119, 1123
Auxiliaries	7	4 SC: 736, 737, 741, 746 "BLUE RIDGE" (AGO) "DOBBIN" (AD) "TRINITY" (AO) "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "POYANG" (AE)
		"PING WO" (ASIS) 1 ARD.
Merchantmen	11	"M. WALKER" "W.S.LADD" "ALCIBIADES" "ANHUI" "ALCOA PATRIOT" "C. SPRECKERS" "L. MESTRITT" "W. MCGRACKEN" "ESSO BAYNAY" "POINT SAN PEDRO" "A.S. HEWITT"
Oro Bay:		Harmond (and Harmond (ma)
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Woodlark Is:		
ESCOT US	1	: 1 YMS: 50
Auxiliaries Kiriwina:	-	
Escorts	2	: 1 M2:319 1 SC: 750
Merchantmen	1	: "MANA"
Escorts	2	: 1 YMS: 335 "GOULBURN" (AMS)
Merchantmen	5	"D.D.FIELD" "VAN SWOLL" "M.THWAITES" "BORGFRED" "T.W.COOLEY"
Milne Bay: Combat Units	2 CA	: "SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"
011200	3 CL	: "NASHVILLE" "PHOENIX" "BOISE"
	23 DD	"BACHE" "AMMEN" "BEALE" "BUSH" "WILKES" "KALK" "BOBBEY" "MULLANY" "GILLESPIE" "WELLES" "REID" "SWANSON" "THORKE"
	1 / PXD	"NICHOLSON" "WARRAMUNGA" "ABNER REID" "ARUNTA" "ROE" "GRAYSON"
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Merchantment (contd.)		"M.THORNTON" "THUNDERER" "VAN DER LIJN" "VAN DEN BOSCH" "K.D.WIGGIN" "E.YOUNG"
Port Moresby: Escorts Auxiliaries Merchantmen	1 1 3	: 1 ML: 426 1 PC: 476 : "POLARIS" (AGS) : "MULIAMA" "CHARON" "EMPIRE SILVER"
rsday Is: Escorts Auxiliaries	2	: "WILCANNIA" (AMS) 1 80: 731 : "BUNGAREE" (CM)
Escorts	9	"CORONADO" (PF) "GYMPIE" (AMS) 1 PC:477 4 ML: 804, 800, 811, 820 2 MMS: 47, 51
Auxiliaries	2	: "PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD
Escorts Mackay;	3	: "BOWEN" "BROOME" "BALLARAT" AMS.
Auxiliaries	1	t "HERON" (AVP)
Auxiliaries Brisbane:	2	: 1 <u>YDG</u> 1 <u>ARD</u> : "SWAH" (PS) "WHYALLA" (A'S) 1 SC: 745
Auxiliaries	6	3 ML: 808, 821, 823 "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "ALGORAB" (AKA)
ga bear at at a bear at to be		"GANY EDE" (AK) "KURUMLA" (AO) 3 YP: 233, 236, 291 "LEOPARD" (IX)
Sydney:		
Combat Units	2 DD	: "HOBART" (Refitting) : "VENDETTA" "STUART"
Escorts	12	"KATOOMBA" "WARRNAMBOOL" (AMS) "KYBRA" "AB.ORIJESSEN" "DOOMBA" (A/S) 3 ML: 807. 822, 823
Auxiliaries	7	: "MANUNDA" "WANGANELLA" (AK) "GOLD STAR" (AS) "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "OCTANS" (AF) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG
Escorts	1 AMS	: "LITHGOW" (Refitting)
	(1:	I) ENEMY PORCES
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(1) Empress Augusta Bay - The reduction of enemy gun positions and installations around the Torokina perimeter was continued 20-21 Mar. involving 20 Dauntless, 18 Avengers, 3 Liberators and 4 Aircobras, besides one destroyer and counter-artillery fire.

There was no enemy artillery activity on our positions from a.m. 19 Mar. up to 1500/21. Mopping up in one sector on 20 Mar. resulted in 98 Japs killed, but the enemy still appears to be gathering strength outside the Northern sector of the perimeter.

(2) Rabaul - At 1205/21, Vunakanau serodrome was bombed by 37 Dauntless,
18 Avengers. Both the concrete and the coral runways were hit.
Photos 21 Mar. show:-

Aircraft &	F.	D/B.	L/B.	
Vunakanau	1	1	1	Coral strip partially serviceable
Lakunai	2	1	-	Serviceable
Rapopo Tobera	Nil a/	c _	-	Unserviceable
Keravat	Nil a/	C	-	U .
Total 9 a/c whereof	6 F.	2 D/B.	1 L/	B

(3) Eastern New Britain - Further evidence of the enemy withdrawal from
Eastern New Britain towards Gazelle Peninsula is contained in
a report of a local observer to the effect that 20. Japs were
seen on 20 Mar. in the Cape Hoskins area moving Eastwards.

(4) St. Matthias Group - The occupation of Emirau Island was completed by

(4) St. Matthias Group - The occupation of Emirau Island was completed by 2000/21, when no enemy activity was reported. Natives report that there has been no Japs on the Island for 2 months.

Shipping Rabaul Harbour: 2 (usual) small freighters

Approx 300 barges. 1 F/B 1 F/P

(5) Admiralty Islands - Slight enemy contacts were made 21 Mar. on Los Negros Island in the area W. and S.W. of Papitalai. destroyer bombarded enemy positions in this area 21 Mar.
Mopping up continues in the area around Lorengau an Manus

Island. Enemy activity is confined to sniper fire and determined resistance of prepared positions.

The enemy numbers on 21 Mar. in the Admiralties are:

650

Known dead 2166 Estimated dead 2816

Maximum remaining effective strength 1122

(6) Hollandia-Wewak - The offensive against enemy coastal traffic Hollandia-Newak was continued a.m. 21 Mar. (incompletely reported Summary No. 784) and involved 34 Liberators, 24 Mitchells with Lightning cover, which attacked the barge base and repair depot on Kairiru Island. 160 tons of bombs were dropped causing many explosions and fires in fuel dumps and destruction of important installations. Simultaneously the Wewak supply area at Brandi Plantation was bombed and strafed by 38 Bostons (see Naval Incidents).

This offensive was continued approx 1100/22 when shipping and small craft along the coast towards Wewak and Aitape was attacked by 32 Mitchells, 30 Bostons and 35 divebombing Kittyhawks with Lightning cover. The strikes met with some success but results have not yet been fully assessed. At the same time, A/A positions around Wewak town and Boram strip

were bombed by 36 Liberators.

There was no interception but one Boston was lost. At 0955/21, recommaissance aircraft observed 3 small merchant ships and 2 small escort vessels in Hollandia Bay. At 1100/22, reconnaissance aircraft reported 3 small to medium

freighters at anchor in Hollandia Bay.

(7) Hansa Bay - A preliminary report from aircraft in flight indicates 2 sea trucks and about a dozen barges in Hansa Bay at 1115/22.

(8) Bogadjim Road - Midday 22 Mar. enemy army Headquarters in the Bogadjim area was divebombed and strafed by 16 Aircobras.

2. NORTH WEST RN AREA.

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/23:

"INVERELL" (AMS) escorting Convoy TD.48 ("DARVEL" ALAGNA") departed (1) Thursday Is. 1800/18 for Darwin ETA 1700/23.

(2) 16 Submarines in patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Escorts : "COOTAMUNDRA" "LATROBE" (AMS) 3 ML: 429, 809, 816 : "W. PROUSE" "CORIO"

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(11) ENEMY FORCES

Arafura Sea - At 0906/22 an enemy aircraft was reported over Princess Marianne Straits.

SOUTH WEST RN AREA

(a) At Sea to 1200/23: (i) ALLIED FORCES

(1) "SUSSEX" (CA) to depart Fremantle 1600/19 to RV at 0800/20 in position 35°11's, 114°59'E with "MOUNT VERNON" (AP) (departed Melbourne 0930/18) and escort to Fremantle.

(b) In Harbour:

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Fremantle: Combat Units : "ADELAIDE" 1 CL : "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: \$39 Escorts 6 3 ML: 812, 824, 826 "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" (AM) "YUMA" (AT) "W.B.PRESTON" (AVD) "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS) Auxiliaries "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) 1 YP: 286 1 ARD.

Exmouth Gulf: Auxiliaries

: "CHILDS (AV) 1 YP: 288

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

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Marshalls - Carolines - On 19th. Mar. Mille was shelled by a battleship task force and bombed by carrier-borne aircraft. On the same date, Jaluit was subjected to a moderate air strike and light gir strikes were conducted against Wotje, Taroa, and Ponape, where a small . freighter transport was sunk. On 20 Mar. light to moderate air strikes were conducted against Mille, Jaluit, Taroa and Wotje.
At 0916/20 Wake was attacked by Liberators dropping 40 tons

of bombs.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

Hollandia - Wewak - A composite signal from 5th. Air Force reports one 1500 ton merchantship and one 1000 ton merchantship believed sunk in addition to the Destroyer reported in Summary No. 784, during sir strikes night 20-21 Mar. and 21 Mar. off Hollandia-Wewak Coast.

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CPABILITIES

Increased naval and air strength Malayan theatre.

Withdrawal of ferward positions in Bismarcks. Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North Coast New Guinea. (3)East Indies, Malayan areas.

Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs (4) to forward areas.

Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive submarine (5) activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

AI	LID	FORCES			ENERY FORCES			
		st Pacific n Section)	S	outh Pacific	Bismar cl Solomons		Carolines Marianas	
BB		-	(4)	IDAHO NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA TENNESSEE	-		MUSASHI	
CA		STRALIA ROPSHIRE		•	-	(5)	ATAGE TAKAO CHOKAI MYOKO HAGURO	
<u>CL</u>	PH	ISE SHVILLE OENIX BART		COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER HONOLULU ST.LOUIS BIRMINGHAM LEANDER	•	(2)	OYODO YUBARI	
CL(T)				•	-		KASHIMA	
AV/CVS	TA	NGIER	(2)	WRIGHT CHANDEREUR	•	(2)	AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO	
MAV/XCVS (LF MOON N PABLO		BALLARD	•		3	
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		thwest Pacifi stern Section		South Pacific	Bism Solo	arcks mons	Carol: Maria	
SS	(7)	BASHAW) BLACKFISH) BLUEGILL) DACE ; FLOUNDER) SCAMP ; SILVER SIDES)	On	Pat fol	1	5	25	
	(2)	S,42 S,47	At	Milne Bay				
	(8)	DARTER CERO	At	Brisbane				
		K.9	At	Sydney				
PT A /a DV	1000	Approx 85		Approx 110		?	3	
A A P.S.	O/ARA (II)	H.T.ALLEN KANIMBLA WESTRALIA ALCORAB GILMER KANE SCHLEY SANDS HOMPHREYS BROOKS HERBERT		10 APA 10 APD 5 AKA	*			
AGC		BLUE RIDGE						
AS	(2)	OTUS EURYALE			8	•	\$	
AD		DOBBIN			-		•	
AR	(3)	RIGEL FLATYPUS AMYCUS		PROMETHEUS				
Fighter: Light &	s (inc M/Bom and D Boats anes	Area Only) 1. 18 twin-en bers Bombers	ng.)	146 107 2 1 14 20				
	A	LLIED FORCES	2	NORTHERN PACIF	IC	ENEMY F	ORCES	
CA		69			(2)	1)	Japan
OL	(3)	DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND			(3)	ABUKUMA TAMA KISO		
DD		9				20		
SS		10				Approx 4		

2 (one repairing)

3. CENTRAL BACIFIC-EMPTRE

	ALLIED FORCES	RAL PACIFIC -EMFIRE	LIVERY PORCES
BB	(14) INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA IUWA WASHINGTON HEW JERSEY WASBACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO HARYLAND MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA OKLAHOMA	(4) ISE YAMASHIRO * YAMATO MUTSU (prob.sunk)
OV	(6) EMPERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL	•
OV(L)	(7) COMPENS BELLEAU MOOD WONTEREY ** PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY INDEPENDENCE	(5) HITAKA HAYATAKA TAIHO RYUHO
OV(T)	•		ZUIMO HOSHO
(E)	(25) COPATEE SA NGALTON SUWANNEE CHENANGO CORAL SEA BAR NES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND WASSAU SANTEE CASABLAFCA CORREGIDOR ALTAMAHA	HITE PLAINS BRETON HIDWAY PAIROLLER PANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY KATKUN BAY KATOMA BAY WATOMA BAY	(5) CHITOSE JIMYO KAIYO ** OTAKA *** UNYO
OA	BOSTON CHESTER CARSERRA SICHITA FEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAW FRANCISCO SALT LARE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE	* MAYA
DUA	•		6
CL	SAN DINGO	CAKLAND RENO CONCOLD	(4) NDSHIRO NAGARA NATORI ISUZU
CL(T)	•		KASHII
AV/CVB	-		3
DD	Approx 85		20 (several repairing)
58	approx 30		Approx 25

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4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

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TRENTON

DD

			EAST	INDIES	-INDI	AN OCEAN			
		t Pacific Section)	E	astern	Fleet	Area	Eas	t Indies-E	hilippines
BB	•		(3)	QUEEN VALIA RENOWN	NT	BETH	(5)	NAGATO KONGO HARUNA	HYUGA) Poss FUSO) Empir
OV	•		(2)	ILLUST SARATO			(2)	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU	
CV(E)	•		(4)BATTLE UNICOR SHAN RANGE				CHIYODA	
	SUSS	EX	(5)	SUFFOL HAWKIN FROBIS LONDON CUMBER	IS MER		(6)	AOBA KUMANO SUZUYA	CHIKUMA MOGAMI TONE
CL	ADEL	AIDE	(9)	CARADO CEYLON ENYA GAMBIA VAN HE		NEWCASTI DANAE TROMP EMERALD	(4)	YAHAGI OI KINU KITAGAMI	
AV/CVS	(2) CHILL	os Preston		ALBATR	oss		æ	KAMOI	
XCL	-		(3)	CANTON				•	
XAV/XCVS	•			?					
DD				Approx	27			25	
(16)	ANGLER BILLFISH BLUEFISH	MINGO LAPON POMPON	1	Approx					6 German)
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(10)	BONEFISH GOD CREVALLE FLASHER JACK	HOE REDFIN ROBALO K.12 K.15	A	it Frems	int le				
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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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

No. 786 Date 24 March, 1944

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA.

EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/24.

- "SC 746" "YMS 315" departed Milne Bay 1530/23 ETA Buna 1400/24.
- (2) "PC's 1122, 1132" proceeding to RV at 0900/24 off Dorasi Shoal with "Kanimbla" "MANOORA" (APA) for onward escort to Langemak ETA 0700/25.
- (3) "PC 1120" departed Milne Bay 1700/22 to RV with "SEA WITCH" and
- escort to Milne Bay.

 (4) "PRESIDENT GRANT" aground on S.W.corner of Uluma Reef. Salvage operation in progress with diving party; "RESERVE" "SONOMA" (AT) standing

- by to assist.

 (5) "CALAMARES" (AF) departed Milne Bay 1440/22 for Gladstone ETA 0200/26.

 (6) "FYRO" (AE) departed Milne Bay 1330/23 for Brisbane ETA March 27.

 (7) "TOWNSVILL" (ANS) escorting Convoy MV.74 (2 MV) departed Milne Bay

 1700/21 for Townsville ETA 0700/25.

 (8) "MILDURA" "CASTLEMAINE" "WAGGA" (AMS) proceeding to investigate life
 boats reported off Hood Point at 1020/23.
- "POLARIS" (AGS) departed Port Moresby 0740/23 for Thursday Island ETA 1600/26.
- "MORESBY" (AGS) departed Cairns 1030/23 for Milne Bay. "CORONADO" "PC 477" proceeding to Milne Bay.
- (11)
- (12)
- (13)
- "NORAB" (AH) departed Cooktown 0830/23 for Lae ETA 1030/25.

 "ML 820" on A/S patrol outer area Grafton Passage.

 "FREMANTLE" (AMS) departed Townsville 0830/22 for Sydney ETA 0800/26 thence Melbourne for refit.
- (15) "YMS's 11,72" departed Cairns 0800/22 for Fremantle via Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Albany. ETA Brisbane 1800/25.
- (16)17)
- "KIAMA" (AMS) departed Caloundra 1200/20 for Milne Bay ETA 1600/24.
 "MIZAR" (AF) departed Caloundra 0001/22 for Milne Bay ETA 0900/25.
 "TANGIER" (AV) departed Brisbane 1300/22 for Palm Island ETA 1000/24; (18)
- departing thence 1600/24 for Milne Bay ETA 1000/26.
 (19) "YP 291" departed Calcundra 1500/23 for Palm Island ETA 1000/26 thence
- Cairns ETA 1800/27.
- "MERKUR" (AF) departed Caloundra 1700/22 for Milne Bay ETA 0900/29
 "SC.749" departed Caloundra 2100/21 for Sandy Cape A/S patrol; to
 depart patrol area 1200/25 and return to Brisbane.
- (22) "YANDRA" (A/S) departed Sydney 0800/22 on A/S patrol to Smoky Cape and return.
- (23) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

"KALGOORLIE" (AMS) to escort "GORGON" to Merauke at about 1800/24.

(2) "GASCOYNE" (PF) escorting Convoy MV.75 to depart Milne Bay 1800/24 for

Townsville ETA 0300/27.

"GANYMEDE" (AK) to depart Brisbane 1700/24 for Calrns ETA 0700/28.
"GEELONE" (AMS) to depart Brisbane 0800/25 to carry out A/S patrol off Sandy Cape till 1700/30 when "WHYALLA" will relieve.

(c) Convoy Procedure:

(1) MV. TN and MT Convoys are to be discontinued after the sailing. on

Friday 24 March, of Convoys TN.232 and MT.77.

(2) All ships, except those mentioned below, may be sailed independently North and South between Grafton Passage and Milne Bay or Port Moresby, save when enemy submarines are known or strongly

suspected to be operating near shipping routes.

(3) Escort is however to be arranged by N.O.I.C. New Guinea for the following types of vessels when within 200 miles of Milne Bay if Westward of 150°E, and when North of 14°S., if to Eastward of 150°E.

(i) Combat Units from cruisers upwards.

(ii) Troop ships.

(iii) Naval auxiliaries over 2000 tons.

(iv) Tankers.

Air escort will also be provided for these vessels when ships are within 100 miles of mainland of Australia and when ships are within 200 miles of Milne Bay.

(4) The following MAS's are to be transferred to operational and administrative control of N.O.I.C. New Guinea :-

"BOWEN" "BUNDABERG" "CASTLEMAI NE" "GYMPIE" "KAPUNDA" "WAGGA".

(d) In Harbour:

and the same of th	
10 DD	"STOCKTON" "THORN" "WELLES" "ROE"
18 PT	(approx.)
4	: 1 ML: 425 YMS: 8,46 "BENALLA" (AMS)
2	: "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "ETAMIN (AK)
3	: "LAKE ORMOG" "M. DALY" "W. BEAUMONT"
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1	: "WARREGO" (PS)
1	: "SHEPPART ON" (AGS)
3	"YOCHOW" "MELINGA" "H.T.RAINEY"
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14 FT	(approx.)
	* "HILO" (AGP)
_	, want last
12 PT	(approx.)
1	: "EUNBURY" (AMS)
3	"H.C. PAYNE" "J.H. ROSSITER" "TIMOSHENKO"
170	* THE CONTINUE THE TANGENTY
20 PT	(approx.)
	: "HARMON" (DE) "ARARAT" "BENDIGO" "GLENELG"
	"STAWELL" (AMS)
	7 YMS: 71, 73, 313, 334, 336, 393, 314
	1 PG: 1134, 3 ML: 424, 803, 804.
	8 50: 687, 648, 734, 735, 737, 743, 981,
	982.
10	"H.T. ALLEN" "WESTRALIA" (APA) "PORTUNUS"
-	"COUCAL" (ASR) "CELENO" (AK) "MINK" (IX)
	"SUSQUENHANNA" (AOG) "HALF MOON" (AVP)
	"VICTORIA" (AO) YP. 283.
26	: "MAGTAN" "W. ATWATER" "LYMAN" "STEWART"
	"A.THOMAS" "HANYANG" "G.R. HEBARD"
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"L.S.KELLY" "GEO.LUKS" GEO.VANCOUVER" "J.W.DAVIS" "ISOLATOR" "H.L.ABBOTT"

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Langemak (Contd.) Merchantmen (Con	itd.)	"G.V.L. MEYER" "ALAMO" "E.JOHNSON" "J.DOTY" "STAGEN" "TABINTA" "JOHN I. HOLAN" "ANHUI" "T.GRAWFORD" "W.SP "N.E.MACK" "JANSSENS" "W.S.LADD" "CLAUS SPRECKLES"
Escorts	1	: 1 ML: 428
Auxiliaries Merchantmen	7	"PANDA" (IX) "O.KELLY" "R.J.WAL KER" "P.BILLINGS" "H.V.WHITE" "G.L.SMITH" "S.BRANNON" "S.G. PORTER"
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Combat Units	5 DD	"WARRAMUNGA".
Escorts	12	2 PF: "LONGBEACH" "GLENDALE" 2 YMS: 53, 316, 2 ML: 816, 819, 2 PG: 1119, 1123, 4 Sc: 736,741,744,747
Auxiliaries	8	2 YMS: 53, 316, 2 ML: 816, 819, 2 PC: 1119, 1123, 4 SC: 736,741,744,747 : "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "DOBBIN" (AD) "TRINITY (AO) "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "PGYANG" (AE) "PING WO" (ASIS) 1 AND "BOOTES (AK)
Merchantmen	9	"L. MERRITT" "W. MCCRACKEN" "ESSO BAYWAY" "POINT SAN PEDRO" "A.S. HEWITT" "M. GRIFFIT:
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Auxiliaries	3	: "RIGEL" (AR) "TULSA" (PG) "TRIANGULUM" (AK)
Merchantmen	15	"B.MATTHEWS" "J.F.BRADLEY" "RING LARDNER" "WEST CACTUS" "D.E.HUGHES" "J.SINGER" "A.REHAN" "P.T.DODDRIDGE" "CAPE SPENCER" "CEFALU" "M.T.HERRICK" "R.S.BEAN" "ED.N.WESTCOTT" "A.LYKES" "M.WALKER"
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Escorts Merchantmen	1	: 1 SC: 750 : "MANA"
Goodenough Is;	7	: "GOULBURN" (AMS)
Auxiliaries	ī	"TASMAN" (AH)
Merchantmen Milne Bay:	3	"VAN SWOLL" "M. THWAITES"
Combat Units	2 CA	: "SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"
	3 CL 8 DD	"NASHVILLE" "PHOENIX" "BOISE" "HUTCHINS" "DALY" "BACHE" "ANMEN" "BEALE"
0)		"MULLANY" "ABNER READ" "GRAYSON"
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F19CO7.09	2 PF 7 SC	"BARCOO" "SANPEDRO"
-	3 AMS	650, 699, 703, 738, 742, 748, 732 "COWRA" "ROCKHAMPTON" "KAPUNDA"
1	4 PC	: 479, 1124, 1131, 1132
	7 YMS	: 9, 10, 48, 49, 51, 52, 70
	6 ML	: 427, 431, 801, 802, 817, 818
Auxiliaries	23	: 427, 431, 801, 802, 817, 818 : "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "BROOKS" "GILMER" "KANE" "HERBERT" "SCHLEY" (APD)
		"SAN PARTO" (AVP) "AASP WATPER! (AC)
2.		"SHIKELLAMY" (AOG) "OTUS" "EURYALE "(AS) "POLLUX" (AKS) "KOOPA" (AGP) "AMYCUS"
		(ARL) "YUNNAN" (AE) "BAYOU ST. JOHN" "CHETCO" (AT) "VILLALOBOS" (IX) "CAMBRIAN
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A 1		"J. BARBARA" "BARBARA C" "S. K. BARLOW"
		"S.K.BOLIVAR" "BORGFRED" "J.G.BRADY" "BRAGSTAGI" "BRITISH COLUMBIA EXPRESS" "J.BUROUGH S!" "WM.BYERS" "J.CABRILLO"
		"J.BUROUGH S" "WM.BYERS" "J.CABRILLO"

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Milne Bay (Contd.))		
Merchantmen (Co			"P.CHANDLER" "CAPE DOUGLAS" "CITY OF HOUSTON" "CAPE PERPETUA" "G.L.CURRY" "J.COOK" "C.DARROW" "J.DEERE" "F.H.DODD" "DON MARQUIS" "A.B.DUNNIWA "ESSO HARRISBURG" "ESSO MANHATTAN" "JOHN EVANS" "G.E.K.FITCH" "M.FLINDERS" "W.GRENFELL" "A.E.HAMMOND" "E.J.HENRY" "D.HEWES" "B.F.IRVINE" "JAPARA" "KATOOMBA" "M.E.KINNEY" "Z.LYKES" "F.E.LINDERMANN" "J.S.MANSFIELD" "J.MCLEAN" "W.MCLENNAN" "B.MATTHEWS" "J.W.MELDRUM" "W.V.MOODY" "MORMACSEA" "MEXICO" "MIDNEST FARMER" "NARVIK" "JEAN NICOLET" "JAMES D.PHALAN" "JEAN NICOLET" "JAMES D.PHALAN" "A.ROBINSON" "W.B.ROGERS" "J.ROLPH" "A.ROBINSON" "W.B.ROGERS" "J.ROLPH" "J.ROSS" "SEA MARLIN" "SHAWNEE" "S.M.WHIFE" "N.J.SINNOTT" "SOUTHVAST PASS" "W.H.SUBJETTE" "T.W.SYMCNS" "M.THORNTON" "THUNDERER" "VAN DER LIJN" "VAN DEN BOSCH" "VAN DER LIJN" "VAN DEN BOSCH"
Port Moresby:			
Escorts	2	:	1 ML: 426 1 PC: 476
Auxiliaries			Mondania technologi
Merchantmen	5	:	"MULIAMA" "CHARON" "EMPIRE SILVER" "CANBERRA" "TARCONA"
Thursday Is:			
Escorts	2	:	"WILCANNIA" (AMS) 1 SO: 751
Auxiliaries	1		"BUNGAREE" (CM)
Cairns:			
Escorts	2		"GYMPIE" "KALGOORLIE" (AMS) 1 PC:477 3 ML: 804, 805, 811. 2 YMS: 47, 51 "PLATYPUS" (AK) 1 ARD
Townsville: Escorts	2	:	"BROOME" "BALLARAT" (AMS)
Mackay: Auxiliaries Gladstone:	1	:	"HERON" (AVP)
Auxiliare s	2	:	1 YDG 1 ARD
Escorts	7	:	"SWAE" (PS) "GRELONG" "WHYALLA" (AMS) 1 SC: 745 3 ML: 808, 821, 823
Auxiliaries	8		1 SC: 745 3 ML: 808, 821, 823 "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "ALGORAS" (AKA) "GANYMEDE" (AK) "KURUMBA" (AO) 2 YP: 233, 236. "LEOPARD" (IX) "MAETSUYCKER" (AH)
Sydney:			
Combat Units	2 DD ×	:	"HCBART" (Refitting) "VENDETTA" "STUART"
Escorts	12	:	"GCLAC" "DELORATINE" "ECHUCA" "GLADSTONE" "KATOOMBA" "WARRNAMBOOL" (ANS) "KYBRA" "AB.CRIJNSSEN" "DOOMBA"
Auxiliaries	7	:	(A/S) 3 ML: 807, 822, 823 "MANUNDA" "WANGANELLA" (AM) "GOLD STAR" (AS) "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "OCTANS" (AF) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG)
Melbourne:	7 AMG		WITHUGOW (Refitting)
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(11) ENEWY FORCE

1 AMS

Escorts

: "LITHGOW" (Refitting)

(1) San Cristobel - At 0800/21 a submarine was sighted by aircraft 80 miles South of San Cristobel.

(2) Buin Base - At 2100/21 two large barges were seen by aircraft of the North East Coast of Choiseul heading South. P.m. 22 Mar. some 50 barges were reported by aircraft drawn up on the shore on the East side of Fauro Island.

Buin Base (contd) On 22 Mar. Kara Airfield was bombed by 3 Liberators, and Kahili by 6 Liberators as alternative targets to Rabaul. (3) Empress augusta Bay - Enemy gun positions, installations and supplies were attacked 21-22 Mar. by 41 Avengers, 24 Dauntless, 3 Liberators and 34 Lighnings, Aircobras and Warhawks. No enemy artillery fire was experienced within the Torokina perimeter during the day or night 22 Mar. During the night 22-23 Mar. enemy shore fire was encountered by PT boats operating on Tekessi River. A gun position in this area was silenced byaco-operating destroyer. Nissan-Feni Island Area - At 1150/21 a submarine was sighted by aircraft 25 miles Eastof Nissan Island and on 23 Mar. possible submarine attacks were twice made by PT boats in the Babase Is. (Feni). In addition to the torpedo and dive bomber strike at (5) Rabaul 1205/21 (reported in Summary No. 785) Lakunai was bombed 1125-1140/21 by 24 Mitchels, 31 Lightnings, Aircobras, Warhawks: The runway was well covered during the strike. At 1138/21 Vunacanal was bombed by 22 Liberators: again the runway and adjacent revetments were well covered by bombs.
At 2115/21-0300/22 bombs were dropped on Lakunai, Vunapope, Rapopo and area North East of Rabaul by 5 Mitchells operating separately. Next day weather hampered air operations but at 1125/22 Vunacanal was effectively bombed by 24 Avengers, 46 Dauntless: At 1125/22 Lakunai was bombed by 23 Mitchells and at 1157 Tobera was bombed through clouds by 10 Liberators. The above light bombers reported a surfaced submarine sighted in the Simpsons Harbour. Admiralty Islands. - On 22 Mar. all the remaining Japs on Los Negros Island were encircled in one Sector to the South West of Papitalsi. During daylight 20 Mar. 30 miscellaneous craft including boats barges and canoes were destroyed at Loniu (Southern shore Wtn Los Negros Is.) by 2 PT boats which also set fire to 55 buildings at the same place. The small craft destroyed were apparently loaded with stores indicating possible preparations of escape. pe - Included in the composite total of aircraft reported in (7) Aitape yesterday's summary No. 785 as attacking targets along the New Muinea Coast between Wewak and Hollandia were 8 Mitchells and 16 Kittyhawks which bombed Aitape. The Japanese Headquarters and largest building in Aitape were destroyed. Wewak-Hollandia - A feature of the reports of sightings of small craft along the Sector of the Coast by attacking aircraft 22 Mar. is the number of luggers, barges and armed patrol boats and would seem to be concentrated around the shores of the off-lying Islands rather than along the Coast of the Mainland: Muschu, Valif, Tendanye, Kariru Is. off Wewak, and Tunleo Is. off Aitape seemed to house the main concentrations. Examinations of photographs 19 Mar. revealed 220 aircraft on the 4 airfields around Hollandia and only 19 aircraft on 3 of the 4 Wewak fields. Thus: LB Total 36 55 156 65 Hollandia Sentani 1 14 15 -47 1 48 Cyclops Tami 220 85 Wewak 10 4 14 Boram 5 5 But 15 4 19 Dague was not covered: apparently no aircraft at Tadji in 900 coverage. (9) Wewak- Hansa Bay - The heavy strike scheduled for Wewak 23 Mar. was hindered by bad weather and only part of the formations reached

their targets. Squadrons already reported involved 18 Mitchells, which a ttacked Kariru Island. In addition 6 Mitchells and 32 Liberators bombed personnel areas and ack ack positions around

Hansa Bay as alternative to Wewak.

The offensive against Coastal traffic however was maintained

Wewak-Hansa Bay (contd) to some degree: At 0045/23 four small probable freighters (120-150 feet) were attacked by Liberators off Broken water Bay and one of the largest vessels was capsized.

a Bay-Madang - During the night 21-22 Mar. PT boats sank a barge just South of Bogia and also strafed a camp at Kronzprinz Hansa Bay-Madang (10)Harbour and a gun position south of Neptune Point.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/24:

- (1) "PIRIE" (AMS) escorting "J.W.TROY" departed Thursday Island 1833/21 for Darwin ETA 1400/24.
- (2) 16 Submarines on patrol.
 - (b) In Harbour:

Darwin: Escorts

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: "COOTAMUNDRA" "INVERELL" "LATROBE" (AMS)

Merchantmen

3 ML: 429, 809, 816 "W. PROUSE" "CORIO" "ALAGNA" "DARVEL"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Halmahera - Aircraft sighted at 1150/23 ef 4 merchantships, 2 small destroyers, and one small craft at the Northern entrance of Kau Bay on course 2100. In addition 10 merchantships were observed in Wasile Bay.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(a) At Sea to 1200/24: (1) ALLIED FORCES

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(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat Units 1 CL : "ADELA IDE

: "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739 Escorts

3 ML: 812, 824, 826 "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" (AM) "YUMA" (AT) "W.B. FRESTON" (AVD) "ORION" "PELIAS" Auxiliaries 9 "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) 1 YP: 286 1 ARD.

Exmouth Gulf; Auxiliaries : "CHILDS" (AV) 1 YP: 288 2

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

(1) Kapingamarangi - At 1215/23 an enemy bomber probably on reconnaissance was shot down by a Soupac patrol plane 30 miles West by South of Kapingamarangi. This is the second successive day on which

an enemy plane has been destroyed in this area.

Fixes 22 Mar. indicated that at least 3 enemy submarines in the area 130-200 miles S.E. of Truk. (2) Truk

(5) Marshalls - Light air strikes were conducted 21 Mar. on Wotje Mille Taroa and Jaluit.

C. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

ENEMY FORCES

Submarine activity -CinCEF. reports 23 Mar. that survivors from British freighter "NANCY MOLLER" (3900 tons) have been picked up approximately midway between S.B.Ceylon and Addu Atoll. It would appear likely that "NANCY MOLL R" was a victim of the Jap Submarine located by DF in this general area p.m. 22 Mar.

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

(1) Increased naval and air strength Malayan theatre.
(2) Withdrawal of forward positions in Bismarcks.
(2) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North coast New Guinea.

East Indies, Malayan areas.
Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas. (4)

(5) · Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive submarine activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFICZ

ALL IED FORCES

ENEMY PORCES

and the second	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marianas
38		(4) IDAHO NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA TENNESSEE	•	MUSASHI
JV(E)	(8) -	•		CHIYODA
AC	(2) AUSTRALIA SEROPSHIRE	-		TAKAO CHOKAI MY OKO HAGURO MA YA
CL	(4) BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX HOBART	(8) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER HONOLULU ST LOUIS BIRMINGHAM LHARDER	•	(2) OYODO YUBARI
CL(T)		-	•	KASHIMA
v/cvs	TANGIER	(2) WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	•	(2) AKITSUSHIM NOTORO
xav/xcvs	(2) HALF MOON SAN PABLO	BALLARD	-	3
<u>DD</u>	(24) ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA REID AMMEN BACHE	Approx. 45	•	20
	BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS HOBBEY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES STOCKTON MICHOLSON WILKES STEVENSON THORN			
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	DAR TER FLOUNDER SCAMP SILVERSIDES) On Patrol			
	(3) 8.48)			
	S.47 BLUEGILL) At Milne Bay			
	(1) GERO) At Brisbane			
	K.9	At Sydney			
PT	Apprex. 85	Approx. 110	?	?	
PA/APD/	(11) H.T.ALLEN	10 APA			
	MANIMBLA	10 APD			
	WESTRALIA ALGORAB GILMER KANE SCHLEY SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS HERBERT	5 AKA			
AGC	BLUE RID E				
AS	(2) OTUS EURYALE		?	?	
AD	DOBBIN		-	-	
AR	(3) RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS	PROMETHEUS			
AIRCRAFI	(N.E.Area Only) (incl.18 twin-eng	.) 146			
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	ALLIED FORCES	NORTHERN PACIFIC		ENEMY FOI	RCES
CA	•		(2)	NACHI) ASHIGARA)	Poss. Japan
CL	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND		(3)	ABUKUMA TAMA KISO	
DD	9			10	
SS	10		•	Approx. 4	

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC EMPIRE

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(14) INDIANA SOUTH DAKOTA
NORTH CAROLINA WEST VIRGINIA
TOWA COLORADO LOWA WASHINGTON NEW JERSEY MASSACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA

MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI ALABA A R OKLAHOMA

(4) ISE YAMASHIRO YAMATO MUTSU (prob.st sunk)

EMEMY FORCES

(6) ENTERPRISE CV YORKTOWN LEXINGTON

INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL

> (5) HITAKA HAYATAKA TATHO RYUHO ZUIHO

(7) COMPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY FRINCETON

CABOT LANGLEY * INDEPENDENCE

HOSHO

CV(E)

CV(L)

(25) COPAHEE
SANGAMON
SUWANNEE
CHENANGO CORAL SEA CORAL SEA FANSHAW BAY
BARNES GAMBIER BAY
PRINCE WILLIAM HOGGATT BAY
LONG ISLAND KALININ BAY MASSAU SAUTER CASABLANCA CORRECIDOR

ALTAMAHA

WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY . KITKUN BAY MANILA BAY HATOMA BAY MEHENTA BAY

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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

No. 787 Date 25 March, 1944

PART 1.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA.

. EASTERN AREA.

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/25.

- (1) "COWRA" (AMS) departed Milne Bay 1600/24 for Langemak ETA 0700/26.
 (2) "BARCOO" escorting Convoy BG 65A (2 MV) en route Milne Bay to Lae
 ("SHAWNEE" was due 1100/25) and Langemak "SEA MARLIN" ETA 1500/25).
- (3) "TRIANGULUM" (AK) en route Milne Bay to Woodlark Island.
 (4) "PRESIDENT GRANT" aground on S.W.corner of Uluma Reef. Salvage operations in progress with diving party; "RESERVE" "SONOMA"
- (AT) standing by to assist.

 (5) "KALGOORLIE" (AMS) departed Cairns to RV with "GORGON" off Fitzroy Island at 2000/24 for escort duty to Merauke and return to Thursday Island. ETA Thursday Island 0800/26.

 (6) "MORESBY" (AGS) departed Cairns 1030/23 forMilne Bay.

 (7) "CORONDO" "PC.477" proceeding to Milne Bay.

- (8) "GASCOYNE" (PF) escorting Convoy MV.75 (3 MV) was to depart Milne Bay 1800/24 for Townsville ETA 0300/27.
- (9)
- "CALAMARES" (AF) departed Milne Bay 1440/22 for Gladstone ETA 0200/26.
 "PYRO" (AE) departed Milne Bay 1330/23 for Brisband ETA March 27.
 "MILDURA" "CASTLEMAINE" "WAGGA" (AMS) investigating debris found off (10)
- Hood Point. (12) "POLARIS" (AGS) departed Port Moresby 0740/23 for Thursday Island ETA 1600/26.
- (13) "TANGIER" (AV) departed Brisbane 1300/22 for Palm Island ETA 1000/24;
- departing thence 1600/24 for Milne Bay ETA 1000/26.

 (14) "TOWNSVILLE" (AMS) assisting "WM.D.BOYCE" aground on Arlington Reef (Grafton Passage). "TAN CRED" (tug) proceeding to assist, ETA
- daylight 26 Mar.
 (15) "GANNYMEDE" (AK) on route Brisbane to Cairns ETA 0700/28.
- (16) "YP.291" departed Caloundra 1500/23 for Palm Island ETA 1000/26 thence Cairns ETA 1800/27.

- (17) "MERKUR" (AK) departed Caloundra 1700/22 for Milne Bay ETA 0900/29.
 (18) "ML.820" on A/S patrol outer area Grafton Passage.
 (19) "SC.749) departed Caloundra 2100/21 for Sandy Cape A/S patrol; to depart patrol area 1200/25 and return to Brisbane.
 (20) "GEELONG" (AMS) was to depart Brisbane 0800/25 to conduct A/S patrol
- Sandy Cape until 1700/30 when "WHYALLA" is to relieve.
 (21) "WARRNAMBOOL" (AMS) departed Sydney 0917/24 on A/S patrol to Smoky Cape and return.
- (22) "FREMANTLE" (AMS) departed Townsville 0830/22 for Sydney ETA 0800/26 thence Melbourne for refit.
- (23) "YMS's 11,72" departed Cairns 0800/22 for Fremantle via Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Albany. ETA Brisbane 1800/25.
- (24) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) Convoy Procedure:

MV, TN and MT Convoys are to be discontinued after the sailing, on Friday 24 March, of Convoys TN.232 and MT.77.

(c) In Harbour:

Admiralties:		the second
Combat Units	9 DD	"GILLESPIE" "HOBBY" "KALK" "STEVENSON" "STOCKTON" "THORN" "WELLES" "ROE" "WILKES"
A	18 FF	
Escorts	4	: 1 ML: 425 2 YMS: 8,46 "BENALLA" (AMS)
Auxiliaries	5	2 YOYSTER BAY" (AGP) "ETAMIN" (AK)
Merchantmen	3	"LAKE ORMAC" "M.DALY" "W. BEAUMONT"
Cape Gloucester:		
Escorts	1	: "WARREGO" (PS)
Auxiliaries	1	: "SHEPPARTON" (AGS)
Merchantmen	3	: "YOCHOW" "MELINGA" "H.T.RAI MEY"
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CombatUnits	14 PT	
Auxiliaries	1	: "HILO" (AGP)
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Combat Units	12 PF	
Escorts	1	: "BUNBURY" (AMS)
Merchantmen	3	"H.C. PAYNE" "J.H.ROSSITER" "TIMOSHENKO"
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Combat Units	20 PT	
Escorts	25	"HARMON" (DE) "ARARAT" "BENDIGO" "GLENELG"
200100		"STAWELL" (AMS)
		5 YMS: 71, 313, 336, 314, 393
		4 10: 1122, 1132, 1133, 1134.
		3 ML: 424, 803, 804. 8 SC: 637, 648, 734,
		737,745, 981, 982.
Auxiliaries	12	"H.T.ALLEN" "WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA"
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		"MINK" (IK) "SUSQUENHANNA" (AOG) "HALF MOON"
		(AVP) "VICTORIA" (AO) YP.283.
Merchantmen	30	"HACTAN" "W.ATWATER" "LYMAN" "STEWART"
Met Creationess	90	"A. THOMAS" "G.R. HEBARD" "GEO. VANCOUVER"
		"J.W.DAVIS" "ISOLATOR" "H.L.ABBOTT"
		"G.V.L.MEYER" "ALAMO" "E.JOHNSON" "J.DOTY"
		"STAGEN" "TABINTA" "JOHN I. HOLAN" "AN HUI"
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		"T.CRAWFORD" "W.SPARROW" "N.E. MACK"
		"JANSSENS" "W.S.LADD" "ALGOA PATRIOT"
		"CLAUS SPRECKLES" "H. GRIFFITH"
		"ED. N. WESTCOTT" "B. MATTHEWS" "P.T. DODDRIDGE"
****		"W.MCCRACKEN"
Lae:	-	. 1 NT . 400
Escorts	2	: 1 ML: 428
Auxilaires		: "PANDA" (IX) "TASMAN" (AH)
Merchantmen	6	: "O.KELLY" "P.BILLINGS" "H.V.WHITE"
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Combat Units	6 DD	: "REID "BUSCH" "SWANSON" "NICHOLSON"
-		"ARUNTA" "WARRAMUNGA"
Escorts	13	: 2 PF: "LONGBEACH" "GLENDALE"
		3 YMS: 53, 315, 316, 2 ML: 816, 819
		2 PC: 1119, 1123, 4 SC: 736, 744, 746, 747 : "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "TRINITY" (AG) "HUMPHREYS"
Auxiliaries	14	: "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "TRINITY" (AO) "HUMPHREYS"
		"SAIDS" "BROOKS" "GILMER" SCHLEY" "KAME"
		"HERBERT" (APD) "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "POYANG"
a facility of the		(AE) "PING WO" (ASIS) 1 ARD "BOOTES" (AK)
Merchantmen	6	"W.S.LADD" "ALCIBIADES" "L. MERRITT"
		"ESSO BAYWAY" "POINT SAN PEDRO" "A.S. HEWITT"
Oro Bay:		
Auxiliaries	3	: "RIGEL" (AR) "TULSA" (PG) "DOBBIN" (AD)
Merchantmen	13	"J.F. BRADLEY" "RING LARDNER" "J. SINGER"
	25.0	"A.REHAN" "CAPE SPENCER" "CEFALU" "M.T.
		HERRICK" "R.S. BEAN" "A.LYKES" "M. WALKER"
		"SAN ANTONIO"
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          Merchantmen
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                                                                : "GOULBURN" (AMS) 1 YMS: 335
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          Auxiliaries
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          Merchantmen
m Milne Bay:
                                                                : "SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"
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          Combat Units
                                                               "NASHVILLE" "PHOENIX" "BOISE"
                                               3 CL
                                                                "MULLANG" "ABNER READ" "GRAYSON"
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                                               1 PF
                                                              : "SAN PEDRO"
          Escorts
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"ROCKHAMPTON" "KAPUMDA" "KIAMA"
                                               7 SC
                                               3 AMS
                                                               "ROCKHAMPTON" "KAPUMDA" "KIAMA"

476, 479, 1120, 1124, 1131, 1132

10, 48, 49, 51, 52, 70, 73, 334

427, 431, 801, 802, 817, 818

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"MIZAR" (AF) "OTUS" "EURYALE" (AS) "POLLUX"

(AKS) "KOOPA" (AGP) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "YUNNAN"

(AE) "BAYOU ST. JOHN" "CHETCO" (AT)

"VILLALDBOS" (IX) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS)

1 ARD: 2 YP: 278, 280

"E.G.ACHESON" "W.B.ALLISON" "ARANSAN PASS"
"AUN" "W.B.AYER" "J.BARBARA" "BARBARA C"
"S.K.BARLOW" "S.K.BOLIVAR" "BORGFRED"
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"J.G.BRADY" "BRAGSTAGI" "BRITISH COLUMBIA

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"P.CHANDLER" "W.E.CHANNING" "CAPE CLEARE"

"CAPE DOUGLAS" "CAPE PER PETUA" "G.L.CURRY"

"C.DARROW" "J.DEERE" "F.H.DODD" "DON MARQUIS%

"A.E.DUNNIWAY" "L.L.DYCHE" "EMPIRE SILVER"

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"E.J.HENRY" "D.HEWES" "B.F.IRVINE" "JAPARA"
"KARSIK" "KATOOMBA" "L.S.KELLY" "M.E.KINNEY"
"F.B.LINDERMANN "Z.LYKES" "J.S.MANSFIELD"
"GEO.LUKS" "LURLINE" "J.MCLEAN" "W.MCLENNAN"
                                                                   "B. MATTHEWS" "J.W. MELDRUM" "W.V. MOODY"
                                                                   "NORMACGULL" "MONTERBY" "MORMACSEA" "MEXICO"
"NIDWEST FARMER" "MARVIK" "JEAN NICOLET"
                                                                  "NORINDIES" "PAHUD" "PENNAME" "JAMES D. PHALAN
"RAMO" "REIJNST" "MROBERTSON" "A. ROBINSON"
"W. B. ROGERS" "J. ROLPH" "J. ROSS" "SEA WITCH"
"S. M. WHITE" "N. J. SINNOTT" "SOUTHVAST PASS"
"W. H. SUBJETTE" "T. W. SYMONS" "M. THORNTON"
"THUNDERER" "VAN DERLIJN" "VAN SWOLL"
                                                                   "R.J.WALKER" "J.M.WHISTLER" "K.D.WIGGIN"
                                                                   "E. YOUNG"
  Port Moresby:
        Escorts
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                                                              : ML: 426
                                                                 "EULIAMA" "CHARON" "CANBERRA" "TAROONA"
       Merchantmen
     ursday Is:
                                                             : "WILCANNIA" (AMS) 1 SC: 731
                                             2
        Auxiliaries
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                                                             : "BUNGAREE" (CM)
 Cairns:
                                                             "CORONADO" (PF) "BOWEN" "BUNDABERG" "GYMPIE" (AMS) 1 PC: 477 3 ML: 804, 805, 811.
2 YMS: 47, 51
"PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD
       Escorts
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      Auxiliaries
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 Townsville:
                                                            : "EROOME" "BALLARAT" (AMS)
"SHIKELLAMY (AOG)
      Escorts haries
 Mackay:
       Auxiliaries
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                                                           "HERON" (AVP)
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Gladstone: Auxiliaries 2 : 1 YDG 1 ARD Brisbare: : "SWAN" (PS) "WHYALLA" (AMS) 1 SC: 745 Escorts 6 3 ML: 808, 821, 823 "
"WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "ALGORAS" (AKA)
"KURUMBA" (AO) 2 YP: 233, 236.
"LEOPARD" (IX) "MAERSUYCKER" (AH) 77 Auxiliaries Sydney: : "HOBART" (Refitting)
: "VENDETTA " "STUART"
: "COLAC" "DELORAINE" "ECHUCA" "GLADSTONE" Combat Units 1 CL 2 DD Escorts 12 "KATOOMBA" (AMS) "KYBRA" "AB.CRIJNSSEN"
"YANDRA" "DOOMBA" (A/S) 3 ML: 807,822,823
"MANUNDA" "WANGANELLA" (AK) "GOLD STAR"
(AS) "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "OCTANS" (AF) Auxiliaries 7 "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "APRINGDALE" (YDG) Melbourne: Escorts 1 AMS : "LITHGON" (Refitting) (11) ENEMY FORCES (1) Empress Augusta Bay - Between 0610 and 0730/23 enemy artillery fired approximately 70 shells within our perimeter near the Piva strips. P.M. March 21 - P.M. March 22 our ground forces killed 33 Japs in minor patrol attacks around Torokina perimeter. During Mar 23 18 Dauntless operating over our perimeter scored a damaging hit on an enemy gun position in the area whike

6 Avengers bombed positions around the Mupeka River. (2) South Bougainville - A.M. Mar. 23 7 Liberators unable to reach

Rabaul due to weather bombed Kahili while 14 Lighnings dropped their bombs on Shortland Island Area. Heavy accurate ack ack fire was encountered from Ballale.

(3) Buka . A.M. Mar 23, 25 Mitchells unable to reach Rabaul due to weather bombed runway and revetments area Buka airfield.

(4) Kleta - P.M. Mar 23, 1 launch and 5 barges were reported 20 miles W.N.E. of Kieta heading West indicating continued attempt at barge movement along East Bougainville Coast.

(5) Rabaul . A.M. Mar. 23 2 Soupac Corsairs strafed barges off Cape St George and 2 large barges or small coastal craft in Karibi Bay. During Mar. 23 15 Liberators, 12 P40's and 4 Mitchells succeeded in attacking Keravia Bay and Rataval supply areas in spite of bad weather conditions. 30 Dauntless and 24 Avengers also scheduled to strike Rabaul had to abandon their missions due to bad weather.

Nil enemy interception during these strikes.

(6) Admiralty Islands. - In early hours Mar. 22 an enemy patrol in United States Combat uniforms unsuccessfully attempted to capture one of our radio stations on Los Negros Island. 5 Jap Officers and 10 other ranks were killed during this attempt.

Our patrols continued to encounter small enemy groups on Manus Island principally west of Lorengau strip while our troops to the South of Lorengau have advanced within 100 yards of Rossun. Up to P.M. Mar. 23 enemy casualties number 2323 killed while

enemy effectives are estimated 1034.

(7) North New Britain Coast - There are continued indications of enemy troop movements to the Eastwards towards Gazelle Peninsula from Central New Britain. On Mar. 23 approximately 200 Japs in two parties were reported going East in the Cape Hoskins area.

A.M. Mar. 23 R.A.A.F. Kittyhawks strafed enemy positions and odd parties along the North New Britain Coast in the Bangula Bay area.

A.M. Mar 23, 21 Mitchells escorted by 15 Thunderbolts attacked Dagua and Kariru Island. 20-30 unidentified aircraft reported on Dagua Strip with 8 wrecked fighters. Air operations in this area were also hindered throughout the day due to bad weather conditions.

Several small groups of barges were reported in area around Kariru Muschu Islands and off Wewak itself.

Early hours Mar. 24 a patrol Liberator attacked an enemy small vessel described as a mine sweeper approximatel, 100 miles (8) Wewak (contd) - N.N.W. of Wewak heading North. One direct hit was scored with a 500 lb. bomb causing vessel to remain stationary. At 0600/24 an unidentified vessel was reported in Wewak Herbour. (9) Hansa Bay - Further details of air strikes in this area Mer. 23 indicate that 44 Liberators and 6 Mitchells dropped 174 tons of bombs on ack ack positions and personnel areas. Heavy ack ack fire was encountered and at least 10 enemy barges sighted in the area. (10) Bogad jim - The enemy's main strength in this area is reported by our patrols to be at Erima Plantation. On Mar. 23 an allied patrol found the village of Jam Jam (4 miles SSW of Bogadjim) unoccupied. (11) Ramu Valley - Patrol activity continues in this area.

(12) Greenwich Island - Noon Mar. 24 a Soupac Liberator attacked an enemy submarine 240 miles west by North of Greenwich Island.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/24

(1) "PIRIE (AMS) escorting "J.W.TROY" departed Thursday Island 1833/21 for Darwin ETA 1400/24.

(2) 16 Submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin: Escorts

: "COOTAMUNDRA" "INVERELL" "LATROBE" "PIRIE"

Merchan tmen

(AMS) 3 ML: 429, 809, 816
"W.PROUSE" "CORIO" "ALAGNA" "DARVEL" "J.W.TROY"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Dutch New Guinea - A.M. Mar. 23 Liberators over Babo area reported continued evidence of air facilities being developed including 3 strips under construction one of which is possibly serviceable. A.M. Mar. 23 our aircraft reported enemy small shipping

around McCleur Gulf area as follows :

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1 small Coaster, 2 barges 7 small Coastal craft in Kokas Harbour and 1 Kokas small Coaster and several barges off Sekace Is.

Sagan 6 barges Kaimana at least 2 small coasters, several barges and other small craft in Klamana Harbour and two other small Coasters heading South along Coast in this area.

(2) Manokwari - On Mar. 23 4 probable small coasters were reported in this area in addition to several luggers and small craft.

(3) Halmahera - Photos of this area Mar. 23 reveal 38 aircraft on Galela strip including 15 fighters and 23 bombers. One runway serviceable another under construction with a total of 55 dispersal points. Shipping Galela Bay included 3 small merchantmen. Shipping Wasile Bay included 3 small freighters, 3 other small coastal merchantmen and other small craft, while in Kace Bay 2 medium sized freighters, 1 subchaser, 1 fuel barge, 2 small coasters and 11 barges were observed.

There was further evidence of air facilities being developed including a new strip being developed near Kace Village.

On Miti Island strip 15 aircraft were observed including 11 twin engine fighters and 2 single engine fighters. The runway was serviceable for 4250 feet and extensive dispersal areas were under construction. I small merchantman, 1 small coastal and 7 barges were observed off this Island.

It is apparent that the enemy has attempted to extensively develop both air and shipping facilities in the general North

Halmahera area.

(4) Ceram Island - A.M. March 23 3 aircraft were observed on Amahai strip and a small coastal vessel in Seleman Bay.

(5) Broome - A.M. Mar. 24 an enemy reconnaissance aircraft was indicated in the Broome-Derby area.

. 3. SOUTH WESTERN A REA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/25:

Nil

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle: Combat Units Escorts	1 CL	"ADELAIDE" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC:739 3 ML: 812, 824, 826
Auxiliaries	9	"W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) 1 YP: 286 1 ARD
Exmouth Gulf: Auxiliaries	2	: "CHILDS" (AV) 1 YP: 288

Auxiliaries

: "CHILDS" (AV) 1 YP: 288

B. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

ENEMY FORCES

Submarine activity - A submarine, believed German, torpedoed

Norwegian Tanks "GRENA" (8,100 tons) midday 21 Mar. in position
20°27'N 59°38'E (N.W.Arabian Sea about 60 miles off S.E.Omar Coast.)

Further details received relate that "NANCY MOLLER" was sunk by a Jap. submarine a.m. 18 Mar. approx. midway between S.E. tip of Ceylon and Addu Atoll (refer yesterday's Summary No. 786)

ESTINATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

(1) Increased naval and air strength Malayan theatre.

(2) Withdrawal of forward positions in Bismarcks.

(3) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North Coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.
(4) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night bransportation

runs to forward areas.
(5) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive submarine activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	Sou	th Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marianas
BB	•	(4)	IDAHO NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA TENNESSEE	-	MUSASHI
CV(E)	•			-	CHIYODA
•	(2) AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE		-	-	(6) ATAGO TAKAO OHOKAI MYOKO HAGURO MAYA
CL	(4) BOISE MASHVILLE PHOENIX HOBART	(8)	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELIER DENVER HONOLULU ST LOUIS BIRM IN GHAW LEANDER	-	(2) OYODO YUBARI
CL(T)	-		-	-	KASHIMA
AV/CVS	TANGIER	(2)	WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	•	(2) AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO
xav/xcvs	(2) HALF MOON SAN PABLO		BALLARD	-	3
	WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA REID AUMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS HOBBEY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES STOCKTON NICHOLSON WILKES STEVEN SON THORN	App	Fox. 45		20
	ABNER READ HOE GRAYSON				

	Southwest Paci: (Eastern Section		Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marianas
ss	(7) BASHAW BLACKFISH DACE DARTER FLOUNDER SCAMP	On Patrol	15	25
	SILVERSIDE	3)		
	(3) S.42 S.47 BLUEGILL	At Milne Bay		
	(1) CBRO ') At Brisbane		
	K.9	At Sydney		
PT	Approx.85	Approx.110	3	3
APA/APD	AKA (11) H.T.ALLEN KAN IMBLA WESTRALIA ALGORAB GILMER KANE SCHLEY SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS HERBERT	10 APA 10 APD 5 AKA		
AGO	BLUE RIDGE			
AS	(2) OTUS EURYALE		9	?
AD	DOBBIN		-	-
AR	(3) RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS	PROMETHEUS		
Fighters Light &	mes	ng.) 146 107 2 1 14 20	,	
and the second	ALLIED FORCES	2. NORTHERN PACIFIC	ENEMY F	ORCES
CA	•		(2) NAC ASH	HI) HIGARA) Poss. Japan
Skr.	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND		(3) ABU TAN KIS	A
<u>DD</u>	9		10	
38	10		Appr	ox. 4

3, CENTRAL PACIFIC EMPIRE

	ALLI	ED FCROES		ENEN	Y FORCES
BB	(14)	NEW JERSEY MASSACHUSETTS	GOLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI		ISE YAMASHIRO YAMATO MUTSU (prob. sunk)
<u>ov</u>	(6)	ENTERPRISE, YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL		3
CV(L)	(7)	BELLEAU WOOD	CABOT LANGLEY INDEFE DENCE	(5)	HITAKA HAYATAKA TAIHO RYUHO ZUIHO
(T)		•			HOSHO
CV (E)	(25)	COPAHEE SAN GATON SUWANNEE CHENANGO CORAL SEA BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU SANTEE CASABLANCA CORRECIDOR ALTAMAHA	WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY PATROILER FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MANILA BAY NATOMA BAY MEHENTA BAY	*	JINYO KAIYO OTAKA UNYO
•	(13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACCLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE		
CCA		-			6
CL	(7)		OAKLAND RENO GONGORD	(4) #	NDSHIRO NAGARA NATORI ISUZO
CL(T)		•			KASHII
AV/CVS		-			5
DD	Appr	ox. 85			20 (several repairing)
55	Appr	ож. 36			Approx. 25
AS		?			2 (one repairing)

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5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

Market State of Color	Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	Eas	tern Flee	t Area	East	Indies-Philippine:
6		(3)	QUEEN EI VALIANT Renow	,	(5) KONGO HARU	
CV	•	(2)	ILLUSTRI SARATOGA			ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
CV(E)	-	(4)	BATTLER UNICORN SHAN RANEE			•
<u>CA</u>	-	(6)	SUSSEX SUFFOLK HAWKINS FROBISHE LONDON CUMBERLA		S C	OABA KUMANO BUZUYA CHIKUMA MAGAMI FONE
CL	ADELAIDE	(9)	CARADOC CEYLON KENYA GANBIA VAN KE EM	NEWCASTLE DANAE TROMP EMERALD SKERK	F	YAHAGI DI KINU KITAGAMI
AV/CVS	(2) CHILDS W.B. PRESTON		ALBATROS	S	n KA	imor
XOL	-	(2)	CANTON CHITRAL			•
XAV/XCVS	•		?			
DD	<u> •</u>	Appr	ox. 27		2	25
SS	(16) ANGLER MINGO BILLFISH LAPON BLUEFISH POMPO BOWFIN PUFFE CAPRILLA NORWHA GUNNEL RASHE HADDO RATON HAKE RAY	I) (N) (R) On I (L) (R)	ex. 15		17 (1	ncl. 6 German)
	(10) BONEFISH HOE COD REDFI CREVALLE ROBAL FLASHER K.12 JACK K.15		Proman tle	•		
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bsn. A/c	8	42				

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 788

26 March, 1944 Date:

PART 1.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA.

EASTERN AREA.

(1) AL LIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/26.

- (1) "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) was to depart Langemak 1130/25 for Milne Bay ETA 1030/27.
- (2) "PC.1120" departed Milne Bay 1900/24 to RV with "PANAMA EXPRESS" and escort to Milne Bay ETA 1900/25.
- (3) "KALGOORLIE" (AMS) departed Cairns to RV with "GORGON" off Fitzroy Island at 2000/24 for escort duty to Merauke and return to Thursday Island. ETA Thursday Island 0809/26.
- Thursday Island. ETA Thursday Island 0809/26.

 (4) "GASCOYNE" (PF) escorting Convoy M. 75 (3 MV) was to depart Milne Bay 1800/24 for Townsville ETA 0300/27.

 (5) "BUNDABERG" "BOWEN" "TOWN SVILLE" escorting Convoy TN.232 (4 MV) en route Fitzroy Island to Port Moresby ("TOWNSVILLE" with 1 MV) ETA 0900/28 and to Milne Bay ("BUNDABERG" "BOWEN" 3 MV) ETA 0900/28.

 (6) "PC.479" departed Milne Bay 0600/25 for Cairns ETA 1000/27.

 "CASTLEMAINE" searching route from Milne Bay to Port Moresby for "CANONBAR" overdue at Port Moresby, but reported possibly anchored off Reakare Bay.
- an chored off Keakaro Bay.
- (8) "MILDURA" proceeding to Port Moresby.
 (9) "PYRO" (AE) departed Milne Bay 1330/23 for Brisbane ETA March 27.
- (10) "POLARIS" (AGS) departed Port Horosby 0740/23 for Thursday Island ETA 1600/26.
- (11) "ML.805" was to RV at 0730/25 with "MORGLAY" (AT) and pilot her to "WM.D.BOYCE" aground on Arlington Reef (Grafton Passage): "TANGRED" (AT) diverted to Sydney.
- (12) "GANYMEDE" (AK) en route Brisbane to Cairns ETA 0700/28.
- (13) "YP.291" departed Caloundra 1500/25 for Palm Island ETA 1000/26 thence Cairns ETA 1800/27.
- (14) "MERKUR" (AK) departed Caloundra 1700/22 for Milne Bay EFA 0900/29. (15) "ML.820" on A/S patrol outer area Grafton Passage. (16) "GEELONG" (AMS) conducting A/S patrol Sandy Cape until 1700/30 when
- "WHYALLA" is to relieve.
-) "WARRNAMBOOL" (AMS) departed Sydney 0917/24 on A/S patrol to Smoky
- (18) "YMS's 11,72" departed Cairns 0800/22 for Frementle via Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Albany. ETA Brisbane 1800/25
- (19) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "LEOPARD" (IX) to depart Calcundra 1500/27 for Milne Bay ETA 1500/2 April
- (2) "ETOLIH" (AK) to depart Caloundra 1430/26 Southbound.

(c) In Harbour:

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Admiralties:	A	
Combat Units	7 DD	"NICHOLSON" "KALK" "WELLES" "HOBBEY"
-	18 PT	
Escorts	5	"HARNON" (DE) 1 ML: 425 2 YMS: 8, 46 "BENALLA" (AMS)
Auxiliaries	4	"ETAHIN" (AK) "CELENO" (AK)
Merchantmen Cape Gloucester:	3	: "LAKE ORMAG" "M.DALY" "W. BEAUMONT"
Escorts Auxiliaries	1	: "WARREGO" (PS)
Merchantmen Rein Bay:	3	: "YOCHOW" "MELINGA" "H.T.RAINEY"
Combat Units	14 FT	
Auxiliaries Saidor:	1	; "HILC" (AGP)
Combat Units Escerts	12 PT	
Merchantmen Langemak:	3	: "H.C. PAYNE" "J.H.ROSSITER" "TIMOSHENKO"
Combat Units	20 PF	
Escorts	26	· PRADOON / THE MAD AD AD A MAD
	20	"GLENELG" "BUNBURY" "STAWELL" (AMS) 5 YMS: 71, 313, 314, 336, 393 4 FC: 1122, 1132, 1133, 1134 3 ME: 424, 803, 804, 8 SC: 637, 648, 734,
Auxiliaries	9	"KANIMBLA" "NANOORA" (APA) "POPUTATIO" "COTTO AT
Merchantmen	31	(AO) YP-283 "CHETCO" (AT) "VICTORIA"
	02	"A.THOMAS" "G.R.HEBARD" "GEO.VANCOUVER"
ų	•	"J.W.DAVIS" "ISOLATOR" "H.L.ABBOTT" "G.V.L.MEYER" "ALAMO" "E.JOHNSON" "J.DOTY" "STAGEN" "TAEINTA" "JOHN I.N.GLAN" "ANHUI" "T.CRAWFORD" "W.SPARRON" "N.E.MACK" "JANSSENS" "W.S.LADD" "ALCOA PATRIOT" "CLAUS SPRECKLES" "M.GRIFFITH" "ED.N.WESTCOTT" "B.MATTHEWS" "P.T.DODDRIDGE" "W.MCCRACKEN" "SEA MARLIN"
Tag:		The state of the s
Escorts	1	: 1 ML: 428
Auxiliaries	2	PANDA" (TX) "TASMAN" (ALI)
Merchantmen	6	"O.KELLY" "F.BILLINGS" "H.V.WHITE" "G.L.SMITH"
Buna:		_
Combat Units	8 DD	"REID" "SWANSON" "ARUNTA"
Escorts	13	Z PF: "LONGBEACH" "GLENDALE"
Auxiliaries	15	"H.T.ALLEN" "WESTRALIA" (APA) "TRINITY" (AO) "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "BROOKS" "GILMER" "SCHLEY" "KANE" "HERBERT" (APD) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "POWARS" (AGC)
Merchantmen	8	(ASIS) 1 ARD "BOOTES" (AK) "W.S.LADD" "ALCIBIADES" "L.MERRITT" "ESSO BAYWAY" "POINT SAN PEDRO" "A.S.HEWITT" "J.W.MELDRUM" "CAPE CLEARE"
Oro Bay:	-	
Auxiliaries Merchantmen Woodlark Is:	3	"RIGEL" (AR) "TULSA" (PG) "DOBBIN" (AD) "J.F.BRADLEY" "RING LARDNER" "J.SINGER" "A.REHAN" "CAPE SPENCER" "M.T.HERRICK" "R.S.BEAN" "A.LYKES" "SAN ANTONIO" "CAPE DOUGLAS" "RAJAHSTAN".
Escorts	4	
Auxiliaries Merchantmen	1	3 YNS: 9, 50, 335 SC: 741 "TRIANGULUM" (AK)

Kiriwina: 1 Escorts : 1 SC: 750 Merchantmen Goodenough Is: Escorts : "GOULBURN" (AMS) 1 "M. THWAITES" "W. CREUFFIL" Merchantmen Milne Bay: Combat Units : "SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"
: "NASHVILLE" "PHOENIX" "BOISE"
: "HUTCHINS" "DALY" "BACHE" "AMMEN" "BEALE" 2 CA 3 CL 8 DD "MULLANY" "ABNER READ" "GRAYSON" 12 PT * Note: Special operational movements forward of Milne Bay not shown.

Escorts 2 PF : "SAN FEDRO" "CORONADO" : 650, 699, 703, 738, 742, 748, 732 "ROCKHAMPTON" "KAPUHDA" "KIAMA" "WAGGA" 7 SC 4 AMS : "A76, 477, 1124, 1131, 1132 : 10, 48, 49, 51, 52, 70, 73, 334 : 427, 431, 801, 802, 817, 818 : "AASE MAERSK" (A0) "TANGIER" (AV) "MIZAR" (AF 5 PC 8 YMS 6 ML Auxiliaries 18 "OTUS" "EURYALE" (AS) "POLLUX" (AKS) "KOOPA" (AGP) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "YUNNAN" (AE) "BAYOU ST. JOHN" "SUSQUEHANNA (AGG) "MORESBY" (AGS) "SONOMA" (AT) "VILLALOBOS" (IX) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) 1 ARD: 2 YP: 278, 280.

"E.G.ACHESON" "ARANSAN PASS" "AUN" "W.B.AYER"

"J.BARBARA" "BARBARA C" "S.K.BARLOW"

"S.K.BOLIVAR" "BOR FRED" "S. ERANNON" Merchan tmen 81 "J.G.BRADY" "BRACSTAGI" "BRITISH COLUMBIA EXPRESS" "J.BURROUGHS" "WM.BYER" "J.CABRILLO" "CEFALU" "P.CHANDLER"
"W.E.CHANNING" "G.L.CURRY" "J.DEERE"
"F.H.DODD" "DON MARQUIS" "A.E.DUNNIWAY"
"L.L.DYCHE" "EMPIRE SILVER" "ESSO HARRISBURG"
"ESSO MANHATTAN" "JOHN EVANS" "G.E.K.FITCH"
"M.FLINDERS" "W.GRENFELL" "A.B.HARMOND"
"HANYAMA" "E. J. FEMRY" "B. F. TRUINE " "JAPARA" "HANYANG" "E. J.HENRY" "B.F. IRVINE " "JAPARA"
"KARSIK" "KATOOMBA" "L.S.KELLY" "GEO.LUKS" "LURLINE" "J.MCLEAN" "W.MCLENNAN" "LINDERMAN"
"B.MATTHEWS" "W.V.MOODY" "MORMACGULL" "MANSFIELD
"MONTEREY" "MORMACSEA" "MEXICO" "MIDWEST
FARMER" "MARVIK" "JEAN NICOLET" "NORINDIES" "PAHUD" "PENNANT" "JAMES D. PHALAN" "RAMO"
"REIJNST" "M.ROBERTSON" "A.ROBINSON"
"W. B.ROGERS" "J. ROLPH" "J.ROSS" "SEA WITCH" "W.C. SQUIRE" "S.W.WHITE" "N.J.SINNOTT"
"SOUTHVAST PASS" "W.H.SUBJETTE" "T.W.SYMONS"
"M.THORNTON" "THUNDERER" "VAN DERLIJN" "VAN SWOLL" "R. J. WAL KER" "J. M. WHISTLER" "K.D.WICGIN" "E.YOUNG" Port Moresby Escorts : ML: 426 : "MULIANA" "CANBERRA" "TAROONA" "M.WE.KER" 1 Merchantmen 6 "C.DARROW" "MONTORO" Thursday Is: : "WILCAN NIA" (AMS) 1 SC: 731 Auxiliaries : "BUNGAREE" (CM) Cairns: Escorts : "GYMPIE" (AMS) : "FLATYFUS" (AR) 5 2 ML: 804, 811. 2YMS: 47, 51 Auxiliaires 1 ARD lownsville: Escorts : "BROOME" "BALLARAT" (AMS) Auxiliaries : "SHIKEILAMY" (AOG) Mackay: Auxiliaries : "HERON" (AVP) 1 Gladstone: Auxiliaries : 1 YDG "CALAMARES" (AF) 1 ARD Brisbane:

Brisbane: : "SWAN" (PS) "WHYAILA" (AMS) 2 SC: 745, 749 Escorts 3 ML: 808, 821, 823 : "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "ALGORAB" (AKA) Auxiliaries 8 "ETOLIN" (AK) "KURUMBA" (AO) 2 YP: 233, 236
"LEOPARD" (IX) "MAETSUYCKER" (AH) Sydney: "HOBART" (Refitting)
"VENDETTA" "STUART"
"COLAC" "DELORAL NE" "ECHUCA" "FREMANTLE"
"GLADSTONE" "KATOOHBA" (AMS) "KYBRA"
"AB. CRIJNSSEN" "YANDRA" "DOOMBA" (A/s) Combat Units 1 CL 2 DD Escorts 13 3 ML: 807, 822, 823 "MANUNDA" "WANGANELLA" (AH) "GOLD STAR" (AS) "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "OCTANS" (AF) Auxiliaries "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "SPRINGDALE "(YDG) Melbourne: Escort 1 AMS : "LITHGOW" (Refitting) (ii) ENELY FORCES (1) S.W.Bougainville - During the night 22-23 Mar enemy positions at the Puriata River mouth were strafed by PT boats. Return shell fire was experienced. (2) Torokina Perimeter - During the day ended 1500/24 the enemy made a determined assault on the Northern sector of the Torokina perimeter While penetration was effected one allied counter attack restored An estimated 300 enemy dead were left within our the position. defence lines. During 24 Mar enemy gun positions installations and supplies were attacked by \$4 Dauntless and 18 Avengers. During the 24 hours ended 0900/25 while enemy artillery activity was experienced within the perimeter 13 shells were fired causing no damage or casualties. - Midday 24 Mar Munacanal and Tobera airfields were attacked (3) Rabaul by 49 Dauntless 25 Avengers and 24 Mitchells. Both runways were hit. In addition Vunapope supplies area was bombed by 37 Lightnings Warhawks and Aircobras. (4) New Ireland - Photos taken a.m. 24 Mar reveal Borpop, Mamatanai, Panapai airfields to be unserviceable. Nil aircraft present. Kavieng aerodrome is serviceable and one fighter and divebomber 5) St Matthias - No further reports of the land situation on Emirau have been received but on 23 Mar a petrol dump was destroyed by U.S. destroyer bombardments, estimated at 150 drums. Eloaue was also bombarded without visible results. Three enemy aircraft circled Emirau Island during the night 22-23 Mar. but no bombs were dropped. (6) Admiralty Island. - On Los Megros Is. the enemy encircled S.W. Papitalai and is offering desperate resistance. Little co is reported on the ground situation on Manus Island. Pityilu Is., near approaches to Secadler Harbour, was bombarded by 3 allied destroyers 24 Mar. All visible buildings, 3 launches and a petrol dump were destroyed. Ndrova and Amo Islands, off S.E. coast Manus Island, were occupied 24 Mar: no enemy were contacted. On 25 Mar. Loniu and Mataan, on S.W.Los Negros Island, were bombarded by 3 destroyers also Lankau village on Rambutyo Is. (7) Open Bay - Kimbe Bay - A.M. 24 Mar enemy installations along the North Coast of New Britain in this Sector were bombed and strafed by 6 Bostons and 2 Beaufighters. Again A.M. 25 Mar targets in the same area were subjected to attacks by 7 Bostons and 2 Beaufighters, while in addition Headquarters area Cape Hoskins was bombed and strafed by 10 Kittyhawks. - Gun positions on Garove Island were bombed and (8) Garove Island strafed 1300-1400/24 by 21 Kittyhawks. Early a.m. 25 Mar. an ememy troop laden barge was sunk by PT boats 6 miles S.E. of Garove Island and 35 Japs were eliminated and 4 taken prisoners. e Island A preliminary report from aircraft in flight relates that 4 ships (2-4000 tons) were sighted at 1300/25 20 miles N.W. (9) Wakde Island by N. Wakde Island on an Easterly course.

(10) Hollandia - Photos 0950/21 covering 3 airi lds Hollandia, Sentani and Cyclops, disclosed 274 aircraft including 132 fighters 97 light bombers and 45 medium bombers. - A hospital ship was reported by aircraft at 0530/24 (11) Aitape 170 miles North of Aitape, on course 900. Probably the same vessel was subsequently reported several times: last report was at 1018/25 5 miles off But - course 125 . The reduction of Wewak was resumed 1050-1150/25 by heavy (12) Wewak medium and attack bombers. Reports received cover 23 Liberators 37 Mitchells 16 Bostons plus fighter cover. Preliminary reports indicate that much damage was effected: Little ground opposition and no aerial opposition was reported. (13) Bunabun - Bunabun Mission and Coastal strip were bombed and strafed 1115/25 by 18 Bostons. 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA (1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/26:
(1) "PIRTE" escorting convoy DT 46 (2 MV) departed Darwin 0733/25 for Thursday Is. ETA 1730/29

(2) "INVEREIL" escorting Convoy DT47 ("DARVEL")departed Darwin 0714/25 for Thursday Is. ETA 0500/28 "DARVEL" proceeding independently, from Cape Wessel to Melville Bay ETA 0900/27

(3) 15 Submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin: "COOTAMUNDRA" "LATROBE" (AMS) 3 HL: 429, 809, 816 Escorts 5 "W. PROUSE" "J.W. TROY" 2 Merchan tmen

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Geelvinck - 25 Mar. Reconnaissance observed 4 small merchantships including 3 sea trucks at Noenfoor Island off Manoekwari.
(2) Kaukenau Karta Photos 23 Mar. show both runways at Utarom serviceable

Two fighters were present.

(3) Maccleur Gulf - Photos 23 Mar disclose new strip under construction near Salgan village (Southshore midway between Babo and Kotas) Visual observations during reconnaissance 25 Mar. indicate 3 new strips between Salgan and Babo.

(4) Ceram Island - Reconnaissance 25 Mar. sighted 1 vessel at Boela.
(5) Flores Island - Photos 24 Mar. disclose a new strip quarter of a mile South west of Macemere under constructions, apparently in addition to the 2 known runways both of which are serviceable although only one appears to be in use. 7 small ships of 1000 tons or less are at anchor off Macemere and 2 small merchant vessels at Ende.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At sea to 1200/25: N1.1

(b) In Harbour:

Premantle:		
Combat Units	1 GL	:"ADELAIDE"
Escorts	6	"HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC:739
		3 ML:812, 824, 826
Auxiliaries	8	3 ML:812, 824, 826 :"ATREUS"(OM) "LARK" (AM) "W.B. PRESTON"
		(AVD) "ORION" "FELIAS" (AS)
		CHAMTICLEER" (ASR) 1 YP:286 1 ARD

Exmouth Gulf: Auxiliaries :"CHILDS" (AV) 1 YP: 283

ESTIMATE OF BNEW 'S CAPABILITIES (1) Increased naval and air strength Malayan theatre.
(2) Withdrawal of forward positions in Bismarcks.
(3) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North Coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.
(4) Use of barges, su marines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.
(5) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive submarine activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans. --- 000 ---- 6 -

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

		thwest Pacific stern Section)	Sout	th Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons		olines ianas
BB		-	(4) IDAHO NEW WEXTCO PENNSYLVANIA TENNESSEE		-	MUSASHI	
CV(E)		-		•		CHI	YODA
CA	(2)	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE		•	•	(6)	ATAGO TAKAO OHOKAI MYOKO HAGURO MAYA
<u>CL</u>	(4)	BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX HOBART		COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELIER DENVER HONOLULU ST. LOUIS BIRMINGHAM LEANDER	•	(2)	OYODO YUBARI
CL(T)		C +1		•		KAS	HIMA
AV/CVS	TAN	GIER		RIGHT CHANDELEUR	-		AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO
x xcvs	(2)	HALF MOON SAN PABLO		BALLARD	•		3
	(24)	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA REID AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS HOBBY KALK GILLESPIE WEILES STOCKTON NICHOLSON WILKES STEVENSON THORN ABNER READ ROE GRAYSON	Appr	• ox. 45	•		20

	Southwest Pacific		Bismarcks	Carolins
	(Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Solomons	Marianas
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	BLACKFISH)			
	DACE)	On Do town 3		
	DARTER) FLOUNDER)	On Patrol		A
	SCAMP)			
14.4	SILVERSIDES)			
	(3) 5.42			
To Hyron	5.47	At Milne Bay		
	BLUEGILL)			
	(1) CERO	At Bud chama		
	(I) CANO	At Brisbane		
	K.9	At Sydney		
PT	Approx.85	Approx. 110		
TENERAL		THE PARTY MAN	•	•
APD/AKA		30 474		
(1	(1) H.T. ALLEN KANIMBLA	10 APA 10 APD		
	WESTRALIA	5 AKA		
	ALGORAB			
	GILMER			
-	KA NE SCHLEY			
	SANDS			
	HUMPHREYS			
	BROOKS	7		
	HERBERT	1		
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is (2) OTUS	**(?	2
	EURYALE			•
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	3) RIGEL	FROMETHEUS		
	PLATYPUS ANYCUS	4		
	WINT COLD			
IRCRAFT (N	.E.Area Only)			
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*	RALEIGH		(3)	ABUKUMA
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3. CENTRAL PACIFIC EMPIRE

	ALLIE	ED FORCES		ENE	Y FORCE .
BE	(14)	NORTH CAROLINA IOWA WASHINGTON NEW JERSEY MASSACHUSETTS	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLA ND MISSISSIPPI ALAHAMA OKLAHOMA	1,000	TSE YAMASHIRO YAMATO MUTSU (prob. sunk
ov	(6)	EMTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL		•
CV(L)	(7)	COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY INDEPENDENCE	(5)	HITAKA HAYATAKA TAIHO RYUHO ZUIHO
(T)		•			HOSHO
CV(E)	(25)	COPAHEE SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO CORAL SEA BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU SAWTEE CASABLANCA CORREGIDOR ALTAMARA	WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MANILA BAY NATOMA BAY MEHENTA BAY	(5)	CHITOSE JINYO KAIYO OTAKA UNYO
CA	(13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE		•
OCA		-			6
<u>or</u>	(7)	SANTA FE SAN DIEGO MOBILE SILOXI	OAKLAND RENO CONCORD	(4) **	NOSHIRO NAGARA NATORI ISUZO
CL(T)		•			KASHII
AV/OVS		•			5
DD	Appr	ox. 85			20 (several repairing)
SS	Appr	ox. 30			Approx. 25
AS		?			2 (one repairing

CL TRENTON

DD

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

Management		Southwes (Western	t Pacific Section)	Eas	tern Flee	t Area	Eas	t Indies-Philippines
₽ ●		•		(3)	QUEEN EI VALIANT RENOWN	IZABETH	(5)	NAGATO KONGO HARUNA HYUGA) Poss. FUSO) Empire
CV		-	X	(2)	ILLUSTRI		(2)	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
CV(E)	<u>)</u>	-	/ \	(4)	BATTLER UNICORN SHAN RANEE			•
<u>CA</u>		•		(6)	SUSSEX SUFFOLK HAWKINS FROBISHE LONDON CUMBERLA		(6)	OABA KUMANO SUZUYA CHIKUMA MOGAMT TONE
CL		ADELAIDE		(9)	CARADOC CEYLON KENYA GAMBIA VAN HEEM	NEWCASTLE DANAE TROMP EMERALD	(4)	YAHAGI OI KINU KITAGAMI
AV/CV	S (2)	CHILDS W.B.PREST	ON		ALBATROS		30	KAMOI
XCL		•		(2)	CANTON CHITRAL			.50
XAV/X	CVS	•			?			•
DD		•			Approx 2	7		25
SS	(15)	ANGLER BLUEFISH BOWFIN CABRILLA GUNNEL HADDO HAKE	MINGO LAPON PUFFER NORWHAL RASHER RATON RAY POMPOM)	Approx 18	5		17 (incl. 6 German)
		BILLFISH BONEFISH COD CREVAILE FLASHER JACK	HOE REDFIN ROBALO K/12 K/15	At	Fremantle			
AS	(2)	PELIAS ORION				12.		
Fighte Light	& M/E & M/E lo & D Boat	.W.Area On Incl. 12 tw Bombers Bombers	in-eng.)	67 9 - 42 16				

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 789

Date 27 March, 1944

PART 1.

UTH WEST PACIFIC AREA.

1. EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/27.

- (1) "TASMAN" (AH) departed Oro Bay 1755/26 for Brisbane ETA 0900/31.
 - (2) "PC.477" departed Milne Bay 1400/26 to RV with "BOTH" and escort to Milne Bay ETA 1300/28.
 - (3) "PC.1124" departed Milne Bay 1900/26 to RV with "HADL Y" and escort to Milne Bay.
 - (4) "WAGGA" (AMS) departed Milne Bay 1700/26 to RV with "MERKUR" (AF) and escort to Milne Bay ETA 0900/28.

 - (5) "YMS.70" departed Milne Bay 1300/26 for Cairns ETA 1500/28.
 (6) "GLENELG" (AMS) departed Milne Bay 1400/26 for Grafton Passage ETA 0700/28.
- (7) "GASCOYNE" (PF) escorting Convoy MV.75 (3 MV) was to depart Milne Bay 1800/24 for Townsville ETA 1100/28.

 (8) "BUNDABERG" "BOWEN" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy TN.232 (4 MV) en route Fitzroy Island to Port Moresby ("TOWNSVILLE" with 1 MV) ETA 0900/28 and to Milne Bay ("BUNDABERG" "BOWEN" 3 MV) ETA 0900/28.
- (9) "CASTLEMAINE" searching route from Milne Bay to Port Moresby for "CANONBAR" overdue at Port Moresby, but reported possibly anchored off Keakare Bay.

- (10) "PYRO" (AE) departed Milne Bay 1330/23 for Brisbane ETA March 27.
 (11) "WILCANNIA" (AMS) departed Thursday Island 1355/26 for Richardson Reef.
 (12) "ML.805" was to RV at 0730/25 with "MORGLAY" (AT) and pilot her to
 "WM. D.BOYCE" aground on Arlington Reef (Grafton Passage):
- "TANCRED" (AT) diverted to Sydney.

 (13) "BALLARAT" (AMS) departed Townsville 1540/26 for A/S patrol outer area Grafton Passage.
- (14) "GANYMEDE" (AK) en route Brisbane to Cairns ETA 0700/28 (15) "PY.291" departed Caloundra 1500/23 for Palm Island ETA 1000/26 thence Cairns ETA 1800/27.
- (16) "GEELONG" (AMS) conducting A/S patrol Sandy Cape until 1700/30 when "WHYALLA" is to relieve.
- "DOOMBA" (A/S) departed Sydney 0908/26 on A/S patrol to Smoky Cape and return.
- (18) "ETOLIN" (AK) was to depart Caloundra 1430/26 Southbound.
- (19) "GOLD STAR" (AG) was to depart Sydney 0800/27 for Caloundra.

(20) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

(1) "GYMPIE" (AMS) escorting 2 APC to depart Cairns as soon as possible for Milne Bay and Port Moresby.

(c) In Harbour:

Admiralties: Combat Units	8 DD	* "BUSH" "GILLESPIE" "WELLES" "HOBBEY" "NICHOLSON" "WARRAMUNGA" "STOCKFON" "THORN"
	18 PT	ALCONOMICA TIMESTON AND TO A CONTRACT TO A CONTRACT
Escorts	7	"HARMON" (DE) 1 ML: 425 2 YMS: 8, 46
Auxiliaries	5	"BENALLA" "BUNBURY" (AMS) 1 HDML: 1325 "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "ETAMIN" (AK) "CELENO" (AK) "KAME" (APD)
Merchantmen	5	"LAKE ORMAC" "M.DALY" "W.BEAUMONT" "P.T.DODDRIDGE" "B.MATTHEWS"
Cape Gloucester:		and the second of the second o
Escorts	2	: "WARREGO" (PS) "ARARAT" (AMS)
Merchantmen	3	"YOCHOW" "H.T.RAI NEY" "ANHUI"
Rein Bay:		
Combat Units	14 PT	Name of the Assessment of the
Auxiliaries Saidor:	1	: "HILO" (AGP)
Combat Units	12 FT	
Merchantmen	3	"M.GRIFFITH" "J.H.ROSSITER" "TIMOSHENKO"
Langemak: Combat Units	20 PT	
Escorts	24 PT	: "BARCOD" (PF) "BENDIGO" "COWRA" "STAWELL" (AMS
TESCOT OS	24	6 YMS: 71, 313, 314, 316, 336, 393 2 RC: 1122, 1132 4 ML: 424, 803, 806, 816 8 SC: 537, 648, 734, 735, 743, 744, 981, 982 "PORTUNUS" "COUCAL" (ASR) "VICTORIA" (A0)
Auxiliaries	5	8 SC: 537, 648, 734, 735, 743, 744, 981, 982 "PORTUNUS" "COUCAL" (ASR) "VICTORIA" (AO)
Merchantmen	27	"MAGTAN" "LYMAN" "STEWART" "GEO.VANCOUVER"
		"J.W.DAVIS" "ISOLATOR" "H.L.ABBOTT" "G.V.L. MEYER" "ALAMO" "E.JOHNSON" "J.DOTY"
		"STAGEN" "TABINTA" "JOHN I. NOLAN" "T. CRAWFORD"
		"W.PARRON" "N.E.MACK" "JANSSENS" "W.S.LADD"
		"ALCOA PATRIOT" "CLAUS SPRECKLES"
		"ED.N.WESTCOTT" "W.MCCRACKEN" "SEA MARLIN"
Lae:		"H.O.PAYME" "S.G.PORTER" "SHAWMEE"
Escorts	2	: 2 ML: 428, 430
Auxiliaries	ī	"PANDA" (IX)
Merchantmen	10	"O.KELLY" "F.BILLINGS" "H.V.WHITE" "G.L.SMITH
		"D.E. HUGHES" "L. MERRITT" "A.S. HEWITT"
	•	"POINT SAN PEDRO" "A. THOMAS" W. GRENFELL"
i a:		
Combat Units	4 DD	"REID" "SWANSON" "ARUNTA" "KALK"
Escorts	12	: 2 PF: "LONGBEACH" "GLENDALE" 2 YMS: 53, 315
		2 ML: 816, 819 2 PC: 1119, 1128,
Auxiliaries	15	4 SC: 736, 737, 746, 747 "H.T. ALLEN" "WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA" "MANOGRA"
		(APA) "TRIMITY" (AO) "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS"
		"BROOKS" "GILMER" "SCHLEY" "HERBERT" (APD)
		"BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "CARTER HALL" (LSD)
43		"POYANG" (AE) 1 ARD
Merchantmen	6	: "W.S.LADD" "ALCIBIADES" "ESSO BAYWAY"
Omo Borra		"J.W. MELDRUM" "CA ME CLEARE" "W.ATWATER"
Oro Bay: Combat Units	1 DD	. Heparell
Auxiliaries	3	: "BEALE" : "RIGEL" (AR) "TULSA" (PG) "DOBBIN" (AD)
Merchantmen	12	: "J.F. BRADLEY" "RING LARDNER" "J. SINGER"
		"A REHAN" "CAPE SPENCER" "M.T. HERRICK"
		"R.S.BEAN" "SAN AMPONIO" "CAPE DOUGLAS"
		"RAJAHSTAN" "A.S.DUNTWAY" "PANAMA EXPRESS"
Woodlark Is:		
Escorts	4	: 3 YMS: 9, 50, 335 SC: 741
Auxiliaries	1	"TRIANGULUM" (AK)
Merchantmen	1	"D.D. FIEID"
Kiriwina:		
Escorts	1	: 1 SC: 750
Goodenough Is:		
Becorts	1	: "GOULBURN" (AMS)
Merchantmen	5	: "M. TEWAITES" "MANA"

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Milne Bay:
Combat Units
                                               "SPROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"
                                 2 CA
                                                     "NASHVILLE" "PHOENIX" "BOISE"
                                  3 CL
                                                   : "HUTCHINS" "DALY" "BACHE" "MULLANY"
                                10 DD
                                                        "AEHER READ" "GRAYSON" "STEVENSON"
"ROE" "WILKES"
                                12 PT
     te: Special operational movements forward of Milne Bay not shown.
Escorts 2 PF : "SAN PEDRO" "CORONADO"
                                                   "SAN PEDRO" "CORONADO"

65C, 699, 708, 732, 742, 748, 738

"KAPUNDA" "KIAMA"

476, 1120, 1131, 1132, 1133, 1134

10, 48, 49, 51, 52, 73, 334

427, 431, 801, 802, 817, 818

""AASE MAERSK" (AO) "TANGIER" (AV)

"HALF NOON" (AVP) "MIZAR" (AF) "OTUS"

"EURYALE" (AS) "POLLUK" (AKS) "KOOPA" (AGP)

"AINCUS" (ARL) "YUNNAN" (AE) "SUSQUEHANNA"

(AOG) "MORESEY" (AGS) "SONOMA"

"BAY OU ST. JOHN" (AT) "VILLALOBOS" "MINK"

(IX) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) 1 ARD
                                  7 SC
                                  2 AMS
                                  6 PC
                                  7 YMS
                                  6 MI
      Auxiliaries
                                                        (IX) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) 1 ARD "PING WO" (ASIS) 3 YP: 278, 280, 283
                                                        "SHEPPARTON" (AGS)
"E.G.ACHESON" "ARANSAS PASS" "AUN"
"W.B.AYER" "J.BARBARA" "BARBARA C"
"S.K.BARLOW" "S.K.BOLIVAR" "BORGFRED"
      Merchantmen
                          81
                                                        "S. BRAHNON" "J.G. BRADY" "BRAGSTAGI"
                                                        "BRITISH COLUMBIA EXPRESS" "J.EURROUGHS"
"WW. EYER" "J. CABRILLO" "CEFALU" "P. CHANDLER
                                                        "W.E.CHANNING" "J.DEERE" "F. H. DODD"
                                                      "DON MARQUIS" "L.L.DYCHE" "EMPIRE SILVER"
"ESSO HARRISBURG" "ESSO MANHATTAN"
                                                        "JOHN EVANS" "G.E.K.FITCH" "M.FLINDERS"
                                                        "W. GRENFELL" "A.B. HAMMOND" "HANYANG"
                                                       "G.R. HEBARD" "E.J. HENRY" "B.F. IRVINE"
"JAPARA" "KARSIK" "KATOOMBA" "L.S. KELLY"
"GEO.LUKS" "LURLINE" "F. B.LINDERMANN"
                                                       "A.LYKES" "J.MCLEAN" "W.MCLENNAN"
"MANSFIELD" "B.MATTHEWS" "W.V.MOODY"
                                                       "MORMACGULL" "MONTEREY" "MORMACSEA" "MEXICO"
                                                       "MIDWEST FARMER" "NARVIK" "JEAN NICOLET"
                                                       "NORINDIES" "PAHUD" "PENNANT" "JAMES D. PHATA"
"RAMO" "REIJNST" "M.ROBERTSON" "A.ROBINSON"
                                                       "W.B.ROGERS" "J.ROSS" "SEA WITCH" "SIBIGO"
                                                       "W.C.SQUIRE" "SOUTHVAST PASS"
                                                       "STANVAC WELLINGTON" "W.H.SUBJETTE"
                                                       "T.W.SYMONS" "M.THORNTON" "THUNDERER"
"VAH DER LIJN" "VAN SWOLL" "R.J.WALKER"
                                                       "J.H. WHISTLER""S. M. WHITE" "K.D. WIGGIN"
                                                       "E. YOUNG"
 Port Moresby:
                                                  : ML: 426 "MILDURA" (AMS)
: "MULIAMA" "CANBERRA" "M.WALKER" "C.DARRON"
     Escorts
                                2
     Merchantmen
                               5
                                                       "MOINTORO" "MILLIAMA!"
Thursday Is:
     Escorts
                                1
                                                   : 1 80: 731
                                                   : "BURGAREE" (SM) "POLARIS" (AGS)
     Auxiliaries
Cairns:
                                                   : "GYMPIE" "ROCKHAMPTON" (AMS) 1 PC: 479
     Escorts
                                                   3 MI: 804, 811, 820 2 YMS: 47, 51
: "PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD
 Auxiliaries
Townsville:
    Escorts
                                                  : "BROOME" (AMS)
     Auxiliaries
                                                   : "SHIKELLAMY (AOG)
                               1
Mackay:
    Auxiliaries
                                                   : "HERON" (AVP)
Gladstone:
    Auxiliaries
                               2
                                                  : 1 YDG
                                                                 1 ARD
Brisbane
                                                   : "SWAN" (PS) "WHYALLA" (AMS) 2 SC: 745, 749
    Escorts
                               9
                                                     3 ML: 808, 821, 823 2 YMS: 11, 72
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Brisbane: : "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "ALGORAB" (AKA) Auxiliaries "KURUMBA" (AO) 2 YP: 233, 236
"LEOPARD" (IX) "MAETSUYCKER" (AH) Sydney: "HOBART" (Refitting)
"VENDETTA" "STUART"
"GOLAC" "DELORAINE" "ECHUCA" "FREMANTLE" Combat Units 1 CL S DD Escorts 13 "GLADSTONE" "KATOOMBA" "WARRNAMBOOL" (AMS) "KYBRA" "AB. CRIJNSSEN" "YANDRA" (A/S) 3 ML: 807, 822, 823 "MANUNDA" "WANGAMELLA" (AH) "BISHOPDALE" (AO 6 Auxiliaries "OCTANS" (AF) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "SPRINGDALE (YDG) Melbourne: : "LITHGOW" (Refitting) 1 AMS Escort (11) ENEMY FORCES - At 1035/25 Kavieng airfield was attacked by 12 Dauntless (1) but subsequent ph tographs show the runway still serviceable with one fighter and two medium bombers present. Admiralty Islands - Some progress has been made by our troops on Manus Island where they are driving South from Rossun: The situation at Los Regros remains unchanged 25-26 Mar. At 100-1025/26 enemy positions South of Lorengau were bombed and strafed by 8 Bostons in support of ground forces.
Suspected emplacements off Pityilu Is. were bombarded 26 Mar. by a Destroyer. (3) Rabaul - During the night 24-25 Mar Rabaul was harassed by 7 Mitchell A.m. 25 Mar. gun positions also Keravia Bay and Rataval supply areas were bombed by 30 Dauntless 24 Avengers, 23 Mitchells and 34 Fig ter Bombers. Large fires were started. At 1600/25 an ammunition dump at Tawui Point was bombed by 12 Dauntless. Also on 25 March a dam at Massava Bay was destroyed by 2 Venturas which dropped 8 depth bombs.

(4) Kimbe-Open Bay - During the night 24-25 March an enemy barge was destroyed by PT boats 6 miles N.M. of Bialla Plantation (25 miles S.W. Ub111). On 25 Mar. Air strike on Jap. Headquarters at Cape Hoskins (refer Summary 788) was conducted by a total of 35 Kittyhawks. Local sources report continued pedestrian traffic along the Coast moving Eastwards. Aitape - Preliminar, reports indicate that stores and personnel at Altape were attacked by aircraft 1000-100/26: reports received involved 18 Bostons. (6) Wewak - Final details of the air strike on Wewak-Boram personnel and supply area 1050-1150/25 show that 35 Liberators, 37 Mitchells and 39 Bostons and fighter escort were involved. The reduction of Wewak was continued a.m. 26. Reports

received cover 34 Liberators and 44 Mitchells. Altape-Wewak Coast - Reports of shipping along this Coast a.m. 26 Mar. vary considerably. A number of barges and small craft were (7) observed at various points along the Coast, and in addition 3 small freighters or luggers were reported off Kariru Island and 3

possible sea trucks off Sissane Lagoon and a hospital ship at But. (8) Bogadjim Road. The enemy Headquarters on the Bogadjim Road, also gun positions and supply areas, were bombed and strafed a.m. 26 Mar. by 16 Aircobras and 12 Bostons.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/27:

(1) "PIRIE" escorting convoy DT 46 (2 MV) departed Darwin 0733/25
for Thursday Island LTA 1730/29.

(2) "INVERELL" escorting Convoy DT47 ("DARVEL") departed Darwin 0714/25
for Thursday Island ETA 0500/28 "DARVEL" proceeding independently

from Cape Wessel to Melville Bay MTA 0900/27

(3) "KALGOORLIE" (AMS) escorting "GORGON" departed Thursday Island 2037/26 for Merauke ETA 1300/27.

(4) 15 Submarines on patrol.

(b) In Marbour:

Bacorts 5 : "COOTAMUNDRA" "LATROBE" (AMS) 5 ML:429, 809, 816

Merchantmen 2 : "W. PROUSE" "J.W. TROY"

(11) ENERTY FORCES

(1) Kaimana - Reconnaissance 1145/25 observed 2 small freighters,

2 sea trucks and 8 barges stationary in Kaimana Bay, and another
4 barges underway in the area.

At 1245/25 Utarom Airfield was bombed by Liberators 12
bombs hitting the runway.

(2) Babo - At 1216/25 Babo was bombed by Liberators 12 bombs falling on the runway and in the jetty area. Photographs show 12 serviceable aircraft on the field including 8 fighters and 4 medium bombers.

(3) Sagan - (South shore Laccleur Gulf midway between Babos and Kokas).

It is recalled that photographic coverage 23 Mar. showed a new air strife under construction near Sagan village: Reconnaissance Liberators reported midday 25 Mar. that there were apparently 3 strips under construction, respectively 16, 20 and 25 miles N.E. of Sagan.

(4) Geelvinck Bay - Photographs 25 Mar. show 2 airfields on Noenfoor Is.

I at Kalmiri on the N.W. Coast, the other at Nambar, Central
West Coast, The former is probably serviceable, the latter
partly surfaced but not yet serviceable.

partly surfaced but not yet serviceable.

3 other strips are under construction on Mainland; 1 at Waren
43 miles south by East of Manokwari, 1 at Moenei, just North of
Waren, and a third at Ransiki, just N.E. of Waren. None of these
fields is yet operational.

(5) Coram - Photos 25 Mar. show slight progress on the airfield at Bula, but no aircraft are visible. One small freighter is shown off shore.

(6) Timor - Reconnaissance 26 Mar. observed 4 small ships off Lautem.
(7) Philippines - A convoy reported to comprise 3 heavy cruisers, 4

light cruisers, 1 destroyer, and 2 large tankers, was observed at 1525/24 in Basilan Strait (South western tip of Mindanao) heading South Bast. The report graded B3.

B. CEMPRAL PACIFIC AKEA

(1) Phoenix Is. A.M. 22 Mar. (West long date) 2 Submarines were sighted by aircraft 25 miles N.W. of Gardner Island.

(2) Wake Island At 1000/24 Wake Island was bombed by 18 Liberators which dropped nearly 50 tons of bombs on fueldatorage, tanks and Barracks.

(3) Marshalls-Carolines on 23/24 Mar. light to medium air strikes were conducted on Penape, Wotje, Mille, Taroa and Jaluit.

ESTIMATE OF ENERY'S CAPABILITIES

Increased naval and air strength Malayan theatre.

(3) Withdrawal of forward positions in Bismarcks
(3) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, No th Coast New Guinea,
East Indies, Malayan areas.

(4) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.

(5) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive submarine activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

DATLY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	Sou	th Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carclines Marianas
BB	-	(4)	IDAHO NEW MEXICO FENNSYVANIA TENNESSEE	•	MUSASHI
CV(E)	•		•	-	CHIYODA
<u>G</u>	(8) AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE		•	-	(6) ATAGO TAKAO OHOKAI MYOKO HAGURO MAYA
CL	(4) BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX HOBART	(8)	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELIER DENVER HONOLULU ST. LOUIS BIRMINGHAM LEANDER	•	(2) OYODO YUBARI
OL(T)	-		•	•	KASHIMA
AV/CVS	TANGIER	(2)	WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	•	(2) AKITSUSHIMA
XA	E (2) HALF MOON SAN PABLO	BALI	AHD	•	3
<u>DD</u>	WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA REID AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS HOBBEY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES STOCKTON NICHOLSON WILKES STEVENSON THORN ABNER READ ROE GRAYSON	Appr	OX. 45		20

	Southwest Pac (Eastern Sect		Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marianas
SS	(8) BASHAW BLACKFISH CERO DACE DARTER FLOUNDER SCAMP SILVERSIL	On Patrol	15	25
	(3) S.42 S.47 BLUEGILL) At Milne Bay		
	K.9	At Sydney		
PT	Approx. 85	Approx. 110	8	8
APA/API	(T1) H.T.ALLE KANIMELA WESTRALI ALGORAB GILMER KAME SCHLEY SANDS HUMPHREY BROOKS HERBERT	LO APD 5 AKA		
AGO	BLUE RID	GE		
AS	(2) OTUS EURYALE		?	?
AD	DOBBIN			
AR	(3) RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS	PROMETHEUS		
Fighter Light &	T (N.E.Area enl s (incl. 18 twi M/Bombers & D/Bombers Boats anes	y) n-eng.) 181 125 2 1 14 20		
	ALLIED FOR	2. NORTHERN		NEMY FORCES
CA			_	2) NACHI) Poss. ASHIGARA) Japan
CL	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND		. (3) ABUKUMA TAMA KISO
DD	9			10
SS	10			Approx. 4

3. CEMERAL PACIFIC EMPIRE

A	LLIED	FORCES	÷	ENEMY FORCE	
BB	(14)	NORTH CAROLINA IOWA WASHINGTON NEW JERSEY MASSACHUSETTS	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA OKLAHOMA	(4) ISE YAMASHIRO WANATO MUTSU (prob	sunk)
CA	(6)	ENTER PRISE YORKTOWN IE XINGTON	INTREPID ESSEX BUNNER HILL	•	,
CV(L)	(7)	COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY INDEPENDENCE	(5) HITAKA HAYATAKA TAIHO RYUHO ZUIHO	i i
(T)		•		HOSHO	
CV(E)	(25)	COPAHEE SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO CORAL SEA BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU SAWTEE CASABLANCA CORREGIDOR ALTAMARA	WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KALININ BAY KALININ BAY MANILA BAY NATOMA BAY MEHENTA BAY	(5) CHITOSE JINYO KAIYO OTAKA UNYO	
CA	(13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE	•	
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AS		?		2 (one repai	ring)

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

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5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

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GV			(2) ILLUSTRE SARATOG		(2)	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU	
CV(E)	•	8 C-	(4	UNICORN SHAN RANEE			•	
<u>GA</u>	•	•	(6	SUSSEX SUFFOLK HAWKINS FROBISH LONDON CUMBERL		(6)	AOBA KUMANO SUZUYA CHIKUMA MOGAMI TONE	
<u>or</u>	ADEI	LAIDE	(9	CARADOC CEYLON KENYA GAMBIA VAN HEE	DANAE TROMP EMERALD	LE (4)	YAHAGI OI KINU KITAGAMI	;
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XAV/XCVS		•		8			-	
		-	Ar	pprox. 27			25	
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	(11)	BILLFISH BONEFISH COD CREVALLE FLASHER JACK	HOE REDFIN ROBALO K/12 K/15	At Frem	antle	ař.		
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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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

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PART I.

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA.

EASTERN AREA.

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/28.

- (1) "PC.477" departed Milne Bay 1400/26 to RV with "BOTH" and escort to Milne Bay ETA 1300/28.

 (2) "PC.1124" departed Milne Bay 1900/26 to RV with "HADLEY" and escort
- to Milne Bay.
 (3) "PC.1120" departed Milne Bay 1700/27 to RV with "AGWI PRINCE" and escort to Milne Bay.
- (4) "YMS.70" departed Milne Bay 1300/26 for Cairns ETA 1500/28.
 (5) "TASMAN" (AH) departed Oro Bay 1755/26 for Brisbane ETA 0900/31.
 (6) "CASTLEMAINE" searching route from Milne Bay to Port Moresby for
- "CANONBAR" overdue at Fort Moresby, but reported possibly anchored off Keakara Bay.
- (7) "ML.805" was to RV at 0730/25 with "MORGLAY" (AT) and pilot her to "WM.D.BOYCE" aground on Arlington Reef (Grafton Passage). "TANCRED" (AT) diverted to Sydney.
- e) "BALLARAT" (AMS) departed Townsville 1540/26 for A/S patrol outer area Grafton Passage.
- (9) "GASCOYNE" (PF) proceeding Sydney ETA 16 00/31
- (10) "LEOPARD" (IX) was to depart Calcundra 1500/27 for Milne Bay ETA 1500/2 April.
- (11) "GEELONG" (AMS) conducting A/S patrol Sandy Cape until 1700/30 when "WHYALLA" is to relieve.
- (12) "DOOMBA" (A/S) departed Sydney 0908/26 on A/S patrol to Smoky Cape
- and return.
 (13) "WHYALLA" (AMS) and "TONGKOL" (M/S) departed Brisbane 1700/27 and 1300/27 respectively for Wide Bay to stand by 19 ALCM's.
- (14) "ETOLIN" (AK) was to depart Caloundra 1430/26 Southbound.
- (15) "GOLD STAR" (AG) departed Sydney 0800/27 for Caloundra ETA 1000/29.
- (16) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "KAPUNDA" to depart Milne Bay for Langemak p.m. 28 March: to provide additional escort for Convoy BG.70 from Buna to destination. On arrival to relieve SC.735 which is to be sailed to Milne
 - Bay.
 (2) "GYMPIE" (AMS) escorting 2 APC to depart Cairns as soon as possible for Milne Bay and Port Moresby.

(c) In Harbour:

Admiralties: Combat Units	5 DD	"WELLES" "HOBBEY" "KALK"
	18 FF	
Escorts	6	"BENALIA" "BUNBURY" (AMS)
Auxiliaries	5	"CYSTER BAY) (AGP) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "COUCAL" (ASR) "ETAMIN" (AK) "CELENO" (AK)
Merchantmen Cape Gloucester:	3	"M.DALY" "P.T.DODDRIDGE" "B.MATTHEWS"
Escorts	5	: 2 PC: 1122, 1132 2 SC: 735, 982 1 YMS:313
Merchantmen	5	"YOCHOW" "H.T.RAT NEY" "ANHUI" "T.CRAWFORD" "J.ROSSITER"
Rein Bay:		The state of the state of same of
Combat Units	14 PT	
Auxiliaries Saidor:	1	: "HILO" (AGP)
Combat Units	12 PT	
Escorts	1	: ML: 819
Merchantmen	2	GRIFFITH" "TIMOSHENKO"
Langemak:	100	The state of the s
Combat Units	1 DD	: "REID"
	20 PT	
Escorts	21	: "BARCOO" (PF) "ARARAT" "BENDIGO" "COWRA"
		"STAWELL" (AMS) 5 YMS: 71, 314, 316,336, 393
Auxiliaries	7	7 SC: 637, 648, 734, 737, 743, 744, 981 "PORTUNUS" "VICTORIA" (AO) "CHETCO"
eponesis autoria a o o		"RESERVE" (AT) "BOOTES" (AK) "KANE" "SCHLEY" (APD)
Merchantmen	28	"MACTAN" "LYMAN STEWART" "GEO. VANCOUVER"
MOL-CIE HOME H	20	"J.W.DAVIS" "ISCLATOR" "H.L.ABBOTT"
		"G.V.L.MEYER" "E.JOHNSON" "J.DOTY" "STAGEN" "JOHN I.NOLAN" "W.SPARRON" "N.E.MACK" "JANSSENS" "W.S.LADD" "ALCOA PATRIOT" "CLAUS SPRECKLES" "CAPE CLEARE"
. *		"ED.N.WESTCOTT" "W.MCCRACKEN" "SEA MARLIN" "S.G.PORTER" "SHAWNEE" "T.M.COOLEY" "J.W.MELDRUM" "LAKE ORMAC" "W.BEAUMONF" "P.S.DUPONT"
Lae:		
Escorts	2	: 2 ML: 428, 430
Merchantmen	10	"D.E.HUGHES" "L.MERRITT" "A.S.HEWITT" "POINT SAN PEDRO" "A.THOMAS" "W.GRENFELL"
Buna:		
Combat Units	10 DD	"WILKES" "STEVENSON" "STOCKTON" "THORNE" "GRA "SON" "BUSH" "ROE" "SWANSON" "ARUNTA" "WARRANUNGA"
Escorts	10	: 2 FF: "LONGBEACH" "GLENDALE" 2 YMS: 53, 315 1 ME: 816 2 PC: 1119, 1123 3 SC: 736, 746, 747
Auxiliaries	14	"TRINITY" (AO) "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "BROOKS" "GILMER" "HERBERT" (APD) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGG) "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "POYANG" (AE) 1 ARD
Merchantmen	4	"SONOMA" (AT) : "W.S.LADD" "ALCIBIADES" "ESSO BAYWAY" "BORGFRED"
Day:		
Auxiliaries	3	: "RIGEL" (AR) "TULSA" (PG) "DOBBIN" (AD)
Merchantmen	14	"J.F.BRADLEY" "RING LARDNER" "J.SINGER" "A.REHAN" "CAPE SPENCER" "M.T.HERRICK" "R.S.BEAN" "SAN ANTONIO" "CAPE DOUGLAS" "RAJAHSTAN" "A.S.DUNIWAY" "PANAMA EXPRESS" "W.ATWATER" "JAPARA"
Woodlark Is:		Wana Shiles
Escorts	4	: 3 YMS: 9, 50, 335 SC: 741
Auxiliaries	1	"TRIANGULUM" (AK)
Merchantmen	1	"D.D.FIELD"

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Kiriwina:
  Goodenough Is:
                                                           : "GOULBURN" (AMS) SC:750
: "N.THWAITES" "MANA"
                                            2
        Escorts
                                            2
        Merchantmen
Milne Bay:
                                                         "SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"
"NASHVILLE" "PHOENIX" "BOISE"
        Combat Units
                                            2 CA
                                            3 CL
                                                           : "HUTCHINS" "DAIY" "BACHE" "MULLANY"
                                            7 DD
                                                               "ABNER READ" "AMMEN" "BEALE"
                                          12 PT
    Note: Special operational movements forward of Milne Bay not shown.
Escorts 2 PF : "SAN PEDRO" "CORONADO"
                                                           : "WARREGO"
                                            1 PS
                                                           : 650, 699, 703, 732, 742, 748, 738
"KAPUNDA" "KIAMA" "WAGGA" "BUNDABERG" "BOWEN"
                                            7 80
                                            5 AMS
                                                           "MAPUNDA" "KIAMA" "WAGGA" "BUNDABERG" "BOWEN"

476, 1131, 1132, 1133, 1134

10, 48, 49, 50, 52, 73, 334

427, 431, 801, 802, 817, 818

"WESTRALIA" (AFA) "AASE MAERSK" (AO)

"TANGIER" (AV) "HALF MOON" (AVP) "MIZAR (AF)

"OTUS" EURYALE" (AS) "POLLUX" (AKS) "KOOPA" (AG)

"AMYCUS" (ARL) "YUNNAN" (AE) "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG)

"MORESBY" (AGS) "BAYOU ST. JOHN" (AT)

"VILLALOBOS" "MINK" "PANDA" (IX) "
"CAMBETAN SATUOR" (ABS) 1 AED "PINGWO" (ASTS)
                                            5 PC
                                            7 YMS
                                            6 ML
                                          25
        Auxiliaries
                                                           "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) 1 ARD "PINGWO" (ASIS)
3 YP: 278, 280, 283 "SHEPPARTON" (AGS)
"MERKUR" (AF)
: "E.G.ACHESON" "ALAMO" "ARANSAS PASS" "AUN"
                                          86
        Merchantmen
                                                               "W.S.AYER" "J.BARBARA" "BARBARA C" "S.K.BARLOW" "D.F.BARRY" "S.K.BOLIVAR" "BONTEKOE"
"S.BRANNON" "J.G.BRADY" "BRITISH COLUMBIA
EXPRESS" "J.BURROUGHS" "WM.EYER" "J.CABRILLO"
                                                               "CEFA U" "P. CHANDLER" "W.E. CHAN WING"
                                                                "COLORADO" "J.DEERE" "F.H.DODD" "DON MARQUIS"
                                                                "L.L.DYCHE" "EMPIRE SILVER" "ESSO HARRISBURG"
"ESSO MAN HATTAN" "JOHN EVANS" "G.E.K.FITCH"
                                                                "M.FLINDERS" "M.FULIE R" "W.GRENFELL"
                                                                "A.B.HAMMOND" "HANYANG" "E.J.HENRY"
                                                                "B.F. TRVINE! "KARSIK" "KATOOMBA" "L.S. KELLY"
"GEO.LUKS" "LURLINE" "F.B.LINDERMANN"
                                                               "GEO.LUKS" "LURLINE" "F.B.LINDERMANN"
"A.LYKES" "J.MCIEAN" "W.MCLENNAN" "MANSFIELD"
"B.MATTHEWS" "W.V.MOODY" "MORMACGULL" "MONTERE
"HORMACSEA" "MEXICO" "MIDWEST FARMER"
"HARVIK" "JEAN NICOLET" "NORINDIES" "PAHUD"
"H.C.PAYNE" "PENNANT" "JAMES D.PHALAN" "RAMO"
"REIJNST" "M.ROBERTSON" "A.ROBINSON"
"W.B.ROJERS" "J.ROSS" "SEA WITCH" "SIBIGO"
                                                                "O. SKINNER" "W.C. SQUIRE" "SOUTHVAST PASS"
                                                                "STANVAC WELLINGTON" "W.H.SUBJETTE"
                                                                "T.W.SYMONS" "TABINTA" "M.THORNTON"
"THUNDERER" "VAN DER LIJN" "VAN SWOLL"
                                                                "R.J.WALKER" "J.M. WHISTLER" "S.M.WHITE"
                                                                "K.D. WIGGIN" "D. WRIGHT" "E. YOUNG"
   Port Moresby:
                                                            : ML: 426 "MILDURA" "TOWNSVILLE" (AMS)
: "MULIAMA" "CANBERRA" "M.WALKER" "C.DARROW"
                                            3
        Escorts
        Merchantmen
                                                                "MONTORO" "ORMISTON" "BALIKPAPAN"
   Thursday Is:
                                                            : 1 SC: 731 "WILCANNIA" (AMS)
: "BUNGARRE" (CM) "POLARIS" (AGS)
        Escorts
                                            2
         Auxiliaries
        rns:
                                                            : "GYMPIE" "GLENEIG" "ROCKHAMPTON" (AMS) 1 PC:
                                             9
        Escorts
                                                            479 3 ML: 804, 811, 820 2 YMS: 47, 51
"PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD "GANYMEDE" (AK)
        Auxiliaries
                                                                1 YF: 291
   Townsville:
                                                            : "BROOME" (AMS)
        Escorts
                                                            : "SHIKEIL AMY" (ADG)
         Auxiliaries
   Mackay:
                                                            : "HERON" (AVP)
        Auxiliaries
                                            1
   Gladstone:
       Auxiliaries
                                                           : 1 YDG
                                                                                1 ARD
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Brisbane: : "SWAN" (PS) 2 SC: 745, 749, 3 ML: 808, 821, 823 2 YMS: 11, 72 "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "ALGORAB" (AKA) Escorts 8 7 Auxiliaries "KURUMBA" (AO) 2 YP: 233, 236 "MAETSUYCKER" (AH) "PYRO" (AE) Sydneys : "HOBART" (Refitting) Combat Units 1 CL 2 DD "GLADSTONE" "KATOOMBA" "WARRNAMBOOL" (AMS) Escorts 13 "KYBRA" "AB.CRIJNSSEN" "YANDRA" (A/S) 3 ML: 807, 822, 823 : "MANUNDA" "WANGANELLA" (AH) "BISHOFDALE" (AO) Auxiliaries "CCTANS" (AF) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS)
"SPRINGDALE" (YDG) Melbourne: Escort 1 AMS : "LITHGOW" (Refitting) (11) ENEMY FORCES (1) Choiseul - Local sources estimate 25 Mar. that there are still 200 Japs in the Choiseul Bay area. (2) Empress Augusta Bay - During 25 Mar. enemy gun positions and installations around the Torokina perimeter were attacked by 40 Dauntless. 12 Avengers, 24 Aircobras and Warhawks.
At 0115/26, 5 barges 2 miles 5. of the Jaba River mouth were bombed and strafed by a Catalina. (3) Buka Passage -At 0130/26, an enemy barge was sunk by PT boats off Tabut (N.E. coast Bougainville - 6 miles from Buka Passage). The barge was heading for Buka and was apparently loaded with fuel. (4) Rabaul - At 0900/26, the supply area at Talili Bay was attacked by 37 Warhawks. The entire area was covered by a thick pall of smoke and photographs showed at least 18 buildings razed to the ground. At 1008/26, Vunakanau airfield was bombed by 23 Mitchells. 100 x 500 lb. hits were scored on the runway but it was observed that repairs to the strip were commenced immediately after the strike. Photos p.m. 26 Mar. show Tobera, Rapopo and Keravat strips unserviceable, Lakunai serviceable but the condition of Vunakanau could not be determined. Only 5 fighters and one light bomber were visible in these photos, which apparently covered all 5 airfields. Goverage of the Harbour was incomplete but indicated little change although the barge concentration may be somewhat reduced from the previous report of 300. At 1605/26, probably 4 Dauntless bombed the Vunapope supply area. A delayed report relates that the Adler Bay radar installation (E. coast Gazelle Peninsula) was destroyed on 25 Mar. by a direct hit from a Mitchell. (5) Kavieng - At 1155/26, kavieng aerodrome was bombed by 37 Dauntless and 22 Avengers. Subsequent photographs show one fighter and 2 medium bombers on Kavieng but the runway is unserviceable. Panapai runway was also unserviceable. (6) St. Matthias Group - At midnight 25-26 Mar. 3 enemy aircraft approached Emirau Island but no raid apparently eventuated. (7) Admiralty Islands - The encircled Japs S.W. of Papitalai on Los Negros Is. are being slowly squeezed by our forces making gradual advance against slight resistance. On Manus Island, the drive southward from Rossum progresses rapidly. Up to 27 Mar. known enemy dead number 2594, and the estimate remaining enemy effective strength is 890, including some labour troops, At 0715-0815/27, Pandi River mouth (10 miles N.E. of Ubili) was bombed by 2 Beaufighters. Pandi River mouth is reported to be a barge base occupied by some 500 Japs. (9) Western New Britain . 15 Japs were taken prisoner by natives on Poi Is. (8 miles off Linga Linga in Eleanora Bay) and were turned over to our forces. On 26 Mar, over 100 Japs were found dead on the trail from Lomogai to Neru in the Arawe Area.

(10) Witu Group - At 0330/26, a possible enemy submarine was seen by PT boats 3 miles E. of Garove Island. (11) Hollandia - At 1530/26, a hospital ship was seen by aircraft 115 miles N.N.W. of Humboldt Bay, course 360°. This may be the unit that was in the Wewak area a.m. 25 Mar. (12) Altape - Wewak - At 0510/27, a gunboat was bombed without success and also strafed by 2 Liberators 40 miles N. by W. of Altape, course 360 At 0940/27, a vessel described as a destroyer was sighted by a Liberator 55 miles N.N.E. of Aitape on course 80°. At 1300/27, probably the same vessel was again sighted 60 miles W. of Wewak on a southerly course. At 1125/27, a vessel described as a mine craft was reported by aircraft 250 miles N. of Aitape on course 200. If the times and positions of the above reports are all correct, there must be 3 vessels in the area, but allowing for some slight discrepancy there would still appear to be at least 2 ships involved. (13) Wewak - Final details concerning the strike on Wewak a.m. 26 Mar. indicate that 34 Liberators and 35 Mitchells were involved Island barge and seaplane base.

with fighter escort; another 9 Mitchells attacked the Kairiru

Wewak was again attacked a.m. 27 Mar. but results are not yet completed. Reports received cover 17 Liberators, 6 Mitchells and 16 Bostons which attacked Kairiru Island, A/A positions Wewak aerodrome and supplies at Cape Wom.
14) Ramu River Mouth - At 1530/26, a lugger in Broken Water Bay was

strafed and set on fire by Mitchells.

(15) Hansa Bay - At 0945-1000/27, personnel and supplies at Hansa Bay were bombed by 4 Liberators and 24 Mitchells as alternative target to Wewak.

(16) Uligan - At 1050/27, installations at Uligan Harbour were bombed by

5 Liberators as alternative target to Wewak. (17) Bogadjim Road - At 1130/27, Bonggu Plantation supply dumps were strafed by 16 Aircobras.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

1) "PIRIE" escorting Convoy DT.46 (2 MV) departed Darwin 0733/25 for Thursday Is. ETA 1730/29.

(2) "INVERELL" escorting Convoy DT.47 ("DARVEL") departed Darwin 0714/25 for Thursday Island ETA 0500/28. "DARVEL" proceeding independently.from Cape Wessel to Melville Bay ETA 0900/27.

(3) 15 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin: : "COOTAMUNDRA" "LABROBE" (AMS) 3 ML: 429, 5 Escorts 809, 816

: "W . PRO USE" "J.W . TROY" 2 Merchantmen

Merauke:

: "KALGOORLIE" (AMS) : "GORGON" Escorts 1

Merchantmen

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Kaimana - At 0130-0210/27, the waterfront area at Kaimana was bombed by 2 R.A.A.F. Catalinas. Anunidentified type merchant ship at the water's edge was hit and set on fire.

(2) Western Timor - Photographs 27 Mar. show 4 fighters including one twin-engined on Penfoei aerodrome where further construction work is in progress. Il bombers are shown on Poeloeti (near to Penfoei) where the runway is serviceable. Atamboea runway is probably serviceable and no change is noted in the golf course strip (Koepang) and Oesace.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

(1) "YUMA" (AT) departed Fremantle 1945/25 for Melbourne ETA 0800/31, thence Noumea.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Combat Units	1 CL	: "ADELAIDE"
Escorts	6	: "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739
		3 ML: 812, 824, 826
Auxiliaries	8	: "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" (AM) "W.B. PRESTON"
1		(AVD) "ORION" "PELIAS" (AS)
		"CHANTICLEER" (ASR) 1 YP: 286 1 ARD
Exmouth Gulf:		
Auxiliaries	2	: "CHILDS" (AV) 1 YP: 288

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

New Hebrides - Shortly before midnight 27-28 Mar, a submarine attack on an allied vessel was reported 5 miles off West coast of Malekula.

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

(1) Truk Area - On 26 Mar. Eten Island (Truk) was scheduled target for 24 Sopac Liberators, but weather prevented achievement of the objective. Pulusuk Island (180 miles S.W. of Truk) was bombed instead by 22 of the Liberators.

(2) Kapingamarangi - On 26 Mar. one small cargo vessel or tender and 2 floatplanes were observed by aircraft in the lagoon S.E.

of Hare Island.

(3) Carolines-Marshalls - Light to medium air strikes were conducted

25-26 Mar. on Jaluit, Maleelap, Wotje and Ponape. Two cargo vessels near Ponape were strafed and sunk 25 Mar.

(4) Palau - Reconnaissance Liberators (Sowespac) sighted a large number of ships in Malakea Harbour, estimated to tal over 300,000 tons, but it was not possible to distinguish between warships and merchant ships. The entire area including the ships, was lit up during the first run, but practically all lights had been doused by the time the aircraft left Palau.

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

(1) Increased naval and air strength Malayan theatre. (2) Withdrawal of forward positions in Bismarcks.

(3) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.

(4) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.

(5) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive submarine activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

DAILY NAVA SUMMARY.

PART II

ALLIED AND DNEWY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

(Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marianas
-	(4) IDAHO NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVAHIA TENNESSEE	•	MUSASHI
•	-	-	CHIYODA
(2) AUSTRALIA SIROPSHIRE	•	•	(6) ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAT MYOKO HAGURO MAYA
(4) BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX HOBART	(8) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELIER DENVER HONOLULU ST. LOUIS BIRMINGHAM LEANDER	•	(2) OYODO YUBARI
•		-	KASHIMA
TANGIER	(2) WRIGHT CHANDELEUR		(2) AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO
(2) HALF MOON SAN PABLO	BALLAND	-	3
WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA REID AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS HOBBEY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES STOCKTON NICHOLSON WILKES STEVENSON THORN ABNER READ ROE GRAYSON	Approx. 45		20
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CV(E)		•			HOSHO	
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5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

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ov	-	(2)	ILLUSTR SARATOG		(8)	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
CV(E)		(4)	BATTLER UNICORN SHAN RANEE			•
CA	•	(6)	SUSSEX SUFFOLK HAWKINS FROBISH LONDON CUMBERL	ER	(6)	AOBA KUMAN O SUZUYA CHIKUMA MOGAMI TONE
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AV/CVS	(2) CHILDS W.B.PREST	CON	ALBATRO	SS	M	KAMOI
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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 791

Date:

29 March, 1944

PART I

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) Ab Sea to 1200/29:

- (1) "KAPUNDA" (AMS) was to depart Milne Bay for Langemak p.m. 28 March: to provide additional escort for Convoy BG70 from Buna to destination. On arrival to relive SC735 which is to be sailed to
- Milne Bay
 "PC477" was to RV at 1300/28 with "POLLUX" (AKS) departing Milne Bay
 at 1100/28 for Sydney ETA 1300/2, "PC477" escorts as far as possible
 detaching so as to RV at 0600/29 with "CONTESSA" and eswort to (2)
- Milne Bay, ETA 1700/29
 "PC1124" escorting "E.J.HENRY" (proceeding out of S.W.P.A.) departed Milne Bay 1530/28. "PC1124" later to RV which "F.M.QUINONES" and (3) escort to Milne Bay ETA 1130/29
- "PC.1120" departed Wilne Bay 1700/27 to RV with "AGWI PRINCE" and (4)
- escort to Milne Bay "WILCANNIA" (AMS) escorting Convoy TD 49 (3 MV) was to depart Thursday (5) Island 0800/29 for Darwin
 - "TASMAN" (AH) departed Oro Bay 1755/26 for Brisbane ETA 0900/31.
 "ML.805" was to RV at 0730/25 with "MORGLAY" (AT) and pilot her to "M.D.BOYCE" aground on Arlington Reef (Grafton Passage). "TANCRED"
 - "BALLARAT" (AMS) departed Townsville 1540/26 for A/S patrol outer (8) area Grafton Passage.
- "GASCOYNE" (PF) hove to off Magnetic Island. (9)
- "LEOPARD" (IX) was to depart Calcundra 1500/27 for Milne Bay ETA (10)
- 1500/2 April.
 "YANDRA" (A/S) departed Sydney 0906/28 on A/S patrol to Smoky Cape and (11)return.
- "FREMANTLE" (AMS) departed Sydney 1050/28 for Melbourne ETA 0700/30 "YUMA" (AT) departed Fremantle 1945/25 for Melbourne ETA 0800/31, (13)
- thence Noumea. "DUMTROON" (AP) was to depart Adelaide 1630/28 for Fremantle (14) 5) "ETOLIN" (AK) was to depart Caloundra 1430/26 Southbound
- 6) 8 Submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

"GYMPIE" (AMS) escerting 2 APC to depart Cairns as soon as possible (1)for Milne Bay and Port Moresby.

(c) In Harbour:

(6) In hardour	•	
Admiralties:	% DD	: "WELLES" "KALK" "NICHOLSON"
Combat Units	3 DD .	
Escorts	6	"HARMON" (DE) 1 ML: 425 2 YMS: 8, 46 "BENALIA" "BUNBURY" (AMS)
Auxiliaries	4	"OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "ETAMIN" "CELENO" (AK)
Werchantmen	3	"M. DALY" "P.T. DODDRIDGE" "3. MATTHEWS"
Escorts	3	: 2 PC: 1122, 1132 1 YES: 313 "H.T.RAINEY" "ANHUI" "T.CRAWFORD"
Merchantmen	4	"H.T.RAINEY" "ANHUI" "T.CRAWFORD" "J.ROSSITER"
Talasea:		
Combat Units Auxiliaries Saidor:	14 PT	: "HILO" (AGP)
Combat Units	12 PT	
Escorts	1	: ML: 819
Merchantmen	3	"M.GRIFFITH" "TIMOSHENKO" "JOHN I. NOLAN"
Langemak: Combat Units	3 DD	: "REID" "HOBBEY"GILLESPIE
Compat on the	20 PT	
Escorts	22	"ARARAT" "BENDIGO" "COWRA" "STAWELL" (AMS) 5 YMS: 71, 314, 316, 336, 393
		4 ML: 424 803, 806, 816 9 SC: 637, 648, 734, 735, 737, 744, 981 982
Auxiliaries	9	"TANGIER" (AV) "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "VICTORIA" (AO) "CHETCO" (AT) "BOOTES" (AK) "KANE" SCHLEY" (APD) "TULSA" (PG)
Merchantmen	29	"COUCAL" (ASR) "MACTAN" "LYMAN STEWART" "GEO.VAN COUVER" "J.W.DAVIS" "ISOLATOR" "H.L.ABBOTT"
		"G.V.L."MEYER" "E.JOHNSON" "J.DOTY" "STAGEE" "W.SPARRON" "N.E.MACK" "JANSSENS" "W.S.LADD" "ALJOA PATRIOT" "CLAUS SPRECKLES" "CAPE CLEARE" "ED N. WESTCOTT" "W.HCCRAJKEN" "SEA MARLIN" "S.G. PORTER" "SHAWNEE" "T.M.COOI EY" "J.W.MELDRUN" "LAKE ORMAC" "W.HEAUMONT" "P.S.DUPONT" "H.C.PAYNE" "YOCHOW"
Escorts	0	. 9 MT - ACR ASO
Merchantmen	9	* 2 ML: 428, 430 * "O.KELLY" "F.BILLINGS" "H.V.WHITE" "G.L.SMIT." "D.E.HUGHES" "L.MERRITT" "A.S.HEWITT" "POINT SAN REDRO" "A.THOMAS"
Buna Combat Units	7 DD	: "WILKES" "STEVENSON" "STOCKTON""THORNE"
o passo to to take the		"GRAYSON" "ROE" "SWAHSON"
Escorts	11	: 2 PF: "LONGBEACH" "GLENDALE" 3 YMS: 53, 315, 334 1 ML: 816 2 PC: 1119,1123
Auxiliaries	13	SC: 736, 746, 747 "TRINITY" (AO) "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "BROOKS" "GILMER" "HERBERE" (AFD) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "POYANG" (AE) 1 ARD "SONOMA" (AT) "MERKUR" "MIZAR" (AF) "MORE SBY" (AGS)
Merchan tmen	9	"MORESBY" (AGS) : "W.S.LADD" "ALCIBIADES" "ESSO BAYWAY" "RAMO" "BORDFRED" "MORMACGUIL" "MORMACSEA" "J.BURROUGES" "W.H.SUBJETTE"
Oro Bay: Auxiliaries	2	"RIGEL" (AR) "DOBBIN" (AD) "J.F.BRADLEY" "RING LARDNER" "J.SINGER" "A.REHAN" "CA FE SPENCER" "M.T.HERRICK" "R.S.BEAN" "SAH ANTONIO" "CAPE DOUGLAS" "RAJAHSTAN" "A.S.DUNIWAY" "PANAMA EXPRESS" "W.ATWATER" "JAPARA" "KARSIK"
Woodlark Is:	4	
Escorts	4	: 3 YMS: 9, 50, 335, 1 SG : 741
Auxiliaries Merchantmen	,1	"TRIANGULUM" (AK)
mer olian one n	1	: "D.D.FIELD"
	-47	

escorts Auxiliaries	4	# CA	GOULBURN" (AMS) RTER"HALL" (LSD) "KANIMBLA" "MANOOR. B.T.ALLEN" (APA)
Merchantmen	. 2	2. 4	M.THWAITES" "MARA"
InesBay:			BANGED AT TAR
Comhat Units	2 CA 3 CL	A . 1	SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA" NASHVILLE" "PHOENIX" "BOISE"
	10 DD	:	"HUTCHINS" "DAIN" "BACHE" "MULLANY" "ABNER READ" "AMMEN" "BEALE" "BUSH" "ARUNTA" "WARRAMUNGA"
	12 PT		
te: Special opera Escorts	tional move	•	forward of Milne Bay not shown "SAN PEDRO" "GORONADA" "BARGOO" "WORGESTER"
	1 PS	:	"WARREGO" 650, 699, 703, 732, 738, 742, 748,
	8 SC 4 AMS	*	WITAMA" "WACKA" BUNDADERG BOWEN
	5 PC		476, 1131, 1132, 1133, 1134
	6 YMS		10, 48, 49, 50, 52, 73 427, 431, 801, 802, 817, 818 "WESTRALIA" (APA) "AASE MAERSK" (AC
Auxilaries	22		"HALF MOON" (AVP) "OTUS" EDRIALS" (AVC) "YUNNA!
			(AE) SUSQUEHANNA" (ACC) "SHEPPARTON" "BAYOU ST JOHN" "RESERVE" (AT)
			"VILLALOBOS" "MINK" "PANDA" (IX) "ALABASTER" (PYC) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (
			1 ADD "PTWOWN" (ASTS) 3 VP: 278.280
Merchantmen	81		"E.C. ACHESON" ALAMO" "ARANSAS PASS"
			"AUN" "W.B.AYER" "J.BARBARA" "BARBA" "S.K.BARLOW" "D.F.BARRY" "S.K.BOLIV.
			"BRITISH COLUMBIA EXFRESS" "WM.DYER
			"I CABRILLO" "CEPALU" "F. CHANDLER"
			"W.E.CHANNING" "COLORADO" "J.DEERS" "F.H.DODD" "DON MARQUIS" "L.L.DYCHE
			WESSO HARRISHURG"
			"ESSO MANHATTAN" "JOHN EVANS" "G.E.
			FITCH" "M.FLINDERS" "M.FULLER" "R. HADLEY" "A.E. HA MOND" "HANYANG"
			".J. HEER Y""B.F. IRVINE" "KATOOMBA"
			"L.S.KELLY" "GEO.LUKS" "LURLINE" "F.B.LINDERMANN" "A.LYKES" J.MCLEAN
			"MAN SFIELD" "B. MATTHEWS" W. V. MOODY"
			"MONTEREY" "MEXICO" "MIDWEST FARMER NARVIK" "JEAN NICOLET" "NORINDIES"
			"PENNANT" "JAMES D. PHALAN" "REIJNST"
			"M.ROBERTSON" "A.ROBINSON" "W.B.ROG "J.RCSS" "SEA WITCH" "SIBIGO" "O. SKI
			"W.C.SQUIRE" "SOUTHVAST PASS""STANV
			WELLINGTON" R. STUART" "T.W. SYMONS" "TABINTA" AM. THORNTON" "THUNDERER"
		*	"VAN DER LIJN" "VAN SWOLL""R. J. WALK
			"WEST CACTUS" "J.M.WHISTLER" "S.M.W" "K.D.WIGGIN" "D.WRIGHT" "E.YOUNG"
Port Moresby:	4		ML 426 "CASTLEBAINE" "MILDURA"
Escorts	4		"TOWNSVILLE" (ANS)
		*	"MULIAMA" "CANBERRA" "M. WALKER"
Merchantmen	8	,	"C.DARROW" "MONTORO" "ORMISTON" "BALIKPA PAN" "NORAB"
Thursday Island:			"BALIKPA PAN" "NORAB"
Thursday Island:	8 8		"C.DARROW" "MONTORO" "ORMISTON" "BALIKPA PAN" "NORAB" 1 SC: 731 "KALGOORLIE" "INVERELL" (A 1 "BUNGAREE" (CM) "POLARIS" (AGS)
Thursday Island: Escorts Auxiliaries Cairns:	3 2	3 8	"BALIKPA PAN" "NORAB" 1 SC: 731 "KALGOORLIE" "INVERELL" (A "BUNGAREE" (CM) "POLARIS" (AGS)
Thursday Island: Escorts Auxiliaries	3	3 8	"BALIKPA PAN" "NORAB" 1 SC: 731 "KALGOORLIE" "INVERELL" (A

	Townsville:	1.2	
	Escorts	1	"BROOMS" (AMS)
	Auxiliaries	1	"SHIKELLAWY" (AOG)
	Mackay:		Manager and Manager A
	Auxiliaries	1	: "HERON" (AVP)
	Gladstone:	2	7 700 7 400
	Auxiliaries Brisbane:	2	: 1 YDG 1 ARD
	Escorts	10	. HOMEN MI (DO) HOME GER HOMEN THE (ASS.)
	ESCOLOS	10	: "SWAN" (PS) "GEELONG" "WHYALLA" (AMS) 2 SC : 745, 749 3 ML 808, 821,823 2 YMS: 11. 72
	Auxiliaries	7	"WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "ALGORAB" (AKA) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "KURUMBA" (AO) 2 YP:233.
	Sydney:		236 "MAETSUYCKER" (AH) "PYRO" (AE)
	Combat Units	1 CL	: "HOBART" (Refitting)
		2 DD	* "VENDETTA" "STUART"
	Escorts	12	: "COLAC" "DELORAINE" ECHUCA" "GLADSTONE"
			"KATOOMBA" "WARRNAM BOOL" (AMS) "KYBRA" "AB.CRIJNSSEN" "DOOMBA" 3 ML: 807,822,
	Auxiliaries	6	: "MANUNDA" "WANGANELLA" (AH) "BISHOPDALE (AO) "OCTANS" (AF) "CANEDONTAN"SALVOR"
	Melbourne:		(ARS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG)
	Escort	1 AMS	. It Toursell (need the)
	235051 0	A Millio	: "LITHGOW" (Refitting)
		(11) ENEMY	FORCES
	their perime sniper tratio	nilicted on t Units was red ter is believ s were active n on Japanese dead were cou	-25 Mar. severe damage and casualties he enemy by heavy artillery fire: One of uced from 700-200 and an attack on the red to have been frustrated. On 26 Mar. In the Northern perimeter where concenhas been located. In this area 376 nted. On 25 Mar. 2 enemy gun positions
,	also h 260. area, 2384 en were:	it. Many one 15 Japs. were a 77 m.m. fie nemy dead hav 35 killed and Mar. Patrol a	my were killed during mopping up of Hill killed by patrol in the Numa Numa track ld gun was captured. From Mar.9 to 1400/26 been counted. Our losses on the 24/25 151 wounded: 26th. 8 killed 33 wounded, ctivity continued with numerous attacks

On 26 Mar. enemy perimeter targets were attacked by a total of 46 Dauntless, 16 Avengers, 12 Kittyhawks and 4 Aircobras, and on 27 Mar. similar targets were attacked by a total of 32 Dauntless, 9 Avengers and 8 Kittyhawks starting fires.

around the Pastern perimeter. During the afternoon 25 Mar. 3 enemy gun positions were silenced by a destroyer. During

driven ashore by the gun boats, where they were shelled by a

the night 25/26, the Jaba River mouth was shelled by gun boats: 5 barges were also attacked one of which was sunk and 3

(2) Kilinailau Islands Area - On the morning March 28 a perdscope was sighted by aircraft 90 miles North East by East of Kilinailau Is.

(3) Kavieng - Night 25/26 Mar. Kavieng was bombed by a single Liberator and 27 Mar. Kavieng was bombed by one Liberator of 24 which failed to reach Truk because of weather conditions.

Was attacked by a Soupac Catalina 14 miles N.E. of Cape Matanalen : Two direct hits were scored.

(5) Emirau Islands - At 1730/27 an enemy submarine was attacked by allied destroyers 3 miles South of Emirau Is.

(6) Admiralty Islands - On March 27th. total enemy casualties were : killed 2610, Prisoners 16. On the 27 Mar. destroyers

continued to support ground troops in the Admiralty Islands.

From 2100/25 to 0345/26 Rabaul was harassed by 7 Mitchells starting fires setting the entire Simpsons Harbour area aflame. One or two enemy night fighters were seen airborne. From 1900/26 to 0355/27 Rabaul was again harassed by 5 Mitchells. At 0955/27 Talili Bay ammunition dump was bombed by 26

Dauntless and 21 Avengers. At 1014/27 Vunapope was bombed by At 1510/27 the Tawui Point 23 Mitchells and 34 Kittyhawks. Ammunition dump was bombed by 17 Dauntless and 10 Avengers. The primary target of these aircraft was 3 Destroyers thought These vessels were not located. to be in Simpsons Harbour. Wide-spread destruction was caused by these attacks with many large fires and explosions resulting.

Photographs between 0920 and 1400/27 reveal the usual

2 small cargo vessels in Simpsons Harbour, and 245 barges
whereof 29 are considered inoperative. 8) Jacquinot Bay . During the night 26-27 Mar. an enemy floatplane scored near miss with one bomb on an allied PT boat 10 miles S.W. of Cape Cunningham. (9) Cape Hoskins - A reliable report timed 0945/28, states that an estimated 3000-4000 Japs passed Eastwards of Cape Hoskins over the last 10 days carrying rifles and light machine guns only. The Japs are reported to be moving mostle at night with irregularly located day camps. continues on the North New Guinea Coast between Hollandia and Tadji. At 2345/27 one possible destroyer was sighted by aircraft manouvouring off the Coast 36 miles West North West

(10) Hollandia-Tadji - Nocturnal small craft and small shipping activity At 0145/28 8 barges were seen 2 miles East of of Vanimo. At 0150/28 an unidentified ship Vanimo - course uncertain. on course 270° was sighted 2 miles East of Vanimo.

0336/28 a small unidentified ship was sighted 60 miles S.E. of Hollandia: At the same time three small steady white lights on the water were seen about 40 miles N.W. of Hollandia at 2000/28, 3 unidentified targets (possibly small ships) were seen heading East 27 miles East of Tadji.

- Between 0337 and 0520/28 Hollandia airfields were bombed (11) Hollandia by 2 Liberators whose target was indicated by 2 other

Liberators acting as Pathfinders.

At 1210/27 one gun boat was sighted 100 miles N.N.W. of (12) Wewak Wewak heading South East.

Area - Between 1450 and 1530/27 Jap position one mile South of Kaliko was bombed and strafed by 16 Air-cobras and 2 (13) Bogadjim Area Kittyhawks led in by one Bomerang as Pathfinder.

(14) Long Island - A report dated 27 Mar. states 4 Japanese were captured by a patrol on Long Island.

NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/29: (1) "PIRTE" escorting Convoy DT 46 (2 MV) departed Darwin 0733/25 for Thursday is. ETA 1730/29 (2) 15 Submarines on Patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Merchantmen

Darwin: Escorts

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: "COOTAMUNDRA" "LATHOBE" (AMS) 3 ML:429

809, 816 "W. PROUSE" "J.W. TROY"

Melville Bay: Merchantmen

: "DARVEL" 1

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Between 2232/27 and 0020/28 Babo aerodrome was bombed by (1) Babo 2 Catalinas.

Eilanden Area - Between 0802/28 and 0931/28 at least two enemy (2) aircraft reconneitred while at 1505/28 Frederik Heindrik Is. was reconnoitred by an enemy aircraft.

Banda Is. - At 1025/27 2 merchantmen and some small Harbour craft (3)were sighted by an aircraft in Bandamaira Harbour.

- At 1012/27 1 sea-truck was sighted in Talogti Bay (South (4) Ceram Central coast of Ceram) heading west.

Maccleur Gulf - At 1200/27 a sea truck was sighted East of Misool 15, and a small freighter transport was seen stationary off (5)

the West Coast of Misool Is. (off the entrance of Maccleur Gulf)

(6) Roti Island - Between 0739 and 0815/28 9 small praus were strafed and damaged by 6 Beaufighters.

(7) Timor - Between 1010 and 1212/28 Penfoel aerodrome and Barracks were bombed by 12 Liberators starting numerous fires. Two small freighter transport, 2 possible sea trucks, 1 small unidentified vessel and numerous barges were sighted in the Koepang-Tenau area.

Further intelligence shows that 11 bomber revetments and not 11 bombers are shown in the photos off Poelceti on the 27 Mar as previously reported.

(8) Philippines - At 1630/27 a six ship convoy including 2 transports and 4 cargo ships was reported by an allied submarine heading South 150 miles west of Manila.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/29:

(1) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) departed Fremantle 1120/28 for Exmouth Gulf.

(b) In Harbour:

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

Russell Islands - At 1747/27 a submarine was sighted Forth of Russell Islands.

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEME FORCES

- (1) Truk On 27 Mar. Truk was again scheduled for a strike by 24 liberators but a heavy front prevented the attack from being carried out. On 26 Mar. Ponape was attacked by 13 Mitchells. 15 Zeros intercepted the first wave of 3 Mitchells who shot down 4 Zeros plus one probable without loss save damage to one Mitchell.
- (2) Marshalls On 26 Mar. light air strikes were carried out off Mille Tarca, Jaluit and Wotje.

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

(1) Increased naval and air strength Malayan theatre.

(2) Withdrawal of forward positions in Bismarcks.

(3) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North coast New Guines
East Indies, Malayan areas.

(4) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.

(5) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive submarine activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

		thwest Pacific stern Section)	Sou	th Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marianas
BB		•	(4)	IDAHO NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA TENNESSEE	1.	MUSASHI
CV(E)		•		•	•	CHIYODA
•	(2)	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE		•	•	(6) ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI MYOKO HAGURO MAYA
<u>CL</u>	(4)	BOISE WASHVILLE PHOENIX HOBART	(8)	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONT PELIER DENVER HONOLULU ST. LOUIS BIRMINGHAM LEANDER		(2) OYODO YUBARI
CL(T)		•		•		KASHIMA
AV/CVS	TAN	GIER	(2)	WRIGHT CHANDELEUR		(2) AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO
xav/xcvs	(2)	HALF MOON SAN PABLO	BAL	LARD	•	3
<u>DD</u>	(24)	WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA REID AHMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS HOBBEY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES STOCKTON NICHOLSON	App	гож. 45		20
		WILKES STEVENSON THORN ABNER READ ROE GRAYSON				

	Southwest Pacifi (Eastern Section		South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marianas
SS	(8) BASHAW BLACKFISH CERO DACE DARTER FLOUNDER SCAMP SILVERSIDES)))))	Patrol	15	25
	(3) S.42 S.47 BLUEGILL) } At	Milne Bay		
	K.9	At	Sydney		
PP	Approx. 85		Approx. 110	?	?
APD/AKA	(11) H.T.ALLEN KANIMBLA WESTRALIA ALGORAB GILMER KANE SCHLEY SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS HERBERT		10 APA 10 APD 5 AKA		
AGC	BLUE RIDGE			•	-
AS	(2) OTUS EURYALE			?	?
AD	DOBBIN			•	: <u>•</u> :
AR	(3) RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS		PROMETHEUS		
AIRCRAFT (N. Fighters (i. Light & M/B. Torpedo & D. Flying Boat Floatplanes Obsn A/c	.E.Area only) ncl.18 twin-eng.) ombers /Bombers		190 183 2 1 14 20		
	ALLIED FORCES	2. N	ORTHERN PACIFIC	ENEMY FO	RCES
C	•			(2) NACE	II) Poss. IGARA) Japan
CL	(3) DETROIT RAIEIGH RICHMOND			(3) ABUT TAMA KISO	
DD	9			10	
SS	10			Appr	ox. 4

3. CEMPRAL PACIFIC EMPIRE

		3. 0.	ENTRAL PROLETO BEFINE	
	ALLIE	D FORCES		ENEMY FORCES
BB	(14)	NORTH CAROLINA IOWA WASHINGTON NEW JERSEY MASSACHUSETTS	MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI	(5) ISE YAMASHIRO HYUGA YAMATO MUTSU (prob. sunk)
OV	(6)	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	IMPREPID ESSEX BUNGER HILL	•
CV(L)	(7)		CAEOT LANGLEY INDEPENDENCE	(5) HITAKA HAYATAKA TAIHO RYUHO ZUTHO HOSHO
CALLY.	(25)	COPAHEE SANGANON SUMANNEE CHENANGO CORAL SEA BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU SANTEE CASABLANCA CORREGIDOR ALTAMAHA	WHITE FLAINS BRETON MIDWAY PATROLLER FAUSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MAGILA BAY NATOMA BAY MEHENTA BAY	(5) CHTTOSE JINYO KATYO OTAKA UNYO
<u>CA</u>	(13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE	
OCA		•		6
CL	(7)		OAKLAND RENO CGNCORD	(4) NOSHTRO NAGARA NATORI NISUZU
CL(T)		•		KASHII
AV/CVS		-		5
DD	Appr	ox. 85		20 (several repairing)
SS	Appr	ож. 30		Approx. 25
AS		?		2 (one repairing)

CL TRENTON

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

		thwest Pac stern Sect		Eas	tern Flee	t Area	East	Indies-Philippine
BB		•		(3)	QUEEN EL VALIANT RENOWN	IZABETH	(4)	NAGATO KONGO HARUNA FUSO
<u>ov</u>		•		(2)	ILLUSTRI SARATOGA		(2)	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
CV(E)		-		(4)	BATTLER UNICORN SHAH RANEE			•
<u>OA</u>		•		(6)	SUSSEX SUFFOLK HAWKINS FROBISHE LONDON CUMBERLA		(6)	A OBA KUMANO SUZUYA CHIKUMA MOGAMI TONE
<u>CL</u>	ADEI	LAIDE		(9)	CARADOC CEYLON KENYA GAMBIA VAN HEEN	NEWCASTLE DANAE TROMP EMERALD SKERK	(4)	YAHAGI OI KINU KITAGAMI
AV/CVS	(2)	CHILDS W.B. PREST	ON		ALBATROS	S	n	KAMOI
XCL		•		(2)	CANTON OHITRAL			•
XAV/XCVS		•			?			•
DI		•			Approx.	27		25
SS	(15)	ANGLER BLUEFISH BOWFIN CABRILLA GUNNEL HADDO HAKE	MINGO LAPON PUFFER NORWHAI RASHER RATON RAY POMPOM		Approx.		1	7 (incl. 6 German)
	(11)	BILLFISH BONEFISH COD Crevalle FLASHER JACK	HOE REDFIN ROBALO K.12 K.15	***************************************	At Freman	tle		
AS	(2)	PELIAS ORION						
	(incl. /Bombe D/Bom ats	Area only) 12 twin- ers nbers			5			

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

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Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

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PART I

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA.

. EASTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/30:

(1) "YMS.50" was to depart Milne Bay 29 March for Thursday Island.
(2) "POLLUX" (AKS) departed Milne Bay at 1100/28 for Sydney ETA 1300/2.

(3) "TOWNSVILLE" (AMS) departed Port Moresby 1030/29 for Cairns ETA 1000/31.

(4) "GYMPIE" (AMS) escorting 2 APC departed Cairns 0900/29 for Milne Bay ETA 1300/31. 1 APC detaches and proceeds independently to Port Moresby ETA 1800/31.

"GASCOYNE" (PF) departed Townsville 0900/29 for Sydney ETA 0900/1. (5)

(6) "TASMAN" (AH) departed Oro Bay 1755/26 for Brisbane ETA 0900/31.
(7) "ML.805" was to RV at 0730/25 with "MORGLAY" (AT) and pilot her to "WM.D.BOYCE" aground on Arlington Reef (Grafton Passage).
"TANCRED" (AT) diverted to Sydney.
(8) "BALLARAT" (AMS) departed Townsville 1540/26 for A/S patrol outer

area Grafton Passage.
"LEOPARD" (IX), was to depart Caloundra 2000/29 for Milne Bay ETA 1500/2 April.

"GEELONG" (AMS) departed Brisbane 1247/29 for Wide Bay.

- (11) "YAMDRA" (A/S) departed Sydney 0906/28 on A/S patrol to Smoky Cape and return.
- (12) "YUMA" (AT) departed Fremantle 1945/25 for Melbourne ETA 0800/31, thence Noumea.

(13) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

(1) "YMS's 11, 72" to depart Caloundra 1600/31 for Cairns ETA 0800/4, for onward routeing to Thursday Island and Darwin.

(c) Convoy Procedure:

The following convoy short titles have been allotted, and are to be brought into force forthwith: -

(1) New Guinea - New Britain:

(2) New Britain - New Guinea:

(3) New Guinea - Admiralties: (4) Admiralties - New Guinea:

(d) In Harbour:

Admiralties: Combat Units	3 DD 18 PT	: "WEILES" "KALK" "NICHOLSON"
Escorts	5	BUNDURY (AMS)
Auxiliaries	3	: "OYSTER BAY) (AGP) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "ETAMIN" (AK)
Merchantmen	6	"LYMAN STEWART" "G.V.L.MEYER" "F.BILLINGS"
		"J.P.BRADLEY"
Cape Gloucester:		: "BENDIGO" 2 PC: 1122, 1132 1 YMS: 313
Merchantmen	4	"H.T.RAI MEY" "T. CRAWFORD" "J. ROSSITER"
Talasea:		E L I VIII V
Combat Units	14 PT	
Auxiliaries Saidor:	1	: "HILO) (AGP)
Combat Units	12 PT	
Escorts	1	: ML: 319
Merchantmen	3	: "M.GRIFFITH" "TIMOSHENKO" "JOHN I. NOLAN"
Langemak:		
Combat Units	3 DD 20 PT	: "REID" "GRAYSON" "SWANSON"
Escorts	21	: 1 DE: "HARMON": "ARARAT" "COWRA" "STAWELL" (AMS) 3 YMS: 315, 316, 336 4 ML: 424, 803, 806, 816 10 SC: 637, 648, 734, 735, 737, 744, 746
		750, 981, 982
Auxiliaries	10	"TANGIER" (AV) "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "VICTORIA" (AO) "CHETCO" (AT) "BOOTES" "CELENO (AK) "KANE" "SCHLEY" (APD)
Merchantmen	27	"TULSA" (PG) "GOUCAL" (ASR) : "MACTAN" "GEO. VAN COUVER" "J.W. DAVIS"
		"ISOLATOR" "H.L.ABBOTT" "E.JOHNSON" "J.DOT" "STAGEN" "W.SPARRON" "N.E.MACK" "M.DALY"
	•	"Jansens" "Claus Spreckles" "Cape Cleare" "Ramo" "ED N.WESTCOTT" "W.MCCRACKEN" "SEA MARLIN" "S.G. PORTER" "SHAWNEE"
		"T.M.COOLEY" "J.W.MELDRUM" "LAKE ORMAC" "JAPARA" "W.BEAUMONT" "P.S.DUPONT" "YOCHOW"
Lao:	•	
Escorts	2	: 2 ML: 428, 430
Merchan tmen	8	"O.KELLY" "H.V.WHITE" "G.L.SMITH" "D.E.HUGHES" "L.MERRITT" "A.S.HEWITT"
	100 E000	"POINT SAN PEDRO" "W.S.LADD"
Compat Units	7 DD	"MILKES" "STEVENSON" "HOBBEY" "GILLE SPIE" "STOCKTON" "THORNE" "ROE"
Escorts	13	2 PF: "LONGBEACH" "GLENDALE"
		5 TNS: 53, 71, 314, 334, 393 1 ML: 816 2 PC: 1119, 1123 2 SC: 736, 747 "KAPUNDA" (AMS)
Auxiliaries	17	: "TRINITY" (AO) "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS"
		"BROOKS" "GILMER" "HERBERT" (APD)
		"BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "POYANG" (AE) 1 ARD "POINT LOMA" "SONOMA" (AT) "MERKUR"
		"MIZAR" (AF) "MORESBY" (AGS) "WESTRALIA" (APA) "RIGEL" (AR) "DOBBIN" (AD)
Merchantmen	30	"ALCIBIADES" "BOTH" "W.E. CHANNING" "ESSO BAYWAY" "BORGFRED" "MORMACGULL" "P.C.CHANDLER" "M.FULLER" "MORMACSEA" "J.BURROUGHS" "W. H.SUBJETTE" "S.M.WHITE" "SEA WITCH" "GOLORADO" "A.ROBIWSON" "D.F.BARRY" "GRING LARDNER" "J.SINGER" "CAPE SPENCER" "M.T.HERRICK" "R.S.BEAN" "SAN ANTONIO" "CAPE DOUGLAS" "RAJAHSTAN" "A.S.DUNIWAY" "PANAMA EXPRESS" "J.ROSS"
	1 ±	"KARSIK" "O. SKINNER" "REIJNST"

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Kiriwina Island:
                                                                     : "GEO LUKS" BANHUI"
           Merchan tmen
                                                   2
    Woodlark Island:
                                                                    3 YMS: 9, 50, 535
          Escorts
                                                   3
          Merchantmen
    Goodenough Is:
                                                                       : "GOULBURN" (AMS)
: "CARTER HAIL" (LSD) "KANIMBLA" "MAN OORA"
                                                   1
          Escorts
          Auxiliaries
                                                                        "H.T.ALLEN" (APA)
"M.THWALTES" "MANA"
          Merchantmen
m Milne Bay:
                                                                       : "SHROPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"
          Combat Units
                                                  2 CA
                                                                       "NASHVILLE" "PHOENIX" "BOISE"
"HUTCHINS" "DALY" "BACHE" "MULLANY"
                                                   3 CL
                                                 10 DD
                                                                           "ABNER READ" "AMIEN" "BEALE" "BUSH"
ARUNTA" "WARRAMUNGA"
                                                 12 PT
Mote: Special operational movements forward of Milne Bay not shown Escorts 4 PF : "SAN FEDRO" "COROHADO" "BARCOO" "WORCESTER"
                                                                        : "WARREGO"
                                                   1 PS
                                                                        : 650, 699, 703, 732, 738, 741, 742, 748
"KIAMA" "WAGGA" "BUNDABERG" "CASTLEMAINE"
                                                   8 $0
                                                   5 AMS
                                                                            "BOWEN"
                                                                        : 476, 477, 1120, 1124, 1131, 1132, 1133, 1134
                                                  8 PC
                                                                        : 10, 48, 52, 73
: 427, 431, 801, 802, 817, 818
: "AASE MAERSK" (AO) "HALF MOON" (AVP)
                                                   4 YMS
                                                   6 MI
          Auxiliaries
                                                 22
                                                                            "CTUS" "EURYALE" (AS) "KOOPA" (AGP)
"AMYOUS (ARL) "YUNNAN (AE) "SUSQUEHANNA"
                                                                             (ACG) "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) "BAYOU ST. JOHN"
                                                                       (AOG) "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) "BAYOU ST. JOHN"
"RESERVE" (AT) "TRIANGULUM" (AK)
"VILLALOBOS" "MINK" "PANDA" (IX)
"ALABASTER" (PYC) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS)
1 ARD "PING WO" (ASIS) 3 YP: 278, 280,283
"E.G.ACHESON" "ALAMO" "W.ATWATER"
"ARANSAS PASS" "AUN" "W.B.AYER" "J.BARBARA"
"BARBARA C" "ALCOA PATRIOT" "S.K.BARLOW"
"S.K.BOLIVAR" "BONTEKOE" "S.BRANNON"
"J.G.BRADY" "BRITISH COLUMBIA EXPRESS"
"WM.DYER" "J.CABRILLO" "CEFALU" "J.DEERE"
"CITY OF PHILADELPHIA" "CONTESSA"
          Merchantmen
                                                 78
                                                                            "CITY OF PHILADEL PHIA" "CONTESSA"
"F.H.DODD" "DON MARQUIS" "L.L.DYCHE"
"EMPRESS SILVER" "ESSO HARRISBURG"
"ESSO MANHATTAW" "JOHN EVANS" "
                                                                            "G.E.K.FITCH" "M.FLINDERS" "HADLEY"
                                                                            "A.B. HAHMOND" "HA NYANG" "J. HENRY"
                                                                            "A.B.HAMMOND" "HANYANG" "J.HENKY"
"B.F.IRVINE" "KATOOMBA" "L.S.KELLY"
"LURLINE" "F.B.LINDERMANN" "J.MCLEAN"
"MANSFIELD" "B.MATTHEWS" "W.V.MOODY"
"MONTEREY" "MEXICO" "MIDWEST FARMER"
"MONTAUK POINT" "NARVIK" "JEAN MICOLET"
"NORAB" "NORINDIES" "PAHUD" "PENNANT"
                                                                            "JAMES D. PHALAY" "TARWI PRINCE" "A. REHAN"
"F. M. QUINONES" "M. ROBERTSON" "W. B. ROGERS"
"SIBIGO" "W. C. SQUIRE" "SOUTHVAST PASS"
                                                                           "SIBIGO" "W.C.SQUIRE" "SOUTHVAST PASS"
"STANVAC"WELLINGTON" "R.STUART"
"T.W.SYMONS" "TABINTA" "M.THORNTON"
"THUNDERER" "VAN DER LIJN" "VAN SWOLL"
"M.WALKER" "WEST CACTUS" "J.M.WHISTLER"
"WICHITA FALLS" "K.D.VIGGIN" "D.WRIGHT"
"E.YOUNG"
    Port Moresby:
                                                                      : ML: 426 "MILDURA" (AMS)
: "MULIAMA" "CANBERRA" "STIKLESTAD"
          Escorts
                                                  2
          Merchantmen
                                                                            "C.DARROW" "MONTORO" "ORMISTON"
                                                                            "BALIKPAPAN" "G.R. HEBARD"
   Thursday Is:
                                                                       : 1 SC: 731 1 YMS: 49 "KALGOORLIE"
"INVERELL" "PIRIE" (AMS)
          Escorts
                                                  5
                                                                        : "BUNGAREE" (CM) "POLARIS" (AGS)
          Auxiliaries
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Cairns:	9	: "GLENELG" "ROCKHAMPTON" (AMS) 1 PC: 479
Escorts	9	3 Mr. 804. 811. 820 3 YMS: 47. 51. 70
Auxiliaries	4	3 ML: 804, 811, 820 3 YMS: 47, 51, 70 "PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD "GANYMEDE" (AK) 1 YP: 291
Townsville:		
Escorts	1	: "BROOME" (AMS)
Auxiliaries	1	"SHIKELLAMY" (AOG)
Mackay: Auxiliaries	1	"HERON" (AVP)
ladstone:		
Auxiliaries	2	; I YDG 1 ARD
Brisbane:		Control the Manager of the State of the Manager of
Escorts	9	: "SWAN (PS) "WHYALLA" (ANS) 2 SC: 745, 749 3 ML: 808, 821, 823 2 YMS: II, 72
Auxiliaries	7	"WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "ALGORAB" (AKA) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "KURUMBA" (AO) 2 YP: 233, 236 "PYRO" (AE)
Sydney:		a ir add, add rind (Ma)
Combat Units	1 CL	: "HOBART" (Refitting)
	2 DD	* "VENDETTA" "STUART"
Escorts	12	: "COLAC" "DELORAL NE" "ECHUCA" "GLADSTONE"
		"KATOOMBA" "WARRNAMBOOL" (AMS) "KYBRA"
Auxiliaries	F	"AB.CRIJNSSEN" "DOOMBA" 3 ML: 807, 822,823
Auxiliaries	5	"MANUNDA" (AH) "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "OCTANS" (AF) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG)
Melbourne:		
Escort	2AMS	: "LITHGOW" "FREMANTLE" (Refitting)
	(11)	EMEMY FORCES
(1) Empress Augus	ta Pav -	On 28 March enemy positions around Torokina
		and camp areas and installations were raided
by 58	Dauntless !	33 Avengers and some fighter bombers. In
addit	ion supplies	and installations at Pavera River Mouth were
bomba	rded 27 Mar	ch by 1 United States Destroyer.

During the day ended 1500/28 patrols reported Hill 260 outside the Eastern sector of the perimeter, to be clear of enemy. It would appear that the enemy have broken close contact and may be withdrawing towards Kieta.

Between 1950/27 and 0400/28 the Rabaul area was raided by

Rabaul

8 Mitchells, 6 of which reported being trailed by an unidentified aircraft. At 0900/28 Lakunai was bombed by 36 Dauntless and 24 Avengers: 40 hits were scored on the runway. At 0916/28 Tobera was bombed by 24 Mitchells: 50 hits were scored on the runway. At 0915/28 the South Bastern portion of Rabaul was bombed by 11 Lightnings and at the same time the supply area at Rataval was bombed by 21 Warhawks and Kittyhawks: Several At 1530/28 Talili Bay fires were started by these strikes. was bombed by 3 Avengers starting fires. During the day a barge sweep around Keravia Bay was conducted by fighters: barges were set on fire and a gun boat was also strafed.

Photos 28 March confirm that Lakunai runway was rendered unserviceable by the air strike, but repairs were apparently

commenced immediately afterwards.

Bunacanal concrete runway is serviceable but the coral runway was unserviceable. Tobera, Rapope and Keravat runways were all unserviceable. Only 6 aircraft including 5 fighters Tobera, Rapope and Keravat runways and one light bomber (same as on 27 March) were present on the airfields.

Jacquinot Bay - On 1752/28 Malmal Mission was bombed by 8 Beauforts. At 1730-1800/28 the Pandi River mouth area where a barge base Ubili and enemy concentration were reported recently, was bombed by 14 Beauforts.

Cape Hoskins - Eastbound traffic continued 26 March in the Cape

Hoskins area about 500 personnel being reported involved. and - At 1040-1100/27 ack ack positions on Garove Island were (6) Witu Island bombed by 11 Kittyhawks.

At 0715-0900/28 targets of opportunity on Garove Island including one hidden barge were strafed by 8 Kittyhawks.

(7) Carolines - New Guinea - At 1240/29 a vessel shown by photos to resemble a Terutsuki class destroyer was reported by aircraft 80 miles

- (7) Carolines-New Guinea (contd) North East of Wakde Island on a
 - Northerly course.

 At midnight 28-29 March Hollandia airfields were bombed by (8) Hollandia 8 Liberators including 2 serving as Pathfinders: results were unobserved.
- (9) Wewak Air offensive against Wewak was resumed 29th.March: Reports received cover an attack on personnel area at Dagua by 35 Mitchells, at 1135/29, and on barges and encampments on Muschu Island by 16 Bostons at 1200/29.

 5) Bogadjim Area - Following the allied landing at Melamareu, 8 miles
- East of Bogadjim, on 17 March, the enemy apparently evacuated their positions on the West bank of Kambara River, probably about 25 March. The whole area between Kambara River and Gaube River was reported clear of enemy on 28 March.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (a) At sea to 1200/30:
 - (1) "WILCANNIA" (AMS) escorting Convoy TD.49 (3 MV) departed Thursday Island 0827/29 for Darwin ETA 1130/2.
 - (2) 13 Submarines on Patrol
- (b) In Herbour:

Darwin:

: "COOTA UNDRA" "LATROBE" (AMS) 3 IL: 429. Escorts 5 809, 816

Merchantmen 2 : "W. PROUSE" "W. W. TROY"

Melville Bay:

Merchantmen 1 : "DARVEL"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Babo - At midnight 28-29 March Babo aerodromes and installations were bombed by 2 Catalinas starting large fire.

3. SOUTH WESTERN A REA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (a) At sea to 1200/30:
- (1) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) departed Fremantle 1120/28 for Exmouth Gulf.
 (2) "DUNTROON" (AF) departed Adelaide 1630/28 for Fremantle ETA 0600/2.
 (3) "WARGANELLA" (AH) proceeding Fremantle ETA 1815/36.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat Units 1 CL : "ADELAIDE"

"HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739 Escorts

3 ML: 812, 824, 826 "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" (AM) "ORION" "PELIAS" Auxiliaries 7 (AS) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) 1 YP: 286 1 ARD

buth culf: Auxiliaries : "CHILDS" (AV) 1 YP : 288 2

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

(1) Central Carolines - At 0100/29 Woleai Island Aerodrome was bombed by 2 Souwespac Catalinas. 2 large fires were started which set off intermittent explosionslasting over half an hour.

- (1) Central Carolines (contd) About 15 ships were seen in the Lagoon.

 At 0942/28 a Soupac Liberator was intercepted over

 Satawan Island in Nomoi Group by 10 Zeros. 12 Fighters were
 seen on the ground and one cargo vessel with two escorts in
 the Harbour.
- (2) Eastern Carolines At 1004/27 Ponage was bombed by 12 Mitchells escorted by 18 Corsairs. 15 Zeros 9 were short down and 3 more probably shot down.
- (a) Marshalls On 26-27 March light to medium strikes were conducted by Conpac aircraft, m Maloelap, Jaluit, Wotje and Mille.

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES

- (1) Increased naval and air strength Malayan Theatre.
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PART II

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1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALL	TED FORCES		<u>E:</u>	NEMY FORCES
	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marianas
BB	•	(4) IDAHO NEW MEXICO PEN WSYLVANEA TENNESSEE	-	MUSASHI
OV(E)	-	•	•	CHIYODA
CA	(2) AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	•	•	TAKAO CHOKAI MYOKA HAGURO MAYA
<u>OL</u>	(4) BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX HOBART	(8) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MO MONTPELIER DENVER HONOLULU ST LOUIS BIRMINGHAM E LEANDER	•	(2) OYODO YUBARI
CL(T)	-	-		KASHIMA
AV/cvs	TANGIER	(2) WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	-	(2) AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO
xcvs	(2) HALF MOON	BALLARD	-	3
DD	(24) ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA REID ANMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY	Approx. 45	•	20
•	HUTCHINS HOBBEY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES STOCKTON NICHOLSON WILKES			
	STEVENSON THORN ABNER READ ROE GRAYSON			

	Southwest Pacif (Rastern Section		outh Pacific		marcks Lomons	Carolines Marianas
<u>\$5</u>	(8) BASHAW BLACKFISH CERO DACE DARTER FLOUNDER SCAMP SILVERSIDES)	atrol		15	25
	(3) S.42 S.47 BLUEGILL) At M:	ilne Bay			
	K.9	At S	ydney			
PT	Approx. 85	Aj	pprox.110		?	3
APA/API	MAN IMBLA WESTRALIA ALGORAB GILMER KANE SCHLEY SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS HERBERT	10	APA AHD AKA			
AGC	BLUE RIDGE				-	-
AS	(2) OTUS EURYALE				?	?
AD	DOBBIN				-	. 4
AR	(3) RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYOUS	PR	OMETHEUS			
Fighter Light &	anes	13		•		
	ALLIED FORCES	• NORT	HERN PACIFIC	No. of the last of	ENEMY FO	RCES
CA	-			(2)	NACHI ASHIGARA)) Poss. Japan
	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND			(3)	ABUKUMA TAMA KISO	
DD .	9				10	
SS	10				Approx.	2

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC EMPIRE

*.	ALLII	ED FORCES		BNE	AY FORCES
	(14)	INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA IOWA WASHINGTON NAW JERSEY MASSACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA	SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA OKLAHOMA	(5)	YAMASHIRO HYUDA YAMATO MUTSU (prob. sunk)
OV	(6)	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL		-
CV(L)	(7)	COW FENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY INDEPENDENCE	(5)	HITAKA HAYATAKA TAIHO RYUHO ZUIHO
CV(T)		•			HOSHO
CV(E)	(25)	COPAHEE SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO CORAL SEA BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU SAN TEE CASABLANCA CORREGIDOR ALTAMAHA	WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MAN ILA BAY NATOMA BAY MEHENTA BAY	(5)	CHITOSE JINYO KAIYO OTAKA UNYO
<u>CA</u>	(13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE		-
©CA		•			6
<u>or</u>	(7)		OAKLAND RENO * CONCORD	(基) 班 班	NOSHIRO NAGARA NATORI ISUZU
CL(T)		-		à	KASHII
AV/CVB		. 1			5
DO	Appr	ox. 85			20 (several repairing)
SS	Appr	ox. 30			Approx. 25
AS		?			2 (one repairing)

CL TRENTON

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

	thwest Paci stern Secti		Eas	tern Fle	et Area	Eas	t Indies-Halippines
BB	•		(3)	QUEEN E VALIANT RENOWN	LIZABETH	(4)	NAGATO KONGO HARUNA FUSO
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CV			(8)	ILLUSTR SARATOG		(2)	ZUTKAKU SHOKAKU
CV (E)	-		(4)	BATTLER UNICORN SHAH RANEE			•
<u>CA</u>	*		(6)	SUSSEX SUFFOLK HAWKINS FROBISH LONDON CUMBERL	ER	(6)	AOBA KUMANO SUZUYO CHIKUMA MOGAMI TONE
CL ADR	LAIDE		(9)	CARADOC CEYLON KENYA GAMBIA VAN HEE	DANAE TROMP EMERALD MSKERK	£4)	YAHAGI OI KINU KITAGAMI
AV/CVS (2)	CHILDS W.B. PRESTO	M		ALBATRO	SS .	æ	KAMOI
KCL	-		(2)	CANTON CHITRAL		•	•
XAV/XCVS	-			9			•
OD .	-		Appr	ox. 27			25
(13	BLUEFISH BOWFIN CABRILLA GUNNEL HADDO HAKE	LAPON MINGO NORWHAL PUFFER RASHER RATON)	eox. 15		17 (incl. 6 German)
(12	BILLFISH BONEFISH GOD CREVALLE FLASHER HOE ROBALO	JACK RAY REDFIN K.12 K.15)) At F	remantle		-	
(2)	PELIAS ORION	1					
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British - MOST SECRET U.S. - SECRET

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle.

31 March, 1944

No.

Date :

PART I

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA.

· EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/31:

- (1) "YMS.53" departed Milne Bay 1300/29 to RV at 0900/30 with
- Convey BG.71 off Buna.

 (2) "GILMER" "BROOKS" (APD) escorting 7 LST proceeding Cape Sudest.

 (3) "BARCOO" (PF) departed Milne Bay 1700/29 to RV with "SEA BARD" and escert to China Strait, detaching to RV with "PANAMA EXPRESS" departing North Foreland 1500/30 and escort Southwards until
- 0600/31, returning thence to Milne Bay.

 (4) "YMS.50" proceeding to Thursday Island ETA 1600/1.

 (5) "BROOME" (AMS) departed Townsville 1600/30 to relieve "BALLARAT" on Grafton Passage A/S patrol at 0800/31. "BALLARAT" on relief to proceed to Cairns.
- (6) "ML.805" was to RV at 0730/25 with "MORGLAY" (AT) and pilot her to "MM.D.BOYCE" aground on Arlington Reef (Grafton Passage).
 "TANCRED" (AT) diverted to Sydney.

 "POLLUX" (AKS) departed Milne Bay at 1100/28 for Sydney ETA 1300/2.
 "S "GASCOYNE" (PF) departed Townsville 0900/29 for Sydney ETA 0900/1.

 (9) "LEOPARD" (IX) was to depart Calcumdra 2000/29 for Milne Bay ETA

 1500/4 April.

- (10) "YMS.70" departed Cairns 0700/31 for Brisbane ETA 1600/3.
- (11) "ROCKHAMPTON" (AMS) was to depart Cairns 0730/31 for Sydney ETA 2200/4; thence to proceed to Port Adelaide by April 12 for refit.
 (12) "MANUNDA" (AH) departed Sydney 1301/30 for Port Moresby ETA 0500/5.
 (13) "GEELONG" (AMS) departed Brisbane 1247/29 for Wide Bay.

- (14) "WARRNAMBOOL" (AMS) departed Sydney 0903/30 for A/S to Smoky Cape and return.
- (15) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

- "WHYALLA" to depart Brisbane 1400/31 on Sandy Cape patrol.
 (2) "YMS's 11, 72" to depart Calcundra 1600/31 for Cairns ETA 0800/4,
 for onward routeing to Thursday Island and Darwin.

(c) Convoy Procedure:

The following convoy short titles have been allotted, and are to be brought into force forthwith:-

> (1) New Guinea - New Britain: New Britain - New Guinea: New Guinea - Admiralties: NA Admiralties - New Guinea: AN

(d) In Harbour:

Admiralties: Combat Units	5 DD 18 PT	: "WELLES" KALK" "REID" "SWARSON" "GRAYSON"
Escorts	5	: 1 ML: 425 2 YMS: 8, 46 "BENALLA" "BUNBURY" (AMS)
uxiliaries	7	"KANE" "SCHLEY" (APD) "BTAMIN" (AK) "CHETGO" (AT)
Morchantmen	6	"F.BILLINGS" "J.P. BRADLEY" "P.T.DODDRIDGE" "B.MATTHEWS" "G.V.L.MEYER" "LYMAN STEWART"
Cape Gloucester:		# 1 mm #
Escorts Merchantmen	2	"T.CRAWFORD" "H.T.RAINEY" "J.ROSSITER" "A.THOMAS"
Talasea:		
Combat Units Auxiliaries	14 PF	: "HILO" (AGP)
Saidor;	2 -	
Combat Units	12 PF	
Escorts Merchantmen	3.	: WI: 819, 2SC: 735, 982 : "JOHN I.NOLAN" "TIMOSHENKO"
Tangemak:	1 DD	: "EICHOLSOR"
ombat Units	20 PT	* Elonomoon
Escorts	20	"HARMON" (DE) "ARARAT" "COWRA" "STAWELL" (AMS) 2 PC: 1122, 1132, 3 YMS: 315, 316, 336 4 ML: 424, 803, 806, 816
		8 50: 637, 648, 734, 737, 744, 747, 750, 981
Auxiliaries	9	8 SC: 637, 648, 734, 737, 744, 747, 750, 981 "TANGIER" (AV) "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "MERKUR" (AF) "VICTORIA" (AO) "BOOTES" "CELENO" (AK) "TULSA" (PG) "COUCAL" (ASR) "BAYOU ST. JOHN" (AT)
Merchantmen	34	"H.L.ABBOTT" "J.C.BAROSA" "BORGFRED" "W.BEAUMONF" "J.BURROUGHS" "CAPE CLEARE" "T.M.COOLEY" "J.W.DAVIS" "J.DOTY" "P.S.DUPONT"
	÷	"ISOLATOR" "JAPARA" "E. JOHNSON" "LAKE ORMAC" "W.MCCRACKEN" "N.E. MACK" "MACTAN" "J.W. MELDRUM" "MORMACSEA" "S.G. PORTER" "RAMO" "A. ROBINSON" "SEA MARLIN" "SEA WITCH" "SHAWNEE" "W. SPARRON" "CLAUS SPRECKLES" "J.ROSS" "STAGEN" "GEO. VANCOUVER" "W.L. SUBJETTE" "ED.N. WESTCOTT". "S.M. WHITE" "YOCHOW"
L		
Escorts	2	: 2 ML: 428, 430
Merchantmen	7	"L. MERRITT" "POINT SAN PEDRO" "G.L. SMITH"
Buna - Oro Bay: Combat Units	7 DD	: "WILKES" "STEVENSON" "HOBBY" "GILLESPIE"
Escorts	13	"STOCKTON" "THORNE" "ROE" 2 PF: "LONGBEACH" "GLENDALE" "KAPUNDA" (AMS)
ESCOL CS	20	4 YMS: 71. 314. 334. 393 1 ML: 816
Auxiliaries	13	2 FC: 1119, 1123 2 SC: 736, 746 "TRINITY" (AO) "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "HERBERT"
and the section of the section of the		(APD) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "POYANG" (AE) 1 ARD "POINT LOMA" "SOLOMA" (AT) "MORESBY" (AGS) "WESTRALIA" (APA) "RIGEL" AR) "DOBBIN" (AD)
Merchantmen	21	"ALCIBIARDES" "D.F. BARRY" "R.S. BEAN" "BOTH"
	3.	"CAPE DOUGLAS" "CAPE SPENCER" "P.CHANDLER" "W.E.CHANNING" "COLORADO" "A.S.DUNIWAY" "M.FULLER" "M.T.HERRICK" "JANSSENS" "KARSIK" "MORMACGULL" "RAJAHSTAN" "REINJST" "RING LARDNER" "SAN ANTONIO" "J.SINGER" "O.SKINNER"
Kiriwina Is:		
Werchantmen Woodlark Is:	\$	* "ANHUI" "GEO.LUKS"
Escorts	4	: "WAGGA" (AMS) 3 YMS: 9, 50 335
Merchantmen	2	"D.D.FIELD" "J.S.MANSFIELD"

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Goodenough Is:
                                                          : "GOULBURN" (AMS)
: "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA"
         Escorts
                                          1
          Auxiliaries
                                          0
                                                              H.T.ALLEN" (APA)
                                                          : "MANA" M. THWATTES"
         Merchantmen
                                          2
   Milne Bay:
Compat Units
                                                    : "SHRDPSHIRE" "AUSTRALIA"
: "NA SHVILLE" "PHOENIX" "BOISE"
                                          AO S
                                          3 CL
                                        10 DD : "HUTCHINS" "DALY" "BACHE" "MULLANY"
"ABNER READ" "ANMEN" "BEALE" "BUSH" "ARUNTA"
                                                              "WARRAMUNGA"
                                        12 PT
Mote: Special operational movements forward of Milne Bay not shown.

Escorts 3 PF : "SAN PEDRO" "CORONADO" "WORCESTER"
                                                          : "WARREGO"
                                          1 PS
                                                          : 650, 699, 703, 732, 738, 741, 742, 748
: "KIAMA" "BUNDABERG" "CASTLEMA NE" "BOWEN"
"HILDURA" "GYMPIE"
                                          8 80
                                          6 AMS
                                                         "MILDURA" "GYMPIE"

: 476, 477, 1120, 1124, 1131, 1132, 1135, 1134

: 10, 48, 52, 73

: 427, 431, 801, 802, 817, 818

: "AASE MAERSK" (AO) HALF MOON" (AVP) "OTUS"

"EURYALE" (AS) "KGOPA" (AGP) "AMYCUS" (ARL)

"YUNNAN" AE) SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG) "SHEPPARTON"

(AGS) "RESERVE" (AT) "TRIANGULUM" (AK)
                                          8 PC
                                          4 YMS
                                          6 ML
         Auxiliaries
                                        21
                                                             "MIZAR" (AF) "VILLALOBOS" PANDA" (IX)
"ALABASTER" (PYC) "CALBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS)

1 ARD "PING WO" (ASIS) 3-YP: 278, 280, 283
"E.G.ACHESON" "ALGOA PATRIOT" "ARANSAS PASS"
"W.ATWATER" "AUN" "W.B.AYER" "J.BARBARA"
         Merchantmen
                                        76
                                                              "BARBARA C" "S.K.BARLOW" ""S.K.BOLIVAR"
                                                             "BONTEKOE" "J.G. BRADY" "S. BRANNON"
"BRITISH HONOUR" "J.GABRILLO" "CEFALU"
"J.DEERE" "CITY OF PHILADELPHIA" "CONTESSA"
                                                             "F.H.DODD" "DON MARQUIS" "WM.DYER" "L.L.DYCHE"
                                                           "EMPRESS SILVER" "ESSO HARRISBURG"
"ESSO MANHATTAN" "JOHN EVANS" "G.E.K.FITCH"
"M.FLINDERS" "HADLEY" "A.B.HAMMOND" "J.HENRY"
"B.F.IRVINE" "KATOOMBA" "L.S.KELLY" "LURLINE"
"F.B.LINDERMANN" "J.MCLEAN" "B.MATTHEWS"
                                                             "MEXICO" "MONTEREY" "MIDWEST FARMER"
"MONTAUK POINT" "W.V.MOODY" "NARVIK"
                                                             "JEAN NICOLET" "NORAB" "NORINDIES" "PAHUD"
                                                             "PENANT" "JAMES D. PHALAN" "AGWI PRINCE"
"A.REHAN" "F. M. QUINONES" "M. ROBERTSON"
                                                             "W.B.ROGERS" "SIBIGO" "W.C.SQUIRE"
                                                             "SOUTHVAST PASS" "STANVAC WELLINGTON" "R. STUART
                                                             "T.W.SYMONS" "TABINTA" "M.THORNTON" "THUNDERER"
"VAU DER LIJN" "VAN SWOLL""N.WALKER" "
"WEST CACTUS" "J.M.WHISTLER" "H.V.WHITE"
"WICHITA FALLS" "K.D.WIGGIN" "D.WRIGHT"
"E.YOUNG"
   Port Moresby:
                                                        : ML: 426
: "BALIKPAPAN" "CANBERRA" "E.CHAMBERS" "C.DARROW"
"JORGON" "HANYANG" "G.R.HEBARD" "MONTORO"
"ORMISTON" "STIKLESTAD" "TAROONA"
        Escorts
                                       11
        Merchantmen
  Thursday Is:
                                                        : 1 SC: 731 2 YMS: 49, 50 "KALGOORLIE"
"INVERELL" "PIRIE" (AMS)
: "BURGAREE" (CM) "POLARIS" (AGS)
        Escorts
       Auxiliaries
                                         2
  Cairns:
                                                        : "GLENELG" "TOWNSVILLE" (AMS) 1 PC: 479
        Escorts
                                                       3 ML: 804, 811, 820 2 YMS: 47, 51
: "PLATYPUS" (AR) 1 ARD "GANYMEDE" (AK) 1 YP:291
       Auxiliaries
  Townsville:
       Auxiliaries
                                                        : "SHIKELLAMY (AOG)
  Mackay:
       Auxiliaries
                                        1
                                                        : "HEROW" (AVP)
  Gladstone:
        Auxiliaries
                                      2
                                                        : 1 YDG
                                                                        1 ARD
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			2 YP:	233, 236	3 #FYR	O" (AE)		
Sydney	*		-					
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			3 M:	807, 822	823	Crans" (AF		
Auxi	lliaries	4	: "BISH	DFDALE"	(AO) "OC	TANS" (AF)	
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	1	in additi	on on 29	arch a	Car do v	ressel in	the area w	hiah
14	turne	out to	be a hull	was bon	red by	la Daumiti	ess while	53
X	Canouf	lage Tav	al craft	possibly	light	destroyer	type or m	ine-
	layer,	and sos	e small (raft in	the her	evia Bay	area were	
(0)	strafe	d by fig	aters.					
(5) Adm	iralty Islan	ids + O	n Lanus	sland on	ly sligh	t enemy at	ttacks wer	용
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	ouserve	ed by air	crart in	Sissano	Lagoon.			
(8) A11	tape - Phot	tographs	of Tadji	airfield	1 25 Mar	ch show n	o aircraft	
	present	. 3						
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	TIPLU	bombers.						

(9) Wewak (contd) - Final reports of the strike 29 March (refer Summary 792) show that 35 Mitchells attacked stores and camp area near Dagua, 33 Bostons attacked stores dumps at Cape Wom and 16 Bostons attacked small craft around Muschu Island. Fighters escaped.

At 1030/30 But airfield was bombed by 4 Liberators which

failed to reach Hollandia.

- At 1115-1155/29 coastal gun position at Malaga was bombed and strafed by 16 Aircobras 2 Kittyhawks. The gun emplacement (10) The gun emplacement

received several direct hits.

Daumoina area - At 1000/30 enemy positions North East of Mataloi were bombed and strafed by 11 Bostons and ground support. (11)

2. NORTH WESTERN A REA

(1) ALL IED FORCES

(a) At sea to 1200/30:

- (1) "WILCANNIA" (AMS) escorting Convoy TD.49 (3 MV) departed Thursday Island 0827/29 for Darwin ETA.1130/2.
- (2) 13 Submarines on Patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Escorts

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- : "CGOTAMUNDRA" "LATROBE" (AMS) 3 ML: 429, 809, 816.
- 2 : "W. PROUSE" "J.W. TROY" Merchantmen

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- At 1040/30 Langgoer airfield was bombed by 21 Liberators. Kai Island 7 fighters and 2 medium bombers were observed in dispersal areas, and 5 or 6 aircraft were apparently attempting to take Bombs fell among some of these aircraft, 5 enemy fighters attempted interception but 3 were shot down. All our aircraft returned. 3 possible small seatrucks and numerous barges were observed in the Langgoer neighbourhood.

SOUTH WESTERN AREA

ALLIED FORCES (1)

(a) At sea to 1200/31:

"DUNTROON" (AP) departed Adelaide 1630/28 for Fremantle ETA 0600/2.

(b) In Harbour:

Freman tle:

Combat Units : "ADELAIDE" 1 CL : "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) 1 SC: 739, 3 ML: 812, Escorts 6 824, 826

: "WANGANELLA" (AH) "ATREUS" (CN) "LARK" (AM)
"ORION" "PELIAS" (AS) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) Auxiliaries

1 YP: 826, 1 ARD Exmouth Gulf:

Auxiliaries : "CHILDS" (AV) "W.P.PRESTON" (AVD) 1 YP: 288 3

CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

(1) Truk At approx. 0415/29 Dublon Is. in the Truk Atoll was bombed by 2 Liberators starting large fires. At 1159/29 Eten Is. also in the Truk Atoll, was bombed by 20 Soupac Liberators. Photos confirm 200 direct hits in the

(1) Truk shop and hangar area, also on the parking aprons and runways. 35 fighters 4 medium bombers and 10 dive bombers are shown on (contd) the runways and all are believed to have been destroyed. addition, large explosions and fires were started in the hangar and building area and beside the runway. Approximately 90 enemy fighters intercepted with aggression and persistency for 45 minutes. Combat results have not yet been co-ordinated but at least 5 enemy fighters were shot down. 1 Liberator was lost in the target area and another crash landed on Nissan Island. Preliminary interpretation photos taken during the above strike show 3 large cargo vessels present; at least 2 destroyers and possibly a light cruiser, in addition to many barges, small craft and also 37 float-planes. · Shortly after midnight 30-31 Merch Woleai airfield and Woleai installations were bombed by 2 Catalinas and 2 Navy Liberators. Eurapic Island (60 miles S.W. of Moleai) was bombed by another Catalina. (3) · A United States submarine reported the following sightings:-Palau 1030/29 19 ship convoy leaving Palau on course 310 (a) degrees - Speed 9 knots, (b) 1740/29 1 Battleship (reported as "KONGO" class), 1 light cruiser and 2 destroyers leaving Palau, Course 330 degrees, Speed 16 knots.

On 28 March light to medium strikes were conducted by Marshalls Cenpac aircraft on Mille, Taroa, Wotje and Jaluit. Up to 0800/23 - 38 Japs had been killed and 3 captured by an allied force on Ailinglapalap (100 miles S.E. of Kwajalein). On 25 Warch some enemy were encountered on Ebon Atoll (100 miles S.S.W. Jaluit) - 16 were killed and only 3 were believed to be remaining on the Island on 26 March.

C. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

ENEMY FORCES

Submarine Activity - Further offensive activity is reported concerning a submarine attack on a merchant ship night 19 March W.W. of Lacadive Islands (see Maval Incidents). The Unit is presumed to be on passage either to or from the North Arabian Sea. Another possible submarine contact was made by surface craft off Bombay night 25 March.

Latest reports indicate possibly 2 Jap submarines operating in the Northern Arabian Sea, 1 Unit fixed by D/P night 27 March in the vicinity of One and a half degree Channel and another

S.E. of Chagos. Arch. on 25 March believed moving East.

MAVAL INCIDENTS

ndian Ocean - At 2115/19 Earch (local time) a merchantship (identity received corrupt but probably a liberty ship) was sunk by submarine in position 13°58' N. 70°30'E (N.W. of Lacadive Islands) as reported by survivors.

ESPI ATE OF LUBIY'S CAPABILITIES

(1) Increased naval and air strength Malayan Theatre Withdrawal of for ard positions in Bismarcks. (2)

Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North Coast New Guinea, (3) East Indies, Malayan areas. (4)

Use of bar es, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.

(5) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive submarine activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian oceans.

DALLY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

AL	ALLIED FORCES					ENEMY FORCES			
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BB		•	(4)	IDAHO NEW MEXICO PENN SYLVANIA TENNESSEE	•	MUS	Dashi		
CV(L)		-		-	-	(2)	ZUIRO RYUHO		
2	(8)	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE		-	•	(6)	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI MYOKO HAGURO MAYA		
CL	(4) m	BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX HOBART	(8)	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELIER DENVER HONOLULU ST LOUIS BIRMINGHAM LEANDER	•	(3)	OYODO YUBARI NOSHIRO		
CL(T)		•		•	•	KASI	HIMA		
AVCVS	TAN	FIER	(2)	WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	•	(2)	AKITSUSHIMA NOTORO		
XAV/XCVS	(2)	HALF MOON SAN PABLO	BALI	LARD	-		3		
DD.		ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA REID AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS HOBBEY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES STOCKTON NICHOLSON NILKES STEVENSON THORN ABNER READ ROE GRAYSON	Appr	OX. 45			20		

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SS	(8) EASHAW BLACKFISH CERO DACE DARTER FLOUNDER SCAMP SILVERSIDES)) On Patrol)	15	25
	(3) S.42 S.47 BLUEGILL) At Milne Bay		
	K•9	At Sydney		
PT	Approx. 85	Approx. 110	?	?
APA/APD/AKA	(11) H.T.ALLEN KANIMBLA WESTRALIA ALGORAB GILMER KANE SCHLEY SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS HERBERT	10 APA 10 APD 5 AKA		
AGC	BLUE RIDGE		•	
AS	(2) OTUS EURYALE		?	?
AD	DOBBIN			
AR	(3) RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS	PROMETHEUS		
AIRCRAFT (N.E. Fighters (inc. Light & M/Bom Forpedo & D/B Flying Boats Floatplanes Obsn. a/c	.18 twin-eng.) bers	190 133 2 1 14 20	,	
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ALLI	ED FORCES		EMENY FO	RCES
CA CONTRACTOR	-		(2) NACH	I) Poss. BARA) Japan
1	DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND		(3) ABUKT TAMA KISO	JMA
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3. CENTRAL PACIFIC EMPIRE

	ALLIE	D FORCES		ENEM	Y FORCES
BE	(14)	NORTH CAROLINA IOWA WASHINGTON NEW JERSEY MASSACHUSETTS	WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI	(5)	ISE YAMASHIRO HYUGA YAMATO MUTSU (prob.sunk)
CV	(6)	ENTER PRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	IMTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL		-
CV(L)	(7)	BELLEAU WOOD	CABOT LANGLEY INDEPENDENCE		TAIHO (en route South) HITAKA HAYATAKA
CV(T)		•			новно
CV(E)	(25)	COPAHEE SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO CORAL SEA BARNES PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND NASSAU SANTEE CASABLANCA CORREGIDOR ALTAMAHA	WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY GAMBIER BAY HOGGATT BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MANILA BAY NATOMA BAY MEHENTA BAY	JIM.	CHITOSE YO KAIYO OTAKA UNYO
<u>CA</u>	(13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS	MINTEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE		•
OCA		-			6
CL	(7)	SAN DIEGO	OAKLAND RENO CONCORD	(3)	MAGARA MATORI ISUZU
CL(T)		-			KASHII
AV/CVS		-			5
DD	Appro	ox. 85			20 (several repairing
SS	Appro	ox. 30			Approx. 25
AS		?			2 (one repairing)

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

CL TRENTON

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

	Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area East Indies-Philippine
E	*** ***	(3) QUEEN ELIZABETH (4) NAGATO KONGO HARUNA FUSO
OV	-	(2) ILLUSTRIOUS (2) ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
CV(E)	•	(4) BATTLER CHIYODA UNICORN SHAH RANEE
CA •	•	(6) SUSSEX (6) AOBA SUFFOLK KUMANO HAWKINS SUZUYU FROBISHER CHIKUMA LONDON NOCAMI CUMBERLAND TONE
OL:	ADELAIDE	(S) CAMADOC NEWCASTIE (4) YAHAGI CEYLON DANAE OI KENYA TROMP KINU GAMBIA EMERALD RITAGAMI VAN HEEMSKERK
AV/CVS	(2) CHILDS W.B.PRESTON	ALBATROSS & KAMOI
KOL.	•	(2) CANTON - CHITRAL
xav/xcvs	-	?
DD	-	Approx. 27 25
	(13) ANGLER LAPON BLUEFISH MINGO BOWFIN NORWHAL CABRILLA PUFTER GUNNEL RASHER HADDO RATON HAKE	Approx. 15 17 (incl. 6 German) On Patrol
	(12) BILLFISH JACK BONEFISH RAY COD REDFIN CREVALLE ROBALO FLASHER K.12 HOE K.15) At Fremantle
AS	(2) PELIAS ORIGN	
Fighters Light & M	D/Bombers ats es	103 15 42 16