

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. 404

Date: 1st May, 1943

P A R T I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/1:

- (1) "BAGLEY" escorting "WILLARD A. HOLBROOK" from RV to Brisbane.
- (2) "BUNBURY" escorting "VAN SWOLL" departed Milne Bay 0538/30 for Port Moresby, was due 0830/1.
- (3) "SUMNER" "SC.744" "SC.749" on survey duty vicinity Deboyne Is.
- (4) "GYMPIE" escorting "BONTEKOE" departed Milne Bay 0917/28 for Townsville was due 0700/1 May.
- (5) "VENDETTA" escorting "TAROONA" departed Milne Bay 0516/29 for Townsville ETA 0600/1 May.
- (6) "BROOME" escorting "VAN HEUTSZ" was to depart Milne Bay 0600/1 for Townsville.
- (7) "GEELONG" escorting Convoy TS24 ("ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "PORTMAR" "VAN OUTHOORN") from Percy Islands to Brisbane ETA Caloundra 1900/2.
- (8) "BUNGAREE" southbound ETA Caloundra 0700/5 ETA Sydney 1000/8.
- (9) SC.738 escorting Convoy TN82 ("KURUMBA") departed Townsville 2200/28 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/1 May.
- (10) "ECHUCA" escorting Convoy TN83 ("VAN SPILBERGEN") from Fitzroy Island to Port Moresby ETA 1600/2.
- (11) "TULSA" towing 2 PT's departed Cairns 0900/27 for Milne Bay.
- (12) "SC.745" departed Townsville 0430/29 for Milne Bay ETA 1900/1 May.
- (13) "WARREGO" departed Townsville 0426/1 for Cairns ETA 1730/1.
- (14) "JENKINS" escorting "PRESIDENT MONROE" was to depart Brisbane 1200/1. To pass through position 26°40'S 157°32'E.
- (15) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "GLENELG"
	Merchant Vessels: "PATRAS"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "BOWEN" "WHYALLA" "SHEPPARTON"
	SC.750 YP.291 YMS.49 YMS.50
	"HILO" 15 PT's
	Merchant Vessels: "THEDENS"
	Small Craft - Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - HDML.1074 HDML.1161
	Merchant Vessels: "HENRY DEARBORN" "HENRY D. THOREAU"
	Small Craft - Approx 20
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE" YP.280 YMS.9 6 PTs
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "SWAN" "KAPUNDA" "PLATYPUS"
	2 PT's refitting
Palm Island	- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "SELFRIDGE"
	"HELM" "HENLEY" "MUGFORD"
	"RALPH TALBOT"



Townsville - Warships & Aux. - PC.1121 SC.747 "YUNNAN" (ASIS)  
 Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE" "ROCKHAMPTON"  
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "LITHGOW" "GOULBURN" "FULTON"  
                   "POYANG" (ASIS) "MERKUR" "AASE MAERSK" YP.233  
                   YMS.10 YMS.11 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.51  
                   YMS.52 YMS.53 YMS.71 SC.740 SC.746 SC.748  
                   PC.1119 YDG.2 LST.452 5 LCIs ML.424 ML.425  
                   ML.817  
 (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "FREMANTLE"  
                                   "WAGGA" "KATOOMBA" "VICTORIA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "SELFRIDGE" to RV off Dent Island Light at 1700/1 May with Convoy TS25 ("BALIKPAPAN" "MILDURA") which departed Townsville 2315/30 ETA Caloundra 0900/4.
- (2) "GOULBURN" "LITHGOW" ML.817 escorting Convoy BT56 ("MAETSUYCKER" "BOTH" "ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "BARALABA" "CARDROSS") to depart Caloundra 1900/1.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Kolombangara - The Vila bivouac area was attacked 1125/30 by 9 dive-bombers, 4 Aircobras escorted by 28 Wildcats.
- (2) Rekata Bay - Two floatplanes landed at Rekata Bay 1950/29. Four Corsairs strafed the camp area at 1710/30. No floatplanes were seen.
- (3) Shortlands - Kahili revetments and bivouac area were bombed 0424-0510/30 by 5 Fortresses. One large fire was started.
- (4) Kieta - Buildings and camp area were attacked 1845/29 by six Liberators. One enemy fighter was seen but no interception was made.
- (5) Numa Numa - The area was bombed and strafed 1845/29 by one Liberator.
- (6) Kavieng - Photographs 1200/30 show 3 coasters, one merchant vessel (1000 tons), one probable merchant vessel (1000 tons) in Kavieng Harbour; Also a convoy of coasters ~~max~~ or sea-trucks in the vicinity of Steffan Strait. The visual report gave 11 such small vessels in the convoy moving south through Steffan Strait but after passing through the Strait the course could not be determined.

Two known wrecks are visible in the photos of Silver Sound but the location of the heavy cruiser "AOBA" was not covered.

Distant and blurred photos of Kavieng aerodrome show 10 medium bombers and 2 fighters in revetments. One additional fighter was encountered by the aircraft over Steffan Strait.

- (7) Rabaul - Photographs 1000/30 show -  
     Rabaul Harbour - 1 light cruiser similar to "YUBARI"  
                           6 submarines (1 large, 2 medium, 3 small)  
                           1 submarine tender  
                           1 destroyer tender  
                           1 converted S/P tender  
                           1 minelayer  
                           5 submarine chasers  
                           25 merchant vessels totalling 135,000 tons  
                                   including 1 tanker of "SHIRETOKO" class

Total 41 vessels

Another destroyer tender is possibly present though partially obscured by cloud.

Lakunai aerodrome - 22 fighters, 4 medium bombers, 12 probable light bombers. Greater portion of aerodrome was obscured.

Vunakanau aerodrome - At least 16 fighters 11 probable light bombers, 2 medium bombers. Only a small portion of aerodrome visible.

- (8) Cape Gloucester - Reconnaissance 1410/30 sighted 6 medium bombers on the aerodrome. A possible new strip was reported S.E. of the existing strip.

Photos confirm 6 camouflaged unidentified type aircraft.

- (9) Mubo - Ground installations at Greens Hill were bombed and strafed by 6 Bostons at about 1030/30.



2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/1:

- (1) "WILCANNIA" "GUNBAR" escorting Convoy TD19 ("JAMES COOK" "TAMBAR" "ALAGNA") departed Darwin 0648/30 for Thursday Island ETA 0430/5.
- (2) 5 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL" "LATROBE" ML.815  
Merchant Vessels: "ISLANDER" "MATTHEW FLINDERS"  
"YARRA"

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(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Darwin - An enemy reconnaissance aircraft was over the Darwin area between 0950 and 1100/29.  
An unidentified aircraft was again over Darwin area shortly after noon 30/4.
- (2) Ambon - Photos taken during the attack by Liberators 0830/29 show 12 twin-engined aircraft including one damaged and 2 fighters on Laha aerodrome. It is presumed that the 12-15 fighters which intercepted the Liberators had already taken off. Four floatplanes are visible at Halong.  
The old Laha runway is probably serviceable for 4,000 ft. There are 34 inserts but apparently no revetments.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/1:

- (1) "CHANTICLEER" "SC.739" "SC.751" were to depart Adelaide a.m. 1/5 for Fremantle.
- (2) "YP.288" departed Fremantle 1900/29 for Exmouth Gulf ETA 3/5.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK"  
"TROMP" "TJERK HIDDERS" "W.B. PRESTON" "PELIAS"  
"ISABEL" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO" "OTUS"  
"CHILDS" "LARK" "GOLD STAR" YP.286 "TRINITY"  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "HERON" "WHIPPOORWILL" K.12

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/1:

- (1) "WARRNAMBOOL" "MORESBY" departed Sydney 0240/1 to RV with "BINGERA" escorting Newcastle section Convoy C092 off Nobby's Head. "BALLARAT" to depart Sydney 1530/1 with Sydney section and RV with Newcastle section off Sydney.
- (2) "MILDURA" "TOWNSVILLE" departed Sydney 1116/29 to RV with 5 LST's en route Wellington to Sydney in position 35°25'S 156°E and escort to Sydney.
- (3) AM.62 escorting LST.453 LST.454 departed Noumea 0800/28 for Sydney. "LE TRIOMPHANT" departed Sydney 0325/30 to RV in position 29°21'S 153°19'E at 1000/1 and relieve AM.62 and escort to Sydney ETA 1200/3.
- (4) "DOOMBA" departed Port Melbourne 0359/30 to RV with "MERION" vicinity Wilson's Promontory and escort to Melbourne.



- (5) ML.427 departed Sydney 0930/28 for Brisbane.  
 (6) "DELOIRINE" "YANDRA" "BENDIGO" "KALGOORLIE" "YMS.70" escorting  
 Convoy GP49 ( 11 MV ) were to depart Sydney 0900/1,  
 ETA Caloundra 0930/4.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney	- Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "COLAC" "BUNDABERG"
	"H.T.ALLEN" "KYBRA" "GLADSTONE" SC.741 12 LCI
	"WANGANELLA" (Hospital Ship) ML.428 ML.429
	ML.818
(Repairing)	"PATTERSON" "FLETCHER" "NICHOLAS" "NEPAL"
	"VAN GALEN" "CHEVREUIL" "ALHENA" "WHITNEY"
	"MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)
(On Reserve)	"WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"
Melbourne	- Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA" "ATREUS" "ALSEY"
	"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN"
(Refitting)	"QUIBERON"

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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS  
 NASHVILLE LEANDER SAN DIEGO (CL) LANSDOWNE STRONG  
 RUSSELL O'BANNON RADFORD MAURY HOPKINS WARD LARDNER  
 FARENHOLT McCALLA (DD) TREVER (DM) CURTISS TANGIER (AV)  
 ATHENE (APV) THORNTON (AVD) HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) MANLEY (APD)  
 DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) ALCHIBA ALGORAB  
 CELENO (AK) NEOSHO SABINE PLATTE PATUXENT TAPPAHANNOCK  
 WHIPSTOCK (AO) CONSTANT (AM) ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (CV)  
 SAN JUAN (CL) KILTY WOODWORTH DRAYTON PERKINS CONYNGHAM  
 SMITH McCALL FANNING CASE CRAVEN LAMSON (DD)  
 ENGADINE (APV) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AG) McCAWLEY (AP)  
 MAJABA MERCURY TALAMANCA CASTOR (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD)  
 TRYON (APH) PECOS SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) KINGFISHER  
 ADROIT (AM) PAWNEE (AT) HOLLY (YN) S.31 (SS) ARD.2  
 KIWI (A/S vessel) SC.518
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
- (5) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM) AMERICAN LEGION (AP) SAMOA (AM)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK RAIL  
 VIREO (AM) LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) ORTOLAN (ASR)  
 MENOMINEE (AT) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)  
 ERSKINE PHELPS (AO)
- (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER  
 MONTPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV) EATON  
 WALLER PHILIP RENSHAW LANG WILSON CONY CONWAY (DD)  
 BALLARD (AV) LACKAWANNA KANKAKEE NESCHES (AO) ROAMER  
 PC.476 PC.479 RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)
- (8) At Nandi - CORAHEE (ACV)
- (9) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) PINCKNEY (AK) SOLACE (AH)
- (10) At Wellington - TAYLOR (DD) TRACY (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM) MOUNT VERNON  
 CRESCENT CITY (AP) LIBRA (AK)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Gilberts Area - Phosphate industrial installations on Nauru  
 were attacked shortly before noon 21/4 by 22 Liberators.  
 Extensive damage was inflicted. Enemy fighters were  
 encountered: 5 Zero's were shot down and 7 possibly destroyed.  
 Washington announces that on Friday 23/4, army bombers  
 attacked Tarawa in the Gilberts. Other sources state that  
 Liberators inflicted severe damage to the aerodrome area at  
 Tarawa.  
 It is thought that Tarawa was the base from which enemy  
 bombers conducted the previously reported attack on Funafuti  
 before dawn 23/4.



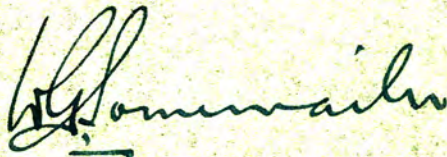
- (2) Tonga Group - An unsuccessful torpedo attack was reported by an allied vessel at 1744/30 in position 18°34'S 176°21'W (approx 135 miles W. of Vavau Is.)

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NAVAL INCIDENTS

Aleutians - Washington announces that on 24/4 U.S. surface units bombarded Japanese positions at Holtz Bay and Chichagof Harbour on Attu Island. No further details have been announced.

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central and Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Increased submarine activity including transportation, reconnaissance and offensive operations, in all theatres.



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

1/5/43



30/4/43

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

South West Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-  
Solomons

<u>BB</u>	-	INDIANA WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	YAMATO (poss. Empire) MUSASHI MUTSU KONGO HARUNA NAGATO
<u>CV</u>	-	ENTERPRISE SARATOGA	ZUIKAKU
<u>XCV</u>	-	-	HITAKA HAYATAKA ZUIHO
<u>ACV</u>	-	CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE	CHUYO UNYO
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	-	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI HAGURO KUMANO SUZUYA TONE TIKUMA * AOBA
<u>CL</u>	HOBART	PHOENIX HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO JINTSU SENDAI KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA ISUZU KINU KUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	1
<u>DD</u>	* ARUNTA * WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT SELFRIDGE * PATTERSON HELM HENLEY BAGLEY STUART VENDETTA RALPH TALBOT * VANGALEN * QUIBERON * NEPAL MUGFORD * NICHOLAS * FLETCHER JENKINS	Approx 45	Approx 40



South West Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

SOUTH Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-  
Solomons

<u>SS</u>	GREENLING )	S.31	Approx 30
	GROWLER )		
	GUARDFISH )	At Brisbane	
	TUNA )		
	ALBACORE )		
	DRUM )		
	GATO )		
	GRAYBACK )	On Patrol	
	GROUPEL )		
	PETO )		
	SCAMP )		
	K.9 At Sydney		

<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA
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<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	3
	25	Approx 30	?

<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T.ALLEN	10 APA	
	MANOORA	15 APD	
	* WESTRALIA	6 AKA	
	* KANIMBLA		

<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON		3 or more
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<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE	?
	* WHITNEY		

<u>AR</u>	-	PROMETHEUS VESTAL RIGEL	?
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AIRCRAFT (N.E.Area Only)

Fighters	246
M/Bombers	101
SE/Bombers	16
Flying Boats	15
Floatplanes	52
Transport A/C	23

\* Non-effective



2. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES (Empire)

<u>BB</u>	NORTH CAROLINA IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA * TENNESSEE	ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	VICTORIOUS	* SHOKAKU HOSHO (Training Ship)
<u>XCV</u>	LONG ISLAND	RYUHO
<u>ACV</u>	NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	* OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA SALT LAKE CITY NEW ORLEANS * MINNEAPOLIS * PENSACOLA * PORTLAND * INDIANAPOLIS	NACHI 1 unidentified * ASHIGARA
<u>OCA</u>	-	3 - 6
<u>CL</u>	RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT	ABUKUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	2
<u>AV/CVS</u>	?	NISSHIN
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	3
<u>DD</u>	20 approx	approx 16
<u>SS</u>	40 approx	approx 20

3. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>CA</u>	-	-
<u>CL</u>	CONCORD TRENTON	KISO
<u>XCL</u>	-	2
<u>DD</u>	10	approx 4
<u>SS</u>	10	approx 10

\* Non-effective



4. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	South West Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
<u>BB</u>	-	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	♠ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX DEVONSHIRE HAWKINS FROBISHER	-
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA ENTERPRISE LIVERPOOL ARETHUSA CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KASHII OI KITAGAMI * NATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	ALAUNIA CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA RANCHI WORCESTERSHIRE	2
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI * NOTORO
<u>DD</u>	TROMP TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	Approx 12
<u>SS</u>	GAR ) GRENADIER ) GUDGEON ) On Patrol THRESHER ) TROUT ) K.12 At Exmouth Gulf GRAYLING ) TAMBOR ) At Fremantle TAUTOG )	9	10
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)</u>			
Fighters			108
M/Bombers			74
Flying Boats			3
Floatplanes			30
Transport A/C			22

♠ No recent intelligence.  
Present location uncertain.

\* Non-effective



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P A R T I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/2.

- (1) "BAGLEY" escorting "WILLARD A. HOLBROOK" from RV to Brisbane.
- (2) "KURUMBA" ETA Milne Bay 1300/3.
- (3) "S.C.744" departed Milne Bay 1223/1 en route Brisbane.  
ETA 0900/9.
- (4) "BOWEN" escorting "VAN HEUTSZ" departed Milne Bay 0802/1 for  
Townsville.
- (5) "JENKINS" escorting "PRESIDENT MONROE" departed Brisbane  
0907/1. "JENKINS" to part company so as to arrive  
Noumea a.m. 4/5.
- (6) "GEELONG" escorting Convoy TS24 "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "PORTMAR"  
"VAN OUTHOORN") from Percy Islands to Brisbane ETA  
Caloundra 1900/2.
- (7) "BUNGAREE" southbound ETA Caloundra 0700/5 ETA Sydney 1000/8.
- (8) "SELFRIDGE" escorting Convoy TS25 "BALIKPAPAN" "MILDURA") from  
Dent Island. ETA Caloundra 0900/4. "SELFRIDGE" to  
proceed Sydney.
- (9) "GYMPIE" escorting "T.S.26" departed Townsville 1750/1.  
ETA Brisbane 0900/5.
- (10) "GOULBURN", "LITHGOW", "M.L.817" escorting Convoy BT56  
("MAETSUYCKER", "BOTH", "ASPASIA" "NOMIKOS" "BARALABA")  
departed Caloundra 1901/1. "GOULBURN" and "LITHGOW"  
to part company at Percy Island and return Brisbane.  
"M.L.817" to proceed Townsville in tow of "BOTH".
- (11) "BUNBURY" escorting "N.T.12" ("HENRY DEARBORN and "HENRY D.  
THOREAU") was to depart Port Moresby 1700/2. ETA  
Townsville 0200/5.
- (12) "TULSA" towing 2 P.T.Boats, YMS 49 with 2 P.T.Boats and YMS 50  
with 2 P.T.Boats, departed Milne Bay 0959/1 en route  
Port Moresby.
- (13) "ECHUCA" escorting Convoy TN83 "VAN SPILBERGEN") from Fitzroy  
Island to Port Moresby ETA 1600/2.
- (14) "S.C.745" departed Townsville 0430/29 for Milne Bay ETA 1900/1  
May.
- (15) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour

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Merchant Vessels: "PATRAS".  
Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "BROOME", "WHYALLA" "SHEPPARTON"  
"POLARIS", "SUMNER" S.C.750 Y.P.291  
"HILO" 9 PT's.  
Merchant Vessels: "THEDENS" "JAPARA"  
Small Craft - Approx. 50.



Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - HDML.1074 HDML.1161 SC.738.  
                   Small Craft - Approx. 20  
 Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE" YP.280 YMS.9  
                   6 PTs.  
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "SWAN" "KAPUNDA" "PLATYPUS"  
                   "WARREGO" 2 PTs refitting.  
 Palm Island - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "HELM"  
                   "HENLEY" "MUGFORD" "RALPH TALBOT".  
 Townsville - Warships & Aux. "VENDETTA" PC.1121 SC.747  
                   "YUNNAN" (ASIS) ML.814.  
 Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE" "ROCKHAMPTON"  
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "LITHGOW" "GOULBURN" "FULTON"  
                   "POYANG" (ASIS) "MERKUR" "AASE MAERSK"  
                   YP.233 YMS.10 YMS.11 YMS.46 YMS.47  
                   YMS.48 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.53 YMS.71  
                   SC.740 SC.746 SC.748 PC.1119 YDG.2  
                   LST.452 5 LCIs ML.424 ML.425 ML.817  
 (repairing, Trials etc. - "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA"  
                                   "PREMANTLE" "WAGGA" "KATOOMBA"  
                                   "VICTORIA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) P.C.1121 escorting Convoy TN.84 "YOCHOW" and "WEST CACTUS")  
                   ETD Townsville 1500/2. ETA Milne Bay 1400/5.
- (2) "SWAN" to rendezvous with "TARONGA" and escort to Milne Bay.  
                   Convoy ETD 2100/2. ETA Milne Bay 1900/4.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) New Georgia - 4 Barges put into Ugeli (N.E. Rendova Island)  
                   at about 2100/29, apparently having come from Viru.  
                   After some difficulty the barges contacted the Japanese  
                   at Ugeli, and returned eastwards, probably to Viru, after  
                   1900/30.

At approximately midnight 29-30/4, 2 cargo ships, with an escort vessel, arrived at Vila Plantation from the west, returning via the same route 3½ hours later. Another small vessel, (steamer with funnel aft) was seen heading for Vila at 0400/30.

At 1840/1, 6 barges were seen going from Ringi Cove towards Vila.

- (2) Buka - Enemy parties of 30-50 each are reported 30/4 at  
                   Tarlana )  
                   Chabai, and ) all on coast of  
                   Porton Plantation ) Matchin Bay.

Congrawan - north shore of mainland, 7 miles from Buka Passage.

These posts are apparently additional to the party at Tinputz and other known locations. The total number of Japanese in the Buka Passage area is reported by local sources to be about 3,000.

The same sources report 30/4 that, apart from one small cargo vessel which arrived at Buka in March, no large vessels have been there during the past 3 months.

An observation post with W/T has been established at Carola Harbour (N.W. coast Buka Island).

- (3) Rabaul - Photographs of shipping in the Harbour 14-20/1 show little change from the previous day - thus:-  
                   1 light cruiser similar to YUBARI.  
                   1 old type destroyer.  
                   4 or 5 submarines.  
                   1 probable converted submarine tender  
                   1 submarine tender  
                   2 destroyer tenders  
                   2 sub-chasers.  
                   1 Hospital ship 10,000 tons.  
                   28 merchant vessels totalling 142,000 tons, including  
                   a probable 14,000 ton tanker.

Total 42.



The total of merchant shipping has apparently remained approximately constant since about the middle of April. At the end of March, 38 merchant vessels totalling 200,000 tons were present, and on 11 February - just after the evacuation of Guadalcanal, there were 61 merchant vessels, including 2 tankers, totalling just over 300,000 tons.

Photographs 1/5 of Rabaul aerodrome were incomplete.

- (4) Cape Gloucester - Photographs 1/5 show that the new strip S.E. of the existing runway is in process of being burnt off.
- (5) Wewak - Reconnaissance 0815/1 reported 5 cargo vessels, each 6-8000 tons, in Wewak Harbour with 2 or 3 small boats nearby. One destroyer and 1 light cruiser were sighted to the N.E. outside the harbour.  
No photographic report is yet to hand, but the above indicates the arrival of a new convoy into the area.
- (6) Mubo - The enemy defence position  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile S.W. Komiatum was attacked during the night 27-28/4. Eight Japanese were killed, but our patrol withdrew  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile to the N.W. on 29/4. Enemy positions on Green's Hill were attacked 1030/1 by 7 Bostons.
- (7) Brisbane - A possible enemy submarine was seen by an aircraft approximately 170 miles E. by N. of Brisbane at 2111/1 (in Naval Incidents).

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## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (i) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/2

- (1) "WILCANNIA" "GUNBAR" escorting Convoy Td19 "JAMES COOK" "TAMBAR" "ALAGNA") departed Darwin 0648/30 for Thursday Island ETA D430/5.
- (2) 5 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour

Darwin - War ships & Aux. - "INVERELL" "LATROBE" ML.815  
Merchant Vessels: "ISLANDER" "MATTHEW FLINDERS"  
"YARRA".

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### (ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) N. Coast Dutch New Guinea - Reconnaissance 1310/1 sighted a 4-5000 ton vessel in Manokwari Harbour. Activity was noticeable at Manokwari.  
The same reconnaissance sighted a large ship at a wharf at Waren (45 miles S. of Manokwari).
- (2) S. Coast Dutch New Guinea - Reconnaissance 1/5 sighted no shipping along the Kaukanau coastal area, but 3 barges were seen near Cape Bitsjaroe in Kaimana Bay.
- (3) Banda-Arafura Sea - Reconnaissance 1345/1 sighted 3 ships including 2 1000 ton merchant vessels and a motor patrol craft approximately 25 miles N.N.E. of Toeal, course 180°. Another reconnaissance at 1455/1 sighted 5 ships including 1 2,000 ton vessel, 1 700 ton vessel, 2 smaller vessels and 1 barge, approximately 30 miles N.N.W. of Toeal, course 200°. It is not clear as yet whether there were one or two groups of shipping approaching Toeal from the N.
- (4) Soembawa - Reconnaissance of Bima at 1000/1 reported the aerodrome serviceable, with runway lengthened and apparently surfaced. Six to 8 Zeros intercepted the Liberator over Bima, and 3 are claimed to have been shot down.

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### 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

#### (1) ALLIED FORCES

##### (a) At Sea to 1200/2:

- (1) "CHANTICLEER" "SC.739" "SC.751" departed Adelaide a.m. 1/5 for Fremantle. ETA. 0700/6.
- (2) "YP.288" departed Fremantle 1900/29 for Exmouth Gulf ETA 3/5.

##### (b) In Harbour

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSE RK"  
"TROMP" "TJERK HIDDES" "W.B. PRESTON"  
"PELIAS" "ISABEL" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO"  
"WALLAROO" "OTUS" "CHILDS" "LARK" "GOLD  
STAR" YP.286 "TRINITY"  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "HERON" "WHIPPOORWILL" K12.

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### 4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

#### (1) ALLIED FORCES

##### (a) At Sea to 1200/2.

- (1) "BALLARAT" "BUNDABERG" "WARREHAMBOOL" "MORESBY" and "BINGERA" escorting C.O.92 departed Sydney 1515/1.
- (2) "MILDURA" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting 5 LSTs were due Sydney 1100/2.
- (3) AM.62 escorting LST.453 LST.454 departed Noumea 0800/28 for Sydney. "LE TRIOMPHANT" departed Sydney 0325/30 to RV in position 29°21'S 158°19'E at 1000/1 and relieve AM.62 and escort to Sydney ETA 1200/3.
- (4) "DOOMBA" departed Port Melbourne 0859/30 to RV with "MERMION" vicinity Wilson's Promontory and escort to Melbourne.
- (5) ML.427 departed Sydney 0930/28 for Brisbane.
- (6) "DELORAINNE" "YANDRA" "BENDIGO" "KALGOORLIE" YMS.70" escorting Convoy GP49 (11 MV) departed Sydney 0859/1 ETA Caloundra 0930/4.

##### (b) In Harbour

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "COLAC" "H.T.ALLEN"  
"KYBRA" "GLADSTONE" SC.741 12 LCI "WANGANELIA"  
(Hospital Ship) ML.428 ML.429 ML.818.  
(Repairing) "PATTERSON" "FLETCHER" "NICHOLAS" "NEPAL"  
"SAUFLEY" "VAN GALEN" "CHEVREUIL" "ALHENA"  
"WHITNET" "RIGEL" "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship).  
(On Reserve) "WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA" "ATREUS" "ALSEY"  
"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN"  
(Refitting) "QUIBERON"

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#### (ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Gabo Island - A possible arubmarine was sighted by aircraft approximately 70 miles W.S.W. of Gabo Island, course E.

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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - THORNTON (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - (64) HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS  
NASHVILLE LEANDER (CL) LANSDOWNE STRONG O'BANNON  
RADFORD MAURY HOPKINS WARD FARENHOLT McCALLA (DD)  
TREVOR (DM) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) ATHENE (APV)  
MACKINAC (AVP) HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) MANLEY (APD)  
DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) ALCHIBA ALGORAB  
CELENO (AK) NEOSHO SABINE PLATTE PATUXENT  
TAPPAHANNOCK WHIPSTOCK (AO) CONSTANT (AM) ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA  
(CV) SAN JUAN (CL) KILTY WOODWORTH CONYNGHAM SMITH  
McCALL FANNING CASE CRAVEN LAMSON (DD) ENGADINE (APV)  
PROETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AG) McCAWLEY (AP) MAJABA  
MERCURY TALAMANCA CASTOR (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD)  
TRYON (APH) PECOS SUAMICO CIMARRO N (AO) KINFISHER  
ADROIT (AM) PAWNEE (AT) HOLLY (YN) S.31 (SS) ARD.2  
KIWI (A/S Vessel) SC.518.
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SCHOMA (AT)
- (5) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM) AMERICAN LEGION (AP) SAMOA (AM)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK RAIL  
VIREO (AM) LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) ORBOLAN  
(ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)  
ERSKINE PHELPS (AO)
- (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER  
MONTPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV)  
EATON WALLER PHILIP RENSHAW LANG WILSON CONY  
CONWAY (DD) BALLARD (AV) LACKAWANNA KANAKEE NESCHES  
(AO) ROAMER PG.476 PG.479 RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)
- (8) At Nandi - COPAHEE (ACV)
- (9) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) PINCKNEY (AK) SOLACE (AH)
- (10) At Wellington - TAYLOR (HD) TRACY (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM)  
MOUNT VERNON CRESCENT CITY (AP) LIBRA (AK)

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(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Tonga Group - There were indications of an enemy unit in position 20°S 178°9' E. (170-230 miles W.N.W. of Tonga Tabu) at 2004/30, and again at 1944/1. This is in the same vicinity in which an unsuccessful torpedo attack was reported on allied shipping at 1744/30.

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NAVAL INCIDENTS

Brisbane - A Catalina conducting A/S patrol for "WILLARD A. HOLBROOK" escorted by USS. "BAGLEY" for Brisbane, sighted a possible submarine at 2111/1 in position 26°57'S. 157°17'E. (approximately 170 miles E. by N. of Brisbane). Two depth charges were dropped, but no further evidence of the submarine has been reported.

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central and Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Increased submarine activity including transportation, reconnaissance and offensive operations, in all theatres.

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For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

G.H.Q. S.W.P.A.

2/5/43.



1/5/43

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY  
PART II  
ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks- Solomons
<u>BB</u>	-	INDIANA WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	YAMATO (pos s. Empire) MUSASHI MUTSU KONGO HARUNA NAGATO ZUIKAKU
<u>CV</u>	-	ENTERPRISE SARATOGA	HITAKA HAYATAKA ZUIHO
<u>XCV</u>	-	-	CHUYO UNYO
<u>ACV</u>	-	CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI HAGURO KUMANO SUZUYA TONE TIKUMA AOBA
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	-	AGANO JINTSU SENDAI KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA ISUZU KINU KUMA
<u>CL</u>	HOBART	PHOENIX HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	1
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	-
<u>DD</u>	* ARUNTA * WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT SELFRIDGE * PATTERSON HELME HENLEY BAGLEY STUART VENDETTA RALPH TALBOT * VAN GALEN * QUIBERON * NEPAL MUGFORD * NICHOLAS * FLETCHER JENKINS	Approx 45	Approx 40

\* Non-effective



South Western Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific.

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-  
Solomons

<u>SS</u>	GREENLING GROWLER GUARDFISH TUNA ALBACORE DRUM GATO GRAYBACK GROUPER PETO SCAMP	) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) )	S.31 At Brisbane      On Patrol	Approx 30
	K.9 At Sydney			
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-		CURTISS TANGIER	<del>CHITOSE</del> CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-		3	3
<u>T</u>	25		Approx 30	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H. T. ALLEN MANOORA * WESTRALIA * KANIMBLA		10 APA 15 APD 6 AKA	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON			3 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN * WHITNEY		DIXIE	?
<u>AR</u>	-		PROMETHEUS VESTAL RIGEL	2

AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)

Fighters	246
M/Bombers	101
SE/Bombers	16
Flying Boats	15
Seaplanes	52
Transport A/C	23

\* Non-effective



2. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	NORTH CAROLINA IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA * TENNESSEE	ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	VICTORIOUS	* SHOKAKU HOSHO (Training Ship)
<u>XCV</u>	LONG ISLAND	RYUHO
<u>ACV</u>	NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA SALT LAKE CITY NEW ORLEANS * MINNEAPOLIS - * PENSACOLA * PORTLAND * INDIANAPOLIS	NACHI 1 unidentified * ASHIGARA
<u>OCA</u>	-	3 - 6
<u>CL</u>	RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT	ABUKUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	2
<u>AV/CVS</u>	?	NISSEIN
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	3
<u>DD</u>	20 approx	approx 16
<u>SS</u>	40 approx	approx 20

3. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>CA</u>	-	-
<u>CL</u>	CONCORD RICHMOND	KISO
<u>XCL</u>	-	2
<u>DD</u>	10	approx 4
<u>SS</u>	10	approx 10

\* Non-effective



4. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

South West Pacific  
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Philippines

<u>BB</u>	-	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRI OUS	-
<u>ACV</u>	-	-	OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX DEVONSHIRE HAWKINS FROBISHER	-
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA ENTERPRISE LIVERPOOL ARETHUSA CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KASHII OI KITAGAMI * NATORI
<u>XGL</u>	-	ALAUNIA GARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA RANCHI WORCESTERSHIRE	2
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI * NOTORO
<u>DD</u>	TJERK HIDDES TROMP	Approx 27	Approx 12
<u>SS</u>	GAR ) GRENADIER ) GUDGEON ) On Patrol THRESHER ) TROUT )	9	10
	K.I.2 At Exmouth Gulf		
	GRAYLING ) TAMBOE ) At Fremantle TAUTOG )		
<u>AS or KAS</u>	ELIAS	?	1

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)

Fighters	108
M/Bombers	74
Flying Boats	3
Seaplanes	30
Transport A/C	22

∅ No recent intelligence  
Present location uncertain.

\* Non-effective



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. 406

Date: 3rd May, 1943

P A R T I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/3:

- (1) "AUSTRALIA" "RALPH TALBOT" departed Palm Island 2359/2 for Brisbane ETA 1130/4.
- (2) "SELFRIDGE" escorting Convoy TS25 ("BALIKPAPAN" "MILDURA") from Dent Island to Caloundra ETA 0900/4. "SELFRIDGE" to proceed Sydney.
- (3) "GLENELG" escorting "PATRAS" en route Milne Bay from Oro Bay.
- (4) "SHEPPARTON" "POLARIS" departed Milne Bay 1712/1 for surveying ground.
- (5) "SC.750" escorting "THEDENS" departed Milne Bay 0614/2 for Port Moresby, was due 1200/3.
- (6) "SC.738" escorting "KURUMBA" departed Port Moresby 1233/2 for Milne Bay.
- (7) "TULSA" towing 2 PT's, YMS.49 with 2 PT's and YMS.50 with 2 PT's departed Milne Bay 0959/1 en route Port Moresby.
- (8) "YMS.9" departed Thursday Island 1350/2 for Merauke, was due 1200/3.
- (9) "YP.291" departed Milne Bay 1712/1 for Cairns ETA 1600/3.
- (10) "BUNBURY" escorting Convoy NT12 ("HENRY D.THOREAU" "HENRY DEARBORN") departed Port Moresby 1700/2 for Townsville ETA 2300/4.
- (11) "SC.744" departed Milne Bay 1223/1 for Brisbane.
- (12) "BOWEN" escorting "VAN HEUTSZ" departed Milne Bay 0802/1 for Townsville.
- (13) "WHYALLA" departed Milne Bay 1712/1 for Cairns ETA 1800/3.
- (14) Convoy TS26 - "GYMPIE" escorting "STEPHEN B.ELKIN" departed Townsville 1750/1; "BUNGAREE" "CALEDON" to RV with "LITHGOW", and "BUNGAREE" "LITHGOW" "CALEDON" to RV with "GYMPIE" in position 23°41'S 151°40'E at 1500/3. Convoy to proceed Brisbane.
- (15) "WILCANNIA" "GUNBAR" escorting Convoy TD19 ("JAMES COOK" "TAMBAR" "ALAGNA") departed Darwin 0648/30 for Thursday Island ETA 0430/5.
- (16) "VENDETTA" escorting Convoy TS27 ("DAVID BUSHNELL" "CREMER") was to depart Townsville 0800/3. "BONTEKOE" to RV in position 19°49'S 148°19'E at 1730/3 and join convoy ETA Brisbane 0800/6.
- (17) "CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship) departed Townsville 1650/2 for Brisbane ETA 0700/5.
- (18) "PC.1121" escorting Convoy TN84 ("YOCHOW" "WEST CACTUS" "JANSENS") from Fitzroy Island to Milne Bay ETA 1400/5.
- (19) "SWAN" escorting Convoy TN85 ("TAROONA") from Fitzroy Island to Milne Bay ETA 1800/4.
- (20) Convoy TN86 ("CHARON" "H.R.HELPER") was to depart Townsville 0400/3. "KAPUNDA" to RV off Fitzroy Island at 1700/3 and escort to Port Moresby ETA 0830/5.



(21) "GOULBURN" "LITHGOW" "ML.817 escorting Convoy BT56 ("BOTH" "MAETSUYCKER" "ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "BARALABA") departed Caloundra 1901/1.

(22) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay - Warships & Aux. - "BROOME"  
Merchant Vessels: "LORINNA"  
Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "SUMNER" SC.745 SC.749 "HILO"  
15 PT's  
Merchant Vessels: "JAPARA"  
Small Craft - Approx 50  
Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA" HDML.1074 HDML.1161  
Merchant Vessels: "VAN SPILBERGEN"  
Small Craft - Approx 20  
Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE" YP.280 6 PTs  
Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "PLATYPUS" "WARREGO" 2 PT's  
refitting  
Palm Island - Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "HELM" "HENLEY"  
"MUGFORD"  
Townsville - Warships & Aux. - SC.747 ML.814 "YUNNAN" (ASIS)  
Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE" "ROCKHAMPTON"  
Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "BAGLEY" "GOULBURN" "GEELONG"  
"FULTON" "POYANG" (ASIS) "MERKUR" "AASE MAERSK"  
YP.233 YMS.10 YMS.11 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48  
YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.53 YMS.71 SC.740 SC.746  
SC.748 PC.1119 YDG.2 LST.452 5 LGIs ML.424  
ML.425 ML.817  
(Repairing, Trials etc) - "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "PREMANTLE"  
"WAGGA" "KATOOMBA" "VICTORIA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" to depart Brisbane 0600/4 for exercises.  
To return Brisbane 0700/8.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Munda - 6 Avengers escorted by 16 Wildcats attacked Munda 2/5 scoring hits on runway and revetments with 2000-lb bombs.
- (2) Shortlands-Kolcumbangara - A cargo vessel departed Vanga Vanga at 2200/30 April and proceeded in the direction of Vila.  
At 0155/2 May an unidentified ship was observed entering Faisi from the southward.
- (3) Solomons Barge Activity - A barge arrived at Timbala Bay (2 miles N.N.E. of Sokovovi Point, Vella Lavella) from N.W. at 1130/2.
- (4) Kavieng - No shipping was sighted at Kavieng 1015/2. The "AOBA" class cruiser previously reported and photographed north of Baudissen Island was not sighted although visibility was reported good.
- (5) Cape Orford - Further submarine sightings are reported. At 0604/2 a submarine proceeded north past Cape Orford and at 1525/2 a submarine proceeded south.
- (6) Gasmata - Reconnaissance 1525/2 reported 4 medium bombers and 3 fighters (including two possible wrecks) at the edge of the runway which was serviceable. The reconnaissance aircraft was intercepted by seven fighters in the vicinity of Gasmata aerodrome.
- (7) Cape Gloucester - Photos morning 2/5 reveal that burning off continues on the new strip. Later reconnaissance reported one possible dummy twin-engined aircraft on the runway.
- (8) Wewak - Only one 5,000 ton cargo vessel 9 miles N.W. of Wewak stationary, and one possible M.T.B. was reported in the area at 0817/2. On the previous morning 5 cargo vessels were reported in the harbour with one destroyer and one light cruiser to N.E. outside the harbour. This latest report indicates that the main body of the convoy had completed unloading and had departed.
- (9) Alexishafen - Photos 1020/2 reveal the aerodrome is serviceable and work continues on the dispersal lanes.
- (10) Macang - Photos 1020/2 reveal the aerodrome is serviceable. There were no serviceable aircraft.



## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (i) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/3:

- (1) "LATROBE" escorting "ISLANDER" departed Darwin 1056/2 for Thursday Island via Goulburn Island (was due a.m. 3/5), Millingimbi and Wessel Island.
- (2) 5 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL" ML.815  
Merchant Vessels: "MATTHEW FLINDERS" "YARRA"

### (ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Nabire - Photos 1300/1 reveal that the runway has an excellent surface for 3700 feet and has been built up though not yet surfaced for an additional 500 feet. There is evidence that it is intended to extend the runway to a length of 5,600 ft. The width of the strip is 300 ft, and nine revetments are almost completed.
- (2) Manokwari - Photos 1313/1 reveal eight merchant vessels including one each of 4,000, 1500 and 1000 tons and five under 300 tons. The largest vessel was attacked (see Naval Incidents).
- (3) Banda-Arafura Sea - A convoy of 5 vessels including one of 600-1000 tons and four smaller vessels together with a number of barges was unsuccessfully attacked 10 miles north of Toeal at 1045/2. The smaller vessels and barges dispersed and made for shallow waters near Roedaman Island (8 miles north of Toeal) while the large vessel appeared to run aground. On the afternoon 1/3 there were two sightings of forces in this area, one of a five ship convoy and the other of three. Photos confirm the three vessel convoy, and the attack on these five ships may indicate that the two convoys were separate. It is, however, possible that the three vessels were joined by lighters which were mistaken for additional ships.

The attacking aircraft also observed dispersal bays under construction on a large dispersal loop north of the Langgoer strip.

- (4) Darwin - 21 medium bombers escorted by 25-30 fighters attacked the aerodrome area. 32 Spitfires effected interception but final results are not yet assessed.

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## 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

### (i) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/3:

- (1) "CHANTICLEER" "SC.739" "SC.751" departed Adelaide a.m. 1/5 for Fremantle ETA 0700/6.
- (2) "YP.288" departed Fremantle 1900/29 for Exmouth Gulf ETA 3/5.
- (3) "HEEMSKERK" "TJERK HIDDEN" "ISABEL" "PELIAS" departed Fremantle 1900/1 for Exmouth Gulf ETA 4/5.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "W.B. PRESTON"  
"EORSHAM" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO" "OTUS" "CHILDS"  
"LARK" "GOLD STAR" YP.286 "TRINITY"  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "HERON" "WHIPPOORWILL" K.12

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4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 12 00/3:

- (1) AM.62 escorting LST.453 LST.454 departed Noumea 0800/28 for Sydney. "LE TRIOMPHANT" departed Sydney 0325/30 to RV in position 29°21'S 158°19'E at 1000/1 and relieve AM.62 and escort to Sydney, was due 1200/3.
- (2) "VAN GALEN" "BALLARAT" "BUNDABERG" "MORESBY" "BINGERA" escorting Convoy C092 (22 MV).
- (3) ML.427 departed Sydney 0930/28 for Brisbane.
- (4) "DELORAIN" "YANDRA" "BENDIGO" "KALGOORLIE" "YMS.70" escorting Convoy GP49 (11 MV) departed Sydney 0859/1 ETA Caloundra 0930/4.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney	- Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "COLAC" "H.T.ALLEN" "TOWNSVILLE" "MILDURA" "KYBRA" "GLADSTONE" SC.741 12 LCI "WANGANELLA" (Hospital Ship) ML.428 ML.429 ML.818 5 LST's
(Repairing)	"PATTERSON" "FLETCHER" "NICHOLAS" "NEPAL" "SAUFLEY" "CHEVREUIL" "ALHENA" "WHITNEY" "RIGEL" "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)
(On Reserve)	"AUSTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"
Melbourne	- Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA" "ATREUS" "ALSEY" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "DOOMBA"
(Refitting)	"QUIBERON"

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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - THORNTON (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - HONOLULU HELENA ST.LOUIS NASHVILLE  
LEANDER (CL) LANSLOWNE STRONG O'BANNON RADFORD MAURY  
HOPKINS WARD FARENHOLT McCALLA CHEVALIER (DD) BREESE  
GAMELE PREBLE TREVOR (DM) CURTISS TANGIER (AV)  
MACKINAC (AVP) HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) MANLEY (APD) DIXIE (AD)  
PYRC (AE) VESTAL (AR) ALCHIBA ALGORAB CELENO (AK)  
NEOSHO SABINE PLATTE PATUXENT TAPPAHANNOCK WHIPSTOCK (AC)  
CONSTANT (AM) ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (CV)  
SAN JUAN (CL) KILTY WOODWORTH CONYNGHAM SMITH FANNING  
CASE CRAVEN LAMSON (DD) ENGADINE (APV) PROMETHEUS (AR)  
ARGONNE (AG) McCAWLEY (AP) MAJABA MERCURY TAIAMANCA  
CASTOR (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD) ATHENE (AP) TRYON (APH)  
PECOS SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) KINGFISHER ADROIT (AM)  
PAWNEE (AT) HOLLY (YN) S.31 (SS) ARD.2 KIWI NATAI  
TUI GALE (A/S Vessels) SC.518
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
- (5) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM) AMERICAN LEGION (AP) SAMOA (AM)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK RAIL  
VIREO (AM) LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) ORTOLAN (ASR)  
MENOMINEE (AT) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS) ERSKINE  
PHELPS (AO)
- (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER  
MONTPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV)  
EATON WALLER PHILIP RENSHAW LANG WILSON CONY  
CONWAY (DD) BALLARD (AV) LACKAWANNA KANKAKEE NESCHES  
(AO) ROAMER + PC.476 PC.479 RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)
- (8) At Nandi - COPAHEE (ACV)
- (9) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) PINCKNEY (AK) SOLACE (AH)
- (10) At Wellington - TAYLOR McCALL (DD) TRACY (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM)  
MOUNT VERNON CRESCENT CITY (AF) LIBRA (AK)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Banks Islands - A native report states that an enemy submarine was sighted in Dudley Channel (between Vanua Lava and Mota



Island, Banks Group) at 1800/30.

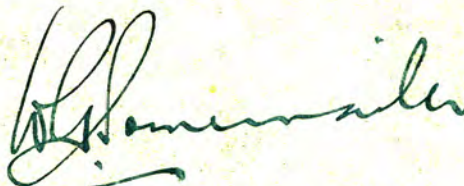
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NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) Manokwari - The two Liberators on armed reconnaissance over Dutch New Guinea attacked a 4-5000 ton cargo ship in Manokwari Harbour at 1313/1. One hit was claimed on the stern of the vessel also a near miss (confirmed by photographs) and the vessel was left settling by the stern.
- (2) Brisbane - Further to the report of the attack by a Catalina on a possible submarine 170 miles E. by N. of Brisbane at 2111/1, it is now stated that four bursts of machine gun fire were encountered by the Catalina from the submarine. The report is graded B.2.

It is considered that the submarine was converging for an attack on "WILLARD A. HOLBROOK" but was probably diverted by the attack, during which 3 depth charges were dropped.

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central and Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Increased submarine activity including transportation, reconnaissance and offensive operations, in all theatres.



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

3/5/43



2/5/43.

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY  
PART II  
ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>Southwest Pacific</u> <u>(Eastern Section)</u>		<u>South Pacific</u>	<u>Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-</u> <u>Solomons</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	INDIANA WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	YAMATO (poss. Empire) MUSASHI MUTSU KONGO HARUNA NAGATO ZUIKAKU
<u>CV</u>	-	ENTERPRISE SARATOGA	
<u>CV</u>	-	-	HITAKA HAYATAKA ZUIHO
<u>ACV</u>	-	CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE	CHUYO UNYO
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	-	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI HAGURO KUMANO SUZUYA TONE TIKUMA * AOBA
<u>CL</u>	<u>HOBART</u>	PHOENIX HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO JINTSU SENDAI KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA ISUZU KINU KUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	1
<u>DD</u>	* ARUNTA * WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT SELRIDGE * PATTERSON HELM HENLEY BAGLEY STUART VENDETTA RALPH TALBOT * VAN GALEN * QUIBERON * NEPAL MUGFORD - * NICHOLAS * FLETCHER JENKINS	Approx 45	Approx 40

\* Non-effective



South Western Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Januit-Bismarcks-  
Solomons

<u>SS</u>	GREENLING )	S.31	Approx.30.
	GROWLER )		
	GUARDFISH )	At Brisbane	
	TUNA )		
	AL BACORE )		
	DRUM )		
	CATO )		
	GRAYBACK )	On Patrol	
	GROUPEE )		
	PETO )		
	SCAMP )		

K.9 at Sydney

AV/CVS

CURTISS  
TANGIER

CHITOSE  
AKITSUSHIMA

XAV/XCVS

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3

3

PT

25

Approx 30

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APA/APD/AKA

H.T.ALLEN  
MA NO ORA  
\* WESTRALIA  
\* KANIMBLA

10 APA  
15 APD  
6 AKA

AS or XAS

FULTON

3 or more

AD

DOBBIN  
\* WHITNEY

DIXIE

?

AR

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PROMETHEUS  
VESTAL  
RIGEL

2

AIRCRAFT (N.E.Area Only)

Fighters	246
M/Bombers	101
SE/Bombers	16
Flying Boats	15
Floatplanes	52
Transport A/C	23

\* non-effective



2. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	NORTH CAROLINA IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA * TENNESSEE	ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	VICTORIOUS	* SHOKAKU HOSHO (Training Ship)
<u>XCV</u>	LONG ISLAND	RYUHO
<u>ACV</u>	NASSAU ALTAHAMA COPAHEE	
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA SALT LAKE CITY NEW ORLEANS * MINNEAPOLIS * PENSACOLA * PORTLAND * INDIANAPOLIS	NACHI 1 unidentified - * ASHIGARA
<u>OCA</u>	-	3 - 6
<u>CL</u>	RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT	ABUKUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	2
<u>AV/CVS</u>	?	NISSHIN
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	3
<u>DD</u>	20 approx	approx 16
<u>SS</u>	40 approx	approx 20

3. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>CA</u>	-	-
<u>CL</u>	CONCORD RICHMOND	KISO
<u>XCL</u>	-	2
<u>DD</u>	10	approx 4
<u>SS</u>	10	approx 10

\* Non-effective



4. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
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<u>XX</u> South West Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies → Philippines
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<u>BB</u>		
	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	-
<u>CV</u>	∅ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>ACV</u>	-	OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	SUSSEX DEVONSHIRE HAWKINS FRGBISHER	-
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERCK	KASHII OI KITAGAMI * NATORI
	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA ENTERPRISE LIVERPOOL ARETHUSA CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADCC	
<u>XCL</u>		2
	ALAUNIA CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA RANCHI WORCESTER SHIRE	
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS  * KAMOI NOTORO
<u>DD</u>	TJERK HIDDIES TROMP	Approx 27  Approx 12
<u>SS</u>	GAR ) GRENADIER ) GUDGEON ) On Patrol THRESHER ) TROUT )	9  10
	K.12 at Exmouth Gulf	
	GRAYLING ) TAMBOR ) TAUTOG ) At Fremantle	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)

Fighters	114
M/Bombers	74
Flying Boats	3
Floatplanes	30
Transport A/C	22

∅ No recent intelligence  
Present location uncertain.

\* Non-effective



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. 407

Date: 4th May, 1943

P A R T I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/4:

- (1) "AUSTRALIA" "RALPH TALBOT" departed Palm Island 2359/2 for Brisbane, were due 1130/4.
- (2) "SELFRIDGE" escorting Convoy TS25 ("BALIKPAPAN" "MILDURA") from Dent Island to Caloundra was due 0900/4. "SELFRIDGE" to proceed Sydney.
- (3) "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" were to depart Brisbane 0600/4 for exercises.
- (4) "BAGLEY" departed Caloundra 1815/3 to RV with "PENNAANT" position 28°53'S 161°53'E at 1430/4 and escort to Brisbane.
- (5) "GLENELG" escorting "JAPARA" was to depart Milne Bay 0400/4 for Port Moresby ETA 0700/5.
- (6) "SHEPPARTON" "POLARIS" surveying.
- (7) "SC.738" escorting "KURUMBA" departed Port Moresby 1233/2 for Milne Bay.
- (8) "TULSA" "YMS.49" "YMS.50" escorting 6 PT's departed Port Moresby 1826/3 for Thursday Island ETA p.m. 6/5.
- (9) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting Convoy TD19 ("BURWAH" "DARVEL" Tug "FORCEFU" departed Thursday Island 0447/3 for Darwin ETA 0330/7.
- (10) "WILCANNIA" "GUNBAR" escorting Convoy TD19 ("JAMES COOK" "TAMBAR" "ALAGNA") departed Darwin 0648/30 for Thursday Island ETA 0430/5.
- (11) "SC.744" departed Milne Bay 1223/1 for Brisbane.
- (12) "BUNBURY" escorting Convoy NT12 ("HENRY D. THOREAU" "HENRY DEARBORN") departed Port Moresby 1700/2 for Townsville ETA 2300/4.
- (13) "GYMPIE" "LITHGOW" escorting Convoy TS26 ("BUNGAREE" "STEPHEN B. ELKIN" "CALEDON") en route Brisbane.
- (14) "VENDETTA" escorting Convoy TS27 ("DAVID BUSHNELL" "CREMER" "BONTEKOE") departed Townsville 0800/3 ETA Brisbane 0800/6.
- (15) "GOULBURN" en route Brisbane after escort duty towards Townsville.
- (16) "CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship) departed Townsville 1650/2 for Brisbane ETA 0700/5.
- (17) "PC.1121" escorting Convoy TN84 ("YOCHOW" "WEST CACTUS" "JANSSENS") from Fitzroy Island to Milne Bay ETA 1400/5.
- (18) "SWAN" escorting Convoy TN85 ("TAROONA") from Fitzroy Island to Milne Bay ETA 1800/4.
- (19) "KAPUNDA" escorting Convoy TN86 ("CHARON" "H.R. HELPER") from Fitzroy Island to Port Moresby ETA 0830/5.
- (20) ML.817 in tow of "BOTH" en route Brisbane to Townsville.
- (21) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay

- Warships & Aux. - "BROOME"  
Merchant Vessels: "LORINNA"



Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "SUMNER" SC.745 SC.749  
 "HILO" 15 PT's  
 Small Craft - Approx 50  
 Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA" "HDML.1074 HDML.1161  
 SC.750  
 Merchant Vessels: "VAN SPILBERGEN" "THEDENS"  
 Small Craft - Approx 20  
 Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - YP.280 6 PTs  
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "WARREGO" "WHYALLA" "PLATYPUS"  
 YP.291 2 PTs (refitting)  
 Palm Island - Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "HELM" "HENLEY"  
 "MUGFORD"  
 Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "BOWEN" SC.747 ML.814  
 "YUNNAN" (ASIS)  
 Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE" "ROCKHAMPTON"  
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "GOULBURN" "FULTON" "POYANG" (ASIS)  
 YP.233 YMS.10 YMS.11 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48  
 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.53 YMS.71 SC.740 SC.746  
 SC.748 PC.1119 YDG.2 LST.452 5 LCIs ML.424  
 ML.427 ML.817  
 (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WAGGA" "KATOOMBA" "VICTORIA"  
 "AASE MAERSK"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "RALPH TALBOT" "GEELONG" "KALGOORLIE" ML.425 ML.426 escorting Convoy BT57 (10 vessels including "MERKUR") to depart Caloundra 1400/4. "KALGOORLIE" to leave convoy at 2200/4 and return Caloundra to await departure of "BUNGAREE" ML.425. ML.425 to part company vicinity Lady Elliot Island and return Brisbane. ML.426 to be towed by "MERKUR" from Percy Islands to Townsville. "RALPH TALBOT" to provide escort to Percy Islands and return Brisbane.
- (2) YP.236 to depart Brisbane p.m. 4/5 for Cairns.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Shortlands Base - Reconnaissance 3/5 revealed 12 ships in the area including 11 cargo vessels and 1 destroyer. This represents a marked increase in the volume of shipping in the area. The last occasion on which more than 10 ships was sighted was on 18/4 when 11 vessels comprising 6 warships and 5 merchant vessels were present. A comparable number of merchant vessels has not been sighted since 3/4 when 10 were reported. The last reconnaissance of the base 29/4 revealed a total of 4 vessels, all merchantmen.
- (2) Rekata Bay - 12 Avengers, 12 Dauntless, 12 Corsairs escorted by 8 Wildcats, 8 Warhawks and 6 Lightnings heavily attacked Rekata Bay 0810-0830/3. 12 x 2000-lb and 12 x 1000-lb bombs were dropped and A.A. positions, bivouac area and buildings were hit.
- (3) Kavieng - 1 destroyer and 1 tanker (12,000 tons) were reported 10 miles SW by W of the entrance to Steffen Strait on course 125°, speed 9 knots at 1100/3.
- (4) Lolobatu Island - A B.17 strafed two small vessels revealed by photographs as possible coasters 15 miles N. of Lolobatu Is. at 1320/3. Both were hit and one was probably sunk. The B.17 was later intercepted by 5 Zero's north of Cape Hollman, Willaumez Peninsula.
- (5) Photos New Britain-New Guinea Aerodromes:
  - Gasmata - Belly tanks stacked in a building on south side of runway. Nil serviceable aircraft 0745/3.
  - Cape Gloucester - One medium bomber one fighter on old runway. Clearing work continues on new runway B 00/2.
  - But (partial coverage) - Three light bombers (two probably unserviceable 0945/3).
  - Wewak - 45 fighters (14 probably unserviceable), 2 medium bombers (one unserviceable), one light bomber 1005/3.
  - Boram - 10 fighters (2 unserviceable) 1 medium bomber. Work on dispersal lanes, revetments and defences progressing rapidly.



- (6) Wewak - A P.38 over Wewak at 0945/3 reported 4 unidentified ships stationary in the harbour and one 500 ton cargo vessel in Muschu Strait heading towards Wewak. Photographs revealed only 2 coasters and 75 barges in the harbour. This is the largest concentration of barges ever reported at Wewak, where the average barge concentration appears to have been about 40.
- (7) Mubo Area - Allied troops advancing under air cover a.m. 2/5 against the enemy's defended locality were held up by resistance on Green's Hill. Enemy casualties were 3 killed, 3 wounded. Allied casualties 2 killed, 3 wounded.

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## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/4:

- (1) "LATROBE" escorting "ISLANDER" departed Darwin 1056/2 for Thursday Island via Goulburn Island (was due a.m. 3/5), Millingimbi and Wessel Island.
- (2) 5 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL" ML.815  
 Merchant Vessels: "MATTHEW FLINDERS" "YARRA"  
 Merauke - Warships & Aux. - YMS.9

### (ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Merauke - An enemy floatplane strafed and dropped one bomb on Mappi 2/5. No damage or casualties.
- (2) Banda-Arafura Sea - Photos of the vessels attacked at 1045/2 north of Toeal reveal one ~~200~~ 200 ton merchant vessel and 5 x 50 ft. motor launches.
- (3) Koepang - In attacks on Penfoel aerodrome by 3 Beaufighters and 4 B.25's during the afternoon and evening 2/5 two bombers and two fighters were strafed and set on fire.
- (4) Darwin - Further to the report of the attack on Darwin by 21 medium bombers escorted by 25-30 fighters, 32 intercepting Spitfires shot down three fighters. Five fighters were probably destroyed, four damaged, one bomber damaged and one other aircraft (not designated) damaged. Fourteen Spitfires were lost, of which it is known that of nine accounted for, three were shot down, four crashed as a result of petrol shortage and two due to engine failure. Four pilots are missing.

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## 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/3:

- (1) "CHANTICLEER" "SC.739" "SC.751" departed Adelaide a.m. 1/5 for Fremantle ETA 0700/6.
- (2) "HEEMSKERK" "TJERK HIDDEN" "ISABEL" "PELIAS" departed Fremantle 1900/1 for Exmouth Gulf ETA 4/5.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "W.B. PRESTON"  
 "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO" "OTUS" "CHILDS"  
 "LARK" "GOLD STAR" YP.286 "WHITNEY"  
 Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "HERON" "WHIPPOORWILL" K.12  
 YP.288

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4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/4:

- (1) "DELORAINÉ" "YANDRA" "BENDIGO" "KALGOORLIE" "YMS.70" escorting Convoy GP49 were due Caloundra early a.m. 4/5.  
"DELORAINÉ" "YANDRA" "BENDIGO" "FREMANTLE" escorting Convoy PG49 (11 MV) were to depart Caloundra 0900/4.
- (2) "LE TRIOMPHANT" was to depart Sydney 1130/4 for exercises with aircraft. To return Sydney by 1600/5.
- (3) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC92 (13 MV) was to depart Port Phillip 0100/4 to RV in Wilson's Promontory area with "WARRNAMBOOL" "MORESEY" "BALLARAT" "BUNDABERG" "EINGERA" escorting Convoy C092 (22 MV).
- (4) "PATTERSON" escorting "PINGAL" was to depart Sydney 0900/4. "PATTERSON" to provide escort to Bowen and then act as ordered by C.T.F.74.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "COLAC" "H.T.ALLEN"  
"TOWNSVILLE" "MILDURA" "KYBRA" "GLADSTONE"  
SC.741 12 LCI "WANGANELLA" (Hospital Ship)  
ML.428 ML.429 ML.813 7 LST's  
(Repairing) "FLETCHER" "NICHOLAS" "NEPAL" "SAUFLEY"  
"CHEVREUIL" "ALHENA" "WHITNEY" "RIGEL"  
"MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)  
(On Reserve) "WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA" "ATREUS" "ALSEY"  
"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN"  
(Refitting) "QUIBERON"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "NICHOLAS" "FLETCHER" "WHITNEY" to depart Sydney 1300/4 for Noumea.

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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - THORNTON (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE  
LEANDER (CL) LANSLOWNE STRONG O'BANNON RADFORD MAURY  
HOPKINS WARD FARENHOLT McALLA CHEVALIER (DD) BREESE  
GAMBLE PREBLE TREVOR (DM) CURTISS TANGIER (AV)  
MACKINAC (AVP) HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) MANLEY (APD) DIXIE (AD)  
PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) ALCHIBA ALGORAB CELENO (AK)  
NEOSHO SABINE PLATTE PATUXENT TAPPAHANNOCK WHIPSTOCK  
(AO) CONSTANT (AM) ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (CV)  
SAN JUAN (CL) KILTY WOODWORTH CONYNGHAM SMITH FANNING  
CASE CRAVEN LAMSON (DD) ENGADINE (APV) PROMETHEUS (AR)  
ARGONNE (AG) McCAWLEY (AP) MAJABA MERCURY TALAMANCA  
CASTOR (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD) ATHENE (AP) TRYON (APH)  
PECOS SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) KINGFISHER ADROIT (AM)  
PAWNEE (AT) HOLLY (YN) S.31 (SS) ARD.2 KIWI MATAI  
TUI GALE (A/S Vessels) SC.518
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
- (5) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM) AMERICAN LEGION (AP) SAMOA (AM)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK RAIL  
VIREO (AM) LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) ORTOLAN (ASR)  
MENOMINEE (AT) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS) ERSKINE  
FHELPS (AO)
- (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER  
MONTPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV)  
EATON WALLER PHILIP RENSHAW LANG WILSON CONY  
CONWAY (DD) EALLARD (AV) LACKAWANNA KANKAKEE NESCHES  
(AO) RCAMER PC.476 PC.479 RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)



- (8) At Nandi - COPAHEE (ACV)  
(9) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) PINCKNEY (AK) SOLACE (AH)  
(10) At Wellington - TAYLOR McCALL (DD) TRACY (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM)  
MOUNT VERNON CRESCENT CITY (AP) LIBRA (AK)

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NAVAL INCIDENTS

Submarine Activity - Fiji-Tonga Area -- Commander 3rd Fleet reports the following enemy submarine activity. Liberty ship "PETER SYLVESTER" was unsuccessfully attacked in an uncertain position between Vatao Island (180 miles WNW of Tongatabu) and Vavau Island (160 miles N.N.E. of Tongatabu) at 1630/30. It is possible that the vessel was later hit near Vavau Is. At 0615/1 Liberty Ship "P.A. HEARST" was torpedoed 190 miles S.E. of Suva and sank at 1800/1. A third ship "W. WILLIAMS" was hit at 1500/2 36 miles east of the position in which "P.A. HEARST" was attacked, and was reported still afloat at 0800/3.

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central and Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Increased submarine activity including transportation, reconnaissance and offensive operations, in all theatres.

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

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LATE REPORT:

New Georgia Area - A late report states that 49 aircraft were sighted to the south and west of Mundi Mundi on a southerly and easterly course at 1125/3. At noon 36 aircraft were observed in the vicinity of Segi (S.E. tip of New Georgia) on the same course. An unspecified number of aircraft proceeding west were sighted at 1230 south of Rendova and at 1253, 23 fighters were seen flying S.W. near Mundi Mundi.



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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY  
PART II  
ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
 (Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-  
 Solomons

<u>BB</u>	-	INDIANA WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	YAMATO (poss. Empire) MISASHI MITSU KONGO HARUNA NAGATO
<u>OY</u>	-	ENTERPRISE SARATOGA	ZUIKAKO
<u>XCV</u>	-	-	HITAI HAYATAKA ZUIHO
<u>AGV</u>	-	CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE	CHUYO UNYO
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	-	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI HAGURO KUMANO SUZUYA TONE TIKUMA AOEA
<u>CL</u>	HOBART	PHOENIX HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO ✓ JINTSU ✓ SENDAI KATORI ✓ KASHIMA ✓ NAGARA ISUZU ✓ KINU ✓ KUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	1
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMINGA LE TRIOMPHANT SELFRIDGE PATTERSON HELM HENLEY BAGLEY STUART VENDETTA RALPH TALBOT VAN GALLEN QUIBERON NEPAL MUGFORD NICHOLAS FLETCHER JENKINS	Approx. 45	Approx. 40



South Western Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-  
Solomons

<u>SS</u>	GREENLING )	S.31	Approx. 30
	GROWLER )		
	GUARDFISH )	At Brisbane	
	TUNA )		
	ALBACORN )		
	DRUM )		
	CATO )		
	GRAYBACK )	On Patrol	
	GROUPEE )		
	PETO )		
	SCAMP )		

K.9 at Sydney

<u>AV/CVS</u>		CURTISS TANGIER	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	3
<u>PT</u>	25	Approx.30	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T.ALLEN MANOORA * WESTRALIA * KANIMBLA	10 APA 15 APD 6 AKA	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON		3 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN WHITNEY	DIXIE	?
<u>AR</u>	-	PROMETHEUS VESTAL RIGEL	2

AIRCRAFT (N.E.Area Only)

Fighters	246
M/Bombers	101
SE/Bombers	16
Flying Boats	15
Floatplanes	52
Transport A/C	23

\* non-effective



2. CENTRAL PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>BB</u>	NORTH CAROLINA IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA * TENNESSEE	ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	VICTORIOUS	* SHOKAKU HOSHIO (Training Ship)
<u>XCV</u>	LONG ISLAND	RYUHO
<u>ACV</u>	NASSAU ALFAMAHA COPAHEE	
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA SALT LAKE CITY NEW ORLEANS * MINNEAPOLIS * PENSACOLA * PORTLAND * INDIANAPOLIS	NACHI 1 unidentified * ASHIGARA
<u>OCA</u>	-	3 - 6
<u>CL</u>	RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT	ABUKUMA ✓
<u>XCL</u>	-	2
<u>AV/CVS</u>	?	NISSHIN
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	3
<u>DD</u>	20 approx.	approx 16
<u>SS</u>	40 approx	approx 20

3. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>CA</u>	-	-
<u>CL</u>	CONCORD RICHMOND	KISO ✓
<u>XCL</u>	-	2
<u>DD</u>	10	approx 4
<u>SS</u>	10	approx 10

\* Non-effective



4. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

South West Pacific  
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Philippines

<u>B</u>	-	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	
<u>ACV</u>	-	-	OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX DEVONSHIRE HAWKINS FROEISHER	-
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERCK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA ENTERPRISE LIVERPOOL ARETHUSA CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN GARADOC	KASHII OI KITAGAMI * NATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	ALANIA CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA RANCHI WORCESTERSHIRE	2
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	* KA MOI * NOTORO
<u>DD</u>	TJERK HIDDES TROMP	Approx 27	Approx 12
<u>S</u>	GAR ) GRENADIER ) GUDGEON ) THRESHER ) TROUT )	9 On Patrol	10
	K.12 at Exmouth Gulf		
	GRAYLING ) TAMBOR ) TAUTOG )	At Fremantle	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1
<u>AIRCRAFT</u>	(N.W. Area Only)		
Fighters			111
Bombers			74
Flying Boats			3
Floatplanes			30
Transport A/C			22

∅ No recent intelligence  
Present location uncertain  
\* Non-effective



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. 408                      Date: 5th May, 1943

P A R T I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/5:

- (1) "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" were to depart Brisbane 0600/4 for exercises.
- (2) "BAGLEY" departed Caloundra 1815/3 to RV with "PENNANT" position 28°53'S 161°53'E at 1430/4 and escort to Brisbane.
- (3) "RALPH TALBOT" "GEELONG" ML.425 ML.426 escorting Convoy BT57 ("CARDROSS" for Bowen, "MERKUR" "TULAGI" "VAN DER LIJN" "JOHN WHITEAKER" "DUNTROON" "DUNDULA" "NUCULANA" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "MANGOLA" for Townsville) departed Caloundra 1615/4. "RALPH TALBOT" to provide escort to Percy Is. and return Brisbane. ML.425 to part company vicinity Lady Elliot Island and return Brisbane. ML.426 to be towed by "MERKUR" from Percy Islands to Townsville.
- (4) "GLENELG" escorting "JAPARA" departed Milne Bay 0345/4 for Port Moresby, was due 0900/5.
- (5) "SHEPPARTON" "POLARIS" surveying.
- (6) "ECHUCA" escorting "VAN SWOLL" departed Port Moresby 1343/4 for Milne Bay ETA 2030/5.
- (7) "TULSA" "YMS.49" "YMS.50" escorting 6 PT's departed Port Moresby 1826/3 for Thursday Is and ETA p.m. 6/5.
- (8) "WILCANNIA" "GUNBAR" escorting Convoy TD19 ("JAMES COOK" "TAMBAR" "ALAGNA") departed Darwin 0648/30 for Thursday Island ETA 1030/6.
- (9) "SC.744" departed Milne Bay 1223/1 for Brisbane.
- (10) "BUNBURY" escorting Convoy NT12 ("HENRY D. THOREAU" "HENRY DEARBORN") departed Port Moresby 1700/2 for Townsville, were due 2300/4.
- (11) "VENDETTA" escorting Convoy TS27 ("DAVID BUSHNELL" "CREMER" "BONTEKOE") departed Townsville 0800/3 ETA Brisbane 0800/6.
- (12) "GOULBURN" was to RV with "STEPHEN B. ELKIN" off Lady Elliot Is. at daylight 5/5 and escort to Brisbane.
- (13) "YP.291" departed Cairns 1200/4 for Townsville.
- (14) "WARREGO" departed Cairns 1251/4 for Thursday Island.
- (15) "CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship) departed Townsville 1650/2 for Brisbane was due 0700/5.
- (16) "KAPUNDA" escorting Convoy TN86 ("CHARON" "H.R. HELPER") from Fitzroy Island to Port Moresby, was due 0830/5.
- (17) ML.817 in tow of "BOTH" en route Brisbane to Townsville.
- (18) PC.1121 escorting Convoy TN84 ("YOCHOW" "WEST CACTUS" "JANSSENS") from Fitzroy Island to Milne Bay ETA 1400/5.
- (19) YP.236 departed Caloundra 1744/4 for Cairns ETA 1200/10.
- (20) SC.746 escorting "JUPITER" was to depart Caloundra 1100/5. "JUPITER" routed through 27°50'S 168°30'E. SC.746 to provide escort until dark and return Brisbane.
- (21) 7 submarines on patrol.



(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay - Warships & Aux. - "BROOME"  
Merchant Vessels: "LORINNA"  
Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "SWAN" "SUMNER" SC.738 SC.745  
SC.749 "KURUMBA" "HILO" 15 PTs  
Merchant Vessels: "TAROONA"  
Small Craft - Approx 50  
Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - HDML.1074 HDML.1161 SC.750  
Merchant Vessels: "VAN SPILBERGEN" "THEDENS"  
Small Craft - Approx 20  
Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - YP.280 YMS.9 6 PTs  
Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "WHYALLA" "FLATYPUS" 2 PTs  
(refitting)  
Palm Island - Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "HELM" "HENLEY"  
"MUGFORD"  
Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "BOWEN" SC.747 ML.814  
"YUNNAN" (ASIS)  
Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE" "ROCKHAMPTON"  
Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "SELFBRIDGE" "GYMPIE"  
"LITHGOW" "FULTON" "POYANG" (ASIS) YP.233  
YMS.10 YMS.11 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.51  
YMS.52 YMS.53 YMS.71 SC.740 SC.748 PC.1119  
YDG.2 LST.452 5 LCIs ML.424 ML.427 ML.817  
(Repairing, Triads etc.) - "WAGGA" "KATOOMBA" "VICTORIA"  
"AASE MAERSK"

(c) (ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Buin-New Georgia Area - A large steamer is reported to have approached Kolombangara from the west at 2100/3 and to have departed via Fergusson Passage early a.m. 4/5.  
Two strikes each consisting of 6 Avengers, 6 Dauntless and 8 Corsairs covered by 8 Warhawks, 16 Wildcats attacked Vanga Vanga and the wharf area Ringi Cove at 1020/4. Both attacks are reported to have been very successful. Three Fortresses unable to reach Kahili attacked Vila early morning 4/5.
- (2) Rekata Bay - The same three Fortresses also dropped bombs at Rekata Bay early morning 4/5.
- (3) Solomons Aircraft - Photos 1530/3 show -  
Kahili - 34 fighters, 4 medium bombers  
Ballale - 6 fighters, 4 bombers  
Faisi - 12 floatplanes  
Munda )  
Vila ) - no operative aircraft
- (4) Bougainville Island - A reliable report 1620/4 states that there is evidence of enemy intention to occupy Teop Harbour. This indicates a re-occupation as the Japanese were previously reported to have evacuated the area except Tinputz Harbour.
- (5) Cape Gloucester - A reconnaissance Liberator was intercepted by 12 Zero's, 20 miles N. by W. of Cape Gloucester at 1445/3. Only two attacked and tracer was seen entering the fuselage of one.
- (6) Wewak - Five cargo vessels, including 4 of 3-5000 tons and one of 5-8000 tons were sighted in the Wewak area by reconnaissance aircraft 1135/4.
- (7) Salanaua Area - An attack was launched by a company against strong enemy positions at Bobdubi 3/5.

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2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/5:

- (1) "LATROBE" escorting "ISLANDER" departed Darwin 1056/2 for Thursday Island via Goulburn Island (was due a.m. 3/5), Millingimbi and Wessel Island.
- (2) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting Convoy TD19 ("BURWAH" "DARVEL", Tug "FORCEFUL") departed Thursday Island 0447/3 for Darwin ETA 0330/7.



(a) 4 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL" ML.815  
Merchant Vessels: "MATTHEW FLINDERS" "YARRA"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (a) Babo - Photos taken during an attack by 6 B.24's on Babo 0750/4 reveal 20 fighters of which four were unserviceable and one destroyed by the bombing; and in addition one bomber and one transport aircraft both unserviceable. There were 5 large fires in the barracks and store buildings. The attacking aircraft were later intercepted off the N.W. tip of Trangan Island (Arce Group) by 7 floatplanes of which one was destroyed and one probably destroyed.
- (2) Kai Islands - One Hudson attacked 9 x 50 ft. luggers and one barge at Tam Island and one 60-70 ft. lugger at Noenia Is. (both Tajandoe Group) at 1240/4.
- (3) Darwin - Further reports reveal that enemy losses in the raid on Darwin were 5 fighters, 1 bomber destroyed; 4 fighters probably destroyed and 8 fighters, one bomber damaged. Thirteen Spitfires were lost including 7 by enemy action, 3 by engine failure and 3 by petrol shortage. 3 pilots are now reported missing. One additional Spitfire was damaged but landed at base.

Natives report sighting an enemy submarine 2 miles north of Cape Fourcroy (S.W. tip of Bathurst Island) at 1230/4.

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/5:

- (1) "CHANTICLEER" "SC.739" "SC.751" departed Adelaide a.m. 1/5 for Fremantle ETA 0700/6.
- (2) "HEEMSKERK" "TJERK HIDDES" "ISABEL" "PELIAS" departed Fremantle 1900/1 for Exmouth Gulf, were due 4/5.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "W.B.PRESTON"  
"HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO" "OTUS" "CHILDS"  
"LARK" "GOLD STAR" "YP.286" "WHITNEY"

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "HERON" "WHIPPOORWILL" K.12  
YP.288

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4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/5:

- (1) "PATTERSON" escorting "PINGAL" departed Sydney 0850/4. "PATTERSON" to provide escort to Bowen and then act as ordered by C.T.F.74.
- (2) "DELORAIN" "YANDRA" "BENDIGO" "FREMANTLE" escorting Convoy PG49 (10 MV) departed Caloundra 1550/4 ETA Newcastle 1300/3, Sydney 1500/16.
- (3) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "BUNGAREE" en route Caloundra to Sydney.
- (4) "KYBRA" departed Sydney 0710/4 for training cruise Broken Bay, Newcastle and Port Stephens area.
- (5) "NICHOLAS" "FLETCHER" "WHITNEY" departed Sydney 1352/4 for Noumea.
- (6) "LE TRIOMPHANT" was to depart Sydney 1130/4 for exercises with aircraft. To return Sydney by 1600/5.



- (7) "WARRNAMBOOL" "MORESEY" "BALLARAT" "BUNDABERG" "BINGERA" escort  
 Convoy OC92 for Port Kembla, Sydney and Newcastle.  
 "COLAC" departed Sydney 1638/4 to RV with and provide  
 additional escort for Convoy OC92.
- (8) 4 LCI's were to depart Port Stephens 0800/4 for Brisbane.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "H.T.ALLEN" "TOWNSVILLE"  
 "MILDURA" "GLADSTONE" SC.741 12 LCI ML.428  
 ML.429 ML.818 7 LST's "WANGANILLA" (Hospital  
 Ship)  
 (Repairing) "NEPAL" "SAUFLEY" "CHEVREUIL" "ALHENA" "RIGEL"  
 "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)  
 (On Reserve) "WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"  
 Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "VAN GALEN" "MANOORA" "ATREUS"  
 "ALSEY" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "DOOMBA"  
 (Refitting) "QUIBERON"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Jervis Bay - There were indications of enemy submarines 55 miles  
 south by west and 60 miles S.S.E. of Jervis Bay at 0110/4 and  
 0120/4. Air searches proved negative.

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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - THORNTON (AVD)  
 (2) At Espiritu Santo - HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE  
 LEANDER (CL) LANSLOWNE STRONG O'BANNON RADFORD MAURY  
 WARD FARENHOLT McCALLA CHEVALIER (DD) BREESE GAMBLE  
 PREBLE TREVOR (DM) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) MACKINAC (AVP)  
 HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) MANLEY (APD) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE)  
 VESTAL (AR) ALCHIBA ALGORAB CELENO (AK) NEOSHO SABINE  
 PLATTE PATUXENT TAPPAHANNOCK WHIPSTOCK (AO) CONSTANT (AM)  
 ROSEWOOD (YN)  
 (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (CV)  
 SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN (CL) KILTY WOODWORTH CONYNGHAM  
 SMITH FANNING DRAYTON PERKINS CASE CRAVEN LAMSON (DD)  
 ENGADINE (APV) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AG) McCAWLEY (AP)  
 MAJABA MERCURY TALAMANCA CASTOR (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD)  
 TRYON (APH) PECOS SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) KINGFISHER  
 ADROIT (AM) PAWNEE (AT) HOLLY (YN) S.31 (SS) ARD.2 KIWI  
 NATAI TUI GALE (A/S Vessels) SC.518  
 (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)  
 (5) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM) AMERICAN LEGION (AP) SAMOA (AM)  
 (6) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK RAIL  
 VIREO (AM) LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) ORTOLAN (ASR)  
 MENOMINEE (AT) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS) ERSKINE  
 PHELPS (AO)  
 (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER  
 MONTPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV)  
 EATON WALLER PHILIP HENSHAW LANG WILSON CONY  
 CONWAY (DD) BALLARD (AV) LACKAWANNA KANKAKEE NESCHES (AO)  
 ROAMER PC.476 PC.479 RAPPANNOCK (AOG)  
 (8) At Nandi - COPAHEE (ACV)  
 (9) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) PINCKNEY (AK) SOLACE (AH)  
 (10) At Wellington - TAYLOR McCALL (DD) TRACY (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM)  
 MOUNT VERNON CRESCENT CITY (AP) LIBRA (AK)

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<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	-	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI HAGURO KUMANO SUZUYA TONE TIKUMA * AO BA
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South Western Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

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Solomons

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	ALBACORE )		
	DRUM )		
	CATO )		
	GRAYBACK )	On Patrol	
	GROUPEE )		
	PIPO )		
	SCAMP )		
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<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	3
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 20	Approx. 16
<u>SS</u>	Approx. 40	Approx. 20

3. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>CA</u>	-	-
<u>CL</u>	CONCORD RICHMOND	KISO
<u>XCL</u>	-	2
<u>DD</u>	10	Approx. 4
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx. 10

\* Non-effective



4. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEANALLIED FORCESENEMY FORCESSouth West Pacific  
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Philippines

<u>BB</u>	-	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	∅ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>ACV</u>	-	-	OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX DEVONSHIRE HAWKINS FROBISHER	-
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA ENTERPRISE LIVERPOOL ARETHEUSA CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KASHII OI KITAGAMI * NATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	ALAUNIA CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA RANCHI WORCESTERSHIRE	2
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI * NOTORO
<u>DD</u>	TJERK HIDDES TROMP	Approx 27	Approx 12
<u>ES</u>	GAR ) GRENADIER ) GUDGEON ) On Patrol THRESHER ) TROUT ) K.12 At Exmouth Gulf GRAYLING ) TAMBOR ) At Fremantle TAUTOG )	9	10
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FELIAS	?	1

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)

Fighters	109
M/Bombers	72
Flying Boats	3
floatplanes	30
Transport A/C	22

∅ No recent intelligence.  
Present location uncertain.

\* Non-effective.



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**DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY**

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

No. 409

Date: 6th May, 1943

P A R T I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(i) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/6:

- (1) "RALPH TALBOT" "GEELONG" ML.425 ML.426 escorting Convoy BT57 ("CARDROSS" for Bowen, "MERKUR" "TULAGI" "VAN DER LIJN" "JOHN WHITEAKER" "DUNTRON" "DUNDULA" "NUCULANA" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "MANGOLA" for Townsville) departed Caloundra 1615/4. "RALPH TALBOT" to provide escort to Percy Is. and return Brisbane. ML.425 to part company vicinity Lady Elliot Island and return Brisbane. ML.426 to be towed by "MERKUR" from Percy Islands to Townsville.
- (2) "SUMNER" "SC.749" surveying Deboyne Island area.
- (3) "SHEPPARTON" "POLARIS" surveying.
- (4) "ECHUCA" escorting "VAN SWOLL" departed Port Moresby 1343/4 for Milne Bay, was due 2030/5.
- (5) "TULSA" "YMS.49" "YMS.50" escorting 6 PT's departed Port Moresby 1826/3 for Thursday Island ETA p.m. 6/5.
- (6) "WILCANNIA" "GUNBAR" escorting Convoy TD19 ("JAMES COOK" "TAMBAR" "ALAGNA") departed Darwin 0648/30 for Thursday Island, were due 1030/6.
- (7) "SWAN" escorting "TAROONA" departed Milne Bay 0442/5 for Townsville ETA 1830/7.
- (8) "BUNBURY" escorting Convoy NT12 ("HENRY D. THOREAU" "HENRY DEARBORN") departed Port Moresby 1700/2 for Townsville, were due 2300/4.
- (9) "YP.280" departed Thursday Island 0850/5 for Cairns ETA 0800/8.
- (10) "WARREGO" departed Cairns 1251/4 for Thursday Island was due 0800/6.
- (11) "SC.746" returning Brisbane after escort duty with "JUPITER".
- (12) "SC.744" was to depart Townsville 0600/6 for Brisbane ETA 1600/10.
- (13) "PC.1121" escorting Convoy TN84 ("YOCHOW" "WEST CACTUS" "JANSSENS") from Fitzroy Island to Milne Bay was due 1400/5.
- (14) "YP.236" departed Caloundra 1744/4 for Cairns ETA 1200/10.
- (15) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux.	- "BROOME"
	Merchant Vessels:	"LORINNA"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux.	- "SC.738" "SC.745" "KURUMBA" "HILO"
		15 PT's
	Small Craft	- Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux.	- "KAPUNDA" "GLENELG" HDML.1074
		HDML.1161 SC.750
	Merchant Vessels:	"CHARON" "THEDENS" "JAPARA"
		"H.R.HELPER"
	Small Craft	- Approx 20



Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - YMS.9 6 PTs  
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "WHYALLA" "PLATYPUS" 2 PTs  
 (refitting)  
 Palm Island - Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "HELM" "HENLEY"  
 "MUGFORD"  
 Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "BOWEN" SC.747 ML.814 ML.817  
 YP.291 "YUNNAN" (ASIS)  
 Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE" "ROCKHAMPTON"  
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "SELFRIDGE" "ARUNTA"  
 "WARRAMUNGA" "VENDETTA" "BAGLEY" "GYMPIE"  
 "GOULBURN" "LITHGOW" "FULTON" "POYANG" (ASIS)  
 YP.233 YMS.10 YMS.11 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48  
 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.53 YMS.71 SC.740 SC.748  
 PG.1119 YDG.2 LST.452 ML.424 ML.427 ML.817  
 "CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship)  
 (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WAGGA" "KATOOMBA" "VICTORIA"  
 "AASE MAERSK"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "VENDETTA" escorting "WILLARD A.HOLBROCK" to depart Caloundra 1900/6. "WILLARD A.HOLBROCK" routed through 27°30'S 156°51'E.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES:

- (1) Vella Lavella - 8 Corsairs, 8 Lightnings thoroughly strafed Nyanga Plantation (12 miles S. by E. Sokovovi Point) 0755/5.  
 (2) Kolombangara - 2 cargo vessels were observed approaching Vila at 2200/4, and were sighted again proceeding westward early a.m. 5/5.  
 (3) Kavieng Area - A convoy of four vessels including two destroyers was sighted 75 miles S.W. of Kavieng course 130° at 1020/5. The position and course would appear to indicate that the convoy was en route Rabal.  
 (4) Wewak - 4 B.24's attacking Wewak 1730/4 reported sighting one 4-5000 ton cargo vessel near Kairiru Island, one gunboat south of Muschu Strait and 4 cargo vessels of 4-500 tons in the vicinity of the town. Photos revealed one 4-5000 ton merchant vessel, 3 luggers and 32 barges near Kairiru Island and 2 coasters and 58 barges in Wewak Harbour. This total of ninety barges marks a further increase in the concentration of these craft in this area, and may indicate preparations for the unloading of large convoys. Partial coverage of Wewak aerodrome revealed twenty serviceable fighters, two probable twin-engined fighters and three serviceable light bombers. Five floatplanes were photographed off Kairiru Island. Visual sightings reported 3 medium bombers on Boram runway.  
 Seven to nine fighters intercepted and one was observed smoking after attack.  
 For attack on shipping - see Naval Incidents.  
 (5) Salamaua - The attack launched by an allied company on Bobdubi 3/5 was successful. The enemy withdrew towards Salamaua.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA:

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/6:

- (1) "LATROBE" escorting "ISLANDER" departed Darwin 1056/2 for Thursday Island via Goulburn Island (was due a.m. 3/5), Millingimbi and Wessel Island.  
 (2) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting Convoy TD19 ("BURWAH" "DARVEL", tug "FORCEFUL") departed Thursday Island 0447/3 for Darwin ETA 0330/7.  
 (3) 4 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL" ML.815  
 Merchant Vessels: "MATTHEW FLINDERS" "YARRA"



### 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

#### (1) ALLIED FORCES

##### (a) At Sea to 1200/6:

- (1) "CHANTICLEER" "SC.739" "SC.751" departed Adelaide a.m. 1/5 for Fremantle. Arrived Albany 1015/5.
- (2) "LARK" departed Fremantle 1505/5 for Exmouth Gulf.
- (3) "VAN HEEMSKERK" "TJERK HIDDES" en route Exmouth Gulf to Fremantle ETA 1100/5.

##### (b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "HORSHAM"  
"DUBBO" "WALLAROO" "OTUS" "CHILDS" "GOLD STAR"  
"YP.286" "WHITNEY"  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B.PRESTON" "HERON" "PELIAS"  
"ISABEL" "WHIPPOORWILL" K.12

### 4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

#### (1) ALLIED FORCES

##### (a) At Sea to 1200/6:

- (1) "DELOHAINE" "YANDRA" "BENDIGO" "FREMANTLE" escorting Convoy PG49 (10 MV) departed Caloundra 1550/4 ETA Newcastle 1300/6.
- (2) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "BUNGAREE" departed Caloundra 0929/5 for Sydney ETA 1700/7.
- (3) "KYBRA" departed Sydney 0710/4 for training cruise Broken Bay, Newcastle and Port Stephens area.
- (4) "VAN GALEN" departed Port Melbourne 1645/5 to render assistance to "WILLIAM CRAWFORD" in approx position 44°57'S 147°40'E at 1200/5.
- (5) "WARRNAMBOOL" "MORESEY" "BALLARAT" "BUNDABERG" "BINGERA" escorting Convoy OC92 (12 MV) for Port Kembla, Sydney and Newcastle "COLAC" departed Sydney 1638/4 to RV with and provide additional escort for Convoy OC92.
- (6) "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting "KATOOMBA" (for Brisbane) was to depart Sydney 0930/6. "LE TRIOMPHANT" to provide escort to Caloundra and return Sydney.
- (7) "PATTERSON" was to proceed to Newcastle to land survivors of "FINGAL". To RV with "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting "KATOOMBA" before dusk 6/5.

##### (b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "H.T.ALLEN" "TOWNSVILLE"  
"MILDURA" "GLADSTONE" SC.741 ML.428 ML.429  
ML.818 7 LST's "WANGANELLA" (Hospital Ship)  
(Repairing) "NEPAL" "SAUFLEY" "CHEVREUIL" "ALHENA" "RIGEL"  
"MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)  
(On Reserve) "WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA" "ATREUS" "ALSEY"  
(Refitting) "ABRAHAM GRIJNSSEN" "DOOMBA"  
"QUIERON"

#### (ii) ENEMY FORCES

Submarine Activity-East Coast - "FINGAL" was torpedoed and sunk 25 miles S.E. of Coff's Harbour 1335/5 (see Naval Incidents). D/F indications reveal that at least one other submarine is operating off the southeastern Australian coast.



B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES:

- (1) At Vanikoro - THORNTON (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - LEANDER (CL) LANSLOWNE STRONG O'BANNON  
RADFORD MAURY WARD FARENHOLT McCALLA CHEVALIER (DD)  
TREVOR (DM) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) MACKINAC (AVP)  
HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) MANLEY (APD) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE)  
VESTAL (AR) ALCHIBA ALGORAB CELENO (AK) NEOSHO SABINE  
PLATTE TAPPAHANNOCK WHIPSTOCK (AO) CONSTANT (AM)  
ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (CV)  
SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN (CL) KILTY WOODWORTH CONYNGHAM  
JENKINS SMITH FANNING DRAYTON PERKINS CASE CRAVEN  
LAMSON (DD) ENGADINE (APV) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AG)  
McCAWLEY (AP) MAJABA MERCURY TALAMANCA CASTOR (AK)  
SCHLEY WATERS (AFD) TRYON (APH) PECOS PATUXENT SUAMICO  
CIMARRON (AO) KINGFISHER SHELDRAKE ADROIT (AM) PAWNEE (AT)  
HOLLY (YN) S.31 (SS) ARD.2 KIWI MATAI TUI GALE (A/S  
Vessels) SC.518
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
- (5) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM) AMERICAN LEGION (AP) SAMOA (AM)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK ~~RAIL~~ RAIL  
VIREO (AM) LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) ORTOLAN (ASR)  
MENOMINEE (AT) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS) ERSKINE  
PHELPS (AO)
- (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER  
MONTPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV)  
EATON WALLER PHILIP RENSHAW LANG WILSON CONY  
CONWAY (DD) BALLARD (AV) LACKAWANNA KANKAKEE NESCHES (AO)  
ROAMER PC.476 PC.479 RAPPAHANNOCK (ADG)
- (8) At Nandi - COPAHEE (ACV)
- (9) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) PINCKNEY (AK) SOLACE (AH)
- (10) At Wellington - TAYLOR McCALL (DD) TRACY (DM) MOUNT VERNON  
CRESCENT CITY (AP) LIBRA (AK)

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NAVAL INCIDENTS

Wewak - Four Liberators attacked shipping at Wewak at 1730/4. After making one run over the waterfront where two 4-500 ton ships were near new jetties, a 4-5000 ton cargo vessel near Kairiru Is. was bombed from about 7000 feet with 500-lb. instantaneous demolition bombs. Two or three direct hits and several near misses are claimed and photos confirm two probable direct hits. The ship was last seen listing and emitting dense black smoke.

Coffs Harbour - S.S. "FINGAL" (Norwegian - 2,137 tons) was torpedoed at 1335/5 25 miles S.E. of Coffs Harbour (30033'S 153°30'E) and sank in about one minute. Reports to hand indicate that 12 or more survivors have been rescued.

"FINGAL" departed Sydney 0850/4 for Bowen escorted by U.S. Destroyer "PATTERSON". An anti-submarine patrol aircraft saw two torpedoes converging on "FINGAL" from seaward and a doubtful contact was made by "PATTERSON"; otherwise, no sign of the submarine was noted.

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central and Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Increased submarine activity including transportation, reconnaissance and offensive operations, in all theatres.

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



5/5/43.

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-  
Solomons

BB

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INDIANA  
WASHINGTON  
MASSACHUSETTS  
MARYLAND  
COLORADO

YAMATO (poss. Empire)  
MUSASHI  
MATSU  
KONGO  
HARDNA  
NAGATO

CV

-

ENTERPRISE  
SARATOGA

ZUIKAKO

XCV

-

-

HETAKA  
HAYATAKA  
ZUIHO

AGV

-

CHENANGO  
SANGAMON  
SUWANNEE

GHUYO  
UNYO

CA

AUSTRALIA

-

ATAGO  
TAKAO  
CHOKAI  
HAGURO  
KUMANO  
SUZUYA  
TONE  
TIKUMA  
\* AOBA

CL

HOBART

PHOENIX  
HONOLULU  
HELENA  
ST. LOUIS  
NASHVILLE  
COLUMBIA  
CLEVELAND  
MONTPELLIER  
DENVER  
SAN DIEGO  
SAN JUAN

AGANO  
JINTSU  
SENDAI  
KATORI  
KASHIMA  
NAGARA  
ISUZU  
KINU  
KUMA

XCL

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3

DD

ARUNTA  
WARRAMUNGA  
LE TRIOMPHANT  
SELFRIDGE  
PAF TERSON  
HELM  
HENLEY  
BAGLEY  
STUART  
VENDETTA  
RALPH TALBOT  
VAN GALEN  
\* QUIBERON  
\* NEPAL  
MUGFORD

Approx. 45

Approx. 40



Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-  
Solomons

SS GREENLING ) S.31 Approx. 30  
 GROWLER )  
 GUARDFISH )  
 TUNA )

ALBACORE )  
 DRUM )  
 CATF )  
 GRAYBACK ) On Patrol  
 GROPPER )  
 PETO )  
 SCAMP )

K.9 at Sydney

AV/CVS CURTISS CHITOSE  
 TANGIER AK ITSUSHIMA

XAV/XCVS - 3 5

PT 25 Approx. 30 ?

APA/APD/AKA H.T. ALLEN 10 APA  
 MANOORA 15 APD  
 \* WESTRALIA 6 AKA  
 \* KANIMBLA

AS or XAS FULTON 3 or more

AD DOEBIN DIXIE ?  
 WHITNEY

AR - PROMETHEUS 2  
 VESTAL  
 RIGEL

AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)

Fighters	256
M/Bombers	104
SE/Bombers	16
Flying Boats	15
Floatplanes	52
Transport A/C	33

\* Non-effective



2. CENTRAL PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>BB</u>	NORTH CAROLINA IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA * TENNESSEE	ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	VICTORIOUS	* SHOKAKU HOSHIO (Training Ship)
<u>XCV</u>	LONG ISLAND	RYUHO
<u>ACV</u>	NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA SALT LAKE CITY NEW ORLEANS * MINNEAPOLIS * PENSACOLA * PORTLAND * INDIANAPOLIS	NACHI 1 Unidentified * ASHIGARA
<u>OCA</u>	-	3
<u>CL</u>	RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT	ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	2
<u>AV/CVS</u>	?	NISSHIN
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	2
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 20	Approx. 16
<u>SS</u>	Approx. 40	Approx. 30

3. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>CA</u>	-	-
<u>CL</u>	CONCORD RICHMOND	KISO
<u>XCL</u>	-	2
<u>DD</u>	10	Approx. 4
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx. 10

\* Non-effective



4. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>Southwest Pacific</u> (Western Section)		<u>Eastern Fleet Area</u>	<u>East Indies-Philippines</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	♠ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>ACV</u>	-	-	OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX DEVONSHIRE HAWKINS FROBISHER	-
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA ENTERPRISE LIVERPOOL ARETHUSA CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOS	KASHII OI KITAGAMI * NATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	ALAUNIA CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANFURA RANCHI WORCESTERSHIRE	2
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	* KAMOI NOTORO
<u>DD</u>	TJERK HIDDES TRUMP	Approx. 27	Approx. 12
<u>SS</u>	GAR ) GRENADIER ) GUDGEON ) On Patrol THRESHER )  K.12 At Exmouth Gulf  GRAYLING ) TAMBOR ) TANFOG ) At Fremantle TROUT )		
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)</u>			
Fighters			111
M/Bombers			71
Flying Boats			3
Floatplanes			34
Transport A/C			22

♠ No recent intelligence.  
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- (1) "RALPH TALBOT" "GEELONG" escorting Convoy TS28 ("SWARTENHONDT" "ORMISTON") to Brisbane.
- (2) "MUGFORD" escorting Convoy TN87 ("TIME" "REIJUST") departed Townsville 1210/6 for Milne Bay ETA 1700/9.
- (3) "BROOME" escorting "YOCHOW" departed Milne Bay 1318/6 for Oro Bay ETA 1400/7.
- (4) "SC.750" departed Port Moresby 1406/6 for Milne Bay ETA 1400/7.
- (5) "SUMNER" "SC.749" surveying Deboyne Island area.
- (6) "SHEPPARTON" "POLARIS" surveying.
- (7) "WARREGO" escorting "MAETSUYCKER" was to depart Thursday Island 0900/7 for Merauke ETA 0200/8.
- (8) "SWAN" escorting "TAROONA" departed Milne Bay 0442/5 for Townsville ETA 1830/7.
- (9) "SC.738" escorting "KURUMBA" departed Milne Bay 1459/5 for Townsville 0730/8.
- (10) "YP.280" departed Thursday Island 0850/5 for Cairns ETA 0800/8.
- (11) "SC.744" departed Townsville 0600/6 for Brisbane ETA 1600/10.
- (12) "BISHOPDALE" en route Palm Island to Townsville ETA 1330/7.
- (13) "ML.425" en route Lady Elliot Island to Brisbane.
- (14) SC's 648, 698, 731, 732, 981 en route Noumea to Brisbane ETA Cape Moreton 1000/9.
- (15) "VENDETTA" escorting "WILLARD" "A.HOLBROOK" departed Caloundra 1505/6. To escort to 159° E and return Brisbane.
- (16) "BUNBURY" escorting Convoy TN88 ("ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK") departed Townsville 1820/6 for Port Moresby ETA 1400/9.
- (17) "MERKUR" towing ML.426 en route Townsville.
- (18) "YP.236" departed Caloundra 1744/4 for Cairns ETA 1200/10.
- (19) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux.	- "ECHUCA" "SC.745" "PC.1121" "HILO 15 PT's
	Merchant Vessels:	"WEST CACTUS" "JANSENS" "VAN SWOLL"
	Small Craft	- Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux.	- "KAPUNDA" "GLENELG" HDML.1074 HDML.1161
	Merchant Vessels:	"CHARON" "THEDENS" "JAPARA" "H.R.HELPER"
	Small Craft	- Approx 20
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux.	- "WILCANNIA" "TULSA" "GUNBAR" YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 12 PTs



Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "WHYALLA" "PLATYPUS"  
2 PTs refitting

Palm Island - Warships & Aux.

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - SC.747 ML.814 ML.817 YP.291  
"YUNNAN" (ASIS)

Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE" "ROCKHAMPTON"

Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "SELFRIDGE" "ARUNTA"  
"WARRAMUNGA" "GOULBURN" "LITEGOW" "FULTON"  
"POYANG" (ASIS) YP.233 YMS.10 YMS.11 YMS.46  
YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.53 YMS.71  
SC.740 SC.746 SC.748 PC.1119 YDG.2 LST.452  
ML.424 ML.427 ML.817

(Repairing, Trials etc) - "GYMPIE" "WAGGA" "KATOOMBA" "VICTORIA"  
"AASE MAERSK"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "HOBART" "HENLEY" "HELM" to depart Palm Island p.m. 7/5 for Cid Harbour ETA a.m. 8/5. "BISHOPDALE" to depart Townsville 2000/7 to rejoin TF.74 on passage.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Shortlands - 11 merchant vessels including one large were sighted in Shortlands anchorages noon 6/5. Previous reconnaissance 3/5 reported 11 merchant vessels and one destroyer.
- (2) Munda - 78 aircraft comprising 19 Dauntless, 18 Avengers, 8 Warhawks covered by 16 Corsairs, 16 Wildcats bombed and strafed Munda 0830/6. Many fires were started and numerous explosions were reported by an observer two hours later. Intensive A.A. was encountered. One Avenger shot down and one Wildcat missing.
- (3) Solomons Aircraft - Photos 6/5 reveal -  
Ballale (three-quarter coverage) - 4 fighters  
Faisi (one tenth coverage) - 4 floatplanes  
Vila }  
Munda } no operative aircraft
- (4) New Hanover-Kavieng Area - The report of a convoy of 4 vessels reported in yesterday's summary 75 miles S.W. of Kavieng is now corrected. The convoy comprising two light cruisers, two destroyers was sighted 60 miles S.S.E. of Kavieng course 130° speed 25 knots at 1020/5.  
The same aircraft also reported sighting between 1100-1145/5 one 2500 ton cargo vessel stationary off the east coast of New Hanover and one 1000 ton vessel in Ysabel Passage course 340°.  
The aircraft report stated that the damaged "AOBA" class cruiser previously reported north of Baudissin Is. was no longer there. The reconnaissance was made from 1200 feet and visibility was reported as good except over Kavieng proper.
- (5) Gasmata - Two medium bombers were sighted on the aerodrome 1015/6.
- (6) Salamaua Area - It is now reported that the enemy have been confined to and surrounded in three positions on the north end of Bobdubi Ridge. Mopping up is in progress. On 5/6 an enemy patrol of 72 was ambushed 2½ miles S. of Bobdubi and 25 were killed.  
An allied patrol moving towards Duali (8 miles S.S.E. Salamaua) encountered heavy enemy fire in the vicinity of a river junction 4 miles east of Mubc.  
Three Bostons bombed and strafed enemy positions in the Green's Hill area 1028-1042/6.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/7:

- (1) "LATROBE" escorting "ISLANDER" departed Darwin 1056/2 for Thursday Island via Goulburn Island (was due a.m.



- 3/5), Millingimbi and Wessel Island.  
(2) 5 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE" "INVERELL" ML.815  
Merchant Vessels: "MATTHEW FLINDERS" "YARRA"  
"DARVEL" "BURWAH"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Manokwari - Aircraft attacking Manokwari 1020/6 reported sighting one merchant vessel of 2000 tons, possibly the vessel damaged in the attack 15/, and three or four of 1000 tons.
- (2) Babe - Photos 4/5 reveal 16 aircraft on the aerodrome.
- (3) Aroe Islands - 6 Beaufighters destroyed nine floatplanes on the beach and in the water at Taberfane (Maikoor Bay) morning 6/5. One lugger containing 12 soldiers was also strafed and sunk. One Beaufighter missing.
- (4) Indian Ocean - A large unidentified aircraft was over the Cocos Island area 0935-1010/6.

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/7:

- (1) "CHANTICLEER" "SC.739" "SC.751" escorting "EDWARD LIVINGSTONE" departed Albany 1430/6 for Fremantle.
- (2) "LARK" departed Fremantle 1505/5 for Exmouth Gulf.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK"  
"HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO" "OTUS" "CHILDS"  
"GOLD STAR" "YP.286" "WHITNEY"  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "TJERK HIDDES" "W.B.PRESTON"  
"HERON" "PELIAS" "ISABEL" "WHIPPOORWILL" K.12

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4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/7:

- (1) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "BUNGAREE" departed Caloundra 0929/5 for Sydney ETA 1700/7.
- (2) "BAGLEY" departed Brisbane 0830/6 for Sydney ETA 0900/8.
- (3) "CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship) departed Brisbane 1135/6 for Sydney ETA 0700/8.
- (4) "KYBRA" departed Sydney 0710/4 for training cruiser Broken Bay, Newcastle and Port Stephens area.
- (5) "VAN GALEN" departed Fort Melbourne 1545/5 to render assistance to "WILLIAM CRAWFORD" which was later reported to have arrived Hobart 1200/6.
- (6) "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting H.T. "KATOOMBA" departed Sydney 1015/6 for Brisbane ETA 0015/9. "PATTERSON" was to RV before dusk 5/5 and provide additional escort.
- (7) "MORESBY" "BALLARAT" "COLAC" "BINGERA" escorting Convoy OC92 to Newcastle.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "WARRNAMBOOL" "DELORAIN" "YANDRA"  
"BENDIGO" "FREMANTLE" "BUNDABERG" "H.T.ALLEN"  
"TOWNSVILLE" "MILDURA" "GLADSTONE" SC.741  
ML.428 ML.429 ML.818 7 LST's "RIGEL"  
"WANGANILLA" (Hospital Ship)



Sydney (Contd.) - Warships & Aux.  
 (Repairing) "NEPAL" "SAUFLEY" "STUART" "CHEVREUIL"  
 "ALHENA" "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)  
 (On Reserve) "WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"  
 Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "MANOCRA" "ATREUS" "ALSEY"  
 (Refitting) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "DOOMBA"  
 "QUIBERON"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "AUSTRALIA" "ARUNTA" to depart Brisbane 1000/8 for Sydney.

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B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - THORNTON (AVD)  
 (2) At Espiritu Santo - LEANDER (CL) LANSLOWNE STRONG O'BANNON  
 RADFORD MAURY WARD PARENHOLT McCALLA CHEVALIER (DD)  
 TREVOR (DM) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) MACKINAC (AVP)  
 HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) MANLEY (APD) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE)  
 VESTAL (AR) ALCHIBA ALGORAB CELENO (AK) NEOSHO SABINE  
 PLATTE TAPPAHANNOCK WHIPSTOCK (AO) CONSTANT (AM)  
 ROSEWOOD (YN)  
 (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (CV)  
 SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN (CL) KILTY WOODWORTH CONYNGHAM  
 JENKINS SMITH FANNING DRAYTON PERKINS CASE CRAVEN  
 LAMSON (DD) ENGADINE (APV) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AG)  
 McCAWLEY (AP) MAJABA MERCURY TALAMANCA CASTOR (AK)  
 SCHLEY WATERS (APD) TRYON (APH) PECOS PATUXENT SUAMICO  
 CIMARRON (AO) KINGFISHER SHELDRAKE ADROIT (AM) PAWNEE (AT)  
 HOLLY (YN) S.31 (SS) ARD.2 KIWI MATAI TUI GALE (A/S  
 Vessels) SC.518  
 (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)  
 (5) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM) AMERICAN LEGION (AP) SAMOA (AM)  
 (6) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK RAIL  
 VIREO (AM) LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) ORTOLAN (ASR)  
 MENOMINEE (AT) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS) ERSKINE  
 PHELPS (AC)  
 (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER  
 MONTEPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV)  
 EATON WALLER PHILIP RENSEAW LANG WILSON CONY  
 CONWAY (DD) BAILLARD (AV) LACKAWANNA KANKAKEE NESCHES (AO)  
 ROAMER PC.476 PC.479 RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)  
 (8) At Nandi - COPAHEE (ACV)  
 (9) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) FINCKNEY (AK) SOLACE (AH)  
 (10) At Wellington - TAYLOR McCALL (DD) TRACY (DM) MOUNT VERNON  
 CRESCENT CITY (AP) LIBRA (AK)

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NAVAL INCIDENTS

Japanese Shipping Losses - April 1943 -- The following record of successful attacks on enemy shipping by aircraft and surface forces under Commander South West Pacific Area during April 1943 covers vessels of a minimum 500 tons. Where the tonnage of a vessel is not known it is presumed to be of 500 tons.

Sunk

1 cruiser  
 1 probable heavy destroyer  
 1 submarine  
 3 merchant vessels

Seriously Damaged

Probably Sunk

1 destroyer  
 1 gunboat  
 2 merchant vessels



Damaged                    3 destroyers  
                                  1 patrol vessel  
                                  10 merchant vessels

During the same month aircraft and surface forces under Commander South Pacific Area inflicted the following losses on enemy shipping:-

Sunk                         3 submarines  
                                  1 merchant vessel

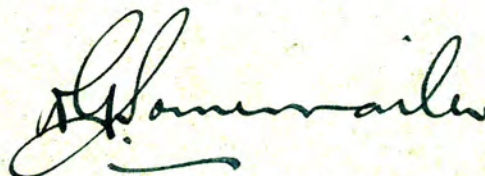
Probably Sunk             1 merchant vessel

Damaged                    2 merchant vessels

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central and Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Further reinforcement and increased activity in Northern Theatre.
- (3) Intense submarine activity including transportation, reconnaissance and offensive operations, in all theatres.



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

7/5/43



6/5/43

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks- Solomons
<u>BB</u>	-	INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	YAMATO (poss. Empire) MUSASHI MUTSU KONGO HARUNA NAGATO
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	ZUIKAKU
<u>KCV</u>	-	-	HITAKA HAYATAKA ZUIHO
<u>ACV</u>	-	CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE	CHUYO UNYO
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	-	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI HAGURO KIMANO SUZUYA TONE TIKUMA * AOKI
<u>OL</u>	HOBART	HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO JINTSU SENDAI KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA ISUZU KINU KUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	3
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT SELFLEDGE PATTERSON HELM HENLEY BAGLEY STUART VENDETTA RALPH TALBOT VAN GALEN * QUIBERON * NEPAL MUGFORD	Approx 40	Approx 40

\* Non-effective



Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-  
Solomons

<u>ES</u>	GREENLING ) GROWLER ) GUARDFISH ) TUNA )	S.31	Approx 30
		At Brisbane	
	ALBACORE ) DRUM ) GATO ) GRAYBACK ) GROUPEP ) PETO ) SCAMP )	On Patrol	
	K.9	At Sydney	

<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA
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<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	5
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<u>PT</u>	25	Approx 30	?
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<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T.ALLEN MANCORA * WESTRALIA * KANIMBLA	10 APA 15 APD 6 AKA	
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<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON		3 or more
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<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE WHITNEY	?
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<u>AR</u>	RIGEL	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	2
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AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)

Fighters	256
M/Bombers	104
Bombers	16
Flying Boats	6
Floatplanes	52
Transport A/C	23

\* Non-effective



2. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA * TENNESSEE	ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	VICTORIOUS ENTERPRISE	* SHOKAKU HOSHO (Training Ship)
<u>XCV</u>	LONG ISLAND	RYUHO
<u>ACV</u>	NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	-
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA NEW ORLEANS * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS * PENSACOLA * PORTLAND * INDIANAPOLIS	NACHI 1 Unidentified * ASHIGARA
<u>OCA</u>	-	3
<u>CL</u>	RALEIGH DETROIT	ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	2
<u>AV/CVS</u>	?	NISSHIN
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	2
<u>DD</u>	Approx 20	Approx 16
<u>E</u>	Approx 40	Approx 30

3. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>CA</u>	-	-
<u>CL</u>	CONCORD RICHMOND TRENTON	KISO
<u>XCL</u>	-	2
<u>DD</u>	10	Approx 4
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 10

\* Non-effective







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. **411**

Date: **8th May, 1943**

P A R T I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/8:

- (1) "RALPH TALBOT" "GEELONG" escorting Convoy TS28 ("SWARTENHONDT" "ORMISTON") to Brisbane.
- (2) "WARRAMUNGA" "LITHGOW" exercising with submarine to seaward of Cape Moreton.
- (3) "MUGFORD" escorting Convoy TN87 ("TIME" "REIJUST") departed Townsville 1210/6 for Milne Bay ETA 1700/9.
- (4) "SUMNER" "SC.749" surveying Deboyne Is. area.
- (5) "SHEPPARTON" "POLARIS" surveying.
- (6) "SC.738" escorting "KURUMBA" departed Milne Bay 1459/5 for Townsville, was due 0730/8.
- (7) "YP.280" departed Thursday Island 0850/5 for Cairns, was due 0800/8.
- (8) "SC.744" departed Townsville 0600/6 for Brisbane ETA 1600/10.
- (9) "GILMER" escorting "DEIMOS" en route Noumea to Townsville ETA 1300/8.
- (10) "BROOKS" escorting "ALUDRA" en route Espiritu Santo to Brisbane ETA 1000/11.
- (11) SC's 648, 698, 731, 732, 981 en route Noumea to Brisbane, were due Cape Moreton 1000/8.
- (12) "ML.425" en route Lady Elliot Island to Brisbane.
- (13) "BUNBURY" escorting Convoy TN88 ("ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK") departed Townsville 1820/6 for Port Moresby ETA 1400/9.
- (14) "SC.747" was to RV with Convoy TN89 ("VAN DER LIJN") at 0330/8 and escort to Milne Bay ETA 1159/11.
- (15) "YP.236" departed Caloundra 1744/4 for Cairns ETA 1200/10.
- (16) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. -	"BROOME"
	Merchant Vessels:	"YOCHOW"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. -	"ECHUCA" "SC.745" "SC.750" "PC.1121"
		"HILO" 15 PT's
	Merchant Vessels:	"WEST CACTUS" "JANSSENS" "VAN SWOLL"
	Small Craft	- Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. -	"KAPUNDA" "GLENELG" "HDML.1074"
		HDML.1161
	Merchant Vessels:	"CHARON" "THEDENS" "JAPARA"
		"H.R.HELPER"
	Small Craft	- Approx 20
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. -	"WILCANNIA" "TULSA" YMS.9 YMS.49
		YMS.50 12 PTs
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. -	"SWAN" "WHYALLA" "PLATYPUS"
		2 PTs refitting



Cid Harbour - Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "HENLEY" "HELM"  
 "BISHOPDALE"  
 Townsville - Warships & Aux. - ML.426 ML.814 ML.817 YP.291  
 "MERKUR" "YUNNAN" (ASIS)  
 Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE" "ROCKHAMPTON"  
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "SELFRIDGE" "GOULBURN" "FULTON"  
 "POYANG" (ASIS) YP.233 YMS.10 YMS.11 YMS.46  
 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.53 YMS.71  
 SC.740 SC.746 SC.748 PC.1119 YDG.2 LST.452  
 ML.424 ML.427 ML.817 "VENDETTA"  
 (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "GYMPIE" "WAGGA" "KATOONBA" "VICTORIA"  
 "AASE MAERSK"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "SWAN" to RV with Convoy TN90 ("DUNTROON" "NUCULANA") off Fitzroy Island at 1700/9 and escort to Port Moresby ETA 0800/11.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) New Georgia-Kolombangara - It is reported 7/5 that the Japanese have built a new road along the north shore of Baeroko Harbor. This joins the main road from Enogai to Munda. Some motor transport has been seen and five cars were parked at the junction of these roads at the time of the report. This is the first report of traffic on the road connecting Munda with Baeroko and Enogai.

It is also reported that two vessels were anchored near Pelpeli (6 miles N.E. of Vila) at 2200/6 apparently with air cover. A Japanese outpost was reported at Pelpeli 17/4. The vessels departed before dawn 7/5.

- (2) Kavieng - One 2000 ton merchant vessel was sighted in Kavieng Harbour 0930/6.  
 (3) Gasmata - Photos 1030/7 reveal 3 medium bombers, 2 fighters on the aerodrome which is serviceable.  
 (4) Wewak - Reconnaissance 0945/7 revealed 4 x 500-1000 ton cargo vessels in Wewak Harbour. 2 x 1000 ton merchant vessels were also sighted 12 miles E.N.E. Wewak course 90° and 2 x 500-1000 ton merchantmen in Muschu Straits course 135°.

Photos showed 1 submarine chaser, two coasters and 49 barges in Wewak Harbour, one 1000 ton cargo vessel and one coaster in the vicinity of Nightingale Bay (15 miles E.S.E. Wewak) and several barges off But village. It is not known whether all shipping was covered by the photographs.

In a coverage of aerodromes photographs revealed 60 aircraft in the Wewak area. On Wewak aerodrome there were 29 fighters, at Boram 4 medium bombers, 5 light bombers and 5 fighters and at But 19 fighters including 17 twin-engined.

Photos also showed a large quantity of stores and many motor trucks at Wewak, a number of trucks at But. At Dagua the strip is serviceable and work continues.

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 "DARVEL" "BURWAH"  
 Merauke - Warships & Aux. - "WARREGO"  
 Merchant Vessels: "MAETSUYCKER"



(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Manokwari - Photos taken during the attack 1020/6 reveal one merchant vessel of 1000 tons and 5 merchant vessels of less than 300 tons. The visual report included one 2000 ton and three or four 1000 ton vessels.
- (2) Timika - Photos 5/5 reveal little change in the condition of the runway since 31/3.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

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- (1) "CHANTICLEER" "SC.739" "SC.751" escorting "EDWARD LIVINGSTONE" departed Albany 1430/6 for Fremantle.
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"GOLD STAR" "YP.286" "WHITNEY"

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "TJERK HIDDES" "W.B.PRESTON"  
"HERON" "PELIAS" "ISABEL" "WHIPPOORWILL"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/8:

- (1) "AUSTRALIA" "ARUNTA" were to depart Brisbane 1000/8 for Sydney.
- (2) "CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship) departed Brisbane 1135/6 for Sydney was due 0700/8.
- (3) "MILDURA" "TOWNSVILLE" "YANDRA" were to depart Sydney as convenient to RV with Newcastle portion Convoy C093 off Nobby's Head at 1000/8.
- (4) "KYBRA" departed Sydney 0710/4 for training cruise Broken Bay, Newcastle and Port Stephens area.
- (5) "GOLD STAR" en route Fremantle to Melbourne ETA 1200/10.
- (6) "LE TRIOMPHANT" "PATTERSON" escorting H.T. "KATOOMBA" to Brisbane.
- (7) "COLAC" "BALLARAT" "BENDIGO" "MORESBY" escorting Convoy GP50 (16 MV and 7 LST) were to depart Sydney 0900/8 ETA Caloundra 0230/11.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "WARRNAMBOOL" "DELORAINÉ"  
"KALGOORLIE" "FREMANTLE" "BUNDABERG" "H.T.ALLEN"  
"GLADSTONE" SC.741 ML.428 ML.429 ML.818  
(Repairing) "RIGEL" "WANGANELLA" (Hospital Ship) "BUNGAREE"  
"BAGLEY" "NEPAL" "SHUFLEY" "STUART" "CHEVREUIL"  
"ALHENA" "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)  
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Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "VAN GALEN" "MANOORA" "ATREUS"  
(Refitting) "ALSEY" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "DCOMBA"  
"QUIBERON"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "DELORAINÉ" escorting Sydney section Convoy C093 to depart Sydney 1300/8 to join main convoy at RV off Sydney.



B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - THORNTON (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - LEANDER (CL) LAFSDOWNE STRONG O'BANNON  
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CURTISS TANGIER (AV) MACKINAC (AVP) HUNTER LIGGETT (AP)  
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WHIPSTOCK (AO) CONSTANT (AM) ROSEWOOD (YN)
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MONTPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV)  
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CONWAY (DD) BAILLARD (AV) LACKAWANNA KANKAKEE NESCHES (AO)  
ROAMER PC.476 PC.479 RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)
- (8) At Nandi - COPAHEE (ACV)
- (9) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) PINCKNEY (AK) SOLACE (AH)
- (10) At Wellington - TAYLOR McCAIL (DD) TRACY (DM) MOUNT VER  
CRESCENT CITY (AP) LIBRA (AK)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) New Caledonia - s.s. "HENRY SIBLEY" reported sighting a submarine  
on the surface 130 miles S.S.E. of Noumea at 0605/6.
- (2) New Hebrides - An enemy submarine was reported to have been  
sighted off Dixon Reef, Malekula Island, 0915/7.

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NAVAL INCIDENTS

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A.  
particularly Central and Northern Solomons -  
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theatres.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	<u>Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks- Solomons</u>
	-	INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	YAMATO (poss. Empire) MUSASHI MUTSU KONGO HARUNA NAGATO
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	ZUIKAKU
<u>CV</u>	-	-	HITAKA HAYATAKA ZUIHO
<u>ACV</u>	-	CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE	CHUYO
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	-	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI HAGURO KUMANO SUZUYA TONE TIKUMA * AOBA
<u>CL</u>	HOBART	HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO JINTSU SENDAI KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA ISUZU KINU KUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	3
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT SELFRIDGE PATTERSON HELM HENLEY BAGLEY STUART VENDETTA RALPH TALBOT VAN GALEN * QUIBERON * NEPAL MUGFORD	Approx 40	Approx 40

\* Non-effective



Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Mit-Bismarcks-  
Solomons

<u>SS</u>	GREENLING )	S.31	Approx 30
	GROWLER )		
	GUARDFISH )	At Brisbane	
	TUNA )		
	ALBACORE )		
	DRUM )		
	GATO )		
	GRAYBACK )	On Patrol	
	GROUPEE )		
	PETO )		
	SCAMP )		
	K.9	At Sydney	
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA
<u>V/XCVS</u>	-	3	5
<u>PT</u>	25	Approx 30	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T.ALLEN MANOORA * WESTRALIA * KANIMBLA	10 APA 15 APD 6 AKA	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON		3 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE WHITNEY	?
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	2
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)</u>			
Fighters			256
M/Bombers			104
SE/Bombers			16
Flying Boats			6
Boatplanes			52
Transport A/C			23

\* Non-effective



2. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA * TENNESSEE	ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	VICTORIOUS ENTERPRISE	* SHOKAKU HOSHO (Training Ship)
<u>XCV</u>	LONG ISLAND	RYUHO
<u>ACV</u>	NASSAU ALFAMAHA COPAHEE	-
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA NEW ORLEANS * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS * PENSACOLA * PORTLAND * INDIANAPOLIS	NACHI 1 Unidentified * ASHIGARA
<u>OCA</u>	-	3
<u>CL</u>	RALEIGH DETROIT	ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	4
<u>AV/CVS</u>	?	NISSHIN
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	2
<u>DD</u>	Approx 20	Approx 16
<u>SS</u>	Approx 40	Approx 30
<u>AS/XAS</u>	?	2

3. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>CA</u>	-	-
<u>CL</u>	CONCORD RICHMOND TRENTON	KISO
<u>XCL</u>	-	2
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	10	Approx 4
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 10

\* Non-effective



4. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Philippines

<u>BB</u>	-	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	♠ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>ACV</u>	-	-	OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX DEVONSHIRE HAWKINS PROBISHER	-
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK TROMP	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA ENTERPRISE LIVERPOOL ARETHUSA CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KASHII OI KITAGAMI
<u>XCL</u>	-	ALAUNIA CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA RANCHI WORCESTERSHIRE	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERCH W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMO I * NOTORO

<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	Approx 12
	GAR ) GREMADIER ) GUDGEON ) On Patrol THRESHER ) TROUT )		
	K.12 At Exmouth Gulf		
	GRAYLING ) TAMBOR ) At Fremantle TAUTOG )		

<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1
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AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)

Fighters	110
M/Bombers	71
Seaplane Boats	9
Floatplanes	34
Transport A/C	22

♠ No recent intelligence.  
Present location uncertain.

\* Non-effective



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. 412

Date: 9th May, 1943.

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A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/9:

- (1) "WARRAMUNGA" exercising with submarine to seaward of Cape Moreton.
- (2) "MUGFORD" escorting Convoy TN87 ("TIME" "REIJUST") departed Townsville 1210/8 for Milne Bay ETA 1700/9.
- (3) "ECHUCA" escorting "JANSSENS" departed Milne Bay 1453/8 for Oro Bay ETA 1400/9.
- (4) "S.C.747" escorting Convoy TN 89 (Van der Lign" departed Townsville 0650/8 for Milne Bay ETA 1500/11.
- (5) "SHEPPARTON" "POLARIS" surveying.
- (6) "SUMNER" "S.C.745" "S.C.749" surveying Deboyne Is. area.
- (7) "S.C.744" departed Townsville 0600/6 for Brisbane ETA 1600/10.
- (8) "Latrobe" escorting "Islander" departed Darwin 1056/2 for Thursday Island via Goulburn Island, Millingimbi and Wessel Island.
- (9) "Henley" was to depart Cid Harbour 2200/8, arriving Townsville 0600/9. On arrival, to depart Townsville immediately, escorting "Taroona" to Brisbane ETA Brisbane 0500/11.
- (10) "M.L.426" departed Townsville 1647/8 en route Cairns.
- (11) "BROOKS" escorting "ALUDRA" en route Espiritu Santo to Brisbane ETA 0800/11.
- (12) "U.S.S.PERKINS" and "U.S.S.CONYNGHAM" en route Noumea to Brisbane ETA 0845/10.
- (13) "U.S.S.MAHAN" escorting "CAPE FLATTERY" ETA Gladstone 14/5. After arrival "MAHAN" to proceed to Brisbane.
- (14) "GOULBURN" "LITHGOW" departed Caloundra 0430/9 to RV with "T.S.29" ("KURUMBA" "HENRY DEARBORN" "PATRAS" "ARDENT") in position 22°35'S. 151°09'E. at 0700/10 and escort to Brisbane ETA 1600/12.
- (15) "ML.425" en route Lady Elliott Island to Brisbane.
- (16) "BUNBURY" escorting Convoy TN88 "ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK") departed Townsville 1820/6 for Port Moresby ETA 1400/9.
- (17) "S.C.747" was to RV with Convoy TN89 "VAN DER LIJN") at 0330/8 and escort to Milne Bay ETA 1159/11.
- (18) "Y.P.236" departed Caloundra 1744/4 for Cairns ETA 1200/10.
- (19) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "BROOME"
	Merchant Vessels: "YOCROW"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "SC.750" "PC.1121" "HILO" 15 PT's.
	Merchant Vessels: "WEST CACTUS" "VAN SWOLL"
	Small Craft - Approx 50.



Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. "KAPUNDA" "GLENELG"  
 "HDML.1074" "HDML.1161"  
 Merchant Vessels: "CHARON" "THEDENS" "JAPARA"  
 "H.R.HELPER"  
 Thursday Is. - Small Craft - Approx.20.  
 - Warships & Aux. - "WILCANNIA" "TULSA" YMS.9  
 YMS.49 YMS.50 12 PTs.  
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "SWAN" "WHYALLA" "PLATYPUS"  
 YP280 2 PTs refitting.  
 Cid Harbour - Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "HELM" "BISHOPDALE"  
 Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "GILMER" (U.S.Destroyer)  
 ML.814 ML.817 YP.291  
 "S.C.738" "KURUMBA" "MERKUR"  
 "YUNMAN" (ASIS)  
 Maryborough - Warships & Aux. "PIRIE" "ROCKHAMPTON"  
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "RALPH TALBOT" "PATTERSON"  
 "SELFRIDGE" "GEELONG" "FULTON"  
 "POYANG" (ASIS) YP.233 YMS.10  
 YMS.11 YMS.46 YMS.47  
 YMS.48 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.53  
 YMS.71 SC.648 SC.698 SC.731  
 SC.732 SC.740 SC.746 SC.748  
 SC.981 PC.1119 YDG.2 LST.452  
 ML.424 ML.427 "KATOOMBA" (HIT  
 (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "VENDETTA" "GYMPIE" "WAGGA"  
 "KATOOMBA" "VICTORIA"  
 "AASE MAERSK".

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "SWAN" to RV with Convoy TN90 "DUNTROON" "NUCULANA") off Fitzroy Island at 1700/9 and escort to Port Moresby ETA 0800/11.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Kolombangara - Three to 5 enemy vessels (including probably 3 destroyers) were seen in Blakett Strait at 0530/8. It appears likely that these vessels approached through Fergusson Passage, and were probably bringing supplies and reinforcements for Vila and/or Munda. (See Naval Incidents).
- (2) Rekata Bay - A float plane landed at Rekata Bay 1845/6.
- (3) New Hanover - Shipping sighted by reconnaissance in this area 8/5 was as follows :-  
 10-20/8 - 1 light cruiser  
 2 destroyers  
 1 transport (10-12,000 tons)  
 3 cargo vessels (6-10,000 tons)  
 approximately 17 miles south Cape Matanalen, course 130°, apparently heading for Rabaul via S.W. New Ireland. This convoy was followed by a single cargo vessel of 10-12,000 tons, about 15 miles behind.  
 In addition, at 1215/8 a destroyer and a cargo vessel (6-8,000 tons) were seen about 10 miles N.W. of the northern entrance to Isabel Passage on course 130°, probably heading for Kavieng.
- (4) Rabaul - Vunakanau aerodrome was attacked 0420-0458/8 by four Fortresses.
- (5) New Britain - At 0945/8, 3 armed and camouflaged power boats about 25 ft. were sighted off Matiu Point (37 miles N.N.E. Ubiil) travelling south at 20 knots. The boats were just off shore, and returned the aircraft's strafing fire.  
 In addition, a 100-ton coastal lugger was seen beached at Kupindal nearby.  
 Further south along the coast of Open Bay and Kimbe Bay, 25 barges or launches were seen dispersed at various points, while 200 55-gal. fuel drums were seen at Cape Goltz (N.W. shore Willaumez Peninsula). This store of fuel drums has been previously reported.
- (6) Madang Area - At 0900/8, aircraft reported a cargo vessel of 1500 tons and 2 small 200-ton ships 15 miles off Ulingan Harbour (54 miles N.N.W. Madang) course 160°. Enemy fighters were providing cover.



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Early afternoon, an air strike of Fighters and B25s attacked 2 ships in the vicinity of Madang, but results have not yet been fully assessed.

Photographs show the shipping attacked off Madang to include one tanker type ship of 115 ft. and one 1000-ton merchant vessel. These vessels are believed to be the same as those photographed in Nightingale Bay area at 0945/7; ~~and~~ attacking aircraft report that at least one of the ship's deck and superstructure were crowded with troops. The three units reported off Ulingan Harbour at 0900 may be additional.

The above reports confirm the suspected coastwise movement of supplies and reinforcements from Wewak (where several convoys have recently arrived) to Madang.

- (7) Salamaua - At 1200/7, an enemy position 1000 yards south by west of Bobdubi was attacked and occupied by our troops. Three enemy counter-attacks were repulsed, but a fourth counter-attack forced our troops to withdraw.

At 1530/8 an unidentified enemy aircraft took off from Salamaua.

- (8) Mubo - A.M. 7/5, our troops with air support unsuccessfully attacked Green's Hill.

## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/9:

- (1) "INVERELL" escorting D.T.20 ("MATTHEW FLINDERS" "YARA") departed Darwin 0309/8 for Thursday Island ETA 1000/13.  
(2) 5 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. "CASTLEMAINE" ML.815  
Merchant Vessels "DARVEL" "BURWAH"  
Merauke - Warships & Aux. "WARREGO"  
Merchant Vessels: "MAETSUYCKER".

### (ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Kai Islands - Two probable Zeros were seen taking off from Langgoer strip at 0855/8 when 3 Hudsons attacked the area. Another Zero was seen airborne, and 2 motor vessels and 30-40 personnel were seen on the strip/ This indicates the fact that Langgoer strip is now serviceable.

Six probable medium bombers and one Zero were sighted 5 miles south of Cape Wedgear, south tip of Groot Island, course 355°.

## 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/9:

- (1) "HERON" departed Exmouth Gulf 7/5. ETA Fremantle 1700/10.  
(2) "LARK" departed Fremantle 1505/5 for Exmouth Gulf.  
(3) "ADELAIDE" departed Fremantle 0850/8 for Melbourne ETA 1001/12.

#### (b) In Harbour

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. "CHANTICLEER" "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERCK" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO" "OTUS" "CHILDS" "GOLD STAR" "YP.286" "WHITNEY" SC739, SC.751.  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "TJERK HIDDERS" "W.B. PRESTON" "PELIAS" "ISABEL" "WHIPPOORWILL".



4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/8:

- (1) "AUSTRALIA" "ARUNTA" departed Brisbane 0900/8 for Sydney.
- (2) "WARRNAMBOOL" "DELORAIN" "TOWNSVILLE" "MILDURA" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy GO.93 (including "BUNGAR EE") departed Sydney 1300/8.
- (3) "KYBRA" departed Sydney 0710/4 for training cruise Broken Bay, Newcastle and Port Stephens area.
- (4) "GOLD STAR" en route Fremantle to Melbourne ETA 1200/10.
- (5) "COLAC" "BALLARAT" "BENDIGO" "MORESBY" escorting Convoy GP50 (16 MV and 7 LST) departed Sydney 0930/8 ETA Caloundra 0600/11.

(b) In Harbour

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE" "FREMANTLE"  
"BUNDABERG" "H.T.ALLEN" "GLADSTONE"  
SC.741 ML.428 ML.429 ML.818  
(Repairing) "RIGEL" (AR) "WANGANILLA" "CENTAUR" (AH)  
"BAGLEY" "NEPAL" "SAUFLEY" "STUART"  
"CHEVREUIL" "ALHENA" "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)  
(On Reserve) "WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "VAN GALEN" "MANGORA"  
"ATREUS" "ALSEY" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN"  
(Refitting) "DOOMBA"  
"QUIBERON"

(c) Proposed Movements

- (1) "VAN GALEN" escorting "ATREUS" to depart Port Phillip p.m. 9/5 for Fremantle.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

On 7/5 there were indications of an enemy submarine in the vicinity of 30°S. 156°E. (approximately 150 miles E. by N. of Coff's Harbour, and on 8/5 another unit approximately 36°S 151°E. (56 miles S. by E. of Jervis Bay). These reports indicate that enemy submarines are still operating in the area.

5. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - THORNTON (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - LEANDER (CL) IANSDOWNE STRONG O'BANNON RADFORD MAURY WARD McCALLA CHEVALIER (DD) TREVOR (DM) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) MACKINAC (AVP) HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) MANLEY (APD) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) ALCHIBA ALGORAB CELENC (AK) NEOSHO SABINE PLATTE TAPPAHANNOCK WHIPSTOCK (AO) CONSTANT (AM) ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (CV) SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN (CL) KILTY WOODWORTH JENKINS SMITH FANNING DRAYTON CASE CRAVEN LAMSON (DD) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AG) McCAWLEY (AP) MAJABA MERCURY TALAMANCA CASTOR (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD) TRYON (APH) PECOS PATUXENT SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) KINGFISHER SHELDRAKE ADROIT (AM) PAWNEE (AT) HOLLY (YN) S.31 (SS) ARD.2 KIWI MATAI TUI GALE (A/S Vessels) SC.518
- (4) At Suva - "CATAPA" (YN) SONOMA (AT)
- (5) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM) AMERICAN LEGION (AP) SAMOA (AM)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK RAIL VIREO (AM) LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO)



- (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND  
DENVER MONTPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SANGAMON  
SUWANNEE (ACV) EATON WAILER PHILIP RENSHAW LANG  
WILSON CONY CONWAY (DD) BALLARD (AV) LACKAWANNA  
KANKAKEE NESCHES (AO) ROAMER PC.476 PC.479  
RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)
- (8) At Nandi - COPAHEE (ACV)
- (9) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) PINCKNEY (AK) SOLACE (AH)
- (10) At Wellington - TAYLOR McCALL (DD) TRACY (DM) MOUNT VER  
CRESCENT CITY (AP) LIBRA (AK)

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NAVAL INCIDENTS

Kolombangara - At 0530/8, three enemy ships were seen in Blakett Strait, one of which was on fire and disappeared after an explosion.

The other two vessels were later identified as destroyers of "SHIGURI" or "HIBIKI" class, and one of them was <sup>the</sup> subject of another explosion at about 0700/8.

The vessels apparently ran into a minefield recently laid by our forces.

At 0920/8, one destroyer was seen low in the water in Blakett Strait, and another destroyer was aground on Pailerongoso Island (N. entrance to Ferguson Passage).

At 1100/8. a striking force of 19 dive bombers ----- with 8 Warhawks found 3 destroyers still in the area, and scored a direct hit on one with a 1000 lb. bomb and several near misses on the other two.

At 1330/8, one destroyer was still beached on Pailerongoso Island, and another drifting stern first through Ferguson Passage.

A strong air strike, including 21 torpedo and dive bombers, 6 Fortresses with 81 Fighters, was despatched from Guadalcanal, but bad weather prevented action.

The above is a preliminary summary of the incident, and detail is at present rather hazy.

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central and Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Further reinforcements and increased activity in Northern theatre.
- (3) Intense submarine activity including transportation reconnaissance and offensive operations, in all theatres.

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9/5/43.



8/5/43

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PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Waluit-Bismarcks-  
Solomons

	-	INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	YAMATO (poss. Empire) MUSASHI MUTSU KONGO HARUNA NAGATO
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	ZUIKAKU
<u>XCV</u>	-	-	HITAKA HAYATAKA ZUIHO
<u>ACV</u>	-	CHENANGO SANGAM ON SUWANNEE	CHUYO UNYO
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	-	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI HAGURO KUMANO SUZUYA TONE TIKUMA * AOBA
<u>CL</u>	HOBART	HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO JINTSU SENDAI KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA ISUZU KINU KUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	3
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT SELFRIIDGE PATTERSON HELM HENLEY * BAGLEY STUART VENDETTA RALPH TALBOT VAN CALEN * QUIBERON * NEPAL MUGFORD	Approx 40	Approx 40

\* Non-effective



Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-  
Solomons

<u>SS</u>	GREENLING ) GROWLER ) GUARDFISH ) At Brisbane TUNA )	S.31	Approx 30
	ALBACORE ) DRUM ) GATO ) GRAYBACK ) On Patrol GROUPER ) PETO ) SCAMP )		
	K.9 At Sydney		
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA
<u>V/XCVS</u>	-	3	5
<u>PT</u>	25	Approx 30	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H. T. ALLEN MANOORA * WESTRALIA * KANIMBLA	10 APA 15 APD 6 AKA	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON		3 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE WHITNEY	?
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	2
<u>AIRCRAFT</u>	(N.E. Area Only)		
Fighters			265
M/Bombers			104
SE/Bombers			16
Flying Boats			6
Seaplanes			51
Transport A/C			23

\* Non-effective



2. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA * TENNESSEE	ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	VICTORIOUS ENTERPRISE	* SHOKAKU HOSHO (Training Ship)
<u>XCV</u>	LONG ISLAND	RYUHO
<u>ACV</u>	NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	-
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA NEW ORLEANS * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS * PENSACOLA * PORTLAND * INDIANAPOLIS	NACHI 1 Unidentified * ASHIGARA
<u>OCA</u>	-	3
<u>CL</u>	RALEIGH DETROIT	ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	4
<u>AV/CVS</u>	?	NISSHIN
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	2
<u>DD</u>	Approx 20	Approx 16
<u>SS</u>	Approx 40	Approx 30
<u>AS/XAS</u>	?	2

3. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>CA</u>	-	-
<u>CL</u>	CONCORD RICHMOND TRENTON	KISO
<u>XCL</u>	-	2
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	10	Approx 4
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 10

\* Non-effective



4. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Philippines

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<u>BB</u>	-	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	- →
<u>CV</u>	-	♠ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>ACV</u>	-	-	OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX DEVONSHIRE HAWKINS FROBISHER	-
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK TROMP	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA ENTERPRISE LIVERPOOL ARETHUSA CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KASHII OI KITAGAMI
<u>XCL</u>	-	ALAUNIA CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA RANCHI WORCESTERSHIRE	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI * NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	Approx 12
<u>SS</u>	GAR ) GRENADIER ) GUDGEON ) On Patrol THRESHER )		
	K.12 ) TROUT ) At Exmouth Gulf		
	GRAYLING ) TAMBOR ) At Fremantle TAUTOG )		
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)

Fighters	110
M/Bombers	71
Flying Boats	9
Boatplanes	28
Transport A/C	22

♠ No recent intelligence.  
Present location uncertain.

\* Non-effective



GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA  
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre  
**DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY**

Allied and Enemy Activity

No. **413**

Date: **10th May, 1943**

P A R T I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/10:

- (1) "H ENLEY" escorting "TAROONA" departed Townsville 0635/9 for Brisbane ETA 0500/11.
- (2) "WARRAMUNGA" departed Caloundra 2325/9 ETA Cid Harbour 0845/11.
- (3) "SHEPPARTON" "POLARIS" surveying.
- (4) "SUMNER" "SC.745" "SC.749" surveying Deboyne Is. area.
- (5) "PC.1121" escorting "VAN SWOLL" departed Milne Bay 0321/9 for Beli Beli.
- (6) "KAPUNDA" escorting Convoy MB3 ("JAPARA" "THEDENS" "PULGANBAR") was to depart Port Moresby 1200/10 for Milne Bay ETA 2300/11.
- (7) "LATROBE" escorting "ISLANDER" departed Darwin 1056/2 for Thursday Island via Goulburn Island, Millingimbi and Wessel Island.
- (8) "BUNBURY" escorting "CHARON" (for Cairns ETA 1100/11) departed Port Moresby 1633/9. "BUNBURY" to proceed Townsville ETA 0600/12.
- (9) "GLENELG" escorting "LORINNA" departed Port Moresby 1003/9 for Thursday Island ETA a.m. 11/5.
- (10) "BROOME" escorting Convoy FC7 ("WEST CACTUS" for Townsville; "YOCHOW" for Cairns) was to depart Milne Bay 1200/10.
- (11) "YP.280" departed Cairns 1421/9 for Townsville was due 0900/10.
- (12) "BROOKS" escorting "ALUDRA" en route Espiritu Santo to Brisbane ETA 0800/11.
- (13) "PERKINS" "CONYNGHAM" en route Noumea to Brisbane were due 0845/10.
- (14) "MAHAN" escorting "CAPE FLATTERY" en route Noumea to Gladstone ETA 14/5. After arrival "MAHAN" to proceed to Brisbane.
- (15) "SC.747" escorting Convoy TN89 ("VAN DER LIJN") to Milne Bay ETA 1159/11.
- (16) "SWAN" escorting Convoy TN90 ("DUNTROON" "NUCULANA") from Fitzroy Island to Port Moresby ETA 0800/11.
- (17) "BOWEN" escorting Convoy TN91 ("EMPIRE HAMBLE" "JOHN WHITAKER") departed Townsville 2316/9 for Milne Bay ETA 1100/13.
- (18) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA"
	Merchant Vessels: "JANSSENS"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "MUGFORD" "SC.750" "HILO" 15 PTs
	Merchant Vessels: "TIME" "REIJUST"
	Small Craft - Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - HDML.1074 HDML.1161
	Merchant Vessels: "ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "H.R.HELPER"
	"GENERAL VERSPIJCK"
	Small Craft - Approx 20



Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "WILCANNIA" "TULSA" YMS.9  
 YMS.49 YMS.50 12 PTs  
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "WHYALLA" "PLATYPUS" YP.236  
 ML.426 2 PTs (refitting)  
 Port Harbour - Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "HELM" "BISHOPDALE"  
 "MERKUR"  
 Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "GILMER" ML.814 ML.817 YP.291  
 SC.738 "YUNNAN" (ASIS)  
 Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE" "ROCKHAMPTON"  
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "SEFRIDGE" "RALPH TALBOT"  
 "PATTERSON" "GEELONG" "FULTON" "POYANG" (ASIS)  
 YP.233 YMS.10 YMS.11 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48  
 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.53 YMS.71 SC.648 SC.698  
 SC.731 SC.732 SC.740 SC.744 SC.746 SC.748  
 SC.981 PC.1119 YDG.2 LST.452 ML.424 ML.425  
 ML.427  
 (Repairing, Trials etc.) "VENDETTA" "GYMPIE" "WAGGA" "KATOOMBA"  
 "VICTORIA" "AASE MAERSK"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "GEELONG" "WAGGA" "KATOOMBA" "SC.746" "ML.427" escorting Convoy  
 BT58 (11 MV) to depart Caloundra 1500/11.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Kolombangara - It is now thought that only 3 destroyers were  
 involved in the Blakett Strait incident early a.m. 8/5 (see  
 Naval Incidents). Barges were active between the unit aground  
 near Pailorongoso Island (N.entrance Ferguson Passage) and  
 Ringi Cove throughout the day.
- (2) Shortlands - At 1535/9 a small steamer with an escort vessel  
 was seen 5 miles S.S.E. Faisi course 135° possibly bound for  
 New Georgia.
- (3) Buka Area - At K45/8 14 enemy aircraft flew over northern  
 Bougainville course south.  
 At 1500/9 two vessels described as large transports  
 were sighted 20 miles east of Teop Harbour course south.
- (4) New Hanover - The convoy sighted 1020/8 17 miles south of Cape  
 Matanalem course 130° was picked up by reconnaissance in the  
 afternoon and shadowed until 2200/8 when in position 40 miles  
 S. by E. Steffen Strait course varying from 100° to 125°. At  
 this stage the convoy was reported to consist of a 10,000 ton  
 Hospital Ship following 15 miles behind 6 other ships described  
 as -  
 One light cruiser  
 2 destroyers  
 1 large transport  
 2 medium cargo vessels
- (5) Gasmata - Gasmata aerodrome and installations were attacked  
 1320/9 by 7 B.25's. The runway was well covered and 8  
 wrecked aircraft were seen including fighters and bombers.  
 Photographs confirm that there were no serviceable aircraft  
 on the aerodrome.
- (6) Rooke Island - Reconnaissance 1230/8 reported a 60 ft. launch  
 off Higgins Point (S.W. coast) with 15 men and loaded with  
 supplies.  
 Reconnaissance 1140/9 sighted 5 laden barges near the  
 shore on the S.E. coast. The barges which were 50 ft. long  
 were loaded with bales and being unloaded by about 150 Japs.  
 This intelligence together with the groups of barges  
 and launches reported in yesterday's Summary 9/5, along the  
 N. shore New Britain may indicate that supplies and/or  
 reinforcements are being transported by small vessels all the  
 way from N.E. New Britain to Finschhafen and possibly Lae.
- (7) Madang - Photographs 1015/9 show a cargo ship aground and burning  
 at Gum River (5 miles S.E. Madang). This is probably the result  
 of the air attack the previous afternoon (see Naval Incidents).
- (8) Mubo-Komiatum - Patrols report 9/5 that Observation Hill near  
 Mubo is only lightly held by the enemy.  
 At 0600/8 our troops ambushed 60 Japanese moving to  
 Bobdubi from the south probably from Komiatum killing 20 and  
 wounding many more. Our casualties were nil. The enemy, how-  
 ever, is digging in at the site of the ambush.



Komiatum and the track to the south were attacked  
0900-0930/9 by 6 Bostons.  
(S) Oro Bay - One or more probable medium bombers were over Oro  
Bay at about noon 7/5. No bombs were dropped.

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## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (i) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/10:

- (1) "INVERELL" escorting DT.20 ("MATTHEW FLINDERS" "YARRA") dep.  
Darwin 0309/8 for Thursday Island ETA 1000/13.
- (2) 5 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin	- Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE" ML.315
	Merchant Vessels: "DARVEL" "BURWAH"
Merauke	- Warships & Aux. - "WARREGO"
	Merchant Vessels: "MAETSUYCKER"

### (ii) ENEMY FORCES:

- (1) Kaukenau - Photos 8/5 show that the runway at Timika is probably serviceable for fighters and possibly for bombers, but no aircraft are visible on the aerodrome.
- (2) Manokwari - 5 Liberators attacked the town and jetty area at 0930/9. The following shipping was sighted in the harbour -  
1 x 8,000 ton transport near the jetty  
6 small vessels under 1000 tons  
1 patrol craft
- (3) Sorong (N.W. tip New Guinea) - At 1230/9 a sea-truck (1-2000 tons) and some small vessels were sighted at Sorong. The dock at Jeflio (12 miles S. of Sorong) appears in good condition.
- (4) Ceram - A great number of barges were seen pulled up on the beach of a small island off Geser (S.E. tip of Ceram). At Boela (55 miles N.W. Geser) oil derricks were observed apparently in good repair, also a serviceable landing strip.
- (5) Aroe Is. - Five fighter floatplanes were sighted on the beach at the mouth of Serwatoe River (W.coast Trangan Is.). This locality is about 20 miles S. of Maikoor Bay which has recently been the usual floatplane base.
- (6) Kai Is. - Two probable Zero's were seen taking off Langgoer strip. This is the second occasion on which aircraft have been seen using this strip.
- (7) Millingimbi - Seven enemy medium bombers attacked Millingimbi aerodrome, mission and shipping at about noon 9/5. Slight damage was done to the mission and to the runway and some casualties were inflicted. The attack on shipping is reported in Naval Incidents.

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## 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

### (i) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/10:

- (1) "HERON" departed Exmouth Gulf 7/5 ETA Fremantle 1700/10.
- (2) "ADELAIDE" departed Fremantle 0850/8 for Melbourne ETA 1001/12.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Fremantle	- Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "HORSHAM"
	"DUBBO" "WALLAROO" "OTUS" "CHILDS" "GOLD STAR"
	"YP.286" SC.739 SC.751 "CHANTICLEER"
Exmouth Gulf	- Warships & Aux. - "TJERK HIDDIS" "W.B.PRESTON"
	"PELIAS" "ISABEL" "WHIPPOORWILL" "LARK"

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4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/10:

- (1) "WARRNAMBOOL" "DELORAINIE" "TOWNSVILLE" "MILDURA" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy C093 (including "BUNGAREE") dep. Sydney 1300/8.
- (2) "KYBRA" departed Sydney 0710/4 for training cruiser Broken Bay, Newcastle and Port Stephens area.
- (3) "VAN GALEN" escorting "ATREUS" departed Port Phillip 1729/9 for Fremantle ETA 0630/15.
- (4) "GOLD STAR" en route Fremantle to Melbourne ~~arriving at Sydney~~ was due to anchor off Portsea 2359/9.
- (5) "COLAC" "BALLARAT" "BENDIGO" "MORESBY" escorting Convoy GP50 (9 MV and 7 LST) departed Sydney 0930/8 ETA Caloundra 0600/11.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney	- Warships & Aux. -	"AUSTRALIA" "ARUNTA" "LE TRI OMPHANT"
		"KALGOORLIE" "FREMANTLE" "BUNDABERG" "H.T.ALLEN"
		"GLADSTONE" "SC.741 ML.428 ML.429 ML.818"
		"RIGEL" (AR) "WANGANILLA" "CENTAUR" (AH)
(Repairing)	-	"BAGLEY" "NEPAL" "SAUFLEY" "STUART" "CHEVREUIL"
		"ALHENA" "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)
(On Reserve)	-	"WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"
Melbourne	-	Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA" "ALSEY" "DOOMBA"
		"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN"
(Refitting)		"AUIBERON"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "ARUNTA" to depart Sydney 1300/10 for Cid Harbour ETA 1300/12.
- (2) "COLAC" "MORESBY" "BALLARAT" "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy PG50 (11 MV) to depart Caloundra 0600/11.

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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - THORNTON (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - LEANDER (CL) LANSLOWNE STRONG O'BANNON  
RADFORD MAURY WARD McCALLA CHEVALIER (DD) TREVOR (DM)  
CURTISS TANGIER (AV) MACKINAC (AVP) HUNTER LIGGETT (AP)  
MANLEY (APD) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) ALCHIBA  
ALGORAE CELENO (AK) NEOSHO SABINE PLATTE TAPPAHANNOCK  
WHIPSTOCK (AO) CONSTANT (AM) ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (CV)  
SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN (CL) KILTY WOODWORTH JENKINS SMITH  
FANNING DRAYTON CASE CRAVEN LAMSON (DD) PROMETHEUS (AR)  
ARGONNE (AG) McCAWLEY (AP) MAJABA MERCURY TALAMANCA  
CASTOR (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD) TRYON (APH) PECOS  
PATUXENT SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) KINGFISHER SHELDRAKE  
ADROIT (AM) PAWNEE (AT) HOLLY (YN) S.31 (SS) ARD.2 KIWI  
MATAI TUI GALE (A/S Vessels) SC.518
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
- (5) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM) AMERICAN LEGION (AP) SAMOA (AM)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK RAIL VIREO (AM)  
LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) ORTOLAN (ASR)  
MENOMINEE (AT) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS) ESKINS  
PHELPS (AO)
- (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (EB) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER  
MONTPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV) EATON  
WALLER PHILIP RENSHAW LANG WILSON CONY CONWAY (DD)  
BALLARD (AV) LACKAWANNA KANKAKEE NESCHES (AO) ROAMER  
PC.476 PC.479 RAPPAHANNOCK (ACG)
- (8) At Nandi - COPAHEE (ACV)
- (9) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) PINCKNEY (AK) SLACE (AM)
- (10) At Wellington - TAYLOR McCALL (DD) TRACY (DM) MOUNT VERNON  
CRESCENT CITY (AP) LIBRA (AK)



NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) Kolombangara - A further report concerning enemy ships which ran into a minefield in Blackett Strait early a.m. 8/4 is now to hand. Three destroyers were involved of which probably one was of "TERUTSUKI" class and the other two of "SHIGURE" and "HIBIKI" class. The large destroyer was hit by a 1000-lb bomb from an attacking Dauntless at 1100/8 in Gizo Anchorage. At 1615 this same vessel was again attacked by three Wildcats causing an explosion which was followed by fire.

A second destroyer lodged on a reef on Pailerongoso Is. Barges were reported around this vessel and both the destroyer and barges were strafed during the morning. An observer reported afternoon 9/5 that there were no signs of the destroyer on Pailerongoso. It is not known whether this destroyer sank or was able to escape.

The third destroyer was reported dead in the water in Blackett Strait.

- (2) Madang - Two enemy ships, shown by photos to be a 1000 ton MV and a small coaster with funnel aft, were attacked off Madang between 1400-1450/8 by Beaufighters and B.25's with a cover of 16 Lightnings.

Eight Beaufighters first strafed both ships at 1410-1415/8 and then ran over the aerodrome where they burned-up one of four grounded Zero's. They then met interception and were unable to conduct further strafing.

Nine B.25's at 1425-1450/8 dropped 26 500-lb 5 second delay bombs from masthead height. 3 direct hits were scored on the M.V., which was later seen sinking by the stern with the bow out of the water and 2 direct hits and four very close misses on the smaller vessel which was left burning. Photos 1015/9 show a ship, probably the coaster, still burning and aground at Gum River.


The Beaufighters reported that the deck and superstructure of the M/V were ~~xxxxxx~~<sup>crowded</sup> with troops.

All our aircraft encountered enemy fighters and, in combat, one Zero was destroyed and 2 others damaged. All our aircraft returned.

- (3) Millingimbi - During an enemy air attack on Millingimbi by 7 bombers morning 9/5 "ISLANDER" (1600 tons) sustained a near miss causing slight damage. N.O.I.C. Darwin reports that the ship is entirely seaworthy. "ISLANDER" escorted by "LATROBE" is en route Darwin to Thursday Island via Goulburn Island, Millingimbi and Wessel Island.

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central and Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Further reinforcements and increased activity in Northern theatre.
- (3) Intense submarine activity including transportation, reconnaissance and offensive operations, in all theatres.

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

10/5/43



9/5/43.

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks- Solomons
	-	INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	YAMATO (poss. Empire) MUSASHI MUTSU KONGO HARUNA NAGATO
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	ZUIKAKO
<u>XCV</u>	-	-	EITAKA EAYATAKA ZUIHO
<u>ACV</u>	-	CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE	CHUYO
<u>CA</u>	AU STRAL IA	-	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI HAGURO KUMANO SUZUYA TONE TIKUMA * AOBA
<u>CL</u>	HOBART	HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO JINTSU SENDAI EATORI ESHIMA NAGARA ISUZU KINU KUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	3
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT SELFRIDGE PATTERSON HELM HENLEY * BAGLEY STUART VENDETTA RALPH TALBOT VAN GALEN X QUIBERON * NEPAL MUGFORD	Approx. 40	Approx. 40

\* Non-effective



Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-  
Solomons

<u>SS</u>	GREENLING ) GROWLER ) GUARDFISH ) TUNA )	S.31 At Brisbane	Approx.30
	ALBACORE ) DRUM ) GATO ) GRAYBACK ) GROUPER ) PETO ) SCAMP )	On Patrol	
	K.9	At Sydney	
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	5
<u>PT</u>	25	Approx 30	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T.ALLEN MANCORA * WEST RALIA * KANIMBLA	10 APA 15 APD 6 AKA	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON		3 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE WHITNEY	?
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	2
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.E.Area Only)</u>			
Fighters			263
M/Bombers			104
SE/Bombers			16
Flying Boats			6
Floatplanes			51
Transport A/C			23

\* non-effectivr



2. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

BB WASHINGTON  
 NORTH CAROLINA  
 IDAHO  
 MISSISSIPPI  
 NEW MEXICO  
 PENNSYLVANIA  
 NEVADA  
 \* WEST VIRGINIA  
 \* CALIFORNIA  
 \* TENNESSEE

ISE  
 FUSO  
 YAMASHIRO  
 HYUGA

CV VICTORICA  
 ENTERPRISE

\* SHOKAKU  
 HOSHO (Training Ship)

XCV LONG ISLAND

RYUHO

ACV NASSAU  
 ALTAMAHA  
 COPAHEE

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CA LOUISVILLE  
 SAN FRANCISCO  
 WICHITA  
 NEW ORLEANS  
 \* SALT LAKE CITY  
 \* MINNEAPOLIS  
 \* PENSACOLA  
 \* PORTLAND  
 \* INDIANAPOLIS

NACHI  
 1 Unidentified  
 \* ASHIGARA

OCA -

3

CL RALEIGH  
 DETROIT

ABUKUMA  
 TAMA

XCL -

4

AV/CVS ?

NISSEIN

XAV/XCVS ?

2

DD Approx. 20

Approx. 16

SS Approx. 40

Approx. 30

AS/XAS ?

2

3. NORTHERN PACIFIC

CA -

-

CL CONCORD  
 RICHMOND  
 TRENTON

KISO

XCL -

2

XAV/XCVS -

1

DD 10

Approx. 4

SS 10

Approx. 10

\* non-effective



4. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies- Philippines
<u>B</u>	-	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	∅ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>ACV</u>	-	-	OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	-	* SUSSEX * HAWKINS *- PROBISHER	-
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERCK TROMP	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KA SHII OI KITAGAMI
<u>XCL</u>	-	∅ ALAUNIA CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA RANCHI WORCESTERSHIRE	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	A. BATROSS	KAMOI * NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	TJEREK HIDDES	Approx 27	Approx 12
<u>SS</u>	GAR ) GRENADIER ) GUDGEON ) THRESHER )	On Patrol	
	K.12 ) TROUT )	At Exmouth Gulf	
	GRAYLING ) TAMBOR ) TAUTOG )	At Fremantle	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1
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- (2) "MAHAN" escorting "CAPE FLATTERY" en route Noumea to Gladstone ETA 14/5. After arrival "MAHAN" to proceed to Brisbane.
- (3) "MUGFORD" departed Milne Bay 0430/10 to rejoin Task Force 74.
- (4) "PATTERSON" escorting "PENNANT" departed Caloundra 2209/10. "PATTERSON" to escort "PENNANT" to 159°E and then proceed Noumea ETA 0800/13.
- (5) "SELFRIDGE" "RALPH TALBOT" departed Brisbane 1654/10 for Noumea ETA 1530/12.
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- (11) "INVERELL" escorting Convoy DT20 ("MATTHEW FLINDERS" "YARRA") dep. Darwin 0309/8 for Thursday Island ETA 1000/13.
- (12) "LATROBE" escorting "ISLANDER" departed Darwin 1056/2 for Thursday Island via Goulburn Island, Millingimbi and Wessel Island.
- (13) "BUNBURY" escorting "CHARON" (for Cairns was due 1100/11) departed Port Moresby 1633/9. "BUNBURY" to proceed Townsville ETA 0600/12.
- (14) "BROOME" escorting Convoy FC7 ("WEST CACTUS" for Townsville; "YOCHOW" for Cairns) was to depart Milne Bay 1200/11.
- (15) "BROOKS" escorting "ALUDRA" en route Espiritu Santo to Brisbane was due 0800/11.
- (16) "SC.747" escorting Convoy TN89 ("VAN DER LIJN") to Milne Bay was due 1159/11.
- (17) "SWAN" escorting Convoy TN90 ("DUNTROON" "NUCULANA") from Fitzroy Island to Port Moresby was due 0800/11.
- (18) "BOWEN" escorting Convoy TN91 ("EMPIRE HAMBLE" "JOHN WHITAKER") dep. Townsville 2316/9 for Milne Bay ETA 1100/13.
- (19) "YP.236" departed Cairns 0600/10 for Thursday Island ETA 1600/12.
- (20) "ML.424" "ML.425" carrying out A/S patrol to seaward of entrance to N.W. channel Brisbane area.
- (21) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay - Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA"  
Merchant Vessels: "JANSSENS"



Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "HILO" 15 PTs  
 Merchant Vessels: "TIME"  
 Small Craft - Approx 50

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - HDML.1074 HDML.1161  
 Merchant Vessels: "ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "H.R.HELPER"  
 "GENERAL VERSPIJCK"  
 Small Craft - Approx 20

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "WARREGO" "GLENELG" "WILCANNIA"  
 "TULSA" YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50  
 12 PTs

Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "WHYALLA" "PLATYPUS" ML.426  
 2 PTs (refitting)

Cid Harbour - Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "WARRAMUNGA" "HELM"  
 "BISHOPDALE" "MERKUR"

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "GILMER" ML.814 ML.817 YP.280  
 YP.291 SC.738 "YUNNAN" (ASIS)  
 "DEIMOS"

Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE" "ROCKHAMPTON"  
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "PERKINS" "CONYNGHAM" "GEELONG"  
 "WAGGA" "KATOOMBA" "FULTON" "POYANG" (ASIS)  
 YP.233 YMS.10 YMS.11 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48  
 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.53 YMS.71 SC.648 SC.698  
 SC.731 SC.732 SC.740 SC.744 SC.746 SC.748  
 SC.981 PC.1119 YDG.2 8 LSTs ML.427

(Repairing, Trials etc.) - "VENDETTA" "GYMPIE" "VICTORIA"  
 "AASE MAERSEK"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "GEELONG" "WAGGA" "KATOOMBA" "SC.746" "ML.427" escorting Convoy  
BT58 (11 MV) to depart Caloundra 1500/11.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Munda - 18 Dauntless, 18 Avengers covered by 24 Corsairs, 16  
 Wildcats, 8 Lightnings attacked Munda 0920/10. A fire was  
 started. Several large aircraft were sighted in the revetment  
 area south of the strip.
- (2) Kolombangara - 6 Dauntless, 6 Avengers escorted by 21 Corsairs  
 bombed Vanga Vanga afternoon 10/5. Both these strikes reported  
 sighting no shipping in Blackett Strait. The aircraft which  
 attacked Munda reported several oil slicks in Blackett Strait  
 and one in Gizo anchorage. A report from a reconnaissance  
 aircraft states that an unidentified vessel was "believed  
 sighted" near Matuki Island (10 miles west of Vila) at 0900/10.  
 An observer reported a cargo vessel on a reef near Munda at  
 1045/10.
- (3) Bougainville Island - Observers' reports state that 2 schooners  
 southbound from Buka anchored at Teop Harbour night 9/5. At  
 1030/10 seven large vessels were sighted off Numa Numa. No  
 course is given.  
 Enemy working parties were reported 9/5 at Teop Island  
 and Tearouki Plantation (N.W. Bougainville Is. area) apparently  
 engaged in preparing gun emplacements.
- (4) Rabaul Area - Two large cargo vessels were sighted 15 miles east  
 of Cape Gazelle course 270 at 0930/10. These vessels may have  
 been returning to Rabaul after night dispersal.
- (5) Cape Orford - A submarine was sighted off Cape Orford proceeding  
 south at 1645/10. This is the first submarine sighting reported  
 from this area for approximately a week.
- (6) Cape Gloucester - Photos taken during the attack morning 10/5  
 reveal one camouflaged medium bomber and one fighter on the  
 aerodrome.
- (7) Mubo-Komiatum - A further report 9/5 states that enemy positions  
 on Observation Hill have been reinforced.
- (8) China Strait - see Naval Incidents.
- (9) Milne Bay - One or two enemy aircraft ineffectually raided Milne  
 Bay 1845/10.



2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/11:

(1) 5 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE" ML.815  
Merchant Vessels: "DARVEL" "BURWAH"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Merauke - 2 enemy floatplanes bombed and strafed the small allied vessel "HARMAN" at Mappi Post (on Digoel River 100 miles N.W. by N. of Merauke) at 1000/9. No damage or casualties.
- (2) Kaimana - Photos 1130/9 reveal 17 landing barges, but no shipping or aircraft.  
At Utarom the runway is probably serviceable to a length of 1000-1500 yards. No aircraft visible.
- (3) Nabire - Photos 0926/9 show the runway completely serviceable for 4100 feet. Eight multiple blast pens, taxiways and camouflage are all complete and new pens are under construction. 58 motor transports, two rollers, and one barge were also visible but no aircraft.
- (4) Manokwari - Photos 0926/9 reveal one 5,500 ton freighter and one other merchant vessel badly damaged. The latter is probably the vessel attacked 1/5.
- (5) Babo - 5 Catalinas attacked Babo night 9/5 destroying and damaging a number of grounded aircraft. Final results not yet assessed. Thirty to thirty two aircraft were sighted of which 16 were fighters.
- (6) Sorong - Analysis of photos 1234/9 reveals one tanker (1000 tons) and 3 sea-trucks (300-500 tons).
- (7) Millingimbi - 9 Zero's attacked Millingimbi 0928/10. Five Spitfires intercepted the enemy aircraft. Final results not yet assessed. Three of these Zero's later attacked A.M.S. "LATROBE" escorting "ISLANDER" near Millingimbi. See Naval Incidents.

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "HORSHAM"  
"DUBBO" "WALLAROO" "OTUS" "CHILDS" "GOLD STAR"  
"YP.286" SC.739 SC.751 "CHANTICLEER" "HERON"  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "TJERE HIDDES" "W.B.PRESTON"  
"PELIAS" "ISABEL" "WHIPPOORWILL" "LARK"

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4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/11:

- (1) "COLAC" "MORESEY" "BALLARAT" "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy PG50 (11 MV) were to depart Caloundra 0600/11.
- (2) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC93 (18 vessels including "GOLDSTAR" "ALSEY") departed Port Phillip 2251/10 to RV in Wilson's Promontory area with "WARRNAMBOOL" "DELORAIN" "TOWNSVILLE" "MILDURA" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy C093 (including "BUNGAREE").



- (3) "VAN GALEN" escorting "ATREUS" departed Port Phillip 1729/9 for Fremantle ETA 0630/15.
- (4) "ADELAIDE" departed Fremantle 0850/8 for Melbourne ETA 1001/12.
- (5) "SC.741" departed Sydney 1317/10 for Brisbane.
- (6) "ARUNTA" departed Sydney 1313/10 for Cid Harbour ETA 1300/12.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney	- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "LE TRIOMPHANT"
	"KYBRA" "KALGOORLIE" "FREMANTLE" "BUNDABERG"
	"H.T.ALLEN" "GLADSTONE" ML.428 ML.429 ML.818
(Repairing)	"RIGEL" (AR) "WANGANELLA" "CENTAUR" (AH)
	"BAGLEY" "NEPAL" "SAUFLEY" "STUART" "CHEVREUIL"
(On Reserve)	"ALHENA" "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)
	"WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"
Melbourne	- Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA" "ABRAHAM CRIJSSSEN"
(Refitting)	"QUIBERON"

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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - THORNTON (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - LEANDER (CL) STRONG O'BANNON RADFORD MAURY  
WARD McCALLA CHEVALIER (DD) TREVOR (DM) CURTISS  
TANGIER (AV) MACKINAC (AVP) HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) MANLEY (APD)  
DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) ALCHIBA ALGORAB CELENO (AK)  
NEOSHO SABINE PLATTE TAPPAHANNOCK WEIPSTOCK (AO)  
CONSTANT (AM) ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (CV)  
SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN (CL) KILTY WOODWORTH JENKINS SMITH  
FANNING DRAYTON CASE CRAVEN LAMSON (DD) PROMETHEUS (AR)  
ARGONNE (AG) McCAWLEY (AP) MAJABA MERCURY TALAMANCA  
CASTOR (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD) TRYON (APH) PECOS  
PATUXENT SUAMICO CIMARON (AO) KINGFISHER SHELDRAKE  
ADROIT (AM) PAWNEE (AT) HOLLY (YN) S.31 (SS) ARD.2  
KIWI MATAI TUI GALE (A/S Vessels) SC.518
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
- (5) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM) AMERICAN LEGION (AP) SAMOA (AK)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK RAIL  
VIREO (AM) LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) ORTOLAN (ASR)  
MENOMINEE (AT) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS) ERSKINE  
PHELPS (AO)
- (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) COLUMBI CLEVELAND DENVER  
MONTPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV) EATON  
WALLER PHILIP RENSHAW LANG WILSON CONY CONWAY (DD)  
BALLARD (AV) LACKAWANNA KANKAKEE NESCHES (AO) ROAMER  
PC.476 PC.479 RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)
- (8) At Nandi - COPAHEE (ACV)
- (9) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) PINCKNEY (AK) SOLACE (AH)
- (10) At Wellington - TAYLOR McCALL (DD) TRACY (DM) MOUNT VERNON  
CRESCENT CITY (AP) LIBRA (AK)

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NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) China Strait - SC.747 reported at 0715/11 that she had sunk a submarine 50 miles S.W. of China Strait. No further intelligence is yet to hand. SC.747 was escorting one merchant vessel to Milne Bay.
- (2) Millimgimbi - In the attack on Millimgimbi by 9 Zero's 0928/10, "MAROUBRA" (70 tons) carrying 30 tons of R.A.A.F. supplies was destroyed. "LATROBE" and "ISLANDER" which were strafed by 3 Zero's near Millimgimbi at 0949/10 were not damaged.

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central and Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Further reinforcements and increased activity in Northern theatre.
- (3) Intense submarine activity including transportation, reconnaissance and offensive operations, in all theatres.

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

11/5/43



10/5/43

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-  
Solomons

<u>BB</u>	-	INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	YAMATO (poss. Empire) MUSASHI MUTSU KONGO HARUNA NAGATO
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	ZUIKAKU
<u>XCV</u>	-	-	HITAKA HAYATAKA ZUIHC
<u>ACV</u>	-	CHEMANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE	CHUYO UNYO
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	-	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI HAGURO KUMANO SUZUYA TONE TIKUMA * AOBA
<u>CL</u>	HEBART ADELAIDE	HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO JINTSU SENDAI KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA ISUZU KINU KUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	3
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT SELFRIIDGE PATTERSON HELM HENLEY * HAGLEY PERKINS CONYNGHAM STUART VENDETTA RALPH TALBOT VAN GALEN * QUIBERON * NEPAL MIGFORD	Approx 40	Approx 40

\* Non-effective



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Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-  
Solomons

<u>SS</u>	GREENLING ) GROWLER ) GUARDFISH ) TUNA )	S.31 At Brisbane	Approx 30
	ALBACORE ) DRUM ) GATO ) GRAYBACK ) GROUPER ) PETO ) SCAMP )	On Patrol	
	K.9	At Sydney	

<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA
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<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	5
	25	Approx 30	?

<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H. F. ALLEN MANOORA * WESTRALIA * KAHIMBLA * BROOKS * GILMER	10 APA 13 APD 6 AKA	
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<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON		3 or more
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<u>AD</u>	DCBBIN	DIXIE WHITNEY	?
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<u>AR</u>	RIGEL	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	2
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AIRCRAFT (N.E.Area Only)

Fighters	263
M/Bombers	104
SE/Bombers	16
Flying Boats	6
Seaplanes	51
Transport A/C	23

\* Non-effective



2. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA * TENNESSEE	ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	VICTORICUS ENTERPRISE	* SHOKAKU HOSHO (Training Ship)
<u>XCV</u>	LONG ISLAND	RYUHO
<u>ACV</u>	NASSAU ALTAMAHA COFAHBE	-
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA NEW ORLEANS * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS * PENSACOLA * PORTLAND * INDIANAPOLIS	NACHI 1 Unidentified * ASHIGARA
<u>OCA</u>	-	3
<u>CL</u>	RALEIGH DETROIT	ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	4
<u>AV/CVS</u>	?	NISSHIN
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	2
<u>DD</u>	Approx 20	Approx 16
<u>SS</u>	Approx 40	Approx 30
<u>●/XAS</u>	?	2

3. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>CA</u>	-	-
<u>CL</u>	CONCORD RICHMOND TRENTON	KISO
<u>XCL</u>	-	2
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	10	Approx 4
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 10

\* Non-effective



4. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Philippines

<u>BB</u>	-	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	∅ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>ACV</u>	-	-	OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX * HAWKINS * FROBISHER	-
<u>CL</u>	VAN HEEMSKERK TROMP	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KASHII OI KITAGAMI
<u>XCL</u>	-	∅ ALAUNIA CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA RANCHI WORCESTERSHIRE	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMO I * NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	Approx 12
<u>SS</u>	GAR ) GRENADIER ) TAMBOR ) On Patrol THRESHER )) GUDGEON )		
	K.12 ) TROUT ) At Exmouth Gulf		
	GRAYLING ) TAUTOG ) At Fremantle		
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)

Fighters	118
M/Bombers	71
Flying Boats	9
Floatplanes	30
Transport A/C	22

∅ No recent intelligence.  
Present location uncertain.

\* Non-effective



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. 415

Date: 12th May, 1943

P A R T I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/12:

- (1) "HOBART" en route Cid Harbour to Brisbane ETA Caloundra 1200/13.
- (2) "ARUNTA" departed Sydney 1313/10 for Cid Harbour ETA 1300/12.
- (3) "MUGFORD" departed Milne Bay 0430/10 to rejoin Task Force 74.
- (4) "MAHAN" escorting "CAPE FLATTERY" en route Noumea to Gladstone ETA 14/5. After arrival "MAHAN" to proceed to Brisbane.
- (5) "ECHUCA" escorting "JANSSENS" en route from Oro Bay.
- (6) "SUMNER" "SC.745" "SC.749" surveying Deboyne Is. area.
- (7) "KAPUNDA" escorting Convoy MB3 ("JAPARA" "THEDENS" "PULGANBAR") departed Port Moresby 1200/10 for Milne Bay was due 2300/11.
- (8) "INVERELL" escorting Convoy DT20 ("MATTHEW FLINDERS" "YARRA") dep. Darwin 0309/8 for Thursday Island ETA 1000/13.
- (9) "LATROBE" escorting "ISLANDER" departed Darwin 1056/2 for Thursday Island via Goulburn Island, Millingimbi and Wessel Island.
- (10) "WILCANNIA" escorting "TULAGI" departed Thursday Island 1100/11 for Darwin ETA 1430/14.
- (11) "GLENELG" en route Thursday Island to Port Moresby.
- (12) "BROOME" escorting Convoy FC7 ("WEST CACTUS" for Townsville; "YOCHOW" for Cairns) was to depart Milne Bay 1200/12.
- (13) "YP.280" departed Townsville 1230/11 for Brisbane ETA 0800/15.
- (14) "BUNBURY" was due Townsville 0600/12.
- (15) "WHYALLA" departed Cairns 1217/11 for Milne Bay ETA 1300/13.
- (16) "BOWEN" escorting Convoy TN91 ("EMPIRE HAMBLE" "JOHN WHITAKER") dep. Townsville 2316/9 for Milne Bay ETA 1100/13.
- (17) "YP.236" departed Cairns 0600/10 for Thursday Island ETA 1600/12.
- (18) "GEELONG" "WAGGA" "KATOOMBA" "SC.747" "ML.427" escorting Convoy BT58 ("AASE MAERSK" H.T. "KATOOMBA" "ANHUI" "FIONA" "JOSEPH HOLT" "ADMIRAL CHASE" "CREMER" "JUNIPERO SERRA" "AROONA" "G.W.GOETHALS" "CITY OF FORT WORTH" "A.D.WHITE" all for Townsville) departed Caloundra 1730/11. On arrival Percy Islands "GEELONG" to return Brisbane, ML.427 to be taken in tow of "A.D.WHITE".
- (19) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "SC.750"
	Merchant Vessels: "REIJNST"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "SHEPPARTON" PC.1121 SC.747
	"POLARIS" "HILO" 15 PTs
	Merchant Vessels: "TIME" "VAN DER LIJN" "VAN SWOLL"
	Small Craft - Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "SWAN" HDML.1074 HDML.1161
	Merchant Vessels: "ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "H.R.HELPER"
	"DUNTROON" "NUCULANA"
	Small Craft - Approx 20



Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50  
 12 PTs  
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "PLATYPUS" ML.426 2 PTs (refitting)  
 Cid Harbour - Warships & Aux. - "WARRAMUNGA" "HELM" "BISHOPDALE"  
 "MERKUR"  
 Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "GILMER" ML.814 ML.817 YP.291  
 SC.738 "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "DEIMOS"  
 Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE" "ROCKHAMPTON"  
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "PERKINS" "CONYNGHAM" "FULTON"  
 "POYANG" (ASIS) YP.233 YMS.10 YMS.11 YMS.46  
 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.53 YMS.71  
 SC.648 SC.698 SC.731 SC.732 SC.740 SC.744  
 SC.748 SC.981 PC.1119 YDG.2 8 LSTs ML.424  
 ML.425 "ALUDRA"  
 (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "VENDETTA" "GYMPIE" "VICTORIA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "PERKINS" "CONYNGHAM" escorting "TAROONA" to depart Caloundra 1500/12 for Townsville.
- (2) SC.731 SC.732 SC.748 escorting Convoy BT59 ("CHARLES S. JONES" "WANAKA"). SC.748 to be detached at Percy Islands and return Brisbane.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Rekata Bay - A.A. positions were attacked at 0940/11 by 14 bombers and 17 fighters. 2 barges were strafed and one float biplane was set on fire.
- (2) Bougainville Island - The 7 vessels seen off Numa Numa at 1030/10 were on course 180°. At 1310/11 another 10,000 ton vessel was sighted off Numa Numa course 135°. Although no reconnaissance has been conducted over Shortlands since 6/5 it would appear from these reports that considerable transportation is taking place to that base.
- (3) Buka Passage - On 30/4 four enemy vessels landing 4 guns and stores at Buka and the original troops there are reported to have been relieved. Another ship was at Buka on 7/5.
- (4) Kavieng - At 1700/10 a convoy consisting of 8 medium merchant vessels with three small escort vessels was seen heading N. close inshore off the west coast of New Hanover. Reconnaissance 1015/11 sighted 2 serviceable vessels in the Kavieng area - one 2-3000 ton cargo vessel unloading and another 4,000 ton cargo vessel at anchor.
- (5) Rabaul - Vunakanau aerodrome was attacked before dawn 11/5 by 6 Fortresses. The runway and dispersal areas were well covered and fires are believed to have destroyed a number of aircraft.
- (6) Gasmata - Reconnaissance 1420/10 from 1,000 ft. observed 9 aircraft including 7 Zero's on Gasmata aerodrome. Reconnaissance 0700/11 again reported aircraft operating on the runway.
- (7) Wewak - Reconnaissance 0855/11 observed in Wewak Harbour one cargo vessel probably 4-500 tons and another small unidentified vessel. Blurred photographs taken later in the morning show two small coasters and 30 barges. Photographs of the aerodromes show -  
 Wewak (blurred) - 27 fighters, 2 bombers  
 Eoram (partial) - 6 fighters, 8 bombers  
 Eut (partial) - 8 probable fighters  
 Work continues at Dagua.
- (8) Lae - Concealed barges at Labu Lagoon were attacked 0935-0955/7 by 7 Bostons. 12 large native canoes and one large barge were seen and also five hide-outs discovered.
- (9) Solomon Sea - At 1414/10 aircraft from 1,000 feet sighted a submarine approximately 150 ft. long about 60 miles N.W. Kiriwina course 130°, speed 11 knots.
- (10) Milne Bay - A probable submarine was reported 30 miles S.W. China Strait at 0610/11, as evidenced by 3 torpedo tracks sighted. Subsequent air search proved negative.



## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (i) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/12:

- (1) "WARREGO" escorting "BOTH" "LORINNA" departed Thursday Island 0730/11 for Merauke. Was due 0600/12.
- (2) 5 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE" ML.815.  
Merchant Vessels: "DARVEL" "BURWAH"

### (ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Merauke - 9 enemy medium bombers raided Merauke town 1033-1047/11. Some 90 bombs were dropped destroying an ammunition dump, one truck, some fuel and causing a few casualties.
- (2) Babo - Further to the reported attack on Babo night 9/5 by 5 Catalinas at least three grounded aircraft were destroyed and probably others.
- (3) Millingimbi - Results of the raid on Millingimbi by 9 Zero's at 0928/10 are as follows:-  
Enemy losses - 2 Zero's certain, 1 probable, 3 damaged.  
Allied " - 1 grounded Beaufighter destroyed and 2 damaged.  
1 Spitfire lost in combat.  
At 0925/11 two enemy floatplanes attacked "ISLANDER" escorted by "LATROBE" 20 miles W.S.W. Cape Wessel. No damage was inflicted on the convoy while a covering Beaufighter shot down one enemy floatplane.

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## 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

### (i) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/12:

- (1) "CHANTICLEER" "SC.751" departed Fremantle 1729/10 for Exmouth Gulf.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "HORSHAM"  
"DUBBO" "WALLAROO" "OTUS" "CHILDS" "GOLDSTAR"  
"YP.286" "SC.739" "HERON"  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "TJERK HIDDEN" "W.B.PRESTON"  
"PELIAS" "ISABEL" "WHIPPOORWILL" "LARK"

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## 4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

### (i) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/12:

- (1) "HENLEY" departed Brisbane 1820/11 for Sydney ETA 0700/13.
- (2) "BROOKS" departed Brisbane 1130/11 for Sydney ETA 1500/12.
- (3) "COLAC" "MORESEY" "BALLARAT" "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy PG50 (11 MV) departed Caloundra 1200/11 ETA Newcastle 1400/13, Sydney 1800/13.
- (4) "VAN GALEN" escorting "ATREUS" departed Port Phillip 1729/9 for Fremantle ETA 0630/15.
- (5) "ADELAIDE" departed Fremantle 0850/8 for Melbourne was due 1001/12.
- (6) "WARRNAMBOOL" "DELORAIN" "TOWNSVILLE" "MILDURA" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy OC93 (18 vessels including "GOLDSTAR" "ALSEY") ETA Port Kembla 1800/13, Sydney 2359/13, Newcastle 0800/14.



(7) SC.741 departed Sydney 1317/10 for Brisbane.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "LE TRIOMPHANT" "KYBRA"  
"KALGOORLIE" "PREMANTLE" "BUNDABERG" "H.T.ALLEN"  
"GLADSTONE" ML.428 ML.429 ML.818 "RIGEL" (AR)  
(Repairing) "WANGANILLA" "CENTAUR" (AH)  
"AUSTRALIA" "BAGLEY" "NEPAL" "STUART" "CHEVREUIL"  
(On Reserve) "ALHENA" "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)  
"WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN"  
(Refitting) "DOOMBA"  
"QUIBERON"

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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - THORNTON (AVD)  
(2) At Espiritu Santo - LEANDER (CL) STRONG O'BANNON RADFORD MAURY  
NICHOLS FLETCHER WARD McCALLA CHEVALIER (DD) TREVOR (DM)  
CURTISS TANGIER (AV) MACKINAC (AVP) HUNTER LIGGETT (AP)  
MANLEY (APD) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) ALCHIBA  
ALGORAB CELENO (AK) NEOSHO SABINE PLATE PAPPAHANNOCK  
WHIPSTOCK (AO) CONSTANT (AM) ROSEWOOD (YN)  
(3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (CV)  
SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN (CL) KILTY WOODWORTH JENKINS SMITH  
HOPKINS BUCHANAN FANNING DRAYTON CASE CRAVEN LAMSON (DD)  
PROMETHEUS (AR) WHITNEY (AD) ARGONNE (AG) McCAWLEY (AP)  
MAJABA MERCURY TALAMANCA CASTOR (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD)  
TRYON (APH) PEGOS PATUXENT SUAMICO CIMARRON (AG)  
KINGFISHER SHELDRAKE ADROIT (AM) PAWNEE (AT) HOLLY (YN)  
S.31 (SS) ARD.2 KIWI MATAI TUI GALE (A/S Vessels) SC.518  
(4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)  
(5) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM) AMERICAN LEGION (AP) SAMOA (AK)  
(6) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK RAIL  
VIREO (AM) LOGUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) ORTOLAN (ASR)  
MENOMINEE (AT) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS) ERSKINE  
PHELPS (AO)  
(7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER  
MONTPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV) EATON  
WALLER PHILIP RENSHAW LANG WILSON GONY CONWAY (DD)  
BALLARD (AV) LACKAWANNA KANKAKEE NESCHES (AO) ROAMER  
PC.476 PC.479 RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)  
(8) At Nandi - COPAHEE (ACV)  
(9) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) PINCKNEY (AK) SOLACE (AH)  
(10) At Wellington - TAYLOR McCALL (DD) TRACY (DM) MOUNT VERNON  
CRESCENT CITY (AP) LIBRA (AK)

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A.  
particularly Central and Northern Solomons -  
North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New  
Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.  
(2) Further reinforcements and increased activity in  
Northern Theatre.  
(3) Intense submarine activity including transportation,  
reconnaissance and offensive operations, in all  
theatres.

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



11/5/43

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks- Solomons
<u>BB</u>	-	INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	YAMATO (poss. Empire) MUSASHI MUTSU KONGO HARUNA NAGATO
<u>GV</u>	-	SARATOGA	ZUIKAKU
<u>V</u>	-	-	HITAKA HAYATAKA ZUIHO
<u>ACV</u>	-	CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE	CHUYO UNYO
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	-	ATAGO TAKAO CFOKAI HAGURO KUMANO SUZUYA TONE TIKUMA * AOBA
<u>CL</u>	HOBART ADELAIDE	HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO JINTSU SENDAI KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA ISUZU KINU KUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	•	3
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT SELFRIDGE PATTERSON HELM HENLEY * BAGLEY PERKINS CONYNGHAM STUART VENETTA RALPH TALBOT VAN GALEN * QUIBERON * NEPAL MUGFORD	Approx 40	Approx 40
			* Non-effective



Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-  
Solomons

<u>SS</u>	GREENLING )	S.31	Approx 30
	GROWLER )	At Brisbane	
	GUARDFISH )		
	ALBACORE )		
	DRUM )		
	GATO )		
	GRAYBACK )	On Patrol	
	GROUPEL )		
	PETO )		
	SCAMP )		
	TUNA )		

K.9 At Sydney

<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA
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<u>V/XCVS</u>	-	3	5
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<u>PT</u>	25	Approx 30	?
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<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T.ALLEN	10 APA	
	MANOORA	13 APD	
	* WESTRALIA	6 AKA	
	* KANIMBLA		
	BROOKS		
	GILMER		

<u>AS or EXAS</u>	FULTON		3 or more
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<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE WHITNEY	?
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<u>AR</u>	RIGEL <del>YES</del>	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	2
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AIRCRAFT (N.E.Area Only)

Fighters	263
M/Bombers	104
B/Bombers	16
Flying Boats	6
Floatplanes	51
Transport A/C	23

\* Non-effective



2. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA * TENNESSEE	ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	VICTORIOUS ENTERPRISE	* SHOKAKU HOSHO (Training Ship)
<u>XCV</u>	LONG ISLAND	RYUHO
<u>ACV</u>	NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	-
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA NEW ORLEANS * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS * PENSACOLA * PORTLAND * INDIANA POLIS	NACHI 1 Unidentified * ASHIGARA
<u>OCA</u>	-	3
<u>CL</u>	RALEIGH DETROIT	ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	4
<u>AV/CVS</u>	?	NISSHIN
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	2
<u>DD</u>	Approx 20	Approx 16
<u>SS</u>	Approx 40	Approx 30
<u>AS/XAS</u>	?	2

3. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>CA</u>	-	-
<u>CL</u>	CONCORD RICHMOND TRENTON	KISO
<u>XCL</u>	-	2
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
	10	Approx 4
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 10

\* Non-effective



4. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Philippines

<u>BB</u>	-	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	∅ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>ACV</u>	-	-	OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX * HAWKINS * FROBISHER	-
<u>CL</u>	VAN HEEMSKERK TROMP	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA GERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KASHII OI KITAGAMI
<u>XCL</u>	+	∅ ALAUNIA CARTHAGE CHITRAL RAMPURA RANCHI WORCESTERSHIRE	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI * NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	Approx 12
<u>BS</u>	GAR ) GRENADIER ) TAMBOR ) On Patrol THRESHER ) GUDGEON )  K.12 ) TROUT ) At Exmouth Gulf  GRAYLING ) TAUTOG ) At Fremantle		
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)

Fighters	116
M/Bombers	71
Flying Boats	9
Floatplanes	30
Transport A/C	26

∅ No recent intelligence.  
Present location uncertain.

\* Non-effective



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. 416

Date: 13th May, 1943

P A R T I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/13:

- (1) "MAHAN" escorting "CAPE FLATTERY" en route Noumea to Gladstone ETA 14/5. After arrival "MAHAN" to proceed to Brisbane.
- (2) "DRAYTON" "FLUSSER" were to depart Noumea 1100/13 for Townsville.
- (3) "MUGFORD" en route from Cid Harbour was due Caloundra 1200/13.
- (4) "PERKINS" "CONYNGHAM" escorting "TAROONA" departed Caloundra 1415/12 for Townsville ETA 1000/14. On completion "PERKINS" "CONYNGHAM" to join TF.74 at Cid Harbour.
- (5) "ECHUCA" escorting "JANSSENS" en route Milne Bay from Oro Bay.
- (6) "PC.1121" escorting "PULGANBAR" departed Milne Bay 1407/12 for Oro Bay ETA 1500/13.
- (7) "SUMNER" "SC.745" "SC.749" surveying Deboyne Is. area.
- (8) "INVERELL" escorting Convoy DT20 ("MATTHEW FLINDERS" "YARRA") dep. Darwin 0309/8 for Thursday Island was due 1000/13.
- (9) "LATROBE" escorting "ISLANDER" departed Wessel Island 2000/11 for Thursday Island was due Tucker Point 0730/13.
- (10) "WARREGO" escorting "BOTH" was to depart Merauke 0600/13 for Thursday Island.
- (11) "BROOME" "SC.747" escorting Convoy FC7 ("WEST CACTUS" for Townsville; "YOCHOW" for Cairns) departed Milne Bay 1313/12 ETA Grafton Passage 1700/14.
- (12) "SWAN" escorting "DUNTRON" departed Port Moresby 0703/12 for Cairns ETA 1930/13.
- (13) "YP.280" departed Townsville 1230/11 for Brisbane ETA 0800/15.
- (14) "GILMER" escorting Convoy TS31 ("CHARON") was to depart Townsville 1200/13 for Brisbane ETA 1900/15.
- (15) "GLENELG" en route Thursday Island to Port Moresby.
- (16) "WHYALLA" departed Cairns 1217/11 for Milne Bay ETA 1300/13.
- (17) "YP.236" departed Cairns 0600/10 for Thursday Is. was due 1600/12.
- (18) "BOWEN" escorting Convoy TN91 ("EMPIRE HAMBLE" "JOHN WHITAKER") dep. Townsville 2316/9 for Milne Bay was due 1100/13.
- (19) "ML.814" departed Townsville 1716/12 for Cairns.
- (20) "GEELONG" "WAGGA" "KATOOMBA" "SC.746" "ML.427" escorting Convoy BT58 ("AASE MAERSK" "H.T." "KATOOMBA" "ANHUI" "FIONA" "JOSEPH HOLT" "ADMIRAL CHASE" "CREMER" "JUNIPERO SERRA" "AROONA" "G.W.GOETHALS" "CITY OF FORT WORTH" "A.D.WHITE" all for Townsville) departed Caloundra 1730/11. On arrival Percy Islands "GEELONG" to return Brisbane. ML.427 to be taken in tow of "A.D.WHITE".
- (21) "SC.731" "SC.732" "SC.748" escorting Convoy BT59 ("CHARLES S. JONES" "WANAKA") departed Brisbane 1835/12 ETA Townsville 1025/15. SC.748 to be detached at Percy Islands and return Brisbane.
- (22) 8 submarines on patrol.



(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux.	- "SC.750"
	Merchant Vessels:	"REIJNST"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux.	- "KAPUNDA" "SHEPPARTON" "POLARIS"
		"HILO" 15 PT's
	Merchant Vessels:	"THEDENS" "JAPARA" "TIME"
		"VAN DER LIJN" "VAN SWOLL"
	Small Craft	- Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux.	- "EDML.1074 HDML.1161"
	Merchant Vessels:	"ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "H.R.HELPER"
		"NUCULANA"
	Small Craft	- Approx 20
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux.	- "TULSA" YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50
		12 PTs
Cairns	- Warships & Aux.	- "PLATYPUS" ML.426 2 PTs (Refitt-)
Cid Harbour	- Warships & Aux.	- "HOBART" "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" (ing)
		"HELM" "BISHOPDALE" "MERKUR"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux.	- "BUNBURY" ML.817 YP.291 SC.738
		"YUNNAN" (ASIS) "DEIMOS"
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux.	- "PIRIE" "ROCKHAMPTON"
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux.	- "GOULBURN" "LITHGOW" "FULTON"
		"POYANG" (ASIS) YP.233 YMS.10 YMS.11 YMS.46
		YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.53 YMS.71
		SC.648 SC.698 SC.740 SC.741 SC.744 SC.981
		PC.1119 YDG.2 8 LSTs ML.424 ML.425
		"ALUDRA" "KURUMBA"
	(Repairing, Trials etc.)	- "VENDETTA" "GYMPIE" "VICTORIA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) SC.648 escorting "E.T.BEDFORD" was to depart Caloundra 1800/13. "BEDFORD" to pass through position 27°05'S 157°35'E. SC.648 to part company at 1800/14 and return Brisbane.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Munda - A.A. positions, the runway and revetment area were attacked 0840/12 by 24 bombers with 24 fighters.
- (2) Kolombangara - A small merchant vessel was seen departing from Vila to the west at 2200/11.
- (3) Shortlands - Reconnaissance a.m. 12/5 sighted in Buin-Faisi area 3 small cargo vessels and one large merchant vessel or hospital ship. Nine Zero's were seen airborne which would be additional to the 19 fighters and 4 bombers shown by photographs of Kahili. Ballale was not covered in photographs but it would appear that there is considerable reduction of aircraft strength at this base.
- (4) Kavieng - Reconnaissance 1015/12 sighted 3 ships off Kavieng, shown by photographs to include two of 2000 tons each and one coaster. Distant photos of the aerodrome show 14 fighters and 11 medium bombers.
- (5) Gasmata Area - An enemy submarine was sighted by aircraft at 2000/12 approximately 43 miles south of Gasmata course 260°. Probably the same unit was sighted again and attacked at 0355/13 approx 65 miles SW by W. of Gasmata course 270° speed 12 knots.
- (6) Wewak - Reconnaissance 0820/12 sighted one cargo ships (2-3000 tons) in Wewak Harbour and another of 2000 tons in Muschu Strait heading towards Wewak.  
A P.38 was over the area 0935/12 and photos show one sub.chaser and several barges in the harbour.
- (7) Hansa Bay - Photographs 0900/12 show a new wharf under construction and several barges in the river. No aircraft are visible at Nubia aerodrome.
- (8) Finschhafen - The landing ground and surroundings were bombed and strafed 0745/12 by 7 B.25's. The road from the aerodrome to the town appeared in good condition.  
At Hanisch Harbour (25 miles to the S.W.) a 30 ft. power boat was seen.
- (9) Salamaua Area - At dawn 11/5 our troops found the enemy positions at Bobdubi empty and subsequently occupied them. The enemy were later contacted one mile S. by E. of Bobdubi.



At 1600/11 a party of 12 Japs moving south was ambushed  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile N. of Komiatum. 5 Japs were killed and one wounded. This enemy party was followed by a further party of about 50.

(10) Milne Bay - At 1240/12 a single enemy reconnaissance aircraft was over Milne Bay.

At 1900/12, SC.747 reported contact with a probable enemy submarine 40 miles S.W. China Strait.

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## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/13:

- (1) "WILCANNIA" escorting "TULAGI" departed Thursday Island 1100/11 for Darwin ETA 1430/14.
- (2) 5 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE" ML.815  
Merchant Vessels: "DARVEL" "BURWAF"

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## 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/13:

- (1) "VAN GALEN" escorting "ATREUS" departed Port Phillip 1729/9 for Fremantle ETA 0630/15.
- (2) "CHANTICLEER" "SC.751" departed Fremantle 1729/10 for Exmouth Gulf.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "HORSHAM"  
"DUBBO" "WALLAROO" "OTUS" "CHILDS" "GOLDSTAR"  
"YP.286" "SC.739" "HERON" "ISABEL"  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "TJERK HIDDEN" "W.B. PRESTON"  
"PELIAS" "WHIPPOORWILL" "LARK"

### (ii) ENEMY FORCES

Indian Ocean - A probable four-engined Flying Boat was sighted approximately 250 miles north of Onslow at 1200/12.

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## 4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/13:

- (1) "COLAC" "MORESBY" "BENDIGO" "KYBRA" escorting Convoy PG50 (10 MV) departed Caloundra 1200/11 for Newcastle and Sydney.  
(Note: (i) "KYBRA" was ordered 1743/12 to proceed and provide additional escort.  
(ii) N.O.I.C. Sydney reported that "ORMISTON" (torpedoed) accompanied by "BALLARAT" anchored off Coff's Harbour 1823/12. Tug "SPRIGHTLY" was despatched from Sydney and is due Coff's Harbour 1600/13.



- 131 (iii) "HENLEY" en route Brisbane to Sydney was ordered to make a search for the submarine. N.O.I.C.Sydney signal 1401Z/12 ordered "HENLEY" to proceed Sydney if search negative to 0900/13. If "ORMISTON" in tow of "SPRIGHTLY" is to depart Coff's Harbour 13/5 for Sydney "HENLEY" is to provide A/S escort with "BALLARAT".
- (2) "WARRAMBOOL" "DELOIRINE" "TOWNSVILLE" "MILDURA" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy OC93 (18 vessels including "GOLDSTAR" "ALSEY") ETA Port Kembla 1800/13, Sydney 2359/13, Newcastle 0800/14.
- (3) "LE TRIOMPHANT" was to RV at 0715/13 with "WILLIAM ELLERY" "CHANNING" which was to depart Newcastle 0700/13 and escort to Caloundra. "LE TRIOMPHANT" to return Sydney.
- (4) "CENTAUR" departed Sydney 1044/12 for Cairns ETA 0700/17.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE" "FREMANTLE" "BUNDABERG"  
 "H.T.ALLEN" "GLADSTONE" ML.428 ML.429 ML.318  
 "RIGEL" (AR) "WANGANEILA" (AH)  
 (Repairing) "AUSTRALIA" "BAGLEY" "NEPAL" "STUART" "CHEVREUIL"  
 "BROOKS" "ALHENA" "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)  
 (On Reserve) "WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"  
 Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "MANGORA" "ABRAHAM"  
 "CRIJNSSEN" "DOCMA"  
 (Refitting) "QUIBERON"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Coffs Harbour - At 1414/12 an enemy submarine torpedoed "ORMISTON" 14 miles E. by N. Coff's Harbour.

At 0404/13 there were indications of an enemy submarine within 100 miles of 27°30'S 154°E (50 miles E. of Brisbane).

No submarine attacks have been made off E.coast of Australia since 5/5 when "FINGAL" was sunk 25 miles S.E. of Coff's Harbour. Recent fixes have been recorded as follows:-

Coff's Harbour area - 30°S 156°E on 7/5

Jervis Bay area - 36°S 151°E on 8/5

The above indicates that at least 2 submarines are probably still in these waters and there may be more.

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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - THORNTON (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - LEANDER (CL) STRONG O'BANNON RADFORD MAURY  
 NICHOLS FLETCHER WARD McCALLA CHEVALIER (DD) TREVOR (DM)  
 CURTISS TANGIER (AV) MACKINAC (AVP) HUNTER LIGGETT (AP)  
 MANLEY (APD) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) ALCHIBA  
 ALGORAB CELENO (AK) NEOSHO SABINE PLATTE TAPPAHANNOCK  
 WHIPSTOCK (AO) CONSTANT (AM) ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (CV)  
 SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN (CL) KILTY WOODWORTH JENKINS SMITH  
 NOPKINS BUCHANAN FANNING CASE CRAVEN LAMSON (DD)  
 ROMETHEUS (AR) WHITNEY (AD) ARGONNE (AG) McCAWLEY (APR)  
 MAJABA MERCURY TALAMANCA CASTOR (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD)  
 TRYON (APH) PECOS PATUXENT SUAMIGO CIMARON (AO)  
 KINGFISHER SHELDRAKE ADROIT (AM) PAWNEE (AT) HOLLY (YN)  
 SC.518 S.31 (SS) ARD.2 KIWI MATAI TUI GALE (A/S Vessels)
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
- (5) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM) AMERICAN LEGION (AP) SAMOA (AK)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK RAIL  
 VIRO (AM) LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) ORTOLAN (ASR)  
 MENOMINEE (AT) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS) ERSKINE  
 PHELPS (AO)
- (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER  
 MONTEPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV) EATON  
 WALLER PHILIP RENSHAW LANG WILSON CONY CONWAY (DD)  
 BALLARD (AV) LACKAWANNA KANKAKEE NESCHES (AO) ROAMER  
 PC.476 PC.479 RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)
- (8) At Mandi - COPAHEE (ACV)
- (9) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) PINCKNEY (AK) SOLACE (AH)



(10) At Wellington - "TAYLOR McCALL (DD) TRACY (DM) MOUNT VERNON  
CRESCENT CITY (AP) LIBRA (AK)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Samoa-Suva Area - A possible submarine periscope was sighted at 2215Z/10 in position 24°45'S 175°42'E (approx 420 miles S.W. of Suva).

D/F fixes have been recorded recently in this area as follows:-

1155Z/11 - within 250 miles of 17°S 171°W (160 miles south of Pago Pago)

1202Z/11 - in vicinity of 23°S 175°W (100 miles south of Tongatabu).

(Note: "Z" time used to avoid "date line" confusion).

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NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) Kolombangara - An observer reports that a destroyer sank off Hunda (8 miles WNW of Vila Plantation) at 2100/8. This is one of the three destroyers of which at least two were mined and the third hit by air attack in the Blakett Strait area 8/5.
- (2) China Strait - Further to the claim by SC.747 at 0715/11 that she had sunk an enemy submarine S.W. of China Strait, a report from the Beaufort which saw three torpedoes fired at "VAN DER LIJN", under escort of SC.747 approximately 30 miles S.W. of China Strait, is now to hand. All three torpedoes missed, and one was observed to explode at the end of its run. At 0625/11 SC.747 dropped four depth charges, and advised the Beaufort that she considered she had sunk the submarine and asked if any wreckage was visible, to which a negative reply was given. SC.747 dropped four more depth charges at 0639. The Beaufort searched the area and reported no submarine.  
At 0850, SC.747 reported a further contact 25 miles S.W. of China Strait and dropped four depth charges. The Beaufort searched the area, and reported sighting no submarine although the water was clear. 30 to 40 sharks were sighted 100 yards from the position of depth charging and may possibly have caused the indication. The aircraft report states that it is doubtful that this indication emanated from a submarine.
- (3) Coff's Harbour - Enemy Submarine Attack -- "ORMISTON" (British - 5,832 tons) was torpedoed by an enemy submarine 14 miles east by north of Coff's Harbour at 1414/12. First interrogation of aircraft crew indicated that possibly two torpedoes were released on bearing 120° from the ship. One torpedo struck on the port side in Number One hold. "ORMISTON" escorted by "BALLARAT" proceeded under her own steam to Coff's Harbour, where she arrived 1823/12. Tug "SPRIGHTLY" was despatched by N.O.I.C. Sydney and is due at Coff's Harbour at 1600 today to provide tow to Sydney.  
"ORMISTON" was in Convoy PG50 en route Brisbane to Sydney with general cargo. The convoy comprised eleven vessels with four escorts. Since April 11th out of seven vessels sunk or hit by enemy submarines four have been in convoy. "RECINA" sunk April 11th and "LIMERICK" sunk April 26th were each in convoy with two escorts. "FINGAL" sunk May 5th was a single ship convoy escorted by a destroyer and with air cover.

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central and Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Further reinforcements and increased activity in Northern theatre.



- (3) Intense submarine activity including transportation, reconnaissance and offensive operations, in all theatres.



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

13/5/43



12/5/43

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-  
Solomons

<u>BB</u>	-	INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	YAMATO (poss. Empire) MUSASHI MUTSU KONGO HARUMA NAGATO
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	ZUIKAKU
<u>XCV</u>	-	-	HITAKA HAYATAKA ZUIHO
<u>ACV</u>	-	CHEMANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE	
<u>CA</u>	* AUSTRALIA	-	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI HAGURO KUMANO SUZUYA TONE TIKUMA * AOBA
<u>CL</u>	HOBART ADELAIDE	HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO JINTSU SENDAI KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA ISUZU KINU KUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	3
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT HELM HENLEY * BAGLEY PERKINS CONYNGHAM MAHAN STUART VENDETTA * QUIBERON * NEPAL MUGFORD	Approx 40	Approx 40

\* Non-effective



Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-  
Solomons

<u>SS</u>	GREENLING ) GROWLER ) GUARDFISH )	S.31 At Brisbane	Approx 30
	ALBACORE ) DRUM ) GATO ) GRAYBACK ) GROUPEE ) PETO ) SCAMP ) TUNA )	On Patrol	

K.9 At Sydney

<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA
<u>W/XCVS</u>	-	3	5
<u>PT</u>	25	Approx 30	?

<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H. T. ALLEN MANOORA * WESTRALIA * KANIMBLA * BROOKS GILMER	10 APA 13 APD 6 AKA	
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<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON		3 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE WHITNEY	?
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	2

AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)

Fighters	263
Bombers	104
/Bombers	16
Flying Boats	6
Floatplanes	51
Transport A/C	23

\* Non-effective



ALLIED FORCES2. CENTRAL PACIFICENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA * TENNESSEE	ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	VICTORIOUS ENTERPRISE	SHOKAKU HOSHO (Training Ship)
<u>XCV</u>	LONG ISLAND	RYUHO
<u>ACV</u>	NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	CHUYO UNYO
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA NEW ORLEANS * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS * PENSACOLA * PORTLAND * INDIANAPOLIS	NACHI 1 Unidentified * ASHIGARA
<u>OCA</u>	-	3
<u>CL</u>	RALEIGH DETROIT	ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	4
<u>AV/CVS</u>	?	NISSHIN
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	2
<u>DD</u>	Approx 20	Approx 16
<u>SS</u>	Approx 40	Approx 30
<u>XAS</u>	?	2

3. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>CA</u>	-	-
<u>CL</u>	CONCORD RICHMOND TRENTON	
<u>XCL</u>	-	2
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	10	Approx 4
<u>S</u>	10	Approx 10

\* Non-effective



4. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area Y	East Indies-Philippines
<u>BB</u> -	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	-
<u>CV</u> -	∅ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>ACV</u> -	-	OTAKA
<u>CA</u> -	SUSSEX * HAWKINS * FROBISHER	-
<u>CL</u> VAN HEEMSKERK TROMP	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KASHII OI KITAGAMI
<u>XCL</u> -	∅ ALAUNIA CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA RANCHI WORCESTER SHIRE	-
<u>AE/CVS</u> CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI * NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u> -	?	1
<u>DD</u> TJERK HIDDES VAN GALEN	Approx 27	Approx 12
<u>SS</u> GAR ) GRENADIER ) TAMBOR ) On Patrol THRESHER ) GUDGEON ) K.12 ) TROUT ) At Exmouth Gulf GRAYLING ) TAUTOG ) At Fremantle		
<u>AS or XAS</u> PELIAS	?	1
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)</u>		
Fighters		116
M/Bombers		71
Flying Boats		9
Floatplanes		29
Transport A/C		26
∅	No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain.	
*	Non-effective	



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. **417**

Date: **14th May, 1943**

P A R T I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/14:

- (1) "MAHAN" escorting "CAPE FLATTERY" en route Noumea to Gladstone ETA 14/5. After arrival "MAHAN" to proceed to Brisbane.
- (2) "DRAYTON" "FLUSSER" escorting "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "PRES. JACKSON" "PRESIDENT HAYES" en route Noumea to Townsville.
- (3) "PERKINS" "CONYNTHAM" escorting "TAROONA" departed Caloundra 1415/12 for Townsville were due 1000/14. On completion "PERKINS" "CONYNTHAM" to join T.F.74 at Cid Harbour.
- (4) "WARRAMUNGA" "SWAN" escorting Convoy TN92 ("MANGOLA" "VAN HEUTEZ" "EDWARD ROLAND SILL" "HENRY D. THOREAU") to Port Moresby ETA 0800/16.
- (5) "SC.750" escorting "REIJNST" en route from Oro Bay.
- (6) "ECHUCA" escorting "VAN SWOLL" departed Milne Bay 1101/13 for Port Moresby ETA 1700/14.
- (7) "SUMNER" "SC.745" "SC.749" surveying Deboyne Is. area.
- (8) "INVERELL" escorting Convoy DT20 ("MATTHEW FLINDERS" "YARRA") dep. Darwin 0309/8 for Thursday Island was due 1000/13.
- (9) "WARREGO" escorting "BOTH" departed Merauke 0600/13 for Thursday Island.
- (10) "BROOME" "SC.747" escorting Convoy FC7 ("WEST CACTUS" for Townsville; "YOCHOW" for Cairns) departed Milne Bay 1313/12 ETA Grafton Passage 1700/14.
- (11) "YP.280" departed Townsville 1230/11 for Brisbane ETA 0800/15.
- (12) "GEELONG" escorting Convoy TS30 ("VAN SPILBERGEN") from Percy Is. to Brisbane ETA 1900/16.
- (13) "GILMER" escorting Convoy TS31 ("CHARON") was to depart Townsville 1200/13 for Brisbane ETA 1900/15.
- (14) "WAGGA" "KATOOMBA" "SC.746" escorting Convoy BT58 ("AASE MAERSK" H.T. "KATOOMBA" "ANHUI" "FIONA" "JOSEPH HOLT" "ADMIRAL CHASE" "CREMER" "JUNIPERO SERRA" "AROONA" "G.W. GOETHALS" "CITY OF FORT WORTH" "A.D. WHITE" towing ML.427 - all for Townsville) departed Caloundra 1730/11.
- (15) "SC.731" "SC.732" "SC.748" escorting Convoy BT59 ("CHARLES S. JONES" "WANAKA") departed Brisbane 1835/12 ETA Townsville 1025/15. SC.748 to be detached at Percy Islands and return Brisbane.
- (16) "SC.648" escorting "E.T. BEDFORD" for San Pedro was to depart Caloundra daylight 14/5.
- (17) "LITHGOW" departed Brisbane 1756/13 to carry out exercises with submarine to seaward of Cape Moreton.
- (18) 7 submarines on patrol.



(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay - Warships & Aux. - PC.1121  
Merchant Vessels: "PULGANBAR"  
Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "BOWEN" "WHYALLA" "SHEPPARTON"  
"HILO" 15 PT's  
Merchant Vessels: "THEDENS" "JAPARA" "EMPIRE HAMBLE"  
"JOHN WHITTAKER"  
Small Craft - Approx 50  
Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - HDML.1074 HDML.1161  
Merchant Vessels: "ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "H.R.HELPER"  
"NUCULANA"  
Small Craft - Approx 20  
Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" "FULSA" YMS.9 YMS.49  
YMS.50 YP.236 12 PTs  
Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "PLATYPUS" ML.426 ML.814  
2 PTs refitting  
Cid Harbour - Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "HELM" "BISHOPDALE"  
"MERKUR"  
Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "ARUNTA" "GLENELG" "BUNBURY"  
ML.817 YP.291 SC.738 "DEIMOS"  
"YUNNAN" (ASIS)  
Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE" "ROCKHAMPTON"  
Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "MUGFORD" "GOULBURN" "FULTON"  
"POYANG" (ASIS) YP.233 YMS.10 YMS.11 YMS.46  
YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.53 YMS.71  
SC.698 SC.740 SC.741 SC.744 SC.981 PC.1119  
YDG.2 8 LST's ML.424 ML.425 "ALDDRA"  
"KURUMBA"  
(Repairing, Trials etc.) - "VENDETTA" "GYMPIE" "VICTORIA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "HELM" to depart Cid Harbour 1800/14 for Sydney ETA 0700/17.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Russell Islands - At 1300/13 25 Zero's were intercepted over Russell Is. by our fighters, probably mainly Corsairs. 17 Zero's were shot down and one or two probably. We lost 5 aircraft.
- (2) Kolombangara - Japs were reported to have arrived at Pora Pora (15 miles NW Vila) a.m. 12/5 but p.m. 13/5 it was reported that the S?W. coast Kolombangara from Gatere (10 miles WNW Vila) to Kunji (6 miles WNW Vila) was free of enemy.
- (3) Shortlands - Reconnaissance a.m. 13/5 reported nil shipping sighted in the Kahili area.
- (4) Solomons Aircraft - Photographs a.m. 13/5 show :-  
Kahili - 47 fighters, 24 dive bombers, 1 M/B  
Ballale - 11 M/B  
Faisi - 15 floatplanes  
Munda } nil operative aircraft  
Vila }  
Buka - 3 fighters, 1 M/B  
After a reported reduction on 12/5 the above indicates that strength has been maintained. Significant points are the 24 dive-bombers at Kahili and 11 M/B at Ballale where the normal strength is about 10 fighters although up to 6 bombers have been reported there previously.  
Local sources from Buka states that some 10 bombers and 25 fighters are serviceable daily.
- (5) Kavieng - Reconnaissance 1300/13 observed stationary in Kavieng Harbour one destroyer and three cargo vessels (2 large, 1 small).
- (6) Lorengau - Two small schooners were seen in the Harbour 1200/13. Photos show the aerodrome probably serviceable but nil aircraft.
- (7) Rabaul - Photos 1130/13 show -  
Rabaul Harbour - 25 merchant vessels totalling 117,000 tons including 2 tankers & 3 merchant vessels off Kokopo.  
1 light cruiser "YUBARI" class  
1 seaplane tender "CHITOSE" class  
7 destroyers  
2 destroyer tenders  
1 submarine, probably I-class



1 submarine tender  
4 probable minesweepers  
1 sub.chaser

Total **45**

- Vunakanau (incomplete) - 31 medium bombers, 20 fighters  
Lakunai - 96 fighters, 16 L/B or D/B, 2 M/B,  
2 unidentified aircraft
- Rapopo - 35 medium bombers  
Suaphur Creek - 11 floatplanes, 2 flying boats
- (8) Cape Dampier (42 miles E. Gasmata) - Three 75 ft. barges heavily laden were strafed 0641/13 near Cape Dampier.
- (9) Gasmata - Gasmata aerodrome and installations were subject to two severe raids 0800-0830 and 1020-1035/13 by 6 B.25's followed by 7 B.25's and 8 Beaufighters.
- (10) Rudiger Point (30 miles S.W. Talasea) - A barge and a motor launch were strafed near the shore at Rudiger Point.
- (11) Cape Gloucester - A twin-engined bomber was seen taking off from Cape Gloucester strip at 1420/13.
- (12) Rooke Island - 5 to 6 barges were seen in Marien Harbour (S.E. tip Rooke Island) by reconnaissance night 12-13/5.
- (13) Wewak - Photographs 1000/13 show -  
Shipping in Harbour - 5 merchant vessels totalling 27,000 tons  
1 x 800 ton vessel with funnel aft  
1 coaster  
90 barges
- Wewak aerodrome - 34 serviceable fighters  
Boram - 1 M/B, 25 L/B, 14 fighters  
But - 10 L/B or T/E fighters, 4 S/E fighters
- A Liberator over Wewak at 1100/13 reported 7 vessels in the harbour including one large destroyer which, however, may be a mistaken identity as the total is the same as that shown by photos an hour earlier.
- (14) Salamaua-Komiatum - a.m. 12/5 a party of 80 Japanese moving south apparently to Komiatum, was engaged about one mile north of Komiatum and 30 killed in addition to many wounded.  
P.M. 12/5 an enemy attack on our positions south of Bobdubi was repulsed.
- (15) Normanby-Woodlark Is. - Enemy reconnaissance over this area was reported again 13/5. At 0915/13 an aircraft was over Woodlark Island and departed to the S.W. Possibly the same aircraft was over Cape Pierson (N.E. Normanby Is.) at 1100/13.
- (16) Port Moresby - Two enemy aircraft were over Port Moresby at 2025/13. Approximately 6 bombs were dropped wide of any objective and no damage or casualties is reported.

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## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (i) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/14:

- (1) "WILCANNIA" escorting "TULAGI" departed Thursday Island 1100/11 for Darwin ETA 1430/14.  
(2) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "DARVEL" departed Darwin 0702/13 for Millingimbi ETA 1700/14.  
(3) 5 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - ML.815  
Merchant Vessels: "BURWAH"

### (ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Millingimbi - Six probable Zero's reconnoitred Millingimbi area at 1015/13.  
(2) Timor - Photos of Fuloro (E. Timor) 13/5 show 2 fighters in blast pens otherwise little change.

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### 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

#### (i) ALLIED FORCES

##### (a) At Sea to 1200/14:

- (1) "VAN GALEN" escorting "ATREUS" departed Port Phillip 1729/9 for Fremantle ETA 0630/15.
- (2) "CHANTICLEER" "SC.751" departed Fremantle 1729/10 for Exmouth Gulf.
- (3) "HERON" departed Fremantle 0725/13 for Exmouth Gulf ETA a.m. 16/5.

##### (b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "HORSHAM"  
"DUBBO" "WALLAROO" "OTUS" "CHILDS" "YP.286"  
"SC.739" "ISABEL"  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "TJERK HIDDES" "W.B.PRESTON"  
"PELIAS" "WHIPPOORWILL" "LARK"

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### 4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

#### (i) ALLIED FORCES

##### (a) At Sea to 1200/14:

- (1) "HENEY" "BALLARAT" "KYERA" escorting "SPRIGETLY" towing "ORMISTON" en route Coff's Harbour to Sydney.
- (2) "BAGLEY" was to depart Sydney 0630/14. To proceed Capricorn Channel.
- (3) "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting "WILLIAM ELLERY CHANNING" from Newcastle to Caloundra. "LE TRIOMPHANT" to return Sydney from Caloundra.
- (4) "CENTAUR" departed Sydney 1044/12 for Cairns ETA 0700/17.

##### (b) In Harbour:

Newcastle - Warships & Aux. - "YANDRA"  
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE" "FREMANTLE" "BUNDABERG"  
"MILDURA" "COLAC" "MORESBY" "BENDIGO" "TOWNSVILLE"  
"DELORAINIE" "H.T.ALLEN" "GLADSTONE" ML.428 ML.429  
ML.813 ML.818 "RIGEL" (AR) WANGANELLA (AH)  
"GOLDSTAR" "ALSEY" "WARRNAMBOOL"  
(Repairing) "AUSTRALIA" "NEPAL" "STUART" "CHEVREUIL" "BROOKS"  
"ALHERA" "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)  
(On Reserve) "WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "MANOORA" "ABRAHAM"  
CRIJNSSEN" "DOOMBA"  
(Refitting) "QUIBERON"

##### (c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "BUNDABERG" "KALGOORLIE" to sail as convenient from Sydney to RV with "YANDRA" escorting Convoy C094 off Noby's Head at 0600/15. "MORESBY" and ML's to depart Sydney with Sydney section at 1400/15 and join Convoy off Sydney. ML's to be detached 0600/17 and to return to base at Eden.
- (2) "COLAC" "MILDURA" "TOWNSVILLE" "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy GP51 to depart Sydney 0900/15.

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### B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

#### (i) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - THORNTON (AVD)



- (2) At Espiritu Santo - LEANDER (CL) STRONG O'BANNON RADFORD MAURY  
NICHOLS FLETCHER WARD McCALLA CHEVALIER (DD) TREVOR (DM)  
CURTISS TANGIER (AV) MACKINAC (AVP) HUNTER LIGGETT (AP)  
MANLEY (APD) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) ALCHIEA  
ALGORAB CELENO (AK) NEOSHO SABINE PLATTE TAPPAHANNOCK  
WHIPSTOCK (AO) CONSTANT (AM) ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (CV)  
SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN (CL) KILTY WOODWORTH JENKINS SMITH  
HOPKINS BUCHANAN FANNING CASE CRAVEN LAMSON (DD)  
PROMETHEUS (AR) WHITNEY (AD) ARGONNE (AG) McCAWLEY (AP)  
MAJABA MERCURY TALAMANCA CASTOR (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD)  
TRYON (APH) PECOS PATUXENT SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO)  
KINGFISHER SHELDRAKE ADROIT (AM) PAWNEE (AT) HOLLY (YN)  
SC.518 S.31 (SS) ARD.2 KIWI MATAI TUI GALE (A/S Vessels)
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
- (5) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM) AMERICAN LEGION (AP) SAMOA (AK)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK RAIL  
VIREO (AM) LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) ORTOLAN (ASR)  
MENOMINEE (AT) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS) ERSKINE  
PHELPS (AO)
- (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER  
MONTPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV) EATON  
WALLER PHILIP RENSHAW LANG WILSON CONY CONWAY (DD)  
BALLARD (AV) LACKAWANNA KANKAKEE NESCHES (AO) ROAMER  
PC.476 PC.479 RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)
- (8) At Nandi - COPAHEE (ACV)
- (9) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) PINCKNEY (AK) SOLACE (AH)
- (10) At Wellington - TAYLOR McCALL (DD) TRACY (DM) MOUNT VERNON  
CRESCENT CITY (AP) LIERA (AK)

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NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) Gasmata Area - Further to the report in yesterday's Naval Summary of the attack by an aircraft on an enemy submarine 65 miles S.W. by W. of Gasmata at 0355/13 it is now reported that the bombs fell 25 to 30 yards wide. The submarine which was described as very large was submerging at the time of the attack.
- (2) China Strait - SC.747 which has now reported on the attacks on an enemy submarine south west of China Strait states that she made two attacks after having made contact at approximately 0630/11. In the second attack three direct hits were scored. The report states "definitely destroyed".  
SC.747 further states that she was unable to attack at 0930 when another contact was made, owing to the fact that all A/S ammunition had been expended. This appears to contradict the Beaufort report which states that SC.747 dropped four more charges on a contact at approximately 0900.  
On present evidence which is not conclusive it would appear that SC.747 cannot be credited with the sinking of an enemy submarine.
- (3) Coff's Harbour - It is now reported that in addition to "ORMISTON", "CARADALE" (British - 1,881 tons) in Convoy PG50 was hit by a torpedo. The torpedo hit on the port side in Number 4 Hold and apparently did not explode but made a large dent in the side and rivets were shorn about seven feet up the side. "CARADALE" arrived Sydney with the convoy.



ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central and Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Aradura Sea Islands.
- (2) Further reinforcements and increased activity in Northern theatre.
- (3) Intense submarine activity including transportation, reconnaissance and offensive operations, in all theatres.

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

14/5/43



13/5/43

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks- Solomons
<u>BB</u>	-	INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	YAMATO (poss. Empire) MUSASHI MUTSU KONGO HARUNA NAGATO
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	ZUIKAKU
<u>XCV</u>	-	-	HITAKA HAYATAKA ZUIHO
<u>ACV</u>	-	CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE	-
<u>GA</u>	* AUSTRALIA	-	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI HAGURO KUMANO SUZUYA TONE TIKUMA * AOEA
<u>CL</u>	HOBART ADELAIDE	HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO JINTSU SENDAI KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA ISUZU KINU KUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	3
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA DE TRIOMPHANT HELM HENLEY BAGLEY PERKINS CONYNGHAM MAHAN STUART VENDETTA * QUIBERON * NEPAL MUGFORD	Approx 40	Approx 40

\* Non-effective



Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-  
Solomons

<u>SS</u>	DRUM )	S.31	Approx 30
	GREENLING )	At Brisbane	
	GROWLER )		
	GUARDFISH )		
	ALBACORE )		
	GATO )	On Patrol	
	GRAYBACK )		
	GROUPEL )		
	PETO )		
	SCAMP )		
	TUNA )		

K.9 At Sydney

<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER	GHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA
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<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	5
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<u>IT</u>	25	Approx 30	?
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<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T.ALLEN	10 APA	
	MANOORA	13 APD	
	* WESTRALIA	6 AKA	
	* KANIMBLA		
	* BROOKS		
	GILMER		

<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON		3 or more
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<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE WHITNEY	?
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<u>AR</u>	RIGEL	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	2
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AIRCRAFT (N.E.Area Only)

Fighters	263
M/Bombers	128
B/Bombers	16
Flying Boats	6
Floatplanes	51
Transport A/C	23

\* Non-effective



2. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA * TENNESSEE	ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	VICTORIOUS ENTERPRISE	SHOKAKU HOSHO (Training Ship)
<u>XCV</u>	LONG ISLAND	RYUHO
<u>ACV</u>	NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	CHUYO UNYO
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA NEW ORLEANS * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS * PENSACOLA * PORTLAND * INDIANAPOLIS	NACHI 1 Unidentified * ASHIGARA
<u>OCA</u>	-	3
<u>CL</u>	RALEIGH DETROIT	ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	4
<u>AV/GVS</u>	?	NISSHIN
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	2
<u>DD</u>	Approx 20	Approx 16
<u>SS</u>	Approx 40	Approx 30
<u>/XAS</u>	?	2

3. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>CA</u>	-	-
<u>CL</u>	CONCORD TRENTON RICHMOND	-
<u>XCL</u>	-	2
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	10	Approx 4
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 10

\* Non-effective



4. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific (Western Section)		Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
<u>BB</u>	-	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	-
<u>ACV</u>	-	∅ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX * HAWKINS * FROBISHER	OTAKA
<u>CL</u>	VAN HEEMSKERK TROMP	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KASHII OI KITAGAMI
<u>XCL</u>	-	∅ ALAUNIA CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA RANCHI WORCESTERSHIRE	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI * NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	TJERK HIDDES VAN GALEN	Approx 27	Approx 12
<u>SS</u>	GAR ) GRENADIER ) GUDGEON ) TAMBOR ) TAUTOG ) THRESHER )	On Patrol	
	K.12 ) TROUT )	At Exmouth Gulf	
	GRAYLING	At Fremantle	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)</u>			
Fighters			110
M/Bombers			71
Flying Boats			9
Floatplanes			29
Transport A/C			25

∅ No recent intelligence.  
Present location uncertain.

\* Non-effective



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. 418

Date: 15th May, 1943

P A R T I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTHEASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

- (1) "DRAYTON" "FULSSER" "TALBOT" escorting "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "PRESIDENT JACKSON" "PRESIDENT HAYES" en route Noumea to Townsville.
- (2) "BAGLEY" proceeding to RV in vicinity Capricorn Channel with "DRAYTON" "FLUSSER" "TALBOT" escorting "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "PRESIDENT JACKSON" "PRESIDENT HAYES" from Noumea to Townsville.
- (3) "MAHAN" en route Gladstone to Brisbane.
- (4) "WARRAMUNGA" "SWAN" escorting Convoy TN92 ("MANGOLA" "VAN HEUTSZ" "EDWARD ROLAND SILL" "HENRY D. THOREAU") to Port Moresby ETA 0800/16.
- (5) "HELM" en route Cid Harbour to Sydney ETA 0700/17.
- (6) "BOWEN" escorting "THEDENS" departed Milne Bay 1432/14 for Oro Bay ETA 1400/15.
- (7) "SUMNER" "SC.745" "SC.749" surveying Deboyne Is. area.
- (8) "WHYALLA" departed Milne Bay 1432/14 for survey ground.
- (9) "WARREGO" escorting "STAGEN" departed Thursday Island 1809/14 for Merauke ETA 1900/15.
- (10) "BROOME" "SC.747" escorting Convoy FC7 ("WEST CACTUS" for Townsville; "YOCHOW" for Cairns) departed Milne Bay 1313/12 was due Grafton Passage 1700/14.
- (11) "KAPUNDA" escorting Convoy FC8 ("VAN DER LIJN" "REIJNST" "JANSSENS") departed Milne Bay 1452/14 for Cairns ETA 0600/17.
- (12) "ECHUCA" escorting "NUCULANA" departed Port Moresby 1720/14 for Townsville ETA 0600/17.
- (13) "YP.280" departed Townsville 1230/11 for Brisbane was due 0800/15.
- (14) "GLENELG" en route Townsville to Brisbane ETA 1300/17.
- (15) "SC.748" en route Percy Islands to Brisbane.
- (16) "GEELONG" escorting Convoy TS30 ("VAN SPILBERGEN") from Percy Is. to Brisbane ETA 1900/16.
- (17) "GILMER" escorting Convoy TS31 ("CHARON") departed Townsville 2300/13 for Brisbane ETA 1900/15.
- (18) "WAGGA" "KATOOMBA" "SC.746" escorting Convoy BT58 ("AASE MAERSK" "H.T. KATOOMBA" "ANHUI" "FIONA" "JOSEPH HOLT" "ADMIRAL CHASE" "CREMER" "JUNIPERO SERRA" "ARCONA" "G.W. GOETHALS" "CITY OF FORT WORTH" "A.D. WHITE" towing ML.427 - all for Townsville) departed Caloundra 1730/11.
- (19) "SC.731" "SC.732" escorting Convoy BT59 ("CHARLES S. JONES" "WANAKA") departed Brisbane 1835/12 was due Townsville 1025/15.
- (20) "CENTAUR" en route Sydney to Cairns ETA 0700/17.
- (21) "SC.648" escorting "SUNETTA" (passing through 27°40'S 157°20'E) was to depart Caloundra 1030/15. SC.648 to part company 0300/16 and return Brisbane.
- (22) "MUGFORD" escorting "SUSSEX" (routed through 27°05'S, 163°33'E) was



- to depart Caloundra 1000/15. "MUGFORD" to part company 0100/16 and return Caloundra.
- (23) "LITHGOW" departed Brisbane 1756/13 to carry out exercises with submarine to seaward of Cape Moreton
- (24) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux.	- PC.1121				
	Merchant Vessels:	"PULGANBAR"				
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux.	- "SHEPPARTON" "SC.750" "HILO"				
		15 PT's				
	Merchant Vessels:	"JAPARA" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "TIME"				
		"JOHN WHITTAKER"				
	Small Craft	- Approx 50				
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux.	- HDML.1074 HDML.1161				
	Merchant Vessels:	"ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "H.R.HELPER"				
		"VAN SWOLL"				
	Small Craft	- Approx 20				
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux.	- "INVERELL" "LATROBE" "TULSA"				
		YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 YP.236				
		12 PTs				
Cairns	- Warships & Aux.	- "PLATYPUS" "ML.426 ML.814"				
		2 PTs refitting				
Cid Harbour	- Warships & Aux.	- "HOBART" "PERKINS" "CONYNGHAM"				
		"BISHOPDALE" "MERKUR"				
Townsville	- Warships & Aux.	- "ARUNPA" "BUNBURY" ML.817 YP.291				
		SC.738 "DEIMOS" "YUNNAN" (ASIS)				
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux.	- "PIRIE" "ROCKHAMPTON"				
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux.	- "FULTON" "POYANG" (ASIS) YP.233				
		YMS.10 YMS.11 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.51				
		YMS.52 YMS.53 YMS.71 SC.698 SC.740 SC.741				
		SC.744 SC.981 PC.1119 YDG.2 8 LSTs ML.424				
		ML.425 "ALUDRA" "KURUMBA"				
	(Repairing, Trials etc.)	- "VENDETTA" "GOULBURN" "GYMPIE"				
		"VICTORIA"				

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "ARUNTA" "KATOCMBA" escorting Convoy TN93 ("TAROONA" "KEY PITMAN" "CREMER") to depart Townsville 0300/16 for Milne Bay ETA 1230/18.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Solomons Aircraft - Photos approx 1000/14 show -
- |                      |                             |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Kahili               | - 29 fighters, 5 M/B, 2 D/B |
| Ballale              | - 2 " , 5 M/B               |
| Faisi (10% coverage) | - 4 floatplanes             |
| Munda                | } Nil operational aircraft  |
| Vila                 |                             |
| Buka                 | - 4 fighters, 3 M/B         |

This total of 54 aircraft compares with 102 on 13/5 and the reduction could be accounted for partly by the losses over Russell Is. p.m. 13/5 (17-19 Zero's) and the decrease from 24 D/B at Kahili.

- (2) Guadalcanal - At least 4 enemy aircraft raided Guadalcanal during darkness 13/5 setting an ammunition dump on fire. Lightning night fighters attacked and shotdown one certain, one probable, and a third damaged.
- (3) Shortlands - Kahili and Ballale airfields were raided 0330/13 by 6 Fortresses following a harassing Liberator. At 1945-2030/13 another 5 Fortresses raided the same targets and at 2040/13, 2 cargo ships located in the Buin anchorage were attacked by 4 Avengers with bombs (see Naval Incidents). One probable hospital ship was also seen at this time in Tonolei Harbour. Recce at 0955/14 observed one cargo vessel in the Buin anchorage, where one was hit during the previous nights raid, and another off Buin course 122° possibly departing through Bougainville Strait.



- (4) Buka - A small cargo vessel landed stores at Buka Passage 10/5 and on 14/5 another small merchantman was observed heading for Buka probably from southeast. On the same day 6 barges arrived at Tinputz from the south.
- (5) Kavieng - Reconnaissance 1030/14 sighted the following shipping - 2 cargo vessels (1 medium, 1 large) in Kavieng Harbour 1 large cargo vessel approaching Kavieng from the North 1 medium cargo vessel heading for Kavieng from S.E. Three Zero's and four medium bombers were observed on the runway.
- (6) Lorengau - Reconnaissance a.m. 14/5 sighted one probable mine-layer in Lorengau Harbour.
- (7) Witu Is. - A 40 ft. barge was seen at the pier on Unea Is. 1045/14.
- (8) Rabaul - Photographs 1000/14 show no apparent change from the previous day except for the addition of one probable old destroyer and ~~xi~~ that the seaplane tender, previously identified as "CHITOSE" class, is now believed to be "MIZUHO" class. It is recalled that 13/5 43 ships including one light cruiser, seaplane tender, 7 destroyers and 25 merchant vessels totalling 117,000 tons were present.
- (9) Gasmata - The aerodrome and installations were again heavily raided 1330-1400/14 by 13 B.25's and 10 Beaufighters.
- (10) Arawe - At approximately 0800/15 a convoy reported as two possible destroyers and 7 small cargo vessels (500-1000 tons) was reported some 10 miles west of Arawe course 90°.
- (11) Lae - At 1837/14 32 enemy fighters were patrolling the aerodrome and 3 fighters landing. At 1857/14 flares were reported on the aerodrome and aircraft were landing. Barges were plying between ships in the harbour and the shore.  
This would appear to be connected with the convoy reported in the previous paragraph off Arawe on an easterly course.
- (12) Wewak - Between 2050-2340/14 Boram and Wewak aerodromes were raided by 3 Liberators and 4 Fortresses respectively.  
Reconnaissance Lightning over Wewak 0915-1010/14 reported the same ships present as on 13/5 when photographs showed 5 merchant vessels totalling 27,000 tons, 2 small vessels under 1000 tons and 90 barges. Photographs taken by this Lightning, however, show one 800 ton vessel with funnel aft, one patrol craft and 66 barges. Good coverage of the harbour was obtained by these photos. It is considered that the pilot was mistaken and that in fact, the convoy in Wewak on 13/5 had departed by 0900/14.
- (13) Hansa Bay - Photographs 0930/14 reveal 12 barges and 2 new jetties. The runway is rough but probably serviceable.
- (14) Solomon Sea - At 1945/13 a submarine was seen by aircraft approx 37 miles E. by S. of Lae on course East.
- (15) Salamaua-Mubo Area - Forward elements of the enemy were forced to withdraw after attacking our positions on Lababia Ridge 9-11/5. They left over 60 dead. Another party of 13 Japs moving south towards Komiatum was ambushed at 1300/13 and 8 were killed. This is the 8th time within 8 days that the enemy have been ambushed on this track.
- (16) Dobodura - Three enemy bombers harmlessly raided Dobodura 2115/13. These may be the same aircraft which were over Moresby at 2025 (as reported in yesterday's summary 14/5).
- (17) Oro Bay - Twenty medium bombers and 20-25 Zero's raided Oro Bay approximately 1030/14. 11 Lightnings and 32 Kittyhawks intercepted and caused heavy destruction to enemy aircraft but results have not been fully assessed. A petrol barge and a bitumen dump were destroyed and 8 personnel were injured.

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NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

6 submarines on patrol.



(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "WILCANNIA" "ML.815"  
Merchant Vessels: "BURWAE" "TULAGI"  
Millingimbi - Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE"  
Merchant Vessels: "DARVEL"

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

- (1) "VAN GALEN" escorting "ATREUS" departed Port Phillip 1729/9 for Fremantle was due 0630/15.
- (2) "HERON" departed Fremantle 0725/13 for Exmouth Gulf ETA a.m. 15/5.
- (3) "WHIPPOORWILL" en route Exmouth Gulf to Fremantle ETA 0800/17.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "HORSHAM"  
"TJERK HIDDERS" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO" "OTUS" "CHILDS"  
"YP.286" "SC.739" "ISABEL"  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B.PRESTON" "PELIAS" "LARK"  
"CHANTICLEER" "SC.751"

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4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

- (1) "HENLEY" "BALLARAT" "KYBRA" escorting "SPRIGHTLY" towing "ORMISTON" en route Coff's Harbour to Sydney.
- (2) "BUNDABERG" "KALGOORLIE" departed Sydney so as to RV off Nobby's Head with "YANDRA" escorting Convoy C094 (11 MV ex Newcastle) at 0600/15. "MORESEY" ML.428 ML.818 escorting Sydney section (6 vessels including "BUNGAREE") to depart Sydney 1400/15 and join convoy off Sydney. ML's to provide escort to Eden only and proceed to base there.
- (3) "CHEVREUIL" escorting Convoy VK9 ("POLYNESIAN" "CAP ILLIAQUE" "CAP TARIFER") was to depart Sydney 1100/15 for Noumea ETA a.m. 22/5.
- (4) "GLADSTONE" departed Sydney 2143/14 for patrol thence Jervis Bay.
- (5) "COLAC" "MILDURA" "TOWNSVILLE" "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy GP51 (11 MV) were to depart Sydney 0900/15 ETA Caloundra 0730/18.
- (6) "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting "WILLIAM ELLERY CHANNING" from Newcastle to Caloundra. "LE TRIOMPHANT" to return Sydney from Caloundra.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "FREMANTLE" "MORESEY" "DELORAINNE"  
"H.T.ALLEN" "ML.813" "RIGEL" (AR) "WANGANILLA" (AH)  
"GOLDSTAR" "ALSEY" "WARRNAMBOOL"  
(Repairing) "AUSTRALIA" "NEPAL" "STUART" "BROOKS" "ALHENA"  
"MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)  
(On Reserve) "WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "MANOORA" "ABRAHAM"  
CRIJNSSEN" "DOOMBA"  
(Refitting) "QUIBERON"

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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES


- (1) At Vanikoro - THORNTON (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - LEANDER (CL) STRONG O'BANNON RADFORD MAURY  
NICHOLS FLETCHER WARD McCALLA CHEVALIER (DD) TREVOR (DM)  
CURTISS TANGIER (AV) MACKINAC (AVP) HUNTER LIGGETT (AP)  
MANLEY (APD) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) ALCHIBA  
ALGORAB CELENO (AK) NEOSHO SABINE PLATTE TAPPAHANNOCK  
WHIPSTOCK (AO) CONSTANT (AM) ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (CV)  
SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN (CL) KILTY WOODWORTH JENKINS SMITH  
HOPKINS BUCHAMAN FANNING CASE CRAVEN LAMSON (DD)  
PROMETHEUS (AR) WHITNEY (AD) ARGONNE (AG) McCAWLEY (AP)  
MAJABA MERCURY TALAMANCA CASTOR (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD)  
TRYON (AFH) PECOS PATUXENT SUAMICO CIMARON (AO)  
KINGFISHER SEELDRAKE ADROIT (AM) PAWNEE (AT) HOLLY (YN)  
SC.518 S.31 (SS) ARD.2 KIWI MATAI TUI GALE (A/S Vessels)
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
- (5) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM) AMERICAN LEGION (AP) SAMOA (AK)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK RAIL  
VIREO (AM) LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) ORTOLAN (ASR)  
MEMOMINEE (AT) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS) ERSKINE  
PHELPS (AO)
- (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER  
MONTPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV) EATON  
WALLER PHILIP RENSHAW LANG WILSON CONY CONWAY (DD)  
BALLARD (AV) LACKAWANNA KANKAKEE NESCHES (AO) ROAMER  
PC.476 PC.479 RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)
- (8) At Nandi - COPAHEE (ACV)
- (9) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) PINCKNEY (AK) SOLACE (AE)
- (10) At Wellington - TAYLOR McCALL (DD) TRACY (DM) MOUNT VERNON  
CRESCENT CITY (AP) LIBRA (AK)

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NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) Shor tlands - 2 Avengers each attacked a cargo vessel N.W.  
of Pupukuna Point at 2040/13. At least two hits were  
scored on one vessel causing an explosion.
- (2) Kolombangara - Allied surface units bombarded enemy positions  
at Vila and Munda night 12/5. At Vila the shelling appears  
to have fallen mainly on the bivouac area.

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A.  
particularly Central and Northern Solomons -  
North coast New Guinea -S.W. coast Dutch New  
Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Further reinforcements and increased activity in  
Northern theatre.
- (3) Intense submarine activity including transportation,  
reconnaissance and offensive operations, in all  
theatres.

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

15/5/43



14/5/43

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-  
Solomons

BB

-

INDIANA  
MASSACHUSETTS  
MARYLAND  
COLORADO

MUSASHI  
MUTSU  
KONGO  
HARUMA  
NAGATO

CV

-

SARATOGA

XCV

-

-

HAYATAKA

ACV

-

CHENANGO  
SANGAMON  
SUWANNEE

-

CA

\* AUSTRALIA

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CHOKAI  
KUMANO  
SUZUYA  
TONE  
TIKUMA  
\* AOBA

CL

HOBART  
ADELAIDE

HONOLULU  
HELENA  
ST. LOUIS  
NASHVILLE  
COLUMBIA  
CLEVELAND  
MONTPELLIER  
DENVER  
SAN DIEGO  
SAN JUAN

AGANO (poss. Empire)  
JINTSU  
SENDAI  
KATORI  
KASHIMA  
MAGARA  
ISUZU  
KINU  
KUMA

XCL

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ARUNTA  
WARRAMUNGA  
LE TRIOMPHANT  
HELM  
HENLEY  
BAGLEY  
PERKINS  
CONYNGHAM  
MAHAN  
STUART  
VENDETTA  
\* QUIBERON  
\* NEPAL  
MUGFORD

Approx 40

Approx 30

\* Non-effective



Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-  
Solomons

<u>SS</u>	DRUM ) GREENLING ) GUARDFISH )	S.31 At Brisbane	Approx 30
	ALBACORE ) GATO ) GRAYBACK ) GRO UPER ) GROWLER ) PETO ) SCAMP ) TUNA )	On Patrol	
	K.9	At Sydney	
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA
<u>AV/XCVS</u>	-	3	5
<u>PT</u>	25	Approx 30	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H. T. ALLEN MANOORA * WESTRALIA * KANIMBLA * BROOKS GILMER	10 APA 13 APD 6 AKA	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON		3 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE WHITNEY	?
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	2

AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)

Fighters	263
Bombers	128
Sub/Bombers	16
Flying Boats	6
Floatplanes	51
Transport A/C	23

\* Non-effective



2. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA * TENNESSEE	YAMATO (poss. Truk) ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	VICTORIOUS ENTERPRISE	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU HOSHU (Training Ship)
<u>XCV</u>	LONG ISLAND	ZUIHO HITAKA RYUHO
<u>ACV</u>	NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	CHUYO UNYO
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA NEW ORLEANS * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS * PENSACOLA * PORTLAND * INDIANAPOLIS	ATAGO TAKAO HAGURO
<u>OCA</u>	-	3
<u>EL</u>	RALEIGH DETROIT	ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	4
<u>AV/CVS</u>	?	NISSHIN
<u>XAV/XCBS</u>	?	2
	Approx 20	Approx 24
<u>SS</u>	Approx 40	Approx 30 (some poss. N. Pacific)
<u>AS/XAS</u>	?	2

3. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>CA</u>	-	NACHI 1 unidentified
<u>CL</u>	CONCORD TRENTON RICHMOND	TAMA KISO
<u>XCL</u>	-	2
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	10	9
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 10

\* Non-effective



## 4. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCESENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific (Western Section)		Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
<u>BB</u>	-	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	♠ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>ACV</u>	-	-	OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX * HAWKINS * FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	VAN HEEMSKERK TROMP	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KASHII OI KITAGAMI
<u>KCL</u>	+	♠ ALAUNIA CARTHAGE CHITRAL RAN PURA RANCHI WORCESTERSHIRE	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMO I * NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>ED</u>	TJERK HIDDES VAN GALEN	Approx 27	12
<u>SS</u>	GAR ) GRENADIER ) GUDGEON ) TAMBOR ) TAUTOG ) THRESHER )	On Patrol	
	K.12 ) TROUT )	At Exmouth Gulf	
	GRAYLING	At Fremantle	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)</u>			
Fighters			110
M/Bombers			71
Flying Boats			9
Floatplanes			29
Transport A/C			26
	♠	No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain.	
	*	Non-effective	



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. 419

Date: 16th May, 1943

P A R T I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/16:

- (1) PC.1121 escorting "PULGANBAR" en route Milne Bay from Oro Bay.
- (2) "SHEPPARTON" dep. Milne Bay 1304/15 en route Nuakata.
- (3) "SWAN" escorting M.B.4 ("VAN SWOLL" "HINTON R.HELPER") to Milne Bay was expected to depart Port Moresby 1200/16 ETA Milne Bay 2000/17.
- (4) "SANDS" & "HUMPHRIES" escorting LST's 446, 334, 390, 447, 448, 443 & 449 to Townsville ETA 0800/20.
- (5) "DRAYTON" "FLUSSER" "TALBOT" "BAGLEY" escorting "PRESIDENT JACKSON" "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "PRESIDENT HAYES" to Townsville.
- (6) "ML.817" dep. Townsville 1720/15 en route Cairns.
- (7) "MAHAN" en route Gladstone to Brisbane.
- (8) "WHYALLA" & "POLARIS" surveying vicinity of Goschen Strait.
- (9) "SUMNER" "SC.745" "SC.749" surveying Deboyne Is. area.
- (10) "KAPUNDA" escorting Convoy FC8 ("VAN DER LIJN" "REIJNST" "JANSSENS") departed Milne Bay 1452/14 for Cairns ETA 0600/17.
- (11) "ECHUCA" escorting "NUCULANA" departed Port Moresby 1720/14 for Townsville ETA 0600/17.
- (12) "GLENELG" en route Townsville to Brisbane ETA 2300/17.
- (13) "SC.648" returning Brisbane after escort duty with "SUNETTA".
- (14) "ARUNTA" "KATOOMBA" escorting Convoy TN93 ("TAROONA" "KEY PITMAN" "CREMER") en route Milne Bay ETA 1230/18.
- (15) "WARRAMUNGA" "SWAN" escorting Convoy TN92 ("MANGOLA" "VAN HEUTSZ" "EDWARD ROLAND SILL" "HENRY D.THOREAU") to Port Moresby were due 0800/16.
- (16) "GEELONG" escorting Convoy TS30 ("VAN SPILBERGEN") from Percy Is. to Brisbane ETA 1900/16.
- (17) "GILMER" escorting Convoy TS31 ("CHARON") departed Townsville 2300/13 for Brisbane ETA 1900/15.
- (18) YMS.8 YMS.11 YMS.53 YMS.71 proceeding with all despatch to search for survivors of "CENTAUR" in position 27°S, 154°E. "LITHGOW" ETA this position 0400/16.
- (19) Task Unit 78.5.1 (YMS.10 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.70) was to depart Brisbane 1200/16 en route Cairns.
- (20) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. -	"BOWEN"
	Merchant Vessels:	"THEDENS"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. -	"SC.750" "HILO" "STELLA" 15 PT's
	Merchant Vessels:	"JAPARA" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "TIME"
		"JOHN WHITTAKER"
	Small Craft	- Approx 50



Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - HDML.1074 HDML.1161  
 Merchant Vessels: "ASPASIA NOMIKOS"  
 Small Craft - Approx 20  
 Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL" "LATROBE" "TULSA"  
 YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 YP.236  
 12 PTs  
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "PLATYPUS" ML.426 ML.814  
 2 PTs refitting  
 Cid Harbour - Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "PERKINS" "CONYNGHAM"  
 "BISHOPDALE" "MERKUR"  
 Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "BROOME" "WAGGA" "BUNBURY" ML.427  
 YP.291 SC.731 SC.732 SC.738  
 SC.746 "DEIMOS" "YUNNAN" (ASIS)  
 Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE" "ROCKHAMPTON"  
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "MUGFORD" "FULTON" "POYANG" (ASIS)  
 YP.233 YP.280 YMS.46 YMS.51 YMS.52 SC.698  
 SC.740 SC.741 SC.744 SC.748 SC.981 PC.1119  
 YDG.2 8 LST's ML.424 ML.425 "ALUDRA"  
 "KURUMBA"  
 (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "VENDETTA" "GOULBURN" "GYMPIE"  
 "VICTORIA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "MUGFORD" escorting "W.B.ALLISON" ETD Caloundra 1600/16 for Townsville.
- (2) "VENDETTA" escorting "BLUE JACKET" ETD Caloundra 2200/16. "VENDETTA" to part company at 1600/17 and return Brisbane.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES:

- (1) Kavieng - At 0955/15 a destroyer was sighted in the vicinity of Byron Strait heading east. No other shipping in the area is reported by the reconnaissance.  
 Photos of the shipping in the area 1030/14 show one 1500 ton and one 800 ton vessel in Kavieng Harbour. These vessels were reported by visual sightings <sup>as large & medium respectively</sup> and the interpretation of photographs would indicate that all four ships seen in the area 14/5 and possibly 13/5 were less than 2,000 tons.
- (2) Rabaul - 1945-2250/14 Vunakanau aerodrome was raided by 4 Liberators and 6 Fortresses. 13 ships were seen in Rabaul Harbour and two medium cargo vessels in Talili Bay.
- (3) Huon Gulf-New Britain - No further sightings were made of the convoy reported to consist of two possible destroyers and 7 cargo vessels all under 1000 tons sighted at 0745/15 10 miles west of Arawe course 90°. Air strikes were despatched but very bad visibility prevented further contact.

Our aircraft encountered fighter opposition in many localities in the area thus:-

- 0615/15 - A Liberator encountered 6 Zero's over Huon Gulf.
- 0635/15 - A Liberator observed 2 Zero's near Lae.
- 1050/15 - A Liberator encountered 19 Zero's 30 miles west of Talasea.
- 1150/15 - 6 Fortresses encountered 2 fighters 3 miles south of Gasmata.
- 1225/15 - A Liberator encountered 3 Zero's over Gasmata.
- 1233/15 - 7 B.25's saw 4 fighters in Gasmata area.

In addition there was extensive enemy air activity in the New Guinea area as shown in subsequent paragraphs.

- (4) Gasmata Area - At 1231/15 Beaufighters attacked a submarine on the surface 62 miles S. by W. of Gasmata course 14°.
- (5) Wewak Area - Photographs 1015-1040/15 show no large ships visible in Wewak Harbour: one coaster and about 12 barges off But. Aircraft on the aerodromes are reported as follows:-  
 Wewak - 30 fighters  
 Boram - 14 fighters, 1 M/B, 5 probable L/B  
 But - 16 twin-engined fighters or L/B  
 Dagua - 14 twin-engined fighters

This is the first report of aircraft on Dagua aerodrome which is located between Wewak and But.



- (6) Huon Gulf - A Liberator sighted in Huon Gulf at 0614/15 a vessel described as a probable destroyer. The aircraft was engaged at this time in violent interception and the reported vessel should perhaps be treated with reserve.
- (7) Lae - At 2345/13 an "I"-class submarine was reported 48 miles E.S.E. of Lae heading east.  
Reconnaissance 0945/15 observed 10 fighters on Lae aerodrome and three more taking off.
- (8) Wau - At 0930/15 20 enemy medium bombers escorted by 14 fighters raided Wau. No casualties or damage has been reported.
- (9) Salamaua-Mubo - Following heavy mortar and artillery fire at 1245/14 the enemy attacked our positions on Bobdubi Ridge in force, causing our troops to withdraw but the enemy advance was subsequently checked. At 0810/15 9 enemy bombers and 15 fighters bombed and strafed our new positions at Kunda Bridge (1½ miles W. by S. of Bobdubi). A preliminary report states that these positions were subsequently subjected to another heavy air attack.
- (10) Port Moresby - Two enemy medium bombers attacked Durand Strip at 1937/15. One of our night pursuit planes shot down one of the enemy bombers.  
At about 2030/15 probably another 2 enemy bombers were over Port Moresby but no bombs were dropped. A.A. claim one bomber probably destroyed.
- (11) Buna Area - Prior to the raid on Oro Bay at 1050/14 one enemy reconnaissance aircraft was shot down by a Kittyhawk at 0830/14, 40 miles N.E. Buna. Results of the interception ~~at~~ during the Oro Bay raid at 1030/14 are -  
Enemy Losses - 9 fighters certain, one probable  
7 bombers certain, 5 probable  
Our Losses - 1 Lightning in combat  
1 Kittyhawk crash-landed  
Both pilots safe.  
At 2117/14 3 enemy aircraft harmlessly raided Dobodura.
- (12) Cairns - Intermittent indications 8-15/5 of the presence of unidentified units in the vicinity of Fitzroy Island (12 miles E. by S. of Cairns) lead N.C.I.C. Cairns to make the suggestion of possible minelaying activities by one or two enemy submarines.
- (13) Brisbane - Enemy submarine activity off the Queensland coast is widened by the sinking of "CENTAUR" 24 miles E. by N. of Point Lockout (Stradbroke Is.) at 0400/14 (see Naval Incidents).

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## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/16:

6 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin	- Warships & Aux. - "WILCANNIA" "ML.315"
	Merchant Vessels: "EURWAH" "TULAGI"
Millingimbi	- Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE"
	Merchant Vessels: "DARVEL"
Merauke	- Warships & Aux. - "WARREGO"
	Merchant Vessels: "STAGEN"

#### (c) Proposed Movements:

"WARREGO" to proceed to Townsville about 17/5 and thence Brisbane for refit ETA 26/5.

### (11) ENEMY FORCES:

- (1) Nabire - Photos taken while 3 Liberators were attacking Nabire at 0936/15 show no aircraft on the aerodrome but that the runway is being oiled. A great quantity of stores, largely



construction material, are visible on the beach also 40 motor vehicles.

- (2) Kei Islands - The 3 Liberators, which attacked Nabire, were intercepted over Langgoer at 1110/15 by 3 Zero's of which one was destroyed. Photos confirm observations that 10 Zero's were on the strip and 3 or 4 taking off.

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### 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

#### (1) ALLIED FORCES

##### (a) At Sea to 1200/15:

- (1) "HERON" departed Fremantle 0725/13 for Exmouth Gulf ETA a.m. 16/5.  
(2) "WHIPPOORWILL" en route Exmouth Gulf to Fremantle ETA 0800/17.

##### (b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "VAN GALEN" "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK"  
"TJERK HIDDERS" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO" "OTUS"  
"CHILDS" YP.286 SC.739 "ISABEL"  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B.PRESTON" "PELIAS" "LARK"  
"CHANTICLEER" SC.751.

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### 4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

#### (1) ALLIED FORCES

##### (a) At Sea to 1200/16:

- (1) "HENLEY" "BALLARAT" "KYBRA" escorting "SPRIGHTLY" towing "ORMISTON" en route Coff's Harbour to Sydney.  
(2) "BUNDABERG" "KALGOORLIE" "YANDRA" "MORESEY" ML.428 ML.818 escorting Convoy C094 (17 vessels including "BUNGAREE"). ML.428 ML.818 to provide escort to Eden.  
(3) "CHEVREUIL" escorting Convoy VK9 ("POLYNESIAN" "CAP ILLIAQUER" "CAP TARIFFER") departed Sydney 1147/15 for Noumea ETA a.m. 22/5.  
(4) "GLADSTONE" departed Sydney 2145/14 for patrol thence Jervis Bay.  
(5) "COLLAC" "MILDURA" "TOWNSVILLE" "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy GP51 (11 MV) departed Sydney 0945/15 ETA Caloundra 0830/18.  
(6) "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting "WILLIAM ELLERY CHANNING" from Newcastle to Caloundra. "LE TRIOMPHANT" to return Sydney from Caloundra ETA Sydney 1030/16.  
(7) "HELM" en route Cid Harbour to Sydney ETA 0700/17.

##### (b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "FREMANTLE" "BINGERA" "COOTAMUNDRA"  
"DELORAIN" "H.T.ALLEN" ML.813 "WANGANELLA" (AH)  
"GOLDSTAR" "ALSEY" "WARRNAMBOOL"  
(Repairing) "AUSTRALIA" "NEPAL" "STUART" "BROOKS" "ALHENA"  
"MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)  
(On Reserve) "WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "MANOORA" "ABRAHAM"  
CRIJNSSEN" "DOOMBA"  
(Refitting) "QUIBERON"

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### B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

#### (1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - THORNTON (AVD)  
(2) At Espiritu Santo - LEANDER (CL) STRONG O'BANNON RADFORD MAURY  
NICHOLS FLETCHER WARD McCALLA CHEVALIER (DD) TREVOR (DM)



- CURTISS TANGIER (AV) MACKINAC (AVP) HUNTER LIGGETT (AP)  
 MANLEY (APD) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) ALCHIBA  
 ALGORAB CELENO (AK) NEGSHO SABINE PLATTE TAPPAHANNOCK  
 WHIPSTOCK (AO) CONSTANT (AM) ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (CV)  
 SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN (CL) KILTY WOODWORTH JENKINS SMITH  
 HOPKINS BUCHANAN FANNING CASE CRAVEN LAMSON (DD)  
 PROMETHEUS (AR) WHITNEY (AD) ARGONNE (AG) McCAWLEY (AP)  
 MAJABA MERCURY TALAMANCA CASTOR (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD)  
 TRYON (APH) PECOS PATUXENT SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO)  
 KINGFISHER SHELDRAKE ADRGIT (AM) PAWNEE (AT) HOLLY (YN)  
 SC.518 S.31 (SS) ARD.2 KIWI MATAI TUI GALE (A/S Vessels)
- (4) At Sava - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
- (5) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM) AMERICAN LEGION (AP) SAMOA (AK)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK RAIL  
 VIREO (AM) LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) ORTOLAN (ASR)  
 MENOMINEE (AT) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS) ERSKINE  
 PHELPS (AO)
- (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER  
 MONTPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV) EATON  
 WALLER PHILIP REMSHAW LANG WILSON CONY CONWAY (DD)  
 BALLARD (AV) LACKAWANNA KANKAKEE NESCHES (AO) ROAMER  
 PC.476 PC.479 RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)
- (8) At Nandi - COPAHEE (ACV)
- (9) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) PINCKNEY (AK) SOLACE (AH)
- (10) At Wellington - TAYLOR McCAIL (DD) TRACY (DM) MOUNT VERNON  
 CRESCENT CITY (AP) LIBRA (AK)

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NAVAL INCIDENTS

Brisbane - Australian Army Hospital Ship "CENTAUR" (3,222 tons) was sunk at 0400/14, 24 miles east by north of Point Lookout (Stradbroke Is.) after being hit by a torpedo. "CENTAUR" was en route Cairns (ETA 0700/17) from Sydney and had on board, it is believed:-

Crew	68
Medical Staff	38
Army Medical Unit	220
<u>Total</u>	<u>326</u>

One woman and fifty-four men have been picked up by "MUGFORD"; "HELM" together with aircraft is searching for further survivors.

First indication of any sinking came from an aircraft on A/S patrol which saw smoke signals at 1340/15 and subsequently located life-boats and rafts. "MUGFORD" was directed to the scene and survivors picked up.

Preliminary reports from survivors indicate that one torpedo hit the ship which sank in about two minutes.

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation north coast New Guinea and East Indies including aircraft reinforcement.
- (2) Sporadic air raids on allied forward operational bases in S.W.P.A. and lines of communication.
- (3) Increased activity in Northern Theatre.
- (4) Intense submarine activity including transportation, and offensive operations in all theatres.

*[Signature]*  
 For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.  
G.H.Q., S.W.P.A.

16/5/43



15/5/43

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks- Solomons
<u>BB</u>	-	INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	MUSASHI MUTSU NAGATO KONGO HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	
<u>XCV</u>	-	-	ZUIHO
<u>ACV</u>	-	CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE	-
<u>GA</u>	* AUSTRALIA	-	CHOKAI KUMANO SUZUYA TONE TIKUMA * AO BA
<u>CL</u>	HOBART ADELAIDE	HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO (poss. Empire) JINTSU SENDAI KATORI * SHIMA NAGARA ISUZU KINU KUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	3
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA IE TRIOMPHANT HELM HENLEY BAGLEY PERKINS CONYNGHAM MAHAN STUART VENDETTA * QUIBERON * NEPAL MUGFORD	Approx 40	Approx 30

\* Non-effective



Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-  
Solomons

<u>SS</u>	DRUM ) GREENLING ) GUARDFISH )	S.31 At Brisbane	Approx 30
	ALBACORE ) GATO ) GRAYBACK ) GROUPEE ) GROWLER ) PETC ) SCAMP ) TUNA )	On Patrol	
	K.9 At Sydney		
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	5
<u>PT</u>	25	Approx 30	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T. ALLEN NAHOORA * WESTRALIA * KAWIMELA * BROOKS GILMER	10 APA 13 APD 6 AKA	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON		3 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE WHITNEY	?
<u>AR</u>	NIGEL	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	2

AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)

Fighters	238
M/Bombers	138
SE/Bombers	40
Flying Boats	6
Floatplanes	51
Transport A/C	23

\* non-effective



2. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE	YAMATO ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	VICTORIOUS ENTERPRISE	ZUIKAKO SHOKAKU HOSHO (Training Ship)
<u>XCV</u>	LONG ISLAND	HA YATAKA KITAKA RYUHO
<u>AGV</u>	NASSAU AL TAMAHA COPAHEE	CHUYO UNYO
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA NEW ORLEANS * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS * PENSACOLA * PORTLAND * INDIANAPOLIS	ATAGO TAKAO HAGURO
<u>OCA</u>	-	3
<u>CL</u>	RALEIGH DETROIT	ABUKUMA <del>TAMA</del>
<u>XCL</u>	-	4
<u>AV/CVS</u>	?	HISSHIN
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	2
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 20	Approx. 24
<u>SS</u>	Approx. 40	Approx. 25
<u>AS/XAS</u>	?	2

3. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>CA</u>	-	NACHI 1 unidentified
<u>CL</u>	CONCORD TRENTON RICHMOND	TAMA KISO
<u>XCL</u>	-	2
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	10	9
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx. 15



4. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific (Western Section)		Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies- Philippines
	-	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	♠ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>AGV</u>	-	-	OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX * HAWKINS * FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	VAN HEEMSKERCK TROMP	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA CERES DAUNTIE SS CAFETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KASHII OI KITAGAMI
<u>XCL</u>	-	♠ ALAUNIA CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA RANCHI WORCESTERSHIRE	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOJ * NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	TJERK HIDDES VAN GALEN	Approx 27	12
<u>SS</u>	GAR ) GRENADEIER ) GUDGEON ) On Patrol TAMBOR ) TAUTOG ) THRESHER )		10
	K.12 ) TROUT ) At Exmouth Gulf GRAYLING ) At Fremantle		
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1
<u>AIRCRAFT</u>	(N.W. Area Only)		
Fighters			143
M/Bombers			125
Flying Boats			12
Floatplanes			35
Transport A/C			35

♠ No recent intelligence  
Present location uncertain

\* Non-effective



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. 420

Date: 17th May, 1943

P A R T I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/17:

- (1) "MUGFORD" escorting "W.B.ALLISON" departed Caloundra 1624/16. To escort to Percy Islands. "MUGFORD" to part company and proceed at increased speed to Townsville ETA p.m. 18/5.
- (2) "DRAYTON" "FLUSSER" "TALBOT" "BAGLEY" escorting "PRESIDENT JACKSON" "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "PRESIDENT HAYES" to Townsville.
- (3) "SWAN" escorting MB.4 ("VAN SWOLL" "HINTON R.HELPER") to Milne Bay was to depart Port Moresby 1200/16 ETA Milne Bay 2000/17.
- (4) "PC.1121" escorting "JAPARA" departed Milne Bay 0734/15 for Belli.
- (5) "WHYALLA" "SHEPPARTON" "POLARIS" "STELLA" surveying.
- (6) "SUMNER" "SC.745" "SC.749" surveying Deboyne Is. area.
- (7) "ECHUCA" escorting "NUCULANA" departed Port Moresby 1720/14 for Townsville was due 0600/17.
- (8) "GLENELG" en route Townsville to Brisbane ETA 2300/17.
- (9) "SANDS" "HUMPHRIES" escorting LST's 446, 334, 390, 447, 448, 443 & 449 to Townsville ETA 0800/20.
- (10) "ARUNTA" "KATOOMBA" escorting Convoy TN93 ("TAROONA" "KEY PITMAN" "CREMER") en route Milne Bay ETA 1230/18.
- (11) "KAPUNDA" escorting Convoy TN94 ("DUNTROON") from Fitzroy Island to Port Moresby ETA 1800/18.
- (12) "ML.814" departed Cairns 1515/15 in tow of "CARDROSS" for Darwin via Thursday Island.
- (13) "VENDETTA" escorting "BLUE JACKET" (routed through 28°08'S 168°22'E) departed Caloundra 2035/16. "VENDETTA" to part company 1600/17 and return Caloundra.
- (14) "LITHGOW" escorting "ALUDRA" (routed through 28°12'S 159°39'E) was to depart Caloundra 0600/17. "LITHGOW" to provide escort for 200 miles and return Brisbane.
- (15) Task Unit 78.5.1 (YMS.10 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.70) was to depart Brisbane 1200/17 for Cairns.
- (16) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "BOWEN"
	Merchant Vessels: "THEDENS"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "SC.750" "HILO" 15 PT's
	Merchant Vessels: "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "JOHN WHITTAKER"
	Small Craft - Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "WARRAMUNGA" HDML.1074 HDML.1161
	Merchant Vessels:
	Small Craft - Approx 20



Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL" "LATROBE" "TULSA"  
 YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 YP.236  
 12 PTs

Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "PLATYPUS" ML.426 ML.817  
 2 PTs refitting

Cid Harbour - Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "PERKINS" "CONYNGHAM"  
 "BISHOPDALE" "MERKUR"

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "BROOME" "WAGGA" "BUNBURY" ML.427  
 YP.291 SC.731 SC.732 SC.738  
 SC.746 SC.747 "AASE MAERSK"  
 "YUNNAN" (ASIS)

Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE" "ROCKHAMPTON"

Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "GILMER" "GEEELONG" "FULTON"  
 "POYANG" (ASIS) YP.233 YP.280 YMS.8 YMS.11  
 YMS.46 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.53 YMS.71 SC.648  
 SC.698 SC.740 SC.741 SC.744 SC.748 SC.981  
 PC.1119 YDG.2 8 LSTs ML.424 ML.425  
 "KURUMBA"

(Repairing, Trials etc.) - "GOULBURN" "GYMPIE" "VICTORIA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Shortlands - 7 Avengers reported sighting 4 cargo vessels west of Pupukuna Point 2145-2215/15. Hits were scored on one of these vessels described as of 3000 tons. The ship was left on fire and explosions were observed. In the last reconnaissance of the base morning 14/5 two cargo vessels were sighted. At the same time two Fortresses attacked Kahili aerodrome with unobserved results.
- (2) Kolombangara - Many enemy troops engaged in a search for food and investigating roads were reported at Vanga Vanga 15/5.
- (3) Kavieng - Poor photos 1105/16 reveal two vessels (probably 1500 tons) and one coaster in Kavieng Harbour. A convoy described as comprising two light cruisers, six cargo vessels (all of 4000 tons) was sighted in Gazelle Channel (15 miles S. of Kavieng) on course 115° at approx 1100/16. From position and course this convoy would appear to be en route Rabaul.
- (4) Wewak - A recon aircraft reported sighting two cargo vessels of 4-5000 tons in Wewak Harbour at 1000/16. There was no photographic confirmation. Photos of aerodromes 1000/16 reveal - 2 fighters, 15 light bombers at But and 15 fighters, 11 light bombers and indications of additional aircraft concealed under trees at Dagua.
- (5) Lae - Thirty aircraft were sighted on Lae aerodrome at 0630/16.
- (6) New Britain-New Guinea: Allied Interceptions 15/5 -- In allied interceptions of enemy aircraft in the Talasea - Gasmata - Solomon Sea areas four fighters were shot down and one bomber, one fighter damaged.
- (7) Morobe - Enemy aircraft dropped eight bombs at the mouth of the Waria River 2045/14. No damage or casualties.
- (8) China Strait - There was a further indication of an enemy submarine in the China Strait area at 2210/16.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/17:

- (1) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "DARVEL" departed Millingimbi 1430/16 for Thursday Island ETA 1800/18.
- (2) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "WILCANNIA" ML.815  
 Merchant Vessels: "BURWAH" "TULAGI"

Merauke - Warships & Aux. - "WARREGO"  
 Merchant Vessels: "STAGEN"



(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Merauke - 3 bombers were over Merauke 1051-1133/16 but dropped no bombs. They were intercepted by two Boomerangs at 1135/16.
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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/17:

- (1) "HERON" departed Fremantle 0725/13 for Exmouth Gulf ETA a.m. 16/5.  
(2) "WHIPPOORWILL" en route Exmouth Gulf to Fremantle ETA 0800/17.  
(3) "TRINITY" departed Fremantle 1840/15 for Bahrein ETA 9/6.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "VAN GALEN" "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK"  
"TJERK HIDDERS" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO"  
"OTUS" "CHILDS" YP.286 SC.739 "ISABEL"  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B.PRESTON" "PELIAS" "LARK"  
"CHANTICLEER" SC.751

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4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/17:

- (1) "MAHAN" escorting "CHARON" was to depart Caloundra 0500/17 for Sydney.  
(2) "HELM" en route Cid Harbour to Sydney ETA 0700/17.  
(3) "BUNDABERG" "KALGOORLIE" "YANDRA" "MORESBY" escorting Convoy C094 (17 vessels including "BUNGAREE").  
(4) "CHEVREUIL" escorting Convoy VK9 ("POLYNESIAN" "CAP ILLIAQUER" "CAP TARIFA") departed Sydney 1147/15 for Noumea ETA a.m. 22/5.  
(5) "ADELAIDE" departed Port Melbourne 1359/16 to RV with "DOMINION MONARCH" and escort to Fremantle.  
(6) "H.T.ALLEN" departed Sydney 0903/16 for Brisbane.  
(7) "COLAC" "MILDURA" "TOWNSVILLE" "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy GP51 (11 vessels including "RIGEL") departed Sydney 0945/15 ETA Caloundra 0830/18.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "LE TRIOMPHANT" "HENLEY"  
"FREMANTLE" "BALLARAT" "BINGERA" "GLADSTONE"  
"COOTAMUNDRA" "KYBRA" "DELORAIN" ML.813  
"WANGANELLA" (AH) "GOLDSTAR" "ALSEY"  
"WARRNAMBOOL" 7 APC  
(Repairing) "AUSTRALIA" "NEPAL" "STUART" "BROOKS" "ALHENA"  
"MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)  
(On Reserve) "WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "MANCORA" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN"  
"DOOMBA"  
(Refitting) "QUIBERON"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Coff's Harbour - An aircraft reported sighting a possible submarine 50 miles east of Coff's Harbour at 0150/17.

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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

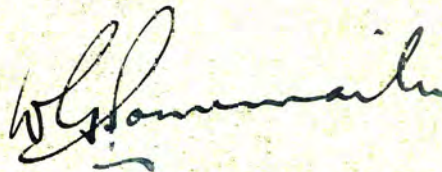
- (1) At Vanikoro - THORNTON (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - LEANDER (CL) STRONG O'BANNOH RADFORD MAURY  
NICHOLS FLETCHER WARD McCALLA CHEVALIER (DD) TREVOR (DM)  
CURTISS TANGIER (AV) MACKINAC (AVP) HUNTER LIGGETT (AP)  
MANLEY (APD) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) ALCHIBA  
ALGORAB CELENO (AK) NEOSHO SABINE PLATTE TAPPAHANNOCK  
WHIPSTOCK (AO) CONSTANT (AM) ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (CV)  
SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN (CL) KILTY WOODWORTH JENKINS SMITH  
HOPKINS EUCHANAN FANNING CASE CRAVEN LAMSON (DD)  
PROMETHEUS (AR) WHITNEY (AD) ARGONNE (AG) McCAWLEY (AP)  
MAJABA MERCURY TALAMANCA CASTOR (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD)  
TRYON (APH) PECCS PATUXENT SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO)  
KINGFISHER SHELDRAKE ADROIT (AM) PAWNEE (AT) HOLLY (YN)  
SC.518 S.31 (SS) ARD.2 KIWI MATAI TUI GALE (A/S Vessel)
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
- (5) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM) AMERICAN LEGION (AP) SAMOA (AK)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK RAIL  
VIREO (AM) LECUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) ORTOLAN (ASR)  
MENOMINEE (AT) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS) ERSKINE  
PHELPS (AO)
- (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BE) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER  
MONTPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV) EATON  
WALLER PHILIP RENSHAW LANG WILSON CONY CONWAY (DD)  
BALLARD (AV) LACKAWANNA KANKAKEE MESCHES (AO) ROAMER  
PG.476 PG.479 RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)
- (8) At Nandi - COPAHEE (AGV)
- (9) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) PINCKNEY (AK) SOLACE (AE)
- (10) At Wellington - TAYLOR McCALL (DD) TRACY (DM) MOUNT VERNON  
CRESCENT CITY (AP) LIBRA (AK)

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NAVAL INCIDENTS

Suva Area - "WILLIAM K.VANDERBILT" reported having been  
torpedoed 185 miles west by south of Suva at 1624/16.  
There are continued indications of enemy submarines  
in the Fiji - Tonga area.

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation north coast New Guinea and East  
Indies including aircraft reinforcement.
- (2) Sporadic air raids on allied forward operational bases  
in S.W.P.A. and lines of communication.
- (3) Increased activity in Northern Theatre.
- (4) Intense submarine activity including transportation and  
offensive operations in all theatres.

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

17/5/43



16/5/43

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-  
Solomons

<u>BB</u>	-	INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	MUSASHI MUTSU NAGATO KONGO HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-
<u>YCV</u>	-	-	ZUIHO
<u>ACV</u>	-	CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE	-
<u>CA</u>	* AUSTRALIA	-	CHOKAI KUMANO SUZUYA TONE TIKUMA * AOBA
<u>CL</u>	HOBART ADELAIDE	HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO (poss. Empire) JINTSU SENDAI KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA ISUZU KINU KUMA
<u>ACL</u>	-	-	3
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA LE TRIUMPHANT HELM HENLEY BAGLEY PERKINS CONYNGHAM MAHAN STUART VENDETTA * QUIBERON * NEPAL MUGFORD	Approx 40	Approx 30
		* Non-effective	



Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-  
Solomons

SS DRUM ) S.31  
GREENLING ) At Brisbane  
GUARDFISH )

Approx 30

ALBACORE )  
GATO )  
GRAY BACK )  
GROUPEE )  
GROWLER ) On Patrol  
PETO )  
SCAMP )  
TUNA )

K.9 At Sydney

AV/CVS - CURTISS TANGIER CHITOSE  
AKITSUSHIMA

V/XCVS - 3 5

BT 25 Approx 30 ?

APA/APD/AKA H.T.ALLEN 10 APA  
MANOORA 13 APD  
\* WESTRALIA 6 AKA  
\* KANIMBLA  
\* BROOKS  
GILMER

AS or XAS FULTON 3 or more

AD DOBBIN DIXIE  
WHITNEY ?

AR RIGEL PROMETHEUS  
VESTAL 2

AIRCRAFT (N.E.Area Only)

Fighters	236
Bombers	137
SE/Bombers	40
Flying Boats	6
Floatplanes	51
Transport A/C	23

\* Non-effective



2. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE	YAMATO ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA
<u>EV</u>	VICTORIOUS ENTERPRISE	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU HOSHO (Training Ship)
<u>XCV</u>	LONG ISLAND	HAYATAKA HITAKA RYUHO
<u>ACV</u>	NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	CHUYO UNYO
<u>LA</u>	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA NEW ORLEANS * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS * PENSACOLA * PORTLAND * INDIANAPOLIS	ATAGO TAKAO HAGURO
<u>OCA</u>	-	3
<u>CL</u>	RALEIGH DETROIT	ABUKUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	4
<u>AV/CVS</u>	?	NISSHIN
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	2
<u>DD</u>	Approx 20	Approx 24
<u>SS</u>	Approx 40	Approx 25
<u>AS/XAS</u>	?	2

3. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>CA</u>	-	NACHI 1 unidentified
<u>CL</u>	CONCORD TRENTON RICHMOND	TAMA KISO
<u>XCL</u>	-	2
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	10	9
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 15

\* Non-effective



4. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
<u>BB</u>	-	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>ACV</u>	-	-	OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX * HAWKINS * FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	VAN HEEMSKERK TROMP	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KASHII OI KITAGAMI
	-	ALAUNIA CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA RANCHI WORCESTERSHIRE	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI * NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	TJERK HIDDES VAN GALEN	Approx 27	12
<u>SS</u>	GAR ) GRENADIER ) GUDGEON ) TAMBOR ) TAUTOG ) THRESHER )	On Patrol	10
	K.12 ) TROUT )	At Exmouth Gulf	
	GRAYLING	At Fremantle	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)</u>			
Fighters			146
M/Bombers			125
Flying Boats			12
Floatplanes			35
Transport A/C			35
	∅	No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain.	
	*	Non-effective	



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P A R T I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/18:

- (1) "MUGFORD" escorting "W.B.ALLISON" departed Caloundra 1624/16. To escort to Percy Islands. "MUGFORD" to part company and proceed at increased speed to Townsville ETA p.m. 18/5.
- (2) "WARRAMUNGA" escorting "ASPASIA NOMIKOS" to Cairns was due 1200/18.
- (3) "PC.1121" escorting "JAPARA" departed Milne Bay 0734/15 for Belli Belli.
- (4) "WHYALLA" "SHEPPARTON" "POLARIS" "STELLA" surveying.
- (5) "SUMNER" "SC.745" "SC.749" surveying Deboyne Is. area.
- (6) "ECHUCA" was to depart Townsville 0200/18. "BUNBURY" was to depart Townsville 0600/18 to carry out local A/S searches.
- (7) "GLE NELG" en route Townsville to Brisbane ETA 2300/17.
- (8) "SANDS" "HUMPHREYS" escorting LST's 334, 390, 443, 446, 447, 448 449 from Espiritu Santo to Townsville ETA 0800/20.
- (9) "LITHGOW" returning Brisbane after escort duty with "ALUDRA".
- (10) "ARUNTA" "KATOOMBA" escorting Convoy TN93 ("TAROONA" "KEY PITMAN" "CREMER") en route Milne Bay ETA 1230/18.
- (11) "KAPUNDA" escorting Convoy TN94 ("DUNTROON") from Fitzroy Island to Port Moresby ETA 1800/18.
- (12) "KATOOMBA" "SC.731" "SC.732" "SC.746" "YP.291" escorting Convoy TN95 ("AROONA" "CITY OF FORT WORTH" for Port Moresby; "ANHUI" "ARTHUR RIGGS" for Milne Bay) departed Townsville 0755/17. Convoy to split at position 11°50'S 147°55'E ETA 2100/19. SC.731 SC.732 to escort Port Moresby section ETA 1600/20. "KATOOMBA" SC.746 YP.291 to escort Milne Bay section ETA 1400/20.
- (13) ML.814 departed Cairns 1515/15 in tow of "CARDROSS" for Darwin via Thursday Island.
- (14) "BROOME" escorting "DEIMOS" towards Noumea.
- (15) Task Unit 78.5.1 (YMS.10 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.70) was to depart Brisbane 1621/17 for Cairns.
- (16) "VENDETTA" "GEELONG" SC.748 ML.424 escorting Convoy BT60 (5 MV) were to depart Caloundra 1000/18. ML.424 to be detached at Lady Elliot Island. "VENDETTA" to leave convoy off Bustard Head and both to return Brisbane. "GEELONG" SC.748 to leave convoy at Percy Islands and return Brisbane.
- (17) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "DARVEL" departed Millingimbi 1430/16 for Thursday Island was due 1800/18.
- (18) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Milne Bay      - Warships & Aux. - "BOWEN" SC.750 "HILO" 15 PT's  
                   Merchant Vessels: "VAN SWOLL" "HINTON R.HELPER"  
   "EMPIRE" "HAMBLE" "JOHN WHITTAKER"



Milne Bay - Merchant Vessels (Contd.)  
 "THEDENS  
 Small Craft - Approx 50

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - HDML.1074 HDML.1161  
 Small Craft - Approx 20

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL" "LATROBE" "TULSA"  
 YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 YP.236  
 12 PTs

Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "PLATYPUS" ML.426 ML.817  
 2 PTs refitting

Cid Harbour - Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "PERKINS" "MERKUR" "  
 "AASE MAERSK"

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "DRAYTON" "FLUSSER" "BAGLEY"  
 "TALBOT" "WAGGA" ML.427 SC.738  
 SC.747 "YUNNAN" (ASIS)  
 "PRES.ADAMS" "PRES.JACKSON"  
 "PRES.HAYES" "BISHOPDALE"

Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE" "ROCKHAMPTON"  
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "GILMER" "FULTON" "POYANG" (ASIS)  
 YP.233 YP.280 YMS.8 YMS.11 YMS.46 YMS.51  
 YMS.52 YMS.53 YMS.71 SC.648 SC.698 SC.740  
 SC.741 SC.744 SC.981 PC.1119 YDG.2 8 LSTs  
 ML.425 "KURUMBA"  
 (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "GOULBURN" "GYMPIE" "VICTORIA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "ECHUGA" escorting Convoy TS32 ("NUCULANA" "MATTHEW FLINDERS")  
 was to depart Townsville 1600/18 for Brisbane ETA  
 1900/21.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Shortlands - Reconnaissance 17/5 reported eleven vessels  
 including one large, seven small cargo vessels and three  
 corvettes. This represents a marked increase in shipping  
 in this area, as the previous reconnaissance night 15/5  
 reported only four merchant vessels.
- (2) Bougainville Is. - An observer's report 1830/16 states that  
 there was some movement of enemy shipping from Buka Passage,  
 Baniu, Tinputz and Teop southward probably moving stores.  
 There is also an unconfirmed report that the enemy is con-  
 structing a road from Buka Passage to Tinputz. There have  
 been continued reports of enemy activity in this North  
 Eastern corner of Bougainville. The construction of such a  
 road would enable supplies to be unloaded at Buka Passage  
 and carried overland to the Japanese garrison in the Tinputz  
 area.
- (3) Kolombangara - A small cargo vessel passed Gaterre (10 miles  
 W.N.W. of Vila) course 315° at 2130/16.
- (4) Rekata Bay - 13 Dauntless, 4 Aircobras covered by 16 Wildcats  
 bombed and strafed Rekata Bay 0850/17 hitting A.A. positions  
 and bivouac areas.
- (5) Kavieng - Poor photos 1050/17 reveal two possible merchant  
 vessels of 800 and 1500 tons in Kavieng Harbour. The visual  
 report covered three vessels including two merchantmen and  
 one submarine or gunboat.
- (6) New Hanover Area - One submarine chaser and one unidentified  
 vessel were observed 40 miles S.W. of Mussau Island course  
 340° at 0400/16. Reconnaissance sighted 4 destroyers approx  
 8 miles W. of Cape Matanalem heading towards Kavieng 1125/17.  
 The destroyers later changed formation and took a more  
 northerly course.
- (7) Rakaul - The "usual shipping" was sighted in the Harbour at  
 1000/17. Photos revealed 70 fighters, 20 light bombers, one  
 medium bomber at Lakunai and one flying boat in Sulphur Creek.
- (8) Gasmata - A vessel described as a destroyer was sighted 22 miles  
 south of Gasmata course 90° at approx midnight 17-18/5. The  
 position of the sighting would indicate that the vessel had  
 been engaged in ferrying supplies to the enemy forward bases  
 in New Guinea, probably Lae. If so, it is possible that the  
 unit sighted was a submarine as position and time of sighting



indicate that the vessel would have been present at its destination during daylight, which would appear to be an unlikely course of action.

- (9) Gasmata Air Attacks - Further attacks were made on Gasmata aerodrome 17/5 when one Fortress attacked during the morning, 6 B.25's at noon, and one Fortress in the afternoon. Photos after the B.25 attacked indicated that the strip was unserviceable. The B.17 in the afternoon attack destroyed one grounded medium bomber, and reported sighting three medium bombers and six to nine fighters on the aerodrome. All of these may be unserviceable.
- (10) Cape Gloucester - Photos 1050/17 reveal continuation of clearing work, and construction of A.A. positions on the new aerodrome which is still unserviceable. The old runway is serviceable.
- (11) Wewak - Photos morning 17/5 reveal one merchant vessel (1000 tons) one coaster and the usual large number of barges in Wewak Harbour. One small cargo vessel was sighted between Muschu Island and Wewak on course 330°.
- Photos also reveal 31 fighters on Wewak aerodrome and 16 light bombers, 5 dive bombers and 21 fighters at Dagua.
- (12) Wau - A preliminary report states that 22 enemy bombers escorted by 21 fighters attacked Wau early afternoon. Only slight damage was caused and the serviceability of the runway was not affected.
- (13) Trobriands - Enemy aircraft were sighted over the Losuia area morning and noon 15/5.
- (14) Cairns - "KAPUNDA" reported indications of the presence of possible mines 20 miles E.N.E. of Cairns at 1750/16. At 1945/16 ML.426 sighted a long low object 2½ miles N.E. of Fitzroy Island travelling S.E. at high speed. There were further indications of an unidentified unit in the vicinity of Fitzroy Island at approx 0400/17. Between 8/5 and 15/5 there have been intermittent indications of the presence of unidentified units, described as "surface units" in this vicinity. Patrols 9-10/5 were negative.
- N.C.I.C. Cairns considers that these reports indicate enemy submarine activity in this area.
- (15) Solomons Aircraft - Photos 0955/17 reveal -
- |                       |                                 |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Kahili (2/3 coverage) | - 12 fighters, 2 dive bombers   |
| Ballale               | - 3 fighters, 9 medium bombers  |
| Faisi                 | - 15 floatplanes, 1 flying boat |
| Munda                 | } no operative aircraft         |
| Vila                  |                                 |

## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/18:

- (1) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "DARVEL" departed Millingimbi 1430/16 for Thursday Island ETA 1800/18.
- (2) 5 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin	- Warships & Aux. - "WILCANNIA" ML.815
	Merchant Vessels: "BURWAH" "TULAGI"
Merauke	- Warships & Aux. - "WARREGO"
	Merchant Vessels: "STAGEN"

### (ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Merauke - 3 enemy aircraft bombed and strafed Mappi Point 13/5. No further details are to hand.
- (2) Portuguese Timor - It was reported 17/5 that the Japanese had arrived at Barique (20 miles W. by N. of Viqueque) with the intention of attacking areas in the Dilor River district. Three Hudsons and two B.25's attacked Barique 1359/17.
- (3) Langgoer - 5 Beaufighters strafed the aerodrome 0603/17 destroying three Zero's in blast pens.



### 3. SOUTHWESTERN AREA

#### (1) ALLIED FORCES

##### (a) At Sea to 1200/18:

- (1) "ISABEL" departed Fremantle 1116/17 for Exmouth Gulf ETA a.m. 19/5.
- (2) "SC.739" departed Fremantle 1218/16 for Exmouth Gulf ETA 19/5.

##### (b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "VAN GALEN" "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK"  
"TJERK HIDDES" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO"  
"WHIPPOORWILL" "OTUS" "CHILDS" YP.286  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B.PRESTON" "PELIAS" "HERON"  
"LARK" "SHANTICLEER" SC.751

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### 4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

#### (1) ALLIED FORCES

##### (a) At Sea to 1200/18:

- (1) "MAHAN" escorting "CHARON" departed Caloundra 0104/17 for Sydney ETA 1800/18.
- (2) "COLAC" "TOWNSVILLE" "MILDURA" "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy GP51 (11 vessels including "RIGEL") were due Caloundra a.m. 18/5. On arrival "COLAC" "TOWNSVILLE" "MILDURA" "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy RG 51 (6 MV) were to depart Caloundra for Newcastle and Sydney.
- (3) "BUNDABERG" "KALGOORLIE" "YANDRA" "MORESBY" escorting Convoy C094 (17 vessels including "BUNGAREE").
- (4) "ADELAIDE" departed Port Melbourne 1359/16 to RV with "DOMINION MONARCH" and escort to Fremantle.
- (5) "H.T.ALLEN" departed Sydney 0903/16 for Brisbane ETA 1000/18.

##### (b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "LE TRIOMPHANT" "HENLEY" "HELM"  
"FREMANTLE" "BALLARAT" "BINGERA" "GLADSTONE"  
"COOTAMUNDRA" "KYBRA" "DELORAIN" ML.813  
"WANGANELLA" (AH) "GOLDSTAR" "ALSEY"  
"WARRNAMBOOK" 7 APC  
(Repairing) "AUSTRALIA" "NEPAL" "STUART" "BROOKS" "ALHENA"  
"MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)  
(On Reserve) "WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"  
Jervis Bay - Warships & Aux. - "GLADSTONE"  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "MAFOORA" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN"  
"DOOMBA"  
(Refitting) "QUIBERON"

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### B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

#### (1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - THORNTON (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - LEANDER (CL) STRONG O'BANNON RADFORD MAURY  
NICHOLS FLETCHER WARD McCALLA CHEVALIER (DD) TREVOR (DM)  
CURTISS TANGIER (AV) MACKINAC (AVP) HUNTER LIGGETT (AP)  
MANLEY (APD) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) ALCHIBA  
ALGORAB CELENO (AK) NEOSHO SABINE PLATTE TAPPAHANNOCK  
WHIPSTOCK (AO) CONSTANT (AM) ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (CV)  
SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN (CL) KILTY WOODWORTH JENKINS SMITH  
HOPKINS BUCHANAN FANNING CASE CRAVEN LAMSON (DD)  
PROMETHEUS (AR) WHITNEY (AD) ARGONNE (AG) McCAWLEY (AP)  
MAJABA MERCURY TALAMANCA CASTOR (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD)



- TRYON (APH) PECOS PATUXENT SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO)  
 KINGFISHER SHELDRAKE ADCRIT (AM) PAWNEE (AT) HOLLY (YN)  
 SC.518 S.31 (SS) ARD.2 KIWI MATAI TUI GALE (A/S Vessels)
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)  
 (5) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM) AMERICAN LEGION (AP) SAMOA (AK)  
 (6) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK RAIL  
 VIREO (AM) LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDAOK (YT) ORTOLAN (ASR)  
 MENOMINEE (AT) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS) ERSKINE  
 PHELPS (AG)  
 (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER  
 MONTEPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV) EATON  
 WALLER ~~XX~~ PHILIP RENSHAW LANG WILSON CONY CONWAY (DD)  
 BALLARD (AV) LACKAWANNA KANKAKEE NESCHES (AO) ROAMER  
 PC.475 PC.479 RAPPANNOCK (AGG)  
 (8) At Nandi - COPAHEE (ACV)  
 (9) At Auckland - EBCNY (YN) PINCKNEY (AK) SOLACE (AH)  
 (10) At Wellington - TAYLOR McCALL (DD) TRACY (DM) MOUNT VERNON  
 CRESCENT CITY (AP) LIBRA (AK)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

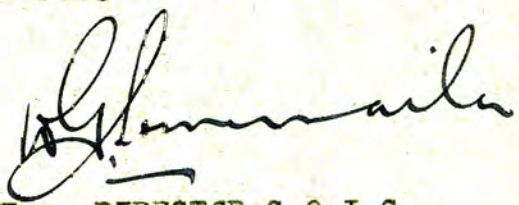
- (1) Fiji-Samoa Area - Enemy Submarine Activity -- Tanker "STOREY" was torpedoed 240 miles west of Viti Levu at 0340/18 (see Naval Incidents).  
 There have been continued indications of enemy submarines in this area and there are probably at least 3 submarines operating in a wide arc south of Fiji - 18 to 20°S and 176°E to 178°W. In addition another one is possibly indicated in the area S.E. of Samoa - in the vicinity of 17°30'E 170°W.
- (2) New Caledonia - Chesterfield Reef Area - At 2017/17 there were indications of an enemy submarine within 100 miles of position 19°S 160°E.

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NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) Suva - "H.M. STOREY" (U.S. Tanker - 10,800 tons), proceeding from South Pacific Area to U.S.A. reported being torpedoed at 0340/18 in position 17°30'S 173°02'E (240 miles west of Viti Levu). No further detail is available.
- (2) Perth Area - "WHIPPOORWILL" reported strong asdic contact at 1340/18 in position 30°37'S 114°30'E (approx 114 miles N.W. by N. of Perth). Six depth charges were dropped with no evidence to show results and contact was lost.

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation north coast New Guinea and East Indies including aircraft reinforcement.  
 (2) Sporadic air raids on allied forward operational bases in S.W.P.A. and lines of communication.  
 (3) Increased activity in Northern Theatre.  
 (4) Intense submarine activity including transportation and offensive operations in all theatres.

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

18/5/43



17/5/43

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-  
Solomons

BB

-

INDIANA  
MASSACHUSETTS  
MARYLAND  
COLORADO

MUSASHI  
MUTSU  
NAGATO  
KONGO  
HARUNA

GV

-

SARATOGA

-

XCV

-

-

ZUIHO

ACV

-

CEENANGO  
SANGAMON  
SUWANNEE

-

CA

\* AUSTRALIA

-

CHOKAI  
KUMANO  
SUZUYA  
TONE  
TIKUMA  
\* AOKA

CL

HOBART  
ADELAIDE

HONOLULU  
HELENA  
ST. LOUIS  
NASHVILLE  
COLUMBIA  
CLEVELAND  
MONTPELLIER  
DENVER  
SAN DIEGO  
SAN JUAN

AGAN O (poss. Empire)  
JINTSU  
SENDAI  
KATORI  
KASHIMA  
NAGARA  
ISUZU  
KINU  
KUMA

XCL

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3

DD

ARUNTA  
WARRAMUNGA  
LE TRIOMPHANT  
HELM  
HENLEY  
BAGLEY  
FERKINS  
CONYNGHAM  
MAHAN  
STUART  
VENDETTA  
\* QUIBERON  
\* NEPAL  
MUGFORD

Approx 40

Approx 30

\* Non-effective



Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-  
Solomons

DRUM ) S.31 Approx 30  
GREENLING ) At Brisbane  
GUARDFISH )

ALBACORE )  
GATO )  
GRAYBACK )  
GROUPEr ) On Patrol  
GROWLER )  
PETO )  
SCAMP )  
TUNA )

K.9 At Sydney

<u>AV/CVB</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER	CHITOSE A KITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	5
<u>PT</u>	25	Approx 30	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T.ALLEN MANOORA * WESTRALIA * KANIMBLA * BROOKS GILMER	10 APA 13 APD 6 AKA	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON		3 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE WHITNEY	?
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	2

AIRCRAFT (N.E.Area Only)

Fighters	249
M/Bombers	146
SE/Bombers	40
Flying Boats	6
Floatplanes	51
Transport A/C	23

\* Non-effective



2. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE	X	YAMATO ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	VICTORIOUS ENTERPRISE		ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU HOSHO (Training Ship)
<u>XCV</u>	LONG ISLAND		HAYATAKA HITAKA RYUHO
<u>ACV</u>	NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE		CHUYO UNYO
	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA NEW ORLEANS * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS * PENSACOLA * PORTLAND * INDIANAPOLIS		ATAGO TAKAO HAGURO
<u>OCA</u>	-		3
<u>CL</u>	RALEIGH DETROIT		ABUKUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-		4
<u>AV/CVS</u>	?		NISSHIN
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?		2
<u>DD</u>	Approx 20		Approx 24
<u>SS</u>	Approx 40		Approx 25
<u>AS/XAS</u>	?		2

3. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>CA</u>	-		NACHI 1 unidentified
<u>CL</u>	CONCORD TRENTON RICHMOND		TAMA KISO
<u>XCL</u>	-		2
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-		1
<u>DD</u>	10		9
<u>SS</u>	10		Approx 15

\* Non-effective



4. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEANALLIED FORCESENEMY FORCESSouthwest Pacific  
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Philippines

<u>BB</u>	-	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	♠ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>ACV</u>	-	-	OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX * HAWKINS * FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	VAN HEEMSKERK TROMP	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA CERES DAUNTLESS CAFETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KASHII OI KITAGAMI * NATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	♠ ALAUNIA CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA RANCEI WORCESTERSHIRE	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI * NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	TJERK HIDDES VAN GALEN	Approx 27	12
<u>SS</u>	GAR ) GRENADIER ) TAMBOR ) On Patrol TAUTOG ) THRESHER )		10
	K.12 ) TROUT ) At Exmouth Gulf		
	GRAYLING At Fremantle		
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)

Fighters	146
M/Bombers	125
Flying Boats	12
Floatplanes	35
Transport A/C	35

♠ No recent intelligence.  
Present location uncertain.

\* Non-effective



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. 422

Date: 19th May, 1943

P A R T I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 12 00/19:

- (1) "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "TALBOT" escorting "PRESIDENT JACKSON" "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "PRESIDENT HAYES" departed Townsville 2106/18 for Noumea.
- (2) "PC.1121" escorting "JAPARA" departed Milne Bay 0734/15 for Belu Belu.
- (3) "WHYALLA" "SHEPPARTON" "POLARIS" "STELLA" surveying.
- (4) "SUMNER" "SC.745" "SC.749" surveying Deboyne Is. area.
- (5) "SC.750" escorting "JOHN WHITTAKER" departed Milne Bay 1324/18 for Port Moresby ETA 1300/19.
- (6) "SWAN" escorting "BOTH" departed Port Moresby 1403/18 for Thursday Island ETA 0300/20.
- (7) "INVERELL" escorting "ALAGNA" "CARDROSS" "ML.814" "SIBIGO" ASR Launch "TONGA" was to depart Thursday Island 0100/19 for Darwin ETA 2230/22.
- (8) "ECHUCA" was to depart Townsville 0200/18, "BUNBURY" was to depart Townsville 0600/18 both to carry out local A/S searches.
- (9) "GLENELG" en route Townsville to Brisbane was due 2300/17.
- (10) "SANDS" "HUMPHRYS" escorting LST's 334, 390, 446, 447, 448, 449 from Espiritu Santo to Townsville ETA 0800/20.
- (11) "KATOOMBA" "SC.731" "SC.732" "SC.746" "YP.291" escorting Convoy TN95 ("AROONA" "CITY OF FORT WORTH" for Port Moresby; "ANHUI" "ARTHUR RIGGS" for Milne Bay) departed Townsville 0755/17. Convoy to split at position 11°50'S 147°55'E ETA 2100/19. SC.731 SC.732 to escort Port Moresby section ETA 1600/20. "KATOOMBA" SC.746 YP.291 to escort Milne Bay section ETA 1400/20.
- (12) "BROOME" escorting "DEIMOS" departed Townsville 1604/17. To provide escort to position 24°32'S 157°E ETA 1400/20. "DEIMOS" to proceed Noumea ETA 0600/22. "BROOME" to proceed Caloundra ETA 1700/21.
- (13) Task Unit 78.5.1 (YMS.10 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.70) was to depart Brisbane 1621/17 for Cairns.
- (14) "VENDETTA" "GEELONG" "ML.424" "SC.748" escorting Convoy BT60 (YDG.2 "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "GIANG ANN" "SARPEN" "VAN DEN BOSCH" "Wm.MEREDITH") departed Caloundra 1220/18 for Townsville ETA 0930/22. ML.424 to be detached at Lady Elliot Island. "VENDETTA" to leave convoy off Bustard Head and both to return Brisbane. "GEELONG" "SC.748" to leave convoy at Percy Islands and return Brisbane.
- (15) 9 submarines on patrol.



(16) "PIRIE" SC.648 SC.698 SC.741 ML.425 carrying out A/S search Moreton Bay area.

(b) In Harbour:

Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux.	- "ARUNTA" "BOWEN" "SC.738" "HILO" 15 PT's
	Merchant Vessels:	"VAN SWOLL" "HINTON R.HELPER" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "THEDENS" "CREMER" "KEY PITMAN"
	Small Craft	- Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux.	- "KAPUNDA" HDML.1074 HDML.1161
	Merchant Vessels:	"DUNTROON" "HENRY D.THOREAU" "VAN HEUTSZ" "E.R.SILL"
	Small Craft	- Approx 20
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux.	- "CASTLEMAINE" "LATROBE" "TULSA" YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 YP.236 12 PTs
Cairns	- Warships & Aux.	- "FLUSSER" "PLATYPUS" ML.426 ML.817 2 PTs refitting
Cid Harbour	- Warships & Aux.	- "HOBART" "PERKINS" "WARRAMUNGA" "MERKUR" "AASE MAERSK"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux.	- "DRAYTON" "WAGGA" ML.427 SC.747 "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "BISHOPDALE"
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux.	- "ROCKHAMPTON"
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux.	- "GILMER" "LITHGOW" "FULTON" "RIGEL" "H.T.ALLEN" "POYANG" (ASIS) YP.233 YP.280 YMS.8 YMS.11 YMS.46 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.53 YMS.71 SC.740 SC.744 SC.981 PC.1119 YDG.2 8 LSTs "KURUMBA"
	(Repairing, Trials etc.)	- "GOULBURN" "GYMPIE" "VICTORIA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "KAPUNDA" escorting Convoy NTL3 ("DUNTROON" "HENRY D.THOREAU" for Townsville) to depart Port Moresby 1300/19. To disperse at Fitzroy Island ETA Townsville "DUNTROON" 2200/21, "KAPUNDA" escorting "HENRY D.THOREAU" 0330/22.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Buka Passage - A destroyer and a small cargo vessel were reported unloading at Buka Passage 1428/18.
- (2) Guadalcanal - A possible submerged enemy submarine was sighted 70 miles S.W. of Cape Hunter on course 40° at 1150/18.
- (3) New Hanover - Photos taken by a Liberator 1300/18 reveal a convoy comprising two submarine chasers and 3 merchant vessels (one of 3000 and two of 2500 tons) 45 miles W. by N. of Cape Matanalem course 110° speed 10 knots. This would appear to be another routine convoy movement to Rabaul. The Liberator was intercepted by two enemy aircraft over Steffen Straits at 1330/18 and one was observed smoking heavily after the attack.
- (4) Kavieng - One 5-6000 ton vessel was sighted in Kavieng Harbour stationary during the night 17-18/5. Photos 21/4 showed a wrecked freighter of this size in Silver Sound, which may have been the vessel reported by the aircraft.
- (5) Rabaul - Photos 0935/18 which are of poor quality but give good coverage of the harbour and aerodrome reveal -
  - 1 light cruiser
  - 1 destroyer
  - 1 possible old destroyer
  - 5 submarines (including 3 RO.100 class)
  - 2 minesweepers
  - 1 sub.chaser
  - 2 destroyer tenders
  - 1 submarine tender
  - 22 merchant vessels (including two tankers and totalling 99,300 tons)

In addition one medium cargo vessel was observed leaving and a large merchant vessel entering the harbour.

Photo coverage of aerodromes revealed 20 fighters, 20 light bombers, 2 medium bombers at Lakunai, although more fighters were believed present than were visible. There were



26 fighters and 32 medium bombers at Vunakanau where a small portion of the aerodrome was obscured by cloud. In Rabaul Harbour, fifteen floatplanes were photographed.

The last full photographic reconnaissance 13/5 revealed 44 ships including 25 merchant vessels totalling 117,000 tons.

- (6) Cape Orford - An observer reports sighting a freighter 20 miles N.E. of Cape Orford course north at 0745/18. This vessel may have been engaged in supplying enemy positions on the south or south eastern coast of New Britain.
- (7) Lorengau - Photos 1210/18 reveal that the runway is rough but probably serviceable. There were no aircraft on the aerodrome. Fortifications in the town are being strengthened and there are increased stores along the wharf.
- (8) Wau - 25 Zero's attacked Wau strip 1120/18. One Wirraway was rendered unserviceable but there were no casualties.
- (9) Coral Sea - There were indications of an enemy submarine 140 miles south by west of China Strait on 17/5.
- (10) Brisbane - A doubtful loop crossing was recorded at Brisbane 1816/18. A/S searches were ordered.

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## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/19:

- (1) "WILCANNIA" escorting Convoy DT21 ("TULAGI" "BURWAH") departed Darwin 0646/18 for Thursday Island ETA 1730/21.
- (2) 5 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin	- Warships & Aux. ML.815
Merauke	- Warships & Aux. - "WARREGO" Merchant Vessels: "STAGEN"

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## 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/19:

- (1) "ISABEL" departed Fremantle 1116/17 for Exmouth Gulf, was due a.m. 19/5.
- (2) "SC.739" departed Fremantle 1218/16 for Exmouth Gulf, due 19/5.
- (3) "YP.286" departed Fremantle 1740/18 for Exmouth Gulf ETA a.m. 22/5.
- (4) "HERON" departed Exmouth Gulf 1200/17 for Fremantle ETA 20/5.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Fremantle	- Warships & Aux. - "VAN GALEN" "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "TJENK HIDDES" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO" "WHIPPOORWILL" "OTUS" "CHILDS"
Exmouth Gulf	- Warships & Aux. - "W.B.PRESTON" "PELIAS" "LARK" "CHANTICLEER" "SC.751"

### (ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) "HERON" reports having sighted a possible torpedo off the west coast of Dirk Hartog Island at 1730/18. Air searches were ordered.

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#### 4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

##### (1) ALLIED FORCES

###### (a) At Sea to 1200/19:

- (1) "MAHAN" escorting "AUSTRALIA" was to depart Sydney 1105/19 for Moreton Bay ETA 1030/20.
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- (5) "BALLARAT" was to depart Sydney so as to RV with Newcastle portion Convoy C095 off Nobby's Head at 0800/19. "WARRNAMBOOL" "DELORAIN" "BINGERA" and ML's escorting Sydney section to depart Sydney 1430/19 and join convoy off Sydney. "BINGERA" and ML's to be detached 0800/21. "BINGERA" to proceed independently to Westernport, ML's to return to base at Eden.
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- (7) "ADELAIDE" proceeding to position 43°18'S 141°24'E at 1230/19 to RV with "DOMINION MONARCH". (Note: "DOMINION MONARCH" failed to arrive at previously arranged RV.)
- (8) "DOOMBA" "BENALLA" escorting Convoy C094 (16 MV) were to depart Port Phillip 0300/19 to RV in Wilson's Promontory area with "BUNDABERG" "KALGOORLIE" "YANDRA" "MORESEY" escorting Convoy C094 (including "BUNGAREE").

###### (b) In Harbour:

Sydney	- Warships & Aux. -	"LE TRIOMPHANT" "HENLEY" "HELM" "FREMANTLE" "COOTAMUNDRA" "KYBRA" "DELORAIN" ML.813 "WANGANILLA" (AH) "GOLDSTAR" "ALSEY" "WARRNAMBOOL" 7 APC
(Repairing)		"NEPAL" "STUART" "BROOKS" "ALHENA" "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)
(On Reserve)		"WESTRALIA" "KANIMELA"
Jervis Bay	- Warships & Aux. -	"GLADSTONE"
Melbourne	- Warships & Aux. -	"MANOORA" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "QUIBERON"

#### SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

##### (1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE (CL)  
STRONG NICHOLS WARD McALLA CHEVALIER (DD) TREVCR (DM)  
CURTISS TANGIER (AV) HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) MANLEY (APD)  
DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) ALCHIBA ALGORAB CELENO (AK)  
NEOSHO SABINE PLATTE TAPPAHANNOCK WHIPSTOCK (AO)  
CONSTANT (AM) ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS NORTH CAROLINA (BB)  
SARATOGA VICTORIOUS (CV) SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN (CL) KILTY  
WOODWORTH SMITH HOPKINS BUCHANAN FANNING CASE CRAVEN  
PATTERSON (LD) PROMETHEUS (AR) WHITNEY (AD) ARGONNE (AG)  
MAURY SAUFLEY SELFRIDGE DUNLAP RALPH TALBOT GRIDLEY  
CONVERSE PRINGLE (DD) McCAWLEY (AP) MAJABA MERCURY  
TALAMANCA CASTOR (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD) TRYON (APH)  
PECOS PATUXENT SUAMICO CIMAROOM (AO) KINGFISHER  
SHELDRAKE ADROIT (AM) PAWNEE (AT) HOLLY (YN) SC.518  
S.31 (SS) ARD.2 KIWI MATAI TUI GALE (A/S Vessels)
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
- (5) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM) AMERICAN LEGION (AP) SAMOA (AK)



- (6) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK RAIL  
 VIREO (AM) LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) ORTOLAN (ASR)  
 MENOMINEE (AT) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS) ERSKINE  
 PHELPS (AO)
- (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER  
 MONTPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV) EATON  
 WALLER PHILIP REMSHAW LANG WILSON CONY CONWAY (DD)  
 BALLARD (AV) LACKAWANNA KANEKAKEE NESCHES (AO) ROAMER  
 PC.476 PC.479 RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)
- (8) At Nandi - COPAHEE (ACV)
- (9) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) PINCKNEY (AK) SOLACE (AH)
- (10) At Wellington - TAYLOR (DD) TRACY (DM) MOUNT VERNON ~~KERRA~~  
 CRESCENT CITY (AP) LIBRA (AK)

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NAVAL INCIDENTS

Suva - Comgen Fiji reports 1135/18 that lifeboats containing approx 60 personnel ex "H.M.STOREY" were sighted by an aircraft 310 miles W. by N. of Suva. "H.M.STOREY" was torpedoed 240 miles W. of Viti Levu at 0340/18.

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation north coast New Guinea and East Indies including aircraft reinforcement.
- (2) Sporadic air raids on allied forward operational bases in S.W.P.A. and lines of communication.
- (3) Increased activity in Northern Theatre.
- (4) Intense submarine activity including transportation and offensive operations in all theatres

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

19/5/43



18/5/43

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-  
Solomons

BB

-

INDIANA  
MASSACHUSETTS  
MARYLAND  
COLORADO

MUSASHI  
MUTSU  
NAGATO  
KONGO  
HARUNA

CV

-

SARATOGA

-

XCV

-

-

ZUIHO

ACV

-

CHENANGO  
SANGAMON  
SUWANNEE

-

CA

\* AUSTRALIA

-

CHOKA I  
KUMANO  
SUZUYA  
TONE  
TIKUMA

\* AOE

CL

HOBART  
ADELAIDE

HONOLULU  
HELENA  
ST. LOUIS  
NASHVILLE  
COLUMBIA  
CLEVELAND  
MONTPELLIER  
DENVER  
SAN DIEGO  
SAN JUAN

AGANO (poss. Empire)  
JINTSU  
SENDAI  
KATORI  
KASHIMA  
NAGARA  
ISUZU  
KINU  
KUMA

XCL

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3

DD

ARUNTA  
WARRAMUNGA  
LE TRIOMPHANT  
HELM  
HENLEY  
BAGLEY  
PERKINS  
CONYNGHAM  
MAHAN  
STUART  
VENDETTA  
\* QUIBERON  
\* NEPAL  
MUGFORD

Approx 40

Approx 30

\* Non-effective



Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-  
Solomons

DRUM }  $\approx$  8.31  
GUARDFISH } At Brisbane Approx 30

ALBACORE }  
GATO }  
GRAYBACK }  
GREENLING }  
GFC UPER } On Patrol  
GROWLER }  
PETO }  
SCAMP }  
TUNA }

K.9 At Sydney

AV/CVS - CURTISS TANGIER CHITOSE  
AKITSUSHIMA

XAV/XCVS - 3 5

PT 25 Approx 30 ?

APA/APD/AKA H.T.ALLEN 10 APA  
MANOORA 13 APD  
\* WESTRALIA 6 AKA  
\* KANIMBIA  
\* BROOKS  
GILMER

AS or XAS FULTON 3 or more

AD DOBBIN DIXIE  
WHITNEY ?

AR RIGEL PROMETHEUS  
VESTAL 2

AIRCRAFT (N.E.Area Only)

Fighters	249
Bombers	145
SE/Bombers	40
Flying Boats	6
Floatplanes	51
Transport A/G	23

\* Non-effective



2. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE	YAMATO ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	VICTORIOUS ENTERPRISE	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU HOSEI (Training Ship)
<u>XCV</u>	LONG ISLAND	HAYATAKA HITAKA RYUHO
<u>V</u>	NASSAU ALAMAHUA COPAHEE	CHUYO UMYO
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA NEW ORLEANS * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS * PENSACOLA * PORTLAND * INDIANAPOLIS	ATAGO TAKAO HAGURO
<u>OCA</u>	-	3
<u>CL</u>	RALEIGH DETROIT	ABUKUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	4
<u>AV/CVS</u>	?	NISSHIN
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	2
<u>DD</u>	Approx 20	Approx 24
<u>AS/XAS</u>	Approx 40	Approx 25
	?	2

3. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>CA</u>	-	NACHI 1 Unidentified
<u>CL</u>	CONCORD TRENTON RICHMOND	TAMA KISO
<u>XCL</u>	-	2
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	10	9
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 15

\* Non-effective



4. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>Southwest Pacific</u> (Western Section)		<u>Eastern Fleet Area</u>	<u>East Indies-Philippines</u>
	-	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	♠ ILLUSTRIOUS	●
<u>ACV</u>	-	-	OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEK * HAWKINS * FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	Van HEEMSKERK TROMP	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA CERES DAUNTLESS CAPE TOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KASHII OI KITAGAMI * NATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	♠ ALAUNIA CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA RANCEI WORCESTERSHIRE	●
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI * NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	TJERK HIDDES VAN GALEN	Approx 27	12
<u>SS</u>	GAR ) GRENADIER ) TAMBOR ) On Patrol TAUTOG ) THRESHER )		10
	K.12 ) TROUT ) At Exmouth Gulf		
	GRAYLING At Fremantle		
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)</u>			
Fighters			143
M/Bombers			125
Flying Boats			12
Floatplanes			35
Transport A/C			35
	♠ No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain.		
	* Non-effective		



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. 423

Date: 20th May, 1943

P A R T I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(i) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/20:

- (1) "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "TALBOT" escorting "PRESIDENT JACKSON" "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "PRESIDENT HAYES" departed Townsville 2106/18 for Noumea.
- (2) "FLUSSER" departs Cairns 20/5 to rejoin T.F.74 at Cid Harbour.
- (3) "WHYALLA" "SHEPPARTON" "POLARIS" "STELLA" surveying.
- (4) "SUMNER" "SC.745" "SC.749" surveying Deboyne Is. area.
- (5) "INVERELL" escorting "CARDROSS" towing ML.814, "ALAGNA" towing ASR launch "TONGA", "SIBIGO" departed Thursday Island 0120/19 for Darwin ETA 2230/22.
- (6) "KAPUNDA" escorting Convoy NT13 ("DUNTROON" "HENRY D.THOREAU" for Townsville) departed Port Moresby 1400/19. Convoy to disperse at Fitzroy Island ETA Townsville "DUNTROON" 2200/21, "KAPUNDA" escorting "HENRY D.THOREAU" 0300/22.
- (7) "ARUNTA" escorting "TAROONA" departed Milne Bay 1615/19 for Townsville.
- (8) "SANDS" "HUMPHREYS" escorting LST's 334, 390, 446, 447, 448, 449 from Espiritu Santo to Townsville, were due 0800/20.
- (9) "KATOOMBA" "SC.746" "YP.291" escorting "ANHUI" "ARTHUR RIGGS" to Milne Bay ETA 1400/20.
- (10) "SC.731" "SC.732" escorting "AROONA" "CITY OF FORT WORTH" to Port Moresby ETA 1600/20.
- (11) "VENDETTA" "ML.424" returning Brisbane after escort duty with Convoy BT60.
- (12) "BROOME" en route Caloundra after escort duty with "DEIMOS" ETA 1700/21.
- (13) Task Unit 78.5.1 (YMS.10 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.70) was to depart Brisbane 1621/17 for Cairns.
- (14) "WAGGA" "ML.427" escorting H.T."KATOOMBA" "CHARLES S.JONES" "WEST CACTUS" departed Townsville 1830/19 for Cairns ETA 1300/20.
- (15) "GEELONG" "SC.748" escorting Convoy BT60 (YDG.2 "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "GIANG ANN" "SARPEN" "VAN DEN BOSCH" "Wm.MEREDITH" all for Townsville) departed Caloundra 1220/18. "GEELONG" "SC.748" to leave convoy at Percy Islands. "GEELONG" to provide escort for Convoy TS32. SC.748 to return Brisbane.
- (16) "YP.280" departed Caloundra 2051/19 for Townsville ETA p.m. 22/5.
- (17) "PIRIE" "SC.741" "ML.425" carrying out A/S search Moreton Bay area.
- (18) 9 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "BOWEN" "SC.738" "PC.1121" "HILO"  
15 PT's



Milne Bay (Contd).

Merchant Vessels: "VAN SWOLL" "HINTON R.HELPER"  
"EMPIRE HAMBLE" "THEDENS" "JAPARA"  
"CREMER" "KEY PITMAN"

Port Moresby - Small Craft - Approx 50  
- Warships & Aux. - SC.750 HDML.1074 HDML.1161  
Merchant Vessels: "JOHN WHITTAKER" "E.R.SILL"  
"MANGOLA"

Thursday Is. - Small Craft - Approx 20  
- Warships & Aux. - "SWAN" "CASTLEMAINE" "LATROBE"  
"TULSA" YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50  
YP.236 12 PT's

Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "PLATYPUS" ML.426 ML.817  
2 PTs refitting

Cid Harbour - Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "PERKINS" "WARRAMUNGA"  
"MEREUR" "AASE MAERSK"

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "DRAYTON" "ECHUCA" "BUNBURY"  
SC.747 "YUNNAN" (ASIS)  
"BISHOPDALE"

Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "ROCKHAMPTON"

Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "GILMER" "LITHGOW" "FULTON"  
"RIGEL" "H.T.ALLEN" "POYANG" (ASIS) YP.233  
YMS.8 YMS.11 YMS.46 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.53  
YMS.71 SC.648 SC.698 SC.740 SC.744 SC.981  
PG.1121 8 LSTs "KURUMBA"

(Repairing, Trials etc.) - "GOULBURN" "GYMPIE" "VICTORIA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "GEELONG" to RV with Convoy TS32 ("REIJNST" "MATTHEW FLINDERS"  
"JAMES COOK" "ALLARA" "DUNDULA") off Percy Islands at  
1700/20 and escort to Brisbane.
- (2) "GOULBURN" "SC.648" escorting Convoy ET61 (2 MV) to depart  
Brisbane 1400/20.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Shortlands - Reconnaissance p.m. 19/5 revealed one unidentified  
vessel, three cargo ships and 20 Barges off Kahili. Previous  
rece 17/5 sighted 11 ships including 8 merchantmen and 3  
corvettes in the base.
- (2) Solomons Aircraft - Photos 19/5 reveal -  
Kahili - 25 fighters, 2 dive bombers  
Ballale - 3 fighters, 11 medium bombers  
Vila )  
Munda ) no operative aircraft  
There were no photos of Faisi or Euka.
- (3) Russell Islands-Tulagi-Guadalcanal - Six enemy aircraft were over  
these areas night 18/5. Some bombs were dropped on Russel Is.  
and in the vicinity of Henderson Field but no damage or  
casualties have been reported.
- (4) Kavieng - Reconnaissance 1030/19 revealed a tanker stationary in  
Steffen Strait, with bow low in water and with a huge oil slick  
at the stern. This would indicate that the vessel may have  
struck a mine recently laid in this area.  
Photographs were taken of Kavieng Harbour revealing one  
possible minelayer (220 ft.), 1 merchant vessel of 3000 tons  
and one coaster. Visual sighting covered five vessels in the  
harbour including four of 500 tons.  
Four medium bombers and 8 fighters were photographed on  
Kavieng aerodrome. About the same time, another aircraft  
photographed Panapei. The runway is rough but probably service-  
able, but there are no aircraft visible.
- (5) Rabaul - A force comprising one destroyer and three cargo vessels  
(one of 5000 and two of 3000 tons) was sighted 15 miles N.N.E.  
of Rabaul course 180° at 1130/19. This would appear to be  
another routine convoy movement into Rabaul.  
Photos 1130/19 reveal a new aerodrome on the shore of  
Ataliklikun Bay in position 14 miles S.W. of Rabaul. Only a  
small section of the aerodrome is visible but it is apparently  
near completion.



- (6) Cape Orford - A large submarine was observed proceeding south past Cape Orford at 1650/19.
- (7) Wewak - Photos 1030/19 reveal 2 merchant vessels, including one of 1000 tons and one smaller, in Wewak Harbour and 2 coasters and 10 barges off But. The Harbour was partly obscured by cloud and the visual report covered six cargo vessels, two of which were described as of 4-5000 tons and four of 500 tons. On Wewak aerodrome which was partly obscured there were 38 fighters. At Boram there were 4 medium bombers and 16 aircraft including light bombers and reconnaissance planes; at But 17 light bombers (2 unserviceable) and one fighter, and at Dagua 16 fighters, 15 light bombers and 2 twin-engined unidentified aircraft.
- (8) Bogia-Madang - Reconnaissance 19/5 reported the Bogia - Madang coast road was in excellent condition and that all bridges were serviceable. Previous reports indicated that some bridges were destroyed.
- (9) Madang-Alexishafen - Photos 19/5 reveal -  
Alexishafen - Work continues on new strip and dispersal lanes, but the strip is unserviceable. The old runway appears serviceable with some improvements, but no aircraft are visible.  
Madang - Runway serviceable, but no aircraft visible.
- (10) Lae - Photos a.m. 19/5 reveal eighteen barges in the harbour.
- (11) Douglas Harbour - A report states that Douglas Harbour was bombed at 0700/18. No damage or casualties.
- (12) Oro Bay - 9 enemy aircraft attacked Oro Bay evening 18/5. No damage or casualties. One aircraft was shot down by A.A.
- (13) Trobriands - An enemy reconnaissance aircraft was over the northern part of Kiriwina Island 1115/17.

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## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/20:

- (1) "WILCANNIA" escorting Convoy DT21 ("TULAGI" "BURWAH") departed Darwin 0646/18 for Thursday Island ETA 1730/21.
- (2) 5 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin	- Warships & Aux. - ML.815
Merauke	- Warships & Aux. - "WARREGO"
	Merchant Vessels: "STAGEN"

### (ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Atamboea - Photos morning 19/5 reveal that the runway has been extended by a further 570 feet. Nil aircraft or revetments visible. A wide area has been cleared north of the runway.
- (2) Penfoei - Photos taken by B.24's during an attack on Penfoei aerodrome morning 19/5 reveal resurfacing in progress and further improvement of dispersal lanes. Two unserviceable transports, five twin-engined bombers one of which is burned out and two unserviceable and one possibly serviceable fighter were photographed.

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## 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/20:

- (1) "ISABEL" departed Fremantle 1116/17 for Exmouth Gulf, was due a.m. 19/5.
- (2) "SC.739" departed Fremantle 1218/16 for Exmouth Gulf, was due 19/5.



- (3) "YP.286" departed Fremantle 1740/18 for Exmouth Gulf ETA  
a.m. 22/5.
- (4) "HERON" departed Exmouth Gulf 1200/17 for Fremantle ETA 20/5.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "VAN GALEN" "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK"  
"TJERK HIDDIS" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO"  
"WHIPPOORWILL" "OTUS" "GHILDS"  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B. PRESTON" "PELIAS" "LARK"  
"CHANTICLEER" "SC.751"

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4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to E 00/20:

- (1) "MAHAN" escorting "AUSTRALIA" was to depart Sydney 1105/19  
for Moreton Bay, was due 1030/20.
- (2) "CONYNGHAM" proceeding to RV with "MOUNT VERNON" in position  
35°10'S 160°E at 1400/20 and escort to Sydney.
- (3) "O'BANNON" "RADFORD" "VESTAL" en route Espiritu Santo to Sydney  
ETA a.m. 22/5.
- (4) "GLENELG" departed Caloundra 1051/19 for Sydney ETA 0500/21.
- (5) "COLAC" "TOWNSVILLE" "MILBURA" "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy PG51  
(6 MV) departed Caloundra 1141/18 for Newcastle and  
Sydney.
- (6) "WARRNAMBOOL" "DELORAINIE" "BINGERA" and ML's escorting Convoy  
C095. "BINGERA" and ML's to be detached 0800/21.  
"BINGERA" to proceed independently to Westernport.  
ML's to return to base at Eden.
- (7) "LE TRIOMPHANT" was to depart Sydney 1130/20 for Melbourne.
- (8) "ADELAIDE" escorting "DOMINION MONARCH" to Fremantle.
- (9) "DOOMBA" "KALGOORLIE" "MORESBY" "YANDRA" "BENALLA" escorting  
Convoy CC94 (17 MV) for Port Kembla, Sydney and  
Newcastle.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "HENLEY" "HELM" "BAILARAT"  
"FREMANTLE" "COCTAMUNDRA" "KYERA" "GOLDSTAR"  
"WANGANILLA" (AH) "ALSEY" 7 APC  
(Repairing) "NEPAL" "STUART" "BROOKS" "ALHENA" "MANUNDA"  
(Hospital Ship)  
(On Reserve) "WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"  
Jervis Bay - Warships & Aux. - "GLADSTONE"  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "BUNDABERG" "MANOORA"  
"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN"  
(Refitting) "QUIBERON"  
Geelong - Warships & Aux. - "BUNGAREE"

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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE (CL)  
STRONG NICHOLS WARD CHEVALIER (DD) TREVOR (DM) CURTISS  
TANGIER (AV) HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) DIXIE (AD)
- (3) At Noumea - INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS NORTH CAROLINA (BB) SARATOGA  
VICTORIOUS (CV) SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN (CL) KILTY WOODWORTH  
SMITH HOPKINS EUCHANAN FANNING CASE CRAVEN PATTERSON  
MAURY SAUFLEY SELFRIDGE DUNDAP RALPH TALBOT GRIDLEY  
CONVERSE PRINGLE (DD) PROMETHEUS (AR) WHITNEY (AD)  
ARGONNE (AG) McCAWLEY (AP) SCHLEY WATERS (APD) S.31 (SS)
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
- (5) At Samoa - AMERICAN LEGION (AP)




- (6) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK RAIL  
VIREO (AM) LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) ORTOLAN (ASR)  
MENOMINEE (AT) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)
- (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER  
MONTPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV) EATON  
WALLER PHILIP RENSHAW LANG WILSON CONWAY (DD)  
BALLARD (AV)
- (8) At Wellington - TAYLOR (DD) TRACY (DM) CRESCENT CITY (AP)  
LIBRA (AK)

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NAVAL INCIDENTS

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation north coast New Guinea and East Indies including aircraft reinforcement.
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For DIRECTOR C.O.I.G.  
G.H.Q., S.W.P.A.

20/5/43



19/5/43.

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE.

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-  
Solomons

<u>BB</u>	-	NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	MUTSU NAGATO
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA VICTORIOUS	-
<u>XCV</u>	-	-	ZUIHO
<u>ACV</u>	-	CHEWANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE	-
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	-	CHOKAI KUMANO SUZUYA * AOBA
<u>CL</u>	HOBART ADELAIDE	HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE LEANDER COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO (poss. Empire) JINTSU SENDAI KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA ISUZU KINU KUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	3
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT HELM HENLEY BAGLEY PERKINS CONYNGHAM MAHAN STUART VENDETTA * QUIBERON * NEPAL MUGFORD	Approx 40	Approx 30

\* Non-effective



Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-  
Solomons

<u>BS</u>	DRUM GUARDFISH )	S.31 At Brisbane	Approx 30
	ALBACORN GATO GRAYBACK GREENLING GROUPE GROWLER PETO SCAMP TUNA )	On Patrol	
	K.9 At Sydney		
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	5
<u>PT</u>	25	Approx 30	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H. T. ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA KANIMBLA BROOKS GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA	
<u>AS OF XAS</u>	FULTON		3 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE WHITNEY	?
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL	PROMETHEUS VESTAL	2
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)</u>			
	Fighters		249
	M/Bombers		145
	SE/Bombers		40
	Flying Boats		6
	Floatplanes		53
	Transport A/C		23

\* Non-effective



2. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	WASHINGTON IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE	YAMATO MUSASHI ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA KONGO HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE	ZUIKAKO SHOKAKU HOSHO (Training Ship)
<u>XCV</u>	LONG ISLAND	HAYATAKA HITAKA RYUHO
<u>ACV</u>	NASSAU AL/TAMAHA COPAHEE	CHUYO UNYO
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA NEW ORLEANS PORTLAND INDIANAPOLIS * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS * PENSACOLA	ATAGO TAKAO HAGURO TONE TIKUMA
<u>OCA</u>	-	3
<u>CL</u>	RALEIGH DETROIT	ABUKUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	4
<u>AV/CVS</u>	?	NISSHIN
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	2
<u>DD</u>	Approx 20	Approx 24
<u>SS</u>	Approx 40	Approx 25
<u>AS/XAS</u>	?	2

3. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>CA</u>	-	NACHI 1 Unidentified
<u>CL</u>	CONCORD TRENTON RICHMOND	TAMA KISO
<u>XCL</u>	-	2
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	10	9
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 15

\* Non-effective



4. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEANALLIED FORCESENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific (Western Section)		Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
	-	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	∅ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>ACV</u>	-	-	OTAKA-
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX * HAWKINS * FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	Van HEEMSKERCK TROMP	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KASHII OI KITAGAMI * NATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	∅ ALAUNIA GARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA RANCHI WORCESTERSHIRE-	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	* KAMOI NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	TJERK HIDDES VAN GALEN	Approx 27	12
<u>SS</u>	GAR GRENADIER TAMBOR TAUTOG THRESHER  K.12 TROUT  GRAYLING	}     } On Patrol   } At Exmouth Gulf At Fremantle	10
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)</u>			
Fighters			143
M/Bombers			125
Flying Boats			12
Floatplanes			35
Transport A/C			35

∅ No recent intelligence  
Present location uncertain.

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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. 424

Date: 21st May, 1943

P A R T I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

- (1) "AUSTRALIA" "MAHAN" en route Sydney to Cid Harbour ETA 1300/21.
- (2) "WHYALLA" "SHEPPARTON" "POLARIS" "STELLA" surveying.
- (3) "SUMNER" "SC.745" "SC.749" surveying Deboyne Is. area.
- (4) "WILCANNIA" escorting Convoy DT21 ("TULAGI" "BURWAH") departed Darwin 0646/18 for Thursday Island ETA 1730/21.
- (5) "SWAN" escorting "BOTH" departed Thursday Island 1417/20 for Merauke ETA 1400/21.
- (6) "SC.750" escorting "E.R.SILL" departed Port Moresby 1703/20 for Townsville ETA 0100/23.
- (7) "KATOOMBA" escorting "HINTON R.HELPER" was to depart Milne Bay 1200/21 for Townsville.
- (8) "KAPUNDA" escorting Convoy NT13 ("DUNTROON" "HENRY D.THOREAU" for Townsville) departed Port Moresby 1400/19. Convoy to disperse at Fitzroy Island ETA Townsville "DUNTROON" 2200/21, "KAPUNDA" escorting "HENRY D.THOREAU" 0300/22.
- (9) "ARUNTA" escorting "TAROONA" departed Milne Bay 1615/19 for Townsville.
- (10) "SC.738" departed Milne Bay 2105/19 for Townsville ETA 1700/23.
- (11) "PC.1121" escorting Convoy FC10 ("CREMER" "JAPARA") departed Milne Bay 1230/20 for Cairns ETA 1400/22.
- (12) "GEELONG" escorting Convoy TS32 ("REIJNST" "MATTHEW FLINDERS" "ALLARA" "JAMES COOK" "DUNDULA") from Percy Islands to Brisbane.
- (13) "YP.280" departed Caloundra 2051/19 for Townsville ETA p.m. 22/5.
- (14) "VENDETTA" "GOULBURN" "SC.648" escorting Convoy BT61 ("W.E.CANNING" "H.DEARBORN" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "BALIKPAPAN" "PAHUD" "SUVA") were to depart Brisbane 1200/21. "VENDETTA" to part company vicinity Lady Elliot Island, "GOULBURN" "SC.648" to part company vicinity Percy Islands and return Brisbane.
- (15) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. -	"BOWEN" "SC.746" "YP.291" "HILO" 15 PT's
	Merchant Vessels:	"VAN SWOLL" "ANHUI" "ARTHUR RIGGS" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "THEDENS" "KEY PITMAN"
	Small Craft	- Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. -	SC.731 SC.732 HDML.1074 HDML.1161
	Merchant Vessels:	"JOHN WHITTAKER" "MANGOLA" "AROONA" "CITY OF FORT WORTH"
	Small Craft	- Approx 20



Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "WARREGO" "CASTLEMAINE" "LATROBE"  
 "TULSA" YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50  
 YP.236 12 PT's

Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "WAGGA" "PLATYPUS" ML.426 ML.817  
 YMS.10 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.70  
 2 PTs refitting

Cid Harbour - Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "PERKINS" "WARRAMUNGA"  
 "FLUSSER" "DRAYTON" "MERKUR"  
 "AASE MAERSK"

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "SANDS" "HUMPHREYS" "ECHUCA"  
 "BUNBURY" "SC.747" "YUNNAN" (ASIS)  
 6 LST's

Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "ROCKHAMPTON"

Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "GILMER" "PIRIE" "FULTON" "RIGEL"  
 "H.T.ALLEN" 8 LST's "POYANG" (ASIS) YP.233  
 YMS.8 YMS.11 YMS.46 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.53  
 YMS.71 SC.698 SC.740 SC.741 SC.744 SC.981  
 ML.424 ML.425 "KURUMBA"  
 (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "LITHGOW" "GYMPIE" "VICTORIA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "BROOME" escorting "MOBILFUEL" to depart Caloundra 0530/22.  
 "BROOME" to part company position 26° 58'S 157° 25'E  
 and proceed Sydney.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Choiseul - A party of Japanese landed at Bambatana Mission  
 (S.W.coast of Choiseul) 0800/19. Enemy strength in this  
 area was reported 20/5 to be between fifty and one hundred.
- (2) Manning Strait - An aircraft reported sighting a periscope  
 moving on course 20° on 20/5.
- (3) Guadalcanal - Between 2016/19 and 0516/20 a probable total of  
 8 enemy aircraft made at least 3 runs over Guadalcanal. Damage  
 is reported as slight. Fourteen men were killed and 20  
 wounded. Eight night fighters shot down two bombers.
- (4) Kavieng Area - A hospital ship was sighted 135 miles east of  
 Kavieng on course 340° at approx 0925/19. This may be the  
 Hospital Ship recently sighted in the Shortlands base and  
 now probably en route Truk.
- (5) Rabaul - Hazy photos which do not give complete coverage reveal  
 the following shipping in Rabaul Harbour 0925/20 -  
 1 light cruiser  
 5 submarines (2 "I" class, 2 RO.100 class,  
 one other 273 ft. long)  
 4 small sub.chasers  
 23 merchant vessels (including two tankers and  
 totalling 105,000 tons)
- Total 33 ships

One minelayer, probably "NATSUSHIMA" class (433 tons) was  
 photographed in St.George's Channel.

Aerodromes:

Lakunai - 88 fighters, 6 medium bombers, 30 L/B  
 or twin-engined fighters

Vunakanau - 24 fighters, 24 medium bombers  
 (almost complete coverage)

There were also 14 floatplanes and two flying boats on the  
 Harbour.

- (6) Rooke Island - Ten barges or native boats were observed in  
 Marien Harbour (S.end Rooke Island) 1322/20.
- (7) Wewak - An aircraft over Wewak 0950-1055/20 reported sighting  
 one destroyer and 3 cargo vessels of 4000, 2000 and 500 tons  
 in the harbour. Badly blurred photos reveal 2 merchant vessels  
 of 1000 and 600 tons and 80 barges.  
 On Wewak aerodrome 24 fighters and one light bomber were  
 photographed and at Boram 18 aircraft including three probable  
 medium bombers.
- (8) Salamaua - Allied troops contacted an enemy party of 20, one  
 mile E. by N. of Drong (8 miles W. of Salamaua) at 0845/19  
 and killed two.  
 150 Japanese were observed in occupation of a village  
 1000 yards S.E. of Drong at 1730/19.



- (9) Douglas Harbour - 12 enemy aircraft raided Douglas Harbour 1152/19. One twelve ton supply craft was a total loss, and the 50 ton supply vessel "MELANESIA" was beached, but needs only minor repairs. Three members of the crew were wounded. Two natives were killed.
- (10) Dobodura - An enemy aircraft dropped six bombs at 2033/19. Slight damage but no casualties.
- (11) Milne Bay - Enemy aircraft attacked Milne Bay night 19/5. One small petrol dump was ignited, but no other damage or casualties.
- (12) Rorona (35 miles N.W. Port Moresby) - Six bombs were dropped by enemy aircraft at 2145/19. No damage or casualties.

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## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/21:

- (1) "INVERELL" escorting "SIBIGO" "CARDROSS" towing ML.814, "ALAGNA" towing ASR launch "TONGA", departed Thursday Island 0120/19 for Darwin ETA 2230/22.
- (2) 6 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - ML.815

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## 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/21:

- (1) "YP286" departed Fremantle 1740/18 for Exmouth Gulf ETA a.m. 22/5.
- (2) "HERON" departed Exmouth Gulf 1200/17 for Fremantle was due 20/5.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "VAN GALEN" "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK"  
 "TJERK HIDDEN" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO"  
 "WHIPPOORWILL" "OTUS" "CHILDS"  
 Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B. PRESTON" "PELIAS" "LARK"  
 "CHANTICLEER" "SC.739" "SC.751" "ISABEL"

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## 4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/21:

- (1) "CONYNGHAM" escorting "MOUNT VERNON" from RV (35°10'S 160°E) to Sydney.
- (2) "O'BANNON" "RADFORD" "VESTAL" en route Espiritu Santo to Sydney ETA a.m. 22/5.
- (3) "LE TRIOMPHANT" was to depart Sydney 1130/21 for Melbourne.
- (4) "ADELAIDE" escorting "DOMINION MONARCH" to Fremantle.
- (5) "KALGOORLIE" "MORESBY" "YANDRA" "BENALL" escorting Convoy OC94 (16 MV) for Port Kembla, Sydney and Newcastle. "DOOMBA" returning Melbourne with engine defect.

Note: Convoy C095 - Convoy postponed. To sail 23/5.



(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "HENLEY" "HELM" "BALLARAT"  
"FREMANTLE" "COOTAMUNDRA" "KYBRA" "GOLDSTAR"  
"COLAC" "MILDURA" "TOWNSVILLE" "WARRNAMBOOL"  
"DELORAINE" "BINGERA" "BENDIGO" "GLENELG"  
"WANGANELLA" (AH) "ALSEY" 7 APC  
(Repairing) "NEPAL" "STUART" "BROOKS" "ALHENA" "MANUNDA" (AH)  
(On Reserve) "WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"  
Jervis Bay - Warships & Aux. - "GLADSTONE"  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "BUNDABERG" "MANOORA" "ABRAHAM  
CRIJNSSEN"  
(Refitting) "QUIBERON"  
Geelong - Warships & Aux. - "BUNGAREE"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Port Stephens - An aircraft received indications of a submarine approx 70 miles N.E. of Port Stephens at 0237/20. Contact was subsequently lost.

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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE (CL)  
STRONG NICHOLS WARD CHEVALIER (DD) TREVOR (DM) CURTISS  
TANGIER (AV) HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) DIXIE (AD)
- (3) At Noumea - INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS NORTH CAROLINA (BB) SARATOGA  
VICTORIOUS (CV) SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN (CL) KILTY WOODWORTH  
SMITH HOPKINS BUCHANAN FANNING CASE CRAVEN PATTERSON  
MAURY SAUFLEY SELFRIDGE DUNLAP RALPH TALBOT GRIDLEY  
CONVERSE PRINGLE (DD) PROMETHEUS (AR) WHITNEY (AD)
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
- (5) At Samoa - AMERICAN REGION (AP)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK RAIL  
VIREO (AM) LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) ORTOLAN (ASR)  
MENOMINEE (AT) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)
- (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER  
MONTPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV) EATON  
WALLER PHILIP RENSRAW LANG WILSON CONWAY (DD)  
BALLARD (AV)
- (8) At Wellington - TAYLOR (DD) TRACY (DM) CRESCENT CITY (AP)  
LIBRA (AK)

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

21/5/43



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ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
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Solomons

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<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA VICTORIOUS	-
<u>XCV</u>	-	-	ZUIHO
<u>ACV</u>	-	CHEMANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE	6
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	-	CHOKAI KUMANO SUZUYA * AOBA
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(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

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<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA
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<u>PT</u>	25	Approx 30	?
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<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON		3 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE WHITNEY	?
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<u>AIRCRAFT (N.E.Area Only)</u>			
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	Flying Boats		6
	Fleetplanes		53
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ENEMY FORCES

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<u>AV/CVS</u>	?	NISSHIN
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	2
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<u>AS/XAS</u>	?	2

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<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>AS</u>	10	9
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 15

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4. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Philippines

	-	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	♂ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>ACV</u>	-	<del>SUSSEX</del> -	OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	→	SUSSEX *HAWKINS *PROBISHER	ASHIGARA
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<u>XGL</u>	-	♂ ALAUNIA CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA RANCHI WORCESTERSHIRE	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W. B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI * NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	TJERK HIDDES VAN GALEN	Approx 27	12
<u>SS</u>	GAR ) GRAYLING ) GRENADIER ) TAMBOR ) TAUTOG ) THRESHER )	On Patrol	10
	TROUT	At Emouth Gulf	
	K.12	At Fremantle	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1

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- (5) "KATOOMBA" escorting "HIMTON R.HELPER" departed Milne Bay 1424/21 for Townsville.
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- (7) "PC.1121" escorting Convoy FC10 ("CREMER" "JAPARA") departed Milne Bay 1230/20 for Cairns ETA 1400/22.
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- (9) "YMS.10 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.70 were to depart Cairns 0630/22 to carry out M/S duties. To return Cairns p.m. 23/5 to refuel. To continue sweeping operations 0630/24.
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- (12) "YP.280" departed Caloundra 2051/19 for Townsville ETA p.m. 22/5.
- (13) "VENDETTA" "GOULBURN" "SC.648" escorting Convoy BT61 ("W.E.CANNING" "H.DEARBORN" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "BALIKPAPAN" "PAHUD" "SUVA") departed Brisbane 1300/21. "VENDETTA" to part company vicinity Lady Elliot Island, "GOULBURN" "SC.648" to part company vicinity Percy Islands and return Brisbane.
- (14) "GYMPIE" was to depart Brisbane 1100/22 to RV with 8 LCT's at Caloundra 1600/22 and escort to Townsville ETA 1600/1 June.
- (15) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. -	"BOWEN" "SHEPPARTON" "SC.746"
		"YP.291" "POLARIS" "HILO" 15 PTs
	Merchant Vessels:	"VAN SWOLL" "ANHUI" "ARTHUR RIGGS"
		"EMPIRE HAMBLE" "THEDENS" "KEY PITMAN"
	Small Craft	- Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. -	"SC.732 HDML.1074 HDML.1161
	Merchant Vessels:	"JOHN WHITTAKER" "MANGOLA" "AROONA"
		"CITY OF FORT WORTH" "JUNIPERA SIERRA"
	Small Craft	- Approx 20



Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "WILCANNIA" "CASTLEMAINE" "LATROBE"  
 "TULSA" YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50  
 YP.236 12 PTs

Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "WAGGA" "PLATYPUS" ML.426 ML.817  
 YMS.10 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.70  
 2 PTs refitting

Cid Harbour - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "HCEART" "MAHAN" "RX"  
 "PERKINS" "WARRAMUNGA" "FLUSSER"  
 "DRAYTON" "MERKUR" "AASE MAERSK"

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "ARUNTA" "SANDS" "HUMPHREYS"  
 "KAPUNDA" "BUNBURY" "SC.747"  
 "YUNNAN" (ASIS) 8 LST's

Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "ROCKHAMPTON"

Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "GILMER" "PIRIE" "BROOME" "FULTON"  
 "RIGEL" "H.T.ALLEN" 8 LST's "POYANG" (ASIS)  
 YP.233 YMS.8 YMS.11 YMS.46 YMS.51 YMS.52  
 YMS.53 YMS.71 SC.698 SC.740 SC.741 SC.744  
 SC.981 ML.424 ML.425 KURUMBA

(Repairing, Trials etc.) - "LITHGOW" "VICTORIA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "BROOME" escorting "MOBILFUEL" to depart Caloundra 0530/23.  
 "BROOME" to part company position 26°58'S 157°25'E  
 and proceed Sydney.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Shortlands - Recce 1015/21 sighted 8 vessels including one possible cruiser, two destroyers, one corvette, two large and two small merchant vessels. Photos which were taken a few minutes earlier covered one medium sized ship dead in the water and listing heavily to one side off Kahili. This vessel was probably included in the visual sightings. The last air attacks on shipping in the base were made on 13th, 14th and 15th May, and in each attack a merchant vessel was reported hit.  
 Three Liberators bombed Ballale and Kahili shortly after midnight 20-21/5. One direct hit was scored on a searchlight at Kahili.
- (2) Bougainville Island - It is reported 21/5 that 500 Japanese were disposed between Banju Harbour and Teopasino. Considerable barge and small craft activity has been reported recently along the north eastern Bougainville coast apparently concerned with the ferrying of supplies to the Japanese garrisons.
- (3) Solomons Aircraft - Photos morning 21/5 reveal -  
 Kahili - 15 fighters, 1 dive bomber  
 Ballale - 3 fighters, 9 medium bombers  
 Faisi - 22 floatplanes
- (4) Kavieng - Further information reveals that the tanker reported damaged and with a huge oil slick at the stern, which was sighted 1030/19, was not in Steffen Strait but in Silver Sound close in the western shore of Manne Island. The known wreck in Silver Sound is considerably to the westward of this point.
- (5) New Hanover - An enemy vessel described as of 5,000 tons, of a dirty cream colour and with an indistinct cross on the top but no red crosses on the side nor any other distinctive hospital ship markings was sighted 36 miles S.S.W. of Cape Matanalem 1200/19. Three bombs were dropped without result, and the attack was not pressed because of doubt as to the character of the vessel.
- (6) Rabaul - 21 large ships and 50 small harbour craft were sighted in Rabaul Harbour at 1015/21. Photos which gave only partial coverage included a light cruiser and four destroyers.  
 First complete photo coverage of the new strip in the vicinity of Ataliklikun Bay shows that the clearing is 6000 feet in length and 5 revetments are under construction.  
 Several motor transports are visible.
- (7) Wewak - An aircraft reported sighting 4 cargo vessels of 500 tons each in Wewak Harbour. Photos reveal 1 sub.chaser, one 500 ton merchant vessel, 6 launches and 74 barges in Wewak Harbour; one coaster and 13 barges in But Harbour and 10 barges in Boram Harbour.



### Aerodromes

- Wewak - 37 fighters  
Boram - 8 fighters, 2 medium bombers, 11 light bombers, new revetments  
But - 16 light bombers  
Dagua - 12 fighters, 21 light bombers  
(partial coverage)
- (8) Alexishafen - 3 B.25's attacked 10 barges off Sek Island night 20/5. Five were believed sinking after attack, and the other five, one of which was believed sinking, beached themselves.
- (9) Cape Cretin - The same aircraft attacked and sank two loaded barges under tow of a power launch near Cape Cretin, and also scored hits on another barge which beached itself.
- (10) Salamaua - Allied troops were compelled to withdraw from Cissembon (700 yards S.W. by S. of Drong) at 1945/20 to a new defensive position 1 1/4 miles W. by N. of ~~the~~ Cissembon. Enemy casualties were estimated at 50-60 and ours were two wounded, one missing.  
Four Beaufighters strafed enemy positions in this area 1055-1110/21.  
On 20/5 the enemy were reported to be occupying Gwaibolom (1 mile N.N.W. of Komiatum) in strength.  
12 Lightnings engaged 15-20 enemy fighters over Lae-Salamaua area at 0910/21. 6 fighters were destroyed, 5 probably destroyed and 2 damaged.
- (11) Wau - 9 Zero's which were escorting 8 medium bombers engaged 2 Liberators near Wau 1010/20. Two Zero's were destroyed, one probably destroyed and two damaged.
- (12) Lakekamu River - An unknown number of enemy aircraft unsuccessfully attacked an allied landing barge in the Lakekamu River 10 miles S.W. of Bulldog (45 miles E. by N. of Kerema) at 1015/20.
- (13) Russell Islands - Cdr. 3rd Fleet reports that enemy aircraft possibly may have mined the approaches to the Russell Islands night 20th.

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## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 200/22:

- (1) "INVERELL" escorting "SIBIGO" "CARDROSS" towing ML.814, "ALAGNA" towing ASR launch "TONGA", departed Thursday Island 0120/19 for Darwin ETA 2230/22.
- (2) 6 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - ML.815  
Merauke - Warships & Aux. - "SWAN"  
Merchant Vessels: "BOTH"

### (11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Kaukenau-Kaimana Coast - It is reported 20/5 that sixty Japanese departed on a week's patrol from Wissel Lakes to the coast.
- (2) Kaimana - Five merchant vessels described as of 3000 tons each and several landing barges or praus were sighted at Kaimana 1045/21. There is no photographic confirmation.

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## 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/22:

- (1) YP.286 departed Fremantle 1740/18 for Exmouth Gulf was due a.m. 22/5.
- (2) "DUBBO" departed Geraldton 1700/21 for Fremantle ETA 1700/22.
- (3)



- (3) "ADELAIDE" escorting "DOMINION MONARCH" to Fremantle.  
"TROMP" departed Fremantle 1821/21 to RV and provide A/S escort to Fremantle.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "VAN GALEN" "VAN HEEMSKERK"  
"TJERK HIDDES" "HORSHAM" "WALLAROO" "WHIPPOORWILL"  
"OTUS" "CHILDS" "HERON"  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B. PRESTON" "PELIAS" "LARK"  
"CHANTICLEER" SC.739 SC.751 ISABEL"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Exmouth Gulf - At least two enemy aircraft were over Exmouth Gulf night 20-21/5. One bomb was dropped, but no damage sustained.  
At 1944/20 there were indications of an enemy submarine near the entrance to Exmouth Gulf and further indications were received just inside the entrance to the Gulf at 1750/21.

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 12 00/22:

- (1) "SC.742" escorting 2 APC's en route Noumea to Sydney ETA 26/5.  
(2) "O'BANNON" "RADFORD" "VESTAL" en route Espiritu Santo to Sydney were due a.m. 22/5.  
(3) "LE TRIOMPHANT" departed Sydney 0933/21 for Melbourne.  
(4) "KALGOORLIE" "MCRESBY" "YANDRA" "BENALLA" escorting Convoy OC94 (16 MV) for Port Kembla, Sydney and Newcastle. "DOOMBA" returning Melbourne with engine defect. "GLADSTONE" departed Jervis Bay 0900/21 to join convoy and provide additional escort to Melbourne.  
(5) "TOWNSVILLE" "BINGERA" were to depart Sydney 1200/22 and proceed to Newcastle with Newcastle section Convoy OC94.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "CONYNGHAM" "HENLEY" "HELM"  
"BALLARAT" "FREMANTLE" "COOTAMUNDRA" "KYBRA"  
"GOLDSTAR" "COLAC" "MILDURA" "WARRNAMBOOL"  
"DELORAIN" "BENDIGO" "GLENELG" "MOUNT VERNON" (AP)  
"WANGANELLA" (AH) "ALSEY" 7 APC ML.428 ML.818  
(Repairing) "NEPAL" "STUART" "BROOKS" "AL HENA" "MANUNDA" (AH)  
(On Reserve) "WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "BUNDAEERG" "MANOORA" "ABRAHAM"  
"CRIJNSSEN"  
(Refitting) "QUIBERON"  
Geelong - Warships & Aux. - "BUNGAREE"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "TOWNSVILLE" "BINGERA" escorting Convoy C095 to depart Newcastle 0930/23. "WARRNAMBOOL" "MILDURA" ML.428 ML.818 with Sydney section to depart Sydney 1400/23 and join Newcastle section off Sydney. ML's to be detached 0600/25 and to return to base at Eden.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - THORNTON (AVD)



- (2) At Espiritu Santo - HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE (CL)  
STRONG NICHOLS WARD CHEVALIER (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV)  
HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) DIXIE (AD)
- (3) At Noumea - INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS NORTH CAROLINA (BB) SARATOGA  
VICTORIOUS (CV) SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN (CL) KILTY WOODWORTH  
McCALL SMITH HOPKINS BUCHANAN FANNING CASE CRAVEN  
PATTERSON MAURY SAUFLEY SELFRIDGE DUNLAP RALPH TALBOT  
GRIDLEY CONVERSE PRINGLE (DD) PROMETHEUS (AR) WHITNEY (AD)
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
- (5) At Samoa - AMERICAN LEGION (AP) GWIN WATERS (DD) TREVER (DM)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK RAIL  
VIREO (AM) LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) ORTOLAN (ASR)  
MENOMINEE (AT) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)
- (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER  
MONTPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV) EATON  
WALLER PHILIP RENSHAW LANG WILSON CONWAY (DD)  
BALLARD (AV)
- (8) At Wellington - TAYLOR (DD) TRACY (DM) LIBRA (AK)

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NAVAL INCIDENTS

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation north coast New Guinea and East Indies including aircraft reinforcement.
- (2) Sporadic air raids on allied forward operational bases in S.W.P.A. and lines of communication.
- (3) Increased activity in Northern Theatre.
- (4) Intense submarine activity including transportation and offensive operations in all theatres.

*W. G. ...*

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

22/5/43



21/5/43

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-  
Solomons

BB

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NORTH CAROLINA  
INDIANA  
MASSACHUSETTS  
MARYLAND  
COLORADO

MUTSU  
NAGATO

CV

-

SARATOGA  
VICTORIOUS

-

XCV

-

-

ZUIHO

ACV

-

CHENANGO  
SANGAMON  
SUWANNEE

-

CA

AUSTRALIA

-

CHOKAI  
KUMANO  
SUZUYA  
\* AOKI

CL

HOBART

HONOLULU  
HELENA  
ST. LOUIS  
NASHVILLE  
LEANDER  
COLUMBIA  
CLEVELAND  
MONTPELLIER  
DENVER  
SAN DIEGO  
SAN JUAN

AGANO (poss. Empire)  
JINTSU  
SENDAI  
KATORI  
KASHIMA  
NAGARA  
ISUZU  
KINU  
KUMA

XCL

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DD

ARUNTA  
WARRAM UNGA  
LE TRIOMPHANT  
O'BANNON  
RADFORD  
HELM  
HENLEY  
PERKINS  
CONYNGHAM  
MAHAN  
STUART  
VENDETTA  
\* QUIBERON  
\* NEPAL

Approx 40

Approx 30

\* Non-effective



Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-  
Solomons

<u>SS</u>	DRUM ) GUARDFISH ) PETO )	S.31 At Brisbane	Approx 30
	ALBACORE ) GATO ) GREENLING ) GROUPEE ) GROWLER ) SCAMP ) TUNA )	On Patrol	
	K.9 At Sydney		
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	5
<u>PT</u>	25	Approx 30	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T.ALLEN MANOORA * WESTRALIA * KANIMBLA * BROOKS GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON		3 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE WHITNEY	? M
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL VESTAL	PROMETHEUS	2
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.E.Area Only)</u>			
Fighters			228
M/Bombers			185
SE/Bombers			40
Flying Boats			6
Floatplanes			53
Transport A/C			19

\* Non-effective



2. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	WASHINGTON IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE	YAMATO MUSASHI ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA KONGO HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU HOSHO (Training Ship)
<u>XCV</u>	LONG ISLAND	HA YATAKA HITAKA RYUHO
<u>ACV</u>	NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	CHUYO UNYO
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA NEW ORLEANS PORTLAND INDIANA POLIS * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS * PENSACOLA	ATAGO TAKAO HAGURO TONE TIKUMA
<u>OGA</u>	-	3 8
<u>CL</u>	RALEIGH DETROIT	ABUKUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	4
<u>AV/CVS</u>	?	NISSHIN
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	2
<u>DD</u>	Approx 20	Approx 24
<u>SS</u>	Approx 40	Approx 25
<u>AS/XAS</u>	?	2

3. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>CA</u>	-	NACHI 1 unidentified
<u>CL</u>	CONCORD TRENTON RICHMOND	TAMA KISO
<u>XCL</u>	-	2
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	10	9
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 15

\* Non-effective



ALLIED FORCES

4. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Philippines

<u>BB</u>	-	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	∅ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>ACV</u>	-	-	OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX * HAWKINS * FROBISHER	-
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK TROMP	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA CERES DAUNTLE SS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KASHII OI KITAGAMI * NATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	∅ ALAUNIA CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA RANCHI WORCESTERSHIRE	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI * NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	TJERK HIDDES VAN GALEN	Approx 27	12
<u>SS</u>	GAR ) GRAYLING ) GRENADIER ) TAMBOR ) TAUTOG ) THRESHER )	On Patrol	10
	TROUT	At Exmouth Gulf	
	K.12	At Fremantle	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)

Fighters	143
M/Bombers	125
Flying Boats	12
Floatplanes	28
Transport A/C	31

∅ No recent intelligence.  
Present location uncertain.

\* Non-effective



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. 426 Date: 23rd May, 1943.

P A R T I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/23:

- (1) "WHYALLA" "STELIA" surveying.
- (2) "SUMNER" "SC.745" "SC.749" surveying Deboyne Is. area.
- (3) "KAF OOMBA" escorting "HINTON R. HELPER" departed Milne Bay 1424/21 for Townsville.
- (4) "SC.732" escorting "MANGOLA" departed Port Moresby 0833/22 for Cairns. ETA Cairns 1100/24.
- (5) "WARREGO" departed Thursday Island 0745/21 for Townsville. ETA 1300/23.
- (6) "YMS.10" "YMS.47" "YMS.48" "YMS.70" departed Cairns 0630/22 to carry out M/S duties. To return Cairns p.m. 23/5 to refuel. To continue sweeping operations 0630/24.
- (7) "GEELONG" escorting Convoy TS32 ("REIJNST" "MATTHEW FLINDERS" "ALLARA" "JAMES COOK" "DUNDULA") from Percy Islands to Brisbane.
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- (9) "YP.280" departed Caloundra 2051/19 for Townsville ETA p.m.22/5.
- (10) "VENDETTA" "GOULBURN" "SC.648" escorting Convoy BT61 "W.E.CANNING" "H.DEARBORN" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "BALIKPAPAN" "PAHUD" "SUVA") departed Brisbane 1300/21. "VENDETTA" to part company vicinity Lady Elliott Island. "GOULBURN" "SC.648" to part company vicinity Percy Islands and return Brisbane.
- (11) "WAGGA" "BUNBURY" "SC.747" escorting Convoy TN96 (portion (a) "VAN DEN BOSCH" "ADMIRAL CHASE" "WILLIAM M. MEREDITH" for Port Moresby: portion (b) "WILLIAM B. ALISON" "JOSEPH HOLT" "EDMUND RANDOLPH" for Milne Bay) from Fitzroy Island. Convoy to split at position 11°50' S. 147°55' E. ETA. 1900/24. "WAGGA" to escort portion (a) to Port Moresby ETA 1100/25. "BUNBURY" "SC.747" to escort portion (b) to Milne Bay ETA 1400/25.
- (12) "GYMPIE" departed Brisbane 1528/22 to RV with 8 LCT's at Caloundra 1600/22 and escort to Townsville ETA 0600/29. "GYMPIE" to detach in Gt. Sandy Strait and return Brisbane. LCT's ETA Cairns 1600/1 June.
- (13) "BROOME" escorting "MOBILFUEL" departed Caloundra 0530/23. "BROOME" to part company position 26°58' S. 157°25' E. and proceed Sydney. "MOBILFUEL" en route San Pedro ETA 12/6. "BROOME" ETA Sydney 2330/25.
- (14) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay

- Warships & Aux. "BOWEN"  
Merchant Vessels "THEDENS".



Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. "SHEPPARTON" "SC.746" "SC.731"  
 "YP.291" "POLARIS" "HILO" 15 PTs.  
 Merchant Vessels: "VAN SWOLL" "ANHUI" "ARTHUR  
 RIGGS" "EMPIRE HAMELE" "PULGAN BAR"  
 "KEY PITMAN"  
 Small Craft: Approx. 50.

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. HDML.1074 HDML.1161  
 Merchant Vessels: "JOHN WHITTAKER" "AROONA"  
 "CITY OF FORT WORTH" "JUNIPERA  
 SIERRA".  
 Small Craft: Approx. 20.

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. "WILCANNIA" "CASPLEMAINE"  
 "LATROBE" "TULSA" YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50  
 YP.236 12 PTs.

Cairns - Warships & Aux. "PLATYPUS" ML.426 ML.817  
 PC.1121 2 PTs refitting.

Cid Harbour - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "HOBART"  
 "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "MAHAN"  
 "PERKINS" "FLUSSER" "DRAYTON"  
 "MERKUR" "AASE MAERSK"

Townsville - Warships & Aux. "SANDS" "HUMPEREYS" "SC.750"  
 "SC.738" "KAUNDA" "YDG2" "YUNNAN"  
 (ASIS) 8 LST's.

Maryborough - Warships & Aux. "ROCKHAMPTON"  
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. "GILMER" "FIRIE" "BROOME"  
 "FULTON" "RIGEL" "E.T.ALLEN" 8 LST's  
 "POYANG" (ASIS) YP.233 YMS.8 YMS.11  
 YMS.46 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.53 YMS.71  
 SC.698 SC.740 SC.741 SC.744 SC.981  
 ML.424 ML.425 KURUMBA.  
 (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "LITHGOW" "VICTORIA".

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) SC.648 to arrive Gladstone 0800/24 and escort "W.E.CHANNING"  
 to Percy Island, returning Brisbane on completion.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Russell Islands - Cdr. 3rd Fleet reports no evidence to date  
 that the approaches to Russell Islands have in fact been  
 mined. The possibility of enemy mining in this area was  
 reported yesterday 22/5.
- (2) Shortlands - Reconnaissance 1020/22 sighted in Buin-Faisi area:  
 3 cargo vessels off Kahili  
 2 destroyers under way possibly arriving via Vougainville  
 Strait.
- (3) Buka Passage area - One destroyer and 2 small transports were  
 reported heading south from Buka Passage via W. coast  
 Bougainville either p.m. 21/5 or a.m. 22/5.  
 At 1000/22, reconnaissance sighted a tanker  
 and 1 small unidentified type vessel 10 miles south of the  
 western end of the Passage.
- (4) Solomons Aircraft - Photos approximately 1015/22 reveal :
- |         |   |              |       |
|---------|---|--------------|-------|
| Buka    | - | 9 M/B        | 3 F.  |
| Kahili  | - | 1 D/B        | 18 F/ |
| Ballale | - | 11 M/B       | 3 F.  |
| Munda   | ) |              |       |
| Vila    | ) | Not covered. |       |
| Faisi   |   | 15 F/P.      |       |

20 M/B, 1 D/B, 24 F. 15 F/P Total 60 aircraft.

9 M/B departed Buka 0716/22 heading SE. Possibly on patrol  
 flights and additional to the above figures. 2 enemy M/B  
 were encountered over Central Solomons between 0735 and  
 1015/22 by our reconnaissance aircraft, and one was shot  
 down south of Rendova Island.

Aircraft numbers have been fairly constant on these  
 aerodromes now for some days, but the number of fighters  
 based at Kahili appears to have been reduced since the  
 beginning of May, when approximately 40 were usually present.

The regular appearance of Bombers at Ballale is a recent  
 feature.



- (5) Rabaul - Photos 1030/22 show no material change in shipping present, although the harbour is partially obscured by cloud. The "YUBARI" class light cruiser is still there, having been visible in all photos taken since 30/4. Other vessels visible include 5 destroyers, 5 submarines (including 4 probably RO.100 class) 5 sub-chasers, 2 destroyer tenders, 21 merchant vessels, totalling some 102,000 tons including one 14,000 ton "SHIRETOKO" class tanker.

Coverage of aerodromes at the same time reveals :-  
Lakunai - 27 S/S/Fighters 26 T/E fighters (partially obscured by cloud)

Rapopo - 5 S/S/Fighters, 4 L/B, 35 M/B.  
In Harbour - 19 F/P.

Total : 32 S/S/Fighters, 26 T/E Fighters, 4 L/B, 35 M/B  
19 F/P - GRAND TOTAL 116.

The new aerodrome at Ataliklikun Bay has been named "KERAWAT".

- (6) Cape Orford - One submarine was sighted off Cape Orford proceeding S. at 1552/21, and another proceeding N. at 0715/22.

Examination of reports from this source indicates that on every occasion the sea area between Vitiaz Strait and Cape Orford is covered during darkness hours on the Rabaul-Lae submarine "SHUTTLE".

- (7) Gasmata - The aerodrome was bombed three times p.m. 21/5 by 6 Liberators, 1 Fortress and 1 Catalina respectively. The Liberators were intercepted at different times by 2 groups of Fighters comprising 5 or 6 and 12 to 15 aircraft, of which 3 were definitely destroyed and another probably.

A reconnaissance Fortress over Gasmata at 1345/22 encountered 8 Zeros without result. Photographs at this time show the runway to be rendered unserviceable by bomb craters.

- (8) Rooke Island - A possible W/T Station was observed on a small island 2 miles off S.E. coast a.m. 21/5.

## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (i) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/22:

- (1) "INVERELL" escorting "SIBIGO" "CARDROSS" towing ML.814, "ALAGNA" towing ASR launch "TONGA" departed Thursday Island 0120/19 for Darwin ETA 2230/22.  
(2) 6 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. ML.815  
Merauke - Warships & Aux. "SWAN"  
Merchant Vessels: "BOTH".

### (ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Nabire - Photos taken during an attack a.m. 21/5 by 3 Liberators show that the motor transport park is burnt out. No aircraft are apparently visible, but some 30 motor vehicles are in the aircraft revetments. There are still quantities of stores along the beach, and the runway has been further graded although the ciling has not progressed.
- (2) Kaimana - A 3-500 ton vessel was sunk off the jetty, when the waterfront area was attacked 1035/1053-22 by six Liberators. Several fires were started near the jetty. Photos show 18 landing barges off Kaimana. Photographs 0900/21 indicate that the strip at Utarom



(4 miles W. of Kaimana) is not yet serviceable, as isolated saplings are still standing, and there are two open drains under construction across the runway. These photos showed 2 barges off-shore near the strip.

- (3) Watoebela Group (between Kai Island and Ceram) - a.m. 22/5, 8 to 10 small craft were seen at Tiocr Island (southern Watoebela Group) and photos show a 70 ton vessel camouflaged with foliage, and 5 x 50 ft. barges off a village on the same island. About the same time, 3 motor launches were sighted at Koer Island (northwesternmost of Group). They were strafed, and 2 set on fire. It is recalled that on 9/5 a large number of barges were sighted at Geser (S.W. Ceram). Together with the above, this may indicate staging-in to Toeal in Kai Islands from Ceram and Ambon.
- (4) Arafura Sea - A Hudson sighted an enemy float plane, probably on normal reconnaissance, at 0810/22, 115 miles N. by W. of Cape Wessel.

### 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

#### (1) ALLIED FORCES

##### (a) At Sea to 1200/23:

- (1) "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" escorting "DOMINION MONARCH" to Fremantle.
- (2) "VAN HEEMSKERCK" en route to Exmouth Gulf.
- (3) YP.286 departed Fremantle 1740/18 for Exmouth Gulf was due a.m. 22/5.

##### (b) In Harbour

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "VAN GALEN" "DUBBO" "TJERK HIDDEN"  
"HORSHAM" "WALLAROO" "WHIPPOORWILL" "OTUS"  
"CHILDS" "HERON"  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B. PRESTON" "PELIAS" "LARK"  
"CHANTICLEER" SC.739 SC.751 "ISABEL".

#### (ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Exmouth Gulf: Three unidentified type enemy aircraft were over Exmouth Gulf at 2305/21. Nine bombs were dropped harmlessly in the sea. Boomerangs intercepted, and one pilot reported that the enemy aircraft were twin-engined type.

### 4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

#### (1) ALLIED FORCES

##### (a) At Sea to 1200/23.

- (1) "SC.742" escorting 2 APC's en route Noumea to Sydney ETA 26/5.
- (2) "TOWNSVILLE" "BINGERA" escorting Convoy C095 were to depart Newcastle 0930/23. "WARRNAMBOOL" "MILDURA" ML.428 ML.818 with Sydney section to depart Sydney 1400/23 and join Newcastle section off Sydney. ML's to be detached 0600/25 and to return to base at Eden. "BUNDABERG" to join escorts and return with OC95 and "BINGERA" to continue to Port Philip Heads.
- (3) "CONYNGHAM" departed Sydney 0717/22 to RV with "MIZER" in position 33°S. 160° E. at 1130/23 and escort to Sydney.
- (4) "DELORAIN" "MORESEY" "KALGOORLIE" "YANDRA" and "Y.M.S.72" escorting G.P.52 (8 m.v.'s) were to depart Sydney 0900/23 en route Brisbane.
- (5) "PING WO" to depart Port Stephens 0700/24 from Sydney. ETD Sydney 1900/24.
- (6) "COOTAMUNDRA" and "FREMANTLE" dep. Sydney 0600/22 for working up exercises in Broken Bay.



(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. "BENALLA" "HENLEY" "HELM"  
 "O'BANNAN" "RADFORD" "VESTAL" "BAILARAT"  
 "KYBERA" "GLADSTONE" "GOLDSTAR" "COLAC"  
 "MILDURA" "WARRNAMBOOL" "BENDIGO" "GLENELG"  
 "MOUNT VERNON" (AP) "WANGANELLA" (AH)  
 "ALSEY" 7 APC ML.428 ML.818  
 (Repairing) "NEPAL" "STUART" "EROCKS" "ALHENA"  
 "MANUNDA" (AH)  
 (On Reserve) "WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"  
 Melbourne - Warships & Aux. "BUNDABERG" "MANOORA" "ABRAHAM"  
 "CRIJNSSEN" "LE TRIOMPHANT"  
 (Refitting) "QUIBERON"  
 Geelong - Warships & Aux. - "BUNGAREE".

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Sydney Area - At 0241/22, there were fixes of an enemy submarine within 100 miles of position 32°30' S. 154°E. (approx. 95 miles E.N.E. of Port Stephen) indicating that at least one submarine is still operating in the Eastern Australian waters.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - THORNTON (AVD)  
 (2) At Espiritu Santo - HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE (CL)  
 STRONG NICHOLS WARD CHEVALIER (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV)  
 HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) DIXIE (AD)  
 (3) At Noumea - INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS NORTH CAROLINA (BB) SARATOGA  
 VICTORIOUS (AV) SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN (CL) KILTY WOODWORTH  
 McCALL SMITH HOPKINS BUCHANAN FANNING CASE CRAVEN  
 PATTERSON MAURY SAUFLEY SELFRIDGE DUNLAP RALPH TALBOT  
 GRIDLEY CONVERSE PRINGLE (DD) PROMETHEUS (AR) WHITNEY (AD)  
 (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)  
 (5) At Samoa - AMERICAN LEGION (AP) GWIN WATERS (DD) TREVER (DM)  
 (6) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK RAIL  
 VIREO (AM) LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) ORTOLAN (ASR)  
 MENOMINEE (AT) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)  
 (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER  
 MONTPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV) EATON  
 WALLER PHILIP RENSHAW LANG WILSON CONWAY (DD) BALLARD  
 (AV)  
 (8) At Wellington - TAYLOR (DD) TRACY (DM) LIBRA (AK)

NAVAL INCIDENTS

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation north coast New Guinea and East Indies including aircraft reinforcement.  
 (2) Sporadic air raids on allied forward operational bases in S.W.P.A. and lines of communication.  
 (3) Increased activity in Northern Theatre.  
 (4) Intense submarine activity including transportation and offensive operations in all theatres.

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

23/5/43.



23/5/43

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-  
Solomons

EB

-

NORTH CAROLINA  
INDIANA  
MASSACHUSETTS  
MARYLAND  
COLORADO

MUTSU  
NAGATO

CV

-

SARATOGA  
VICTORIOUS

-

YAV

-

-

ZUIHO

ACV

-

CHENANGO  
SANGAMON  
SUWANNEE

-

CA

AUSTRALIA

-

CHOKAI  
KUMANO  
SUZYA  
\* AOBA

CL

HOBART

HONOLULU  
HELENA  
ST. LOUIS  
NASHVILLE  
LEANDER  
COLUMBIA  
CIE VELAND  
MONTPELLIER  
DENVER  
SAN DIEGO  
SAN JUAN

AGANO (poss. Empire)  
JINTSU  
SENDAI  
KATORI  
KASHIMA  
NAGARA  
ISUZU  
KINU  
KUMA

YCL

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DD

ARUNTA  
WARRAMUNGA  
LE TRIOMPHANT  
O'BANNON  
RADFORD  
HELM  
HENLEY  
PERKINS  
CONYNGHAM  
MAHAN  
STUART  
VENDETTA  
\* QUIBERON  
\* NEPAL

Approx 40

Approx 30

\* Non-effective



Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-  
Solomons

<u>SS</u>	DRUM ) PETO ) At Brisbane	S.31	Approx 30
	ALBACORE ) GATO ) GREENLING ) GROUPER ) CROWLER ) On Patrol GUARDFISH ) SCAMP ) TUNA )		
	K.9 At Sydney		
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	5
<u>PT</u>	25	Approx 30	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T. ALLEN MANOORA * WESTRALIA * KANIMBLA * BROOKS GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON		3 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE WHITNEY	?
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL VESTAL	PROMETHEUS	2
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)</u>			
Fighters			220
M/Bombers			185
SE/Bombers			40
Flying Boats			6
Floatplanes			53
Transport A/C			19

\* Non-effective



2. CENTRAL PACIFIC

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>			<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>BB</u>	WASHINGTON IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE		YAMATO MUSASHI ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA KONGO HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE		ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU HOSHO (Training Ship)
<u>XCV</u>	LONG ISLAND	≠	HAYATAKA HITAKA RYUHO
<u>ACV</u>	NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE		CHUYO UNYO
	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA NEW ORLEANS PORTLAND INDIANAPOLIS * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS * PENSACOLA		ATAGO TAKAO HAGURO TONE TIKUMA
<u>OCA</u>	-		3
<u>CL</u>	RALEIGH DETROIT		ABUKUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-		4
<u>AV/CVS</u>	?		NISSHIN
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?		2
<u>DD</u>	Approx 20		Approx 24
	Approx 40		Approx 25
<u>AS/XAS</u>	?		2

3. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>CA</u>	-		NACHI 1 unidentified
<u>CL</u>	CONCORD TRENTON RICHMOND		TAMA KISO
<u>XCL</u>	-		2
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-		1
	10		9
<u>SS</u>	10		Approx 15

\* Non-effective



4. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEANALLIED FORCESENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
<u>BB</u>	-	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	-
<u>CV</u>	+	♂ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>ACV</u>	-	-	OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX * HAWKINS * FROBISHER	-
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK TROMP	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA CERES DAUNTLESS CAPE TOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KASHII OI KITAGAMI * NATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	♂ ALAUNIA CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA RANCHI WORCESTERSHIRE	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMO I * NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	TJERK HIDDEN VAN GALEN	Approx 27	12
<u>SS</u>	GAR ) GRAYLING ) GRENADIER ) TAMBOR ) TAUTOG ) THRESHER )	On Patrol	10
	TROUT	At Exmouth Gulf	
	K.12	At Fremantle	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)</u>			
Fighters			143
M/Bombers			125
Flying Boats			12
Floatplanes			28
Transport A/C			31
	♂	No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain.	
	*	Non-effective	



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. 427

Date: 24th May, 1943

P A R T I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/24:

- (1) "SC.746" escorting "ANHUI" departed Milne Bay 1227/23 for Oro Bay ETA 1400/24.
- (2) "WHYALLA" "STELLA" surveying.
- (3) "SUMNER" "SC.745" "SC.749" surveying Deboyne Is. area.
- (4) "YP.291" departed Milne Bay 1858/22 for Port Moresby ETA 0900/24.
- (5) "SC.732" escorting "MANGOLA" departed Port Moresby 0833/22 for Cairns, ETA 1100/24.
- (6) "YMS.10" "YMS.47" "YMS.48" "YMS.70" departed Cairns 0630/22 to carry out M/S duties.
- (7) "ECHUCA" escorting Convoy TS33 ("VAN HEUTSZ" "ASPASIA NOMIKOS") departed Townsville 1646/21 for Brisbane was due 1100/24.
- (8) "VENDETTA" en route Brisbane after escort duty with Convoy BT61.
- (9) "WAGGA" "BUNBURY" "SC.747" escorting Convoy TN96 - Portion (a) "VAN DEN BOSCH" "ADMIRAL CHASE" "WILLIAM M. MEREDITH" for Port Moresby; Portion (b) "WILLIAM B. ALLISON" "JOSEPH HOLT" for Milne Bay) - from Fitzroy Island. Convoy to split at position 11°50'S 147°55'E ETA 1900/24. "WAGGA" to escort portion (a) to Port Moresby ETA 1100/25. "BUNBURY" "SC.747" to escort Portion (b) to Milne Bay ETA 1400/25.
- (10) "SC.648" was to arrive Gladstone 0800/24 and escort "W.E. CHANNING" to Percy Islands. "SC.648" to return Brisbane on completion.
- (11) "GOULBURN" escorting Convoy BT61 ("H. DEARBORN" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "BALIKPAPAN" "PAHOD" "SUVA") departed Brisbane 1300/21. "GOULBURN" to part company vicinity Percy Islands and return Brisbane.
- (12) "GYMPIE" escorting 8 LCT's from Caloundra to Townsville via Mackay ETA 2359/25.
- (13) "BROOME" escorting "MOBILFUEL" (for San Pedro) departed Caloundra 0530/23. "BROOME" to part company position 26°58'S 157°25'E and proceed Sydney. "MOBILFUEL" en route San Pedro. "BROOME" ETA Sydney 2330/25.
- (14) "PC.1121" departed Cairns 0517/27 for Townsville.
- (15) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "BOWEN" "SHEPPARTON" "SC.731"  
"POLARIS" "HILO" 15 PTs  
Merchant Vessels: "VAN SWOLL" "ARTHUR RIGGS" "EMPIRE  
HAMBLE" "PULGANBAR" "KEY PITMAN"  
"THEDENS"  
Small Craft - Approx 50



Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - HDML.1074 HDML.1161  
 Merchant Vessels: "JOHN WHITTAKER" "AROONA"  
 "CITY OF FORT WORTH" "JUNIPERA SIERRA"  
 Small Craft - Approx 20

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "SWAN" "WILCANNIA" "CASTLEMAINE"  
 "LATROBE" "TULSA" YMS.9 YMS.49  
 YMS.50 YP.236 12 PTs

Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "KATOOMEA" "PLATYPUS" ML.426  
 ML.817 2 PTs refitting

Cid Harbour - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "WARRAMUNGA"  
 "ARUNTA" "MAHAN" "PERKINS" "FLUSSE"  
 "DRAYTON" "MERKUR" "AASE MAERSK"

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "SANDS" "HUMPHREYS" "WARREGO"  
 SC.738 SC.750 "KAPUNDA" YDG.2  
 "YUNNAN" (ASIS) 8 LSTs YP.280

Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "ROCKHAMPTON"

Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "GILMER" "PIRIE" "FULTON" "RIGEL"  
 "H.T.ALLEN" 8 LSTs "POYANG" (ASIS) YP.233 YMS.6  
 YMS.11 YMS.46 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.53 YMS.71  
 SC.698 SC.740 SC.741 SC.744 SC.748 SC.981  
 ML.424 ML.425 "KURUMBA"  
 (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "LITHGOW" "GEELONG" "VICTORIA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Choiseul - It is reported 23/5 that the Japanese have left Bambatana Mission (middle of S.W. coast) where they were previously reported to be some 50-100 strong.
- (2) N.E. Bougainville - Enemy patrols are reported, 23/5, to be active from Tinputz southward to Inus (two thirds of the way to Numanuma), razing villages as reprisals against natives who are avoiding the Japanese.
- (3) Kavieng - The aerodrome and shipping at Kavieng were attacked from 0330/23 until daylight by 4 Fortresses and one Liberator. Only one ship, described as 8,000 tons, was located off the wharf area and a near miss scored thereon.
- (4) Gazelle Peninsula - Two cargo ships of 6,000 tons were observed off-shore on the north coast of Gazelle Peninsula at 0548/23, by aircraft returning from Kaviang, indicating the dispersal of shipping from Simpsons Harbour.
- (5) Open Bay - A corvette was reported at 0545/23 in position 7 miles S.W. of Ubili course 90° speed 15 knots.
- (6) Cape Orford - Further evidence of the submarine "shuttle" from Rabaul to Lae has been received:-  
 0720/23 - 1 submarine off Cape Orford course north  
 1500/23 - 1 submarine off Cape Orford course south  
 At 0330/24, aircraft reported 2 ships, described as destroyers, in position 75 miles S.W. of Cape Orford on course 45°. It is considered that these ships may be submarines as the time, position and course fit in with sightings of northward bound submarines off Cape Orford on the regular "shuttle".
- (7) Gasmata - The aerodrome was bombed 1317/23 by 4 Liberators which encountered 10 enemy fighters. Two of these fighters were destroyed.  
 Reconnaissance at 1520/23 reported from observation from 2,000 feet that the bomb craters had been filled on the runway which was serviceable.
- (8) Cape Gloucester - Reconnaissance observations 1225/23 show both runways to be serviceable.
- (9) Lae - A ground report, 2224/23, states that enemy merchant vessels were in Lae Harbour. No further detail or confirmation is as yet available.
- (10) Wewak - Photos 1030/23 show one coaster and 77 barges including 7 large. 31 fighters are present on Wewak aerodrome: 26 light bombers and 4 medium bombers on Boram.
- (11) Nassau Bay - Enemy villages and installations in the Nassau Bay area were bombed and strafed 0715-0810/23 by 4 Beaufighters and 5 Bostons. 40 native canoes on the beach were amongst other targets attacked.
- (12) Port Moresby - Enemy aircraft, possibly only one, dropped a few bombs on Fairfax Harbour near the causeway at 0130/24.



## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/24:

(1) 6 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL" ML.814 ML.815  
Merchant Vessels: "SIBIGO" "CARDROSS" "ALAGNA"

### (11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Frederik Hendrik Is. - Three enemy bombers attacked the township of Kimaan (western shore of Princess Marianne Strait) on 12/5. Some damage was suffered but no casualties.
- (2) Darwin Area - A single enemy reconnaissance plane was over the Darwin area at approximately 1000/23.

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## 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/24:

- (1) "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" escorting "DOMION MONARCH" to Fremantle.  
(2) "VAN HEEMSKERK" en route to Exmouth Gulf.  
(3) "HERON" departed Geraldton 1011/23 for Exmouth Gulf ETA a.m. 25/5.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "VAN GALEN" "TJERK HIDDEN"  
"DUBBO" "HORSHAM" "WALLAROO" "WHIPPOORWILL"  
"OTUS" "CHILDS"  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B. PRESTON" "PELIAS" "LARK"  
"CHANTICLEER" SC.739 SS.751 "ISABEL" YP.286

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## 4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/24:

- (1) "SC.742" escorting 2 APC's en route Noumea to Sydney ETA 26/5.  
(2) "CONYNGHAM" departed Sydney 0717/22 to RV with "MIZAR" in position 33°S 160°E at 1130/23 and escort to Sydney.  
(3) Convoy C095 disbanded owing to weather and returned Sydney.  
(4) "NEPAL" departed Sydney 1130/23 for Melbourne.  
(5) "COOTAMUNDRA" "FREMANTLE" departed Sydney 0600/22 for working up exercises in Broken Bay.  
(6) "DELORAIN" "MORESBY" "KALGOORLIE" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy GP52 (8 MV) departed Sydney 0928/23 ETA Caloundra 1100/26.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "HENLEY" "HELM" "O'BANNON"  
"RADFORD" "VESTAL" "BALLARAT" "BENALLA" "KYBRA"  
"GLADSTONE" "GOLDSTAR" "COLAC" "MILDURA"  
"WARRNAMBOOL" "BENDIGO" "GLENELG" "TOWNSVILLE"  
"MOUNT VERNON" (AP) "WANGANELLA" (AH) "BINGERA"  
"ALSEY" 7 APC ML.428 ML.818 YMS.72  
(Repairing) "STUART" "BROOKS" "ALHENA" "MANUNDA" (AH)  
(On Reserve) "WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "BUNDABERG" "MANOORA" "ABRAHAM  
CRIJNSSEN" "DOOMBA"  
(Refitting) "QUIBERON" "LE TRIOMPHANT"



B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - THORNTON (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE (CL)  
STRONG NICHOLS WARD CHEVALIER (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV)  
HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) DIXIE (AD) MACKINAC (AVP)
- (3) At Noumea - INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS NORTH CAROLINA (BB) SARATOGA  
VICTORIOUS (CV) SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN (CL) KILTY WOODWORTH  
McCALL SMITH HOPKINS BUCHANAN FANNING CASE CRAVEN  
PATTERSON MAURY SAUFLEY SELFRIDGE DUNLAP RALPH TALBOT  
GRIDLEY PRINGLE DENT CUMMINGS BAGLEY MUGFORD TALBOT (DD)  
PRESIDENT HAYES PRES. JACKSON PRES. ADAMS (AP) PROMETHEUS (AR)  
WHITNEY (AD)
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
- (5) At Samoa - AMERICAN LEGION (AP) GWIN WATERS (DD) TREVOR (DM)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK RAIL  
VIREO (AM) LOGUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) ORTOLAN (ASR)  
MENOMINEE (AT) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)
- (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER  
MONTPELLIER (CL) CHEWANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV) EATON  
CONVERSE WALLER PHILIP RENSHAW LANG WILSON CONWAY (DD)  
BALLARD (AV)
- (8) At Wellington - TAYLOR (DD) TRACY (DM) LIBRA (AK)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) New Caledonia - An enemy submarine was indicated within 100 miles of 22°S 168°E (90 miles E. by N. of Noumea) at 1817/23. At 0325/24, "STANVAC MANILA" was torpedoed in position 23°44'S 168°32'E (approx 100 miles S. of Noumea) - see Naval Incidents.
- (2) New Hebrides - An enemy submarine was indicated within 250 miles of 17°S 165°E at 0456/22. This position is 150 miles W. by S. of Malekula.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

Noumea - "STANVAC MANILA" (U.S. Tanker; 10,169 tons) reported being torpedoed at 0325/24 in position 23°44'S 168°32'E (100 miles S. of Noumea). No further details are yet to hand.

"STANVAC MANILA" was fully loaded and due Noumea 24/5 from America.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation north coast New Guinea and East Indies including aircraft reinforcement.
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24/5/43



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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>		<u>South Pacific</u>	<u>Truk-Naitit-Bismarcks- Solomons</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	MUTSU NAGATO
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA VICTORIOUS	-
<u>XCV</u>	-	-	ZUIHO
<u>ACV</u>	-	CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE	-
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	-	CHOKAI KUMANO SUZUYA * AOBA
<u>CL</u>	HOBART	HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE LEANDER COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO (poss. Empire) MINTSU SENDAI KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA ISUZU KINU KUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	3
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT O'BANNON RADFORD HELM HENLEY PERKINS CONYNGHAM MAHAN STUART VENDETTA * QU IBERON * NEPAL	Approx 40	Approx 30

\* Non-effective



Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-  
Solomons

<u>SS</u>	DRUM ) PETO ) At Brisbane	S.31	Approx 30
	ALBACORE ) CATO ) GREENLING ) GROUPE ) GROWLER ) GUARDFISH ) SCAMP ) TUNA )	On Patrol	
	K.9 At Sydney		
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	5
<u>PT</u>	25	Approx 30	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H. T. ALLEN MANOORA * WESTRALIA * KANIMBLA * BROOKS GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON		3 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE WHITNEY	?
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL VESTAL	PROMETHEUS	2
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)</u>			
Fighters			217
M/Bombers			184
SE/Bombers			40
Flying Boats			6
Floatplanes			53
Transport A/C			19

\* Non-effective



2. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	WASHINGTON IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE	YAMATO MUSASHI ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA KONGO HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU HOSEI (TrainingShip)
<u>XCV</u>	LONG ISLAND	* HAYATAKA HITAKA RYUHO
<u>ACV</u>	NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	CHUYO UNYO
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA NEW ORLEANS PORTLAND INDIANAPOLIS * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS * PENSACOLA	ATAGO TAKAO HAGURO TONE TIKUMA
<u>OCA</u>	-	3
<u>CL</u>	RALEIGH DETROIT	ABUKUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	4
<u>AV/CVS</u>	?	NISSHIN
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	2
<u>DD</u>	Approx 20	Approx 24
<u>AS</u>	Approx 40	Approx 25
<u>AS/XAS</u>	?	2

3. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>CA</u>	-	NACHI 1 unidentified
<u>CL</u>	CONCORD TRENTON RICHMOND	TAMA KISO
<u>XCL</u>	-	2
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	10	9
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 15

\* Non-effective



ALLIED FORCES

4. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-  
Philippines

<u>SB</u>	-	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	+
<u>CV</u>	-	∅ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>ACV</u>	-	-	OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX * HAWKINS * PROBISHER	-
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERCK TROMP	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KASHII OI KITAGAMI * NATORI
<u>XGL</u>	-	∅ ALAUNIA CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA RANCHI WORCESTERSHIRE	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	* KAMOI NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	TJERK HIDDES VAN GALEN	Approx 27	12
<u>SS</u>	GAR ) GRAYLING ) GRENNADIER ) TAMBOR ) TAUTOG ) THRESHER )	On Patrol	10
	TROUT	At Exmouth Gulf	
	K.12	At Fremantle	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)</u>			
Fighters			143
M/Bombers			125
Flying Boats			12
Floatplanes			28
Transport A/C			31

∅ No recent intelligence  
Present location uncertain.

\* Non-effective



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. 428

Date: 25th May, 1943

P A R T I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/25:

- (1) "WHYALLA" surveying.
- (2) "SUMNER" "SC.745" "SC.749" surveying Deboyne Is. area.
- (3) "BOWEN" departed Milne Bay 1614/24 for Stephens Is and ETA 0800/26. To escort "MAETSUYCKER" "ANDREW D. WHITE" to Milne Bay.
- (4) "SHEPPARTON" departed Milne Bay 1116/24 for Cairns ETA 1200/26.
- (5) "YMS.10" "YMS.47" "YMS.48" "YMS.70" departed Cairns 0630/22 to carry out M/S duties.
- (6) "WARREGO" escorting Convoy TS34 ("EWING YOUNG" "CREMER" ex Townsville; "YARRA" ex Bowen) departed Townsville 2126/24 for Brisbane.
- (7) "VENDETTA" escorting "PRESIDENT JOHNSON" from RV (26°31'S, 157°42'E) ETA Caloundra 1900/25.
- (8) "GOULBURN" en route Brisbane after escort duty with Convoy BT61.
- (9) "YDG.2" was to depart Townsville 0700/25 for Palm Island.
- (10) "BUNBURY" "SC.747" escorting "WILLIAM B. ALLISON" "JOSEPH HOLT" to Milne Bay ETA 1400/25.
- (11) "WAGGA" escorting "VAN DEN BOSCH" "ADMIRAL CHASE" "WILLIAM B. MEREDITH" to Port Moresby was due 1100/25.
- (12) "YP.280" departed Townsville 1158/24 for Milne Bay ETA 1700/27.
- (13) "BISHOPDALE" dep. Townsville 2220/24 for Cairns ETA 1400/25.
- (14) "KAPUNDA" departed Townsville 1505/24 for Cairns.
- (15) "SC.648" escorting "W.E. CHANNING" (for Townsville ETA 0500/26) departed Gladstone 1800/24. "SC.648" to provide escort to Percy Islands and return Brisbane.
- (16) "GYMPIE" escorting 8 LCT's from Caloundra to Townsville via Mackay ETA Mackay 2359/25.
- (17) "SC.731" escorting "PULGANBAR" departed Milne Bay 1509/24 for Oro Bay ETA 1400/25.
- (18) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "SC.746"
	Merchant Vessels: "ANHUI"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "HILO" 15 PTs
	Merchant Vessels: "VAN SWOLL" "ARTHUR RIGGS" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "KEY PITMAN" "THEDENS"
	Small Craft - Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - HDML.1074 HDML.1161 YP.291
	Merchant Vessels: "JOHN WHITTAKER" "AROONA" "CITY OF FORT WORTH" "JUMIPERA SIERRA"
	Small Craft - Approx 20
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "SWAN" "WILCANNIA" "CASTLEMAINE" "LATROBE" "TULSA" YMS.9 YES.49 YMS.50 YP.236 12 PTs



Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "KATOOMBA" "PLATYPUS" SC.732  
ML.426 ML.817 2 Pts refitting

Cid Harbour - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "WARRAMUNGA"  
"ARUNTA" "MAHAN" "PERKINS" "FLUSSE"  
"DRAYTON" "MERKUR" "AASE MAERSK"

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "SANDS" "HUMPHREYS" "PC.1121"  
SC.738 SC.750 "YUNNAN" (ASIS)  
8 LSTs

Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "ROCKHAMPTON"

Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "GILMER" "ECHUCA" "PIRIE" "FULTON"  
"RIGEL" "H.T.ALLEN" 8 LSTs "PCYANG" (A.S.I.S.)  
YP.233 YMS.8 YMS.11 YMS.46 YMS.51 YMS.52  
YMS.53 YMS.71 SC.698 SC.740 SC.741 SC.744  
SC.748 SC.981 ML.424 ML.425 "KURUMBA"  
(Repairing, Trials etc.) - "LITHGOW" "GEELONG" "VICTORIA"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Kolombangara - Ringi Cove, a centre of barge activity west of Vila, was attacked 0955/24 by 19 dive-bombers and 4 Corsairs covered by 16 Wildcats.
- (2) Shortlands - Kahili and Ballae were bombed 2300/23 to 0100/24 by 5 Liberators. Three cargo ships were observed near Ballae and one of them was unsuccessfully bombed.
- (3) Rabaul - Lakunai, Vunakanau and Rapopo aerodromes and the seaplane base at Sulphur Creek were raided 0030-0200/24 by 6 Fortresses and 5 Liberators. Fires were started in revetment and dispersal areas on all three aerodromes and aircraft were visible burning on Rapopo for 30 minutes. A single enemy night fighter was encountered.

One Liberator crash-landed on return and all crew were killed; one Fortress force-landed in the sea but all members of crew are safe.

Photos 1000/24 show 51 medium bombers and 15 fighters at Vunakanau plus 2 fighters and 2 bombers unserviceable.

The reconnaissance aircraft observed a small cargo vessel at 1000/24 in Talili Bay course 270°.

- (4) Gasmata-Cape Orford - Further to the report by aircraft of two destroyers sighted at 0330/24 75 miles S.W. Cape Orford on course 45°, the observer on Cape Orford reported two destroyers passing northward at 0600/24. This discounts the view that the two vessels reported by the aircraft were possible submarines on the normal Rabaul - Lae shuttle.
- (5) Gasmata - The aerodrome was bombed 1400/24 by 7 B.25's. Photographs taken during the attack indicate that the runway may possibly be serviceable for fighters.
- (6) Lae - Later intelligence indicates that the vessels reported in Lae Harbour during the evening 23/5 were present before 2115/23, probably only a short time before. Evidence is inconclusive but from reports available it would appear unlikely that the two destroyers seen off Gasmata and off Cape Orford were responsible for the report from Lae. It is not yet known what ships actually were at Lae at that time.

The Malahang wreck was attacked 0505-0540/24 by 5 Bostons. No other sightings were made in the harbour.

- (7) Wewak - Photographs 1210/24 show one sub.chaser, 7 power boats, 2 coastal craft in Wewak Harbour. It is recalled that on the previous day 77 barges were present.

At least 35 fighters are visible on Wewak. At Boram 4 fighters, 21 light and 3 medium bombers are present.

- (8) Saidor - Local sources report 23/5 barges are continually moving along the coast near Saidor at night. A constant air patrol was maintained along the coast during the night 23-24/5 apparently escorting barges.

Strong enemy patrols are reported to have operated in the vicinity of Saidor 11-23/5.

- (9) Salamaua - Allied patrols occupied Hote, Dahc and Cissebom (all a few miles west to N.W. of Hobbubi) a.m. 23/5 without opposition.



- (10) Buka - Local sources report 24/5 that three luggers, one of 150 tons, 2 of 50 tons, arrived at Buka Passage from Kieta.
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## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (i) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/25:

- (1) 5 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL" ML.814 ML.815  
Merchant Vessels: "SIBIGO" "CARDROSS" "ALAGNA"

### (ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Merauke Area - One unidentified floatplane, or possibly more, was reported over Okaba (50 miles N.W. of Merauke) at 0945/24 heading N.W.
- (2) Keopang - 2 B.25's which attacked Penfoei aerodrome at 2025/24, observed 2 ships in the harbour estimated at 3000 tons each. A number of barges were also noted.
- (3) Darwin - A single enemy reconnaissance plane was over the Darwin area 0947/24.
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## 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

### (i) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/25:

- (1) "VAN HEEMSKERK" en route to Exmouth Gulf.
- (2) "HERON" departed Geraldton 1011/23 for Exmouth Gulf, was due a.m. 25/5.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "VAN GALEN"  
"TJERK HIDDIES" "DUBBO" "HORSHAM" "WALLAROO"  
"WHIPPOORWILL" "OTUS" "CHILDS"  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B. PRESTON" "PELIAS" "LARK"  
"CHANTICLEER" SC.739 SC.751 "ISABEL" YP.286

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## 4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

### (i) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/25:

- (1) "SC.742" escorting 2 APC en route Noumea to Sydney ETA 26/5.
- (2) "COOTAMUNDRA" "FREMANTLE" departed Sydney 0600/22 for working up exercises in Broken Bay.
- (3) "DELORAINIE" "MORESBY" "KALGOORLIE" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy GP52 (7 MV's) departed Sydney 0928/23 ETA Caloundra 1100/26. "BROOME" returning after escort duty with "MOBILFUEL" was ordered to provide additional escort for Convoy GP52 if sufficient fuel available.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "CONYNGHAM" "HELM" "O'BANNON"  
"RADFORD" "VESTAL" "BALLARAT" "BENALIA" "KYBRA"  
"GLADSTONE" "GOLDSTAR" "COLAC" "MILDURA"  
"WARRNAMBOOL" "BENDIGO" "GLENELG" "TOWNSVILLE"  
"MOUNT VERNON" (AP) "WANGANELLA" (AH) "BINGERA"  
"ALSEY" 7 APC ML.428 ML.818 YMS.72 "MIZAR"



Sydney (Contd.)  
 (Repairing) "STUART" "BROOKS" "ALHENA" "MANUNDA" (AH)  
 (On Reserve) "WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"  
 Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "NEPAL" "BUNDABERG" "MANOORA"  
 "ABRAHAM C RIJNSSEN" "DOOMBA"  
 (Refitting) "QUI HERON" "LE TRIOMPHANT"  
 Geelong - Warships & Aux. - "BUNGAREE"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "WARRNAMBOOL" "MILDURA" "TOWNSVILLE" "BINGERA" ML.428 ML.818  
 escorting Convoy C095 (12 MV's) to depart Sydney  
 1300/25.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Port Macquarie - A German "Y Star" type mine was washed  
 ashore at Port Macquarie on 20/5 and has been rendered  
 safe. The appearance of the mine indicates that it has  
 been floating for at least six months.  
 (2) Coffs Harbour - A submarine was reported to have been sighted  
 shortly before 0300/25 32 miles east of Coffs Harbour.  
 Investigation is in progress.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - THORNTON (AVD)  
 (2) At Espiritu Santo - HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE (CL)  
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 McCALL HOPKINS BUCHAWAN FANNING CASE CRAVEN PATTERSON  
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 PRINGLE DENT CUMMINGS BAGLEY MUGFORD TALBOT (DD)  
 PRES. HAYES PRES. JACKSON PRES. ADAMS (AP) PROMETHEUS (AR)  
 WHITNEY (AD)  
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 (5) At Samoa - AMERICAN LEGION (AP) GWIN WATERS (DD) TREVOR (DM)  
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 VIREO (AM) LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) ORTOLAN (ASR)  
 MEMOMINEE (AT) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)  
 (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER  
 MONTEPELLIER (CL) CHEMANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV) EATON  
 CONVERSE WALLER PHILIP REMSHAW LANG WILSON CONWAY (DD)  
 BALLARD (AV)  
 (8) At Wellington - TAYLOR (DD) TRACY (DM) LIBRA (AK)

NAVAL INCIDENTS

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25.5.43

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1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-  
Solomons

<u>BB</u>	-	NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	MUTSU NAGATO
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA VICTORIOUS	-
<u>XCV</u>	-	-	ZUIHO
<u>ACV</u>	-	CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE	●
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	-	CHOKAI KUMANO SUZUYA * AOBA
<u>CL</u>	HOBART	HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE LEANDER COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO (poss. Empire) JINTSU SENDAI KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA ISUZU KINU KUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	3
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT O'BANNON RADFORD HELM HENLEY PERKINS CONYNGHAM MAHAN STUART VENDETTA NEPAL * QUIBERON	Approx 40	Approx 30

\* Non-effective



Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-  
Solomons

SS DRUM ) S.31 Approx 30  
HE TO ) At Brisbane

ALBACORE )  
GATO )  
GREENLING )  
GROUPEL ) On Patrol  
GROWLER )  
GUARDFISH )  
SCAMP )  
TUNA )

K.9 At Sydney

AV/GVS - CURTISS CHITOSE  
TANGIER AKITSUSHIMA

XAV/XCVS - 3 5

PT 25 Approx 30 ?

APA/APD/AKA H. T. ALLEN 10 APA  
MANOORA 11 APD  
\* WESTRALIA 6 AKA  
\* KANIMBLA  
\* BROOKS  
GILMER  
SANDS  
HUMPHREYS

AS or XAS FULTON 3 or more

AD DOBBIN DIXIE  
WHITNEY

AR RIGEL 2  
VESTAL

AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)

Fighters	201
M/Bombers	197
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Floatplanes	53
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ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

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<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU HOSHO (Training Ship)
<u>XCV</u>	LONG ISLAND	HAYATAKA HITAKA RYUHO
<u>ACV</u>	NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	CHUYO UNYO
	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA NEW ORLEANS PORTLAND INDIANAPOLIS * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS * PENSACOLA	ATAGO TAKAO HAGURO TONE TIKUMA
<u>OCA</u>	-	3
<u>CL</u>	RALEIGH DETROIT	ABUKUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	4
<u>AV/CVS</u>	?	NISSHIN
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	2
<u>DD</u>	Approx 20	Approx 24
<u>SS</u>	Approx 40	Approx 25
<u>AS/XAS</u>	?	2

3. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>CA</u>	-	NACHI 1 unidentified
<u>CL</u>	CONCORD TRENTON RICHMOND	TAMA KISO
<u>XCL</u>	-	2
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>AS</u>	10	9
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 15

\* Non-effective



4. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Philippines

<u>BB</u>	-	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	∅ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>ACV</u>	-	-	OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX * HAWKINS * FRCBISHER	-
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK TROMP	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KASHII OI KITAGAMI NATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	∅ ALAUNIA CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA RANCHI WORCESTERSHIRE	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI * NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	TJERK HIDDES VAN GALEN	Approx 27	12
<u>SS</u>	GAR ) GRALING ) GRENADIER ) TAMBOR ) TAUTOG ) THRESHER ) TROUT At Exmouth Gulf K.12 At Fremantle	On Patrol	10
<u>AS or XAS</u>	BELIAS	?	1

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)

Fighters	143
M/Bombers	125
Flying Boats	12
Floatplanes	28
Transport A/C	31

∅ No recent intelligence.  
Present location uncertain.

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SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA  
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre  
**DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY**

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

No. 429

Date: 26th May, 1943

P A R T I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA:(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/26:

- (1) "WHYALLA" surveying.
- (2) "SUMNER" "SC.745" "SC.749" surveying Deboyne Is. area.
- (3) "BOWEN" departed Milne Bay 1614/24 for Stephens Is. was due 0800/26. To escort "MAETSUYCKER" "ANDREW D. WHITE" to Milne Bay.
- (4) "SC.746" escorting "ANHUI" en route Milne Bay from Oro Bay.
- (5) "LATROBE" escorting "BALIKPAPAN" was to depart Thursday Is. 0900/26 for Merauke ETA 0600/27.
- (6) "SHEPPARTON" departed Milne Bay 1116/24 for Cairns ETA 1200/26.
- (7) "YP.291" departed Port Moresby 1246/25 for Townsville ETA 0200/28.
- (8) "YP.236" dep. Thursday Is. 0728/25 for Cairns ETA 1800/28.
- (9) "YMS.10" "YMS.48" "YMS.70" sweeping vicinity Grafton Passage.
- (10) "WARREGO" escorting Convoy TS34 ("CREMER" for Qadstone; "EWING YOUNG" "YARRA" for Brisbane) departed Townsville 2125/24 ETA Brisbane 1300/28.
- (11) "SMITH" escorting "CARINA" en route Noumea to Townsville ETA 1300/30.
- (12) "BALLARD" escorting 6 PT's en route Tulagi to Milne Bay ETA 31/5.
- (13) "SC.648" returning Brisbane after escort duty to Percy Islands.
- (14) "YP.280" departed Townsville 1158/24 for Milne Bay ETA 1700/27.
- (15) "GYMPIE" escorting 8 LCT's from Caloundra to Townsville via Mackay was due Mackay 2359/25.
- (16) "ECHUCA" was to depart Brisbane 1230/25 to exercise with submarine. On completion "ECHUCA" to proceed Sydney.
- (17) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - SC.731
	Merchant Vessels: "PULGANBAR"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "BUNBURY" "SC.747" "HILO" 15 PTs
	Merchant Vessels: "VAN SWOLL" "ARTHUR RIGGS" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "KEY PITMAN" "THEDENS" "JOSEPH HOLT" "WILLIAM B. ALLISON"
	Small Craft - Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "WAGGA" HDML.1074 HDML.1161
	Merchant Vessels: "JOHN WHITTAKER" "AROONA" "ADMIRAL CHASE" "WILLIAM B. MEREDITH" "CITY OF FORT WORTH" "JUNIPERA SIERRA" "VAN DEN BOSCH"
	Small Craft - Approx 20
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "SWAN" "WILCANNIA" "CASTLEMAINE" "PULSA" YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 12 PTs



Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "KATOOMBA" "KAPUNDA" "PLATYPUS"  
 "BISHOPDALE" SC.732 ML.426  
 ML.817 2 Pts refitting

Cid Harbour - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "WARRAMUNGA"  
 "ARUNTA" "MAHAN" "PERKINS" "FLUSSE"  
 "DRAYTON" "MERKUR" "AASE MAERSK"

Palm Is. - Warships & Aux. - YDG.2

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "SANDS" "HUMPHREYS" PC.1121  
 SC.738 SC.750 "YUNNAN" (ASIS)  
 8 LSTs

Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "ROCKHAMPTON"

Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA" "CAP DES PALMES"  
 "GILMER" "LITHGOW" "PIRIE" "GOULBURN" "FULTON"  
 "RIGEL" "H.T.ALLEN" 8 LSTs "POYANG" (ASIS)  
 YP.233 YMS.8 YMS.11 YMS.46 YMS.51 YMS.52  
 YMS.53 YMS.71 SC.698 SC.740 SC.741 SC.744  
 SC.748 SC.981 ML.424 ML.425 "KURUMBA"  
 "PRESIDENT JOHNSON"  
 (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "GEELONG" "VICTORIA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "GOULBURN" "LITHGOW" ML.425 escorting Convoy BT62 (5 MV)  
 to depart Caloundra 1500/26.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Rekata Bay - Enemy building activity was reported in progress  
 24/5. 12 Dauntless, 1 Avenger bombed Rekata Bay, and 8  
 Wildcats strafed Susavanu Point area morning 25/5. 24 Wildcats  
 provided a cover. Hits were scored on ammunition dumps  
 causing explosions and a fire.
- (2) Kolombangara - A report 24/5 states that recent barge movements  
 round the south coast of Kolombangara indicate that the main  
 barge centre is at Vovohe (Webster) Cove (3 miles N.W. of Vila  
 River mouth).
- (3) Bougainville Island - It was reported 25/5 that the enemy are  
 in strength at Gazelle Bay (2 miles East of Mutupina Point)  
 and Mawareka (4 miles E.N.E. of Mutupina Point).  
 This is the first report of Japanese activity on the  
 western coast of Bougainville Island for some considerable  
 time. The enemy were stated to have an observation post in  
 the Mutupina Point area 7th January, but native sources  
 reported the evacuation of Mutupina Point 20th February.
- (4) Cape Orford - A large submarine was observed off Cape Orford  
 heading north at 0959/25. The time of this sighting is some  
 2½ hours later than the normal time of sighting of submarines  
 proceeding north past Cape Orford en route Rabaul from Lae.
- (5) Chimbu - Six twin-engined enemy aircraft strafed Chimbu (74 miles  
 S.W. of Madang) at 1112/25.
- (6) Madang - Photos 1020/25 reveal improvements to runway and  
 dispersal lanes. One serviceable aircraft is visible, and  
 the runway is serviceable.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 12 00/26:

- (1) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL" ML.814 ML.815  
 Merchant Vessels: "SIBIGO" "CARDROSS" "ALAGNA"

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### 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

#### (1) ALLIED FORCES

##### (a) At Sea to 1200/26:

- (1) "YP.288" departed Exmouth Gulf 1700/24 for Fremantle ETA 1200/28.

##### (b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "VAN GALEN"  
"TJERK HIDDEN" "DUBBO" "HORSHAM" "WALLAROO"  
"WHIPPOORWILL" "OTUS" "CHILDS"  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "VAN HEEMSKERK" "HERON"  
"W.B. PRESTON" "PELIAS" "LARK" "CHANTICLEER"  
SC.739 SC.751 "ISABEL" YP.286

### 4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

#### (1) ALLIED FORCES

##### (a) At Sea to 1200/26:

- (1) "SC.742" escorting 2 APC en route Noumea to Sydney ETA 26/5.  
(2) "COOTAMUNDRA" en route Newcastle to Sydney.  
(3) "BROOME" en route Sydney after escort duty with "MOBILFUEL"  
ETA 1900/26. (Note: "BROOME" did not have sufficient  
fuel to provide additional escort for Convoy GP52.)  
(4) "WARRNAMBOOL" "WILDURA" "TOWNSVILLE" "BINGERA" escorting Convoy  
G095 (12 MV's) departed Sydney 1419/25.  
(5) "DELORAIN" "MORESEY" "KALGOORLIE" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy  
GP52 departed Sydney 0928/23 were due Caloundra 1100/26.

##### (b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "CONYNGHAM" "HELM" "O'BANNON"  
"RADFORD" "VESTAL" "BALLARAT" "BENALLA" "KYBRA"  
"GLADSTONE" "GOLDSTAR" "COLAC" "BENDIGO"  
"GIENELG" "MOUNT VERNON" (AP) "WANGANILLA" (AH)  
"ALSEY" 7 APC YMS.72 "MIZAR"  
(Repairing) "STUART" "BROOKS" "ALHENA" "MANUNDA" (AH)  
(On Reserve) "WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "NEPAL" "BUNDABERG" "MANOORA"  
"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "DOOMBA"  
(Refitting) "QUIBERON" "LE TRICHPHANT"  
Geelong - Warships & Aux. - "BUNGAREE"

##### (c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "CONYNGHAM" escorting "MOUNT VERNON" to depart Sydney 1300/26.  
"CONYNGHAM" to provide escort to 158° East and return  
Sydney.  
(2) "DELORAIN" "KALGOORLIE" "YANDRA" "MORESBY" escorting Convoy  
PG52 (8 MV) to depart Caloundra 1400/26.  
(3) "QUIBERON" "NEPAL" to depart Port Phillip 1400/26 for Fremantle  
ETA 31/5.

### B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

#### (1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - THORNTON (AVD)  
(2) At Espiritu Santo - HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE (CL)  
STRONG NICHOLS WARD CHEVALIER (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV)  
HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) DIXIE (AD) MACKINAC (AVP)  
(3) At Noumea - INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS NORTH CAROLINA (BB) SARATOGA  
VICTORIOUS (CV) SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN (CL) KILTY WOODWORTH  
HOPKINS BUCHANAN FANNING CASE PATTERSON MAURY SAUFLEY



SELFIDGE DUNLAP RALPH TALBOT GRIDLEY PRINGLE DENT  
CUMMINGS BAGLEY MUGFORD TALBOT (DD) CHEVREUIL (Sloop)  
PRES. HAYES PRES. JACKSON PRES. ADAMS (AP) PROMETHEUS (AR)  
WHITNEY (AD)

- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
- (5) At Samoa - GWIN WATERS (DD) TREVOR (DM) AMERICAN LEGION (AP)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK RAIL VIREO (AM)  
LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) ORTOLAN (ASR)  
MENOMINEE (AT) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)
- (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER  
MONTPELLIER (CL) CHEMANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV) EATON  
CONVERSE WALLER PHILIP RENSHAW LANG WILSON CONWAY (DD)
- (8) At Wellington - TAYLOR (DD) TRACY (DM) LIBRA (AK)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Ysabel Island - A native report states that an enemy bomber  
dropped a total of 8 bombs in the Maringe area (S.E. coast  
of Ysabel) on the nights 20-23/5 inclusive.

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NAVAL INCIDENTS

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation north coast New Guinea and East Indies  
including aircraft reinforcement.
- (2) Sporadic air raids on allied forward operational bases  
in S.W.P.A. and lines of communication.
- (3) Increased activity in Northern Theatre.
- (4) Intense submarine activity including transportation and  
offensive operations in all theatres.

*J. Owen.*

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

26/5/43



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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-  
Solomons

<u>BB</u>	-	NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	MUTSU NAGATO
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA VICTORIOUS	HOSHIG
<u>XCV</u>	-	-	ZUIHO
<u>ACV</u>	-	CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE	-
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	-	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI KUMANO SUZUYA * AOBA
<u>CL</u>	HOBART	HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE LEANDER COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO (poss. Empire) JINTSU SENDAI KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA ISUZU KINU KUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	3
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT O'BANNON RADFORD HELM HENLEY PERKINS CONYNGHAM MAHAN STUART VENDETTA NEPAL * QUIBERON	Approx 40	Approx 30

\* Non-effective



Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-  
Solomons

<u>SS</u>	DRUM )	S.31	Approx 30
	GUARDFISH )	At Brisbane	
	PETO )		
	ALBACORE )		
	GATC )		
	GREENLING )		
	GROUPEL )	On Patrol	
	GROWLER )		
	SCAMP )		
	TUNA )		

K.9 At Sydney

<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA
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<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	5
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<u>PT</u>	25	Approx 30	?
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<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H. T. ALLEN	10 APA	
	MANOORA	11 APD	
* WESTRALIA		6 AKA	
* KANIMELA			
* BROOKS			
GILMER			
SARDS			
HUMPHREYS			

<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON		3 or more
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<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE WHITNEY	
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<u>AR</u>	RIGEL VESTAL	PROMETHEUS	2
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AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)

Fighters	222
M/Bombers	232
SE/Bombers	2
Flying Boats	6
Floatplanes	53
Transport A/C	19

\* Non-effective



2. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	WASHINGTON IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE	YAMATO MUSASHI ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA KONGO HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU <del>KOSHO (Training Ship)</del>
<u>XCV</u>	LONG ISLAND	HAYATAKA HITAKA KYUHO
<u>ACV</u>	NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	CHUYO UNYO
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA NEW ORLEANS PORTLAND INDIANAPOLIS * SALT LAKE CITY - MINNEAPOLIS * PENSACOLA	NACHI MYOKO HAGURO TONE TIKUMA
<u>OCA</u>	-	3
<u>CL</u>	RALEIGH DETROIT	ABUKUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	4
<u>AV/GVS</u>	?	NISSHIN
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	2
<u>DD</u>	Approx 20	Approx 24
<u>SS</u>	Approx 40	Approx 25
<u>AS/XAS</u>	?	2

3. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>CL</u>	CONCORD TRENTON RICHMOND	TAMA KISO
<u>XCL</u>	-	2
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	10	9
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 15

\* Non-effective



4. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Philippines

	-	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	♠ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>ACV</u>	-	-	OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX * HAWKINS * FROBISHER	-
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK TROMP	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KASHII OI KITAGAMI NATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	♠ ALAUNIA CARTEAGE CHITRAL RANPURA RANCHI WORCESTERSHIRE	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI * NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	TJERK HIDDES VAN GALEN	Approx 27	12
<u>SS</u>	GAR ) GRAYLING ) GRENADIER ) On Patrol TAMBOR ) TAUTOG ) THRESHER ) TROUT ) At Exmouth Gulf K.12 At Fremantle		10
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1
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- (1) "MAHAN" escorting Convoy TN97 ("TAROONA") departed Townsville 1946/26 for Port Moresby ETA 1000/28.
- (2) "SUMNER" "SC.745" "SC.749" surveying Deboyne Is. area.
- (3) "SC.746" escorting "ANHUI" en route Milne Bay from Oro Bay.
- (4) "WAGGA" escorting "CITY OF FORT WORTH" departed Port Moresby 1103/26 for Milne Bay ETA 2000/27.
- (5) "BUNBURY" escorting "KEY PITMAN" "THEDENS" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" departed Milne Bay 1414/26 for Port Moresby ETA 0700/28.
- (6) "LATROBE" escorting "BALIKPAPAN" was to depart Thursday Island 0900/26 for Merauke ETA 0600/28.
- (7) "YP.291" departed Port Moresby 1246/25 for Townsville ETA 0200/28.
- (8) "YP.236" dep. Thursday Island 0728/25 for Cairns ETA 1800/28.
- (9) "YMS.10" "YMS.48" "YMS.70" sweeping vicinity Grafton Passage.
- (10) "WARREGO" escorting Convoy TS34 ("EWING YOUNG" "CREMER") en route Townsville to Brisbane ETA 1300/28.
- (11) "SMITH" escorting "CARINA" en route Noumea to Townsville ETA 1300/30.
- (12) "BALLARD" escorting 6 PT's en route Tulagi to Milne Bay ETA 31/5.
- (13) "YP.280" departed Townsville 1158/24 for Milne Bay ETA 1700/27.
- (14) H.T. "KATOOMBA" towing ML.817 en route Cairns to Thursday Island.
- (15) "GOULBURN" "LITHGOW" "ML.425" escorting Convoy BV62 ("KOOLIGA" "MONTORO" "BAN HONG LIONG" "S.H.YOUNG" "A.JUDSON" LST.455) departed Caloundra 1505/26. ML.425 to detach Lady Elliot Island and return Brisbane. "GOULBURN" "LITHGOW" to escort to Percy Islands and return Brisbane.
- (16) "ECHUCA" was to depart Brisbane 1230/25 to exercise with submarine. On completion "ECHUCA" to proceed Sydney.
- (17) "SC.748" departed Caloundra 0253/27 to RV with "VIRGINIAN" in approx position 28°10'S 160°30'E at 1400/28 and escort to Brisbane.
- (18) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. -	SC.731
	Merchant Vessels:	"PULGANBAR"
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	Small Craft	- Approx 20
Stephens Is.	- Warships & Aux. -	"BOWEN"



Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux.	- "SWAN" "WILCANNIA" "CASTLEMAINE"
		"TULSA" YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 12 PTs
Cairns	- Warships & Aux.	- "SHEPPARTON" "KATOOMBA" "KAPUNDA"
		"PLATYPUS" "BISHOPDALE" SC.732
		ML.426 2 PTs refitting
Cid Harbour	- Warships & Aux.	- "AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "WARRAMUNGA"
		"ARUNTA" "HERKINS" "FLUSSER"
		"DRAYTON" "AASE MAERSK"
Palm Island	-- Warships & Aux.	- YDG.2
Townsville	- Warships & Aux.	- "SANDS" "HUMPHREYS" PC.1121
		SC.738 SC.750 "YUNNAN" (ASIS)
		8 LST's "MERKUR"
Mackay	- Warships & Aux.	- "GYMPIE" 8 LST's
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux.	- "ROCKHAMPTON"
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux.	- "VENDETTA" "CAP DES PALMES"
		"GILMER" "PIRIE" "FULTON" "RIGEL" "H.T.ALLEN"
		4 LSTs "POYANG" (ASIS) YP.233 YMS.8
		YMS.11 YMS.46 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.53 YMS.71
		SC.648 SC.698 SC.740 SC.741 SC.744 SC.981
		ML.424 "KURUMBA" "PRESIDENT JOHNSON"
	(Repairing, Trials etc.) -	"GEELONG" "VICTORIA"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Kolombangara - At 1440/25, one enemy bomber and 20 fighters passed over Kolombangara heading S.E. The aircraft returned at 1515/25.
- (2) Buka - Shortly before 1800/25, 6 bombers departed Buka for S.E. Considerable air activity was reported at Buka on 24/5.
- (3) Talasea Area - At 1620/25 reconnaissance sighted 150 outrigger canoes extended over 2-3 miles along W.coast Willaumez Peninsula opposite Talasea. No personnel or stores were observed.
- (3) Madang - The aerodrome was raided 0935-1010/26 by 4 Liberators. Two Zeros were encountered by the Liberators and 4-5 were seen over the aerodrome at about the same time by Beaufighters which were in the area.
- (4) Lae - The aerodrome was brought into use again 26/5. Two fighters were observed patrolling at 1005/26 while probably another two landed and refuelled prior to departure to the west.
- (5) Mubo Area - Enemy installations at Observation Hill were bombed and strafed 0900-0930/26 by 5 Bostons.

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2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/27:

- (1) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL" ML.814 ML.815  
Merchant Vessels: "SIBIGO" "CARDROSS" "ALAGNA"

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/27:

- (1) "ADELAIDE" was to RV with "HERMITAGE" in position 32°58'S, 109°43'E at 1000/27 and escort to Melbourne.
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(3) "YP.288" departed Exmouth Gulf 1700/24 for Fremantle ETA 1200/28.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "VAN GALEN" "DUBBO" "HORSHAM"  
"WALLAROO" "WHIPPOCRWILL" "OTUS" "CHILDS"  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "VAN HEEMSKERK" "HERON"  
"W.B.PRESTON" "PELIAS" "LARK" "CHANTICLEER"  
SC.739 SC.751 "ISABEL" "YP.286"

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4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/27:

- (1) "CONYNGHAM" escorting "MOUNT VERNON" departed Sydney 1359/26.  
"CONYNGHAM" to provide escort to 158°E and return Sydney.
- (2) "DELORAINÉ" "KALGOORLIE" "YANDRA" "MCRESBY" escorting Convoy PG52 (8 MV) departed Caloundra 1230/26 ETA Coff's Harbour 2300/27, Newcastle 2359/28, Sydney 0600/29.
- (3) "WARRNAMBOOL" "MILDURA" "FREMANTLE" "BINGERA" escorting Convoy C095 (12 MV). (Note: "FREMANTLE" replaced "TOWNSVILLE" which detached to Port Kembla with engine trouble.)
- (4) "QUIBERON" "NEPAL" departed Port Phillip 1525/26 for Fremantle ETA 1000/31.
- (5) "TOWNSVILLE" departed Port Kembla 2359/26 for Jervis Bay.
- (6) "BENDIGO" departed Sydney 1800/26 ETA Caloundra 1700/28.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "HEMLEY" "HELM" "VESTAL" "BALLARAT"  
"BENAILLA" "KMBRA" "COOTAMUNDRA" "BROOME" "GLADSTONE"  
"COLAC" "GLENELG" "GOLDSTAR" "ALSEY"  
"WANGANELLA" (AH) SC.742 9 APC YMS.72 "MIZAR"  
(Repairing) "O'BANNON" "RADFORD" "STUART" "BROOKS" "ALHENA"  
"MANUNDA" (AH)  
(On Reserve) "WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "BUNDABERG" "MANOORA" "DOOMBA"  
"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN"  
(Refitting) "LE TRIOMPHANT"  
Geelong - Warships & Aux. - "BUNGAREE"

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SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - THORNTON (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE (CL)  
STRONG NICHOLS WARD CHEVALIER (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV)  
HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) DIXIE (AD) MACKINAC (AVP)
- (3) At Noumea - INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS NORTH CAROLINA (BB) SARATOGA  
VICTORIOUS (CV) LEANDER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN (CL) KILTY  
WOODWORTH HOPKINS BUCHANAN FANNING CASE PATTERSON  
MAURY SAUFLEY STANLEY LAMSON SELFRIDGE DUNIA P GRIDLEY  
RALPH TALBOT PRINGLE DENT CUMMINGS BAGLEY MUGFORD  
TALBOT (DD) CHEVREUIL (Sloop) FULLER PRES. HAYES  
PRES. JACKSON PRES. ADAMS (AP) PROMETHEUS (AR) WHITNEY (AD)  
POCOMOKE (AV)
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
- (5) At Samoa - GWIN WATERS (DD) TREVOR (DM) AMERICAN LEGION (AP)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK RAIL VIREO (AM)  
LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) ORTOLAN (ASR)  
MENOMINEE (AT) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)
- (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER  
MONTPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV) EATON  
CONVERSE WALLER PHILIP RENSHAW LANG WILSON CONWAY (DD)
- (8) At Wellington - TAYLOR (DD) TRACY (DM) LIBRA (AK)



(ii) ENEMY FORCES

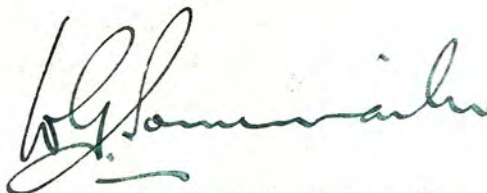
- (1) New Caledonia - At 0950/26, a submarine was reported 21 miles S.W. of Noumea and at 1045/26 another submarine 120 miles N.N.W. of Noumea course 200°.
- (2) New Zealand - Aircraft reported possible submarine contacts:-  
At 1330/26 - 135 miles N. by W. of North Cape  
At 1630/26 - 143 miles N. of North Cape

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NAVAL INCIDENTS

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation north coast New Guinea and East Indies including aircraft reinforcement.
- (2) Sporadic air raids on allied forward operational bases in S.W.P.A. and lines of communication.
- (3) Increased activity in Northern Theatre.
- (4) Intense submarine activity including transportation and offensive operations in all theatres.



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

27/5/43



27/5/43

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-  
Solomons

<u>BB</u>	-	NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	MUTSU NAGATO
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA VICTORIOUS	HOSHO (Training Ship)
<u>CV</u>	-	-	ZUIHO
<u>ACV</u>	-	CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE	-
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	-	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI KUMANO SUZUYA * AOBA
<u>CL</u>	HOBART	HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE LEANDER COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO (poss. Empire) JINTSU SENDAI KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA ISUZU KINU KUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	3
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT * O'BANNON * RADFORD HELM HENLEY PERKINS CONYNGHAM MAHAN STUART VENDETTA NEPAL QUIBERON	Approx 40	Approx 30

\* Non-effective



Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-  
Solomons

SS	ALBACORE )	§.31	Approx 30
	DRUM )		
	GUARDFISH )	At Brisbane	
	PETO )		
	GATO )		
	GREENLING )		
	GROUPEE )	On Patrol	
	GROWLER )		
	SCAMP )		
	TUNA )		
	SILVERSIDES)		
	K.9 At Sydney		

<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA
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<u>V/XCVS</u>	-	3	5
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<u>PT</u>	25	Approx 30	?
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<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T.ALLEN	10 APA	
	MANOORA	11 APD	
	* WESTRALIA	6 AKA	
	* KANIMBLA		
	* BROOKS		
	GILMER		
	SANDS		
	HUMPHREYS		

<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON		3 or more
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<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE WHITNEY	
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<u>AR</u>	RIGEL VESTAL	PROMETHEUS	2
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AIRCRAFT (N.E.Area Only)

Fighters	221
M/Bombers	230
SE/Bombers	2
Flying Boats	6
Floatplanes	53
Transport A/C	19

\* Non-effective



2. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	WASHINGTON IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE	YAMATO MUSASHI ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA KONGO HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>XCV</u>	LONG ISLAND	HAYATAKA HITAKA RYUHO
<u>ACV</u>	NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	CHUYO UNYO
<u>A</u>	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA NEW ORLEANS PORTLAND INDIANAPOLIS * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS * PENSACOLA	NACHI MYOKO HAGURO TONE TIKUMA
<u>OCA</u>	-	3
<u>CL</u>	RALEIGH DETROIT	ABUKUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	4
<u>AV/CVS</u>	?	NISSHIN
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	2
<u>DD</u>	Approx 20	Approx 24
<u>SS</u>	Approx 40	Approx 25
<u>AS/XAS</u>	?	2

3. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>CL</u>	CONCORD TRENTON RICHMOND	TAMA KISO
<u>XCL</u>	-	2
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	10	9
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 15

\* Non-effective



4. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Philippines

<u>BB</u>	-	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	3 -
<u>CV</u>	-	♠ ILLUSTRIOUS	2 -
<u>ACV</u>	-	-	OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX * HAWKINS * FROBISHER	-
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSEKERK TROMP	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KASHII OI KITAGAMI NATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	♠ ALAUNIA CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA RANCHI WORCESTERSHIRE	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI * NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	TJERK HIDDES VAN GALEN	Approx 27	12
<u>SS</u>	GAR ) GRAYLING ) G RENADIER ) TAMBOR ) TAUTOG ) THRESHER )	On Patrol	10
	TROUT	At Exmouth Gulf	
	K.12	At Fremantle	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)

Fighters	152
M/Bombers	125
Flying Boats	12
Floatplanes	43
Transport A/C	31

♠ No recent intelligence.  
Present location uncertain.

\* Non-effective



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. 431

Date: 28th May, 1943

P A R T I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

- (1) "MAHAN" escorting Convoy TN97 ("TAROONA") departed Townsville 1946/26 for Port Moresby was due 1000/28.
- (2) "SUMNER" "SC.745" "SC.749" surveying Deboyne Is. area.
- (3) "SC.746" escorting "ANHUI" en route Milne Bay from Oro Bay.
- (4) "WAGGA" escorting "CITY OF FORT WORTH" departed Port Moresby 1103/26 for Milne Bay was due 2000/27.
- (5) "BUNBURY" escorting "KEY PITMAN" "THEDENS" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" departed Milne Bay 1414/26 for Port Moresby was due 0700/28.
- (6) "SWAN" escorting "DUNTROON" departed Thursday Island 2038/27 for Darwin ETA 1130/30.
- (7) "YP.291" departed Port Moresby 1246/25 for Townsville was due 0200/28.
- (8) "YP.236" dep. Thursday Island 0728/25 for Cairns ETA 1800/28.
- (9) "YMS.10" "YMS.48" "YMS.70" sweeping vicinity Grafton Passage.
- (10) "BISHOPDALE" dep. Cairns 1737/27 for Townsville was due 1100/28.
- (11) "WARREGO" escorting Convoy TS34 ("EWING YOUNG" "CREMER") en route Townsville to Brisbane ETA 1300/28.
- (12) "SMITH" escorting "CARINA" enroute Noumea to Townsville ETA 1300/30.
- (13) "BALLARD" escorting 6 PTs en route Tulagi to Milne Bay ETA 31/5.
- (14) "YP.280" dep. Townsville 1158/24 for Milne Bay was due 1700/27.
- (15) H.T. "KATOOMBA" towing ML.817 en route Cairns to Thursday Island.
- (16) "GYMPIE" escorting 8 LCT's en route Mackay to Townsville.
- (17) "GOULBURN" "LITHGOW" ML.425 escorting Convoy BV62 ("KOOLIGA" "MONTORO" "BAN HONG LIONG" "S.H.YOUNG" "A. JUDSON" LST.455) departed Caloundra 1505/26. ML.425 to detach Lady Elliot Island and return Brisbane. "GOULBURN" "LITHGOW" to escort to Percy Is. and return Brisbane.
- (18) "GILMER" escorting 6 LCI's departed Brisbane 1716/27 for Townsville ETA 1600/30.
- (19) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. -	SC.731
	Merchant Vessels:	"PULGANBAR"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. -	"WHYALLA" SC.747 "HILO" 15 PTs
	Merchant Vessels:	"VAN SWOLL" "ARTHUR RIGGS" "JOSEPH HOLT" "WILLIAM B. ALLISON"
	Small Craft	- Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. -	HDML.1074 HDML.1161
	Merchant Vessels:	"JOHN WHITTAKER" "ADMIRAL CHASE" "WILLIAM B. MEREDITH" "JUNIPERA SIERRA" "VAN DEN BOSCH"
	Small Craft	- Approx 20



Stephens Is. - Warships & Aux. - "BOWEN"  
 Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "WILCANNIA" "CASTLEMAINE" "TULSA"  
                   YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 12 PT's  
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "SHEPPARTON" "KATOOMBA" "KAPUNDA"  
                   "PLATYPUS" SC.732 ML.426  
                   2 PTs refitting  
 Cid Harbour - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "WARRAMUNGA"  
                   "ARUNTA" "PERKINS" "FLUSSER"  
                   "DRAYTON" "AASE MAERSEK"  
 Palm Island - Warships & Aux. - YDG.2  
 Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "SANDS" "HUMPHREYS" PC.1121  
                   SC.738 SC.750 "YUNNAN" (ASIS)  
                   8 LST's "MERKUR"  
 Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "ROCKHAMPTON"  
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA" "CAP DES PALMES"  
                   "FULTON" "RIGEL" "H.T.ALLEN" 8 LSTs YP.233  
                   YMS.8 YMS.11 YMS.46 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.53  
                   YMS.71 SC.648 SC.698 SC.740 SC.741 SC.744  
                   SC.748 SC.981 ML.424 "KURUMBA" "PRESIDENT  
                   JOHNSON"  
 (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "GEELONG" "VICTORIA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) SC.741 SC.981 escorting 11 LCT's were to depart Caloundra 2100/28 for Townsville.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Shortlands - Reconnaissance a.m. 27/5 observed 4 cargo vessels in the area east of Kahili. One of the ships was being unloaded into barges.  
 (2) Buka - At approximately 0725/26, 7 enemy bombers flew over N. Bougainville heading S.E.  
 (3) Kavieng - At 1010/27, 2 gunboats escorting 6 cargo vessels of 3-5000 tons each were observed in the N.W. entrance to Gazelle Channel, course 120°.  
 (4) Rabaul - Photos 1000/27 reveal:-

Shipping (N.end of Harbour obscured by cloud)  
 1 light cruiser - "YUBARI" class  
 5 destroyers  
 5 submarines  
 25 merchant vessels totalling 118,000 tons  
 Total 36 ships  
Aircraft - In Harbour - 1 flying boat, 11 floatplanes  
 Vunakanau - 39 fighters, 24 medium bombers  
 Lakunai - 83 fighters, 6 medium bombers,  
 38 light bombers.

The above photos are incomplete and Rapopo aerodrome, where previous photos showed 5 F, 35 M/B, 4 L/B, was not covered. The minimum totals of land-based aircraft would thus appear to be approximately 130 fighters, 65 medium bombers, 45 light bombers.

Work continues on the new Keravat Aerodrome.

- (5) Cape Orford - At 1715/27, a submarine was sighted off Cape Orford proceeding south.  
 (6) Wewak - Photos 1015/27 reveal:-  
 Dagua (partially obscured) - 15 fighters, 6 L/B  
 Wewak (badly blurred) - 36 prob. F,  
 Boram - 7 fighters, 12 L/B, 3 M/B  
58 Fighters 18 L/B, 3 M/B

But aerodrome was apparently not covered: previous photos showed 16 L/B, on this aerodrome.

- (7) Madang - 5 B.25's attacking the aerodrome area 0935/26 in conjunction with 4 Liberators (reported in yesterday's Summary 27/5) sighted 12 enemy bombers at 0920/26, 15 miles S.E. of Madang course south.  
 (8) Morobe-Douglas Harbour Area - Approximately 30 enemy aircraft raided Morobe Harbour, Mambare Bay, and Douglas Harbour between 1030 and 1055/26.

The formation included at least 7 Zeros, 8 medium bombers and 8 light bombers.



All three places were bombed and strafed but reports to hand indicate that damage was light while one person was killed and another wounded.

The report of a group of aircraft sighted 15 miles S.E. of Madang heading south at 0920/26 indicates that at least part of the raiding force came from the Wewak air bases.

- (9) Lae - The aerodrome and dispersal areas, buildings and Terrace, Jacobsen's Plantation, Labu Lagoon and the Malahang wreck were attacked 1000-1115/27 by 6 Beaufighters followed by 8 strafing B.25's with 9 Liberators and 7 bombing B.25's. Two aircraft were observed on the runway and both were destroyed. One Beaufighter was lost.

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## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/28:

- (1) 4 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin	- Warships & Aux.	- "INVERELL" ML.814 ML.815
	Merchant Vessels:	"SIBIGO" "CARDROSS" "ALAGNA"
Merauke	- Warships & Aux.	- "LATROBE"
	Merchant Vessels:	"WANAKA"

### (11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Merauke Area - The report of enemy aircraft over Okaba at 0945/24 has been discounted.
- (2) Kai Islands - Langgoer airfield was attacked 1930-2015/27 by 3 Hudsons and a B.25.

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## 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/28:

- (1) "ADELAIDE" was to RV with "HERMITAGE" in position 32°58'S, 109°43'E at 1000/27 and escort to Melbourne.
- (2) "TROMP" escorting "DOMINION MONARCH" "NIEUW AMSTERDAM" departed Fremantle 1100/26 to RV with "SUSSEX" in position 25°15'S, 90°54'E p.m. 29/5. "TJERK HIDDIES" was to provide local escort to 110°E.
- (3) "YP.288" departed Exmouth Gulf 1700/24 for Fremantle was due 1200/28.
- (4) "HERON" departed Exmouth Gulf 26/5 ETA Geraldton 1200/28.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Fremantle	- Warships & Aux.	- "VAN GALEN" "DUBBO" "HORSHAM"
		"WALLAROO" "WHIPPOORWILL" "OTUS" "CHILDS"
Exmouth Gulf	- Warships & Aux.	- "VAN HEEMSKERK" "W.B. PRESTON"
		"PELIAS" "LARK" "CHANTICLEER" SC.739 SC.751
		"ISABEL" YP.286

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## 4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/28:

- (1) "CONYNGHAM" returning Sydney after escort duty with "MOUNT VERNON"
- (2) "DELORAINIE" "KALGOORLIE" "YANDRA" "MORESBY" escorting Convoy



PG52 departed Caloundra 1230/26 ETA Newcastle 1705/28, Sydney 2205/29.

- (3) "BUNDABERG" "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC95 (13 vessels including "BUNGARE") dep. Port Phillip 2237/27 to RV in Wilson's Promontory area with "WARRNAMBOOL" "MILDURA" "FREMANTLE" "BINGERA" escorting Convoy C095 ETA Convoy OC95 Port Kembla 1800/30, Sydney 2359/30, Newcastle 0800/31.
- (4) "QUIBERON" "NEPAL" dep. Port Phillip 1525/26 for Fremantle ETA 1700/30.
- (5) "BENDIGO" en route Sydney to Cape Moreton to RV with and join "PIRIE" "ECHUCA" escorting Convoy P352A (2 vessels including "POYANG") at approx 1200/28. Convoy to proceed Sydney.
- (6) "BROOKS" departed Sydney 0951/27 for Townsville.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "VESTAL" "BALLARAT" "BENALLA"  
"EYBRA" "COOTAMUNDRA" "BROOME" "GLADSTONE"  
"COLAC" "GLENELG" "GOLDSTAR" "ALSEY"  
"WANGANILLA" (AH) SC.742 9 APC YMS.72 "MIZAR"  
ML.428 ML.818  
(Repairing) "O'BANNON" "RADFORD" "HENLEY" "HELM" "STUART"  
"ALBENA" "MANUNDA" (AH)  
(On Reserve) "WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"  
Jervis Bay - Warships & Aux. - "TOWNSVILLE"  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN"  
(Refitting) "LE TRIOMPHANT"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "COLAC" "BALLARAT" "GLENELG" to depart Sydney so as to RV with Newcastle section Convoy C096 off Nobby's Head at 0530/29. "TOWNSVILLE" ML.428 ML.818 to dep. Sydney 1330/29 with Sydney section and join Newcastle section off Sydney. ML.428 ML.818 to be detached at 0600/31 and proceed to base at Eden

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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - THORNTON (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE (CL)  
STRONG NICHOLS WARD CHEVALIER (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV)  
HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) DIXIE (AD) MACKINAC (AVP)
- (3) At Noumea - INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS NORTH CAROLINA (BB) SARATOGA  
VICTORIOUS (CV) LEANDER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN (CL) KILTY  
WOODWORTH HOPKINS BUCHANAN PANNING CASE PATTERSON  
MAURY SAUFLEY STANLY LAMSON SELFRIDGE DUNLAP GRIDLEY  
RALPH TALBOT PRINGLE DENT JUMMINGS BAGLEY MUGFORD  
TALBOT (DD) CHEVREUIL (Sloop) FULLER PRES. JACKSON  
PRES. HAYES PRES. ADAMS (AP) PROMETHEUS (AR) WHITNEY (AD)  
POCOMOKE (AV)
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
- (5) At Sanca - GWIN WATERS (DD) TREVOR (DM) AMERICAN LEGION (AP)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK RAIL VIREO (AM)  
LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) ORTOLAN (ASR)  
MENOMINEE (AT) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)
- (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER  
MONTPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV) EATON  
CONVERSE WALLER PHILIP RENSHAW LANG WILSON CONWAY (DD)
- (8) At Wellington - TAYLOR (DD) TRACY (DM) LIBRA (AK)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Fiji-New Hebrides Area - At 0650/27, 2 submarines were sighted by aircraft approx 50 miles E.N.E. of Aneityum Is. course 25°. In addition, a possible enemy submarine was reported at 1215/27 in vicinity of 20°45'S 172°52'E (95 miles south of Kundavu Is., Fiji) while a D/F fix was made within 50 miles of 12°S 171°E (255 miles E.N.E. of Vanua Lava, New Hebrides) at 1936/27.

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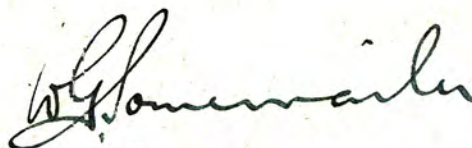


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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation north coast New Guinea and East Indies including aircraft reinforcement.
- (2) Sporadic air raids on allied forward operational bases in S.W.P.A. and lines of communication.
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G.H.Q., S.W.P.A.

28/5/43



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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-  
Solomons

<u>BB</u>	-	NORTE CAROLINA INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	MUTSU NAGATO
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA VICTORIOUS	HOSHO (Training Ship)
<u>ACV</u>	-	-	ZUIHO
<u>ACV</u>	-	CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE	-
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	-	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI * AOBA
<u>CL</u>	HOBART	HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE LEANDER COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	JINTSU SENDAI KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA ISUZU * KUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	3
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA * LE TRIOMPHANT * O'BANNON * RADFORD * HELM * HENLEY PERKINS CONYNGHAM MAHAN STUART VENDETTA NEPAL QUIBERON	Approx 40	Approx 30

\* Non-effective



Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-  
Solomons

<u>SS</u>	ALBACORE ) DRUM ) PETO )	S.31 At Brisbane	Approx 30
	GATO ) GREENLING ) GROUPEL ) GROWLER ) GUARDFISH ) SCAMP ) SILVERSIDES ) TUNA )	On Patrol	
	K.9	At Sydney	
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA
<u>V/XCVS</u>	-	3	5
<u>PT</u>	25	Approx 30	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T.ALLEN MANOORA * WESTRALIA * KANIMBLA * BROOKS GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON		3 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DI XIE WHITNEY	
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL VESTAL	PROMETHEUS	2
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.E.Area Only)</u>			
Fighters			221
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SE/Bombers			2
Flying Boats			6
Floatplanes			53
Transport A/C			19

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2. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	WASHINGTON IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE	YAMATO MUSASHI ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA KONGO HARUMA
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE	ZUIKA KU SHOKAKU
<u>XCV</u>	-	HAYATAKA HITAKA RYUHO
<u>ACV</u>	NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE LONG ISLAND	CHUYO UNYO OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA NEW ORLEANS PORTLAND INDIANAPOLIS * SALT LAKE CITY * PENSACOLA * MINNEAPOLIS	NACHI MYOKO HAGURO TONE TIKUMA SUZUYA KUMANO
<u>OCA</u>	-	6
<u>CL</u>	RALEIGH DETROIT	ABUKUMA AGANO
<u>XCL</u>	-	4
<u>AV/CVS</u>	?	NISSHIN
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	2
<u>DD</u>	Approx 20	Approx 24
<u>SS</u>	Approx 40	Approx 25
<u>AS/XAS</u>	?	2

3. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>CL</u>	CONCORD TRENTON RICHMOND	TAMA KISC
<u>XCL</u>	-	2
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	10	9
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 15

\* Non-effective



4. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Philippines

<u>BB</u>	-	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	♠ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>ACV</u>	-	-	-
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX * HAWKINS * PROBISHER	-
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK TROMP	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA CERES DAUNTIE SS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KASHII OI KITAGAMI * NATORI KINU
<u>XCL</u>	-	♠ ALAUNIA CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA RANCHI WORCESTERSHIRE	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMO I * NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	TJERK HIDDES VAN GALEN	Approx 27	12
<u>SS</u>	GRAYLING ) GRENADIER ) TAMBOR ) On Patrol TAUTOG )		10
	TROUT	At Exmouth Gulf	
	GAR ) THRESHER ) K.12 )	At Fremantle	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1
<u>AIRCRAFT</u>	(N.W. Area Only)		
Fighters			152
M/Bombers			125
Flying Boats			12
Floatplanes			43
Transport A/C			31

♠ No recent intelligence.  
Present location uncertain.

\* Non-effective



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. 432

Date: 29th May, 1943

P A R T I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/29:

- (1) "DRAYTON" was to depart Cid Harbour 1200/28 for Sydney ETA 1500/30.
- (2) "SC.747" escorting "VAN SWOLL" dep. Milne Bay 0848/22 for Belu Bell.
- (3) "BUNBURY" escorting "JOHN WHITTAKER" departed Port Moresby 1333/28 for Milne Bay ETA 1700/29.
- (4) "WHYALLA" departed Milne Bay 1645/27 for survey ground.
- (5) "SUMNER" "SC.745" "SC.749" surveying Deboyne Is. area.
- (6) "YMS.10" "YMS.48" "YMS.70" sweeping vicinity Grafton Passage.
- (7) "BISHOPDALE" dep. Cairns 1737/27 for Townsville, was due 1100/28.
- (8) "SMITH" escorting "CARINA" enroute Noumea to Townsville ETA 1300/30.
- (9) "BALLARD" escorting 6 PTs en route Tulagi to Milne Bay ETA 31/5.
- (10) "YP.291" departed Townsville 1746/28 for Brisbane ETA 2000/31.
- (11) "GOULBURN" "LITHGOW" were to RV with Convoy VB35 ("MANGOLA" "HENRY D.THOREAU") off High Peak at 0700/29 and escort to Brisbane. "YARRA" "TIME" ex Gladstone to RV with and join convoy at 2300/29.
- (12) "ML.425" en route Lady Elliot Island to Brisbane.
- (13) "BROOKS" en route Sydney to Townsville.
- (14) "GILMER" escorting 6 LCI's departed Brisbane 1716/27 for Townsville ETA 1600/30.
- (15) "SC.741" "SC.981" escorting 11 LCT's were to depart Caloundra 2100/28 for Townsville.
- (16) "YMS.11" "YMS.51" "YMS.52" "YMS.53" departed Caloundra 1621/28 for Townsville.
- (17) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. -	SC.731
	Merchant Vessels:	"PULGANBAR"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. -	"WAGGA" "SC.746" "YP.280" "HILO"
		15 PTs
	Merchant Vessels:	"ARTHUR RIGGS" "JOSEPH HOLT"
		"WILLIAM ALLISON" "CITY OF FORT WORTH" "ANHUI"
	Small Craft	- Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. -	"MAHAN" HDML.1074 HDML.1161
	Merchant Vessels:	"KEY PITMAN" "ADMIRAL CHASE"
		"WILLIAM B.MEREDITH" "JUNIPERA SIERRA" "TAROONA"
		"VAN DEN BOSCH" "THEDENS" "EMPIRE HAMBLE"
	Small Craft	- Approx 20
Stephens Is.	- Warships & Aux. -	"BOWEN"
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. -	"WILCANNIA" "CASTLEMAINE" "TULSA"
		YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 ML.817 12 PT's



Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "SHEPPARTON" "KATOOMBA" "KAPUNDA"  
 "PLATYPUS" SC.732 YP.236  
 ML.426 2 PTs refitting

Cid Harbour - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "HOEART" "WARRAMUNGA"  
 "ARUNTA" "PERKINS" "FLUSSER"

Palm Island - Warships & Aux. - YDG.2

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "SANDS" "HUMPHREYS" "GYMPIE"  
 PC.1121 SC.738 SC.750 "YUNNAN" (ASIS)  
 8 LST's 7 LCTs "MERKUR" "AASE MAERSK"

Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "ROCKHAMPTON"

Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA" "CAP DES PALMES"  
 "WARREGO" "FULTON" "RIGEL" "H.T.ALLEN" 8 LSTs  
 YP.233 YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.71 SC.698 SC.740  
 SC.744 SC.748 ML.424 "KURUMBA" "PRESIDENT  
 JOHNSON"

(Repairing, Trials etc) - "GEELONG" "VICTORIA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) New Georgia - Native sources report that Japanese landed on Gatulai Is. p.m. 26/5 from 2 barges.  
 Owing to bad weather, no shipping was located at about 0800/28 in the Kolombangara area by a strike mission consisting of 24 torpedo and dive-bombers with 48 fighters. Targets at Munda were attacked instead. Intense A.A. fire was encountered and 3 torpedo bombers were hit, of which two force-landed in the sea: crews are safe.
- (2) Bougainville - At 0730/27, 3 enemy bombers passed over Central Bougainville heading S.E.
- (3) New Ireland-Buka - At 0830/28, a four ship convoy was sighted by aircraft 20 miles E.N.E. of East Cape (New Ireland), course 130°, speed 10 knots. Photographs show the convoy to comprise 2 merchant ships (1500-2000 tons each), 1 coaster and a sub. chaser.  
 Probably the same convoy, although reported to consist of 2 cargo vessels and 3 sub.chasers, was reported at 1540/28 5 miles W. of Cape Henpan (N. Buka Is.) course 160°.  
 The convoy would appear bound for Buka Passage or the Shortlands base.
- (4) Namatanai Area - Photographs 0835/28 reveal the construction of a runway 1410 x 50 yards on Elizabeth Bay (E.coast 25 miles S.E. of Namatanai). No aircraft or A.A. positions are visible but 9 fighter revetments are under construction.
- (5) Kavieng Area - At approx 1100/28, 1 cargo vessel escorted by 2 sub.chasers, was sighted by aircraft 65 miles N. of Kavieng course 310°, speed 14 knots.
- (6) Ataliklikun Bay - Merchant ships were observed by aircraft in Ataliklikun Bay at 0830/28. Distance prevented accurate observation as to size or number.
- (7) Bogia-Madang - At 0900/28, a 6 ship convoy was sighted by aircraft 90 miles N.N.W. of Hansa Bay course 150° speed 10 knots. Photographs show the convoy to consist of 4 merchant ships of 5000 tons each, escorted by 1 destroyer and 1 gunboat. The convoy was shadowed until 1730/28 when in a position 25 miles N.N.W. of Hansa Bay course ~~150°~~ 160° speed 10 knots.
- (8) Wewak - Dagua, Boram and Wewak aerodromes were attacked 0345-0446/28 by 4 Liberators and 6 Fortresses.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/29:

- (1) "SWAN" escorting "DUNTRON" departed Thursday Island 2038/27 for Darwin ETA 1130/30.
- (2) "INVERELL" escorting Convoy DT22 ("ALAGNA" "CARDROSS") departed Darwin 0532/28 for Thursday Island ETA 0800/2 June.
- (3) 5 submarines on patrol.



(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - ML.814 ML.815  
Merchant Vessels: "SIBIGO"  
Merauke - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE"  
Merchant Vessels: "WANAKA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Millingimbi - Eight enemy medium bombers escorted by six Zeros raided Millingimbi aerodrome 1340/28. A few drums of petrol were destroyed but otherwise only slight damage and no casualties were caused. Six Spitfires intercepted and preliminary reports indicate that 3 enemy bombers were destroyed and others damaged. Two Spitfires were lost but the pilot of one is safe.

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/29:

- (1) "ADELAIDE" was to RV with "HERMITAGE" in position 32°58'S, 109°43'E at 1000/27 and escort to Melbourne.  
(2) "TRCMP" returning Fremantle after escort duty Indian Ocean area.  
(3) "QUIBERON" "NEPAL" departed Port Phillip 1525/26 for Fremantle ETA 1700/30.  
(4) "VAN HEEMSKERK" "PELIAS" "ISABEL" "CHANTICLEER" SC.739 SC.751 en route Exmouth Gulf to Fremantle ETA 0800/30.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "TJERE HIDDES" "VAN GALEN"  
"DUBBO" "HORSHAM" "WALLAROO" "WHIPPOORWILL"  
"OTUS" "CHILDS" YP.288  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B.PRESTON" "LARK" YP.286  
Geraldton - Warships & Aux. - "HERON"

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4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/29:

- (1) "HENLEY" departed Sydney 1353/28 for Townsville.  
(2) "PIRIE" "ECHUCA" "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy PG52A (2 vessels including "PCYANG") en route Cape Moreton to Sydney ETA 2200/30.  
(3) "DELORAIN" "KALGOORLIE" "YANDRA" "MORESBY" escorting Convoy PG52 departed Caloundra 1230/26 ETA Newcastle 1105/29, Sydney 1605/30.  
(4) "COLAC" "BALLARAT" "GLENELG" departed Sydney 2326/28 to RV with Newcastle portion Convoy C096 off Nobby's Head at 0530/29. "TOWNSVILLE" ML.428 ML.818 to depart Sydney 1330/29 with Sydney section and join Newcastle section off Sydney. ML.428 ML.818 to be detached at 0600/31 and proceed to base at Eden.  
(5) ML.431 ML.819 departed Sydney 1003/28 for Jervis Bay.  
(6) "WARRNAMBOOL" "MILDURA" "FREMANTLE" "BUNDABERG" escorting Convoy OC95 (17 vessels incl. "EUNGAREE") en route Port Kembla ETA 1800/30, Sydney ETA 2359/30, Newcastle 0800/31.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "CONYNGHAM" "VESTAL" "BENALLA"  
"KWBRA" "COOTAMUNDRA" "BROOME" "GLADSTONE"  
"TOWNSVILLE" "GOLDSTAR" "ALSEY" "WANGANELLA" (AH)  
SC.742 9 APC YMS.72 "MIZAR" ML.428 ML.818



Sydney (Contd.)

(Repairing)

(On Reserve)

Melbourne

(Refitting)

"O'BANNON" "RADFORD" "HELM" "STUART" "ALHENA"

"MANUNDA" (AH)

"WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"

- Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN"

"DOOMBA"

"LE TRIOMPHANT"

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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA:

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - THORNTON (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE (CL)  
STRONG NICHOLS WARD CHEVALIER (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV)  
HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) DIXIE (AD) MACKINAC (AVP)
- (3) At Noumea - INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS NORTH CAROLINA (BB) SARATOGA  
VICTORIOUS (CV) SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN (CL) KILTY WOODWORTH  
HOPKINS BUCHANAN FANNING CASE PATTERSON MAURY SAUFLEY  
SELFRIEDGE DUNLAP GRIDLEY RALPH TALBOT PRINGLE DENT  
CUMMINGS BAGLEY MUGFORD TALBOT (DD) CHEVREUIL (Sloop)  
JAMESTOWN (PG) PRES. JACKSON PRES. HAYES PRES. ADAMS (AP)  
PROMETHEUS (AR) WHITNEY (AD) POCOMOKE (AV)
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
- (5) At Samoa - GWIN WATERS (DD) TREVOR (DM) AMERICAN LEGION (AP)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - BOBOLINK RAIL VIREO (AM) LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN)  
WANDANK (YT) ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) STRATFORD (AP)  
PATHFINDER (AGS)
- (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER  
MONTPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV) EATON  
CONVERSE WALLER PHILIP RENSHAW LANG WILSON CONWAY (DD)
- (8) At Wellington - TAYLOR (DD) TRACY (DM) LIBRA (AK)

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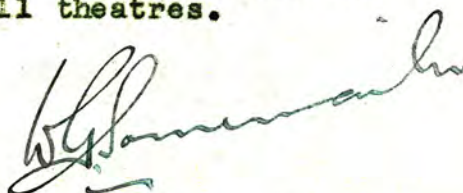
NAVAL INCIDENTS

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<u>V</u>	-	-	ZUIHO
<u>ACV</u>	-	CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE	-
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	-	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI * AOBA
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<u>XCL</u>	-	-	3
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Southwest Pacific  
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South Pacific

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Solomons

<u>SS</u>	ALBACORE ) DRUM ) PETO )	S.31 At Brisbane	Approx 30
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	K.9	At Sydney	
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER	CHITOSE AKIT SUSHIMA
<u>NAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	5
<u>PT</u>	25	Approx 30	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T.ALLEN MANGORA * WESTRALIA * KANIMBLA BROOKS GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA	
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ALLIED FORCES

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<u>XCV</u>	-	HAYATAKA HITAKA HYUHO
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<u>XCL</u>	-	4
<u>AV/CVS</u>	?	NISSHIN
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	2
<u>DD</u>	Approx 20	Approx 24
	Approx 40	Approx 25
<u>AS/XAS</u>	?	2

3. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>CA</u>	-	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	CONCORD TRENTON RICHMOND	TAMA KISO
<u>XCL</u>	-	2
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>SS</u>	10	9
	10	Approx 15

\* Non-effective



4. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEANALLIED FORCESENEMY FORCESSouthwest Pacific  
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Philippines

<u>BB</u>	-	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	-
<u>C</u>	-	∅ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>ACV</u>	-	-	UNYO
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX * HAWKINS * PROEISHER	-
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK TROMP	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KASHII OI KITAGAMI * NATORI KINU
<u>XCL</u>	-	∅ ALAUNIA CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA RANCHI WORCESTERSHIRE	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI * NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	TJERK HIDDES VAN GALEN NEPAL QUIBERON	Approx 27	12
<u>SS</u>	GRAYLING ) GRENADIER ) TAMBOR ) On Patrol TNUOG ) TROUT ))  GAR ) THRESHER ) At Fremantle K.12 )		10
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1

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A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/30:

- (1) "MAHAN" escorting "TAROONA" dep. Port Moresby 1033/29 en route Townsville. ETA 0700/31. "MAHAN" to rejoin C.T.F. 74 in Palm Island.
- (2) "SC.747" escorting "VAN SWOLL" dep. Milne Bay 0848/28 for Beli Beli.
- (3) "WHYALLA" departed Milne Bay 1645/27 for survey ground.
- (4) "BOWEN" escorting "MAETSUYCKER" "ANDREW D. WHITE" from Stephens Is. to Port Moresby.
- (5) "SUMNER" "SC.745" "SC.749" surveying Deboyne Is. area.
- (6) "YMS.10" "YMS.48" "YMS.70" sweeping vicinity Grafton
- (7) "SC.732" escorting "CAPE LEEUWIN" was to depart Cairns 0400/30 en route Willis Is., returning approximately 0800/3/6.
- (8) "SMITH" escorting "CARINA" en route Noumea to Townsville ETA 1300/30.
- (9) "BALLARD" escorting 6 PTs en route Tulagi to Milne Bay ETA 31/5.
- (10) "YP.291" departed Townsville 1746/28 for Brisbane ETA 2000/31.
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- (15) "ML.425" en route Lady Elliot Island to Brisbane.
- (16) "BROOKS" en route Sydney to Townsville.
- (17) "GILMER" escorting 6 LCI's departed Brisbane 1716/27 for Townsville. ETA 1600/30.
- (18) "YMS.11" "YMS.51" "YMS.52" "YMS.53" departed Caloundra 1621/28 for Townsville.
- (19) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay - Warships & Aux. - SC.731.  
Merchant Vessel: "ANHUI"

Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "BUNBURY" "WAGGA" "SC.746"  
"YP.280" "HILO" 15 PTs.  
Merchant Vessels: "ARTHUR RIGGS" "JOSEPH HOIT"  
"PULGANBAR" "WILLIAM ALLISON" "CITY OF FORT  
WORTH" "JOHN WHITTAKER."



Port Moresby - Small Craft - Approx. 50.  
 Warships & Aux. HDML.1074 HDML. 1161  
 Merchant Vessels: "KEY PITMAN" "ADMIRAL CHASE"  
 "WILLIAM B. MEREDITH" "JUNIPERA SIERRA"  
 "VAN DEN BOSCH" "THEDENS" "EMPIRE HAMBLE"  
 Thursday Is. - Small Craft - Approx. 20.  
 Warships & Aux. - "WILCANNIA" "CASTLE MAINE"  
 "TULSA" YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 ML.817 12 Pts.  
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "SHEPPARTON" "KATOOMBA"  
 "KAPUNDA" "PLATYPUS" SC.732 YP.236 ML.426  
 2 Pts refitting.  
 Old Harbour - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "HOBART"  
 "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "PERKINS" "FLUSSER"  
 Palm Island - Warships & Aux. - YDG.2.  
 Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "SANDS" "HUMPHREYS" "GYMPIE"  
 PC.1121 SC.738 SC.750 "YUNNAN" (ASIS)  
 8 LST's 7 LCTs "MERKUR" "AASE MAERSK"  
 Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "ROCKHAMPTON"  
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "CAN DES PALMES" "FULTON"  
 "RIGEL" "H.T. ALLEN" 8 LSTs YP.233 YMS.8  
 YMS.46 YMS.71 SC.698 SC.740 SC.744  
 ML.424 "KURUMBA"  
 (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "GEE LONG" "VICTORIA" "WARREGO"

(c) Proposed Movements:

TN.98 consisting of portion A ("VAN SPILBERGEN" escorted by  
 "KAPUNDA" and SC.750 for Moresby) and portion B ("YOCHOW"  
 and "WEST CACTUS" escorted by "KATOOMBA" for Milne Bay)  
 are to depart 1800/30. A. portion ETA Moresby 1000/3/6  
 and B portion ETA Moresby Milne Bay 1000/3/6.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Kolombangara - Early p.m. 28/5, a small vessel probably of the freighter type with stack aft entered Blackett Strait from the West. The vessel departed to N.W. at about midnight 28/5.

(2) Empress Augusta Bay - At 1530/29, a possible light cruiser and a destroyer were observed by aircraft off the Bay, course 280° speed 25 knots. The aircraft strafed the vessels, and also dropped bombs without success. It is noted that enemy shipping has been routed along the W. coast of Bougainville with some regularity recently.

(3) Rabaul - Photos 1015/29 reveal :-  
 Shipping - 1 light cruiser "YUBARI" class.  
 1 damaged destroyer "FUBUKI" class.  
 1 destroyer tender  
 4 submarines - 2 RO-100 class and 2 of 250 ft. length.  
 1 sub-tender  
 2 sub-chasers  
 1 mine sweeper  
 2 tankers totalling 13,500 tons  
 22 merchant vessels 101,500 tons

Total... 35 Ships

The position is relatively static. There are 4 fewer destroyers present than shown by the previous photos 27/5; two of these missing units may be those sighted off Empress Augusta Bay 1530/29 (see above).

Aircraft - Lakunai 5 M/B 35 F. 27 possible L/B  
 Vunakanau 22 " - 20 " "  
 Rapopo 28 " 4 " - (largely obscured by cloud)  
 Harbour - - - 2 F/B 6 F/P  
 Total, of which ... 55 M/B 39 F. 47 " 2 F/B 6 F/P

A significant feature of the above aircraft figures is the absence of some 50 fighters from Lakunai, where they normally total about 85. This may be in connection with shipping arrivals in the Hansa Bay area.



- (4) Hansa Bay - At 0700/29 a Liberator reported the following vessels in the Hansa Bay area:  
1 cargo vessel (3-5000 tons) in Hansa Bay  
1 large destroyer ) Between Manam Island and  
1 possible gunboat ) Mainland.  
3 other unidentified vessels 3 miles N.E. of Manam Is. heading toward Hansa Bay. The aircraft was attacked by 4 out of 9 enemy fighters seen, and 2 of them were destroyed.

Photos taken 1035/9 by a Lightning reveal 1 Fubuki class destroyer, 3 cargo vessels (5,000 tons each) 1 coaster, all stationary in or near the Bay, and 20 barges. Large quantities of stores are visible in the coconut grove fringing the harbour, indicating that the ships had been at least partially discharged.

34 gun batteries, probably including machine gun posts, are also visible along the shores of the Bay.

The above reports link up with the 6 ship convoy seen at 1730/28 25 miles N.N.W. of Hansa Bay, course 160° (refer yesterday's Summary 28/5).

At 1740/29, 6 ships were observed by aircraft 12 miles N.E. by N. of Hansa Bay course 45°, and at 1810/29, 12 miles N.W. of Hansa Bay course 140°, indicating possibly dispersal of the convoy from the Bay in anticipation of an air strike at dusk, similar to that on the occasion of the last Hansa Bay convoy 2/4.

- (5) Madang - At 0612/29, 3 small cargo vessels were observed by aircraft 5 miles W.E. of Madang, course 180°, in addition to 1 small boat in the Harbour. The 3 small vessels may be engaged on coastal traffic between Wewak and Madang.

At 1015-1049/29, Madang aerodrome and dock area were bombed by 4 Fortresses.

- (6) Lae - The aerodrome was reported in use 29/5, when 1 fighter landed at 0650 hrs. and 3 took off for W. at 0717/29.

Photos of Malahang strip 0850/29 show it to be serviceable, but no aircraft are visible.

- (7) Mubo Area - An allied patrol encountered a strong enemy ambush 1100 yards S. by E. of Mubo.

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## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (i) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/30:

- (1) "SWAN" escorting "DUMTROON" departed Thursday Island 2038/27 for Darwin ETA 1130/30.
- (2) "INVERELL" escorting Convoy DT22 ("ALAGNA" "CAIRDROSS") departed Darwin 0532/28 for Thursday Island ETA 0800/2 June.
- (3) "LATROBE" escorting "WANAKA" was to depart Merauke 0900/30.
- (4) 4 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - ML.814 ML.815.  
Merchant Vessel: "SIBIGO"

### (ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Babo - Preliminary reports of reconnaissance indicate one 2,000 ton merchant vessel at Babo wharf/
- (2) Ambon Area - At 0820/29, aircraft observed a 1,000 ton vessel towing 6 barges 15 miles south of Tifoe (S.W. coast Boeroe Is.) course 120°.
- (3) Macassar - At 0950/29, aircraft observed the following shipping at Macassar :-  
4 merchant ships (1 of 6-8,000 & 3 of 3-4,000 tons)  
1 unidentified type naval vessel  
30- 40 praus or lighters inside breakwater.

Other small craft outside breakwater.



- (4) Flores - At 0822/29, aircraft observed 3 small vessels (under 500 tons) 45 miles N. by E. of Reo (N. coast Flores Is.) on course 260°.
- (5) Timor - At 1230/29, 3 ships of 8.000 tons each were sighted by aircraft in the Koepang area. 2 aircraft were also seen airborne.
- No shipping was seen at Dilli.

### 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

#### (i) ALLIED FORCES

##### (a) At Sea to 1200/30:

- (1) "ADELAIDE" was to RV with "HERMITAGE" in position 32°58'S. 109°43' E. at 1000/27, and escort to Melbourne. ETA 0600/1 June.
- (2) "TROMP" returning Fremantle after escort duty Indian Ocean area.
- (3) "QUIBERON" "NEPAL" departed Port Phillip 1525/26 for Fremantle ETA 1700/30.
- (4) "VAN HEEMSKERK" "FELIAS" "ISABEL" "CHAN TICLEER" SC.739 SC.751 en route Exmouth Gulf to Fremantle ETA 0800/30.

##### (b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. "TJERK HIDDEN" "VAN GALEN" "DUBBO" "HORSHAM" "WALLAROO" "WHIPPOORWILL" "OTUS" "CHILDS" YP.288.

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. "W.B. PRESTON" "LARK" YP.286.

Geraldton - Warships & Aux. "HERON".

### 4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

#### (i) ALLIED FORCES

##### (a) At Sea to 1200/30:

- (1) "HENLEY" departed Sydney 1353/28 for Townsville.
- (2) "HELM" departed Sydney 1346/29 en route Noumea.
- (3) "PIRIE" "ECHUCA" "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy PG52A (2 vessels including "POYANG") en route Cape Moreton to Sydney ETA 2200/30.
- (4) "COLAC" "BALLARAT" "GLENELG" "TOWNSVILLE" ML.428 ML.818 escorting Convoy CO.96 dep. Sydney 1330/29. ML.428 ML.818 to be detached at 0600/31 and proceed to base at Eden.
- (5) "COOTAMUNDRA" dep. Sydney 0215/30 to RV. with "SHELDON JACKSON" between position of attack and Sydney.
- (6) "DELORAIN" "KALGOORLIE" "YANDRA" "MORESBY" escorting Convoy PG52 departed Caloundra 1230/26 ETA Sydney 1605/30.
- (7) YMS.72 departed Sydney 1714/29 from Brisbane in company with APCs ~~from~~ for Port Stephens.
- (8) "WARRNAMBOOL" "MILDURA" "FREMANTLE" "BUNDABERG" escorting Convoy OC95 (17 vessels incl. "BUNGARBE" en route Port Kembla ETA 1800/30, Sydney ETA 2359/30, Newcastle 0800/31.

##### (b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. "CONYNGHAM" "VESTAL" "BENALLA" "KYBRA" "BROOME" "GLADSTONE" "GOLD STAR" "ALSEY" "WANGANILLA" (AH) SC.742 APCs "MIZAR" (Repairing) "O'BANNON" "RADFORD" "STUART" "ALHENA" "MANUNDA" (AH) (On Reserve) "WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"

Jervis Bay - Warships & Aux. - "ML.431" "ML.819" "BURRABRA"

Melbourne - Warships & Aux. "MANOORA" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "DOOMBA" (Refitting) "LE TRIOMPHANT"



(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) S.E. COAST OF AUSTRALIA - There is evidence of two enemy submarines operating in this area, one N.E. of Sydney, and one N.E. of Cape Howe. Unsuccessful torpedo attacks were reported on vessels in each area p.m. 29/5, and D/F fixes have been obtained of enemy units in both areas (see Naval Incidents).

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - THORNTON (AVD)  
(2) At Espiritu Santo - HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE (CL)  
STRONG NICHOLS WARD CHEVALIER (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV)  
HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) DIXIE (AD) MACKINAC (AVP)  
(3) At Noumea - INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS NORTH CAROLINE (BB)  
SARATOGA VICTORIOJA (CV) SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN (CL) KILTY  
WOODWORTH HOPKINS BUCHANAN FANNING CASE PATTERSON  
MAURY SAUFLEY SELFRIDGE DUNLAP GRIDLEY RALPH TALBOT  
PRINGLE DENT CUMMINGS BAGLEY MUGFORD TALBOT (DD)  
CHEVREUIL (Sloop) JAMESTOWN (PG) PRES. JACKSON PRES. HAYES  
PRES. ADAMS (AP) PROMETHEUS (AR) WHITNEY (AD) POCOMOKE (AV)  
(4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)  
(5) At Samoa - GWIN WATERS (DD) TREVOR (DM) AMERICAN LEGION (AP)  
(6) Guadalcanal Area - BOBOLINK RAIL VIREO (AM) LOCUST BUTTERNUT  
(YN) WANDANK (YT) ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) STRATFORD (AP)  
PATHFINDER (AGS)  
(7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER  
MONTPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SANGOMON SUWANNEE (ACV) EATON  
CONVERSE WALLER PHILIP RENSHAW LANG WILSON CONWAY (DD)  
(8) At Wellington - TAYLOR (DD) TRACY (DM) LIBRA (AK)

NAVAL INCIDENTS

Sydney Area

"SHELDON JACKSON" (7,200 ton Liberty Ship) reported that at 2248/29, two torpedoes were fired at her in position 32°53'S. 153°49'E. (150 miles N.E. & N. of Sydney). Both torpedoes missed.

"SHELDON JACKSON" was bound for Sydney from U.S.A.

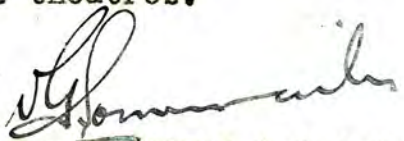
Cape Howe Area

"MILDURA" reported sighting a torpedo track at 2118/29 in position 37°03'S. 150°22'E. (35 miles N.N.E. of Cape Howe).

"MILDURA" with "WARRNAMBOOL" "FREMANTLE" "BUNDABERG" was escorting Convoy OC.95 (17 merchant vessels) from Melbourne to Port Kembla, Sydney and Newcastle.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation north coast New Guinea and East Indies, including aircraft reinforcement.  
(2) Sporadic air raids on allied forward operational bases in S.W.P.A. and lines of communication.  
(3) Increased activity in Northern Theatre.  
(4) Intense submarine activity, including transportation and offensive operations in all theatres.

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

30/5/43.



30.5.43

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-  
Solomons

<u>BB</u>	-	NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	MUTSU NAGATO
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA VICTORIOUS	HOSHO (Training Ship)
<u>XCV</u>	-	-	ZUIHO
<u>ACV</u>	-	CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE	
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	-	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI * AOBA
<u>CL</u>	HOBART	HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE LEANDER COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	JINTSU SENDAI KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA ISUZU * KUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	3
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WAR RAMUNGA * LE TRIOMPHANT * O'BANNON * RADFORD HELM HENLEY PERKINS CONYNGHAM MAHAN STUART VENDETTA	Approx 40	Approx 30

\* Non-effective



Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-  
Solomons

<u>SS</u>	ALBACORE ) DRUM ) At Brisbane PETO )	S.31	Approx 30
	GATO ) GREENLING ) GROUPEL ) GROWLER ) On Patrol GUARDFISH ) SCAMP ) SILVERSIDES ) TUNA )		
	K.9 At Sydney		
<u>AE/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA
<u>EAU/XCVS</u>	-	3	5
<u>PT</u>	25	Approx 30	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T.ALLEN MANOORA * WESTRALIA * KANIMBLA BROOKS GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON		3 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE WHITNEY	
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL VESTAL	PROMETHEUS	2

AIRCRAFT (N.E.Area Only)

Fighters	242
M/Bombers	230
SE/Bombers	2
Flying Boats	6
Floatplanes	53
Transport A/C	19

\* Non-effective



2. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	WASHINGTON IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE	YAMATO - MUSASHI ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA KONGO HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>XCV</u>	-	HAYATAKA HITAKA RYUHO
<u>ACV</u>	NASSAU ATAMAHA COPAHEE LONG ISLAND	CHUYO OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA NEW ORLEANS PORTLAND INDIANAPOLIS * SALT LAKE CITY * PENSACOLA * MINNEAPOLIS	MYOKO HAGURO TONE TIKUMA SUZUYA KUMANO
<u>OCA</u>	-	6
<u>CL</u>	RALEIGH DETROIT	ABUKUMA AGANO
<u>XCL</u>	-	4
<u>AV/CVS</u>	?	NISSHIN
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	2
<u>DD</u>	Approx 20	Approx 24
<u>SS</u>	Approx 40	Approx 25
<u>AS/XAS</u>	?	2

3. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>CA</u>	-	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	CONCORD TRENTON RICHMOND	TAMA KISO
<u>XCL</u>	-	2
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	10	9
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 15

\* Non-effective



4. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEANALLIED FORCESENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
<u>BB</u>	-	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	∅ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>ACV</u>	-	-	UNYO
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX * HAWKINS * FROBISHER	-
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK TROMP	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA CERES DAUNTLESS CAPE TOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KASHII OI KITAGAMI * NATORI KINU
<u>XCL</u>	-	∅ ALAUNIA CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA RANCHI WORCESTERSHIRE	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	TJERK HIDDES VAN GALEN NEPAL QUIBERON	Approx 27	12
<u>SS</u>	GRAYLING ) TAMBOR ) TAUTOG ) TROUT )  GAR ) THRESHER ) K.12 )	On Patrol  At Fremantle	10
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)</u>			
Fighters			152
M/Bombers			125
Flying Boats			12
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Transport A/C			31

∅ No recent intelligence.  
Present location uncertain.

\* Non-effective



GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA  
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre  
**DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY**

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Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 434

Date: 31st May, 1943

P A R T I.

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- (21) "GILMER" escorting 6 LCI's dep. Brisbane 1716/27 for Townsville ETA 1600/30.
- (22) YMS.11 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.53 departed Caloundra 1621/28 for Townsville.
- (23) YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.71 were to depart Brisbane a.m. 31/5 to carry out sweeping operations.
- (24) "GEELONG" departed Brisbane 1127/30 to RV with "VIRGINIAN" in position 27°56'S 158°39'E at 1300/31 and escort to Brisbane.
- (25) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "BUNBURY" "WAGGA" SC.731 SC.747  
 YP.280 "HILO" 15 PTs  
 Merchant Vessels: "ARTHUR RIGGS" "JOSEPH HOLT"  
 "PULGANBAR" "WILLIAM AILISON" "CITY OF FORT WORTH"  
 "JOHN WHITTAKER" "ANHUI" "VAN SWOLL"  
 Port Moresby - Small Craft - Approx 50  
 Warships & Aux. - HDML.1074 HDML.1161  
 Merchant Vessels: "KEY PITMAN" "WILLIAM B. MEREDITH"  
 "JUNIPERA SIERRA" "VAN DEN BOSCH" "THEDENS"  
 "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "MAETSUYCKER" "A.D. WHITE"  
 Small Craft - Approx 20  
 Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50  
 ML.817 12 PTs  
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "SHEPPARTON" "PLATYPUS" ML.426  
 2 PTs refitting  
 Palm Island - Warships & Aux. - YDG.2  
 Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "SANDS" "HUMPHREYS" "GYMPIE"  
 PC.1121 SC.738 "YUNNAN" (ASIS) 8 LST's  
 7 LCT's  
 Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "ROCKHAMPTON"  
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "CAP DES PALMES" "FULTON" "RIGEL"  
 "H.T. ALLEN" 8 LSTs YP.233 SC.698 SC.740  
 SC.744 ML.424 ML.425 "KURUMBA"  
 (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "VICTORIA" "WARREGO"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Shortlands - Reconnaissance of the base a.m. 30/5 revealed 11 ships comprising three corvettes, 5 large, 2 medium and one small cargo vessel. The previous reconnaissance 27/5 observed 4 cargo vessels.  
 At 1600/30 one cargo vessel was sighted off Mutupina Point. This vessel may have been engaged in ferrying supplies to the Japanese garrison in this area.
- (2) Kolombangara Area - Two destroyers were sighted 15 miles N.W. of Vella Lavella on course 90° during the night 29-30/5. It would appear that these destroyers were on the supply run to the Japanese bases at Kolombangara or southwestern New Georgia.  
 The possible light cruiser and destroyer reported in yesterday's Naval Summary (30/5) off Empress Augusta Bay at 1530/29 on course 280° may have been en route Rabaul after having ferried supplies to the Japanese bases in the Kolombangara S.W. New Georgia area.
- (3) Cape Gloucester - A Catalina strafed two twin-engined aircraft on the old strip at Cape Gloucester 0033/30. It is believed that both aircraft were damaged as a result of the attack. At 1430/30, one bomber was observed on Cape Gloucester aerodrome.
- (4) Wewak - Wewak and Boram aerodromes were attacked by 7 Fortresses before dawn 30/5. Fires including two probably from aircraft at Boram and explosions were observed. In strafing runs three searchlights were destroyed and two probably destroyed.  
 Photos 0900/30 reveal:-  
 But (east end of strip only) - 2 L/B, 7 F.  
 Dagua - 15 L/B, 16 F  
 Boram (cloud covered) - 2 M/B, 20 prob. L/B, 15 F



- (5) Hansa Bay - A Liberator attacked a warship described as a light cruiser or destroyer off Manam Island (outside Hansa Bay) at 1810/29. Two near misses were scored and the vessel was left smoking.

This aircraft reported sighting in addition to the above warship, 2 x 8000 ton and 3 x 3-5000 ton cargo ships. Three Destroyers were also reported as coming from Hansa Bay to join this convoy. This makes a total of nine vessels. Photographs of the convoy en route to Hansa Bay at 0900/28 revealed one destroyer, one gunboat and 4 x 5000 ton merchant vessels. Photographs taken at 1035/29 revealed a coaster in the vicinity of Hansa Bay, and it is possible that more of this type of vessel were in the vicinity. On the basis of the reports received, it cannot be considered certain that additional warships or <sup>LARGE</sup> merchant vessels joined the original six ship convoy.

At 0715/30 reconnaissance revealed no shipping in the Hansa Bay area, indicating that the convoy had completed unloading and had departed the area.

Photos 1035/9 reveal three 4-gun batteries at Hansa Bay. In yesterday's Naval Summary (30/5) this was reported in error as thirty four gun batteries.

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## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/31:

- (1) "INVERELL" escorting Convoy DT22 ("ALAGNA" "CARDROSS") departed Darwin 0532/28 for Thursday Island ETA 0800/2 June.
- (2) "LATROBE" escorting "WANAKA" was to depart Merauke 0900/30.
- (3) 4 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "SWAN" ML.814 ML.815  
Merchant Vessels: "DUNTROON" "SIBIGO"

### (11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Timika - Photos 28/5 and 29/5 reveal 9 fighter pens complete, work proceeding on the dispersal loop and further clearings being made. Three motor transports were working on the runway.
- (2) Babo - A full report of the reconnaissance of the Babo area approx 0900/29 by 2 Liberators is now to hand. One 2000 ton merchant vessel was observed at the main jetty. One 200 ton vessel was sighted 30 miles N.W. of Babo heading towards Babo. Bombs were dropped on the aerodrome and destroyed or damaged 3 or 4 aircraft. Photos reveal 4 fighters of which one is burning, 2 light bombers and 7 medium bombers including one serviceable.
- (3) Ambon Area - Photos a.m. 29/5 reveal one 3000 ton merchantman near Tifoe Harbour, Boeroe Island, and one 1000 ton merchant vessel towing six barges, 16 miles S.W. of Tifoe Harbour, course 120°. The latter vessel was strafed.
- (4) Kai Islands - Four Zeros were sighted taking off from Langgoer at 1045/29.
- (5) Timor - Photos of Penfoei aerodrome 29/5 reveal 2 fighters including one airborne, two twin-engined bombers of which one is damaged and two unserviceable bombers.

Considerable resurfacing of the central runway area is being carried out and a new clearing has been extended to 1400 ft. by 300 ft.

Two B.25's attacked the aerodrome 1947/29 starting fires.

Photos of shipping in the Kecipang area 29/5 reveal four merchant vessels including one of 6000, two of 4000-4500, and one of 1500 tons.



- (6) Kendari - 3 B.24's unsuccessfully attacked a 3000 ton merchantman in the Harbour 0900/30. The aerodrome was closed in by cloud.
- (7) Macassar - Photos 0950/29 reveal -  
 1 torpedo boat  
 1 minelayer  
 1 transport ("ASAMA MARU" class - 17,000 tons)  
 1 freighter transport (8000 tons)  
 2 cargo vessels (3000 tons each)  
 12 merchant vessels (under 500 tons)  
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 Photos also reveal the dim outline of a runway, probably concrete, 4050 feet long.
- (8) Soemba Island - Photos of Waingapoe 1038/29 reveal runway serviceable but not surfaced; but no dispersal lanes, revetments or aircraft. There were several new buildings and evidence of much motor transport activity.
- (9) Soembawa Island - A concrete strip 3500 feet long was photographed at 0847/29. There were no dispersal areas or revetments. Fires were started by bombing.
- (10) Lombok - Photos 0837/29 reveal three fighters on the aerodrome which is serviceable.
- (11) Java - Preliminary reports of a reconnaissance by two B.24's over the Java area state that one fighter unsuccessfully attempted interception over Madicen (100 miles W. Sourabaya) at 0740/30. Three merchant vessels with small escort were sighted 130 miles E.N.E. of Sourabaya, course 45° later a.m. 30/5.

### 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

#### (1) ALLIED FORCES

##### (a) At Sea to 1200/31:

- (1) "TROMP" returning Fremantle after escort duty Indian Ocean area.  
 (2) "QUIBERON" "NEPAL" departed Port Phillip 1525/26 for Fremantle, were due 1200/30.

##### (b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "VAN HEEMSKERK" "TJERK HIDDES"  
 "VAN GALEN" "DUBBO" "HORSHAM" "WALLAROO" "OTUS"  
 "WHIPPOORWILL" "CHILDS" YP.288 SC.739 SC.751  
 "CHANTICLEER"  
 Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B. PRESTON" "LARK" "HELIAS"  
 "ISABEL" YP.286  
 Geraldton - Warships & Aux. - "HERON"

### 4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

#### (1) ALLIED FORCES

##### (a) At Sea to 1200/31:

- (1) "DRAYTON" escorting "CREMER" departed Caloundra 2100/29 for Sydney.  
 (2) "PIRIE" "ECHUCA" "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy PG52A (2 vessels including "POYANG") en route Cape Moreton to Sydney, were due 2200/30.  
 (3) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting "SHELDON JACKSON" from position 32°53'S 153°49'E to Sydney.  
 (4) "COLAC" "BALLARAT" "GLENELG" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy G096 (13 MV). ML.428 ML.818 were to detach 0600/31 and proceed to base at Eden.  
 (5) "ADELAIDE" escorting "HERMITAGE" from RV position 32°58'S, 109°43'E to Melbourne ETA 0600/1 June.  
 (6) "WARRNAMECOOL" "MILDURA" "FREMANTLE" "BUNDABERG" escorting Convoy OC95 (incl. "BUNGAREE") were due Sydney 2359/30, Newcastle 0800/31.



(7) YMS.72 departed Sydney 1714/29 for Brisbane.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - 7 APC  
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "CONYNGHAM" "VESTAL" "BENALLA"  
"DELORAIN" "YANDRA" "KALGOORLIE" "MORESEY"  
"KYBRA" "BROOME" "GLADSTONE" "GOLDSTAR" "ALSEY"  
"WANGANELLA" (AH) SC.742 3 APC's "MIZAR"  
(Repairing) "O'BANNON" "RADFORD" "STUART" "ALHENA"  
"MANUNDA" (AH)  
(On Reserve) "WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"  
Jervis Bay - Warships & Aux. - ML.431 ML.819 "EURRABRA"  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "MANCOORA" "ABRAHAM CHI JNSSEN"  
"DOOMBA"  
(Refitting) "LE TRIOMPHANT"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Sydney Area - At least one enemy submarine was indicated 29/5 to early a.m. 31/5 operating in the area 105-190 miles N.E. of Sydney.

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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE (CL)  
STRONG NICHOLS WARD CHEVALIER (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV)  
HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) DIXIE (AD) THORNTON (AVD)
- (3) At Noumea - INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS NORTH CAROLINA (BB) SARATOGA  
VICTORIOUS (CV) SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN (CL) KELTY WOODWORTH  
HOPKINS BUCHANAN FANNING CASE PATTERSON MAURY SAUFLEY  
SELFRIDGE DUNLAP GRIDLEY RALPH TALBOT PRINGLE DENT  
CUMMINGS BAGLEY MUGFORD TALBOT (DD) CHEVREUIL (Sloop)  
JAMESTOWN (PG) PRES. JACKSON PRES. HAYES PRES. ADAMS (AP)  
PROMETHEUS (AR) WHITNEY (AD) POCOMOKE (AV)
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
- (5) At Samea - GWIN WATERS (DD) TREVOR (DM) AMERICAN LEGION (AP)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - BOBOLINK RAIL VIREO (AM) LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN)  
WANDANK (YT) ORTOLAN (ASR) MENCWINEE (AT) STRATFORD (AP)  
PATHFINDER (AGS)
- (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER  
MONTPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV) EATON  
CONVERSE WALLER PHILIP RENSHAW LANG WILSON CONWAY (DD)
- (8) At Wellington - TAYLOR (DD) TRACY (DM) LIBRA (AK)
- (9) At Auckland - MOUNT VERNON (AP)

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation north coast New Guinea and East Indies, including aircraft reinforcement.
- (2) Sporadic air raids on forward operational bases in S.W.P.A. and lines of communication.
- (3) Increased activity in Northern Theatre.
- (4) Intense submarine activity, including transportation and offensive operations in all theatres.

*[Signature]*  
For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.  
G.H.Q., S.W.P.A.



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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-  
Solomons

<u>BB</u>	-	NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	MUTSU NAGATO
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA VICTORIOUS	HOSHO (Training Ship)
<u>XCV</u>	-	-	ZUIHO
<u>ACV</u>	-	CHEWANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE	UNYO CHUYO
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	-	ATAGO TAKAO CHEKAI * AOBA
<u>CL</u>	HOBART ADELAIDE	HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE LEANDER COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	JINTSU SENDAI KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA ISUZU * KUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	3
<u>DD</u>	* ARUNTA * WARRAMUNGA * LE TRIOMPHANT * O'BANNON * RADFORD HELM HENLEY PERKINS CONYNGHAM MAHAN STUART VENDETTA	Approx. 40	Approx. 30

\* Non-effective



Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-  
Solomons

<u>SS</u>	ALBACORE ) DRUM ) PETO ) At Brisbane GROUPEL )	S.31	Approx.30
	GATO ) GREENLING ) GROWLER ) GUARDFISH ) On Patrol SCAMP ) SILVERSIDES ) TUNA )		
	K.9 at Sydney		
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CHERTISS TANGIER	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	5
<u>PT</u>	25	Approx.30	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T.ALLEN MANOORA * WESTRALIA * KANIMBLA BROOKS GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA	
<u>AS OR XAS</u>	FULTON		3 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE WHITNEY	
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL VESTAL	PROMETHEUS	2
<u>AFT</u>	(M.E.Area Only)		
Fighters			242
Bombers, Medium			230
SE/Bombers			2
Flying Boats			6
Floatplanes			53
Transport A/C			19

\* Non-effective



2. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	WASHINGTON IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE	YAMATO MUSASHI ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA KONGO HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>XCV</u>	-	HAYATAKA HITAKA RYUHO
<u>ACV</u>	NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE LONG ISLAND	OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA NEW ORLEANS PORTLAND INDIANAPOLIS * SALT LAKE CITY * PENSACOLA * MINNEAPOLIS	MYOKO HAGURO TONE TIKUMA SUZUYA KUMANO
<u>OCA</u>	-	6
<u>CL</u>	RALPHIGH DETROIT	ABUKUMA AGANO
<u>XCL</u>	-	4
<u>AV/CVS</u>	?	NISSHIN
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	2
<u>DD</u>	Approx 20 Approx 40	Approx 24 Approx 25
<u>AS/XAS</u>	?	2

3. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>CA</u>	-	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	CONCORD TRENTON RICHMOND	TAMA KISO
<u>XCL</u>	-	2
<u>V/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	10	9
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx.15

\* Non-effective



4. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Philippines

	-	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	♠ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>ACV</u>	-	-	-
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX * HAWKINS * FROBISHER	-
<u>CL</u>	<del>ALBATROSS</del> VAN HEEMSKERK TROMP	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA GERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KASHII OI KITAGAMI * NATORI KINU
<u>XCL</u>	-	♠ ALAUNIA CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA RANCHI WORCESTERSHIRE	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAM OI NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	TJERK HIDDES VAN GALEN NEPAL QUIBERON	Approx. 27	12
	GRAYLING ) TAMBOR ) TAUTOG ) On Patrol TROUT )		10
	GAR ) THRESHER ) At Fremantle K.12 )		
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)</u>			
Fighters			152
M/Bombers			125
Flying Boats			12
Floatplanes			43
Transport A/C			31

♠ No recent intelligence  
Present location uncertain.

\* Non-effective