

JAPANESE NAVAL LOSSES - OCTOBER, 1942.

Source and Sinking Areas

S U M M A R Y

| | <u>SUNK</u> | <u>PROBABLY SUNK</u> | <u>DAMAGED</u> |
|----------------------|-------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| BATTLESHIPS | - | - | 1 |
| AIRCRAFT CARRIERS | - | - | 2 |
| HEAVY CRUISERS | 1 | 1 | 8 ¹⁰ |
| LIGHT CRUISERS | - | - | 7 ⁸ |
| DESTROYERS | 6 | - | 10 |
| SUBMARINES | - | - | 3 |
| GUNBOATS | 1 | - | - |
| SEAPLANE TENDERS | - | - | 3 |
| MERCHANT VESSELS | 5 | - | 17 |
| UNIDENTIFIED VESSELS | - | - | 6 |

The above statement of losses is believed to be conservative as actual sinkings include only those vessels confirmed as sunk.

In the list of vessels damaged there may be a number of units which have been hit on more than one occasion and may thus be listed more than once.

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| <u>Date</u> | <u>Area</u> | <u>Ship</u> | <u>Attack</u> | <u>Detail</u> |
|-------------|------------------------|--|-----------------|--|
| 5/10 | Guadalcanal | 1 Destroyer | Aircraft | Ex Soupac |
| 8/10 | New Georgia | 1 Destroyer | Aircraft | Force comprising 1 Heavy Cruiser, 5 Destroyers attacked. 1 Destroyer seriously damaged by bombing. 1 Heavy Cruiser and 4 Destroyers returned to Buin base. Ex Soupac |
| 11-12/10 | Guadalcanal (Savo Is.) | "Furutaka" (Heavy Cruiser) | Task Force 64.2 | Sunk in surface action during night. Sinking of this cruiser confirmed by P.O.W. Ex Soupac |
| 11-12/10 | Savo Island | "Shirasuno" (Destroyer) (1928 - 1700 (6.5")) | Task Force 64.2 | Sunk in surface action during night. Sinking of this destroyer confirmed by P.O.W. Ex Soupac. |
| 12/10 | Rendova Island | 1 Destroyer | Aircraft | Probably damaged in surface action at SAVO ISLAND 11-12/10. Attacked 12/10, while returning, by aircraft. Received direct hit & 2 near misses and appeared sinking. Air searches 13/10 revealed large oil slick in position of attack. Ex Soupac |
| 14/10 | Ysabel - Guadalcanal | 1 large vessel (transport) | | This vessel was seen to sink after loud explosion. |
| 15/10 | Guadalcanal | 2 Transports | Aircraft | Ex Soupac. |
| 16/10 | Guadalcanal | 2 Trans ports | Aircraft | Beached Guadalcanal area 15/10. Attacked 16/10 and destroyed by aircraft. Ex Soupac. |
| 25/10 | Rabaul | 1 Gunboat | Aircraft | Direct hit from 500 lb. bomb. Vessel blown to pieces. |
| 27/10 | Tulagi - Guadalcanal | 2 Destroyers | Aircraft | Part of force of 3 enemy destroyers which was engaged by U.S. vessels. These 2 destroyers sunk by aircraft which subsequently attacked. Ex Soupac. |

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|-------------|------------------------------|---|---------------|---|
| 1/10 | Guadalcanal | 1 Destroyer | A/C | A apparently unable to proceed. Ex Soupac. |
| 2/10 | Rabaul | 1 Transport 15,000 tons | A/C | On Fire. |
| 2/10 | Rabaul | 1 Transport | A/C | Smoking. |
| 3-4/10 | Guadalcanal- New Georgia | 1 Heavy Cruiser | A/C | One bomb hit, two torpedo hits. Last observed smoking off New Georgia. Ex Soupac. |
| 5/10 | Kitava - Trobriands | 1 Submarine | A/c | Hit on stern. |
| 5/10 | Shortland Area | 1 Heavy Cruiser | A/c | Hit by 1000 lb. bomb. Ex Soupac. |
| 5/10 | Shortland Area | 1 Transport | A/c | Hit by 1000 lb. bomb. Ex Soupac. |
| 5/10 | Shortland Area | 1 Cargo Ves- sel (10,000) | A/C | Hit by 500 lb. bomb. Ex Soupac. |
| 5/10 | Shortland Area | 1 Cargo Vessel | A/C | Hit by 500 lb. bomb. Ex Soupac. |
| 5/10 | Shortland Area | 1 Seaplane Tender | A/C | Hit by 500 lb. bomb. Ex Soupac. |
| 5/10 | Guadalcanal | 1 Destroyer | A/C | Ex Soupac. |
| 6/10 | San Cristobal Island | 1 Submarine | A/C | Submarine dived on attack. Oil and bubbles appeared on surface. Pilot considered probable kill. Ex Soupac. |
| 8/10 | Guadalcanal - New Georgia | 1 Heavy Cruiser (reported "Kinugasa" class) | A/C | Attached off Guadalcanal. 1 sure torpedo hit, one probable bomb hit and four near misses. Seen approaching Buin 11/25/9 on fire. Ex Soupac. Comment: If this cruiser was of "Kinugasa" class the evidence indicates that it could not have been seriously damaged as P.O.W. reports indicate that the 3 heavy cruisers participating in the action off Savo Island night 11-12/10 were the three surviving Japanese cruisers of this class. |
| 10/10 | New Georgia | 1 Light Cruiser | A/C | One hit - several near misses. Left low down by bows. |
| 11/10 | New Ireland | 1 probable converted Seaplane Tender | A/C | 2 direct hits. Vessel reported to have turned sharply through 180° and to have practically stopped one hour after attack. |

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| <u>Date</u> | <u>Area</u> | <u>Ship</u> | <u>Attack</u> | <u>Details</u> |
|-------------|------------------|--|-----------------|---|
| 11-12/10 | Savo Island Area | 2 Destroyers | Task Force 64.2 | Soupac states 4 destroyers sunk or out of action as result of surface action off Savo Island. One accounted for as subsequently sunk 12/10 Rendova Island area. Another destroyer which appears to be one of these was hit 12/10 en route Shortlands base (see immediately hereunder). This leaves total 2 destroyers unaccounted for and on basis of Soupac signal, these are listed as hit. |
| 12/10 | New Georgia Area | 1 Destroyer | A/C | Hit by dive bombers. Proceeded on course. Had been returning in company with one other destroyer to Buin base, apparently detached from main force. Ex Soupac. |
| 12/10 | New Georgia Area | 1 Heavy Cruiser | A/C | Hit by torpedo and near missed by bombs. Left burning and dead in water. Later direct hit near Rendova Island. Cruiser then appeared abandoned. Air search 13/10 showed a large oil slick in this position. (additional to oil slick apparently from sunken destroyer). Probably sunk. Ex Soupac. |
| 13-14/10 | Guadalcanal Area | 3 Destroyers | Shore Battery | Hit by 5" shore batteries during bombardment of Guadalcanal. Ex Soupac. |
| 15/10 | Guadalcanal Area | 1 large Warship (probably Heavy Cruiser) | A/C | Direct 500 lb. bomb hit. Vessel reported crippled. Ex Soupac. |
| 15/10 | Simbo Island | 1 Transport | A/C | Left burning. Ex Soupac. |
| 16/10 | Santa Cruz | 1 Cruiser | A/C | Direct hit on bow. Ex Soupac. |
| 17-18/10 | Rabaul | 1 Unidentified Ship | A/C | Large explosion observed. |
| 18/10 | Shortland Area | 1 Heavy Cruiser | A/C | 1000 lb. bomb hit. |
| 18/10 | Shortland Area | 1 small Cargo Vessel | A/C | Strafed. On fire. Observed burning fiercely. |
| 20/10 | Guadalcanal | 1 Cruiser | A/C | One hit and one near miss. Left stationary and smoking badly. Ex Soupac. |
| 23/10 | Rabaul | 1 Cruiser | A/C | 500 lb. bomb hit. Report states "believed sunk". |
| 23/10 | Rabaul | 1 Destroyer | A/C | 500 lb. bomb hit. Report states "believed sunk". |
| 23/10 | Rabaul | 1 Destroyer | A/C | 500 lb. bomb hit. Report states "believed sunk". |
| 23/10 | Rabaul | 2 large Merchant Ships | A/C | 500 lb. bomb hit. Report states "believed sunk". |

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|-------------|-------------------------|--|---------------|--|
| 23/10 | Rabaul | 1 large Merchant Ship | A/C | 500 lb. bomb. Report states "believed severely damaged". |
| 23/10 | Rabaul | 1 Transport 1 Small Ship | A/C | 500 lb. bomb. Report states "believed damaged". |
| 23/10 | Shortland Area | 1 Light Cruiser | A/C | 1 torpedo hit. Ex Soupac. |
| 23/10 | Shortland Area | 1 Destroyer | A/C | 1 500 lb. bomb hit. Ex Soupac. |
| 24/10 | Rabaul | 1 probable converted Sea-plane Tender. (10-17,000 tons) | A/C | 1 500 lb. bomb hit amidships. Broke into flames emitting clouds of black smoke. |
| 25/10 | Guadalcanal | 1 Destroyer | Shore Battery | Hit by 3 5" shells from shore battery at Lunga while bombarding Guadalcanal. Ex Soupac. |
| 25-26/10 | Tulagi - Ysabel Area | 1 Heavy Cruiser | A/C | Attacked Tulagi area. Direct hit with 1000 lb. bomb. Later attacked morning 26/10 off Rekata Bay. 500 lb. bomb hit. Proceeding very slowly leaving large oil slick. Ex Soupac. |
| 25-26/10 | Tulagi - Ysabel Area | 1 Light Cruiser | A/C | Attacked Tulagi area. Damaged by hit or near miss. Later attacked 2 500 lb. bomb hits. Left stationary and burning fiercely. Attacked morning 26/10 off Rekata Bay. Very near miss. Proceeding very slowly in company with heavy cruiser above leaving large oil slick. Ex Soupac. |
| 25/10 | Rabaul | 1 medium Cargo Vessel | A/C | Set on fire astern, |
| 26/10 | Santa Cruz | 1 "Shokaku" class Aircraft Carrier | A/C | Three 1000 lb. bomb hits. One "Shokaku" class Aircraft Carrier subsequently hit by aerial torpedo 27/10. Ex Soupac. |
| 26/10 | Santa Cruz | 1 "Shokaku" class Aircraft Carrier | A/C | 2 500 lb. bomb hits. One "Shokaku" class Aircraft Carrier subsequently hit by aerial torpedo 27/10. Ex Soupac. |
| 26/10 | Santa Cruz | 1 Heavy Cruiser "Mogami" class | A/C | 2 1000 lb. bomb hits. Ex Soupac. |
| 26/10 | Santa Cruz | 1 Battleship | A/C | 1 bomb hit. 2 near misses. Ex Soupac. |
| 27/10 | Santa Cruz | 1 Heavy Cruiser | A/C | 2 500 lb. direct hits and 2 very near misses. 2 large explosions. Ex Soupac. |
| 28/10 | Rabaul | 1 Unidentified Ship | A/C | 1 500 lb. hit. Observed smoking. |
| 28/10 | Rabaul | 1 Warship | A/C | Explosion observed from a warship near Malaguna Strip. |
| 29/10 | San Cristobal | 1 Submarine | A/C | Attacked. Large oil slick observed. Ex Soupac. |

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| <u>Date</u> | <u>Area</u> | <u>Ship</u> | <u>Attack</u> | <u>Details</u> |
|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|---------------|--|
| 30/10 | Shortland | 1 large Warship | A/C | 2 500 lb. hits, one near miss. |
| 30/10 | Shortland | 2 Unidentified Vessels | A/C | Direct hits from 500 lb. bombs. Small fire and smoke from one. |
| 30/10 | Guadalcanal | 1 Destroyer | M.T.B | 1 torpedo hit. Left stationary. Ex Soupac. |
| 31/10 | Shortland | 1 possible Heavy Cruiser | A/C | 2 hits, 2 very near misses (500 lb. bombs). Seen to explode. |
| 31/10 | Shortland | 1 Merchant Vessel | A/C | 1 500 lb. hit. |
| 31/10 | Rabaul | 1 Unidentified Vessel | A/C | Report states "believed hit" by 500 lb. bomb. Fire visible for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour after hit. |

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|----------|-----------|--|-----|---|
| 15/10 | Shortland | 1 Light Cruiser (possibly "Tatsuta" class) | A/C | 2 near misses at 30 feet. Lost speed and came to dead stop while making tight turn. |
| 20/10 | Shortland | 1 large Transport | A/C | 1 near miss at 15 feet. Either 250 or 500 lb. bomb. |
| 25/10 | Rabaul | 1 5000 ton Cargo Vessel | A/C | 8 - 500 lb. bombs at 20 to 70 feet. Listing badly and observed 30 mins. later to be in "a sinking condition". |
| 25/10 | Rabaul | 1 medium Cargo Vessel | A/C | 9 - 500 lb. bombs within 15 feet. Observed damaged and listing. |
| 28-29/10 | Shortland | 1 Unidentified Vessel | A/C | Straddled by 500 lb. bombs. Large explosions heard. |
| 31/10 | Shortland | 1 Light Cruiser | A/C | 1 500 lb within 4 feet of bow. 1 500 lb bomb within 15 feet of port side. |

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

1st October, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR
British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "PHOENIX" "SELFRIDGE" "MUGFORD" "HENLEY" "HELM") was to arrive Grafton Passage 2000/30. Thence patrol area.
- x(ii) "STUART" en route Townsville to Sydney for docking and repairs ETA 1300 today 1/10.
- + (iii) "CCLAC" escorting Convoy Y ("TASMAN" "KARSIK") is due Milne Bay 1/10.
- x(iv) "GHELONG" escorting Convoy BT3 ("KATOOMBA" "JOHN ASHE") to Capricorn Channel dep. Brisbane 28/9 ETA Townsville - "KATOOMBA" 0815 today 1/10, "JOHN ASHE" 1115 today 1/10. "GHELONG" was due Brisbane 0030 today 1/10.
- ✓(v) "SHAWITCH" to be sailed from Thursday Island so as to RV at 1600/4 at Stephen Island (Great N.E. Channel) with "BALLARAT", thence escorted by "BALLARAT" to Port Moresby.
- x(vi) "YANDRA" "DUBBO" escorting Convoy GP15 ("AASE MARSK" "KURUMBA" "POYANG", 6 MV including "DILSA", with rations and service stores for Milne Bay, and "ORRISTON" with 410 A.I.F. troops and equipment for Thursday Island) en route Sydney to Caloundra ETA 2100 today 1/10.
"BAN HONG LIONG" (ex Convoy GP15) reported on fire at 0921/30 arr. at ~~2221/30xxxxx~~ Crowdy Bay 1226/30 escorted by "MORESBY". "MORESBY" was then to escort her en route to Newcastle (N.T.A. 2000/30) until relieved by salvage tug after which "MORESBY" was to proceed with despatch to rejoin GP15.
- x(vii) "TOWNSVILLE" & "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Convoy C031 (18 MV) en route Sydney to Melbourne. One MV ex this convoy ("KOONDA") unable maintain speed and proceeding independently. "TOWNSVILLE's" Asdic gear is out of order and additional escort is to be provided. Convoy's ETA at MV now 11½ hours early.
- x(viii) "CASTLEMAINE" arr. Thursday Island 1922/30. Was to depart Thursday Is. p.m. 30/9 escorting "VAN HEUTSZ" (carrying Air Force personnel and stores) to Darwin, after latter had discharged personnel at Thursday Island for Horn Is. but may be delayed to search today 1/10 for water lighter lost by "PERIOD" and still possibly adrift in the vicinity.
- x(ix) "WARKE" en route Brisbane to Townsville ETA 1600/2. Thence Port Moresby.
- x(x) "SODLOWAI" departed Brisbane 1424/30 for Newcastle ETA 0500/2.
- x(xi) "KOOKABURRA" arr. Cairns 2010/29. Thence Brisbane for refit via Townsville and Whitsunday Passage.
- x(xii) "PAURO CHIEF" at Cooktown.
- x(xiii) "WILDURA" dep. Sydney 0905/30 and arr. Newcastle 1517/30. To escort Newcastle portion (5 MV) of Convoy C032, departing 1030 today 1/10 for Melbourne. "DELORAINE", escorting Sydney portion (2 MV), to join off Sydney.
- x(xiv) "SWAN" dep. Townsville 0714/30 for Sydney ETA 1700/4.
- ✓(xv) "ISLANDER", on completion of discharge at Milne Bay is to proceed to Port Moresby. To collect native carriers from Daru and Kitori for disembarkation at Port Moresby.
- (xvi) At Sydney - "MANOORA" "K.9" "DOBBIN" "WILCANNIA" "BROOME" "TAMWORTH" "DELORAINE" "WHYALLA" "BUNGARKE" "PINGWO" "TULSA" "GAWLER" "DUBBO" "MIZAR"
Repairing - "LE TRIOMPHANT" "BAGLEY" "BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA" "PATTERSON"
- (xvii) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "DOOMBA"
Repairing - "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xviii) At Adelaide - "CESSNOCK"
- (xix) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "BUNDABERG" "GOULBURN"
- (xx) At Townsville - "KATOOMBA" "BENDIGO" "LITHGOW"
- (xxi) At Cairns - "ARUNTA"
- (xxii) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA"
- (xxiii) At Port Moresby - "ARMIDALE" "BALLARAT" "BENJAMIN FRANKLIN" "AROONA" "E.D. THORAU" "GEORGE TAYLOR" "WILLIS VAN DER VENTER"

"JOSEPH LANE"

(xxiv) At Milne Bay - "WARRAGO" "MANUNDA" "BIDELIA" "ISLANDER" "sJACOB"

Enemy Forces

(i) BUIN - SHORTLANDS AREA -

a) At 0155L/30 air recce reported the following vessels in the general Buin area -

1 possible cruiser

1 destroyer

11 other vessels including 4 transports

b) At 1745L/30 8 cargo ships and one tanker were observed in the vicinity of Buin. Other warships were also visible but the number and type could not be discerned owing to poor visibility.

c) Increasing activity was noted on the Buin aerodrome on the night 29/9.

(ii) BUKA PASSAGE - Air recce reported one damaged cruiser, two destroyers and an auxiliary vessel Buka Passage area 1050L/30.

A 4,000 ton vessel was sighted in this area at 0305L/30.

(iii) RABAUL - A further ~~analysis~~ analysis of photographs of shipping in portion of Rabaul Harbour 28/9 reveals

1 probable heavy cruiser

2 destroyers

1 large submarine

6 other submarines

2 probable seaplane tenders

19 merchant ships

31 vessels

(iv) SAN CRISTOBAL AREA (Solomons) - Two unidentified aircraft were sighted approx 103 miles S.S.W. of Cape Surville (Southern tip San Cristobal Is.) on 30/9. An enemy four-engined flying boat was also sighted in this general area at approx noon 30/9.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

(i) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "TULAGI" dep. Darwin 0510/30 ETA Thursday Is. 2030/2/10.

(ii) At Fremantle - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "K.8" "K.12" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "CAIRNS" "B ENGAL" "TOOWOOMBA" "WOLLONGONG" "IPSWICH" "BURNIE" "MARYBOROUGH" "WALLAROO" "LARK" "ERLING BROVIG" "W.B. PRESTON"

(iii) At Albany - "XXKX" "PELIAS" "WHIPPOORWILL"

(iv) At Darwin - "WARRNAMBOOL"

(v) At Exmouth Gulf - "HERON" "CHILDS"

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

9 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

(i) At Espiritu Santo - "TRACY" "MACKINAC" "CURTISS" "HERCULES" "GAMBLE" "BREESE"

(ii) At Tongatabu - "NORTH CAROLINA" "AYLWIN" "STACK" "SABINE" "VESTAL" "SUMNER" "TALAMANCA"

(iii) At Samoa - "CHICAGO" "HOVEY" "TURKEY" "BRAZOS" "CAMANCA" "CHESTNUT" "E.A. POE" "LACKAWANNA" "TAPPANANOCK"

(iv) At Suva - "DALE" "CATALPA" "MAJABA" "CASTOR"

(v) At Auckland - "ACHILLES" "MONOWAI" "RICEL" "ALSEY" "ATREUS" "EBONY" "NEVILLE" "RAINIER"

(vi) At Noumea - "BORNEY" "COPANEE" "NORTHAMPTON" "PENSACOLA" "SAN DIEGO" "JUNEAU" "CONYNGHAM" "LANG" "MORRIS" "ANDERSON" "HUGHES" "MUSTIN" "RUSSELL" "KX" "BARTON" "MEADE" "FULLER" "KINGFISHER" "ARGONNE" "WHITNEY" "ANTARES" "MANLEY" "McKEAN" "KANKAKU" "ARCTIC" "WALKE" "VIREO" "LASSEN" "CIMARRON" "HAMMONDS FORT" "JUPITER" "O'BRIEN" "McCAWLEY" "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "ALCHIEA" "PRESIDENT JACKSON" "STRINGHAM" "BELLATRIX" "JAMESTOWN" "PRESIDENT HAYES" "HULL" "McFARLAND" "ZEILIN" "GUADALOUPE" "MacDONOUGH" "WHARTON" "ZANE"

(vii) At Vila - "KANAWHA"

(viii) At Wellington - "AMERICAN LEGION" "HUNTER LEGGETT"

(ix) At Borabora - "FLETCHER" "O'BANNON" "TERN"

Enemy Forces

ELLICE ISLANDS - Reports of unidentified aircraft over the Ellice Is. on 29/9 have been received as follows -

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|---------------|---------|
| Hukufetau Is. | 0941/29 |
| Vaitupu Is. | 1000/29 |
| Riu Island | 0944/29 |
| Hanumea Is. | 1025/29 |

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "WANGANELLA" dep. Suez 12/9 with 500 invalids for Australia and New Zealand.
- (ii) "KANIMBLA" dep. Colombo 23/9 for Fremantle.

Enemy Forces

CALCUTTA - An unidentified twin-engined aircraft flew over Calcutta at 18,000 feet on 28/9. Nil interception.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS - Nil

3. AIR OPERATIONS

(i) BUIN

- a) A Catalina attacked Buin aerodrome on the night 29/9 scoring 5 hits on runway and 3 hits on dispersal bays. 18 other bombs fell around runway area and in a clearing off the runway.
- b) 3 Catalinas attacked Buin aerodrome between 0140/0400/30/9. Results unobserved. Heavy A.A. fire from cruiser off Erventa Is. and from ships anchored off Buin.

(ii) BUKA -

- a) One Catalina dropped 8 bombs across dispersal bays W. of runway on the night 29/9. Results unobserved.
- b) One Catalina bombed Buka aerodrome at 0305L/30 scoring 8 hits along dispersal bays.

(iii) BUNA - One B.17 attacked a house at Buna Point at 1223/30. Three bombs missed target; results of remainder not observed.

(iv) WAIROPE - 2 B.17's attacked Wairope Bridge at 1235/30 scoring hits on both approaches. Bridge left sagging but not destroyed.

(v) MENARI

- a) One P.40 strafed huts in the Myola Lake-Menari area at 0800/30.
- b) 4 P.400's strafed huts in the Menari area at 1145L/30.
- c) 6 A.20's successfully attacked targets in Menari area on 30/9.

ENEMY - Timor - Enemy a/c bombed & machinegunned allied positions in the

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE (Patucuc-Betano area on 28/9 & 29/9.

- (i) Continued night infiltration on Guadalcanal by means of destroyers and submarines from the Buin - Faisi - Tonolei Harbour base.
- (ii) Heavy naval and air counter-attacks against allied positions in the Solomons, with a view to re-occupation of Guadalcanal.
- (iii) Heavy attack and attempt at consolidation Milne Bay - Buna area.
- (iv) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (v) Intensified submarine activity in the S.W.P.A.

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For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

1/10/42

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruiser

6" Cruisers

Flotilla Leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

Dutch Submarine

A.W.C.'s

Submarine Tender

Destroyer Tender

Storeships

Gunboat

Oiler

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet

CinC 2nd Fleet

CinC 8th Fleet

CinC 1st Air Fleet

CinC 4th Fleet

CinC 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet)

3 Battleships (BB)

4 Battlecruisers (BB)

Aircraft Carriers (CV)

Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

9 Heavy Cruisers (CA)

(2 poss. damaged)

11 Light Cruisers (CL)

(8 prob. damaged)

Effective

AUSTRALIA

PHOENIX

HOBERT

ARUNTA

STUART

SELFRIDGE

MUGFORD

HENLEY

HELM

GRAMPUS)

GRAYBACK)

GUDGEON)

S.37)

S.40)

S.42)

S.45)

S.47)

STURGEON)

SAILFISH)

SCULPIN)

S.43)

S.44)

S.46)

K.9

WESTRALIA

KANIMBLA

MANGORA

GRIFFIN

DOBBIN

MIZAR

TULSA

Refitting or Repairing

LE TRIOMPHANT

PATTERSON

BAGLEY

En route Albany to Brisbane

At Brisbane

On Patrol

At Sydney

GOLDSTAR

VICTORIA

} possibly identical

} (Fleet Oiler & A/C Transport

KINUGASA or AOBA

KASHIMA

KATORI

JINTSU

SENDAI

NAKA

ISUZU

KINU

Light Cruisers (Contd)

YURA
NAGARA
TENRYU
TATSUTA

Approx 25 submarines incl. 4-8 "RO" class, 15 "I" class (at least 2 minelayers)

45-50 Destroyers (DD)

3 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA
NISSHIN

8 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

NITCHO MARU
NOTCRO
KINUGASA MARU
KAGU MARU
KANCI
OKITSU MARU
SANUKI MARU
KOBE MARU

2 submarine tenders incl.

JINGEI

Approx 25 merchant ships (incl. poss. 3 Military Landing Craft Carriers)

8 Patrol Craft

6 Minelaying Craft

16 Sub Chasers

15 M.T.B.'s

5 Gunboats

Approx 252 shore-based aircraft incl. 68 fighters, 108 H/B, 36 F/B, 20 F/P, 20 Obsn. or transport aircraft

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

Flotilla Leader

S/P Tenders

ADELAIDE
TROMP
HERON
CHILDS
W.B. PRESTON

Submarine Tenders

FELIAS

Submarines

HOLLAND

On Patrol

SNAPPER

SALMON

SEAL

SANGO

THRESHER

SEADRAGON

SPEARFISH

SKIPJACK

SEARAVEN

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

SWORDFISH)

SAURY)

SEAWOLF)

GAR)

GRENADIER)

TAMBOR)

TAUTOG)

K.8)

K.12)

At Fremantle

At Albany

At Fremantle

Dutch Submarines

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

CinC 3rd Fleet

CinC Southern Expeditionary Fleet

1 - 8" Cruiser

ASHIGARA)

1 Light Cruiser

KASHII)

Poss. en route Truk - New Britain area

Approx 16 Destroyers

3 Converted S/P Tenders

KENYO MARU

SOUYOU MARU

SANYO MARU

Timor

Approx 12 shore-based aircraft including 6 fighters, 6 H/B

Ambon

Approx 32 shore-based aircraft incl. 9 F, 8 H/B, 8 F/B, 7 F/P

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleships

Aircraft Carriers
Converted A/C Carriers
8" Cruisers
6" Cruisers

Destroyers
Submarines

Enemy Forces

Palao - Formosa - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

5 Battleships (BB)

Aircraft Carriers (CV)

Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)

4 - 8" Cruisers (CA)

2 Light Cruisers (CL)

1 S/P Tender (AV)

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 30 Destroyers

Approx 14 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Destroyers
A.M.C.'s

SOUTH DAKOTA
MARYLAND
COLORADO
IDAHO
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
PENNSYLVANIA
SARATOGA
ENTERPRISE
COPARBE
LONG ISLAND
PORTLAND
NEW ORLEANS
SAN JUAN
HALEIGH
DETROIT
15 (approx)
23 (approx)

MUSASHI
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
ISE
HYUGA
HAYATAKA - en route Truk
HITAKA
ZUIKAKE - (possibly damaged)
ZUIHO
UNYO } possibly identical
YAWATA MARU } en route Truk
NACHI } SUZUYA
HAGURO
unknown new unit Crudiv 7
("MOGAMI" ?)

YUBARI
KATORI
CHIYOMA
GOSHU MARU
FUJIKAWA MARU
KAMIKAWA MARU

WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
HORNET
WASP
ASTORIA
VINCENNES
MINNEAPOLIS
QUINCY
SAN FRANCISCO
SALT LAKE CITY
NORTHAMPTON
PENSACOLA
CHESTER
CHICAGO
BOISE
HELENA
JUNEAU
SAN DIEGO
ATLANTA
LEANDER
AGHILLES
25 (approx)
MONONAI
ASCANIA

CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE
NEVADA (to be ready
about 1/10)
WEST VIRGINIA

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE
INDIANAPOLIS
HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE

5" Cruisers

15 Destroyers
10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians

3 Light Cruisers

ABUKOMA
TAMA
KISO

Approx 4 Destroyers
Approx 20 Submarines
1st Base Force
Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) ?

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA
British and Allied Forces

Battleships

WARSPITE
VALIANT REVENGE
RESOLUTION
ILLUSTRIOUS
FORMIDABLE
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HAWKINS PROBISHER
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
DAUNTLESS
DANAE
DRAGON
CAPETOWN
CERES
CALEDON
SUMATRA (Dutch)
WORCESTERSHIRE
RANCHI
ALAUNIA
CHITRAL
RANPURA
CANTON
QUEEN OF BERMUDA
CARTHAGE
HEEMSKERK
CARLISLE

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

Approx 25 Destroyers
Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Approx 5 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

2nd October, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "PHOENIX" "SELFRIDGE" "MUGFORD" "RENEBY" "HELM") south of China Strait area.
- + (ii) "STUART" arr. Sydney for docking and repairs 1250/1.
- + (iii) "COLAC" escorting "TASMAN" "KARSIK" arr. Milne Bay 1400/30.
- + (iv) "SWAN" en route Townsville 0714/30 for Sydney ETA 1700/4.
- + (v) Convoy BPS ("KATOOMBA" "JOHN ASHE") arr. Townsville 1/10. "GRELONG" was due Brisbane 1/10 after escorting above to Capricorn Channel Convoy Y ("TARONGA" "KATOOMBA" "JOHN ASHE" "NORDNES" "ASPASIA" "NOMIKES" "EKATERINI" "COUMANTAROU") escorted by "ARUNTA" "KATOOMBA" "BENDIGO" to depart Townsville 0300/4 for Port Moresby ETA 0001/6. "CREMER" to depart with this convoy and proceed Milne Bay ETA 1100/7.
- + (vi) "WARREGO" escorting "sJACOB" "BIDELIA" was to depart Milne Bay a.m. yesterday 1/10 for Fitzroy Is. "BIDELIA" thence Cairns, "sJACOB" to Townsville.
- + (vii) "GRELONG" to RV with Convoy GP15 off Moreton Bay 1000 today 2/10 and escort "KURUMBA" "ORRISTON" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "DILGA" "YARRA" to Capricorn Channel. "MORESBY" "YANDRA" "DUBBO" to escort remainder of convoy (incl. "AASE MAERSK") to Brisbane ETA Caloundra 2000/2.
- + (viii) "MILDURA" escorting Convoy C032 (5 MV) dep. Newcastle 1124 yesterday 1/10. "WHYALLA" escorting Sydney section (2 MV) dep. 1650/1 for RV.
- + (ix) "TOWNSVILLE" "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Convoy C031 (18 MV) en route Sydney to Melbourne passed Wilson's Promontory 2238/30.
- + (x) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy C031 (6 MV for Sydney, 7 for Newcastle, one other) dep. Port Phillip 2328/30 for RV with C031 and exchange escorts.
- + (xi) "CASTLEMAINE" was to depart Thursday Is. p.m. 30/9 escorting "VAN HEUTSZ" (carrying Air Force personnel and stores) to Darwin.
- + (xii) "WARRE" en route Brisbane to Townsville ETA 1600 today 2/10. Thence Port Moresby.
- + (xiii) "GOOLGWAI" was due Newcastle 0600/2.
- + (xiv) "KOOKABURRA" dep. Cairns 0900/1 for Townsville ETA 1400/3. Thence Brisbane for refit.
- + (xv) "FAURO CHIEF" dep. Cooktown 0800/1 for Port Moresby via Portland Roads.
- + (xvi) "ISLANDER", on completion of discharge at Milne Bay to proceed to Port Moresby. To collect native carriers from Daru and Kitori for disembarkation at Port Moresby.
- + (xvii) "MANUNDA" arr. Port Moresby from Milne Bay 1245/1.
- (xviii) At Sydney - "MANOORA" "K.9" "DOBBIN" "WILCANNIA" "BROOME" "TAMWORTH" "DELOIRINE" "BUNGAREE" "PINGO" "TULSA" "GAWLER" "MIZAL" Repairing - "LE TRIOMPHANT" "SAGLEY" "BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA" "PATTERSON"
- (xix) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM CRYNSSEN" Repairing - "VENDETTA" "COLDSTAR"
- (xx) At Adelaide - "CESSWOCK"
- (xxi) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "BUNDABERG" "GOULBURN"
- (xxii) At Townsville - "KATOOMBA" "BENDIGO" "LITHGOW"
- (xxiii) At Cairns - "ARUNTA"
- (xxiv) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA"
- (xxv) At Port Moresby - "ARMIDALE" "BALLARAT" "BENJAMIN FRANKLIN" "AROMA" "H.D. THOREAU" "GEORGE TAYLOR" "WILLIS VAN DER VENTER" "JOSEPH LANE"

Enemy Forces

- (i) BJIN-SHORTLAND AREA - The enemy force in this area yesterday 1/10 appears to have included the following vessels -

- 3 heavy cruisers (described 2 "NACHI", 1 "KARO" class)
- 2 light cruisers (1 "SENDAI", 1 "TENRYU" class)
- 20 destroyers and patrol boats
- 2 probable minelayers
- 2 converted S/P Tenders
- 5-7 merchant vessels (cargo vessels and transports)
- 2 oilers

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Only 15 DD's and patrol craft were visible at 1730/1 although more had been sighted earlier in the day.

Movements of shipping reported during the day were the departure of 4 destroyers from Buin southwards at 0930, the arrival of 7 destroyers from N.E. at 1730 and the movement of 7 cargo ships from Buin to Kimili between 0720 and 1450, the arrival of a "SENDAI" class cruiser between 0720 and 0820, and the arrival of a "NACHI" cruiser and cargo ship between 1450 and 1730.

A native report 1/10 states that a large warship has been aground on a reef in Tonolei Harbour since 29/9.

- (ii) BUKA PASSAGE - Rescue aircraft sighted a destroyer and 2 small unidentified vessels stationary approx 10 miles S.W. Buka Passage at 1020/1. One member of the crew of the aircraft reports a transport 8/10,000 tons in addition to the above 3 vessels. (This may be the vessel reported as a 4,000 ton vessel 30/9, when a cruiser, 2 destroyers, 1 auxiliary were also sighted in the vicinity of Buka Passage.)

A destroyer departed Sumboa (exact location unknown, but prob. west coast Bougainville near Buka passage) at 1017/1.

There are no further reports of the damaged cruiser which was sighted at Buka 30/9.

- (iii) BUNA - 12 barges were reported off Sanananda Point at 0800/1. Aircraft attacking these barges and also buildings at Salamau (see Air Ops) reported no shipping along the coast between those two places.
- (iv) LAE - Aerial photographs 30/9 show one unidentified vessel off the coast at Lae.
- (v) ENEMY SUBMARINE ACTIVITY - Four enemy submarines were indicated in the Solomons 29/30 Sept. as follows -
 - a) NEW GEORGIA - One 8°S, 156°E, another 10°S, 157°E, 29/9.
 - b) MALAITA - One submarine 7°S, 161°E (84 miles NNE Cape Astrolabe) 29/9.
 - c) SAN CRISTOVAL - One submarine 66 miles west Cape Surville.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "KANIMBLA" en route Colombo to Fremantle ETA 0930 tomorrow 3/10.
- (ii) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "YOCROW" "SISIGO" arr. Darwin 1836/1; then departed to meet "PERIOD" & escort her to Darwin.
- (iii) At Fremantle - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "K.8" "K.12" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "CAIRNS" "BENGAL" "TOOWOOMBA" "WOLLONGONG" "IPSWICH" "BURNIE" "MARYBOROUGH" "WALLAROO" "LARK" "ERLING BROVIC" "W.B. PRESTON"
- (iv) At Albany - "PHOENIX" "HIPPOCORNWILL"
- (v) At Darwin - "WARREHAMBOOL"
- (vi) At Exmouth Gulf - "HERON" "CHILDS"

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

9 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) At Espiritu Santo - "TRACY" "MACKINAC" "CURTISS" "HERCULES" "GAMBLE" "BREESE"
- (ii) At Tongatabu - "NORTH CAROLINA" "AYLWIN" "STACK" "SABINE" "VESTAL" "SUMNER" "TALAMANCA"
- (iii) At Samoa - "CHICAGO" "HOVEY" "TURKEY" "BRAZOS" "GAMANGA" "CHESTNUT" "E.A. POE" "LACKAWANNA" "TAPPANANROCK"
- (iv) At Suva - "DALE" "CATALPA" "MAJABA" "CASTOR"
- (v) At Auckland - "ACHILLES" "MONGWAI" "RIGEL" "ALSEY" "ATREUS" "EBONY" "NEVILLE" "RAINIER"
- (vi) At Noumea - "HORNET" "COPANSE" "NORTHAMPTON" "PENSACOLA" "SAN DIEGO" "JUNEAU" "CONYNGHAM" "LANG" "MORRIS" "ANDERSON" "HUGHES" "MUSTIN" "RUSSELL" "BARTON" "MEADE" "FULLER" "KINGFISHER"

"ARGONNE" "WHITNEY" "ANTARES" "MANLEY" "MCKEAN" "KANKAKU"
 "ARCTIC" "WALKE" "VIREO" "LASSEN" "CIMARRON" "HAMMONDS PORT"
 "JUPITER" "O'BRIEN" "MCCAWLEY" "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "ALCHIBA"
 "PRESIDENT JACKSON" "STRINGHAM" "BELLATRIX" "JAMESTOWN"
 "PRESIDENT HAYES" "HULL" "MCFARLAND" "ZEILIN" "GUADALOUPE"
 "MADONOUGH" "SHARTON" "ZANE"

- (vii) At Vila - "KANAWHA"
- (viii) At Wellington - "AMERICAN LEGION" "HUNTER LEGGETT"
- (ix) At Bora Bora - "FLETCHER" "O'BANNON" "TERN"

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "WANGANILLA" dep. Suez 12/9 with 500 invalids for Australia and New Zealand.

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2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) NORMANBY IS. - Natives report that all remaining Japanese (survivors from the destroyer sunk in the vicinity 11/9) were evacuated by aircraft and boat on the night 26/27 Sept.
- (ii) GILBERT IS. - There has been no contact with Nonouti Is. since 25/9, and Kuria Is. is believed to have been in enemy hands since 27/9. Reports indicate that the Gilbert Is. have been occupied as follows:

| | |
|-------------|-------------------|
| Makin Is. | prior to 24/12/41 |
| Abemama Is. | 2/9/42 |
| Tarawa Is. | 3/9/42 |
| Maiana Is. | 24/9/42 |
| Beru Is. | 25/9/42 |
| Nonouti Is. | 25/9/42 |
| Kuria Is. | 27/28 Sept. |

Ocean Is. and Nauru were occupied about 26/8.

- (iii) KISKA - It is believed that an enemy submarine was sunk in Kiska Harbour by air attack 28/9. A transport was badly damaged by hits and near misses from 8 bombs, and was seen sinking. (See Air Ops.)

3. AIR OPERATIONS

- (i) BUIN - Enemy W/T installations at Buin were destroyed by air attack 29/30 September.
- (ii) SALAMUA-BUNA - 6 Beaufighters, 4 Aircobras strafed buildings Salamua and barges Sanananda Point morning 1/10. ~~Results~~ Results unknown.
- (iii) WAIROPE - Attacks were made on Wairopi Bridge and installations in the area on 1/10 by 6 Aircobras, 3 Fortresses. Bridge left unserviceable. 4 Aircobras attacking at 1630 reported that damage caused to the bridge in the morning (1015) was already under repair.
- (iv) ALEUTIANS - Air attacks on enemy positions in the Aleutians are reported as follows -
 - a) Kiska - 6 B.24's unsuccessfully attacked Harbour area 27/9. One Zero shot down. 8 B.24's successfully attacked Harbour area 28/9 (see Naval Incidents); 5 Zero's shot down. 3 enemy destroyers were seen leaving the harbour.
 - b) Semichi Is. - 3 bombers attacked an enemy transport and destroyer 100 miles N. of Semichi (112 miles W. by N. Kiska) 27/9. Near misses on transport.
 - c) Buldir (60 miles NW of Kiska) - Catalina attacked and possibly damaged a freighter 50 miles North Buldir 28/9.
 - d) Attu - Bombers attacked Attu without opposition 28/9, starting fires.

ENEMY

Ellice Is. - Enemy air recon of Nui Is. was carried out 0925/1.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Continued night infiltration on Guadalcanal by means of destroyers and submarines from the Buin - Faisi - Tonolei Harbour base.
- (ii) Heavy naval and air counter-attacks against allied positions in the Solomons with a view to re-occupation of Guadalcanal.
- (iii) Heavy attack and attempt at consolidation Milne Bay - Buna area.
- (iv) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (v) Intensified submarine activity in the S.W.P.A.

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruiser

6" Cruisers

Flotilla Leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

Dutch Submarine

A.M.C.'s

Submarine Tender

Destroyer Tender

Storeships

Gunboat

Oiler

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet

CinC 2nd Fleet

CinC 8th Fleet

CinC 1st Air Fleet

CinC 4th Fleet

CinC 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet)

3 Battleships (BB)

4 Battlecruisers (BB)

Aircraft Carriers (CV)

Converted A/O Carriers (XCV)

11/12 Heavy Cruisers (CA)

(2 damaged)

11 Light Cruisers (CL)

(2 prob. damaged)

Effective

AUSTRALIA

PHOENIX

HOBART

ARUNTA

STUART

SELFRIDGE

MUGFORD

HENLEY

ERLE

GRAMPUS)

GRAYBACK) En route Albany to Brisbane

GUDGEON)

S.37)

S.40)

S.42) At Brisbane

S.45)

S.47)

STURGEON)

SAILFISH)

SCULPIN) On Patrol

S.43)

S.44)

S.46)

K.9) At Sydney

WESTRALIA

KANIMBLA

MANOORA

GRIFFIN

DOBBS

MIZAR

TULSA

Refitting or Repairing

LE TRIOMPHANT

PATTERSON

BAGLEY

GOLDSTAR

VICTORIA

YAMATO

MUTSU

NAGATO

KIRISHIMA

HIYEI

KONGO

HARUNA

SHOKAKU

HOSHO

OTAKA (poss. ex KA SUGA MARU) - damaged

TONE

TIKUMA

KUMANO) Damaged

HAGURO)

SUZUYA

ATAGO

CHOKAI

TAKAO

MYOKO

PURUTAKA

KINUGASA or AOBA

ASHIGARA

KASHIMA

KATORI

JINTSU

SENDAI

NAKA

ISUZU

Light Cruisers (Contd)

- 3 -
YURA
HAGARA
TENRYU
TATSUTA

Approx 25 submarines (incl. 4-8 "RO" class, 15 "I" class (at least 2 mineayers)
45-50 Destroyers (DD)

3 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA
NISSHIN
NITCHO MARU
NOTORO
KINUGASA MARU
KAGU MARU
KAMOI
OKITSU MARU
SANUKI MARU
KOBE MARU
JINGEI

8 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

2 submarine tenders incl.

Approx 25 merchant ships (incl. poss. 3 Military Landing Craft Carriers)

8 Patrol Craft

6 Minelaying Craft

16 Sub Chasers

15 M.T.B.'s

5 Gunboats

Approx 253 shore-based aircraft incl. 68 fighters, 108 H/B, 38 F/B,
20 F/P, 20 Obsn. or transport aircraft

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

Flotilla Leader

S/P Tenders

ADELAIDE
TRUMP
HERON
CHILD'S
W. B. PRESTON

Submarine Tenders

PELIAS
HOLLAND

Submarines

On Patrol

SNAPPER
SALMON
SEAL
SARGO
THRESHER
SEADRAGON
SPEARFISH
SKIPJACK
SEARAVEN

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

SWORDFISH)
SAURY) At Fremantle
SEAWOLF)
GAR)

GRENADEIER)
TAMBOUR) At Albany
TAUTOG)

Dutch Submarines

K.8)
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Destroyers
A.M.C.'s

SOUTH DAKOTA
MARYLAND
COLORADO
IDAHO
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
PENNSYLVANIA
SARATOGA
ENTERPRISE
COPAHEE
LONG ISLAND
PORTLAND
NEW ORLEANS
SAN JUAN
RALEIGH
DETROIT
15 (approx)
23 (approx)

CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE
NEVADA (to be ready
about 1/10)
WEST VIRGINIA

MUSASHI
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
ISE
HYUGA
HAYATAKA - en route Truk
HITAKA
ZUIKAKU (possibly damaged)
ZUHO
UNYO (poss.ex YAWATA MARU) poss.enroute
NACHI Truk
new MOCAMI ? (damaged)
YUBARI
NATORI
CHIYODA
GOSHU MARU
FUJIKAWA MARU
KAMIKAWA MARU
WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
HORNET
WASP
ASTORI
VINCENNES
MINNEAPOLIS
QUINCY
SAN FRANCISCO
SALT LAKE CITY
NORTHAMPTON
PENSACOLA
CHESTER
CHICAGO
BOISE
HELENA
JUNEAU
SAN DIEGO
ATLANTA
LEANDER
ACHILLES
25 (approx)
MONOWAI
ASCANIA

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA
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INDIANAPOLIS
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GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
HAWKINS PROBISHER
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
LAUNTLISS
DAHAE
DRAGON
CAPETOWN
CERES
CALEDON
SUSATRA (Dutch)
WORCESTERSHIRE
RANCHI
ALAUZIA
CHITRAL
KANPURA
CANTON
QUEEN OF BERMUDA
CARTHAGE
HEEMSKERK
CARLISLE

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- +(vi) "GRELONG" escorting Convoy BT. 2 ("KURUMBA" "ORMLISTON" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "DILGA" "YARRA") dep. Moreton Bay area 2/1 for Townsville.
- +(vii) "MORESBY" "DUBBO" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy GP. 5 arr. Brisbane 1633 yesterday 2/10, less 5 ships for Townsville (see vi).
"MORESBY" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy PG. 15 (4 MV) dep. Brisbane 1720/2 for Newcastle. ETA. 1000/4 and Sydney, ETA. 1600/4.
"DUBBO" returning independently for Sydney after escort duty with Convoy GP. 15.
- +(viii) "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy OC. 31 on route Melbourne to Sydney and Newcastle. "TOWNSVILLE" to be detached off Sydney, with Sydney section (6 MV). ETA. 0200/4. "ROCKHAMPTON" to proceed Newcastle with 7 MV. ETA. 1000/4. One MV for Catherine Hill Bay. ETA. 0800/4.
- +(ix) "DOOMBA" escorted Convoy OC. 31 to Melbourne after RV with "TOWNSVILLE" & "ROCKHAMPTON".
- +(x) "MILNIRA" "WHYALLA" escorting Convoy CO. 32 on route Sydney to Melbourne.
- +(xi) "CASTLEMAINE" departed Thursday Is. 1805/2 escorting "VAN HEUTSE" (carrying Air Force personnel and stores) to Darwin. ETA. 1530/5.
- +(xii) "WARREN" on route Brisbane to Townsville. ETA. 0700 today 3/10 Thence Port Moresby.
- +(xiii) "ROCKABURRA" arrived Townsville 0830/2. Thence Brisbane for refit.
- +(xiv) "FAUCO CHIEF" dep. Cooktown 1/10 for Port Moresby, via Portland Roads.
- +(xv) "ISLANDER" dep. Milne Bay 2037/1 for Port Moresby. ETA. 2000/2. To collect native carriers from Daru and Kitori for disembarkation at Port Moresby.
- +(xvi) At Sydney - "MANOORA" "K.9" "DORBIN" "WILCANNIA" "BROOME" "TANBORTH" "DELRORINE" "BUNGAREE" "PINGO" "TULSA" "CAWLER" "HIZAR".
Repairing - "LE TRIOMPHANT" "BAGLEY" "STUART" "BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA".
- (xvii) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM CHRYSSEN".
Repairing - "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR".
- (xviii) At Adelaide - "GRENNOCK".
- (xix) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "BUNDABERG" "GOULBURN".
- (xx) At Townsville - "KATOOMBA" "BENDIGO" "LITHGOW".
- (xxi) At Cairns - "ARUNTA".
- (xxii) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA".
- (xxiii) At Port Moresby - "ARMIDALE" "BALLARAT" "MANUNDA" "BENJAMIN FRANKLIN" "H.D. THOREAU" "GEORGE TAYLOR" "WILLIS VAN DER VENTER" "JOSEPH LANE".
- (xxiv) At Milne Bay - "COLAC" "TASMAN".

Enemy Forces.

(1) Buin-Paisi. The only important change in the composition of the enemy force at the Shortland Base yesterday 2/10 was the re-appearance of the large vessel previously described as resembling a MUTSU class battleship. This vessel was reported off Buin at 1215, but the only very large ship sighted by aircraft reconnaissance at 1330 was reported as a probable transport estimated at 18,000 tons. It is stated that the ship is definitely not a cruiser; it is possibly a large seaplane-tender or submarine-tender.

Air reconnaissance sighted two forces North of Bougainville Strait on South-easterly courses 1/10, one alleged to include a battleship, two destroyers, an oiler and 6 unidentified vessels (25 miles NE Kiata); another consisting of 4 destroyers (100 miles N. by E. Kiata). Both forces appeared to be approaching the Shortland Base, and were probably part of the force already known to be operating from the base.

Reports yesterday 2/10 indicate the composition of the force as follows:-

- 3 heavy cruisers (described as two HACHI one KAKO)
- 2 light cruisers (one SENSUAI, one TENRYU)
- 18 destroyers.
- 11 merchant vessels.
- 2 tankers.
- 1 large unidentified vessel (possibly seaplane tender or large submarine tender).

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The force probably includes several mine-layers and seaplane tenders, and an aircraft reported a possible submarine at 0235.

(ii) Buka. One enemy warship was observed in Buka Passage at 1705/2, and a destroyer arrived at 1741. Two destroyers and 2 small vessels were operating in the area 1/10, and a destroyer with one other vessel was reported by aircraft at 0020/2. The two vessels sighted yesterday afternoon were, therefore, probably destroyers. Considerable activity was seen on the aerodrome during the afternoon.

(iii) Kavieng. Air reconnaissance reported a light cruiser (probably "HATORI" class) and a probable seaplane tender (8/10,000 tons) in Steffen Strait at 1140/2.

(iv) Bahau. Two enemy transports were damaged, and one cruiser and an unidentified vessel were possibly hit, during Allied air attack yesterday 2/10 (see Air Operations). At least 30 ships were reported in Harbour.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

British and Allied Forces.

- (1) "KANIMBLA" en route Colombo to Fremantle. ETA. 0930 today 3/10.
- (ii) "KALGOORLIE" departed Darwin 1835/1 to meet "PERIOD" & escort her to Darwin.
- (iii) At Fremantle - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "K.8" "K.12" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "CAIENS" "BENGAL" "TOOWOOMBA" "WOLLONGONG" "IPSWICH" "BURNIE" "MARYBOROUGH" "WALLAROO" "LANE" "ERLING BROVIG" "W.B. PRESTON".
- (iv) At Albany - "PELIAS" "WHIPPOORWILL".
- (v) At Darwin - "WARRNAMBOOL".
- (vi) At Exmouth Gulf - "HERRON" "CHILDS".

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.

British and Allied Forces.

9 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

B) GENERAL PACIFIC AREA.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

British and Allied Forces.

- (i) At Espiritu Santo - "TRACE" "WACKINAC" "McFARLAND" "CURTISS" "GAMBLE" "BERNIE".
- (ii) At Tongatabu - "NORTH CAROLINA" "AYLWIN" "STACK" "SABINE" "VESTAL" "SUMNER".
- (iii) At Suva - "CHICAGO" "HOVEY" "TURKEY" "BRAZOS" "CAMANUA" "CHESTNUT" "E.A. POE" "LACKAWANNA" "TAPPANANNOCK".
- (iv) At Suva - "DALE" "CATALPA" "MAJIDABA" "CASTOR".
- (v) At Auckland - "ACHILLES" "MONOWAI" "RIGEL" "ALSEY" "ATREUS" "EBONY" "NEVILLE" "RAINIER".
- (vi) At Noumea - "HORNET" "COPANEE" "NORTHAMPTON" "PENSACOLA" "SAN DIEGO" "JUNEAU" "CONYNGHAM" "LANG" "MORRIS" "ANDERSON" "HUGHES" "JUSTIN" "STERETT" "RUSSELL" "BARTON" "MEADE" "KINGFISHER" "ARCONNE" "WHITNEY" "ANTARES" "MANLEY" "McKEAN" "KANKAKU" "ARCTIC" "WALKE" "VIRSO" "LASSEN" "CIMARRON" "HAMMONDS POINT" "JUPITER" "O'NEIL" "McCAWLEY" "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "ALGERIA" "STRINGHAM" "BELLATRIX" "JAMESTOWN" "HULL" "McFARLAND" "ZEILIN" "GUADALOUPE" "MacDONOUGH" "HEARTON" "ZANE".
- (vii) At Vila - "KANAWHA".
- (viii) At Wellington - "BARNETT" "AMERICAN LEGION" "HUNTER LEGGETT".
- (ix) At Bora Bora - "FLETCHER" "O'BANON" "TERR".
- (x) Guadalcanal area - "FORMALHAUT" "GWIN" "GRAYSON" "NICHOLAS".

Enemy Forces.

Soupac.

Guadalcanal. Allied patrol activity on Guadalcanal continued 30/9. No ground contact was made, but our aircraft are continuing to attack enemy positions.

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA.

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

British and Allied Forces.

- (i) "WARGANELLA" dep. Suez 12/9 with 500 invalids for Australia and New Zealand.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS.

- (i) Kilindini. Rear-Admiral A.W. La T. Bisset has assumed duty as Rear-Admiral Naval Air Stations (R.A.N.A.S.) Indian Ocean, and will fly his flag on shore at Kilindini.
- (ii) Guadalcanal. 5 dive bombers and 5 torpedo bombers from a Soupac base attacked 4 enemy destroyers approx. 100 miles E. by N. Cape Esperance at 1900/1. One destroyer was damaged and was apparently unable to proceed. Three torpedo bombers did not return.

3. AIR OPERATIONS.

Allied.

- (i) Buia. 4 Catalinas attacked the aerodrome 0015/2. Damage unknown. A cruiser was unsuccessfully attacked.
- (ii) Buka. One Catalina dropped bombs on runway at 0020/2 and another attacked aerodrome 0141. Results unknown.
- (iii) Rabaul. Six Fortresses attacked shipping in Harbour 0545/2. Results:-
 - One 15,000 ton transport set on fire.
 - One 7,000 ton transport hit.
 - One cruiser possibly hit.
 - One other vessel possibly hit.

In addition, a large explosion was caused on Lakunai aerodrome, possibly resulting from a hit on an ammunition dump.

(iv)

Wairopi - Myola area.

- (a) Eight Aircobras attacked Wairopi Bridge 2050/2. Middle section of bridge further damaged. Footbridge still intact.
- (b) 3 Bostons attacked enemy positions Myola area 1000/2. Eleven fires observed.
- (c) Two Aircobras attacked Myola area and destroyed a bridge south of Wairopi.

Enemy.

New Guinea. Two or more enemy heavy bombers were reported over Cape Nelson yesterday 2/10.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE.

- (i) Continued night infiltration on Guadalcanal by means of destroyers and submarines from the Buin- Faisi-Tonelei Harbour base.
- (ii) Heavy naval and air counter-attacks against Allied positions in the Solomons with a view to re-occupation of Guadalcanal.
- (iii) Heavy attack and attempt at consolidation Milne Bay - Buna area.
- (iv) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (v) Intensified submarine activity in the S.W.P.A.

For, DIRECTOR, C.O.I.C.

3/10/42.

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruiser
6" Cruisers

Flotilla Leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

Effective

AUSTRALIA

PHOENIX

HOBBART

ARGENTA

SKELBRIDGE

MUSFORD

HENLEY

HELM

GRANFUS

GRAYBACK

JUDGEON

S.37

S.40

S.42

S.45

S.47

STURGEON

SAE LPISE

SCULPIN

S.43

S.44

S.46

K.9

WESTRALIA

KANTIMBLA

MANOORA

GRIFFIN

DOBIE

MIZAH

TULSA

Refitting or Repairing

LE TRU OMPHANT

STUART

PATTERSON

BAGLEY

En route Albany to Brisbane

At Brisbane

On Patrol

At Sydney

Dutch Submarine

A.N.C.'s

Submarine Tender

Destroyer Tender

Storeships

Gunboat

Oiler

GOLDSTAR

VICTORIA

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet

CinC 2nd Fleet

CinC 8th Fleet

CinC 1st Air Fleet

~~CinC 3rd Fleet~~

CinC 4th Fleet

CinC 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet)

~~CinC 7th Fleet (Expeditionary Fleet)~~

3 Battle ships (BB)

YAMATO

MUSU

KAGATO

4 Battlecruisers (BB)

KIRISHIMA

MIYBI

KONGO

HARUNA

2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

SHOKAKU

HOSHIO

2 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV) OTAKA (poss. ex KASUGA MARU) - damaged

UNYO (poss. ex YAMATA MARU)

11/13 Heavy Cruisers (CA)

TONE

CHIKUMA

KUMANO

HAGURO

SUZUYA

ATAGO

CHOKAI

TAKAO

KYUDO

ASHIGARA

PURUTAKA

KINUGASA or AORA

KASHII

KASHIMA

KATORI

12 Light Cruisers (CL)

(2 prob. damaged)

Light Cruisers (Contd)

JIKITSU
SENEAI
NAKA
ISUZU
KINU
YURA
NAGARA
TENNYU
TATSUTA

Approx 25 submarines incl. 4-8 "RO" class, 15 "Y" class (at least 2 minelayers)

45-50 Destroyers (DD)

3 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA
NISSHIN
NITCHO MARU
NOTORO
KINUGASA MARU
KAGU MARU
KAMOI
OKITSU MARU
SANUKI MARU
KOBE MARU

8 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

2 submarine tenders incl.

Approx 28 merchant ships (incl. poss. 3 Military Landing Craft Carriers)

8 Patrol Craft

6 Minelaying Craft

16 Sub Chasers

15 H.T.B.'s

5 Gunboats

Approx 230 shore-based aircraft incl. 61 fighters, 89 H/B, 36 F/B, 24 F/P, 20 Obsn. or transport aircraft

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

5" Cruiser

Flotilla Leader

S/P Tenders

ADELAIDE
TROMP
HERON
CHILDS
S. B. PRESTON
DELIAS
HOLLAND
On Patrol
SNAPPER
SALMON
SEAL
SARGO
THRESHER
SEADRAGON
SPEARFISH
SRIPJACK
SEARAVERN

Submarine Tenders

Submarines

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

SEARDFISH)
SAURY) At Fremantle
SEAWOLF)
GAB)
ORENADIER)
TAMBOR) At Albany
TAUTOG)
K.8) At Fremantle
K.12)

Dutch Submarines

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

Approx 18 Destroyers

3 Converted S/P Tenders

KEEYO MARU
SOUYOU MARU
SANYO MARU

Timor

Approx 12 shore-based a/c including 6 fighters, 6 H/B

Ambon

Approx 32 shore-based aircraft incl. 9 F, 8 H/B, 8 F/B, 7 F/P

B) CENTRAL
EXTREME PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

Converted A/C Carrier

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Destroyers

Submarines

Enemy Forces

Palau - Formosa - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

5 Battleships (BB)

Aircraft Carriers (CV)

2 - 8" Cruisers (CA)

2 Light Cruisers (CL)

1 S/P Tender (AV)

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 300 Destroyers

Approx 14 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

Converted A/C Carrier

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Destroyers

A.M.C.'s

SOUTH DAKOTA
MARYLAND
COLORADO
IDAHO
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
PENNSYLVANIA
SARATOGA
ENTERPRISE
LONG ISLAND
PORTLAND
NEW ORLEANS
SAN JUAN
RALEIGH
DETROIT
15 (approx)
23 (approx)

CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE
NEVADA (to be ready
about 1/10)
WEST VIRGINIA

MUSASHI
MUSO
YANASHIRO
ISE
HYUGA
RAYATAKA - en route Truk
KITAKA
ZUIKOU U (possibly damaged)
ZUIHO
NACHI was new MOGAMI ? (damaged)
YUBARI
NATORI
CHIYODA
GOESHU MARU
FUJIKAWA MARU
HAMIRAWA MARU
KIYOKAWA MARU

WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
BONNET
WASP
COPAHNE
ASTORIA
VINCENTNES
MINNEAPOLIS
QUINCY
SAN FRANCISCO
SALT LAKE CITY
NORTHAMPTON
PENSACOLA
CHESTER
CHICAGO
BOISE
HELENA
JUNEAU
SAN DIEGO
ATLANTA
LEANDER
ACHILLES
25 (approx)
HONOHAI
ASCANIA

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE
INDIANAPOLIS
HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE

6" Cruisers

15 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians

3 Light Cruisers

ABUKUMA
TAMA
KISO

Approx 4 Destroyers

Approx 20 Submarines

1st Base Force

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) ?

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

WARSPITE
VALIANT
RESOLUTION
ILLUSTRIOUS
FORMIDABLE
DEVONSHIRE
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
HAWKINS
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
DAUNTLESS
DANAK
DRAGON
CAPETOWN
CERES
CALDON
SUMATRA (Dutch)
WORCESTERSHIRE
RANCHI
ALABONIA
CHITRAL
RANPURA
GANTON
QUEEN OF BERMUDA
CARTHAGE
HEEMSKERK
CARLISLE

REVENGE

PROBISHER

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

Approx 25 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Approx 5 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

4th October, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCESA) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTIONBritish and Allied Forces

- (1) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "PHOENIX" "SELFRIDGE" "MUGFORD" "HEWLEY" "HELM") on patrol south of China Strait area.
- + (ii) "PATTERSON" was due Brisbane 0631 today 4/10.
- + (iii) "SWAN" en route Townsville to Sydney ETA 1700 today 4/10.
- + (iv) Convoy Y ("TAROONA" "KATOOMBA" "JOHN ASHE" "NORDNES" "ASPASIA" "NOMIKOS" "EKATERINI COUMANTAROU") escorted by "KATOOMBA" "BENDIGO" to depart Townsville 0300 today 5/10 for Port Moresby ETA 2221/2 1700/7. "CREMER" to depart with this convoy and proceed Milne Bay ETA 1100/8. "ARUNTA" to RV off Fitzroy Is. at 1600 tomorrow 5/10 and escort "CREMER" to Milne Bay.
- + (v) "GEELONG" escorting Convoy BT7 ("XURUMBA" "ORMISTON" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "DILGA" "YARRA") en route Townsville. "GEELONG" to RV with "BRITISH SAILOR" and "MERKUR" at 0700 today 4/10 approx 115 miles ENE Rockhampton and escort to Brisbane.
- + (vi) "WARREGO" escorting "sJACOB" "BIDELIA" departed Milne Bay 0400/1 for Fitzroy Is. "BIDELIA" thence Cairns ETA 1600/3. "sJACOB" to Townsville ETA 1900/4.
- + (vii) "BALLARAT" to depart Port Moresby today 4/9 for RV off Stephen Is. at 1600 with "SEAWITCH" (ex Thursday Is.) and return with her to Moresby.
- + (viii) "MORESBY" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy PG15 (4 MV) en route Brisbane to Newcastle ETA 1000/4 and Sydney ETA 1600/4.
- + (ix) "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy OC31 en route Melbourne to Sydney and Newcastle. "TOWNSVILLE" to be detached off Sydney, with Sydney section (6 MV) ETA 0200/4. "ROCKHAMPTON" to proceed Newcastle with 7 MV ETA 1000/4. One MV for Catherine Hill Bay ETA 0800/4.
- + (x) "MILDURA" "WEYALLA" escorting Convoy OC32 en route Sydney to Melbourne.
- + (xi) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "VAN HEUTSZ" (carrying Air Force personnel and stores) en route Thursday Is. to Darwin ETA 1530/5.
- + (xii) "WARRE" arr. Townsville 0925/3. Thence Port Moresby.
- (xiii) At Sydney - "MANOCRA" "K.9" "DOBBIN" "WILCANNIA" "BROOME" "TAMWORTH" "DELORAINE" "BUNGAREE" "PINGWO" "TULSA" "GAWLER" "WIZAR" Repairing - "LE TRIOMPHANT" "BAGLEY" "STUART" "BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA"
- (xiv) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" Repairing - "VENDETTE" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xv) At Adelaide - "CESSECOCK"
- (xvi) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "BUNDABERG" "GOULBURN"
- (xvii) At Townsville - "LITECOW"
- (xviii) At Cairns - "ARUNTA"
- (xix) At Port Stephens - "AUSTRALIA"
- (xx) At Port Moresby - "ADMIRAL" "MANUNDA" "BENJAMIN FRANKLIN" "R.D. THORNTON" "GEORGE TAYLOR" "WILLIS VAN DER VENTER" "JOSEPH LANE" "ISLANDER"
- (xxi) At Milne Bay - "COLAC" "TASMAN"

Enemy Forces

- (1) GUADALCANAL - There was evidence yesterday 3/10 of the commencement of a strong move against Guadalcanal by surface vessels from the Buin - Faisi base. Reports by reconnaissance aircraft indicated a maximum of 20 vessels at the base during the day, while at least 10 vessels, including a heavy cruiser, 7 destroyers and possibly two merchant vessels, were seen on S.E. courses, during the afternoon, east of New Georgia.

Exceptional activity of enemy aircraft throughout the day indicated an important naval operation involving the movement of surface craft southwards to Guadalcanal. A force including one heavy cruiser and 5 destroyers was sighted 125 miles N.W. Guadalcanal at 1756, protected by 29 aircraft.

Five probable destroyers (evidently those mentioned above) were observed off the N.W. end of Guadalcanal at 2330, apparently unloading troops and supplies.

Four other vessels (probably 2 destroyers, 2 merchant vessels) were also seen off New Georgia making S.E.

A seaplane tender and a possible military landing craft carrier (described as a whaling type vessel - 18,000 tons, with loaded decks) were seen leaving the Faisi area at 1450 on course 125°.

Reports account for only 31 vessels in the area, including those making for Guadalcanal, and a submarine sighted at 1530 approx 77 miles N.W. Shortland Is., course S.E.

An air attack was made on shipping at the Buin base early morning 3/10 (see Air Ops).

- (ii) RABAUL - Air recce of the Rabaul area reported the following vessels in harbour at 1130/3 -

- 7 cruisers
8 destroyers
5 cargo vessels
2 possible seaplane tenders
3 unidentified vessels

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An aircraft on recce at 1430 sighted 23 large vessels, 8 medium vessels, and a number of small boats. One vessel described as a possible battleship, heavily camouflaged with a tug alongside, had a list to starboard. This vessel is possibly one of the heavy cruisers recently damaged off Buin.

Two other groups of vessels were sighted in the vicinity -

- (a) 2 destroyers, one transport, 13 miles NW Rabaul course 300°, at 1105

- (b) 2 destroyers, one cargo vessel 31 miles SSE Cape Gazelle, course 180°, at 1430.

- (iii) KAVIENG - A cruiser and two transports, stationary, were seen by aircraft in Steffen Straits at 1014/3.

- (iv) BUKA - A cruiser and seaplane tender were reported by aircraft 5 miles south of the western entrance to Buka Passage at 1055/3. A destroyer and auxiliary warship were still in the Passage 3/10. 66 aircraft (mostly from the N.E.) flew over Buka during the day 3/10, on a southerly course.

24 fighter-bombers landed at Buka in the afternoon, making a total of 56 aircraft there.

- (v) WOODLARK IS. - Air recce during the night 2/3 reported no enemy activity on Woodlark Is.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR
British and Allied Forces

- (i) "KANIMBLA" arr. Fremantle 0730/3.

- (ii) "KALGOORLIE" asserting "PERIOD" arr. Darwin 2031/3.

- (iii) At Fremantle - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "K.8" "K.12" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "CAIRNS" "BENGAL" "TOONGOMBA" "WOLLONGONG" "IPSWICH" "BURNIE" "MARYBOROUGH" "WALLAROO" "LARK" "ERLING BROVIG" "W.B. PRESTON"

- (iv) At Albany - "PELIAS" "WHIPPOORWILL"

- (v) At Darwin - "WARRENABOOL"

- (vi) At Exmouth Gulf - "HERON" "CHILDS"

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES
British and Allied Forces

9 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) At Espiritu Santo - "TRACY" "MACKINAC" "McPARLAND" "CURTISS" "GAMBLE" "BREESE" "FULLER"

- (ii) At Tongatabu - "NORTH CAROLINA" "AYLWIN" "STACK" "SABINE" "VESTAL" "SUMNER"

- (iii) At Samoa - "CHICAGO" "HOVEY" "TURKEY" "BRAZOS" "CAMANGA" "CHESTNUT" "E.A. FOE" "LACKAWANNA" "TAPPANNOCK"

- (iv) At Suva - "DALE" "CATALPA" "MAJABA" "CASTOR"

- (v) At Auckland - "ACHILLES" "MONOWAI" "RIGEL" "ALSKEY" "ATREUS" "EBONY" "NEVILLE" "RAINIER"

- (vi) At Noumea - "EGRET" "CORABEE" "NORTHAMPTON" "PENSACOLA" "SAN DIEGO" "JUNEAU" "CONYNGHAM" "LANG" "MORRIS" "ANDERSON" "McCALLA" "HOPKINS" "HUGHES" "MUSTIN" "STERETT" "RUSSELL" "BARTON" "MEADE" "KINGFISHER" "ARGONNE" "WHITNEY" "ANTARES" "MANLEY" "McKEAN"

KANKAKU" "ARCTIC" "MALEE" "VIREO" "LASSEN" "CIMARRON"
"HAMMONDS PORT" "JUPITER" "O'BRIEN" "McCAWLEY" "PRESIDENT ADAM"
"ALCHIEA" "SPRINGHAM" "BELLATRIX" "JAMESTOWN" "HULL" "ZEILIN"
"McFARLAND" "GUADALOUPE" "MacDONOUGH" "WHARTON" "ZANE"
"KANAWHA"

- (vii) At Wellington - "BARNETT" "AMERICAN LEGION" "HUNTER LEGGETT"
- (viii) At Bora Bora - "FLETCHER" "O'BANNON" "TERN"
- (ix) Guadalcanal area - "FOMALHAUT" "GWIN" "GRAYSON" "NICHOLAS"

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

"WANGANELLA" dep. Suez 12/9 with 500 invalids for Australia and New Zealand.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS - Nil

3. AIR OPERATIONS

(i) BUIN-FAISI - 10 Beauforts attacked 3 light cruisers, 2 merchant vessels 0520/3. No hits.

(ii) BUKA - 4 Zero's unsuccessfully attacked a Fortress on recce at 1101/3.

(iii) BUNA-KOKODA - 8 Aircobras attacked the Buna-Kokoda Road 0940/3. 2 B.25's made 3 direct hits, 3 near misses on Sairopi Bridge 1330/3. Bridge completely wrecked. Second bridge observed nearby.

(iv) EFOGI AREA - 3 Bostons attacked Efoqi 0945/3. Small fire started.

ENEMY

(i) ELLICE IS. - Enemy air recce was reported over Ellice Is. 29/9.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

(i) Continued night infiltration on Guadalcanal by means of destroyers and submarines from the Buin - Faisi - Tonolei Harbour base.

(ii) Heavy naval and air counter-attacks against allied positions in the Solomons with a view to re-occupation of Guadalcanal.

(iii) Heavy attack and attempt at consolidation Milne Bay - Buna area.

(iv) Attack on Port Moresby area.

(v) Intensified submarine activity in the S.W.P.A.

For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

4/10/42

APPENDIX
TO

DAILY APPRECIATION -- PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA.

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

British and Allied Forces.

8" cruiser 2

6" cruisers

Flotilla Leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

Dutch submarine.

A.M.Cs.

Submarine Tender.

Destroyer Tender

Storeships

Gunboat

Oiler

Effectives.

Refitting or Repairing

AUSTRALIA

PHOENIX

HOBART

ARUNTA

SELFRIDGE

MUGFORD

MENLEY

PATTERSON

HELM

GRAMPUS

GRAYBACK

GUDGEON

S.37

S.40

S.42

S.45

S.47.

STURGEON

SAILFISH

SCULPIN

S.43

S.44

S.46

K.9

WESTRALIA.

KANIBLA

MANOORA.

GRIFPIN

DOBBIN

MIZAR

TULSA

LE TRIOMPHANT

STUART

BAGLEY

At Brisbane.

On patrol.

At Sydney.

GOLDSTAR

VICTORIA.

Enemy Forces.

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons.

C.in C. Combined Fleet.

C.in C. 2nd Fleet.

C.in C. 8th Fleet.

C.in C. 1st Air Fleet.

C.in C. 4th Fleet.

C.in C. 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet).

3 Battleships (BB)

4 Battlecruisers (BB)

2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

2 Converted Aircraft carriers
(XCV)

11/12 Heavy cruisers (CA)
(2 damaged)

11 Light cruisers (CL)
(2 prob. damaged)

YAMATO

MUTSU

NAGATO

KIRISHIMA

HIYEI

KONGO

HARUNA

SHOKAKU

HOSHIO

OTAKA (poss.ex KASUGA MARU) - damage

UNYO (poss.ex YAWATA MARU)

TONE

TIKUMA

KUMANO

HAGURO

SUZUYA

ATAGO

CHOKAI

TAKAO

MYOKO

ASHIGARA

FURUTAKA

KINUGASA or AORA

KASHIMA

KATORI

} damaged.

Light cruisers (contd.)

JINTSU
SENDAI
HAKA
ISUZU
KINU
YURA
HAGARA
TENRYU
TATSUTA

Approx. 25 submarines incl. 4-8 "RO" class, 15 "I" class (at least 2 minelayers).

45-50 destroyers (DD)

3 Seaplane carriers (AV)

CHITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA
NISSEIN
NITCHO MARU
NOTCHO
KINUGASA MARU
KAGU MARU
KANGI
OKIESU MARU
SANKI MARU
KOBE MARU

8 converted S/P.tenders (XAV)

2 submarine tenders incl.

Approx. 25 merchant ships (incl. poss. 3 Military Landing Craft Carriers)

8 patrol craft

6 minelaying craft

16 sub-chasers

15 M.T.Bs.

5 gunboats

Approx. 230 shore-based aircraft incl. 61 fighters, 8 H/B. 36 F/B.

24 F/P. 20 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

JINSEI

2 WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.
British and Allied Forces.

6" cruiser

Flotilla Leader

S/P.tenders.

ADELAIDE
TROMP
HERCH
CHILDS
W.B. PRESTON
PELIAS
HOLLAND

Submarine tenders.

Submarines.

On Patrol

GAR
SARGO
THRESHER
SEADRAGON
SPEARFISH
SKIPJACK
SEARAVEN
STURGEON
SCULPIN

Repairing and Preparing for patrols.

SNAPPER
SALMON
SEAL
SWORDFISH
SAURY
SEAWOLF
GRENADIER

} At Fremantle.

TANBOR
TAUTOG

} At Albany

Dutch submarines.

K.8

K.12

} At Fremantle.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.
British and Allied Forces.

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

Enemy Forces.

C. in C. 3rd Fleet.

C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet.

Approx. 16 destroyers.

3 converted S/P.tenders.

KENYO MARU
SOJYOU MARU
SANYO MARU

Timor.

Approx.12 shore-based aircraft including 6 fighters, 6 H/B.

Ambon.

Approx.32 shore-based aircraft incl.9 F, 3 H/B. 3 F/B. 7 F/P.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

British and Allied Forces.

Battleships.

SOUTH DAKOTA
MARYLAND
COLORADO
IDAHO
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
PENNSYLVANIA
SARATOGA
ENTERPRISE
LONG ISLAND
PORTLAND
NEW ORLEANS
SAN JUAN
RALEIGH
DETROIT

CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE
NEVADA (to be ready
about 1/10)
WEST VIRGINIA

Aircraft carriers

Converted A/c.carrier

8" cruisers

6" cruisers

Destroyers

Submarines

Enemy Forces.

Falco-Formosa-Saipan-Honins-Japan.

5 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
ISE
HYUGA
HAYATAKA
HITAKA
ZUIKAKU (poss.damaged)
ZUIHO
KACHI
YUBARI
HATORI
KASHI
KUMA
CHIYODA
GOSHU MARU
FUJIKAWA MARU
KANIKAWA MARU
KIYOKAWA MARU

new HOGAMI ? (damaged)

Aircraft carriers (CV)

2 - 8" cruisers (CA)

4 light cruisers (CL)

1 S/P.Tender (AV)

Converted S/P.tenders (XAV)

6 old Armoured cruisers (OCA)

Approx.30 destroyers

Approx.14 submarines.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

British and Allied Forces.

Battleships

Aircraft carriers

Converted A/c.Carrier

8" cruisers

WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
HORNET
WASP
COPAHKE
ASTORIA
VINCENNES
MINNEAPOLIS
QUINCY
SAN FRANCISCO
SALT LAKE CITY
NORTHAMPTON
PENSACOLA
CHESTER
CHICAGO
BOISE
HELENA

6" cruisers

Destroyers
A.M.Cs.

JUNEAU
SAN DIEGO
ATLANTA
LEANDER
ACHILLES
25 (approx.)
MONOWAI
ASCANIA

NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.
British and Allied Forces.

8" cruisers

LOUISVILLE
INDIANAPOLIS
HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE

6" cruisers

15 destroyers
19 submarines

Enemy Forces.

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians.

3 light cruisers

ABUKUMA
TAMA
KISO

Approx. 4 destroyers
Approx. 20 submarines
1st Base Force
Converted S/P.tenders (XAV) ?

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA.
British and Allied Forces.

6" cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

Approx. 4 destroyers.

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA.
British and Allied Forces.

Battleships

WARSPITE
VALIANT
RESOLUTION
ILLUSTRIOUS
FRODOABLE
DEVONSHIRE
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
HAWKINS
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
DAUNTLESS
DANAE
DRAGON
DELHI
CAPETOWN
CERES
CALEDON
SUMATRA (Dutch)
WORCESTERSHIRE
RANCHI
ALAUNIA
CHITRAL
RANPURA
GANTON
QUEEN OF BERMUDA
CARTHAGE
HEMSKERK
CARLISLE

Aircraft carriers

8" cruisers

7.5" cruisers

6" cruisers

A.M.Cs.

A.A.vessels

Approx. 25 destroyers
Approx. 7 submarines
Enemy Forces.
Approx. 5 submarines.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

5th October, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "PHOENIX" "SELFRIDGE" "MUGFORD" "HENLEY" "HELM") on patrol south of China Strait area.
- +(ii) "PATTERSON" arr. Brisbane yesterday 4/10 and departed 1807.
- +(iii) "GEELONG" escorting "MERKUR" "BRITISH SAILOR" en route Brisbane from vicinity of Rockhampton.
- ✓(iv) Convoy ZA ("TARCONA" "KATOOMBA" "JOHN ASHE" "NORNES" "ASPASIA" "KONIKOS" "KATERINI" "CUMANTAROU") escorted by "KATOOMBA" "BENDIGO" dep. Townsville 0030 today 5/10 for Port Moresby ETA 1600/7. "CREMER" to depart with this convoy and proceed Milne Bay ETA 1100/8. "ARUNTA" (ex Cairns) to RV off Fitzroy Is. at 1600 today 5/10 and escort "CREMER" to Milne Bay from position Z (150 miles ESE Port Moresby).
- /(v) "BALLARAT" escorting "JOSEPH LAKE" dep. Port Moresby 1500/4 for Bramble Cay. "JOSEPH LAKE" thence Ince Point ETA 1800/5 and Darwin ETA 8/10. "BALLARAT" to RV with "SEAWITCH" off Stephen Is. at 1700 today 5/10 and escort her to Moresby.
- ✓(vi) "WARREGO" arr. Townsville 0755/4.
- +(vii) Convoy BT7 ("KURUMBA" "ORMISTON" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "DILGA" "YARRA" en route Townsville.
- +(viii) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "VAN HEUTSZ" (carrying Air Force personnel and stores) en route Thursday Is. to Darwin ETA 1830 today 5/10.
- +(ix) "MORESEY" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy PG15 arr. Sydney 1431 yesterday 4/10. To depart 1100 today 5/10 escorting Convoy GP16.
- +(x) "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Sydney section Convoy OC31 arr. 0538/4. "ROCKHAMPTON" arr. with Newcastle section 1534. "ROCKHAMPTON" to depart Newcastle today 5/10 with Convoy OC33 for RV off Sydney with "DELOCHINE" "TOWNSVILLE" "DUBBO", which then continue as escort southwards.
- +(xi) "MILDURA" "WHYALLA" escorting Convoy OC32 arr. Port Phillip yesterday 4/10; departed 1127 escorting Convoy OC32 to Sydney ETA 1300/7 and Newcastle ETA 2200/7.
- +(xii) "WAKE" dep. Townsville for Cairns 1415/4 ETA 0700/5.
- +(xiii) "ST. GILES" towing "MALAITA" dep. Cairns 0645/4 for Brisbane ETA p.m. 9/10.
- +(xiv) "MIZAR" dep. Sydney yesterday 4/10 for Brisbane.
- +(xv) "KOOKABURRA" en route Townsville to Brisbane ETA 1200/8.
- (xvi) At Sydney - "MANOORA" "K.9" "DOBBIN" "WILCANNIA" "BROOME" "TAMWORTH" "BUNGAREE" "PINGWO" "TULSA" "SAWLER" "MIZAR" Repairing - "LE TRIOMPHANT" "BAGLEY" "STUART" "SWAN" "BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA"
- (xvii) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" Repairing - "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xviii) At Adelaide - "GRENOC"
- (xix) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "BUNDABERG" "GOULBURN"
- (xx) At Townsville - "LITHGOW"
- (xxi) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA"
- (xxii) At Port Moresby - "ARMIDALE" "MANUNDA" "BEEJAMIN FRANKLIN" "H.D. THOREAU" "GEORGE TAYLOR" "WILLIS VAN DER VENTER" "ISLANDER"
- (xxiii) At Milne Bay - "COLAC" "TASMAN"

Enemy Forces

- (i) GUADALCANAL - The enemy naval force which proceeded from the Shortland Base 3/10 for operations during the night, off the N.W. end of Guadalcanal included at least one heavy cruiser and nine destroyers. Units of the force were sighted yesterday 4/10 en route northwards, as follows:
 - (a) At 0630, one cruiser, two destroyers 10 miles East Vaholi Bay, with 4 destroyers 5 miles to the northward. All vessels on course 290°.
 - (b) At 0640, one destroyer 3 miles N. Kulambangra Is. on course 300° and another force reported to include a cruiser, 20 miles to the eastward.

In connection with these operations between the Shortland base and Guadalcanal, it is reported that a group of enemy landing barges, heavily camouflaged, was discovered 2/10 inside Viru Harbour (S.W. coast New Georgia). The only other direct evidence that landing barges are being used in these operations was obtained at 0135/25, when 4 destroyers were observed towing landing barges approx 16 miles N. by W. Russell Is. on course 300°. It would seem that the enemy is keeping a number of landing craft at convenient points within easy reach of the N.W. end of Guadalcanal so that they can be taken in tow under cover of darkness. These craft could be thoroughly camouflaged and may not easily be detected.

(ii) BUIN-FAISI - Analysis of photographs taken a.m. 3/10 in the Buin - Faisi - Tonolei area revealed a total of 17 vessels, exclusive of small craft, as follows -

- 1 heavy cruiser
- 2 light cruisers
- 4 destroyers
- 3 seaplane tenders
- 1 10,000 ton transport
- 1 7,000 ton cargo vessel
- 1 tanker
- 4 unidentified vessels

Other warships probably based on the Shortland area, were sighted off Kieta, at 1015/3, viz.

- 2 light cruisers, 25 miles N.W. Kieta
- 1 large destroyer a few miles to the southwards

At 0830/14, a cruiser was sighted by aircraft entering Bougainville Strait, approx 22 miles East Loluel Point, on course 220°.

(iii) BUKA - Air recce noted 1 probable cruiser, 1 possible seaplane tender and an unidentified 5000 ton vessel in the S.W. end of Buka Passage at 0900/14.

A heavy cruiser was reported stationary "40 miles off the coast near Buka" at 0930/3. This vessel may possibly be a heavy cruiser based on the Shortland area; it is in any case additional to the shipping at Buka, as set out above.

(iv) RABAUL - Analysis of the photographs taken over Rabaul Harbour at 1130/3 shows 35 vessels (plus 30 small boats and launches), as follows -

- 2 light cruisers
- 4 destroyers
- 1 "RO" class submarine
- 2 possible submarines
- 1 submarine depot ship
- 2 seaplane tenders
- 2 minelayers
- 2 transports 9/10000 tons
- 7 transports 6/7,000 tons
- 3 transports 3/4,000 tons
- 5 M/Vessels 1/3,000 tons
- 4 unidentified vessels

35

Air recce at 0900/4 reported only 31 vessels, including

- 9 cruisers
- 12 destroyers
- 7 cargo vessels (incl. 2 possible S/P Tenders)
- 3 Gunboats

(v) KAVIENG - Two vessels, probably a heavy cruiser and seaplane tender were reported at anchor in Kavieng Harbour at 0815/4. Previous reports have indicated that at least 3 ships are operating in this area.

Seven aircraft were observed on Kavieng aerodrome during the above reconnaissance.

(vi) MILNE BAY - It is estimated that only about 15 Japanese remain in the Taupota area.

(vii) GOODENOUGH IS. - Reports indicate that some Japanese remain on Goodenough Is. and are possibly attempting to cross Moresby Strait to Ferguson Is.

(viii) WOODLARK IS. - A strong light was again observed on Woodlark Is. by allied aircraft at 2310/3.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) At Fremantle - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "KANIMBLA" "K.8" "K.12" "HOLLAND"
 "ISABEL" "CAIRNS" "BENGAL" "TOOWOOMBA" "WOLLONGONG" "IPSWICH"
 "BURNIE" "MARYBOROUGH" "WALLAROO" "LARK" "ERLING BROVIS"
 "W.B. PRESTON"
 (ii) At Albany - "PELIAS" "WHIPPOORNILL"
 (iii) At Darwin - "WARRNAMBOOL" "KALGOORLIE"
 (iv) At Exmouth Gulf - "HERON" "CHILDS"

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

9 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) At Espiritu Santo - "TRACY" "MACKINAC" "McFARLAND" "CURTISS"
 "GAMBLE" "BREESE" "FULLER"
 (ii) At Tongatabu - "NORTH CAROLINA" "AYLWIE" "STACK" "GABINE" "VESTAL"
 "SUMNER"
 (iii) At Samoa - "CHICAGO" "HOVEY" "TURKEY" "BRAZOS" "CAMANCA" "CHESTNUT"
 "E.A. POE" "LACKAWANNA" "TAPPANANNOCK"
 (iv) At Suva - "DALE" "CATALPA" "MAJABA" "CASTOR"
 (v) At Auckland - "ACHILLES" "MONORAI" "NIGEL" "AL SEY" "ATREUS" "EBONY"
 "NEVILLE" "RAINIER"
 (vi) At Noumea - "HORNET" "COPAHEE" "NORTHAMPTON" "PENSACOLA" "SAN DIEGO"
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 "CLARK" "HOPKINS" "HUGHES" "MUSTIE" "STERETT" "RUSSELL"
 "BARTON" "MEADE" "KINGFISHER" "ARGONNE" "WHITNEY" "ANTARES"
 "MAHLEY" "McKEAN" "KANKAKU" "ARCTIC" "WALKE" "VIREO" "LASSEN"
 "CIMARRON" "HAMMONDS PORT" "JUPITER" "O'BRIEN" "McCAWLEY"
 "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "ALCHIBA" "STRINGHAM" "BELLATRIX" "JAMESTOWN"
 "HULL" "ZEILIN" "GUADALOUPE" "MacDONOUGH" "WHARTON" "ZANE"
 "KANAWHA"
 (vii) At Wellington - "BARNETT" "AMERICAN LEGION" "HUNTER LEGGETT"
 (viii) At Bora Bora - "FLETCHER" "O'BANNON" "TERN"
 (ix) Guadalcanal Area - "FOMALHAUT" "SWIN" "GRAYSON" "NICHOLAS"
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2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

ELLICE IS. - An allied aircraft reported being fired on yesterday morning 4/10 by an unidentified merchant vessel and a destroyer in position 40 miles N. by W. Nanumea (northernmost of Ellice Is.). The vessels were proceeding at 10 knots on course 130°.

The enemy has recently been conducting frequent air reconnaissance of the northern Ellice Is., but this is the first occasion on which surface vessels are known to have ventured into the area.

ENEMY SHIPPING LOSSES - SOUTH PACIFIC AREA - SEPTEMBER 1942

The following is an estimate of enemy shipping lost or damaged in the S.W. Pacific during the past month:

| <u>Sunk</u> | <u>Prob. Sunk</u> | <u>Damaged</u> | <u>Poss. Damaged</u> |
|----------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 destroyer | 1 submarine | 1 heavy cruiser | 1 battleship |
| 1 cargo vessel | 1 tanker or S/P Tender | 2 light cruisers | 1 H/Cruiser |
| 2 | 1 large transport | 1 poss. weather reporting ship | 1 cruiser or destroyer |
| | 1 transport or cargo vessel | 2 merchant V. | 1 S/P Tender |
| | 4 | 2 u/i vessels | 4 unidentified vessels |
| | | 8 | 8 |

3. AIR OPERATIONS

- (i) GUADALCANAL - Seven dive-bombers and 3 torpedo bombers from a Soupac Base attacked a heavy cruiser and two destroyers approx 90 miles ENE Coughlan Harbour at 1715/3, without apparent damage. The ships continued on course 120° at 30 knots.
 (ii) BUKA - 4 Catalinas destroyed 1 aircraft on Buka aerodrome and damaged

damaged runway early morning 4/10. One large explosion occurred.
(iii) BUNA-EFOGI - 8 Kittyhawks set huts on fire in this area morning
4/10.

ENEMY

- (i) GUADALCANAL - 30 Zero's attacked allied positions 1300/3. Seven shot down, one probably. 3 Zero's unsuccessfully strafed ~~sixth~~ airfield: 2 shot down, third possibly shot down.
- (ii) RABAUL - A Fortress on recce was unsuccessfully attacked by 7 Zero's between Rabaul and Kavieng.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Continued night infiltration on Guadalcanal by means of destroyers and submarines from the Buin - Faisi - Tonolei Harbour base.
- (ii) Heavy naval and air counter-attacks against allied positions in the Solomons with a view to re-occupation of Guadalcanal.
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For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

5/10/42

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A. SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruiser
6" Cruisers

Flotilla Leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

Dutch Submarine
A.M.C.'s

Submarine Tender
Destroyer Tender
Storeships
Gunboat
Oiler

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet
CinC 2nd Fleet
CinC 8th Fleet
CinC 1st Air Fleet
CinC 4th Fleet
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet)
3 Battleships (BB)

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2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

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(2 damaged)

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HEMM

PATTERSON

GRAMPUS)

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S.37)

S.40)

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STURGEON)

SAILFISH)

SCULPIN)

S.43)

S.44)

S.46)

K.9

WESTRALIA

KANIBLA

MANOORA

GRIFFIN

DOBBIN

MIZAR

TULSA

Refitting or Repairin

LE TRIOMPHANT

STUART

BAGLEY

At Brisbane

On Patrol

At Sydney

GOLDSTAR

VICTORIA

YAMATO

MUTSU

NAGATO

KIRISHIMA

HIYEI

KONGO

HARUNA

SHOKAKU

HOSHO

UNYO (poss. ex YAWATA MARU) A/C Transport

TONE

TIKUMA

KUMANO) Damaged

HAGURO)

SUZUYA

ATAGO

AKI CHOKAI

TAKAO

MYOKO

ASHIGARA

FURUTAKA

KINUGASA or AOBA

KASHIMA

KATORI

JINTSU

SENDAI

NAKA

ISUZU

KINU

Light Cruisers (Contd)

YURA
NAGARA
TENRYU
TATSUTA

Approx 25 submarines incl. 4-8 "RO" class, 15 "I" class (at least 2 minelayers)

45-50 Destroyers (DD)

5 Seaplane Carriers (AV) CHITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA
NISSHIN
9 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) NITCHO MARU
NOTORO
KINUGASA MARU
KAGU MARU
KAMOJ
OKITSU MARU
SANUKI MARU
KOBE MARU
SANYO MARU

2 submarine tenders incl.

JINGEI

Approx 25 merchant ships (incl. poss. 3 Military Landing Craft Carriers)

8 patrol craft

6 minelaying craft

16 sub. chasers

15 M.T.B.'s

5 Gunboats

Approx 230 shore-based aircraft incl. 61 fighters, 89 H/B, 36 F/B,
24 P/P, 20 Obsn. or transport aircraft

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruiser

ADELAIDE

Flotilla Leader

TROMP

S/P Tenders

HEROE

CHILD'S

W.B. PRESTON

Submarine Tenders

PELIAS

HOLLAND

Submarines

On Patrol

GAR

SARGO

THRASHER

SEADRAGON

SPEARFISH

SKIPJACK

SEARAVEN

STURGEON

SCULPIN

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

SNAPPER)

SALMON)

SEAL)

SWORDFISH)

At Fremantle

SAURY)

SEAWOLF)

ORENADIEH)

At Albany

TAMBOR)

TAUTOG)

Dutch Submarines

K.8)

K.12)

At Fremantle

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

2 converted S/P Tenders

KENYO MARU

SOUYOU MARU

Timor

Approx 12 shore-based aircraft including 6 fighters, 6 H/B

Ambon

Approx 32 shore-based aircraft incl. 9 F, 8 H/B, 8 P/B, 7 P/P

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleships

SOUTH DAKOTA
MARYLAND
COLORADO
IDAHO
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
PENNSYLVANIA
SARATOGA
ENTERPRISE
LONG ISLAND
PORTLAND
NEW ORLEANS
SAN JUAN
RA. FIGH
DETROIT
15 (approx)
23 (approx)

CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE
NEVADA (to be ready
about 1/10)
WEST VIRGINIA

Aircraft Carriers

Converted A/C Carrier

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Destroyers

Submarines

Enemy Forces

Palau - Formosa - Saipan - Bonina - Japan

5 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI

FUSO

YAMASHIRO

ISE

HYUGA

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)

ZUIKANU (poss. damaged)

4 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

HAYATAKA

HITAKA

ZUINGO

2 - 8" Cruisers (CA)

OTAKA (poss. ex KASUGA MARU) - damaged
NACHI new MOGAMI ? (damaged)

4 Light Cruisers (CL)

YUBARI

KATORI

KASHII

KUMA

1 S/P Tender (AV)

CHIYODA

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

GOSEU MARU

FUJIKAWA MARU

KAMIKAWA MARU

KIYOKAWA MARU

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 30 Destroyers

Approx 14 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleships

WASHINGTON

NORTH CAROLINA

HOWARD

WASP

Aircraft Carriers

COPAHKE

Converted A/C Carrier

ASTORIA

8" Cruisers

VINCENNES

MINNEAPOLIS

QUINCY

SAN FRANCISCO

SALT LAKE CITY

NORTRAMPTON

PENSACOLA

CHESTER

CHICAGO

5" Cruisers

BOISE

HELENA

JUNEAU

SAN DIEGO

ATLANTA

LEANDER

ACHILLES

Destroyers

23 (approx)

A.M.C.'s

MONOWAI

ASCANIA

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces

5" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE
INDIANAPOLIS
HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE

6" Cruisers

15 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians

3 Light Cruisers

ASUKUMA
TAMA
KISO

Approx 4 Destroyers

Approx 20 Submarines

1st Base Force

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) ?

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battle ships

WARSPITE
VALIANT
RESOLUTION
ILLUSTRIOUS
FORMIDABLE
DEVONSHIRE
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
HAWKINS
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
DAUNTLESS
DANAÉ
DRAGON
DELHI
CAPETOWN
CERES
CALEDON
SUMATRA (Dutch)
WORCESTERSHIRE
RANCHI
ALAUNIA
CHITRAL
RANPURA
CANTON
QUEEN OF BERMUDA
CARTEAGE
HEEMSKERK
CARLISLE

REVENGE

PROBISHER

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

A.W.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

Approx 25 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Approx 5 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

6th October, 1942

1. POSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (1) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "PHOENIX" "SELFRIDGE" "MUGFORD" "HENLEY" "HELM") on patrol south of China Strait area.
- + (ii) "PATTERSON" dep. Brisbane 4/10 to join Task Force 44.
- + (iii) "GERLONG" escorting "MERKUR" "BRITISH SAILOR" arr. Brisbane 1245 yesterday 5/10.
- ✓ (iv) "ARUNTA" dep. Cairns 1335 yesterday 5/10 to RV off Fitzroy Is. at 1600 with "BENDIGO" "KATOOMBA" escorting Convoy ZA ("TAROONA" "KATOOMBA" "JOHN ASHE" "NORDNES" "ASPASIA NOWIKOFF" "EKATERINI COUMANTAROU" "CREMER") and proceed via Grafton Passage to position Z (150 miles SSE Port Moresby) ETA 0100/7. "KATOOMBA" "BENDIGO" escort Z portion (first 6 ships) to Port Moresby; "ARUNTA" escorts "CREMER" to Milne Bay; ETA both places 1600/7.
- ✓ (v) "BALLARAT" was to RV with "SEAWITCH" off Stephen Is. at 1700/5 and escort her to ~~Port Moresby~~ Port Moresby
- ✓ (vi) "ARMIDALE" escorting "GEORGE TAYLOR" dep. Port Moresby 1700/5 for Townsville, ETA 2400/7. "GEORGE TAYLOR" thence Brisbane.
- + (vii) "MORESBY" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy GP16 (4 MV for Brisbane, 1 Bowen) dep. Sydney 1113 yesterday 5/10.
- + (viii) "MILDURA" "WHYALLA" escorting Convoy OC32 Port Phillip to Sydney ETA 1300/7 and Newcastle ETA 2200/7.
- + (ix) "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Newcastle section Convoy GC33 (9 MV) dep. 0841/5. "DELORRAINE" "TOWNSVILLE" "DUBBO" dep. with Sydney section (4 ships incl. "BUNGAREE" for Swan Is.) at 1605/5 for RV. These three vessels to continue escort southwards. One vessel to join off Port Kembla. "ROCKHAMPTON" arr. Sydney 1706.
- + (x) "KURUMBA" dep. Townsville 2057/5 for Thursday Is. ETA 1900/8.
- + (xi) "WARRE" dep. Townsville for Cairns 1415/4 ETA 0700/5.
- + (xii) "ST. GILES" towing "MALAITA" en route Cairns to Brisbane ETA p.m. 9/10.
- + (xiii) "MIZAR" dep. Sydney 1550 yesterday 5/10 for Brisbane ETA 1330/7.
- (xiv) "KOOKABURRA" en route Townsville to Brisbane ETA 1200/8.
- (xv) At Sydney - "MANOORA" "DOBBIN" "WILCANNIA" "BROOME" "TAMWORTH" "PINGWO" "TULSA" "GAWLER" Repairing - "LE TRIOMPHANT" "BAGLEY" "STUART" "SWAN" "BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA"
- (xvi) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEE" Repairing - "VEEDETТА" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xvii) At Adelaide - "CESSNOCK"
- (xviii) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "BUNDABERG" "GOULBURN"
- (xix) At Townsville - "WARREGO" "LITHGOW"
- (xx) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA"
- (xxi) At Port Moresby - "MANUEDA" "BENJAMIN FRANKLIN" "H.D. THOREAU" "WILLIS VAN DER VENTER" "ISLANDER"
- (xxii) At Milne Bay - "COLAC" "TASMAN"

Enemy Forces

(1) BUIN-FAISI AREA - Enemy ships were observed in the vicinity of Buin at 1550/S, as follows -

- 3 heavy cruisers (reported as 2 "NACHI" one "KAKO" - prob. "AOBA" "FURUTAKA" & either "KINUGASA" or 2 "CHOKAI")
- 2 light cruisers (one "SENDAI" one "TATSUTA" class)
- 18 destroyers and smaller vessels
- 2 tankers
- 7 cargo ships
- 1 probable S/P Tender

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(ii) NEW GEORGIA - There is evidence of the development of Viru Harbour as an enemy seaplane base. The lights of a ship were observed off the entrance at 2000/4, and it is reported that a wharf and two A.A. positions are being constructed.

Five destroyers were observed off the northern end of Vella Lavella at 0824/5 on course 300°, and there are indications that

these vessels were still making for the Faisi area at 0940.

A group of 6 destroyers was seen off the southern end of Rendova Is. at 1330/5, on course 110°. Possibly the enemy is using a route south about New Georgia for warships bound for Guadalcanal from the Shortlands area as well as the more direct route N.E. of New Georgia, or possibly these destroyers were carrying out a sweep of the approaches to the southern end of New Georgia, and Viru Harbour.

- (iii) GUADALCANAL - Three enemy destroyers, probably half of the force reported above off New Georgia, were observed 5 miles West Lunga Point, one mile off shore on course 275°, at 0135/5.
- (iv) GIZO - No enemy ships were observed in Gizo Harbour during an air attack on shore installations at 0830/5, and no aircraft were seen in the vicinity.
- (v) BUKA - A destroyer is reported to have departed Buka Passage during the night 4/5, leaving a vessel described as an auxiliary cruiser (possibly the converted seaplane tender previously reported in the area).
- (vi) RABAU - 15/20 vessels were reported in Rabaul Harbour during allied air attack yesterday 5/10, including a probable seaplane tender and a possible battleship. A possible battleship, apparently damaged, was reported there on 5/10, but the vessel is very probably a heavy cruiser.
- (vii) BUNA AREA - An enemy convoy including 2 destroyers and one transport covered by 5 Zero's was sighted 9 miles NNE Buna at 0820. The force was attacked by 2 B.25's. One near miss was scored, and 2 Zero's were shot down.
A force reported as including 1 light cruiser, 1 destroyer and 1 10,000 ton transport covered by 2 Zero's (probably the same force) was sighted by a Fortress on recce at 1245 approx 100 miles NNE Buna on course 070°. There was no shipping within 10 miles N. Buna at 1040.
- (viii) KITAVA - An aircraft on recce reported a possible submarine 3 miles north of Kitava Is., at 1012/5; course east. One direct hit was made on the stern.
- (ix) BROKEN BAY - A possible submarine was reported in Broken Bay at 1010/5. Graded C.4.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "HERON" dep. Geraldton 1311/5 for Exmouth Gulf ETA 1300/7.
- (ii) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "VAN HEUTSZ" arr. Darwin 1344/5.
- (iii) At Fremantle - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "KANIMBLA" "W.B. PRESTON" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "CAIRNS" "BENGAL" "TOOWOOMBA" "WOLLONGONG" "IPSWICH" "BURNIE" "MANYBOROUGH" "WALLAROO" "LARK" "ERLING BROVIG"
- (iv) At Albany - "PELIAS" "WHIPPOORWILL"
- (v) At Darwin - "WARRNAMBOOL" "KALGOORLIE"
- (vi) At Exmouth Gulf - "CHILDS"

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

9 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) At Espiritu Santo - "HOPKINS" "TRACY" "MACKINAC" "McFARLAND" "CURTISS" "GAMBLE" "BREESE" "FULLER"
- (ii) At Tongatabu - "NORTH CAROLINA" "AYLWIN" "STACK" "SABINE" "VESTAL" "SUMNER"
- (iii) At Samoa - "CHICAGO" "HOVEY" "BRAZOS" "CAMANGA" "CHESTNUT" "E.A. POE" "LACKAWANNA" "TAPPANANNOCK"
- (iv) At Suva - "DALE" "CATALPA" "MAJABA" "CASTOR"
- (v) At Auckland - "ACHILLES" "MONOWAI" "RIGEL" "ALSBY" "ATREUS" "EBONY" "NEVILLE" "RAINIER"
- (vi) At Noumea - "HORNET" "COPAHEE" "NORTHAMPTON" "PENSACOLA" "SAN DIEGO" "JUNEAU" "CONYNGHAM" "LANG" "MORRIS" "ANDERSON" "CLARK" "HUGHES" "MUSTIN" "STERETT" "RUSSELL" "BARTON" "MEADE" "KINGFISHER" "ARGONNE" "WHITNEY" "ANTANES" "MANLEY" "McKEAN" "KANAKU" "ARCTIC" "WALKE" "VIREO" "LASSEN" "CIMARRON" "EDMONDS PORT" "JUPITER" "O'BRIEN" "McCAWLEY" "ALCHIBA"

"PRESIDENT ADAMS" "STRINGHAM" "BELLATRIX" "JAMESTOWN" "HULL"
 "ZEILIN" "GUADALOUPE" "MacDONOUGH" "WHARTON" "ZANE" "KANAWHA"
 (vii) At Wellington - "BARNETT" "AMERICAN LEGION" "HUNTER LEGGETT"
 (viii) At Bora Bora - "FLETCHER" "O'BANNON" "TERN"

Enemy Forces

KAPINGAMARANGI - Photographic recon of Kapingamarangi 2/10 revealed a schooner with extensive radio equipment, which fired on our aircraft with machine-guns. Several small vessels, three small wharves, approx 60 buildings, and 2 radio towers were also observed.

- D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA
- E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA
- F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

"WANGANELLA" dep. Suez 12/9 with 500 invalids for Australia and New Zealand.

Enemy Forces

CEYLON - An enemy submarine was reported in position 007°12'N, 082°05'E (approx 100 miles S.S.E. Trincomalee) at 1539/5.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

JAPANESE SHIPPING LOSSES - The following enemy vessels were damaged during the week ending 5/10 in the New Britain - Solomons area:

| <u>Damaged</u> | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1/10 | 1 destroyer | New Georgia - Solomons area (Comsopa) |
| 2/10 | 1 transport (15,000 tons) | Rabaul Harbour |
| 2/10 | 1 transport | Rabaul Harbour |
| <u>Possibly Damaged</u> | | |
| 2/10 | 1 cruiser | Rabaul Harbour |
| 2/10 | 1 u/i vessel | Rabaul Harbour |

Additional damage in other areas included -

| | | | |
|------|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| 28/9 | 1 converted A/C Carrier "OTAKA" | South of Truk | Damaged by 2 torpedo hits |
| 28/9 | 1 cargo vessel | Aleutians | poss. damaged |
| 28/9 | 1 transport | do | poss. damaged |
| 27/9 | 1 transport | Kiska | sunk by air attack |
| 28/9 | 1 submarine | Kiska | prob. sunk by air attack |

3. AIR OPERATIONS

- (I) RABAUL - 10 Fortresses attacked Vunakanau one attacked Lakunai 0700/5. Damage unknown. 15/20 Zero's intercepted; 4 prob. destroyed
- (II) BUNA - 6 B.25's attacked enemy convoy off Buna at 1015 without inflicting damage. 12 Zero's intercepted. 6 Fortresses which failed to locate the above target attacked A.A. positions Buna aerodrome. One large fire started. 7 Bostons, 8 Kittiawks attacked Sanananda village. 2 barges probably sunk. No other barges observed.

ENEMY

- (I) MISIMA IS. - It is reported that thorough air recon of Misima has recently been carried out by the enemy. One Japanese aircraft is reported to have crashed on Moturina Is. (25 miles S. Misima) on 10/9.
- (II) BROOME - a Catalina on recon encountered an enemy aircraft 253 miles NW Broome at 1040/5. No attack was made.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Continued night infiltration on Guadalcanal by means of destroyers and submarines from the Buin - Faisi - Tomolei Harbour base.
- (ii) Heavy naval and air counter-attacks against allied positions in the Solomons with a view to re-occupation of Guadalcanal.
- (iii) Consolidation on islands in the Gilberts Group and possible occupation of islands in Ellice Group.

For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

6/10/42

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA
EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR
British and Allied Forces

8" Cruiser
6" Cruisers

Flotilla Leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

A.M.C.'s

Submarine Tender
Destroyer Tender
Storeships
Gunboat
Oiler

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet
CinC 2nd Fleet
CinC 8th Fleet
CinC 1st Air Fleet
CinC 4th Fleet
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet)
3 Battleships (BB)

4 Battlecruisers (BB)

2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)
11/12 Heavy Cruisers (CA)
(2 damaged)

11 Light Cruisers (CL)
(2 prob. damaged)

Effective

AUSTRALIA

PHOENIX

HOBART

ARUNTA

SELFRIDGE

MUGFORD

HENLEY

HELM

PATTERSON

GRAMPUS

GRAYBACK

SUDGEON

S.37

S.40

S.42

S.45

S.47

STURGEON

SAILFISH

SCULPIN

S.43

S.44

S.46

K.9

WESTRALIA

KANIMBLA

MANCORA

GRIFFIN

DOBBIN

WIZAR

TULSA

Refitting or Repairing

LE TRIOMPHANT
STUART

BAGLEY

At Brisbane

On Patrol

At Sydney

GOLDSTAR

VICTORIA

YAMATO

MUTSU

NAGATO

KIRISHIMA

HIYEI

KONGO

HARUNA

SHOKAKU

HOSHIO

UNYO (poss.ex YAWATA MARU) A/C Transport

TONE

TIKUMA

SUZUYA

ATAGO

CHOKAI

TAKAO

NYOKO

ASHIGARA

FURUTAKA

KINUGASA or AOBA

KUMANO

HAGURO

Damaged

KASHIMA

KATORI

JINTSU

SENDAI

NAKA

ISUZU

Light Cruisers (Contd)

KINU
YURA
NAGARA
TENRYU
TATSUTA

Approx 25 submarines incl. 4-8 "RO" class, 15 "I" class (at least 2 minelayers)
45-50 Destroyers (DD)
3 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA
NISSHIN
NITCHO MARU
NOTORO
KINUGASA MARU
KAGU MARU
KAMO I
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Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

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SALMON)
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SWORDFISH)
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Enemy Forces

Palao-Formosa-Saipan-Bonins-Japan

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MINNEAPOLIS
QUINCY
SAN FRANCISCO
SALT LAKE CITY
NORTHAMPTON
PENSACOLA
CHESTER

6" Cruisers

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BOISE
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JUNEAU
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WARSPITE REVENGE

VALIANT

RESOLUTION

ILLUSTRIOUS

FORMIDABLE

DEVONSHIRE

GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)

HANKINS PROBISHER

MAURITIUS

GAMBIA

BIRMINGHAM

GLASGOW

ENTERPRISE

EMERALD

DAUNTLESS

DANAE

DRAGON

DELHI

CAPETOWN

CERES

CALEDON

SUMATRA (Dutch)

WORCESTERSHIRE

RANCHI

ALAUNIA

CENTRAL

RANPURA

CANTON

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- + (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "SELFRIDGE" "MUGFORD" "PATTERSON" "HENLEY" "HELM") on patrol South of China Strait area. "HOBART" en route Sydney for refit.
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- + (iii) "GOULBURN" escorting "AASE MARRSK" to Capricorn Channel, was to depart Moreton Bay 0600 today 7/10 for Townsville. "AASE MARRSK" to proceed Challenger Bay Palm Is. to refuel Task Force 44. ETA. 1200/10.
- ✓ (iv) "BALLARAT" due Port Moresby a.m. tomorrow 3/10 with "SEAWITCH" and "ROBERT BENON" which dep. Thursday Is. 0905/6 and 1613/6 respectively, to RV with "BALLARAT" off Stephen Is.
- ✓ (v) "COLAC" escorting "TASMAN" dep. Milne Bay 1600/5 for Townsville. ETA. 1200/8.
- ✓ (vi) "ARMIDALE" escorting "GEORGE TAYLOR" en route Port Moresby to Townsville, ETA. 2400 today 7/10. "GEORGE TAYLOR" thence Brisbane.
- x (vii) "MORESBY" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy GP. 16 (4 MV for Brisbane, 1 Bowen) en route Sydney to Brisbane. ETA. 2000 today 7/10.
- x (viii) "MILDURA" "WHYALIA" escorting Convoy GC. 12 Port Phillip to Sydney. ETA. 0800 today 7/10, and Newcastle. ETA. 1500/7.
- x (ix) "DELOIRINE" "TOWNSVILLE" "DUBBO" escorting Convoy GO. 13 (4 ships incl. "BUNGARER" for Swan Is.) en route Sydney to Melbourne.
- x (x) "EURUMBA" en route Townsville to Thursday Is. ETA. 1900/8.
- x (xi) "ST. GILES" towing "MALAITA" en route Cairns to Brisbane. ETA. p.m. 9/10.
- x (xii) "BIZAN" due Brisbane from Sydney 1330 today 7/10.
- x (xiii) "EGGABURRA" en route Townsville to Brisbane. ETA. 1200/8.
- (xiv) At Sydney - "MANOORA" "DOBBIE" "WILCANNIA" "INDOOR" "TAMWORTH" "PINGWONG" "TULSA" "GAWLER" "ROCKHAMPTON".
Repairing - "LE TRIOMPHANT" "BAGLEY" "STUART" "SWAN" "BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA".
- (xv) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN".
Repairing - "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR".
- (xvi) At Adelaide - "CESSNOCK".
- (xvii) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "BUNDABERG" "GRELONG" "BRITISH SAILOR" "MERKUR". *MANUVDA*
- (xviii) At Townsville - "WANEGG" "LITHGOW".
- (xix) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA".
- (xx) At Port Moresby - "" "BENJAMIN FRANKLIN" "" "WILLIS VAN DER VENTER" "".

Enemy Forces.

(1) Roumainville.

All 33 vessels reported at Bain-Faisi 5/10 had left the base at 0615/6. All returned by 1515/6 except one tanker, and 6 additional cargo-vessels also arrived, making the total as follows:-

- 3 heavy cruisers (reported as 2 "NACHI" one "KAKO" - prob. "AOBA" "KINUGASA" "FURUTARA").
- 2 light cruisers (one "SENDAI" one "TERRYU" class).
- 18 destroyers and smaller vessels.
- 1 tanker.
- 13 cargo ships.
- 1 probable S/P.tender.

Enemy Forces (continued).

Bougainville (continued).

Meanwhile, an exceptionally large number of enemy warships and merchant vessels was reported in the area North-east of Bougainville Strait. In addition to the vessels based on Buin, as set out above, a large Task Force appeared to be operating in the area, including at least 4 battleships and two heavy cruisers. One force, consisting of 2 battleships, 3 heavy cruisers and two destroyers, was last sighted at 0826, 75 miles East Kieta, on course 060, and a second force reported to include 2 battleships, 12 light cruisers, 2 destroyers, was manoeuvring 43 miles SNE Kieta, at 0846. It appears that at least 30 vessels were operating in this area in addition to those sighted off Buin at 1515, as follows:-

- 4 battleships,
- 2 heavy cruisers,
- 14 light cruisers } majority probably destroyers.
- 5 destroyers } (including transports and
- 5 merchant vessels } supply ships).

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(ii) Buka.

The vessel previously reported as an auxiliary cruiser (probably the converted seaplane tender which has been operating in the area) departed Buka during the night 5/6, leaving no enemy shipping in the Passage.

(iii) Kavieng.

Photographic reconnaissance over Kavieng yesterday 6/10 showed 6 ships as follows:-

- 1 heavy cruiser, "ATAGO" class.
- 1 light cruiser, "TERRYU" class.
- 4 transports.

(iv) New Britain.

3 cargo vessels (2/4000 tons) with a small escort vessel, were sighted 50 miles NW by W Rabaul at 1040/6, on course 120. One 2,000 ton cargo vessel was observed on course 090, off Unea Is. (Witu group).

(v) Buna.

Analysis of photographs taken of the enemy convoy attacked off Buna 5/10 shows two instead of three vessels, viz:-

- 1 destroyer "KAGERO" class,
- 1 10,000 ton transport, with 3 landing barges on deck.

(vi) Enemy submarines - Solomons.

Aircraft reported submarines as follows:-

- 0939/5: One submarine approx. 30 miles N. Choiseul Is.
- 0912/6: One submarine approx. 30 miles S. Cape Surville (San Cristobal).

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

British and Allied Forces.

- (i) "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" dep. Fremantle for exercises and patrol 1353/6. "TROMP" to proceed Melbourne. ETA. 0600/12, "ADELAIDE" to return Fremantle a.m. 9/10.
- (ii) "HERON" due Exmouth Gulf. ETA. 1300 today 7/10.
- (iii) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "SIBIGO" Darwin 1344/5.
- (iv) At Fremantle - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "KAMIMBLA" "W.B. PRESTON" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "CAIRNS" "BENGAL" "TOOWOOMBA" "WOLLONGONG" "IPSWICH" "BURNIE" "MARYBOROUGH" "WALLAROO" "LARK" "ERLING BROVIG"

- (v) At Albany - "PELIAS" "WHIPPOORWILL".
- (vi) At Darwin - "WARRNAMBOOL" "KALCOORLIE".
- (vii) At Exmouth Gulf - "CHILDS".

Enemy Forces.

(1) Darwin.

NOIC Darwin reports indications of the possibility of frequent enemy submarine activity in the Darwin area, including unidentified loop crossings at Darwin 8/8, 16/8, a native report graded C.3 of a possible midget submarine in Port Patterson on 12/9, and RDF indications on several occasions of an unidentified surface unit in the vicinity of Port Charles, at night.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.

British and Allied Forces.

9 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

Enemy Forces.

Timor.

Air reconnaissance 5/10 reported no activity at Dilli, and no shipping in the Harbour.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

British and Allied Forces.

- (1) At Espiritu Santo - "HOPKINS" "GWIN" "GRAYSON" "TRACY" "MACKINAC" "McFARLAND" "BALLARD" "CURTISS" "GAMBLE" "BRESE" "FULLER".
- (ii) At Tongatabu - "WASHINGTON" "NORTH CAROLINA" "ATLANTA" "WALKE" "BENHAM" "AYLWIN" "STACK" "SABINE" "VESTAL" "SUMNER".
- (iii) At Samoa - "CHICAGO" "HOVEY" "BRAZOS" "CAMANCA" "CHESTNUT" "E.A.POE" "LACKAWANNA" "TAPPANANNOCK".
- (iv) At Suva - "DALE" "CATALPA" "MAJABA" "CASTOR" "SEMINOLE".
- (v) At Auckland - "ACHILLES" "MONOWAI" "RIGEL" "ALSEY" "ATREUS" "EBONY" "NEVILLE" "RAINIER" "TALAMANGA".
- (vi) At Noumea - "HORNET" "COPPER" "NORTHAMPTON" "PENSACOLA" "SAN DIEGO" "JONEAU" "CONYNGHAM" "LANG" "MORRIS" "ANDERSON" "CLARK" "FLETCHER" "O'BANNON" "HUGHES" "MUSTIN" "STRETT" "RUSSELL" "BANTON" "KINGFISHER" "ARGONNE" "WHITNEY" "ANTARES" "MANLEY" "McKEAN" "KANKAKU" "ARCTIC" "WALKE" "VIRSO" "LASSEN" "CIMARRON" "RAMMONDS PORT" "JUPITER" "O'BRIEN" "McCAWLEY" "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "STRINGHAM" "HULL" "ZEILIN" "MacDONOUGH" "WHANTON" "ZANE" "KANAWHA".
- (vii) At Wellington - "BARNETT" "AMERICAN LEGION" "HUNTER LEGGETT" "PRESIDENT HAYES" "PRESIDENT JACKSON".
- (viii) At Bora Bora - "TERS".
- (ix) At Tahiti - "CHEVREUIL" "CAP DES PALMES".

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA.

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

British and Allied Forces.

"WANGANELLA" dep. Suez 12/9 with 500 invalids for Australia and New Zealand.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS.

Townsville.

It is reported 6/10 that a mine was recently washed ashore on Rib Reef (48 miles N. Townsville). Report ungraded. No details available.

AIR OPERATIONS.
Allied.

- (i) Buin.
One Catalina attacked Buin aerodrome 0200/6. No damage.
- (ii) Buka.
Three Catalinas attacked Buka aerodrome 0005/6.
One large fire started. Several small explosions.
- (iii) Boala (Ceram).
Three Hudsons attacked oil storage tanks 1113/6. No damage.
No activity observed.

Enemy.

- (i) Buin.
10 "Zeros", 2 "Zero" floatplanes were sighted by a Fortress on reconnaissance in the Buin area at 1025/6, but did not attempt interception.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE.

- (i) Continued night infiltration on Guadalcanal by means of destroyers and submarines from the Buin-Faisi-Tonolei Harbour base.
- (ii) Heavy naval and air counter-attacks against allied positions in the Solomons, with a view to re-occupation of Guadalcanal.
- (iii) Consolidation on islands in the Gilberts Group and possible occupation of islands in Ellice Group.

For, DIRECTOR, C. I. C.

7/10/42.

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruiser
6" Cruisers

Flotilla Leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

A.M.C.'s

Submarine Tender
Destroyer Tender
Storeships
Oiler
Gunboat

Enemy Forces

Fruk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet
CinC 2nd Fleet
CinC 8th Fleet
CinC 1st Air Fleet
CinC 4th Fleet
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet)

3 Battleships (BB)

4 Battlecruisers (BB)

2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)
11 Heavy Cruisers (CA)
(2 damaged)

11 Light Cruisers (CL)
(2 prob. damaged)

Effective

AUSTRALIA
PHOENIX
ROBART
ARUNTA
SELFRIDGE
MUGFORD
HENLEY
HELM
PATTERSON
GRAMPUS
GUDGEON
S.37
S.40
S.42
S.45
S.47
GRAYBACK
STURGEON
SAILFISH
SCULPIN
S.43
S.44
S.46
K.9
WESTRALIA
KANIMBLA
MANCORA
GRIFFIN
BOBBIE
MIZAR
TULSA

Refitting or Repairing

LE TRIOMPHANT
STUART

BAGLEY

At Brisbane

On Patrol

GOLDSTAR
VICTORIA

YAMATO
MUTSU
NAGATO
KIRISHIMA
HIYEI
KONGO
HARUNA
SHOKAKU
HOSH0
UNYO (poss.ex YAWATA MARU) A/C Transport
TONE
TIKUMA
SUZUYA
ATAGO
CHOKAI
TAKAO
ASHIGARA
FURUTAKA
KINUGASA or AOBA
KUMANO } Damaged
HAGURO }
KASHIMA
KATORI
JINTSU
ISUZU
KINU

Light Cruisers (Contd)

NATORI * * prob. employed escort
YUBARI * duties between Palao-
YURA Truk-Rabaul
TENRYU
TATSUTA

Approx 25 submarines incl. 4-6 "RO" class, 15 "I" class (at least 2 minelayers)
45-50 Destroyers (DD)
3 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA
NISSHIN
NITCHO MARU
NOTORO
KINUGASA MARU
KAGU MARU
KAMOI
OKITSU MARU
SANUKI MARU
KOBE MARU
SANYO MARU

* Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

JINGEI

2 submarine tenders incl.
Approx 25 merchant ships (incl. poss. 3 Military Landing Craft Carriers)
8 patrol craft
6 minelaying craft
16 sub. chasers
15 M.T.B.s
5 Gunboats

Approx 181 shore-based aircraft incl. 46 fighters, 67 H/B, 32 F/B,
27 P/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruiser
Flotilla Leader
S/P Tenders

ADELAIDE
TROMP
HERON
CHILDS
W.B. PRESTON
PELIAS
HOLLAND
On Patrol
GAR
SARGO
THRESHER
SEADRAGON
SPEARFISH
SHEP/JACK
SEARAVEN
STURGEON
SCULPIN

Submarine Tenders

Submarines

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

GRENADEER }
SNAPPER } At Albany
TAMBOR }
TAUTOG }
SALMON }
SEAL }
SWORDFISH }
SAURY } At Fremantle
SEAWOLF }
K.8 }
K.12 }

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

CinC 3rd Fleet

CinC Southern Expeditionary Fleet

Approx 16 Destroyers

2 converted S/P Tenders

KENYO MARU
SOUYOU MARU

Timor

Approx 12 shore-based aircraft including 6 fighters, 6 H/B

Agbon

Approx 32 shore-based aircraft incl. 9 F, 8 H/B, 8 P/B, 7 P/P

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleships

SOUTH DAKOTA
MARYLAND
COLORADO
IDAHO
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
PENNSYLVANIA
SARATOGA
ENTERPRISE
LONG ISLAND
PORTLAND
NEW ORLEANS
SAN JUAN
RALEIGH
DETROIT
15 (approx)
23 (approx)

CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE
NEVADA (to be ready
about 1/10)
WEST VIRGINIA

Aircraft Carriers
Converted A/C Carrier
8" Cruisers
6" Cruisers

Destroyers
Submarines

Enemy Forces

Palao-Formosa-Saipan-Bonins-Japan

5 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
FUJIO
YAMASHIRO
ISE
HYUGA

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)
4 converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

ZUIKAKU (poss. damaged)
HAYATAKA
HITAKA
ZUIHO

2 - 8" Cruisers (CA)
3 Light Cruisers (CL)

OTAKA (poss. ex KASUGA MARU) - damaged
MYOKO new MOGAMI ? (damaged)

1 S/P Tender (AV)
Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

KASHII
KUMA
CHIYODA
GOSU MARU
FUJIKAWA MARU
KAMIKAWA MARU
KIYOKAWA MARU

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)
Approx 30 Destroyers
Approx 14 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleships

Aircraft Carriers
Converted A/C Carrier
8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Destroyers
A.M.C.'s

WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
HORNET
WASP
COPAHNE
ASTORIA
VINCENNES
MINNEAPOLIS
QUINCY
SAN FRANCISCO
SALT LAKE CITY
NORTHAMPTON
PENSACOLA
CHESTER
CHICAGO
BOISE
HELENA
JUNEAU
SAN DIEGO
ATLANTA
LEANDER
ACHILLES
25 (approx)
MONOHAI
ASCANIA

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces

5" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE
INDIANAPOLIS
HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE

6" Cruisers

15 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians

3 Light Cruisers ~~XXX~~

ABUKUMA
TAMA
KISO
NACHI

1 8" Cruiser (CA)

Approx 4 Destroyers

Approx 20 Submarines

1st Base Force

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) ?

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

WARSPITE
VALIANT
RESOLUTION
ILLUSTRIOUS
FORMIDABLE
DEVONSHIRE
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
HAWKINS
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
DAUNTLESS
DANAE
DRAGON
DELHI
CAPETOWN
CERES
CALLEDON
SUMATRA (Dutch)
WORCESTERSHIRE
RANCHI
ALANIA
CHITRAL
RANPURA
CANTON
QUEEN OF BERMUDA
CARTHAGE
HEMSKERK
CARLISLE

REVENGE

PROBISHER

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

Approx 25 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Approx 5 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

8th October, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- ↓ (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "SELFRIDGE" "MUGFORD" "PATTERSON" "KNEKEX" "HELM") on patrol south of China Strait area. To return to Challenger Bay, Palm Is. p.m. 10/10 to refuel. "HENLEY" en route Sydney, ETA 0800/10.
- * (ii) "HOBART" arr. Sydney 1542 yesterday 7/10 for refit.
- * (iii) "ARUNTA" escorting "CREMER" was due Milne Bay 1600 yesterday 7/10.
- ✓ (iv) "BENDIGO" "KATOOMBA" escorting "TARCONA" "JOHN ASHE" "KATOOMBA" "NORDNES" "ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "EKATERINI COUMANTAROU" arr. Port Moresby 1558/7 yesterday 7/10. "KATOOMBA" to depart Port Moresby 0700 today 8/10 escorting "JOHN ASHE" to Milne Bay.
- * (v) "GOULBURN" escorting "AASE MAERSK" dep. Brisbane 0721 yesterday 7/10 for Capricorn Channel. Thence "GOULBURN" returns Brisbane; "AASE MAERSK" proceeds Palm Is. to refuel Task Force 44 ETA 1200/10.
- ✓ (vi) "BALLARAT" escorting "SEAWITCH" & "EGBERT BENSON" (ex Thursday Is.) is due Port Moresby a.m. today 8/10.
- ✓ (vii) "COLAC" escorting "TASMAN" from Milne Bay is due Townsville 1200 today 8/10.
- ✓ (viii) "ARMIDALE" arr. Townsville 2223/7 after escorting "GEORGE TAYLOR" from Port Moresby. Latter vessel proceeds Brisbane.
- * (ix) "LITHGOW" dep. Townsville 0630 yesterday 7/10 to investigate the report of a mine ashore on Rib Reef.
- * (x) "DELORAINE" "TOWNSVILLE" "DUBBO" escorting Convoy C033 (14 ships incl. "BUNGAREE" for Swan Is.). To RV with "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy C033. "DUBBO" to continue to Melbourne with "DOOMBA" & "BUNGAREE" & C033.
- * (xi) "WHYALLA" escorting Sydney section Convoy C032 arr. 0744/7. "ROCKHAMPTON" dep. Sydney 0831/7 to RV with "MILDURA" escorting Newcastle section. Newcastle section arr. 1502/7. "ROCKHAMPTON" to dep. Newcastle 0900 today 8/10 escorting Convoy C034. "WHYALLA" to RV off Sydney with Sydney section.
- * (xii) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy C033 (11 MV) dep. Port Phillip 2147/7. To RV with Convoy C034. ETA Port Kembla 1900/10, Sydney 0100/11, Newcastle 0900/10.
- * (xiii) "MORESBY" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy G016 (4 MV for Brisbane, 1 for Bowen) arr. Brisbane 2040/7. "MORESBY" & "YANDRA" escorting Convoy G016 ("MENEKUR" "BRITISH SAILOR") dep. Caloundra 2233/7 for Sydney ETA 0500/10. "sJACOB" en route Brisbane from the north (ETA Cape Moreton 2100/7) was to join convoy but failed to RV and convoy is proceeding without "sJACOB".
- * (xiv) "KURUMBA" is due Thursday Island 1900 today 8/10 from Townsville.
- * (xv) "ST. GILES" towing "MALAITA" from Cairns to Brisbane ETA p.m. tomorrow 9/10.
- * (xvi) "MIZAR" arr. Brisbane from Sydney 0850/7.
- * (xvii) "KOOKABURRA" is due Brisbane 1200 today 8/10 from Townsville.
- (xviii) "WAREE" towing barge for Port Moresby dep. Cairns 1740/7. To take second barge at Cooktown ETA 1600 today 8/10, ETA Ince Point 1600/11, Port Moresby 0800/14.
- * (xix) "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN", on completion of work-up, is to be placed under operational control of NOIC. Sydney for convoy escort duties.
- (xx) At Sydney - "MANOORA" "DOBBS" "WILCANNIA" "BROOME" "TAMWORTH" "PINGWO" "TULSA" "ZAWLER"
Repairing - "HOBART" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "BAXLEY" "STUART" "SWAN" "BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA"
- (xxi) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" - Repairing - "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xxii) At Adelaide - "CRSSNOCK"
- (xxiii) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "BUNDABERG" "GEELONG" "MANUNDA" "MIZAR"
- (xxiv) At Townsville - "WARREGO"
- (xxv) At Port Stephens - "AUSTRALIA"
- (xxvi) At Port Moresby - "BENJAMIN FRANKLIN" "WILLIS VAN DER VENTER"

Enemy Forces

(I) SOLOMONS - NEW GEORGIA AREA -

- a) Aircraft ex Soupac reported the following sightings -
 - i) At 0715/7, 4 heavy cruisers in position 7°50'S, 157°40'E (13 miles NE by E. of Visuvisu Point, most northerly point of New Georgia) - course 310°, speed 25 knots.
 - ii) At 1330/7, 2 light cruisers & 3 destroyers approx 4 miles off Kunderubangara Point (most easterly point of Vella Lavella Is.) - course 290°, speed 18 knots.
 - iii) ~~5~~ destroyers in position 7°42'S, 157°40'E (18 miles NE of Visuvisu Point) - course 120°, speed 25 knots.
- b) Vangunu Is. - Natives report that one Japanese ship anchored at Gevala (S.E. coast of Vangunu) at 0600/6 while another ship entered Kolo Lagoon (off E. coast of Vangunu).
- c) Viru Harbcur (W. coast New Georgia) - 200 enemy are reported to be in this area. Motor noises were heard continually during the night 5/10.
- d) Rendova Is. → Natives report that Japanese have been at Rendova Is. plantation since 1/10 and are patrolling the area in canoes and dinghies. 3 enemy barges are reported to be in the Harbour. Three warships passed Banyetha Point (W. tip Rendova Is.) at 1700/3.

(ii) BOUGAINVILLE AREA - An aircraft (ex Soupac) sighted one destroyer and one cargo vessel in position 6°45'S, 153°40'E (approx 125 miles W. by N. of Shortland Is.) at 1140/7; course 120°, speed 12 knots.

(iii) BUKA PASSAGE

- a) The vessel described as an auxiliary cruiser, but more probably a converted seaplane tender, which departed from Buka on the night of 5/10 - 6/10 returned there during the night 6/7.
- b) Three small supply ships were observed at Buka Passage at 0604/7 two of these departed for the south via the West coast of Bougainville at 1840/7.
- c) A destroyer & 2 transports of 7/10,000 tons, were observed 15 miles East of Buka, proceeding North at 1840/7.
- d) A searchlight was seen off N.E. Buka at 1953/7 followed by flashes from Kessa and the sounds of an explosion from Buka at 1953/7.

(iv) KAVIENG (New Britain) - Analysis of photos of shipping at Kavieng at 1020/6 reveals one heavy cruiser, one light cruiser ("TENRYU" class), 4 other vessels including one probable seaplane tender.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "ADELAIDE" on patrol off Fremantle. To return a.m. tomorrow 9/10.
- (ii) "TROMP" en route Fremantle to Melbourne ETA 0600/12.
- (iii) "HERON" was due Exmouth Gulf 1300/7.
- (iv) "CASTLEMAINE" after escort duty with "SIBIGO" arr. Darwin 1700/7.
- (v) "KALCOORLIE" to depart Darwin 1200 today 8/10 escorting "VAN HEUTSZ" to Thursday Is.
- (vi) At Fremantle - "KAWINELA" "W.B. PRESTON" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "CAIRNS" "BENGAL" "TOOWOOMBA" "WOLLONGONG" "IPSWICH" "BURNIE" "LAKK" "MARYBOROUGH" "WALLAROO" "ERLING BROVIG"
- (vii) At Albany - "FELIAS" "WHIPPOORWILL"
- (viii) At Darwin - "WARRNAMBOOL" "KALCOORLIE" "CASTLEMAINE"
- (ix) At Exmouth Gulf - "CHILDS" "HERON"

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

10 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) At Espiritu Santo - "HOPKINS" "MEREDITH" "MCGALLA" "TRACY" "MACKINAC" "MCFARLAND" "BALLARD" "CURTISS" "GAMBLE" "BREESE" "KANKAKU"
- (ii) At Tongatabu - "NORTH CAROLINA" "AYLWIN" "STACK" "SABINE" "VINSTAL" "SUMNER"
- (iii) At Samoa - "CHICAGO" "HOVEY" "BRAZOS" "CAMANGA" "CHESTNUT" "E.A. POE" "LACKAWANNA" "TAPPAHANNOCK"
- (iv) At Suva - "DALE" "CATALPA" "MAJABA" "CASTOR" "SEMINOLE"
- (v) At Auckland - "ACHILLES" "MONOWAI" "RICEL" "ALSEY" "ATREUS" "EBONY" "NEVILLE" "RAINIER" "TALAMANCA"

- (vi) At Noumea - "CONYNGHAM" "LANG" "ANDERSON" "CLARK" "STERETT"
"KINGFISHER" "ARGONNE" "WHITNEY" "ANTARES" "MANLEY"
"MCKEAN" "KANAWHA" "ARCTIC" "WALEK" "VIREO" "LASSEN"
"CIMARRON" "HAMMONDS PORT" "JUPITER" "O'ERIE" "MCGAWLEY"
"PRESIDENT ADAMS" "STRINGHAM" "NULL" "ZEILIN" "MacDONOUGH"
"WHARTON" "ZANE"
- (vii) At Wellington - "BARNETT" "AMERICAN LEGION" "PRESIDENT HAYES"
"PRESIDENT JACKSON"
- (viii) At Bora Bora - "TERN"
- (ix) At Tahiti - "CHEVREUIL" "CAP DES PALMES"

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

"WANGANILLA" dep. Suez 12/9 with 500 invalids for Australia and New Zealand.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

3. AIR OPERATIONS

- (1) GOODENOUGH IS. - 2 Beaufighters attacked huts occupied by the Japanese in Kilia Mission area from 1644-1705/7. All buildings and villages in area well strafed. Results not observed. Nil activity observed.

ENEMY

- (1) WYSYXX N.W. AUSTRALIA - a Japanese medium bomber attempted to intercept a Hudson at 1025/7, 240 miles WNW Broome. Nil damage.

OTHER AREAS

KISKA - 6 B.24's supported by 4 P.38's and 8 P.39's bombed hangar and camp in Kiska and shipping in Kiska Harbour. 5 bombs dropped on cargo ship beached in harbour. Other results not observed. 6 twin-float enemy fighters were shot down by allied fighters and 2 destroyers and 6 cargo vessels (including 2 beached) were seen in Harbour.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Continued night infiltration on Guadalcanal by means of destroyers and submarines from the Buin - Faisi - Tonsolei Harbour base.
- (ii) Heavy naval and air counter-attacks against allied positions in the Solomons, with a view to re-occupation of Guadalcanal.
- (iii) Consolidation on islands in the Gilberts Group and possible occupation of islands in Ellice Group.

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For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

8/10/42

APPENDIX

TO

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA.

EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

British and Allied Forces.

8" cruiser

6" cruisers

Flotilla Leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

A.M.Cs.

Submarine Tender.

Destroyer Tender.

Storeships

Oiler

Gunboat

Enemy Forces.

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons.

C.in C. Combined Fleet.

C.in C. 2nd Fleet.

C.in C. 8th Fleet.

C.in C. 1st Air Fleet.

C.in C. 4th Fleet.

C.in C. 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet).

3 Battleships (BB)

4 Battlecruisers (BB)

2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

1 Converted A/c. carrier (XCV)

11 heavy cruisers (CA)
(2 damaged)

11 light cruisers (CL)
(2 prob.damaged)

Effective. Refitting or Repairing

AUSTRALIA

PHOENIX

HOBART

ARUNTA

LE TRIOMPHANT

SELFREDGE

STUART

MUGFORD

HENLEY

BAGLEY

HELM

PATTERSON

GUDGEON

S.37

S.40

S.42

S.45

S.47

GRAMPUS

GRAYBACK

STURGEON

SAILFISH

SCULPIN

S.43

S.44

S.46

K.9

WESTHALIA

KANIMBLA

MANOORA

GRIFFIN

DOBBIN

MIZAR

GOLDSTAR

VICTORIA

TULSA

At Brisbane.

On Patrol.

YAMATO.

MUTSU.

NAGATO.

KIRISHIMA

HIYEI

KONGO

HARUNA

SHOKAKU

HOSEI

UNYO (poss.ex YAWATA MARU) A/c.
transport.

TONE

TIKUMA

SUZUYA

ATAGE

CHOKAI

TAKAO

ASHIGARA

FURUTAKA

KINUGASA or AOBA

KUMANO

HAGURO) damaged.

KASHIMA

KATORI

SENDAI

JINTSU

ISUZU

KYUJIN

Light Cruisers (Contd)

NATORI # # prob. employed escort
YUBARI # duties between Palao-
YURA Truk-Rabaul
TENRYU
TATSUTA

Approx 25 submarines incl. 4-8 "RO" class, 15 "I" class (at least 2 minelayers)
45-50 Destroyers (DD)
3 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

9 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

CHITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA
NISSHIN
NITCHO MARU
NOTOHO
KINUGASA MARU
KAGU MARU
KAMOJ
OKITSU MARU)
SANUKI MARU)
KOBE MARU)
SANYO MARU)

Some of these units are operating between Empire Waters and the Southern area.

2 submarine tenders incl.

Approx 25 merchant ships (incl. poss. 3 Military Landing Craft Carriers)

8 patrol craft
6 minelaying craft
16 sub. chasers
15 M.T.B.'s
5 Gunboats

Approx 181 shore-based aircraft incl. 46 fighters, 67 H/B, 32 F/B, 27 F/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR
British and Allied Forces

6" Cruiser
Flotilla Leader
S/P Tenders

ADELAIDE
TROMP
HERON
CHILDS
W.B. PRESTON
PELIAS
HOLLAND
On Patrol
GAR
SARGO ✓
THRESHER
SEADRAGON
SPEARFISH
SKIPJACK
SEARAVEN
STURGEON
SEAWOLF
SCHUPIN

Submarine Tenders

Submarines

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

GRENADIER)
SNAPPER) At Albany
TAMBOR)
TAUTOG)
SALMON)
SEAL)
SWORDFISH) At Fremantle
SAURY)
K.8)
K.12)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES
British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

Cinc 3rd Fleet

Cinc Southern Expeditionary Fleet

Approx 16 Destroyers
2 converted S/P Tenders

KENYO MARU
SOUYOU MARU

Timor

Approx 12 shore-based aircraft including 6 fighters, 6 H/B

Amboi

Approx 32 shore-based aircraft incl. 9 F, 8 H/B, 8 F/B, 7 F/P

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleships

SOUTH DAKOTA
MARYLAND
COLORADO
IDAHO
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
PENNSYLVANIA
SARATOGA
ENTERPRISE
LONG ISLAND
PORTLAND
NEW ORLEANS
SAN JUAN
RALEIGH
DETROIT
15 (approx)
23 (approx)

CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE
NEVADA (~~XXXXXXXXXX~~)
WEST VIRGINIA

Aircraft Carriers

Converted A/C Carrier
8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Destroyers
Submarines

Enemy Forces

Palao-Formosa-Saipan-Bonins-Japan

5 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
ISE

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)
4 converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

HYUGA
ZUIKAKU (poss. damaged)
HAYATAKA
HITAKA

2 - 8" Cruisers (CA)
3 Light Cruisers (CL)

ZUIHO (poss. en route south)
OTAKA (poss. ex KASUGA MARU) - damaged
MYOKO new MOGAMI ? (damaged)

1 S/P Tender (AV)
Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

NAGARA
KASHII
KUBA
CHIYODA
GOSHU MARU
FUJIKAWA MARU
KAMIKAWA MARU
KEYOKAWA MARU

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)
Approx 30 Destroyers
Approx 14 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleships

WASHINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
EDRNET
WASP
GOPARKE
ASTORIA
VINCENNES
MINNEAPOLIS
QUINCY
SAN FRANCISCO
BALT LAKE CITY
NORHAMPTON
PENSACOLA
CHESTER
CHICAGO
BOISE
HELENA
JUNEAU
SAN DIEGO
ATLANTA
LEANDER
ACHILLES
25 (approx)
MONOWAI
ASCANIA

Aircraft Carriers

Converted A/C Carrier
8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Destroyers
A.M.C.'s

B) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.
British and Allied Forces.

8" cruisers

6" cruisers

15 destroyers

10 submarines

Enemy Forces.

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians.

3 light cruisers.

1 8" cruiser (CA)

Approx.4 destroyers.

Approx.20 submarines.

1st Base Force.

Converted S/P.tenders (XAV) ?

LOUISVILLE
INDIANAPOLIS
HONOLULU
ST.LOUIS
NASHVILLE

ABUKUMA
TAMA
KISO
NACHI

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA.
British and Allied Forces.

6" cruisers

Approx.4 destroyers.

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA.
British and Allied Forces.

Battleships

Aircraft carriers

8" cruisers

7.5" cruisers

6" cruisers

WARSPITE
VALIANT
RESOLUTION
ILLUSTRIOUS
FORMIDABLE
DEVONSHIRE
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
HAWKINS
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
DAUNTLESS
DANAE
DRAGON
DELHI
CAPETOWN
CERES
CALEDON
SUMATRA (Dutch)
WORCESTERSHIRE
RANCHI
ALAUNIA
CHITRAL
RANPURA
CANTON
QUEEN OF BERMUDA
CARTHAGE
HEEMSKERK
CARLISLE

REVENGE

FROBISHER

A.M.Cs.

A.A.vessels.

Approx.25 destroyers.

Approx.7 submarines.

Enemy Forces.

Approx.5 submarines.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

9th October, 1942

1. POSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "SELFRIDGE" "MUGFORD" "PATTERSON" "HELM") on patrol south of China Strait area. To return to Challenger Bay, Palm Is. p.m. 10/10 to refuel. "HENLEY" en route Sydney, ETA 0800/10. "BAGLEY" dep. Sydney 1251/8 for Cid Harbor.
- (ii) "ARUNTA" escorting "CREMER" arr. Milne Bay 0730/8 ETD a.m. today 9/10.
- (iii) "KATOOMBA" escorting "JOHN ASHE" dep. Port Moresby 1400/8 for Milne Bay ETA 1800 today 9/10.
- (iv) "BALLARAT" escorting "SEAWITCH" "EGBERT BENSON" arr. Port Moresby 1105/8.
- (v) "COLAC" escorting "TASMAN" arr. Townsville 1109/8.
- (vi) "GEELONG" escorting Convoy for Milne Bay ("BOTH" "MAETSUYCKER" "JAPARA") was to depart Morston Bay 0800 today 9/10.
- (vii) "GOULBURN" escorting "AASE MAERSK" dep. Brisbane 7/10 for Capricorn Channel. Thence "GOULBURN" returns Brisbane; "AASE MAERSK" proceeds Palm Is. to refuel Task Force 44 ETA 1200/10.
- (viii) "LITHGOW" dep. Townsville 7/10 to investigate the report of a mine ashore on Rib Reef.
- (ix) "MORESBY" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy PG16 ("MERKUR" "BRITISH SAILOR") en route Brisbane to Sydney ETA 1900 today 9/10.
- (x) "DELORAIN" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy OC33 en route Sydney and Newcastle (~~including "BURNHAM" "BRITISH SAILOR" "MERCUR" "YANDRA" "DELORAIN" "TOWNSVILLE" "ROCKHAMPTON" "WHYALLA" "DOOMBA" "DUBBO" "ST. GILES" "WARRE" "MANCOORA" "DOBBIN" "WILCANNIA" "BROOME" "TANWORTH" "PINGAO" "TULSA" "CAWLER" "MILDURA" "ROBERT" "LE TRIUMPHANT" "STUART" "SWAN" "BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR" "CESSHOCK" "GRIFIN" "BUNDABERG" "MANUNDA" "MIZAR" "WARREGO" "ARMIDA E" "WESTRALIA" "BENDIGO" "WILLIS VAN DER VENTER" "ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "EKATERINI COUMANTAROU"~~)
- (xi) "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Newcastle portion Convoy CO34 dep. Newcastle 0803/8. "WHYALLA" escorting Sydney section dep. 1600 for RV off Sydney Heads. Thence Melbourne.
- (xii) "DOOMBA" "DUBBO" escorting Convoy CO33 arr. Melbourne p.m. 8/10. "BUNGAREE" arr. Geelong 1740/8.
- (xiii) "ST. GILES" towing "MALAITA" from Cairns to Brisbane ETA p.m. today 9/10.
- (xiv) "WARRE" towing 2 barges en route Port Moresby, ETA Ince Point 1600/11, Port Moresby 0800/14.
- (xv) At Sydney - "MANCOORA" "DOBBIN" "WILCANNIA" "BROOME" "TANWORTH" "PINGAO" "TULSA" "CAWLER" "MILDURA" Repairing - "ROBERT" "LE TRIUMPHANT" "STUART" "SWAN" "BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA"
- (xvi) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" Repairing - "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xvii) At Adelaide - "CESSHOCK"
- (xviii) At Brisbane - "GRIFIN" "BUNDABERG" "MANUNDA" "MIZAR"
- (xix) At Townsville - "WARREGO" "ARMIDA E"
- (xx) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA"
- (xxi) At Port Moresby - "BENDIGO" "~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~" "~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~" "NORDNES" "WILLIS VAN DER VENTER" "ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "EKATERINI COUMANTAROU"

Enemy Forces

- (i) BUIN-FAISI -- Reports indicate that the following vessels were in the Buin - Faisi - Tonolei ^{new location} area at 1720/8 -

3 heavy cruisers (prob. "AOBA" "FURUTAKA" "KINUGASA")
 3 light cruisers ("TENRYU" "TATSUTA" one "SENDAI" class)
 18 destroyers & patrol boats
 2 submarines
 1 probable seaplane tender
 13 cargo vessels
 1 tanker

Five destroyers were observed on course 300° off Vaholi Bay (New Georgia) at 0730 and later were attacked north of Vella Lavella on same course. A heavy cruiser and 5 destroyers were sighted at 1150, 19 miles S.E. Faisi still on course 300°. The heavy cruiser was attacked and set on fire. Another heavy cruiser was sighted at the same time on course 120°.

At 1340, 5 additional destroyers (probably those attacked as above) were with the damaged cruiser in the position reported

above.

At 1105, 5 destroyers were sighted 38 miles E. by S. of Faisi on course 120°, and at 1635 a force of one heavy cruiser and 5 destroyers (probably the same destroyers) was 18 miles N.E. Vaholi Bay on the same course.

From the above sightings, it appears that a heavy cruiser and 10 destroyers were approaching the Faisi area during the morning, from the S.E. while one heavy cruiser and 5 destroyers were moving away to the S.E.

In addition, a 10,000 ton transport, reported to be under escort of 4 light cruisers, was on course 315°, 17 miles E. by S. Faisi at 1105.

Another destroyer, "ASASHIO" class, probably based on the Buin area, was observed 64 miles N.E. Kieta at 0840 on course 140°.

- (ii) BUKA - A ~~mix~~ force consisting of 2 transports (7,000 & 10,000 tons) 2 destroyers and 1 other vessel (1000 tons) with aircraft escort was observed N.W. of Buka Passage at 1250/8 and was shadowed during the day as it proceeded northwards past Kessa, and round the N. end of Buka, close inshore. The force was last sighted on ENE course proceeding away from Buka at 1923 at a slow speed.

A light cruiser and 2 destroyers escorting a cargo vessel were observed on course 110° approx 60 miles N.W. Queen Carola Harbour at 0945.

A light cruiser was reported 20 miles NNW Kilinailau Is. on course 314° at 0900/7.

- (iii) BUNA - Japanese were reported at Oro Bay (15 miles S. Buna) on 7/10
- (iv) GOODENOUGH IS. - It is believed that there are at least 300 ~~mix~~ Japanese on Goodenough Is. There is no evidence of enemy activity on Ferguson Is.
- (v) NEW GEORGIA - An unidentified submarine was observed off Gatukai Is (S.E. New Georgia Group) at 1800/8.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "ADELAIDE" on patrol off Fremantle. To return a.m. today 9/10.
- (ii) "TROMP" en route Fremantle to Melbourne ETA 0600/12.
- (iii) "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting "YOCOW" arr. Thursday Is. 1235/8.
- (iv) "KURUMBA" arr. Thursday Is. 0955/8 dep. 1358 escorted by "WARRNAMBOOL" for Darwin ETA 1230/11.
- (v) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "VAN HEUTSZ" was to depart Darwin 8/10 for Thursday Is.
- (vi) "HERON" arr. Exmouth Gulf, "CHILDS" dep. 0902/8. ETA "CHILDS" Fremantle 1200/10.
- (vii) At Fremantle - "KANIBLA" "W.B. PRESTON" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "CAIRNS" "BENGAL" "TOOWOOMBA" "WOLLONGONG" "IPSWICH" "LARK" "WALLAROO" "MARYBOROUGH" "ERLING BROVIC"
- (viii) At Albany - "PELIAS" "WHIPPOORWILL"
- (ix) At Darwin - "CASTLEMAINE"
- (x) At Exmouth Gulf - "HERON"

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

10 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

Enemy Forces

- (i) TANIMBAR IS. - A 3/4,000 ton vessel was sighted and attacked by a Hudson at Saumlaki 0845/8. Results unknown.
- (ii) BEAGO (TIMOR) - Natives report an unidentified vessel off Beaco 1900/8, but air recce of the area 7/10 showed no enemy activity.
- (iii) KOEPANG - A Hudson on recce ~~ix~~ 7/10 reported a probable destroyer, 3 small cargo vessels, and 8 schooners in the Koepang area. One cargo vessel was unsuccessfully attacked.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) At Espiritu Santo - "HOPKINS" "MEREDITH" "TRACY" "MACKINAC" "BALLARD" "McFARLAND" "CURTISS" "GAMBLE" "BREESE" "KANKAKU" "ALHENA" "P.C.476" "MONSSEN" "NAVAJO"
- (ii) At Tongatabu - "NORTH CAROLINA" "AYLWIN" "STACK" "SABINE" "VESTAL" "SUMNER"
- (iii) At Samoa - "CHICAGO" "MOVEY" "BRAZOS" "CAMANGA" "CHESTNUT" "E.A. POE" "LACKAWANNA" "TAPPAHANNOCK"

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- (v) At Auckland - "ACHILLES" "MONOWAI" "RIGEL" "ALSEY" "ATREUS"
"EBONY" "NEVILLE" "RAINIER" "TALAMANCA"
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"WHITNEY" "ANTARES" "MANLEY" "MCKEAN" "KANAWHA" "ARCTIC"
"WALKE" "VIREO" "LASSEN" "CIMARRON" "JUPITER" "O'BRIEN"
"McCAWLEY" "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "STRINGHAM" "HULL" "ZEILIN"
"MacDONOUGH" "WHARTON" "ZANE" "CRESCENT CITY" "HEYWOOD"
"LIBRA" "NICHOLAS" "POMALHAUT"
- (vii) At Wellington - "BARNETT" "AMERICAN LEGION" "PRESIDENT HAYES"
"PRESIDENT JACKSON" "BETELGEUSE"
- (viii) At Bora Bora - "TERN"
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British and Allied Forces

"WANGANELLA" dep. Suez 12/9 with 500 invalids for Australia and New Zealand.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

GUADALCANAL - The following damage has been inflicted recently on enemy warships by Soupac operations in the area NE of Guadalcanal -

- 4/10 - One heavy cruiser and 9 destroyers involved in operations against Guadalcanal during the night 3/4 were attacked by aircraft from Guadalcanal during the night and next morning. One bomb hit and 2 torpedo hits were made on the heavy cruiser, which was last observed smoking off New Georgia.
- 5/10 - 6 destroyers approaching Guadalcanal from NW during the night 5/6 were attacked by aircraft from Guadalcanal throughout the night. One destroyer was sunk and one damaged.
- 8/10 - The heavy cruiser and 5 destroyers reported above (see Enemy Forces - Eastern ~~xxxxx~~ Sector) as proceeding S.E. towards Guadalcanal were attacked by aircraft from Guadalcanal at 1800. One sure torpedo hit, one probable bomb hit and 4 near misses were made on the heavy cruiser (reported to be "KINUGASA" class).

BUIN-FAISI - As a result of air attack on shipping in the Buin - Faisi area on the morning 5/10, the following damage was caused -

- 1000 lb bomb hits ~~am~~ - 1 on a heavy cruiser
1 on a transport
3 on aerodrome buildings
- 500 lb bomb hits - 1 on a S/P Tender
1 on a cargo vessel
- Near Misses - 4 on a heavy cruiser

Three fighter Floatplanes and 2 bombers were destroyed; 10 F/B were strafed of which four sank.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

(i) BUNA-KOKODA AREA - Three B.25's unsuccessfully attacked the Buna area 8/10.

Three Bostons attacked the Wairopi Bridge and the Buna-Kokoda track 8/10 - results not observed.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Continued night infiltration on Guadalcanal by means of destroyers and submarines from the Buin-Faisi-Tonolei Harbour base.
- (ii) Heavy naval and air counter-attacks against allied positions in the Solomons, with a view to re-occupation of Guadalcanal.
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For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

9/10/42

A P P E N D I X

to

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

| <u>British and Allied Forces</u> | <u>Effective</u> | <u>Refitting or Repairing</u> |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 8" Cruiser | AUSTRALIA | |
| 6" Cruisers | PHOENIX | |
| | HOBART | |
| Flotilla Leaders | ARUNTA | LE TRIOMPHANT |
| | SELFRIDGE | STUART |
| Destroyers | MUGFORD | |
| | HENLEY | BAGLEY |
| | HELM | |
| | PATTERSON | |
| Submarines | S.37) | |
| | S.40) | |
| | S.42) At Brisbane | |
| | S.45) | |
| | S.47) | |
| | GUDGEON) | |
| | GRAMPUS) | |
| | GRAYBACK) | |
| | STURGEON) | |
| | SAILFISH) On Patrol | |
| | SCULPIN) | |
| | S.43) | |
| | S.44) | |
| | S.46) | |
| | K.9 | |
| A.M.Cs. | WESTRALIA | |
| | KANIMBLA | |
| | MANOORA | |
| Submarine Tender | GRIFFIN | |
| Destroyer Tender | DOBBIN | |
| Storeships | MIZAR | GOLDSTAR |
| Gunboat | TULSA | |
| Oiler | | VICTORIA |
| <u>Enemy Forces</u> | | |
| <u>Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons</u> | | |
| CinC Combined Fleet | | |
| CinC 2nd Fleet | | |
| CinC 8th Fleet | | |
| CinC 1st Air Fleet | | |
| CinC 4th Fleet | | |
| CinC 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet) | | |
| 3 Battleships (BB) | YAMATO | |
| | MUTSU | |
| | NAGATO | |
| 4 Battle cruisers (BB) | KIRISHIMA | |
| | HIYEI | |
| | KONGO | |
| | HARUNA | |
| 2 Aircraft Carriers (CV) | SHOKAKU | |
| | HOSHIO | |
| 1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV) | UNYO (poss.ex YAWATA MARU) | A/C Transport |
| 11 Heavy Cruisers (CA) | TONE | |
| (4 damaged) | TIKUMA | |
| | SUZUYA | |
| | ATAGO | |
| | CHOKAI | |
| | TAKAO | |
| | ASHICARA | |
| | FURUTAKA | |
| | KINUGASA or AOBA | |
| | KUMANO) Damaged | |
| | HAGURO) | |
| 11 Light Cruisers (CL) | KASHIMA | |
| (2 prob. damaged) | KATORI | |
| | SENDAI | |
| | JINTSU | |
| | ISUZU | |
| | KINU | |
| | NATORI | |

Light Cruisers (Contd)

YUBARI
YURA
HENRYU
TATSUTA

Approx 25 submarines incl. 4-8 "RO" class, 15 "I" class (at least 2 minelayers)

3-50 Destroyers (DD)

3 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

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AKITSUSHIMA
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OKITSU MARU) Some of these units are
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KOBE MARU) Waters and the Southern
SANYO MARU) area

2 submarine tenders incl.

JINGEI

Approx 25 merchant ships (incl. poss. 3 Military Landing Craft Carriers)

8 patrol craft

6 minelaying craft

16 sub. chasers

15 M.T.B.'s

5 Gunboats

Approx 181 shore-based aircraft incl. 46 fighters, 67 H/B, 32 F/B,
27 F/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruiser

ADELAIDE

Flotilla Leader

TROMP

S/P Tenders

HERON

CHILDS

W.B. PRESTON

Submarine Tenders

PELIAS

HOLLAND

Submarines

On Patrol

GAR

SARGO

THRESHER

SEADRAGON

SPEARFISH

SKIPJACK

SEARAVEN

STURGEON

SEAWOLF

SCULPIN

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

GRENADEE)

SNAPPER) At Albany

TAMBOUR)

TAUTOG)

SAL MON)

SEAL)

SWORDFISH) At Fremantle

SAURY)

K.8)

K.12)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

CinC 3rd Fleet

CinC Southern Expeditionary Fleet

Approx 16 Destroyers

2 converted S/P Tenders

KENYO MARU

SOUYOU MARU

Timor

Approx 12 shore-based aircraft including 6 fighters, 6 H/B

Ambon

Approx 32 shore-based aircraft incl. 9 F, 8 H/B, 8 F/B, 7 F/P

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleships

SOUTH DAKOTA
MARYLAND
COLORADO
IDAHO
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
PENNSYLVANIA
SARATOGA
ENTERPRISE
LONG ISLAND
PORTLAND
NEW ORLEANS
SAN JUAN
RALEIGH
DETROIT
15 (approx)
23 (approx)

CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE
NEVADA
WEST VIRGINIA

Aircraft Carriers

Converted A/C Carrier
8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Destroyers
Submarines

Enemy Forces

Palao-Formosa-Saipan-Bonins-Japan
5 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
FUJO
YAMASHIRO
ISE
HYUGA

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)
4 converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

ZUIKAKU (poss. damaged)

HAYATAKA
HITAKA

2 - 8" Cruisers (CA)
3 Light Cruisers (CL)

MIYAKA
ZUIHO (poss. en route South)
OTAKA (poss. ex KASUGA MARU) - damaged
new MOGAMI ? (damaged)

MYOKO
NAGARA
KASHII
EUMA

1 S/P Tender (AV)
Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

CHIYODA
GOSHU MARU
FUJIKAWA MARU
KAMIKAWA MARU
KIYOKAWA MARU

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)
Approx 30 Destroyers
Approx 14 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

Converted A/C Carrier
8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

WASHINGTON
NORTE CAROLINA
HORNET
WASP
COPANEE
ASTORIA
VINCENNES
MINNEAPOLIS
QUINCY
SAN FRANCISCO
SALT LAKE CITY
NORTHAMPTON
PENSACOLA
CHESTER CHICAGO
BOISE
HELENA
JUNEAU
SAN DIEGO
ATLANTA
LEANDER
ACHILLES
25 (approx)
MONOWAI
ASCANIA

Destroyers
A.M.C.'s

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers E

LOUISVILLE
INDIANAPOLIS
HONOLULU
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE

6" Cruisers

15 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians

1 - 8" Cruiser (CA)

WACHI

3 Light Cruisers (CL)

TAMA

ABUKUMA

KISO

Approx 4 Destroyers

Approx 20 Submarines

1st Base Force

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) ?

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA
British and Allied Forces

Battleships

WARSPITE REVENGE

VALIANT

RESOLUTION

ILLUSTRIOUS

FORMIDABLE

GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)

DEVONSHIRE

HAWKINS

FROBISHER

MAURITIUS

GAMBIA

BIRMINGHAM

GLASGOW

ENTERPRISE

EMERALD

DAUNTLESS

DANAÉ

DRAGON

DELEI

CAPETOWN

CERES

CALEDON

SUMATRA (Dutch)

WORCESTERSHIRE

RANCHI

ALAUNIA

CHITRAL

RANPURA

CANTON

QUEEN OF BERMUDA

CARTHAGE

HEEMSKERK

CARLISLE

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

Approx 25 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Approx 5 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

10th October, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- + (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "SELFRIDGE" "MUGFORD" "PATTERSON" "HELM") returning Challenger Bay (Palm Is.) via Grafton Passage ETA 1600 today 10/10; to refuel from "AASE WAERSK" which is due Challenger Bay at 1200.
- x(ii) "THOMP" en route Fremantle to Melbourne ETA 0600/12.
- ✓(iii) "AHUNTA" escorting "CREMER" dep. Milne Bay 0900/9 for Townsville.
- x(iv) "GOULBURN" arr. Brisbane from escort duty 0240/10.
- x(v) "LITHGOW" arr. Townsville after investigating the report of a mine ashore on Rib Reef. Result negative.
- x(vi) "MORESEY" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy P016 ("MERKUR" "BRITISH SAILOR") arr. Sydney 1654/9.
- x(vii) "DELORAIN" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy OC33 en route Sydney and Newcastle.
- x(viii) "ROCKHAMPTON" "WHYALLA" escorting Convoy C034 en route Sydney to Melbourne.
- x(ix) "GEELONG" escorting Convoy B18 for Milne Bay ("BOTE" "MAETSUYCKER") "JAPARA") dep. Brisbane 2207/9 ETA Townsville 0900/13.
- x(x) "WAREE" towing 2 barges en route Port Moresby, ETA Ince Point 1600/11, Port Moresby 0800/14.
- (xi) At Sydney - "MANOORA" "DOBBI" "WILCANNIA" "BROOME" "TAMWORTH" "PINGWO" "TULSA" "GAWLER" "MILDURA" Repairing - "HOBART" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "STUART" "SWAN" "BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA"
- (xii) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "DOOMBA" "DUBBO" Repairing - "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xiii) At Geelong - "BUNGAREE"
- (xiv) At Adelaide - "CESENCK"
- (xv) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "BUNDABERG" "MANUNDA" "WIZAR"
- (xvi) At Townsville - "WARREGO" "ARMIDALE" "COLAC"
- (xvii) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA"
- (xviii) At Port Moresby - "BENDIGO" "BALARAT" "SEAWITCH" "BENSON" "NORDES" "WILLIS VAN DER VENTER" "ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "EKATERINI COUMANTAROU"
- (xix) At Milne Bay - "KATCOMBA" "JOHN ASHE" "ISLANDER"

Enemy Forces

(1) SHORTLANDS AREA - A report at 1800/9 indicates the following shipping at the Shortland base -

- 4 heavy cruisers (described as 3 "NACHI" 1 "KAKO" class prob. including "AOBA" "KINUGASA" "FURUTAKA")
- 2 light cruisers (one "SENDAI" one "TENRYU" class)
- 18 destroyers
- 3 possible seaplane tenders
- 14 cargo vessels
- 1 tanker

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In addition, a "TENRYU" class cruiser and 5 destroyers departed at 1100 and were sighted off Vella Lavella at 1325 on course 120°. It seems unlikely that these vessels would have returned to the Faial area before 1800.

Air recce at 1315 reported a battleship on fire, accompanied by 4 destroyers, approaching Buin. This vessel, probably a heavy cruiser, is almost certainly the vessel seen on fire at midday 8/10, 15 miles S.E. Faial.

Other sightings which appear to be connected with the Shortland area are as follows -

- a) one seaplane tender ("CHITOSE" type) 64 miles NE Kieta 0840/8 on course 140°;
- b) 2 light cruisers, 2 destroyers 54 miles East Cape Alexander (Choiseul) at 1045/9 on course 085°;
- c) One destroyer 106 miles S. by 4N. Buka Passage at 1136 on course 060°.

- d) 4 destroyers 37 miles NNE Cape Alexander on course 118° at 1213;
 - e) 2 large vessels, possibly transports, and one other vessel 30 miles E. of Buka Passage on a southerly course at 1102/9. The force was again sighted at 1212, on a northerly course.
- Note: Vessels mentioned in (b) and (d) above were possibly proceeding to enemy bases on Ysabel Is.

Further evidence of one of the routes taken by enemy warships between the Shortlands base and Guadalcanal is provided by the vessels pass north of Simbo Is. (New Georgia Group) regularly at approx 2100, proceeding to the southward and eastward, and returning at 0400. Similar movements have been noted off Vella Lavella.

- (ii) RABAUL - Photographs of Rabaul Harbour 9/10, show the following shipping, excluding small craft -
 - 1 light cruiser
 - 2 probable light cruisers
 - 2 destroyers
 - 2 seaplane tenders (with 2 a/c on deck of one)
 - 2 minelayers
 - 4 submarines
 - 1 probable submarine
 - 13 cargo vessels (up to 3000 tons)
 - 24 transports (5/12,000 tons)

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Also 5 flying boats, 6 floatplanes in harbour; 71 fighters, 6 bombers at Lakunai.

- (iii) BUKA - 60 patrol aircraft were reported at Buka aerodrome 8/10.
- (iv) NEW BRITAIN - Two cargo vessels were observed by aircraft 25 miles W. by N. Cape Pomas, N.W. tip Gazelle Peninsula, at 0900/9 on course 090°.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "ADELAIDE" arr. Fremantle from patrol 0831/9.
- (ii) "KURUMBA" escorted by "WARRNAMBOOL" en route Thursday Is. to Darwin ETA 1230/11.
- (iii) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "VAN HEUTSZ" departed Darwin 0802/9 for Thursday Is. ETA 1101/12.
- (iv) "CHILDS" due Fremantle 1200 today 10/10.
- (v) At Fremantle - "KANIMBLA" "W.B. PRESTON" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "CAIRNS" "BENGAL" "TOOWOOMBA" "WOLLONGONG" "IPSWICH" "LARK" "WALLAROO" "MARYBOROUGH" "ERLING BROVIG"
- (vi) At Albany - "PELIAS" "WHIPPOORWILL"
- (vii) At Darwin - "CASTLEMAINE"
- (viii) At Exmouth Gulf - "HERON"

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

5 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) At Espiritu Santo - "HOPKINS" "MEREDITH" "MONSSEN" "AARON WARD" "MACKINAC" "BALLARD" "McFARLAND" "CURTISS" "CAMBLE" "TRACY" "BREESE" "KANKAKU" "ALHENA" "P.C.476" "NAVAJO" "BELLATRIX" "ALCHIBA" "JAMESTOWN"
- (ii) At Tongatabu - "STACK" "SABINE" "VESTAL" "SUMNER"
- (iii) At Samoa - "HOVEY" "BRAZOS" "CAMANGA" "CHESTNUT" "E.A. POE" "LACKAWANNA" "TAPPANNOCK"
- (iv) At Suva - "DALE" "CATALPA" "MAJABA" "CASTOR" "SEMINOLE"
- (v) At Auckland - "ACHILLES" "RIGEL" "ALSEY" "ATREUS" "EBONY" "RAINIER" "TALAMANCA"
- (vi) At Noumea - "MINNEAPOLIS" "CHESTER" "CONYNGHAM" "LANG" "STERETT" "KINGFISHER" "ARGONNE" "WHITNEY" "ANTARES" "MANLEY" "ARCTIC" "STRATFORD" "KANAWHA" "WALKE" "VIREO" "LASSEN" "CIMARRON" "JUPITER" "O'BRIEN" "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "STRINGHAM" "HULL" "MacDONOUGH" "WHEARTON" "ZANE" "CRESCENT CITY" "HEYWOOD" "LIBRA" "NICHOLAS" "FOMALHAUT" "BOBOLINK"
- (vii) At Wellington - "BARNETT" "AMERICAN LEGION" "PRESIDENT HAYES" "PRESIDENT JACKSON" "BETELGEUSE"
- (viii) At Bora Bora - "TERN"

- (ix) At Tahiti - "CHEVREUIL" "CAP LES PALMES"
 (x) At Norfolk Is. - "CLARK"
 (xi) Guadalcanal area - "FULLER" "GWIN" "GRAYSON"

Enemy Forces

NORFOLK IS. - An unidentified vessel was reported off Norfolk Is. at 1250/8. No details are available. Air searches were negative.

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Enemy Forces

ALEUTIANS - Air re. ce 6/10 showed no sign of enemy activity on Attu or Agattu Is. (see also Naval Incidents).

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

"WANGANELLA" dep. Suez 12/9 with 500 invalids for Australia and New Zealand.

Enemy Forces

COCOS IS. - A searchlight from an unidentified vessel was seen off Cocos Is. several times during last night 9/10 October.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) CAPE OF GOOD HOPE - "S^WIFTSURE" (U.S. tanker - 8,200 tons) reported being torpedoed in position 33°47'S, 18°17'E (30 miles N. by W. Cape of Good Hope) at 1955/8. No details are yet available.
- (ii) KISKA (Aleutians) - Enemy shipping and installations at Kiska were attacked 6/10 by 8 B.24's, 10 P.39's, 8 P.38's. 8 bombs were dropped on a large cargo vessel, and 12 on another large cargo vessel and a corvette. One vessel was seen on fire and sinking. Camp areas also were attacked, and fires started there. One Zero floatplane was set on fire on the water, and another damaged.
- (iii) ENEMY NAVAL LOSSES - 4-8 October.
 Enemy naval vessels have sustained damage as follows since 4/10, as a result of Souwespacfor and Soupacfor operations -

Probably Sunk

6/10 1 submarine San Cristoval Is. area

Possibly Sunk

5/10 1 submarine Trobriands area

Damaged

4/10 * 1 heavy cruiser New Georgia-Guadalcanal area

5/10 1 seaplane tender Shortland area

5/10 1 transport " "

5/10 1 cargo vessel " "

5/10 1 heavy cruiser " "

8/10 1 heavy cruiser New Georgia-Guadalcanal

8/10 1 heavy cruiser Shortlands area

Possibly Damaged

5/10 1 heavy cruiser Shortland area

* This vessel was probably one of the heavy cruisers attacked in the Shortlands area 5/10.

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AIR OPERATIONS

RABAU - 4 Catalinas attacked Rabaul township 2050/8. Large fire probably caused by hit on fuel dump. Several small fires started by incendiary bombs.

30 Fortresses attacked township 0400/9. Hits reported on coaling jetty, military camp, bomb and fuel dumps and numerous buildings. Pierce fires observed.

A Fortress on re. ce 0920/9 was attacked by 3 Zero's; 2 probably shot down.

BUKA - 3 Catalinas attacked Buka aerodrome 2336/8. 11 hits claimed on runway.

LAE - 9 Beaufighters, 14 B.25's attacked Lae aerodrome 0950/8.

Ammunition dump destroyed; A.A. position and buildings hit by bombs.

KOEPANG - 2 Hudsons attacked Saumlaki 1644/8. Transport sighted 7/10 no longer present. Bombs fell on wrecked vessel near jetty, probably an old wreck.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Continued night infiltration on Guadalcanal by means of destroyers and submarines from the Buin-Paisi-Tonolei Harbour base.
- (ii) Counter-attacks against allied positions in the Solomons, with a view to re-occupation of Guadalcanal.

(iii) Consolidation on islands in the Gilberts Group and possible occupation ~~ix~~ of islands in the Ellice Group.

For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

10/10/42

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruiser
6" Cruisers
Flotilla Leaders

Effective
AUSTRALIA
PHOENIX
ARUNTA
SELFRIDGE
TROMP
MUGFORD
HENLEY
HELM
BAGLEY
PATTERSON

Refitting or Repairing

HOBART
LE TRIOMPHANT
STUART

Destroyers

Submarines

S.37)
S.40)
S.42) At Brisbane
S.45)
S.47)

GUDGEON)
GRAMPUS)
GRAYBACK)
STURGEON)
SAILFISH) On Patrol
SCULPIN)
S.43)
S.44)
S.45)

A.M.Cs.

Submarine Tender
Destroyer Tender
Storeships
Gunboat
Oiler

WESTRALIA
MANDORA
GRIFFIN
DOBEIN
MIZAR

GOLDSTAR
TULSA
VICTORIA

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet
CinC 2nd Fleet
CinC 8th Fleet
CinC 1st Air Fleet
CinC 4th Fleet
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet)
3 Battleships (BB)

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British and Allied Forces

Battleship

Aircraft Carriers

Converted A/C Carrier

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

5" Cruisers

Destroyers

A.M.C.s.

NORTH CAROLINA

SOUTH DAKOTA

MARYLAND

COLORADO

MISSISSIPPI

NEW MEXICO

SARATOGA

ENTERPRISE

LONG ISLAND

PORTLAND

NEW ORLEANS

SAN JUAN

RALEIGH

DETROIT

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23 (approx)

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NEVADA

WEST VIRGINIA

IDAHO

PENNSYLVANIA

CHICAGO

MUSASHI

FUSO

YAMASHIRO

ISE

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NAGARA

KASHII

KUMA

CHIYODA

GOSHU MARU

PUJIKAWA MARU

KAMIKAWA MARU

KIYOKAWA MARU

WASHINGTON

HORNET

WASP

COPAHEE

ASTORIA

VINCENNES

MINNEAPOLIS

QUINCY

SAN FRANCISCO

SALT LAKE CITY

NORTHAMPTON

PENSACOLA

CHESTER

BOISE

HELENA

LEANDER

ACHILLES

JUNEAU

SAN DIEGO

ATLANTA

25 (approx)

MONOWAI

ASCANIA

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6" Cruisers

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CARLISLE

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

Approx 25 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Approx 5 submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

11th October, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "SELFRIDGE" "MUGBORD" "BAGLEY" "PATTERSON" "HELM") at Challenger Bay (Palm Is.) refuelling from "AASE MAERSK". "WARREGO" is conducting a special A/S patrol in the area.
- * (ii) "HELM" dep. Palm Is. for Sydney 1735/10 ETA 1730/13.
- * (iii) "HENLEY" arr. Sydney for refit 0838/10.
- * (iv) "TROMP" en route Fremantle to Melbourne ETA 0600/12.
- * (v) "ARUNTA" due Townsville 1600 today 11/10 after escorting "CREMER" from Milne Bay. "CREMER" to anchor in Cleveland Bay.
- * (vi) "GEELONG" escorting Convoy B78 for Milne Bay ("BOTH" "MATSUYCKER" "JAPARA") dep. Brisbane 9/10 ETA Townsville 0900/13.
- * (vii) "BENDIGO" escorting "WILLIS VAN DER VENTER" dep. Port Moresby 1000/10 for Townsville ETA 2100/12.
- * (viii) "DELOIRINE" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy OC33 arr. Sydney 0035/11 "WILCANNIA" dep. Sydney 2001/10 to escort Newcastle section.
- * (ix) "ROCKHAMPTON" "WHYALLA" escorting Convoy C034 en route Sydney to Melbourne.
- * (x) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC34 (7 MV) dep. Port Phillip 2143/10 for RV with C034. "BUNGAREE" dep. "GEELONG" 1705/10 to join Convoy OC34.
- * (xi) "ST. GILES" towing "MALAITA" arr. Caloundra 1530/10.
- * (xii) "TULSA" dep. Sydney 1551/10 for Brisbane.
- * (xiii) "WANGANILLA" arr. Sydney 0946/10, dep. 0041/11 for Wellington ETA 1100/13.
- * (xiv) "WAREE" towing 2 barges en route Port Moresby, ETA Ince Point 1600/11, Port Moresby 0800/14.
- (xv) At Sydney - "MANOORA" "DOBBIN" "TAMWORTH" "PINGWO" "GAWLER" "MILDURA" "MORESBY" "YANDRA" "BRITISH SAILOR" "MERKUR" "BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA" "HOBART" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "STUART" "HENLEY" "SWAN" Repairing - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "DUBBO" "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xvi) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "DUBBO" Repairing - "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xvii) At Adelaide - "CESSNOCK"
- (xviii) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "BUNDABERG" "GOULBURN" "MANUNDA" "WIZAR"
- (xix) At Townsville - "ARMIDALE" "COLAC" "LITHGOW"
- (xx) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA"
- (xxi) At Port Moresby - "BALLARAT" "SEAWITCH" "BENSON" "NORDNES" "ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "EKATERINI COUMANTAROU"
- (xxii) At Milne Bay - "KATOOMBA" "JOHN ASHE" "ISLANDER"

Enemy Forces

- (i) SHORTLAND AREA - An aircraft on reconnaissance reported 26 unidentified vessels off Buin and one cargo ship off Faisi at 1000/10; also 4 unidentified vessels 17 miles ESE Faisi on course 310° at 1010. These four vessels may have been returning to their base, at high speed, after being detached from a force of two light cruisers and 4 destroyers which was attacked off New Georgia at 0640 (see Naval Incidents).

Other sightings indicated that another operation was to take place off the N.W. end of Guadalcanal last night 10/10. 3 destroyers were observed 85 miles W. by S. Cape Pleasant (Rendova Is.) on course 140° at 1030. These vessels appear to have been taking a very wide sweep in their approach to Guadalcanal, probably in an attempt to avoid detection.

Two other destroyers were seen proceeding southwards along the usual route N.E. of New Georgia, and were last sighted 4 miles off the entrance to Morovo Lagoon at 1140. These were possibly intending to join forces with the three destroyers noted above.

It is significant, in view of serious damage recently inflicted on enemy cruisers, that there was no sign of cruiser escort for these destroyers.

The total number of vessels included in the above sightings was probably 38.

Natives report that guns and bridges have been removed from the mouth of Uguimo River (East of Buin) and that five new iron buildings have been dismantled. The suggestion in this report that the enemy is intending to withdraw from the area is not supported by other intelligence.

- (ii) BUKA - A heavy ~~cruiser~~^{destroyer} arrived at Buka Passage from the N.W. at 1027 10/10. ~~The fact that the cruiser arrived from the N.W. area suggests that it is an additional unit in the Solemons area which has arrived as relief for one or more of the heavy cruisers recently damaged in the Shortland area, which may have returned to Truk for repairs.~~
- (iii) KAVIENG - Air recon over Kavieng at 1039/10 revealed 2 unidentified ships in Harbour. (Photographs on 6/10 showed one heavy cruiser, one light cruiser and four other vessels, probably including a seaplane tender).
- (iv) NEW BRITAIN - A destroyer escorting a 7,000 ton transport and a 3,000 ton merchant ship was sighted 88 miles N. Cape Hollman (Willauze Peninsula) on course 270° at 1025/10. A floatplane was launched from the destroyer.
- (v) NEW GUINEA - A 5,000 ton cargo vessel with a barge alongside was reported stationary between Cape Ward Hunt and Mambare Bay at 0705. A camouflaged object which may have been this vessel was attacked by 6 B.25's at 1215. No hits.
- (vi) SALAMAUJA-LAE - Photographic reconnaissance 10/10 showed no enemy shipping or activity in the vicinity of Lae or Buna.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "KURUMBA" escorted by "WARRNAMBOOL" en route Thursday Is. to Darwin ETA 1230/11.
- (ii) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "VAN HEUTSZ" en route Darwin to Thursday Is. ETA 1101/12.
- (iii) "CHILDS" arr. Fremantle 1019/10.
- (iv) At Fremantle - "ADELAIDE" "KANIMELA" "W.B. PRESTON" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "CAIRNS" "BENGAL" "TOOWOOMBA" "WOLLONGONG" "IPSWICH" "LARK" "WALLAROO" "MARYBOROUGH" "ERLING BROVIC"
- (v) At Albany - "PELIAS" "WHIPPOORWILL"
- (vi) At Darwin - "CASTLEMAINE"
- (vii) At Exmouth Gulf - "HERON"

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

8 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- At Espiritu Santo - "CURTISS" "MACKINAC" "McFARLAND" "BALLARD" "CHESTER" "MINNEAPOLIS" "HULL" "MONSSEN" "McCALLA" "MEREDITH" "MANLEY" "GAMBLE" "BRESE" "TRACY" "HERCULES" "MAJABA" "ALHENA" "KAKAKU" "VIREO" "NAVAJO" "AARON WARD" "LANSDOWNE" "LARDNER" "HAMMONDS PORT" "JAMESTOWN" "ALCHIBA" "BELLATRIX"
- (ii) At Efate - "SOLACE"
- (iii) At Noumea - "ARGONNE" "MEADE" "LASSEN" "JUPITER" "WHITNEY" "ANTARES" "STRATFORD" "HEYWOOD" "LIBRA" "POMALHAUT" "GUADALUPE" "LACKAWANNA" "TAPPANANOOK" "KINGFISHER" "BOBOLINK" "BUTTERNUT" "KOPARI" "McKEEN"
- (iv) At Suva - "SEMINOLE" "CATALPA" "LEANDER" "PARRAGUT"
- (v) At Samoa - "CHESTNUT" "GAMANGA" "ARCTIC"
- (vi) At Tongatabu - "STACK" "SUMNER" "SABINE" "VESTAL"
- (vii) At Bora Bora - "TERN"
- (viii) At Auckland - "ACHILLES" "RIGEL" "ROAMER" "DELPHINUS" "EBONY"
- (ix) At Wellington - "AMERICAN LEGION" "BARNETT" "BETELGEUSE" "PRESIDENT HAYES" "PRESIDENT JACKSON"
- (x) At Tahiti - "CHEVREUIL" "CAP DES PALMES"
- (xi) At Norfolk Is. - "CLARK" "MONOWAI" "WAHINE"
- (xii) Guadalcanal Area - "FULLER" "GRAYSON"

Enemy Forces - Submarine Activity

Santa Cruz Area - Two enemy submarines were indicated north of Ndeni Is. 9/10, one 345 miles N. by W. Graciosa Bay, and another 170 miles NNW of the same place.

New Caledonia Area - An unidentified submarine was sighted 10/10 275 miles S. by W. Remell Is.

A Japanese unit was indicated 85 miles east of South Bellona Reef on 10/10.

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British Enemy Forces

COCOS IS. - The report of an unidentified ship off Cocos Is. on 9/10 is now known to have been unfounded.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

NEW GEORGIA - A force including 2 light cruisers and 4 destroyers was attacked by aircraft from a Soupac base at 0640/10 off Langsdale Point (New Georgia). A hit and several near misses were made on one light cruiser, which was left down by the bow, and the other light cruiser was probably hit.

This force is probably that which left Buin area at 1100/9 (then reported as one "HENRYU" class cruiser and 5 destroyers) and was off Vella Lavella at 1325. The vessels had evidently reached Guadalcanal and were caught as they were returning to their base. The original estimate of the composition of the force is considered more reliable than the reports by aircraft.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

(i) RABAUL - 4 Catalinas bombed Rabaul township 0230-0430/10. Many fires were started. 21 Fortresses followed at 0400, causing very big fires. Fires were also started by the Fortresses, on Lakunai aerodrome.

(ii) KOKODA-WAIROPI - 3 Bostons attacked bridge near Kokoda and Kokoda-Wairopi track. One direct hit on bridge; some huts set on fire. 6 B.25's attacked Wairopi bridge after attacking vessel off Mambara Bay. Results not observed.

(iii) DILLI - 3 Hudsons bombed Dilli township 10/10, starting fires.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Continued night infiltration on Guadalcanal by means of destroyers and submarines from the Buin-Paisi-Tonolei Harbour base.
- (ii) Counter-attack against allied positions in the Solomons, with a view to re-occupation of Guadalcanal.
- (iii) Consolidation on islands in the Gilberts Group and possible occupation of islands in the Ellice Group.

Revised
For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

8th Cruiser
6th Cruisers
Flotilla Leaders

Effective

AUSTRALIA

PHOENIX

ARUNTA

SELFRIDGE

TROOP

MUGFORD

HELM

HAGLEY

PATTERSON

S.37

S.40

S.42

S.45

S.47

GUDGEON

GRANPUS

GRAYBACK

STURGESON

SAILFISH

SCULPIN

S.43

S.44

S.46

K.9

WESTRALIA

MANOORA

GRIFFIN

DOBBS

HUNGAREE

MIZAR

Refitting or Repairing

LE TRIOMPHANT

STUART

HOBART

HENLEY

Destroyers

Submarines

At Brisbane

On Patrol

) At Sydney.

Armed Merchant Cruisers

Submarine Tender

Destroyer Tender

Mineslayer

Storeships

Gunboat

Oiler

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet

CinC 2nd Fleet

CinC 8th Fleet

CinC 1st. Air Fleet

CinC 4th Fleet

CinC 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet)

3 Battleships (BB)

YAMATO

MITSU

HAGATO

4 Battlecruisers (BB)

KIRISHIMA

HIYEI

KOMEI

HARUDA

2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

SHOKAKU

KOSHO

1 Converted A/C carrier (XCV)

UNYO (poss. ex YAWATA MARU) A/C Transport

11 Heavy Cruisers (CA)

TONE

(4 damaged)

TIKHA

SUZUYA

ATAGO

CHCKAI

TAKAO

ASHIGARA

FURUTAKA

AOEA

KINUGASA

KUMANO

KASHIMA

KASHII

KATORI

SENDAI

JIJTSU

ISUZU

KINU

Prob. damaged

11 Light Cruisers (CL)

(2 prob. damaged)

GOLDSTAR

TULSA

VICTORIA

Light Cruisers (Contd)

YUBART
YURA
TENRYU
TATSUTA

Approx 25 submarines incl. 4-8 "RO" (probably on escort duty between PAIAU and ~~TRUK-NEW BRITAIN AREAS~~) class, 15 "I" Class (at least 2 minelayers)

3 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA
NISSHIN

45-50 Destroyers (DD)

9 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

NITCHO MARU
NOTORO
KINUGASA MARU
KAGU MARU
KAMOI
NARUTO MARU
SOUYO MARU
KENJO MARU
ORITSU MARU
SANUKI MARU
SANYO MARU

) Some of these units are
) operating between Empire
) Waters and the Southern
) Area.

2 Submarine Tenders Incl.

JINGEI

Approx 25 merchant ships (incl. poss. 3 Military Landing Craft Carriers)

8 Patrol craft

4 Minelaying craft

16 sub chasers

15 M.T.B.'s

5 Gunboats

Approx 202 shore-based aircraft incl. 61 fighters, 76 H/B, 32 F/B 24 F/P.

9 Obsn or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruiser

Armed Merchant Cruiser

S/P Tenders

ADELAIDE
KANIMELA
HERON
CHILDE
W.B. PRESTON

Submarine Tenders

PELLIAS
HOLLAND
On Patrol
GAR
SARGO
THRESHER
TROUT
SEADRAGON
SPEARFISH
SEARAVEN
SEAWOLF

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

GRENADIER }
SNAPPER } At Albany
TAMBOR }
TAUTOG }
SALMON }
SEAL }
SWORDFISH } At Fremantle
SAURY }
K.8 }
L.12 }

EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

8 Submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see above)

Enemy Forces

CinC 3rd Fleet

CinC Southern Expeditionary Fleet

Approx 16 Destroyers

Approx 121 shore-based aircraft including 48 fighters 23 H/B, 12 F/B, 26 F/P
12 Transport and obsn a/c

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleships

NORTH CAROLINA
SOUTH DAKOTA
MARYLAND
COLORADO
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
SARATOGA
ENTERPRISE
LONG ISLAND
PORTLAND
NEW ORLEANS
RALEIGH
DETROIT
SAN JUAN

CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE
NEVADA
WEST VIRGINIA
IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA

Aircraft Carriers

Converted A/C Carrier
8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

5" Cruisers
Destroyers
Submarines

CHICAGO
HONOLULU

Enemy Forces

Palao-Formosa-Saipan-Bonins-Japan
5 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
ISE
EIYUGA
ZUIKAKU (poss. damaged)
HAYATAKA
KITAKA
ZUIHO (poss. en route south)

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

OTAKA (poss. ex KASUGA MARU)

3 - 8" Cruisers (CA)

MYOKO

MOGAMI ?
HAGURO

3 Light Cruisers (CL)

HAGARA
HATORI
KUMA

1 S/P Tender (AV)
Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

CHIYOGA
GOSHU MARU
FUJIKAWA MARU
KAMIKAWA MARU
KIYOKAWA MARU

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)
Approx 30 Destroyers
Approx 14 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleship
Aircraft Carriers

Converted A/C Carrier
8" Cruisers

WASHINGTON
HORNET
WASP
COPAHEE
ASTORIA
VINCENNES
MINNEAPOLIS
QUINCY
SAN FRANCISCO
SALT LAKE CITY
NORTHAMPTON
PENSACOLA
CHESTER
BOISE
HELENA
LEANDER
ACHILLES
JUREAU
SAN DIEGO
ATLANTA
25 (approx)
EDHOWMI

6" Cruisers

5" Cruisers

Destroyers
Armed Merchant Cruiser

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE
INDIANAPOLIS
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE

6" Cruisers

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians

1 - 8" Cruiser (CA)

NACHI

3 Light Cruisers (CL)

ABUKUMA

TAMA

KISO

Approx 4 Destroyers

Approx 20 Submarines

1st Base Force

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)?

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

WARSPITE
VALLIANT

REVENGE

Aircraft Carriers

RESOLUTION
ILLUSTRIOUS

8" Cruisers

FORMIDABLE
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
DEVONSHIRE

7.5" Cruisers

HAWKINS

FROBISHER

6" Cruisers

MAURITIUS
GAMBIA

BIRMINGHAM

GLASGOW

ENTERPRISE

EMERALD

DAUNTLESS

DANAE

DRAGON

DELHI

CAPETOWN

CERES

CALEDON

SUMATRA (Dutch)

WORCESTERSHIRE

RANCHI

ALANIA

CHITRAL

RAMPURA

CANTON

QUEEN OF BERMUUDA

CARTHAGE

HEERSKERK

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- + (v) Convoy BT8 ("BOTH" "MAETSUYCKER" "JAPARA") en route Capricorn Channel to Townsville ETA 0900 tomorrow 13/10. Thence Milne Bay. "GEELONG" returning to Brisbane after escorting BT8 to Capricorn Channel.
- + (vi) "ZENDIGG" escorting "WILLIS VAN DER VENTER" en route Port Moresby to Townsville ETA 2100 today 12/10.
- + (vii) "WILCANNIA" arr. Newcastle with Newcastle section Convoy OC33 0848/11.
- + (viii) "ROCKHAMPTON" "WHYALLA" escorting Convoy OC34 en route Sydney and Newcastle passed Wilson's Promontory eastbound 1531/11. "BUNGAREE" is to be detached and proceed independently to New Zealand.
- + (ix) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy C034 arr. Melbourne 1731/11.
- + (x) "MIZAR" was to depart Brisbane 0500 today 12/10.
- + (xi) "EULSA" dep. Sydney 10/10 for Brisbane.
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- (xiii) "POLARIS" dep. Sydney 1505/11 for Brisbane ETA 2359/13.
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- (xxi) At Milne Bay - "KATOOMBA" "JOHN ASHE" "~~XXXXXXXX~~"

Enemy Forces

- (i) BUN-FAISI AREA - At 1830/11, the following enemy shipping was reported at the Shortland base -
 - 3 light cruisers (1 "SENDAI", 1 "TENRYU", 1 "NAGARA" class)
 - 10 destroyers
 - 1 tanker
 - 14 cargo vessels
 - 1 unidentified vessel

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During the day, 3 heavy cruisers (reported as 2 "NACHI", 1 "KAKO" class), 6 destroyers and 2 unidentified vessels were seen to depart from the base; no time or course was reported.

At 1030, 2 cruisers and 6 destroyers were observed 260 miles N.W. Lunga on course 120°. This force was sighted again during the day, and was last seen 110 miles NW Lunga at 1810. It would appear from the above report that the cruisers in this force were heavy cruisers.

Air recce of the Shortland area at 1145 reported 33 vessels.

- (ii) BUKA - An unidentified vessel believed to be a seaplane tender, which has been operating in Buka Passage, departed during the night 10/11, leaving a destroyer in the Passage.
- (iii) BUNA - Reports continue to indicate no enemy activity in the Buna area. Air recce 11/10 sighted only a large barge at Sanananda Point.

- (iv) NEW GUINEA - Enemy forces are now midway between Templeton's Crossing and Myola, and are making no attempt to move south.
- (v) MILNE BAY AREA - Small parties of Japanese are still active along the south coast of Goodenough Bay.
- (vi) SUMARINE ACTIVITY
 - ~~ix~~ Solomons - New Guinea -- There were indications of an enemy submarine 45 miles south Vangunu Is. (New Georgia), of one 45 miles North Ressel Is. 11/10 and of one 380 miles NNE Cape Henpan (Buka) 10/10.

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British and Allied Forces

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Enemy Forces

AMBON - An aircraft on recce reported a W/T vessel in the vicinity of Ambon at 0850/11.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "WANGANELLA" en route Sydney to Wellington ETA 1100 tomorrow 13/10.
- (ii) At Espiritu Santo - "CURTISS" "MACKINAC" "McFARLAND" "CHESTER" "MONSSEN" "McCALLA" "MEREDITH" "MANLEY" "GAMELE" "BREESE" "TRACY" "HERCULES" "MAJABA" "ALHENA" "KANKAKU" "VIREO" "NAVAJO" "AARON WARD" "LANSDOWNE" "LARDNER" "HAMMONDS PORT" "JAMESTOWN" "ALCHIBA" "BELLATRIX"
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- (viii) At Bora Bora - "TERE"
- (ix) At Auckland - "ACHILLES" "RIGEL" "ROAMER" "DELPHINUS" "MBONY"
- (x) At Wellington - "AMERICAN LEGION" "BETELGEUSE" "PRESIDENT HAYES" "PRESIDENT JACKSON"
- (xi) At Tahiti - "CHEVREUIL" "CAP DES PALMES"
- (xii) At Norfolk Is. - "CLARK" "MONOWAI" "WAHINE"
- (xiii) At Vanikoro - "BALLARD"
- (xiv) Guadalcanal Area - "FULLER" "GRAYSON"

Enemy Forces - Submarine Activity

- a) Santa Cruz Area - There were indications 10/10 that four enemy submarines were operating in the area north of Ndeni.
- b) New Caledonia - At least 2 enemy submarines are believed to be operating south of the Solomons probably in New Caledonian waters.

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) NEW BRITAIN-BOUGAINVILLE - A vessel described as a 10,000 ton transport with 12 Zero fighters on deck, escorted by a destroyer, was attacked by 3 Hudsons 50 miles South Cape St. George while on a S.E. course at 1445/11, and suffered 2 direct hits. The vessel turned sharply and lost speed.
This was probably a converted seaplane tender loaded with floatplanes for the Buin base.

(ii) GUADALCANAL - Present intelligence shows that the heavy cruiser, accompanied by 4 destroyers, which was seen on fire, approaching Buin at 1315/9, was the "KINUGASA" class cruiser which was attacked and damaged by aircraft while proceeding towards Guadalcanal at 1800/8, accompanied by 5 destroyers. This force (1 CA, 5 DD) was again attacked 150 miles NW Guadalcanal, while retiring during the following morning, 9/10.

The cruiser was smoking badly at that time and additional fires were caused by several near misses. One destroyer was seriously damaged by a hit or near miss, and since only 4 destroyers were with the cruiser at midday, it is possible that the damaged destroyer had then sunk.

(iii) GUADALCANAL - NAVAL ENGAGEMENT -- An Allied Task Force ~~consisting~~ ~~of~~ reported engaging enemy heavy cruisers in the Guadalcanal area at 2355/11, presumably part of the enemy force reported approaching Guadalcanal at 1810. No details of the engagement are yet available.

3. GROUND OPERATIONS

GUADALCANAL - Following the regular landings of reinforcements from destroyers in the general NW Guadalcanal area, the enemy commenced developing his positions along the Mataniku River (5 miles W. Lunga Point) apparently in preparation for a general attack on allied positions on the 8th. Throughout the night 7/8 the enemy attempted to penetrate our positions in this area. Our forces counter-attacked during the 8th when heavy rain impeded operations and limited the effectiveness of ~~z~~ our air activity. Weather improved on the morning of the 9th when all our units began to advance rapidly. The main enemy force withdrew during the night from the Point Cruz area (approx 1 mile W. of Mataniku River) in order to escape encirclement. The allied attack reached its objectives W. of the Mataniku River on the 9th and only light resistance was met during this day. The area from Mataniku Village to Point Cruz was thoroughly mopped up.

Allied troops were then withdrawn to our main position except a strong force which was established along the East bank of the Mataniku River. Allied casualties were estimated at less than 100 during these operations and enemy losses heavy.

4. AIR ACTIVITY

Buna-Kokoda - Three Bostons escorted by 8 Aircobras attacked villages in the Buna-Wairopi area 11/10. No activity was evident along the Kokoda-Wairopi track.

ENEMY

Guadalcanal - It is reported that the enemy is maintaining a regular air patrol over the aerodrome at Guadalcanal between 2200 and 0200 daily.

OTHER AREAS

Kiska - 6 B.24's, 3 Fortresses, 16 P.38's attacked enemy positions at Kiska 8/10, starting fires. A cargo ship, a freighter and a corvette were also attacked in the harbour; damage not yet reported. No enemy aircraft were encountered.

5. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Continued night infiltration on Guadalcanal by means of destroyers and submarines from the Buin-Faisi-Tonolei Harbour base.
- (ii) Counter-attack against allied positions in the Solomons, with a view to re-occupation of Guadalcanal.
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For A DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

12/10/42

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

A) NORTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA.

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

British and Allied Forces.

8" cruiser
6" cruisers
Flotilla leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

Effective. Refitting or Repairing.

AUSTRALIA.
PHOENIX HOBART
ARUNTA STUART
SELFRIDGE LE TRIOMPHANT
TROMP
MUGFORD
HELM HENLEY

BAGLEY
PATTERSON
S.37)
S.40)
S.42)
S.45) At Brisbane.
S.46)
S.47)

GUDGEON)
GRAMPUS)
GRAYBACK)
STURGEON)
SAILFISH) On patrol.
SCULPIN)
S.43)
S.44)

K.9 At Sydney.

Armed Merchant Cruisers.

Submarine Tender.
Destroyer Tender.
Storeships
Gunboat.
Oiler.

WESTRALIA
MANGOORA
GRIFFIN.
DOBBIN.
HIZAR GOLDSTAR.
TULSA. VICTORIA.

Enemy Forces.

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons.

C.in C. Combined Fleet.
C.in C. 2nd Fleet.
C.in C. 8th Fleet.
C.in C. 1st Air Fleet.
C.in C. 4th Fleet.
C.in C. 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet).
3 Battleships (BB)

4 Battlecruisers (BB)

2 Aircraft carriers (CV)

1 converted A/c. carrier (XCV)
11 heavy cruisers (CA)
 (4 damaged)

YAMATO
MUTSU
NAGATO
KIRISHIMA
HIYEI
KONGO
HARUNA
SHOKAKU
HOSHO
UNYO (poss. ex YAWATA MARU) A/c. transport.
TONE
TIKUMA
SUZUYA
ATAGO
CHOKAI
TAKAO
X ASHIGARA
FURUZAKA)
AOBA)
KINUGASA) Prob. damaged.
KUMANO)

11 Light cruisers (CL)
 (4 prob. damaged)

X KASHIMA
X KASHII
KATORI
SENDAI
JINTSU
X ISUZU
X KINU.

Light Cruisers (Contd.)

x YUBART
YURA
TENRYU
TATSUTA

(x Prob.on escort duty between Palau and Truk-New Britain areas.)

Approx.25 submarines incl.4-8 "RO" class, 15 "T" class (at least 2 minelayers).

45-50 Destroyers (DD)
3 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

Converted S/P.tenders (XAV)

CHITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA
NISSHIN
WITCHO MARU
NOTORO
KINUGASA MARU
KAGU MARU
KAMOI
NAHUTO MARU
SOUYOU MARU
KENJO MARU
OKITSU MARU) Some of these units are
SANUKI MARU) operating between
SANYO MARU) Empire Waters and the
Southern Area.

2 Submarine Tenders incl. JINGEI.
35-40 Merchant ships (incl.poss.3 Military Landing Craft Carriers).
8 Patrol craft.
6 Minelaying craft.
16 sub-chasers.
15 M.T.Bs.
5 Gunboats.
Approx.269 shore-based aircraft incl.128 fighters, 76 H/B., 32 F/B., 24 F/P.
9 Obsn.or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

British and Allied Forces.

6" cruiser.
Armed Merchant Cruiser.
S/P.tenders.

Submarine tenders.

ADELAIDE
KANIMBLA
HERON
CHILDS
W.B.PRESTON
PELIAS
HOLLAND
On patrol
GAR
SARGO
THRESHER
TROUT
SEADRAGON
SPEARFISH
SEARAVEN
SEAWOLF
TAUTOG

Repairing and Preparing for Patrols.

GRENADIER)
SNAPPER)
TAMBOR) At Albany.
SALMON)
SEAL)
SWORDFISH)
SAURY) At Fremantle.
K.8)
K.12)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.

British and Allied Forces.

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

Enemy Forces.

C.in C.3rd Fleet.
C.in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet.

Approx.16 destroyers.

Approx. 121 shore-based aircraft incl. 48 fighters, 23 H/B., 12 F/B.
12 transport and obsn A/c. 26 F/P.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.
British and Allied Forces.
Battleships.

| | |
|----------------|---------------|
| NORTH CAROLINA | CALIFORNIA |
| SOUTH DAKOTA | TENNESSEE |
| MARYLAND | NEVADA |
| COLORADO | WEST VIRGINIA |
| MISSISSIPPI | IDAHO |
| NEW MEXICO | PENNSYLVANIA |
| SARATOGA | |
| ENTERPRISE | |
| LONG ISLAND | |
| PORTLAND | CHICAGO |
| NEW ORLEANS | |
| RALEIGH | HONOLULU |
| DETROIT | |
| SAN JUAN | |
| 15 (approx.) | |
| 23 (approx.) | |

Aircraft carriers

Converted A/c. carrier
8" cruisers

6" cruisers

5" cruisers

Destroyers
Submarines

Enemy Forces.
Palao-Formosa-Sainan-Bonins-Japan.
5 Battleships (BB)

| | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| MUSASHI | |
| FUSO | |
| YAMASHIRO | |
| ISE | |
| HYUGA | |
| ZUIKAKU (poss. damaged) | |
| HAYATAKA | OTAKA (poss. ex |
| HITAKA | KASUGA MARU) |
| ZUIHO (poss. en route South) | |
| MYOKO | MOGAMI ? |
| | HAGURO |
| NAGARA | |
| HATORI | |
| KUMA | |
| CHIYODA | |
| GOSHU MARU | |
| FUJIKAWA MARU | |
| KAMIKAWA MARU | |
| KIYOKAWA MARU | |

1 Aircraft carrier (CV)
4 converted A/c. carriers (XCV)

3 - 8" cruisers (CA)

3 Light cruisers (CL)

1 S/P. Tender (AV)
Converted S/P. tenders (XAV)

6 old armoured cruisers (OCA)
Approx. 30 destroyers.
Approx. 14 submarines.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.
British and Allied Forces.
Battleship

Aircraft carriers

Converted A/c. carrier
8" cruisers

| |
|----------------|
| WASHINGTON |
| HORNET |
| WASP |
| COPAHEE |
| ASTORIA |
| VINCENNES |
| MINNEAPOLIS |
| QUINCY |
| SAN FRANCISCO |
| SALT LAKE CITY |
| NORTHAMPTON |
| PENSACOLA |
| CHESTER |
| BOISE |
| HELENA |
| LEANDER |
| ACHILLES |
| JUNEAU |
| SAN DIEGO |
| ATLANTA |
| 25 (approx.) |
| MONOWAI. |

6" cruisers

5" cruisers

Destroyers
Armed Merchant Cruiser

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

British and Allied Forces.

8" cruisers

6" cruisers

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces.

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians.

1-8" cruiser (CA)

3 Light cruisers (CL)

Approx.4 destroyers

Approx.20 submarines

1st Base Force

Converted S/P.Tenders (XAV)?

LOUISVILLE
INDIANAPOLIS
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE

NACHI
ABUKUMA
TAMA
KISO

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA.

British and Allied Forces.

6" cruisers

Approx.4 destroyers.

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

British and Allied Forces.

Battleships

Aircraft carriers

8" cruisers

7.5" cruisers

6" cruisers

A.M.Cs.

AA Vessels.

Approx.25 destroyers.

Approx.7 submarines.

Enemy Forces.

Approx.5 submarines.

WARSPITE
VALIANT
RESOLUTION
ILLUSTRIOUS
FORMIDABLE
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
DEVONSHIRE
HAWKINS
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
DAUNTLESS
DANAE
DRAGON
DELHI
CAPETOWN
CERES
CALEDON
SUMATRA (Dutch)
WORCESTERSHIRE
RANGELI
ALAUZIA
CHITRAL
RANPURA
CANTON
QUEEN OF BERMUDA
CARTHAGE
HEMSKERK
CARLISLE

REVENGE

FROBISHER

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

13th October, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "SELFRIDGE" "HUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "PATTERSON" "HELM") at Challenger Bay (Palm Is.). "WARREGO" is conducting a special A/S patrol in the area. "PATTERSON" arr. Townsville 1209/12, dep. 1340 to rejoin Task Force.
- +(ii) "HELM" en route Palm Is. to Sydney ETA 1730 today 13/10.
- + (iii) "TROMP" arr. Melbourne 0845/12.
- +(iv) "ARUNTA" escorting "BOTH" "MANTSUYCKER" "JAPARA" to depart Cleveland Bay 1200 today 13/10 for Milne Bay.
- + (v) "GEELONG" arr. Brisbane 2130/12 after escort duty.
- + (vi) "AASE MAERSK" arr. Townsville 1655/12 after refuelling Task Force 44
- + (vii) "BENDIGO" escorting "WILLIS VAN DER VENTER" from Port Moresby was due Townsville 2100/12.
- + (viii) "DELORAINE" "YANDHA" escorting Convoy GP17 (3 MV) dep. Sydney 1008/12 for Brisbane.
- + (ix) "BUNDABERG" escorting 4 MV southbound to depart Moreton Bay 0900 today 13/10.
- + (x) "WILCANNIA" esc. Convoy GC35 dep. Newcastle 0925/12.
"TOWNSVILLE" esc. Sydney section dep. Sydney 1621 for RV.
- + (xi) "KALGOORLIE" esc. "VAN HEUTSZ" arr. Thursday Is. 0912/12.
- + (xii) "TULSA" dep. Sydney for Brisbane 1345/12 ETA 0700/14.
- + (xiii) "WARER" towing 2 barges en route Port Moresby ETA 0800/14.
- (xiv) At Sydney - "MANOCRA" "DOBBIN" "TAMWORTH" "PINGWO" "GAWLER"
"MILDURA" "MORESBY" "BRITISH SAILOR" "MERKUR"
Repairing - "HOBART" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "STUART" "HENLEY" "SWAN"
"BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA"
- (xv) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "DUBBO" "DOOMBA"
Repairing - "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xvi) At Adelaide - "CESSNOCK"
- (xvii) At Brisbane - "CRIPPIN" "GOULBURN" "MANUNDA"
- (xviii) At Townsville - "ARMIDALE" "COLAC" "LITHGOW"
- (xix) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA"
- (xx) At Port Moresby - "BALLARAT" "EENSON" "NORDNES" "ASPASIA NOMIKOS"
"EKATERINI COUMANTAROU" s.s. "KATOOMBA"
- (xx) At Milne Bay - "KATOOMBA" "JOHN ASHE"

Enemy Forces

- (i) BUIN-FAISI - At 0700/12, the following ships were still in the Buin area -

4 destroyers
1 tanker
14 cargo vessels
19

3 light cruisers, 6 destroyers, 1 unidentified vessel had departed overnight.

The total enemy force engaged in Naval Operations between Faisi area and Guadalcanal yesterday was probably 2 heavy cruisers, 4 light cruisers, 15 destroyers (see Naval Incidents).

- (ii) NEW BRITAIN - One destroyer was reported approx 73 miles W. by N. Buin at 1100/12 on course 140°.
- (iii) ST. GEORGE'S CHANNEL - A vessel possibly a large submarine was sighted by aircraft at 1145/11 on course 180° approx 20 miles south Cape Gazelle.
- (iv) ENEMY SUBMARINE ACTIVITY
 - a) D'Entrecasteaux Is. - There were indications 11/10 that one enemy submarine was operating in Milne Bay and one southwards of Woodlark Is.
 - b) Solomons - There were indications 11/10 that enemy submarines were operating in the area south of Rennell Is., in the area west of Guadalcanal, and east of Malaita.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "KURUMBA" escorted by "WARRNAMBOOL" arr. Darwin 1505/11.
- (ii) At Fremantle - "ADELAIDE" "KANIMBLA" "W.B. PRESTON" "CHILDS" "LARK"
"HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "CAIRNS" "BENGAL" "WOOWOOMBA" "WOLLONGONG"

"IPSWICH" "SABLAROO" "MARYBOROUGH" "ERLING BROVIG"

(iv) At Albany - "PELIAS" "WHIPPOORWILL"

(v) At Exmouth Gulf - "HERON"

(vi) "CASTLEMAINE" esc. "JOSEPH LANE" dep. Darwin 0747/12 for Thursday Is. ETA 1000/15.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

9 submarines on patrol stations in China sea or NEI area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

today

(i) "WANGARELLA" en route Sydney to Wellington ETA 1100 ~~tomorrow~~ 13/10.

(ii) At Espiritu Santo - "CURTISS" "MACKINAC" "McFARLAND" "CHESTER"

"MONSSEN" "McCALLA" "MANLEY" "GAMBLE" "BREESE" "TRACY"

"HERCULES" "MAJABA" "ALHENA" "KANAKU" "NAVAJO" "AARON WARD"

"LARDNER" "HAMMONDS PORT"

(iii) At Efate - "SOLACE"

(iv) At Noumea - ~~REXER~~ "COPAHKE" "FLETCHER" "O'BANNON" "ALCOA PENNANT"

"ARGONNE" "MEADE" "LASSEN" "JUPITER" "WHITNEY" "AETARES"

"STRATFORD" "HEYWOOD" "LIBRA" "POMALHAUT" "GUADALUPE"

"LACKAWANNA" "TAPPAHANNOCK" "KINGFISHER" "BOBOLINK" "BUTTERNUT"

"KOPARI" "McKEEN"

(v) At Suva - "SEMINOLE" "CATALPA" "LEANDER" "FARRAGUT"

(vi) At Samoa - "CHESTNUT" "CAMANGA" "ARCTIC"

(vii) At Tongatabu - "STACK" "SUMNER" "SABINE" "VESTAL" "HURTER LEGGETT"

(viii) At Bora Bora - "TERN"

(ix) At Auckland - "A HILLES" "RIGEL" "ROAMER" "DELPHINUS" "EBONY"

(x) At Wellington - "AMERICAN LEGION" "BETELGEUSE" "PRESIDENT HAYES"

"PRESIDENT JACKSON"

(xi) At Tahiti - "CHEVREUIL" "CAP DES PALMES"

(xii) At Norfolk Is. - "WAHINE"

(xiii) At Vanikoro - "BALLARD"

(xiv) Guadalcanal area - "SOUTHARD" "HOVEY"

Enemy Forces

Tasman Sea - There were indications 0645/12 of an enemy unit approx 470 miles E. by S. Hobart.

Santa Cruz - Two destroyers were sighted 310 miles NNE Ndeni at 1130/12 on course 170°. This is the first evidence of a naval patrol in these waters since 14/9.

There were indications of an enemy submarine 10/10 SE Ndeni Is., making a total of 5 believed to be operating in this area.

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

GUADALCANAL - The force consisting of 2 heavy cruisers and 6 destroyers, which was making for Guadalcanal 11/10, was successfully intercepted west of Savo Is., about midnight, by an allied naval Task Force.

A preliminary report of the action indicated that one heavy cruiser was damaged and 4 destroyers set on fire.

The force was seen retiring, in separate sections, on the following morning, 12/10, as follows -

(i) At 0710 2 heavy cruisers, 4 destroyers approx 75 miles S.E. Gizo on course 300° at 15 knots;

(ii) At 0730 2 destroyers 105 miles W. by N. Guadalcanal.

The second force was attacked by dive-bombers; one of the destroyers was damaged, but both were able to proceed towards N.W.

Another destroyer was seen 150 miles NW Guadalcanal at 0700. No course is given; the vessel may have been returning to Buin after the action, or may also have been proceeding to the assistance of the 2 destroyers retiring from the Guadalcanal area.

(iii) At 0750 2 light cruisers and 3 destroyers approx 12 miles south Rendova Is. on course 270° at 25 knots. This was apparently an additional force which had also taken part in the action and was retiring westward.

Meanwhile, another force, including 2 light cruisers and 5

destroyers was detected west of Simbo Is., approx 30 miles S.W. Gizo, on course 100° at 0730. This force would seem to have left the Shortland base in the early hours of the morning on hearing the result of the action off Savo Is. and was evidently proceeding to reinforce the damaged squadron retiring from Guadalcanal.

This force was apparently joined by 2 cruisers and four destroyers retiring from Guadalcanal, and the force (reported as 2 heavy cruisers, 2 light cruisers, 7 destroyers, but most likely consisting of 4 light cruisers and 7 destroyers) was observed at 1100 approx 45 miles SW Gizo, proceeding on course 320°.

Meantime, the two heavy cruisers which had evidently temporarily parted company with their destroyer escort, had proceeded apparently at slow speed approx 10 miles to the S.W. of the position in which the force had been sighted at 0750, and were attacked by aircraft from a Soupac base at 1020, approx 60 miles SSE Gizo. A hit was made on one cruiser with a torpedo, and a near-miss with a bomb; the vessel was left burning, and dead in the water.

The damaged cruiser proceeded northwards with the second heavy cruiser, and was again located low in the water, with 4 destroyers in a position doubtfully reported. The cruiser was again attacked at 1600 approx 14 miles SW Cape Pleasant, Rendova Is. when only 2 destroyers were with the 2 heavy cruisers. A direct hit and a very close miss were made on the damaged vessel which then appeared to be abandoned. A direct hit and 2 near misses were made on a destroyer which appeared to be sinking as our aircraft left.

Aircraft searching west of New Georgia during the afternoon returned negative reports.

3. GROUND OPERATIONS

GUADALCANAL - On 10/10 the east bank of the Matanikau River (5 miles west Lunga Point) was organized as a forward battle position, but no contact was made with the enemy during the day. Casualties during the three days 7-10th. are estimated as follows -

| | <u>Dead</u> | <u>Wounded</u> |
|----------|-------------|----------------|
| Allied | 85 | 125 |
| Japanese | 253 | |

4. AIR OPERATIONS

Buka - Aircraft ex Soupac bombed Buka aerodrome 12/10. 15 Zero's were seen on the runway, of which 5 were destroyed. Many fires were started.

Buna-Kokoda - Two Bostons, 7 Aircobras bombed huts Wairopi - Isivita area 1015/12; one large hut destroyed. 3 B.25's bombed Wairopi bridge 1540. Result unknown.

Buna - Three B.25's attacked A.A. positions Buna aerodrome 1120/12. 3 probable hits.

ENEMY

Buka - A formation of enemy fighter planes took off and proceeded south during the day 12/10 and returned several hours later.

Guadalcanal - Approx 35 bombers, 30 Zero's in 4 waves attacked Guadalcanal aerodrome 1335 to 1440/11. No damage. 8 Japanese bombers and 4 Zero's were destroyed. One allied aircraft missing, one damaged.

5. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Continued night infiltration on Guadalcanal by means of destroyers and submarines from the Buin-Faisi-Tonolei Harbour base.
- (ii) Counter-attack against allied positions in the Solomons, with a view to re-occupation of Guadalcanal.
- (iii) Consolidation on islands in the Gilberts Group and possible occupation of islands in the Ellice Group.

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For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

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1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruiser

6" Cruisers

Flotilla Leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

A.M.Cs

Submarine Tender

Destroyer Tender

Storeships

Gunboat

Oiler

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet

CinC 2nd Fleet

CinC 8th Fleet

CinC 1st Air Fleet

CinC 4th Fleet

CinC 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet)

3 Battleships (BB)

4 Battlecruisers (BB)

2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

1 converted A/C Carrier (XCV)

11 Heavy cruisers (CA)

(4 damaged)

11 Light Cruisers (CL)

(4 prob. damaged)

Effective

AUSTRALIA

PHOENIX

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S.37)

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S.46)

S.47)

GUDGEON)

CHAMPUS)

GRAYBACK)

STURGEON)

SAILFISH)

SCULPIN)

S.43)

S.44)

K.9)

WESTRALIA

MANCORA

GRIFFIN

DOBBS

MIZAR

TULSA

Refitting or Repairing

HOBART

STUART

LE TRIOMPHANT

HENLEY

At Brisbane

On Patrol

At Sydney

GOLDSTAR

VICTORIA

x

ASHIGARA

FURUTAKA)

AOBA)

KINUGASA)

KUMANO)

KASHIMA)

x

KASHII

KATORI

SENDAI

JINTSU

x

ISUZU

x

KINU

Prob. damaged

Light Cruisers (Contd)

x YUBARI

YURA

TENRYU

TATSUTA

x Probably on escort duty between Palao & Truk - New Britain areas.

Approx 25 submarines incl. 4-8 "RO" class, 15 "I" class (at least 2 minelayers)
45-50 Destroyers (DD)
3 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHITOSE

AKITSUSHIMA

NISSHIN

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

NITCHO MARU

NOTORO

KINUGASA MARU

KAGU MARU

KAMOI

NARUTO MARU

SOUYOU MARU

KENJO MARU

OKITSU MARU) Some of these units operating between Empire Waters and the Southern area.
SANUKI MARU)
SANYO MARU)

JINGEI

2 submarine tenders incl.

35-40 Merchant Ships (incl. poss. 3 Military Landing Craft Carriers)

Minelayers, Subchasers, M.T.B.'s, Gunboats, patrol craft, Minesweepers

Approx 275 shore-based aircraft incl. 128 fighters, 76 H/B, 38 F/B,

24 F/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruiser

Armed Merchant Cruiser

S/P Tenders

ADELAIDE

KANIMBLA

HERON

CHILDS

W. B. PRESTON

PELIAS

HOLLAND

On Patrol

GAR

SALMON

SARGO

THRESHER

TROUT

SEADRAGON

SPEARFISH

SEARAVEN

SEAWOLF

TAUPOG

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

SNAPPER) At Albany

TAMBOR)

GRENADIER) En route Albany to Fremantle

SEAL)

SWORDFISH)

SAURY) At Fremantle

K.8)

K.12)

Submarine Tenders

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

CinC 3rd Fleet

CinC Southern Expeditionary Fleet

Approx 16 Destroyers

Approx 137 shore-based aircraft incl. 48 fighters, 35 H/B, 12 F/B,

26 F/P, 16 transport & Obsn. a/c.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

NORTH CAROLINA

SOUTH DAKOTA

MARYLAND

COLORADO

MISSISSIPPI

NEW MEXICO

SARATOGA

ENTERPRISE

CALIFORNIA

TENNESSEE

NEVADA

WEST VIRGINIA

IDAHO

PENNSYLVANIA

Aircraft Carriers

Converted A/C Carrier
8" Cruisers

LONG ISLAND
PORTLAND
NEW ORLEANS
RALBIGH
DETROIT
SAN JUAN
15 (approx)
25 (approx)

CHICAGO
HONOLULU

6" Cruisers

5" Cruiser

Destroyers

Submarines

Enemy Forces

Falao-Formosa-Saipan-Bonins-Japan

2 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
ISE
HYUGA

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)

ZUIKAJU (poss. damaged)

4 converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

HAYATAKA OTAKA (poss. ex
HITAKA KASUGA MARU)

3 - 8" Cruisers (CA)

ZUIHO (poss. en route south)
MYOKO
MOGAMI ?
HAGURO

3 Light Cruisers (CL)

NAGARA
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KUMA

1 S/P Tender (AV)

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GOSHU MARU
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KIYOKAWA MARU

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 30 Destroyers

Approx 14 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleship

WASHINGTON

Aircraft Carriers

HORNET

Converted A/C Carrier

WASP

8" Cruisers

COPAHEE
ASTORIA
VINCENNES
MINNEAPOLIS
QUINCY
SAN FRANCISCO
SALT LAKE CITY
NORTHAMPTON
PENSACOLA

6" Cruisers

CHESTER

5" Cruisers

BOISE

Destroyers

HELENA

Armed Merchant Cruiser

LEANDER

ACHILLES

JUNEAU

SAN DIEGO

ATLANTA

25 (approx)

MONOWAI

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

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LOUISVILLE

6" Cruisers

INDIANAPOLIS

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians

1 - 8" Cruiser (CA)

NACHI

3 Light Cruisers (CL)

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TAMA

KISO

Approx 4 Destroyers

Approx 20 Submarines

1st Base Force

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) ?

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces
5" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleships

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HAWKINS
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GAMBIA
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
DAUNTLESS
DANAÉ
DRAGON
DELHI
CAPETOWN
GERES
CALEDON
SUMATRA (Dutch)
WORCESTERSHIRE
RAN CHI
ALAUZIA
CHITRAL
RANPURA
CANTON
QUEEN OF BERMUDA
CARTHAGE
HEEMSKERK
CARLISLE

REVENGE

FROBISHER

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

A.M.Cs

A.A. Vessels

Approx 25 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Approx 5 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

14th October, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- + (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "SELFRIDGE" "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" at Challenger Bay, (Palm Is.). "PATTERSON" arr. Cairns 1700/13 and departed 1735/13.
- + (ii) "HELM" arr. Sydney 1817/13 from Palm Is. for refit.
- (iii) "ARUNTA" escorting "BOTH" "MAETSUYCKER" "JAPARA" to depart Cleveland Bay 0300 today 14/10 for Milne Bay.
- + (iv) "WARREGO" arr. Townsville 1424/13 from carrying out A/S patrol. To proceed Milne Bay for special duties.
- + (v) "GOULBURN" escorting Convoy BT9 ("BONTEKOE" "TASMAN" "VAN SPILSBERGEN") to Capricorn Channel dep. Moreton Bay 0100/13. Convoy thence unescorted to Townsville. "BONTEKOE" & "TASMAN" ETA 0500/17, "VAN SPILSBERGEN" 1900/17.
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- + (viii) "DELOIRINE" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy GP17 (3 MV) dep. Sydney 12/10 for Brisbane.
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- * (x) "WILCANNIA" escorting Convoy C035 became separated from the convoy and returned to Sydney, arriving 1743/13. "TOWNSVILLE" to endeavour to reform convoy and continue as escort.
- + (xi) "TULSA" en route Sydney to Brisbane ETA 0700 today 14/10.
- + (xii) "WAREE" towing 2 barges en route Port Moresby ETA 0800 today 14/10.
- (xiii) At Sydney - "MANOORA" "DOBBIN" "TAMWORTH" "PINGWO" "GAWLER" "MILDURA" "MORESBY" "BRITISH SAILOR" "MERKUR" Repairing - "HOBART" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "STUART" "HENLEY" "SWAN" "BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA"
- (xiv) At Melbourne - "TROMP" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "DUBBO" "DOOMBA" Repairing - "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xv) At Adelaide - "CESSHOCK"
- (xvi) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "MANUNDA" "GEELONG"
- (xvii) At Townsville - "ARNIDALE" "COLAC" "LITHGOW" "AASE MAERSK"
- (xviii) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA"
- (xix) At Port Moresby - "BALLARAT" "BENSON" "NORDNES" "ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "EKATERINI COUMANTAROU" s.s. "KATOOMBA" "ISLANDER"
- (xx) At Milne Bay - "KATOOMBA" "JOHN ASHE"
- (xxi) At Thursday Is. - "KALGOORLIE"

Enemy Forces

(1) BOUGAINVILLE BASE - Following the naval action on the night of 11-12th and the air attacks on the enemy squadron during 12/10 (see Naval Incidents), the following vessels were seen in the Buin-Faisi area at 0730/13 -

- 2 heavy cruisers (described as "AOBA" class)
- 3 light cruisers (1 "SENDAI", 1 "TENRYU", 1 "NAGARA" class)
- 14 destroyers
- 15 cargo vessels
- 1 tanker
- 3 unidentified vessels

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The heavy cruisers arrived during the day, from the SE, with a supply ship, and as they are reported to be of the "AOBA" class, (which has not previously been reported at this base) they are probably relief units for heavy cruisers damaged in this area in recent weeks.

As only 10 destroyers returned of the 12 which left the base to take part in operations between Bougainville and Guadalcanal

11-12th, it seems that two have been sunk. There may, however, have been some interchange of vessels between the Bougainville force and the supporting force which also took part in the naval action off Savo (see Naval Incidents).

Aircraft recon reported 36 ships in the area at 1100, including one large transport approaching from the SW.

A force including 3 light cruisers or transports, 2 destroyers was sighted north of Kolombangra Is. at 1655 on course 110°. This force would appear to be making still another attempt to land troops on Guadalcanal. If so, it is an indication of the extreme importance attached by the enemy to these operations.

- (ii) NEW GEORGIA - It is reported that enemy ships regularly operate at night between Viru Harbour and Rendova Harbour. No details of these operations are available.
- (iii) BUKA - There was evidence of increasing activity in Buka Passage yesterday 13/10. A cruiser and a "WAKATAKE" class destroyer (820 tons) arrived in the Passage from the NW at 1230, joining the destroyer already operating there, which is now also reported to be of the "WAKATAKE" class. These vessels were still there at 1708, when another destroyer was reported to be approaching from the NNW.

Meanwhile, at 1340, a possible heavy cruiser, 3 possible destroyers, 4 15,000 ton merchant vessels were sighted off the east coast of Buka on a southerly course.

Buka has been used heretofore primarily as an air base, and naval activity has been confined, in the main to the movement of seaplane tenders and destroyers and supply ships. The appearance of additional destroyers, and cruisers, suggests that Buka Passage may be further developed as a secondary naval operational base, supporting the Shortlands base.

- (iv) YSABEL IS. - Recent reports have indicated that enemy shipping is using Thousand Ships Bay as an anchorage, and it is possible that part of the force engaged in the naval action off Savo 12/10 came from this or other anchorages in Ysabel Is. (see Naval Incidents).

Three large ships are reported to have anchored off Halvo (30 miles SE Maringe Lagoon) at midnight 11/10, departing northwards at 1800/12.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR
British and Allied Forces

- (i) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "JOSEPH LANE" en route Darwin Thursday Is. ETA 1000/15.
- (ii) At Fremantle - "ADELAIDE" "KANIMBLA" "CHILDS" "LARK" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "CAIRNS" "BENGAL" "TOOWOOMBA" "WOLLONGONG" "IPSWICH" "WALLAROO" "MARYBOROUGH" "EKLING BROVIG"
- (iii) At Albany - "PELIAS" "WHIPPOORWILL"
- (iv) At Exmouth Gulf - "HERON"
- (v) "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting "KURUMBA" dep. Darwin 0910/13 for Thursday Is. ETA 0500/16. "KURUMBA" thence Brisbane ETA a.m. 21/10.
- (vi) "W.B. PRESTON" dep. Fremantle 1416/13 for Exmouth Gulf.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES
British and Allied Forces

9 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces

- (i) "WANGANILLA" en route Sydney to Wellington ETA 1100/13.
- (ii) At Espiritu Santo - "CURTISS" "MACKINAC" "McPARLAND" "CHESTER" "McCALLA" "MANLEY" "GAMBLE" "BRESE" "TRACY" "HERCULES" "MAJABA" "ALHENA" "KANKAKU" "NAVAJO" "AARON WARD" "LARDNER"
- (iii) At Efate - "SOLACE" "MONSSEN" "HAMMONDS PORT"
- (iv) At Noumea - "COPANEE" "FLETCHER" "O'BANNON" "ALCOA PENNANT" "ARGONNE" "MEADE" "LASSEN" "JUPITER" "WHITNEY" "ANTARES" "STRATFORD" "HEYWOOD" "LIBRA" "FOMALHAUT" "GUADALUPE" "LACKAWANNA" "TAPPARANOOK" "KINGFISHER" "BOBOLINK" "BUTTERNUT" "KOPARI" "McKEEN"
- (v) At Suva - "CATALPA" "LEANDER" "FARRAGUT"
- (vi) At Samoa - "CHESTNUT" "CAMAEOA" "ARCTIC"
- (vii) At Tongatabu - "STACK" "SUMNER" "SABINE" "VESTAL" "HUNTER LEGGETT"
- (viii) At Bora Bora - "TERN"

- (ix) At Auckland - "ACHILLES" "RIGEL" "ROAMER" "BELPHINUS" "EBONY"
- (x) At Wellington - "AMERICAN LEGION" "BETELGEUSE" "PRESIDENT HAYES"
"PRESIDENT JACKSON"
- (xi) At Tahiti - "CHEVREUIL" "CAP DES PALMES"
- (xii) At Norfolk Is. - "WAHINE"
- (xiii) At Vanikoro - "BALLARD"
- (xiv) Guadalcanal area - "SOUTHWARD" "HOVEY"

Enemy Forces

SANTA CRUZ IS. - Two enemy destroyers were again sighted yesterday 13/10 135 miles north of Byron Bay, Ndeni Is. at 1250.

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

"TRINITY" was to depart Bahrein 12/10 ETA Melbourne 9/11.

Enemy Forces

CEYLON - Aircraft reported a submarine approx 90 miles SE Trincomalee 12/10.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

GUADALCANAL - Later intelligence indicates that the enemy force intercepted by an allied naval force west of Savo Is. at midnight 11/10, was intending to land troops on Guadalcanal on a larger scale than heretofore, as the force included at least one troop transport.

Two heavy cruisers and 6 destroyers were sighted during 11/10 approaching Guadalcanal from the Faisi area, but it is clear from later reports that more than 8 enemy vessels took part in the engagement. A second force probably joined from an anchorage at Ysabel Is.

The enemy vessels were intercepted six miles west of Savo Is., and the following damage inflicted -

- Sunk 1 heavy cruiser "MACHI" class
- 1 transport
- Probably Sunk 1 heavy cruiser
- Sunk or out of action 4 possibly 5 destroyers

Total damage in this action including that caused by air attacks on the following day 12/10, as reported in yesterday's appreciation, was probably as follows -

- Sunk - 1 heavy cruiser
- 1 transport
- Probably sunk - 1 poss. 2 heavy cruisers
- 4 destroyers
- Damaged - 2 destroyers

Air searches morning 13/10 sighted two large oil slicks, empty life boats and rafts, and much debris close to the position of the last aircraft attack on ~~heavy~~ heavy cruisers and destroyers at 1600/1 south of Rendova Is., in which a heavy cruiser and destroyer were believed to be sunk.

Operations 13/10 - Allied reinforcements were landed on Guadalcanal 13/10. The transports were unsuccessfully shelled by enemy shore artillery at sunset, but the battery was silenced by our destroyers.

CAPE BANKS (70 miles W. by N. Portland - Vic.) - A possible submarine was attacked by aircraft at 1930 yesterday 13/10 approx 42 miles West of Cape Banks - result not observed. Aircraft had previously reported a possible submarine 27 miles W. by S. Cape Banks at 1600/13.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

BUKA - 6 Catalinas attacked the aerodrome during the night 12/13. Several explosions and one fire were observed.

RABAUL - 15 Fortresses attacked Vunakanau and Lakunai aerodromes early morning 13/10. One large fire and explosion were seen at Vunakanau; runway damaged at Lakunai.

BUNA - A Fortress which failed to locate its target over Rabaul attacked Buna aerodrome - results unknown. 20 to 30 lights were observed off shore, possibly from barges.

BUNA-KOKODA AREA - Three Beaufighters, 7 Aircobras attacked 3 barges at Sanananda - result unknown. No activity was observed along the Buna - Kokoda track.

DILLI - 3 Hudsons attacked Dilli township 12/10 - result unknown.

ENEMY

GUADALCANAL - 22 bombers and some Zero's bombed the aerodrome at 1200/13. One Zero shot down. Some damage caused.

15 bombers bombed runway at 1400. Slight additional damage.

BUKA - Enemy fighters were active all day 13/10.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Continued night infiltration on Guadalcanal by means of destroyers and submarines from the Buin-Faisi-Tonolei Harbour base.
- (ii) Counter-attack against allied positions in the Solomons, with a view to re-occupation of Guadalcanal.
- (iii) Consolidation on islands in the Gilberts Group and possible occupation of islands in the Ellice Group.


For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

14/10/42

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruiser
6" Cruisers
Flotilla Leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

~~Amvixes~~
A.M.Cs.

Submarine Tender
Destroyer Tender
Storeships
Gunboat
Oiler

Enemy Forces

~~Task Force~~ - New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet

CinC 2nd Fleet

CinC 8th Fleet

CinC 1st Air Fleet

CinC 4th Fleet

CinC 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet)

3 Battleships (BB)

4 Battlecruisers (BB)

3 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

1 converted A/C Carrier (XCV)

11 Heavy Cruisers (CA)
(4 damaged)

11 Light Cruisers (CL)
(4 prob. damaged)

Effective

AUSTRALIA

PHOENIX

ARUNTA

SELFRIDGE

TROMP

MUGFORD

BAGLEY

PATTERSON

TROUT

S.37

S.40

S.42

S.45

S.46

S.47

GUDGEON

GRAMPUS

GRAYBACK

STURGEON

SAILFISH

SCULPIN

S.43

S.44

K.9

WESTRALIA

MANOORA

GRIFFIN

DOBBIN

MIZAR

TULSA

Refitting or Repairing

HOBART

LE TRIOMPHANG

STUART

HENLEY

HELM

VENDETTA

At Brisbane

On Patrol

At Sydney

GOLDSTAR

VICTORIA

x

ASHIGARA

FURUTAKA

AOBA

KINUGASA

KUMANO

KASHIMA

x

KASHII

KATORI

SENDAI

JINTSU

x

ISUZU

x

KINU

Prob. damaged

Light Cruisers (Contd)

x YUBARI
YURA x Probably on escort duty
TENRYU between Palao & Truk -
TATSUTA New Britain areas.

Approx 25 submarines incl. 4-8 "RO" class, 15 "I" class (at least 2 minelayers)
45-50 Destroyers (DD)
3 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

CHITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA
NISSHIN
KITCHO MARU
NOTORO
KINUGASA MARU
KAGU MARU
KAMOI
NARUTO MARU
SOUYOU MARU
KENJO MARU
OKITSU MARU) Some of these units operat-
SANUKI MARU) ing between Empire Waters &
SANYO MARU) the Southern area.

2 submarine tenders incl.
35-40 Merchant Ships (incl. poss. 3 Military Landing Craft Carriers)
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Subchasers, M.T.B.s, Gunboats, Patrol Craft
Approx 275 shore-based aircraft incl. 128 fighters, 76 H/B, 38 F/B,
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GLASGOW

ENTERPRISE

EMERALD

DAUNTIE SS

DANAE

DRAGON

DELHI

CAPETOWN

CERES

CALEDON

SUMATRA (Dutch)

A.M.Gs.

WORCESTERSHIRE

RANCHI

ALAUNIA

CHITRAL

RANPURA

CANTON

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- * (viii) "WHYALLA" & "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Convoy OC34 to Sydney and Newcastle. "ROCKHAMPTON" to detach with Sydney section. "WHYALLA" to continue to Newcastle and escort Convoy C036.
- * (ix) "WILCANNIA" escorting Convoy C035 became separated from the convoy and returned to Sydney, arriving 1743/13. "TOWNSVILLE" to endeavour to reform convoy and continue as escort.
- * (x) "TULSA" arr. Brisbane 1855/14.
- * (xi) "TROMP" dep. Port Phillip 1817/14 ETA Sydney 1400/16.
- * ~~(xii) "ORNISTON" arr. Thursday Is. 0855/14.~~
- * (xiii) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "YARRA" dep. Thursday Is. 0825/14 ETA Darwin 1730/18.
- * (xiv) "ANHUI" dep. Townsville 1223/14 ETA Port Moresby 1600/19.
- * (xv) "DCOMBA" escorting Convoy C035 (22 MV) ETD Melbourne for Newcastle 0100/15.
- (xvi) At Sydney - "MANOORA" "DOBBIN" "TAMWORTH" "PINGWO" "CAWLER" "BROOMI" "WILCANNIA" "MILDURA" "MORESBY" "MERKUR" Repairing - "HOEART" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "STUART" "HENLEY" "HELM" "SWAN" "BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA"
- (xvii) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEE" "DOOMB" Repairing - "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xviii) At Adelaide - "CESSNOCK"
- (xix) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "MANUNDA" "GEELONG"
- (xx) At Townsville - "ARREGO" "ARMIDA E" "COLAC" "LITHGOW" "AASE MAERSK"
- (xxi) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA"
- (xxii) At Port Moresby - "BALLARAT" "BENSON" "NORDNES" "ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "EKATERINI CCUMANTAROU" ss "KATOOMBA" "ISLANDER" "JOHN ASHE"
- (xxiii) At Cairns - "BENDIGO"

Enemy Forces

SOLOMONS

- (i) BUIN-FAISI-TONOLEI HARBOR - During the night 13/14 the following vessels were reported having departed this area -
 - 3 heavy cruisers (described 1 "NACHI", 2 "AOBA" class)
 - 3 light cruisers (1 "SENDAI", 1 "TATSUTA", 1 "NATORI")
 - 10 destroyers
 - 2 supply ships
 - 1 unidentified vessel (probably seaplane tender)
 At 0700L/14 the force remaining at the Buin-Shortlands base -
 - 2 probably seaplane tenders
 - 13/15 merchant vessels (AP or AK)
 - 1 tanker
 - poss. 4 destroyers
- (ii) BUKA - At 0740L/14 one small destroyer and one 7,000 ton merchant vessel arrived Buka Passage from the South. At 1859/14 one cruiser (possibly seaplane tender), one transport

and 3 destroyers were reported in the Passage. All these vessels had been engaged throughout the day in unloading operations.

(iii) YSABEL IS.-GUADALCANAL AREA

(a) An enemy convoy consisting of one light cruiser, 7 destroyers and 6 transports was first sighted at 0850/14 17 miles NE Rekata Bay, course 120°; again at 1638 25 miles SE Maringe Lagoon course 180° and again at 1820 in a position 8 miles east of the Southern point of Ysabel Is. course 175°.

At 1735/14, 4 destroyers and five unidentified vessel, possibly portion of the same convoy, were sighted west of Ramos Is. (approx 20 miles north of the sighting at 1820).

Between 1745 and 1815/14, 13 vessels most probably belonging to the above convoy were sighted going east by a different observer off the SE end of Ysabel Is. Continuous gunfire was heard and one large vessel was seen to sink after a loud explosion.

(b) At 1805/14 an enemy force reported as one battleship, 3 light cruisers and 4 destroyers was sighted in a position 30 miles NE Rekata Bay, course 130°, speed 25 knots.

(iv) ONGTONG JAVA AREA - 3 separate enemy forces were observed to the east of Ongtong Java during the day as follows -

(a) At 1001/14, 1 heavy cruiser 123 miles east Ongtong Java, course 150°.

(b) At 1050/14, 3 cruisers, 7 destroyers 130 miles SE Ongtong Java.

(c) At 1115/14, 1 or more aircraft carriers, 1 battleship, 2 heavy cruisers, 6 destroyers, 230 miles NE Ongtong Java course 140°.

(v) RENNELL IS. AREA - At 0959L/14 an aircraft reported sighting one large enemy submarine in a position 47 miles SSW of Rennell Is. The submarine appeared to be tending aircraft which were described as small, black single-float type.

(vi) GENERAL - At least 10 enemy submarines are believed operating in the general Solomons area.

NEW GUINEA

(vii) ROSSEL IS. AREA - At 2100L/13 there were indications of either one or two enemy units, believed to be submarines, 165 miles East of Rossel Is., Louisiade Archipelago.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

(i) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "JOSEPH LANE" en route Darwin to Thursday Is. ETA 1000/15.

(ii) "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting "KURUMBA" en route Darwin to Thursday Is. ETA 0500/16. "KURUMBA" thence Brisbane ETA a.m. 21/10.

(iii) "W.B. PRESTON" dep. Fremantle 1416/13 for Exmouth Gulf.

(iv) At Fremantle - "ADELAIDE" "KANIMELA" "CHILDS" "LARK" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "CAIRNS" "BENGAL" "TOOWOOMBA" "WOLLONGONG" "IPSWICH" "WALLAROO" "MARYECROUCH" "ERLING BROVIG"

(v) At Albany - "PELIAS" "WHIPPOORWILL"

(vi) At Exmouth Gulf - "HERON"

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

9 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

(i) At Espiritu Santo - "CURTISS" "MACKINAC" "McFARLAND" "CHESTER" "McCALLA" "MANLEY" "GAMBLE" "BREESE" "TRACY" "HERCULES" "MAJABA" "ALHENA" "KANKAKU" "NAVAJO" "AARON WARD" "LARDNER"

(ii) At Efate - "SOLACE" "MONSSEN" "HAMMONDS PORT"

(iii) At Noumea - "COPAHEE" "FLETCHER" "O'BANNON" "ALCOA PENNANT" "ARGONNE" "MEADE" "LASSEN" "JUPITER" "WHITNEY" "ANTARES" "STRATFORD" "HEYWOOD" "LIBRA" "FOMALHAUT" "GUADALUPE" "LACKAWANNA" "TAPPAHANNOCK" "KINGFISHER" "BOBOLINK" "BUTTERNUT" "KOPARI" "McKEEN"

(iv) At Suva - "CATALPA" "LEANDER" "FARRAGUT"

(v) At Samoa - "CHESTNUT" "SAMANGA" "ARCTIC"

(vi) At Tongatabu - "STACK" "SUMNER" "SABINE" "VESTAL" "HUNTER LEGGETT"

(vii) At Bora Bora - "TERN"

- (viii) At Auckland - "ACHILLES" "RI GEL" "ROAMER" "DELPHINUS" "EBONY"
- (ix) At Wellington - "AMERICAN LEGION" "BETELGEUSE" "PRESIDENT HAYES"
"PRESIDENT JACKSON" "WANGANELLA"
- (x) At Tahiti - "CHEVREUIL"
- (xi) At Norfolk Is. - "WAHINE"
- (xii) At Vanikoro - "BALLARD"
- (xiii) Guadalcanal area - "SOUTHARD" "HOVEY"

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

"TRINITY" en route Bahrain to Melbourne ETA 9/11.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

GUADALCANAL - Six transports forming part of an enemy force of one cruiser and 7 destroyers and 6 transports were attacked by Soudac aircraft at 1820/14 off the SE end of Isabel Is. Near misses were recorded. Between 1745 and 1815 continuous gunfire was heard in this area and one large vessel was observed to sink after a loud explosion.

At 0632/15 enemy transports (presumably from the above force) supported by combat vessels were reported to be landing troops to the west of Kokumbona (Guadalcanal - approx 10 miles W. Lunga Point). At 0719/15 six transports and 8 destroyers were ~~xx~~ reported off Doma Reef (15 miles WNW Lunga) probably the same force. At 0724/15 one enemy battleship and 2 light cruisers were reported to be NW of Savo Is.

KAVIENG - 13/10 -- Analysis of photographs taken over Kavieng on 13/10 reveals one transport (1000 to 1500 tons), partly sunk.

MT. GAMBIER AREA - 13/10-14/10 -- An aircraft searching for possible submarine sighted 1856/13, approx 50 miles W. of Mt. Gambier reported a wake but no visible periscope at 1600/14 in position approx 60 miles S. by E. of Adelaide. Graded B.4.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

D'ENTRECASTEAUX IS. - The Kilia area on Goodenough Is. was heavily strafed on 13/10. No activity was observed. On 14/10 two Hudsons attacked possible enemy positions west coast of Goodenough Is. Bombs burst 70 yards inland. Two fires were seen. No signs of enemy activity observed.

KALEWA, (Burma) - 11 Blenheims bombed barracks area at Kalewa on 12/10. Bombs fell in target area. No results observed.

WAIROPI - Three B.25's attacked Wairopi Bridge at 0930L/14. Hit was registered SW of bridge.

ARAKAN COAST - One Hudson strafed enemy merchant vessels off Arakan Coast. One hit starboard, one amidships and one near miss. Believed damaged.

ENEMY

GUADALCANAL - Enemy air raids on Guadalcanal aerodrome have been reported as follows -

- 1200L/13 - 22 bombers & a few type "O" fighters
- 1400L/13 - 15 "
- 1210L/14 - 25 " and same fighters
- 1305L/14 - 15 bombers & about 10 fighters

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Continued night infiltration on Guadalcanal by means of destroyers and submarines from the Buin-Faisi-Tonolei Harbor base.
- (ii) Counter-attack against allied positions in the Solomons, with a view to re-occupation of Guadalcanal.
- (iii) Consolidation on islands in the Gilberts Group and possible occupation of islands in the Ellice Group.

Lawson

For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.
15/10/42

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruiser
6" Cruisers
Flotilla Leaders

Effective

AUSTRALIA

PHOENIX

ARUNTA

SELFRIDGE

TROMP

MUGFORD

BAGLEY

PATTERSON

TROUT

S.37

S.40

S.42

S.45

S.46

S.47

GUDGEON

GRAMPUS

GRAYBACK

STURGEON

SAILFISH

SCULPIN

S.43

S.44

K.9

WESTRALIA

MANOORA

GRIFFIE

DOBBIN

MIZAN

TULSA

Refitting or Repairing

HOBART

STUART

LE TRIOMPHANT

HENLEY

HELM

VENDETTA

Destroyers

Submarines

At Brisbane

On Patrol

At Sydney

Armed Merchant Cruisers

Submarine Tender

Destroyer Tender

Storeships

Gunboat

Oiler

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet

CinC 2nd Fleet

CinC 8th Fleet

CinC 1st Air Fleet

CinC 4th Fleet

CinC 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet)

3 Battleships (BB)

YAMATO

MURSU

NAGATO

4 Battlecruisers (BB)

KIRISHIMA

HIYEI

KONGO

3 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

HARUNA

SHOKAKU

ZUIKAKU

HOSEO

1 poss. 2 Converted A/C
Carriers (XCV)

UNYO (poss.ex YAWATA MARU) A/C Transport

ZUIHO

Heavy Cruisers (CA)

TONE

(2 prob. sunk)

TIKUMA

At least 3 prob. damaged

SUZUYA

ATAGO

CHOKAI

TAKAG

ASHIGARA

FURUTAKA

AOBA

KINUGASA

KUMANO

Prob. damaged

11 Light Cruisers (CL)

(4 prob. damaged)

x

KASHIMA

KASHII

KATORI

SENDAI

JINTSU

x

ISUZU

Light Cruisers (Contd)

X KING
X YUBARI x Probably on escort duty
YURA between Palao & Truk -
TENNYU New Britain areas.
TATEUTA

Approx 25 submarines incl. 4-8 "RO" class, 15 "I" class (at least 2 minelayers)
(45-50 Destroyers (DD)
3 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

CHITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA
NISSHIN
NITCHO MARU
NOTORO
KINUGASA MARU
KAGU MARU
KAMOI
NARUTO MARU
SOUYOU MARU
KENJO MARU
OKITSU MARU
SANUKI MARU
SANYO MARU
JINBEI

) Some of these units operat-
ing between Empire Waters &
the Southern area.

2 submarine tenders incl.
35-40 Merchant Ships (incl. poss. 3 Military Landing Craft Carriers)
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.chassrs, M.T.Bs, Gunboats, patrol Craft
Approx 248 shore-based aircraft incl. 109 fighters, 68 H/B, 38 F/B,
24 P/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR
British and Allied Forces

6" Cruiser
Armed Merchant Cruiser
S/P Tenders

ADELAIDE
KANIMBLA
HERON
CHILDS
W.E. PRESTON
PELIAS
HOLLAND
On Patrol
DAR

Submarine Tenders

SALMON
SARGO
THRESHER
SEADRAGON
SEARAVEN
SPEARFISH
SEAWOLF
TAUTOG
Repairing & Preparing for Patrols
SNAPPER at Albany
TAMBOR
GRENADEIER
SHAL
SWORDFISH
SAURY
K.8
K.12

At Fremantle

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES
British and Allied Forces

9 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see above)
Enemy Forces
CinC 3rd Fleet
CinC Southern Expeditionary Fleet
Approx 16 Destroyers

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleships

NORTH CAROLINA
SOUTH DAKOTA
MARYLAND
COLORADO
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
SARATOGA
ENTERPRISE
LONG ISLAND
PORTLAND
NEW ORLEANS

CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE
NEVADA
WEST VIRGINIA
IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA

Aircraft Carriers

Converted A/C Carrier
8" Cruisers

CHICAGO

HONOLULU

6" Cruisers

RALEIGH
DETROIT
SAN JUAN

5" Cruiser

15 (approx)
23 (approx)

Destroyers

Submarines

Enemy Forces

Palao-Formosa-Saipan-Bonins-Japan

5 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
ISE
HYUGA

Converted Carriers (XCV)

HAYATAKA
HITAKA
MYCKO

OTAKA (poss. ex
KASUGA MARU)

3 - 8" Cruisers (CA)

MOGAMI ?
HAGURO

3 Light Cruisers (CL)

NACARA
NATONI
KUMA

1 S/P Tender (AV)

CHIYODA

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

OCSHU MARU
FUJIKAWA MARU
KANIKAWA MARU
KIYOKAWA MARU

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 30 Destroyers

Approx 14 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleship

WASHINGTON
HORNET
WASP

Aircraft Carriers

COPAHEE
MINNEAPOLIS
SAN FRANCISCO
SALT LAKE CITY
NORTHAMPTON
PENSACOLA
CHESTER

Converted A/C Carrier

8" Cruisers

BOISE
HELENA
LEANDER
ACHILLES
JUNEAU
SAN DIEGO
ATLANTA
25 (approx)
MONOWAI

6" Cruisers

5" Cruisers

Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruiser

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE
INDIANAPOLIS
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE

6" Cruisers

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians

1 - 8" Cruiser (CA)

WACHI
ABUKUMA
TAMA
KISO

3 Light Cruisers (CL)

Approx 4 Destroyers

Approx 20 Submarines

1st Base Force

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) ?

K) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces
6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleships

WARSPITE
VALIANT
RESOLUTION
ILLUSTRIOUS
FORMIDABLE
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
DEVONSHIRE
HAWKINS
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
DAUNTLESS
DANAE
DRAGON
DELHI
CAPETOWN
CERES
CALTON
SUMATRA (Dutch)
WORCESTERSHIRE
RANCHI
ALAUNIA
CHITRAL
RANPURA
CANTON
QUEEN OF BERMUDA
CARTHAGE
HEEMSKERCK
CARLISLE

REVENGE

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

FROBISHER

Armed Merchant Cruisers

A.A. Vessels

Approx 25 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Approx 5 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

16th October, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- + (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "SELFRIDGE" "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "PATTERSON") on patrol south of China Strait area.
- + (ii) "TROMP" en route Port Phillip to Sydney ETA 1400 today 16/10.
- ✓ (iii) "ARUNTA" escorting "BOTH" "WARTSUYCKER" "JAPARA" dep. Townsville 14/10 for Milne Bay ETA 1100/17. At Milne Bay, to be joined by "STUART" (ETD Sydney 17/10). Both vessels ETD Milne Bay 21/10 with troops for Mud Bay, Goodenough Island.
- × (iv) Convoy BT9 ("BONTEKOE" "TASMAN" "VAN SPILSBERGEN") proceeding independently from Capricorn Channel to Townsville. "BONTEKOE" "TASMAN" are due 0500/17. To depart Cleveland Bay for Milne Bay escorted by "WARREGO" at 0600 ETA Grafton Passage 2200.
- × (v) "GOULBURN" returning to Brisbane from escort duty with Convoy BT9.
- ✓ (vi) "LITHGOW" "COLAC" escorting "TARCONA" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "JOHN STEELE" "GEORGE MATTHEWS" "STAGEN" dep. Townsville 1710/15 for Port Moresby ETA 1600/18. "STEPHEN J. FIELD" is to RV off Fitzroy Is. 1000 today 16/10 and proceed with convoy.
- + (vii) "BUNDABERG" escorting PGL6A (5 MV) due Sydney yesterday 15/10. Newcastle section of convoy arr. 1819/15.
- + (viii) "DELOIRAIN" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy GPl7 arr. Brisbane 0750/15; departed 0830/15 escorting Convoy PGI7 (4 MV) - 2 MV for Newcastle ETA 0900/17; 2 MV Sydney ETA 1400/17.
- + (ix) "WHYALLA" "ROCEHAMPTON" arr. Sydney 1109/15 escorting Convoy OC34, including Newcastle section, which is sheltering.
- + (x) "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy OC35 (17 MV) en route Sydney passed Wilson's Promontory 1956/15.
- + (xi) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC35 was due Port Phillip 1415/15 after RV with "TOWNSVILLE" at 1015.
- + (xii) "DUBBO" en route Williamstown to Port Adelaide ETA 0800 today 16/10.
- + (xiii) "HEROS" dep. Brisbane 0753/15 for Sydney ETA 1000/17.
- + (xiv) "WARRE" towing 2 barges arr. Thursday Is. 1345/15. Thence Port Moresby.
- (xv) At Sydney - "MANOORA" "DOBBIN" "TAMWORTH" "PINGWO" "GAWLER" "BROOME" "WILCANNIA" "MILDURA" "MORESBY" "MERKUR"
Repairing - "HOBART" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "STUART" "HENLEY" "HELM" "SWAN" "BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA"
- (xvi) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN"
Repairing - "VENDETTA" "GOLBSTAR"
- (xvii) At Adelaide - "CESSNOCK"
- (xviii) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "MANUNDA" "GEELONG" "TULSA"
- (xix) At Townsville - "WARREGO" "ARMIDALE" "AASE MAERSK"
- (xx) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA"
- (xxi) At Port Moresby - "BALLARAT" "BENSON" "NORDNES" "ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "EKATERINI" "COUMANTAROU" "ISLANDER" "JOHN ASHE"
- (xxii) At Cairns - "BENDIGO"

Enemy Forces

- (1) GUADALCANAL - Reports of sightings 15/10 north of Guadalcanal indicate no change in the enemy force operating there. The following invasion force was sighted off Doma Reef (15 miles WNW Lunga Point) during the morning -
1 light cruiser
7 destroyers
5 or 6 transports

A naval covering force was operating off Savo Is. during the day, including -
1 battleship (or heavy cruiser)
1 light cruiser
5 destroyers

A force reported to include 8 destroyers and 2 transports was seen 20 miles NW of Cape Esperance retiring from Guadalcanal on course 310° at 1615. One transport had already disappeared to the westward. The remaining three transports had been disabled and were beached (see Naval Incidents).

- (ii) YSABEL IS. - A force including one or 2 light cruisers and 4 or 5 destroyers was reported to be proceeding northwards off the east coast of Isabel Is. at 0700/15.
 a battleship, 2 cruisers and a destroyer were reported approx 65 miles NNE Rekata Bay at about midday. No course was reported.
 An unidentified vessel using a searchlight was reported off Bina (centre west coast Malaita) at 2300/13.
 A force consisting of 2 cruisers and 2 destroyers was observed on course 270° at 1410/15 off Taura Bay (Choiseul) - West end Manning Strait.
 Sightings of floatplanes at Rekata Bay 14/10 indicate that this harbour is still operating as a seaplane base.
- (iii) BUIN-FAISI - There are no further reports of enemy shipping at the Shortland base.
 A light cruiser was attacked by aircraft approx 20 miles SSW Faisi at 1405/15 on course 045°. (see Naval Incidents).
 A small escort vessel with a cargo vessel was observed approx 50 miles West of Buin at 1410 on course 300°. These would seem to have proceeded from the Buin area, so that the force now there probably includes -
 1 light cruiser (damaged)
 2 probable seaplane tenders
 approx 12 merchant vessels (AP or AK)
 1 tanker
- (iv) BUKA - A transport and destroyer left Buka at 1800/15 and proceeded south along the west coast of Bougainville.-
 The vessels then remaining in the Passage were as follows -
 1 minelayer
 2 destroyers
- (v) SAN CRISTOVAE - Aircraft reported an enemy submarine 121 miles south of Cape Surville at 1345/15.
- (vi) NEW GUINEA
Cape Nelson - A native reported a submarine on the surface off Cape Nelson at 2100/13. Searchlights believed to be from the submarine, were also observed.
 Mullins Hbr. - A/C reported 2 u/i vessels poss. subs. off Mullins Hbr. 1306/15

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "YARRA" en route Thursday Is. to Darwin ETA 1730/18.
- (ii) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "JOSEPH LANE" arr. Thursday Is. 0930/15.
 "CASTLEMAINE" dep. for Darwin 1800; ETA 1730/18.
- (iii) "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting "KURUMBA" due Thursday Is. 0500 today 16/10.
 "KURUMBA" thence Brisbane ETA a.m. 21/10. "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting "KARSIK" to return Darwin.
- (iv) "W.B. PRESTON" dep. Fremantle 13/10 for Exmouth Gulf.
- (v) At Fremantle - "ADELAIDE" "KANIMBLA" "CHILDS" "LARK" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "CAIRNS" "BENGAL" "TOOWOOMBA" "WOLLONGONG" "IPSWICH" "WALLAROO" "MARYBOROUGH" "ERLING BROVIG"
- (vi) At Albany - "PELIAS" "WHIPPOORWILL"
- (vii) At Exmouth Gulf - "HERON"

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

9 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) At Espiritu Santo - "SALT LAKE CITY" "BOISE" "GRAYSON" "NICHOLAS" "FARENHOLT" "McCALLA" "CURTISS" "MACKINAC" "MANLEY" "GAMBLE" "BREESE" "TRACY" "HERCULES" "MAJABA" "ALHENA" "KANKAKU" "NAVAJO" "AARON WARD" "LARDNER" "FULLER"
- (ii) At Efate - "SOLACE" "MONSSEN" "HAMMONDS PORT"
- (iii) At Noumea - "ALCOA PENNANT" "ARGONNE" "LASSEN" "JUPITER" "WEITNEY" "ANTARES" "STRATFORD" "HEYWOOD" "LIBRA" "POMALHAUT" "TAPPAHANNOCK" "KINGFISHER" "BOBOLINK" "BUTTERNUT" "KOPARI" "McKEEN" "SHANNON"
- (iv) At Suva - "EATALPA" "LCCUST" "ROSEWOOD"
- (v) At Samoa - "CHESTNUT" "CAMANJA" "ARCTIC"
- (vi) At Tongatabu - "STACK" "SUMNER" "SABINE" "VESTAL" "HUNTER LEGGETT"
- (vii) At Bora Bora - "TERE"

- (viii) At Auckland - "ACHILLES" "RIGEL" "ROAMER" "DELPHINUS" "EBONY"
- (ix) At Wellington - "AMERICAN LEGION" "BETELGEUSE" "PRESIDENT HAYES"
"PRESIDENT JACKSON" "WANGANELLA" "CRESCENT CITY" "PRESIDENT ADAMS"
- (x) At Tahiti - "CHEVREUIL"
- (xi) At Norfolk Is. - "WAHINE" "CLARK" "MONOWAI"
- (xiii) Guadalcanal area - "SOUTHARD" "HOVEY"

Enemy Forces

Santa Cruz - Sightings 14/10 and 15/10 indicate that a strong enemy Task Force was operating within 150 miles to the NW of Ndeni yesterday 15/10, including the following vessels -

- 2 or 3 battleships
- at least 1 aircraft carrier
- 5 or 6 cruisers
- 12 destroyers

The central force, consisting of the aircraft carrier, 2 battleships, 2 cruisers and 5 destroyers, was sighted 67 miles NW Ndeni at 1502/15 on course 095°. The remaining enemy vessels were seen in scattered groups in the same area during the day (see Naval Incidents).

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

"TRINITY" en route Bahrein to Melbourne ETA 9/11.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

GUADALCANAL - The following results of air attacks on enemy shipping north of Guadalcanal were reported at 1430/15 -

- 3 transports - beached and burning fiercely
- 1 battleship (or heavy cruiser) - direct hit by 500-lb. bomb. Vessel reported to be crippled.

SANTA CRUZ - An air attack was made on enemy cruisers approx 65 miles NW Ndeni at 0258/16. One direct hit was claimed on the bow of a cruiser.

FAISI AREA - The aircraft which attacked a light cruiser off Treasury Is. at 1405/15 claimed two near misses from about 30 ft, and reported that the vessel stopped and appeared to be seriously damaged.

3. AIR OPERATIONS - 15/10

GUADALCANAL - 11 Fortresses attacking enemy shipping north of Guadalcanal shot down 10 Zero fighters.

SALAMAUA - 3 B.25's bombed a wreck at Salamaua.

WAIROPI - Same 3 B.25's unsuccessfully bombed Wairopi Bridge.

MYOLA - Three Bostons, 7 Kittihawks attacked enemy positions 2 miles south of Templeton's Gossing. Results not observed.

ENEMY

BUKA-GUADALCANAL - 27 bombers from the NW were joined by 37 fighters based on Buka, & departed towards the SE (Time not reported).

30/40 bombers were reported approaching Guadalcanal at 1925.

SANTA CRUZ-SAN CRISTOVAL AREA - Sightings 15/10 indicated wide-spread enemy air reconnaissance in this area.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Continued night infiltration on Guadalcanal by means of destroyers and submarines from the Buin-Faisi-Tonolei Harbour base.
- (ii) Counter-attack against allied positions in the Solomons, with a view to re-occupation of Guadalcanal.
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DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruiser

6" Cruisers

Flotilla Leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

Armed Merchant Cruisers

Submarine Tender

Destroyer Tender

Storeships

Gunboat

Oiler

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet

CinC 2nd Fleet

CinC 8th Fleet

CinC 1st Air Fleet

CinC 4th Fleet

CinC 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet)

3 Battleships (BB)

4 Battlecruisers (BB)

3 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

1 poss. 2 Converted A/C
Carriers (XCV)

Heavy Cruisers (CA)

2 prob. sunk

At least 3 prob.damaged

11 Light Cruisers (CL)
(4 prob.damaged)

Effective

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PHOENIX

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PATTERSON

TROUT)

S.37)

S.40)

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GRIFFIN

DOBBIN

MIZAR

TULSA

Refitting or Repairing

HOBART

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LE TRIOMPHANT

HENIE Y

HELM

VENDETTA

G OLDSTAR

VICTORIA

x

KASHII

KATORI

SENDAI

JINTSU

ISUZU

Light Cruisers (Contd)

| | |
|----------|---------------------------|
| KINU | |
| x YUBARI | x Probably on escort duty |
| YURA | between Palao & Truk - |
| TENRYU | New Britain areas. |
| TATSUTA | |

Approx 25 submarines incl. 4-8 "RO" class, 15 "I" class (at least 2 minelayers)
 45-50 Destroyers (DD)
 3 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

CHITOSE
 AKITSUSHIMA
 NISSHIN
 NITCHO MARU
 NOTORO
 KINUGASA MARU
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 Armed Merchant Cruiser
 S/P Tenders

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 HERON
 CHILDS
 W.B. PRESTON
 PELIAS
 HOLLAND
On Patrol

Submarine Tenders

Submarines

GAR ✓
 SARGO ✓
 GRENADIER ✓
 THRESHER ✓
 SEADRAGON ✓
 SPEARFISH ✓
 SEARAVEN ✓
 SEAWOLF ✓
 TAUTOG ✓
Repairing & Preparing for Patrols
 SNAPPER ✓ At Albany
 TAMBOR ✓)
 SALMON ✓)
 SEAL ✓)
 SWORDFISH ✓) At Fremantle
 SAURY ✓)
 K.8)
 K.12)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES
British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

Cinc 3rd Fleet

Cinc Southern Expeditionary Fleet

| | | |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------------|
| Converted Aircraft Carriers | HAYATAKA) | Poss. Davao area |
| | HITAKA) | |

Approx 16 Destroyers

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleships

| | |
|----------------|---------------|
| NORTH CAROLINA | CALIFORNIA |
| SOUTH DAKOTA | TENNESSEE |
| MARYLAND | NEVADA |
| COLORADO | WEST VIRGINIA |
| MISSISSIPPI | IDAHO |
| NEW MEXICO | PENNSYLVANIA |
| SARATOGA | |
| ENTERPRISE | |

Aircraft Carriers

Converted A/C Carrier
8" Cruisers
6" Cruisers

PORTLAND

NEW

LONG ISLAND

ORLEANS

RALEIGH

DETROIT

SAN JUAN

15 (approx)

23 (approx)

CHICAGO
HONOLULU

5" Cruiser

Destroyers

Submarines

Enemy Forces

Palao-Formosa-Saipan-Bonins-Japan

5 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI

FUSO

YAMASHIRO

ISE

HYUGA

Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

3 - 8" Cruisers (CA)

MYOKO

3 Light Cruisers (CL)

NAGARA

NATORI

KUMA

CHIYODA

1 S/P Tender (AV)

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

GOSHU MARU

FUJIKAWA MARU

KAMIKAWA MARU

KIYOKAWA MARU

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 30 Destroyers

Approx 14 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleship

Aircraft Carriers

WASHINGTON

HORNET

WASP

Converted A/C Carrier

8" Cruisers

COPAHEE

WINNEAPOLIS

SAN FRANCISCO

SALT LAKE CITY

NORTHAMPTON

PENSACOLA

6" Cruisers

CHESTER

BOISE

HELENA

LEANDER

5" Cruisers

ACHILLES

JUNEAU

SAN DIEGO

ATLANTA

Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

25 (approx)

MONOWAI

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE

INDIANAPOLIS

6" Cruisers

ST. LOUIS

NASHVILLE

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians

8" Cruiser (CA)

NACHI

3 Light Cruisers (CL)

ABUKUMA

TAMA

KBO

Approx 4 Destroyers

Approx 20 Submarines

1st Base Force

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) ?

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces
6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleships

WARSPITE REVENGE

VALIANT

RESOLUTION

ILLUSTRIOUS

FORMIDABLE

GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)

DEVONSHIRE

HAWKINS

PROBISHER

MAURITIUS

GAMBIA

BIRMINGHAM

GLASGOW

ENTERPRISE

EMERALD

DAUNTLESS

DANAÉ

DRAGON

DELHI

CAPETOWN

CERES

CALEDON

SUMATRA (Dutch)

WORCESTERSHIRE

RANCHI

ALAUNIA

CHITRA

RANPURA

CANTON

QUEEN OF BERMUDA

CARTHAGE

HEEMSKERCK

CARLISLE

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

X

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

A.A. Vessels

Approx 25 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Approx 5 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

17th October, 1942

DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- ✓ (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "SELFRIDGE" "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "PATERSON") on patrol south of China Strait area.
- ✓ (ii) "TROMP" arr. Sydney 1350/16.
- ✓ (iii) "ARUNTA" escorting "BOTH" "MAETSUYCKER" "JAPARA" due Milne Bay 1100 today 17/10. At Milne Bay "ARUNTA" to be joined by "STUART" Both vessels to leave Milne Bay 21/10 with troops for Mud Bay, Goodenough Island.
- × (iv) "STUART" was to depart Sydney 0900 today 17/10 for Townsville ETA 1800/19. Thence Milne Bay ETA 0001/22.
- ✓ (v) "WARREGO" escorting "BONTEKOE" "TASMAN" was to depart Cleveland Bay 0600 yesterday 16/10, and pass Grafton Passage 2200. Thence Milne Bay.
- ✓ (vi) "LITHGOW" "COLAC" escorting "TAROONA" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "JOHN STEELE" "GEORGE MATTHEWS" "SEAGEN" "STEPHEN J. FIELD" en route Grafton Passage to Port Moresby ETA 1600/16.
- ✓ (vii) "GOULBURN" escorting "GEORGE TAYLOR" to Capricorn Channel was to depart Moreton Bay 0800 today 17/10.
- ✓ (viii) "BUNDABERG" escorting PGL6 arr. Sydney 0642 yesterday 16/10.
- × (ix) "DELORAIN" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy PGL7 (4 MV) dep. Brisbane 15/10; 2 MV for Newcastle ETA 1200 today 17/10, 1 MV Sydney ETA 1700. "BIDELIA" has dropped behind and proceeds to Sydney independently.
- × (x) "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy OC35 (17 MV) en route Sydney passed Wilson's Promontory 1956/15. "WILCANNIA" dep. Sydney 1401/16 to RV with convoy at 0600 today 17/10.
- × (xi) "MORESBY" dep. Sydney 1221 yesterday 16/10 arr. Newcastle 1711; to escort Convoy OC36 departing today 17/10. "ROCKHAMPTON" to RV off Port Jackson with Sydney section.
- × (xii) "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting "KURUMBA" arr. Thursday Is. 1208/16. "KURUMBA" proceeded Brisbane ETA 1600/21. "WARRNAMBOOL" to return Darwin, escorting "KARSIK".
- ✓ (xiii) "HMS" "SPRINGDALE" arr. Adelaide 1638/16.
- ✓ (xiv) "HEROS" en route Brisbane to Sydney ETA 1000 today 17/10.
- (xv) At Sydney - "MANOCRA" "DOBBIN" "TAMWORTH" "PINGWO" "GAWLER" "BROOME" "MILDURA" "WHYALLA" "MSRKUR"
Repairing - "HOBART" "LE TRIUMPHANT" "HENLEY" "HELM" "SWAN" "BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA"
- (xvi) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN"
Repairing - "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xvii) At Adelaide - "CESSNOCK" "DUBEO"
- (xviii) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "MANUNDA" "GEELONG" "TULSA"
- (xix) At Townsville - "ARMIDALE" "AASE MAERSK"
- (xx) At Port Stephens - "AUSTRALIA"
- (xxi) At Port Moresby - "KATOOMBA" "BALIA RAT" "BORDNES" "ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "EKATERINI COUMANTAROU" "ISLANDER" "JOHN ASHE"
- (xxii) At Cairns - "BENDIGO"

Enemy Forces

(1) BOUGAINVILLE BASE - A greatly increased concentration of shipping at this base was evident yesterday 16/10.

Air recce at 1200 showed the following in the Buin-Faisi-Tonolei area -

- 3 battleships
- 2 aircraft carriers
- 3 heavy cruisers
- 5 light cruisers
- 10 destroyers
- 1 seaplane tender
- 15 cargo vessels

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A destroyer escorting a vessel ^{reported} as a possible small aircraft carrier was approaching Buin from the west.

In addition, 6 vessels including a battleship and an aircraft carrier were sighted in two groups of three proceeding on S.E. courses off Kieta at 1100.

Two convoys, each including a destroyer and 2 transports (5/6,000 tons) passed southwards approx 30 miles east Buka Passage at about 0630 and 0900 respectively. The regular line of communication with this base appears to be via the east coasts of Buka and Bougainville.

~~No further sightings of vessels were reported on 16/10, and it is possible that the enemy force in the Rabaul area is now being reconstituted.~~

The total force now available in the Buin-Faisi-Tonolei area is ~~now~~ probably as follows. It is doubtful, however, whether all the vessels reported as aircraft carriers were in fact such -

- 4 battleships
- 2 poss. 4 aircraft carriers
- 5 heavy cruisers
- 5 light cruisers
- 15 destroyers
- 1 seaplane tender
- 19 merchant vessels
- 52

(ii) RABAU - A substantial reduction of enemy shipping at Rabaul since the previous reconnaissance 9/10, was noted yesterday 16/10. Only about 18 vessels (type unidentified) were sighted at 0600, as against 51 vessels (including 37 merchant vessels) on 9/10.

Four warships were sighted approx 27 miles WNW New Hanover at 1120 on course 135°. The composition of the force is doubtful but a preliminary report on photographs taken indicates a possible heavy cruiser and a possible aircraft carrier. Visual recon reported the remaining vessels as destroyers.

Another force of 4 warships was approaching Rabaul from the south at 1005: a heavy cruiser, 1 light cruiser, 2 destroyers, 1 seaplane tender 37 miles SSE Rabaul on course 360°.

The force available in the Rabaul area therefore appears to be -

- 1 poss. aircraft carrier
- 2 heavy cruisers
- 1 light cruiser
- 4 destroyers
- 1 seaplane tender
- 18 unidentified vessels
- 27

(iii) BUKA - Air recon reported the following in Buka Passage 2245/16 -
1 destroyer
1 seaplane tender
2 transports

Only 3 vessels were present evening 15/10, including a minelayer, but no movement during the day 16/10 has yet been reported.

(iii) KAVIENG - Photographs 16/10 showed 2 transports (one damaged), a submarine and several small vessels in Kavieng Harbour. 22 medium bombers and 3 fighters were visible on the aerodrome.

(iv) MYOLA AREA - It was reported 16/10 that the enemy had retired to the north bank of Eora Creek (Templeton's Crossing) and had destroyed the bridge.

(v) MONTAGU HARBOUR - A 5,000 ton cargo ship was observed on course 185°, 11 miles SSE ~~Montagu~~ Harbour at 0915/16.

(vi) MILNE BAY - Japanese were reported 10 miles east of Taupota 15/10.

(vii) ENEMY SUBMARINE ACTIVITY

- a) Russell Is. - A submarine was sighted 8 miles N. Pavuvu Is. 1630/16.
- b) Rennell Is. - There were indications 16/10 that two enemy submarines are operating in the area south of Rennell Is.
- c) Bougainville - There were indications 1900/15 that an enemy submarine was 85 miles SSW Buin.
- d) New Guinea - Air searches 15/10 for the possible submarine reported off Mullins Harbour, were negative.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

(1) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "YARRA" en route Thursday Is. to Darwin ETA 1730/18.

- (ii) "CASTLEMAINE" en route Thursday Is. to Darwin ETA 1730/18.
- (iii) "W.B. PRESTON" dep. Fremantle 13/10 for Exmouth Gulf.
- (iv) At Fremantle - "ADELAIDE" "KANIMBLA" "CHILDS" "LARK" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "CAIRNS" "BENGAL" "TOOWOOMBA" "WOLLONGONG" "IPSWICH" "WALLAROO" "MAYBOROUGH" "ERLING BROVIG"
- (v) At Albany - "FELIAS" "WHIPPOORWILL"
- (vi) At Exmouth Gulf - "HERON"

EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

10 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "WANGANELLA" dep. Wellington 0752/16 for Sydney.
- (ii) At Espiritu Santo - "GWIN" "STERETT" "MacDONOUGH" "GRAYSON" "McGALLA" "CURTISS" "MACKINAC" "MANLEY" "GAMBLE" "BREESE" "TRACY" "KANEAKU" "FULLER" "SEMINOLE"
- (iii) At Efate - "SOLACE" "MONSSEN" "HAMMONDS PORT"
- (iv) At Noumea - "ALCOA PENNANT" "ARGONNE" "LASSEN" "JUPITER" "WHITNEY" "AETAHES" "STRATFORD" "HEYWOOD" "LIBRA" "FOMALHAUT" "TAPPAHANNOCK" "KINGFISHER" "BOBOLINK" "EUTTERNUT" "KOPARI" "McKEEN" "SHANNON".
- (v) At Suva - "CATALPA" "LOCUST" "ROSEWOOD" "WOODWORTH" "TANGIER" "W.W. BURROWS"
- (vi) At Samoa - "DETROIT" "CHESTNUT" "CAMANGA" "ARCTIC" "PROMETHEUS" "SONOMA"
- (vii) At Tongatabu - "BARNETT" "SUMNER" "VESTAL" "HUNTER LEGGETT"
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- (i) SANTA CRUZ AREA - The most recent sighting of enemy vessels in this area was reported at 0950/16, when 13 cruisers and 4 destroyers were seen on course 010° approx 255 miles N. by W. Graciosa Bay (Ndeni). It would appear from this position and course that the enemy Task Force was retiring, ~~although~~ Although no aircraft carriers or battleships were sighted during the day, it is considered that these major units were still operating in the area. The total force there is believed to include -
 - 2 or 3 battleships
 - at least 1 aircraft carrier
 - 5 or 6 cruisers (1 damaged)
 - 12 destroyers
- (ii) ESPIRITU SANTO - At least one submarine was reported approx 85 miles W.S.W. Palikulo Bay, Espiritu Santo. This vessel may have been responsible for the shelling of the airfield at Palikulo Bay at 0140/15.

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GUADALCANAL - It is now reported that battleships, cruisers and destroyers attacked our positions on Guadalcanal for 100 minutes during the night 13/14. Shells were identified as 14" and 8". An enemy land battery also took part in the bombardment. Aircraft from the cruisers were overhead all through the night, bombing our positions. Hits were made on 3 destroyers by our 5" guns ashore.

AIR OPERATIONS - 16/10

BUKA - 3 Bostons attacked villages along Buna-Kokoda, ^{track} Results not observed.

TIMOR - 3 Hudsons attacked Vila de Manatuto. 3 direct hits on one building. Other buildings seen burning fiercely.

NEW GUINEA - 3 B.25's machine gunned villages at mouth of Mambare ~~Wax~~ River. No results observed.

D'ENTRECASTEAUX IS. - One Hudson machine-gunned possible enemy positions on Goodenough Is. No activity observed.

ENEMY

BUKA - It is reported that enemy aircraft have been practising night landings for the first time on Buka aerodrome.

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SOUTH DAKOTA

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COLORADO

MISSISSIPPI

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SARATOGA

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LONG ISLAND

CALIFORNIA

TENNESSEE

NEVADA

WEST VIRGINIA

IDAHO

PENNSYLVANIA

Aircraft Carriers

Converted A/C Carrier

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| 8" Cruisers | NEW ORLEANS | CHICAGO |
| 22 6" Cruisers | PORTLAND | |
| | RALEIGH | HONOLULU |
| | DETROIT | |
| 5" Cruiser | SAN JUAN | |
| Destroyers | 15 (approx) | |
| Submarines | 23 (approx) | |

Enemy Forces

Palao-Formosa-Saipan-Bonins-Japan

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| 5 Battleships (BB) | MUSASHI | |
| | FUSO | |
| | YAMASHIRO | |
| | ISE | |
| | HYUGA | |
| Converted A/C Carrier (XCV) | | OTAKA (poss. ex KASUGA MARU) |
| 3 - 8" Cruisers (CA) | MYCKG | MOGAMI ? |
| 3 Light Cruisers (CL) | NAGARA | HAGURO |
| | NATORI | |
| | KUMA | |
| 1 S/P Tender (AV) | CHIYODA | |
| Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) | GCSSU MARU | |
| | FUJIKAWA MARU | |
| | KANIKAWA MARU | |
| | KIYOKAWA MARU | |

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)
 Approx 30 Destroyers
 Approx 14 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces

| | |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| Battleship | WASHINGTON |
| Aircraft Carriers | HORNET |
| | WASP |
| Converted A/C Carrier | GOPAHEE |
| 8" Cruisers | MINNEAPOLIS |
| | SAN FRANCISCO |
| | SALT LAKE CITY |
| | NORTHAMPTON |
| | PENSACOLA |
| | CHESTER |
| 6" Cruisers | BOISE |
| | HELENA |
| | LEANDER |
| | ACHILLES |
| 5" Cruisers | JUNEAU |
| | SAN DIEGO |
| | ATLANTA |
| Destroyers | 25 (approx) |
| Armed Merchant Cruisers | MONORAI |

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces

| | |
|-------------|--------------|
| 8" Cruisers | LOUISVILLE |
| | INDIANAPOLIS |
| 6" Cruisers | ST. LOUIS |
| | NASHVILLE |

10 Destroyers
 10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians

| | |
|-----------------------|---------|
| 8" Cruiser (CA) | NACHI |
| 3 Light Cruisers (CL) | ABUKUMA |
| | TAMA |
| | KISO |

Approx 4 Destroyers
 Approx 20 Submarines
 1st Base Force
 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) ?

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces
6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battlehips

WARSPITE
VALIANT
RESOLUTION
ILLUSTRIOUS
FORMIDABLE
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
DEVONSHIRE
HAWKINS
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
DAUNTLESS
DANAE
DRAGON
DELHI
CAPETOWN
CERES
CALEDON
SUMATRA (Dutch)
WORCESTERSHIRE
RANCHI
ALAUNIA
CHITRAL
RANPURA
CANTON
QUEEN OF BERUDA
CARTHAGE
HEEMSKERCK
CARLISLE

REVENGE

PROBISHER

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

A.A. Vessels

Approx 25 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Approx 5 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

18th October, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- + (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "SELFRIDGE" "KUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "PATTERSON") on patrol south of China Strait area.
- + (ii) "ARUNTA" escorting "BOTH" "MAKTSUYCKER" "JAPARA" was due Milne Bay 1100/17.
- + (iii) "STUART" dep. Sydney 0926/17 for Cleveland Bay ETA 1800/19. To refuel there from "AASE MAERSK". Thence Milne Bay ETA 1201/21. To proceed with "ARUNTA" 21/10 from Milne Bay to Mud Bay (Goodenough Is.) with troops.
- ✓ (iv) "WARREGO" escorting "BONTEKOE" & "TASMAN" dep. Townsville 0810/17 for Milne Bay via Grafton Passage and China Strait ETA 1600/19.
- ✓ (v) "LITHGOW" "COLAC" escorting "TAROOMA" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "JOHN STEELE" "GEORGE MATTHEWS" "STAGEN" "STEPHEN J. FIELD" en route Grafton Passage to Port Moresby ETA 1600 today 18/10.
- + (vi) "GOULBURN" escorting Convoy BT10 ("GEORGE TAYLOR") to Capricorn Channel dep. Moreton Bay 1024/17. "GEORGE TAYLOR" ETA Townsville 0700/19.
- + (vii) "BALLARAT" escorting "ISLANDER" with troops, ammunition and stores to depart Port Moresby as soon as ready, about noon today 18/10. Earliest ETA Milne Bay 1900 tomorrow 19/10.
- + (viii) "DELOIRINE" "YANDRA" escorting 3 MV of Convoy PGL7 arr. Sydney 1619/17.
- + (ix) "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy OC35 (17 MV) en route Sydney passed Wilson's Promontory 1956/15. "WILCANNIA" was to RV with convoy at 0600/17.
- + (x) "MORESBY" escorting Newcastle portion of Convoy C036 dep. Newcastle 0645/17. "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Sydney portion dep. Sydney 1501/17. To RV with "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC36, approx 40 miles SW Cape Everard.
- + (xi) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC36 (9 MV) dep. Melbourne 2203/17 for RV with C036 (see (x)).
- + (xii) "KURUMBA" en route Thursday Is. to Brisbane ETA 1600/21
- + (xiii) "WANGANELLA" dep. Wellington 16/10 for Sydney.
- + (xiv) "KATOOMBA" to depart Port Moresby 1200/18 for Milne Bay.
- (xv) At Sydney - "MANDORA" "DOBBIN" "TAMWORTH" "PINGWO" "GAWLER" "BROOME" "BUNDABERG" "MILDURA" "WHYALLA" "MEREUR"
Repairing - "HOBART" "TROMP" "LE TRIUMPHANT" "BENLEY" "HELM" "SWAN" "BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA"
- (xvi) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN"
Repairing - "VENETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xvii) At Adelaide - "CESSHOOK" "SPRINGDALE"
- (xviii) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "MANUNDA" "GEELONG" "TULSA"
- (xix) At Townsville - "ARELDALE" "AASE MAERSK"
- (xx) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA"
- (xxi) At Port Moresby - "HORDNES" "ASPASIA NEMIKOS" "EKATERINI COUMANTARU" "JOHN ASHE"
- (xxii) At Cairns - "BENDIGO"
- (xxiii) At Thursday Is. - "WARRHAMBOOL"

Enemy Forces

- (i) BOUGAINVILLE STRAIT - Reports from the coastwatcher in the Buin area do not confirm reports from an aircraft of battleships and aircraft carriers in the area 16/10. 46 vessels were in sight at the end of the day, including 2 heavy cruisers, 3 light cruisers, 20 destroyers. At 0710/17, the following vessels remained -
 2 heavy cruisers (1 "NAGHI", 1 "AOBA" class)
 4 destroyers
 1 tanker
 13 merchant vessels
 23 unidentified vessels

Air recce (photographic) at about 1030 indicated the following dispositions:

- 1 battleship or heavy cruiser }
 - 1 possible light cruiser } Tonolei Harbour area
 - 4 possible destroyers }
 - 9 merchant vessels }
 - 7 unidentified vessels }
- 6 unidentified vessels Pairs Harbour
- 1 destroyer) 25 miles W. Shortland Is.
- 1 8,000 ton cargo vessel) course easterly
- 2 destroyers) 35 miles NE Bain
- 3 cargo vessels) course 330°

Air recce at 1255 was inconclusive. Bombs were dropped on a large transport at that time without success.

(ii) BUKA - A 1000 ton merchant vessel arrived in Buka Passage overnight 16/17, making a total of 4 vessels there, as follows -

- 2 destroyers
- 1 minelayer
- 1 merchant vessel

This force remained the same at 1701/17.

A convoy consisting of 4 merchant vessels, one destroyer and a possible torpedo-boat, was seen at 1136, stationary, approx 47 miles WNW Cape Henpan.

(iii) GUADALCANAL - The probability of ~~another~~ other important landing operations is indicated by the following sightings -

- 7 destroyers, 2 transports approx 38 miles SSW Simbo Is. (New Georgia Group) 16/10, proceeding towards Guadalcanal;
- 1 heavy cruiser, 2 destroyers approx 32 miles W. by N. Ganongga Is. (New Georgia Group) at 1645/17 on course 130°.

(iv) KAVIENG - Aircraft reported 2 destroyers, 2 cargo ships, 2 transports at anchor 2 miles west Kavieng at 1217/17.

(v) ENEMY SUBMARINE ACTIVITY - Recent intelligence indicates that enemy submarines in the southern Solomons and southwards thereof are disposed as follows -

- 1 in the Sandy Cape (Queensland area)
- 1 in N. New Caledonian waters
- 1 east of Nthn. New Hebrides
- 1 east of Santa Cruz Group
- 2 south of Rennel Is.
- 1 east of Rossel Is.
- 1 west of New Georgia
- 1 poss. 2 New Georgia - Guadalcanal area.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "YARRA" arr. Darwin 2100/17.
- (ii) "CASTLEMAINE" en route Thursday Is. to Darwin ETA 1730 today 18/10.
- (iii) "HERON" dep. Exmouth Gulf 1228/17 for Fremantle ETA 1600/19.
- (iv) "DUBBO" dep. Adelaide 1900/17 for Albany ETA 1800/22.
- (v) At Fremantle - "ADELAIDE" "KANIMBLA" "GILDS" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "CAIRNS" "BENGAL" "TOOWOOMBA" "WOLLONGONG" "IPSWICH" "LARK" "WAILAROO" "MARYBOROUGH" "ERLING BROVIG"
- (vi) At Albany - "PELIAS" "WHIPPOORWILL"
- (vii) At Exmouth Gulf - "W.B. PRESTON"

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

10 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) At Espiritu Santo - "STRETT" "MacDONOUGH" "NICHOLAS" "McCALLA" "FLETCHER" "CURTISS" "MACKINAC" "MANLEY" "GAMBLE" "BRESE" "TRACY" "LACKAWANNA" "KANKAKEE" "KNEEKEE"
- (ii) At Efate - "SOLACE" "MONSSEN" "HAMMONDS PORT" "MANLEY" "SOUTHARD" "HOVEY" "BULLER" "CASTOR" "MAJABA"
- (iii) At Efata Noumea - "BOISE" "SALT LAKE CITY" "PARENHOLT" "TREVOR" "ZANE" "HOPKINS" "ZEILIN" "McCAWLEY" "MEADE" "ALCOA PENNANT" "ARBONNE" "LASSER" "WHITNEY" "ANTARES" "STRATFORD" "HEYWOOD" "LIBRA" "POMALHAUT" "TAPPANANNOCK" "KINGFISHER" "BOBOLINK" "BUTTERNUT" "KOPARI" "McKEEN" "GUADALUPE"

- (iv) At Suva - "CATALPA" "LOCUST" "ROSEWOOD" "WOODWORTH" "LANGIER"
"W.W. BURROWS" "SABINE" "STACE"
- (v) At Samoa - "CHESTNUT" "CAMANCA" "ARCTIC" "PROMETHEUS" "SONOMA"
- (vi) At Tongatabu - "BARNETT" "SUMNER" "VESTAL" "HUNTER LEGGETT"
"NEVILLE"
- (vii) At Bora Bora - "TERN"
- (viii) At Auckland - "ACHILLES" "RIGEL" "HOAMER" "DELPHINUS" "EBONY"
"JUPITER"
- (ix) At Wellington - "AMERICAN LEGION" "BETELGEUSE" "PRESIDENT HAYES"
"PRESIDENT JACKSON" "CRESCENT CITY" "PRESIDENT ADAMS"
- (x) At Tahiti - "CHEVREUIL"
- (xi) At Norfolk Is. - "MAHINE"
- (xii) Guadalcanal area - "MacPARLAND"

Enemy Forces

- (i) SANTA CRUZ AREA - There are no further reports of enemy naval operations north of the Santa Cruz Group. The enemy force appears to have retired, after failing to draw allied naval ~~operations~~ opposition. The tactical purpose of this force was evidently the same as that of the battleship force which operated in this area during the previous attack on Guadalcanal 12, 13, 14 Sept, viz. to deal with any allied naval force proceeding to Guadalcanal from the S.E., or alternatively to draw off the forces already operating in that area: the enemy Task Force first appeared in the vicinity of Edeni during the morning 14/10, and the landing on Guadalcanal followed on the morning of 15/10.
- (ii) ESPIRITU SANTO - Two unidentified signal lights were observed off Cape Cumberland (Nth. tip Espiritu Santo) at 0530/17.

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

"TRINITY" en route Bahrain to Melbourne ETA 9/11.

Enemy Forces

CEYLON - A Catalina on recce 16/10 sighted a merchant vessel drifting in position 7°36'N, 84°E (approx 170 miles SSE of Trincomalee). The vessel had been torpedoed.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

GUADALCANAL

Operations 15/10 - A further bombardment of allied positions on Guadalcanal took place in the early morning 15/10. At 0300, an enemy force consisting of 4 cruisers and 7 or 8 destroyers was attacked near Sandfly Passage by 4 MTBs; one hit was probably made on a cruiser. The landing of troops began soon after dawn from 5 transports; it is estimated that 10,000 troops were landed during the morning. Enemy concentrations were seen along the coast from Cape Esperance to Kokumbom, where the disembarkation took place.

Air attacks took place during the morning, with results already reported. While the remaining 2 transports, escorted by 7 destroyers were retiring from Guadalcanal during the afternoon, they were attacked by Douglas dive-bombers 38 miles SSW Simbo Is., and one transport was hit and left burning. Near misses were made on the other transport, but it continued on its course.

16/10 - 3 ships bombarded our positions 0030 to 0130/16.

18/10 - Allied positions were shelled by a single cruiser or destroyer soon after midnight, this morning 18/10.

3. AIR OPERATIONS - 17/10

BUIN - 6 B.17's attacked Buin aerodrome and dispersal area. Two small fires observed. No apparent damage to runway. Many lights observed off-shore, 25 miles east of Buin.

BUKA PASSAGE - 5 Catalinas attacked aerodrome. Large fires and explosions observed.

RABAUL - 7 B.17's attacked Vunakanau aerodrome. Bombs fell in general target area.

SALAMAUA - 3 B.25's attacked Salamaua aerodrome and Mubo village and trail. Smoke seen at Salamaua. Results not observed at Mubo.

ENEMY

SAME (19 miles NNE Betano) - 3 enemy aircraft attacked Same. Direct hits on Portuguese post. No casualties.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Continued night infiltration on Guadalcanal by means of destroyers and submarines from the Buin-Faisi-Tonolei Harbour base.
- (ii) Counter-attack against allied positions in the Solomons, with a view to re-occupation of Guadalcanal.
- (iii) Consolidation on islands in the Gilberts Group and possible occupation of islands in the Ellice Group.

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For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

18/10/42

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DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

| <u>SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA</u> | <u>Effective</u> | <u>Refitting or Repairing</u> |
|---|---|-------------------------------|
| 1. <u>EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR</u> | | |
| <u>British and Allied Forces</u> | | |
| 8" Cruiser | AUSTRALIA | |
| 6" Cruiser | PHOENIX | HOBART |
| Flotilla Leaders | ARUNDA | LE TROMPHANT |
| | STUART | TROMP |
| | SELFREDGE | H |
| Destroyers | MUGGERD | HENLEY |
| | BAGLEY | HELM |
| | PATTERSON | VENDETTA |
| Submarines | S. 37 | |
| | S. 40 | |
| | S. 43 | |
| | S. 43 | |
| | S. 44 | |
| | S. 45 | At Brisbane |
| | S. 46 | |
| | S. 47 | |
| | GUDDON | } On Patrol |
| | GRAMPUS | |
| | GRAYBACK | |
| | STURGEON | |
| | SAILFISH | |
| | SCULPIN | |
| | L. 9 | At Sydney |
| Armed Merchant Cruisers | TROUT en route Brisbane to Western Sector | |
| | WESTRALIA | |
| | MANGORA | |
| Submarine Tender | GRIPPIN | |
| Destroyer Tender | DEBBIE | |
| Storeship | | GOLDSTAR |
| Gunboat | TULSA | |
| Oiler | | VICTORIA |
| <u>Enemy Forces</u> | | |
| <u>Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons</u> | | |
| CinC Combined Fleet | | |
| CinC 2nd Fleet | | |
| CinC 8th Fleet | | |
| CinC 1st Air Fleet | | |
| CinC 4th Fleet | | |
| CinC 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet) | | |
| 3 Battleships (BB) | YAMATO | |
| | MUSU | |
| | HAGATO | |
| 4 Battlecruisers (BB) | KIRISHIMA | |
| | HIYEI | |
| | KONGO | |
| | HARUNA | |
| 3 Aircraft Carriers (CV) | SHOKAKU | |
| | ZUIKAKU | |
| | HOSHU | |
| 1 poss. 2 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV) | UNYO | |
| | ZUIHO | |
| Heavy Cruisers (CA) | TONI | |
| 1 probably sunk at least 3 damaged | TIKUMA | |
| | SUZUYA | |
| | ATAGO | |
| | CHOKAI | |
| | TAKAO | |
| | ASHIGARA | |
| | MYOKO | |
| | AGRA | } Damaged |
| | KINUGASA | |
| 11 Light Cruisers (CL) (at least 4 damaged) | KASHIMA | |
| | x KASHI | |
| | KATORI | |
| | SENDAI | |
| | JINTSU | |
| | ISUZU | |
| | KINU | |

Light Cruisers (Contd)

x YUBARI

TENRYU

x Probably on escort duty between Palao and Truk-New Britain areas.

TATSUTA

Approx 25 Submarines incl. 4-8" "RO" class, 15 "I" class (at least 2 minelayers)

45-50 Destroyers (DD)

3 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHIHOSE

AKITSUSHIMA

NISSHIN

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

NITCHO MARU

NOTORO

KINUGASA MARU

KAGU MARU

KAMOI

NARUYO MARU

SOUYOU MARU

KENJO MARU

OKITSU MARU

SANUKI MARU

SANYO MARU

JINGEI

Some of these units operating between Empire Waters and the southern area.

2 submarine tenders incl.

35-40 Merchant Ships (incl. poss. 3 Military Landing Craft Carriers)

Minelayers, Minesweepers, Subchasers, MTBs, Gunboats, Patrol Craft

Approx. 248 shore-based aircraft incl. 109 fighters, 68 H/B, 39 F/B

24 F/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruiser

Armed Merchant Cruiser

S/P Tenders

ADELAIDE

KANIMBLA

HERON

CHILDS

W.B. PRESTON

PELIAS

HOLLAND

Submarine Tenders

On Patrol

Submarines

GAR

SARGG

THRESHER

GRENADIER

SALMON

SEADRAGON

SPEARFISH

SEARAVEN

SEAWOLF

TAUTOG

TAMOR

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

SNAPPER At Albany

SEAL

SWORDFISH

SAURY

K.8

K.12

At Fremantle.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

" Submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see above)

Enemy Forces

CinC 3rd Fleet

CinC Southern Expeditionary Fleet

Converted Aircraft Carriers

HAYATAKA

HITAKA

) Poss. Davao area

Approx 16 Destroyers

B CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

NORTH CAROLINA

SOUTH DAKOTA

MARYLAND

COLORADO

MISSISSIPPI

NEW MEXICO

SARATOGA

ENTERPRISE

LONG ISLAND

COPAHNEE

CALIFORNIA

TENNESSEE

NEVADA

WEST VIRGINIA

IDAHO

PENNSYLVANIA

Aircraft Carriers

Converted A/C Carrier

| | | |
|--|----------------|---------------------------------|
| 3" Cruisers | NEW ORLEANS | CHICAGO |
| 6" Cruisers | PORTLAND | MINNEAPOLIS |
| 5" Cruisers | RALEIGH | HONOLULU |
| Destroyers | DETROIT | |
| Submarines | SAN JUAN | |
| <u>Enemy Forces</u> | 15 (approx) | |
| <u>Falao-Formosa-Jalapa-Domingo-Japan</u> | 23 (approx) | |
| 5 Battleships (BB) | MUSASHI | |
| | FUSO | |
| | YAMASHIRO | |
| | ISE | |
| | KYUGA | |
| Converted A/C Carriers (XCV) | | OTAKA (Poss. ex KASUGA MARU) |
| 2 3" Cruisers (CA) | | MOGAMI ? |
| 3 Light Cruisers (CL) | | KAGURO |
| | NAGARA | |
| | NATORI | |
| | KUMA | |
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| | FUJIKAWA MARU | |
| | KAMIKAWA MARU | |
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| 6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA) | | |
| Approx 30 Destroyers | | |
| Approx 14 Submarines | | |
| C) <u>SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA</u> | | |
| <u>British and Allied Forces</u> | | |
| Battleships | WASHINGTON | |
| Aircraft Carriers | HORNET | |
| | WASP | |
| 3" Cruisers | SAN FRANCISCO | |
| | SALT LAKE CITY | |
| | NORTHAMPTON | |
| | PENSACOLA | |
| | CHESTER | |
| 6" Cruisers | BOISE | |
| | HELENA | |
| | LEANDER | |
| | ACHILLES | |
| 5" Cruisers | JUNEAU | |
| | SAN DIEGO | |
| | ATLANTA | |
| Destroyers | 25 (approx) | |
| Armed Merchant Cruisers | NOROWAI | |
| D) <u>NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA</u> | | |
| <u>British and Allied Forces</u> | | |
| 3" Cruisers | LOUISVILLE | |
| | INDIANAPOLIS | |
| 6" Cruisers | ST. LOUIS | |
| | MASKVILLE | |
| 10 Destroyers | | |
| 10 Submarines | | |
| <u>Enemy Forces</u> | | |
| <u>Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians</u> | | |
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| | TAMA | |
| | KISO | |
| Approx 4 Destroyers | | |
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| 1st Base Force | | |
| Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) ? | | |

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces
 6" Cruisers

CONCORD
 TRENTON
 RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA
British and Allied Forces
 Battleships

WARSPITE REVENGE

VALIANT
 RESOLUTION
 ILLUSTRIOUS
 FORMIDABLE

Aircraft Carriers

GEORGIOS AVIHOFF (Greek)

8" Cruisers

DEVONSHIRE

7.5" Cruisers

HAWKINS

PROBISHER

6" Cruisers

MAURITIUS

GAMBIA

BIRMINGHAM

GLASGOW

EMERALD

EMERALD

DAUNTLESS

DANAÉ

DRAGON

DEHI

CAPETOWN

CITIES

CALEDON

SUMATRA (Dutch)

Armed Merchant Cruisers

WONCESTERSHIRE

RANCHI

ALABAMA

CHITRAL

RAMPORA

CANTON

QUEEN OF MIREUDA

CARTHAGE

HEERSCROCK

CARLISLE

A.A. Vessels

Approx 25 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Approx 5 Submarines

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ILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

19th October, 1942

SITUATIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

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1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

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- ✓ (ii) "ARUNTA" arr. Milne Bay with convoy 0043/18. Was to proceed Port Moresby to refuel ETA 0700 today 19/10.
- ✓ (iii) "STUART" due Cleveland Bay 1800 today 19/10. To refuel there from "AASE MAERSK". Thence Milne Bay ETA 1201/21. To proceed with "ARUNTA" 21/10 from Milne Bay to Mud Bay (Goodenough Is.) with troops.
- +(iv) "WARREGO" escorting "BONTEKOE" & "TASMAN" en route Townsville to Milne Bay ETA 1600 today 19/10.
- ✓ (v) "LITHGOW" "COLAC" escorting "TAROONA" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "JOHN STEELE" "GEORGE MATTHESS" "STAGEN" "STEPHEN J. FIELD" arr. Port Moresby 1500/18.
- +(vi) "ARMIDALE" "BENDIGO" escorting "VAN HEEMSKERCK" "DILGA" & "BAN HONG LIONG" are to depart Townsville 1000 today 19/10 for Milne Bay ETA Outer Grafton Passage 0800/21.
- +(vii) "GOULBURN" escorting Convoy BT10 ("GEORGE TAYLOR") to north of Whitsunday Passage dep. Moreton Bay 1024/17. "GEORGE TAYLOR" ETA Townsville 0700 today 19/10.
- ✓ (viii) "BALLARAT" escorting "ISLANDER" with troops, ammunition and stores dep. Port Moresby 2305/18 ETA Milne Bay 0200/20.
- ✓ (ix) "VAN HEUTSZ" towing 2 barges dep. Thursday Is. 0845/18 for Stephens Is. to RV with "ANHUI" and HMAS "KATOOMBA" ETA 1400 today 19/10. Thence Port Moresby ETA approx 0900/22.
- +(x) "TOWNSVILLE" "YANDRA" "BROOME" with Sydney portion (3 MV) of Convoy GP18 (6 MV) to depart Sydney 1000/19 for Brisbane ETA Caloundra 2300/21. "BROOME" thence Townsville.
- +(xi) "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Sydney portion of Convoy 0035 arr. 1039/18. "WILCANNIA" escorting Newcastle portion arr. 1901/18.
- +(xii) "MORESBY" & "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Convoy C036 from Newcastle and Sydney. To RV with "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy 0036, approx 40 miles SW Cape Everard. "DOOMBA" and convoy passed Wilson's Promontory 1349/18.
- ✓ (xiii) "WILCANNIA" "DELORAIN" & "GAWLER" to escort Convoy C037 (7 MV) from Newcastle, 1 MV from Sydney) for Melbourne ETD Newcastle 0700 today 19/10. "GAWLER" to be detached in Bass Strait and proceed Adelaide and Fremantle.
- +(xiv) "KURUMBA" en route Thursday Is. to Brisbane ETA 1600/21.
- +(xv) "WANGANILLA" dep. Wellington 16/10 for Sydney.
- ✓ (xvi) "WARRE" dep. Thursday Is. 0800/18 for Port Moresby ETA a.m. 22/10.
- +(xvii) "PINGWO" dep. Port Stephens 0830/17 for Newcastle, arr. 1258/17.
- (xviii) At Sydney - "MANOORA" "DOBBIN" "TAMWORTH" "BUNDABERG" "MILDURA" "WHYALLA" "MEREUR"
Repairing - "HOBART" "TROMP" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "HENLEY" "HELM" "SWAN" "BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA"
- (xix) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN"
Repairing - "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xx) At Adelaide - "CESSNOCK" "SPRINGDALE"
- (xxi) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "MANUNDA" "GEELONG" "TULSA"
- (xxii) At Townsville - "ARMIDALE" "AASE MAERSK"
- (xxiii) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA"
- (xxiv) At Port Moresby - "NORDNES" "ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "EKATERINI COGMANTAROU" "JOHN ASHE"
- (xxv) At Cairns - "BENDIGO"
- (xxvi) At Thursday Is. - "WARRNAMBOOL"
- (xxvii) At Milne Bay - "BOTH" "JAPARA" "MAETSUYCKER"

Enemy Forces

- (1) BOUGAINVILLE BASE - The two heavy cruisers operating from this base departed on a southerly course at 1200/17. At 1230/18, 3 light cruisers and 16 destroyers arrived from the S.E. 16 vessels, reported as 4 heavy cruisers, 3 light cruisers, 9 destroyers sighted in Kula Gulf (between New Georgia and Kolombangara Is.) at 0650, were

probably part of this force.

The force in the Buin-Faisi area at 1230 was composed as follows - 3 light cruisers (1 "SENDAI", 1 "TENRYU", 1 "KUMA")

- 20 destroyers
- 2 tankers
- 3 unidentified vessels

Twelve merchant vessels sighted at 0710/17, had evidently departed.

Air recce at 1630 observed 23 vessels, including a heavy cruiser, 3 light cruisers and 2 seaplane tenders.

Aircraft attacking in the early morning claimed that cruisers were present (see Air Ops), although other reports do not support this.

Two cruisers and two destroyers, evidently additional to the above force, were sighted S.W. of Ongtong Java during the afternoon apparently making for the Bougainville base. These vessels were approaching from the east, possibly from the Santa Cruz area.

(ii) BUKA - One destroyer left Buka Passage overnight 17/18, leaving the following -

- 1 destroyer
- 1 minelayer
- 1 merchant vessel

(iii) KAVIENG - Air recce reported only 3 ships in the Kavieng area at 1510/18, viz.

- 2 destroyers
- 1 transport (8,000 tons)

In addition, 2 tenders and two possible submarines were sighted 36 miles SW Kavieng. Two floatplanes appeared to be catapulted from one of the tenders.

(iv) VIRU HARBOR - A further indication that Viru Harbour is being used as an enemy base is provided by the sighting of a camouflaged barge there 17/10.

(v) ENEMY SUBMARINE ACTIVITY - There is further evidence that enemy submarines are operating as follows -

- 1 in the vicinity of Hervey Bay (Queensland)
- 1 east of Santa Cruz Group
- 1 north of New Caledonia

One enemy submarine was sighted by aircraft 68 miles SE Cape Survilla (San Cristoval Is.) at 2013/18 on course 350°.

(vi) LORENGAU - A possible radio ship was observed in Lorengau Harbour at 1440/18.

(vii) SYDNEY - The Master of "CANOPUS" on arrival at Newcastle reported a possible floating mine off Long Point (5 miles N. Sydney) at 0825/18. No horns were visible.

(viii) NEW GUINEA - Air recce revealed no shipping in the Buna-Lae-Vitiaz Strait-Gasmata area 18/10.

(ix) MYOLA - Our troops are now in contact with the enemy 800 yards N. Templeton's Crossing.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

(i) "CASTLEMAINE" arr. Darwin 1851/18 from Thursday Is.

(ii) "HERON" en route Exmouth Gulf to Fremantle ETA 1600 today 19/10.

(iii) "DUBBO" en route Adelaide to Albany ETA 1800/22.

(iv) At Fremantle - "ADELAIDE" "KANIMELA" "CHILDS" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "CAIRNS" "BENGAL" "TOOWOOMBA" "WOLLONGONG" "IPSWICH" "LARK" "WALLAROO" "MARYBOROUGH" "ERLING BROVIG"

(v) At Albany - "PELIAS" "WHIPPOORWILL"

(vi) At Exmouth Gulf - "W.B. PRESTON"

(vii) At Darwin - "KALGOORLIE" "CASTLEMAINE"

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

12 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

(i) At Espiritu Santo - "PORTLAND" "SAN JUAN" "BELLATRIX" "ALCHIBA" "JAMESTOWN" "STERETT" "MacDONOUGH" "NICHOLAS" "McCALLA" "FLETCHER" "CURTISS" "MACKINAC" "GAMBLE" "BREESE" "TRACY" "LACKAWANNA" "KANAKEE"

(ii) At Efate - "SOLACE" "MONSSEN" "HAMMONDS PORT" "MANLEY" "CASTOR" "NAJABA"

- (iii) At Noumea - "BOISE" "SALT LAKE CITY" "FARENHOLT" "TREVOR" "ZANE"
"HOPKINS" "ZEILIN" "McCAWLEY" "BRADE" "ALCOA PENNANT" "ARGONNE"
"LASSEN" "WHITNEY" "ANTARES" "STRATFORD" "HEYWOOD" "LIBRA"
"FOMALHAUT" "TAPPAHANNOCK" "KINGFISHER" "BOHOLINK" "BUTTERNUT"
"KOPARI" "McKEEN" "GUADALUPE"
- (iv) At Suva - "CATALPA" "LOCUST" "ROSEWOOD" "WOODWORTH" "TANGIER"
"W. W. BURROWS" "SABINE" "STACK"
- (v) At Samoa - "CHESTNUT" "CAMANGA" "ARCTIC" "PROMETHEUS" "SONOMA"
- (vi) At Tongatabu - "BARNETT" "SUMNER" "VESTAL" "HUNGER LEGGETT"
"NEVILLE"
- (vii) At Bora Bora - "TERN"
- (viii) At Auckland - "ACHILLES" "RIGEL" "ROAMER" "DELPHINUS" "EBONY"
"JUPITER"
- (ix) At Wellington - "AMERICAN LEGION" "BETELGEUSE" "PRESIDENT HAYES"
"PRESIDENT JACKSON" "CRESCENT CITY" "PRESIDENT ADAMS"
- (x) At Tahiti - "CHEVREUIL"
- (xi) At Norfolk Is. - "WAHINE"
- (xii) Guadalcanal area - "MacPARLAND"

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

"TRINITY" en route Bahrain to Melbourne ETA 9/11.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

GUADALCANAL - U.S.S. "MacPARLAND" was attacked by aircraft in the Guadalcanal area 1745/16 and part of the stern was blown off. The vessel was able to reach Tulagi, however. 4 Zero's were shot down. There were no ground operations on Guadalcanal 16/10.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

BUIN-FAISI - Forces of 9, 6, and 5 B.17's attacked Buin-Faisi-Tonolei area early morning 18/10. One heavy cruiser believed damaged, 2 other cruisers possibly hit. One small cargo ship on fire by strafing. Two 1000-lb near misses on seaplane tender. One 500-lb near miss on medium transport. 7 seaplanes damaged or destroyed.

LORENGAU - B.17 over Lorengau strafed and fired a schooner 18/10. Lorengau aerodrome definitely not in use.

RABAU - B.17's attacked Rabaul night of 17/18. Preliminary report states Rabaul township, Lakunai and shipping attacked. Large explosion on unidentified ship.

GASMATA-SALAMUA - 3 B.25's attacked Pilelo village, dock area afternoon 18/10. Fires observed. Direct hit on seaplane and on ~~deck~~ dock area. Same force attacked Mubo. Direct hits and fires observed. Casualties caused by strafing.

BUNA-WAIROPI - 3 B.25's attacked Wairopi Bridge and trawler off Buna coast. New misses on bridge damaged cable. Two possible hits on trawler. One B.25 attacked Pawa Creek Bridge (5 miles S. Wairopi) noon 18/10. Nil damage.

GOODENOUGH IS. - 1 Hudson strafed small launch Goodenough Is. area 18/10

GUADALCANAL - Our aircraft attacked enemy troop concentrations, batteries and supplies incessantly throughout 16/10. 14 enemy bombers, 8 Zero's attacked Guadalcanal 0845/17. 8 bombers, 2 Zero's destroyed by our aircraft; other planes shot down by A.A. One allied aircraft missing. No other damage. 15 bombers plus Zero's attacked 1315/17. 1 bomber prob. shot down.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Continued night infiltration on Guadalcanal by means of destroyers and submarines from the Buin-Faisi-Tonolei Harbour base.
- (ii) Counter-attack against allied positions in the Solomons, with a view to reoccupation of Guadalcanal.
- (iii) Consolidation on islands in the Gilberts and possible occupation of islands in the Ellice Group.

Randall

For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

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DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Flotilla Leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

Armed Merchant Cruisers

Submarine Tender

Destroyer Tender

Storeship

Gunboat

Oiler

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet

CinC 2nd Fleet

CinC 8th Fleet

CinC 1st Air Fleet

CinC 4th Fleet

CinC 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet)

3 Battleships (BB)

4 Battlecruisers (BB)

3 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

1 Poss. 2 Converted A/C
Carriers (KCV)

Heavy Cruisers (CA)

1 prob. sunk
at least 3 damaged

11 Light Cruisers (CL)
(at least 4 damaged)

Effective

AUSTRALIA

PHOENIX

ARUNTA

STUART

SELFRIDGE

MUGFORD

BAGLEY

PATTERSON

S.37)

S.40)

S.43)

S.42)

S.44) At Brisbane

S.45)

S.46)

S.47)

QUIDDEON)

GRAM PUS)

GRAYBACK) On Patrol

STURGEON)

SAILFISH)

SCULPIN)

K.9 At Sydney

TROUT En route Brisbane to W. Sector

WESTRALIA

MANOORA

GRIFFIN

DOBBIN

GOLDSTAR

TULSA

Refitting or Repair

HOBART

LE TRIOMPHANT

TROMP

HENLEY

HELM

VENDETTA

VICTORIA

AOBA) Damaged
KINUGASA)
KASHIMA)
x KASHII
KATORI
SENDAI
JIMPSU
ISUZU
KINU
x YUBARI

Light Cruisers (Contd)

TENRYU
TATSUTA

x Probably on escort duty between
Palao & Truk-New Britain areas.

Approx 25 submarines incl. 4-8 "RO" class, 15 "I" class (at least 2
45-50 Destroyers (DD)
3 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

GEITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA
NISSHIN
NITCHO MARU
NOTORO
KINUGASA MARU
KAGU MARU
KAMOI
BARUTO MARU
SOVYOU MARU
KENJO MARU
OKITSU MARU
SANUKI MARU
SANYO MARU
JINGKI

) Some of these units
) operating between Empire
) Waters & the Southern area.

2 submarine tenders incl.
35-40 Merchant Ships (incl. poss. 3 Military Landing Craft Carriers)
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Subchasers, MTBs, Gunboats, Patrol Craft
Approx 248 shore-based aircraft incl. 109 fighters, 68 H/B, 38 P/B,
24 F/P, 9 Obsn or transport aircraft

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR
British and Allied Forces

6" Cruiser
Armed Merchant Cruiser
S/P Tenders

ADELAIDE
KANIMBLA
HERON
CHILDS
W.B. PRESTON

Submarine Tenders

PELIAS
ROLLAND

Submarines

On Patrol
OAR

SARGO
THRESHHER
GRENADEEN
SALMON
SEADRAGON
SPEARFISH
SEARAVEN
SEAWOLF
TAUTOG
TAMBOR

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

SEAL)
SAURY) En route Brisbane
SNAPPER At Albany
SWORDFISH)
K.8) At Fremantle
K.12)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES
British and Allied Forces

11 Submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see above)

Enemy Forces

CinC 3rd Fleet
CinC Southern Expeditionary Fleet : Approx 16 Destroyers
Converted Aircraft Carriers HAYATAKA)
KITAKA) Poss. Davao area

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces

Battleships

NORTH CAROLINA CALIFORNIA
SOUTH DAKOTA TENNESSEE
MARYLAND NEVADA
COLORADO WEST VIRGINIA
MISSISSIPPI IDAHO
NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA

Aircraft Carriers

SARATOGA
ENTERPRISE

Converted A/C Carriers

LONG ISLAND
COPANEE

8" Cruisers
6" Cruisers

NEW ORLEANS
RALEIGH
DETROIT

CHICAGO MINNEAPOLIS
HONOLULU

Destroyers
Submarines

15 (approx)
23 (approx)

Enemy Forces

Palao-Formosa-Saipan-Bonins-Japan

5 Battle ships (BB) MUSASHI
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
ISE
HYUGA

Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)

OTAKA (poss. ex
KASUGA MARU)

2 - 8" Cruisers (CA)

HOOGAMI ?

HAGURO

3 Light Cruisers (CL)

NAGARA
NATORI
KUMA

1 S/P Tender (AV)

CHIYODA

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

GOSHU MARU
FUJIKAWA MARU
KAMIKAWA MARU
KIYOKAWA MARU

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 30 Destroyers

Approx 14 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

WASHINGTON

Aircraft Carriers

HORNET

WASP

8" Cruisers

SAN FRANCISCO

SALT LAKE CITY

NORTHAMPTON

PENSACOLA

CHESTER

PORTLAND

6" Cruisers

BOISE

HELENA

LEANDER

ACHILLES

5" Cruisers

JUNEAU

SAN DIEGO

ATLANTA

SAN JUAN

Destroyers

25 (approx)

Armed Merchant Cruisers

MONOWAI

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE

INDIANAPOLIS

6" Cruisers

ST. LOUIS

NASHVILLE

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians

8" Cruiser (CA)

NACHI

3 Light Cruisers (CL)

ABUKUMA

TAMA

KISO

Approx 4 Destroyers

Approx 20 Submarines

1st Base Force

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) ?

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

CONCORD

TRENTON

RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

P) INDIAN OCEAN AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battlehips

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

A.A. Vessels

Approx 25 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Approx 5 Submarines

WASPITE
VALIANT
RESOLUTION
ILLUSTRIOUS
FORMIDABLE
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
DEVONSHIRE
HAWKINS
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
DAUNTLESS
DANAE
DRAGON
DELHI
CAPETOWN
CELES
CALEDON
SUMATRA (Dutch)
CHICHESTER
HANCHI
ALABONIA
CENTRAL
RANPURA
CANTON
QUEEN OF BERMUDA
CARTHAGE
HEERSKERCK
CARLISLE
REVENGE
PROBISHER

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

20th October, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- + (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "SELFDRIDGE" "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "PATTERSON") on patrol south of China Strait area.
- + (ii) "ARUNTA" arr. Port Moresby 0730/19 from Milne Bay to refuel and dep. 1630/19 ETA Milne Bay 0800 today 20/10.
- + (iii) "SPJART" arr. Townsville 1805/19. After refuelling from "AASE MAERSK" dep. 0045/20 for Milne Bay ETA 1000/21. To accompany "ARUNTA" 21/10 from Milne Bay to Mud Bay (Goodenough Is.) with troops.
- + (iv) "WARREGO" escorting "BONTEKOE" & "TASMAN" was due Milne Bay yesterday 19/10.
- ✓ (v) "ARMIDALE" escorting "DILGA" & "BAN HONG XIONG" dep. Townsville 1100/19 for Milne Bay via Grafton Passage and China Strait ETA 1400/22. "VAN HEEMSKERK" did not join convoy.
- + (vi) "GOULBURN" returning to Brisbane after escorting Convoy BT10 ("GEORGE TAYLOR") to north of Whitsunday Passage.
- ✓ (vii) "KATOOMBA" was to RV at Stephens Is. yesterday 19/10 with "" "" "VAN HEUTSZ" (towing 2 barges) and escort "" to Port Moresby ETA approx 0900/22.
- ✓ (viii) "BALLARAT" escorting "ISLANDER" with troops, ammunition and stores due Milne Bay 0700 today 20/10 from Port Moresby. "BALLARAT" escorting "BOTH" "MARTSUYCKER" to depart Milne Bay a.m. today 20/10 for Townsville.
- + (ix) "YANDRA" & "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy GPL8 (6 MV) dep. Sydney 0956/19. "BROOME" dep. Sydney 1223/19 to overtake convoy and act as additional escort to Brisbane. Convoy ETA Caloundra 2300/21. "BROOME" thence Townsville.
- + (x) "MORESBY" & "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Convoy OC36 to Sydney and Newcastle after RV with "DOOMBA" yesterday 19/10 40 miles SW Cape Everard. "DOOMBA" proceeded to Melbourne with Convoy OC36.
- + (xi) "WILCANNIA" escorting Newcastle portion (7 MV) of Convoy C037 dep. 0644/19. "GAWLER" "DELOIRINE" escorting Sydney portion (2 MV) dep. 1237/19 and 1455/19 respectively for Melbourne. "GAWLER" to be detached in Bass Strait and proceed Adelaide and Fremantle.
- + (xii) "KURUMBA" en route Thursday Is. to Brisbane ETA 1600/21.
- + (xiii) "WANGANELLA" dep. Wellington 16/10 for Sydney.
- + (xiv) "WAREE" en route Thursday Is. to Port Moresby ETA a.m. 22/10.
- (xv) At Sydney - "WANGORA" "DOBBIE" "TAMWORTH" "BUNDABERG" "MILDURA" "WHYALLA" "MERKUR"
Repairing - "HOBART" "TROMP" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "HENLEY" "HELM" "SWAN" "BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA"
- (xvi) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "GOLDSTAR"
Repairing - "VENDETTA"
- (xvii) At Adelaide - "SPRINGDALE"
- (xviii) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "MANUNDA" "GEELONG" "TULSA"
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- (xxi) At Newcastle - "PINGWO"
- (xxii) At Port Moresby - "LITHGOW" "COLAC" "ADMIRAL HALSTRAD" "JOHN ASHE" "" "JOHN STEELE" "GEORGE MATTHEWS" "S.J.FIELD"
- (xxiii) At Thursday Is. - "WARRNAMBOOL"
- (xxiv) At Milne Bay - "JAPARA" "WARREGO" "BONTEKOE" "TASMAN"

Enemy Forces

- (1) BOUGAINVILLE BASE - Analysis of photographs taken of the Buin - Faisi area at 1520/19, indicates the following shipping -
 - ✓ 1 possible battleship
 - ✓ 1 possible aircraft carrier
 - 2 heavy cruisers
 - 2 light cruisers
 - 9 destroyers
 - 1 seaplane tender ("CHIYODA" type)
 - 12 merchant vessels
 - 13 unidentified vessels

Visual reconnaissance from the aircraft indicated that some of the unidentified vessels were small torpedo boats or launches. No tankers were identified, although two are known to be operating in the area; also approx 20 destroyers are believed to be operating from this base, although only 6 were identified; 3 vessels described as probable light cruisers ~~were~~ are taken to be destroyers.

It was noted yesterday that approx 12 merchant vessels which have been stationed off Buin had evidently departed between 0701/17 and midday 18/10; these now appear to have returned. Their dispersal may have been merely to avoid allied air attacks, or they may have been carrying troops and supplies to outposts south of Bougainville.

There is reason to believe that the enemy is setting up such outposts at an increasing number of points. Reconnaissance aircraft were fired on over Rennell Is. on 19/10 for the second successive day. Similar opposition was encountered over North Beach Save Is. 19/10. In addition to Rekata Bay and Gizo, Viru Harbour and Rendova Harbour are also believed to be in use as subsidiary bases.

Aircraft sightings indicated that at least 3 cruisers and 3 destroyers were north of New Georgia at about 1700/19. The cruisers were unsuccessfully attacked, and all six vessels appear to have proceeded to Guadalcanal, where six enemy ships were encountered in the early morning 20/10 (see Naval Incidents).

No shipping was sighted by air reconnaissance in the Vella Lavella, Gizo and Rendova Is. area.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "DUBBO" en route Adelaide to Albany ETA 1800/22.
- (ii) At Fremantle - "ADELAIDE" "KANIMBLA" "CHILDS" "HERON" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "CAIRNS" "BENGAL" "TOOKOOMBA" "WOLLONGONG" "IPSWICH" "WALLAROO" "MARYBOROUGH" "ERLING BROVIG" "LARK"
- (iii) At Albany - "CHESSNOCK" "PELIAS" "WHIFFPOORWILL"
- (iv) At Exmouth Gulf - "W.B. PRESTON"
- (v) At Darwin - "CASTLEMAINE"

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3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

ii submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

Enemy Forces

AROE IS. - Air recce 19/10 reported six small vessels at Dobo and 13 tugs or barges in the vicinity of Cedjir Is.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) At Espiritu Santo - "PORTLAND" "SAN JUAN" "BELLATRIX" "ALCHIBA" "HOVEY" "MANLEY" "MacDONOUGH" "McCALLA" "FLETCHER" "CURTISS" "MACKINAC" "GAMBLE" "BREES" "TRACY" "LACKAWANNA" "KANKAKEE" "AMBERJACK" "LARDNER" "AARON WARD"
- (ii) At Efate - "SOLACE" "MONSSEN" "HAMMONDS PORT" "CASTOR" "MAJABA"
- (iii) At Noumea - "BOISE" "SALT LAKE CITY" "PARENHOLT" "TREVOR" "ZANE" "HOPKINS" "ZEILIN" "McCAWLEY" "ALCOA PENNANT" "ARGONNE" "LASSEN" "WHITNEY" "ANTARES" "STRATFORD" "REYWOOD" "LIBRA" "POMALHAUT" "TAPPAHANNOCK" "KINGFISHER" "BUTTERNUT" "McKEEN" "FULLER"
- (iv) At Suva - "CATALPA" "LOCUST" "ROSEWOOD" "SABINE" "STACK"
- (v) At Samoa - "CHESTNUT" "CAMANGA" "ARCTIC" "PROMETHEUS" "SONOMA"
- (vi) At Tongatabu - "BARNETT" "SUMNER" "VESTAL" "HUNTER LEGGETT" "NEVILLE"
- (vii) At Bora Bora - "TERE"
- (viii) At Auckland - "ACHILLES" "RIGEL" "ROAMER" "DELPHINUS" "EBONY" "JUPITER"
- (ix) At Wellington - "AMERICAN LEGION" "PRESIDENT HAYES" "PRESIDENT JACKSON" "CRESCENT CITY" "PRESIDENT ADAMS"
- (x) At Tahiti - "CHEVREUIL"
- (xi) At Norfolk Is. - "WAHINE"
- (xii) Guadalcanal area - "MacFARLAND"

- 2 -

Enemy Forces

NEW CALEDONIA - There are further indications that an enemy submarine is operating in the New Caledonian area. The vessel was last indicated 124 miles E. by S. Noumea 19/10.

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

"TRINITY" en route Bahrain to Melbourne ETA 9/11.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

GUADALCANAL

Naval Action 11/10 - Japanese naval prisoners rescued from Savo Is. state that the enemy force engaged in the naval action off Savo Is. during the night 11/12, consisted of 3 heavy cruisers ("AOBA" (F) "KINUGASA" "FURUTAKA") and 3 destroyers ("FUBUKI" "SHIRAYUKI" "SHIRAKUMO" - 1928, 1700 tons, 6-5"). The destroyers were not carrying troops, but food for troops ashore on Guadalcanal. The prisoners disclaim any knowledge of the presence of transport, though our forces claim that one such vessel was sunk in the action. Prisoners say that "NISSEIN" and "CHITOSE" (Seaplane tenders) have recently been transporting equipment and supplies to Guadalcanal.

The cruisers were proceeding in column, screened ahead by the three destroyers when our attack was made north of Russell Is. "FURUTAKA" and "SHIRAKUMO" were sunk by gunfire. This confirms the sinking of two heavy cruisers from CruDiv 6 - viz. "KAKO" "FURUTAKA".

One of the prisoners taken fell overboard from a fast minelayer escorted by a destroyer. These vessels were standing by, but had not taken part in the action up to the time of the prisoner's accident.

Operations 16/10 - On 16/10 aircraft attacked two of the enemy transport beached in the Kokumbona area 12/10, made four direct hits on them and completely destroyed them. Supply dumps were set on fire and A.A. positions were strafed and silenced. Landing barges were located at Cape Esperance, Kopu (west coast) and Bonaito (position unknown) attacked and set on fire.

Operations 17/10 - Two allied destroyers shelled enemy positions on Guadalcanal 17/10. No results reported.

Operations 20/10 - 6 enemy vessels (probably 3 cruisers, 3 destroyers) were attacked by allied aircraft approx 3 miles W. Lunga Point between 0122 and 0225 this morning 20/10. One hit and one near miss were made on a cruiser and the vessel was left stationary and smoking badly. The other vessels proceeded on course 310°.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

REKATA BAY - 16/10 allied aircraft strafed and burned 12 floatplanes.

A fuel dump and A.A. Positions were hit and destroyed.

19/10 - One Fortress started large fire on Rekata Beach. 2 float fighters and 2 float biplanes were seen in the water.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

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For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

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DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruiser

6" Cruisers

Flotilla Leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

Armed Merchant Cruisers

Submarine Tender

Destroyer Tender

Storeship

Gunboat

Oiler

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet

CinC 2nd Fleet

CinC 8th Fleet

CinC 1st Air Fleet

CinC 4th Fleet

CinC 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet)

3 Battleships (BB)

4 Battlecruisers (BB)

3 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

Poss. 1 Converted Carrier (XCV)

Heavy Cruisers (CA)

1 prob. sunk

at least 3 damaged

11 Light Cruisers (CL)

(at least 4 damaged)

Effective

AUSTRALIA

PHOENIX

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MUGFORD

BAGLEY

PATTERSON

S.43

S.42

S.44

S.46

S.47

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S.45

K.9

TROUT

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MANGORA

GRIFFIN

DOBBIN

GOLDSTAR

TULSA

Refitting or Repairing

HOBART

LE TRIOMPHANT

TROMP

HENLEY

HELM

VENDETTA

) At Brisbane

) On Patrol

) At Sydney

) En route Brisbane to W. Sector

VICTORIA

x

x

) Damaged

x Probably on escort duty between Palao & Truk-New Britain areas.

YUBARI
TENRYU
TATSUTA

Approx 25 submarines incl. 4-8 "RO" class, 15 "I" class (at least 2 minelayers)
45-50 Destroyers (DD)
3 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

CHITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA
NISSHIN
NITCHO MARU
NOTORO
KINUGASA MARU
KAGE MARU
KAMOI
NAHUTO MARU
SOUYOU MARU
KENJO MARU
OKITSU MARU) Some of these units
SAHUKI MARU) operating between Empire
SANYO MARU) Waters & the Southern area.

2 submarine tenders incl.

35-40 Merchant Ships (incl. poss. 3 Military Landing Craft Carriers)
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Subchasers, MTBs, Gunboats, Patrol Craft
Approx 248 shore-based aircraft incl. 109 fighters, 68 H/B, 38 F/B,
24 F/P, 9 Obsn or transport aircraft

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruiser **XX**
Armed Merchant Cruiser
S/P Tenders

ADELAIDE
KANIMBLA
HERON
CHILDS
W.B. PRESTON
PELIAS
HOLLAND

Submarine Tenders

Submarines

On Patrol

GAR
SARGO
THRESHER
GRENADIER
SALMON
SEADRAGON
SPEARFISH
SEARAVEN
SEAWOLF
TAUTOG
TAMBOR

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

SWORDFISH) En route Brisbane
SAUHY)
SNAPPER At Albany
SEAL)
K.6) At Fremantle
K.12)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

Cinc 3rd Fleet
Cinc Southern Expeditionary Fleet
Converted Aircraft Carrier UNYO
Approx 16 Destroyers

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

NORTH CAROLINA
SOUTH DAKOTA
MARYLAND
COLORADO
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
SARATOGA
ENTERPRISE
LONG ISLAND
COPAHEE
NEW ORLEANS

CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE
NEVADA
WEST VIRGINIA
IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA

Aircraft Carriers

Converted A/C Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Destroyers

Submarines

RALEIGH
DETROIT
15 (approx)
23 (approx)

CHICAGO
MINNEAPOLIS
HONOLULU

Enemy Forces

Palao-Formosa-Saipan-Bonins-Japan

5 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
FUJIO
YAMASHIRO
ISE
HYUGA
HAYATAKA
HITAKA

Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

OTAKA (damaged)

2 - 8" Cruisers (CA)

MOGAMI ?
HAGURO

3 Light Cruisers (CL)

NAGARA
NATORI
KUMA

1 S/P Tender (AV)

CHIYODA

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

GOSHU MARU
FUJIKAWA MARU
KAMIKAWA MARU
KIYOKAWA MARU

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 30 Destroyers

Approx 14 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

WASHINGTON
HORNET
WASP
SAN FRANCISCO
SALT LAKE CITY
NORTHAMPTON
PENSACOLA
CHESTER
PORTLAND
BOISE
HELENA
LEANDER
ACHILLES
JUNEAU
SAN DIEGO
ATLANEA
SAN JUAN
25 (approx)
MONOWAI

6" Cruisers

5" Cruisers

Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruiser

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE
INDIANAPOLIS
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE

6" Cruisers

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians

8" Cruiser (CA)

NAUCHI
ABUKUMA
TAMA
KISO

3 Light Cruisers (CL)

Approx 4 Destroyers

Approx 20 Submarines

1st Base Force

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) ?

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

A.A. Vess els

Approx 25 Destroyers
Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces
Approx 5 Submarines

WARSPITE
VALIANT
RESOLUTION
ILLUSTRIOUS
FORMIDABLE
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
DEVONSHIRE
HAWKINS
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
DAUNTLESS
DANAE
DRAGON
DELHI
CAPETOWN
CERES
GALEDON
SUMATRA (Dutch)
WORCESTERSHIRE
RANCHI
ALANIA
CHITRAL
RANPURA
CANTON
QUEEN OF BERMUDA
CARTHAGE
HEEMSKERK
CARLISLE

REVENGE

PROBISHER

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

21st October, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "SELFRIDGE" "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "PATTERSON") on patrol south of China Strait area.
- (ii) "STUART" en route Milne Bay ETA 1000 today 21/10. To accompany "ARUNTA" 21/10 from Milne Bay to Mud Bay (Goodenough Is.) with troops.
- ✓(iii) "ARMIDALE" escorting "DILGA" & "BAN HONG LIONG" en route Townsville to Milne Bay via Grafton Passage and China Strait ETA 1400/22.
- ✓(iv) "KATOOMBA" escorting "VAN HEUTSZ" (towing 2 barges) en route Port Moresby ETA 0900/22.
- ✓(v) "BALLARAT" escorting "BOTH" "MARTSUYCKER" was to depart Milne Bay a.m. yesterday 20/10 for Townsville.
- ✓(vi) "COLAC" escorting "NORDNES" "ASPASIA NOMIKOS" to depart Port Moresby today 21/10.
- ×(vii) "YANDRA" & "TOWNSVILLE" "BROOME" escorting Convoy GP18 (6 MV) en route Sydney to Caloundra ETA 2300 today 21/10. "BROOME" thence Townsville. "YANDRA" "TOWNSVILLE" to return Sydney escorting Convoy PGL8 (1 MV) ETD Caloundra 2359.
- ×(viii) "MORESBY" with Sydney section Convoy OC36 arr. 2020/20. "ROCKHAMPTON" continued with Newcastle section "ROCKHAMPTON" to escort Convoy C038 leaving Newcastle tomorrow 22/10 to RV off Sydney with "MORESBY" "WEYALLA" which continue escort southwards.
- ×(ix) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy C036 arr. Port Melbourne 2101/20.
- ×(x) "WILCANNIA" "DELORAIN" "GAWLER" escorting Convoy C037 (9 MV) en route Melbourne. "GAWLER" to be detached in Bass Strait and proceed Adelaide and Fremantle.
- ✓(xi) "KURUMBA" en route Thursday Is. to Brisbane ETA 1600 today 21/10. "GOULBURN" returning to Brisbane from Whitsunday Passage is to intercept and escort into Brisbane.
- ✓(xii) "WANGANELLA" dep. Wellington 16/10 for Sydney.
- ✓(xiii) "WARKE" en route Thursday Is. to Port Moresby ETA a.m. 22/10.
- (xiv) At Sydney - "MANDORA" "DOBBIN" "TAMWORTH" "BUNDABERG" "MILDURA" "WEYALLA" "MERKUR"
Repairing - "HOBART" "TROMP" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "HENLEY" "HELM" "BISHOPDALE" "SWAN" "VICTORIA"
- (xv) At Melbourne - "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "GOLDSTAR" "VENDETTA"
- (xvi) At Adelaide - "SPRINGDALE"
- (xvii) At Townsville - "AASE MAERSK"
- (xviii) At Cairns - "BENDIGO"
- (xix) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA"
- (xx) At Newcastle - "PINGRO"
- (xxi) At Port Moresby - "LITHGOW" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "JOHN ASHE" "JOHN STEELE" "GEORGE MATTHEWS" "S.J.FIELD" "ANHUI" "EKATERINI COUMANIAROU"
- (xxii) At Milne Bay - "ARUNTA" "WARREGO" "BONTEKOE" "TASMAN" "ISLANDER" "JAPARA"

Enemy Forces

(1) BOUGAINVILLE BASE - Photographic recce of the Buin-Faisi area at noon 20/10 revealed 32 ships (including 2 small patrol craft) as follows -

- 1 heavy cruiser ("ATAGO" class)
- 3 light cruisers
- 1 probable light cruiser
- 17 destroyers
- 1 seaplane tender
- 1 minelayer
- 4 merchant vessels
- 2 unidentified vessels
- 2 small motor boats

At least 8 merchant vessels have apparently departed from this base since p.m. 19/10.

Two possible cruisers were sighted by aircraft approx 50

miles S. by E. Cape St. George on course 110° at 1035/20 evidently making for the Bougainville base.

(ii) RABAU - ~~Rhatyghazi~~ Photographic recce of Rabaul Harbor at 1245/20 indicated 51 medium ships and 40 smaller vessels as follows -

- 1 light cruiser
 - 3 destroyers
 - 3 seaplane tenders
 - 1 minelayer
 - 2 tankers (4,000 tons)
 - 41 merchant vessels
- | | | |
|-------------------|---|-------------|
| estimated tonnage | 8 | 10,000 tons |
| | 5 | 9,000 tons |
| | 3 | 8,000 tons |
| | 4 | 7,000 tons |
| | 4 | 6,000 tons |
| | 5 | 5,000 tons |
| | 6 | 4,000 tons |
| | 1 | 3,000 tons |
| | 3 | 2,000 tons |
| | 2 | 1,000 tons |

aggregate tonnage 261,000 tons

approx 40 small vessels (including 3 torpedo boats)

A marked reduction in tonnage was noted on 16/10, when not more than 18 merchant vessels were reported in the harbour. The large convoys which have arrived since, have no doubt been assembled to take part in a major invasion of Guadalcanal, following the landing of approx 10,000 troops there on 15/10.

- (iii) BUKA - Reports indicate that a minelayer departed Buka at 1101/20 and proceeded south along the west coast of Bougainville, leaving only a 1,000 ton merchant vessel and small craft.
- (iv) ROSSSEL IS. - There were indications of an enemy submarine approx 60 miles SE Rossel Is. at 2043/19.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "KALGOORLIE" on escort duty off Darwin.
- (ii) "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting "KARSIK" dep. Thursday Is. 1528/20 for Darwin.
- (iii) "FORCEFUL" dep. Fremantle 1700/20 for Darwin ETA 1130/31.
- (iv) "DUBBO" en route Adelaide to Albany ETA 1800 tomorrow 22/10.
- (v) At Fremantle - "ADELAIDE" "KANIMBLA" "CHILDS" "HERON" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "CAIRNS" "BENGAL" "TOOWOOMBA" "WOLLONGONG" "IPSWICH" "WALLAROO" "MARYBOROUGH" "ERLING BROVIG" "LARK"
- (vi) At Albany - "CESSNOCK" "PHILIAS" "WHIPPOORWILL"
- (vii) At Exmouth Gulf - "W.B. FRESTON"
- (viii) At Darwin - "CASTLEMAINE"

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

11 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

Enemy Forces

AROE IS. - The report of enemy activity in the vicinity of Aojir Is. is cancelled.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) At Espiritu Santo - "PORTLAND" "SAN JUAN" "BELLATRIX" "ALCHIBA" "HOVEY" "MANLEY" "MacDONOUGH" "McCALLA" "FLETCHER" "CURTISS" "MACKINAC" "GAMBLE" "BRESE" "TRACY" "LACKAWANNA" "KANKAKEE" "AMBERJACK" "LARDNER" "AARON WARD"
- (ii) At Efate - "SOLACE" "MONSSEN" "HAMMONDS PORT" "CASTOR" "MAJABA"
- (iii) At Noumea - "BOISE" "SALT LAKE CITY" "FARENHOLT" "TREVOR" "ZANE" "HOPKINS" "ZEILIN" "McCAWLEY" "ALCOA PENNANT" "ARGONNE" "LASSEN" "WHITNEY" "ANTARES" "STRATFORD" "HEYWOOD" "LIBRA" "FOMALHAUT" "TAPPANANNOCK" "KINGFISHER" "BUTTERNUT" "McKEEN" "FULLER"

- (iv) At Suva - "CATALPA" "LOCUST" "ROSEWOOD" "SABINE" "STACK"
- (v) At Samoa - "CHESTNUT" "CAMANGA" "ARCTIC" "PROMETHEUS" "SONOMA"
- (vi) At Tongatabu - "BARNETT" "SUMNER" "VESTAL" "HUNTER LEGGETT"
"NEVILLE"
- (vii) At Bora Bora - "TERN"
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2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

See Appendix B (Enemy Blockade Runners & Supply Ships)

AIR OPERATIONS

BUIN AREA - 7 Catalinas attacked shipping and the aerodrome in the Buin - Kihili area early morning 20/10. One near miss on stern of large transport. Bombs fell on Kihili strip.

SALAMAUA - 3 B.25's on recce 20/10 observed W/T station 1 1/2 miles NE of end of Salamaua runway.

ENEMY

PORT MORESBY - One or two enemy aircraft made two individual runs over Port Moresby area late 20/10. No bombs dropped.

TIMOR - 3 enemy aircraft attacked Turiscai (21 miles SSE of Dilli) early xx afternoon 20/10. Little damage and no casualties.

GUADALCANAL - 20 bombers 20 Zero's attacked our lines 1250/18. Our fighters shot down 11 Zero's 8 bombers. 2 allied fighters lost. Our casualties - 7 killed, 18 wounded. There was no ground activity 18/10.

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 MARYLAND
 COLORADO
 MISSISSIPPI
 NEW MEXICO
 SARATOGA
 ENTERPRISE
 LONG ISLAND
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 CALIFORNIA
 TENNESSEE
 NEVADA
 WEST VIRGINIA
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 HONOLULU

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 Submarines

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Enemy Forces

Palao-Saipan-Formosa-Bonins-Japan

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|-------------------------------|---|--------------------|
| 5 Battleships (BB) | MUSASHI FUSO YAMASHIRO ISE HYUGA | |
| Converted A/C Carriers (XCV) | HAYATAKA HITAKA | OTAKA (damaged) |
| 2 - 8" Cruisers (CA) | | MOGAMI ? HAGURO |
| 3 Light Cruisers (CL) | NAGARA NATORI KUMA | |
| 1 S/P Tender (AV) | CHIYODA | |
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| 6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA) | | |
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| Approx 14 Submarines | | |

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

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|------------------------|--|
| Battleships | WASHINGTON HORNET WASP |
| Aircraft Carriers | |
| 8" Cruisers | SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY NORTHAMPTON PENSACOLA CHESTER PORTLAND |
| 6" Cruisers | BOISE HELENA LEANDER |
| 5" Cruisers | ACHILLES JUNEAU SAN DIEGO ATLANTA SAN JUAN |
| Destroyers | 25 (approx) |
| Armed Merchant Cruiser | MONOWAI |

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

| | |
|---------------|----------------------------|
| 8" Cruisers | LOUISVILLE INDIANAPOLIS |
| 6" Cruisers | ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE |
| 10 Destroyers | |
| 10 Submarines | |

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 8" Cruiser (CA) | NACHI |
| 3 Light Cruisers (CL) | ABUKUMA TAMA KISC |

Approx 4 Destroyers
Approx 20 Submarines
1st Base Force
Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) ?

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

| | |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| 6" Cruisers | CONCORD TRENTON RICHMOND |
| Approx 4 Destroyers | |

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

A.A. Vessels

Approx 25 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Approx 5 Submarines

- WARSPITE
- VALIANT
- RESOLUTION
- ILLUSTRI OUS
- FORMIDABLE
- GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
- DEVONSHIRE
- HAWKINS
- MAURITIUS
- GAMBIA
- BIRMINGHAM
- GLASGOW
- ENTERPRISE
- EMERALD
- DAUNTLESS
- DANAÉ
- DRAGON
- DELHI
- CAPETOWN
- CERES
- CALEDON
- SUMATRA (Dutch)
- WORCESTERSHIRE
- RANCHI
- ALAUNIA
- CHITRAL
- RANPURA
- CANTON
- QUEEN OF BERMUDA
- CARTHAGE
- HEEMSKERK
- CARLISLE

REVENGE

PROBISHER

APPENDIX "B"ENEMY BLOCKADE RUNNERS and SUPPLY SHIPS

Admiralty reports 19/10 the following information concerning enemy merchant shipping -

1. The following ships are reported to have left Bay of Biscay ports on the dates specified for the Far East, for the purpose of running the blockade between Europe and Japan. There is reason to believe that the usual route is via the Cape of Good Hope and Sunda Strait.

BELGRANO (ex "RIO GRANDE" - German - 6,100 tons; speed 13½ knts) 10/10 - There was earlier evidence that "BELGRANO" had left Bordeaux since 18/9 and was attacked by aircraft 3/10; she was last seen on the same day in position 43°40'N, 9°50'W on course 90°.

BURGENLAND - (German) 7,320 tons; speed 13 knots.- 10/10

PIETRO ORSEOLO (Italian) - 6,344 tons; speed 14 knots - Photographic reconnaissance showed this vessel had left Bordeaux since 18/9. Now indications that ship probably left Biscay ports about 2/10.

ERMLAND (German) - 6,528 tons; speed 12 knots - 9/9. Report indicates that a medium sized vessel probably "ERMLAND" fired on a Catalina (which is since missing) in position 43°N, 15°W on 10/9.

SILVA PLANA (3,800 tons; speed 13.5 knots) - Ex Norwegian; captured by German Pacific Raider 11/9/41. - 12/10. May be used as supply ship.

CATARACTE (ex Cochin tanker) - 29/9. May be used as supply ship.

2. Some of the following ships are probably on passage to Europe from the Far East. The remainder are believed likely to make the passage in the near future. At least one of these ships may have reached the South Atlantic.

DRESDEN (German) 5,567 tons, speed 15 knots.

REAKOTIS (German) 6,753 tons, speed 13 knots.

URSULA RICKMERS (German) - 5,050 tons, speed 12 knots. This ship ran the blockade arriving Bordeaux latter half of May. Has therefore returned to Far East.

REGENSBURG (German) - 8,068 tons; speed 17 knots. This ship was scheduled to sail for Bangkok from Japan 27/8 and thence to a French port with a cargo of strategic materials including 100 tons tungsten ore.

TANNENWELS (German) - 7,840 tons; speed 16 knots.

RAMSES (German) - 7,893 tons; speed 13 knots).

KULMERLAND (German) - 7,300 tons; speed 13 knots).

3. The following overdue ships may have been captured this year and are available for use as supply ships or blockade runners from the east -

PATELLA - Ex British. 7,500 tons; speed 11½ knots. Single deck tanker carrying petroleum in bulk.

NANKIN - Ex British. 6,900 tons; speed 12½ knots.

KATTEGAT - Ex Norwegian. 4,200 tons; speed 13 knots.

HERBORG - Ex Norwegian. 9,100 tons; speed 12 knots. Tanker.

MADRONO - Ex Norwegian. 5,894 tons.

INDUS - Ex British. 5,187 tons.

WICHITA - Ex U.S. 6,174 tons.

AMERICAN LEADER - Ex U.S. 6,750 tons.

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

22nd October, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "SELFREDGE" "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "PATTERSON") was to leave patrol area yesterday 21/10 and return Brisbane ETA 1300/24.
- (ii) "ARUNTA" "STUART" were to depart Milne Bay yesterday 21/10 with troops for Mud Bay (Goodenough Is.).
- (iii) "ARMIDALE" escorting "DILGA" & "BAN HONG KIONG" en route Townsville to Milne Bay via Grafton Passage and China Strait ETA 1400 today 22/10.
- (iv) "BALLARAT" escorting "BOTH" "MAETSUYCKER" "JAPARA" dep. Milne Bay 1400/20 for Townsville ETA 0900/23.
- (v) "BENDIGO" is to RV off Fitzroy Is. at ~~0900~~ today 22/10 with Convoy E "VAN HEEMSKERK" "WEST CACTUS" (dep. Townsville 1501/21) and escort to Milne Bay ETA 1400/24.
- (vi) "KATCOMBA" escorting "VAN HEUTSZ" (towing 2 barges) en route Port Moresby ETA 0900 today 22/10.
- (vii) "COLAC" escorting "NORDNES" "ASPASIA NOMIKOS" to depart Port Moresby yesterday 21/10.
- (viii) "YANDRA" "TOWNSVILLE" "BROOME" escorting Convoy GPl8 (6 MV) en route Sydney to Caloundra ETA 0800 today 22/10. "BROOME" thence Townsville. "YANDRA" "TOWNSVILLE" to return Sydney escorting Convoy R18 (1 MV).
- (ix) "ROCKHAMPTON" arr. Newcastle with Newcastle section Convoy OC36 0519/21. To escort Convoy C038 leaving Newcastle today 22/10 to RV off Sydney with "MORESBY" "WHYALLA" which ~~will~~ continue escort southwards.
- (x) "WILCAENIA" "DELORAINE" "GAWLER" escorting Convoy C037 (9 MV) en route Melbourne. "GAWLER" to be detached in Bass Strait and proceed Adelaide and Fremantle.
- (xi) "DOOMBA" accompanied by "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" and escorting Convoy OC37 (10 MV) ETD Port Phillip 2359/21 for Sydney.
- (xii) "GOULBURN" escorting "KUREMBA" arr. Brisbane 0555/21.
- (xiii) "WANGANELLA" dep. Wellington 16/10 for Sydney. On arrival Sydney to ~~proceed~~ proceed Townsville and Brisbane to embark invalids, thence Melbourne.
- (xiv) "WARRE" arr. Port Moresby 1003/21.
- (xv) At Sydney - "MANGORA" "DOBEIN" "TAMWORTH" "BUNDABERG" "MILDURA" "MERKUR"
Repairing - "HOBART" "THOMP" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "HENLEY" "HELM" "BISHOPDALE" "SWAN" "VICTORIA"
- (xvi) At Melbourne - "GOLDSTAR" - Repairing "VENDETTA"
- (xvii) At Adelaide - "SPRINGDALE"
- (xviii) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "MANUNDA" "GEELONG" "TULSA"
- (xix) At Townsville - "AASE MAERSK"
- (xx) At Cairns - "BENDIGO"
- (xxi) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA"
- (xxii) At Newcastle - "PINGO"
- (xxiii) At Port Moresby - "LITHGOW" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" ~~"WANGANELLA"~~
"JOHN STEELE" "GEORGE MATTHEWS" "S. J. FIELD" "ANJUI"
~~"KATERINI COUMANTAROU"~~
- (xxiv) At Milne Bay - "WARREGO" "BONTEKOE" "TASMAN" "ISLANDER"

Enemy Forces

- (1) BOUGAINVILLE BASE - Reports indicate that the following shipping was in the Buin-Paisi area at 1130/21 -
 - 2 heavy cruisers (1 "NACHI", 1 "ACEA" class)
 - 3 light cruisers (1 "SENDAI" 1 "TENRYU", 1 "KUMA")
 - 1 seaplane tender
 - approx 22 destroyers & patrol craft
 - 14 merchant vessels (prob. including 2 tankers)
 - 2 submarines
 - 3 unidentified vessels (incl. possibly 2 large seaplane tenders & tankers "TONAN MARU" type & 1 submarine depot ship)

The increase in the number of vessels at this base since 20/10 is chiefly in merchant-type vessels. The movement of merchant vessels in the area indicates dispersal for the purpose of avoiding air raids.

A passenger-cargo vessel escorted by a destroyer was sighted by aircraft 60 miles SW Buka Passage on course 130° at 1010/21, apparently making for the Buin area.

- (ii) RABAU - Some reduction of the large tonnage of merchant shipping in Rabaul Harbour is indicated by sightings of vessels in the Kavieng area, evidently moving northwards or westwards away from the Rabaul area 21/10 -

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|-----|-------------------------------|---|---|
| (a) | 1 destroyer | } | 85 miles W. Kavieng, course 350°, 1050. |
| | 3 MV (8000 tons) | | |
| | 1 MV (5000 tons) | | |
| (b) | 3 destroyers | } | 35 miles SW Kavieng, course 270°, 1120. |
| | 1 possible S/P Tender | | |
| | 1 cargo vessel (10,000 tons) | | |
| | 2 cargo vessels (7/8000 tons) | | |
| | 1 u/i vessel (8000 tons) | | |

This represents a merchant tonnage of approx 71,000 tons, in addition to 5 warships, reducing the merchant tonnage in Rabaul Harbour to less than 200,000 tons and the number of warships to 3.

- (iii) BUKA - Air recce revealed no shipping in the Kessa - Buka Passage - Kieta area 21/10.

- (iv) RENNELL IS. AREA - A Soupac Catalina which landed at Rennell Is. 20/10 reported no enemy ~~xxx~~ A.A. positions and no sign of enemy occupation of the island.

Enemy air recce however, was observed during 21/10 in this area.

An aircraft (ex Soupac) reports sighting one large enemy submarine in a position 70 miles S. of Rennell Is. The submarine was strafed and forced to submerge.

- (iv) MYOLA-BUNA AREA - Natives report that Japanese patrols are visiting Bofu Village (18 miles SW of Buna).

Reports indicate that intense fighting took place in the Templeton's Crossing area throughout 20/10. Our forward elements were being held up, on the afternoon of 21/10 by strong enemy positions on high ground forward of Templeton's Crossing.

Our forward patrols are now NW of Templeton's Crossing.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "ADELAIDE" dep. Fremantle for exercises and patrol in Albany area 1757/21. To return 24/10.
- (ii) "KALGOORLIE" on escort duty off Darwin.
- (iii) "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting "EARSIE" en route Thursday Is. to Darwin.
- (iv) "FORCEFUL" en route Fremantle to Darwin ETA 1130/31.
- (v) "DUBBO" en route Adelaide to Albany ETA 1800 today 22/10.
- (vi) At Fremantle - "KANIMBLA" "CHILDS" "HERON" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "CAIRNS" "BENGAL" "TOOWOOMBA" "WOLLONGONG" "IPSWICH" "WALLAROO" "MARYBOROUGH" "ERLING BROVIG" "LARK"
- (vii) At Albany - "CESSNOCK" "PELIAS" "WHIPPOORWILL"
- (viii) At Exmouth Gulf - "W.B. PRESTON"
- (ix) At Darwin - "CASTLEMAINE"

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

11 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) At Espiritu Santo - "HOVEY" "MACDONOUGH" "LARDNER" "AARON WARD" (DD) "MANLEY" (APD) "CURTISS" "MACKINAC" (AV) "LACKAWANNA" "KANEKEE" (AO) "GAMBLE" (GM) "CASTOR" "BELLATRIX" "ALCHIBA" (AK)
- (ii) At Noumea - "SALT LAKE CITY" (CA) "BOISE" (CL) "FARENHOLT" "TREVOR" "ZANE" "HOPKINS" (DD) "MCKEEN" (APD) "ARGONNE" (AS) "LASSEN" (AE) "WHITNEY" (AD) "TAPPANANCK" (AO) "KINGFISHER" (AM) "BUTTERNUT" (YN) "NAVAJO" (YT) "ZEILIE" "McCAWLEY" "STRAFFORD" "HEYWOOD" "FULLER" (AP) "LIBRA" "ANTARES" "ALHENA" "POMALEAU T" (AK)

- (iii) At Vila - "MONSSEN" (DD) "SOLACE" (AH) "HAMMONDS PORT" (APV)
"MAJABA" "HERCULES" (AK)
- (v) Guadalcanal Area - "MacFARLAND" (AV) "SEMINOLE" (YT)
- (v) At Suva - "CATALPA" "LOCUST" "ROSEWOOD" (YN)
- (vi) At Samoa - "CHESTNUT" (YN) "PROMETHEUS" (AR) "SONOMA" (YW)
"CAMANGA" "ARCTIC" (AK)
- (vii) At Tongatabu - "SUMNER" (Survey Ship) "VESTAL" (AR) "BARNETT"
"HUNTER LEGGETT" "NEVILLE" (AP)
- (viii) At Bora Bora - "TERN" (AM)
- (ix) At Tahiti - "CHEVREUIL" (Sloop)
- (x) At Norfolk Is. - "WAHINE" (AP)
- (x) At Auckland - "ACHILLES" (CL) "MONOWAI" (A.M.C.) "RIGEL" (AD)
"EBONY" (YN) "ROAMER" (AP) "JUPITER" (AK) "DELPHINUS" (YP)
- (xi) At Wellington - "AMERICAN LEGION" "PRESIDENT HAYES" "PRESIDENT
JACKSON" "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "MOUNT VERNON" "CRESCENT CITY" (AP)

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

"TRINITY" en route Bahrain to Melbourne ETA 9/11.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

Nil.

3. AIR OPERATIONS

NEW BRITAIN - 3 B.25's strafed launch and building in the vicinity of Luschan Harbour (14 miles W. of Gasmata) on 21/10. Launch believed sunk.

MAOBISSE - 3 Hudsons attacked town of Maobisse (19 miles S. by E. of Billi) at 0505/21. Houses demolished. No activity observed.

Enemy

GUADALCANAL - At 1045/20, 30 Type "O" fighters and 16 bombers attacked Guadalcanal. At 1145/20, 18 Type "O" fighters made a second attack. 7 Zero's, 2 bombers were shot down in these operations, 1 Zero probably.

Six or more u/1 a/c were reported to be approaching Guadalcanal from NW between 1015 and 1025/21 while at 1045/21 approx 20 bombers and 13 fighters were reported approaching from the same direction.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

(i) Major attack on allied positions Guadalcanal with view to recapture of airfield.

(ii) Consolidation on islands in the Gilberts and possible occupation of islands in the Ellice Group.

For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

22/10/42

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruiser
6" Cruisers
Flotilla Leaders

Effective

AUSTRALIA

PHOENIX

ARUNTA

STUART

SELFRIDGE

HUGFORD

BAGLEY

PATTERSON

S.43)

S.44)

S.46)

GUDGEON)

ORAMPUS)

GRAYBACK)

STURGEON)

SAILFISH)

SCULPIN)

S.42)

S.45)

S.47)

K.9

TROUT

SAVRY

SWORDFISH

WESTRALIA

MARPOORA

GRIFFIN

DOBBIN

GOLDSTAR

TULSA

Refitting or Repairing

HOBART

LE TRI OMPHANT

TROMP

HENLEY

HELM

VENDETTA

Destroyers

Submarines

At Brisbane

On Patrol

At Sydney

Enroute Brisbane to W.Aust.

Enroute W.Aust. to Brisbane

Armed Merchant Cruisers

Submarine Tender

Destroyer Tender

Storeship

Gunboat

Oiler

VICTORIA

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet

CinC 2nd Fleet

CinC 8th Fleet

CinC 1st Air Fleet

CinC 4th Fleet

CinC 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet)

3 Battleships (BB)

YAMATO

MUTSU

NAGATO

4 Battlecruisers (BB)

KIRISHIMA

HIYEI

KONGO

3 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

HARUNA

SHOKAKU

ZUIKAKU

HOSHO

Poss.1 Converted Carrier (XCV)

ZUIHO

Heavy Cruisers (CA)

TONE

1 prob. sunk
at least 3 damaged

TIKUMA

SUZUYA

ATAGO

CHOKAI

TAKAO

ASHIGARA (operating Palao-Truk area)

MYOKO

AOBA

KINUGASA

) Damaged

9 Light Cruisers (CL)
(at least 4 damaged)

KASHIMA

KATORI

SENDAI

JINTSU

ISUZU

KINU

x YUBARI

TENRYU

TATSUTA

x Probably on escort duty bet.
Palao & Truk-New Britain
areas.

- 2 -

Approx 25 submarines incl. 4-8 "RO" class, 15 "I" class (at least 2 minelayers)

45-50 Destroyers (DD)

3 seaplane Carriers (AV)

- CHITOSE
- AKITSUSHIMA
- NISSHIN
- NITCHO MARU
- NOYORO
- KINUGASA MARU
- KASU MARU
- KAMOI
- NAKUTO MARU
- SOUYU MARU
- OKITSU MARU)
- SAZUKI MARU)
- SAIYO MARU)
- JINGEI

Some of these units operating between Empire waters & the southern area.

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

2 submarine tenders incl.

Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)

Minelayers, Minesweepers, Subchasers, MTBs, Gunboats, Patrol Craft

Approx 248 shore-based aircraft incl. 109 fighters, 68 H/B, 38 F/B,

24 F/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR
British and Allied Forces

6" Cruiser

Armed Merchant Cruiser

S/P Tenders

- ADELAIDE
- KANIMBIA
- HERON
- CHILD
- F.B. PRESTON
- PELIAS
- HOLLAND
- On Patrol
- GAR
- SARGO
- TRUESHER
- GREBADIER
- SPEARFISH
- SEABAVN
- SALMON
- SEAWOLF
- TAUTOG
- TAMBOR

Submarine Tenders

Submarines

- Repairing & Preparing for Patrols
- SHAPPER) At Albany
- SEAL)
- SEADRAGON)
- K.8) At Fremantle
- K.12)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES
British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

CinC 3rd Fleet

CinC Southern Expeditionary Fleet

Converted Aircraft Carrier

1 Light Cruiser

Approx 16 Destroyers

- UNYO
- KASHII

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battle ships

- NORTH CAROLINA
- SOUTH DAKOTA
- MARYLAND
- COLORADO
- MISSISSIPPI
- NEW MEXICO
- SARATOGA
- ENTERPRISE
- LONG ISLAND
- COFAHEE
- NEW ORLEANS
- CALIFORNIA
- TENNESSEE
- NEVADA
- WEST VIRGINIA
- IDAHO
- PENNSYLVANIA

Aircraft Carriers

Converted A/C Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Destroyers

Submarines

- RALEIGH
- DETROIT
- 15 (approx)
- 23 (approx)
- CHICAGO
- MINNEAPOLIS
- HONOLULU

Enemy Forces

Palao-Saipan-Formosa-Bonins-Japan

| | | |
|-------------------------------|---|--------------------|
| 5 Battleships (BB) | MUSASHI FUSO YAMASHIRO ISE HYUGA | |
| Converted A/C Carriers (XCV) | HAYATAKA HITAKA | OTAKA (damaged) |
| 2 - 8" Cruisers (CA) | | MOGAMI ? HAGURO |
| 3 Light Cruisers (CL) | NAGARA NATORI KUMA | |
| 1 S/P Tender (AV) | CHIYODA | |
| Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) | GOSHU MARU FUJIKAWA MARU KAMIKAWA MARU KIYOKAWA MARU | |
| 6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA) | | |
| Approx 30 Destroyers | | |
| Approx 14 Submarines | | |

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

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|------------------------|---|
| Battleships | WASHINGTON HORNET WASP |
| Aircraft Carriers | SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY NORTHAMPTON PENSACOLA CHESTER PORTLAND |
| 8" Cruisers | BOISE HELENA LEANDER ACHILLES REXBE JUBEAU SAN DIEGO ATLANTA SAN JUAN |
| 6" Cruisers | 25 (approx) |
| 5" Cruisers | MOROWAI |
| Destroyers | |
| Armed Merchant Cruiser | |

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

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| <u>British and Allied Forces</u> | |
| 8" Cruisers | LOUISVILLE INDIANAPOLIS ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE |
| 6" Cruisers | |
| 10 Destroyers | |
| 10 Submarines | |

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 8" Cruiser (CA) | NACHI |
| 3 Light Cruisers (CL) | AMUKUMA TAMA KISO |
| Approx 4 Destroyers | |
| Approx 20 Submarines | |
| 1st Base Force | |
| Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) ? | |

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <u>British and Allied Forces</u> | |
| 6" Cruisers | CONCORD TRENTON RICHMOND |
| Approx 4 Destroyers | |

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

A.A. Vessels

Approx 25 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Approx 5 Submarines

- WARSPITE
- VALIANT
- RESOLUTION
- ILLUSTRIOUS
- FORMIDABLE
- GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
- DEVONSHIRE
- HAWKINS
- MAURITIUS
- GAMBIA
- BIRMINGHAM
- GLASGOW
- ENTERPRISE
- EMERALD
- DAUNTLESS
- DANAE
- DRAGON
- DELHI
- CAPETOWN
- CERES
- CALEDON
- SUMATRA (Dutch)
- WORCESTERSHIRE
- RANGHI
- ALANIA
- CHITRAL
- RANPURA
- CANTON
- QUEEN OF BERMUDA
- CARTHAGE
- BEEMSKERK
- CARLISLE

REVENGE

FROBISHER

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

23rd October, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCESA) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTORBritish and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "SELFREDGE" "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "PATTERSON") en route Brisbane from patrol area ETA 1300 tomorrow 24/10.
- + (ii) "ARUNTA" ("STUART" & dep. Milne Bay 1400 yesterday 22/10 with troops for Mud Bay (Goedenough Is.). The operation is to be completed by 0900 today 23/10.
- + (iii) "VENDETTA" is to depart Melbourne today 23/10 for Sydney.
- ✓ (iv) "BALLARAT" escorting "BOTH" "MAETSUYCKER" "JAPARA" en route Milne Bay to Townsville ETA 0900/23.
- ✓ (v) "ARMIDALE" escorting "TASMAN" "BONTEKOE" dep. Milne Bay 1630/22 for Townsville ETA 0200/25.
- ✓ (vi) "BENDIGO" escorting "VAN HEEMSKERK" dep. Cairns 1630/22 to RV off Fitzroy Is. with other vessel of Convoy E ("WEST CACTUS"). Thence Milne Bay ETA 1000/26.
- ✓ (vii) "KATOOMBA" escorting "VAN HEUTSZ" (towing 2 barges) arr. Port Moresby 0953/22.
- ✓ (viii) "COLAC" escorting "NORDNES" "ASPASIA NONIKOS" ~~depart~~ depart Port Moresby 21/10.
- ✓ (ix) "YANDRA" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy GP18 arr. Moreton Bay 0030/22; dep. 0144 to return Newcastle with Convoy PGL8 ("CARRADALE") ETA 0200/24. "BROOME" with 2 MV ex GP18 continuing to Townsville ETA 1600/24.
- ✓ (x) "WILCANNIA" "DELORAIN" "ABRAHAM GRYNSSSEN" escorting Convoy OC37 (10 MV) en route Sydney and Newcastle after RV with "DOOMBA". "GAWLER" was detached in Bass Strait and is proceeding Adelaide and Fremantle.
- ✓ (xi) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy C037 (9 MV) arr. Melbourne 2309/22 after relieving "WILCANNIA" "DELORAIN".
- ✓ (xii) "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Newcastle portion of Convoy C038 dep. 0947/22. "MORESBY" & "WHYALLA" escorting Sydney portion dep. 15 24/22 for RV off Port Jackson. "ROCKHAMPTON" arr. Sydney 2118/22.
- ✓ (xiii) "WANGANILLA" dep. Wellington 16/10 for Sydney. On arrival Sydney to proceed Townsville and Brisbane to embark invalids, thence Melbourne.
- ✓ (xiv) "MANUNDA" dep. Brisbane 1255/22 for Port Moresby ETA 0700/26.
- (w) At Sydney - "MANCOORA" "DOBBIN" "TAMWORTH" "BUNDABERG" "MILDURA" "MERKUR"
- Repairing - "HOBART" "TROMP" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "HENLEY" "HELM" "BISHOPDALE" "SWAN" "VICTORIA"
- (xvi) At Melbourne - "GOLDSTAR"
- (xvii) At Adelaide - "SPRINGDALE"
- (xviii) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "GOULBURN" "GEELONG" "TULSA" "KURUMBA"
- (xix) At Townsville - "AASE MAERSK"
- (xx) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA"
- (xxi) At Newcastle - "PINGWO"
- (xxii) At Port Moresby - "LITHGOW" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "JOHN STEELE" "GEORGE MATTHEWS" "S.J. FIELD" "ANHUI" "STAGEN" "EKATERINI COUMANTAROU"
- (xxiii) At Milne Bay - "WARREGO" "DILGA" "BAN HONG LIONG" "ISLANDER"

Enemy Forces

- (1) BOUGAINVILLE BASE - Analysis of photographs taken 21/10 in this area shows only 43 vessels, of which 18 were identified. An aircraft reconnoitring at 1015/22 reported 2 probable battleships in a total of 49 vessels. The reconnaissance was from 26,000 ft, however, and a likely composition of the force, based on examination of the aircraft report is considered to be as follows -
- 2 heavy cruisers
 - 3 light cruisers
 - 1 seaplane tender
 - 1 poss. aircraft carrier or large S/P Tender "TONAN MARU" type
 - 18/22 destroyers and small patrol craft

- 2 prob. 3 submarines
- 7 medium cargo vessels (prob. incl. 2 tankers)
- 10 small unidentified vessels (prob. incl. small supply ships)

Total - 49

(ii) RABAU - Air recce 1415/22 at 30,000 feet revealed 56 vessels in the Rabaul area, as follows -

- 32 large vessels
 - 2 seaplane tenders
 - 20 small u/f vessels, incl. small warships
- } Rabaul Harbour

- 1 seaplane tender - leaving harbour
- 1 8000 ton vessel - Talili Bay (3 miles W. Rabaul) course 270°

56

Part of the large concentration of shipping (~~ships~~) at this base 23/10 appears to have left after having landed troops and supplies there.

- (iii) BUKA - At 1649/22, the 1000 ton merchant vessel which has been operating in the Buka Passage area was reported to be still there. 20 Zero's were observed on the aerodrome at the same time.
- (iv) TRIPLETON'S CROSSING - Our troops broke through enemy positions in this area 21/10 and drove the enemy back until held up by strong enemy forces approx 1000 yards S. of Eera Creek village.
- (v) GUADALCANAL - A small enemy force made an unsuccessful attempt to cross the Matanikau River at 1700/20. One enemy tank or armoured vehicle was destroyed.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "ADELAIDE" carrying out exercises and patrol in Albany area. To return Fremantle tomorrow 24/10.
- (ii) "KALGOORLIE" on escort duty off Darwin.
- (iii) "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting "KARSIK" en route Thursday Is. to Darwin.
- (iv) "FORCEFUL" en route Fremantle to Darwin ETA 1130/31.
- (v) "DUBBO" arr. Albany from Adelaide 1052/22.
- (vi) At Fremantle - "KANIMBLA" "CHILD'S" "HERON" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "CAIRNS" "BENGAL" "TOOWOOMBA" "WOLLONGONG" "IPSWICH" "WALLAROO" "MARYBOROUGH" "ERLING BROVIG" "LARK"
- (vii) At Albany - "CESSMOCK" "PELIAS" "WHIPPOORWILL"
- (viii) At Exmouth Gulf - "W. B. PRESTON"
- (ix) At Darwin - "CASTLEMAINE"

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

10 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) At Espiritu Santo - "TREVER" "LAPPEY" "MacDONOUGH" "LARDNER" "AARON WARD" (DD) "MANLEY" (APD) "CURTISS" "MACKINAC" (AV) "LACKAWANNA" "KANKAKEE" (AO) "GAMBLE" (CM) PC.479 (YP) "CASTOR" "BELLATRIX" "ALCHIBA" (AK)
- (ii) At Noumea - "BOISE" (CL) "ZANE" "HOPKINS" (ED) "McKEEN" (APD) "ARGONNE" (AS) "LASSEN" (AE) "WHITNEY" (AD) "TAPPANNOCK" (AO) "KINGFISHER" (AM) "BUTTERNUT" (YN) "NAVAJO" (YT) "ZEILIN" "McCAWLEY" "STRATFORD" "HEYWOOD" "FULLER" (AP) "LIBRA" "ANTIARES" "ALHENA" "POMALHAUT" (AK)
- (iii) At Vila - "MONSSEN" (DD) "SOLACE" (AH) "HAMMONDS PORT" (APV) "MAJABA" "HERCULES" (AK)
- (iv) Guadalcanal area - "NICHOLAS" (DD) "MacFARLAND" (AV) "JAMESTOWN" (PG) "SEMINOLE" (YT) "KOPARA" (AK)
- (v) At Suva - "CATALPA" "LOCUST" "KANE" "ROSEWOOD" (YN)
- (vi) At Samoa - "CHESTNUT" (YN) "PROMETHEUS" (AR) "SONOMA" (YT) "CAMANGA" "ARCTIC" (AK)
- (vii) At Tongatabu - "SUMNER" (Survey Ship) "VESTAL" (AR) "BARNETT" "HUNTER LEGGETT" (AP)
- (viii) At Bora Bora - "TERN" (AM)
- (ix) At Tahiti - "CHEVREUIL" (Sloop)
- (x) At Norfolk Is. - "MAHINE" (AP)

- (xi) At Auckland - "LEANDER" "ACHILLES" (CL) "MONOWAI" (A.M.C)
"FARRAGUT" (DD) "RIGEL" (AD) "DELPHINUS" (YP) "EBONY" (YN)
"ROAMER" (AP) "JUPITER" (AK)
- (xii) At Wellington - "AMERICAN LEGION" "PRESIDENT HAYES" "PRESIDENT
JACKSON" "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "MOUNT VERNON" "CRESCENT CITY" (AP)

Enemy Forces

GILBERT IS. - A vessel described as an auxiliary cruiser (~~possibly a
minelayer or submarine tender~~) was observed approx 90 miles SSW
Tamama Is. at 0900/22.

- D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA
E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA
F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

"TRINITY" en route Bahrein to Melbourne ETA 9/11.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

Nil.

3. AIR OPERATIONS - 22/10

- (1) BUIN-FAISI AREA - 7 Catalinas attacked shipping early morning
22/10. Nil hits observed.

ENEMY

FORT MORESBY - 1 enemy aircraft attacked Seven mile Aerodrome and
2 attacked Wards aerodrome, late 22/10. Nil damage.

RENNELL IS. - An allied aircraft was attacked by an enemy floatplane
at 1255/22, 40 miles SSE Rennell Is.

COLLINGWOOD BAY - A single enemy aircraft reconnoitred the Wanigela
area (W. shore Collingwood Bay) for half an hour in the evening 21/10.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Major attack on allied positions Guadalcanal with a view to
recapture of airfield.
- (ii) Consolidation on islands in the Gilberts and possible occupation
of islands in the Ellice Group.

For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

23/10/42

A P P E N D I X

to

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers
6" Cruisers
Flotilla Leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

Armed Merchant Cruisers

Submarine Tender
Destroyer Tender
Storeship
Gunboat
Oiler

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet
CinC 2nd Fleet
CinC 8th Fleet
CinC 1st Air Fleet
CinC 4th Fleet
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet)

3 Battleships (BB)

4 Battlecruisers (BB)

3 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

Poss. 1 Converted Carrier (XCV)

Heavy Cruisers (CA)

1 prob. sunk
at least 3 damaged

9 Light Cruisers (CL)
(at least 4 damaged)

Effective

AUSTRALIA
PROCKIX
ARUNTA
STUART
SELFRIDGE
MUGFORD
BAGLEY
PATTERSON
VENDETTA
S.43)
S/44) At Brisbane
S.46)
GUMGEON)
GRAMPUS)
GRAYBACK)
STURGEON)
SAILFISH) On Patrol
SCULPIN)
S.42)
S.45)
S.47)
K.9) At Sydney
SAURY)

TRUK

~~SAURY~~
SWORDFISH
WESTRALIA
MANGORA
GRIPFIN
DOBBIN
GOLDSTAR
TULSA

Refitting or Repairing

HOBART
LE TRIOMPHANT
THOMP

HENLEY
HELM

On Patrol

At Sydney

Enroute W.Aust. to Brisbane

VICTORIA

x

YUBARI
TERRYU
TATSUTA

x Probably on escort duty bet.
Palao & Truk-New Britain
areas.

Approx 25 submarines incl. 4-8 "RO" class, 15 "I" class (at least 2 minelayers)

45-50 Destroyers (DD)

3 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHITOSE

AKITSUSHIMA

NISSHIN

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

NITCHO MARU

NOTORO

KINUGASA MARU

KAGU MARU

KANCOI

NARUTO MARU

SOUYOU MARU

OKITSU MARU

SAYUKI MARU

SANYO MARU

JINGEI

) Some of these units
) operating between Empire
) Waters & Southern area.

2 submarine tenders incl.

Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)

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

Approx 188 shore-based aircraft incl. 78 fighters, 53 H/B, 30 F/B,

18 F/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruiser

Armed Merchant Cruiser

S/P Tenders

ADELAIDE

KANIMBLA

HERON

CHILDS

W.B. PRESTON

PELIAS

HOLLAND

Submarine Tenders

On Patrol

GAR

SARGO

THRESHER

GRENADIER

SPEARFISH

SRARAVEN

SAMON

SEAWOLF

TAUTOG

TAMBOR

Submarines

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

SNAPPER Enroute W.Aust. to Brisbane

SEAL

SEADRAGON

K.8

K.12

) At Fremantle

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

CinC 3rd Fleet

CinC Southern Expeditionary Fleet

Converted Aircraft Carrier

UNYO

1 Light Cruiser

KASHII

Approx 16 Destroyers

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

NORTH CAROLINA

SOUTH DAKOTA

MARYLAND

COLORADO

MISSISSIPPI

NEW MEXICO

SARATOGA

LONG ISLAND

COPAHEE

NEW ORLEANS

CALIFORNIA

TENNESSEE

NEVADA

WEST VIRGINIA

IDAHO

PENNSYLVANIA

Aircraft Carriers

Converted A/C Carriers

8" Cruisers

RALEIGH

DETROIT

15 (approx)

23 (approx)

CHICAGO

MINNEAPOLIS

HONOLULU

6" Cruisers

Destroyers

Submarines

Enemy Forces

Palao-Saipan-Formosa-Bonins-Japan

5 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
ISE
HYUGA
HAYATAKA
HITAKA

Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

OTAKA (damaged)

2 - 8" Cruisers (CA)

MOGAMI ?
HAGURO

3 Light Cruisers (CL)

NAGARA
NATORI
KUMA
CHIYODA
GOSHU MARU
FUJIKAWA MARU
KIYOKAWA MARU

1 S/P Tender (AV)

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 30 Destroyers

Approx 14 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

WASHINGTON
HORNET
ENTERPRISE
WASP

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

SAN FRANCISCO
SALT LAKE CITY
NORTHAMPTON
PENSACOLA
CHESTER

6" Cruisers

PORTLAND
BUSE
HELENA
LEANDER

5" Cruisers

ACHILLES
JUNEAU
SAN DIEGO
ATLANTA
SAN JUAN
25 (approx)
MONOWAI

Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruiser

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE
INDIANAPOLIS
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE

6" Cruisers

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu - Kuriles - Aleutians

8" Cruiser (CA)

NACHI

3 Light Cruisers (CL)

ABURUMA
TAMA
KISO

Approx 4 Destroyers

Approx 20 Submarines

1st Base Force

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) ?

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces
Battleships

WARSPITE REVENGE

VALIANT
RESOLUTION
ILLUSTRIOUS
FORMIDABLE

Aircraft Carriers

GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)

8" Cruisers

DEVONSHIRE

7.5" Cruisers

HAWKINS

PROBISHER

6" Cruisers

MAURITIUS

CAMBIA

BIRMINGHAM

GLASGOW

ENTERPRISE

EMERALD

DAUNTLESS

DANAE

DRAGON

DELHI

CAPETOWN

CERES

CALEDON

SUMATRA (Dutch)

Armed Merchant Cruisers

WORCESTERSHIRE

RANCHI

ALANIA

CHITRAL

RANPURA

CANTON

QUEEN OF BERMUDA

CARTHAGE

A.A. Vessels

HEEMSKERK

CARLISLE

Approx 25 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Approx 5 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

24th October, 1942

L. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "SELFRIDGE" "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "PATTERSON") en route Brisbane from patrol area ETA 1300 today 24/10.
- (ii) "HOBART" dep. Sydney 0325 today 24/10 for Brisbane ETA 0530 tomorrow 25/10.
- (iii) "ARUNTA" "STUART" were to return Milne Bay by 0900/23 after landing troops at Mud Bay (Goodenough Is.). Dep. 1700 escorting "ISLANDER" to Cairns ETA Grafton Passage 1300/25.
- (iv) "BALLARAT" escorting "BOTH" "MAATSUYCKER" "JAPARA" arr. Townsville 1039/23. "BALLARAT" dep. for Cairns 1601 ETA 0800 today 24/10.
- (v) "ARMIDALE" escorting "TASMAN" "BONTEKOE" en route Milne Bay to Townsville ETA 0200/25.
- (vi) "BERDIGO" escorting Convoy E ("VAN HEEMSKERK"; "WEST CACTUS") en route Cairns to Milne Bay ETA 1000/26.
- (vii) "COLAS" escorting "NORDNES" "ASPASIA NOMIKOS" en route Port Moresby to Townsville ETA 1130/25. "ASPASIA NOMIKOS" proceeds Cairns ETA 2300 today 24/10.
- (viii) "GHELONG" dep. Brisbane 1225/23 to carry out local M/S and A/S duties.
- (ix) "YANDRA" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy PG18 ("CARRADALE") from Brisbane to Newcastle ETA 1000 today 24/10.
- (x) "BROOME" escorting 2 MV ex Convoy GP18 en route Brisbane ETA 1600 today 24/10.
- (xi) "WILCANNIA" "DELOIRINE" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy OC37 (10 MV) en route Sydney and Newcastle.
- (xii) "GAWLER" en route Adelaide after leaving Convoy C037 in Bass Strait area 22/10. Later to proceed Fremantle.
- (xiii) "MORRESBY" "WHYALLA" escorting Convoy C038 en route Sydney to RV with "DOOMBA" in vicinity of Wilson's Promontory.
- (xiv) "WANGANELLA" en route Sydney to Townsville and Brisbane to embark invalids, thence Melbourne.
- (xv) "MANUNDA" en route Brisbane to Port Moresby ETA 0700/26.
- (xvi) At Sydney - "MANOCRA" "DOBBIN" "TAMWORTH" "BUNDABERG" "MILDURA" "ROCKHAMPTON" "MERKUR"
Repairing - "TRUMP" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "HENLEY" "HELM" "BISHOPDALE" "SWAN" "VICTORIA"
- (xvii) At Melbourne - "VENDETTA" "GOLDSTAR"
- (xviii) At Adelaide - "SPRINGDALE"
- (xix) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "COULBURN" "TULSA" "KURUMBA"
- (xx) At Townsville - "AASE MAERSK"
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- (xxiv) At Milne Bay - "WARREGO" "DILGA" "BAN HONG LIONG"

Enemy Forces

(1) BOUGAINVILLE BASE - Air recce 1055 yesterday 23/10 over the Buin-Paisi area showed a force of 42 vessels, probably composed as follows -

- 2 heavy cruisers
- 1 poss. aircraft carrier
- 1 seaplane tender
- 4 light cruisers
- 17 destroyers
- 3 probable converted seaplane tenders
- 14 unidentified vessels

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ 42

In addition, 2 heavy cruisers and a destroyer were sighted 13 mile east Loluei Pt., Bougainville, at 1050 on course 135°, and a destroyer with a small gunboat 27 miles N.Kieta at 1035 on course 125°.

(ii) RABOUL - Analysis of photographs taken over Rabaul 22/10 shows the following shipping -

- 1 light cruiser ("TENRYU" class)
 - 1 converted S/P Tender ("NISSIN MARU" type)
 - 4 torpedo boats
 - 2 small tankers
 - 1 unidentified vessel (1000 tons)
 - 30 merchant vessels
- | | | |
|-------------------|---------|-------------|
| estimated tonnage | 5 ships | 10,000 tons |
| | 4 " | 9,000 |
| | 3 " | 8,000 |
| | 4 " | 6,000 |
| | 1 " | 5,000 |
| | 4 " | 4,000 |
| | 5 " | 3,000 |
| | 3 " | 2,000 |
| | 1 " | 1,000 |

Total tonnage - 177,000

75 small vessels 25' to 175'

This force was attacked by Fortresses early morning 23/10. (For results - see Naval Incidents).

- (iii) BUKA - A small patrol vessel (50 to 100 tons) was sighted by aircraft approx 44 miles W. of Queen Carola Harbor at 0940/23, on course 110°.
- (iv) KOKODA AREA - Our troops continued to advance north of Eora Creek village 22/10 in face of heavy enemy fire, and at 1800 were in contact with the enemy 500 yards north of the village.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "ADELAIDE" carrying out exercises and patrol in Albany area. To return Fremantle today 24/10.
- (ii) "KALGOOLIE" arr. Darwin from escort duty 1512/23.
- (iii) "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting "KARSIK" arr. Darwin 1405 yesterday 23/10.
- (iv) "CESSNOCK" dep. Albany 1545/23 for Fremantle ETA 0700/25.
- (v) "PELIAS" dep. Albany 0610/23 for exercises. Thence Fremantle.
- (vi) "WATO" dep. Darwin 0431/23 for Thursday Is. ETA 10 miles W. Booby Is. 0851/26.
- (vii) "PORCEPUL" en route Fremantle to Darwin ETA 1130/31.
- (viii) At Fremantle - "KANIMBLA" "CHILDS" "HERON" "HOLLAND" "ISABEL" "CAIRNS" "BENGAL" "TOOWOOMBA" "WOLLONGONG" "IPSWICH" "WALLAROO" "MARYBOROUGH" "ERLING BROVIG" "LARK"
- (ix) At Albany - "DUBBO" "WHIPPOORWILL"
- (x) At Exmouth Gulf - "W.E. PRESTON"
- (xi) At Darwin - "CASTLEMAINE"

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

10 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) At Espiritu Santo - "WASHINGTON" (BB) "CHESTER" (CA) "ATLANTA" (CL) "FLETCHER" "LANSDOWNE" "STERETT" "BENHAM" "REVER" "LAFPEY" "MacDONOUGH" "LARDNER" "AARON WARD" (DD) "MANLEY" (APD) "CURTISS" "MACKINAC" "TANGIER" (AV) "LACKAWANNA" "KANKAKEE" (AO) "GAMELE" (CM) PG.479 (YP) "BOBOLINK" (AM) "W.W. BURROWS" (AP) "LIBRA" "CASTOR" "BELLATRIX" "ALCEIBA" (AK)
- (ii) At Noumea - "BOISE" (CL) "ZANE" "HOPKINS" (DD) "McKEEN" (APD) "ARGONNE" (AS) "LASSER" (AE) "WHITNEY" (AD) "TAPPAHANNOCK" (AO) "KINGFISHER" (AM) "BUTTERNUT" (YN) "NAVAJO" (YT) "ZEILIN" "McGAWLEY" "STRAFORD" "HEYWOOD" "FULLER" (AP) "ANTARES" "ALHENA" "FOMALHAUT" (AK)
- (iii) At Vila - "SOLACE" (AH) "MAJABA" "HERCULES" (AK)
- (iv) Guadalcanal Area - "NICHOLAS" (DD) "MacFARLAND" (AV) "JAMESTOWN" (PG) "SEMINOLE" (YT) "KOPARA" (AK)
- (v) At Suva - "CATALPA" "LOCUST" "ROSEWOOD" (YN)
- (vi) At Samoa - "CHESTNUT" (YN) "PROMETHEUS" (AR) "SONOMA" (YT) "CAMANGA" "ARCTIC" (AK)
- (vii) At Tongatabu - "SUMNER" (Survey Ship) "VESTAL" (AR) "BARNETT" "HUNTER LEGGETT" (AP)

- (viii) At Bora Bora - "TERN" (AM)
- (ix) At Tahiti - "CHEVREUIL" (Sloop)
- (x) At Norfolk Is. - "WAHINE" (AP)
- (xi) At Auckland - "LEANDER" "ACHILLES" (CL) "MONOWAI" (A.M.C)
"FARRAULT" (DD) "RIGEL" (AD) "DELPHINUS" (YP) "EBONY" (YN)
"ROAMER" (AP) "JUPITER" (AK)
- (xii) At Wellington - "AMERICAN LEGION" "PRESIDENT HAYES" "PRESIDENT JACKSON" "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "CRESCENT CITY" (AP)

Enemy Forces

SANTA CRUZ AREA - Aircraft on reconnaissance reported an enemy Task Force of 11 vessels approx 330 miles E. Ontong Java on course 120°, forenoon 23/10, and a cruiser and destroyer on course 260°, 50 miles to the southward.

During the evening, an aircraft reported the following vessels in the same area -

- 1 large aircraft carrier
- 1 heavy cruiser
- 2 light cruisers
- 3 destroyers

At 0120/24, there were indications that the force was approx 280 miles E. by S. of Ontong Java on course 270°.

ix Although there are as yet no signs that the anticipated convoy movement southwards from Rabaul has commenced, the purpose of this enemy task force is probably the same as previously, viz. to cover the movement of a large convoy into Guadalcanal, probably via the E. coast Buka and Bougainville.

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

"TRINITY" en route Bahrain to Melbourne ETA 9/11.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

(i) RABAU - 6 Fortresses attacked shipping in Rabaul Harbour early morning 23/10. Results reported -

- Believed sunk - 1 cruiser
1 destroyer
2 large merchant ships
- Believed seriously damaged - 1 large merchant ship
- Believed damaged 1 transport
1 small cargo vessel

(ii) SHORTLANDS AREA - 3 Catalinas from a Soupac base made a torpedo attack on shipping in the Shortlands area during the night 22/10 and probably scored a hit on a light cruiser or large destroyer.

(iii) ESPIRITU SANTO - The airfield at Pallikulo Bay was shelled by a submarine at 0230/23, and during the evening there were indications that this unit was still off Pallikulo Bay.

3. AIR OPERATIONS - 22-23/10

KOKODA AREA - 6 A.20's escorted by 8 P.40's attacked Deniki noon 23/10 and strafed the Deniki - Kokoda track. Results not observed.

D'ENTRECASTEAUX-TROBRIANDS AREA - A Hudson on recce morning 23/10 reported nil sightings in the area Dawson Strait - Goodenough Is. - Egum Island - Trobriands - Lusancay Island.

Enemy -

MILNE BAY - At least 3 enemy aircraft attacked No.3 strip Milne Bay late 22/10. Nil damage or casualties.

GUADALCANAL - A large number of enemy planes were reported approaching Guadalcanal from the NW early afternoon 23/10.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Major attack on allied positions Guadalcanal with a view to recapture of airfield.
- (ii) Consolidation on islands in the Gilberts and possible occupation of islands in the Ellice Group.

Randall
For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

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DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA
1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR
British and Allied Forces

| | <u>Effective</u> | <u>Refitting or Repairing</u> |
|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| 8" Cruisers | AUSTRALIA | |
| 6" Cruisers | PHOENIX | |
| | HOBART | |
| Flotilla Leaders | ARUNTA | LE TRIOMPHANT |
| | STUART | TROMP |
| | SELFRIDGE | |
| Destroyers | MUGFORD | |
| | BAGLEY | HENLEY HELM |
| | PATTERSON | |
| | VENDETTA | |
| Submarines | (TROUT) | |
| | S.43 | |
| | S.44 | |
| | S.46 | At Brisbane |
| | GUDGEON | } On Patrol |
| | GRAMPUS | |
| | GRAYBACK | |
| | STURGEON | |
| | SAILFISH | |
| | SCULPIN | |
| | S.42 | |
| | S.45 | |
| | S.47 | |
| | K.9 | At Sydney |
| Armed Merchant Cruisers | SAUKY (| } Enroute W.Aust. to Brisbane |
| | SWORDFISH | |
| | WESTRALIA | |
| | MANCORA | |
| Submarine Tender | GRIFFIN | |
| Destroyer Tender | DOBBIN | |
| Storeship | GOLDSTAR | |
| Gunboat | TULSA | |
| Oiler | | VICTORIA |
| Hospital Ships | WANGANILLA | |
| | MANUNDA | |

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

| | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Cinc Combined Fleet | |
| Cinc 2nd. Fleet | |
| Cinc 8th. Fleet | |
| Cinc 1st. Air Fleet | |
| Cinc 4th Fleet | |
| Cinc 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet) | |
| 3 Battleships (BB) | YAMATO |
| | MUTSU |
| | NAGATO |
| 4 Battlecruisers (BB) | KIRISHIMA |
| (1 Poss damaged) | HIYEI |
| | KONGO |
| | HARUNA |
| 3 Aircraft Carriers (CV) | SHOKAKU |
| | ZUIKAKU |
| | HOSEI |
| Poss. 1 Converted Carrier (XCV) | ZUIHO |
| Heavy Cruisers (CA) | TONE |
| 1 prob. sunk | TIKUMA |
| at least 3 damaged | SUZUYA |
| | ATAGO |
| | TAKAGI |
| | MYOGEI |
| | ASHIGARA (operating Palao-Truk area) |
| | CHOKAI |
| | AOBA |
| | KINUGASA) Damaged |
| 10 Light Cruisers (CL) | KASHIMA |

(at least 4 damaged)

10 Light Cruisers (Contd)

KATORI
SENDAI
JINTSU
ISUZU
KINU
NAGARA
YUBARI
TENRYU
TATSUTA

x Probably on escort duty between
PALAO & TRUK-NEW BRITAIN areas.

Approx. 25 submarines incl. 4-8" "RO" class, 15 "I" class (at least 2
45-50 destroyers (DD) minelayers)
3 seaplane carriers (AV)

CHITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA
NISSEIN
NITCHO MARU
KIYOKAWA MARU
KINUGASA MARU
KAGU MARU
KAMOI
GOSHU MARU
NARUTO MARU
SOUYOU MARU
SENDAI MARU
SANUKI MARU
SANYO MARU
JINGEI

NOTED

Some of these units operating
between Empire Waters and
Southern area.

2 submarine tenders incl.

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

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

Approx. 197 shore-based aircraft incl. 78 fighters, 62 H/B, 30 F/B, 18
F/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruiser

Armed Merchant Cruiser

S/P Tenders

ADELAIDE
KANIMBLA
HERON
CHILDS
W.B. PRESTON

Submarine Tenders

PELIAS
HOLLAND

Submarines

On Patrol

GAR
SARGO
THRESHER
GRENADIER
SPEARFISH
SEARAVEN
SALMON
SEAWOLF
TAUTOG
TAMBOR

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

SEAL)
K.8) At Fremantle
K.12)
SNAPPER) En route W. Aust. to Brisbane
SEADRAGON)

3. EAST INDIES-PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

CinC 3rd Fleet

CinC Southern Expeditionary Fleet

Converted Aircraft Carrier

2 Light Cruisers

UNYO
KASHII
KUMA

Approx. 16 Destroyers

Converted Seaplane Tender

OKITSU MARU

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleships

Aircraft Carriers
Converted A/C Carriers
8" Cruisers
6" Cruisers
Destroyers
Submarines

Enemy Forces
Falco-Saipan-Formosa-Bonins-Japan
5 Battleships (BB)

3 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)
2 - 8" Cruisers (CA)
1 Light Cruiser (CL)
1 S/P Tender (AV)
Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)
Approx. 30 Destroyers
Approx. 14 Submarines

NORTH CAROLINA
SOUTH DAKOTA
MARYLAND
COLORADO
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
SARATOGA
LONG ISLAND
COPAHEE
NEW ORLEANS

CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE
NEVADA
WEST VIRGINIA
IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA

RALEIGH
DETROIT
15 (approx.)
23 (approx.)

CHICAGO
MINNEAPOLIS
HONOLULU

MUSASHI
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
ISE
HYUGA
HAYATAKA
HITAKA

OTAKA (Damaged)

MOGAMI ?
HAGURO

MIKURI
CHIYODA
KAMIKAWA MARU
FUJIKAWA MARU

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleships
Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

5" Cruisers

Destroyers
Armed Merchant Cruiser

WASHINGTON
HORNET
ENTERPRISE
WASP
SAN FRANCISCO
SALT LAKE CITY
NORTHAMPTON
PENSACOLA
CHESTER
PORTLAND
BOISE
HELENA
LEANDER
ACHILLES
JUREAU
SAN DIEGO
ATLANTA
SAN JUAN
25 (approx.)
MONOWAI

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces
8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

10 Destroyers
10 Submarines

LOUISVILLE
INDIANAPOLIS
ST. LOUIS
Nashville

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians

8" Cruiser (CA)
3 Light Cruisers (CL)

HACHI
ABUKUMA
TAMA
KISO

Approx. 4 Destroyers
Approx. 20 Submarines
1st Base Force
Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) ?

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

Approx. 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

WARSPITE REVENGE

VALLANT

RESOLUTION

ILLUSTRIOUS

FORMIDABLE

GEORGIOS AVIROFF (Greek)

DEVONSHIRE

HAWKINS

FROBISHER

MAURITIUS

GAMBIA

BIRMINGHAM

GLASGOW

ENTERPRISE

EMERALD

DAUNTLESS

DANAË

DRAGON

DELHI

CAPETOWN

CEES

CALEDON

SUMATRA (Dutch)

WORCESTERSHIRE

RANCHI

ALAUNIA

CHITRAL

RANPURA

CANTON

QUEEN OF BERMUDA

CARTHAGE

HEEMSKERK

CARLISLE

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

A.A. Vessels

Approx. 25 Destroyers

Approx. 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Approx. 5 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

25th October, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- + (i) "AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "SELFREDGE" "MUGFORD" "PATTERSON" arr. Brisbane 1415/24. "AUSTRALIA" "SELFREDGE" to proceed Sydney for maintenance at 0930 today 25/10.
- + (ii) "HOBART" arr. Brisbane from Sydney this morning 25/10.
- + (iii) "ARUNTA" "STUART" "ISLANDER" due Grafton Passage 1300 today 25/10. Thence Cairns.
- + (iv) "VENDETTA" dep. Melbourne 1701/24 for Sydney ETA 0700 tomorrow 26/10.
- + (v) "WARREGO" to depart Milne Bay today 25/10 for survey work in the Milne Bay - Goodenough Is. area.
- + (vi) "ARMIDALE" escorting "TASMAN" "BONTEKOE" due Townsville ETA 0200 today 25/10.
- + (vii) "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy E ("VAN HEEMSKERK" "WEST CACTUS") en route Cairns to Milne Bay ETA 1000 tomorrow 26/10.
- + (viii) "COLAC" escorting "NORDNES" en route Townsville ETA 1130 today 25/10.
- + (ix) "YANDRA" "TOWNSVILLE" arr. Sydney 1532/24 after escorting Convoy PG18 ("CARRADALE") from Brisbane to Newcastle.
- + (x) "BROOME" escorting 2 MV ex Convoy GP18 arr. Townsville 1254/24.
- + (xi) "DELORAIN" "ABRAHAM GRYNSSER" escorting Sydney section Convoy OC38 arr. 2327/24. "WILCANNIA" with Newcastle section continued northwards.
- + (xii) "MORESBY" "WHYALLA" escorting Convoy OC38 en route Sydney to RV with "DOOMBA" in vicinity of Wilson's Promontory.
- + (xiii) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC38 (including "GOLDSTAR") dep. Melbourne 1900/24 for RV with Convoy OC38 at 1800 today 25/10. "MORESBY" "WHYALLA" continue escort of OC38 thence to Sydney ETA approx 0200/28.
- + (xiv) "AASE MAERSE" dep. Townsville 0630/24 for Cairns ETA 0800 today 25/10.
- + (xv) "PINGWO" was to depart Port Stephens for Sydney 0630 today 25/10. To return not later than p.m. 31/10.
- + (xvi) "MANUNDA" en route Brisbane to Port Moresby ETA 0700 tomorrow 26/10.
- + (xvii) "WANGANELLA" en route Sydney to Townsville and Brisbane to embark invalids, thence Melbourne.
- (xviii) At Sydney - "MANGORA" "DOBBIN" "TAMWORTH" "BUNDABERG" "MILDURA" "ROCKHAMPTON" "MERKUR"
Repairing - "TRUMP" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "HENLEY" "HELM" "BISHOPDALE"
"SWAN" "VICTORIA"
- (xix) At Melbourne - "~~ROCKHAMPTON~~"
- (xx) At Adelaide - "SHINGDALE" "GAWLER"
- (xxi) At Brisbane - "PHOENIX" "HOBART" "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "PATTERSON"
"GRIFFIN" "GOULBURN" "GRELONG" "TULSA" "KURUMBA"
- (xxii) At Cairns - "BALLARAT"
- (XXIII) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA"
- (xxiv) At Port Moresby - "LITHGOW" "~~TONGA~~" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "JOHN STEELE" "GEORGE MATTHEWS" "S. J. FIELD" "ANHUI" "STAGEN"
"~~REPAIRING COMBINATION~~"
- (xxv) At Milne Bay - "DILGA" "BAN HONG LIONG"

Enemy Forces

- (i) BOUGAINVILLE BASE - Air recce at 1000/24 was inconclusive owing to poor visibility. 19 unidentified vessels were reported. Movements observed during the last two days, in the vicinity of this base, are as follows -
 - (a) At 1625/23, a possible light cruiser or small transport, one destroyer, one large transport 34 miles E. by N. Cape Alexander, Choiseul, on course 135°.
 - (b) This force may have been carrying troops or supplies to enemy positions on Isabel Is.
 - (c) 4 unidentified vessels on course 340°, 22 miles W. Simbo Is. at 1015/24.
 These vessels may have been returning to the Buin area from

enemy bases in New Georgia, or possibly Russell Is. There has been no evidence of enemy vessels approaching Guadalcanal since 19/10.

(c) 1 cargo vessel 24 miles NE Kieta at 0910/24, and a destroyer with two transports in the same area at 0930, on course 080°.

- (ii) RABAUL - 6 cargo vessels escorted by 3 probable destroyers were seen leaving Rabaul Harbor at 0415/24. There have been no further sightings to indicate their destination.
- (iii) CAPE BEECHEY (S.Coast New Britain) - One cargo vessel was seen at anchor off Cape Beechey at 0350/24.
- (iv) ROSSEL IS. - Aircraft reported 24/10 a 50' launch at Mbeawe Bay (W.Coast Rossel). There have, however, been no indications of enemy activity there.
- (v) RENNELL IS. - There were strong indications 2330/23 of the presence of an enemy submarine 188 miles SSW Rennell Is.
- (vi) BOODENOUGH IS. - Our troops contacted the enemy near Kilia 23/10. Three enemy aircraft reconnoitred and lightly attacked our forces.
- (vii) KOKODA AREA - Our troops continued to advance north of Eora 23/10.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "CESSNOCK" due Fremantle 0700 today 25/10.
- (ii) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "YARBA" dep. Darwin 1123/24.
- (iii) "GAWLER" arr. Adelaide 0827/24. To depart for Albany 1900 today 25/10.
- (iv) "WATO" dep. Darwin 23/10 for Thursday Is. ETA 10 miles W. Booby Is. 0851/26.
- (v) "FORCEFUL" en route Fremantle to Darwin ETA 1130/31.
- (vi) At Fremantle - "ADELA IDE" "KANIMBLA" "CHILDS" "HERON" "HOLLAND" "PELIAS" "ISABEL" "CAIRNS" "BENGAL" "TOOWOOMBA" "WOOLONGONG" "IPSWICH" "WALLAROO" "MARYBOROUGH" "ERLING BROVIG" "LARK"
- (vii) At Albany - "DUBBO" "WHIPPOORWILL"
- (viii) At Exmouth Gulf - "W.B. PRESTON"
- (ix) At Darwin - "CASTLEMAINE" "WARRNAMBOOL"

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

10 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) At Espiritu Santo - "WASHINGTON" (BB) "CHESTER" (CA) "ATLANTA" (CL) "PLETCHER" "LANSDOWNE" "STERETT" "BENHAM" "MacDONOUGH" "LARDNER" "AARON WARD" (DD) "MANLEY" (APD) "CURTISS" "MACKINAC" "TANGIER" (AV) "LACKAWANNA" "KANKAKEE" (AO) "GAMBLE" (CM) PC.479 (YP) "BOBOLINE" (AM) "W.W. BURROWS" (AP) "LIBRA" "CASTOR" "BELLATRIX" "ALCHIBA" (AK)
- (ii) At Noumea - "BOISE" (CL) "O'BANNOH" (DD) "McKEEN" (APD) "ARGONNE" (AS) "LASSEN" (AE) "WHITNEY" (AD) "EINGFISHER" (AM) "BUTTERNUT" (YN) "NAVAJO" (YT) "ZEILIN" "McCAWLEY" "STRATFORD" "HEYWOOD" "PULLER" (AP) "ANTARES" "ALDEBARAN" "ALHENA" "FOMALHAUT" (AK)
- (iii) At Vila - "SOLACE" (AH) "MAJABA" "HERCULES" (AK)
- (iv) Guadalcanal Area - "MacFARLAND" (AV) "HAMESTOWN" (PG) "SEMINOLE" (YT)
- (v) At Suva - "CATALPA" "LOCUST" "ROSEWOOD" (YN)
- (vi) At Samoa - "CHESTNUT" (YN) "PROMETHEUS" (AR) "SONOMA" (YT) "CAMANGA" "ARCTIC" (AK)
- (vii) At Tongatabu - "SUMNER" (Survey Ship) "VESTAL" (AR) "BARNETT" "HUNTER LEGGETT" (AP)
- (viii) At Bora Bora - "TERN" (AM)
- (ix) At Tahiti - "CHEVREUIL" (Sloop)
- (x) At Norfolk Is. - "WAHINE" (AP)
- (xi) At Auckland - "LEANDER" "ACHILLES" (CL) "MONOWAI" (A.M.C) "RIGEL" (AD) "DELPHINUS" (YP) "EBONY" (YN) "ROAMER" (AP) "JUPITER" (AK)
- (xii) At Wellington - "AMERICAN LEGION" "PRESIDENT HAYES" "PRESIDENT JACKSON" "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "CRESCENT CITY" (AP)

Enemy Forces

SANTA CRUZ AREA - The enemy Task Force in this area 23/10 was not reported yesterday 24/10.

An enemy submarine was sighted by aircraft approx 200 miles S.W. Ndeni at 1250/24.

NEW CALEDONIA - There were indications 23/10 that an enemy submarine was possibly operating off Ile des Pins.

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

"TRINITY" en route Bahrain to Melbourne ETA 9/11.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

RABAU - 6 B.17's attacked shipping at Rabaul between 0245-0325L/23 (Immediately preceding attack reported yesterday). One cargo vessel and two other vessels possibly damaged by near misses; one merchant ship observed burning off Bridges Point.

5 B.17's attacked early morning 24/10. Direct hit amidships on probable tanker (10,000/17,000 tons) which was sighted burning and smoking heavily.

3. AIR OPERATIONS - 23-24/10

LAE - 3 B.25's attacked Lae airrome morning 24/10. Two enemy bombers destroyed, 2 others probably damaged and one A.A. position silenced.

GUADALCANAL ~~3~~ ~~xxxx~~ Our Planes continued to attack enemy ground forces 21/10. 3 dive-bombers from Guadalcanal attacked enemy-occupied village on Russel Is. same day.

Enemy

DARWIN - Attacked probably by four flights of three aircraft were made during early morning 24/10. Batchelor was attacked with very slight damage and casualties. No apparent damage reported in Pell area. Nil damage in Cox Peninsula and R.A.A.F. Station. Nil interception.

GUADALCANAL - 21/10- 7 Bombers 15/20 Zero's attacked airfield 1115. Fighters shot down 6 Zero's; A.A. destroyed 1 bomber. 2 bombers damaged. 2 allied fighters missing, 4 damaged.

22/10 - Several groups of enemy planes were over Guadalcanal. 5 shot down.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Major attack on allied positions Guadalcanal with a view to recapture of airfield.
- (ii) Consolidation on islands in the Gilberts and possible occupation of islands in the Ellice Group.

For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

25/10/42

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Flotilla Leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

Armed Merchant Cruisers

Submarine Tender

Destroyer Tender

Storeship

Gunboat

Oiler

Hospital Ships

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet

CinC 2nd. Fleet

CinC 8th. Fleet

CinC 1st. Air Fleet

CinC 4th Fleet

CinC 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet)

3 Battleships (BB)

4 Battlecruisers (BB)
(1 Poss damaged)

3 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

Poss. 1 Converted Carrier (XCV)
Heavy Cruisers (CA)

1 prob. sunk
at least 3 damaged

Effective

AUSTRALIA

PHOENIX

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ARUNTA

STUART

SELFRIDGE

MUGFORD

BAGLEY

PATTERSON

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S.44)

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GUDGEON)

GRAMPUS)

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SCULPIN)

S.42)

S.45)

S.47)

K.9)

SAURY)

SWORDFISH)

WESTRALIA)

MANOORA)

GRIFFIN)

DOBBIN)

GOLDSTAR)

TULSA)

WANGANELLA

MANUNDA

Refitting or Repairing

LE TRIOMPHANT

TROMP

HENLEY

HELM

At Brisbane

on Patrol

At Sydney

En route W. Aust. to Brisbane

VICTORIA

ASHIGARA) (operating Palao-Truk area)

CHOKAI)

KUMANO)

AOKA)

KINUGASA Damaged

2.

10 Light Cruisers (CL)
(at least 4 damaged)

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SENDAI
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KINU
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x YUBARI

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British and Allied Forces

6th Cruiser
Armed Merchant Cruiser
S/P Tenders

ADELAIDE
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Submarine Tenders

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Submarines

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SARGO
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TAMBOR
Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

SEAL
K.8 } At Fremantle
K.12 }

SNAPPER }
SEAHAGON } En route W. Aust. to Bris.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES
British and Allied Forces

10 Submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (See above)

Enemy Forces

CinC 3rd Fleet
CinC Southern Expeditionary Fleet
Converted Aircraft Carrier
2 Light Cruisers

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OKITSU MARU

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleships

Aircraft Carriers
Converted A/C Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Destroyers
Submarines

Enemy Forces
Palao-Saipan-Formosa-Honins-Japan
5 Battleships (BB)

3 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

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1 S/P Tender (AV)

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

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MARYLAND
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LONG ISLAND
COCAHIE
NEW ORLEANS

CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE
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WEST VIRGINIA
IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA

RALEIGH
DETROIT
15 (approx.)
23 (approx.)

CHICAGO
MINNEAPOLIS
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ISE
HYUGA
HAYATAKA
HITAKA

OTAKA (Damaged)

MOGAMI ?
HAGURO

NAFORI
CHIYODA
KAMIKAWA MARU
FUJIKAWA MARU

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

5" Cruisers

Destroyers
Armed Merchant Cruiser

WASHINGTON
HOPNET
ENTERPRISE
WASP
SAN FRANCISCO
SALT LAKE CITY
NORTHAMPTON
PENSACOLA
CHESTER
PORTLAND
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HELENA
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D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces
8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

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LOUISVILLE
INDIANAPOLIS
ST. LOUIS
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Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu -Kuriles-Aleutians

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E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

Approx. 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

WARSPITE
VALIANT
RESOLUTION
ILLUSTRIOUS
FORMIDABLE
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
DEVONSHIRE
HAWKINS
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
DAUNTLESS
DANAÉ
DRAGON
DELHI
CAPETOWN
CERES
CALEDON
SUMATRA (Dutch)
WORCESTERSHIRE
RANCHI
ALAUNIA
CHITRAL
RANPURA
CANTON
QUEEN OF BERMUDA
CARTHAGE
HEEMSKERK
CARLISLE

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

A.A. Vessels

Approx. 25 Destroyers
Approx. 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Approx. 3 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

26th October, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCESA) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTORBritish and Allied Forces

- + (i) Task Force 44 ("HOBART" (P) "PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "PATTERSON") dep. Brisbane for Patrol 2132 yesterday 25/10.
- + (ii) "AUSTRALIA" "SELFDRIDGE" dep. Brisbane 1015 yesterday 25/10 for Sydney for maintenance ETA 1615 tomorrow 27/10.
- + (iii) "HENLEY" to depart Sydney today 26/10 for Brisbane.
- + (iv) "VENDETTA" due Sydney from Melbourne 0700 today 26/10.
- ✓ (v) "STUART" arr. Cairns 2150 yesterday 25/10; to fuel from "AASE MAERSK" and proceed to RV at 0600 tomorrow 27/10 off Fitzroy Is. with Convoy F ("TAROONA" "JASON LEE" "GORGON" "PAINÉ WINGATE" "GEORGE TAYLOR") escorted by "ARMIRALE", leaving Townsville 1100 today 26/10. Thence Port Moresby ETA 1600/28. "ARUNTA" also to fuel from "AASE MAERSK" and proceed Townsville.
- + (vi) "WARREGO" carrying out survey work in the Milne Bay - Goodenough Is. area.
- + (vii) "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy E ("VAN HEEMSKERK" "WEST CACTUS") en route Cairns to Milne Bay ETA 1600 today 26/10.
- + (viii) "COLAC" escorting "NORDNES" was due Townsville 2359 yesterday 25/10.
- + (ix) "WILCANNIA" escorting Convoy CC37 arr. Newcastle 0801/25. Escorting Convoy CO39 (9 MV) to depart Newcastle 0930 today 26/10 for RV off Sydney with "TOWNSVILLE" "YANDRA" escorting Sydney section (4 MV) which continue escort southward.
- + (x) "MORESEY" "WHYALLA" escorting Convoy OC38 (8 MV) en route Wilson's Promontory area to Sydney (4 MV) ETA approx 0200/28 (1 MV for Port Kembla, 2 Newcastle, 1 Catherine Hill Bay).
- + (xi) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy CO38 to Melbourne after RV with "MORESEY" "WHYALLA" in Wilson's Promontory area yesterday 25/10.
- ✓ (xii) "KATOOMBA" escorting "EKATERINI GOUMANTAROU" was to depart Port Moresby 0700 yesterday 25/10.
- + (xiii) "WANGANELLA" en route Sydney to Townsville then Brisbane to embark invalids, thence Melbourne.
- + (xiv) "MANUNDA" en route Brisbane to Port Moresby ETA 0700 today 26/10.
- (xv) At Sydney - "MAHOORA" "DOBBIN" "BUNDABERG" "MILDURA" "DELORAINÉ"
"ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "ROCKHAMPTON" "MERKUR" "PINGWO"
Repairing - "TROMP" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "HELM" "BISHOPDALE" "SWAN"
"VICTORIA"
- (xvi) At Townsville - "BROOME"
- (xvii) At Adelaide - "SPRINGDALE"
- (xviii) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "GOULBURN" "GRELONG" "TULSA" "KURUMBA"
- (xix) At Cairns - "BALLARAT" "AASE MAERSK"
- (xx) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA"
- (xxi) At Port Moresby - "LITHGOW" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "JOHN STEELE"
"GEORGE MATTHEWS" "S. J. FIELD" "ANHUI" "STAGEN"
- (xxii) At Milne Bay - "DILGA" "BAN HONG LIONG"

Enemy Forces

- (1) GUADALCANAL - Sightings by aircraft yesterday 25/10 indicated that strong enemy naval forces were patrolling the general western, northern and N.E. approaches to Guadalcanal, possibly in preparation for the arrival of a large invasion force from Rabaul.

The main Task Force, probably operating under CinC 2nd Fleet, was located N.W. of Santa Cruz (see South Pacific Area).

Another strong force, operating in several groups, in the Solomons area, probably under the command of CinC 8th Fleet, appears to have been disposed as follows:

- a) A force including at least 9 vessels, was patrolling the area north of Florida Is. during the morning.
- b) A force of at least 12 vessels including a battleship or heavy cruiser was observed in the area east of Rekata Bay in the forenoon.
- c) 5 vessels, possibly including 3 transports, appear to have

proceeded SE past the SE end of Santa Ysabel into the Tulagi area. This may have been the force attacked by aircraft at 1600 (see Naval Incidents).

- d) 3 destroyers were reported approaching Kukum from the direction of Savo Is. at 1005. These were probably the 3 vessels which carried out a bombardment of allied positions at 1052 (reported as 2 cruisers, 1 destroyer).
- e) At least 2 forces of 4 vessels each appear to have been covering the western approaches to Guadalcanal.

Approx 10 vessels, including 5 destroyers, were left in the Buin-Faisi area 25/10. This total leaves a balance of approx 35 vessels at sea from this base, which may account for the majority of the sightings south of Bougainville during the day. The main Task Force, including heavy units, under a separate command, is probably operating from the main southern naval base at Truk.

- (ii) RABAU - 40 vessels were reported in Rabaul Harbor by aircraft a.m. 25/10.
- (iii) KAVIENG - Aircraft reported one medium cruiser, one seaplane tender (10/15,000 tons), one transport (5000 tons) in Kavieng Harbor. A probable destroyer was seen departing Kavieng to the S.E. during the night 24/10.
- (iv) NEW BRITAIN - During the night 24/25, aircraft observed 2 unidentified ships off Sule (70 miles SW Rabaul), two ships apparently unloading off Ewasse (97 miles SW Rabaul) and also 3 unidentified ships off Malmal (Jacquinot Bay).
- (v) GOODENOUGH IS. - Our troops near Kilia were forced to withdraw by boat to Mud Bay as a result of Japanese counter attack 23/10. Two unidentified ships were observed at 1845/24 approximately 20 miles north of Goodenough Is. 200 Japanese are reported to have landed on Ferguson Is. a.m. 25/10 and captured Warua Village (on Dawson Strait).
- (vi) SOLOMONS - Following reports of enemy strength at outposts in the Solomons have been received -
 - a) Rendova Harbor - 50 Japanese with 3 barges.
 - b) Vangunu Is. (New Georgia) - 50 Japanese at Wickham Anchorage.
 - c) Viru Harbor (New Georgia) - 200 Japanese with 3 barges.
- (vii) GUADALCANAL - LAND OPERATIONS -- Japanese commenced a heavy barrage of our front lines along the Matanikau River at 1800/23 and followed with an attempt to cross the river with tanks and infantry. Four attacks were thrown back and five large tanks destroyed. In the morning 24/10 an attempt was being made by the enemy to outflank our forces on the left flank.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "CESSNOCK" escorting "VAN HEEMSKERK" "VAN GALEN" "TJERK HIDDEN" arr. Fremantle 0926/25.
- (ii) "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting "KARSIK" dep. Darwin 1121/25 for Thursday Is. ETA 27/10. "KARSIK" thence Port Moresby.
- (iii) "KALGOORLIE" on escort duties off Darwin.
- (iv) "CAWLER" was to depart Adelaide for Albany 1900/25.
- (v) "WATO" due Booby Is. area today 26/10.
- (vi) "FORCEFUL" en route Fremantle to Darwin ETA 1130/31.
- (vii) At Fremantle - "ADELAIDE" "KANIMBLA" "CHILDS" "HERON" "HOLLAND" "PELIAS" "ISABEL" "CAIRNS" "BENGAL" "TOOWOOMBA" "WOLLONGONG" "IPSWICH" "WALLAROO" "MARYBOROUGH" "ERLING BROVIG" "LARK"
- (viii) At Albany - "DUBBO" "WHIPPOORWILL"
- (ix) At Exmouth Gulf - "W. B. PRESTON"
- (x) At Darwin - "CASTLEMAINE"

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

10 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "BUNGAREE" dep. Auckland 1529 yesterday 25/10 for Port Phillip ETA 1400/2/11.
- (ii) At Espiritu Santo - "CHESTER" (CA) "STERETT" (DD) "MANLEY" (APD) "CURTISS" "MACKINAC" "TANGIER" (AV) "LACKAWANNA" (AO)

- "GAMBLE" (CM) PC.479 (YP) "BOBOLINK" (AM) "NAVAJO" (YT)
 "W.W.BURROWS" (AP) "LIBRA" "CASTOR" "BELLATRIX" "ALCHIBA" (AK)
 (iii) At Noumea - "BOISE" (CL) FARRAGUT "MONSSEN" "MEADE" "O'BANNON" (DD)
 "McKEEN" (APD) "ARGONNE" (AS) "TAPPAHANNOCK" "GUADALUPE" (AO)
 "LASSEN" (AE) "WHITNEY" (AD) "KINGFISHER" (AM) "BUTTERNUT" (YN)
 PC.477 (YP) "ZEILIN" "McCAWLEY" "STRATFORD" "HEYWOOD"
 "FULLER" (AP) "ANTARES" "ALDEBARAN" "ALHENA" "BETELGEUSE"
 "FOMALHAUT" (AK)
 (iv) At Vila - "SOLACE" (AE) "MAJABA" "HERCULES" (AK)
 (v) Guadalcanal Area - "MacFARLAND" (AV) "JAMESTOWN" (PG) "SEMIWOLE" (YT)
 (vi) At Suva - "CATALPA" "LOCUST" "ROSEWOOD" (YN)
 (vii) At Samoa - "CHESTNUT" (YN) "PROMETHEUS" (AR) "SONOMA" (YT) "BARNETT"
 "PRESIDENT HAYES" "HUNTER LEGGETT" (AP) "CAMANGA" "ARCTIC" (AK)
 (viii) At Tongatabu - "SUMNER" (Survey Ship) "VESTAL" (AR)
 (ix) At Bora Bora - "TERN" (AM)
 (x) At Tahiti - "CHEVREUIL" (Sloop)
 (xi) At Norfolk Is. - "WAHINE" (AP)
 (xii) At Auckland - "LEANDER" "ACHILLES" (CL) "MONOWAI" (A.M.C) "RIGEL" (AD)
 "DELPHINUS" (YP) "EBONY" (YN) "ROAMER" (AP) "JUPITER" (AK)
 (xiii) At Wellington - "AMERICAN LEGION" "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "CRESCENT CITY" (AP)

Enemy Forces

SANTA CRUZ AREA → A strong fleet operating in three groups was observed by aircraft during 25/10, in the general area approx 250 miles NW Santa Cruz Is. Present intelligence indicates that the forces included 12, 13, 14 ships respectively, as follows -

| <u>Force A</u> | <u>Force B</u> | <u>Force C</u> |
|---------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 2 aircraft carriers | 3 battleships | |
| 2 battleships | 2 heavy cruisers | |
| 2 heavy cruisers | 2 light cruisers | 14 warships |
| 2 light cruisers | 6 destroyers | (no details) |
| 4 destroyers | <u>13</u> | |
| <u>12</u> | | |

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

"TRINITY" en route Bahrain to Melbourne ETA 9/11.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

AIR ATTACKS ON ENEMY SHIPPING

- a) Shortlands Area - Further details of the torpedo attack by 3 Catalinas at 0245/23 are as follows -
 1 torpedo hit, one probable hit on a light cruiser
 1 500-lb bomb hit on another light cruiser or destroyer
 1 torpedo aimed at a possible battleship. Result not observed.
- b) Florida Is. - Two attacks were carried out on enemy shipping in this area yesterday 25/10 -
 (i) A force incl. 1 heavy cruiser, 1 light cruiser, 3 destroyers was attacked 23 miles ENE Tulagi at 1300. One direct hit with a 1000-lb bomb was made on the forecastle of the heavy cruiser, and damage was caused to the light cruiser by a hit or near miss. The heavy cruiser was left stationary.
 (ii) An attack was made on a heavy and a light cruiser (probably those damaged as above) about 30 miles N. Florida at 1600. One near miss was scored. The vessels were then proceeding northwards.
- c) Rabaul - 8 B.17's attacked shipping early morning 25/10. One probable gunboat destroyed. One medium cargo vessel 4 miles N. by E. of Rabaul (Laveo Point) set on fire astern; one 5000 ton cargo vessel listing badly and later observed in sinking condition. 1 medium cargo vessel damaged and listing. Large fire started within 100 feet of shore and between B.P. Wharf and coaling jetty. Heavy explosions indicated destruction of fuel dump. Indications of installations of many new A.A. positions around harbour.

3. AIR OPERATIONS - 23-25/10

KAVIENG - 6 Catalinas attacked Kavieng aerodrome between 2230L/24 and 0030L/25. Direct hits on fuel dumps; large fires started; A.A. position silenced; one enemy aircraft destroyed.

ARAWÉ - 3 B.25's strafed a launch SW of Arawé morning 25/10. Results not observed.

ISURAVA-KOKODA AREA - Aircraft bombed and strafed Isurave-Kokoda track and west bank of Kumusi River between Wairopi and Asisi (3 m. S. Wairopi) a.m. 25/10. Results not observed.

KOEPANG - 3 Hudsons attacked Penfoei aerodrome late 24/10. Fires started and a material dump or aircraft hit.

Enemy

DARWIN - 3 aircraft attacked Darwin area early morning 25/10. Nil damage or casualties. There was an indication of an enemy reconnaissance aircraft in vicinity of Darwin and Fog Bay (42 miles SW of Darwin) early afternoon 25/10.

GUADALCANAL - 16 bombers and approx 20 Zero's attacked aerodrome at 1120L/23. 20 Zero's, 1 bomber destroyed, 3 bombers damaged. Enemy aircraft were over the airdrome in early afternoon 23/10. 5 enemy dive-bombers were shot down. 16 large followed by 14 small aircraft were reported 25/10 approaching Guadalcanal from NW and were expected at Guadalcanal at approx 1400L.

Indications that 14 type "O" fighters left Buka for Guadalcanal 25/10. 4 returned to Buka at 1700L.

Allied air attacks 23/10 were concentrated on an enemy artillery position which was probably damaged.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Major attack on allied positions Guadalcanal with a view to recapture of airfield.
- (ii) Consolidation of islands in the Gilberts and possible occupation of islands in the Ellice Group.

Alonso
For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

26/10/42

APPENDIX
TO

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA.

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.
British and Allied Forces.

8" Cruisers.
6" Cruisers.

Flotilla Leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

Armed Merchant Cruisers

Submarine Tender
Destroyer Tender
Storeship
Gunboat
Oiler
Hospital Ships

Enemy Forces.

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons.

C.in C. Combined Fleet.
C.in C. 2nd Fleet.
C.in C. 3rd Fleet.
C.in C. 1st Air Fleet.
C.in C. 4th Fleet.
C.in C. 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet).
3 Battleships (BB)

4 Battlecruisers (BB)
(1 poss. damaged)

3 Aircraft carriers (CV)

Poss. 1 converted carrier (XCV)
Heavy cruisers (CA)
1 prob. sunk,
at least 3 damaged.

Effective. Refitting or Repairing.

| | |
|------------|------------------------|
| AUSTRALIA | |
| PHOENIX | |
| HOBART | |
| ARUNTA | LE TRIOMPHANT |
| STUART | TROMP |
| SELFRIDGE | |
| MUGFORD | |
| HENLEY | |
| BAGLEY | HELM |
| PATTERSON | |
| VENDETTA | |
| TROUT | } At Brisbane. |
| STURGEON | |
| S.43 | |
| S.44 | |
| S.46 | } On Patrol |
| GUDGEON | |
| GRAMPUS | |
| GRAYBACK | |
| SALFISH | } On Patrol |
| SCULPIN | |
| S.42 | |
| S.45 | } At Sydney. |
| S.47 | |
| K.9 | } En route W. Aust. to |
| SAURY | |
| SWORDFISH | } Brisbane. |
| SNAPPER | |
| SEADRAGON | |
| WESTRALIA | |
| MANCORA | |
| GRIFFIN | |
| DOBBS | |
| GOLDSTAR | |
| TULSA | |
| | VICTORIA |
| WANGANELLA | |
| MANUNDA | |

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| YAMATO | |
| MUTSU | |
| NAGATO | |
| KIRISHIMA | |
| HIYEI | |
| KONGO | |
| HARUNA | |
| SHOKAKU | |
| ZUIKAKU | |
| HOSHIO | |
| ZUIHO | |
| TONE | |
| TIKUMA | |
| SUZUYA | |
| ATAGO | |
| TAKAO | |
| MYOKO | |
| ASHIGARA | } (operating Palao-Truk area) |
| CHOKAI | |
| KUMANO | |

10 light cruisers (CL)
(at least 4 damaged).

KINUGASA Damaged.
KASHIMA
KATCRI
SENDAI
JINTSU
ISUZU
KINU
NAGARA
YUBARI

x

x Probably on escort duty
between Palao and
Truk-New Britain areas.

TENRYU
TATSUTA

Approx. 25 submarines incl. 4-8 "RO" class, 15 "I" class (at least 2 minelayers).
45-50 destroyers (DD)
3 Seaplane carriers (AV)

CHITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA
NISSHIN
NITCHO MARU
KIYOKAWA MARU
KINUGASA MARU
KAGU MARU
NOTOMO
GOSHU MARU
KAMO I

Converted S/P.tenders
(XAV)

NARUTO MARU
SCUYOU MARU
SENDAI MARU) Some of these units
SANUKI MARU) operating between
SANYO MARU) Empire Waters and
Southern area.

JINGEI

2 submarine tenders incl.
Approx. 50 merchant ships (over 3,000 tons).
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.chasers, MTBs, Gunboats, Patrol Craft
Approx. 205 shore-based aircraft incl. 78 fighters, 70 H/B, 30 F/B,
18 F/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.
British and Allied Forces.

6" cruiser.
A/A.vessel.
Destroyers.

Armed Merchant Cruiser
S/P.tenders.

Submarine tenders.

Submarines.

ADELAIDE
VAN HEEMSKERK
VAN GALEN
TJERK HIDDES
KANTIMBLA
HERON
CHILDS
W.B.PRESTON
PELLIAS
HOLLAND

On Patrol.

GAR
SARGO
THRESHER
GREVADIER
SPEARFISH
SEARAVEN
SALMON
SEAWOLD
TAUTOG
TAMBOR

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols.

SEAL
K.8 } At Fremantle.
K.12 }

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.
British and Allied Forces.

10 Submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (See above).

Enemy Forces.

G.in C.3rd Fleet.
G.in C.Southern Expeditionary Fleet
Converted Aircraft Carrier
2 Light Cruisers

UNEO
KASHI
KUMA

Approx. 16 destroyers.
 Converted Seaplane Tender.
 B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.
British and Allied Forces.
 Battleships.

Aircraft Carriers.
 Converted A/c.Carriers.

8" cruisers.

6" cruisers.

Destroyers
 Submarines
Enemy Forces.

Palao-Saipan-Formosa-Bonins-Japan.
 5 Battleships (BB)

3 converted A/c.carriers (XCV)

2 - 8" cruisers (CA)

1 Light cruiser (CL)
 1 S/P.tender (AV)
 Converted S/P.tenders (XAV)

6 old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)
 Approx.30 destroyers
 Approx.30 submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.
British and Allied Forces.
 Battleships
 Aircraft Carriers

8" cruisers.

6" cruisers.

5" cruisers.

Destroyers.
 Armed Merchant Cruiser

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.
British and Allied Forces.
 8" cruisers

6" cruisers.

10 Destroyers.
 10 Submarines.

OKITSU MARU.

NORTH CAROLINA
 SOUTH DAKOTA
 MARYLAND
 COLORADO
 MISSISSIPPI
 NEW MEXICO
 SARATOGA
 LONG ISLAND
 COPAHEE
 NEW ORLEANS

RALEIGH.
 DETROIT
 15 (approx.)
 23 (approx.)

MUSASHI
 FUSO
 YAMASHIRO
 ISE
 HYUGA
 HAYATAKA
 HITAKA

NATORI
 CHIYODA
 KAMIKAWA MARU
 FUJIKAWA MARU

CALIFORNIA.
 TENNESSEE
 NEVADA
 WEST VIRGINIA
 IDAHO
 PENNSYLVANIA

CHICAGO
 MINNEAPOLIS
 HONOLULU

OTAKA (Damaged)

MOGAMI ?
 MAGURO

WASHINGTON
 HORNET
 ENTERPRISE
 WASP
 SAN FRANCISCO
 SALT LAKE CITY
 NORTHAMPTON
 PENSACOLA
 CHESTER
 PORTLAND
 BOISE
 HELENA
 LEANDER
 ACHILLES
 JUNEAU
 SAN DIEGO
 ATLANTA
 SAN JUAN
 25 (approx.)
 MONOWAI.

LOUISVILLE
 INDIANAPOLIS
 ST. LOUIS
 NASHVILLE

Enemy Forces.

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians.

8" cruiser (CA)
3 Light Cruisers (CL)

NACHI
ABUKUMA
TAMA
KISO

Approx.4 destroyers.
Approx.7 submarines.
1st Base Force.
Converted S/P.tenders (XAV) ?

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA.

British and Allied Forces.
6" cruisers.

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

Approx.4 destroyers.

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

British and Allied Forces.
Battleships

WARSPITE REVENGE
VALIANT
RESOLUTION
ILLUSTRIOUS
FORMIDABLE
GEORGIGS AVEROFF (Greek)
DEVONSHIRE
HAWKINS PROBISHER.
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
DAUNTLESS
DANAE
DRAGON
DELHI
CAPETOWN
CERES
CALEDON
SUMATRA (Dutch)
WORCESTERSHIRE
RANCHI
ALAUNIA
CHITRAL
RANPURA
CANTON
QUEEN OF BERMUDA
CARTHAGE
CARLISLE

Aircraft carriers.

8" cruisers

7.5" cruisers.
6" cruisers.

Armed Merchant Cruisers.

AA.vessel.
Approx.25 destroyers.
Approx.7 submarines.

Enemy Forces.
Approx.3 submarines.

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

27th October, 1942

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- + (i) Task Force 44 ("HOBART" (P) "PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "PATTERSON") en route patrol area south of China Strait.
- + (ii) "AUSTRALIA" "SELRIDGE" arr. Sydney for maintenance 1625 yesterday 26/10.
- + (iii) "HENLEY" dep. Sydney 1532 yesterday 26/10 for Brisbane ETA 1900 today 27/10.
- + (iv) "ARUNTA" dep. Cairns 1343/26 for Townsville arr. 1710.
- + (v) "STUART" to RV at 0600 today 27/10 off Fitzroy Is. with Convoy F ("TARCONA" "JASON BEE" "GORGON" "PAINE WINGATE" "GEORGE TAYLOR") escorted by "ARMIDALE", which left Townsville 1157 yesterday 26/10. Thence Port Moresby ETA 1800/26.
- + (vi) "WARREGO" carrying out survey work in the Milne Bay - Goodenough Is. area.
- + (vii) "GEELONG" escorting Convoy BT11 ("YOCROW" "J.R. LOWELL" "KURUMBA") to Capricorn Channel was to depart Brisbane 1600 yesterday 26/10.
- + (viii) "ROCKHAMPTON" "ECHUCA" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEE" to escort combined Convoys ZK18 (2 MV Townsville, 1 Bowen) and PQ19 ("MERKUR", 7 MV for Brisbane) departing Sydney 0800 today 27/10 ETA Caloundra 1400/29.
- + (ix) "WILCANNIA" escorting Convoy C039 (9 MV) dep. Newcastle 0942 yesterday 26/10 for RV off Sydney with "TOWNSVILLE" "YANDRA" escorting Sydney section (2 MV) dep. 1628. These continue escort southward. "WILCANNIA" arr. Sydney 1753.
- + (x) "MORESEY" "WHYALLA" escorting Convoy OC38 (incl. "GOLDSTAR" and 7 MV) en route Wilson's Promontory area to Sydney (4 MV) ETA approx 0200 28/10 (1 MV for Port Kembla, 2 Newcastle, 1 Catherine Hill Bay).
- + (xi) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy C038 arr. Melbourne 1131/26.
- + (xii) "KATOONBA" escorting "EKATERINI COUMANTAROU" en route Port Moresby to Townsville ETA 1400/28.
- + (xiii) "STELLA" dep. Sydney 1440/26 for Townsville.
- + (xiv) "WANGANELLA" arr. Townsville 0010/26 to embark invalids; dep. 1411 for Brisbane ETA 2230/28. Thence Melbourne.
- + (xv) "MANUNDA" dep. Port Moresby 1400/26 for Milne Bay ETA 1200 today 27/10.
- (xvi) At Sydney - "VENDETTA" "MANOORA" "DOBBIN" "BUNDABERG" "MILDURA" "DELORAIN" "PINGWO"
Repairing - "TROMP" "LE TRICHPANT" "HELM" "BISHOPDALE" "SWAN" "VICTORIA"
- (xvii) At Townsville - "BROOME" "COLAC"
- (xviii) At Adelaide - "SPRINGDALE"
- (xix) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "SOULBURN" "TULSA"
- (xx) At Cairns - "BALLARAT" "AASE MAERSK"
- (xxi) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA"
- (xxii) At Port Moresby - "LITGOW" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "JOHN STEELE" "GEORGE MATTHEWS" "S.J. FIELD" "ANNUI" "STAGEN" "VAN HEUTSZ"
- (xxiii) At Milne Bay - "BENDIGO" "DILGA" "BAN HONG LIONG" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "WEST CACTUS"

Enemy Forces

- (1) SOLOMON IS. AREA - Sightings by aircraft yesterday 16/10 indicated considerably less enemy naval activity in the Southern Solomons area than on the previous day.

The heavy cruiser and light cruiser damaged by air attack 25/10 were sighted in the vicinity of Rekata Bay, proceeding northwards at a very slow speed. At 0715 they were about 40 miles NW Rekata Bay accompanied by one destroyer, and by 1600, when two destroyers were in company, they had made only about 5 miles.

Two small merchant vessels with deck-cargo of boxes and vehicles were sighted in Rekata Bay 25/10. Two cargo vessels, probably the same, under escort of a destroyer (which may have later joined the damaged cruisers mentioned above) were observed 50 miles ENE Rekata Bay at 0830. Course unknown.

A heavy cruiser, possibly "NACHI" class, a light cruiser and 2 destroyers were seen approaching Faisi from SSW, approx 45 miles

distant at 1220, and at 1430 2 heavy cruisers, 1 light cruiser and 7 destroyers probably including this force arrived in the Buin area. The enemy force then in that area was as follows -

- 2 heavy cruisers (1 "NACHI", 1 "AOBA" class)
- 1 light cruiser ("SENDAI" class)
- 7 Destroyers
- 1 tanker
- 10 merchant vessels
- 3 unidentified vessels

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The 3 cruisers and 4 destroyers which returned to the Buin area 26/10 (~~at least 2 cruisers, 2 destroyers~~ from the SW) were probably those patrolling the western approaches to Guadalcanal on the previous day.

The force covering the Rekata Bay area forenoon 25/10 appears to have moved eastwards to the Ontong Java area. Sightings 26/10 indicated that at least 2 groups of 8 vessels were operating there; one group was sighted 35 miles SSE Ontong Java at 0845, and the second, including a large aircraft carrier, 3 heavy cruisers and 4 destroyers, 230 miles E. by S. Ontong Java, at 1145.

The main battle fleet was still operating in the area NW Santa Cruz Is. yesterday 26/10 (see South Pacific Area).

- (ii) BUKA - Two transports (7000 tons) escorted by one destroyer 20 miles east Buka Passage on a southerly course at 1250/26.
- (iii) RABAU - A 7,000 ton transport escorted by destroyers or corvettes was sighted by aircraft 45 miles NW Rabaul at 1155/25 on course 100°. There is no report on shipping in Rabaul Harbor yesterday, but latest intelligence does not indicate that a large convoy movement southwards from Rabaul has yet commenced.
- (iv) KAVIENG - Air recce at midday 26/10 reported 1 light cruiser, 2 destroyers, 2 cargo vessels off Kavieng.
- (v) VELLA LAVELLA - Unconfirmed report 26/10 states that an enemy force ~~was~~ occupied Iringila (E.Coast) on 13/10 and established a W/T station.
- (vi) KOKODA AREA - Our troops continued to advance towards Aloia 26/10. Enemy resistance has decreased.
- (vii) GOODENOUGH IS. - An unconfirmed report 26/10 stated that our troops had captured Kilia Mission.
- (viii) GUADALCANAL - LAND OPERATIONS -- There was little activity along the Matanikau River front 24/10. Commencing about midnight and continuing during 25/10, the enemy made a drive from the south towards the airfield. Our positions were held during the night, and the enemy was still attacking on the morning of 26/10.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting "KARSIK" en route Darwin to Thursday Is. ETA 27/10. "KARSIK" thence Port Moresby.
- (ii) "KALGOORLIE" on escort duties off Darwin.
- (iii) "GAWLER" dep. Adelaide for Albany 1900/25 ETA 0830/30.
- (iv) "FORCEFUL" en route Fremantle to Darwin ETA 1130/31.
- (v) At Fremantle - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL) "VAN GALEN" "TJERK HIDDEN" (DD) "KANIBLA" (A.M.C) "CHILDS" "HERON" (AV) "HOLLAND" "PELIAS" (AS) "ISABEL" (PG) "CAIRNS" "BENGAL" "TOOWOOMBA" "WOLLONGONG" "IPSWICH" "WALLAROO" "MARYBOROUGH" (A.M.S) "ERLING BROVIG" (AO) "LARK" (AM) "CESSNOCE" (A.M.S)
- (vi) At Albany - "DUBBO" (A.M.S) "WEIPPOORWILL" (AM)
- (vii) At Exmouth Gulf - "W.B. PRESTON" (AV)
- (viii) At Darwin - "CASTLEMAINE" (A.M.S)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

10 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "BUNGARRE" en route Auckland to Port Phillip ETA 1400/2/11.
- (ii) At Espiritu Santo - "CHESTER" (CA) "STACK" (ED) "BALLARD" "CURTISS" "MACKINAC" "TANGIER" (AV) "LACKAWANNA" "SABINE" (AO) "GAMBLE" (CM) PC.479 (YP) "BOECLINK" (AM) "NAVAJO" (YT) "W.W. BURROWS" (AP) "CASTOR" "BELLATRIX" "ALCHIBA" (AK)

- (iii) At Noumea - "FARRAGUT" "MONSSEN" "MEADE" (DD) "ARGONNE" (AS)
 "TAPPAHANNOCK" "GUADALUPE" (AO) "LASSEN" (AE)
 "WHITNEY" (AD) "KINGFISHER" (AM) "BUTTERNUT" (YN)
 PG.477 (YP) "ZEILIN" "McCAWLEY" "STRATFORD" "FULLER" (AP)
 "ANTARES" "ALDEBARAN" "ALHENA" "BETELGEUSE" "KOPARA" (AK)
- (iv) At Vila - "LAMSON" "GWIN" (DD) "MANLEY" "McKEEN" (APD) "SOLACE" (AH)
 "NEVILLE" "HEYWOOD" (AP) "POMALHAUT" "LIBRA" "MAJABA"
 "HERCULES" (AK)
- (v) At Suva - "CATALPA" "LOCUST" "ROSEWOOD" (YN)
- (vi) Guadalcanal Area - "MacPARLAND" (AV) "JAMESTOWN" (PG)
- (vii) At Samoa - "CHESTNUT" (YN) "GAMANGA" "ARCTIC" (AK)
- (viii) At Tongatabu - "CLARK" (DD) "SUMNER" (Survey Ship) "PRESIDENT
 JACKSON" (AP)
- (ix) At Bora Bora - "TERN" (AM)
- (x) At Tahiti - "CHEVREUIL" (Sloop)
- (xi) At Norfolk Is. - "WAHINE" (AP)
- (xii) At Auckland - "ACHILLES" (CL) "MONOWAI" (A.M.C) "RIGEL" (AD)
 "DELPHINUS" (YP) "EBONY" (YN) "ROAMER" (AP) "JUPITER" (AK)
- (xiii) At Wellington - "AMERICAN LEGION" "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "CRESCENT CITY" (AP)

Enemy Forces

SANTA CRUZ IS. - The main enemy striking forces, believed to be under the command of CinC 2nd Fleet and CinC 1st Air Fleet, remain in the area NW Santa Cruz. Sightings by aircraft yesterday 26/10 indicated that two forces were operating north of Santa Cruz, with a screening force to the SE.

- (i) A force including 3 battleships, 4 cruisers, 7 destroyers sighted at 1430, 220 miles NNW Ndeni on course 110° is considered to include a number of vessels sighted in the same area during the morning.
- (ii) A second force, in two groups about 5 miles apart, was approx 290 miles N. by W. Ndeni at 1300 on NNE courses, as follows-
- | | |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| (A) | (B) |
| 2 aircraft carriers | 1 large aircraft carrier |
| 1 battleship | 1 battleship |
| 2 heavy cruisers | 2 heavy cruisers |
| 2 light cruisers | 1 destroyer |
| 1 destroyer | |
- (It is not certain from reports that these are in fact separate forces).
- (iii) 4 vessels, described as A.A. ships, were located 160 miles NNE Ndeni at 1150.

Today 27/10

An enemy squadron including -
 3 battleships
 1 light cruiser
 4 destroyers
 was sighted 210 miles ESE Ndeni at 0545 on course 217° and again at 0630 approx 24 miles further to the SSW.

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

"TRINITY" en route Bahrain to Melbourne ETA 9/11.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

Further details of aircraft attacks 25/10 on the heavy cruiser and light cruiser seen seriously damaged in the Rekata Bay area 26/10 -

1300 - CA: direct hit with 1000-lb bomb
 CL: damaged by hit or near miss

1700 - CA: one hit
 CL: one near miss

1710 - CL: two 500-lb bomb hits certain: left stationary and burning fiercely: 4 heavy explosions followed.

3. AIR OPERATIONS - 25-26/10

LAE-SALAMAUA - 3 B.25's attacked Lae airdrome and Salamaua W/T station morning 26/10. Bombs fell on ~~same~~ airdrome strip.

KOKODA AREA - 2 A.20's escorted by 4 P.40's attacked the Kokoda-Deniki

and Missima-Kaile tracks noon 26/10. Results not observed.
FERGUSSON IS. AREA - Air recce 1735L/25 reported nil activity on southern tip of Fergusson Is. A B.17 observed a number of tents near Masimasi (W.coast of Hughes Bay) 1015L/26.

KOEPANG - 1 Hudson attacked Penfoei airdrome late 25/10. Results not observed.

REKATA BAY - A recce aircraft strafed two enemy cargo vessels at Rekata Bay 25/10. Two float biplanes attacked our aircraft, and one was shot down.

Enemy

PORT MORESEY - One or two aircraft attacked Seven Milne Aerodrome early evening 25/10. Nil casualties or damage reported.

MILNE BAY - Unknown number of enemy aircraft attacked in vicinity of Gabu Gabuna Bay and beach early morning 26/10. Nil damage or casualties reported.

DARWIN - 3 aircraft attacked township area early morning 26/10. Slight damage. Nil casualties.

GUADALCANAL - Enemy fighters were over Guadalcanal at irregular intervals throughout the day 25/10. 17 were shot down.

1435 - 16 heavy bombers attacked; 5 shot down.

1500 - 9 dive bombers attacked; minor damage.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Major attack on allied positions Guadalcanal with a view to recapture of airfield.
- (ii) Consolidation on islands in the Gilberts and possible occupation of islands in the Ellice Group.

For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

27/10/42

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Flotilla Leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

Armed Merchant Cruisers

Submarine Tender

Destroyer Tender

Storeship

Gunboat

Oiler

Hospital Ships

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet

CinC 2nd Fleet

CinC 8th Fleet

CinC 1st Air Fleet

CinC 4th Fleet

CinC 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet)

3 Battleships (BB)

4 Battlecruisers (BB)
(1 poss. damaged)

3 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

Poss. 1 Converted Carrier (XCV)

Heavy Cruisers (CA)

1 prob. sunk

at least 3 damaged

Effective

Refitting or Repairing
AUSTRALIA

BOBART
PHOENIX
ARUNTA
STUART

LE TRIOMPHANT
TROMP
SELFRIDGE

MUGFORD
HENLEY
BAGLEY
PATTERSON

HELM

VENDETTA

TROUT)

STURGEON)

SCULPIN)

S. 43)

S. 44)

S. 46)

GUDGEON)

GRAMPUS)

GRAYBACK)

SAILFISH)

S. 42)

S. 45)

S. 47)

K. 9)

SAURY)

SEALFISH)

SNAPPER)

SEADRAGON)

WESTRALIA)

MANOORA)

GRIFFIN)

DOBBIN)

GOLDSTAR)

TULSA)

WANGANILLA)

MANUNDA)

At Brisbane

On Patrol

At Sydney

Enroute W. Aust. to Brisbane

VICTORIA

ASHIGARA (operating Palao-Truk area)

CHOKAI)

KUMANO)

AOBA)

KINUCASA)

Damaged

10 light cruisers (CL)
(at least 4 damaged)

KASHIMA
KATORI
SENDAI
JINTSU
ISUZU
KINU
NAGARA

x YUBARI x Probably on escort duty
TENRYU between Palao and Truk-
TATSUZA New Britain areas.

Approx 25 submarines incl. 4-8 "RO" class, 15 "I" class (at least 2 minelayers)
45-50 Destroyers (DD)
3 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

OMITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA
NISSHIN
WITCHO MARU
KIYOKAWA MARU
KINUSABA MARU
KAGU MARU
NOTORO
GOSHU MARU
KAWAI
NARUTO MARU
SOUYU MARU
SENDAI MARU) Some of these units operating
SAHUKI MARU) between Espire waters and the
SANYO MARU) Southern area.

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

2 submarine tenders incl.
Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Subchasers, MIBs, Gunboats, Patrol Craft
Approx 205 shore-based aircraft incl. 78 fighters, 70 H/B, 30 F/B,
18 F/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR
British and Allied Forces

6" Cruiser
A.A. Vessel
Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruiser
S/P Tenders

Submarine Tenders

Submarines

AFFAIDE
VAN NEEMSKERK
VAN GALEN
TJERK HIDDUS
KARIMBLA
HERON W.B. PRESTON
CHILDS

PELIAS
HOLLAN D
On Patrol

GAN
THRESHER
GRENADIER
SPEARFISH
SEARAVEN
SALMON
SEAWOLF
TAUTOG
TAMBOR
SWAL

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

SARGO)
K.8) At Fremantle
K.12)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES
British and Allied Forces

10 Submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see above)

Enemy Forces
CinC 3rd Fleet
CinC Southern Expeditionary Fleet

Converted Aircraft Carrier
2 Light Cruisers

UNYO
KASHII
KUMA

Approx 16 Destroyers
Converted Seaplane Tender

OKITSU MARU

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces

Battleships

NORTH CAROLINA
SOUTH DAKOTA
MARYLAND

CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE
NEVADA

Battleships (Contd)

COLORADO
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
SARATOGA
LONG ISLAND
COPAHEE
NEW ORLEANS

WEST VIRGINIA
IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA

Aircraft Carriers
Converted A/C Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Destroyers
Submarines

RALEIGH
DETROIT
15 (approx)
23 (approx)

CHICAGO
MINNEAPOLIS
HONOLULU

Enemy Forces

Palao-Saipan-Formosa-Bonins-Japan

5 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
ISE
HYUGA

3 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

HAYATAKA
KITAKA

OTAKA (damaged)

2 - 8" Cruisers (CA)

MOGAMI ?
HAGURO

1 Light Cruiser (CL)

1 S/P Tender (AV)

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

NATORI
OHYODA
KAMIKAWA MARU
FUJIKAWA MARU

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 30 Destroyers

Approx 30 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

WASHINGTON
HORNET
ENTERPRISE
WASP
SAN FRANCISCO
SALT LAKE CITY
NORTHAMPTON
PENSACOLA
CHESTER
PORTLAND
B ISE
HELENA
LEANDER
ACHILLES
JUNEAU
SAN DIEGO
ATLANTA
SAN JUAN
25 (approx)
MONOWAI

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

5" Cruisers

Destroyers
Armed Merchant Cruisers

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE
INDIANAPOLIS
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians

8" Cruiser (CA)

3 Light Cruisers (CL)

NAOCHI
ABUKUMA
TAMA
KISO

Approx 4 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

1st Base Force

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) ?

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

WARSPITE
VALIANT
RESOLUTION
ILLUSTRIOUS
FORMIDABLE
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
DEVONSHIRE
HAWKINS
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
DAUNTLESS
DANAE
DRAGON
DELHI
CAPETOWN
CERES
CALEDON
SUMATRA (Dutch)
WORCESTERSHIRE
RANCHI
ALABAMA
CHITRAL
RANPURA
CANTON
QUEEN OF BERGUDA
CANTHAET
CARLISLE

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

A.A. Vessel

Approx 25 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Approx 3 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

28th October, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("HOBART" (F) "PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "PATTERSON") on patrol south of China Strait area.
- (ii) "HENLEY" arr. Brisbane 1542/27.
- (iii) "STUART" dep. Cairns 0500/27 to RV at 0600 off Fitzroy Is. with Convoy F ("TARCONA" "JASON LEE" "GORGON" "PAINE WINGATE" "GEORGE TAYLOR") escorted by "ARMIDALE"; thence Port Moresby ETA 1600/28.
- (iv) "WARREGO" carrying out survey work in the Milne Bay - Goodenough Is. area.
- (v) "GEELONG" escorting Convoy BT11 ("YOCHOW" "J.R. LOWELL" "KURUMBA") to Capricorn Channel dep. Brisbane 0226 yesterday 27/10. "YOCHOW" broke down and was taken in tow by "KURUMBA" at 1535. "LOWELL" to proceed independently. "KURUMBA" to tow "YOCHOW" to nearest suitable anchorage in Hervey Bay and then proceed independently to destination. "GEELONG" to escort "KURUMBA" to Hervey Bay, then escort tug and "YOCHOW" to Brisbane.
- (vi) "ROCKHAMPTON" "ECHUCA" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting combined Convoys ZK18 (2 MV Townsville, 1 Bowen) and PG19 ("MERKUR", 7 MV for Brisbane) dep. Sydney 0800/27 ETA Caloundra 1400/28.
- (vii) "GOULBURN" escorting "BANTAM" to Capricorn Channel to depart Brisbane 0800 today 28/10.
- (viii) "MORESBY" escorting portion Convoy 9638 (incl. "GOLDSTAR" and 4 MV) arr. Sydney 0412/28. "WHYALLA" continued northwards with Newcastle section.
- (ix) "TOWNSVILLE" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy 8039 dep. Sydney 26/10 for RV with "DOOMBA" in Wilson's Promontory area.
- (x) "KATOOMBA" escorting "KATERINI COUMANTAROU" en route Port Moresby to Townsville ETA 1400/28.
- (xi) "WANGANELLA" enroute Townsville to Brisbane ETA 2230/28 to embark more invalids. Thence Melbourne.
- (xii) "WATO" arr. Thursday Is. 1705/27. Thence Port Moresby.
- (xiii) At Sydney - "VENDETTA" "MANOORA" "DOBBIN" "BUNDABERG" "MILDURA" "WILCANNIA" "DELORAIN" "PINGWO"
Repairing - "AUSTRALIA" "SELFRIDGE" "TROMP" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "HELM" "BISHOPDALE" "SWAN" "VICTORIA"
- (xiv) At Townsville - "ARUNTA" "BROOME" "COLAC"
- (xv) At Melbourne - "DOOMBA"
- (xvi) At Adelaide - "SPRINGDALE"
- (xvii) At Brisbane - "GRIPPIN" "GEELONG" "TULSA"
- (xviii) At Cairns - "BALLARAT" "AASE MAERSK"
- (xix) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA"
- (xx) At Port Moresby - "LITHGOW" "JOHN STEELE" "GEORGE MATTHEWS" "STAGEN" "S.J. FIELD" "VAN HEUTSZ"
- (xxi) At Milne Bay - "BENDIGO" "MANUNDA" "DILGA" "BAN HONG LIONG" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "WEST CACTUS"

Enemy Forces

- (1) BOUGAINVILLE BASE - Air recce at 1115/27 reported the following vessels in the Buin-Faisi area -

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| 1 probable aircraft carrier | } | Off Tonolei |
| 3 cruisers | | |
| 3 destroyers | | |
| 8 merchant vessels | | |
| ? unidentified vessels | } | Faisi Harbor |
| 1 large cargo vessel | | |
| 1 destroyer | | |
| 2 large cargo vessels | } | 25 miles ENE Buin course 225° |

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There are no sightings to indicate the whereabouts of the remaining vessels including approx 14 destroyers, recently operating from this base.

FERGUSSON IS. - 2 Hudsons escorted by 7 P.39's attacked Numa Numa Bay (S.tip of Fergusson Is.) afternoon 27/10. Some houses destroyed.

NORMANBY IS. - 1 Hudson attacked Cape Pierson, Normanby Is., early morning 27/10. Results not observed.

DILLI - 2 Hudsons attacked the town area Dilli afternoon 26/10. Results not observed.

Enemy

DARWIN - At least 9 medium bombers attacked Darwin early morning 27/10. Slight damage to power line.

5. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Major attack on allied positions Guadalcanal with a view to recapture of airfield.
- (ii) Consolidation on islands in the Gilberts and possible occupation of islands in the Ellice Group.

For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

28/10/42

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

| | <u>Effective</u> | <u>Refitting or Repairing</u> |
|-------------------------|---|---|
| 8" Cruiser | | <u>AUSTRALIA</u> |
| 6" Cruisers | HOBART PHOENIX | |
| Flotilla Leaders | ARUNTA STUART | LE TRIOMPHANT TROMP SELBRIDGE |
| Destroyers | MUGFORD HENLEY BAGLEY PATTERSON VENDRITA | HELM |
| Submarines | STURGEON) SCULPIN) S.43) S.44) S.46) GUDGEON) GRAMPUS) GRAYBACK) SAILFISH) TROUT) K.9) SAURY) SWORDFISH) SNAPPER) SEADRAGON) | At Brisbane On Patrol Enroute Sydney to Brisbane Enroute N.Aust. to Brisbane |
| Armed Merchant Cruisers | WESTRALIA MANOORA | |
| Submarine Tender | GRIFFIN | |
| Destroyer Tender | BOBBIN | |
| Storeship | GOLDSTAR | |
| Gunboat | TULSA | |
| Oiler | | VICTORIA |
| Hospital Ships | WANGANELLA MANUNDA | |

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

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|--|---|
| CinC Combined Fleet | |
| CinC 2nd Fleet | |
| CinC 8th Fleet | |
| CinC 1st Air Fleet | |
| CinC 4th Fleet | |
| CinC 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet) | |
| 3 Battle ships (BB) | YAMATO MUTSU NAGATO |
| 4 Battlecruisers (BB) (1 poss. damaged) | KIRISHIMA HIYEI KONGO HARUNA |
| 3 Aircraft Carriers (CV) | SHOKAKU ZUIKAKU HOSHO |
| Poss. 1 Converted Carrier (XCV) | ZUIHO |
| Heavy Cruisers (CA) | TOBE |
| 1 prob. sunk | TIKUMA |
| at least 5 damaged | SUZUYA ATAGO TAKAO MYOKO ASHIGARA (operating Palao-Truk area) |
| | CHOKAI) KUMANO) AOBA) KINUGASA) |
| |) Dama ged |

10 light cruisers (CL)
(at least 4 damaged)

ANCHURA
KATORI
SENDAI
JINTSU
ISUZU
KINU
NAGARA

x YUBAI I x Probably on escort duty
TENRYU between Palao and Truk-
TATSUTA New Britain areas.

Approx 25 submarines incl. 4-8 "RO" class, 15 "I" class (at least 2
45-50 Destroyers (DD) minelayers)
3 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA
NISSHIN
NITCHO MARU
KIYOKAWA MARU
KINUGASA MARU
KAGU MARU
NOTORO
GOSHU MARU
KAMOI
NARUTO MARU
SOUYOU MARU
SENDAI MARU) Some of these units operat-
SANUKI MARU) ing between Empire Waters &
SANYO MARU) the Southern Area.

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

2 submarine tenders incl.
Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Subchasers, MTBs, Gunboats, Patrol Craft
Approx 205 shore-based aircraft incl. 78 fighters, 70 H/B, 30 F/B,
18 F/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR
British and Allied Forces

6" Cruiser
A.A. Vessel
Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruiser
S/P Tenders

Submarine Tenders

Submarines

ADELAIDE
VAN HEEMSKERK
VAN GALEN
TJERK HIDDES
KANIMBLA
HERON
CHILDS
W.B. PRESTON
PELIAS
HOLLAND
On Patrol
GAR
TRESHER
CREMADIER
SPEARFISH
SEARAVEN
SALMON
SEAWOLF
TAUPOG
TAMBOR
SEAL

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

SARGO)
K.8) At Fremantle
K.12)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES
British and Allied Forces

10 Submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see above)

Enemy Forces

CinC 3rd Fleet

CinC Southern Expeditionary Fleet

Converted Aircraft Carrier

2 Light Cruisers

UNEO
KASHII
KUMA

Approx 16 Destroyers

Converted Seaplane Tender

OKITSU MARU

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces

Battleships

NORTH CAROLINA
SOUTH DAKOTA
MARYLAND

CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE
NEVADA

Battle ships (Contd)

COLORADO
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
SARATOGA
LONG ISLAND
COPAHEE
NEW ORLEANS

WEST VIRGINIA
IDAHO
PENNSYLVANIA

Aircraft Carriers
Converted A/C Carriers

8" Cruisers

CHICAGO
MINNEAPOLIS
HONOLULU

6" Cruisers

BALFICH
DETROIT
15 (approx)
23 (approx)

Destroyers
Submarines

Enemy Forces

Palao-Saipan-Formosa-Honins-Japan

5 Battleships (BB)

MUSASHI
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
ISE
HYUGA

3 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)
2 - 8" Cruisers (CA)

OTAKA (damaged)

1 Light Cruiser (CL)

1 S/P Tender (AV)

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

NATORI
C HIYODA
KAMIKAWA MARU
FUJIKAWA MARU

MOGAMI ?
HAGURO

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 30 Destroyers

Approx 30 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

WASHINGTON
HORNET
ENTERPRISE
~~...~~

8" Cruisers

SAN FRANCISCO
SALT LAKE CITY
NORTHAMPTON
PENSACOLA
CHESTER
PORTLAND

6" Cruisers

BOISE
HELENA
LEANDER
ACHILLES

5" Cruisers

JUNEAU
SAN DIEGO
ATLANTA
SAN JUAN
25 (approx)
MONOWAI

Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruiser

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE
INDIANAPOLIS
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE

6" Cruisers

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians

8" Cruiser (CA)

3 Light Cruisers (CL)

NACHI
ABUKUMA
YAMA
KISO

Approx 4 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

1st Base Force

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) ?

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces
6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleships

WARSPITE
VALIANT
RESOLUTION
ILLUSTRIOUS
FORMIDABLE
GEORGIOS AVERHOFF (Greek)
DEVONSHIRE
HAWKINS
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
DAUNTLESS
DARAE
DRAGON
DELHI
CAPETOWN
CERES
CALEDON
SEMATRA (Dutch)
WORCESTERSHIRE
RANCHI
ALAUNIA
CHITRAL
RANPURA
CANTON
QUEEN OF BERMUDA
CARTHAGE
CARLISLE

REVENGE

PROBISHER

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

A.A. Vessel
Approx 25 Destroyers
Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces
Approx 3 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

29th October, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("HOBART" (F) "PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "PATTERSON") on patrol south of China Strait area.
- (ii) "HENLEY" dep. Brisbane 0819/28 to join T.F.44.
- (iii) "STUART" "ARMIDALE" escorting Convoy F ("TAROONA" "JASON LEE" "GORGON" "PAINE WINGATE" "GEORGE TAYLOR") were due Port Moresby 1600 yesterday 28/10. "ARMIDALE" to proceed Thursday Is.
- (iv) "WARREGO" surveying in Milne Bay - Goodenough Is. area.
- (v) "GOULBURN" escorting "BANTAM" to Capricorn Channel dep. Brisbane 0955/28. "BANTAM" ETA Townsville 1600/31. "GOULBURN" will part company at 1100 tomorrow 30/10.
- (vi) "ST. GILES" due Hervey Bay 0800 today 29/10 to tow "YOCROW" to Brisbane escorted by "GEELONG" ETA p.m. 31/10.
- (vii) "KURUMBA" en route Townsville after towing "YOCROW" to Hervey Bay.
- (viii) "TULSA" escorting "BOTH" "MAETSUYCKER" to depart Brisbane 0900 today 29/10.
- (ix) "ROCKHAMPTON" "ECHUCA" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoys ZK18 (2 MV Townsville, 1 Bowen) and PGL19 ("MERKUR", 7 MV for Brisbane) due Caloundra from Sydney 1400 today 29/10. "ECHUCA" to remain Brisbane for onward escort ZK18 to Capricorn Channel. "ROCKHAMPTON" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" to RV with Convoy PGL19 (5 MV) off Caloundra at 1400 and escort to Sydney.
- (x) "WHYALLA" escorting Newcastle section Convoy OC38 arr. 1124/28.
- (xi) "TOWNSVILLE" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy C039 to RV today 29/10 in vicinity of Wilson's Promontory with "DOOMBA" escorting C039 (dep. Port Phillip 0342/29).
- (xii) "KATOOMBA" escorting "EKATERINI COUMANTAROU" arr. Townsville 1330/28. "KATOOMBA" dep. for Willis Is. 1713 to take medical attention to injured man ETA 0730/30.
- (xiii) "BENDIGO" escorting "BAN HONG LIONG" "VAN HERMSKERK" "WEST CACTUS" dep. Milne Bay 1745/28 for Townsville ETA 0600/1/11. "DILGA" to sail 2000 and join convoy at sea.
- (xiv) "LITHGOW" dep. Port Moresby 1545/28 to RV off Stephen Is. at 1900 today 29/10 with "VAN SPILBERGEN" "MULIAMA" "KARSIK" and escort them to Port Moresby.
- (xv) "BUNGAREE" en route Auckland to Port Phillip ETA 1400/2/11.
- (xvi) "MANUNDA" dep. Milne Bay for Brisbane 1300/28.
- (xvii) "WANGANELLA" arr. Brisbane 2035/28 from Townsville to embark more invalids. Thence Melbourne.
- (xviii) At Sydney - "VENDETIA" "MANGORA" "DOBBIN" "BUNDABERG" "MILDURA" "MORESBY" "WILCAENNIA" "DELORAINE" "PINGWO" "GOLDSTAR" Repairing - "AUSTRALIA" "SELFRIDGE" "TRUMP" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "HELM" "BISHOPDALE" "SWAN" "VICTORIA"
- (xix) At Townsville - "ARUNTA" "BROOME" "GOLAC" "YUNNAN"
- (xx) At Adelaide - "SPRINGDALE"
- (xxi) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "POYANG"
- (xxii) At Cairns - "BALLARAT"
- (xxiii) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA"
- (xxiv) At Port Moresby - "GEORGE MATTHEWS" "STAGEN" "S. J. FIELD" "VAN HEUTSZ"
- (xxv) At Thursday Is. - "WARRENBOOL"
- (xxvi) "AASE MAERSK" due Brisbane 2200 today 29/10.

Enemy Forces

- (i) BOUGAINVILLE BASE - Analysis of photographs of enemy shipping taken 27/10 at in the Buin-Paisi area is as follows. Photographs do not cover the whole area; visual recon reported 21 vessels on that date -
- 2 heavy cruisers (1 "AGOA" 1 "NACHI" or "ATAGO" class)
 - 1 light cruiser ("SENDAI" class)
 - 2 warships similar to "KASHIMA" (5,800 tons; 4-5.5")
 - 9 destroyers
 - 2 merchant vessels
 - 1 unidentified vessel, probably landing craft carrier or seaplane tender

Note: There are two light cruisers of the "KASHIMA" class - "KASHIMA", normally Flagship of CinC 4th Fleet, although there is no indication that this authority who normally operates in the Truk area, is as far south as the Bougainville base; "KATORI", Flagship of the 6th (Submarine) Fleet - this vessel may well be in this area controlling the operations of approximately 20 submarines in the Solomons-Santa Cruz-New Hebrides area.

A Fortrass was unable to reach the area for reconnaissance work 28/10, owing to engine trouble.

- (ii) Rabaul - Aircraft attacking Rabaul early morning 28/10 report that the enemy shipping was well dispersed, and that some vessels were outside the Harbour.
- (iii) Kavieng - Aircraft reported a probable transport with small escort vessel in Gazelle Channel (21 miles SE Kavieng) on course 120° at 0710/28.
- (iv) Eora - Our troops are making progress against the enemy forces which remain in the Eora area.
- (v) Milne Bay - Mopping up operations still continue in the Milne Bay area
- (vi) Fergusson Is. - Natives report that Japanese left the island approx 1900/26. Evidence suggests that they were evacuated by two warships. Lights were seen at sea 10 miles NNE Cape Vinall (NE tip Fergusson Is.) during the night 27/10.
- (vii) GABO Is. - A possible submarine was reported by crew of a training aircraft approx 75 miles SW Gabo Is. 0823/28. Graded C.3.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "HOLLAND" escorted by "TJERK HIDDERS" "VAN GALEN" was to depart Fremantle yesterday 28/10 for Brisbane. Destroyers to return at 125° East.
- (ii) "GAWLER" en route Adelaide to Albany ETA 0830/30.
- (iii) "DUBBO" en route Albany to Fremantle ETA 0800 today 29/10.
- (iv) "CHILDS" dep. Fremantle 27/10 for Exmouth Gulf.
- (v) "WHIPPOORWILL" dep. Albany 0711/28 for Fremantle.
- (vi) "FORCEFUL" en route Fremantle to Darwin ETA 1130/31.
- (vii) At Fremantle - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL) "KANIMBLA" (A.M.C) "HERON" (AV) "PELIAS" (AS) "ISABEL" (PG) "CAIRNS" "BENGAL" "TOOWOOMBA" "IPSWICH" "WALLAROO" "MAYBOROUGH" "CESSNOCK" (A.M.S) "ERLING BROVIG" (AC) & "LARK" (AM)
- (viii) At Exmouth Gulf - "W.B. PRESTON" (AV)
- (ix) At Darwin - "CASTLEMAINE" "KALSCORLIE" (A.M.S)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

10 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) At Espiritu Santo - "CHESTER" (CA) "GRAYSON" "HOVEY" (DD) "BALLARD" "CURTISS" "MACKINAC" "TANGIER" (AV) "LACKAWANNA" (AO) "GAMBLE" (CM) "VIREO" "BOBOLINK" (AM) "NAVAJO" (YT) "LABSON" (DD)
- (ii) At Noumea - "MONSSEN" (DD) "ARGONNE" (AS) "TAPPAHANNOCK" (AO) "LASSEN" (AE) "WHITNEY" (AD) "KINGFISHER" (AM) "BUTTERNUT" (YN) PC.477 (YP) "ZEILIN" "McCAWLEY" "STRATFORD" (AP) "ANTARES" "ALDEBARAN" "ALHENA" "BETELGEUSE" "KOPARA" (AK)
- (iii) At Vila - "MANLEY" "McKERT" (AFD) "NEVILLE" "HEYWOOD" (AP) "BELLATRIX" "FOMALEAUT" "LIBRA" "HERCULES" (AK)
- (iv) Guadalcanal Area - "MacFARLAND" (AV) "JAMESTOWN" (PG)
- (v) At Suva - "CATALPA" "LOCUST" "ROSEWOOD" (YN)
- (vi) At Samoa - "CHESTNUT" (YN) "GAMANGA" "ARCTIC" (AK)
- (vii) At Tongatabu - "SUMNER" (Survey Ship) "PRESIDENT JACKSON" (AP)
- (viii) At Bora Bora - "TERN" (AM)
- (ix) At Tahiti - "CHEVREUIL" (Sloop)
- (x) At Norfolk Is. - "WAHINE" (AP)
- (xi) At Auckland - "ACHILLES" (CL) "MONOWAI" (A.M.C) "RIGEL" (AD) "DELPHINUS" (YP) "EBONY" (YN) "RCAMER" (AP) "JUPITER" (AK)
- (xii) At Wellington - "AMERICAN LEGION" "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "CRESCENT CITY" (AP)

Enemy Forces

Santa Cruz Area - The enemy Task Force in this area has not been sighted since morning 27/10, and has apparently withdrawn, after sustaining heavy damage.

The force sighted 210 miles E.S.E. Ndeni at 0545/27 is now known to have been friendly.

- D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA
- E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA
- F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces
"TRINITY" en route Bahrein to Melbourne ETA 9/11.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

Guadalcanal - Three enemy destroyers engaged two U.S. destroyers in the Guadalcanal - Tulagi area 27/10. The action lasted for 19 minutes, and at least four shell hits were made on the enemy ships.

Four bombers from Guadalcanal then attacked the enemy destroyers and sank two of them.

No other enemy vessels have been sighted close to Guadalcanal since 25/10.

Santa Cruz - A Catalina attacked an enemy heavy cruiser ~~SMK~~ on course 080° approx 330 miles NNW Ndeni at 0105/27. Two direct hits were made with 500-lb bombs, lighting up the ship. Two other bombs were dropped close to the stern, throwing water over the ship. Heavy A.A. fire was encountered but ceased after the two hits. As the aircraft retired, the crew observed two large explosions.

Damage to Enemy Vessels - Solomons-Santa Cruz Area - 25/27th Oct.

- Sunk - 2 destroyers
- Damaged - 2 aircraft carriers (1 badly damaged) (SHOKAKU)
(ZUIKAKU)
- 1 battleship
- 3 heavy cruisers (badly damaged) incl. 1 "MOCAMI" class
- 1 light cruiser (badly damaged)
- 1 destroyer

3. GROUND OPERATIONS

Guadalcanal - The enemy made repeated attacks, which were all repulsed, in the Lunga Sector, during the night 26/27 -

Casualties during the period 22/26th are estimated as follows -

| | <u>Killed</u> | <u>Wounded</u> |
|--------|---------------|----------------|
| Allied | 86 | 192. |
| Enemy | At least 2000 | |

4. AIR OPERATIONS - 28/10

Buka - 5 Catalinas attacked Buka aerodrome round midnight 27/28. One enemy bomber set on fire; several large fires and heavy explosions, probably from fuel and ammunition dumps, observed; one A.A. position silenced.

Rabaul - 9 Fortresses bombed enemy shipping Rabaul Harbor early morning 28/10. One unidentified vessel hit and seen smoking; one warship probably hit; other results not observed.

Gasmata - 3 B.25's strafed airdrome installations midday. Results not observed.

Guadalcanal - 4 attacks were made on enemy positions 26/10.

Enemy

Darwin - There were indications of enemy recce in the forenoon of the Darwin - Clarence Strait area.

Kavieng - 4 Zero's attacked a Fortress on recce this area during the morning. One Zero believed destroyed.

Kokoda - Photographs show airdrome apparently serviceable, but not in use.

Guadalcanal - 2 enemy bombers and 2 small aircraft are believed to have dropped supplies to enemy troops in the Lunga sector (early morning 27/10)

5. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

Further attempts to land reinforcements on Guadalcanal.

For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

29/10/42

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruiser

6" Cruisers

Flotilla Leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

Armed Merchant Cruisers

Submarine Tender

Destroyer Tender

Storeship

Gunboat

Oilers

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet

CinC 2nd Fleet

CinC 8th Fleet

CinC 1st Air Fleet

CinC 4th Fleet

CinC 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet)

3 Battleships (BB)

4 Battlecruisers (BB)

3 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

Poss. 1 Converted Carrier (XCV)

Heavy Cruisers (CA)

1 prob. sunk

at least 5 damaged

10 Light Cruisers (CL)

(at least 4 damaged)

Effective

HOBART

PHOENIX

ARUNTA

STUART

MUGFORD

HENLEY

BAGLEY

PATTERSON

VENDETTA

SEURGEON)

SCULPIN)

S.43)

S.44)

S.46)

GUDGEON)

GRAMPUS)

GRAYBACK)

SAILFISH)

TROUT)

K.9

SAURY)

SWORDFISH)

SNAPPER)

SEADRAGON)

WESTRALIA

MANOORA

GRIFFIN

DOBBIN

GOLDSTAR

TULSA

KURUMBA

AASE MARSK

Refitting or Repairing AUSTRALIA

LE TRIOMPHANT

TROMP

SELFRIDGE

HELM

At Brisbane

On Patrol

At Sydney

~~Enroute Sydney to~~ Brisbane

Enroute W. Aust. to Brisbane

VICTORIA

1 poss. 2 damaged

Damaged

Damaged

(operating Palao-Truk area)

| | | |
|---|---------|---------------------------|
| | AINU | |
| | NAGARA | |
| x | YUBARI | x Probably on escort duty |
| | TEIKYU | between Palao and Truk- |
| | TATSUTA | New Britain areas. |

Approx 25 submarines incl. 4-8 "RO" class, 15 "I" class (at least 2 minelayers)
 45-50 Destroyers (DD)
 3 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

C HITOSE
 AKITSUSHIMA
 NISSHIN
 NITCHO MARU
 KIYOKAWA MARU
 KINUGASA MARU
 KAGU MARU
 NOTORO
 GOSHU MARU
 KAWOI
 NARUTO MARU
 SOUYOU MARU
 SENDAI MARU
 SANUKI MARU
 SANYO MARU
 JINGEI

) Some of these units operat-
 ing between Empire Waters &
 the southern area.

2 submarine tenders incl.
 Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)
 Minelayers, Minesweepers, Subchasers, MTBs, Gunboats, Patrol Craft
 Approx 205 shore-based aircraft incl. 78 fighters, 70 H/B, 30 F/B,
 18 P/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR
British and Allied Forces

8" Cruiser
 A.A. Vessel
 Destroyers

ADELAIDE
 VAN HEEMSKERK
 VAN GALEN
 TJERK HIDDES
 KANIMBLA
 HERON
 CRILLIS
 W.E. PRESTON

Armed Merchant Cruisers
 S/P Tenders

Submarine Tenders

PELLIAR
 HOLLAND (en route Brisbane)

Submarines

On Patrol

GAR
 THOMPSON
 GRENADE
 SPEARFISH
 SEARAVEN
 SALMON
 SEAWOLF
 TAUTOG
 TAMBOR
 SEAL

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

SARGO)
 K.8) At Fremantle
 K.12)

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British and Allied Forces

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B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces

Battleships

| | |
|----------------|---------------|
| NORTH CAROLINA | CALIFORNIA |
| SOUTH DAKOTA | TENNESSEE |
| MARYLAND | NEVADA |
| COLORADO | WEST VIRGINIA |
| MISSISSIPPI | IDAHO |
| NEW MEXICO | PENNSYLVANIA |
| SARATOGA | |

Aircraft Carrier

| | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Converted A/C Carriers | COPAHEE LONG ISLAND NEW ORLEANS | CHICAGO MINNEAPOLIS HONOLULU BOISE |
| 8" Cruisers | | |
| 6" Cruisers | RALEIGH DETROIT | |
| Destroyers | 15 (approx) | |
| Submarines | 23 (approx) | |

Enemy Forces

Palao-Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan

| | | |
|--------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| 5 Battleships (BB) | MUSASHI FUSO YAMASHIRO ISE HYUGA | |
| 3 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV) | H AYATAKA HITAKA | OTAKA (damaged) |
| 2 - 8" Cruisers (CA) | | MOGAMI ? HAGURO |
| 1 Light Cruiser (CL) | NATORI | |
| 1 S/P Tender (AV) | CHIYODA | |
| Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) | KAMIKAWA MARU FUJIKAWA MARU | |
| 6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA) | | |
| Approx 30 Destroyers | | |
| Approx 30 Submarines | | |

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

| | |
|------------------------|---|
| Battleships | WASHINGTON HORNET ENTERPRISE SAN FRANCISCO SANTO LAKE CITY NORTHAMPTON PENSACOLA CHESTER PORTLAND |
| Aircraft Carriers | |
| 8" Cruisers | HELENA LEANDER ACHILLES JUNEAU SAN DIEGO ATLANTA SAN JUAN |
| 6" Cruisers | 25 (approx) |
| 5" Cruisers | MONOWAI |
| Destroyers | |
| Armed Merchant Cruiser | |

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

| | |
|--|--|
| 8" Cruisers | LOUISVILLE INDIANAPOLIS ST. LOUIS N SHVILLE |
| 6" Cruisers | |
| 10 Destroyers | |
| 10 Submarines | |
| <u>Enemy Forces</u> | |
| <u>Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians</u> | |
| 8" Cruiser (CA) | HACHI |
| 3 Light Cruisers (CL) | ABUKUMA TAMA KISO |
| Approx 4 Destroyers | |
| Approx 7 Submarines | |
| 1st Base Force | |
| Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) ? | |

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces
8" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleships

WARSPITE
VALIANT
RESOLUTION
ILLUSTRIOUS
FORMIDABLE
SPONSIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
DEVONSHIRE
HAWKINS
FROBISHER

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

WARTIUS
GAMBIA
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
DAUNTLESS
DANAE
DRAGON
DELHI
CAPETOWN
CERES
CALEDON
SUMATRA (Dutch)
WORCESTERSHIRE
RANCHI
ALANIA
CHITRAL
HAMPURA
CANTON
QUEEN OF BERMUDA
CARTRACE
CARLISLE

Armed Merchant Cruisers

A.A. Vessel
Approx 25 Destroyers
Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces
Approx 3 Submarines

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- +(x) "ECHUCA" escorting Convoy ZK18 (3 MV) en route Brisbane area to Townsville ETA ~~2400/30~~ Cape Capricorn 2400/30 where "ECHUCA" parts company.
- +(xi) "ROCKHAMPTON" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy PGL9 (5 MV) dep. Caloundra 1900/29 for Sydney (3 MV) ETA Newcastle (2 MV) 2200/31.
- +(xii) "TOWNSVILLE" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy OC39 en route Wilson's Promontory area to Sydney.
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- +(xv) "KATCOMBA" due Willis Is. with medical attention for injured man 0730 today 30/10.
- +(xvi) "BUNGAREE" en route Auckland to Port Phillip ETA 1400/2/11.
- +(xvii) "MANUNDA" en route Milne Bay ~~for~~ Brisbane ETA 1200/31.
- (xviii) "WANGANEILA" dep. Brisbane 1508/29 for Melbourne ETA 1300/1/11.
- (xix) At Sydney - "VENDETTA" "MANOORA" "DOBBIN" "BUNDABERG" "MILDURA" "TAMWORTH" "MORESEY" "WILCANNIA" "DELORAINNE" "PIGGS" "GOLDSTAR" Repairing - "AUSTRALIA" "SELFRIDGE" "TROMP" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "HELM" "BISHOPDALE" "SWAN" "VICTORIA"
- (xx) At Townsville - "ARUNTA" "BROOME" "COLAC" "YUNNAN"
- (xxi) At Adelaide - "SPRINGDALE"
- (xxii) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "FOYANG" "AASE MAERSK"
- (xxiii) At Cairns - "BALLARAT"
- (xxiv) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA"
- (xxv) At Port Moresby - "GEORGE MATTHEWS" "STAGEN" "S. J. FIELD" "VAN HEUTSZ"
- (xxvi) At Thursday Is. - "WAREHAMBOOL"

Enemy Forces

(i) Bougainville Base - The following vessels were reported in this area at 1605/29 -

- 2 heavy cruisers (1 "NACHI", 1 "AOBA")
- 2 light cruisers (1 "SENDAI", 1 "TENRYU")
- 19 destroyers
- 12 merchant vessels (incl. 1 passenger type)
- 1 tanker
- 3 unidentified vessels (probably seaplane tenders)

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Air reconnaissance at midday reported the same number of vessels.

In addition to the above, a cruiser and destroyer were sighted 50 miles S.W. Faisi at 1520, course N.E.

A 15,000 ton passenger vessel arrived from S.E. 28/10 and departed N.E. 29/10. It was reliably reported 29/10 that the enemy had been strongly reinforced at Buin.

Two enemy destroyers were reported 15 miles north Cape Esperance (Guadalcanal) at 2310/29. It would appear that the enemy has recommenced night operations from the Buin base, for the purpose of landing reinforcements on the N.E. end of Guadalcanal.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "HOLLAND" escorted by "TJERK HIDDERS" "VAN CALEN" dep. Fremantle 27/10 for Brisbane. Destroyers to return at 125° East.
- (ii) "GAWLER" en route Adelaide to Albany ETA 0830 today 30/10.
- (iii) "CHILDS" dep. Fremantle 27/10 for Exmouth Gulf.
- (iv) "WHIPPOORWILL" dep. Albany 0711/38 for Fremantle.
- (v) "FORCEFUL" en route Fremantle to Darwin ETA 1130/31.
- (vi) At Fremantle - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL) "KANIMBLA" (A.M.C) "HERON" (AV) "PELIAS" (AS) "ISABEL" (PG) "CAIRNS" "BENGAL" "DUBBO" "TOOWOOMBA" "IPSWICH" "WALLAROO" "MARYBOROUGH" "CESSNOCK" (A.M.S) "ERLING BROVIG" (AO) "LARK" (AM)
- (vii) At Exmouth Gulf - "W.B. PRESTON" (AV)
- (viii) At Darwin - "CASTLEMAINE" "KALGOORLIE" (A.M.S)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

10 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

Enemy Forces

- (i) Ambon - 4 merchant vessels (two of 6,000 tons, 2 small) were observed by aircraft over Ambon Bay midday 29/10. No aircraft were sighted in the area.
- (ii) Dilli - 2 unidentified vessels were reported at Dilli 29/10.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) At Espiritu Santo - "GRAYSON" "MEADE" "O'BANNON" (DD) "BALLARD" "CURTISS" "MACKINAC" "TANGIER" (AV) "LACKAWANNA" "GUADALUPE" (AO) "GAMBLE" (CM) "BOBOLINK" (AM) "NAVAJO" (YT)
- (ii) At Noumea - "MONSSEN" (DD) "ARGONNE" (AS) "TAPPANANNOCK" (AO) "LASSEN" (AE) "WHITNEY" (AD) "KINGFISHER" (AM) "BUTTERNUT" (YN) "ZEILIN" "McCAWLEY" "STRATFORD" (AP) "ANTARES" "ALDEBARAN" "ALHENA" "BETELGEUSE" "KOPARA" (AK)
- (iii) At Vila - "HOVEY" (DD) "VIREO" (AM) "NEVILLE" "FULLER" "HEYWOOD" (AP) "FOMALHAUT" "HERCULES" (AK)
- (iv) Guadalcanal Area - "MacFARLAND" (AV) "JAMESTOWN" (PG)
- (v) At Suva - "CATALPA" "LOCUST" "ROSEWOOD" (YN)
- (vi) At Samoa - "CHESTNUT" (YN) "CAMANGA" "ARCTIC" (AK)
- (vii) At Tongatabu - "SUMNER" (Survey Ship)
- (viii) At Bora Bora - "TERN" (AM)
- (ix) At Tahiti - "CHEVREUIL" (Sloop)
- (x) At Norfolk Is. - "WAHINE" (AP)
- (xi) At Auckland - "ACHILLES" (CL) "MONOWAI" (A.M.C) "RIGEL" (AD) "DELPHINUS" (YP) "EBONY" (YN) "ROAMER" (AP) "JUPITER" (AK)
- (xii) At Wellington - "AMERICAN LEGION" "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "CRESCENT CITY" (AP)

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

"TRINITY" en route Bahrain to Melbourne ETA 9/11.

Enemy Forces

There were indications of an enemy submarine approx 460 miles west Laccadive Is. 28/10.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

Nil.

3. GROUND OPERATIONS

GUADALCANAL - The enemy made an attack at three points on our lines at nightfall 27/10. One attack penetrated, but the lines were restored by counter-attack.

4. AIR OPERATIONS -- 28-29/10

Buin-Faisi -- 9 B.17's attacked shipping in the Buin-Faisi area 2335/28 to 0020/29. Large explosion observed from an unidentified vessel between Alaisina Is. and Kihili.

Buna-Kokoda Area - 3 A.20's attacked and strafed Buna-Kokoda area between dawn and 0930/29. No report yet received.

3 A.20's attacked and strafed the tracks Popondetta area morning 29/10. Results not observed.

Guadalcanal - Allied aircraft attacked an enemy A.A. position (8 guns) 26/10. The position was silenced and an ammunition dump and stores were destroyed.

Rekata Bay - Allied aircraft (ex Soupac) bombed enemy positions Rekata Bay 0920/27. Fuel or ammunition dump set on fire. Seven floatplanes strafed; four set on fire.

Enemy

Port Moresby - One or two aircraft attacked Port Moresby area early morning 29/10. 3 personnel killed and four wounded.

Guadalcanal - Two groups of aircraft were reported approaching Guadalcanal from the N.W. at 0943L/29.

5. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

Further attempts to land reinforcements on Guadalcanal.

For A/DIRECTOR G.O.I.C.

30/10/42

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruiser

6" Cruisers

Flotilla Leaders

Destroyers

Submarines

Armed Merchant Cruisers

Submarine Tender

Destroyer Tender

Storeship

Gunboat

Oilers

Enemy Forces

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons

CinC Combined Fleet

CinC 2nd Fleet

CinC 8th Fleet

CinC 1st Air Fleet

CinC 4th Fleet

CinC 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet)

3 Battleships (BB)

4 Battlecruisers (BB)

3 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

Poss. 1 Converted Carrier (XCV)

Heavy Cruisers (CA)

1 prob. sunk

at least 5 damaged

10 Light Cruisers (CL)

(at least 4 damaged)

Effective

HOBART
PHOENIX
ARUNTA
STUART

MUGFORD
HENLEY
BAGLEY
PATTERSON

VENDETTA
STURGEON)
SCULPIN)
SWORDFISH)

SAURY)
S.43)
S.44)
S.46)

GUDGEON)
GRAMPUS)
GRAYBACK)
SAILFISH)

TROUT)
K.S)
SNAPPER)
SEADRAGON)

AMBERJACK)
WESTRALIA)
MANOORA)
GRIPPIN)

DOBBIN)
GOLDSTAR)
TULSA)
KURUMBA)

AASE MAERSK

Refitting or Repairing
AUSTRALIA

LE TRIOMPHANT
TROMP
SELFRIDGE

HELM

At Brisbane

On Patrol

At Sydney

Enroute W.Aust. to Brisbane

Enroute Brisbane

VICTORIA

1 poss. 2 damaged

Damaged

one prob. damaged

Damaged

(operating Palao-Truk area)

ISUZU
KINU
HAGARA
x YUBARI x Probably on escort duty
TENRYU between Palao-and Truk-
TATSUTA New Britain areas.
"RO" class, 15 "I" class (at least 2
minelayers)

Approx 25 submarines incl. 4-8
45-50 Destroyers (DD)
3 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA
NISSHIN
NI CHO MARU
KIYOKAWA MARU
KINUGASA MARU
KAGU MARU
NOTORO
GOSHU MARU
KAMOI
NARUTO MARU
SOUYOU MA U
SENDAI MARU) Some of these units operat -
SANUKI MARU) ing between Empire Waters &
SANYO MARU) the southern area.

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

2 submarine tenders incl.
Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.chasers, MPBs, Gunboats, Patrol Craft
Approx 205 shore-based aircraft incl. 78 fighters, 70 H/B, 30 F/B,
18 F/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR
British and Allied Forces

6" Cruiser
A.A. Vessel
Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruisers
S/P Tenders

Submarine Tenders

Submarines

ADELAIDE
VAN HEKMSKERK
VAN GALEN
TJERK HIDDIES
KANIMBLA
HERON
CHILDS
W.B. PRESTON
PELIAS
HOLLAND (en route Brisbane)

On Patrol

GAR
THRESHER
GRENADIER
SPEARFISH
SEARAVEN
SEANOLF
SALMON
TAUTOG
TAMBOR
SEAL

Repairing & Preparing for Patrols

SARGO (en route Brisbane)

K.8)
K.12) At Fremantle

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

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

Enemy Forces

CinC 3rd Fleet

CinC Southern Expeditionary Fleet

Converted Aircraft Carrier

2 Light Cruisers

UNYO
KASHII
KUMA

Approx 16 Destroyers

Converted Seaplane Tender

OKITSU MARU

CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

| | |
|----------------|---------------|
| NORTH CAROLINA | CALIFORNIA |
| SOUTH DAKOTA | TENNESSEE |
| MARYLAND | NEVADA |
| COLORADO | WEST VIRGINIA |
| MISSISSIPPI | IDARO |
| NEW MEXICO | PENNSYLVANIA |

Aircraft Carrier
Converted A/C Carriers

SARATOGA
COPAHEE
LONG ISLAND
NEW ORLEANS

8" Cruisers

CHICAGO
MINNEAPOLIS
HONOLULU
BOISE

6" Cruisers

RALEIGH
DETROIT
15 (approx)
23 (approx)

Destroyers
Submarines

Enemy Forces

Palao-Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan

5 Battleships (BB)

MUGASHI
FUSO
YASASHIRO
ISE
HYUGA

3 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

HA YATAKA
HITAKA

OTAKA (damaged)

2 - 8" Cruisers (CA)

MOGAMI ?
HAGURO

1 Light Cruiser (CL)

NATORI

1 S/P Tender (AV)

CHIYODA

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

KAMIKAWA MARU
FUJIKAWA MARU

6 Old Armored Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 30 Destroyers

Approx 30 Submarines

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

WASHINGTON
HORNET
ENTERPRISE
SAN FRANCISCO
SALT LAKE CITY
NOR THAMPTON
PENSACOLA
CHESTER (en route Sydney)
PORTLAND
HELENA
LEA DER
ACHILLES
JUNEAU
SAN DIEGO
ATLANTA
SAN JUAN
25 (approx)
HONOLULU

6" Cruisers

5" Cruisers

Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruiser

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE
INDIANAPOLIS
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE

6" Cruisers

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians

8" Cruiser (CA)

HACHI

3 Light Cruisers (CL)

ABUKUMA
TAMA
KISO

Approx 4 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

1st Base Force

Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) ?

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces
6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TUNTON
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleships

RESOLVE
REVENGE
VALIANT
RESOLUTION
ILLUSTRIOUS
FORMIDABLE
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)
DEVONSHIRE
HAWKINS
MAURITIUS
GABRIA
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
DAUNTLESS
LANAE
DRAGON
DELHI
CAPETOWN
CERES
CALEDON
SUMATRA (Dutch)
SOMERSETSHIRE
NANCHI
ALBANIA
CHITRAL
RANPURA
CANTON
QUEEN OF BERMUDA
CARTHAGE
CARLISLE

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

Armed Merchant Cruisers

A.A. Vessel
Approx 25 Destroyers
Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces
Approx 3 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

31st October, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCESA) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTORBritish and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 44 ("HOBART" (P) "PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "HENLEY" "PATTERSON") en route patrol area to Brisbane ETA p.m. 2/11.
- ×(ii) "HELM" en route Sydney to RV with "HOLLAND" (ex Fremantle) south of Kangaroo Is. at 0800 tomorrow 1/11. Thence Brisbane.
- ✓(iii) "STUART", escorting "TARDONA", dep. Port Moresby 0200/30 for Townsville ETA 1800 today 31/10.
- ✓(iv) "LITHGOW" escorting "VAN SPILBERGEN" "MULIAMA" "KARSIK" enroute Stephen Is. to Port Moresby.
- ×(v) "GEELONG" escorting "ST. GILES" towing "YOCROW" from Hervey Bay arr. Brisbane 0525 today 31/10.
- ×(vi) "ARMIDA E" dep. Port Moresby 0905 yesterday 30/10 for Thursday Is. ETA Ince Point 1800 today 31/10.
- ✓(vii) "GOULBURN" returning Brisbane from escort duty to Whitsunday Passage.
- ✓(viii) "ECHUCA" was to part company with Convoy ZK18 off Cape Capricorn 2400 yesterday 30/10 and return Brisbane.
- ✓(ix) "TULSA" was to part company with Convoy BT13 in Whitsunday Passage 0400 today 31/10.
- ✓(x) "BENDIGO" escorting "BAN HONG LIONG" "VAN HERMSKERK" "WEST CACTUS" "DILGA" en route Milne Bay to Townsville ETA 0700 tomorrow 1/11.
- ✓(xi) "ROCKHAMPTON" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy RG19 (5 MV) en route Brisbane to Sydney. Two MV due Newcastle 2200 today 31/10; remainder of convoy proceeds Sydney.
- ✓(xii) "DELORAINE" "WILGANNIA" relieved "WHYALLA" yesterday 30/10 as escort for Convoy G040, en route Melbourne.
- ✓(xiii) "TOWNSVILLE" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy OC39 en route Wilson's Promontory area to Sydney.
- ✓(xiv) "KATOOMBA" was due Willis Is. yesterday 30/10.
- ✓(xv) "BUNGAREE" en route Auckland to Port Phillip ETA 1400/2/11.
- ✓(xvi) "MANUNDA" en route Milne Bay to Brisbane ETA 1200 today 31/10.
- ✓(xvii) "WANGANELLA" enroute Brisbane to Melbourne ETA 1300 tomorrow 1/11.
- (xviii) At Sydney - "VENDETTA" "MANOORA" "DOBBIN" "BUNDABERG" "MILDURA" "WHYALLA" "TAMWORTH" "MORESBY" "GOLDSTAR"
Repairing - "AUSTRALIA" "SELFRIDGE" "TROMP" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "BENSPDALE" "SWAN" "VICTOR A"
- (xix) At Townsville - "AJUNTA" "BROOME" "COLAC" "YUNNAN" "KURUMBA"
- (xx) At Melbourne - "DOOMBA"
- (xxi) At Adelaide - "SPRINGDALE"
- (xxii) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "POYANG" "AASE MAERSK" "MERKUR"
- (xxiii) At Cairns - "BALLARAT"
- (xxiv) At Port Stephens - "WESTRALIA"
- (xxv) At Port Moresby "JASON LEE" "GORGON" "PAINE WINGATE" "GEORGE TAYLOR" "GEORGE MATTHEWS" "STAGEN" "S.J. FIELD" "VAN ERUTSZ"
- (xxvi) At Thursday Is. - "WARRNAMBOOL"
- (xxvii) At Milne Bay - "WARREGO"

Enemy Forces

- (1) Bougainville Base - Visual and photographic recce yesterday 30/10 indicated the following shipping in the Buin-Faisi area -
 - 1 poss. 2 heavy cruisers
 - 3 light cruisers
 - 11 destroyers
 - 1 seaplane tender
 - 3 possible military landing craft carriers
 - 3 minelayers
 - 9 merchant vessels (6 medium, 3 small)
 - 4 small patrol vessels

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The area was not completely covered.

12 floatplanes and 5 flying boats were seen in Faisi Harbor, but no aircraft on Buin airrome.

- (ii) Buka - Photographs show 2 merchant vessels (one 2000 tons, one 800 tons) in Buka Passage, and 16 Zero fighters and 6 medium bombers on the airfield 30/10.
- (iii) Rabaul - A convoy of 7 vessels was observed at 0845/30 13 miles N. Rabaul, on course 180°. 35 large and 25 small vessels were reported in Rabaul Harbor at the same time.
- (iv) Kavieng - The same recce reported no shipping at Kavieng 0750.
- (v) Woodlark Is. - A Fortress encountered heavy A.A. fire 55 miles north Woodlark Is. during the early morning 30/10.
- (vi) Submarines-Solomons - 2 submarines were sighted in the Ontong Java area 30/10 and one S.E. of San Cristobal.
- (vii) Kokoda Area - Our forces occupied Aloia morning 30/10.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "TJERK HEDDES" "VAN CALEN" returning to Fremantle after escorting "HOLLAND" to 125°E.
- (ii) "CHILDS" dep. Fremantle 27/10 for Exmouth Gulf.
- (iii) "FORCEFUL" en route Fremantle to Darwin ETA 1130 today 31/10.
- (iv) At Fremantle - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HERMSKERK" (CL) "KANTIMELA" (A.M.C) "HERON" (AV) "PELIAS" (AS) "ISABEL" (PG) "CAIRNS" "BENGAL" "DUBBO" "TOOWOOMBA" "IPSWICH" "WALLAROO" "MAYNBOROUGH" "DESSNOCK" (A.M.S) "ERLING BROVIG" (AO) "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM)
- (v) At Exmouth Gulf - "W.E. PRESTON" (AV)
- (vi) At Darwin - "CASTLEMAINE" "KALGOORLIE" (A.M.S)
- (vii) At Albany - "GAWLER" (A.M.S)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

British and Allied Forces

10 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area.

Enemy Forces

ED111 - A vessel described as a sloop dep. Dilli 26/10. A medium merchant vessel is reported to have arrived 27/10, and a large tanker 29/10.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) At Espiritu Santo - "SAN FRANCISCO" (CA) "HELENA" (CL) "WALKE" "LAMPEY" "BUCHANAN" "McCALLA" "GRAYSON" "MEADE" (DD) "McKEAN" "MANLEY" (APD) "BALLARD" "CURTISS" "MACKINAG" "TANGIER" (AV) "LACKAWANNA" "GUADALUPE" (AO) "GAMBLE" (CM) "NAVAJO" (YT) "LIBRA" (AK)
- (ii) At Noumea - "WASHINGTON" (BB) "NICOLAS" "LANDSDOWNE" "MONSSEN" (DD) "ARGONNE" (AS) "TAPPAHANNOCK" (AO) "LASSEN" (AE) "WHITNEY" (AD) "KINGFISHER" (AM) "BUTTERNUT" (YN) PC.479 (YP) "ZEILIN" "McGAWLEY" "STRATFORD" "W.W. BURROWS" (AP) "ANTARES" "ALDEBARAN" "ALHENA" "BETELGEUSE" "KOPARA" (AK)
- (iii) At Vila - "STERRETT" "GWIN" (DD) "NEVILLE" "HUNTER LEGGETT" "PRESIDENT HAYES" "BARNETT" "HEYWOOD" (AP) "POMALHAUT" "HERCULES" (AK)
- (iv) Guadalcanal Area - "MacFARLAND" (AV) "JAMESTOWN" (PG)
- (v) At Suva - "CATALPA" "LOCUST" "ROSEWOOD" (YN)
- (vi) At Tongatabu - "SUMNER" (Survey Ship)
- (vii) At Samoa - "CHESTNUT" (YN) "CAMANGA" "ARCTIC" (AK)
- (viii) At Bora Bora - "TERN" (AM)
- (ix) At Tahiti - "CHEVREUIL" (Sloop)
- (x) At Norfolk Is. - "WAHINE" (AP)
- (xi) At Auckland - "ACHILLES" (CL) "MONOWAI" (A.M.C) "RIGEL" (AD) "DELPHINUS" (YP) "EBONY" (YN) "ROAMER" (AP) "JUPITER" (AK)
- (xii) At Wellington - "AMERICAN LEGION" "PRESIDENT ADAMS" "CRESCENT CITY" (AP)

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

"TRINITY" en route Bahrain to Melbourne ETA 9/11.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

SAN CRISTOBAL - A reconnaissance plane dropped two bombs on an enemy submarine 150 miles SSE Cape Surville at 0735/29. A large oil slick was observed.

Guadalcanal - A torpedo boat reported a torpedo hit on an enemy destroyer between Cape Esperance and Savo Is. at 0030/30. The destroyer was left stationary.

3. AIR OPERATIONS -- 29-30/10

Buin - Three attacks were made by 5 B.17's, 8 Catalinas and 10 B.17's on shipping in Buin-Faisi area early morning 30/10. Hits were reported on the following vessels -

one large warship (2)

2 unidentified vessels (one observed on fire)

In addition, four very near misses were made on a light cruiser.

Kokoda - 3 A.20's escorted by 8 P.39's attacked and strafed Deniki afternoon 29/10. Results not observed.

Dilli - 3 Hudsons attacked Dilli early morning 30/10. ~~3 Hudsons~~ also attacked town area Dilli 29/10. Results not observed.

Enemy

Guadaleanal - 2 heavy bombers were over allied positions 0400/29. Bombs fell in water.

4. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

Further attempt to land reinforcements on Guadalcanal.


For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.

31/10/42

A P P E N D I X.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

A) SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA.

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

British and Allied Forces.

Effective. Refitting or Repair

8" cruiser
6" cruisers

CHESTER
BOHART
PHOENIX
ARUNTA
STUART

AUSTRALIA

Flotilla leaders

LE TRIOMPHANT
TROMP
SELFRIDGE

Destroyers

HUGFORD
HAWLEY
DELM
BAGLEY
PATTERSON
VENIETTA

Submarines

STORGEON
AMBERJACK
SCULPIN
SAURY

At Brisbane.

S. 43

S. 44

S. 46

GUIDEON

GRAMPUS

GRAYBACK

SAILFISH

SWORDFISH

TROUT

On patrol.

K. 9

At Sydney.

SNAPPER

SARGO

SEADRAGON

En route W.A. to
Brisbane.

Armed Merchant Cruisers.

WESTRALIA

Submarine Tender.

MANOORA.

Destroyer Tender.

GRIFFIN

Storeship

DOBBIN

Gunboat

GOLDSTAR

Oilers

TOLSA

KURUMBA

VICTORIA

AASE MAERSK

Enemy Forces.

Truk-Jaluit-New Britain-Solomons.

C. in C. Combined Fleet

C. in C. 2nd Fleet

C. in C. 8th Fleet.

C. in C. 1st Air Fleet.

C. in C. 4th Fleet.

C. in C. 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet).

3 Battleships (BB)

YAMATO

MUTSU

NAGATO

KIRISHIMA

1 poss. 2 damaged.

HIYEI

KONGO

HARUNA

SHOKAKU

ZUIKAKU

Damaged.

HOSEI

ZUIHO

TONE

One prob. damaged

TIKUMA

NOGANI ?

ATAGO

TAKAO

MYOKO

ASHIGARA

CHOKAI

SUZUYA

Poss. 1 converted carrier (XCV)

Heavy cruisers (CA)

1 prob. sunk

at least 5 damaged

10 Light Cruisers (CL)
(at least 4 damaged)

KUMANO }
AOBA } Damaged.
KINUGASA }
KASHIMA }
KATORI }
SENDAI }
JINTSU }
ISUZU }
KINU }
NAGARA }

Approx. 25 submarines incl. 4-8 "BO" class, 15 "I" class (at least 2
45-50 Destroyers (DD) minelayers)
3 Seaplane carriers (AV)

x YUBARI x Probably on escort duty
TENRYU between Palao and Truk-
TATSUTA New Britain areas.

Converted S/P.tenders (XAV)

CHITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA
NISSHIN
NITCHO MARU
KIYOKAWA MARU
KINUGASA MARU
KAGU MARU
NOTORO
GOSHU MARU
NANUO MARU
SOBYOU MARU
SENDAI MARU } Some of these units
SANOKI MARU } operating between
SANYO MARU } Empire Waters & the
JINGEI } Southern area.

2 submarine tenders incl.
Approx. 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.chasers, MTBs, Gunboats, Patrol Craft.
Approx. 205 shore-based aircraft inc. 78 fighters, 70 H/B, 30 F/B,
18 F/P, 9 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR.

British and Allied Forces.

6th cruiser
A.A.vessel
Destroyers

Armed Merchant Cruiser
S/P.Tenders.

Submarine tenders.

Submarines

ADELAIDE
VAN HEEMSKERK
VAN GALEN
TJERK BIDDES
KANIMBLA
HERON
CHILDS
W.B.PRESTON
PELIAS
HOLLAND (en route Brisbane)
GAR }
THRESHER }
GRENADIER }
SPEARFISH }
SEARAVEN }
SEAWOLF }
SALMON } On patrol.
TAUTOG }
TAMBOR }
SEAL }
K.8 }
K.12 } At Fremantle.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES.

British and Allied Forces.

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

Enemy Forces.

C.in C. 3rd Fleet.
C.in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet.
Converted Aircraft Carrier
2 light Cruisers.

UNYO
KASHII
KUNA

Approx. 16 destroyers.
Converted Seaplane Tender

OKITSU MARU.

5) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.
British and Allied Forces.
Battleships

Aircraft Carrier
Converted A/c. carriers

8" cruisers

6" cruisers

Destroyers
Submarines

Enemy Forces.

Palao-Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan.
5 Battleships (BB)

3 converted A/c. carriers (SCV)

8" cruisers (CA)

1 light cruiser (CL)

1 S/P. tender (AV)

Converted S/P. tenders (XAV)

6 old Armoured cruisers (OCA)

Approx. 30 destroyers

Approx. 30 submarines.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.
British and Allied Forces.
Battleships
Aircraft carriers

8" cruisers

6" cruisers

5" cruisers

Destroyers
Armed Merchant Cruiser

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.
British and Allied Forces.

8" cruisers

6" cruisers

10 destroyers

10 submarines

Enemy Forces.

Northern Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians.

8" cruiser (CA)

3 L.C. cruisers. (CL)

Approx. 4 destroyers

Approx. 7 submarines

1st Base Force

Converted S/P. Tenders (XAV) ?

NORTH CAROLINA
SOUTH DAKOTA
MARYLAND
COLORADO
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
SARATOGA
COPAHEE
LONG ISLAND
NEW ORLEANS

RALEIGH
DETROIT
15 (approx.)
23 (approx.)

MUSASHI
FUJO
YAMASHIRO
ISE
HYUGA
HAYATAKA
BITAKA

HATORI
CHIYODA
KAMIKAWA HARU
FUJIKAWA HARU
KANOI

CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE
NEVADA
WEST VIRGINIA
IDaho
PENNSYLVANIA

CHICAGO
MINNEAPOLIS
HONOLULU
BOISE

OTAKA (damaged)

HAGURO

WASHINGTON
HORNET
ENTREPRISE
SAN FRANCISCO
SALT LAKE CITY
NORTHAMPTON
PENSACOLA
PORTLAND
HELENA
LEANDER
ACHILLES
JUNEAU
SAN DIEGO
ATLANTA
SAN JUAN
25 (approx.)
HONOWAI.

LOUISVILLE
INDIANAPOLIS
ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE

NACHI
ABUKUMA
TAMA
KISO

E) SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

Approx 4 Destroyers

F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

WARSPITE REVENGE

VALIANT

RESOLUTION

ILLUSTRIOUS

FORMIDABLE

GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)

DEVONSHIRE

Aircraft Carriers

8" Cruisers

HAWKINS PROBISHER

7.5" Cruisers

MAURITIUS

6" Cruisers

GAMBIA

BIRMINGHAM

GLASGOW

ENTERPRISE

EMERALD

DAUNTLESS

DANAE

DRAGON

DELHI

GAYTON

CERES

CALEDON

SUMATRA (Dutch)

Armed Merchant Cruisers

WORCESTERSHIRE

RANCHI

ALANIA

CHITRAL

RANPURA

CANTON

QUEEN OF BERMUDA

CARTHAGE

CARLISLE

A.A. Vessel

Approx 25 Destroyers

Approx 7 Submarines

Enemy Forces

Approx 5 Submarines